

**NAME**

fail2ban-server - start the server

**SYNOPSIS**

**fail2ban-server** [*OPTIONS*]

**DESCRIPTION**

Fail2Ban v1.0.2 reads log file that contains password failure report and bans the corresponding IP addresses using firewall rules.

**OPTIONS**

- c, --conf** <DIR>  
configuration directory
  
- s, --socket** <FILE>  
socket path
  
- p, --pidfile** <FILE>  
pidfile path
  
- pname** <NAME>  
name of the process (main thread) to identify instance (default fail2ban-server)
  
- loglevel** <LEVEL>  
logging level
  
- logtarget** <TARGET>  
logging target, use file-name or stdout, stderr, syslog or sysout.
  
- syslogsocket** auto|<FILE>
  
- d** dump configuration. For debugging
  
- dp, --dump-pretty**  
dump the configuration using more human readable representation
  
- t, --test**  
test configuration (can be also specified with start parameters)
  
- i** interactive mode

- v** increase verbosity
- q** decrease verbosity
- x** force execution of the server (remove socket file)
- b** start server in background (default)
- f** start server in foreground
- async**  
start server in async mode (for internal usage only, don't read configuration)
- timeout**  
timeout to wait for the server (for internal usage only, don't read configuration)
- str2sec <STRING>**  
convert time abbreviation format to seconds
- h, --help**  
display this help message
- V, --version**  
print the version (-V returns machine-readable short format)

## REPORTING BUGS

Report bugs to <https://github.com/fail2ban/fail2ban/issues>

## SEE ALSO

fail2ban-client(1)