

Networking

Networking Fundamentals

1.5.1 - Common Ports

What are some common port numbers and what protocols are attached to them?

Overview

The student will explain common ports and protocols, their application, and encrypted alternatives

Grade Level(s)

10, 11, 12

Cyber Connections

- Threats & Vulnerabilities
- Networks & Internet
- Hardware & Software

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CompTIA N10-008 Network+ Objectives

Objective 1.5

- Explain common ports and protocols, their application, and encrypted alternatives
 - Protocols and Ports

Protocols

Protocols	Ports
File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	20/21
Secure Shell (SSH)	22
Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP)	22
Telnet	23
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)	25
Domain Name System (DNS)	53
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)	67/68
Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP)	69
Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)	80
Post Office Protocol v3 (POP3)	110
Network Time Protocol (NTP)	123
Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP)	143
Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)	161/162
Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)	389
Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS)	443
HTTPS [Transport Layer Security (TLS)]	443
Server Message Block (SMB)	445
Syslog	514
SMTP TLS	587
Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (over SSL) (LDAPS)	636
IMAP over SSL	993
POP3 over SSL	995
Structured Query Language (SQL) Server	1433
SOLnet	1521
MySQL	3306
Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)	3389
Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)	5060/5061



Why Port Numbers?

When packets are being sent between two machines, the IP address identifies what machines the packets are going to and from, but there is also a port number attached with the addressing information. This port number signifies where on the machine the packet is going as well as what type of service the packet is sending. For example, if a packet is sent with the IP Address of 3.16.75.211 and the port number 3389, then this packet is going to the machine with the IP Address 3.16.75.211 to the specific port 3389, and since port 3389 is the RDP (remote desktop protocol), the service it is looking to use is for a remote desktop.

A port can be any number between 1 and 65,535, however, only the first 1023 ports are what is known as the well-known ports. These port numbers are assigned their values in accordance with RFC 3232. The rest of the ports, ports 1,024 - 65,535, are known as registered ports and a lot are reserved for different protocols. While most well-known ports/registered ports are not needed to be known on the Net+ exam (like port 666 being reserved for the videogame Doom), the following well-known ports/Registered Ports are specified on the Net+ exam:

Protocol	Port Num-	TCP/UDP	Description
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File Transfer	20/21	TCP	Transfers files between two
Protocol (FTP)			systems
Secure Shell (SSH)	22	TCP	Remote log-in securely
			to another machine over
			unsecure networks, typically
			for CLI
Secure File Trans-	22	TCP	Transfers files between
fer Protocol (SFTP)			machines securely
Telnet	23	TCP	Text communication between
			two machines in plaintext
Simple Mail	25	TCP	Send and receive email
Transfer Protocol			messages
(SMTP)			
Domain Name	53	Both	Naming system for IP
System (DNS)			Addresses



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Dynamic Host	67/68	UDP	Network naming protocol for
Configuration			networks that automatically
Protocol			assign IP Addresses
(DHCP)			
Trivial File Transfer	69	UDP	Transfers files from one
Protocol (TFTP)			system to another with
			lockstep method
Hypertext Transfer	80	TCP	Web traffic without
Protocol (HTTP)			encryption
Post Office	110	TCP	A client can retrieve emails
Protocol v3 (POP3)			from an email server
Network Time	123	UDP	Clock synchronization
Protocol (NTP)			between two machines
Internet Message	143	TCP	A client can retrieve emails
Access Protocol			from an email server
(IMAP)			
Simple Network	161/162	Both	Hosts the information about
Management Pro-			machines on a network
tocol (SNMP)			
Lightweight	389	TCP	Contains directory
Directory Access			information for a network
Protocol (LDAP)			
Hypertext Transfer	443	TCP	Web traffic with SSL
Protocol Secure			encryption
(HTTPS) [Secure			
Sockets Layer			
(SSL)]			
HTTPS [Transport	443	Both	Web traffic with TLS
Layer Security			encryption
(TLS)]			
Server Message	445	TCP	Microsoft created to provide
Block (SMB)		' - '	access to devices on a
			network (printers, files, etc)
Syslog	514	UDP	Logging messages on a
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			3y3CCIII
SMTP TLS	587	TCP	Receives emails securely
			with SMTP
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Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (over SSL) (LDAPS)	636	ТСР	Contains directory information for a network securely with SSL encryption
IMAP over SSL	993	TCP	Uses IMAP to retrieve emails securely using SSL encryption
POP3 over SSL	995	Both	Uses POP3 to retrieve emails securely using SSL encryption
Structured Query Language (SQL) Server	1433	Both	Database server
SOLnet	1521	Both	Oracle SQL databases
MySQL	3306	TCP	MySQL database port to edit a MySQL database
Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)	3389	ТСР	Access a machine's desktop remotely
Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)	5060/5061	Both	Real-time sessions that include voice, video, text messaging, etc



