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List of Common Network Port Numbers

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Objectives: Learn common port numbers and services, and which transport protocol they use.

Prerequisites: you have to know about TCP/IP protocols in general.

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Network ports are provided by the TCP or UDP protocols at the Transport layer. They are used by protocols in the upper layers of the OSI model. Port numbers are used to determine what protocol incoming traffic should be directed to. Ports allow a single host with a single IP address to run network services. Each port number identifies a distinct service, and each host can have 65535 ports per IP address. Port use is regulated by the Internet Corporation for Assigning Names and Numbers (ICANN). By ICANN there are three categories for ports:

- From 0 to 1023 well known ports assigned to common protocols and services
- From 1024 to 49151 registered ports assigned by ICANN to a specific service
- From 49152 to 65 535 dynamic (private, high) ports range from 49,152 to 65,535. Can be used by any service on an ad hoc basis. Ports are assigned when a session is established, and released when the session ends.

Well known ones are:

Port	Service name	Transport protocol
20, 21	File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	TCP
22	Secure Shell (SSH)	TCP and UDP
23	Telnet	TCP
25	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)	TCP
50, 51	IPSec	
53	Domain Name System (DNS)	TCP and UDP
67, 68	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)	UDP
69	Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP)	UDP
80	HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)	TCP
110	Post Office Protocol (POP3)	TCP
119	Network News Transport Protocol (NNTP)	TCP
123	Network Time Protocol (NTP)	UDP
135-139	NetBIOS	TCP and UDP
143	Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP4)	TCP and UDP
161, 162	Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)	TCP and UDP
389	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol	TCP and UDP
443	HTTP with Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)	TCP and UDP
989, 990	FTP over SSL/TLS (implicit mode)	TCP
3389	Remote Desktop Protocol	TCP and UDP

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