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Change vsftpd ftp server port 21

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Q. Because of security issues I would like to change vsftpd port 21. How do I configure vsftpd to use other ports instead of default TCP port 21.

A. vsftpd, which stands for Very Secure FTP Daemon, is an FTP server under Ubuntu, Fedora Core, Red Hat Enterprise Linux and a number of other distributions.

Changing default port is good idea.

All you need to do is edit the configuration file for vsftpd server. The default configuration file is `/etc/vsftpd/vsftpd.conf` or `/etc/vsftpd.conf`.

First login as root user

Open vsftpd.conf file

```
# vi vsftpd.conf
```

Find line that read as follows

```
listen_port=21
```

Replace port 21 with new port such as 201

```
listen_port=201
```

Save and close the file. 201 is port number you can set it to whatever port you want. Please make sure no other service use 201 port.

Now restart vsftpd

```
# /etc/init.d/vsftpd restart
```

Client need to use port 21 while connecting to ftp server:

```
$ ftp ftp.myserver.com 201
```

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