Port Scanning Discussion

A port scan is search to see what ports are open, with a listening service, on your computer. While port scan attack, therefore, occurs when an attacker sends packets to your computer system, varying the destination port. The attacker can use this to find out what services you are running and to get a pretty good idea of the operating system you have and use, thus making it easy for further attacks on your system. If you harden your firewall on your computer system and minimize the services allowed through it, these attacks, become weak because it gets more difficulty scanning and ports and trying to gain access.