15.5 The xinetd Super Daemon

As you study this section, answer the following questions:

- When should you use TCP wrappers?
- Which types of files are stored in the /etc/xinetd.d directory?
- Which files configure the xinetd daemon?
- When should you use the /etc/host.allow or /etc/host.deny files?
- Which utility confirms the TCP wrapper configuration?

Key terms for this section include the following:

Term	Definition
Extended Internet Service Daemon (xinetd)	A super-server daemon that runs on many Linux distributions that is used to help manage many network services on a Linux system.
TCP wrappers (tcpd)	TCP wrappers use the IP addresses of incoming network packets to allow or deny access to computers or daemons. Xinetd can use TCP wrappers to restrict access to enabled daemons.

This section helps you prepare for the following certification exam objectives:

Exam	Objective
CompTIA Linux+	2.1 Given a scenario, conduct software installations, configurations, updates, and removals. - Installation tools - RPM - Dpkg - APT - DNF - Zypper 3.2 Given a scenario, configure and implement appropriate access and authentication methods. - SSH - TCP wrappers