

RE: tcpwrapped rpcbind/portmap?

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Reg

Thanks this helps...

I *should* only need to mount the NetApps via /etc/vfstab, but you know what happens to the best of plans! :-)

I suspect I may need to run statd/lockd because these file systems are mounted read/write on many systems... but a little experimentation is in order I think.

I was hoping to get comments from Casper, or Wietse on this but so far none.

So far I have had only two other responses, one saying yes it works fine provided you use gcc-2.95.2 or later, and one saying it does not work reliably at all!

- Geoff

-----Original Message-----

From: Reg Quinton [<mailto:reggers@ist.uwaterloo.ca>]

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Subject: Re: tcpwrapped rpcbind/portmap?

> *I believe I need "rpcbind" to allow my secured host to NFS mount the NFS*
> *shares on my Network Appliance file servers.*

You do not need to run rpcbind or any RPC services to be an NFS client. You need to run a wack of RPC services if you're an NFS server. To prove that I just killed off rpcbind on my Solaris 8 desktop and was still able to successfully

do an NFS mount of one of our NetApps. I have rpcbind running but the only service it offers up is the legato client (required to backup my machine).

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If you're after *other* NFS related services (like NFS file locks, automounter, etc.) then you may need some RPC services. But an NFS client does not need rpcbind or any other local RPC services.

See the discussion at <http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/security/howto/2000-09-19/> and <http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/security/howto/1999-06-23.html>

I hope this helps.

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