

Re: Unknown service on port 21 and 143 detected via nessus – Next

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Hi,

If the socket allows sharing, then multiple processes can read/write to it. Sharing is an option that can be set on a socket (I'm not too sure if "sharing" is the name of the option since it's been a while since I've used it).

Try netstat command or look at /proc/net/netstat on Linux.

Also, if you have a kernel rootkit, you may not be able to see the port being used, just a warning.

Thanks,
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Randy Lawrence <jm@zzzzzzzzzz.com> wrote in message news:<OcRxc.7026\$n65.5927@newssvr33.news.prodigy.com>...
> *Thanks for all the suggestions. lsof is a very interesting command I didn't know about.*
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> *On a hunch, I tried running netcat on the server to open/listen on port 21--and it worked.*
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> *When I try this on ports that I know are already open (like 80), netcat fails (as expected) because the port is already taken--so I'm guessing that port 21 on the server isn't actually open because netcat works.*
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> *Is this a bad assumption? I don't know enough about *nix to judge this assumption.*