

COMMON SECURE SERVICES, PORTS, & PROTOCOLS



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SECURE SERVICE	PROTOCOL	PORT
HTTPS: This is the secure version of HTTP, used for secure web browsing and encrypted communication over the internet.	TCP	443
SSH: This protocol is used for secure remote access to servers and network devices.	TCP	22
FTPS: FTPS is an extension of FTP that adds support for SSL/TLS encryption.	TCP	989 & 990
SFTP: This protocol is used for secure file transfer over SSH.	TCP	22
SMTPS: SMTPS is a secure version of SMTP, used for secure email transmission.	TCP	465
IMAPS: IMAPS is a secure version of IMAP, used for encrypted email access.	TCP	993





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POP3S: POP3S is a secure version of POP3, used for encrypted email access.	TCP	995
LDAPS: This is a secure version of LDAP, used for encrypted directory services.	TCP	636
VPN : Virtual Private Network (VPN) protocols such as OpenVPN can be used to secure remote access to networks.	TCP / UPD	1194

Be sure to download the Common Insecure Services, Protocols, and Ports. And remember, if your organization is using insecure services, you must ensure that you have security features implemented for them.

