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INETD



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INETD

Use this information to plan for, configure INETD on your system.

This information assumes that you have worked on the i5/OS operating system before and have a working knowledge of INETD.

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Overview of INETD server

INETD is sometimes referred to as the “Internet Super-Server” because it manages connections for several services.

When a connection is received by INETD, it determines which program the connection is destined for, spawns the particular job, and delegates the socket to it (the program is invoked with the service socket as its standard input, output, and error descriptors). Running INETD for servers that are not heavily used can reduce the overall system load, when compared to running each daemon individually in stand-alone mode.

The INETD server has several built-in services:

- Time
- Daytime
- Echo
- Discard
- Chargen

Configuring INETD server

You can configure your INETD server to work with `/QIBM/USERDATA/OS400/INETD/INETD.CONF`.

In 7.2, INETD server provides addition options “[/max-child[/max-connections-per-ip-per-minute[/max-child-per-ip]]]” to control the incoming connections.

Here is the options list as follows:

Options
service-name
socket-type
protocol
{wait nowait} [/max-child[/max-connections-per-ip-per-minute[/max-child-per-ip]]]
user
service-path
service-program
service-program-arguments

service-name It is the service name. It must be in services file (WRKSRVTBLE) (for example ftp, telnet...)

socket-type The communications socket type, the different types are "stream" for a TCP stream, "dgram" for a UDP service

protocol tcp or udp

wait|nowait Indicates whether the services invoked from inetd is able to handle its own socket or not. dgram socket types (UDP service) must use the wait option, while stream socket services (TCP service) should use nowait.

max-child Indicates the maximum number of child jobs INETD might spawn. For example, if a limit of 10 instances of a particular daemon is needed, a /10 would be placed after nowait. Specifying /0 allows an unlimited number of children.

Note: /0 is not recommended for safety concern.

max-connections-per-ip-per-minute Limits the number of connections from any particular IP address per minutes. Specifying /0 allows an unlimited number of connections.

max-child-per-ip Limits the number of children that can be started on behalf on any single IP address at any moment. Specifying /0 allows an unlimited number of children for any single IP.

Note: In common, max-child-per-ip should not be greater than max-child, otherwise, it is meaningless.

user User profile name (for example, QUSER). The profile must be *ENABLED and cannot have *SECADM or *ALLOBJ special authorities.

service-path Path to program in the QSYS.LIB file system to process the request

service-program Program name (received as argv[0])

service-program-arguments (0-19)

Examples

```
service-name stream tcp nowait QUSER /QSYS.LIB/QGPL.LIB/XYZ.PGM XYZ
```

```
other-service dgram udp wait QUSER /QSYS.LIB/QGPL.LIB/ABC.PGM ABC Parm1 Parm2
```

```
service-name stream tcp nowait/10/20/5 QUSER /QSYS.LIB/QGPL.LIB/XYZ.PGM XYZ
```

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