## How do I know I have the right firewall ports open?

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Livestream for Producers, Procaster, and the Livestream Studio software (as well as the Broadcaster device) stream through a number of internet ports, which need to be made open to <u>both incoming</u> <u>and outgoing communication</u>.

In (rough) order of importance, they are

- TCP 1935
- TCP 80
- TCP 443
- UDP 53 \*

(\*Many corporate and academic networks' security policies will block this port, as it provides DNS.)

One or more of these ports may be blocked by firewalls. A firewall can be located on the network and/or on the computer itself. We generally recommend disabling any anti-virus programs at the time of your stream (ex: Norton, McAfee, AVG, Windows Security Essentials, etc. Be sure also to disable Windows Firewall). Apart from consuming valuable CPU resources, many will block one or more of the necessary ports needed for streaming.

If a firewall is on the network, these ports would need to be opened by an IT/network technician. It is possible, though, to check the status of these ports at any time:

## For OSX:

- 1. Open the "Network Utility" Tool.
- 2. Select the "Port Scan" tab.
- 3. Enter "*publish.livestream.com*"
- 4. Enter the port(s). If you want to test a specific port, enter only that port in the fields.

| e o o Network Utility  |      |  |
|--|------|--|
| Info Netstat Ping Lookup Traceroute Whois Finger Port Scan   |      |  |
| Enter an internet or IP address to scan for open ports. publish.livestream.com (ex. www.example.com or 10.0.2.1)             |      |  |
| ✓ Only test ports between 1935 and 1935  | Scan |  |
| Port Scan has started<br>Port Scanning host: 204.77.212.173<br>Open TCP Port: 1935 macromedia-fcs<br>Port Scan has completed |      |  |
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Port 1935 is open and ready to go.

## For Windows:

Telnet is NOT enabled by default on Windows 7 and Vista. To enable it:

- 1. Start  $\rightarrow$  Search for "*Turn Windows features on or off*" and select the option from the list.
- 2. Once the box appears, look for "*Telnet Client*". Enable it and click *OK* (it may take a few minutes for it to fully take effect).

Then:

- 1. Open the Command prompt (Start  $\rightarrow$  Search for "*cmd*")
- 2. Type the command as shown in the image below (publish.livestream.com + "port" if testing a specific port.)



After typing the command (in this case "*publish.livestream.com 80*"), you will see a blinking cursor for a period of time, indicating that the connection was successful. (Use "*ctrl* + J" to quit telnet.)

4. If the connection fails, you'll see the following message:



You can also listen to open ports on your network using the *netstat -f* command (the *-f* parameter forces the destination to resolve to its domain equivalent.)

| Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.   | exe   |
|---|---|
| .com:https CLOSE_WAIT<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:58589   | a23-206-254-161.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies  |
| .com:https CLOSE_WHII<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:58590   | a23-206-254-161.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies  |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:58591  | a23-206-254-161.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies  |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:58592<br>.com:https CLOSE_WAIT   | a23-206-254-161.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies  |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:58593<br>.com:https CLOSE_WAIT   | a23-206-254-161.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies  |
| TCP         10.29.29.160:58813           TCP         10.29.29.160:58980           TCP         10.29.29.160:59354           TCP         10.29.29.160:59354 | event.ia3.adxpose.com:http CLOSE_WAIT<br>213-31.livestream.com:http CLOSE_WAIT<br>maa03s04-in-f13.1e100.net:http CLOSE_WAIT                                 |
| ICP 10.29.29.160:59689<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:59692<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:59952  | nsemar.com:http GLUSE_WHII<br>nsemar.com:http CLOSE_WAIT<br>ec2-184-72-50-95.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com  |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60252<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60593<br>CLOSE Walt  | linkedin-ela4.com:http ESTABLISHED<br>ec2-54-243-105-116.compute-1.amazonaws.com:http   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60594  | ec2-54-243-105-116.compute-1.amazonaws.com:http   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60681<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60683<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60693  | 212-71.livestream.com:1935 ESTABLISHED<br>212-71.livestream.com:1935 ESTABLISHED<br>212-71.livestream.com:http ESTABLISHED                                  |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60792<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60812<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60819<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60820  | 117.206.245.52:15816 TIME_WAIT<br>115.244.239.123:42631 ESTABLISHED<br>115.244.225.240:55573 ESTABLISHED<br>static-49.71.99.14-tataidc.co.in:10127 ESTABLIS |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60821<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60822<br>FD  | 124.253.45.146:23956 ESTABLISHED<br>232.124.206.49-ras.beamtele.net:48734 ESTABLISH   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60826<br>ABLISHED  | 221x240x217x162.ap221.ftth.ucom.ne.jp:11526   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60832<br>ABLISHED  | 221x240x217x162.ap221.ftth.ucom.ne.jp:11526 EST   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60856<br>HED 10.00 00 100 00057  | static-96.49.97.14-tataidc.co.in:38102 ESTABLIS   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60857<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60934  | pc250023.ztv.ne.jp:47088 ESTABLISHED<br>212-130.livestream.com:https CLOSE_WAIT   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60958<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60958  | 115.242.11.17:58029 TIME_WAIT<br>115.241.146.97:1497 TIME WAIT  |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60967<br>SHED  | static-247.187.98.14-tataidc.co.in:1473 ESTABLI   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60968<br>SHED  | static-141.83.97.14-tataidc.co.in:59687 ESTABLI   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60975<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:60990  | 213-72.livestream.com:https CLOSE_WAIT =<br>212-131.livestream.com:https CLOSE_WAIT   |
| TCP 10.29.29.160:60998<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:61004<br>TCP 10.29.29.160:61028  | 180.215.192.85:50209 ESTABLISHED<br>maa03s04-in-f13.1e100.net:http ESTABLISHED  |
| ^C<br>C:\Windows\system32>  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |

From the above image, you can see that TCP connections for 212-71.livestream.com:1935 and 212-71.livestream.com:*http* were ESTABLISHED successfully, while TCP connection for 212-130.livestream.com:*https* and 213-72.livestream.com:*https* shows as CLOSE\_WAIT (which means the connection was <u>closed</u> and is waiting to be authenticated)

Note: Ports 1935, 80, and 443 represent rtmp, http, and https respectively.

## IP Range

New Livestream IP Range 204.77.212.0/23 & 204.77.214.0/24