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1. Setting up a password-protected page on your group's web server using the HTTP Basic Authentication method

Installing the Apache Utilities Package

You can use a utility called htpasswd, part of the apache2-utils package, to create the file and manage the username and passwords needed to access restricted content.

- sudo apt-get update
- sudo apt-get install apache2-utils

Creating the Password File

You now have access to the htpasswd command. You can use this to create a password file that Apache can use to authenticate users. You will create a hidden file for this purpose called .htpasswd within our /etc/apache2 configuration directory.

The first time you use this utility, you need to add the -c option to create the specified file. We specify a username (labb6 in this example) at the end of the command to create a new entry within the file:

• sudo htpasswd -c /etc/apache2/.htpasswd labb6

You will be asked to supply and confirm a password for the user.

If you view the contents of the file, you can see the username and the encrypted password for each record:

• cat /etc/apache2/.htpasswd

Output:

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labb6:\$apr1\$J/zCRZ6g\$GPYluqeL8cFlWjWRnVYDr.

Configuring Access Control within the Virtual Host Definition

Modify the following listing (in 000-default.conf) to only target a specific directory within the web space:

```
<Directory "/var/www/html">
</Directory>
```

sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-enabled/000-default.conf

```
<Directory "/var/www/html">
AuthType Basic
AuthName "Restricted Content"
AuthUserFile /etc/apache2/.htpasswd
Require valid-user
</Directory>
```

Before restarting the web server, you can check the configuration with the following command:

• sudo apache2ctl configtest

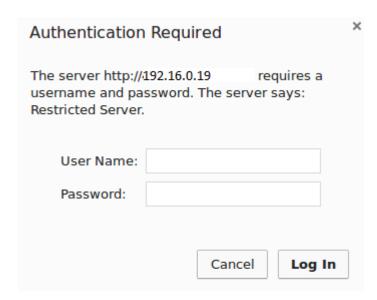
If everything checks out and you get Syntax OK, then restart the server to implement your password policy. I used the status to be sure the server is running:

- sudo systemctl restart apache2
- sudo systemctl status apache2

Now, the directory you specified should now be password protected.

Confirming Password Authentication

To confirm that your content is protected, try to access your restricted content in a web browser. You should be presented with a username and password prompt that looks like this:



If you enter the correct credentials, you will be allowed to access the content. If you enter the wrong credentials or hit "Cancel", you will see the "Unauthorized" error page:

2. Installing with the apt-get password-cracking utility Hydra on your client (the computer in the cloud that has a GUI)

You can install hydra by

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install hydra
```

3. Testing that we can access our password-protected Web site:

I downloaded rockyou.txt from the internet and copied it into my client with the command below:

```
scp ./rockyou.txt gr13@172.16.0.103:/home/gr13
hydra -l root -P /home/ubuntu/rockyou.txt -t 1 192.168.159.130 http-get
var/www/html/admin/
```

4. Tryting to access the http://172.16.0.49 password-protected Web site:

hydra -l root -P /home/ubuntu/rockyou.txt -t 1 192.168.159.49 http-get var/www/html/admin/