Part 1: Identity-Based Access Using PKI

Step 1: Install Required Software

1. Update and Upgrade Ubuntu

sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

2. Install OpenSSL for Certificate Management

sudo apt install openssl -y openssl version # Verify installation

3. Install Apache Web Server

sudo apt install apache2 -y sudo systemctl start apache2 sudo systemctl enable apache2

Test Apache: Open http://localhost in your browser. You should see the Apache default page.

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Enabling site 000-default.

Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/apache2.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service.

Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/apache-htcacheclean.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/apache-htcacheclean.service.

Processing triggers for man-db (2.12.0-4build2) ...

Processing triggers for ufw (0.36.2-6) ...

Synchronizing state of apache2.service with SysV service script with /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.

Executing: /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable apache2

student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ openSSL 3.0.13 30 Jan 2024 (Library: OpenSSL 3.0.13 30 Jan 2024)

student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$
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Step 2: Generate Public/Private Key Pair

1. Generate the User's Private Key

openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -out user_private.key

2. Extract the Public Key

openssl rsa -pubout -in user_private.key -out user_public.key

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student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ openssl req -new -key user_private.key -out user.csr
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:California
Locality Name (eg, city) []:LA
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:SecureLab
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:.
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:User1
Email Address []:xyz@gmail.com
Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:123456789
An optional company name []:xyz
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ openssl x509 -reg -in user.csr -signkey user_private.key -out user.crt
Certificate request self-signature ok
subject=C = US, ST = California, L = LA, O = SecureLab, CN = User1, emailAddress = xyz@gmail.com
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$
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Step 3: Create & Sign a User Certificate

1. Create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

openssl req -new -key user private.key -out user.csr

When prompted, enter details like:

Country Name: US

Organization Name: SecureLab

Common Name: User1

2. Create a Self-Signed Certificate

openssl x509 -req -in user.csr -signkey user_private.key -out user.crt

Step 4: Set Up a Certificate Authority (CA)

1. Create the CA Private Key

openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -out ca_private.key

2. Create the CA Certificate

openssl req -key ca_private.key -new -x509 -out ca_certificate.crt

3. Sign the User's Certificate Using the CA

openssl x509 -req -in user.csr -CA ca_certificate.crt -CAkey ca_private.key -CAcreateserial -out user signed.crt

Now, user signed.crt is issued and signed by the CA.

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Step 5: Configure Apache for Identity-Based Access

1. Enable SSL Module

sudo a2enmod ssl

2. Configure SSL Certificate in Apache

Edit the Apache SSL configuration:

sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/default-ssl.conf

Replace <VirtualHost *:443> section with:

<VirtualHost *:443>
DocumentRoot /var/www/html
SSLEngine on
SSLCertificateFile /etc/ssl/certs/user_signed.crt
SSLCertificateKeyFile /etc/ssl/private/user_private.key

SSLCACertificateFile /etc/ssl/certs/ca_certificate.crt SSLVerifyClient require SSLVerifyDepth 1 </VirtualHost>

3. Restart Apache

sudo systemctl restart apache2

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student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ sudo a2enmod ssl
Considering dependency mime for ssl:
Module mime already enabled
Considering dependency socache_shmcb for ssl:
Enabling module socache_shmcb.
Enabling module ssl.
See /usr/share/doc/apache2/README.Debian.gz on how to configure SSL and create self-signed certificates.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
    systemctl restart apache2
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/default-ssl.conf
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ sudo systemctl restart apache2
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$
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Step 6: Create a Protected Directory

1. Create a Secure Folder

sudo mkdir /var/www/html/secret_data echo "This is a secret file." | sudo tee /var/www/html/secret_data/secret.txt

2. Restrict Access to the Directory

Apache will require valid certificates to access /secret_data/. Apache is now configured for IBAC!

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student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ sudo mkdir /var/www/html/secret_data
echo "This is a secret file." | sudo tee /var/www/html/secret_data/secret.txt
This is a secret file.
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$
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Step 7: Simulate the Confinement Problem

1. Create Python Script

nano access_control.py

2. Add the Following Code

Function to check access based on clearance levels def check_access(user_clearance, resource_clearance):

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if user_clearance >= resource_clearance:
             return "Access Granted"
      else:
             return "Access Denied"
      # Clearance Levels
      clearance levels = {
      1: "Top Secret",
      2: "Secret",
      3: "Confidential",
      4: "Unclassified"
      }
      # Get user input
      print("Available Clearance Levels:")
      for level, name in clearance_levels.items():
         print(f"{level}: {name}")
      user_clearance = int(input("Enter your clearance level (1-4): "))
      resource clearance = int(input("Enter the clearance level of the resource (1-4): "))
      # Check Access
      access_result = check_access(user_clearance, resource_clearance)
      # Display Result
      print(f"Your Clearance Level: {clearance levels[user clearance]}")
      print(f"Resource Clearance Level: {clearance levels[resource clearance]}")
      print(access_result)
      3. Code Run the Script
      python3 access_control.py
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ sudo mkdir /var/www/html/secret_data
echo "This is a secret file." | sudo tee /var/www/html/secret_data/secret.txt
This is a secret file.
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ nano access_control.py
student@student-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$
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