Project 6 Self Signed Server

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Overview

TLS protocol supplies secure communication between a client and a server. TLS uses a handshake process to establish certain criteria for the stateful TLS session.
In this project, you are going to create a self signed server using go. You will use the certificate to build and run a https server. Different from other projects, this project will be a self-learning project: You will follow a tutorial and implement the project.

Tutorial

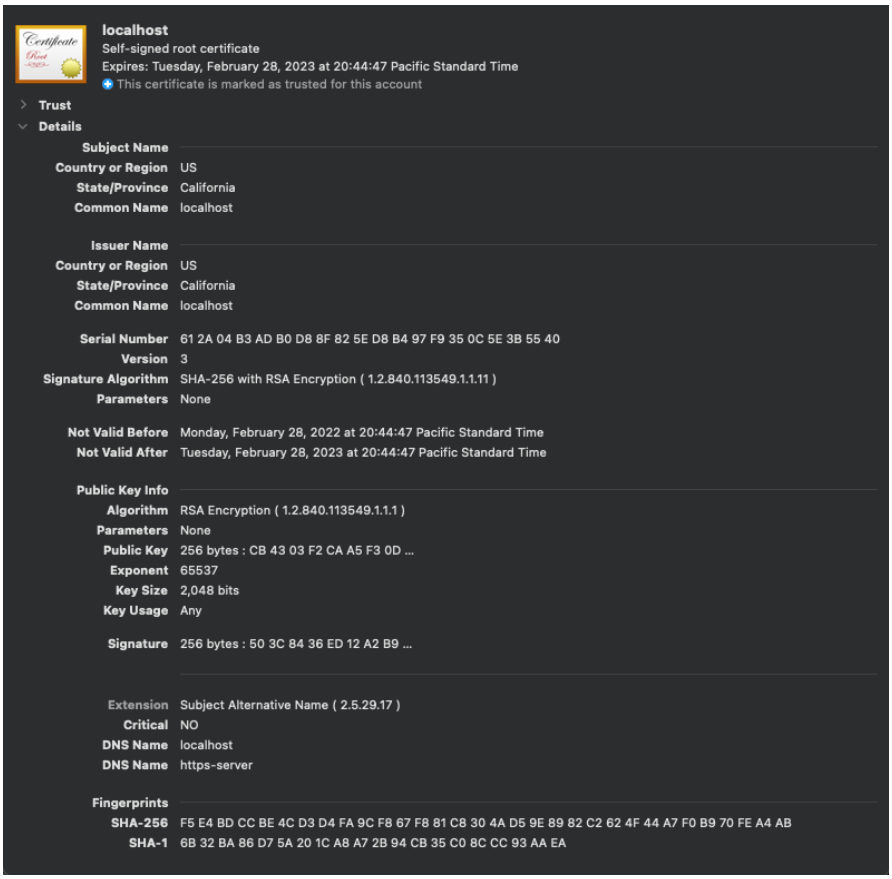
https://luizlelis.com/blog/go-lang-self-signed

Note:

1. Make sure you have docker and docker compose installed. https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/
2. If you want to test the server with a client running using VM (e.g. AWS), you need to first trust the server certificate in your local trust store (MacOs, windows, Linux).Then you could run the command “docker-compose up server” in VM. In a browser, type “ https://<Public IPv4 address>:8081/home”. You will see the response message.

Submission Format

You do not need to submit any code to the gradescope. Please screenshot the certificate you generated and upload to gradescope in a **PDF** format.



MacOS - Example

Optional project extensions

The below extensions are not required for the course, and there is no extra credit offered. However achieving “100% completion” on this assignment will give you bragging rights and an impressive demo to show to recruiters.

In Project 4, you built a DropBox clone called “SurfStore”. There are several other features we could add to the Surfstore.

Option1: Creating a TLS-enabled gRPC server (book Page 286)

gRPC supports the ability to encrypt each of the RPC calls for security purposes. Project 6 gives you some insight about how TLS works. This time you could apply it to the surstore we implemented in the previous project. Before you could add any TLS support, you need to have certificates generated. On page 256 of the textbook (Network Programming with Go), it states how to use go's standard library to generate your own certificate. Then you could add TLS support to the server. On Page 286, there is a section about creating a TLS-Enable gRPC server. It illustrates the way to add a server's key pair and create a new TLS listener. You might also want to go over the section on Page 289 to see how to test the server.

Option2: A web-based client interface for surfstore

The Network Programming With Go book talks about how to support file upload through Go's in-built webserver. Using this feature, and your project 4 client code, write a web-based interface to SurfStore. Through this interface, you should be able to click on files and download the contents via the web, and also upload new files into surfstore from the web rather than the command line.

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