

Create and Manage APIs

Other Security Considerations

HTTP versus HTTPS



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- SSL and TLS are the protocols that accomplish this
- The term "SSL" is used to refer to both SSL and TLS

What information is encrypted via SSL?

- Connection is made across network using IP address
 - IP address can generally be used to get a domain name
- Once connection is established, all data is encrypted
 - Including URL, headers, query parameters, verb and payload
- Snoopers know the destination server and how much data you are sending, but that is it

So then I can send passwords via query params?

GET https://example.com/v1/api/login?user=bob&pw=opensesame

- Passwords would be completely protected during the SSL transfer
 - But DON'T!
- The issue is data at rest not data in motion
 - URLs are often logged in clear text server logs, including query parameters
 - GET requests are bookmarkable and visible in browser history
- URLs are generally not treated in a secure fashion, so don't use them to send sensitive data
 - Payload or headers are better

One-Way versus Two-Way SSL

- One-way SSL (server validation)
 - Server presents certificate, client does not
 - Client optionally validates the server certificate
 - Server must validate client via other means (HTTP message traffic)
 - Basic Auth, OAuth, etc.
 - This is standard web https
- Two-way SSL (mutual authentication)
 - Both client and server present a certificate
 - Client and server each validate the other's certificate
- One-way SSL is much more commonly used
 - Common to use two-way SSL for machine-to-machine connections, including Apigee to backend target

Apigee Keystores and Truststores

- Keystore
 - Used to store certificate(s) to be presented to remote server during SSL communication
 - Also stores private key used to encrypt SSL traffic to the remote server
- Truststore
 - Used to store certificates to compare with remote certificates received during SSL communications
 - Communication may be set to only allow communication with trusted servers
- Keystores and truststores are used for both client communication (via virtual hosts) and target communication (via target endpoints and target servers)

HTTP Persistent Connections

- HTTP 1.0 connections are not persistent
 - Use Connection: Keep-Alive header
- HTTP 1.1 connections are persistent by default
 - Client or server can send Connection: close header to tear down a connection
- Connection establishment and teardown are relatively expensive
- For SSL, we want to use a persistent connection if more traffic is likely to come from the client
 - For Apigee to backend, we almost always want a persistent connection
 - Traffic from all clients generally flow to the same few targets, so connection is likely to be reused quickly
 - For client to Apigee, balance the cost of caching connections with the likelihood of reusing connections

Virtual Host SSL Configuration

- Used to differentiate incoming traffic
 - Configured on Apigee Edge
 - Only for client requests, not target communication
 - For cloud, virtual hosts can only be configured by Apigee Support

```
GET https://api.enterprise.apigee.com/v1/o/{org}/e/{env}/virtualhosts/secure
"hostAliases" : [ "myorg-prod.apigee.net" ],
"interfaces" : [],
"name" : "secure",
"port": "443",
"sSLInfo" : {
  "ciphers" : [],
  "clientAuthEnabled" : true,
  "enabled" : true,
  "ignoreValidationErrors" : false,
  "keyAlias" : "myKey",
  "keyStore": "myKeystore",
  "protocols" : [],
  "trustStore" : "myTruststore"
```

Securing Calls to the Backend

- Generally the backend is locked down to only allow calls from Edge
 - Don't want apps to be able to call directly to backend
- Options for securing the communication to the backend
 - Credentials
 - OAuth (adds significant complexity to backend calls)
 - IP Whitelisting (can be spoofed)
 - Two-way SSL

Securing Backend Communication with Two-Way SSL

- 1. Obtain/generate client certificate for Edge
- Create and populate a keystore on Edge containing Edge's cert and private key
- 3. Create and populate a truststore on Edge containing trusted certs
- 4. Configure the TargetEndpoint or TargetServer
- http://snap.apigee.com/ApigeeBackendMutualSSL

Data Masking

- Apigee Edge's Trace Tool allows developers to capture runtime traffic
- Some of the data exposed by the trace tool may be sensitive information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, or personal health information
- To filter this data out of the captured trace information, Apigee provides
 Data Masking
- Data masking can block values in XML payloads, JSON payloads, and variables
- Data masking configurations can be set globally for an organization

```
POST /v1/o/{org}/maskconfigs
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or on specific apis

POST /v1/o/{org}/apis/{api}/maskconfigs

Data Masking

Data masking payload

Data is masked in trace

Request Content

Body	{"logonPassword":"**********","lastName":"Smith","firstName":"Bob"}
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Thank you

