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Lab 4 Report

Task 1 TLS Client:

Task 1a TLS handshake:

The original handshake.py was modified. In order to print out the cipher depicted in (1.1), the line "pprint.pprint(ssock.cipher())" was added to the handshake.py file as below shown in (1.0).

(1.0)

Therefore, the cipher used between the client and the server can be seen below in (1.1). The cipher used is '*ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256*' as shown in (1.1).

We can also see the server certificate in the program in (1.1). It is also important to note the purpose of "/etc/ssl/certs." The purpose of this folder is that it is used automatically to verify the server's certificate, which we will build upon in the next task.

Task 1b CA's Certificate:

In the handshake.py folder, the cadir value was changed to './certs.' After, we find the CA certificate for www.example.com to be "DigiCert_Global_Root_CA.pem," which was copied from the "/etc/ssl/certs/" directory to my "./certs" folder. However, in order to really make the certificate work, we need to we need to make a symbolic link to the certificate out of the hash value. We get the hash value from the issuer's identity information. In the following terminal commands, we can see the use of openssl to generate a hash value, which is then used to create a symbolic link. Then, by convention a '.0' is appended to the hash value as shown below in (1.2).

```
[10/27/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ openssl x509 -in DigiCert_Global_Root_CA.pem -noout -
subject_hash
3513523f
[10/27/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ ln -s DigiCert_Global_Root_CA.pem 3513523f.0
[10/27/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ ls -l
total 8
lrwxrwxrwx 1 seed seed 27 Oct 27 20:22 3513523f.0 -> DigiCert_Global_Root_CA.p
em
-rw-r--r-- 1 seed seed 1338 Oct 27 20:07 DigiCert_Global_Root_CA.pem
(1.2)
```

Then we can see that after that has been done, the client program is now able to talk to the server.

We can see the success through the output below in (1.3).

Let us repeat this for two more different CA certificates. First, let us try for www.iana.org, where the CA certificate is "DigiCert_High_Assurance_EV_Root_CA.pem." We can see below in (1.4) how we made the symbolic link to the certificate out of the hash value through terminal commands.

```
[10/27/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ openssl x509 -in DigiCert_High_Assurance_EV_Root_CA.p em -noout -subject_hash 244b5494 [10/27/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ ln -s DigiCert_High_Assurance_EV_Root_CA.pem 244b5494 .0 [10/27/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ ls -l total 4 lrwxrwxrwx 1 seed seed 38 Oct 27 23:56 244b5494.0 -> DigiCert_High_Assurance_EV_Root_CA.pem -rw-r--r-- 1 seed seed 1367 Oct 27 23:56 DigiCert_High_Assurance_EV_Root_CA.pem (1.4)
```

We can see that this is quite successful by the output below (1.5).

```
[10/27/20]seed@VM:~$ ./handshake.py www.iana.org
 'OCSP': ('http://ocsp.digicert.com',),
 caIssuers': ('http://cacerts.digicert.com/DigiCertSHA2HighAssuranceServerCA.cr'
t',),
 'crlDistributionPoints': ('http://crl3.digicert.com/sha2-ha-server-g6.crl',
                             http://crl4.digicert.com/sha2-ha-server-g6.crl'),
 'issuer': ((('countryName', 'US'),),
             (('organizationName', 'DigiCert Inc'),),
            (('organizationalUnitName', 'www.digicert.com'),),
(('commonName', 'DigiCert SHA2 High Assurance Server CA'),)),
 'notAfter': 'Jan 27 12:00:00 2021 GMT',
 'notBefore': 'Dec 14 00:00:00 2017 GMT'
 'serialNumber': '02D5691A50745CB3D2F09504025FA086',
 (('localityName', 'Los Angeles'),),
              (('organizationName',
                'Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers'),),
              (('organizationalUnitName', 'IT Operations'),),
              (('commonName', '*.iana.org'),)),
ame': (('DNS', '*.iana.org'), ('DNS', 'iana.org')),
 'subjectAltName': (('DNS',
 'version': 3}
(1.5)
```

Now let us try a third case with <u>www.google.com</u>. Here we find that the CA certificate for this website is " $GlobalSign\ Root\ CA - R2$." Now we made the symbolic link as shown below in (1.6).

```
[10/28/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ openssl x509 -in GlobalSign_Root_CA_-_R2.pem -noout -subject_hash
4a6481c9
[10/28/20]seed@VM:~/certs$ ln -s GlobalSign_Root_CA_-_R2.pem 4a6481c9.0
(1.6)
```

Just like the two cases before, we can see that the outcome is also quite successful as we can see the certificate and there is not verification error as shown below in (1.7).

Task 1c Experiment with the hostname check:

First we need to get the address of <u>www.example.com</u> by using the command below, and we get the result below in (1.8).

```
$ dig www.example.com
...
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com. 403 IN A 93.184.216.34
```

Now, after we modify the /etc/hosts file as shown below in (1.9).

```
127.0.0.1
127.0.1.1
                  localhost
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
        ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0 ip6-localnet
ff00::0 ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
                                                                                             (1.9)
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
127.0.0.1 User
127.0.0.1
127.0.0.1
                  Attacker
                  Server
127.0.0.1
127.0.0.1
                  www.SeedLabSQLInjection.com
                  www.xsslabelgg.com
                  www.csrflabelgg.com
127.0.0.1
                  www.csrflabattacker.com
127.0.0.1
127.0.0.1
                  www.repackagingattacklab.com
                  www.seedlabclickjacking.com
127.0.0.1
93.184.216.34
                 www.example2020.com
```

Once we go back to "handshake.py" and change the Boolean value in the line "context.check_hostname = [Boolean value]" to either True or False we get the outcome below. If we leave the line as its default "context.check_hostname = True" we get the output below (1.0.0).

```
[10/28/20]seed@VM:~$ ./handshake.py www.example2020.com
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "./handshake.py", line 17, in <module>
        ssock.do_handshake() # Start the handshake
   File "/usr/lib/python3.5/ssl.py", line 988, in do_handshake
        self._sslobj.do_handshake()
   File "/usr/lib/python3.5/ssl.py", line 638, in do_handshake
        match_hostname(self.getpeercert(), self.server_hostname)
   File "/usr/lib/python3.5/ssl.py", line 297, in match_hostname
        % (hostname, ', '.join(map(repr, dnsnames))))
ssl.CertificateError: hostname 'www.example2020.com' doesn't match either of 'www.example.org', 'example.com', 'example.edu', 'example.net', 'example.org', 'www.example.com', 'www.example.edu', 'example.net', 'example.org', 'www.example.com', 'www.example.net'
```

Now if we change the Boolean value to be False, we get the output below in (1.0.1).

Therefore, based on this experiment, we can see the importance of the hostname check. Because we at least have a hostname check, we can see the error is the discrepancy of hostname from the certificate and the client program input. However, if we do not have the hostname check, the security consequence is that the certificate first would not be given the chance to be checked for verification, and we as the user would not be able to see exactly where the error would exist. It would make it much harder for the client to solve the problem, because the problem would not be

apparent without a hostname check. The client would then have to manually go through each step of the process to figure out the problem, which would be unproductive and somewhat inefficient.

Task 1d Sending and getting Data:

We will now be sending data to the server and get its response. Since we are using HTTPS servers, we will be sending HTTP requests to the server for the server to understand our requests. We will add the following code in (1.0.2) to "handshake.py" to tests sending and receiving HTTP requests.

As shown below, we can see what running the client program did in (1.0.3). We can see below that when we run the client program, we as the client get information about the website; furthermore, we also get the coding behind the website, as the HTML tags are quite noticeable and relate exactly with the webpage.

Task 2 TLS Server:

Task 2a Implement a simple TLS server:

Using the already existing "ca.crt, ca.key, server.crt, and server.key" (from PKI lab; Lab 2).

Repeating the methodology used in Task 1, the symbolic links were created for the ca.crt and server.crt using the format as shown below (not actual but an example of how it was done)

(2.0).

```
$ openssl x509 -in someCA.crt -noout -subject_hash
4a6481c9

$ in -s someCA.crt 4a6481c9.0
$ is -1
total 4
irwxrwxrwx 1 ... 4a6481c9.0 -> someCA.crt
-rw-r--r-- 1 ... someCA.crt
(2.0)
```

Now to test out the server, the command "sudo python server.py" was used to run the server.

Then the PEM Passcode was entered (Phidelt!22). The handshake.py was run using "python handshake.py SEEDPKILab2020.com." Below we can see the results of first using cadir = '/etc/ssl/certs' in (2.1) and then using cadir = './certs' in (2.2).

```
[10/28/20]seed@VM:-$ python handshake.py SEEDPKILab2020.com
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "handshake.py", line 18, in *module>
**sock.do handshake() # Start the handshake
File "/usr/lib/python2.7/ssl.py", line 830, in do handshake
self. sslob).do handshake()
ssl.SSLError: [SSL: CERTIFICATE_VERIFY_FAILED] certificate verify fail
ed (ssl.:590)
[10/28/20]seed@VM:-$ 

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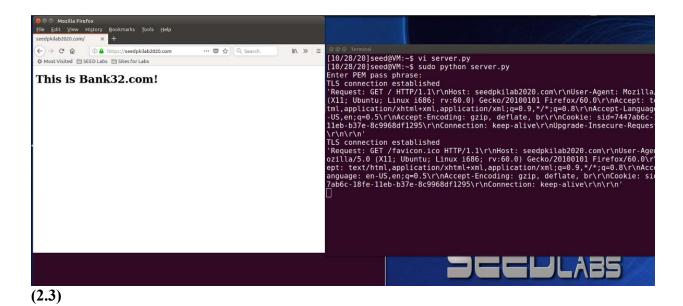
(2.1)
```

It was expected that when using '/etc/ssl/certs' directory for the certificate that the TLS connection would fail because the right certificate does not exist in that directory, which indicates a failed handshake (2.1).

It was expected that the directory './certs' would be successful since the right certificate for the SEEDPKILab2020.com does exist in that directory, which would successfully establish a TLS connection and handshake (2.2).

Task 2b Testing the server program using browsers:

First, in order to test the TLS server program using a browser, I need to point the browser to the server. Therefore, the port 4433 in the server.py needs to be changed to 443, which it is the standard HTTPS port. This will require us to run the server program using root privilege. Next, we had to manually add the ca.crt certificate to the Firefox trusted certificate list by going through Edit \rightarrow Preferences \rightarrow Privacy & Security \rightarrow View Certificates. After importing the certificate ca.crt, we selected the "Trust this CA to identify websites" option, which now allowed the TLS server to communicate successfully with the browser as shown below in (2.3).



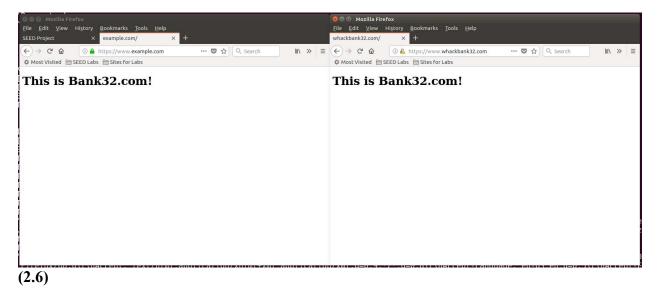
Task 2c Certificate with multiple names:

Now to allow a certificate to have multiple names, we need to define the extensions (Subject Alternative Name or SAN). Using this extension, we can specify hostnames in the subjectAltName field of a certificate. Using the "openssl req" command and the server_openssl.cnf file, we were able to generate pairs of public/private keys and a certificate signing request. Then, in order to enable copy extensions, our copy of the openssl.cnf (myopenssl.cnf) was modified such that the copy_extensions line was no longer commented out. Then using the command below in (2.4) a certificate was created as shown in (2.5).

```
openssl ca -md sha256 -days 3650 -config ./myopenssl.cnf -batch \
-in server.csr -out server.crt \
-cert ca.crt -keyfile ca.key
```

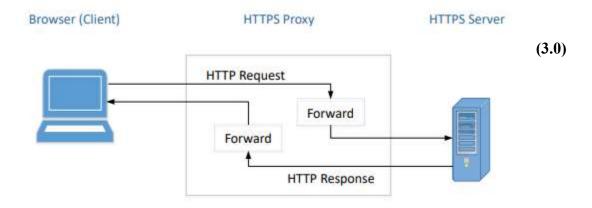
```
Using configuration from ./myopenssl.cnf
Enter pass phrase for ca. key:
3078508416.cmror2.28869651b1(40):UI set result:result too small:u1 lib.c:823:You must type in 4 to 1023 characters
3078508416.cmror2.288696365:lib(40):UI set_result:result too small:u1_lib.c:823:You must type in 4 to 1023 characters
Enter pass phrase for ca. key:
Check that the request matches the signature
Signature ok
Signature ok
Validation of the case of the c
```

We can also see that once the server runs, it is able to support multiple hostnames, including any hostname in the **example.com** domain as shown below in **(2.6).**



Task 3 A Simple HTTPS Proxy:

TLS can protect against the Man-In-The-Middle attack; however, this is only possible if the public key infrastructure is not compromised. In order to show that if the public key infrastructure is compromised in a Man-In-The-Middle attack against TLS then trusted CA is compromised or the server's private key is stolen, a simple HTTPS proxy known as mHTTPSproxy will be implemented to integrate client and server programs from Tasks 1 and 2. We can see below in (3.0) a diagram that can help explain how the mHTTPSproxy functions.



First, we created a **ca.crt** and **ca.key**. Then, in order to account for the many different types of names associated with **github**, or **aliases** (website we are using), "*proxy_openssl.cnf*" was created. The file consisted of the aliases and some information about the certificate and code as shown below in **(3.1)**.

Before actual coding of any proxy, the "server.key, server.csr, and server.crt" as done in Task

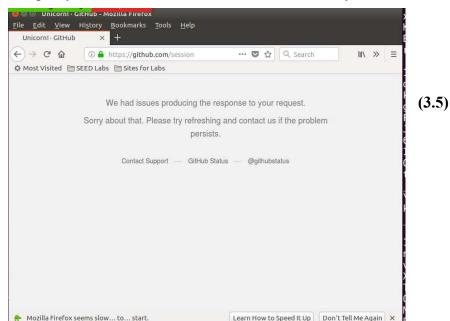
2. Afterwards, the commands shown in (2.4) were used to create a certificate with the aliases for github as shown below (3.2).

```
[10/28/20]seed@VM:-/task3$ opensal ca -md sha256 -days 3650 -config ./opensal.cnf -batch -in server.csr -out server.crt -cert ca.crt -keyfile ca.key
Using configuration from ./opensal.cnf
Enter pass phrase for ca.key:
Check that the request matches the signature
Signature ok
Certificate Details:
Serial Number: 4097 (0x1001)
Validity
Not Before: 0ct 29 03:19:54 2020 GMT
Not After: 0ct 27 03:19:54 2030 GMT
Subject:
countryName = US
stateOrProvinceName = California
organizationName = TheCA
organizationName = TheCA
commonName = www.github.com
X509v3 extensions:
X509v3 extensions:
X509v3 extensions:
X509v3 extensions:
X509v3 extensions:
CA:FALSE
Netscape Comment:
OpenSis Generated Certificate
X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
09:0f:TF:F0:SF2:R508.81:E2:F6:2E:40:E3:64:D8:9C:39:42:C9:0E
X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
keyid-66:20:6C:27:ID:A5:D8:4F:AA:0B:61:7B:4B:FA:EC:08:0E:BE:82:7B
X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
DNS:github.com, DNS:*,github.com
Certificate is to be certified until Oct 27 03:19:54 2030 GMT (3650 days)
Write out database with 1 new entries
Data Base Updated
```

Since, I used the approach for **one VM**, I had to in my "/etc/hosts" added **github.com** for **127.0.0.1**. However, in order for the **Man-In-The-Middle** attack to work, I would need to create a proxy that would be able to intercept the username and password entered in the **github.com** login screen. Therefore, the **proxy.py** was created. The logic and code behind the proxy.py were an amalgamation of **handshake.py**, **server.py**, and the snippets of code shown in the **Task 3** information reference. The code itself can be seen below in **(3.3)**.

The testing was successful, as when we went to **github.com/login** and used **Username: Jeff** and **Password: Jeff**, the proxy was able to capture the login and password (3.4).

```
[19/28/28]seed@WM-/task3$ sudo python proxy.py
Enter PEM pass phrase:
('request = ', 'GET /login HTTP/1.1\r\nHost: github.com\r\nUser-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux i686; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox, 60.0 \r\nAccept: text/html.application/xhml+xml.application/xhml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8\r\nAccept: text/html.application/xhml+xml.application/xhml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8\r\nAccept: text/html.application/xhml+xml.application/xhml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8\r\nAccept: Language: en-Us,en;q=0.5\r\nAccept: Encoding: gip, deflate, br\r\nCookie: gh.ses=eqctK970x283WSEnkB7q6fMNtyo5m9MyXzCLUjyqCHMB1s0kHF2824wsul2OwppKCHfz5x2BmdC4wm81EkMr9%zFeODe3t0e7K76H11aUF01
uKSikW0x2BblzwXTKhFR0z]fW93PmWj%zFe2Bmx2BeFPScjimbXyURAkkZniQkUBCoR%zBXxE9qG1DwyKsog2gFPWdjTdg)NFmle0%zFnock*zBPTec57U00f1x47ftv0008ct52BBjpindf5vCVQnocd11
Mc95XUTejnefcga082BRVPelo%zFjavDMKVh%zFu2llh6D5pK5lzer8dBxTT%zBFQe6y3FLWaPPZcXNB1NhKx2w4dUTJgXRCpFS1B7DVyXK8SYWaWYKHMZNBZDG106HkBgC6RIWF62
xG36CdmhsLDb28Ag3dx2xByAcRxBIREN951y54brsWolficfCoxdoupraghedFaVxxwadifIM97sJA7n0pSZWbW3p2CpRxRvgXySYx2F3Uvcjeg1pt1UsDg4AbMDMMkChNYcWp2F5%zB10LlszTnIxR81kVKe9P00cbAmpc%zFbVn135JpC1T9RITUte1dWxxth%zF7gJ%zF6k%zBdK%zF2fdxtXWF25fqoyz2R52zc6fv1oz8z0Lodr1qZnvhqHHtxT6a0R56V
MAKZ1MxKBGWxxXGWDPD21fd6z51unj pB631gkUuV0ME6p6y6f1Jdgx7zFH8123Hg8y1Slz271BpyRF0kA2CleaDott-73bbAWYPCA5.ppltvsGvytrHkwKRZbUA--DDb1203fRwrx2Be9uj--22
ZF2J1&zBF6Mv2BKGMkcKGK1HJYwx3Db3D; octo=GH1.1.1278207629.1603934070; logged in=no; _device_id=ded3da70fc7dc78b7438dbda7fc35f8; has_recent_activity=lv\r\nConnection: keep-alive\r\nUpgrade-Insecure-Requests: lr\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\rangle
classification: https://github.com/loginh/r\nContext-Type: application/x-ww-form-urlencoded\r\nContext-Length: 401\r\nCookie: _gh.sess=czwHrkYLkovQu7shvHzNbovQu7shvHzNbovQu7shvBkF70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shvBkf70shv
```



The proxy was also able to show to the client a totally different screen (3.5).

Therefore, we can see that the simple proxy was successful in using the **Man-In-The-Middle** attack on a **TLS server** using **github.com** as an example.

Overall Thoughts:

This lab was very challenging for me personally; however, this out of all the labs was the most fulfilling. Even though, it was quite tedious at times to go back to previous labs and redo certain tasks, I feel as though I was most interested in this lab out of all labs. Especially with the last task, I felt as though I was able to hack and figure out login and password information, which is a very cool feeling, but it is also a very rewarding and interesting outcome.

To learn how to set up a TLS server and do many cool things with it is one thing that kept me interested in the lab, but it also kept me on my feet. I would have never guessed that I would simulate a Man-In-The-Middle attack (Task 3), which made me feel like an actual hacker. Not that I would use hacking for unethical measure, but overall, the lab was interesting from start to finish, and I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of this lab.