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#### **STORY**

### Chapter 1: the handshake

Firstly, the client and server engage in a tcp 3-way handshake.

- 1. the client (192.168.58.128, the vmware software) sends [SYN] (a synchronization request),
- 2. the server (45.79.89.123, cs231.jeffondich.com) returns [SYN, ACK] (an acknowledgement and its own synchronization request),
- 3. the client returns [ACK] (an acknowledgement of the server's message).

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- 10.000... 192.168.... 45.79.89... TCP 74.46102 → 80 [SYM] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1647250750 TS 20.000... 192.168.... 45.79.89... TCP 74.46104 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1647250751 TS 30.043... 45.79.89... 192.168... TCP 60.80 → 46102 [SYN] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 46.043... 192.168... 45.79.89... TCP 54.46102 → 80 [SYN] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460
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# Chapter 2: the HTML request

Now that a connection is set up between the client and server, the client makes its' request: it wants access to the page: http://cs338.jeffondich.com/basicauth/

- 4. the client sends an HTTP GET request for the above page
- 5. the server acknowledges the request

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40.043... 192.168... 45.79.89... TCP 54 46102 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0
50.043... 192.168... 45.79.89... HTTP 3...GET /basicauth/ HTTP/1.1
60.044... 45.79.89... 192.168... TCP 60.80 → 46102 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=342 Win=64240 Len=0
70.046... 45.79.89... 192.168... TCP 60.80 → 46104 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460
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# Chapter 3: the initial server rejection

- 6. the server sends back an HTTP "Unauthorized" packet, with status code 401, telling the client that authorization is required to visit the webpage that they requested,
  - a. issuing a "WWW-Authenticate" challenge for the Basic scheme with a realm value of "Protected Area" (<a href="https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7235#section-4.2">https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7235#section-4.2</a>)

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90.088.45.79.89.192.168...45.79.89.107

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54.46104 -80 [ALK] Seq=342 Ack=404 Win=63837 Len=0

116.045.192.168...45.79.89.107

116.045.192.168...45.79.89.107

54.46104 -80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0

126.46.46.70.90.102.168...109

Frame 9: 457 bytes on wire (3656 bits), 457 bytes captured (3656 bits) on interface eth0, id 0

Ethernet II, Src: VMware_e0:85:18 (00:50:56:e0:85:18), Dst: VMware_7c:b6:52 (00:00:29:7c:b6:52)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 45.79.89.123, Dst: 192.168.58.128

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port: 46102, Seq: 1, Ack: 342, Len: 403

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

HITP/1.1 pert Unsultonized year

Response Version: HITP/1.1

Status Code: 401

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7. the client acknowledges the HTTP response from the server

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90.088... 45.79.89... 192.168.... HTTP
                                                                                               4... HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized (text/html)
  116.045... 192.168.... 45.79.89...
                                                                                                54 46104 → 80
                                                                                                                         [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0
  126.046... 45.79.89... 192.168.... TCP
                                                                                              6080 - 46104 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=64239 Len=0

6080 - 46104 [FIN, PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=64239 Len=0

5446104 - 80 [ACK] Seq=2 Ack=2 Win=64240 Len=0

54 [TCP Keep-Alive] 46102 - 80 [ACK] Seq=341 Ack=404 Win=63837 Len=0
  13 6.116... 45.79.89... 192.168.... TCP
  146.116... 192.168.... 45.79.89...
  15 10 . 14 ... 192 . 168 .... 45 . 79 . 89 ...
Sequence Number (raw): 149794146
[Next Sequence Number: 342 (relative sequence number)]
Acknowledgment Number: 404 (relative ack number)
Acknowledgment number (raw): 1711240651
0101 ... = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
0101 .... = Header
Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
[Calculated window size: 63837]
[Window size scaling factor: -2 (no window scaling used)]
Checksum: 0x820d [unverified]
[Checksum Status: Unverified]
Ürgent Pointer: 0
[Timestamps]
[SEQ/ACK analysis
  [The RTT to ACK the segment was: 0.000018356 seconds]
[iRTT: 0.043635008 seconds]
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## Chapter 4: the extremely secure credential communication

- 8. once the user (that is, the human trying to access <a href="http://cs338.jeffondich.com/basicauth/">http://cs338.jeffondich.com/basicauth/</a> through the firefox browser installed on their virtual machine) submits the credential pair, the client sends another HTTP GET request, with an Authorization header.
  - a. The authorization header indicates the authorization scheme and the credentials.
    - i. As communicated by the server (discussed in 6), the authorization scheme is "Basic." Consequently, the first portion of the authorization header indicates this authorization scheme: it reads "Authorization: Basic"
    - ii. the next portion are the credentials. The userID and the password are combined to form the user-pass (userID + ":" + password). Thus, a username of "cs338" and password of "password" form the user-pass "cs338:password". This user-pass is then encoded to an octet sequence, which is encoded by base64. The user-pass of "cs338:password" is encoded as "Y3MzMzg6cGFzc3dvcmQ=".
      - 1. encoding from user-pass to octet does not have specific implementation specified in original definition of authentication scheme
      - 2. for more discussion of base64 encoding scheme, see https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc4648#section-4
      - notably, the credentials are NOT ENCRYPTED; if a program can decode base64 encoding (eg, the wireshark GUI) it can print the sent credentials
    - iii. Thus, the authorization header reads Authorization: Basic Y3MzMzg6cGFzc3dvcmQ= containing the authorization scheme and the credentials.
    - iv. for more on the Basic authorization scheme, see: https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7617

9. the server returns a TCP acknowledgement

## Chapter 5: the access

10. the server accepts the credential pair and returns an "OK" package containing the html for the webpage

11. the client returns a TCP acknowledgement

# Chapter 6: wait, what about that logo?

- 12. the client also sends an HTTP GET request for <a href="http://cs338.jeffondich.com/favicon.ico">http://cs338.jeffondich.com/favicon.ico</a>
- 13. the server acknowledges the request, and returns an HTTP 404 not found response
- 14. the client acknowledges the HTTP not found message

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2214.19... 192.168.... 45.79.89... HTTP 3...GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
2314.19... 45.79.89... 192.168.... TOP 60.80 - 46102 [ACK] Seq=808 Ack=1027 Win=64240 Len=0
2414.28... 45.79.89... 192.168.... HTTP 3...HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
2514.28... 192.168.... 45.79.89... TOP 54.46102 - 80 [ACK] Seq=1027 Ack=1137 Win=63837 Len=0
2624 47 102 168 45.79.80 TCP 54.4770 Keen.Alivel 46102 - 80 [ACK] Seq=1026 Ack=1137 Win=63837 Len=0
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