Project Report
Part -2

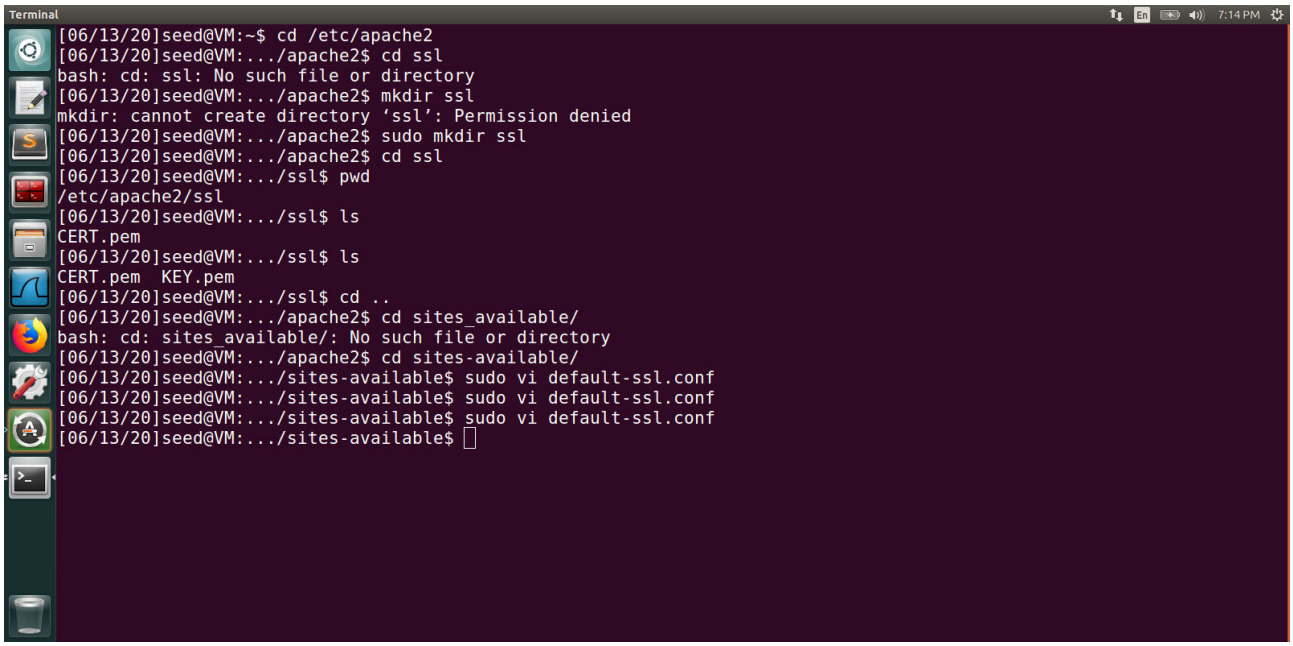
Objective: To Understand PKI and launching a Man in the Middle Attack.

Lab Environment: Ubuntu 16.04 vm downloaded from SEED website.

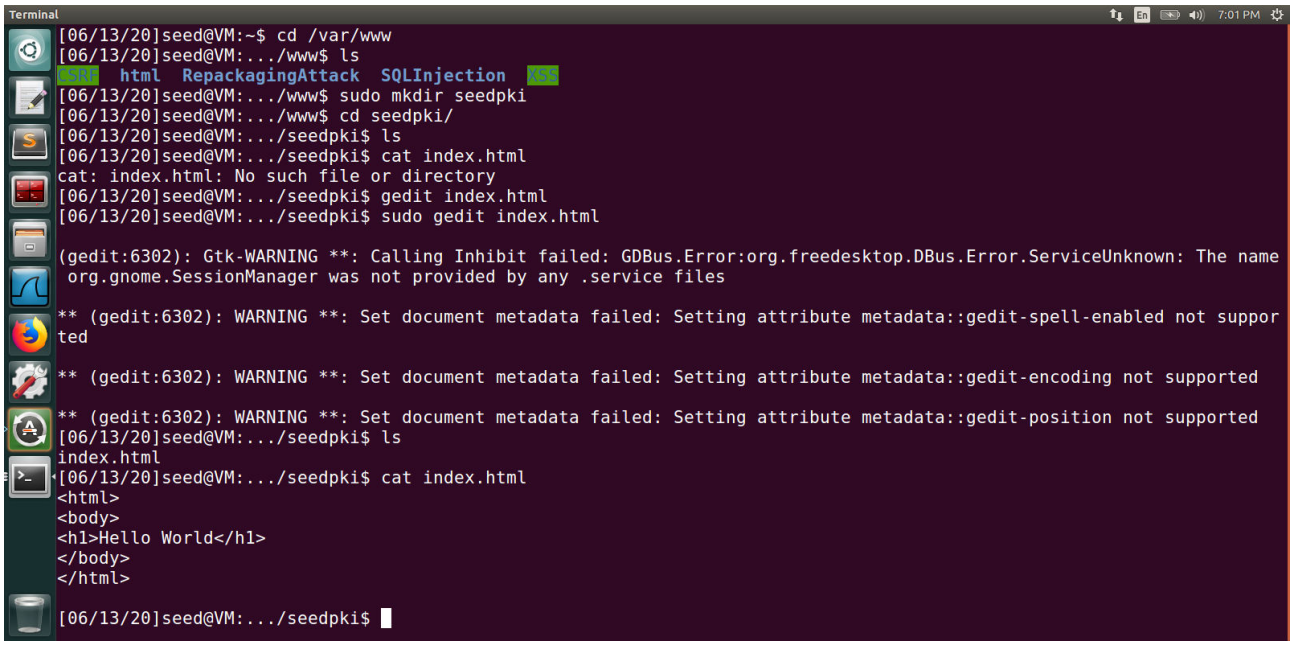
Library and commands used : OpenSSL

Screenshots of 2nd and 3rd Terminal:

Terminal one had many commands so i recorded the screen for it using the Free screen recorder (published by thundershare.net) so it has its water mark. The .mp4 file is Terminal-1 recording.
Terminal-2



Terminal-3



Procedure/Tasks and Observation :

Task-4:

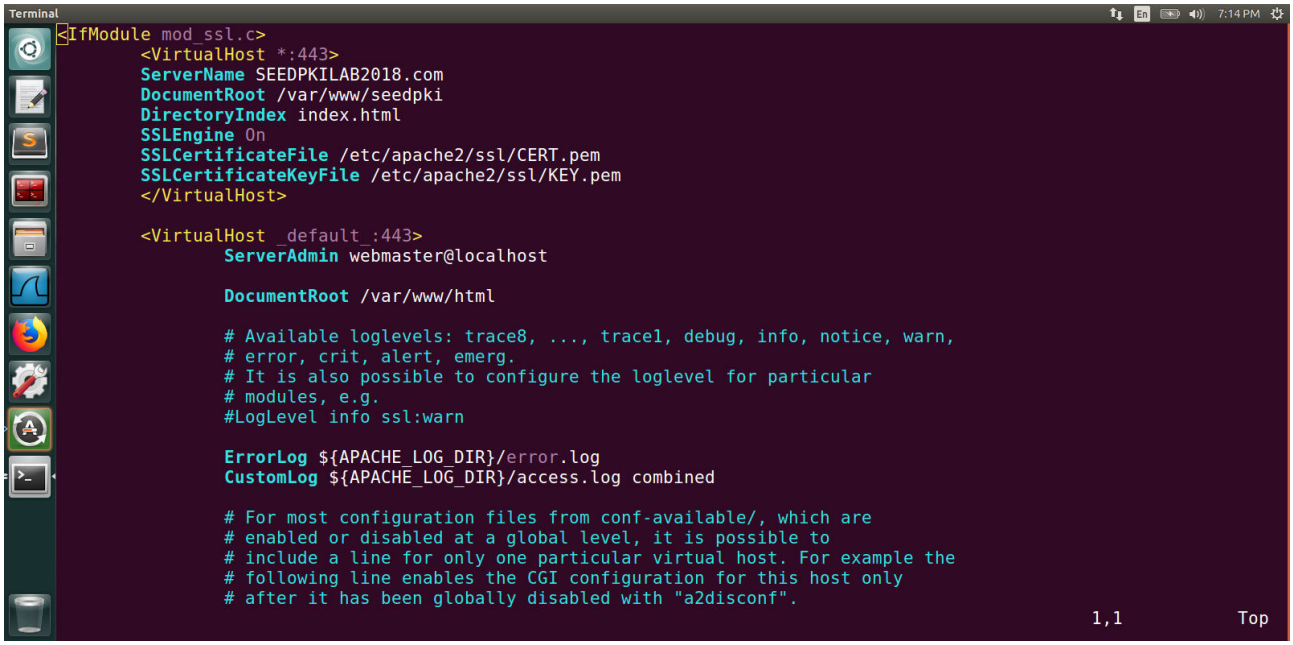
Deploying Certificate in an Apache-Based HTTPS Website:

The HTTPS server setup using openssl's s server command is primarily for debugging and demonstration purposes. So, I set up a real HTTPS web server based on Apache which is preinstalled in the VM.

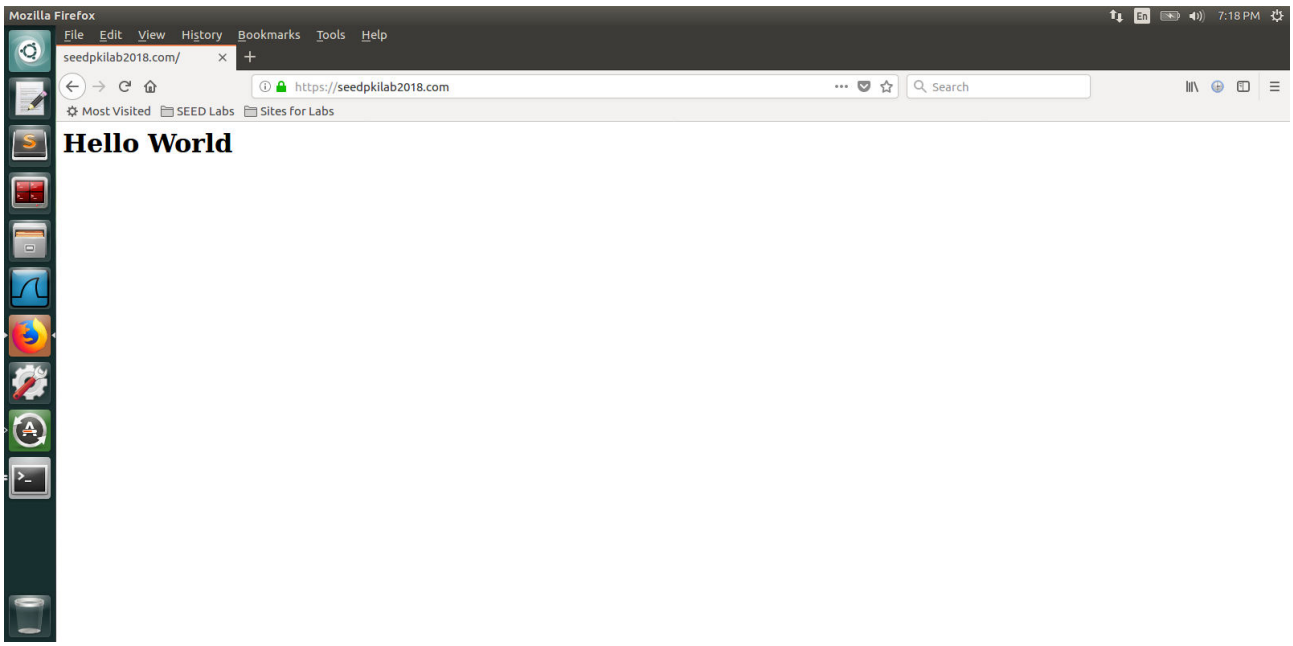
To create an HTTPS website, I just need to configure the Apache server, so it knows where to get the private key and certificates.

An Apache server can simultaneously host multiple websites. It needs to know the directory where a website's files are stored. This is done via its VirtualHost file, located in the "/etc/apache2/ sites-available" directory. To add an HTTPS website, I add a VirtualHost entry to the file "000-default.conf."

To add an HTTPS website, I need to add a VirtualHost entry to the “default-ssl.conf” file in the same folder.(I use vim editor to do so)



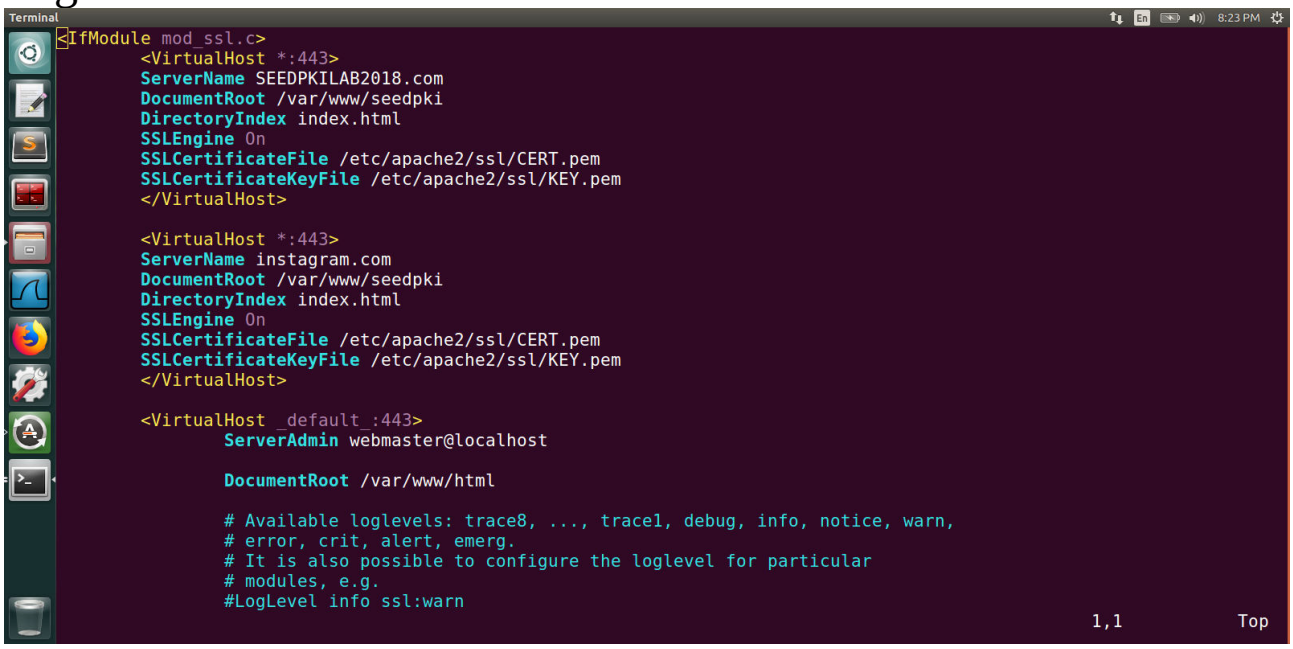
After this I ran a series of commands to enable SSL:
(See the recording of Terminal 1 the .mp4 file)
(i) sudo apachectl configtest
(Test the Apache configuration file for errors)
(ii) sudo a2enmod ssl
(Enable the SSL module)
(iii) sudo a2ensite default-ssl
(Enable the site I have just edited)
(iv) sudo service apache2 restart
(Restart Apache)



Task-5:

Launching a Man-In-The-Middle Attack:

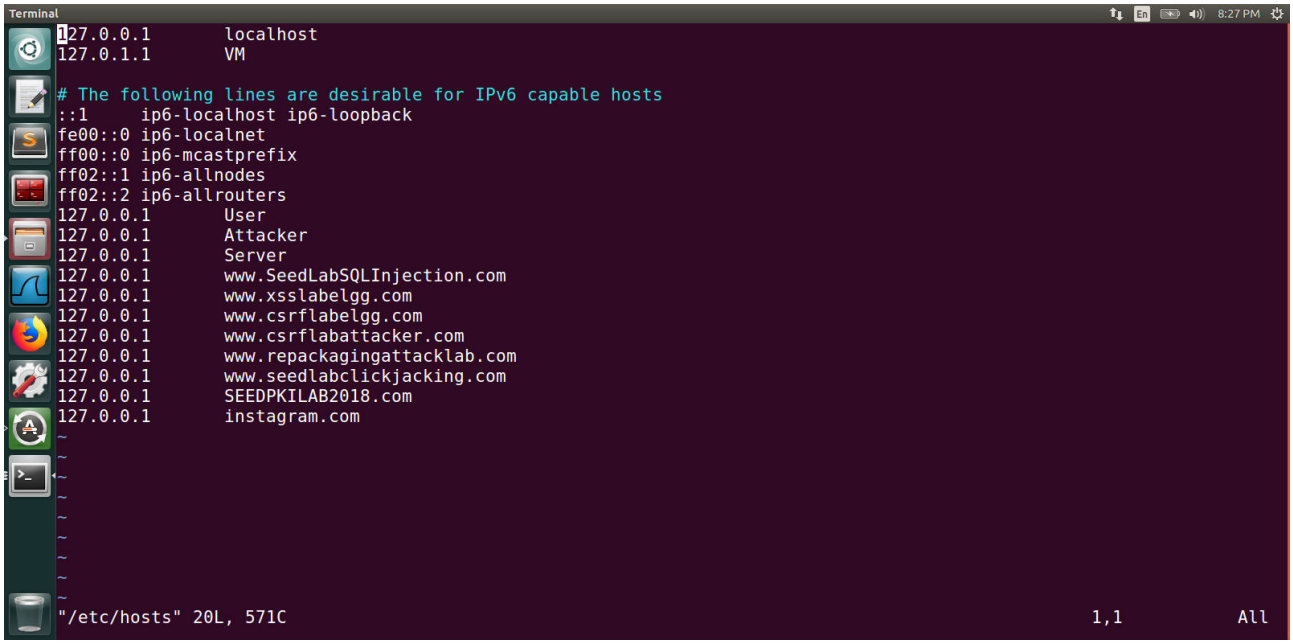
1) I will use the https website created in Task 4 to be the fake website where the user will land, I are using instagram.com as the target website.



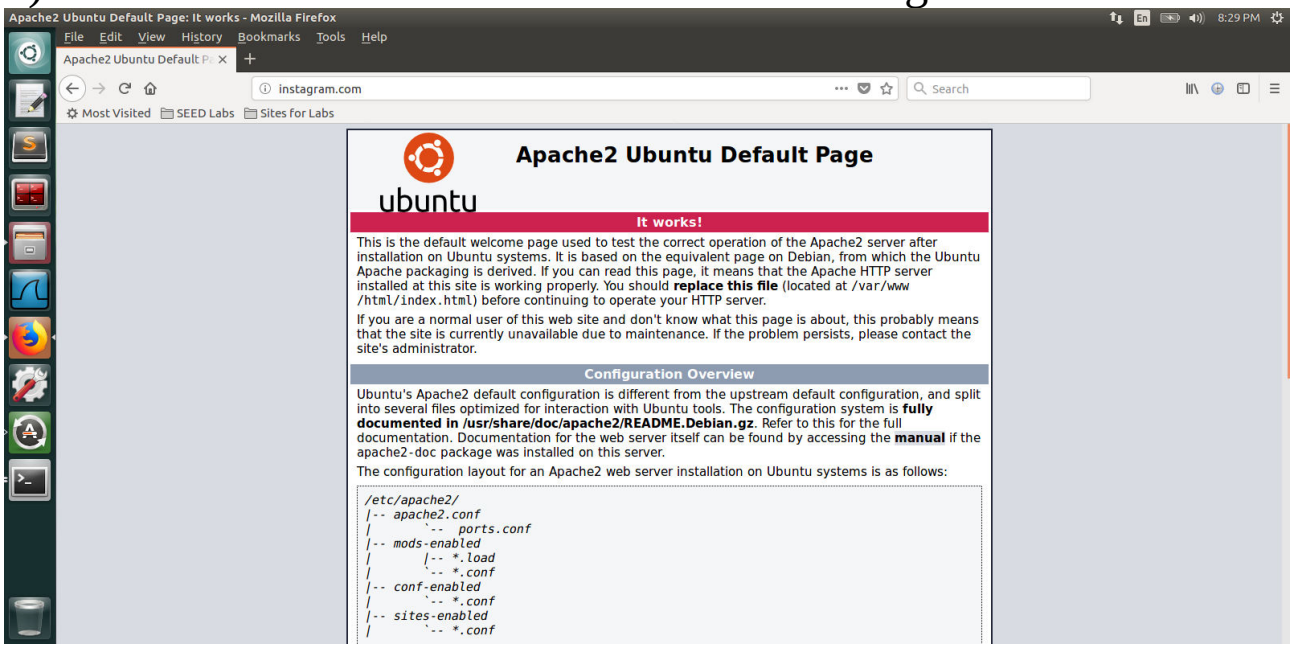
I only change the servername to instagram.com while the rest of the configurations are the same.

2) I now become the man in the middle by the “attack DNS” approach I simply modify the victim’s machine’s “/etc/hosts” file

to emulate the result of a DNS cache positing attack (the IP Address in the following should be replaced by the actual IP address of the malicious server).



3) I now launch the website to see the following result :

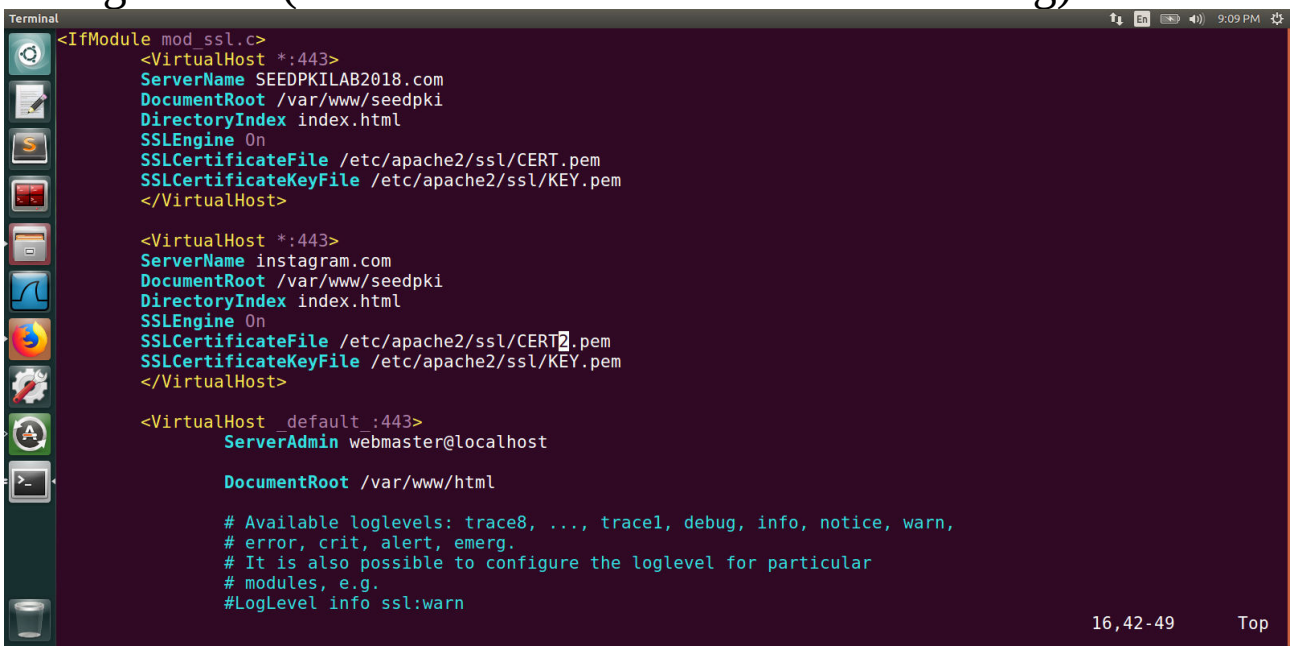


This is the default webpage of apache2 server and hence it raises concerns for the user as it is not the website they intended to open. Therefore, if the CA is not compromised I can at least be aware of the wrong website which opens.

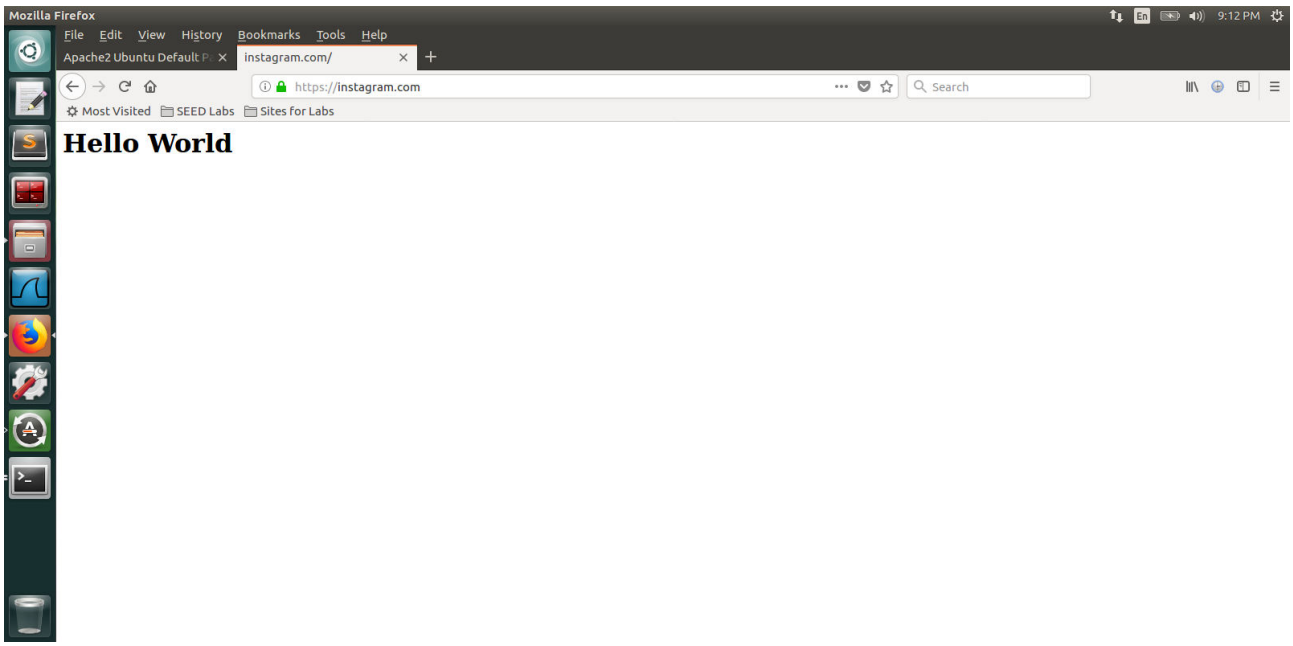
Task-6:

Launching a Man-In-The-Middle Attack with a Compromised CA:

1) I now assume that I access to the CA's private key and so I generate fake certificates for our malicious website and use it to make the user land on our malicious page from where I can steal the user credentials which is disastrous for the user as he may never suspect it being a fake malicious webpage.
Basically I generate certificates as in task 1 and copy them over to apache as CERT2 and modify the VirtualHost file configurations(The commands in Terminal 1 recording).



Now I can see the results in the Browser: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