



Exercise 9.3: Enforce TLS/SSL for IMAP in `dovecot`

Solution 9.3

1. Edit the configuration file and require ssl.

- On **CentOS**: Edit the file `/etc/dovecot/conf.d/10-ssl.conf` and add or edit these line:

```
ssl = required
```

- On **OpenSUSE**:

(a) Add or edit the file `/etc/dovecot/conf.d/10-ssl.conf` and make sure these lines exist:

```
ssl = required
ssl_cert = </etc/ssl/certs/dovecot.pem
ssl_key = </etc/ssl/private/dovecot.pem
```

(b) Generate a self-signed certificate for IMAP.

```
# cd /usr/share/doc/packages/dovecot/
# ./mkcert.sh
```

- On **Ubuntu** and **Debian**:

(a) Edit the file `/etc/dovecot/conf.d/10-ssl.conf` and change the lines:

```
ssl = required
ssl_cert = </etc/dovecot/dovecot.pem
ssl_key = </etc/dovecot/private/dovecot.pem
```

(b) Generate a self-signed certificate for IMAP.

```
# cd /usr/share/dovecot
# ./mkcert.sh
```

2. Restart **dovecot**: and test your **mutt** command again.

```
# systemctl restart dovecot
$ mutt -f imap://student@<IP_ADDRESS>/
```