



## Exercise 9.5: Enable StartTLS for Postfix, and force Plain-Text logins to use Start-TLS

Use the following information to create a certificate.

- Private-key pass phrase: this is a long passphrase
- Country Name: US
- State Name: Awesome
- Locality Name: Awesometown
- Organization Name: Example Incorporated
- Organizational Unit Name: IT
- Common Name: smtp.example.com
- Email Address: admin@smtp.example.com

### Solution 9.5

#### 1. Create a new PEM certificate:

- For **CentOS**:

```
# cd /etc/pki/tls/certs
# make postfix.pem
```

- For other distributions:

```
# /usr/bin/openssl req -utf8 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout /tmp/postfix.key -nodes \
-x509 -days 365 -out /tmp/postfix.crt -set_serial 0
# cat /tmp/postfix.key > /etc/postfix/postfix.pem
# echo "" >> /etc/postfix/postfix.pem
# cat /tmp/postfix.crt >> /etc/postfix/postfix.pem
# rm -f /tmp/postfix.crt /tmp/postfix.key
```

- Change the **Postfix** configuration to enable and enforce TLS:

```
# postconf -e "smtpd_tls_auth_only = yes"
# postconf -e "smtpd_tls_security_level = may"
# postconf -e "smtpd_tls_cert_file = /etc/postfix/postfix.pem"
# postconf -e "smtpd_tls_key_file = /etc/postfix/postfix.pem"
```

- Restart **Postfix**:

```
# systemctl restart postfix
```

- Test SMTP StartTLS:

Note: You may have to do this twice to get the key data.

Note: After the **starttls** command use the "control + d" key combination.

```
$ gnutls-cli --crlf --starttls --insecure --port 25 <IP ADDRESS>
ehlo <HOSTNAME>
starttls
^d
auth plain AHNOdWRlbnQAc3R1ZGVudA==
mail from:student
rcpt to:root@<LOCAL IP ADDRESS>
data
Subject: I sent this using SASL SMTP auth protected by TLS

Cool no?
And secure!
.
quit
```

**NOTE:** There is no option for AUTH until after you start the TLS session.

**NOTE:** Relay access is still denied until after the AUTH step.