



Exercise 9.4: Enable relaying using SMTP Auth in postfix

- Ensure the `mynetworks_style` is set to `host`:

```
# postconf -e "mynetworks_style = host"
```

To avoid issues with incorrectly set up DNS, or enforced **ssl**, use this setting for your lab as well:

```
# postconf -e "disable_dns_lookups = yes"
# postconf -e "smtpd_tls_auth_only = no"
```

NOTE: Don't enable these settings in production. Use them only for this lab.

NOTE: We will re-enforce **SSL** authentication in the next exercise.

- Restart **Postfix** with above setting before starting the lab:

```
# systemctl restart postfix
```

Solution 9.4

1. Enable the **SASL** authentication service in **Dovecot**.

- Edit the file `/etc/dovecot/conf.d/10-master.conf` and after the section `service auth` add or un-comment the following lines:

```
unix_listener /var/spool/postfix/private/auth {
    mode = 0666
}
```

2. Restart **Dovecot**:

```
# systemctl restart dovecot
```

3. Enable sasl authentication in **Postfix**.

Make the following setting changes:

```
# postconf -e "smtpd_sasl_type = dovecot"
# postconf -e "smtpd_sasl_auth_enable = yes"
# postconf -e "smtpd_recipient_restrictions = \
    permit_mynetworks, \
    permit_sasl_authenticated, \
    reject_unauth_destination"
```

4. Configure the proper authentication path:

```
# postconf -e "smtpd_sasl_path = private/auth"
```

5. Restart **Postfix**:

```
# systemctl restart postfix
```

6. Test plain text authentication from a **remote host**.

Notice: that any system listed in **permit_mynetworks** will be allowed to relay. The current settings of **permit_mynetworks** in conjunction with **mynetworks_style** will allow the local system to relay without authentication.

If you wish to test authentication on a single machine eliminate the **permit_mynetworks** entry from

smtpd_recipient_restrictions to force all systems attempting to relay to authenticate.

```
$ telnet <SERVER> 25
helo localhost
mail from:student
rcpt to:root@<OTHER MACHINE>
quit
```

This should fail with relay access denied. Test again with authentication:
Create the base64 encoded user and password.

```
$ echo -en "\0student\0student" | base64
```

Using the encrypted user and password, send the email.

```
$ telnet <SERVER> 25
helo localhost
auth plain AHN0dWRlbnQAc3R1ZGVudA==
mail from:student
rcpt to:root@<OTHER MACHINE>
data
Subject: I sent this using SASL SMTP auth

Cool no?
.
quit
```