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LOG BOOK:

LAMP Stack is a bundle of open-source software's including Linux, Apache, MySQL/MariaDB, PHP/Python, together they provide high-performance websites and web app also connecting the clients and the servers. The architecture which Lamp Stack was designed goes like this, the very bottom level is Linux then Apache alone with MariaDB and finally on the top of it is the PHP.

The Installation of lamp stack is as given below –

CENTOS VERSION:

```
CentOS Linux 7 (Core)
Kernel 3.10.0-1127.el7.x86_64 on an x86_64

localhost login: root
Password:
```

Figure 1: CentOS version

APACHE INSTALLATION:

Step 1 – Install Apache,

Currently, one of the most popular web server is Apache web server.

In order to check apache running first command is -

systemctl status httpd,

systemctl is the system control and if it's not installed "Unit httpd.service could not be found" will show which indicates ther server cant be found and installed.

```
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl status httpd
Unit httpd.service could not be found.
[root@localhost ~]# _
```

Figure 2: Check Apache running or not

If we like to check netstat, to get the netstat installed we need to check the package 1st and the command for that is - yum provides */netstat. To see the package it should be net-tools, we can use the command yum

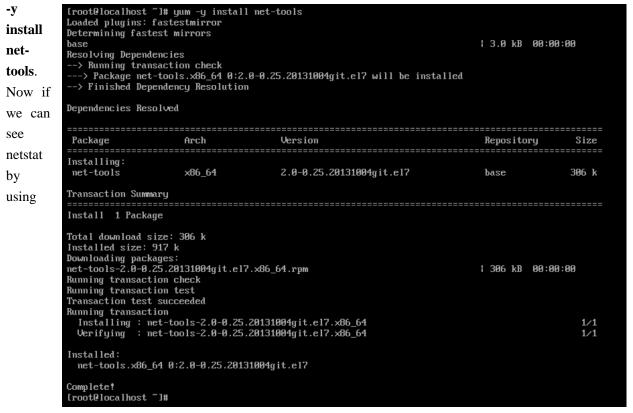


Figure 3: Installed httpd packages

command **netstat -a** | **less**, this shows some open parts "ssh, smtp, bootpc, ipv6-icmp" open. By doing this, it is indicating that httpd is not installed in here.

| Active Internet connections (servers and established) | | | | | | | | | |
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| tcp | 0 | | Ø | 0.0.0 | 0.0:ssh | | .0.0:* | LISTEN | |
| tcp | 0 | | 0 | local | lhost:smtp | 0.0 | .0.0:× | LISTEN | |
| tcp6 | 0 | | 0 | [::] | :ssh | [:: |]:* | LISTEN | |
| tcp6 | 0 | | 0 | local | lhost:smtp | [:: |]:* | LISTEN | |
| udp | 0 | | 0 | local | lhost:323 | 0.0 | .0.0:× | | |
| udp | 0 | | 0 | 0.0.0 | 0.0:bootpc | 0.0 | .0.0:× | | |
| udp6 | 0 | | 0 | local | lhost:323 | [:: |]:* | | |
| raw6 | 13824 | | 0 | [::] | :ip∨6-icmp | [:: |]:* | 7 | |
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| unix | 2 | [AC | C | 1 | STREAM | LISTENING | 12320 | /run/systemd/private | |
| uni× | 3 | [] | | | DGRAM | | 7480 | /run/systemd/notify | |
| unix | 2 | [] | | | DGRAM | | 7482 | /run/systemd/cgroups-agent | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | CC |] | STREAM | LISTENING | 19231 | public/pickup | |
| unix | 2 | E AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19235 | public/cleanup | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19238 | public/qmgr | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19275 | public/showq | |
| unix | 2 | E AC | C |] | STREAM | LISTENING | 7496 | /run/systemd/journal/stdout | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | C |] | STREAM | LISTENING | 17739 | /var/run/NetworkManager/private-dhcp | |
| unix | 5 | [] | | | DGRAM | | 7 4 99 | /run/systemd/journal/socket | |
| unix | 13 | [] | | | DGRAM | | 7501 | /dev/log | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19260 | public/flush | |
| $uni \times$ | 2 | [AC | C |] | STREAM | LISTENING | 12404 | /run/lvm/lvmetad.socket | |
| unix | 2 | [] | | | DGRAM | | 12700 | /run/systemd/shutdownd | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 12706 | /run/lvm/lvmpolld.socket | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | C |] | SEQPACKET | LISTENING | 12708 | /run/udev/control | |
| unix | Z | [] | | | DGRA M | | 15792 | /var/run/chrony/chronyd.sock | |
| $uni \times$ | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19242 | private/tlsmgr | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19245 | private/rewrite | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 192 4 8 | private/bounce | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19251 | private/defer | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19254 | private/trace | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | | | STREAM | LISTENING | 19257 | private/verify | |
| unix | 2 | [AC | C |] | STREAM | LISTENING | 19263 | private/proxymap | |

Figure 4: checking netstat

So, in the system no httpd is available in the system, but we want to install httpd daemon to installed we can check the package. The command is **yum provides */httpd.**

```
Repo :
Matched from:
             : base
              /usr/lib64/httpd
Filename
Filename
               /usr/sbin/httpd
Filename
Filename
              /var/log/httpd
              /etc/httpd
Filename
              /run/httpd
Filename
              /etc/logrotate.d/httpd
Filename
              /var/cache/httpd
             : /usr/libexec/initscripts/legacy-actions/httpd
Filename
Filename
              /etc/sysconf ig/httpd
Filename
              /usr/share/httpd
httpd-devel-2.4.6-93.e17.centos.x86_64 : Development interfaces for the Apache HTTP server
Repo :
Matched from:
             : base
Filename
            : /usr/include/httpd
python-custodia-0.3.1-4.el7.noarch : Sub-package with python2 custodia modules
Matched from:
            : /usr/lib/python2.7/site-packages/custodia/httpd
Filename
qt3-devel-docs-3.3.8b-51.el7.x86_64 : Documentation for the Qt 3 GUI toolkit Repo : base
Matched from:
            : /usr/share/doc/qt3-devel-docs-3.3.8b/examples/network/httpd
Filename
```

Figure 5; httpd package checking

Installation of Apache is a simple task and we can do that using yum manager and yum manager is in CentOS packet manager. "YUM Repositories are warehouses of Linux software (RPM package files)". In order to install httpd the command yum -y install httpd is needed. Now we can see the status of the server, systemctl status httpd, we can see that httpd is 'dead' here, which means it is not yet running. We can check if it's running by connecting with the localhost.

Figure 6: Installing httpd

We can also check turning the localhost. So, the programmes which can be used to connect lynx.

In order to install Lynx the command is yum -y install lynx.

```
Version
                                                                                                                                  Repository
                                                                                                                                                              Size
 Package
                                                Arch
Installing:
lynx
Installing for dependencies:
centos-indexhtml
                                                x86_64
                                                                              2.8.8-0.3.dev15.e17
                                                                                                                                  base
                                                                                                                                                             1.4 M
                                                noarch
                                                                              7-9.el7.centos
                                                                                                                                  base
                                                                                                                                                               92 k
Transaction Summary
Install 1 Package (+1 Dependent package)
Total download size: 1.5 M
lotal adumidad size: 1.5 H
Installed size: 5.4 M
Downloading packages:
(1/2): centos-indexhtml-7-9.el7.centos.noarch.rpm
(2/2): lynx-2.8.8-8.3.dev15.el7.x86_64.rpm
                                                                                                                                 | 92 kB 00:00:00
| 1.4 MB 00:00:00
                                                                                                                   11 MB/s | 1.5 MB 00:00:00
Running transaction check
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded
Running transaction
Installing: centos-indexhtml-7-9.el7.centos.noarch
Installing: lynx-2.8.8-8.3.dev15.el7.x86_64
                    lynx-2.8.8-0.3.dev15.e17.x86_64
lynx-2.8.8-0.3.dev15.e17.x86_64
centos-indexhtml-7-9.e17.centos.noarch
  Verifying
Verifying
Installed:
| lynx.x86_64 0:2.8.8-0.3.dev15.e17
Dependency Installed:
centos-indexhtml.noarch 0:7-9.e17.centos
 complete!
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Figure 7: Installing lynx

Then can try lynx http://localhost, It shows alert "Unable to connect to remote host", it means that the service is installed, but not running.

```
Looking up localhost
Making HTTP connection to localhost
Alert!: Unable to connect to remote host.

lynx: Can't access startfile http://localhost/
[root@localhost ~]# _
```

Figure 8: Apache is installed but not showing

After installation, we can start Apache virtual private server by using this command **systemctl start httpd.service**.

If we give command systemctl start httpd, it is running and if we again check lynx localhost, we get "Test webpage" which means we successfully connected to the server.

```
Testing 123..
    This page is used to test the proper operation of the Apache HTTP server after it has been installed. If you can read this page it means that this site is working properly. This server is powered by CentOS.
Just visiting?
    The website you just visited is either experiencing problems or is undergoing routine maintenance.
    If you would like to let the administrators of this website know that you've seen this page instead of the page you expected, you should send them e-mail. In general, mail sent to the name "webmaster" and directed to the website's domain should reach the appropriate person.
    For example, if you experienced problems while visiting www.example.com, you should send e-mail to "webmaster@example.com".
Are you the Administrator?
    You should add your website content to the directory /var/www/html/.
    To prevent this page from ever being used, follow the instructions in the file /\text{etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf.}
Promoting Apache and CentOS
     You are free to use the images below on Apache and CentOS Linux powered HTTP servers.
Thanks for using Apache and CentOS!
     [ Powered by Apache ] [ Powered by CentOS Linux ]
 mportant note:
- press space for next page --
Arrow keys: Up and Down to move. Right to follow a link; Left to go back.
H)elp O)ptions P)rint G)o M)ain screen Q)uit /=search [deletel=history list
```

Figure 9: Apache is running

To enable Apache we use the command systemctl status httpd.service.

```
Iroot@localhost ~1# systemctl start httpd
[root@localhost ~1# systemctl status httpd

■ httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; disabled; vendor preset: disabled)
Active: active (running) since Fri 2021-04-23 09:34:27 BST; 3s ago
Docs: man:httpd(8)
man:apachect1(8)

Main PID: 1437 (httpd)
Status: "Processing requests."
         CGroup: 'system.slice/httpd.service
|-1437 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
|-1438 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
|-1439 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
|-1440 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                                           -1441 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
-1442 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
Apr 23 09:34:26 localhost.localdomain systemd[1]: Starting The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 23 09:34:27 localhost.localdomain httpd[1437]: AH00558: httpd: Could not reliably determine...ge
Apr 23 09:34:27 localhost.localdomain systemd[1]: Started The Apache HTTP Server.
Hint: Some lines were ellipsized, use -1 to show in full.
```

Figure 10: Apache is successfully running

MYSQL INSTALLATION:

Step 2 – Install MySQL

Since the Apache server is up and running properly, the next step is to install now MariaDB.

Again, we can check that mysql is running or not by using this command systemctl status mysql. So, it is not found.

```
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl status mysql
Unit mysql.service could not be found.
[root@localhost ~]# _
```

Figure 11: MySQL is not installed

We can check then the specific package that contains mysql using the command **yum provides */mysqld.** We can see mariable server in the Figure 12.

```
Iroot@localhost ~1# yum provides */mysqld
Loaded plugins: fastestmirror
Loading mirror speeds from cached hostfile
1:mariadb-server-5.5.65-1.el7.x86_64 : The MariaDB server and related files
Repo : base
Matched from:
Filename : /usr/libexec/mysqld
```

Figure 12: Checking mysqld packages

We also need to check mysql packages by using the command yum provides */mysql.

```
python-sqlalchemy-0.9.8-2.e17.x86_64 : Modular and flexible ORM library for python
           : base
Repo
Matched from:
            : /usr/lib64/python2.7/site-packages/sqlalchemy/dialects/mysql
Filename
resource-agents-4.1.1-46.el7.x86_64 : Open Source HA Reusable Cluster Resource Scripts
Repo
           : base
Matched from:
           : /usr/lib/ocf/resource.d/heartbeat/mysql
Filename
            : /usr/share/resource-agents/ocft/configs/mysql
Filename
selinux-policy-minimum-3.13.1-266.el7.noarch : SELinux minimum base policy
Repo
            : base
Matched from:
Filename
            : /etc/selinux/minimum/active/modules/100/mysql
selinux-policy-mls-3.13.1-266.el7.noarch : SELinux mls base policy
           : base
Repo
Matched from:
Filename
           : /etc/selinux/mls/active/modules/100/mysql
selinux-policy-targeted-3.13.1-266.el7.noarch : SELinux targeted base policy
Repo
            : base
Matched from:
            : /etc/selinux/targeted/active/modules/100/mysql
Filename
```

Figure 13: Checking mysql package

Mariadb needed to be installed because that contains mysql. The installation command is **yum -y install mariadb.**

```
: perl-Time-Local-1.2308-2.e17.noarch

: 4:perl-macros-5.16.3-295.e17.x86_64

: 4:perl-5.16.3-295.e17.x86_64

: perl-Carp-1.26-244.e17.noarch

: 4:perl-Time-HiRes-1.9725-3.e17.x86_64

: perl-Scalar-List-Utils-1.27-248.e17.x86_64
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                                                       : perl-Scalar-List-Utils-1.27-248.el7.x86
: perl-Pod-Usage-1.63-3.el7.noarch
: perl-Encode-2.51-7.el7.x86.64
: perl-Pod-Perldoc-3.20-4.el7.noarch
: perl-podlators-2.5.1-3.el7.noarch
: perl-File-Path-2.09-2.el7.noarch
: perl-threads-1.87-4.el7.x86.64
: perl-Filter-1.49-3.el7.x86.64
: perl-Getopt-Long-2.40-3.el7.noarch
: perl-Text-ParseWords-3.29-4.el7.noarch
           Verifying
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   Installed:
mariadb.x86_64 1:5.5.65-1.el7
Dependency Installed:
perl.x86_64 4:5.16.3-295.e17
perl-Encode.x86_64 8:2.51-7.e17
perl-File-Path.noarch 0:2.09-2.e17
perl-Filter.x86_64 0:1.49-3.e17
perl-HTTP-Tiny.noarch 0:0.033-3.e17
perl-Pod-Escapes.noarch 1:1.04-295.e17
perl-Pod-Simple.noarch 1:3.28-4.e17
perl-Scalar-List-Utils.x86_64 0:1.27-248.e17
perl-Storable.x86_64 0:2.45-3.e17
perl-Time-HiRes.x86_64 4:1.9725-3.e17
perl-constant.noarch 0:1.27-2.e17
perl-macros.x86_64 4:5.16.3-295.e17
perl-podlators.noarch 0:2.5.1-3.e17
perl-threads-shared.x86_64 0:1.43-6.e17
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      perl-Carp.noarch 0:1.26-244.el7
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     perl-Exporter.noarch 0:5.68-3.e17
perl-File-Temp.noarch 0:0.23.01-3.e17
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perl-Getopt-Long.noarch 0:2.40-3.e17
perl-PathTools.x86_64 0:3.40-5.e17
perl-Pod-Perldoc.noarch 0:3.20-4.e17
perl-Pod-Lasge.noarch 0:1.63-3.e17
perl-Socket.x86_64 0:2.010-5.e17
perl-Text-ParseWords.noarch 0:3.29-4.e17
perl-Time-Local.noarch 0:1.2300-2.e17
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perl-parent.march 1:0.225-244.e17
perl-threads.x86_64 0:1.87-4.e17
  Complete!
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Figure 14: MariaDB installed

To install the server of mariadb, **yum -y install mariadb-server**. To start the server the command follows **systemctl start mariadb.service**. Our database server is running. If we give command **mysql** then, we can enter the MariaDB monitor.

Figure 15: MariaDB service installed

We can update the password using SET command, **UPDATE mysql.user SET Password=PASSWORD('MyNewPass') WHERE User='root';** here, MyNewPass is the new password. When anyone want to enter the mariadb, they need to enter this password.

To reload, the grant table, we can use this command flush PRIVILEGES;

Figure 16: Updating password

Then we need to create user by using command "CREATE USER 'prince' @'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password'; localhost is specify local host which mysql treat this localhost specifically. Here 'prince' has no authorization to do anything in the database. It is try to login, it will not able to connect to mysql shell.

Next step is to create a database and giving a name of the database. The command is, **CREATE DATABASE lamp.**

Use lamp

To create a table in database we can use this command, **CREATE TABLE person(Name VARCHAR(64)**, **Age INT, address VARCHAR(128))**; here varchar is a data type which store text. It can store 64 characters in Name, and 128 characters in address.

We can add data by using INSERT command, insert into person(Name, Age, address) values ('Prince', 26, 'Bangladesh');

To get one or more privileges, we can use the grant command. This can available on both local ans remote users and the command is **grant SELECT on person to 'prince'@'localhost'**;

After creating the database we can exit from this by giving **exit** command.

```
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE USER 'prince'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
ERROR 1396 (HYM00): Operation CREATE USER failed for 'prince'@'localhost'
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE USER 'elvis'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE DATABASE lamp

-> :

ERROR 1007 (HY000): Can't create database 'lamp'; database exists
MariaDB [(none)]> use lamp

Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
MariaDB [lamp]> CREATE TABLE person(Name VARCHAR(64), Age INT, address VARCHAR(128));
ERROR 1050 (42501): Table 'person' already exists
MariaDB [lamp]> insert into person(Name, Age, address) values ('Elvis Gomes', 27, 'Bangladesh');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)

MariaDB [lamp]> grant SELECT on person to 'elvis'@'localhost';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

MariaDB [lamp]> exit
Bye
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Figure 17: Creating table

PHP INSTALLATION:

Step 3 – Install PHP

To install PHP 7.3 version we can use this command, **yum install php php-common php-opcache php-mcrypt php-cli php-gd php-curl php-mysqlnd**

```
-> Running transaction check
--> Package libX11-common.noarch 0:1.6.7-2.el7 will be installed
--> Package libxcb.x86_64 0:1.13-1.el7 will be installed
-> Processing Dependency: libXau.so.6()(64bit) for package: libxcb-1.13-1.el7.x86_64
-> Running transaction check
--> Package libXau.x86_64 0:1.0.8-2.1.el7 will be installed
-> Finished Dependency Resolution
Dependencies Resolved
                                                                                                                                                                                                             Repository
Installing:
                                                                          x86_64
x86_64
x86_64
x86_64
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 php
php-cli
php-common
php-gd x8t
php-mysqlnd x8t
Installing for dependencies:
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1.6.7-Z.e17
1.8.8-Z.1.e17
3.5.1Z-1.e17
1.2.90-8.e17
1.13-1.e17
0.10.1-8.e17
                                                     x86_64
                                                                          noarch
x86_64
x86_64
x86_64
x86_64
x86_64
   l i bXau
 lib.pm
lib.peg-turbo
libxcb
libzip
php-pdo
   php-pa
t1lib
Install 5 Packages (+9 Dependent packages)
Total download size: 6.4 M
Installed size: 22 M
Is this ok [y/d/N]:
```

To secure the copy files, we can use the command scp student@192.168.3.97:/home/student/*/var/www/html

```
[: php-pdo-5.4.16-48.e17.x86_64

[: libxau-1.8.8-2.1.e17.x86_64

[: libxcb-1.13-1.e17.x86_64

[: libxl1-1.6.7-2.e17.x86_64

[: libxpm-3.5.12-1.e17.x86_64

[: lib jpeg-turbo-1.2.98-8.e17.x86_64

[: lib jpeg-turbo-1.2.98-8.e17.x86_64

[: php-mysqlnd-5.4.16-48.e17.x86_64

[: php-5.4.16-48.e17.x86_64

[: lib jpeg-turbo-1.2.98-8.e17.x86_64

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[: lib jpeg-turbo-1.2.98-8.e17.x86_64

[: lib jpeg-turbo-1.2.98-8.e17.x86_64

[: libxau-1.8.8-2.1.e17.x86_64

[: php-cli-5.4.16-48.e17.x86_64

[: php-gd-5.4.16-48.e17.x86_64

[: php-gd-5.4.16-48.e17.x86_64

[: libxip-8.18.1-8.e17.x86_64

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php-common.x86_64 0:5.4.16-48.e17
php-mysq1nd.x86_64 0:5.4.16-48.e17
  Dependency Installed:

      libX11.x86_64 0:1.6.7-2.e17
      libX11-common.noarch 0:1.6.7-2.e17
      libXa1.x86_64 0:1.6.7-2.e17
      libXa1.x86_64 0:1.6.7-2.e17
      libXa1.x86_64 0:1.2.90-8.e17

      libXpm.x86_64 0:3.5.12-1.e17
      libjpeg-turbo.x86_64 0:1.2.90-8.e17
      libxcb.x86_64 0:1.13-1.e17

      libzip.x86_64 0:0.10.1-8.e17
      php-pdo.x86_64 0:5.4.16-48.e17
      t1lib.x86_64 0:5.1.2-14.e17

Complete!
[root@localhost ~]#
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Now, we need to check the table we created on the mysql. So, we need to restart the httpd, using the command, **systemctl restart httpd.service**

Lynx is already installed, but we can still give the command yum -y install lynx

By giving this command, lynx http://localhost/, we can see the table we created on database.

INTRODUCTION:

The necessity of a single platform for fast deployable web applications became necessity not to mention to connecting clients to the servers, Lamp Stack was introduced which included Linux, Apache, MariaDB and PHP. The word Stack comes from the term "solution stack" which is a collection of software for a platform. Michalel Kunze in 1998 introduced the term "LAMP Stack". In this report the full installation process in how to install and configure Lamp Stack is describes also a step by step command process, furthermore two different variant of Lamp Stack Enos and Mean Stack was discussed. A honourable mentions goes to different versions of lamp stack for different platform such as WIMP and WAMP. A brief discussion on vulnerability, threat / risk assessment and audit is also included in this report. This report also includes the limitations and the potential security risks on the Lamp Stack version used here.

LITERATURE REVIEW:

In order to perform operations on lamp stack first one must install lamp stack and in (B. Brennen, 2016) show how to install Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP (LAMP). There are countless experiments on Lamp Stack which measures its performance and compatibility, in (U.V.Ramana, 2005) they have performed several tests to determine the performance of PHP and MySQL in different platforms such as WIMP and WAMP platforms.

Similar to lamp stack Enos Stack is specially designed to reproduce scientific experiments. "EnosStack, an open source software stack we specially designed to assist experimenters. Deploying real experiments that are repeatable and reproducible remains challenging, and we argued that experimenters should benefit from a LAMP-like stack to help them in running their experiments" (R.A. Cherrueau, 2018).

There is alos a more advanced version of Lamp stack which is MEAN which runs on extension of JavaScript (AmgulerJS). "Developing a Web-driven application (either mobile or browser-based) typically requires the provisioning of some server-side infrastructure as well as the development of some code to run on it. Such code will often consume APIs. But occasionally, it provide them as well. For many years, the go-to infrastructure in such situations was affectionately referred to as the LAMP stack and it primarily involved Linux, Apache, MySQL and PHP, Perl or Python. But, thanks in part to Javascript's applicability to both client and server-side scripting, there's a another stack that's now widely considered as an alternative to LAMP; the MEAN stack" (M. Rajput, 2015). The main difference between Mean and Lamp Stack are on server and language, further more (M. Rajput, 2015) mentioned that in near future Lamp Stack might become obsolete.

For the Mean Stack the main purpose was to deploy a common language for the client and the server. "As web applications evolved into more single page applications, many development teams needed server-side

developers using a language such as PHP, ASP, or Java, and a front-end developer that used JavaScript in the browser client. A common language for both client and server side code would provide an opportunity for quicker development of web applications by smaller teams of developers" (J. Hightower, 2016).

LAMP ARCHITECTURE:

In Lamp architecture the first step is the Linux also known as the 1st layer, it's the core as all the other elements runs on it. The nest layer is the Apache, Apache web server serves more than half of the websites on the internet. It works using HTTP to process and transmit requests over the internet. The 3rd layer is MySQL database. It's an database management system that stores application data. The last and the final layer is PHP, which is a programming language and its role is to combine all the elements of Lamp Stack and run web application efficiently.

The process begins when Apache web server receives requests for the webpage form the user's browser. After that PHP users the code in file and the data from the database. The browser needs this to create the HTML that browsers requires to display web pages. Soon after running the code, PHP than passes the data back to the web server, than it's sent to the browser. While this process is occurring it stores new data in MySQL.

PART 1

LAMP STACK INSTALLATION:

- 1. systemctl status httpd
- 2. yum -y install net-tools
- 3. netstat -a | less
- 4. yum provides */httpd
- 5. yum -y install httpd
- 6. yum -y install lynx
- 7. lynx httpd://localhost
- 8. systemctl start httpd
- 9. systemctl status httpd

MYSQL INSTALLATION:

10. systemctl status mysql

12. yum provides */mysql 13. yum -y install mariadb 14. yum -y install mariadb-server 15. systemctl start mariadb.service 16. mysql 17. UPDATE mysql.user SET Password=PASSWORD('MyNewPass') WHERE User='root'; 18. flush PRIVILEGES; 19. CREATE USER 'mariusz'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password'; 20. CREATE Database lamp; 21. Use lamp 22. CREATE TABLE person(Name VARCHAR(64), Age INT, address VARCHAR(128)); 23. insert into person(Name, Age, address) values ('Mariusz Pelc', 15, 'Poland'); 24. grant SELECT on person to 'mariusz'@'localhost'; 25. exit 26. yum install php php-common php-opcache php-mcrypt php-cli php-gd php-curl php-mysqlnd 27. scp student@192.168.3.97:/home/student/* /var/www/html 28. systemctl restart httpd.service 29. yum -y install lynx 30. lynx http://localhost/

11. yum provides */mysqld

PART 2:

VULNERABILITY REPORT:

Web servers are the most used thing in the internet and the applications are running in the web servers such as PHP, JAVA and Python. Because of this web servers are flexible. Hackers are trying to infiltrate the web servers frequently, sometimes the web pages becomes unavailable causing instructions to face financial losses, failing to provide the valuable service that provide. So in order to make the server more secure system admins needs to install or add additional security for the web servers. This is where Apache comes in and its available in Linux and windows.

The very 1st thing we need to look when installing Apache is the version one must install the latest version of Apache alone with keeping an eye out for any additional updates. If the version is not properly updated attackers can exploit it and damage the system.

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[root@localhost ~]# httpd -v
Server version: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS)
Server built: Apr 2 2020 13:13:23
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There is one other key vulnerabilities of the Apache and that is visibility of the version number. Since attackers are looking every chance to harm the system.

The flexibility of the HTTPD is also one of its core weakness. Since older technologies can be easily replaced with newer technologies which makes it harder to maintain its security. The reason is the Apache has to change the service configuration all over again in order to enable this updates. It's like a double edged sword, either sacrifice security for flexibility or the other way around.

There should be only one directory for all the websites and if the admin fails to do that any unauthorized person can get aces to the root files.

Another important vulnerability of the Lamp Stack is SQL injection (S.C. Wu, 2008). In (Z. Su, 2006) all the aspects of SQL injection is briefly explained. "SQL injection [2] is a security loophole in the database layer of an application. It occurs when user input is either incorrectly filtered for string literal escape characters embedded in SQL statements or user input is not strongly typed and thereby unexpectedly executed" (S.C. Wu, 2008). After the installation of MySQL the admin needs to change the password and preventing unauthorized individuals to get access to the database and resulting data theft.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

The very first task stars when installing Apache the system administrator needs to check the version of Apache since different version have different kinds of flaws and those can be exploited easily. If the version is out-dated the system admin needs to do the following steps.

1st upgrade the server and by doing so the commonly known exploits can be prevented. There are one main and two sub version of the Apache since any kind of attempt of breaching the server is done on a specific version other sub version won't be affected by this.

Installing am Apache server from a source, not changing the information option or the redistribution of the package is only to install for HTTP protocol but if anyone want to install the SSL that person need to install yum from the installation package.

There is also another core risk of the HTTPS and which is flexibility the of HTTPS if it becomes flexible it has to compromise its security or the other way if its more secure it won't be flexible.

"Buffer overflow [1] is a programming error which may result in abnormal program behavior such as memory access exception, program termination, or a possible breakdown of system security" (S.C. Wu, 2008). Buffer appears when the data is overflowed and crossed the boundary and as a result data from other source gets over written.

AUDIT REPORT:

Exploring the vulnerabilities and solving them is the most appropriate ways to make a system secure.

To begin with a secure password for the system and web server one should make the password as complex as possible.

The Second task should be to change the .htaccess hidden files to root files to prevent hacker's from changing the system level.

Thirdly in the PHP section admin show hide the PHP version and later disabling the index listing form PHP. In the Apache we need to enable the Cross-site-scripting projection in the system. We can than enable the firewall to input extra lair of security.

To prevent SQL injection SQL statements should not and must not be embedded directly and let the user input escape or parameterized statements can be used as well. However there is a flow in it as well since web applications are programmed by different programmers these steps such as use of escapes and parameterized SQL statements can't be guaranteed.

CONCLUSION:

The main objective of the course work is to understand LAMP Stack how it works and how install and configure it. There is also discussions about different variant of Lamp, not to mention the possible risks and the vulnerability with the intention of how to fix them. Even though there many updated versions of Lamp and the variants such as Mean Stack is much more refined compare to Lamp which is outdated. But in the given scenario Lamp seems to be much suited if the possible risk and lacking can be fixed which is mentioned in the report and can provide a better Lamp Stack all together.

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