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### Task 1: Generate an RSA Private Key

**Command Used:** `openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -out private_key.pem -pkeyopt rsa_keygen_bits:2048`

**Screenshot:**

```
~ (0.086s)
openssl genrsa -out private_key.pem 2048
```

**Explanation:** This command generates a 2048-bit RSA private key and saves it to `private_key.pem`.

### Task 2: Generate an RSA Public Key

**Command Used:** `openssl rsa -pubout -in private_key.pem -out public_key.pem`

**Screenshot:**

```
~ (0.049s)
openssl rsa -in private_key.pem -pubout -out public_key.pem
writing RSA key
```

**Explanation:** This command extracts the public key from the private key and saves it to `public_key.pem`.

## Task 3: Create a Self-Signed Certificate

**Command Used:** `openssl req -new -x509 -key private_key.pem -out self_signed_cert.pem -days 365`

**Screenshot:**

```
~ (24.003s)
topenssl req -new -x509 -key private_key.pem -out self_signed_certificate.pem -days 365-export -in self_signed_cert.pem -inkey private_key.pem
openssl pkcs12 -export -in self_signed_cert.pem -inkey private_key.pem -out self_signed_cert.p12 -name "selfsigned"
```

You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated into your certificate request.

What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.

There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank

For some fields there will be a default value,

If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.

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Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:MX

State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:Mexico City, MEX

Locality Name (eg, city) []:Mexico

Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:UNAM

Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:UNAM

Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:alldito.mx

Email Address []:aalldiitoo@gmail.com

Enter Export Password:

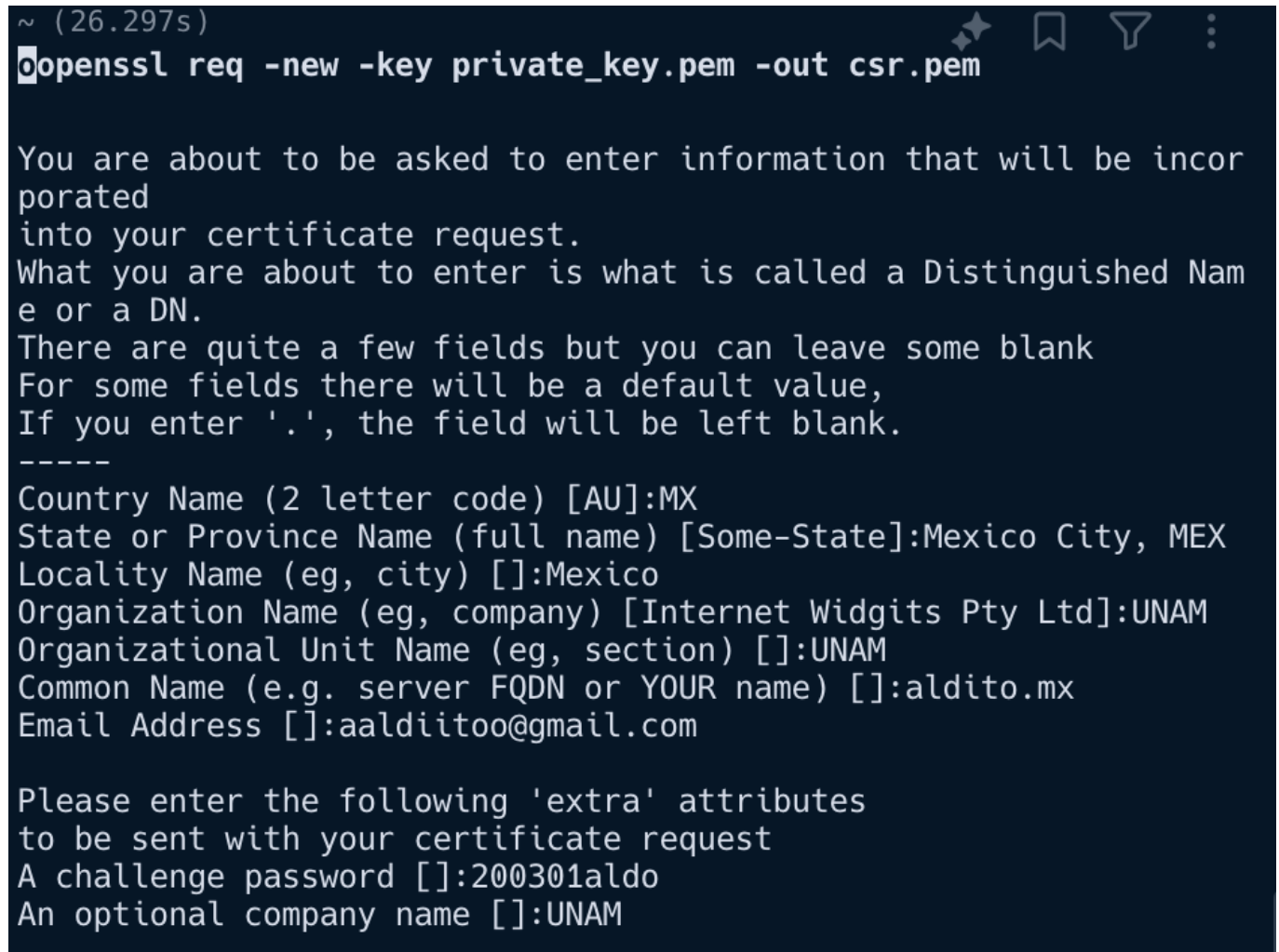
Verifying - Enter Export Password:

**Explanation:** This command creates a self-signed certificate valid for 365 days using the private key.

## Task 4: Create a Certificate Signed by an Authority

**Commands Used:**

1. `openssl req -new -key private_key.pem -out csr.pem`
2. `certbot certonly --standalone -d yourdomain.com --csr csr.pem`

**Screenshot:**

```
~ (26.297s)
openssl req -new -key private_key.pem -out csr.pem

You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name
or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
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Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:MX
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:Mexico City, MEX
Locality Name (eg, city) []:Mexico
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:UNAM
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:UNAM
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:aldito.mx
Email Address []:aaldiitoo@gmail.com

Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:200301aldo
An optional company name []:UNAM
```

**Explanation:** The first command generates a CSR, and the second command uses Let's Encrypt to sign the certificate.

## Task 5: Verify the Certificate

**Command Used:** `openssl verify -CAfile path/to/ca_cert.pem -untrusted intermediate.pem yourdomain.com.pem`

## Screenshot:

```

certbot
t.pem -days 365 -export -in self_signed_cert.pem -inkey private_key.pem -out self_signed_cert.p12 -name "selfsigned"

~ (26.297s)
openssl req -new -key private_key.pem -out csr.pem

You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name
or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
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Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:MX
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:Mexico City, MEX
Locality Name (eg, city) []:Mexico
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:UNAM
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:UNAM
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:aldito.mx
Email Address []:aalditoo@gmail.com

Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:200301alido
An optional company name []:UNAM

~ (1.613s)
sudo certbot certonly --manual --csr csr.pem --domain local.unam.mx

Password:
sudo: a password is required

~
sudo certbot certonly --manual --csr csr.pem --domain aldito.mx
Password:
Saving debug log to /var/log/letsencrypt/letsencrypt.log
Requesting a certificate for aldito.mx

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Create a file containing just this data:

__AmU0AHJvioXb8BMjDGcC74pjR4YcQjjcQRY-GDcjQ.0VYwNZIe3cyUc8YW_qrx-
Gg9pCKiCQ1-7litn3gL6Iw

And make it available on your web server at this URL:

http://aldito.mx/.well-known/acme-challenge/__AmU0AHJvioXb8BMjDGcC74pjR4YcQjjcQRY-GDcjQ

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Press Enter to Continue

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~/.o/~/.letsencrypt-server
~/letsencrypt-server (0.054s)
Yecho "__AmU0AHJvioXb8BMjDGcC74pjR4YcQjjcQRY-GDcjQ.0VYwNZIe3cyUc8YW_qrx-Gg9pCKiCQ1-7litn3gL6Iw" > .well-known/acme-challenge/__AmU0AHJvioXb8BMjDGcC74pjR4YcQjjcQRY-GDcjQ

~/letsencrypt-server (0.061s)
Bcurl http://aldito.mx/.well-known/acme-challenge/__AmU0AHJvioXb8BMjDGcC74pjR4YcQjjcQRY-GDcjQ
curl: (7) Failed to connect to aldito.mx port 80 after 1 ms: Could not connect to server

~/letsencrypt-server (0.068s)
Bcurl http://aldito.mx/.well-known/acme-challenge/__AmU0AHJvioXb8BMjDGcC74pjR4YcQjjcQRY-GDcjQ.0VYwNZIe3cyUc8YW_qrx-Gg9pCKiCQ1-7litn3gL6Iw

~/letsencrypt-server
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```

**Explanation:** This command verifies the certificate against the CA certificate and intermediate certificate.

## Conclusions

Through this exercise, I learned how to use OpenSSL command line utilities to generate RSA keys, create self-signed certificates, and obtain certificates signed by an authority. The process of generating and verifying certificates is crucial for ensuring secure communications over the internet. Using Let's Encrypt provides a free and automated way to obtain trusted certificates, which is beneficial for small projects and organizations.

I had the problem in the step 5, I couldn't create a host or domain to verify the certificate, so I couldn't complete the task. I will try to solve this problem in the future.