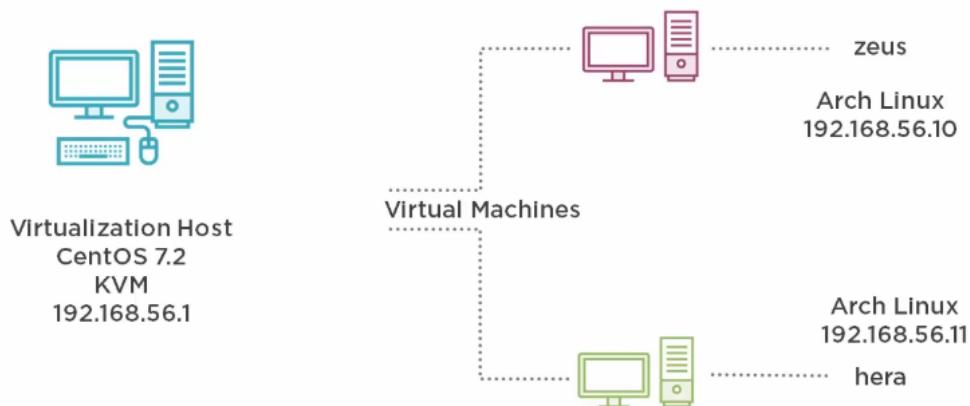
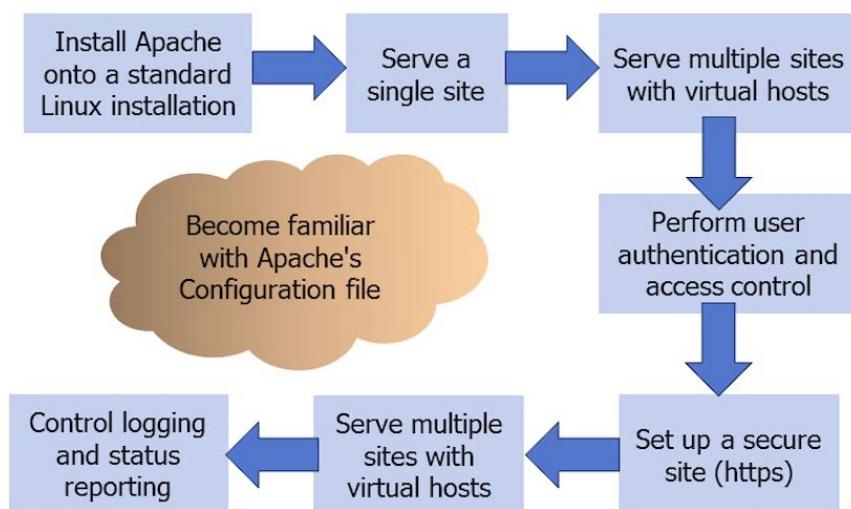


Lab Environment



What You Will Learn in This Course



Our Scenario

- **A small lending library needs three web sites**
 - A public-facing site that anyone can use to browse the library's list of books
 - A "members only" section available only to subscribed members
 - An internal site that the librarians use to track which books are on loan and when they are due back
- **The site needs to be secure**
 - Members store personal information there
- **A second branch library needs their own site**
 - Same features
 - Different URL

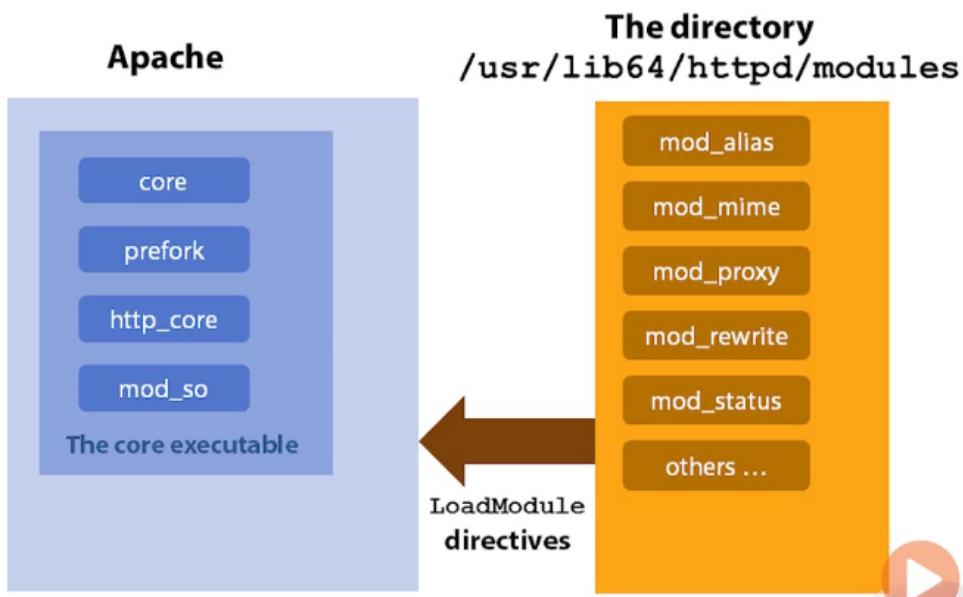
2.5.Installing Apache

```
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ sudo yum -y install httpd          (optionally: install httpd-manual - Browse to  
http://localhost/manual)  
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ sudo systemctl enable httpd  
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ sudo systemctl start httpd  
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ ss -ntl                           (port 80 should be open)
```

```
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ sudo su -c "echo hello > /var/www/html/index.html"  
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ lynx localhost (you should see the “hello” message)
```

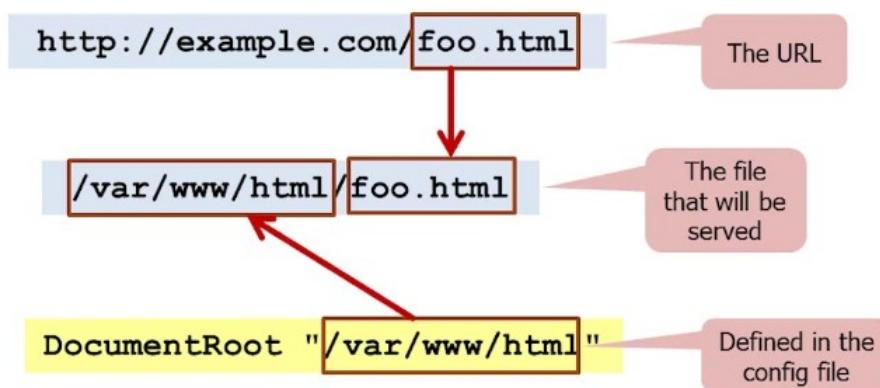
3.Apache HTTPD Minimal Configuration

Apache's Modular Architecture



Setting the Document Root

The `DocumentRoot` defines the top-level directory of the web site



3.1.Apache Configuration

httpd.conf is the main configuration file for the Apache Web Server. Located in /etc/httpd/conf/ in Centos, but Ubuntu uses /etc/apache2 directory.

```
ServerName zeus
Listen 80
User http
Group http
LoadModule dir_module modules/mod_dir.so
```

Configuration

The configuration file will contain directives. Some of which require modules to be loaded to support their operation. For example, the **dir_module** allows use of the **DirectoryIndex** option used to load the index.html where a page is not supplied in the URI.

```
$ sudo apachectl -M #Displays loaded modules
```

Modules

The Apache binary will load shared modules with the **LoadModule** directive. It is likely that more modules are loaded by default than are actually needed. We can reduce LoadModule and other directives to a bare minimum and then add those which we need.

3.2.Creating a Minimal Configuration

```
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ sudo apachectl -M
```

```
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ sudo yum install lynx tree
```

```
[vagrant@zeus ~]$ lynx localhost (you should see the “hello” message)
```

```
[vagrant@mail01 ~]$ tree /etc/httpd/
```

```
/etc/httpd/
├── conf
│   ├── httpd.conf
│   └── magic
└── conf.d
    ├── autoindex.conf
    ├── README
    ├── userdir.conf
    └── welcome.conf
└── conf.modules.d
    ├── 00-base.conf
    ├── 00-dav.conf
    └── 00-lua.conf
```

```

└── 00-mpm.conf
└── 00-proxy.conf
└── 00-systemd.conf
└── 01-cgi.conf
└── logs -> ../../var/log/httpd
└── modules -> ../../usr/lib64/httpd/modules
└── run -> /run/httpd

```

[vagrant@zeus conf]\$ grep -Ev '^\\ ?\\ ?\\ ?#|^\$' /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf

3.4. Testing the Apache Configuration

[vagrant@zeus conf]\$ sudo apachectl configtest

Syntax OK

[vagrant@zeus conf]\$ sudo systemctl restart httpd

[vagrant@zeus conf]\$ sudo systemctl status httpd

[vagrant@zeus ~]\$ lynx localhost (you should see the “hello” message)

[vagrant@zeus conf]\$ sudo apachectl -M

3.5. Understanding Virtual Hosts

Apache **Virtual Hosts** will allow for different DocumentRoot settings for sites accessed with different Host Names, IP Addresses or Ports.

```

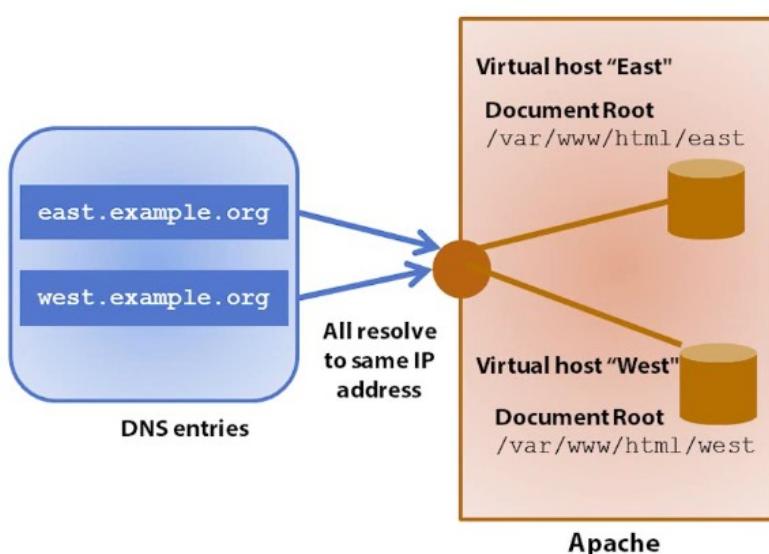
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName sales.example.com
  DocumentRoot /srv/vhosts/sales
</VirtualHost>

```

Virtual Host Blocks

This example shows a Named Based Virtual Host. When accessing the host **sales.example.com** we will be taken to the specified DocumentRoot. Whilst in Apache 2.4 it is not required Apache 2.2 and earlier need the Server directive **NameVirtualHost**.

Name-Based Virtual Hosting



How Does Apache Know Which Site to Serve?

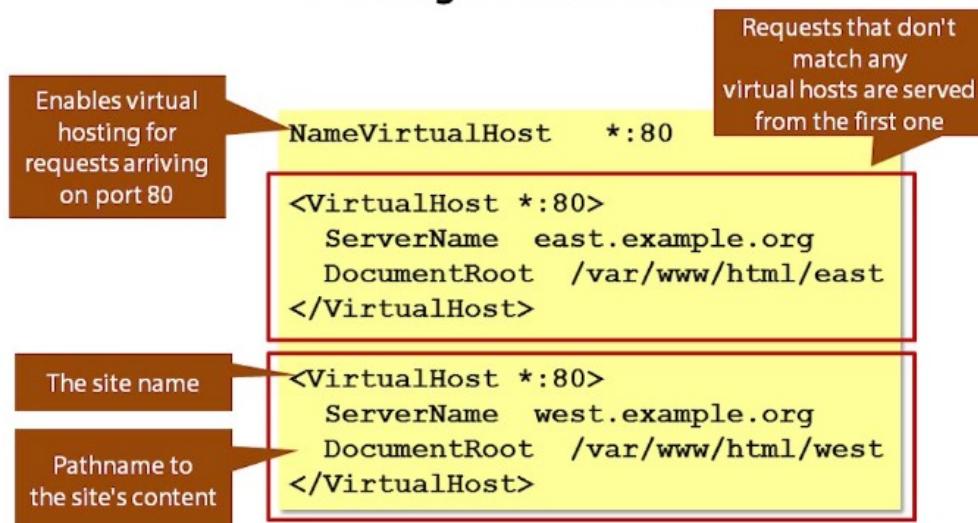
The host field in the http request header identifies which site (virtual host) to serve:

```
GET http://east.example.org/ HTTP/1.1  
Host: east.example.org
```

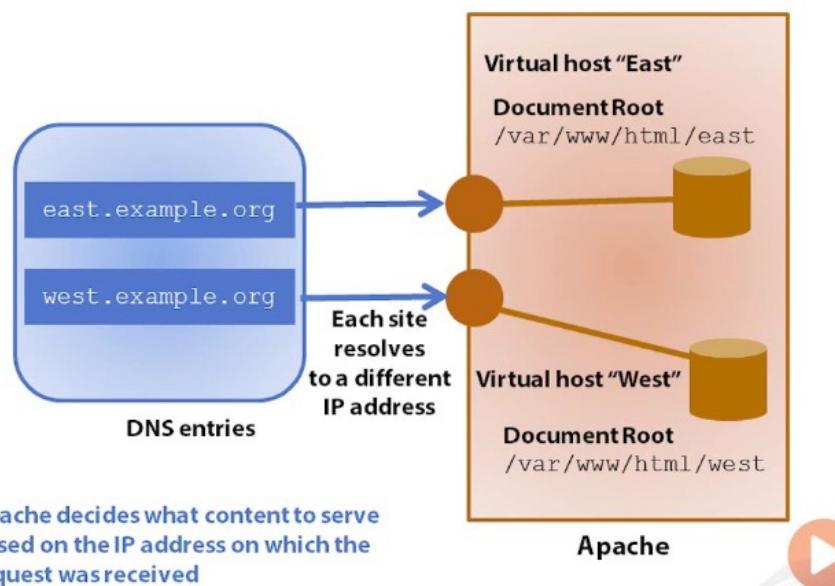


Matched against the <VirtualHost> containers in the configuration file

Defining a Virtual Host



IP-Based Virtual Hosting



3.6.Creating Named Based Virtual Hosts

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo vi /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf
```

```
[...]
```

```
# Load config files in the "/etc/httpd/conf.d" directory, if any.  
IncludeOptional conf.d/*.conf
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo vi /etc/httpd/conf.d/sales.frozza.com.conf  
<VirtualHost *:80>
```

```
    ServerAdmin root@sales.com  
    DocumentRoot "/var/www/html/sales"  
    ServerName sales  
    ServerAlias www.sales.com  
    <Directory /var/www/html/sales>  
        Require all granted  
    </Directory>  
</VirtualHost>
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo mkdir -p /var/www/html/sales
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo echo Sales > /var/www/html/sales/index.html
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo apachectl configtest
```

```
Syntax OK
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo su -
```

```
[root@zeus ~]# echo "127.0.0.1 sales.com sales" >> /etc/hosts
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# lynx sales
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# lynx localhost (you shold see the “Sales” message, and its not good as sales.com became the default site. We need to adjust this – later).
```

3.7.Creating Port Based and IP Based Virtual Hosts

```
[root@mail01 conf.d]# vi default.frozza.com.conf
```

```
<VirtualHost *:80>  
    ServerAdmin root@default.frozza.com  
    DocumentRoot "/var/www/html"  
    <Directory /var/www/html>  
        Require all granted  
    </Directory>  
</VirtualHost>
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ lynx mail01 → should show “hello”
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ lynx sales → should show “sales”
```

```
=====
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# vi vhost-zeus-port.conf
```

```
Listen 9000
```

```
<VirtualHost *:9000>
```

```
ServerAdmin root@zeus.com
DocumentRoot "/srv/vhosts/zeus_port"
<Directory /srv/vhosts/zeus_port>
    Require all granted
</Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# mkdir /var/www/html/9000port
[root@zeus extra]# echo port_9000 > /var/www/html/9000port/index.html
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# apachectl configtest
Syntax OK
[root@zeus extra]# systemctl restart httpd
```

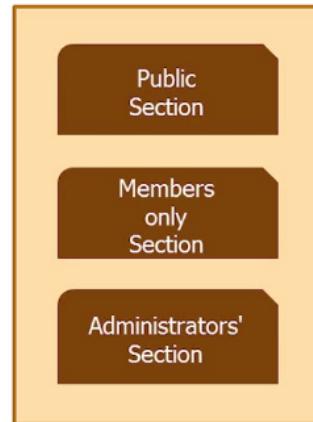
```
[root@zeus extra]# lynx http://localhost:9000      → should show "zeus_9000"
```

In case of use of IP based, the server should have one IP for each vhost and it is defined in the block as “<VirtualHost 10.0.1.1:80>”.

4.Apache Access Control

Scenario

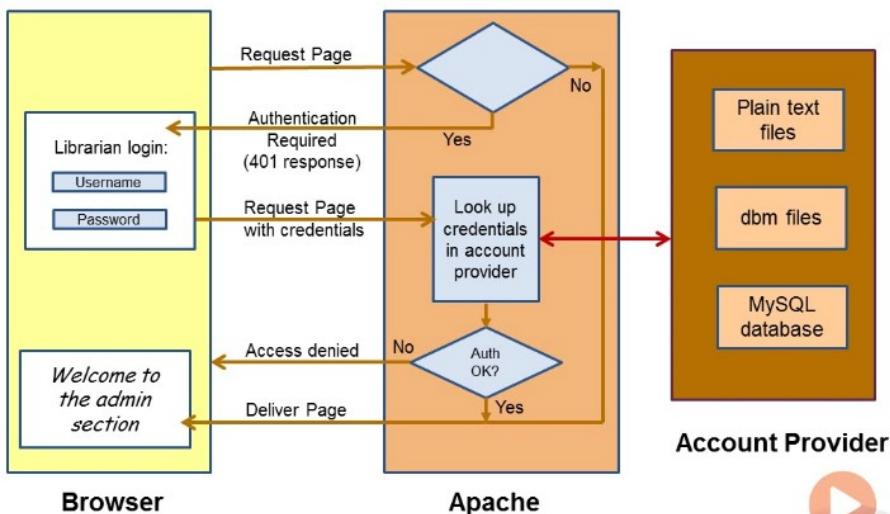
- Some parts of our library's web site are public
 - Browse the available books
- Some parts are accessible only to registered members
 - Browse their borrowing history
- Some parts are accessible only to librarians
 - Add book, add borrowers, check books out and in



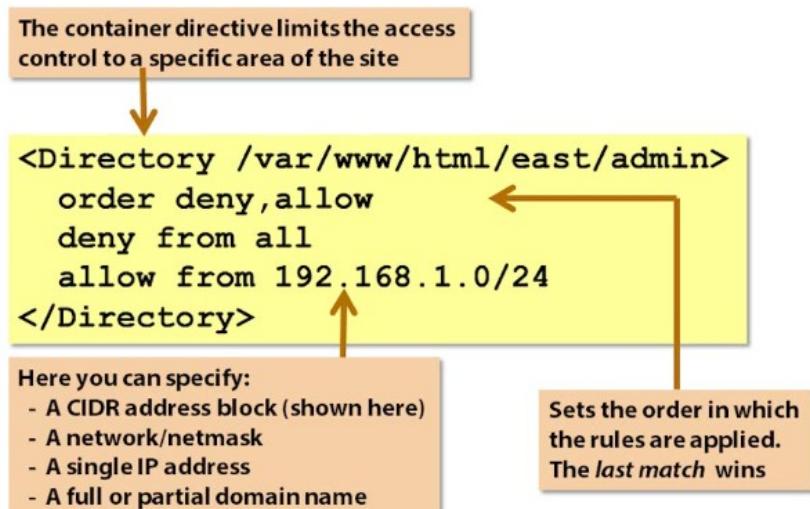
Controlling Access Based on User Identity

- Access to parts of a site can be restricted
 - Require authentication and authorization of the user
- User account information can be kept in several places
 - Plain text files
 - DBM files
 - MySQL database
- Here, we'll restrict access to the "admin" section of our site to the librarians Jim and Carla
 - Since the number of users is small, we'll store them in a plain text file

How HTTP Authentication Works

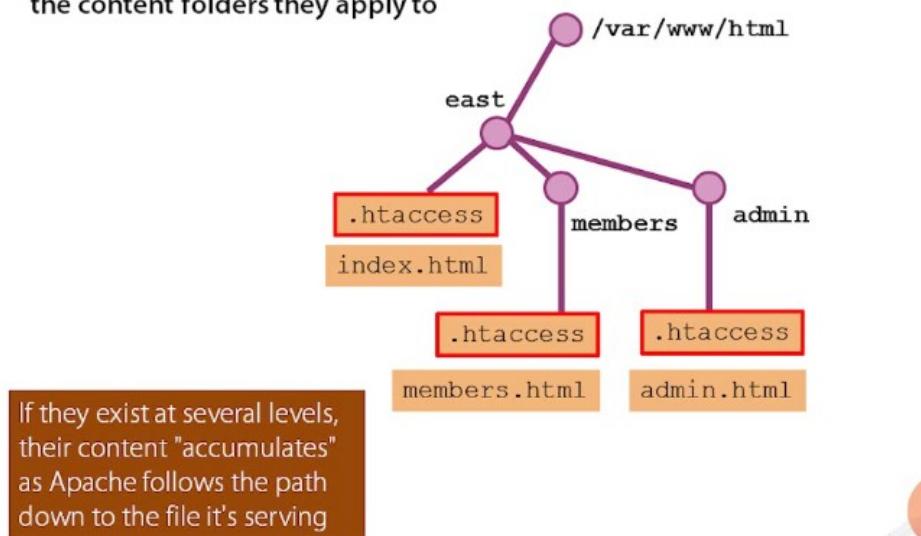


Controlling Access Based on Client Machine Identity



.htaccess Files

.htaccess files allow (some) configuration directives to be placed in the content folders they apply to



What Can You Put in a .htaccess File?

The site administrator can determine what's allowed in a .htaccess file using `AllowOverride`:

AllowOverride setting	What's allowed
<code>None</code>	Nothing
<code>All</code>	Everything
<code>AuthConfig</code>	User authentication directives
<code>FileInfo</code>	Various (see documentation!)
<code>Indexes</code>	Directives controlling the display of directory listings
<code>Limit</code>	Directives controlling host access

In this case
Apache does not
even look for
.htaccess files

Example: `AllowOverride AuthConfig Indexes`

4.1. Introduction to Apache Authorization and Authentication

Control Host Access Apache 2.2

Prior to Apache 2.4, host access control would be written similar to the following:

```
Order allow,deny  
Allow from localhost
```

Where the default access is denied except for those hosts listed in the allow list. With Apache 2.4, access control is maintained using the `Require` directive for both hosts and users

The Server Status page can be viewed via web browser when this is enabled. Access to this page may be restricted to the Server itself and perhaps your Management Workstation.

```
LoadModule status_module modules/mod_status.so  
LoadModule authz_host_module modules/mod_authz_host.so  
<Location "/status">  
    SetHandler server-status  
    Require ip 127.0.0.1  
</Location>
```

Configuring the Status Page

For this we introduce the `Location` block and load two additional modules. A `Location` block is similar to a `Directory` block, however it is used to secure `items outside of the filesystem`, unlike the `Directory` block. In this case we use it to secure access to the module using the URI `/status`.

4.2. Displaying and Securing the Server Status Page

```
[root@mail01 conf.d]# vi 9000port.frozza.com.conf  
LoadModule authz_host_module modules/mod_authz_host.so  
LoadModule status_module modules/mod_status.so  
Listen 9000
```

```

<VirtualHost *:9000>
    ServerAdmin root@9000port.frozza.com
    DocumentRoot "/var/www/html/9000port"
    <Directory /var/www/html/9000port>
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
    <Location "/status">
        SetHandler server-status
        Require ip 127.0.0.1
    </Location>
</VirtualHost>

```

[root@zeus conf]# apachectl configtest
Syntax OK

[root@zeus conf]# systemctl restart httpd
[root@zeus conf]# lynx http://127.0.0.1:9000/status (should work)

```

Apache Server Status for 127.0.0.1 (via 127.0.0.1)

Server Version: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS)
Server MPM: prefork
Server Built: Apr 24 2019 13:45:48

Current Time: Tuesday, 11-Jun-2019 22:24:29 UTC
Restart Time: Tuesday, 11-Jun-2019 22:21:01 UTC
Parent Server Config. Generation: 1
Parent Server MPM Generation: 0
Server uptime: 3 minutes 28 seconds
Server load: 0.00 0.01 0.05
Total accesses: 5 - Total Traffic: 5 kB

```

[root@zeus conf]# lynx http://10.0.0.12:9000/status (should be denied)

4.3.Understanding User Authentication

```

LoadModule auth_basic_module modules/mod_auth_basic.so
LoadModule authn_file_module modules/mod_authn_file.so
LoadModule authz_user_module modules/mod_authz_user.so

```

User Access

To be able to authenticate users we need to load an additional 3 modules as a minimum. An **Authentication Type**, an **Authentication Provider** and an **Authorization module**.

```

LoadModule authn_core_module modules/mod_authn_core.so
LoadModule authz_core_module modules/mod_authz_core.so

```

Core Modules

The core modules need to be loaded as well.

```
AuthType Basic  
AuthName "Only authorized users allowed"  
AuthUserFile /etc/httpd/sales.pwd  
Require valid-user  
#Require user fred joe
```

Authentication Settings

To allow user authentication to a file we can add code similar to this.

```
htpasswd -c /etc/httpd/sales.pwd fred  
htpasswd /etc/httpd/sales.pwd joe  
htpasswd -D /etc/httpd/sales.pwd joe  
htpasswd -v /etc/httpd/sales.pwd fred  
echo Password1 | htpasswd -i /etc/httpd/sales.pwd joe
```

Configure User Passwords

To manage file based users and passwords we have the **htpasswd** command.

4.4.Additional Modules for User Authentication

Authenticating Users

Authenticating users will require the modules:

authz_user_module
auth_basic_module
authn_file_module

The password file can be populated with the command:
htpasswd

Authorization can be either a list of users or all users:

Require user bob joe
Require valid-user

```
[root@zeus conf]# vi httpd.conf  
[...]  
LoadModule authz_core_module modules/mod_authz_core.so → does authorization  
LoadModule authn_core_module modules/mod_authn_core.so → does authentication  
LoadModule authz_host_module modules/mod_authz_host.so  
LoadModule auth_basic_module modules/mod_auth_basic.so  
LoadModule authn_file_module modules/mod_authn_file.so  
LoadModule authz_user_module modules/mod_authz_user.so  
LoadModule mime_module modules/mod_mime.so  
LoadModule log_config_module modules/mod_log_config.so  
LoadModule mpm_event_module modules/mod_mpm_event.so
```

```
LoadModule unixd_module modules/mod_unixd.so
LoadModule dir_module modules/mod_dir.so
[...]
```

auth = authentication type (basic, file, etc)
authn = authentication provider
authz = authorization

4.5.Configuring the Virtual Host to Authenticate Users

```
[root@mail01 conf.modules.d]# grep autoindex /etc/httpd/conf.modules.d/*
00-base.conf:LoadModule autoindex_module modules/mod_autoindex.so
```

It's usefull to list the content of a directory, for ex, a downloads area.

```
[root@zeus conf]# apachectl configtest
[root@zeus conf]# mkdir /var/www/html/downloads
[root@zeus conf]# cp /etc/hosts !$
```

```
[root@mail01 conf.modules.d]# tree /var/www/html
/var/www/html
└── 9000port
    ├── index.html
    ├── downloads
    │   └── hosts
    ├── index.html
    └── sales
        └── index.html
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# vi vhost-zeus.conf
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin root@zeus.com
    DocumentRoot "/srv/http"
    <Directory /srv/http>
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
    <Directory /srv/http/downloads>
        Options Indexes
        AuthType Basic
        AuthName "Only users allowed"
        AuthUserFile /etc/httpd/sales.pwd
        Require valid-user
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

```
[root@zeus httpd]# htpasswd -c /etc/httpd/sales.pwd fred
New Password: <fred>
Re-type new password: <fred>
```

No need of '-c' if the file is already created.

```
[root@zeus httpd]# htpasswd /etc/httpd/sales.pwd bob
```

```
New Password: <bob>
Re-type new password: <bob>
```

```
[root@zeus httpd]# htpasswd -D /etc/httpd/sales.pwd bob      (to delete a user)

[root@zeus httpd]# echo joe | htpasswd -i /etc/httpd/sales.pwd joe   (useful to use it on scripts)
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd
```

```
[root@mail01 conf.d]# lynx http://localhost/downloads
(should be prompted for user and password ... and allow navigation for fred and joe)
```

4.7.Authorizing User Groups

```
[root@zeus httpd]# vi groups
sales: fred joe
```

```
[root@zeus httpd]# echo jack | htpasswd -i sales.pwd jack
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# vi vhost-zeus.conf
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin root@zeus.com
    DocumentRoot "/srv/http"
    <Directory /srv/http>
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
    <Directory /srv/http/downloads>
        Options Indexes
        AuthType Basic
        AuthName "Only users allowed"
        AuthUserFile /etc/httpd/sales.pwd
        AuthGroupFile /etc/httpd/groups
        Require group sales
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

```
[root@zeus conf]# vi httpd.conf
[...]
LoadModule authz_user_module modules/mod_authz_user.so
LoadModule authz_groupfile_module modules/mod_authz_groupfile.so
LoadModule mime_module modules/mod_mime.so
[...]
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd
```

```
[vagrant@zeus conf]$ lynx http://zeus/downloads
(should allow navigation for fred and joe and deny for user jack)
```

5.Using Scripts to Deliver Dynamic Content

CGI Scripts

Dynamic content can be created for your site using scripts. This is provided by Common Gateway Interface with scripts created in languages such as PERL or even BASH.

5.1.Dynamic Web Content

```
LoadModule alias_module modules/mod_alias.so  
LoadModule cgid_module modules/mod_cgid.so
```

Adding Modules

Our Server configuration within the httpd.conf will require two additional modules. The **CGI External Daemon Module** allows script execution and the **Alias Module** to allow us to create directory aliases.

```
ScriptAlias "/cgi-bin/" "/srv/cgi-bin"  
  
<Directory /srv/cgi-bin>  
    AddHandler cgi-script .sh .pl  
    Options +ExecCGI  
    Require all granted  
</Directory>
```

VHosts Settings

Adding a **ScriptAlias** allows us to have executable content in a central directory. Within the Directory block we allow the CGI module to be used with .pl and .sh files and ensure they can be executed.

```
#!/bin/bash  
echo 'Content-type: text/html'  
echo ''  
echo "<h1>$ (uname -n)</h1>"  
echo "<h2>Root Filesystem</h2>"  
echo "$ (df -hT / | grep -v Filesystem ) "  
echo "<h2>Swap Filesystem</h2>"  
echo "$ (swapon -s | grep -v File)"
```

A Simple Shell Script

The echo command is used to print text to the browser. The output from commands can be displayed using either back ticks or \$(). Within our example the file should be saved in the **/srv/cgi-bin** directory

5.2.Configuring the Server to Run BASH Scripts

```
[root@mail01 conf.modules.d]# grep mod_alias *  
00-base.conf:LoadModule alias_module modules/mod_alias.so  
[root@mail01 conf.modules.d]# grep mod_cgid *  
01-cgi.conf: LoadModule cgid_module modules/mod_cgid.so
```

```
[root@mail01 conf.d]# vi default.frozza.com.conf  
<VirtualHost *:80>  
    ServerAdmin root@default.frozza.com  
    DocumentRoot "/var/www/html"  
    <Directory /var/www/html>  
        Require all granted  
    </Directory>  
    <Directory /var/www/html/downloads>  
        Options Indexes  
        AuthType Basic
```

```

AuthName "Only users allowed"
AuthUserFile /etc/httpd/sales.pwd
Require valid-user
</Directory>
ScriptAlias "/cgi-bin/" "/var/www/cgi-bin/"
<Directory "/var/www/cgi-bin">
    AddHandler cgi-script .sh .pl
    Options +ExecCGI
    Require all granted
</Directory>
</VirtualHost>

```

[root@mail01 conf.d]# vi /var/www/cgi-bin/report.sh
#!/bin/bash

```

echo 'Content-type: text/html'
echo ''
echo "<h1>$ (uname -n)</h1>"
echo "<h2>Root Filesystem</h2>"
echo "$(df -hT / | grep -v Filesystem)"

```

[root@mail01 conf.d]# chmod +x !\$

[root@zeus extra]# systemctl restart httpd

[root@mail01 conf.d]# lynx http://localhost/cgi-bin/report.sh

5.4.Understanding .htaccess Files

.htaccess

A .htaccess file provides a way to make configuration changes on a per-directory basis without the need of restarting the server when configuration changes are made.

```

AddHandler cgi-script .sh .pl
Options +ExecCGI
Require all granted

```

.htaccess Settings

As an alternative to adding the settings within the virtual host we can create a .htaccess file. Add this file to the /srv/cgi-bin folder.

```

AllowOverride none # Used where .htaccess files are not
required. Use of these files slows the server down

AllowOverride all # Where tenants are allowed complete use
of .htaccess files

AllowOverride AuthConfig Options FileInfo # Where tenants
have a restricted set of options that are allowed from
.htaccess files

```

Configuring .htaccess Security

5.5.Migrating to .htaccess Files

```
[root@mail01 conf.d]# vi default.frozza.com.conf
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin root@default.frozza.com
    DocumentRoot "/var/www/html"
    <Directory /var/www/html>
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
    <Directory /var/www/html/downloads>
        Options Indexes
        AuthType Basic
        AuthName "Only users allowed"
        AuthUserFile /etc/httpd/sales.pwd
        Require valid-user
    </Directory>
    ScriptAlias "/cgi-bin/" "/var/www/cgi-bin/"
    <Directory "/var/www/cgi-bin">
        AllowOverride AuthConfig Options FileInfo
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# systemctl restart httpd
[root@mail01 conf.d]# lynx http://localhost/cgi-bin/report.sh (this should fail!)
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# vi /var/www/cgi-bin/.htaccess
AddHandler cgi-script .sh .pl
Options +ExecCGI
Require all granted
```

(no need to reboot after .htaccess creation or modification)

```
[root@mail01 conf.d]# lynx http://localhost/cgi-bin/report.sh (should work this time)
```

5.6.Running PERL Scripts in Apache

```
[root@zeus extra]# vi /var/www/cgi-bin/date.pl
#!/usr/bin/perl
```

```
use strict;
use warnings;
print qq(Content-type: text/html\n\n);
print scalar localtime;
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# chmod +x /var/www/cgi-bin/date.pl
```

```
[root@zeus extra]# lynx http://zeus/cgi-bin/date.pl (should show the system date)
```

5.7.Understanding PHP and Apache

5.8.Configuring PHP

```
[vagrant@mail01 ~]$ sudo yum install php
```

10-php.conf file loads the PHP module and associate .php files with it. IMPORTANT: The php7 module does not work in threaded MPM mode so we need to run in pre-fork mode (it requires changes in httpd.conf). However, as we've installed php5, we can keep the default configuration:

```
[vagrant@mail01 ~]$ sudo rpm -qf /etc/httpd/conf.modules.d/10-php.conf  
php-5.4.16-46.el7.x86_64
```

```
[vagrant@mail01 ~]$ cat /etc/httpd/conf.modules.d/10-php.conf  
<IfModule prefork.c>  
    LoadModule php5_module modules/libphp5.so  
</IfModule>
```

Simple PHP Test Page: The phpinfo function is often used as a simple test. This can be saved in the DocumentRoot as test.php:

```
[vagrant@mail01 ~]$ sudo vi /var/www/cgi-bin/test.php  
<?php phpinfo(); ?>
```

```
[vagrant@mail01 ~]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd  
[vagrant@mail01 ~]$ lynx http://127.0.0.1/cgi-bin/test.php (should show the php test page)
```

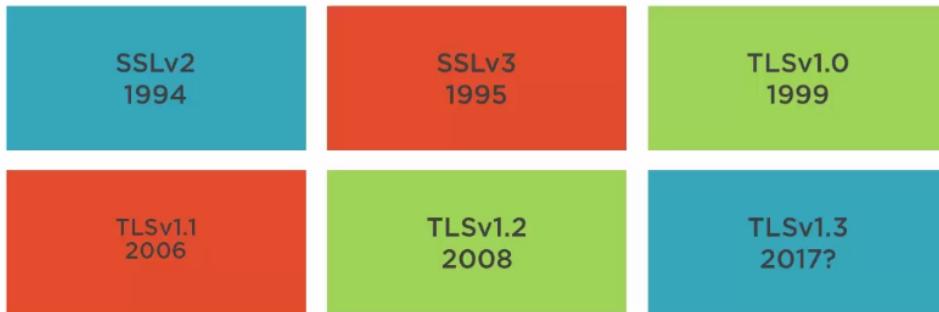
6.Securing Apache with HTTPS



- SSL/TLS Overview
- Generate Server Private Key
- Generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR)
- Signing Requests
- Deploying SSL on Apache
- Redirect HTTP to HTTPS and HSTS
- Free Signed Certificates from Linux Foundations' "Let's Encrypt" CA**

6.1Using SSL and TLS on the Internet

SSL/TLS Timeline



SSL or TLS

The SSL protocol is very much defunct nowadays. We can see this from the timeline. The name **TLS** as a replacement to **SSL** was more driven by politics rather than any key differences. Many people use the term **SSL** when in fact they are referring to the **TLS** protocol. Both work at the **Presentation Layer (6)** of the OSI Model.

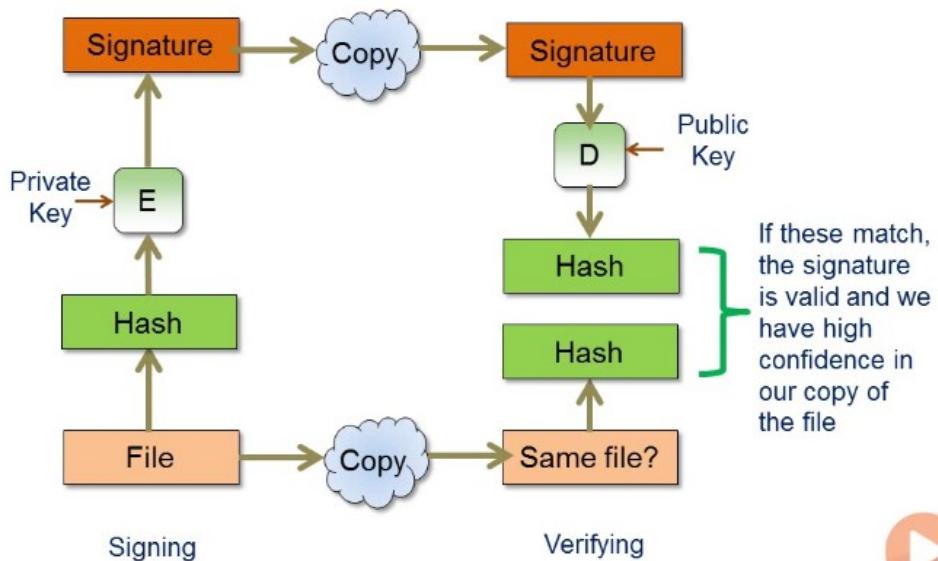
TLS Provides the CIA Triad

Confidentiality: Encryption - keeping data secure across public networks including the infamous coffee-shop WiFi

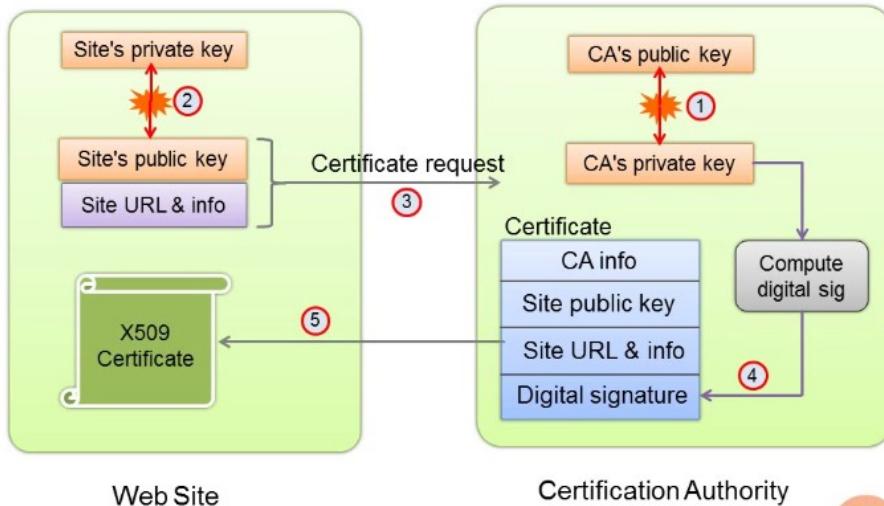
Integrity: Has the data been interfered with since leaving the server. Has my mobile network provider inserted advertisements in a third-party site that I am viewing across their network

Authenticity: Are we talking to the correct server and when I enter my password is it being sent to the server I think I am sending it to

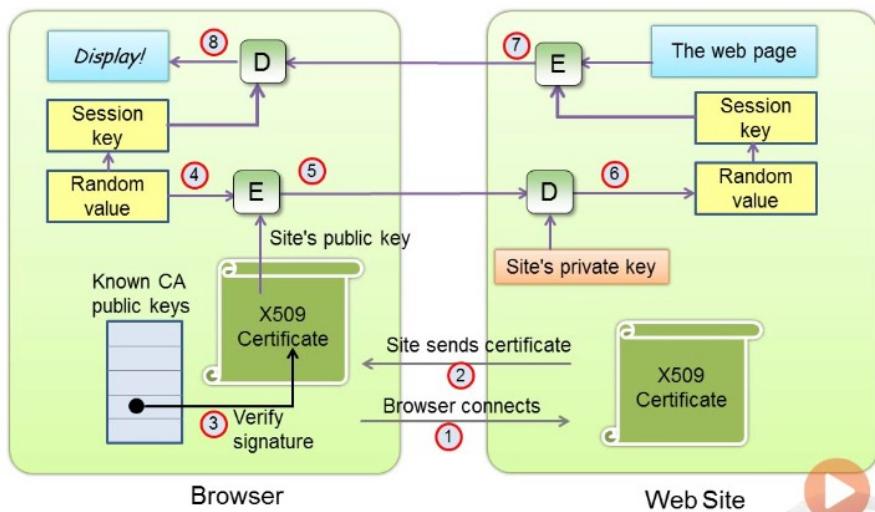
Digital Signatures



Obtaining a Digital Certificate



The SSL Connection



```
[root@trainsignal ~]# mkdir /etc/httpd/ssl
[root@trainsignal ~]# openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 \
> -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout /etc/httpd/ssl/apache.key \
> -out /etc/httpd/ssl/apache.crt
Generating a 2048 bit RSA private key
.....+++
.....+++
writing new private key to '/etc/httpd/ssl/apache.key'
-----
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.
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) [XX]:uk
State or Province Name (full name) []:
Locality Name (eg, city) [Default City]:Literature
Organization Name (eg, company) [Default Company Ltd]:The Library
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:east.example.org
Email Address []:jim@east.example.org
```

6.2 Creating Private Keys

End-Entries such as HTTPS Servers will require their own public and private key pair. We start by generating the private key. This should be kept secure:

```
[root@zeus ~]# openssl version (Make sure version is later than 1.0.1f)
```

```
[root@zeus ~]# cd /etc/httpd/conf
```

```
[root@zeus conf]# openssl genrsa -out server.key 2048
```

```
[root@zeus conf]# openssl rsa -noout -text -in server.key
```

6.3 Creating a Certificate Signing Request

Generate the CSR, or Certificate Signing Request, to create the End-Entries Public Key. As the name suggests it will need to be signed before it is a fully functional x509 certificate. Note, that there is a relationship between the csr and the server private key:

```
[vagrant@mail01 conf]$ sudo openssl req -new -key server.key -out server.csr  
[...]  
Country Name (2 letter code) [XX]:BR  
State or Province Name (full name) []:Parana  
Locality Name (eg, city) [Default City]:Curitiba  
Organization Name (eg, company) [Default Company Ltd]:Frozza  
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:IT  
Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:mail01.frozza.com  
Email Address []:root@mail01.frozza.com
```

Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request

A challenge password []:

An optional company name []:

```
[vagrant@mail01 conf]$ cat server.csr  
[vagrant@mail01 conf]$ openssl req -noout -text -in server.csr
```

6.4 Self-signing the Public Key

Self-sign the CSR: The Private Key is also an Untrusted-CA that can be used to sign CSRs.
A Self-Signed Certificate can be used just fine, but will produce Browser UI warnings:

```
[vagrant@mail01 conf]$ sudo openssl x509 -req -sha256 -in server.csr -signkey server.key -out server.crt
```

```
[vagrant@mail01 conf]$ sudo openssl x509 -noout -text -in server.crt
```

```
[vagrant@mail01 conf]$ ls -lrt server*  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 1675 Jun 13 23:00 server.key  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 1062 Jun 13 23:07 server.csr  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 1322 Jun 13 23:15 server.crt
```

```
[vagrant@mail01 conf]$ man x509 ; man req ; man genrsa
```

6.5 Understanding Cipher Suites

Configuration

```
Listen 443
LoadModule ssl_module modules/mod_ssl.so
SSLCipherSuite HIGH:MEDIUM:!3DES:!RC4:!MD5:!SSLv3:!SSLv2
SSLHonorCipherOrder on
SSLProtocol all -SSLv2 -SSLv3
```

```
openssl ciphers -V 'HIGH:MEDIUM:!aRSA'
```

Working with Ciphers

If we want to know what ciphers we have allowed in our filter we can use the `openssl ciphers` subcommand

```
[root@zeus conf]# openssl ciphers
[root@zeus conf]# openssl ciphers -v HIGH
```

6.6 Deploying Virtual Servers with TLS/SSL

Virtual Host Blocks

```
<VirtualHost *:443>
    ServerName pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com
    DocumentRoot "/srv/http"
    DirectoryIndex "index.html"
    SSLEngine on
    SSLCertificateFile "conf/server.crt"
    SSLCertificateKeyFile "conf/server.key"
    <Directory "/srv/http">
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

```
[root@zeus conf]# vi httpd.conf
```

[...]

Listen 443

[...]

```
LoadModule ssl_module modules/mod_ssl.so
SSLCipherSuite      HIGH:MEDIUM:!3DES:!RC4:MD5:!SSLv3
SSLHonorCipherOrder on
SSLProtocol         all -SSLv2 -SSLv3
```

```
[...]
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerName pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com
    DirectoryIndex index.html
    DocumentRoot "/srv/http"
    <Directory "/srv/http">
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>

<VirtualHost *:443>
    ServerName pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com
    DocumentRoot "/srv/http"
    DirectoryIndex "index.html"
    SSLEngine on
    SSLCertificateFile "/etc/httpd/conf/server.crt"
    SSLCertificateKeyFile "/etc/httpd/conf/server.key"
    <Directory "/srv/http">
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

[root@zeus conf]# systemctl restart httpd

[root@zeus conf]# ss -ntlm (should see 80 and 443 open)

Now, you can try to open the page on browser: <https://pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com>

6.7Setting up the Acme Client Signing Client and Adding CA Signed Certificates to the Server

Let's Encrypt

New CA founded in 2015 to ensure all traffic on the Internet can be encrypted and secured. This is partly funded by the Linux Foundation.

```
# cd ; pacman -S git python wget
# git clone git://github.com/diafygi/acme-tiny
# cp acme-tiny/acme_tiny.py /usr/local/bin/
# chmod +x /usr/local/bin/acme_tiny.py
```

Obtain Acme-Tiny

Certificate requests are automated via the ACME protocol. A simple ACME client is the Python Script `acme_tiny.py`.

```
# mkdir -p /srv/http/.well-known/acme-challenge  
# cd /etc/httpd/conf ; openssl genrsa -out le.key 2048  
# acme-tiny.py --account-key le.key \  
--csr server.csr \  
--acme-dir /srv/http/.well-known/acme-challenge/ \  
> server.crt
```

Configure the Challenge Directory

The ACME Protocol is there to ensure you can control the site that you requested a certificate for. Let's Encrypt will put a challenge file in the web site. We need to create that structure.

To work with all this, you need to have a valid IP and registered FQDN. So, it can't be worked from the VMs in a PC.

6.9 Understanding the Certification Chain

```
# wget http://cert.init-x3.letsencrypt.org/ -O issue.der  
# openssl x509 -in issue.der -inform DER \  
-out issue.crt -outform PEM  
# cat issue.crt >> server.crt  
# apachectl configtest && systemctl restart httpd
```

Certificate Chain

Our Web Server needs to present the complete certificate chain to the browser. The browser has the certificate for the Root CA but not from the issuing intermediate CA. We need to download this and merge it into the server's x509 Certificate

```
# openssl x509 -noout -text -in server.crt | grep Issue    (then you get the URI to do the wget)
```

6.10 Redirecting HTTP Requests and HSTS

```
Redirect permanent / https://pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com
```

Redirect HTTP to HTTPS

If user just enters a URL without a method then the browser defaults to HTTP. We can redirect those requests to HTTPS. Within the Port 80 Virtual Host we can add the above Redirect.

```
LoadModule headers_module modules/mod_headers.so  
Header always set Strict-Transport-Security "max-  
age=31536000; includeSubDomains"
```

HTTPS Strict Transport Security

Using HSTS we can tell the browser to only use HTTPS to our site; this also ensures that Certificate Warnings cannot be overridden by the user. We set for 1 year here but choose a smaller number at first to test.

```
[root@zeus conf]# vi httpd.conf
[...]
LoadModule headers_module modules/mod_headers.so
[...]
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerName pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com
    DirectoryIndex index.html
    DocumentRoot "/srv/http"
    Redirect permanent / https://pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com
    <Directory "/srv/http">
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>

<VirtualHost *:443>
    ServerName pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com
    Header always set Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains"
    DocumentRoot "/srv/http"
    DirectoryIndex "index.html"
    SSLEngine on
    SSLCertificateFile "/etc/httpd/conf/server.crt"
    SSLCertificateKeyFile "/etc/httpd/conf/server.key"
    <Directory "/srv/http">
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

Note: Only **Redirect permanent** doesn't prevent browser warnings about certificates or man-in-the-middle attack.

[root@zeus conf]# systemctl restart httpd

Now, try to open the http page on browser: <http://pilabs.theurbanpenguin.com> ... you should be redirected to https.

HSTS is something you set on the browser so it will not even try http connections to certain sites ... those you specify to the browser.

7.Load Balancing HTTP Requests



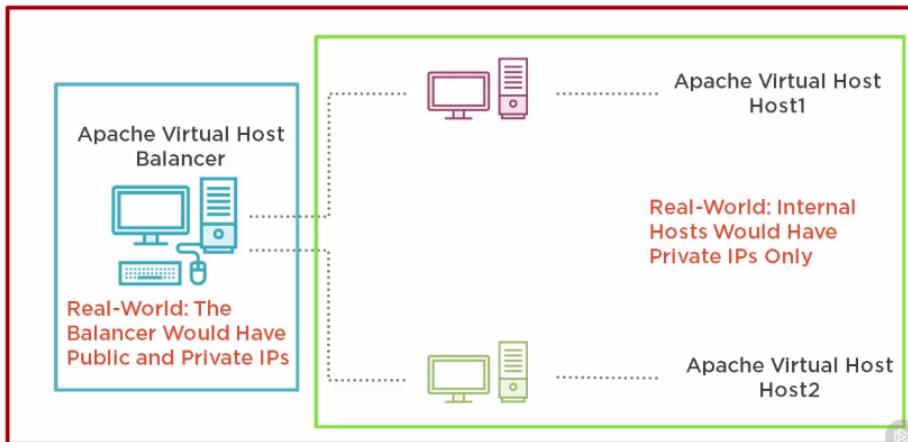
Create 3 Virtual Hosts

One Virtual Host will be used as the load balancer

The remaining two will receive the incoming requests

(Virtual Hosts are used in the demonstration to reduce the hardware required to test and setup)

Load Balancing



Load Balancing in Apache

Apache makes use of the `mod_proxy` and the `mod_proxy_balancer` modules to load balance requests across a web server farm. All requests are received by the load balancer and sent to an available host.

```
LoadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_balancer_module
modules/mod_proxy_balancer.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
LoadModule lbmethod_byrequests_module
modules/mod_lbmethod_byrequests.so
LoadModule slotmem_shm_module modules/mod_slotmem_shm.so
```

Adding Modules

If you are using Apache 2.2 then only the first two modules need loading. Apache 2.4 requires all of these modules to be loaded.

```
ProxyRequests off
```

Disable Standard Proxy

We do not want the server to act as a standard web proxy so we disable Proxy Requests

The LB would be a dedicated server executing only this function, so, the configuration can be put into the httpd.conf directly ("webfarm" is just the name and can be anything):

Load Balancing Virtual Host

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerName balancer
    DocumentRoot /srv/vhosts/balancer
    <Directory /srv/vhosts/balancer>
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
    <Proxy balancer://webfarm >
        BalancerMember http://host1:80
        BalancerMember http://host2:80
        ProxySet lbmethod=byrequests
    </Proxy>
    ProxyPass "/" "balancer://webfarm/"
    ProxyPassReverse "/" "balancer://webfarm/"
</VirtualHost>
```

7.1 Load Balancing in the Apache HTTPD Server

For demonstration, all 3 apache elements will be configured in one VM, the zeus server. In a more realistic situation, 3 different hosts would be used.

NOTE: The “balancer” doesn’t have any content in it. Only host 1 and 2.

```
[root@zeus conf]# echo "127.0.0.1 balancer" >> /etc/hosts
[root@zeus conf]# echo "127.0.0.1 host1" >> /etc/hosts
[root@zeus conf]# echo "127.0.0.1 host2" >> /etc/hosts
[root@zeus conf]# mkdir /srv/vhosts/balancer
[root@zeus conf]# mkdir /srv/vhosts/host{1,2}
[root@zeus conf]# ls /srv/vhosts/
9000  balancer  host1  host2  sales
[root@zeus conf]# echo "host1" > /srv/vhosts/host1/index.html
[root@zeus conf]# echo "host2" > /srv/vhosts/host2/index.html
[root@zeus conf]# pwd
/etc/httpd/conf
[root@zeus conf]#
```

```
[root@zeus conf]# vi httpd.conf
```

```
[...]
```

Include conf/extra/proxy.conf

```
[root@zeus conf]# vi extra/proxy.conf
LoadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
LoadModule proxy_balancer_module modules/mod_proxy_balancer.so
LoadModule lbmethod_byrequests_module modules/mod_lbmethod_byrequests.so
LoadModule slotmem_shm_module modules/mod_slotmem_shm.so
ProxyRequests off
<VirtualHost *:80>
    DocumentRoot /srv/vhosts/balancer
    ServerName balancer
```

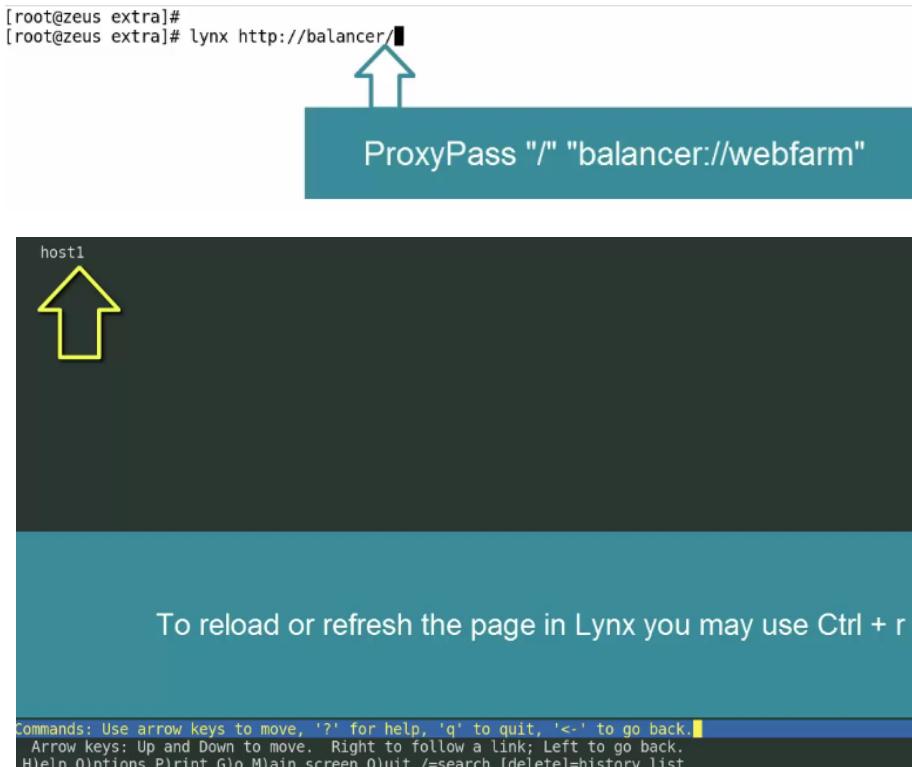
```

<Directory /srv/vhosts/balancer>
    Require all granted
</Directory>
<Proxy balancer://webfarm>
    BalancerMember http://host1:80
    BalancerMember http://host2:80
    ProxySet lbmethod=byrequests
</Proxy>
ProxyPass "/" "balancer://webfarm/"
ProxyPassReverse "/" "balancer://webfarm/"
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost *:80>
    DocumentRoot /srv/vhosts/host1
    ServerName host1
    <Directory /srv/vhosts/host1>
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost *:80>
    DocumentRoot /srv/vhosts/host2
    ServerName host2
    <Directory /srv/vhosts/host2>
        Require all granted
    </Directory>
</VirtualHost>

```

[root@zeus conf]# apachectl configtest
[root@zeus conf]# systemctl restart httpd

7.4 Testing Load Balancing



7.5Configuring the Load Balancing Manager

```
[root@zeus conf]# vi extra/proxy.conf
<Proxy balancer://webfarm>
    BalancerMember http://host1:80
    BalancerMember http://host2:80
    ProxySet lbmethod=byrequests
</Proxy>
<Location /balancer-manager>
    SetHandler balancer-manager
    Require ip 127.0.0.1
</Location>
ProxyPass "/balancer-manager" !
ProxyPass "/" "balancer://webfarm/"
ProxyPassReverse "/" "balancer://webfarm/"
```

```
[root@zeus conf]# apachectl configtest
[root@zeus conf]# systemctl restart httpd
```

Test it a few times trough [root@zeus conf]# lynx <http://manager/>

Then check for statistics with the LB-manager:

```
[root@zeus conf]# lynx http://manager/balancer-manager
```

NOTE: In real life, for some web services in special, one client should remain connected to one web host only, in order to not loose any data, tracking of connection, etc. To resolve this, we use cookies stikiness.

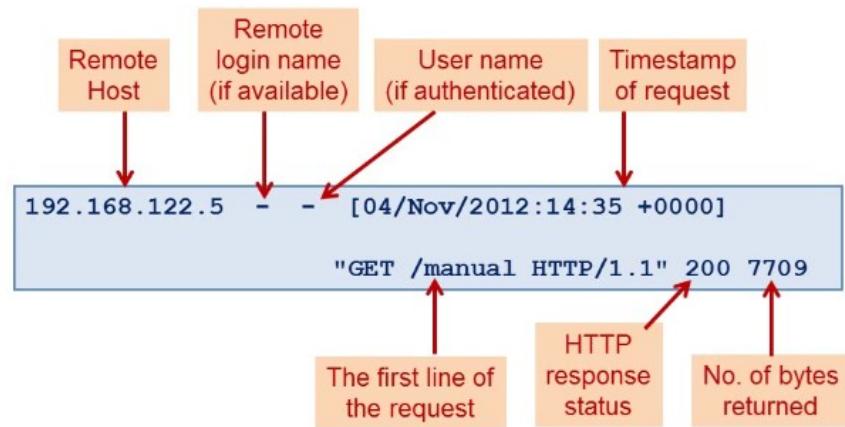
8. Apache Logs

In this lesson we will:

- Configure the access logs and error logs in Apache
 - Capture internal status information from the server
- Scenario:
- Our library would like to know who has been visiting their site
 - They would also like to know how busy their server is

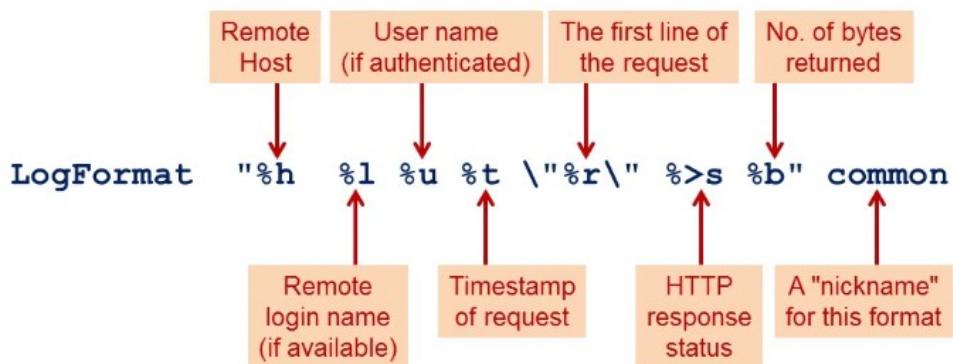
The Common Log Format

Many web servers write access logs according to an industry-standard common log format



Defining the Log Format

The `LogFormat` directive defines the format of the access logs that Apache will write



Using Custom Formats

- Apache can write multiple log formats
 - Provide a `LogFormat` (with a nickname) for each
 - Add a `CustomLog` directive referencing the nickname

```
LogFormat "%h %t ... ${Referer}i" myformat
CustomLog logs/referer_log myformat
```

The Error Log

- The `ErrorLog` directive specifies where Apache will log any operational errors

Example	Description
<code>ErrorLog /var/log/httpd/error_log</code>	Writes errors to the specified file
<code>ErrorLog " /bin/somecommand"</code>	Pipes errors to the specified program
<code>ErrorLog syslog:local3</code>	Sends errors to the <code>syslog</code> (or <code>rsyslog</code>) service using the "local3" facility name

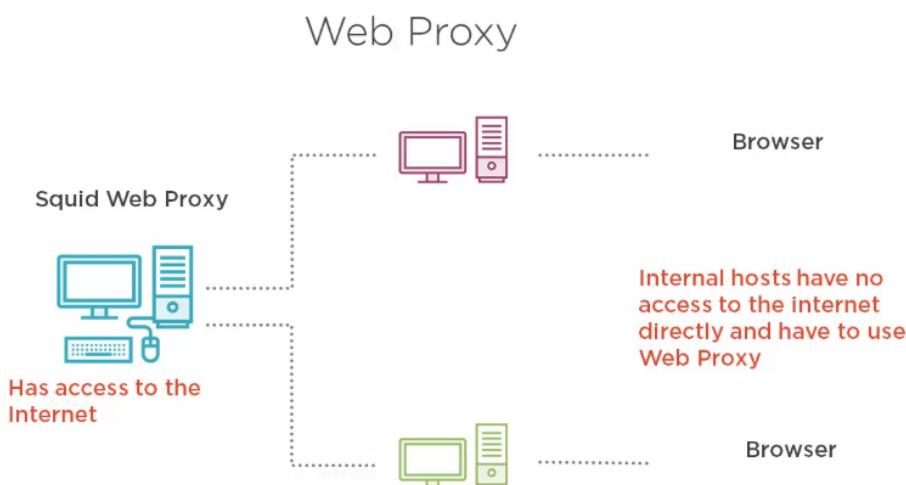
Log Levels

- Error messages are tagged with a *severity*
- The `LogLevel` directive determines the minimum severity level that will be logged
 - Determines verbosity of the log

debug	Debugging messages
info	Informational
notice	Normal but significant condition
warn	Warnings – no impact on operation
error	Error conditions
crit	Critical conditions – may impact operation
alert	Action should be taken immediately
emerg	System is unusable

Proxy with Squid

8.1 Implementing a Web Proxy with Squid



Squid.Conf

The configuration files can be found in /etc/squid/ on Arch or /etc/squid3 in Ubuntu

8.2Installing Squid in Arch Linux

```
[root@zeus ~]# pacman -S squid
```

```
[root@zeus ~]# ls /etc/squid
```

```
[root@zeus ~]# systemctl start squid  
[root@zeus ~]# systemctl enable squid  
[root@zeus ~]# systemctl status squid
```

8.3Investigating the Squid Configuration

#Directive	Name	Type	Value
acl	localnet	src	192.168.0.0/16
acl	Safe_ports	port	80

ACL Directives

Squid ACL entries are used to name entities to be used to control resource access. They consist of a name, acl type and value

```
http_access allow localnet  
http_access deny all
```

HTTP_Access

To gain access to resources ACL names can be included with the http_access directive. It is often that the last http_access will deny any non-matched entries

8.4Configuring Squid

```
[root@zeus ~]# vi /etc/squid/squid.conf  
# Recommended minimum configuration:  
#  
# Example rule allowing access from your local networks.  
# Adapt to list your (internal) IP networks from where browsing  
# should be allowed  
acl localnet src 10.0.0.0/8    # RFC1918 possible internal network  
acl localnet src 172.16.0.0/12# RFC1918 possible internal network  
acl localnet src 192.168.0.0/16      # RFC1918 possible internal network  
acl localnet src fc00::/7      # RFC 4193 local private network range  
acl localnet src fe80::/10     # RFC 4291 link-local (directly plugged) machines
```

```
acl SSL_ports port 443
acl Safe_ports port 80          # http
acl Safe_ports port 21          # ftp
acl Safe_ports port 443          # https
acl Safe_ports port 70          # gopher
acl Safe_ports port 210         # wais
acl Safe_ports port 1025-65535   # unregistered ports
acl Safe_ports port 280         # http-mgmt
acl Safe_ports port 488         # gss-http
acl Safe_ports port 591         # filemaker
acl Safe_ports port 777         # multiling http
acl CONNECT method CONNECT

#
# Recommended minimum Access Permission configuration:
#
# Deny requests to certain unsafe ports
http_access deny !Safe_ports

# Deny CONNECT to other than secure SSL ports
http_access deny CONNECT !SSL_ports

# Only allow cachemgr access from localhost
http_access allow localhost manager
http_access deny manager

# We strongly recommend the following be uncommented to protect innocent
# web applications running on the proxy server who think the only
# one who can access services on "localhost" is a local user
#http_access deny to_localhost

#
# INSERT YOUR OWN RULE(S) HERE TO ALLOW ACCESS FROM YOUR CLIENTS
#

# Example rule allowing access from your local networks.
# Adapt localnet in the ACL section to list your (internal) IP networks
# from where browsing should be allowed
http_access allow localnet
http_access allow localhost
# And finally deny all other access to this proxy
http_access deny all

# Squid normally listens to port 3128
http_port 3128

# Uncomment and adjust the following to add a disk cache directory.
#cache_dir ufs /var/cache/squid 100 16 256

# Leave coredumps in the first cache dir
coredump_dir /var/cache/squid
```

```

#
# Add any of your own refresh_pattern entries above these.
#
refresh_pattern ^ftp:          1440  20%  10080
refresh_pattern ^gopher:       1440  0%   1440
refresh_pattern -i (/cgi-bin/|\.?) 0    0%   0
refresh_pattern .              0    20%  4320

```

By now, this default configuration is active but not really controlling or blocking anything relevant. You can setup the proxy server to a browser and test. You can verify by checking the logs:

```
[root@zeus ~]# tail -f /var/log/squid/access.log
```

8.5 Understanding User Authentication

Useful when dealing with external users (from other networks). Or differentiate users and access privileges inside your network.

Authenticating Users

```

# htpasswd -c /etc/squid/squid.users user1
auth_param basic program /usr/lib/squid/basic_ncsa_auth
/etc/squid/squid.users
acl ncsa_users proxy_auth REQUIRED
http_access allow ncsa_users

```

8.6 Authenticating Users in Squid

```
[root@zeus /etc/squid]# htpasswd -c squid.users user1
```

```

[root@zeus ~]# vi /etc/squid/squid.conf
# Recommended minimum configuration:
#
auth_param basic program /usr/lib/squid/basic_ncsa_auth /etc/squid/squid.users
acl ncsa_users proxy_auth REQUIRED
# Example rule allowing access from your local networks.
# Adapt to list your (internal) IP networks from where browsing
# should be allowed
acl localnet src 10.0.0.0/8    # RFC1918 possible internal network
acl localnet src 172.16.0.0/12# RFC1918 possible internal network
[...]
# INSERT YOUR OWN RULE(S) HERE TO ALLOW ACCESS FROM YOUR CLIENTS

# Example rule allowing access from your local networks.
# Adapt localnet in the ACL section to list your (internal) IP networks
# from where browsing should be allowed

```

```
#http_access allow localnet
http_access allow localhost
http_access allow ncsa_users
# And finally deny all other access to this proxy
http_access deny all
[...]
```

Now, if you try to access again, you should be required to authenticate with user and password!

NGINX

9.2 Installing NGINX

```
[root@hera ~]# yum install nginx
```

Nginx.Conf

The configuration files can be found in /etc/nginx/ when using Arch. The main configuration is the nginx.conf

```
[root@hera ~]# systemctl start nginx
[root@hera ~]# systemctl enable nginx
```

```
[root@hera ~]# lynx localhost
```

9.3 Understanding the NGINX Configuration

```
http {
    server {
        location / {
            root /usr/share/nginx/html;
            index index.html index.htm;
        } } }
```

Configuration Format

Configuration is modular underneath the **http** parent and we can create **server** entries. **Location** entries can be found within server blocks. A single server entry is sufficient but more than one server entry is equivalent to creating VirtualHosts in Apache.

```
location / {
    root /usr/share/nginx/html;
    index index.html index.htm;
    allow 127.0.0.1;
    allow 192.168.56.0/24;
    deny all;
}
```

Restrict Access

Access to **locations** can be managed using the **allow** or **deny** directive. Note that all directive lines in the file will end in a semi-colon.

9.4Configuring NGINX

```
[root@hera ~]# vi /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
worker_processes 1;
events {
    worker_connections 1024;
}
http {
    include mime.types;
    default_type application/octet-stream;
    sendfile on;
    keepalive_timeout 65;
    server {
        listen 80;
        server_name localhost;
        location / {
            root /usr/share/nginx/html;
            index index.html index.htm;
            allow 127.0.0.1;
            allow 192.168.56.0/24;
            deny all;
        }
        error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;
        location = /50x.html {
            root /usr/share/nginx/html;
        }
    }
}
```

9.5Using NGINX as a Reverse Proxy

Reverse Proxy

NGINX is fast at delivering static content but not PHP pages. We might pass PHP to Apache Servers or in our case, we can make use of the Apache Load Balancer to demonstrate Reverse Proxy.

```
http {
    server {
        location /balancer/ {
            proxy_pass http://192.168.56.10/;
        }
    }
}
```

Reverse Proxy

Where we use proxy_pass in a location block we can redirect the URL to the reverse proxied location. Please note that the end of the location URL and the ProxyPass URL must be a forward slash when referring to directories rather than pages.

```
[root@hera ~]# vi /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
worker_processes 1;
events {
    worker_connections 1024;
}
http {
    include mime.types;
    default_type application/octet-stream;
    sendfile on;
    keepalive_timeout 65;
    server {
        listen 80;
        server_name localhost;
        location / {
            root /usr/share/nginx/html;
            index index.html index.htm;
            allow 127.0.0.1;
            allow 192.168.56.0/24;
            deny all;
        }
        location /balancer/ {
            proxy_pass http://192.168.56.10/;
        }
        error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;
        location = /50x.html {
            root /usr/share/nginx/html;
        }
    }
}

[root@hera ~]# systemctl restart nginx
[root@hera ~]# lynx 192.168.56.11
[root@hera ~]# lynx 192.168.56.11/balancer (refresh a few times with CTRL r)
```