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Firewalls are used for enforcing traffic restrictions allowing your software programs to be accessible over the network. Most of the operating systems will ship firewall software as part of their install

The Firewalls can be scoped at 2 places

# 1. Host level

In a personal computer or single user systems we use host-level firewall for protecting the applications not to be accessed from the outside world, unless permitted

#### 2. Network level

Within an organization, instead of configuring the firewall at the individual host level which is very difficult, we can setup on firewall at the network level which will protect any of the computers connected to the network not to be exposed or accessed from outside world.

The Firewalls can be either a software applications or can be hardware devices as well. In an enterprise organization, people setup hardware firewalls for more performance and network through put than s/w firewalls

We apply traffic restrictions on the software applications to be accessed by the others by configuring various different rules like

- 1. Allow any traffic to a program running on a specific port
- 2. Allow all http traffic

etc

Ubuntu operating system provides iptables as a default firewall software as part of its distribution, through which we can manage/apply traffic restrictions. working with iptables requires great amount of knowledge on networking and protocols concepts, so many of the people often find very complex to work with iptables.

To help people to manage and configuring iptables/firewall in ubuntu operating system, the ubuntu has distributed a software called **ufw**. ufw stands for "**un-complicated firewall**". it acts as an interface through which we can manage the ubuntu firewall system.

By default in ubuntu 18.x operating system ufw is installed and distributed. if you are using previous versions of ubuntu operating system then you need to manually install ufw software package sudo apt install ufw

# #1. by default ubuntu firewall is disabled, so no traffic restrictions are applied to the programs running on your computer.

To enforce traffic restrictions we need to enable the firewall software sudo ufw enable

when we enable firewall or ufw above the default behaviour is

- 1. deny all the inbound traffic
- 2. allow all the outbound traffic

# #2. How to know the status of the firewall or ufw?

sudo ufw status

We can enforce traffic restrictions at 3 levels

- 1. source ip address
- 2. portno
- 3. protocol

# #3 how to see what traffic restrictions are enforced through the firewall

sudo ufw status verbose

# #4. how to allow/deny traffic to the programs from a specific sourceip address

sudo ufw allow from sourceip sudo ufw deny from sourceip

# #5. how to allow/deny traffic restrictions based on protocol

sudo ufw allow protocol sudo ufw deny protocol eg.. sudo ufw allow http

# #6. how to allow/deny access based on portno

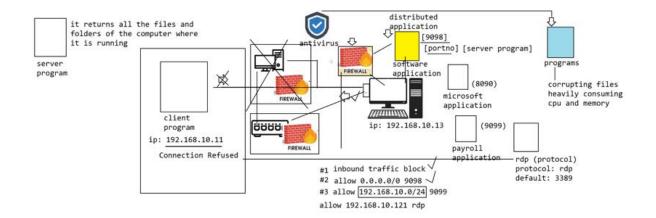
sudo ufw allow portno sudo ufw deny portno

# #7. how to allow/deny traffic to a range of portno

sudo ufw allow 8080:8088/tcp

### #8. How to see the list of rules with numbers applied

sudo ufw status numbered



By default on ubuntu machines the ufw is disabled, so no traffic restrictions are applied. allowing/denying traffic from a sourceip address sudo ufw allow/deny from sourceip

allowing/denying traffic from a protocol sudo ufw allow/deny protocol

sudo ufw delete rule#

# SSH (Secure Shell)

SSH Stands for secure shell, it is used for gaining the access to the shell of a remote computer.

#### √ Why we want to gain access to the remote shell of a computer over the network?

In an organization they can be lot of computer being setup and used by the associates/employees of the organization. The system administrator has to monitor, install or troubleshoot these computers used by the associates.

The administrator inorder to manage these computer has to go physically and visit each computer one over the other to troubleshoot or do any activity on them. It would be very difficult to reach physically to a machine to carry the operation and is an time consuming job

Sometimes we wanted an administrator to control the machines over a different goegraphical position as well

only way to achieve remote access to a computer without appearing physically at the machine is through SSH.

SSH is widely used in gaining access to the cloud machines of a cloud provider.

Before SSH there used to be a protocol called telnet through which we can gain access to the remote computer shell. but the problem with telnet is all the information exchanged between the client/server computer are plain/text and anyone can steal the information.

telnet is not secured in exchanging the data between the computers and no more being used replacing telnet SSH has been introduced

#### SSH is used for:

accessing the remote computer shell in a secured way, so that we can perform administrative activities on the remote computer like installing/uninstalling software, manage configurations, controlling the process etc can be done on the remote computer

#### √ How does SSH works? what makes the SSH secured?

SSH to ensure the information exchanged between the client/server computer are secured it uses cryptographic technics

one form of cryptography is encryption/decryption, encryption/decryption are used for writing the information in another format so that people cannot understand it. SSH protocol uses ecryption/decryption for exchanging the data secured between 2 parties

### ✓ How does encryption works?

Encryption and decryption works based on an encryption key. using the encryption key we encrypt/transform the data into another format so that no one can understand the data. SSH mainly works based on encryption key, the better the key is the information will be more secured. So always consider the key to be as strong key so that the key itself cannot be cracked first-in place so that no one can decrypt it other than the person who poses it.

To ensure the encryptions keys are strong enough so that people cannot break the data, there are key generation algorithms are available, which will derive the keys based on some mathematical calculator which are seems to be unique and strong to be cracked

There are many key generation algorithms are available

- 1. RSA
- 2. SHA
- 3. AES
- 4. DES

etc

SSH uses 3 types of encryption technics in securely exchanging the data between the computers.

#### 1. symmetric encryption

A single encryption key is used for encrypting/decrypting the data between both the parties for exchanging the data

#### 2. assymetric encryption

There are 2 different keys are used for encryption/decryption

- 1. public key = The public key is used for encrypting the data
- 2. private key = The data that is encrypted using public key can be decryptable only by using the private key

As there are 2 keys being used it is called assymetric encryption

The key generation algorithms uses mathematical technics in generating the public/private key pair, such a way

- #1. from one key we cannot derive the another one public key, we cannot compute the private key for that public key
- #2. The data encrypted using public key can be decryptable only through using the private key To ensure the security always the private key should be kept private.

### 3. hashing

hashing is a technic that is used for verifying the integrity of the data.

The hash is a special mathematical function where always an

hash(data) = unique value

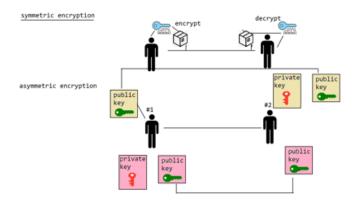
always hash(samedata) = results in same unique value. but by using hash value we can compute original data

so we can easily identify at the received end, whether original message that is send by the sender has been tampered or not by recomputing the hash value on received data matching with original hashvalue

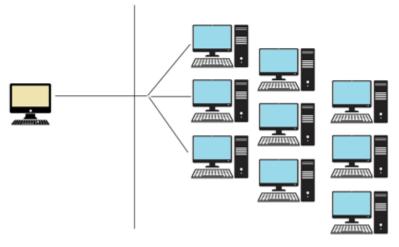
The SSH works on 2 stage process

- 2 Computers will establish SSH connection/communication in 2 stages.
- #1. Establishing and exchanging a session key to exchange information between the computers in a encrypted/secured form
- #2. Authenticating to gain access to the remote computer

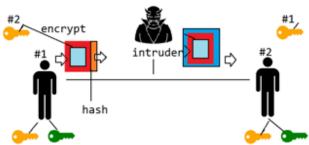




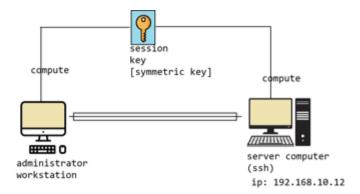




asymmetric encryption



hashing is a function a = hfx(a) = 1001 hfx(a) = 1001 hfx(1001) = x #1



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#### ✓ How does SSH works?

SSH communication takes place between the computers in 2 stages

- 1. establishing the session by generating an session key for exchanging the data
- 2. authenticating the remote user in granting the access to the remote machine

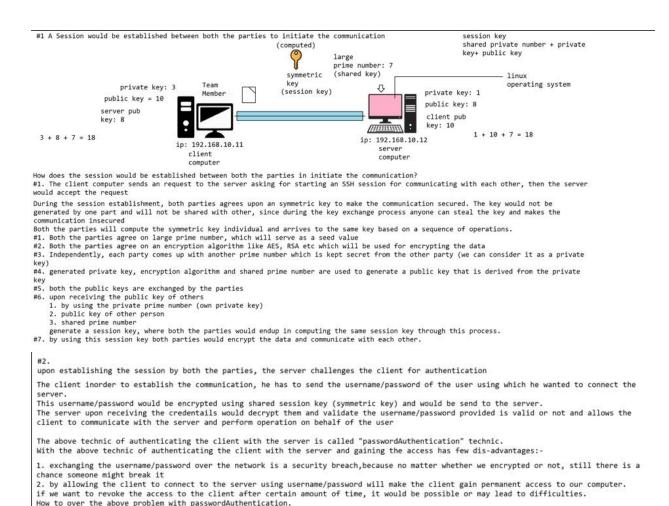
# ✓ What is SSH, why do we use it?

SSH stands for Secure Shell, it is used for accessing the remote shell of a linux computer securely, so that we can perform administrative activities like install/uninstalling software packages, configuration management etc on the machines remotely

# √ How does the SSH Connection would be established with a remote server?

There are 2 stages in which an SSH connection would be established to an remote server

- 1. A session would be established between both the parties to communicate with each other
- 2. authenticate the remote/client computer to authorize access to the server



#### ✓ How does SSH works?

That is where we need to use Asymmetric keys for authentication.

The SSH connection would be established between the client and the server in 2 stages

- 1. The session will be established between both the parties by computing a shared session key for end-to-end encryption
- 2. authenticating the client to allow access to the server machine
- #1. The session will be established between both the parties by computing an shared session key The client sends the request to the server initiate the session, upon the server accepts the requests, the below process would begin to compute a shared session key for encryption
- 1. both parties will agree upon and generates an large prime number which is an shared key
- 2. both parties agrees upon an encryption algorithm to encrypt the data
- 3. each party independently generates an prime number which is kept as an private key
- 4. each party generates independently their own public key with a combination of shared key, private key and algorithm
- 5. exchange their public keys with each other
- 6. upon exchanging the public key, compute a session key with either of their public keys with their private key and shared key which will results in the same session key by both the parties.
- 7. use the computed session key for encrypting the data during the communication

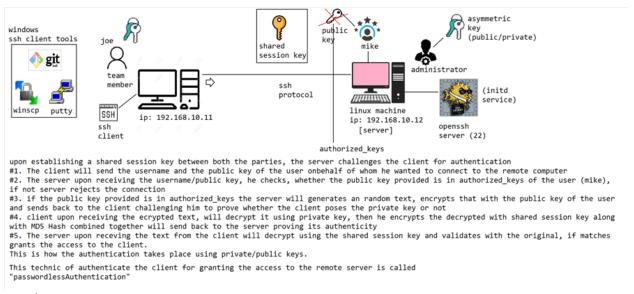
- #2. upon generating the shared session key, the server challenges the client to authenticate himself in gaining the access to the server computer
- 1. The client has to send the username/password onbehalf of the user for whom he wanted to access the remote server by encrypting the data with shared session key.
- 2. The server vaidates the username/password by decrypting with shared session key and grants the access to the client if the credentials are valid

This process of authenticating the user in granting the access to the remote server is called "passwordAuthentication"

There are problems with passwordAuthentication in gaining the access to the remote server 1. exchanging the username/password over the network is an security breach or even though we encrypt the username/password, there is still a chance someone might decrypt it

2. Granting the access to the remote machine to a client based on username/password becomes permanent access and we cannot revoke the access to the machine easily

To overcome the above problem asymmetric key-based authentication technic has been introduced.



#### ✓ How to setup ssh access for a linux machine?

#1. ensure we have the ip address of the remote computer we wanted to ssh, and check for reachability of the remote computer

In our case we wanted to connect to the virtual machines running on virtualbox from hosted machine (windows)

To perform ssh on to the virtualmachine we need to setup network mode, here we have 3 options

- #1. NAT with port forward: 22
- #2. Bridge Network
- #3. Host-only network adapter (no external network or internet)

So we can setup 2 things

1. NAT + Host-only network adapter

- 2. Bridge
- #2. Install openssh server on the server computer sudo apt update -y sudo apt install -y openssh-server
- #3. upon installing the openssh server, it creates an ssh server configuration file under /etc/ssh/sshd\_config, it holds configuration settings in managing the ssh server Few of the configuration settings available as part of the sshd\_config file are as below.
- 2.1 the default port on which the ssh server runs is on: 22, which we can change by modifying the sshd\_config file port=22
- 2.2 The default authentication mechanism granting the client to access the server is "passwordAuthentication" passwordAuthentication: yes

if we want to disable passwordAuthentication then we need set it to no and restart the ssh server sudo systemctl restart ssh

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#### From client machine:

Windows:-

- ✓ How to ssh onto the remote machine?
- 1. gitbash

ssh username@ip

- 2. putty/winscp open putty and enter ip address and click on connect prompt for username/password and will be connected
- 3. windows powershell by default has bash ssh client
  - ✓ How to configure passwordless authentication to the remote server?
- #1. never enable ssh access for the root user of the linux machine (best practise) #2.

Let us add an new user joe sudo adduser joe

#3. to enable keybased authentication we need to generate private/public key there are many ways to do this In windows:

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- 1. we need to use puttygen utility or tool to generate private/public key
- 2. generate the .pub and .ppk (.pub=public key), (.ppk=private key) and place them under windown \$HOME/.ssh directory

Both Windows & Linux:

Windows: gitbash Linux: bash shell utility

we need to run a command for generating the SSH keys

ssh-keygen

The above command prompts for keyfile name and generates .pub/.ppk and stores

#4. now add the public key on to the remote machine of the user for whom we wanted to allow ssh access

For eg.. now we wanted to enable ssh access for the "joe" user, then add the public\_key we generated to joe on the server

√ How to add public key to a user allowing the ssh access?

# for each user under the \$HOME directory we need to create an directory called .ssh for eg.. for joe user under his home directory we need to create /home/joe/.ssh/ # inside that we need to create an file called authorized\_keys with permission to the file # now add the public key we generated at the client side into the authorized\_key file of that user

ssh -i ~/.ssh/joekey joe@192.168.1.113

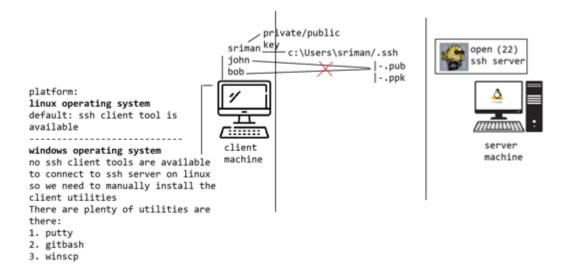
- 1. when we initiate the sshconnection with above command, the openssh server receives the request.
- 2. then it checks under joe user, inside authoried\_keys is the public key the client is sending is available or not
  - ✓ How to copy the generated public key on to the remote user authorized\_keys file?
- 1. manually copy paste into the authorized\_keys file
- 2. we need to have ssh access to the remote server either through password/passwordless with exiting key, then we can use the below approach
  - 1. scp to the remote server

scp stands for secure copy is a shell command to copy files onto a remote computer and works based on ssh protocol

scp sourcefile user@ip:location

2. ssh-copyid

ssh-keygen
.pub and .pem =ssh required .pem as an input
puttygen
.pub/.ppk = putty requires, .ppk as input



There are 2 tools available at client-side for ssh connection to the server. #Server

seed the public key to the remote machine user onbehalf of whom we want to SSH For eg.. if it is joe user then copy the public key into joe user authorized\_keys which means:-/home/joe/.ssh/authorized\_keys

# √ How to copy the public key onto the remote user?

There are 3 ways are there

1. manually copy/paste

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we need to have access to the remote machine over ssh protocol

#### 2. scp the key to the remote machine

scp stands for secure copy which is used for copying the files onto the remote computer over ssh protocol

syntax:-

scp sourcefile user@ip:/path (location where you want to copy the file) scp ~/.ssh/id\_rsa.pub joe@192.168.1.113:/home/joe/.ssh/

you are on host machine:

scp user@ip:/path file

vm local

now the file will be copied to /home/joe/.ssh/ directory with the above command. now place (add) it into authorized\_keys

~/.ssh:\$ cat id\_rsa.pub >> authorized\_keys

# 3. ssh-copy-id

directly copies the key on to the remote user authorized\_keys file

ssh-copy-id -i keyfile user@ip for eg..

ssh-copy-id -i id\_rsa.pub joe@192.168.1.113

The remote server always require public key only under authorized keys file of the remoteuser.

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Client-Side

# Windows platform:

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putty: software to ssh onto the remote server gitbash/powershell: ships bash ssh-client utility (similar to linux)

### Mac/Linux platform:

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bash ssh-client utility

To ssh onto the remote machine based on passwordlessAuthentication we need to generate keys. there are 2 technics are there in generating keys

- 1. ssh-keygen = linux bash utility
- 2. puttygen = windows tool

#### #1. ssh-keygen

It is an linux bash utility that most of the people uses for generating the keypair. the ssh-keygen generates a .pub/.pem file

.pub = public key which we can seed to the remote user openssh private key file without extension

The pem file should be used for ssh into the remote server while using ssh-client utility ssh-i ~/.ssh/id\_rsa joe@192.168.1.113

# #2. puttygen

it is an windows utility that is used for generating rsa and other algorithm specific public/private keys it generates 2 keys

.ppk = private key

.pub = public key

so the above 2 keys cannot be used to ssh onto the remote server using bash ssh-client tool because ssh-client requires .pem file only

we need putty only. putty tool takes .ppk and exchanges the key-based authentication and grants access to remote server

# aws:

.pem = privacy enhanced mail
In cloud environments the cloud providers provides .pem file to us
we need ssh-client (bash) utility to connect to aws compute instance (remote server)

But if we want to connect to remote machine using putty (on windows) then we need .ppk/.pub, we can generate these 2 from .pem file using puttygen



```
client->server
scp abc.txt joe@192.168.10.12:/home/joe/
server-client
scp joe@192.168.10.12:/home/joe/xyz.txt /home/sriman/
```

# shellscripting

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Shellscript for static web application hosting

```
DEPLOY_SITE.SH
BEGIN
       read SITE_DIR
       read SITE_ZIP_LOCATION
       read DOMAIN_NM
       IF apache2 installed == FALSE
       THEN
               install it
       ELSE
               check apache2 status
               IF apache2 == not running
               THEN
                       give error message, saying start apache2 and run the script again
                       exit 1
               FΙ
       FΙ
       IF SITE_DIR exists in /var/www
       THEN
               rename with SITE_DIR_DATE
       FΙ
       copy the new site directory into /var/www
       IF SITE_CONFIG is existing == FALSE
       THEN
               create an site config file with domain entry
```

```
enable site
               reload apache2 server
       END
       IF DOMAINNAME ENTRY NOT FOUND IN HOSTS_FILE
       THEN
               add an entry for the domain name
       FΙ
END
copy dir to /var/www
install apache2
create siteconfig
enable site, reload
add the domainname in host file
ufw enabled, the allow 80 port
deploysite.sh
 -----
#!/bin/bash
function checkAndInstallApache2() {
       local APACHE2_INSTALL_STATUS=$(dpkg -s apache2 | grep "Status:" | awk '{print $4}')
       if [ $APACHE2_INSTALL_STATUS == " install ok installed"]
       then
               local APACHE2_RUNNING_STATUS=$(sudo systemctl status apache2 | grep "Active:" |
cut -d ":" -f2| awk '{print $1}')
               if [ $APACH2_RUNNING_STATUS != "active" ]
               then
                       echo "error: apache2 is down, start it and rerun the script for deployment"
                       exit 200
               fi
       else
               sudo apt update -y
               sudo apt install -y apache2
               local APACHE2_INSTALLED_STATUS = $?
               if [ $APACHE2_INSTALLED_STATUS == 1 ]
               then
                       echo "error: error while installing the apache2 server, please check the logs to
resolve"
                       exit 300
               fi
       fi
       return 0
}
#Main Program
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NARGS=$#

if [$NARGS -ne 3]

then

echo "error: sitedirectory, zip location and domainname are required"

exit 100

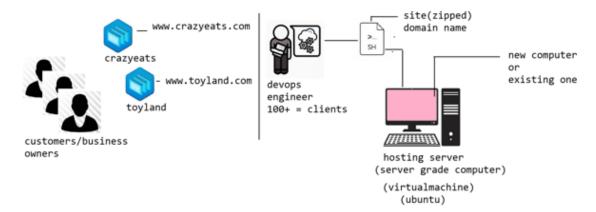
fi

SITE_DIR=$1

ZIP_LOCATION=$2

DOMAIN_NM=$3
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# checkAndInstallApache2



#### hostsite.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
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```
function checkAndInstallApache2Server() {
       dpkg -s apache2
       local APACHE2 SERVER FOUND = $?
       if [ APACHE2_SERVER_FOUND -ne 0 ]
       then
               sudo apt update -y
               sudo apt install -y apache2
               local APACHE2_INSTALLED_STATUS=$?
               if [ $APACHE2_INSTALLED_STATUS -ne 0 ]
               then
                      return 200
               fi
       else
               local APACHE2_RUNNING_STATUS = $(sudo systemctl status apache2 | grep "Active" |
awk '{print $2}')
               if [ $APACHE2_RUNNING_STATUS == "inactive" ]
               then
                      return 300
               fi
```

```
fi
       return 0
}
function setupSiteDirectory() {
       if [!-e $ZIP_LOC]
       then
              return 400
       fi
       if [ -d /var/www/$SITE_DIR ]
       then
              var today=`date +%m%d%y%H%S`
              sudo mv /var/www/$SITE_DIR /var/www/$SITE_DIR_'$today'
       fi
       sudo cp $ZIP_LOC /var/www
       sudo tar -xzvf /var/www/$ZIP_LOC
       sudo chmod -R 755 /var/www/$SITE DIR
       return 0
}
function checkAndConfigureApache2Site() {
       local var APACHE2_SITE_CONFIG_STATUS=0
       if [!-e/etc/apache2/sites-available/$SITE_DIR.conf]
       then
              sudo cp apache2site.conf.tmpl /etc/apache2/sites-available/$SITE_DIR.conf
               sudo sed -i 's/:SERVER_NAME/$DOMAIN_NM/g' /etc/apache2/sites-
available/$SITE DIR.conf
              sudo sed -i 's/:DOCUMENT_ROOT/$SITE_DIR/g' /etc/apache2/sites-
available/$SITE_DIR.conf
              sudo a2ensite $SITE_DIR
              sudo systemctl reload apache2
              local APACHE2_SITE_CONFIG_STATUS=$?
               return $APACHE2_RELOAD_STATUS
       fi
       return 0
}
function checkAndAddDNSEntry() {
       sudo cp /etc/hosts /etc/hosts.bak #good practise
       sudo grep "$DOMAIN_NM" /etc/hosts
       local DNS ENTRY FOUND=$?
       if [$DNS_ENTRY_FOUND -ne 0]
       then
              sudo chmod 755 /etc/hosts
              sudo echo -e "\n127.0.0.1 $DOMAIN_NM" >> /etc/hosts
```

```
fi
}
function checkUfw() {
       local UFW_STATUS=$(sudo ufw status | grep "Status:" | awk '{print $2}')
       if [ $UFW_STATUS == "active" ]
       then
               sudo ufw verbose | grep "80/tcp"
               local RULE STATUS=$?
               if [ $RULE_STATUS -ne 0 ]
               then
                       sudo ufw allow 80
               else
                       local HTTP_STATUS=$(sudo ufw verbose | grep "80/tcp" | awk '{print $2}')
                       if [$HTTP STATUS == "deny" ]
                       then
                               return 500
                       fi
               fi
       fi
       return 0
}
#main block
NARGS=$#
if [$NARGS -ne 3]
then
       echo "error: sitedirectory, zipLocation and domainname are required!"
       exit 100
fi
SITE_DIR=$1
ZIP_LOC=$2
DOMAIN_NM=$3
check And Install A pache 2 Server\\
var APACHE2_SERVER_STATUS=$?
if [$APACHE2 SERVER STATUS -eq 200]
then
       echo "error: failure during the installation of apache2 server, please check the logs"
       exit 200
elif [$APACHE2_SERVER_STATUS -eq 300]
then
       echo "error: apache2 server is down, start and re-lauch the script to host the application"
       exit 300
fi
```

```
setupSiteDirectory
var SITE_DIRECTORY_STATUS=$?
if [ $SITE_DIRECTORY_STATUS -eq 400 ]
then
       echo "error: zip location is not found"
       exit 400
fi
checkAndConfigureApache2Site
var SITE_CONFIG_STATUS=$?
if [ $SITE_CONFIG_STATUS -ne 0 ]
then
       echo "error: while configuring apache2 site, please check the logs"
       exit $SITE_CONFIG_STATUS
fi
checkAndAddDNSEntry
checkUfw
hostsite crazyeats ~/public html/crazyeats.tar.gz www.crazyeats.com
     $1
                 $2
                              $3
apache2site.conf.tmpl
<VirtualHost *:80>
       ServerName :SERVER_NAME:
       DocumentRoot /var/www/:DOCUMENT_ROOT:
</VirtualHost>
cp site.conf.tmp /etc/apache2/sites-available/crazyeats.conf
sed -i 's/:SERVER_NAME:/$DOMAIN_NM/g' /etc/apache2/sites-available/crazyeats.conf
sed -i 's/:DOCUMENT_ROOT:/$SITE_DIR/g' /etc/apache2/sites-available/crazyeats.conf
crazyeats.conf
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<VirtualHost *:80>
       ServerName www.crazyeats.com
       DocumentRoot /var/www/crazyeats
</VirtualHost>
toyland.conf
<VirtualHost *:80>
       ServerName www.toyland.com
       DocumentRoot /var/www/toyland
</VirtualHost>
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