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GENERATING THE CERTIFICATE AND PRIVATE KEY

I had difficulty getting a certificate to generate from the cacert.org website, so I used an openssl command to generate one for me. This command also output the private key into its own .pem file:

openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:4096 -nodes -keyout privkey.pem -out cert.pem -days 365

EXTRACTING THE PUBLIC KEY FROM THE CERTIFICATE USING OPENSSL LIBRARY
To extract the public key from the certificate, I had to install the openssl libraries (libssl-dev), then create a makefile so that I may compile the C program including those libraries.

In my C file, 'extractPK.c', I first create BIO structs to read the certificate file and to write to STDOUT. Then, I attempt reading the cert file with $BIO_read_filename()$. I then read that BIO struct using openssl's X509 struct (since the cert was in PEM format). To do this, I used $PEM_read_bio_X509()$. Finally, to extract the public key, I used openssl's EVP struct (EVP_PKEY) to get the public key from the X509 struct using $X509_get_pubkey()$. Finally, I print the key to STDOUT using $PEM_write_bio_PUBKEY()$. I lastly clean up everything I allocated to avoid any memory leaks.

To save the output to a file, I piped STDOUT to a file, 'pubkey.pem'.