

## Task 1: Becoming a Certificate Authority (CA)

The first thing we do is copy the conf file template over to the working directory /Desktop, and edit the conf file to show the base directory:

```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: openssl.cnf
tsa_policy3 = 1.2.3.4.5.7

#####
[ ca ]
default_ca = CA_default # The default ca section

#####
[ CA_default ]
dir = ./demoCA # Where everything is kept
certs = $dir/certs # Where the issued certs are kept
crl_dir = $dir/crl # Where the issued crl are kept
database = $dir/index.txt # database index file.
#unique_subject = no # Set to 'no' to allow creation of
# several certificates with same subject.
new_certs_dir = $dir/newcerts # default place for new certs.

certificate = $dir/cacert.pem # The CA certificate
serial = $dir/serial # The current serial number
crlnumber = $dir/crlnumber # the current crl number
# must be commented out to leave a V1 CRL
crl = $dir/crl.pem # The current CRL
private_key = $dir/private/cakey.pem # The private key
RANDFILE = $dir/private/.rand # private random number file

x509_extensions = usr_cert # The extensions to add to the cert

# Comment out the following two lines for the "traditional"
# (and highly broken) format.
name_opt = ca_default # Subject Name options
cert_opt = ca_default # Certificate field options

^G Get Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text ^J Justify ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit ^R Read File ^\ Replace ^U Uncut Text ^T To Spell ^_ Go To Line
```

We then add the directories that we need, as well as the two files: index.txt and serial:

```
/bin/bash
/bin/bash 88x26

9/02/21]seed@VM:~/Desktop$ ls -l
total 8
wxrwxrwx 1 seed seed 0 Sep 2 09:55 index.txt
wxrwxrwx 1 seed seed 20 Sep 2 04:43 openssl.cnf -> /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf
wxrwxrwx 1 seed seed 5 Sep 2 09:55 serial
wxrwxr-x 2 seed seed 4096 Sep 2 04:34 Untitled Folder
9/02/21]seed@VM:~/Desktop$
```

Next we generate the self-signed certificate and enter the relevant information, the passphrase is “deesdees”:

```
/bin/bash
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/Desktop$ openssl req -new -x509 -keyout ca.key -out ca.crt -config openssl.cnf
Generating a 2048 bit RSA private key
.....+++
.....+++
writing new private key to 'ca.key'
Enter PEM pass phrase:
Verifying - Enter PEM pass phrase:
-----
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) [AU]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:IN
Locality Name (eg, city) []:indianapolis
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:kaiffee
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:kaiffee
Email Address []:
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/Desktop$
```

**Observation:** In this task we had to create the process to become a Certificate Authority. We first copying the template configuration file over into our working directory, then we created the necessary subfolders and files to support the CA. We then needed to create a self-signed certificate for the CA to use. This was accomplished using the openssl req command. The password used for this, and all other certs for this lab was “deesdees”.

**Explanation:** A certificate is required part of the PKI encryption scheme. The CA is a trusted entity that verifies the authenticity of the user/server certificates. We didn’t want to pay a commercial provider, like verisign, to act as our CA so we created our own using root.

## Task 2: Creating a Certificate for SEEDPKILab2020.com

Next we create the RSA public/private key pair, again we are using “deesdees” for the passphrase:

```

/bin/bash
/bin/bash 66x24
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:kaiffee
Email Address []:
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ openssl genrsa -aes128 -out server.key
1024
Generating RSA private key, 1024 bit long modulus
.....+++++
.+++++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
Enter pass phrase for server.key:
Verifying - Enter pass phrase for server.key:
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ openssl rsa -in server.key -text
Enter pass phrase for server.key:
Private-Key: (1024 bit)
modulus:
    00:a5:9d:15:96:aa:eb:23:f6:ec:77:3e:f7:f9:50:
    37:1e:16:64:e0:7b:07:c7:6b:6f:02:b5:cd:4b:63:
    fb:61:af:88:39:e5:e0:93:c0:bf:4d:c1:2f:33:b5:
    8a:98:da:b3:e7:9f:93:5f:79:50:75:7f:c7:d4:18:
    d1:e6:d2:72:79:3c:df:93:3a:15:dc:09:e7:52:30:
    a7:4d:07:38:4e:00:69:88:d9:75:5e:56:6a:e3:df:
    2c:54:4e:ab:3a:63:47:d4:7e:9b:e5:7e:7e:cb:8d:
    6f:38:e1:3f:7b:88:51:a4:39:dd:b5:61:f0:f4:2d:
    f8:64:26:5d:a1:52:99:e0:35
publicExponent: 65537 (0x10001)

```

And the rest of the key:

```

/bin/bash
/bin/bash 66x24
privateExponent:
    7e:68:25:a0:38:98:fd:7c:6d:04:9f:75:5a:40:15:
    b1:cb:59:f7:d5:30:1c:d0:2d:8d:1e:02:b2:36:80:
    1b:11:85:a2:db:88:cc:7d:e4:06:8f:1b:5e:16:84:
    d1:22:ad:0a:6f:cc:66:a5:0b:fa:83:2b:9d:01:cc:
    c4:a7:80:63:3a:c0:92:d9:9b:1c:3b:0a:1b:91:2c:
    40:1d:0b:04:ab:3e:09:4f:31:fd:24:a2:4d:bb:b7:
    60:8a:44:53:2c:76:da:20:ef:94:5c:ed:d8:38:c6:
    f7:8b:a8:86:cb:e3:29:29:0a:43:77:4f:9f:3e:89:
    c6:7b:bb:6a:c6:e2:a0:01
prime1:
    00:d5:8d:ab:9e:52:55:d0:8c:9d:51:f8:55:14:3e:
    b9:c7:a4:4e:b5:9d:9f:61:0d:c4:d4:49:25:4e:cb:
    7a:f0:45:73:15:4c:71:52:64:d1:3b:16:5d:70:cf:
    6d:97:f6:48:7d:d7:cf:3a:04:ca:f7:dd:90:56:fb:
    24:78:33:44:35
prime2:
    00:c6:88:12:b0:51:1c:de:8b:13:8d:48:10:84:96:
    eb:a6:eb:d5:23:db:49:22:6c:59:8c:6c:15:00:cf:
    ae:54:da:fb:26:4c:d1:0e:8a:51:15:b4:b8:17:c4:
    69:bf:ca:26:f8:2e:14:bd:68:07:32:ae:50:ce:f9:
    ce:82:a7:ac:01
exponent1:
    43:03:c0:35:60:b5:19:4a:e7:1b:90:08:72:df:f4:

```



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exponent1:
  43:03:c0:35:60:b5:19:4a:e7:1b:90:08:72:df:f4:
  40:d8:28:f3:09:51:b8:8d:2f:95:46:96:f4:91:1a:
  35:48:36:03:1b:07:fc:c9:32:77:8e:5f:28:45:8f:
  a8:be:5a:a5:53:11:ee:ad:0e:5c:96:24:f3:86:c0:
  3d:10:29:79
exponent2:
  53:60:ea:98:6a:38:79:ae:67:33:ba:c4:55:2b:1d:
  25:29:7e:86:64:9e:3e:7a:ca:d1:12:c3:6f:67:c9:
  8b:91:bc:50:c5:8a:37:55:17:e0:c9:d9:57:02:02:
  77:ad:ea:d7:e8:62:85:79:9f:2c:45:d1:62:5b:bf:
  c3:57:b0:01
coefficient:
  1e:00:9c:1f:78:5c:43:ea:48:28:d3:79:8b:e9:d5:
  54:cb:00:28:39:23:17:6d:cc:1f:73:4a:46:af:40:
  80:ee:69:00:25:d7:cc:db:32:68:e2:fe:b5:d9:f8:
  95:2e:9b:21:16:07:14:8c:1c:0c:22:68:d6:8c:e3:
  fe:f5:5e:e6
writing RSA key
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIICWwIBAAKBgQClNRWwqsj9ux3Pvf5UDceFmTgewfHa28Ctc1LY/thr4g55eCT
wL9NwS8ztYqY2rPnn5NfeVB1f8fUGNHm0nJ5PN+T0hXcCedSMkdNBzh0AGmI2XVe
Vmrj3yxUTqs6Y0fufpvlfn7LjW844T97iFGkOd21YfD0LfhkJ12hUpngNQIDAQAB
AoGAfmgloDiY/XxtBJ91WkAVsctZ99UwHNAtrJ4CsjaAGxGFotuIzH3kBo8bXhaE
0SKtCm/M2QUL+oMrrnQHMXKeAYzrAktmbHDSKG5EsQB0LBKs+CU8x/SSiTbu3YIpe
Uyx22iDvLFzt2DjG94uohsvjKSkKQ3dPnz6Jxnu7asbioAECQQ0DVjaueULXQjJ1R
+FUUPrnHpE6lnZ9hDcTUSV0y3rwRXMTFHSZNE7F1lwz22X9kh91886BMr33ZBW
+yR4M001AkEaxogSsFec3osTjUgQhJbrpuvVI9tJImxZjGwVAM+uVNr7JkzRDopR
Fb54F8Pv8om+C4UvWgHMq5Qzvn0ggesAQJAQwPANWC1GUrng5AIct/00Ngo8wLR
uI0vLUaW9JEaNUg2AxsH/Mkyd45fKEWPqL5apVMR7q00XJYk84bAPRApeQJAU2Dq
mGo4ea5nM7rEVSSdJ5L+hmSePnrK0RLDb2fJi5G8UMWKN1UX4MnZVwICd63q1+hi
hXmFLExRYlu/wlewAQJAHgCcH3hcQ+pIKNN5i+nVVMsAKDkjF23MH3NKRq9Ag05p
ACXZxNsya0L+tdn4LS6bIRYHFIwcDCJoIoZj/vVe5g==
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ █

```

Next, we generate a certificate signing request (CSR):

```

[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ openssl req -new -key server.key -out server.csr -config openssl.cnf
Enter pass phrase for server.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.
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Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:IN
Locality Name (eg, city) []:indianapolis
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:SEEDPKILAB2020.COM
Email Address []:

Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:deesdees
An optional company name []:
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ █

```

And finally, we generate the certificates:

```

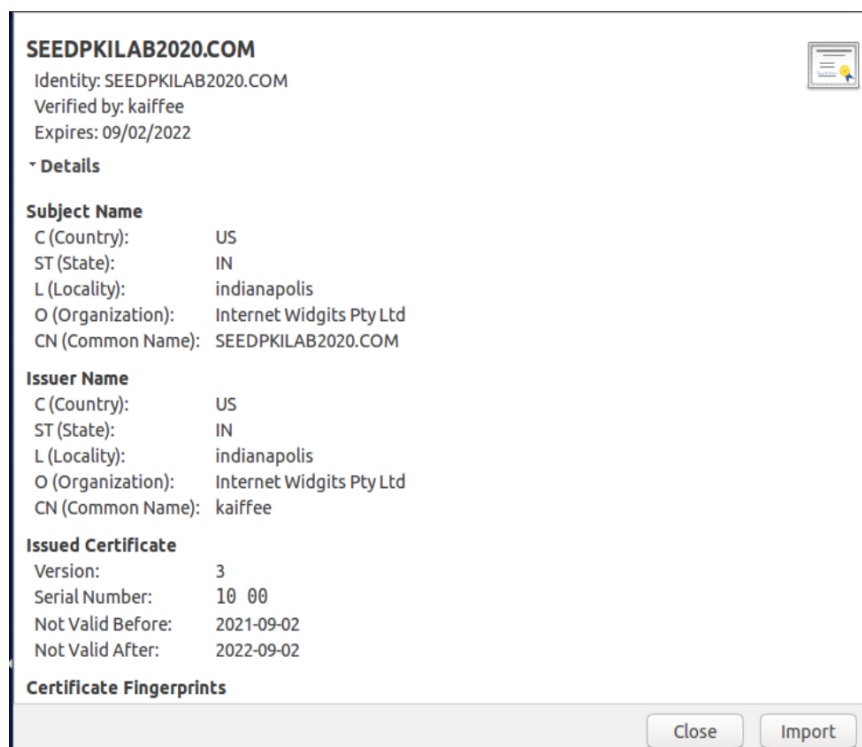
/bin/bash 91x35
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ openssl ca -in server.csr -out server.crt -cert ca.crt -keyfile
ca.key -config openssl.cnf
Using configuration from openssl.cnf
Enter pass phrase for ca.key:
Check that the request matches the signature
Signature ok
Certificate Details:
    Serial Number: 4096 (0x1000)
    Validity
        Not Before: Sep  2 14:54:02 2021 GMT
        Not After : Sep  2 14:54:02 2022 GMT
    Subject:
        countryName             = US
        stateOrProvinceName     = IN
        localityName            = indianapolis
        organizationName        = Internet Widgits Pty Ltd
        commonName              = SEEDPKILAB2020.COM
    X509v3 extensions:
        X509v3 Basic Constraints:
            CA:FALSE
        Netscape Comment:
            OpenSSL Generated Certificate
        X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
            0D:8D:39:C8:ED:90:F5:F1:B1:7C:C9:48:57:D5:21:48:A8:FC:B0:12
        X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
            keyid:5E:EA:5C:69:3D:3E:E4:E1:32:C7:1C:4D:BE:4E:B6:5E:7C:63:89:43

Certificate is to be certified until Sep  2 14:54:02 2022 GMT (365 days)
Sign the certificate? [y/n]:y

1 out of 1 certificate requests certified, commit? [y/n]:y
Write out database with 1 new entries
Data Base Updated
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$

```

And this is our new signed certificate, 1000.pem:

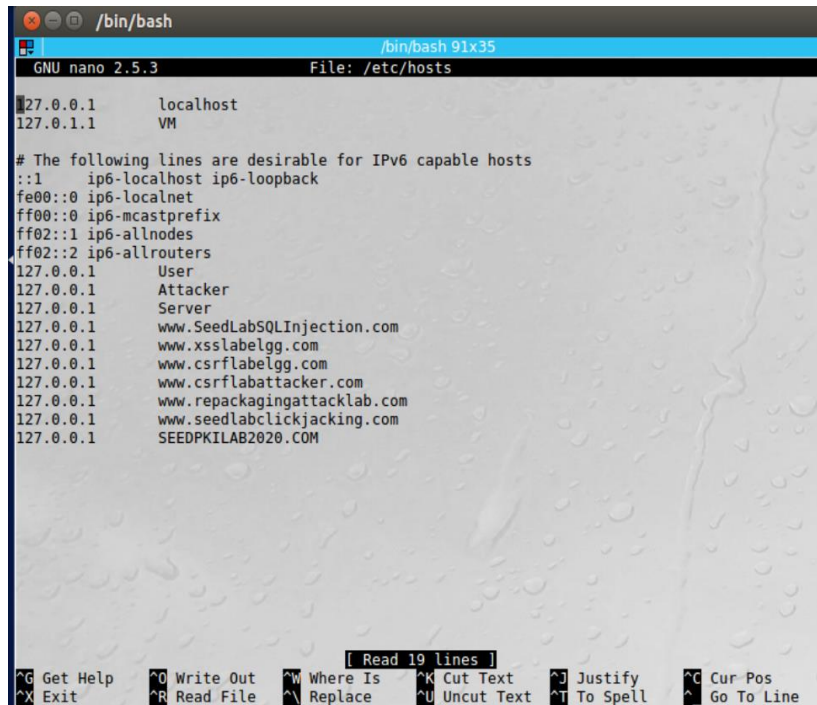


**Observation:** In this task we created the certificates needed to secure our website, SEEDPKILab2020.com using https. We used the authority that we created in the previous task to issue the certificate. We followed three steps to create the certificate, first we had to generate the public/private key pair, which was stored in server.key. Second, we generated a signing request which included the public key and is sent to the CA. Third, we use the signing request, server.csr to generate the certificate using our CA. We used the 'openssl ca' command for this.

**Explanation:** The process for issuing valid certificates from a CA involves three parts, generating the public/private key pair, creating a certificate signing request using the public key, then issuing the certificate. With this certificate we will be able to secure our website in the next tasks.

### Task 3: Deploying Certificate in an HTTPS Web Server

The first thing we do is edit the /etc/hosts file to redirect SEEDPKILab2020.com to our localhost:



```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: /etc/hosts
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 VM

# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1 ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0 ip6-localnet
ff00::0 ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
127.0.0.1 User
127.0.0.1 Attacker
127.0.0.1 Server
127.0.0.1 www.SeedLabSQLInjection.com
127.0.0.1 www.xsslabelgg.com
127.0.0.1 www.csrflabelgg.com
127.0.0.1 www.csrflabelattacker.com
127.0.0.1 www.repackagingattacklab.com
127.0.0.1 www.seedlabclickjacking.com
127.0.0.1 SEEDPKILAB2020.COM
```

Next we configure our webserver to use our certificate and will be available at <https://SEEDPKILab2020.com>:

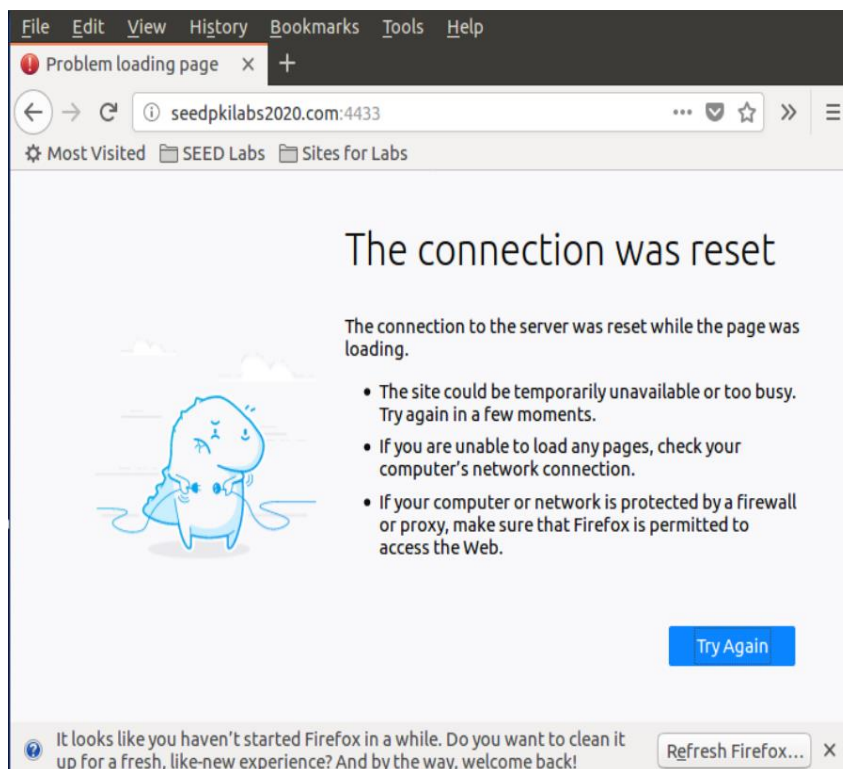
```
/bin/bash
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ nano /etc/hosts
Use "fg" to return to nano.

[5]+ Stopped nano /etc/hosts
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ sudo nano /etc/hosts
Use "fg" to return to nano.

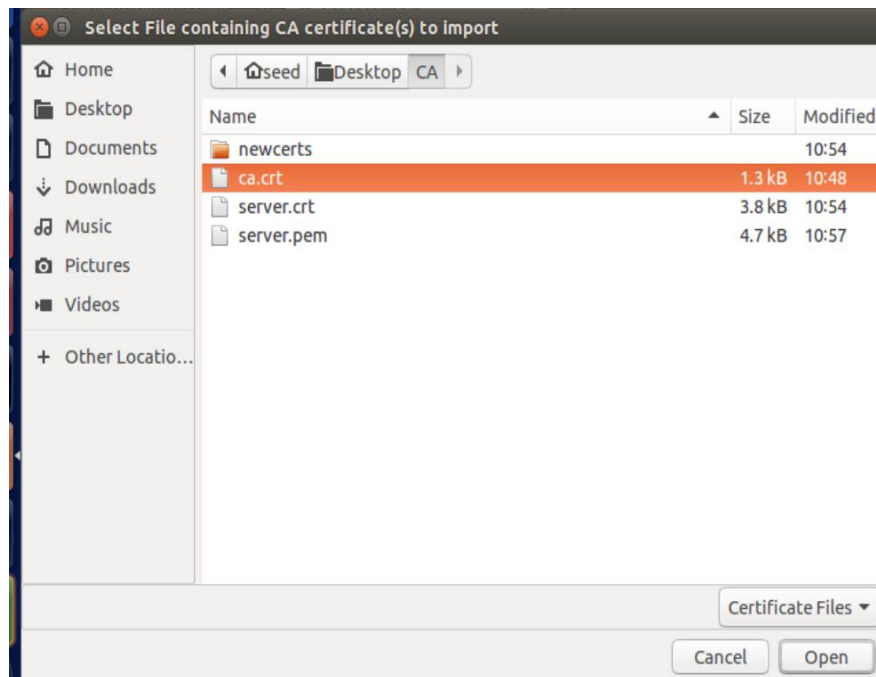
[6]+ Stopped sudo nano /etc/hosts
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ sudo nano /etc/hosts
Use "fg" to return to nano.

[7]+ Stopped sudo nano /etc/hosts
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ cp server.key server.pem
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ cat server.crt >> server.pem
cat: server.crt: No such file or directory
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ cat server.crt >> server.pem
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/.../CA$ openssl s_server -cert server.pem -www
Enter pass phrase for server.pem:
Using default temp DH parameters
ACCEPT
```

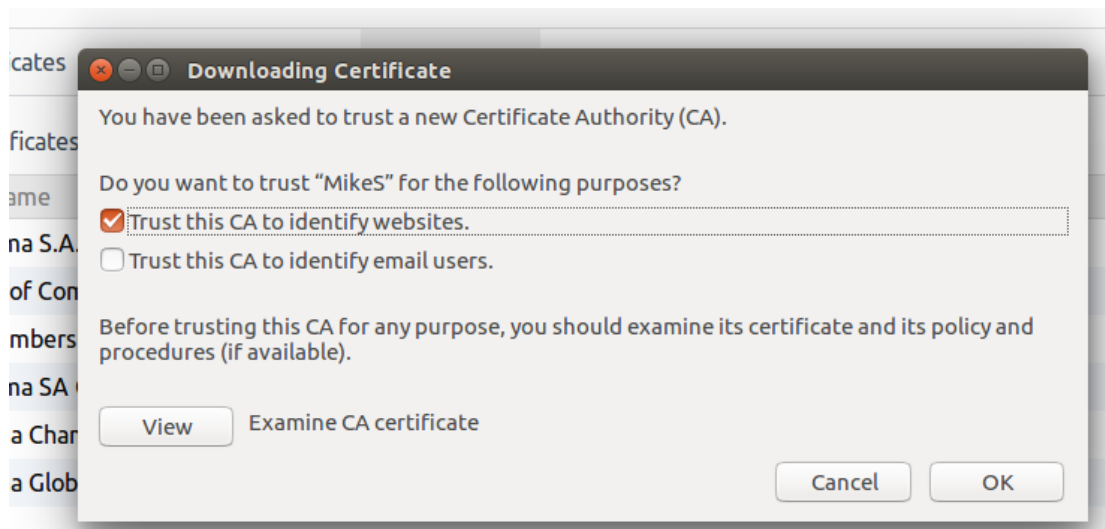
When we visit our website, we get a warning from Firefox that our connection is not secure since we still need to install our certificate repository:



Now we installed the Certificate Authority that we made to Firefox:

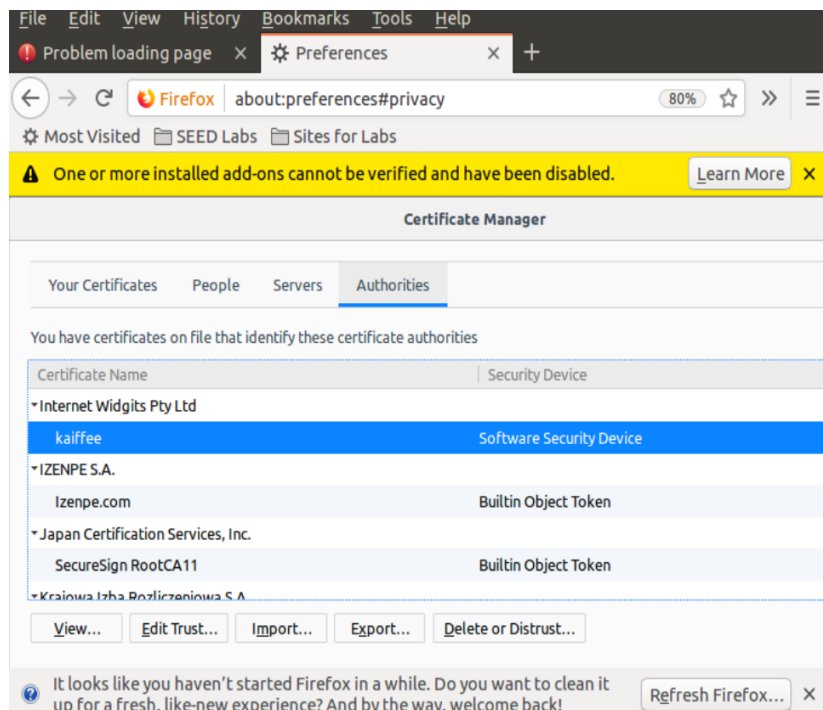


Trusting the CA:

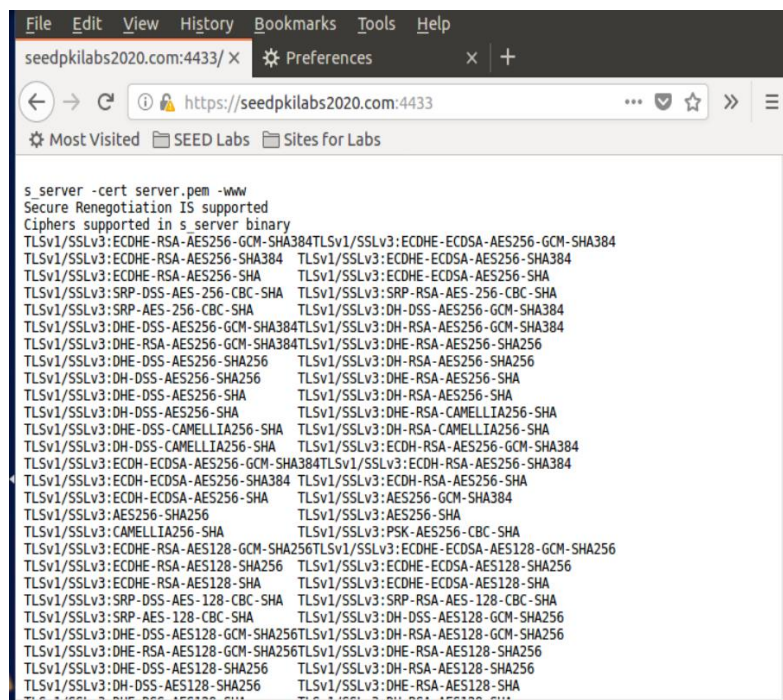


We can see the certificate now is in our list of trusted certificates with “MikeS” as the signer:

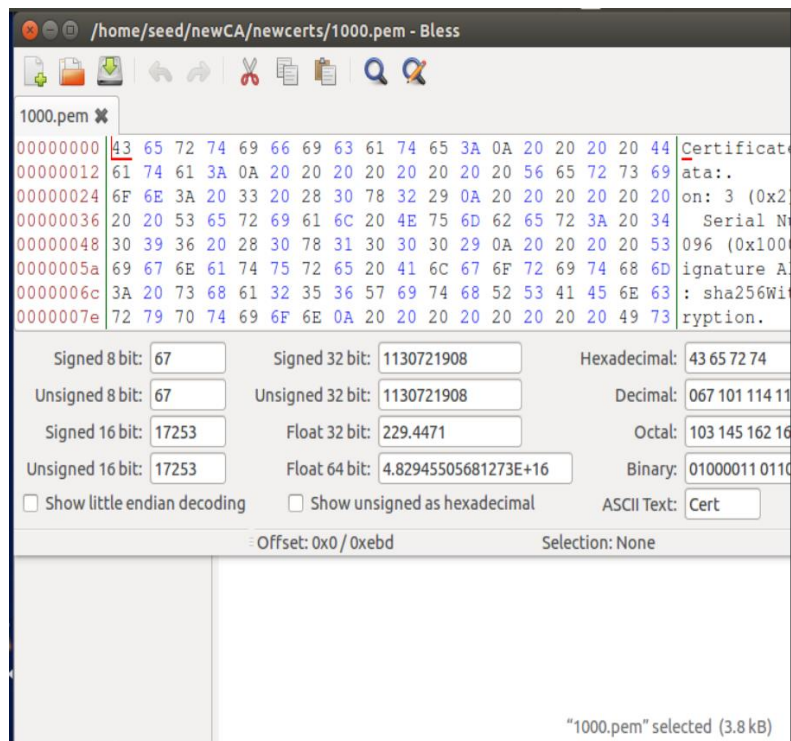




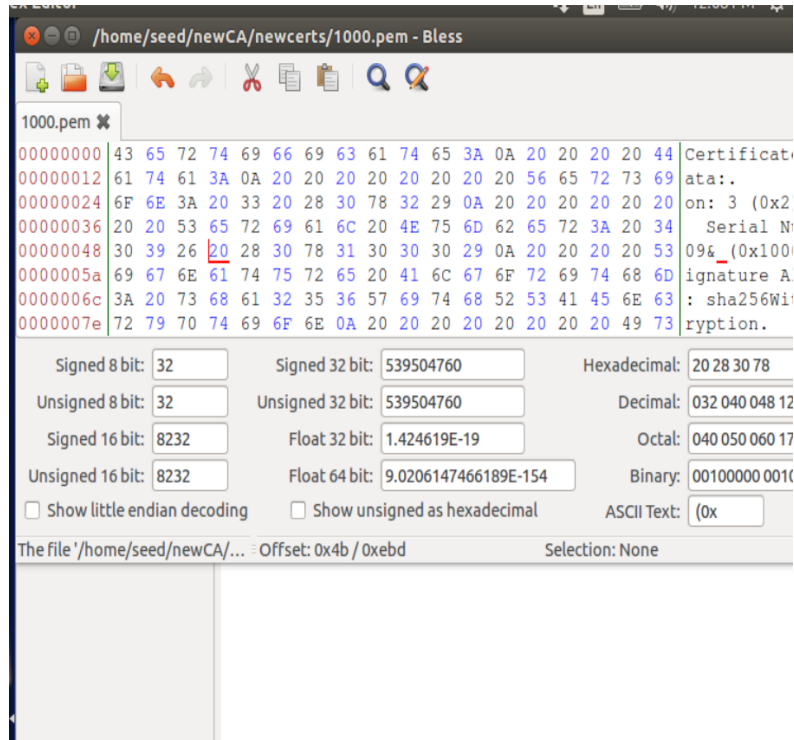
And when we try to visit our website again, we don't get a security warning:



For the next part we will change one byte on server.pem, here is the file before we change the byte:



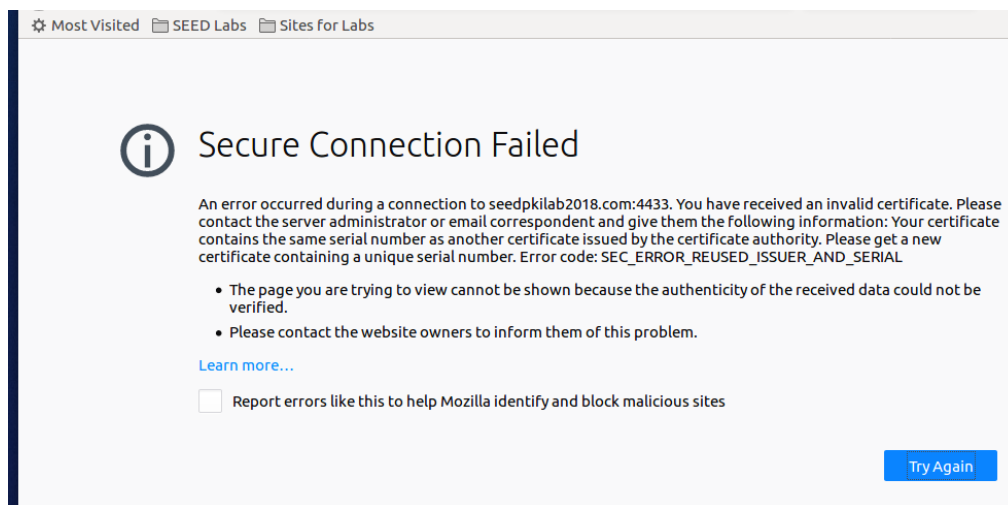
And now we change the byte from a “36” to a “26”



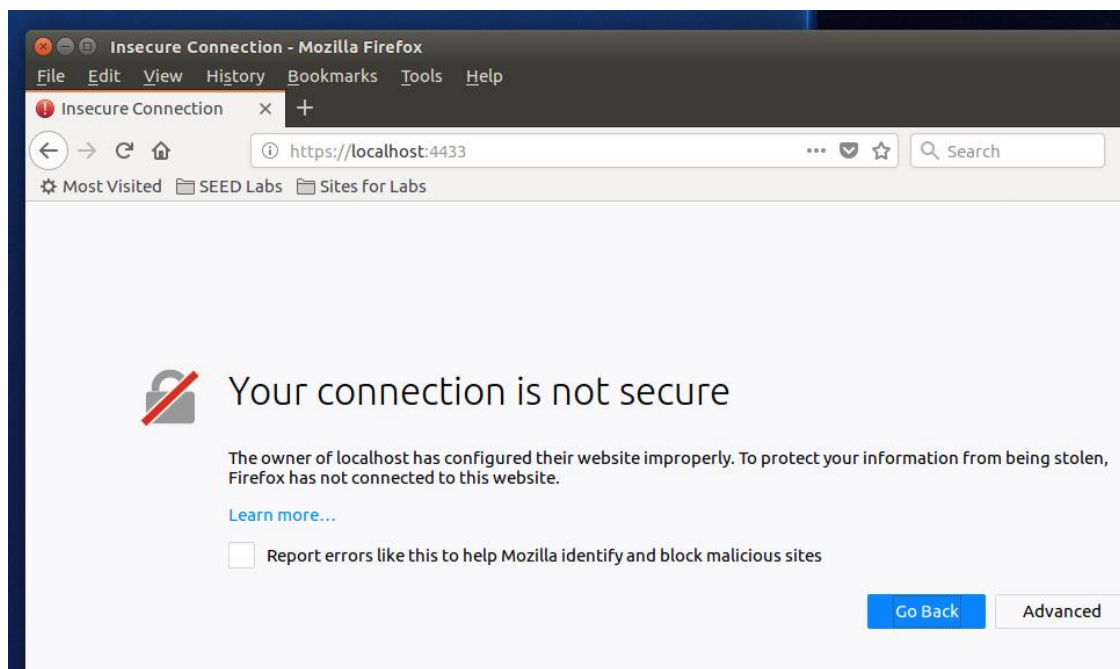
And when we try to start the server it will not start:

```
/bin/bash
[08/27/19]seed@VM:~/.../Lab6$ openssl s_server -cert server.pem -www
Enter pass phrase for server.pem:
unable to load certificate
3070613184:error:0D0680A8:asn1 encoding routines:ASN1_CHECK_TLEN:wrong tag:tasn_dec.c:1197:
3070613184:error:0D07803A:asn1 encoding routines:ASN1_ITEM_EX_D2I:nested asn1 error:tasn_dec.c:374:Type=X509
3070613184:error:0906700D:PEM routines:PEM_ASN1_read_bio:ASN1 lib:pem_oth.c:83:
[08/27/19]seed@VM:~/.../Lab6$
```

Now we can start our server, but when we browse to <https://seedpkilab2020.com:4433>, we get a failure:



If we attempt to go to <https://localhost:4433> we get a security warning because the certificate was registered for <https://seedpkilab2020.com:4433> and not for localhost:

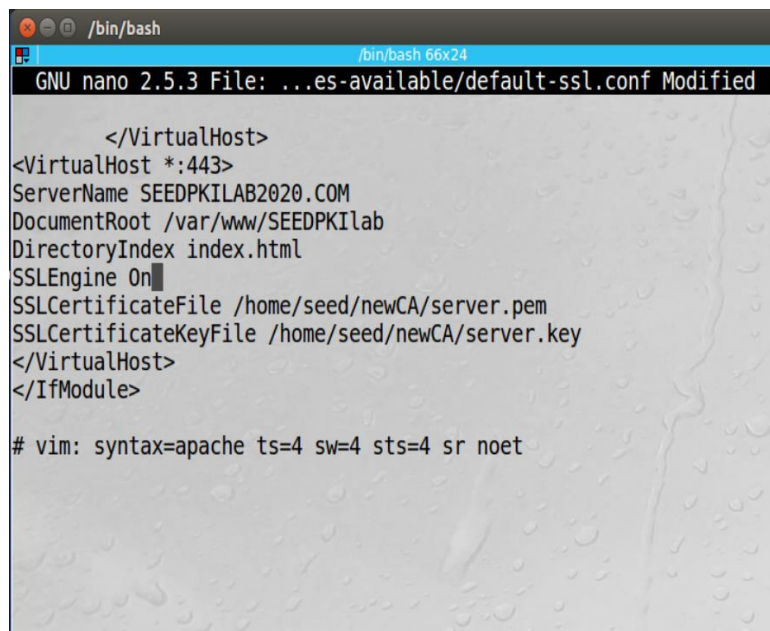


**Observation:** In this task we deploy and test our certificate and then try to corrupt it to see the result. We first had to add the site to our `/etc/hosts` file, and then we combined the secret key and certificate into one file, `server.pem` and launched our web server using `s_server`. When we first visited the site in Firefox, we were prompted with a security warning because we hadn't added our CA to Firefox's trusted CAs. After we added the CA to Firefox to trust, we no longer get a security warning and can now see our website working properly. We then go into the server's certificate to corrupt a byte, restart our webserver to see if it still works, but Firefox tells us that our connection is no longer secure.

**Explanation:** Deploying the certificate to the website allowed us to visit our site securely using https. We first needed to add the CA that we created to Firefox since we didn't use a commercial provider like Verisign. When we corrupted our certificate file and tried again, after only changing one byte, Firefox gave us a security warning.

#### Task 4: Deploying Certificate in an Apache-Based HTTPS Web Server

First, we modify the `default-ssl.conf` file to include information about our website:



```
/bin/bash
/bin/bash 66x24
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: ...es-available/default-ssl.conf Modified

    </VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost *:443>
ServerName SEEDPKILAB2020.COM
DocumentRoot /var/www/SEEDPKILab
DirectoryIndex index.html
SSLEngine On
SSLCertificateFile /home/seed/newCA/server.pem
SSLCertificateKeyFile /home/seed/newCA/server.key
</VirtualHost>
</IfModule>

# vim: syntax=apache ts=4 sw=4 sts=4 sr noet
```

Next we create a simple website located at `/var/www/SEEDPKILab2020`:



```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: /var/www/SEEDPKILab2020

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title> its' secure </title>
</head>
<body>

<h1> kaiffee bains </h1>
<p> CSE 644 </p>

</body>
</html>

[ Read 12 lines ]
^G Get Help  ^O Write Out ^W Where Is  ^K Cut Text  ^J Justify
^X Exit      ^R Read File ^\ Replace   ^U Uncut Text ^T To Spell
```

Next we run some commands to check that our site's security is properly configured:

```
/bin/bash
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/newCA$ sudo apachectl configtest
AH00112: Warning: DocumentRoot [/var/www/seedlabclickjacking] does
not exist
AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably determine the server's fully
qualified domain name, using 127.0.1.1. Set the 'ServerName' direc
tive globally to suppress this message
Syntax OK
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/newCA$ sudo a2enmod ssl
Considering dependency setenvif for ssl:
Module setenvif already enabled
Considering dependency mime for ssl:
Module mime already enabled
Considering dependency socache_shmcb for ssl:
Enabling module socache_shmcb.
Enabling module ssl.
See /usr/share/doc/apache2/README.Debian.gz on how to configure SS
L and create self-signed certificates.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
    service apache2 restart
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/newCA$ sudo a2ensite default-ssl
Enabling site default-ssl.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
    service apache2 reload
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/newCA$ sudo service apache2 restart
[09/02/21]seed@VM:~/newCA$
```

**Observation:** This task was similar to the previous except we used Apache as our webserver. Apache is a popular webserver and is widely used in the real world. We first had to edit the file at `/etc/apache2/default-ssl.conf` file to point to our website and certificates. Then we created a simple html file in the `/var/www/SEEDPKILab2020` folder. We then ran some command to check if everything was configured properly, restarted our apache server, and visited the site in Firefox.

When we visited the site, it showed as secure in the browser, with valid certificates since we previously installed the CA.

**Explanation:** Apache is an easy to configure and deploy web server that we used to host our website SEEDPKILabs2020.com. We were able to have our secure website up and running in only a few minutes after configuring our certificates and browser to trust them.