

Configure TLS

You can enable communications via TLS/SSL by setting "tls": "STRICT" .

If the value is set to "OFF" , the rest of the SSL configuration is ignored.

Important If using TLS, update the hostname of the node to use https instead of http . TLS configuration { "sslConfig": { "tls": "[Authentication mode : OFF,STRICT]", "sslConfigType": "[Possible values: SERVER_ONLY, CLIENT_ONLY, SERVER_AND_CLIENT]",

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// server options "serverTrustMode": "[Possible values: CA, TOFU, WHITELIST, CA_OR_TOFU, NONE]", "serverKeyStore": "[Path to server keystore]", "serverKeyStorePassword": "[Password required for server KeyStore]", "serverTrustStore": "[Server trust store path]", "serverTrustStorePassword": "[Password required for server trust store]", "serverTlsKeyPath": "[Path to server TLS key path]", "serverTlsCertificatePath": "[Path to server TLS cert path]", "serverTrustCertificates": [ "[Array of truststore certificates if no truststore is defined.]" ],
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// client options "clientTrustMode": "[Possible values: CA, TOFU, WHITELIST, CA_OR_TOFU, NONE]", "clientKeyStore": "[Path to client keystore. The keystore that is used when communicating to other nodes.]", "clientKeyStorePassword": "[Password required for client KeyStore]", "clientTrustStore": "[Path to client TrustStore]", "clientTrustStorePassword": "[Password required for client trust store]", "clientTlsKeyPath": "[Path to client TLS Key]", "clientTlsCertificatePath": "[Path to client TLS cert]", "clientTrustCertificates": [ "[Array of truststore certificates if no truststore is defined.]" ],
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"knownClientsFile": "[TLS known clients file for the server. This contains the fingerprints of public keys of other nodes that are allowed to connect to this one.]", "knownServersFile": "[TLS known servers file for the client. This contains the fingerprints of public keys of other nodes that this node has encountered.]", "generateKeyStoreIfNotExisted": "[boolean]", "environmentVariablePrefix": "[Prefix to uniquely identify environment variables for this particular server ssl configuration]", "clientAuth": "[Configure if SSL needs client authentication - boolean - default is true]" } } Tip To enable one-way SSL, set clientAuth to false . When TLS/SSL is enabled, each node must have [certificates](#) and [keys](#) defined for both client-side and server-side. You can define these in multiple ways, and in the following order of precedence:

1. Secured and unsecured.jks
2. (Java keystore) format files.
3.
 - serverKeyStore
4.
 - ,serverKeyStorePassword
5.
 - ,serverTrustStore
6.
 - ,serverTrustStorePassword
7.
 - clientKeyStore
8.
 - ,clientKeyStorePassword
9.
 - ,clientTrustStore
10.
 - ,clientTrustStorePassword
11. .pem
12. format certificate and key files.
13.
 - serverTlsKeyPath
14.
 - ,serverTlsCertificatePath
15.
 - ,serverTrustCertificates
16.
 - clientTlsKeyPath
17.
 - ,clientTlsCertificatePath
18.
 - ,clientTrustCertificates
19. .pem format configuration
20. "sslConfig" : {
21. "tls" : "STRICT",
22. "generateKeyStoreIfNotExisted" : "false",
23. "sslConfigType" : "SERVER_AND_CLIENT",
24. "serverTlsKeyPath" : "server-key.pem",

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25. "serverTlsCertificatePath" : "server-cert.pem",
26. "serverTrustCertificates" : ["server-trust.pem"]
27. "serverTrustMode" : "CA",
28. "clientTlsKeyPath" : "client-key.pem",
29. "clientTlsCertificatePath" : "client-cert.pem",
30. "clientTrustCertificates" : ["client-trust.pem"]
31. "clientTrustMode" : "TOFU",
32. "knownClientsFile" : "knownClients",
33. "knownServersFile" : "knownServers"
34. }

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Configuration type

When configuring TLS, use either the client configuration options or server configuration options depending on your [server configuration](#) . You can also define [sslConfigType](#) to limit TLS to only the appropriate options.

Server configuration TLS Configuration sslConfigType value [P2P](#) Server and client [SERVER_AND_CLIENT](#) [ThirdParty](#) Server options only [SERVER_ONLY](#) [Q2T](#) Server options only [SERVER_ONLY](#) [ENCLAVE](#) Server and client [SERVER_AND_CLIENT](#)

Keystores

Passwords

You can provide passwords for secured.jks keystores in multiple ways, and in the following order of precedence:

1. Prefixed environment variables.
2.
 - _TESSERA_SERVER_KEYSTORE_PWD
3.
 - ,_TESSERA_SERVER_TRUSTSTORE_PWD
4.
 - _TESSERA_CLIENT_KEYSTORE_PWD
5.
 - ,_TESSERA_CLIENT_TRUSTSTORE_PWD
6. These are only applied to the servers with the corresponding environmentVariablePrefix
7. value defined in their configuration. This allows, for example, a P2P and ADMIN server to be configured with different prefixes, P2P
8. and ADMIN
9. . Different keystores can then be used for each server and the individual passwords provided with P2P_<...>
10. and ADMIN_<...>
11. .
12. Configuration file.
13.
 - serverKeyStorePassword
14.
 - ,serverTrustStorePassword
15.
 - clientKeyStorePassword
16.
 - ,clientTrustStorePassword
17. Global environment variables.
18.
 - TESSERA_SERVER_KEYSTORE_PWD
19.
 - ,TESSERA_SERVER_TRUSTSTORE_PWD
20.
 - TESSERA_CLIENT_KEYSTORE_PWD
21.
 - ,TESSERA_CLIENT_TRUSTSTORE_PWD
22. These are applied to all server configurations defined in the configuration file.

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If a P2P and ADMIN server are both configured with TLS then the values set for the global environment variables are used for both. These values are ignored if the passwords are also provided in the configuration file or as prefixed environment variables.

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Generate keystores

If keystores don't already exist, Tessera can generate .jks files for use with non-CA [trust modes](#) .

If you set `generateKeyStoreIfNotExisted` to `true` , Tessera checks whether files already exist at the paths provided in `serverKeyStore` and `clientKeyStore` configuration values. If the files don't exist:

1. Tessera generates new keystores and saves them at `serverKeyStore`
2. and `clientKeyStore`
3. paths.
4. Tessera secures the keystores using the corresponding [passwords](#)
5. if they're provided.

Trust modes

You must specify the trust mode for both client and server. Multiple trust modes are supported [TOFU](#) , [WHITELIST](#) , [CA](#) , `CA_OR_TOFU` , and `NONE` .

note If you use TLS on multiple endpoints (for example, P2P and Q2T) and run everything on localhost (or a single machine), then you must use different `knownClients` and `knownServers` files for the different endpoints.

TOFU (Trust-on-first-use)

Only the first node that connects identifying as a certain host is allowed to connect as the same host in the future. When connecting for the first time, the host and its certificate are added to `knownClientsFile` (for server), or `knownServersFile` (for client). These files are generated if they don't already exist, using the values specified in `knownClientsFile` and `knownServersFile` .

```
TOFU trust mode configuration "sslConfig" : { "tls" : "STRICT", "generateKeyStoreIfNotExisted" : "true", "sslConfigType" : "SERVER_AND_CLIENT", "serverKeyStore" : "server-keystore", "serverKeyStorePassword" : "tessera", "serverTrustMode" : "TOFU", "clientKeyStore" : "client-keystore", "clientKeyStorePassword" : "tessera", "clientTrustMode" : "TOFU", "knownClientsFile" : "knownClients", "knownServersFile" : "knownServers" }
```

WHITELIST

Only nodes that have previously connected to this node and have been added to the `knownClients` file are allowed to connect. Similarly, this node can only make connections to nodes that have been added to the `knownServers` file. This trust mode doesn't add new entries to the `knownClients` or `knownServers` files.

With this trust mode, you must provide the allowlist (whitelist) files (`knownClientsFile` and `knownServersFile`).

```
WHITELIST trust mode configuration "sslConfig" : { "tls" : "STRICT", "generateKeyStoreIfNotExisted" : "true", "sslConfigType" : "SERVER_AND_CLIENT", "serverKeyStore" : "server-keystore", "serverKeyStorePassword" : "tessera", "serverTrustMode" : "WHITELIST", "clientKeyStore" : "client-keystore", "clientKeyStorePassword" : "tessera", "clientTrustMode" : "WHITELIST", "knownClientsFile" : "knownClients", "knownServersFile" : "knownServers" }
```

CA

Only nodes with a valid certificate and chain of trust are allowed to connect. For this trust mode, you must provide trust stores that contain a list of trust certificates.

```
CA trust mode configuration "sslConfig" : { "tls" : "STRICT", "generateKeyStoreIfNotExisted" : "false", //You can't generate trust stores when using CA "sslConfigType" : "SERVER_AND_CLIENT", "serverKeyStore" : "server-keystore", "serverKeyStorePassword" : "tessera", "serverTrustStore" : "server-truststore", "serverTrustStorePassword" : "tessera", "serverTrustMode" : "CA", "clientKeyStore" : "client-keystore", "clientKeyStorePassword" : "tessera", "clientTrustStore" : "client-truststore", "clientTrustStorePassword" : "tessera", "clientTrustMode" : "CA", "knownClientsFile" : "knownClients", "knownServersFile" : "knownServers" }
```

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