# Reverse Proxy

## Setting Up Reverse Proxy

This section explains you how to setup a reverse procxy for **Openemail dockers** 

You don't need to change the Nginx site that comes with nginx-openemail container. Openemail trusts the default gateway IP 172.22.1.1 as proxy.

1. Make sure you change HTTP\_BIND and HTTPS\_BIND in openemail.conf to a local address and set the ports accordingly, for example:

HTTP\_BIND=127.0.0.1 HTTP\_PORT=8080 HTTPS\_BIND=127.0.0.1 HTTPS\_PORT=8443

**IMPORTANT:** Do not use port 8081!



#### Warning

Make sure you run generate\_config.sh before you enable any site configuration examples below. The script generate\_config.sh copies snake-oil certificates to the correct location, so the services will not fail to start due to missing files.



#### 1 Info

Using the site configs below will forward ACME requests to Openemail and let it handle certificates itself. The downside of using Openemail as ACME client behind a reverse proxy is, that you will need to reload your webserver after acme-openemail changed/renewed/created the certificate. You can either reload your webserver daily or write a script to watch the file for changes. On many servers logrotate will reload the webserver daily anyway.

If you want to use a local certbot installation, you will need to change the SSL certificate parameters accordingly. Make sure you run a post-hook script when you decide to use external ACME clients. You will find an example at the bottom of this page.

2. Configure your local webserver as reverse proxy:

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\*\* Install required modules:\*\*

```
a2enmod rewrite proxy proxy_http headers ssl
```

We rewrite to HTTPS, but keep requests to autoconfig.\*`` on a plain session.

Let's Encrypt will follow our rewrite, certificate requests will work fine.

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```
<VirtualHost *:80>
 ServerName CHANGE_TO_openemail_HOSTNAME
 ServerAlias autodiscover.*
 ServerAlias autoconfig.*
 RewriteEngine on
 RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^autoconfig\. [NC]
 RewriteRule ^ - [S=1]
 RewriteRule ^ https://%{SERVER_NAME}%{REQUEST_URI}# [L,NE,R=permanent]
 RewriteRule ^ /autoconfig.php [PT]
 ProxyPass / http://127.0.0.1:8080/
 ProxyPassReverse / http://127.0.0.1:8080/
 ProxyPreserveHost On
 ProxyAddHeaders On
 RequestHeader set X-Forwarded-Proto "http"
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost *:443>
 ServerName CHANGE_TO_Openemail_HOSTNAME
 ServerAlias autodiscover.*
 # You should proxy to a plain HTTP session to offload SSL processing
 ProxyPass / http://127.0.0.1:8080/
 ProxyPassReverse / http://127.0.0.1:8080/
 ProxyPreserveHost On
 ProxyAddHeaders On
 RequestHeader set X-Forwarded-Proto "https"
 SSLCertificateFile openemail_PATH/data/assets/ssl/cert.pem
 SSLCertificateKeyFile openemail_PATH/data/assets/ssl/key.pem
 # If you plan to proxy to a HTTPS host:
 #SSLProxyEngine On
 # If you plan to proxy to an untrusted HTTPS host:
 #SSLProxyVerify none
 #SSLProxyCheckPeerCN off
 #SSLProxyCheckPeerName off
 #SSLProxyCheckPeerExpire off
</VirtualHost>
```

## **Nginx as a Reverse Proxy**

In our Nginx reverse proxy template, we rewrite all requests to HTTPS, while keeping autoconfig.\* domains on a plain session.

Let's Encrypt will follow our rewrite, certificate requests will work fine.

#### Take care of highlighted lines.

```
server {
  listen 80 default_server;
  listen [::]:80 default_server;
  server_name CHANGE_TO_openemail_HOSTNAME autodiscover.*;
  return 301 https://$host$request_uri;
}
server {
  listen 80;
  listen [::]:80;
  server_name autoconfig.*;
  rewrite ^/(.*)$ /autoconfig.php last;
  location / {
    proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:8080/;
    proxy_set_header Host $http_host;
    proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    client_max_body_size 0;
  }
}
server {
  listen 443;
  server_name CHANGE_TO_openemail_HOSTNAME autodiscover.* autoconfig.*;
  ssl on:
  ssl_certificate openemail_PATH/data/assets/ssl/cert.pem;
  ssl_certificate_key openemail_PATH/data/assets/ssl/key.pem;
  ssl_protocols TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2;
  ssl_ciphers HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5;
  location / {
      proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:8080/;
      proxy_set_header Host $http_host;
      proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
      proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
      proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
      client_max_body_size 0;
  }
}
```

## **HAProxy** as a Reverse Proxy

**Important/Fixme**: This example only forwards HTTPS traffic and does not use Openemails built-in ACME client.

```
frontend https-in
  bind :::443 v4v6 ssl crt openemail.pem
  default_backend openemail

backend openemail
  option forwardfor
  http-request set-header X-Forwarded-Proto https if { ssl_fc }
  http-request set-header X-Forwarded-Proto http if !{ ssl_fc }
  server openemail 127.0.0.1:8080 check
```

## **Using post-hook Scripts**

Optional: Post-hook script for non-openemail ACME clients

Using a local certbot (or any other ACME client) requires to restart some containers, you can do this with a post-hook script. Make sure you change the pathes accordingly:

```
#!/bin/bash
cp /etc/letsencrypt/live/my.domain.tld/fullchain.pem /opt/openemail/data/assets/
ssl/cert.pem
cp /etc/letsencrypt/live/my.domain.tld/privkey.pem /opt/openemail/data/assets/
ssl/key.pem
# Either restart...
#postfix_c=$(docker ps -qaf name=postfix-openemail)
#dovecot_c=$(docker ps -qaf name=dovecot-openemail)
#nginx_c=$(docker ps -qaf name=nginx-openemail)
#docker restart ${postfix_c} ${dovecot_c} ${nginx_c}
# ...or reload:
docker exec $(docker ps -qaf name=postfix-openemail) postfix reload
docker exec $(docker ps -qaf name=nginx-openemail) nginx -s reload
docker exec $(docker ps -qaf name=dovecot-openemail) dovecot reload
```