## Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI) Lab

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

#### The Configuration File

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openssl.cnf (/usr/lib/ssl) - gedit
                                                                                                                                                                                       openssl.cnf
 0
             CA default 1
                                                                                # Where everything is kept
# Where the issued certs are kept
# Where the issued crl are kept
                                      = ./demoCA
= $dir/certs
           certs
                                 = $dir/crl
            rl dir
                                      = $dir/index.txt
                                                                                # database index file.
# Set to 'no' to allow creation of
# several ctificates with same subject.
           #unique_subject = no
            ew_certs_dir = $dir/newcerts
                                                                               # default place for new certs.
          # The CA certificate

= Sdir/serial # The current serial number

crlnumber = Sdir/crlnumber # the current crl number

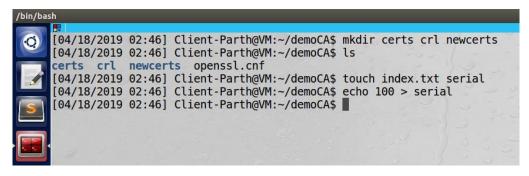
# must be commented out to leave a V1 CRL

private_key = Sdir/private/cakey.pem# The private key

RANDFILE = Sdir/private/.rand # private random number fil-

x509_extensions = usc = 1.55
           x509_extensions = usr_cert
                                                                               # The extentions to add to the cert
             Comment out the following two lines for the "traditional"
           # (and highly broken) format.
name_opt = ca_default
cert_opt = ca_default
                                                                              # Subject Name options
                                                                               # Certificate field options
           # Extension copying option: use with caution.
# copy_extensions = copy
           # Extensions to add to a CRL. Note: Netscape communicator chokes on V2 CRLs
# so this is commented out by default to leave a V1 CRL.
           # crlnumber must also be commented out to leave a V1 CRL.
# crl_extensions = crl_ext
           # crl_extensions
          # how long to certify for
# how long before next CRL
# use public key default MD
# keep passed DN ordering
           # A few difference way of specifying how similar the request should look
# For type CA, the listed attributes must be the same, and the optional
# and supplied fields are just that :-)
policy = policy_match
           # For the CA policy
           [ policy_match ]
countryName
stateOrProvinceName
                                                 = match
           organizationName = match
organizationalUnitName = optional
```

We can see from the above screenshot that we have successfully set up the configuration file.



We first created a directory named demoCA and in that directory we created 3 other folder named certs, cerl and newcerts. And 2 files – index.txt and serial. The serial file is the number for the next certificate which we have put to be 1000.

```
[04/19/2019 19:43] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$ 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:

'Ou 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]:
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:
Locality Name (eg, city) []:
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:Parth
Email Address []:
[04/19/2019 19:43] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$
[04/19/2019 19:43] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$
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The above command helps us to generate a self signed certificate. In the above command ca.key is the CA's private key, ca.crt is the CA's public key and x509 is the public key certificate.

## Task 2: Creating a Certificate for SEEDPKILab2018.com

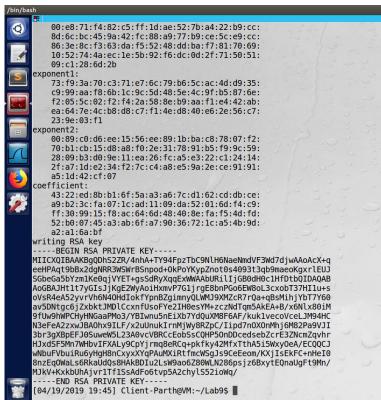
Step 1: Generate public/private key pair.

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/bin/bash

[04/19/2019 19:44] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$ 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:
[04/19/2019 19:44] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$
```

For a company to have x509 digital certificate, it needs to first generate its own public and private key pair. This is done using the command as seen from the above screenshot. The above command generates a file named server key. The output of this file is an encoded file. And it contains both private and public key.

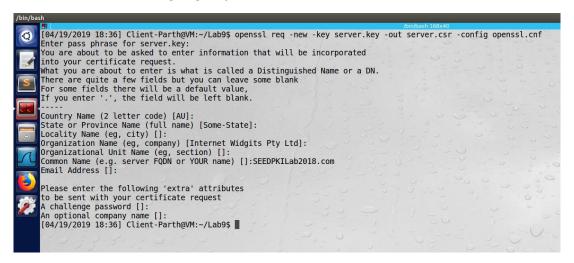
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04/19/2019 19:45] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$ openssl rsa -in server.key -text
Enter pass phrase for server.key:
Private-Key: (1024 bit)
modulus:
     00:e1:4b:66:51:ff:89:e1:03:e4:d8:f7:81:69:cd:
     36:c2:f4:d9:47:e8:d6:9e:36:67:55:17:75:9d:ed:d8:f0:00:0a:00:71:7f:aa:79:e1:cf:02:ab:7d:6c:
     1c:76:76:03:51:47:75:92:5a:b0:52:9e:9a:1d:f8:
     e9:0f:a1:82:b2:a5:99:e8:b7:4b:38:d3:dd:ed:de:a6:fd:99:a7:a8:2a:0c:6b:94:45:09:48:66:de:19:
     ae:5b:63:39:b5:29:ed:2a:8d:56:04:4f:e8:2c:49:
d4:72:5e:aa:84:c5:65:80:01:b5:11:8a:52:23:18:
      ld:1d:1f:47:35:1d:f0:ed:6d
publicExponent: 65537 (0x10001)
privateExponent:
     00:91:ed:d6:de:f2:18:8b:09:8c:a8:04:d9:6c:80:
a2:21:f1:9a:f3:fb:1b:58:eb:80:4f:1b:9c:f1:a8:
     e8:45:bc:a0:bd:dc:c6:86:d3:df:b1:c8:d6:ef:ac:
a1:5b:11:e1:e0:39:db:2b:eb:56:1e:8d:e0:e1:dd:
     22:89:1f:62:99:c1:66:08:a6:9f:24:0b:58:c2:7d:
     5c:c6:5c:47:ba:d0:6b:ea:81:b0:c8:a1:8d:86:d3:
     ed:8e:b4:6a:fe:43:36:d8:1c:ea:36:71:6e:4b:49:
     30:39:42:73:19:df:52:ca:05:61:ed:88:1f:47:ac: 60:cf:b3:73:33:5d:4e:a9:b9
prime1:
     00:f8:1f:f1:e8:d9:71:f3:48:8c:f5:f5:30:f6:15:
     8f:08:7c:87:34:66:9a:3c:ca:37:fd:80:48:c2:7b:
b9:9c:48:97:6f:b6:1d:42:e5:cc:f0:5e:80:17:f9:
     2e:93:5b:de:72:85:5c:78:b2:4c:f7:81:c2:37:77:
     85:78:0d:b3:c7
prime2:
     00:e8:71:f4:82:c5:ff:1d:ae:52:7b:a4:22:b9:cc:
8d:6c:bc:45:9a:42:fc:88:a9:77:b9:ce:5c:e9:cc:
86:3e:8c:f3:63:da:f5:52:48:dd:ba:f7:81:70:69:
     10:52:74:4a:ec:1e:5b:92:f6:dc:0d:2f:71:50:51:
     09:c1:28:6d:2b
exponent1:
     73:f9:3a:70:c3:71:e7:6c:79:b6:5c:ac:4d:d9:35:
     c9:99:aa:f8:6b:1c:9c:5d:48:5e:4c:9f:b5:87:6e:
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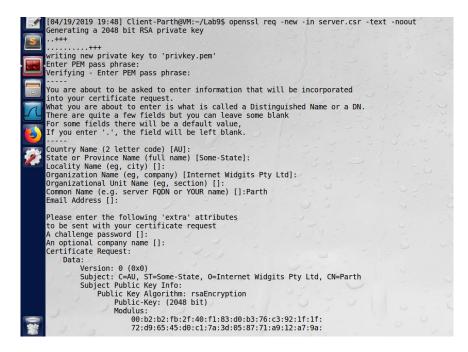
We use the above command to see the content of server.key file which is protected by password provided by users during the key generation. From the above screenshot we can see that the file

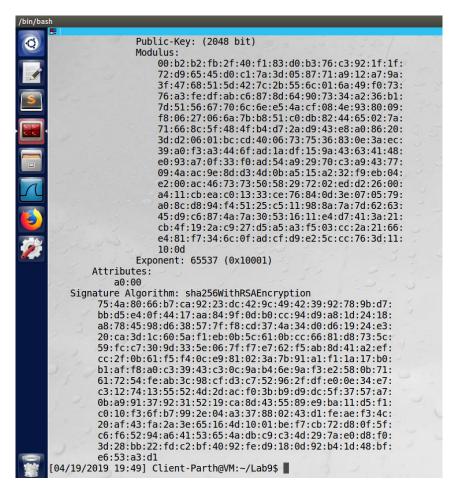
contains both private and public keys. Moreover, it also contains the prime 1, prime 2, exponent 1, exponent 2 and coefficient that are useful for optimizing the decryption.

Step 2: Generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR).



The above command generates a certificate signing request (CSR) that includes the company's public key. The generated signing request is stored in a CSR file server.csr. This is sent to root CA for verification.

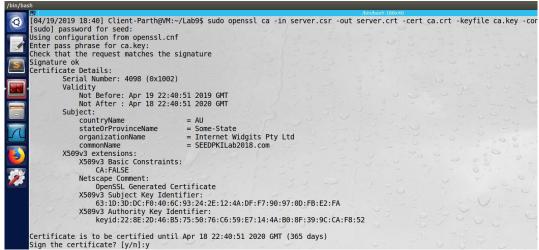




The above command lets us see the content of server.csr file.

## Step 3: Generating Certificates.

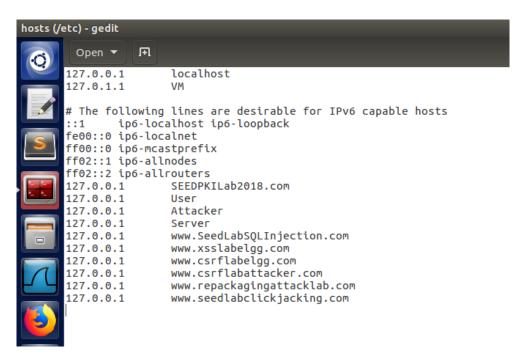




The above command converts the server.csr to server.crt which means that certificate signing request to X509 certificate with the help of ca.crt and ca.key which is the root CA's certificate and private key.

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

# **Step 1: Configuring DNS**



In this step we add the SEEDPKILab2018.com to map it to our local host.

## **Step 2: Configuring the web server**

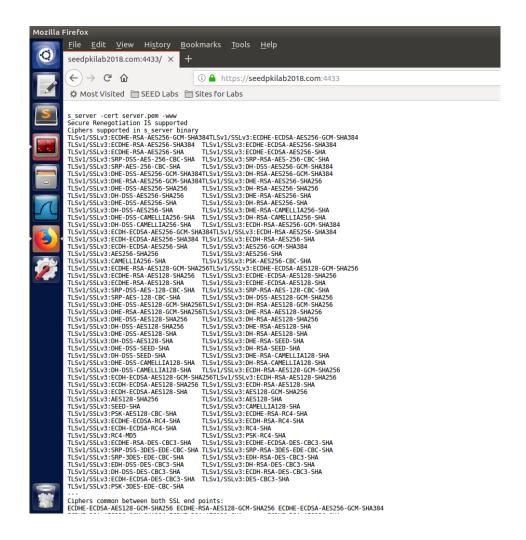
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[04/18/2019 19:21] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$ cp server.key server.pem
[04/18/2019 19:22] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$ cat server.crt >> server.pem
[04/18/2019 19:22] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$ openssl s_server -cert server.pem -www
Enter pass phrase for server.pem:
Using default temp DH parameters

ACCEPT
```

After the certificate is received, the SEEDPKILab2018.com can host that in its HTTPS web site. Therefore, in this step we first combine the secret key and certificate into one file named server.pem. And then start the server.

#### Step 3: Getting the browser to accept our CA certificate

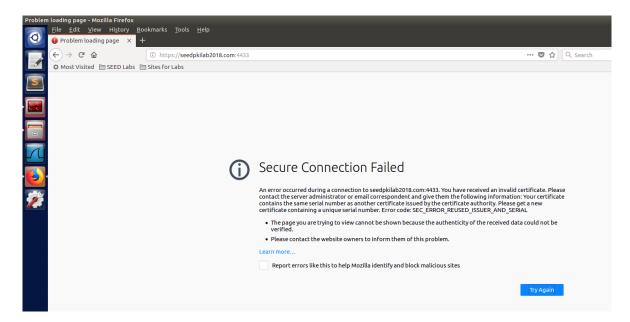
After adding the ca.crt to our firefox browser and then selecting 'trust this CA to identify this web site.' We can see that it is added in the list of the accepted certificate. After which when we visit the SEEDPKILab2018.com we can see that it is considered to be secure since, as per firefox the site now has valid certificate.



#### Step 4. Testing our HTTPS website

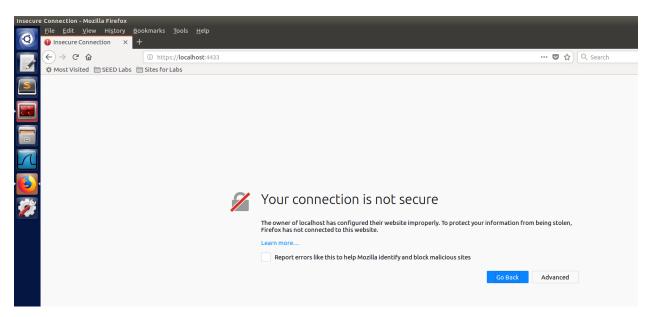
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In this step we first corrupted the server.pem file and then restarted the server. After which we reloaded the URL. We can see from the screenshot below that the browser is showing secure Connection failed that is because it now as an invalid certificate.



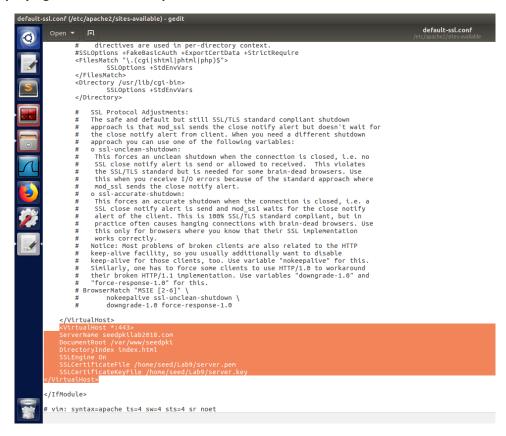
After this step we restore the original server.pem file.

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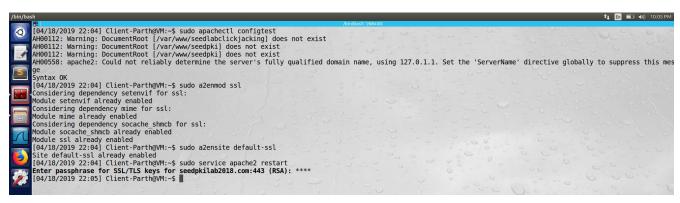


In this step since, the SEEDPKILab2018.com is pointed to localhost. Therefore, we try to access the same website with the URL as localhost. But from the above screenshot we can see that we are not able to access the website that is because the certificate has common name as SEEDPKILab2018.com and not localhost and therefore, the browser shows as the connection is not secure.

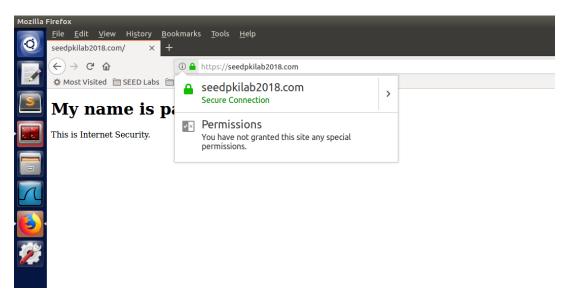
Task 4: Deploying Certificate in an Apache-Based HTTPS Website



The above setup tells Apache about hosting the seedpkilab2018.com. With the index page that we created inside the /var/www/seedpki. The path that is mentioned for SSLCertificatefile and SSLCertificateKeyFile is to tell the apache about the location of servers certificate and private key.



After the above configuration we restart the server to enable the SSL. Now when we visit the website all the traffic between the server and the browser will be encrypted

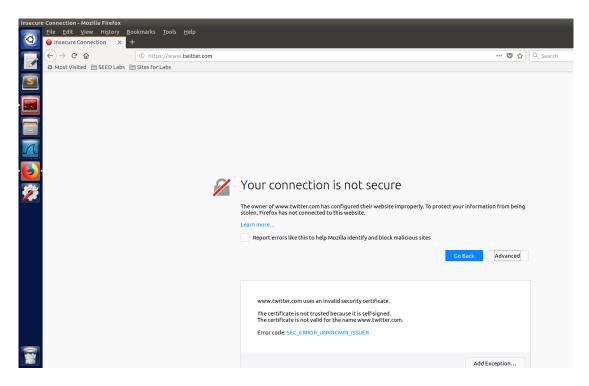


From the above screenshot we can see that when we visit the website seedpkilab2018.com the greenlock states that the connection is secure which means our setup is successful.

Task 5: Launching a Man-In-The-Middle Attack



In the /etc/hosts file we put the ip address of the server against www.twitter.com as seen above

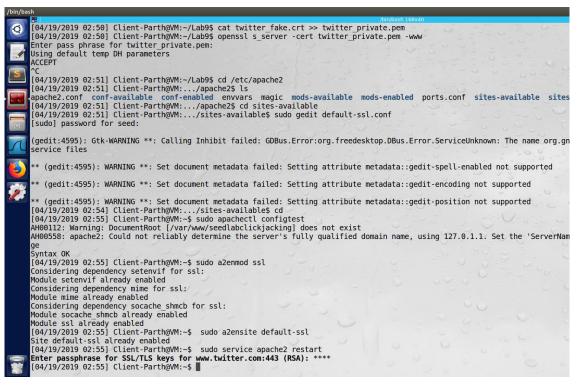


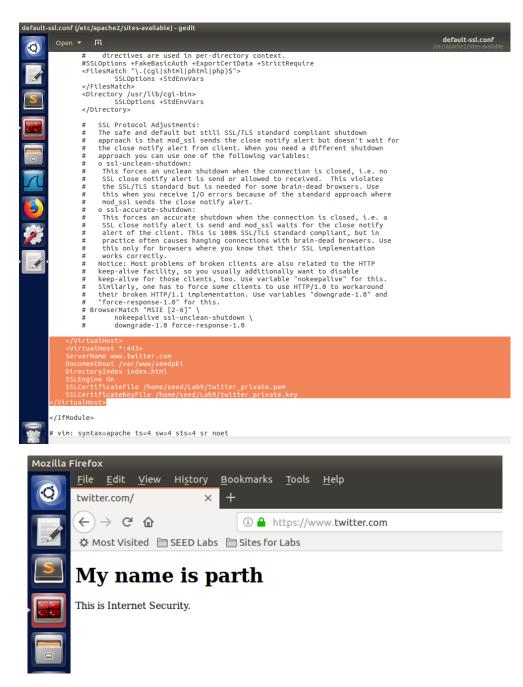
From the above screenshot we can see that the attack was not successful. This is because we do not have the twitter's certificate. The attack is restricted as the Common Name field does not contain twitter.com. And we cannot get the CN as twitter.com because we do not have its private attack

Task 6: Launching a Man-In-The-Middle Attack with a Compromised CA

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[84/19/2819 82:42] Client-PartheWM:/etc5 cd
[84/19/2819 82:42] Client-PartheWM:/sc cd dab9
[84/19/2819 82:42] Client-PartheWM:-5 cd dab9
[84/19/2819 82:44] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl genrsa -aes128 -out twitter_private.key 1824
[84/19/2819 82:44] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl genrsa -aes128 -out twitter_private.key 1824
[84/19/2819 82:44] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl req -new -key twitter_private.key -out twitter_fake.csr -config openssl.cnf
[84/19/2819 82:44] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl req -new -key twitter_private.key -out twitter_fake.csr -config openssl.cnf
[84/19/2819 82:46] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl req -new -key twitter_private.key -out twitter_fake.csr -config openssl.cnf
[84/19/2819 82:46] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl req -new -key twitter_private.key -out twitter_fake.csr -config openssl.cnf
[84/19/2819 82:46] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl ca -in twitter_fake.csr -out twitter_fake.crt -cert ca.crt -keyfile ca.key -config openssl.cnf
[84/19/2819 82:46] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl ca -in twitter_fake.csr -out twitter_fake.crt -cert ca.crt -keyfile ca.key -config openssl.cnf
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[84/19/2819 82:46] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl ca -in twitter_fake.csr -out twitter_fake.crt -cert ca.crt -keyfile ca.key -config openssl.cnf
[84/19/2819 82:46] Client-PartheWM:-7 clab95 openssl ca -in twitter_fake.csr -out twitter_fake.crt -cert ca.crt -keyfile ca.key -config openssl.cnf
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[84/19/2819 82:46] Clie
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Not After : Apr 18 06:48:51 2020 GMT
             Subject:
                    countryName
                    stateOrProvinceName
                                                                = Some-State
                    organizationName
commonName
                                                                = Internet Widgits Pty Ltd
= www.twitter.com
             X509v3 extensions:
                    X509v3 Basic Constraints:
CA:FALSE
                    Netscape Comment:
OpenSSL Generated Certificate
                    X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
65:29:F2:42:1C:1A:44:57:51:0D:45:4D:95:71:07:50:25:C5:00:EB
                   X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
keyid:22:8E:2D:46:B5:75:50:76:C6:59:E7:14:4A:B0:8F:39:9C:CA:F8:52
Certificate is to be certified until Apr 18 06:48:51 2020 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
[04/19/2019 02:48] Client-Parth@VM:-/Lab9$ cp twitter_private.key twitter_private.pem
[04/19/2019 02:48] Client-Parth@VM:-/Lab9$ cat twitter_fake.crt >> twitter_private.pem
[04/19/2019 02:50] Client-Parth@VM:-/Lab9$ openssl s_server -cert twitter_private.pem -www
Enter pass phrase for twitter_private.pem:
Using default temp DH parameters
ACCEPT
[04/19/2019 02:51] Client-Parth@VM:~/Lab9$ cd /etc/apache2
[04/19/2019 02:51] Client-Parth@VM:../apache2$ ls
apache2.conf conf-available conf-enabled envvars magic mods-available mods-enabled ports.conf sites-available sites-enabled
[04/19/2019 02:51] Client-Parth@VM:../apache2$ cd sites-available
[04/19/2019 02:51] Client-Parth@VM:../sites-available$ sudo gedit default-ssl.conf
 [sudo] password for seed:
(gedit:4595): Gtk-WARNING **: Calling Inhibit failed: GDBus.Error:org.freedesktop.DBus.Error.ServiceUnknown: The name org.gnome.SessionMa
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Assuming that we have stolen the private key of twitter. Therefore, we can now generate a public/private key pair. We can see from the above screenshots that we generated all the certificates and private key of twitter with CN as twitter.com. And then we restarted the apache server. And then we visit the twitter.com. We can see that the connection showing is secure and our attack is successful.