

3. Hosting Website on NGINX Server

In this project I will deploy a website on the `NGINX server`

STEP 1 (Checking System Information):

- I have started and fired up my `Linux Machine` and now i will run some basic command to learn about the `username` `current working directory` `hostname` `operating system info and details`

```
whoami    #Current user name information
pwd        # Print the currentt directory in w
hostname   # The hostname of your machine
cat /etc/os-release    # Detail information about your ope
cat /etc/redhat-release # Full name of your current OS
```

```
[root@www ~]# whoami
root
[root@www ~]# pwd
/root
[root@www ~]# hostname
www.talha.com
[root@www ~]# cat /etc/os
os-release ostree/
[root@www ~]# cat /etc/os-release
NAME="Rocky Linux"
VERSION="9.3 (Blue Onyx)"
ID="rocky"
ID_LIKE="rhel centos fedora"
VERSION_ID="9.3"
PLATFORM_ID="platform:el9"
PRETTY_NAME="Rocky Linux 9.3 (Blue Onyx)"
ANSI_COLOR="0;32"
LOGO="fedora-logo-icon"
CPE_NAME="cpe:/o:rocky:rocky:9::baseos"
HOME_URL="https://rockylinux.org/"
BUG_REPORT_URL="https://bugs.rockylinux.org/"
SUPPORT_END="2032-05-31"
ROCKY_SUPPORT_PRODUCT="Rocky-Linux-9"
ROCKY_SUPPORT_PRODUCT_VERSION="9.3"
REDHAT_SUPPORT_PRODUCT="Rocky Linux"
REDHAT_SUPPORT_PRODUCT_VERSION="9.3"
[root@www ~]# cat /etc/redhat-release
Rocky Linux release 9.3 (Blue Onyx)
[root@www ~]#
```

- It gives me following information
 - user = root
 - pwd = /root
 - hostname = www.talha.com
 - `cat /etc/os-release` = Rocky Linux version 9.3 with version 9.3 and etc.
 - `cat /etc/redhat-release` = Rocky Linux release 9.3

- I want to change the `hostname` name to `www.nginxproject.com` . I will run the command

```
hostnamectl set-hostname www.nginxproject.com #This will ch

# To verify i will run the command `hostname`
hostname
```

```
[root@www ~]# hostnamectl set-hostname www.nginxproject.com
[root@www ~]# hostname
www.nginxproject.com
[root@www ~]#
```

- It is always a good practice to know about the `ip address` of the machine you are using. Run the following command

```
ifconfig
```

```
[root@www ~]# ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.10 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fee7:2777 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:e7:27:77 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 12739 bytes 13850217 (13.2 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 4911 bytes 373912 (365.1 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

The current `ip address` of the machine is `192.168.1.10`

Step 2 (Updating OS and Installing Nginx):

Checking system updates and installing:

- It is a good practice to keep your `operating system` up to date. before doing any project or make it a `scheduled task` to check it periodically.
- We will first of all check is there any `updates` available for our current OS

```
dnf check-update # A list of available updates for OS wi
```

```
yum.noarch                                4.14.0-9.el9
Obsoleting Packages
grub2-tools.x86_64                        1:2.06-77.el9
  grub2-tools.x86_64                      1:2.06-70.el9_3.1.rocky.0.2
grub2-tools-efi.x86_64                   1:2.06-77.el9
  grub2-tools.x86_64                      1:2.06-70.el9_3.1.rocky.0.2
grub2-tools-extra.x86_64                 1:2.06-77.el9
  grub2-tools.x86_64                      1:2.06-70.el9_3.1.rocky.0.2
grub2-tools-minimal.x86_64               1:2.06-77.el9
  grub2-tools.x86_64                      1:2.06-70.el9_3.1.rocky.0.2
[root@www ~]# dnf check-update
```

We have a lot of updates available.

- To make the update we run the command

```
dnf update -y # This is automatically startt updating our OS
```

```
kernel-core                               x86_64      5.14.0-427.18.1.el9_4
kernel-modules                             x86_64      5.14.0-427.18.1.el9_4
kernel-modules-core                       x86_64      5.14.0-427.18.1.el9_4
pipewire-jack-audio-connection-kit-libs   x86_64      1.0.1-1.el9
Installing weak dependencies:
evolution-data-server-ui                  x86_64      3.40.4-9.el9

Transaction Summary
=====
Install      8 Packages
Upgrade    432 Packages

Total download size: 1.2 G
Downloading Packages:
```

We have to download and install a total of **1.2G** update. Because we have used **-y** while running the command , it automatically started to download.

- After the downloading and installation of the the update. A **complete message** will be displayed

```
Installed:
evolution-data-server-ui-3.40.4-9.el9.x86_64      grub2-tools-efi-1:2.06-77.el9.x86_64
grub2-tools-extra-1:2.06-77.el9.x86_64            kernel-5.14.0-427.18.1.el9_4.x86_64
kernel-core-5.14.0-427.18.1.el9_4.x86_64         kernel-modules-5.14.0-427.18.1.el9_4.x86_64
kernel-modules-core-5.14.0-427.18.1.el9_4.x86_64 pipewire-jack-audio-connection-kit-libs-1.0.1-1.el9.x86_64

Complete!
```

or you can check it again by running the command **dnf update**

```
[root@www ~]# dnf update
Last metadata expiration check: 0:49:03 ago on Sun 02 Jun 2024 03:48:39 AM WIB.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
[root@www ~]# █
```

Installing Nginx Server

- After we have completed our `system OS update` . We can now install `Nginx Server` .
- First of all we will check either it is already installed on our machine by running the `rpm` command :

```
rpm -qa | grep nginx
```

```
[root@www ~]# rpm -qa | grep nginx
[root@www ~]# █
```

No message was returned this shows that , there is no `NGINX` is installed on it.

- To download and install the `nginx package` along with its other `dependencies` we will run the command :

```
dnf install -y nginx* # Using -y will install the package wit
# wildcard will i
```

```
Installed:
nginx-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.x86_64
nginx-core-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.x86_64
nginx-mod-http-image-filter-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.x86_64
nginx-mod-http-xslt-filter-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.x86_64
nginx-mod-stream-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.x86_64
nginx-all-modules-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.noarch
nginx-filesystem-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.noarch
nginx-mod-http-perl-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.x86_64
nginx-mod-mail-1:1.20.1-14.el9_2.1.x86_64
rocky-logos-httpd-90.15-2.el9.noarch

Complete!
[root@www ~]# █
```

The package is installed to double check we can again run the command `rpm -qa | grep nginx`

- We can also check the `version of nginx` which will also confirm its installation to our machine using the command `nginx -v`

```
nginx -v
```

```
[root@www ~]# nginx -v
nginx version: nginx/1.20.1
[root@www ~]#
```

- We also need to have package name `openssl` and `mod_ssl` which will help us in generating keys if we want to install the `SSL/TLS` certificate for our website.
- We can check the package using the command:

```
rpm -qa | grep openssl
```

```
[root@www ~]# rpm -qa | grep ssl
xmlsec1-openssl-1.2.29-9.el9.x86_64
apr-util-openssl-1.6.1-23.el9.x86_64
openssl-libs-3.0.7-27.el9.x86_64
openssl-3.0.7-27.el9.x86_64
mod_ssl-2.4.57-8.el9.x86_64
[root@www ~]#
```

The image shows that the packages are installed already. If they are installed we should have installed them using the command :

```
dnf install openssl
dnf install mod_ssl
```

- Now `start` the `nginx server` , run the command:

```
systemctl start nginx
```

```
[root@www ~]# systemctl start nginx
```

if there is no message it means that the `service has been started`. It can be checked using the command

```
systemctl status nginx
```

```
[root@www ~]# systemctl status nginx
● nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-06-02 04:56:04 WIB; 10s ago
     Process: 80049 ExecStartPre=/usr/bin/rm -f /run/nginx.pid (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Process: 80050 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Process: 80051 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 80052 (nginx)
      Tasks: 6 (limit: 19286)
     Memory: 12.4M
        CPU: 572ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
            └─80052 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx"
              └─80053 "nginx: worker process"
                └─80054 "nginx: worker process"
                  └─80055 "nginx: worker process"
                    └─80056 "nginx: worker process"
                      └─80057 "nginx: worker process"
```

The `nginx` is activated. But if you look closely in the `3rd line` the `service is disabled`

- To enable the service of nginx , and to make it automatically start when we run our machine again we will execute the following command:

```
systemctl enable nginx.service --now #
```

```
[root@www ~]# systemctl enable nginx.service --now
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/nginx.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service.
[root@www ~]# systemctl status nginx
● nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-06-02 04:56:04 WIB; 4min 58s ago
     Main PID: 80052 (nginx)
        Tasks: 6 (limit: 19286)
     Memory: 12.4M
        CPU: 572ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
            └─80052 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx"
              └─80053 "nginx: worker process"
                └─80054 "nginx: worker process"
                  └─80055 "nginx: worker process"
                    └─80056 "nginx: worker process"
                      └─80057 "nginx: worker process"

Jun 02 04:56:04 www.nginxproject.com systemd[1]: Starting The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server...
Jun 02 04:56:04 www.nginxproject.com nginx[80050]: nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
Jun 02 04:56:04 www.nginxproject.com nginx[80050]: nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
Jun 02 04:56:04 www.nginxproject.com systemd[1]: Started The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server.
[root@www ~]#
```

Step 3 (Testing The Nginx Server):

- In order to test the `nginx` we have few commands . First we will check either the `configuration` of the `nginx` is okay or have some issues and also test it using the command `nginx -t` :

```
nginx -t
```

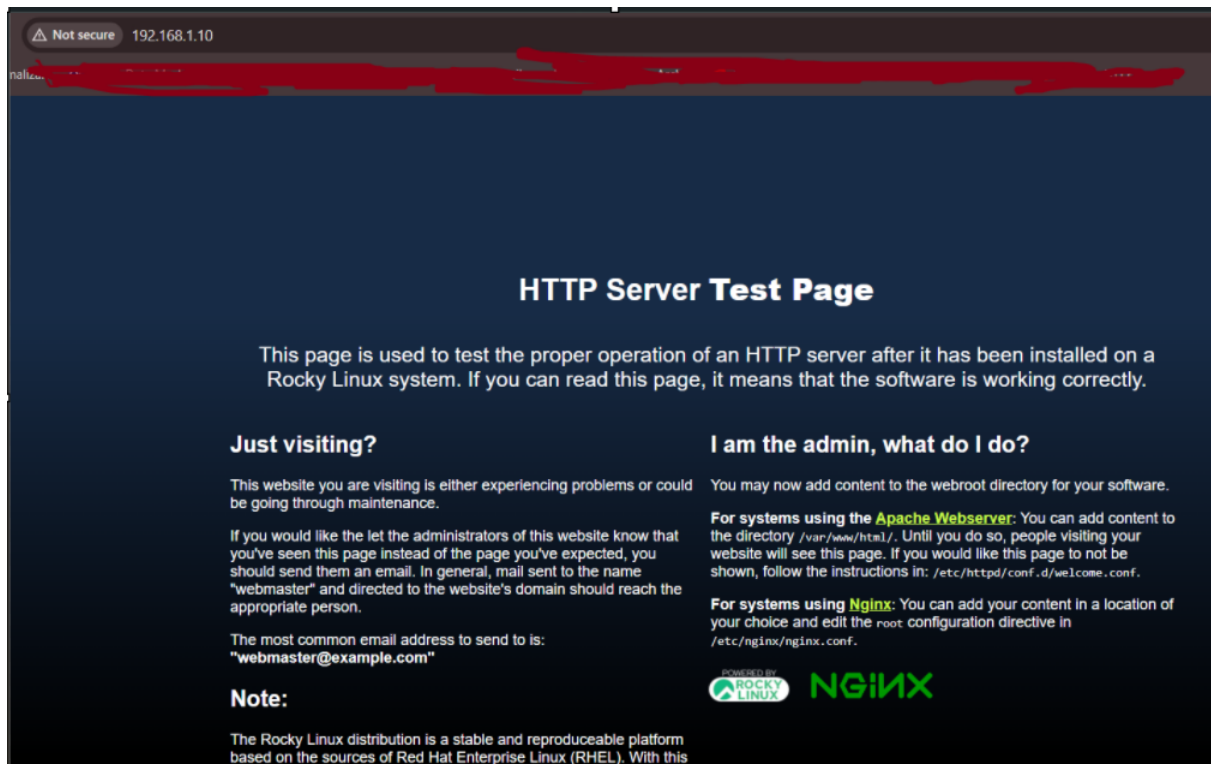
```
[root@www ~]# nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
[root@www ~]#
```

- If we want to view the detail information and also wanted to print it we can use the command `nginx -T`
- -In order to view `all the command` associated with nginx and their functions we run the command `nginx -h`

```
[root@www ~]# nginx -h
nginx version: nginx/1.20.1
Usage: nginx [-?hvVtTq] [-s signal] [-p prefix]
           [-e filename] [-c filename] [-g directives]

Options:
  -?, -h      : this help
  -v          : show version and exit
  -V          : show version and configure options then exit
  -t          : test configuration and exit
  -T          : test configuration, dump it and exit
  -q          : suppress non-error messages during configuration testing
  -s signal   : send signal to a master process: stop, quit, reopen, reload
  -p prefix   : set prefix path (default: /usr/share/nginx/)
  -e filename : set error log file (default: /var/log/nginx/error.log)
  -c filename : set configuration file (default: /etc/nginx/nginx.conf)
  -g directives : set global directives out of configuration file
```

- We can `check and test` the nginx on our `web browser` by entering the `ip address` as we seen above the `ip address` of our machine is `192.168.1.10`



This shows that the `nginx server` is up and running.

Step 4 (Nginx Files and Directories)

- After `installing package` of Nginx. The files of the `nginx` can be located in:

```
cd /etc/nginx
```

```
[root@www /]# cd /etc/nginx/
[root@www nginx]# ls
conf.d          fastcgi.conf.default  koi-utf          mime.types.default  scgi_params        uwsgi_params.default
default.d       fastcgi_params        koi-win          nginx.conf           scgi_params.default win-utf
fastcgi.conf    fastcgi_params.default mime.types        nginx.conf.default  uwsgi_params
```

- Here directory name `conf.d` is used to maintain the `virtual host` aka `v-shost`, so we can manage and `host` more than one website on a single machine.
- The main `configuration file of nginx` is `nginx.conf`. In the file we can do several tasks e.g `set port number`,

```
server {
    listen      80;
    listen      [::]:80;
    server_name _;
    root        /usr/share/nginx/html;

    # Load configuration files for the default server block.
    include /etc/nginx/default.d/*.conf;

    error_page 404 /404.html;
    location = /404.html {
    }

    error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;
    location = /50x.html {
    }
}
```

view log file location ,

```
access_log /var/log/nginx/access.log main;
```

and many more information is available. It is **highly recommended** not to make any changes until it is very important. As a safety always make a backup before making changes in the configuration file.

- To view the **error logs** in your **nginx** we have to go to the directory :

```
cd /var/log/nginx
```

```
[root@www nginx]# ls
access.log  error.log
[root@www nginx]#
```

- The location to place our **website code** is :

```
cd /var/www/html/
```

Step 5 (Configuring The Virtual Host)

- We are doing to deploy a website name `petshop` on our `nginx` server. To do so, we have to make a file and configure the file as per our requirement. We will go into the directory:

```
cd /etc/nginx/conf.d
```

- In that directory we will create a file name `petshop.conf` :

```
touch petshop.conf
```

```
[root@www /]# cd /etc/nginx/conf.d
[root@www conf.d]# touch petshop.conf
[root@www conf.d]# ls
petshop.conf
```

important : It is worth noting here that the file name we create should have an extension `.conf` . Apart from it it is consider as a good practice to have the website name as the file as well , so we can easily differentiate if we have two or more virtual host

- Now we have to do some editing in the file `petshop.conf` . Here it is worth mentioning that we must understand the syntax of the `nginx` when we put some code in the configuration file.
- The `editing in nginx` is consist of two part .
 1. Block : A block in the `configuration file` start with a `variable or a name` e.g `server` or `http` etc. After the declaration of the name of the block , we make `curly brackets {}` . Inside the curly brackets . There can be multiple

blocks inside one block. Inside the block we put the second part. For now a block look like this :

```
server {
    listen      80;
    listen      [::]:80;
    server_name _;
    root        /usr/share/nginx/html;

    # Load configuration files for the default server
    include /etc/nginx/default.d/*.conf;

    error_page 404 /404.html;
    location = /404.html {
    }

    error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;
    location = /50x.html {
    }
}
```

- Directives : The arguments we passe inside a block is called blocks. The can be multiple

```

server {
    listen      80;
    listen      ::::80;
    server_name _;
    root        /usr/share/nginx/html;

    # Load configuration files for the default server block.
    include /etc/nginx/default.d/*.conf;

    error_page 404 /404.html;
    location = /404.html {
    }

    error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;
    location = /50x.html {
    }
}

```

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The highlighted portion is called `directives` inside a `block`

- Now , coming back to our file name `petshop.conf` in the directory `cd /etc/nginx/conf.d` . Open the file in the `vim editor`

```
vim petshop.conf
```

We will configure the following settings:

```

server {
    listen 80 default_server;    #Define the port and also
    server_name nginxproject.local www.nginxproject.com;
    index index.html index.php index.htm; #Defining the f
    root /var/www/petshop;    #Location where website code
}

```

Save the file and now `test nginx server` again using the command :

```
nginx -t
```

```
[root@www conf.d]# vim petshop.conf
[root@www conf.d]# nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
[root@www conf.d]#
```

Our nginx server is configured successfully.

- We also have to configure another file in :

```
vim /etc/hosts
```

The default setting in the file look like this :

```
127.0.0.1    localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4
::1         localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6
```

We need to add the `ip address` and also the `hostname url`

```
192.168.1.10 www.nginxproject.com
```

```
127.0.0.1    localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4
::1         localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6

192.168.1.10 www.nginxproject.com
~
```

Step 6 (Downloading the Website Code):

- We have mentioned that a directory name `petshop` is present in the location `cd /var/www/` . So we have to create a directory in ``cd /var/www`

```
cd /var/www/
```

```
mkdir petshop
```

```
[root@www var]# cd www
[root@www www]# ls
[root@www www]# mkdir petshop
[root@www www]# pwd
/var/www
[root@www www]# cd petshop/
[root@www petshop]# pwd
/var/www/petshop
[root@www petshop]#
```

- We have to download the code of the `website` from the url <https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates/download/page284/pet-shop.zip>. We will run the command

```
wget https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates
```

```
[root@www petshop]# wget https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates/download/page284/pet-shop.zip
--2024-06-02 06:26:42-- https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates/download/page284/pet-shop.zip
Resolving www.free-css.com (www.free-css.com)... 217.160.0.242, 2001:8d8:100f:f000::28f
Connecting to www.free-css.com (www.free-css.com)|217.160.0.242|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1061173 (1.0M) [application/zip]
Saving to: 'pet-shop.zip.1'

pet-shop.zip.1      100%[=====>] 1.01M  166KB/s  in 7.1s
2024-06-02 06:26:57 (147 KB/s) - 'pet-shop.zip.1' saved [1061173/1061173]
```

- Unzip the file and now we have `index.html` and remaining content on our directory which we mention in the `petshop.conf` file

Part 7 (Checking port:80 is configured to NGINX):

- It is important to check that `port 80` is configured to `NGINX` because chances are previously you have configured it to `Apache web server`. In the case, `nginx` will not work.
- So it is highly recommended to check and run the following command to check it :

```
lsof -i:80
```

```
[root@www ~]# lsof -i:80
COMMAND  PID  USER  FD  TYPE  DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE  NAME
nginx    80052  root   6u  IPv4  137347      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80052  root   7u  IPv6  137348      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80053  nginx  6u  IPv4  137347      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80053  nginx  7u  IPv6  137348      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80054  nginx  6u  IPv4  137347      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80054  nginx  7u  IPv6  137348      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80055  nginx  6u  IPv4  137347      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80055  nginx  7u  IPv6  137348      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80056  nginx  6u  IPv4  137347      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80056  nginx  7u  IPv6  137348      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80057  nginx  6u  IPv4  137347      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    80057  nginx  7u  IPv6  137348      0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
[root@www ~]#
```

It clearly shows that `port 80` is configured to `nginx`

We can also check it using the `netstat` command:

```
netstat -pan | grep nginx
```

```
[root@www ~]# netstat -pan | grep nginx
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:80          0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN      80052/nginx: master
tcp6       0      0 :::80              :::*                LISTEN      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135556      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135551      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135555      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135559      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135554      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135557      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135560      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135552      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135558      80052/nginx: master
unix  3      [ ]          STREAM  CONNECTED  135553      80052/nginx: master
```

Part 8 (Firewall Configuration):

- We have to add the `services` in the `firewall` to allow the `http` and `https` communication. We run the command :

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http --zone=public
firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https --zone=public
```



```
[root@www ~]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http --zone=public
Warning: ALREADY_ENABLED: http
success
[root@www ~]#
```

```
[root@www ~]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https --zone=public
Warning: ALREADY_ENABLED: https
success
[root@www ~]#
```

- Both services are added already. We can also check the list of all the services configured on our firewall

```
firewall-cmd --list-services
```

```
[root@www ~]# firewall-cmd --list-services
cockpit dhcpv6-client http https ssh
```

- After setting up the services on `firewall` it is good practice to restart it

```
systemctl restart firewalld
```

- Also restart the `nginx`

```
systemctl restart nginx
```

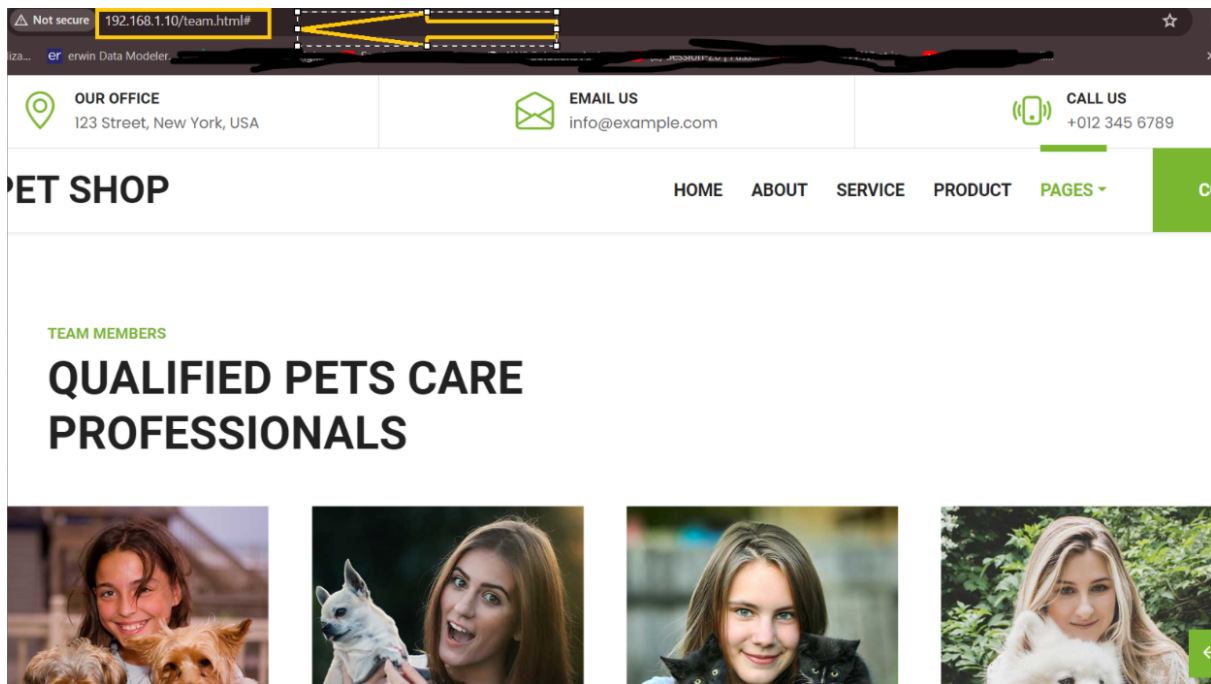
- Check the configuration again using the command

```
nginx -t
```

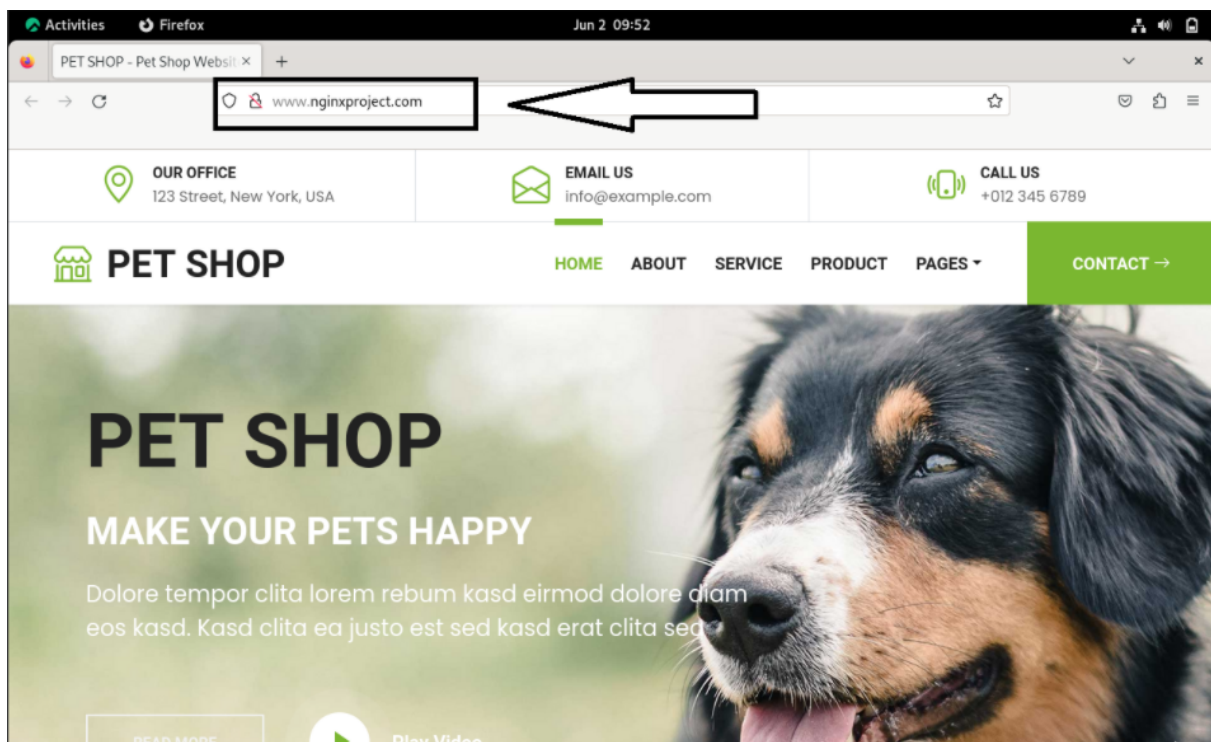
If there is no error. Fire up the `web browser` and put test your website

Step 9 (Testing Website)

- To test your website which you have hosted . Open the web browser and type in the ip address of your machine `192.168.1.10`



- Also , use the url `www.nginxproject.com`



Hosting Another Website On same Server

Step 10 (Creating Self signed SSL/TLS certificate):

- Now we will host another website on the same server.
- Since we are going to use the `local machine` to host website with `SSL/TLS certificate` . And we do not have own website for which we have bought `domain` . So , we have to use `self-signed certificate` for testing.
- First of all we will create a directory named `key_storage` at `cd /root/key_storage`
- To generate a self key we will run the command:

```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout /
```

[illegible]

Few question will be asked answer them and the key will be generated.

- Now we have to move the `key` and `certificate` generated. Move the `self-signed.key` to the directory `/etc/pki/tls/private/` and `self-signed.cert` to `/etc/pki/tls/cert/`.

```
mv self-signed.key etc/pki/tls/private/
```

```
mv self-signed.crt /etc/pki/tls/cert/
```

Step 11 (Making changes to the configuration file and creating new files)

- To enable `https` and `SSL/TLS` certification we need to first make some changes in the original `configuration` file of the `nginx` . Open the `nginx.conf` file

```
vi /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
```

- Scroll down and find the `# Settings for a TLS enabled server.` If the setting are `commented out` remove the `#` from that like in the screenshot below.

```
# Settings for a TLS enabled server.
#
server {
    listen      443 ssl http2;
    listen      [::]:443 ssl http2;
    server_name _;
    root        /usr/share/nginx/html;

    ssl_certificate "/etc/pki/tls/certs/self-signed.crt";
    ssl_certificate_key "/etc/pki/tls/private/self-signed.key";
    ssl_session_cache shared:SSL:1m;
    ssl_session_timeout 10m;
    ssl_ciphers PROFILE=SYSTEM;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;

    # Load configuration files for the default server block.
    include /etc/nginx/default.d/*.conf;

    error_page 404 /404.html;
        location = /40x.html {
    }

    error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;
        location = /50x.html {
    }
}
}
```

- Our second website which we are going to host is a `cars website` . We will create a new file name `buycars.conf` in the directory of :

```
cd /etc/nginx/conf.d/

touch buycars.conf
```

- Open the file in `vi editor` to edit:

```

# HTTP server configuration for www.buycars.com and buycars.c
server {
    listen 80;
    listen [::]:80;
    server_name www.buycars.com buycars.com;

    # Redirect all HTTP requests to HTTPS
    return 301 https://$host$request_uri;
}

# HTTPS server configuration for www.buycars.com and buycars.
server {
    listen 443 ssl http2;
    listen [::]:443 ssl http2;
    server_name www.buycars.com buycars.com;

    # Path to the self-signed SSL certificate and key
    ssl_certificate /etc/pki/tls/certs/self-signed.crt;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/pki/tls/private/self-signed.key;

    # Additional SSL settings
    ssl_protocols TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;
    ssl_ciphers 'ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305:ECDHE-RSA-CHAC

    root /var/www/buycars;
    index index.html index.php index.htm;
    location / {
        try_files $uri $uri/ =404;
    }

    # Error pages
    error_page 404 /404.html;
    location = /404.html {
        internal;
    }

    error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;

```

```

        location = /50x.html {
            internal;
        }
    }
}

```

- As we are now configuring our sites on `https` we also have to make changes to the configuration files of our `first website` which was `www.nginxproject.com`
- Open the file in vi editor `vi /etc/nginx/conf.d/petshop.conf` and make changes the file text will be:

```

# HTTP server configuration for nginxproject.local and www.ng
server {
    listen 80;
    listen [::]:80;
    server_name nginxproject.local www.nginxproject.com;

    # Redirect all HTTP requests to HTTPS
    return 301 https://$host$request_uri;
}

# HTTPS server configuration for nginxproject.local and www.n
server {
    listen 443 ssl http2;
    listen [::]:443 ssl http2;
    server_name nginxproject.local www.nginxproject.com;

    # Path to the self-signed SSL certificate and key
    ssl_certificate /etc/pki/tls/certs/self-signed.crt;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/pki/tls/private/self-signed.key;

    # Additional SSL settings
    ssl_protocols TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;
    ssl_ciphers 'ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305:ECDHE-RSA-CHAC

root /var/www/petshop;

```

```
index index.html index.htm;

location / {
    try_files $uri $uri/ =404;
}
```

- Save the file and after that run the `nginx` test by running the command

```
nginx -t
```

```
[root@www conf.d]# nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
[root@www conf.d]#
```

Step 12 (Copying the website code to the directory)

- We have not created the directory to put our code in `cd /var/www/`. In our `configuration file` for `buycars` we have mention the website location `cd /var/www/buycars`.
- So create a directory in `/var/www/` with the name of `buycars`

```
mkdir -p buycars
```

```
[root@www conf.d]# cd /var/www/
[root@www www]# ls
petshop
[root@www www]# mkdir -p buyfurniture
[root@www www]# ls
buyfurniture petshop
[root@www www]#
```

- Open the directory `buy cars` and download the website code using command

```
wget https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates
```

- Unzip the file and copy the entire files to `/var/www/buycars/` and delete other files which no longer needed.

Step 13 (Adding the url into host file)

- Open the file in directory `/etc/hosts` use the command :

```
vim /etc/hosts
```

```
[root@www nginx]# cat /etc/hosts
127.0.0.1    localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4
::1         localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6

192.168.1.10 www.nginxproject.com
192.168.1.10 www.buycars.com buycars.com
[root@www nginx]#
```

add `192.168.1.10 www.buycars.com`

Save the file

Step 14 (Final Checking)

- Run the command to check the status of `nginx`


```
nginx -t
```

```
[root@www buycars]# nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
[root@www buycars]#
```

- Reload the `nginx server`

```
systemctl reload nginx
```

- Check the list of `ports enable`

```
lsof -i :80
```

```
lsof -i:443
```

```
[root@www nginx]# lsof -i:80
COMMAND  PID  USER  FD  TYPE  DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE  NAME
nginx    1204  root   6u  IPv4  23735   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    1204  root   7u  IPv6  23736   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
Macros    4507  nginx   6u  IPv4  23735   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4507  nginx   7u  IPv6  23736   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4508  nginx   6u  IPv4  23735   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4508  nginx   7u  IPv6  23736   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4509  nginx   6u  IPv4  23735   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4509  nginx   7u  IPv6  23736   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4510  nginx   6u  IPv4  23735   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4510  nginx   7u  IPv6  23736   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4511  nginx   6u  IPv4  23735   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
nginx    4511  nginx   7u  IPv6  23736   0t0  TCP  *:http (LISTEN)
[root@www nginx]# lsof -i:443
COMMAND  PID  USER  FD  TYPE  DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE  NAME
nginx    1204  root   8u  IPv4  23737   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
nginx    1204  root   9u  IPv6  23738   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
firefox  2945  ali   87u  IPv4  53623   0t0  TCP  www.nginxproject.c
nginx    4507  nginx   8u  IPv4  23737   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
nginx    4507  nginx   9u  IPv6  23738   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
nginx    4508  nginx   8u  IPv4  23737   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
nginx    4508  nginx   9u  IPv6  23738   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
nginx    4509  nginx   8u  IPv4  23737   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
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nginx    4510  nginx   9u  IPv6  23738   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
nginx    4511  nginx   8u  IPv4  23737   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
nginx    4511  nginx   9u  IPv6  23738   0t0  TCP  *:https (LISTEN)
[root@www nginx]#
```

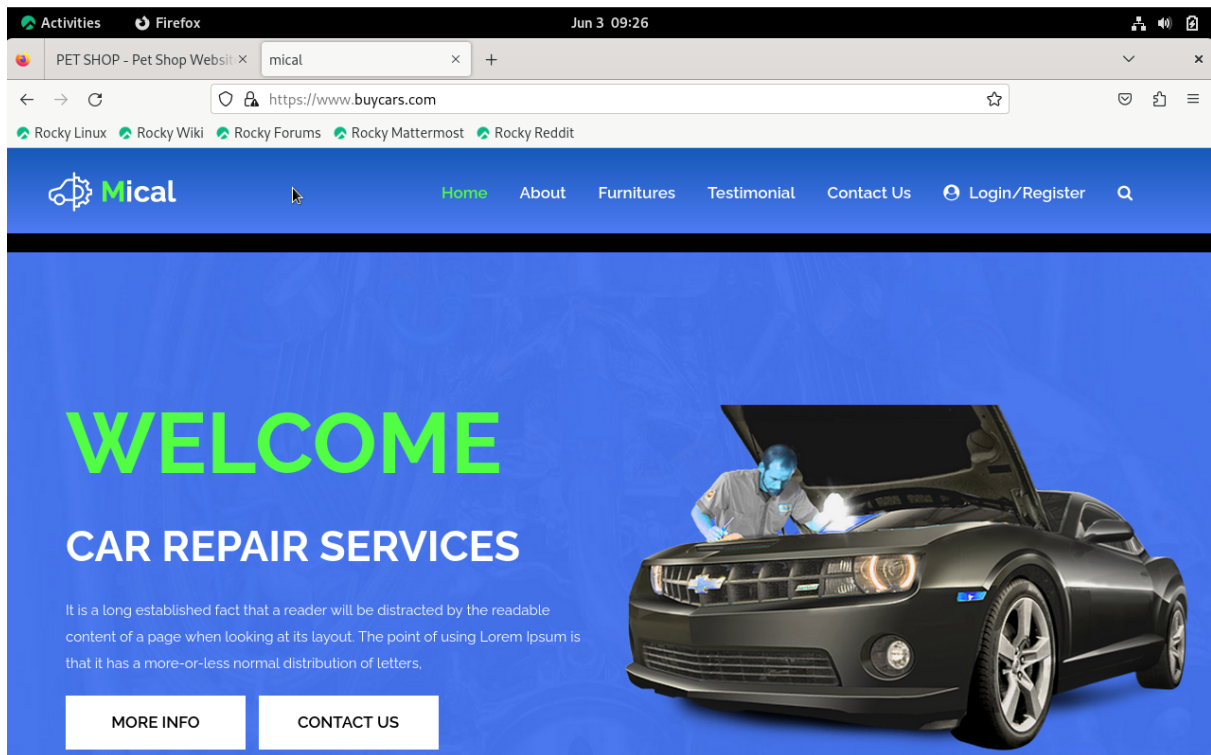
Step 15 (Testing On web Browser)

- open the `firefox browser` on you Linux machine and type the address:

`www.nginxproject.com`

`www.buycars.com`





- Both websites are working fine

Step 16 (Creating Individual LOG Directories for Individual Website)

- We know that by default the log files of the `nginx` is located in:

```
cd /var/log/nginx
```

```
[root@www nginx]# ls -ltr
total 144
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 7797 Jun  2 19:58 error.log-20240603
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 90563 Jun  2 19:58 access.log-20240603
-rw-r-----. 1 nginx root 32758 Jun  3 08:59 access.log
-rw-r-----. 1 nginx root 8884 Jun  3 09:36 error.log
[root@www nginx]#
```

- All the upstream websites information and error are placed in these logs. But it is a single file for all the websites. We can also create `individual log`

files for each website and the use the default log files as a consolidated file for all the track record.

- To configure independent log we have to change the configuration file for each website we hosted in /etc/nginx/conf.d . First we will configure the petshop website

```
vi /etc/nginx/conf.d/petshop.conf
```

In the server block add the following line

```
access_log /var/log/nginx/nginxproject.local.access.log;  
error_log /var/log/nginx/nginxproject.localnginxproject.l
```

```
# HTTP server configuration for nginxproject.local and www.nginxproject.com  
server {  
    listen 80;  
    listen [::]:80;  
    server_name nginxproject.local www.nginxproject.com;  
  
    # Redirect all HTTP requests to HTTPS  
    return 301 https://$host$request_uri;  
  
    access_log /var/log/nginx/nginxproject.local.access.log;  
    error_log /var/log/nginx/nginxproject.localnginxproject.log;  
}  
  
# HTTPS server configuration for nginxproject.local and www.nginxproject.com  
server {  
    listen 443 ssl http2;  
    listen [::]:443 ssl http2;  
    server_name nginxproject.local www.nginxproject.com;  
  
    # Path to the self-signed SSL certificate and key  
    ssl_certificate /etc/pki/tls/certs/self-signed.crt;  
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/pki/tls/private/self-signed.key;
```

- Restart the nginx using the command `nginx -t`
- And go to the directory `/var/log/nginx/` you will see new log files will be created all the information for the website individually updated here

```
[root@www nginx]# nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
[root@www nginx]# ls -ltr
total 144
-rw-r--r--. 1 root  root  7797 Jun  2 19:58 error.log-20240603
-rw-r--r--. 1 root  root 90563 Jun  2 19:58 access.log-20240603
-rw-r-----. 1 nginx root 32758 Jun  3 08:59 access.log
-rw-r-----. 1 nginx root  8884 Jun  3 09:36 error.log
-rw-r--r--. 1 root  root    0 Jun  3 09:49 nginxproject.localnginxproject.log
-rw-r--r--. 1 root  root    0 Jun  3 09:49 nginxproject.local.access.log
[root@www nginx]#
```

- Do the same for the other website if you wish to