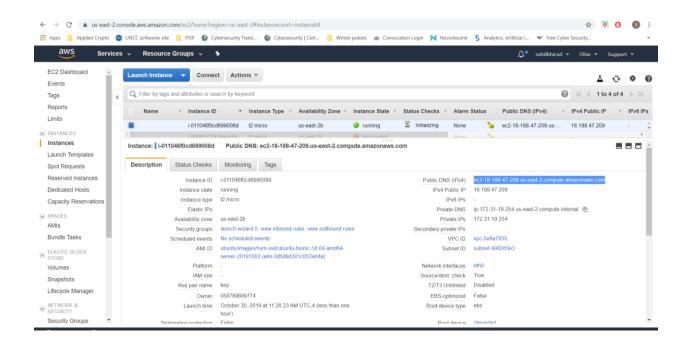
ITIS 6240 – Applied Cryptography

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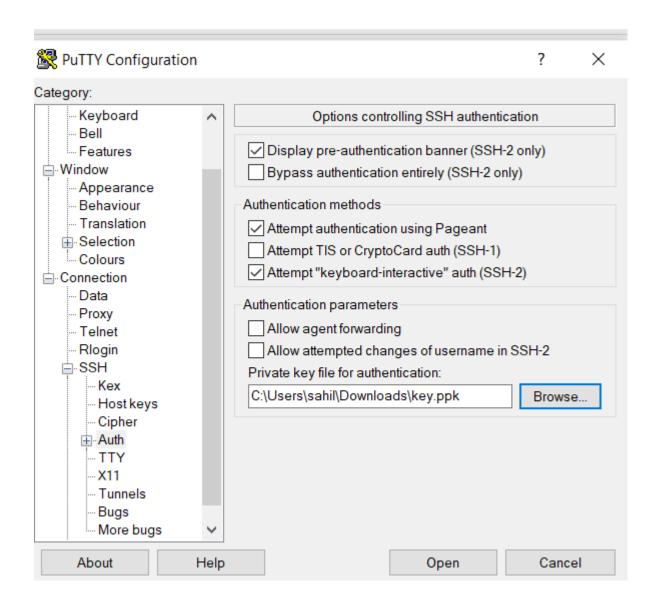
Project 1

I used an AWS instance of Ubuntu 18.04 LTS – 64-bit Linux Server. Following are the steps that I undertook to perform the project and successfully setup an Apache Server with strong cryptography.

1. I launched an AWS EC2 instance of Ubuntu 18.04 64-bit machine and opened up its ports for HTTP, HTTPS and SSH traffic.



 I used PuTTYgen to convert the "key.pem" key that I got from AWS to Public and Private key files for the Server. Using the Public address of the AWS instance and ".ppk" file, I connected to it using PuTTY.



3. After connecting to the remote machine, I ran the commands which were mentioned in the instructions:

sudo apt-get update

sudo apt-get -y install make wget libssl-dev libncurses5-dev gcc

- 4. Then I installed Apache2 on the server. I did this by running the command: sudo apt-get install apache2
- 5. To create and install the SSL certificate and key, I used the following commands: sudo openssl genrsa -des3 -out server.key 2048

sudo openssl req -new -key server.key -out server.csr sudo openssl -in server.key -out /etc/ssl/private/rsakey.key sudo openssl x509 -req -days 365 -in server.csr -signkey /etc/ssl/private/rsakey.key -out /etc/ssl/certs/rsacert.crt

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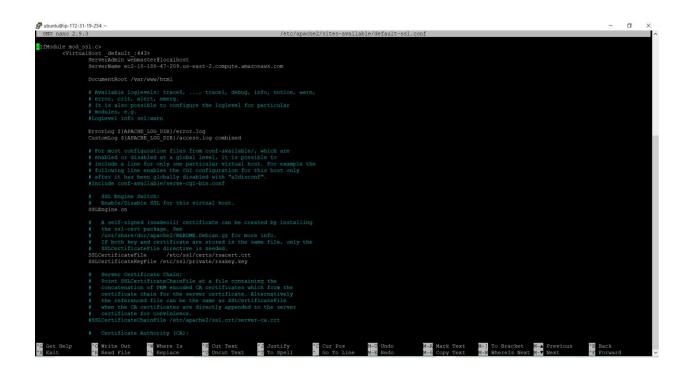
6. I ran the commands mentioned below to enable the settings in the Apache service and restarted the Apache service with the modifications.

sudo a2enmod ssl sudo a2enmod headers sudo systemctl restart apache2

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ubuntu@ip-172-31-19-254:~$ 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 SSL and create self-sig
ned certificates.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
 systemctl restart apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-19-254:~$ sudo a2enmod headers
Enabling module headers.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
 systemctl restart apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-19-254:~$
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7. Now, I modified the default-ssl.conf file located in /etc/apache2/sites-available/ and added the following lines to the text:

ServerName ec2-18-188-47-209.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com SSLCertificateFile /etc/ssl/certs/rsacert.crt SSLCertificateKeyFile /etc/ssl/private/rsakey.key



I also uncommented the following lines in the same file:

BrowserMatch "SIE [2-6]" \

Nokeepalive ssl-unclean-shutdown \ Downgrade-1.0 force-response-1.0

8. After modifying the "default-ssl.conf" file, I enabled it in Apache and restarted the Apache service.

sudo a2ensite default-ssl sudo systemctl restart apache2

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ubuntu@ip-172-31-19-254:~$ sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/default-ssl.conf
ubuntu@ip-172-31-19-254:~$ sudo a2ensite default-ssl
Enabling site default-ssl.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
systemctl reload apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-19-254:~$ sudo systemctl restart apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-19-254:~$
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9. After doing this, I checked if the server was accessible through the browser (Google Chrome).



10. To change SSL configuration, I added these lines in the "ssl.conf" file located at /etc/apache2/mods-available/ssl.conf

SSLCipherSuite ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:!DH SSLHonorCipherORDER on SSLProtocol +TLSv1.2 -TLSv1 -TLSv1.1 -SSLv3

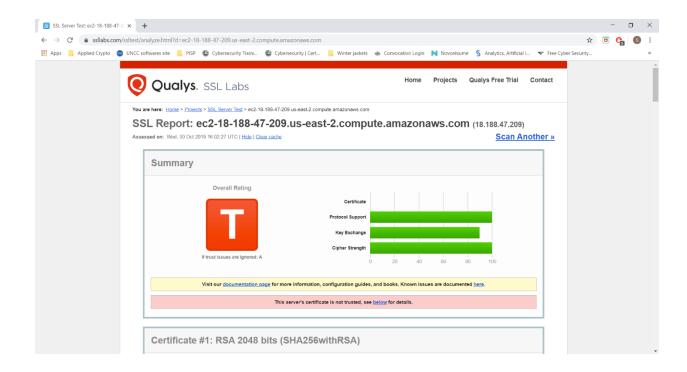
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# SSL Cipher Suite:
# List the ciphers that the client is permitted to negotiate. See the
# ciphers(1) man page from the openssl package for list of all available
# options.
# Enable only secure ciphers:
SSLCipherSuite ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:!DH
SSLHonorCipherORDER on

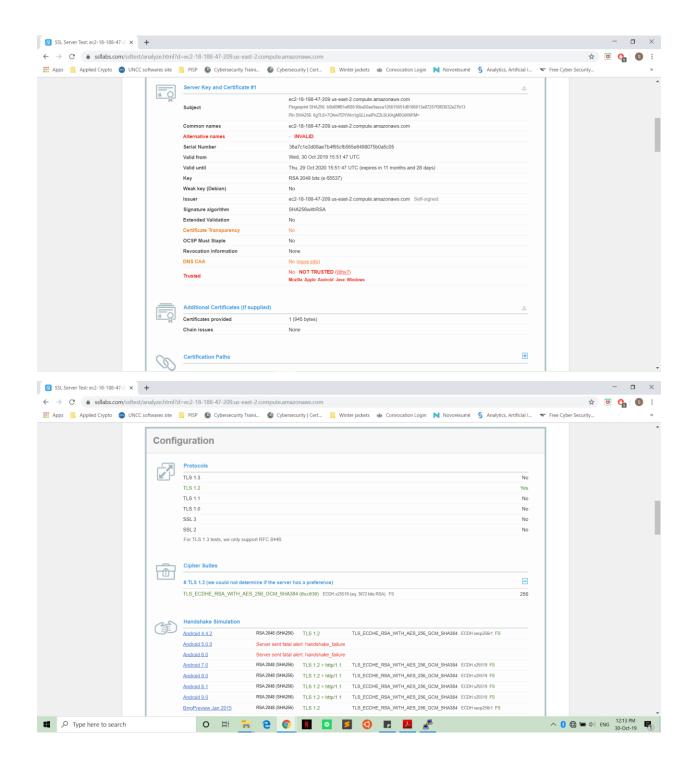
# SSL server cipher order preference:
# Use server priorities for cipher algorithm choice.
# Clients may prefer lower grade encryption. You should enable this
# option if you want to enforce stronger encryption, and can afford
# the CPU cost, and did not override SSLCipherSuite in a way that puts
# insecure ciphers first.
# Default: Off
#SSLHonorCipherOrder on

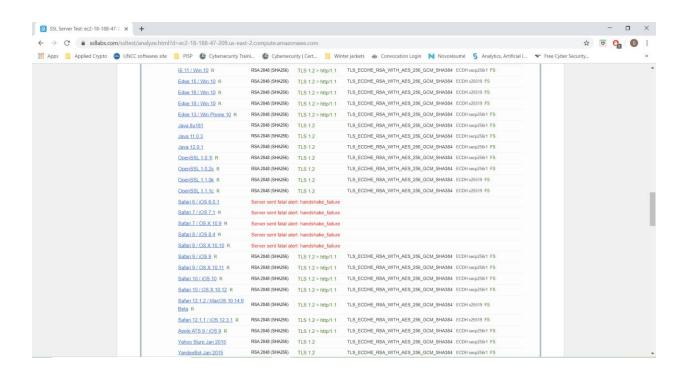
# The protocols to enable.
# Available values: all, SSLv3, TLSv1, TLSv1.1, TLSv1.2
# SSL v2 is no longer supported
SSLProtocol +TLSv1.2 -TLSv1 -TLSv1.1 -SSLv3

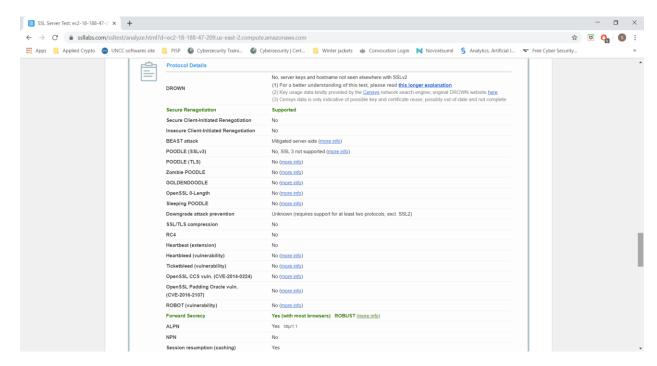
# Allow insecure renegotiation with clients which do not yet support the
# secure renegotiation protocol. Default: Off
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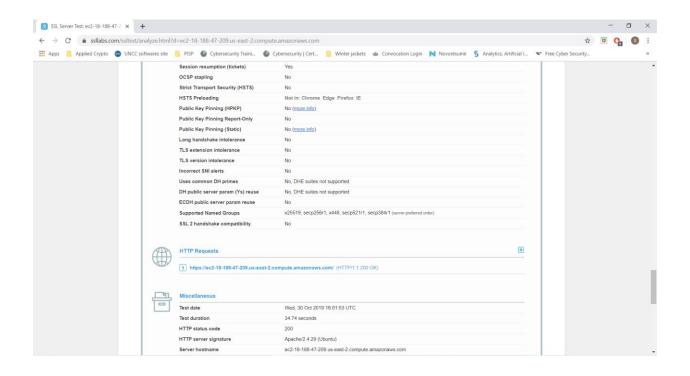
11. I ran tests on both the sites, https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/ and https://www.digicert.com/help/ I have attached the screenshots of the reports of these sites respectively.

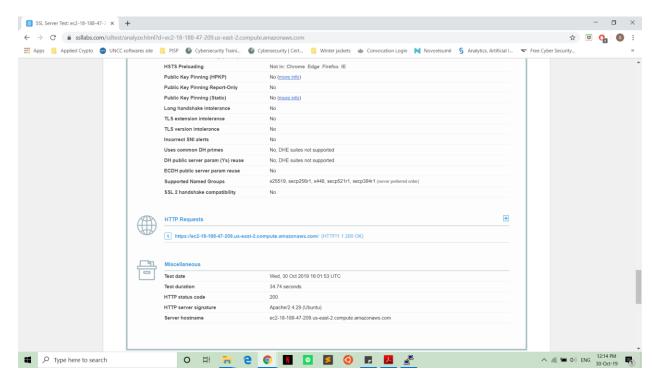


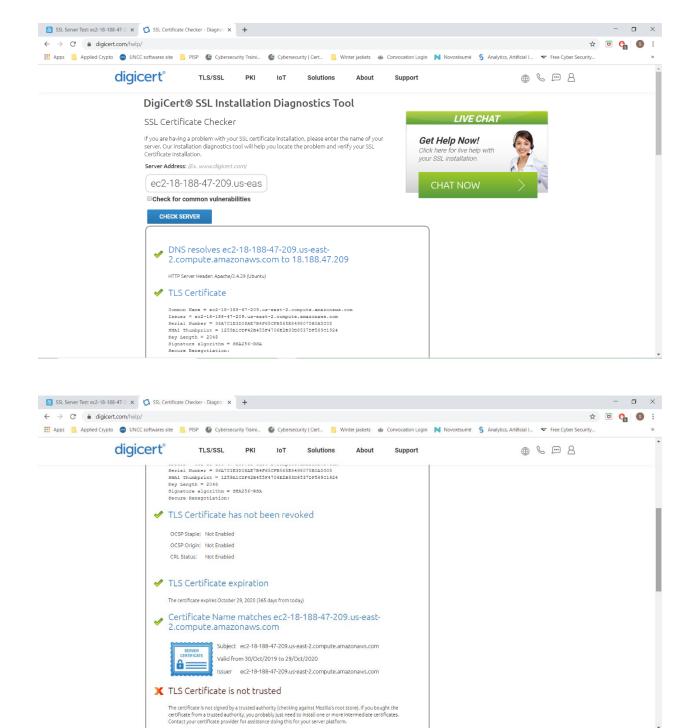












12. I connected to my server using my SSL command line and the results of the operation is shown below:

openssl s_client -connect ec2-18-188-47-209.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com:443