

## **Lab 2: Securing Apache Web Server**

### **Task : Becoming a CA**

Copied the OpenSSL Configuration Template to my directory apachesecond  
cp /opt/homebrew/etc/openssl/openssl.cnf ./openssl.cnf

Created Require CA Structure :

mkdir certs crl newcerts private

touch index.txt

echo 1000 > serial

Generated Root CA Certificate (Self Signed):

openssl req -new -x509 -days 365 -keyout private/ca.key -out ca.crt -config openssl.cnf

Common Name: My Root CA

Set a password

It has created ca.crt and private/ca.key

### **Task : Generating certificates for example.com and webserverlab.com**

I will now act as a CA to issue certificates for both sites

example.com:

Generating private key:

openssl genrsa -des3 -out example.key 2048

Generate CSR

openssl req -new -key example.key -out example.csr -config openssl.cnf

Sign CSR with My CA

It will create a signed certificate for the site and a private key

For webserver.com followed the same process

Task Launching HTTPS Test Server :

example.com

Combine Key + Cert for example.com

cp example.key example.pem

cat example.crt >> example.pem

**Launch OpenSSL Test Server (Checkpoint 1–2)**

openssl s\_server -cert example.pem -www

By default, it runs on port 4433.

In browser <https://example.com:4433> this shows all details. It means the HTTP server is ready

## Task: Deploying HTTPS into Apache (Checkpoint 3, 4)

Enabling SSL Module

```
sudo /opt/homebrew/bin/httpd -M | grep ssl
```

Restart Apache

```
sudo apachectl restart
```

Configuring HTTPS Virtual Hosts

# HTTPS for example.com

```
<IfModule mod_ssl.c>
```

```
<VirtualHost *:443>
```

```
    ServerName example.com
```

```
    DocumentRoot "/opt/homebrew/var/www/example.com"
```

```
    ErrorLog "/opt/homebrew/var/logs/example-ssl-error.log"
```

```
    CustomLog "/opt/homebrew/var/logs/example-ssl-access.log" common
```

```
    SSLEngine on
```

```
    SSLCertificateFile "/Users/shakera/apachesecond/example.crt"
```

```
    SSLCertificateKeyFile "/Users/shakera/apachesecond/example.key"
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

```
</IfModule>
```

# HTTPS for webserverlab.com

```
<IfModule mod_ssl.c>
```

```
<VirtualHost *:443>
```

```
    ServerName webserverlab.com
```

```
    DocumentRoot "/opt/homebrew/var/www/webserverlab.com"
```

```
    ErrorLog "/opt/homebrew/var/logs/webserverlab-ssl-error.log"
```

```
    CustomLog "/opt/homebrew/var/logs/webserverlab-ssl-access.log" common
```

```
    SSLEngine on
```

```
    SSLCertificateFile "/Users/shakera/apachesecond/webserverlab.crt"
```

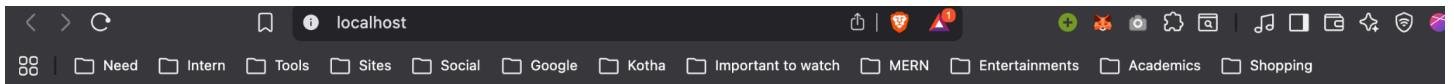
```
    SSLCertificateKeyFile "/Users/shakera/apachesecond/webserverlab.key"
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

```
</IfModule>
```

Tested in browser (it works, it loads the previously hosted dynamic website using HTML, JS)

Snapshots:



**It works!**

```
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ~ % sudo apachectl configtest && sudo apachectl restart
[Syntax OK]
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ~ % curl -I http://example.com
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2025 13:08:31 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.62 (Unix)
Last-Modified: Sat, 08 Nov 2025 12:54:17 GMT
ETag: "1e-64314cbbf9040"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 30
Content-Type: text/html
[
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ~ % curl -I http://webserverlab.com
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2025 13:08:42 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.62 (Unix)
Last-Modified: Sat, 08 Nov 2025 12:54:27 GMT
ETag: "23-64314cc5826c0"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 35
Content-Type: text/html
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ~ % █
```

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[shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ssl % openssl genrsa -aes256 -out example.key 2048
Enter PEM pass phrase:
Verifying - Enter PEM pass phrase:
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ssl % openssl req -new -key example.key -out example.csr -subj "/CN=example.com"

Enter pass phrase for example.key:
[shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ssl % openssl x509 -req -in example.csr -CA ca.crt -CAkey ca.key -CAcreateserial -out example.crt -days 825 -sha256
Certificate request self-signature ok
subject=CN=example.com
Enter pass phrase for ca.key:
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ssl % openssl genrsa -aes256 -out webserverlab.key 2048
Enter PEM pass phrase:
Verifying - Enter PEM pass phrase:
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ssl % openssl req -new -key webserverlab.key -out webserverlab.csr -subj "/CN=webserverlab.com"
Enter pass phrase for webserverlab.key:
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ssl % openssl x509 -req -in webserverlab.csr -CA ca.crt -CAkey ca.key -CAcreateserial -out webserverlab.crt -days 825 -sha256
Certificate request self-signature ok
subject=CN=webserverlab.com
Enter pass phrase for ca.key:
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 ssl %

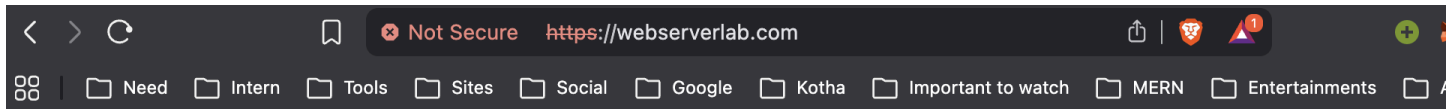
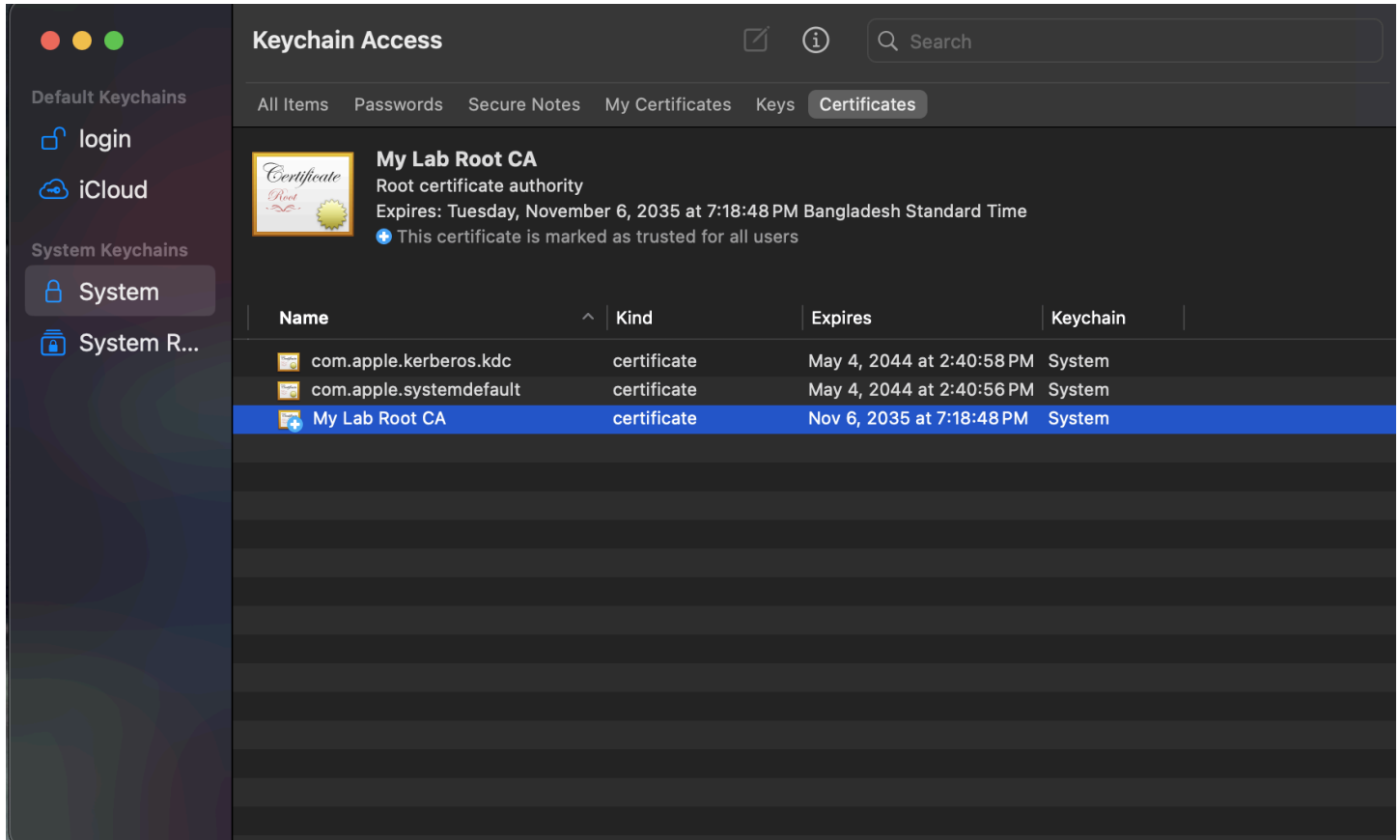
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```

shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 apachesecl % cp example.key example.pem
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 apachesecl % cat example.crt >> example.pem
shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 apachesecl % openssl s_server -cert example.pem -www
Enter pass phrase for example.pem:
Enter pass phrase for example.pem:
Using default temp DH parameters
ACCEPT
ACCEPT
40E1DFF001000000:error:0A000416:SSL routines:ssl3_read_bytes:ssl/tls alert certificate unknown:ssl/record/rec_layer_s3.c:916:SSL alert number 46
40E1DFF001000000:error:0A000416:SSL routines:ssl3_read_bytes:ssl/tls alert certificate unknown:ssl/record/rec_layer_s3.c:916:SSL alert number 46
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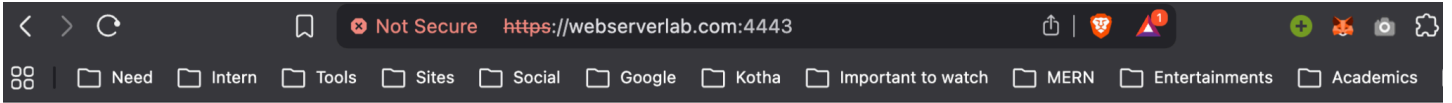
```

```
[shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 apacheseure % openssl x509 -req -in example.csr -CA ca.crt -CAkey private/ca.key -CAcreateserial -out example.crt -days 365 -sha256
Certificate request self-signature ok
subject=C=BD, CN=example.com
[Enter pass phrase for private/ca.key:
[shakera@Shakera-MacBook-Air-291 apacheseure %
```



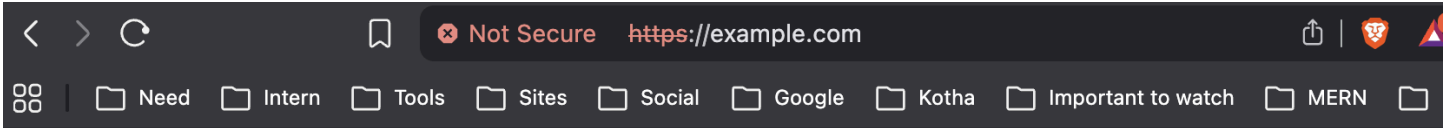
## Full Name Generator





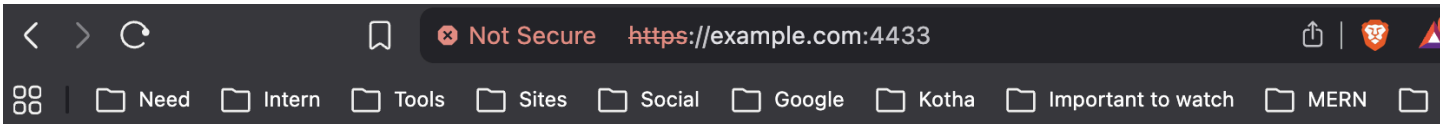
```
s_server -cert webserverlab.pem -www -accept 4443
This TLS version forbids renegotiation.
Ciphers supported in s_server binary
TLSv1.3 :TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 TLSv1.3 :TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
TLSv1.3 :TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 TLSv1.2 :DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305 TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305
TLSv1.2 :DHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305 TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
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TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA384 TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384
TLSv1.2 :DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256 TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA256
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TLSv1.0 :ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA TLSv1.0 :ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA
SSLv3 :DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA TLSv1.0 :ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA
TLSv1.0 :ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA SSLv3 :DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA
TLSv1.2 :RSA-PSK-AES256-GCM-SHA384 TLSv1.2 :DHE-PSK-AES256-GCM-SHA384
TLSv1.2 :RSA-PSK-CHACHA20-POLY1305 TLSv1.2 :DHE-PSK-CHACHA20-POLY1305
TLSv1.2 :ECDHE-PSK-CHACHA20-POLY1305 TLSv1.2 :AES256-GCM-SHA384
TLSv1.2 :PSK-AES256-GCM-SHA384 TLSv1.2 :PSK-CHACHA20-POLY1305
TLSv1.2 :RSA-PSK-AES128-GCM-SHA256 TLSv1.2 :DHE-PSK-AES128-GCM-SHA256
TLSv1.2 :AES128-GCM-SHA256 TLSv1.2 :PSK-AES128-GCM-SHA256
TLSv1.2 :AES256-SHA256 TLSv1.2 :AES128-SHA256
TLSv1.0 :ECDHE-PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA384 TLSv1.0 :ECDHE-PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA
SSLv3 :SRP-RSA-AES-256-CBC-SHA SSLv3 :SRP-AES-256-CBC-SHA
TLSv1.0 :RSA-PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA384 TLSv1.0 :DHE-PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA384
SSLv3 :RSA-PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA SSLv3 :DHE-PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA
SSLv3 :AES256-SHA TLSv1.0 :PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA384
SSLv3 :PSK-AES256-CBC-SHA TLSv1.0 :ECDHE-PSK-AES128-CBC-SHA256
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TLSv1.0 :DHE-PSK-AES128-CBC-SHA256 SSLv3 :RSA-PSK-AES128-CBC-SHA
SSLv3 :DHE-PSK-AES128-CBC-SHA SSLv3 :AES128-SHA
TLSv1.0 :PSK-AES128-CBC-SHA256 SSLv3 :PSK-AES128-CBC-SHA

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Ciphers common between both SSL end points:
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305 ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA AES128-GCM-SHA256
AES256-GCM-SHA384 AES128-SHA AES256-SHA
Signature Algorithms: ECDSA+SHA256:RSA-PSS+SHA256:RSA+SHA256:ECDSA+SHA384:RSA-PSS+SHA384:RSA+SHA384:RSA-PSS+SHA512:RSA+SHA512
Shared Signature Algorithms: ECDSA+SHA256:RSA-PSS+SHA256:RSA+SHA256:ECDSA+SHA384:RSA-PSS+SHA384:RSA+SHA384:RSA-PSS+SHA512:RSA+SHA512
Supported groups: X25519MLKEM768:x25519:secp256r1:secp384r1
Shared groups: X25519MLKEM768:x25519:secp256r1:secp384r1
```



# Simple Calculator





```
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SSLv3 :DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA TLsv1.0 :ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA
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TLsv1.2 :AES128-GCM-SHA256 TLsv1.2 :PSK-AES128-GCM-SHA256
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ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA AES128-GCM-SHA256
AES256-GCM-SHA384 AES128-SHA AES256-SHA
Signature Algorithms: ECDSA+SHA256:RSA-PSS+SHA256:RSA+SHA256:ECDSA+SHA384:RSA-PSS+SHA384:RSA+SHA384:RSA-P
Shared Signature Algorithms: ECDSA+SHA256:RSA-PSS+SHA256:RSA+SHA256:ECDSA+SHA384:RSA-PSS+SHA384:RSA+SHA384
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