

420-635-AB-Network Installation and Administration I

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Objective:

- ✓ Install and configure Apache Web Server.
- ✓ Create our first website by applying the necessary security rules.

TASK 1 — CREATING A WEBSITE

- Install and configure the Apache server to read web pages from the directory "/var/www/html_project1".
 - You must copy the httpd.conf file to httpd.conf.original.
 - Configure the server to be accessible via the IP address 192.168.50.10.
 - Ensure the **httpd** service is started and enabled to run at boot.

```
root@server18 ~]# dnf install httpd -y
Last metadata expiration check: 0:54:40 ago on Mon 14 Ap
 2025 03:45:14 PM.
Dependencies resolved.
Package
               Arch
                      Version
                                                   Size
                                        Repo
Installing:
httpd
               x86 64 2.4.62-1.el9 5.2 appstream 45 k
Installing dependencies:
almalinux-logos-httpd
               noarch 90.5.1-1.1.el9
                                       appstream 18 k
```

[root@server18 ~]# cp /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf.original
[root@server18 ~]# ls /etc/httpd/conf
httpd.conf httpd.conf.original magic

```
[root@server18 ~]# mkdir /var/www/html_project1
[root@server18 ~]# ls -l /var/www/
total 0
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Jan 21 16:23 cgi-bin
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Jan 21 16:23 html
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Apr 14 17:55 html_project1
```

[root@server18 ~]# cd /etc/httpd/conf
[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf

```
ServerRoot "/etc/httpd"
Listen 80
Include conf.modules.d/*.conf
User apache
Group apache
ServerAdmin root@localhost
#ServerName www.example.com:80
<Directory />
    AllowOverride none
    Require all denied
</Directory>
DocumentRoot "/var/www/html project1"
[root@server18 conf]# systemctl enable --now httpd
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/httpd.service → /usr
nd/system/httpd.service.
[root@server18 conf]# systemctl status httpd
 httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
    Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: di>
    Active: active (running) since Mon 2025-04-14 17:59:58 EDT; 35s ago
      Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
  Main PID: 3206 (httpd)
    Status: "Total requests: 0; Idle/Busy workers 100/0; Requests/sec: 0; Bytes
     Tasks: 177 (limit: 22830)
    Memory: 38.3M
       CPU: 388ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
              -3206 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              -3207 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              -3208 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
               -3209 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              -3210 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
```

2. Create a new homepage named index.html in the/var/www/html_project1 directory.

```
[root@server18 conf]# cd /var/www/html_project1/
[root@server18 html_project1]# vim index.html
```

- 3. The page must include all of the following **HTML tags** (each used at least once): <html>, <head>, <title>, <body>, , <hr>, <a href>, ,
, , <i>, and <u>.
 - The page title must be **Project Part I Homepage**
 - You must add a link to each web page of this project inside the index.html page.

Add a **hyperlink** to each web page created for this project inside the index.html page. Each link should **open the corresponding web page of each question**, allowing you to test its functionality. See the example provided on the last page of this document.

```
!doctype html>
<html>
  <head>
    <img src="Apache.jpg" style="width:180px;height:120px"><br><title>Project Part 1 - Homepage</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h2 class="title">Project Part 1 - Homepage</h2>
    <h3 class="subtitle"><u><b>Task 2 - Secure directories:</b></u></h3>
    <u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure1>secure1 (user01 - accessible)</a></b></u>
         <u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure2>secure2 (user01 and 192.168.50.0/24 - accessible)</a></b><b><u><a href=http://10.35.16.1/secure2>secure2 (user01 and 10.35.16.1/24 - Not accessible)</a></b></u>
         <b><u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure3>secure3 (user01 or 192.168.50.0/24 - accessible)</a></b><b><u><a href=http://10.35.16.1/secure3>secure3 (user01 or 192.168.50.0/24 - accessible)</a></b></u>
          <u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure4>secure4 (user02 - accessible)</a></b></u>
         <b<u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure5>secure5 (user01 with .htaccess - accessible)</a><b><u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure6>secure6 (user01 and 192.168.50 with .htaccess - accessible)</a><b < u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure6>secure6 (user01 and 192.168.50 with .htaccess - accessible)</a>
          <u><a href=http://10.35.16.1/secure6>secure6 (user01 and 10.35.16.1/24 with .htaccess - Not accessible)</a></b></u>
          <b><u><a href=http://192.168.50.10/secure7><u>secure7 (user01 or 192.168.50 with .htaccess - accessible)</u></a></b></u>
          <b><u><a href=http://10.35.16.1/secure7><u>secure7 (user01 or 192.168.50 with .htaccess - accessible)</u></a></b></u>
    <hr>
```

```
<h3 class="subtitle"><u><b>Task 4 - Vendors Website:</b></u></h3>
      <u><a href=http://10.50.1.1/vendors>Accessible to Vendors (10.50.1.0/24)</a></b></u><b><u><a href=http://10.51.1.1/vendors>Not accessible to Accountants (10.51.1.0/24)</a></b><b><u><a href=http://10.52.1.1/vendors>Accessible to Administrators (10.52.1.0/24)</a></b></u>
            <b><u><a href=http://10.53.1.1/vendors>Accessible to Programmers (10.53.1.0/24) except *.gif and *.jpg files></a></b></u>
</11/>
      <hr>
      <h3 class="subtitle"><u><b>Task 4 - Accountants Website:</b></u></h3>
      <u><a href=http://10.50.1.1/accountants>Not accessible to Vendors (10.50.1.0/24)</a></b></u>
           cp><b><u><a href=http://10.51.1.1/accountants>Accessible to Accountants (10.51.1.0/24) except *.html files</a><b><u><a href=http://10.52.1.1/accountants>Accessible to Administrators (10.52.1.0/24) except *.html files</a><b><u><a href=http://10.52.1.1/accountants>Accessible to Administrators (10.52.1.0/24)</a><b><u><a href=http://10.53.1.1/accountants>Accessible to Programmers (10.53.1.0/24) except *.gif and *.jpg files></a></b>
</u>
     <hr>
      <h3 class="subtitle"><u><b>Task 4 - Administrators Website:</u></h3>
      <111>
            <u><a href=http://10.50.1.1/administrators>Not accessible to Vendors (10.50.1.0/24)</a></b><b><u><a href=http://10.51.1.1/administrators>Not accessible to Accountants <math>(10.51.1.0/24)</a></b><b><u><a href=http://10.52.1.1/administrators>Accessible to Administrators <math>(10.52.1.0/24)</a></b></u>
            <b><u><a href=http://10.53.1.1/administrators>Accessible to Programmers (10.53.1.0/24) except *.gif and *.jpg files</a>
b></u>
      <hr>
      <h3 class="subtitle"><u><b>Task 4 - Programmers Website:</b></u></h3>
      <u><a href=http://10.50.1.1/programmers>Not accessible to Vendors (10.50.1.0/24)</a></b><b><u><a href=http://10.51.1.1/programmers>Not accessible to Accountants (10.51.1.0/24)</a></b><b><u><a href=http://10.52.1.1/programmers>Accessible to Administrators (10.52.1.0/24)</a></b></u>
            <b><u><a href=http://10.53.1.1/programmers><u>Accessible to Programmers (10.53.1.0/24)</u></a></b></u>
      <hr>
   </body>
 /html>

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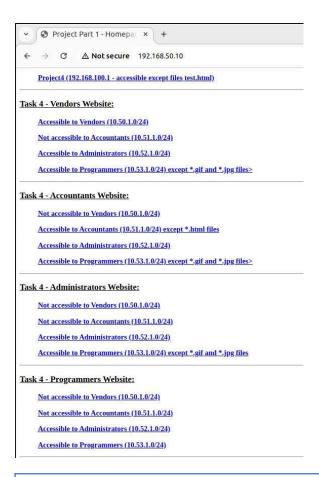


Project Part 1 - Homepage

Task 2 - Secure directories:

secure1 (user01 - accessible)
secure2 (user01 and 192.168.50.0/24 - accessible)
secure2 (user01 and 10.35.16.1/24 - Not accessible)
secure3 (user01 or 192.168.50.0/24 - accessible)
secure3 (user01 or 192.168.50.0/24 - accessible)
secure4 (user02 - accessible)
secure5 (user01 with .htaccess - accessible)
secure6 (user01 and 192.168.50 with .htaccess - accessible)
secure7 (user01 or 192.168.50 with .htaccess - accessible)
secure7 (user01 or 192.168.50 with .htaccess - accessible)





TASK 2 — AUTHENTICATION

All files for this section should be created within the /var/www/html_project1 directory.

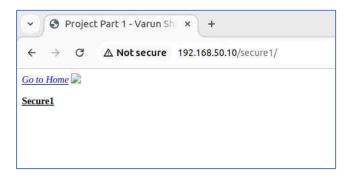
Create a secure1 directory and configure Apache using the <Directory> directive so that
only the user user01 with the password "secret" can access it from any subnet. No other
users should have access.

```
[root@server18 html_project1]# mkdir secure1
[root@server18 html_project1]# cd secure1
[root@server18 secure1]# vim index.html
```

```
[root@server18 ~]# cd /etc/httpd/conf
[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf
```

```
#Directory "securel" accessible by user01 from any subnet
<Directory "/var/www/html_project1/secure1">
    AuthType Basic
    AuthName "Enter the details to access secure1"
    AuthUserFile "/var/www/.htpasswd"
    Require user user01
</Directory>
```

[root@server18 www]# htpasswd -bc .htpasswd user01 secret
Adding password for user user01



2. Create a **secure2** directory and configure Apache so that only **user01** can access it when connecting from the subnet **192.168.50.0/24**.

```
[root@server18 html_project1]# mkdir secure2
[root@server18 html_project1]# cp secure1/index.html secure2/index.html
```

[root@server18 html project1]# nano secure2/index.html

[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf

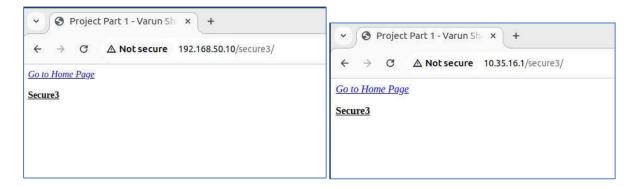
```
#Directory "secure2" accessible by user01 when connecting from 192.168.50.0/24
<Directory "/var/www/html_project1/secure2">
    <RequireAll>
      Require ip 192.168.50.0/24
      Require user user01
    </RequireAll>
    AuthType Basic
    AuthName "Enter the details to access secure2"
    AuthUserFile "/var/www/.htpasswd"
</Directory>
root@server18 conf]# nmcli connection modify LAN1 +ipv4.addresses 10.35.16.1/24
[root@server18 conf]# nmcli connection down LAN1 ; nmcli connection up LAN1
Connection 'LAN1' successfully deactivated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/Networ
kManager/ActiveConnection/3)
Connection successfully activated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/
ActiveConnection/4)
vsharma@client18:-$ nmcli connection modify LAN1 +ipv4.addresses 10.35.16.2/24
vsharma@client18:-$ nmcli connection down LAN1; nmcli connection up LAN1
Connection 'LAN1' successfully deactivated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/
NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/1)
Connection successfully activated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkMa
nager/ActiveConnection/2)
```



3. Create a **secure3** directory and configure Apache so that either **user01** or **any user** from the **192.168.50.0/24** subnet can access it.

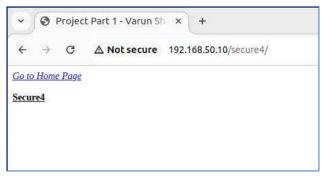
```
[root@server18 html_project1]# mkdir secure3
[root@server18 html_project1]# cp secure2/index.html secure3/index.html
[root@server18 html project1]# vim secure3/index.html
```

[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf



4. Create a **secure4** directory and configure it similarly to **secure1** but grant access only to the user **user02** (password "**secret**").

```
[root@server18 www]# htpasswd -b .htpasswd user02 secret
Adding password for user user02
[root@server18 html project1]# mkdir secure4
root@server18 html project1]# cp secure3/index.html secure4/index.html
root@server18 html project1]# vim secure4/index.html
<!doctype html>
<html>
 <head>
   <a href=http://localhost><i>Go to Home Page</i></a>
   <title>Project Part 1 - Varun Sharma</title>
 </head>
 <body>
     <u><b><u>Secure4</u></b></u>
 </body>
</html>
root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf
#Directory "secure4" accessible only by user02 (from any subnet)
<Directory "/var/www/html project1/secure4">
   AuthType Basic
   AuthName "Enter the details to access secure4"
   AuthUserFile "/var/www/.htpasswd"
   Require user user02
 /Directory>
```



5. Create a **secure5** directory and place an **.htaccess** file inside it to restrict access to only **user01** from **any subnet**.

```
[root@server18 html_project1]# mkdir secure5
[root@server18 html_project1]# cd secure5
[root@server18 secure5]# vim .htaccess
```

```
<RequireAll>
  AuthType Basic
  AuthName "Enter the details to access secure5"
  AuthUserFile "/var/www/.htpasswd"
  Require user user01
</RequireAll>
```

[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf

```
#Directory "secure5" accessible only by user01 (using .htaccess)
<Directory "/var/www/html_project1/secure5">
    AllowOverride All
</Directory>
```



6. Create a **secure6** directory and use an **.htaccess** file to restrict access to **user01**, but only when connecting from the **192.168.50.0/24** subnet.

```
[root@server18 html_project1]# mkdir secure6
[root@server18 html_project1]# cd secure6
[root@server18 secure6]# vim .htaccess
```

```
<RequireAll>
  AuthType Basic
  AuthName "Enter the details to access secure6"
  AuthUserFile "/var/www/.htpasswd"
  Require user user01
  Require ip 192.168.50.0/24
</RequireAll>
```

[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf

```
#Directory "secure6" accessible by user01 only from 192.168.50.0/24 subnet
<Directory "/var/www/html_project1/secure6">
    AllowOverride All
</Directory>
```



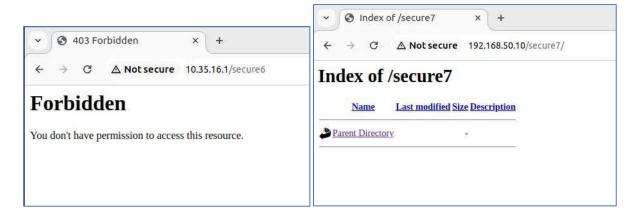
7. Create a **secure7** directory and use an **.htaccess** file to allow access to either the **user01** or **any user** from the **192.168.50.0/24** subnet.

```
[root@server18 html_project1]# mkdir secure7
[root@server18 html_project1]# cp secure6/.htaccess secure7/.htaccess
[root@server18 html project1]# vim secure7/.htaccess
```

```
<RequireAny>
  AuthType Basic
  AuthName "Enter the details to access secure7"
  AuthUserFile "/var/www/.htpasswd"
  Require user user01
  Require ip 192.168.50.0/24
</RequireAny>
```

[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf

```
#Directory "secure7" accessible either by user01 or any user in 192.168.50.0/24 subnet
<Directory "/var/www/html_project1/secure7">
        AllowOverride All
</Directory>
```





TASK 3 — ACCESSIBILITY

- 1 In the/var/www/html_project1 directory add the following subdirectories:
 - Project1
 - Project2
 - Project3
 - Project4

```
[root@server18 html_project1]# mkdir Project1 Project2 Project3 Project4
[root@server18 html_project1]# ls Pr*
Project1:
Project2:
Project3:
Project4:
```

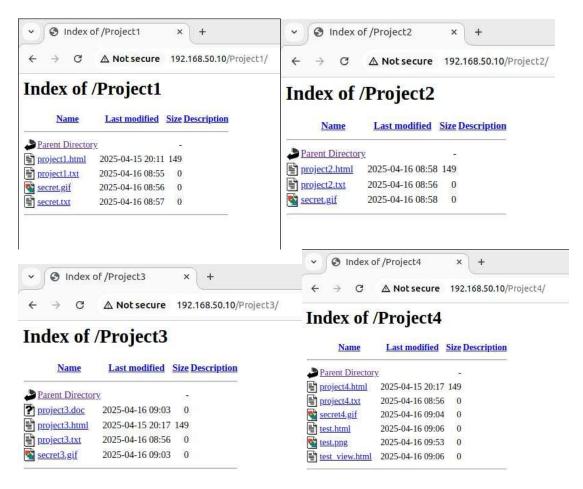
In each of these directories, create a web page named after the directory itself. For example, Project1/project1.html, Project2/project2.html, etc.

```
[root@server18 html project1]# vim Project1/project1.html
<!doctype html>
<html>
 <head>
   <title>Welcome to project 1</title>
 </head>
 <body>
         <b>Welcome to project 1</b>
 </body>
</html>
[root@server18 html project1]# vim Project2/project2.html
<!doctype html>
<html>
 <head>
   <title>Welcome to project 2</title>
 </head>
 <body>
         <b>Welcome to project 2</b>
 </body>
</html>
[root@server18 html project1]# vim Project3/project3.html
<!doctype html>
<html>
 <head>
   <title>Welcome to project 3</title>
 </head>
 <body>
         <b>Welcome to project 3</b>
 </body>
</html>
[root@server18 html project1]# vim Project4/project4.html
<!doctype html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Welcome to project 4</title>
  </head>
  <body>
         <b>Welcome to project 4</b>
 </body>
</html>
```

3 **Do not place an index.html file** in these directories. Instead, configure Apache to display a **directory listing** when accessed.

```
[root@server18 conf]# vim httpd.conf
```

- 4 Add <Directory> and <Files> directives to implement the following access controls:
 - All directories and their contents must be accessible from the 192.168.50.0/24 subnet.



Project1: Accessible only from the 10.35.16.0/24 and 10.35.17.0/24 subnets. Any files named secret.* must not be accessible.



Forbidden

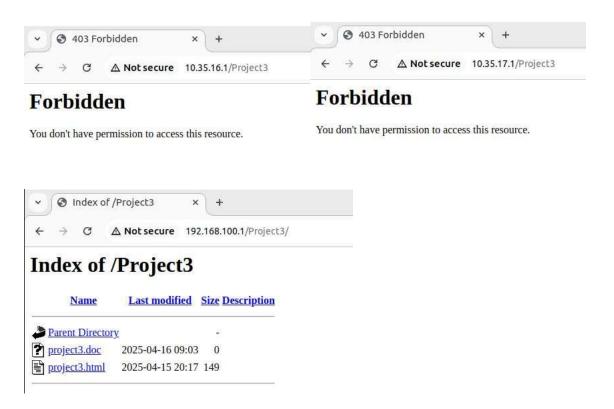
You don't have permission to access this resource.

Project2: Not accessible only from the 10.35.16.0/24 subnet. All files must be accessible to others.

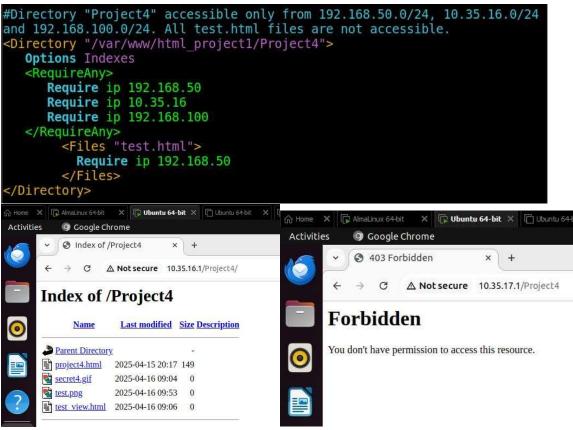


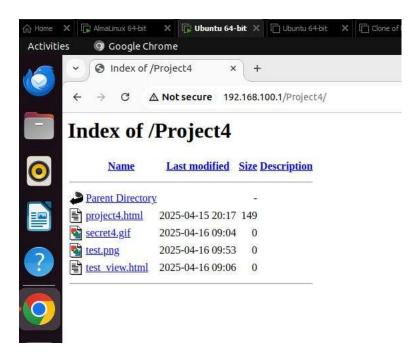


Project3: Accessible only from the 192.168.100.0/24 subnet. All *.gif files must not be accessible.



Project4: Accessible only from 10.35.16.0/24 and 192.168.100.0/24. All test.html files must not be accessible.





For all directories, *.txt files must not be accessible. Place the corresponding directive outside of any <Directory> blocks.

```
<FilesMatch "\.(txt)$">
  Require ip 192.168.50
</FilesMatch>
```

TASK 4 — AUTHORIZATION

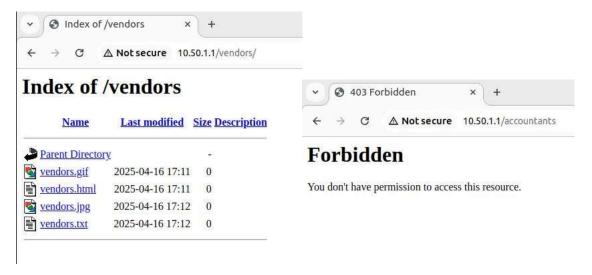
- 1 Identify the network subnet of each department:
 - Vendors use the subnet 10.50.1.0/24
 - Accountants use the subnet 10.51.1.0/24
 - Administrators use the subnet 10.52.1.0/24
 - Programmers use the subnet 10.53.1.0/24
- 2 Each department has its own **dedicated web directory** on the server.
- Websites must be placed in the /var/www/htdocs/<group_name> directory. For example: /var/www/htdocs/vendors, /var/www/htdocs/accountants, etc.
- 4 You must use **aliases** to make these websites accessible. For example, to access the vendors' website, use: http://10.50.1.1/vendors

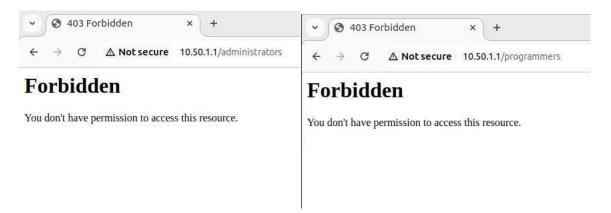
```
<Directory "/var/www/htdocs">
    Options Indexes FollowSymLinks
    AllowOverride None
    Require all granted
</Directory>
# Directory "vendors" accessible by vendors and administrators.
# Also accessible by programmers except *.gif and *.jpg files.
Alias /vendors "/var/www/htdocs/vendors"
<Directory "/var/www/htdocs/vendors">
    <RequireAny>
      Require ip 10.50.1
      Require ip 10.52.1
      Require ip 10.53.1
    </RequireAny>
    <FilesMatch "\.(gif|jpg)$">
Require ip 10.52.1
      Require ip 10.50.1
    </FilesMatch>
</Directory>
```

```
# Directory "accountants" accessible by accountants except .html files.
# Administrators can access everything.
# Also accessible by programmers except *.gif and *.jpg files.
Alias /accountants "/var/www/htdocs/accountants"
Require ip 10.51.1
     Require ip 10.52.1
     Require ip 10.53.1
   </RequireAny>
   <FilesMatch "\.(gif|jpg)$">
Require ip 10.51.1
     Require ip 10.52.1
   </FilesMatch>
    <FilesMatch "^(?!index\.html$).*\.html$">
     Require ip 10.52.1
     Require ip 10.53.1
    </FilesMatch>
</Directory>
```

```
Directory "administrators" accessible by administrators.
 Also accessible by programmers but not *.gif or *.jpg files.
Alias /administrators "/var/www/htdocs/administrators"
<Directory "/var/www/htdocs/administrators">
   <RequireAny>
     Require ip 10.52.1
     Require ip 10.53.1
    </RequireAny>
   <FilesMatch "\.(gif|jpg)$">
Require ip 10.52.1
    </FilesMatch>
 /Directory>
# Directory "programmers" accessible by administrators.
# Also accessible by programmers but not *.gif or *.jpg files.
Alias /programmers "/var/www/htdocs/programmers"
Require ip 10.52.1
     Require ip 10.53.1
    </RequireAny>
</Directory>
```

- 5 Configure the Apache server with the following access rules:
 - Vendors can access only their own website.



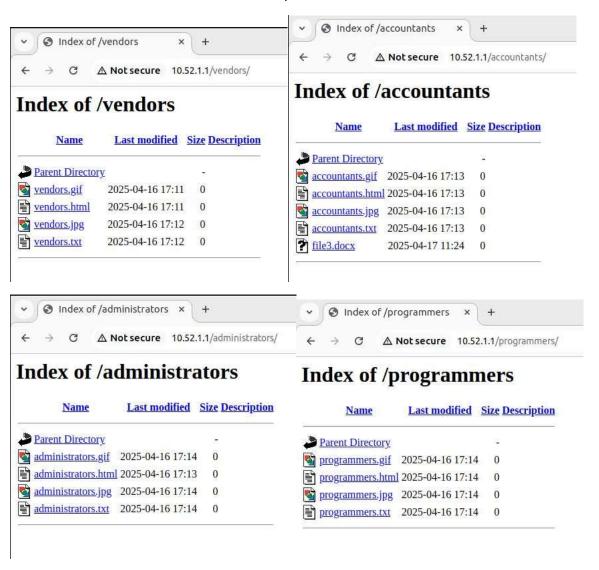


Accountants can access only the accountants' website and must not be able to view any
 *.html files.





Administrators must be able to view all department websites.



➤ Programmers must be able to access their own website and to view all department websites except their *.gif or *.jpg files.

