SSL/PHP Web Server

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Functions

- Serve static content (Web Server)
- Send content securely (SSL)
- Execute scripts (PHP execution)
- Multi-threading

Web Server

- I. Receive header
 "GET /index.html HTTP/1.1"
- 2. Parse header in parts, specifically for the filename.

 "/index.html"
- 3. Sandbox file, access only within defined directory "content/index.html"
- 4. Access file, generate response headers.

Web Server

- 5. If file not found, send proper header "HTTP/1.1 404 Not found"
- 6. If found, determine MIME type and file size.

"Content-Type: text/html" "Content-Length: 638"

- 7. Send headers.
- 8. Send data through chunks.

SSL Encryption

- Uses GNUTLS Library, most functionality already taken care of by this library.
- A matter of setting up with proper certificates and binding TLS to sockets.
- Handshake, send data through TLS session.

SSL Encryption

I. Set up certificates, initialize GNU TLS lib. "gnutls_certificate_set_dh_params()"

2. Set up generic server.
 "bind(); listen();"

3. Setup TLS session to sockets. "initialize_tls_session()"

4. Handshake on requests.
 "gnutls_transport_set_ptr(); gnutls_handshake();"

SSL Encryption

- 5. Receive content through session. "gnutls_record_recv()"
- 6. Send content through session. "gnutls_record_send()"

PHP Execution

- I. During MIME detection, detect PHP.
- 2. Close current file pointer, create a new one based on the output of script execution.

"popen(/usr/bin/php ./content/index.php, 'r')"

Multi-threading

- fork() after each accept.
- Handle children and parent processes appropriately.