

Security Solutions with SSL

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Apache and SSL: Installation Illustration

1. Extract sources
2. Build binaries
3. Copy files to the Apache installation tree and install Apache
4. Build mod_ssl
5. Install the module




Apache and SSL: Feature Overview


- Open-Source software
- Available for commercial and non-commercial use
- Available for both Linux and Windows
- Extensive testing in both world-wide
- Supports SSLv2, SSLv3 and TLSv1
- Very clean modular architecture
- Integrates seamlessly into Apache through Subversion CVS
- Full compliance (based on Open SSL) against the CA/Browser Forum
- Advanced configuration handling for private keys
- 3.0 SSL Client Certificates and SNI
- Supports Certificate Revocation List (CRL) support
- Full compliance of SSL/TLS with RFCs
- Supports RSA and DSA/DH
- Support for explicit Private Keying
- Advanced encryption (based on Open SSL)
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SSL/TLS Protocol: HTTPS Communication



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SSL/TLS Protocol (3.1 of RFC 2246)

HTTP

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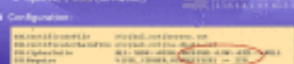
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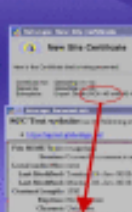
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Solution 2b: Server Gated Cryptography

- Procedure:
 - Generate a request for a new certificate
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- SSL is now covered by patent, Code Signing algorithms (DSA) and Diffie-Hellman (DH) Key Exchange are not supported by all common versions of popular browsers
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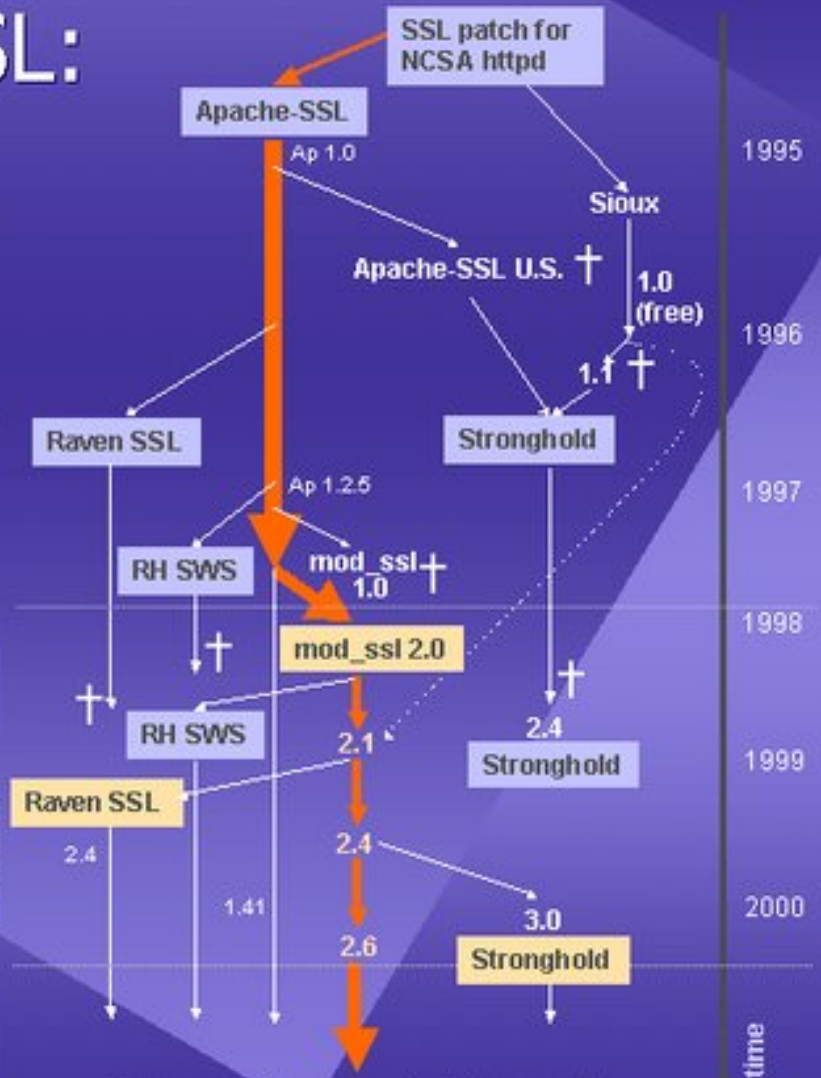
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$ make

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              --prefix=/usr/local/apache

$ cd ../apache_1.3.12
$ make
$ make certificate TYPE=dummy
$ make install

$ /usr/local/apache/bin/httpd -DSSL
$ netscape https://localhost/
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2. build OpenSSL
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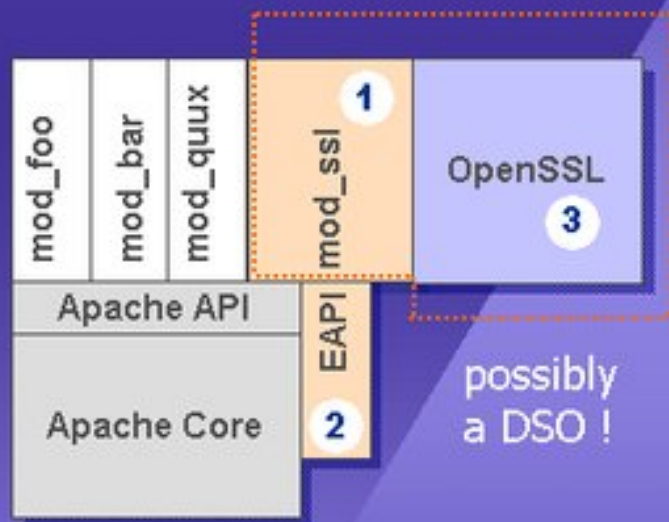
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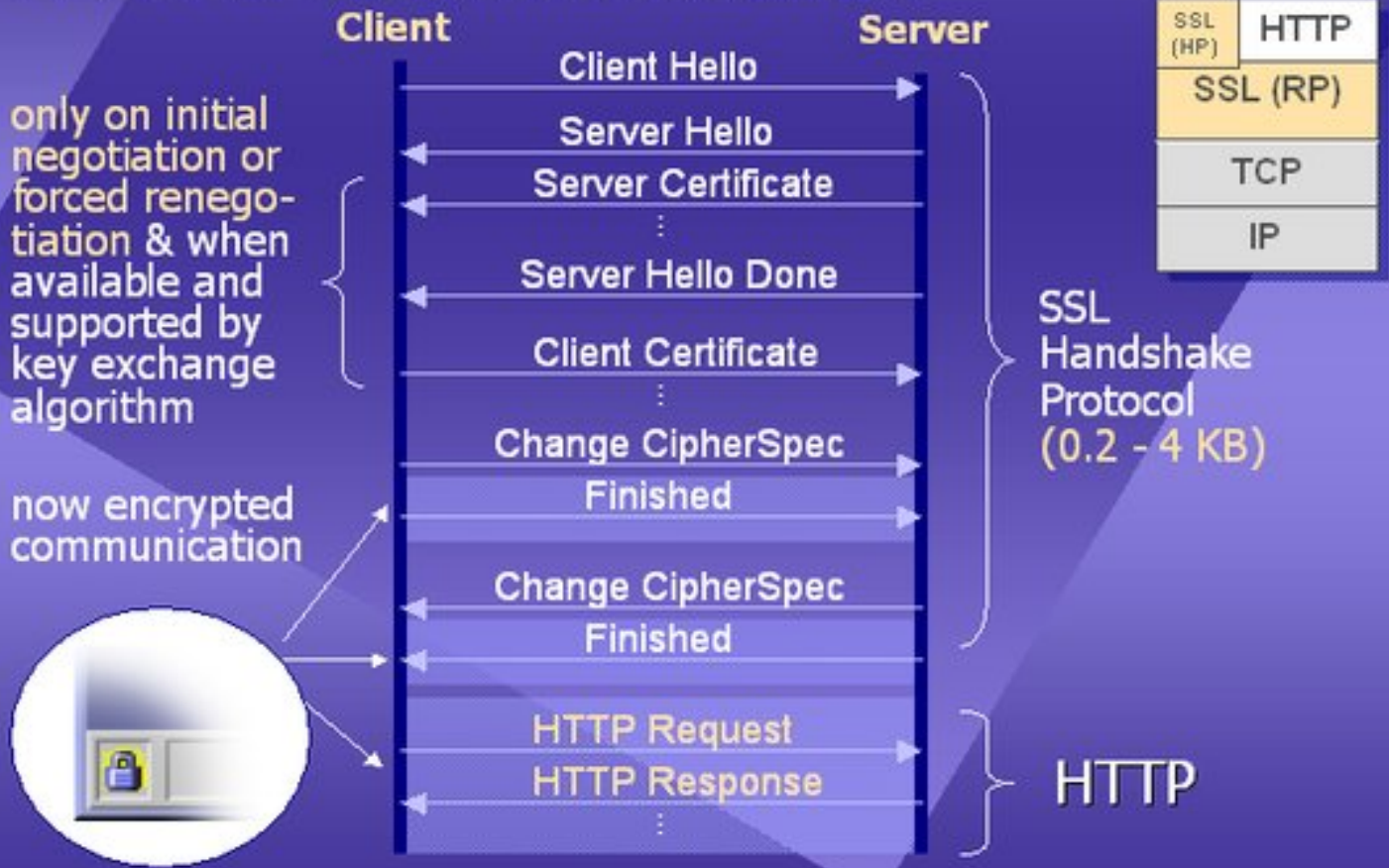
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- 2 a source patch for the Extended API (additional hooks)
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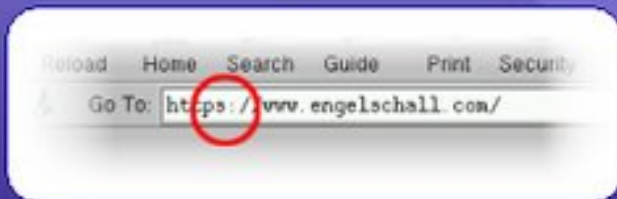
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 - HTTPS on port 443
- Startup:
 - HTTP only:
`$ httpd`
 - HTTP and HTTPS:
`$ httpd -DSSL`
- All other following configuration snippets are additions or replacements to this configuration

```
# httpd.conf
:
Port 80
:
<IfDefine SSL>
:
Listen          80
Listen          443
:
SSLSessionCache dbm:run/ssl.scache
SSLMutex        file:run/ssl.mutex
SSLLog          log/ssl.log
SSLLogLevel     warn
:
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
SSLEngine       on
SSLCertificateFile etc/server.crt
SSLCertificateKeyFile etc/server.key
SSLVerifyClient none
:
</VirtualHost>
</IfDefine>
```



Solution 1: Speed Up Processing

■ Use Shared Memory based SSL/TLS Session Cache:

MM: Shared Memory Library, <http://www.engelschall.com/sw/mm/>
Build-Time: `(mod_ssl) configure --with-mm=../mm-1.1.3`
Run-Time: `SSLSessionCache shm:/var/run/scache(512000)`

■ Increase Session Cache Timeout:

Run-Time: `SSLSessionCacheTimeout 1200`

■ Use Semaphore based Mutex:

Run-Time: `SSLMutex sem`

■ Use minimal logging:

Run-Time: `SSLLog /dev/null`
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■ Export SSI/CGI Variables only for reasonable contexts:

Run-Time: `<Files ~ "*(.cgi|.shtml)$">`
`SSLOptions +StdEnvVars`
`</Files>`

■ Use optimized renegotiations:

Run-Time: `SSLOptions +OptRenegotiate`

■ Use HTTP Keepalive facility:

Run-Time: `KeepAlive on`
`MaxKeepAliveRequests 100`
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is the root of all evil.
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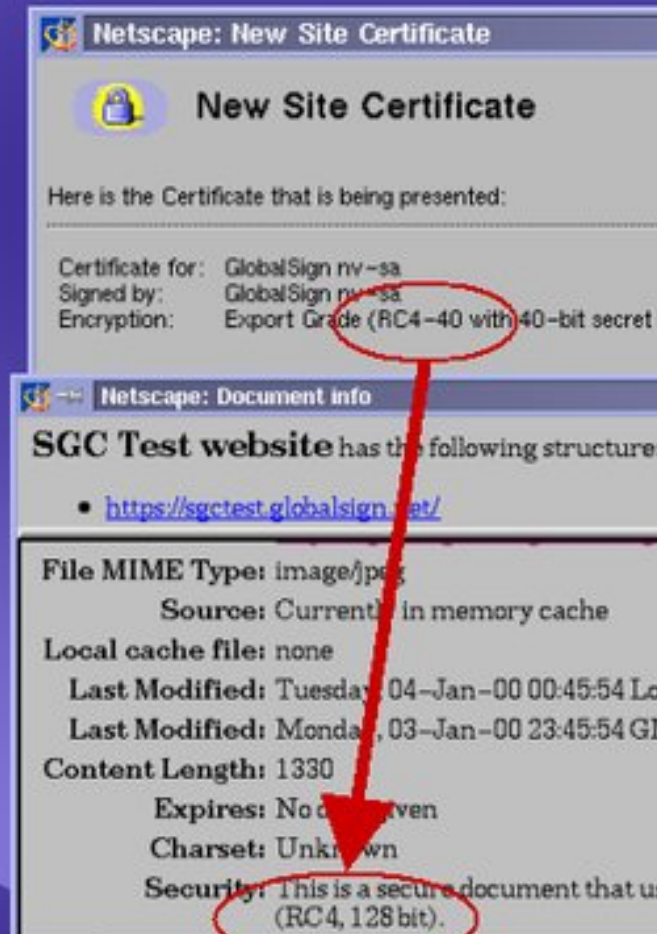
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 - Requirements:
 - `mod_ssl` \geq 2.1.3 (for `reneg.`)
 - `OpenSSL` \geq 0.9.5 (for `msSGC`)
 - Configuration:
- Components:
 - root and intermediate CA certificates dedicated to SGC
 - root CA certificate built into browsers and specially tagged (Netscape: `cert7.db`, `trustflags 0x018` \rightarrow `0x0238`)
 - all(!) certificates in chain contain `extendedKeyUsage` with objects:
`nsSGC (2.16.840.1.113730.4.1)`
`msSGC (1.3.6.1.4.1.311.10.3.3)`

```
:
SSLCertificateFile      etc/ssl.crt/server.crt
SSLCertificateChainFile etc/ssl.crt/ca-chain.crt
SSLCipherSuite         ALL:!ADH:+HIGH:+MEDIUM:+LOW:+EXP:+NULL
SSLRequire              %{SSL_CIPHER_USEKEYSIZE} >= 128
:
```

Solution 2b: Server Gated Cryptography

- Procedure:
 - browser is export-crippled: can use 40-bit ciphers only
 - browser connects to SGC-enabled server with 40-bit cipher
 - server sends his SGC-tagged certificate to browser
 - browser verifies server certificate and detects that it is issued by a CA root certificate which is tagged to enable SGC
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Solution 7: Fine-Grained Client Authentication

- Use of boolean expressions to perform fine-grained client certificate based access authentication

```
# httpd.conf
:
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
:
SSLCACertificatePath /path/to/ssl.ca/
SSLVerifyClient      optional
SSLVerifyDepth      10
SSLRequireSSL
SSLRequire (        %{SSL_CIPHER} !~ m/^(EXP|NULL)-/ \
                    and %{SSL_CLIENT_S_DN_O} eq "Snake Oil, Ltd." \
                    and %{SSL_CLIENT_S_DN_OU} in { "Staff", "CA", "Dev" } \
                    and %{TIME_WDAY} >= 1 and %{TIME_WDAY} <= 5 \
                    and %{TIME_HOUR} >= 8 and %{TIME_HOUR} <= 20 \
                    or %{REMOTE_ADDR} =~ m/^141\.1\.129\.[0-9]+$/ \
                    ) \
:
</VirtualHost>
:
```


Solution 8: Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL)

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Solution 9: Standard Client Authentication

- Access Control with HTTP Basic Authentication through the Subject-DN of the X.509 certificate

```
# httpd.conf
:
AllowOverride FileInfo AuthConfig
:
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
:
SSLCACertificatePath /etc/ssl.ca/
SSLVerifyClient require
SSLVerifyDepth 10
SSLOptions +FakeBasicAuth
:
</VirtualHost>
:
```

```
# /etc/ssl.passwd.foo
/C=DE/L=Munich/CN=Foo:xxj31ZMTZzkVA
/C=US/L=S.F./CN=Bar:xxj31ZMTZzkVA
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```

```
# .htaccess
:
<Files foo.html>
SSLRequireSSL
AuthType Basic
AuthName "foo"
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Require valid-user
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Solution 10: Using both RSA and DSA/DH

- RSA is was covered by patent, Data Signature Algorithm (DSA) and Diffie-Hellman (DH) Key Exchange was not.
- mod_ssl allows one to use all SSL/TLS ciphers if both RSA and DSA server certificates are available.
- SSL/TLS provides both RSA and DSA/DH based ciphers and OpenSSL supports all.
- Disadvantage: DSA/DH is still not supported by all current versions of popular browsers.

```
# httpd.conf
:
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:
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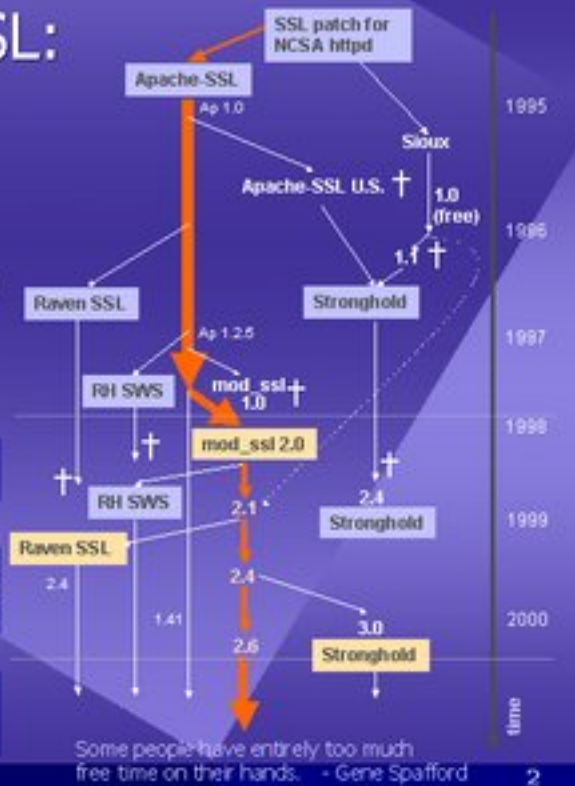
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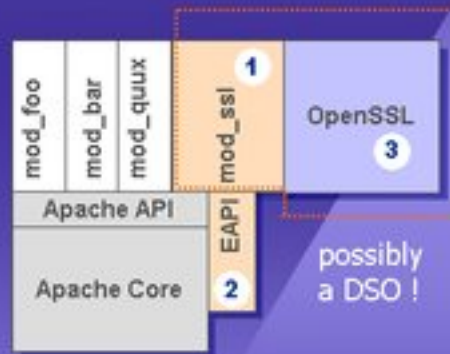
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SSLOptions +FakeBasicAuth
:
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```

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AuthName "foo"
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More information...

- mod_ssl User Support Mailing List:
 - modssl-users@modssl.org (current)
 - <http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=apache-modssl> (archived)
 - <http://www.mail-archive.com/modssl-users@modssl.org/> (archived)
- mod_ssl User Manual:
 - <http://www.modssl.org/docs/2.6/>
- Online version of this presentation:
 - <http://www.modssl.org/docs/apachecon2000/>

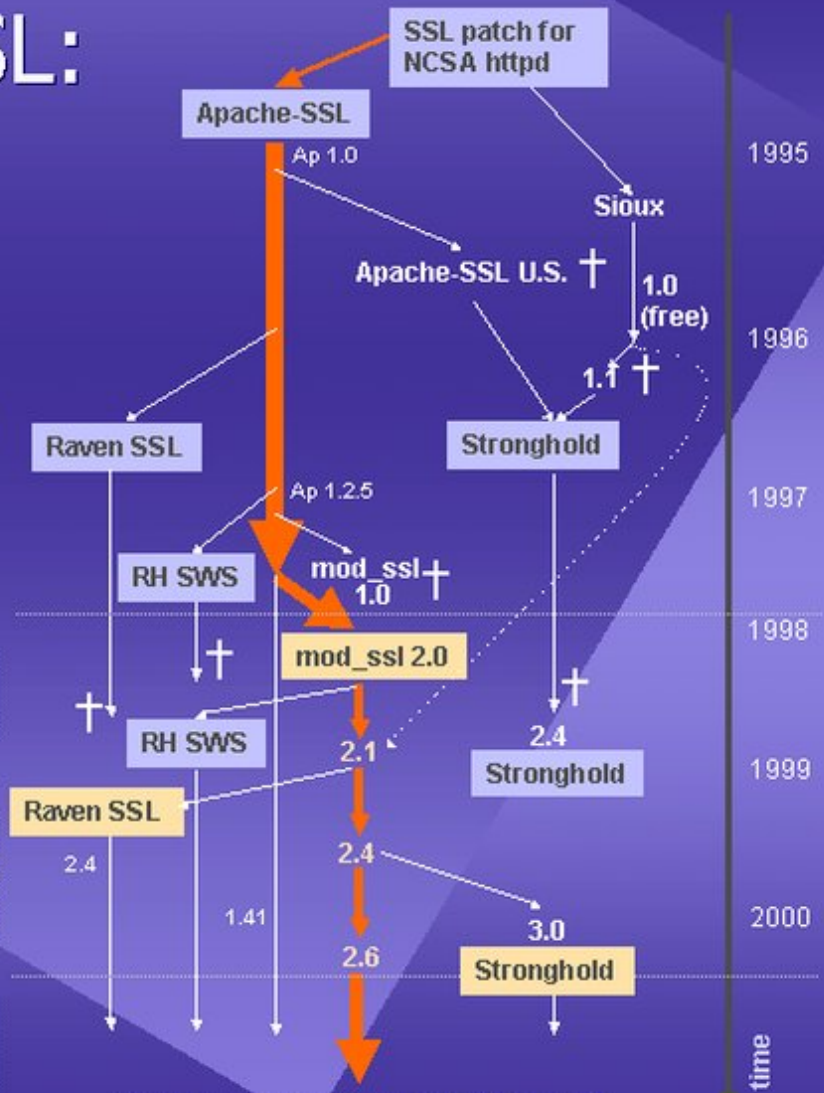
Security Solutions with SSL

Selected security solutions for the Apache webserver, based on the SSL/TLS protocol



Apache and SSL: The Evolution

- mod_ssl is the canonical Open Source SSL/TLS solution for Apache.
- mod_ssl is originally derived from Apache-SSL and based on the functionality of OpenSSL.
- mod_ssl is written and maintained in Germany, distributed from Switzerland:
 - <http://www.modssl.org/>
 - <ftp://ftp.modssl.org/>
- Package Source Size Overview:
 - Apache: 80.000 LoC, 6 MB
 - mod_ssl: 11.000 LoC, 3 MB
 - OpenSSL: 180.000 LoC, 12 MB
- mod_ssl User Community:
 - 900 modssl-users
 - 200.000 Installations
 - 1,100.000 Domains



Some people have entirely too much free time on their hands. - Gene Spafford

Apache and SSL: Installation Illustration

```
$ gunzip <apache_1.3.12.tar.gz | tar xf -
$ gunzip <mod_ssl-2.6.6-1.3.12.tar.gz | tar xf -
$ gunzip <openssl-0.9.5a.tar.gz | tar xf -

$ cd openssl-0.9.5a
$ ./config
$ make

$ cd ../mod_ssl-2.6.6
$ ./configure --with-apache=../apache_1.3.12 \
              --with-ssl=../openssl-0.9.5a \
              --prefix=/usr/local/apache

$ cd ../apache_1.3.12
$ make
$ make certificate TYPE=dummy
$ make install

$ /usr/local/apache/bin/httpd -DSSL
$ netscape https://localhost/
```

1. extract sources

2. build OpenSSL

3. apply `mod_ssl`
to Apache
source tree and
configure it

4. build and
install Apache
plus `mod_ssl`

5. test the server!

Apache and SSL: Feature Overview

mod_ssl - The best SSL solution
for Apache money can't buy.

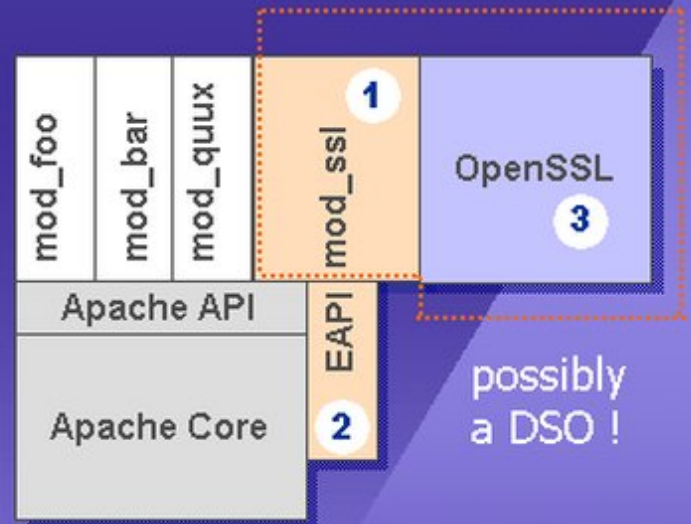
- Open-Source software
- Useable for commercial and non-commercial use
- Available for both Unix and Win32
- 128-bit strong crypto world-wide
- Supports SSLv2, SSLv3 and TLSv1
- Very clean reviewable ANSI C source code
- Clean Apache module architecture
- Integrates seamlessly into Apache through Extended API (EAPI)
- Full Dynamic Shared Object (DSO) support via mod_so+EAPI
- Advanced pass-phrase handling for private keys
- X.509 based client & server authentication
- X.509 Certificate Revocation List (CRL) support
- per-URL renegotiation of SSL /TLS parameters
- Supports RSA and DSA/DH ciphers
- Support for explicit PRNG seeding
- Boolean-expression based access control facility
- Backward compatibility to other SSL solutions (Apache-SSL, SH, ...)
- Inter-process SSL session cache (DBM or Shared Memory)
- Powerful dedicated SSL engine logging facility
- Simple and robust application to Apache source
- Fully integrated into Apache 1.3 configuration mechanism
- Additionally integration into APACI
- Assistance in X.509v3 certificate generation (RSA and DSA)

Apache and SSL: Package Architecture

■ mod_ssl is...

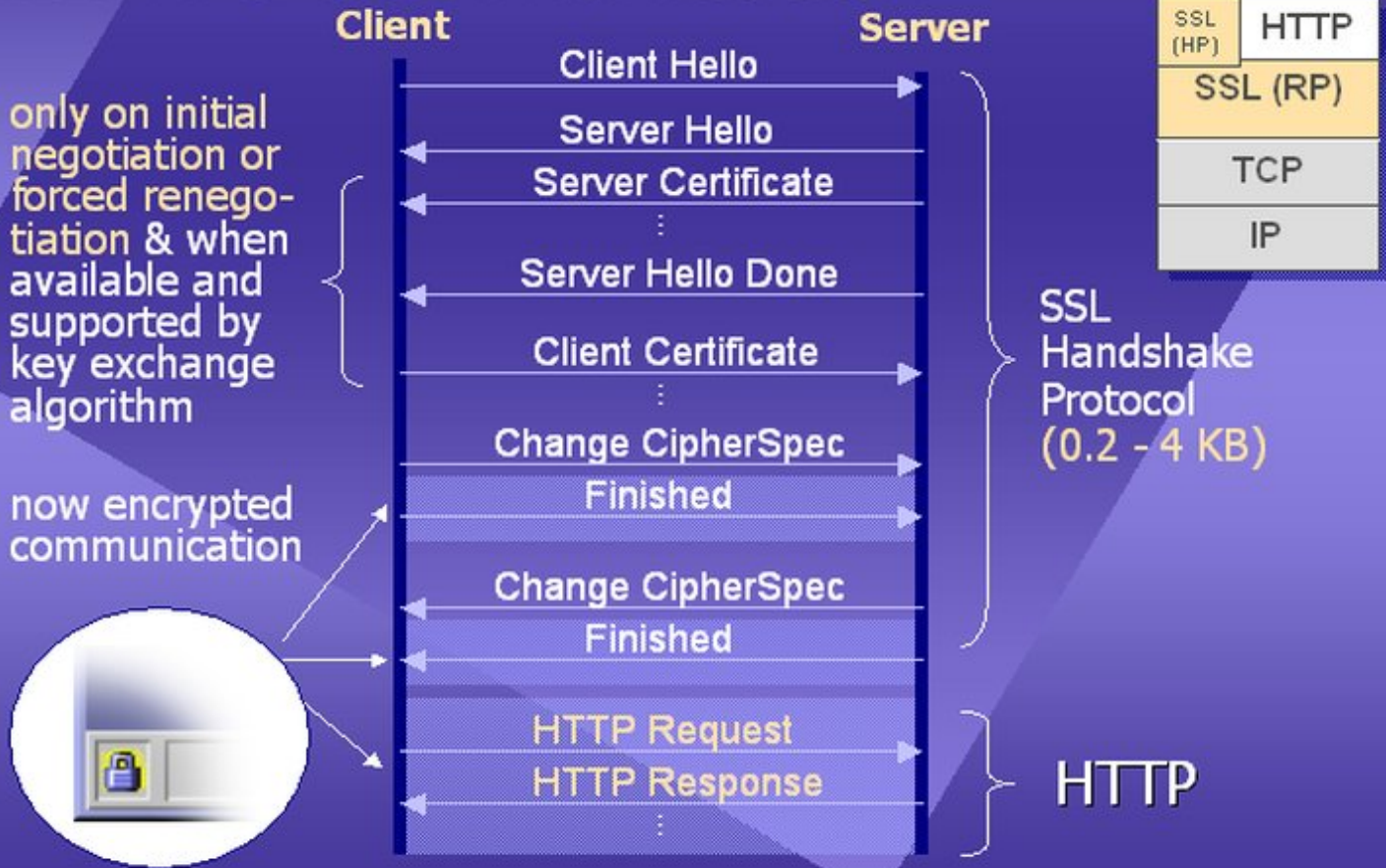
- 1 an Apache 1.3 API conforming module (basic functionality)
- 2 a source patch for the Extended API (additional hooks)
- 3 An SSL/TLS implementation library: OpenSSL

- mod_ssl+OpenSSL can be also built as a DSO (APACI: `--enable-shared=ssl`)



Apache instead of IIS - because software problems should not cost money.

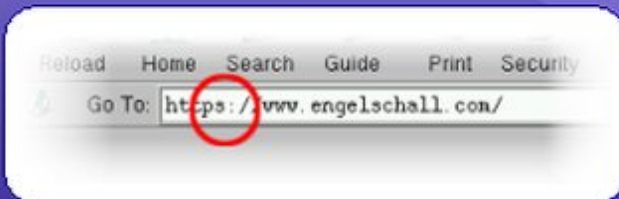
SSL/TLS Protocol: HTTPS Communication



Apache and SSL: Server Configuration Template

- Standard Setup:
 - HTTP on port 80
 - HTTPS on port 443
- Startup:
 - HTTP only:
`$ httpd`
 - HTTP and HTTPS:
`$ httpd -DSSL`
- All other following configuration snippets are additions or replacements to this configuration

```
# httpd.conf
:
Port 80
:
<IfDefine SSL>
:
Listen          80
Listen          443
:
SSLSessionCache dbm:run/ssl.scache
SSLMutex        file:run/ssl.mutex
SSLLog          log/ssl.log
SSLLogLevel     warn
:
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
SSLEngine       on
SSLCertificateFile etc/server.crt
SSLCertificateKeyFile etc/server.key
SSLVerifyClient none
:
</VirtualHost>
</IfDefine>
```



Solution 1: Speed Up Processing

■ Use Shared Memory based SSL/TLS Session Cache:

MM: Shared Memory Library, <http://www.engelschall.com/sw/mm/>
Build-Time: `(mod_ssl) configure --with-mm=../mm-1.1.3`
Run-Time: `SSLSessionCache shm:/var/run/scache(512000)`

■ Increase Session Cache Timeout:

Run-Time: `SSLSessionCacheTimeout 1200`

■ Use Semaphore based Mutex:

Run-Time: `SSLMutex sem`

■ Use minimal logging:

Run-Time: `SSLLog /dev/null`
`SSLLogLevel error`

■ Export SSI/CGI Variables only for reasonable contexts:

Run-Time: `<Files ~ "*(.cgi|.html)$">`
`SSLOptions +StdEnvVars`
`</Files>`

■ Use optimized renegotiations:

Run-Time: `SSLOptions +OptRenegotiate`

■ Use HTTP Keepalive facility:

Run-Time: `KeepAlive on`
`MaxKeepAliveRequests 100`
`KeepAliveTimeout 15`

Premature optimization
is the root of all evil.
- D.E.Knuth

Solution 2a: Server Gated Cryptography (SGC)

- SGC is the mechanism behind Verisign Global-ID, Thawte SuperCert, GlobalSign HyperSign128, etc.
- SGC is the reason why Fortify worked at all ;-)
- Requirements:
 - mod_ssl ≥ 2.1.3 (for renegot.)
 - OpenSSL ≥ 0.9.5 (for msSGC)
- Configuration:
- Components:
 - root and intermediate CA certificates dedicated to SGC
 - root CA certificate built into browsers and specially tagged (Netscape: cert7.db, trustflags 0x018 → 0x0238)
 - all(!) certificates in chain contain **extendedKeyUsage** with objects:
nsSGC (2.16.840.1.113730.4.1)
msSGC (1.3.6.1.4.1.311.10.3.3)

```
SSLCertificateFile      etc/ssl.crt/server.crt
SSLCertificateChainFile etc/ssl.crt/ca-chain.crt
SSLCipherSuite         ALL:!ADH:+HIGH:+MEDIUM:+LOW:+EXP:+NULL
SSLRequire             %{SSL_CIPHER_USEKEYSIZE} >= 128
```

Solution 2b: Server Gated Cryptography

- Procedure:
 - browser is export-crippled: can use 40-bit ciphers only
 - browser connects to SGC-enabled server with 40-bit cipher
 - server sends his SGC-tagged certificate to browser
 - browser verifies server certificate and detects that it is issued by a CA root certificate which is tagged to enable SGC
 - browser enables 128-bit ciphers for communication with this server and forces a SSL/TLS renegotiation with the stronger cipher suite.

Netscape: New Site Certificate

New Site Certificate

Here is the Certificate that is being presented:

Certificate for: GlobalSign nv-sa
Signed by: GlobalSign nv-sa
Encryption: Export Grade (RC4-40 with 40-bit secret)

Netscape: Document info

SGC Test website has the following structure:

- <https://sgctest.globalsign.net/>

File MIME Type: image/jpeg
Source: Currently in memory cache
Local cache file: none
Last Modified: Tuesday, 04-Jan-00 00:45:54 Lo
Last Modified: Monday, 03-Jan-00 23:45:54 GI
Content Length: 1330
Expires: No d...ven
Charset: Unknown
Security: This is a secure document that us
(RC4, 128 bit).

Solution 3: HTTP/HTTPS Gateway

To be filled in...

Solution 4: Per-Directory SSL/TLS Parameters

To be filled in...

Solution 5: Internet/Intranet Access

To be filled in...

Solution 6: Custom SSL Error Message

To be filled in...

Solution 7: Fine-Grained Client Authentication

- Use of boolean expressions to perform fine-grained client certificate based access authentication

```
# httpd.conf
:
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
:
SSLCACertificatePath /path/to/ssl.ca/
SSLVerifyClient      optional
SSLVerifyDepth      10
SSLRequireSSL
SSLRequire (        %{SSL_CIPHER} !~ m/^(EXP|NULL)-/ \
                  and %{SSL_CLIENT_S_DN_O} eq "Snake Oil, Ltd." \
                  and %{SSL_CLIENT_S_DN_OU} in { "Staff", "CA", "Dev" } \
                  and %{TIME_WDAY} >= 1 and %{TIME_WDAY} <= 5 \
                  and %{TIME_HOUR} >= 8 and %{TIME_HOUR} <= 20 \
                  or %{REMOTE_ADDR} =~ m/^141\.1\.129\.[0-9]+$/ \
                  ) \
:
</VirtualHost>
:
```

Solution 8: Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL)

To be filled in...

Solution 9: Standard Client Authentication

- Access Control with HTTP Basic Authentication through the Subject-DN of the X.509 certificate

```
# httpd.conf
:
AllowOverride FileInfo AuthConfig
:
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
:
SSLCACertificatePath /etc/ssl.ca/
SSLVerifyClient require
SSLVerifyDepth 10
SSLOptions +FakeBasicAuth
:
</VirtualHost>
:
```

```
# /etc/ssl.passwd.foo
/C=DE/L=Munich/CN=Foo:xxj31ZMTZzkVA
/C=US/L=S.F./CN=Bar:xxj31ZMTZzkVA
/C=US/L=L.A./CN=Quux:xxj31ZMTZzkVA
```

```
# .htaccess
:
<Files foo.html>
SSLRequireSSL
AuthType Basic
AuthName "foo"
AuthUserFile /etc/ssl.passwd.foo
Require valid-user
</Files>
:
```

Solution 10: Using both RSA and DSA/DH

- RSA is was covered by patent, Data Signature Algorithm (DSA) and Diffie-Hellman (DH) Key Exchange was not.
- mod_ssl allows one to use all SSL/TLS ciphers if both RSA and DSA server certificates are available.
- SSL/TLS provides both RSA and DSA/DH based ciphers and OpenSSL supports all.
- Disadvantage: DSA/DH is still not supported by all current versions of popular browsers.

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