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Integration of global services in enterprise environments II:

The INTERNET

Deployment of a secure web server

Computer systems for WEB services and content management (CMS)



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Main goals

- To learn about processes for adapting basic servers to certain needs. In this case:
 - Installation and configuration of **WEB service (HTTP)** using the "open source" Apache software APACHE2 implementation.
 - Adapting the web service under certain organizational and security premises:
 - o Vitualhosts management
 - Access control
 - Security in client-server communications: TLS/SSL
 - <u>Integration</u> with LDAP service to avoid WEB access to resources and contents by unauthorized users.
 - Installation, configuration and deployment of a CMS:
 - Wordpress
- Adaptation, integration and configuration of the client side for these services.
- To become familiar with and handle different techniques and tools for administration and testing of said services.

Getting started: Creating the clone for lab4

- 1. Create a new clone from the initial system "core".
 - a. Select this option: "Restart MAC address"
 - b. Type: full (*)
 - c. Select **all** the branches from the snapshot "tree".
- 2. Create an initial snapshot for that clone before starting the lab class.
 - a. Remember to keep the VM off
 - b. Call it snapshot_P4
- 3. For client_LINUX clone, create a new initial snapshot to complete this lab class.
 - a. Remember to keep the VM off
 - b. Call it snapshot_P4

Assignment 1: The Setting

Updating and initial configuration for server-04

- 1. First, update the system from debian repositories.
- 2. Then, you will have to adapt your clone_P4 to turn it into a **secure web server**. So, carry out the tasks required as follows:
 - a. Hostname: server-04.
 - b. Local name resolution:
 - 1. Hostname(FQDN): server-04.localdomain
 - 2. Alias: server-04
 - c. Networking:
 - Make sure that both of the clone_P4 network interfaces are connected to "type NAT" network network_1.
 - 2. Required data:
 - IP: (example)
 - (eth0): 192.168.0.14
 - Network mask: 255.255.255.0
 - Network: 192.168.0.0
 - Broadcast: 192.168.0.255
 - Gateway: 192.168.0.1
 - d. DNS servers:
 - 1. DNS1: 193.144.193.11
 - 2. DNS2: 193.144.193.22
 - 3. Search domain: localdomain
 - e. Disable all those services that you are not going to use. At your own discretion.
 - f. Upgrade the server to last available software versions.
- 3. You have to configure server-04 as client of service supplied by server-01 (lab 1):
 - a. NTP Client. Time (date) of our file server should be automatically synchronized by the NTP server-01. Use the ntpdate-debian app in a "client-server" model and decide the sync interval.
 - b. **DNS client**. Add server-01 as secondary DNS for your server.
 - c. LDAP client. Our new server will be able to use the LDAP directory in a safe way (ssl) to identify¹ users who are managed by LDAP on server-01/server-02.

¹ It is not necessary for users to be able connect to server-04 by SSH (PAM)

- 4. Build a store backend for the new web service. We will use the NFS service server-03:
 - a. Add an additional LVM volume on server-03 (NFS server) to store the web content for the new web service:
 - i. server-03-web \rightarrow 1 GB
 - ii. Make an **ext4** file system.
 - b. Mount it permanently:
 - i. server-03-web → /export/web
 - ii. mounting options: → (noatime, nodiratime, errors=remount-ro), neither dumps nor file system checks on boot time.
 - c. Configure NFS service to **export** that volume (/**export/web**) to server-04 exclusively².
 - i. Use the same security options as the rest of volumes/file systems exported, except <u>root_squash</u>.
- 5. Configure server-04 as NFS client of server-03:
 - a. **Static** mounting:
 - i. server-04 should mount /export/web from server-03 on the local directory /var/www.
 - b. Dynamic mounting:
 - ii. Also, server-04 should mount on demand, using *autofs*, the user's home directories, located in /export/home (server-03) on the local directory /remote/home/.
- 6. [OPTIONAL] Configure the VirtualBox environment to access the web service on server-
 - 04 from the host using the host web browser:
 - a. Add a new rule in the custom NAT network "network_1":
 - i. Host (PC or Laptop):
 - 1. IP: 127.0.0.1
 - 2. Port 8014
 - ii. Guest (VM \rightarrow server-04)
 - 3. IP 192.168.0.14
 - 4. Port: 80.

² Restrict access to server-04 only.

Assignment 2: The Core

Installation and configuration of the WEB service: APACHE2

Our goal now is to deploy a secure WEB service that enables publishing and managing web contents.

- 1. Installation of the web server apache2 on server-04³::
 - a. Install the **apache2** package:
 - 1. Initially, keep the default configuration.
 - b. Restart the service without the service stopping.
 - c. Quick check:
 - 1. From client, check the service is up using $curl^4$.
- 2. Initial configuration:
 - a. Change the default HTTP port from 80 to 8080 and check it using $lynx^5$.
 - 1. Change it again to operate in port 80 permanently.
 - b. Check which Apache2 modules are initially loaded (default).
 - c. Disable the following modules that are not going to be used:
 - 1. authz_groupfile_module
 - 2. deflate_module
 - d. Identify the website initially (default) active on the server.
 - e. Modify the *default* website to show this content:

	CSDA
Student:	<your full="" name=""></your>
Server version:	Apache/2.2.22 (Debian)

- 3. Advanced configuration:
 - a. User web directories: Enable user web directories in apache2 for LDAP users. They will have their own web space for storing web content (*personal pages*). For this we will need to create the <code>\$HOME/public_html</code> (NFS) directory for each one and to enable that functionality on apache2. Make the changes only for *user1*.
 - b. **Restrict access** to user web directories: Restrict access to these directories in Apache2 using the .**htaccess** method.
 - c. Definition of **Virtualhosts**: Configure a new "*virtualhost*" that uses the same server IP but another FQDN:

³ Use the official debian software repositories

⁴ curl is a Linux "command line" tool for transferring data from server. It can use the following protocols: DICT, FILE, FTP, FTPS, GOPHER, **HTTP**, HTTPS, IMAP, LDAPS, POP3 ...

⁵ lynx is a Linux "command line" web browser

- 1. Name of "*virtualhost*" → csda
- 2. FQDN for the "*virtualhost*" \rightarrow www.localdomain
- 3. Web directory to the "virtualhost" → /var/www/csda
 - a. The content will be a single html page that shows "DSGI" in upper case and large size.
- 4. Log files for the "virtualhost":
 - a. Error logs: csda_error.log
 - b. Access logs: csda_access.log
- 5. Disable the directory listing for this "virtualhost"
- d. Enable **PHP content** management in apache2 for the new (csda) "virtualhost"
 - 1. Change the web content from html to php by using the attached.php file in ANNEX 1.
 - 2. Check that it works ok.
- 4. Security settings for apache2:
 - a. **Restrict IP access** to web content managed by the "VirtualHost" **csda** created in the preceding section so that <u>only</u> the computer with IP 192.168.0.20 (client) is able to access it through the Apache server.
 - 1. Check it using lynx command from server-04.
 - b. LDAP user authentication: Now, we want to delegate user authentication to the LDAP active directory on server-01 instead of htaccess. This way, only LDAP users will be able to access web content. Specifically, the content of user web directories (\$HOME/public_html).
 - 1. Disable .htaccess
 - 2. Enable LDAP integration on Apache2.
 - 3. Information required for integration:
 - a. Message to be shown: "OpenCourseWare Web services"
 - b. LDAP bind dn: cn=admin,dc=localdomain
 - c. LDAP admin password: "Idap"
 - d. LDAP auth URL: 1daps://server-
 - 01.localdomain:636/ou=people,dc=localdomain?uid
 - e. Use SSL.
 - c. Secure access to web content using SSL: Configure a new secure "*virtualhost*" (SSL) that uses SSL/TLS certificate to conduct encrypted communications:
 - 1. Name of "*virtualhost*" \rightarrow secure_csda
 - 2. FQDN for the "virtualhost" \rightarrow www.localdomain⁶
 - 3. Web directory for the "virtualhost"

⁶ We will use the same name as **csda** "virtualhost". The difference will be the protocol to be used: http**s**.

- → /var/www/secure_csda
 - a. The content will be a single html page that shows the message "HTTPs Secure Access" in upper case and large size.
- 4. Log files for the "virtualhost":
 - a. Error logs: secure_csda_error.log
 - b. Access logs: secure_csda_access.log
- 5. Disable the directory listing for this "virtualhost"

In order to configure SSL access correctly, we will need to create a new TLS certificate for our web service. Use the same procedure as the one we used in Lab1.

- 1. Use the CA (self-signed) certificate already created in Lab1 (1).
- 2. Generate the WEB service certificate that you will sign using the CA certificate (*private key*):
 - Generate a WEB certificate private key:
 - a. File name: www_server-04.localdomain.key (2).
 - b. Key generated by default.
 - Generate the WEB service certificate and sign it using the CA certificate and its *private key*. Save it as www_server-04.localdomain.cert (1).
 - a. Sign mode: signed by a CA
 - b. Profile:
 - This certificate will be used to encrypt data
 - This certificate will be used for a TLS server
 - c. Other data⁷:
 - Certificate type: X.509 (default)
 - Expiration days: 365 days
 - Country of the subject: ES
 - State: Cantabria
 - Locality: Santander
 - Organization: UC
 - Unit: CSDA
 - "Common name": server-04.localdomain (3)
 - e-mail: sistemas@localdomain
- (1) PATH /etc/ssl/certs
- (2) PATH /etc/ssl/private

 \rightarrow Make sure that the Idap service (slapd) user is the owner (UNIX permissions) of the *LDAP certificate private key* file

⁷ You can use a template like the one used in Lab1: www_server-04.localdomain.info

(3) It is very important to use the FQDN and not its IP or another value.

Now, use the new TLS service certificate and key in Apache in order to enable SSL communications in **secure_csda** "*virtualhost*"

5. Checking:

a. Basic configuration:

- Use the host (PC/laptop) web browser to access server-04 web service:
 → PAT virtualBox (8014 → 80)
- 2. From client, use the curl y/o lynx commands to check access to the web service.

b. Advanced configuration:

- 1. Check the .htaccess mechanism
- 2. Access to content of "virtualhost" csda
 - a. Take a look at log files of that virtualhost.
- 3. Check that PHP functionality is loaded:

→ <u>http://www.localdomain/index.php</u>

b. Security settings:

- Restrict access to web contents on server-04 ("virtualhost" csda) to only IP 192.168.0.20.
- 2. LDAP user authentication
- 3. *SSL* communications in *"virtualhost"* **secure_csda**.

[OPTIONAL] Assignment 3: The CMS (Addon)

Installation and configuration of a Content Management System: Wordpress

Once our HTTP service has been deployed, the new target is to start a web content management service (CMS) using **Wordpress** software.

- 1. Installation and configuration:
 - a. Install **wordpress** from *wordpress.org*.
 - b. Use a mysql and wordpress password as you want.
 - c. Aspects to be considered:
 - Location (storage) for our web content: /var/www
 - *mysql* database name for *wordpress*: **WPcsda**
 - WPcsda admin: 'admin" (with the password that you want)
 - o **Host**: server-04.localdomain.
 - d. *Reload* the new integrated configuration for the web service
- 2. Checking:
 - a. From client, check that the CMS service on server-04 is operative.
 - You can use linx.
- 3. Develop a **custom "Blog"** for CSDA where we can chronologically manage a list of entries of every procedure for our practical classes. It is a *kind of "bitacora"* for our work.
 - a. Adapt your Wordpress services at your own discretion.
 - b. Add at least one entry to the "blog".



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Annex 1

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