

# *SSL/TLS for system admins*

Making progress with crypto-gibberish

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This material is best read  
carefully when we plunge into  
local improvements

The presentation is available on  
<https://netlab1.net>

# The subject is Internet communications security

Specifically

- encryption on the wire (crypto details, anti-snooping steps)
- verify the other end is what it proclaims (certs, DNS name)

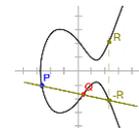
Why? Because barbarians roam the countryside seeking victims and plunder.

Encryption involves complicated math & logic, with many choices of algorithms, and be opaque to outsiders. Certificates provide verifiable identity information and a PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) public & private key pair.

Sharing crypto keys is tricky; see Diffie-Hellman for cleverness. The SSL engine, frequently *openssl*, provides many crypto algorithms and we need to control it.

Rather than become crypto experts we rely upon good test facilities, read commentary about issues of interest, and configure our applications to employ strong **protocols** and **ciphers** with proper **controls**. Help with **certs** too. **pc<sup>3</sup>**

This document is not a detailed manual. It is a guide with examples & pointers. Notice that "[url](#)" items are clickable for easy review of cited sources.





## Coming into agreement about the task ahead

Creating a secure comms channel involves a series of detailed steps, a TLS protocol.

First, the client makes a TCP connection to the server with a structured **Hello** message in which are details such as its list of crypto algorithms, the DNS name of the desired server, and more. Optionally, ask for server's cert validity, offer a certificate to identify the client.

The server selects an algorithm which both sides can perform. That choice governs kind of *key exchange* and *encryption method*. Best is when the server chooses the order. In its **Hello reply** the server provides the crypto choice, its *certificate* with public key and identity, plus other important bits. This establishes The Rules.

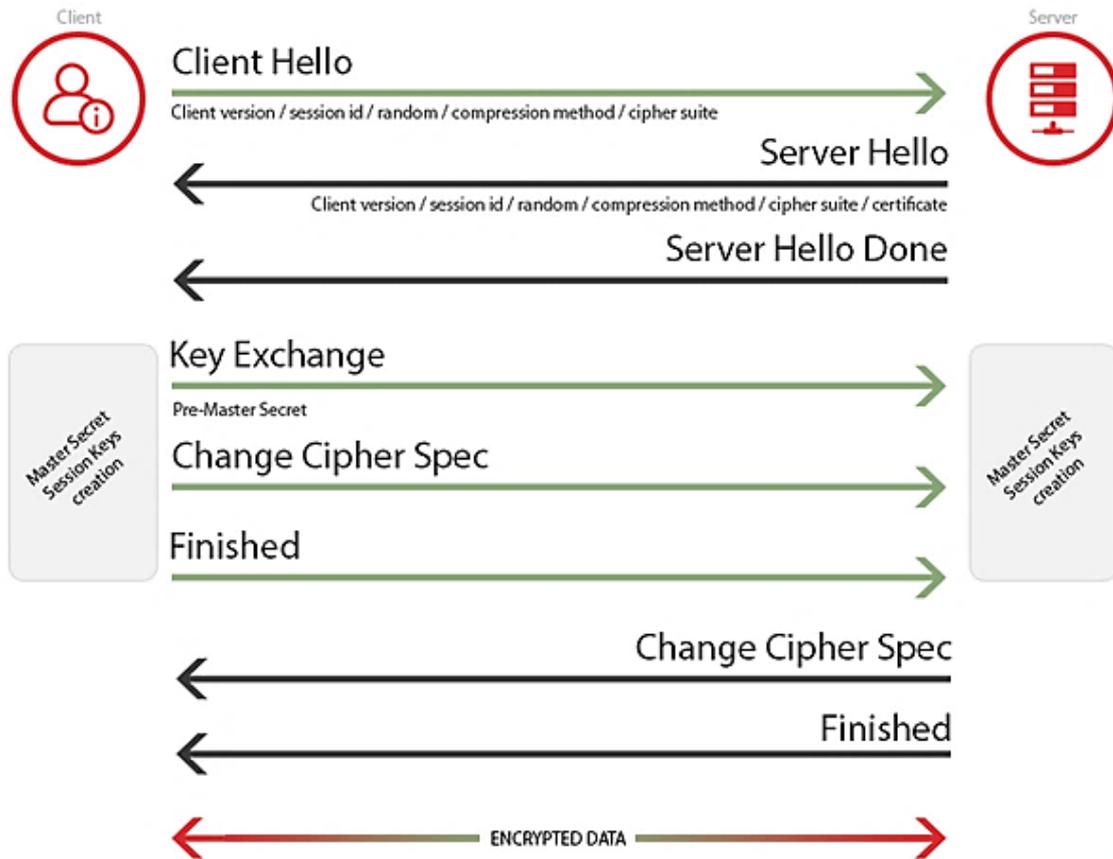
Included is the ticklish matter of exchanging a crypto key(s) beyond the certificate PKI key pair while shielding from spying listeners and fakery by possible agents in the middle. This would make a good thriller book.



Next are two illustrations about underlying complexity of starting a secure connection.

Then we examine test facilities and configuration of several applications. Ah, good.

# TLS v1.2 handshake packet sequence, protocol social etiquette



Server cert is not protected, thus is vulnerable to change by relays

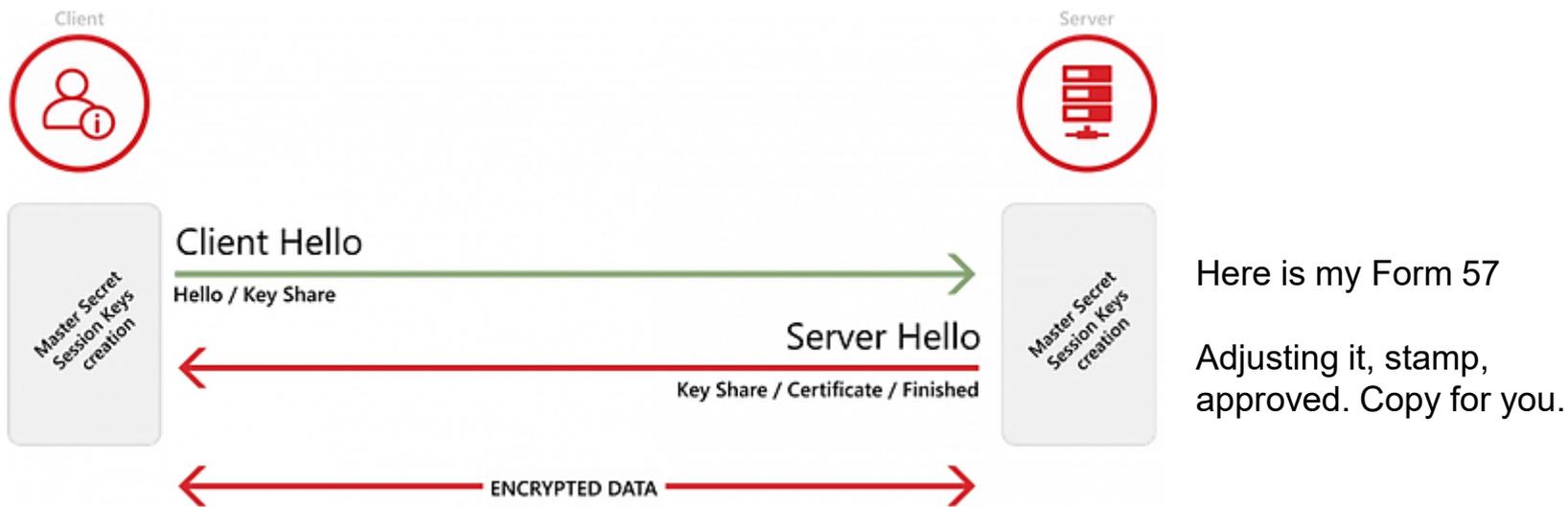
Knock knock  
Do come in and sit down  
Tea? Oh yes, thank you  
Milk? Just a splash  
Sugar? No, just plain  
A nibble? Why yes please  
And how is your sister?  
Etc.

Chatty, many network hops

Finally, the real data

From <https://www.acunetix.com/blog/articles/establishing-tls-ssl-connection-part-5/>

# TLS v1.3 handshake packet sequence, more business-like



Clearly this is much more compact than that of TLS 1.2 and prior. Rules are tightened to reduce negotiation chatter. The server's certificate is protected within the handshake. Put simply, be more efficient and protect better.

From <https://www.acunetix.com/blog/articles/establishing-tls-ssl-connection-part-5/>

Additional <https://www.thesslstore.com/blog/tls-1-3-everything-possibly-needed-know/>

That is all very interesting, but it does have rather many tricky details

After the handshake admin work the real encryption proceeds, as either a sequence of individually encrypted blocks (avoid CBC cipher block chaining) or as a stream.

Here there be dragons. No matter who creates an algorithm soon someone discovers an exposure method. Thus there is a long historical trail of methods, and alas we have to choose amongst them.

Our task, without becoming experts, is permit only the currently “good” methods. We employ testing tools & examples to indicate “good” then configure our applications. Fortunately, that is reasonable.

So then, let us take a guided tour together through



Nice dino, ah er crypto. Sit Stay

All aboard  
Let's begin

# A primary test tool, Internet based free web testing



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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW SSL?

If you want to learn more about the technology that protects the Internet, you've come to the right place.



### Test your server »

Test your site's certificate and configuration



### Test your browser »

Test your browser's SSL implementation



### SSL Pulse »

See how other web sites are doing



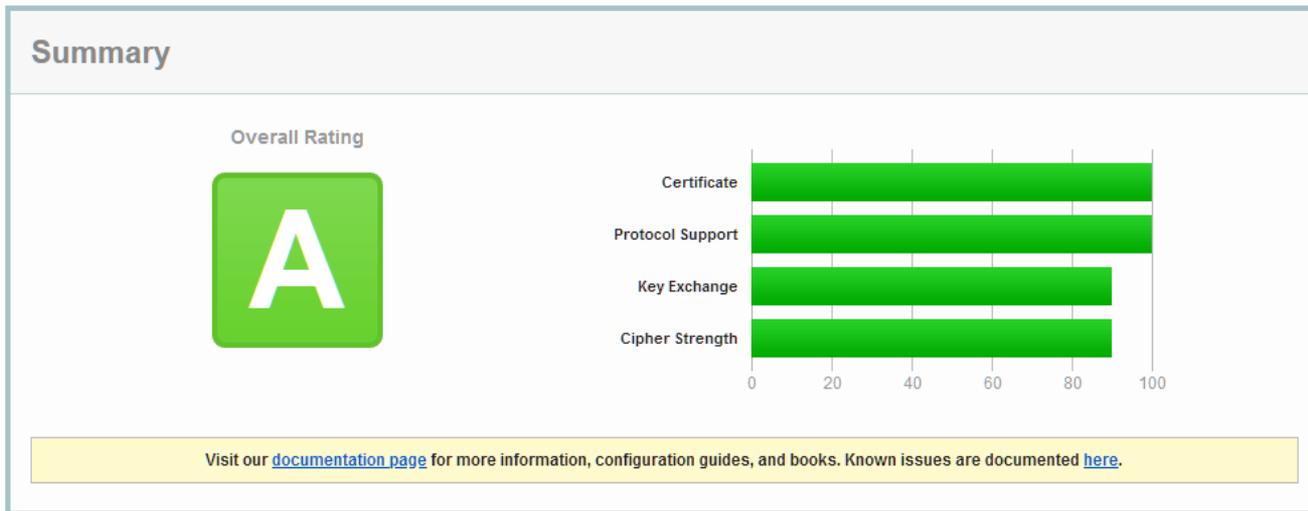
### Documentation »

Learn how to deploy SSL/TLS correctly

From <https://www.ssllabs.com>

Also review its document collection and implementation census

# SSL Labs report about a well configured web site (TLS v1.2)



OES2018 SP2, configured

From <https://www.ssllabs.com>

Avoid adding HSTS for an ego-boosting-only A+ grade. HSTS is invasive to clients.

# SSL Labs report about a well configured web site (TLS v1.2)

Configuration			
<b>Protocols</b>			
	TLS 1.3		No
	<b>TLS 1.2</b>		<b>Yes</b>
	TLS 1.1		No
	TLS 1.0		No
	SSL 3	This view shows Protocols, Cipher Suites and a Control. We configure them.	No
	SSL 2		No
<b>Cipher Suites</b>			
	<b># TLS 1.2 (suites in server-preferred order)</b>	<b>← (server's preferred order, a control)</b>	
	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02f)	ECDH secp256r1 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS	128
	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0xc030)	ECDH secp256r1 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) <b>FS</b>	256
	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x9e)	DH 2048 bits FS	128
	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x9f)	DH 2048 bits FS	256

**Green** colour means advice of good/strong. We do notice this.

# SSL Labs report about a well configured web site controls dept



Secure Renegotiation	Supported
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation	No
Insecure Client-Initiated Renegotiation	No
BEAST attack	Mitigated server-side ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
POODLE (SSLv3)	No, SSL 3 not supported ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
POODLE (TLS)	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
Zombie POODLE	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
GOLDENDOODLE	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
OpenSSL 0-Length	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
Sleeping POODLE	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
Downgrade attack prevention	Unknown (requires support for)

SSL/TLS compression No

**Compression** by SSL/TLS, avoid

Please note carefully:

**Controls** improve security and robust comms. Usage is via each application which passes settings to the crypto engine. Thus review application docs.

**Secure Renegotiation** is good, but do not let clients initiate it

**Forward Secrecy** (change keys often) is very desirable, set by choice of crypto algorithm

Forward Secrecy Yes (with most browsers) **ROBUST** ([more info](#))

ALPN Yes h2 http/1.1

NPN No

Session resumption (caching) Yes

Session resumption (tickets) No

OCSP stapling Yes

Strict Transport Security (HSTS) No

HSTS Preloading Not in: Chrome Edge Firefox IE

Public Key Pinning (HPKP) No ([more info](#))

Public Key Pinning Report-Only No

Public Key Pinning (Static) No ([more info](#))

Long handshake intolerance No

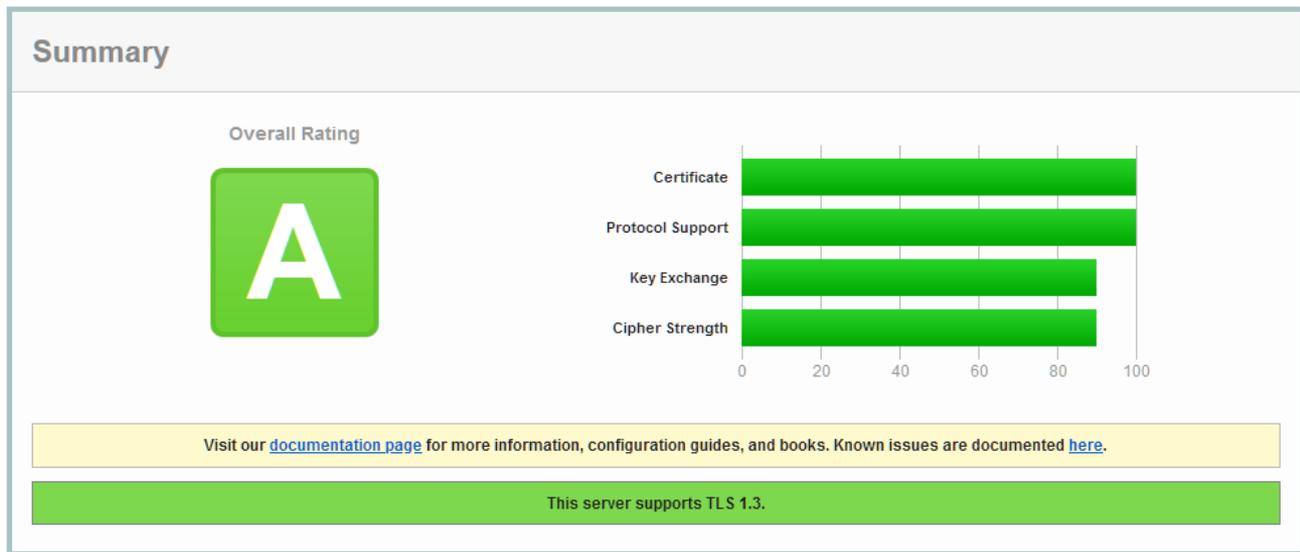
TLS extension intolerance No

TLS version intolerance No

**Session resumption:** tickets are less good than caching

**OCSP stapling** is good  
**HSTS** modifies clients, be wary

# SSL Labs report about a modern web site (TLS v1.2, 1.3)



OpenSuSE LEAP 15.2, configured

# SSL Labs report about a modern web (TLS v1.2, 1.3)

## Configuration



### Protocols

TLS 1.3	Yes
TLS 1.2	Yes
TLS 1.1	No
TLS 1.0	No
SSL 3	No
SSL 2	No

This machine offers two Protocols, latest and current, each with its own Cipher Suites list.



### Cipher Suites

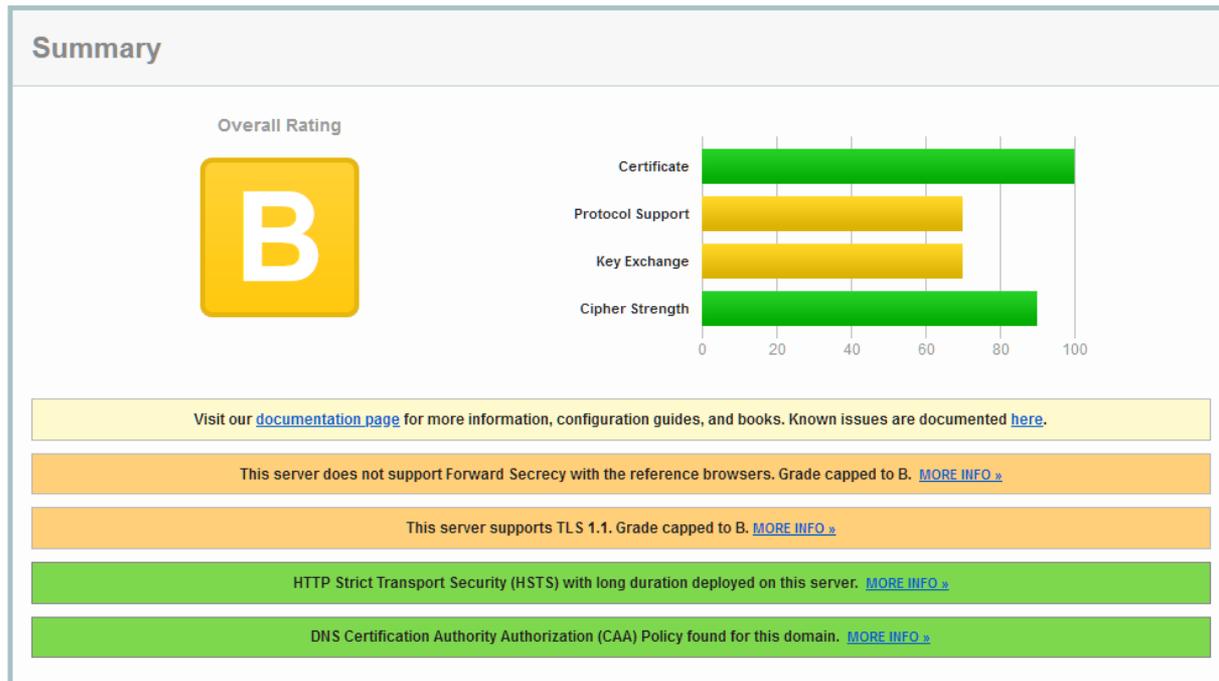
<b># TLS 1.3 (suites in server-preferred order)</b> ← (server's preferred order)			[-]
TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x1302)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS		256
TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 (0x1303)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS	TLS v1.3 mandated cipher list (built-in)	256
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x1301)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS		128
<b># TLS 1.2 (suites in server-preferred order)</b> ← (server's preferred order)			[-]
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 (0xc0a8)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS		256
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02f)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS	TLS v1.2 via <i>our</i> cipher suite list	128
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0xc030)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS		256
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x9e)	DH 2048 bits FS		128
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x9f)	DH 2048 bits FS		256

Latest TLS v1.3  
and fallback v1.2

Two TLS version  
dependent cipher  
suites.

“FS” tag is Forward  
Secrecy, desirable

# SSL Labs report about a typical site (TLS v1.1, 1.2)



A typical test result

Warning comments

# SSL Labs report about a typical site (TLS v1.1, 1.2)

## Configuration

**Protocols**

TLS 1.3	No
TLS 1.2	Yes
TLS 1.1	Yes
TLS 1.0	No
SSL 3	No
SSL 2	No

Later in the report check the effect on clients if TLS v1.1 were removed.

**Cipher Suites**

# TLS 1.2 (server has no preference) ← Not using server's preferences

TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA (0xa) <b>WEAK</b>	112
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA (0xc012) ECDH secp521r1 (eq. 15360 bits RSA) FS <b>WEAK</b>	112
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x2f) <b>WEAK</b>	128
TLS_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA (0x41) <b>WEAK</b>	128
TLS_RSA_WITH_SEED_CBC_SHA (0x96) <b>WEAK</b>	128
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc013) ECDH secp521r1 (eq. 15360 bits RSA) FS <b>WEAK</b>	128

Example of old **CBC** vs new **GCM** cipher block chaining

TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0xc027) ECDH secp521r1 (eq. 15360 bits RSA) FS <b>WEAK</b>	
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02f) ECDH secp521r1 (eq. 15360 bits RSA) FS	

TLS v1.1 is depreciated

The **CBC** suites are **weak**. Further down are **stronger GCM**, such as this choice

**Orange** colour means advice of weakness. We take note.

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# SSL Labs report about a typical site (TLS v1.1, 1.2)

Secure Renegotiation	Supported	<b>Good</b>
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation	No	
Insecure Client-Initiated Renegotiation	No	
BEAST attack	Mitigated server-side ( <a href="#">more info</a> )	
POODLE (SSLv3)	No, SSL 3 not supported ( <a href="#">more info</a> )	
POODLE (TLS)	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )	
Zombie POODLE	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> ) TLS 1.2: 0x000a	
GOLDENDOODLE	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> ) TLS 1.2: 0x000a	
OpenSSL 0-Length	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> ) TLS 1.2: 0x000a	
Sleeping POODLE	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> ) TLS 1.2: 0x000a	
Downgrade attack prevention	Yes, TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV supported	
SSL/TLS compression	No	<b>Good</b>

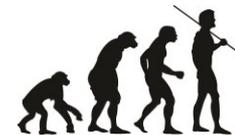
Session resumption tickets  
are less good than caching

OCSP cert stapling is good

HSTS (HTTP strict transport  
security) modifies clients, beware

Forward Secrecy	With some browsers ( <a href="#">more info</a> )	<b>Weak-ish</b>
ALPN	Yes http/1.1	
NPN	No	
Session resumption (caching)	Yes	<b>Good</b>
Session resumption (tickets)	Yes	<b>Weak</b>
OCSP stapling	No	(but cert offers OCSP URL)
Strict Transport Security (HSTS)	Yes max-age=31536000;includeSubDomains	<b>Not good</b>
HSTS Preloading	Not in: Chrome Edge Firefox IE	
Public Key Pinning (HPKP)	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )	
Public Key Pinning Report-Only	No	
Public Key Pinning (Static)	No ( <a href="#">more info</a> )	
Long handshake intolerance	No	
TLS extension intolerance	No	

A grade C situation, evolution of TLS rules in action



# Stock OES11 SP2/SLES11 SP3

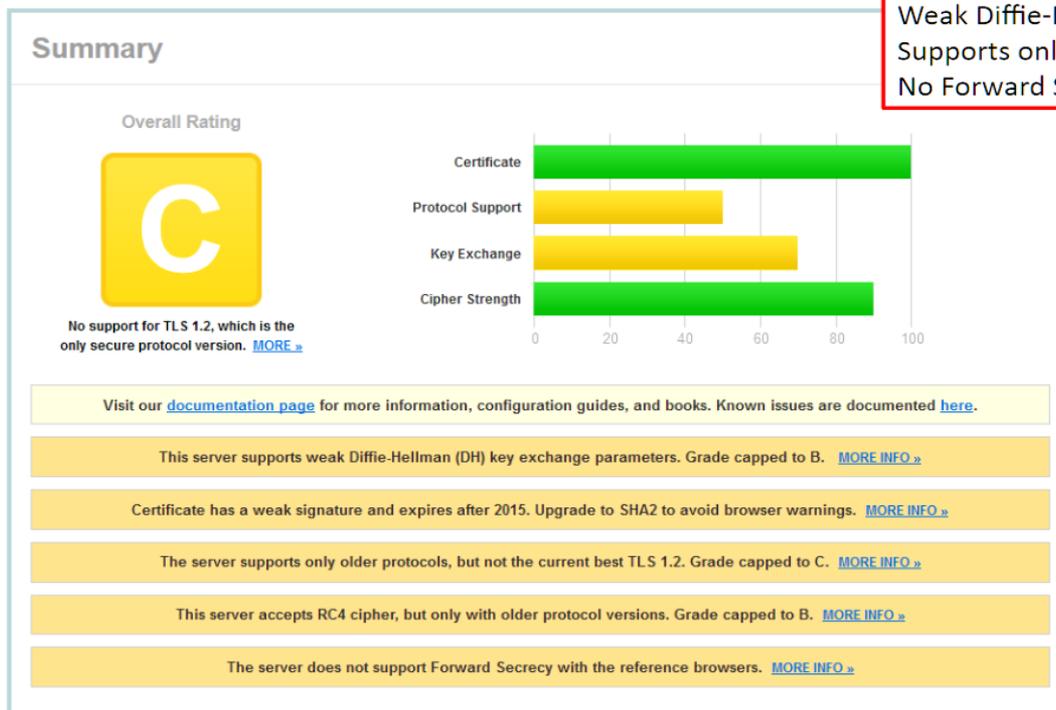
<http://ssllabs.com/>

RC4, No TLS v1.2

Weak Diffie-Hellman keys

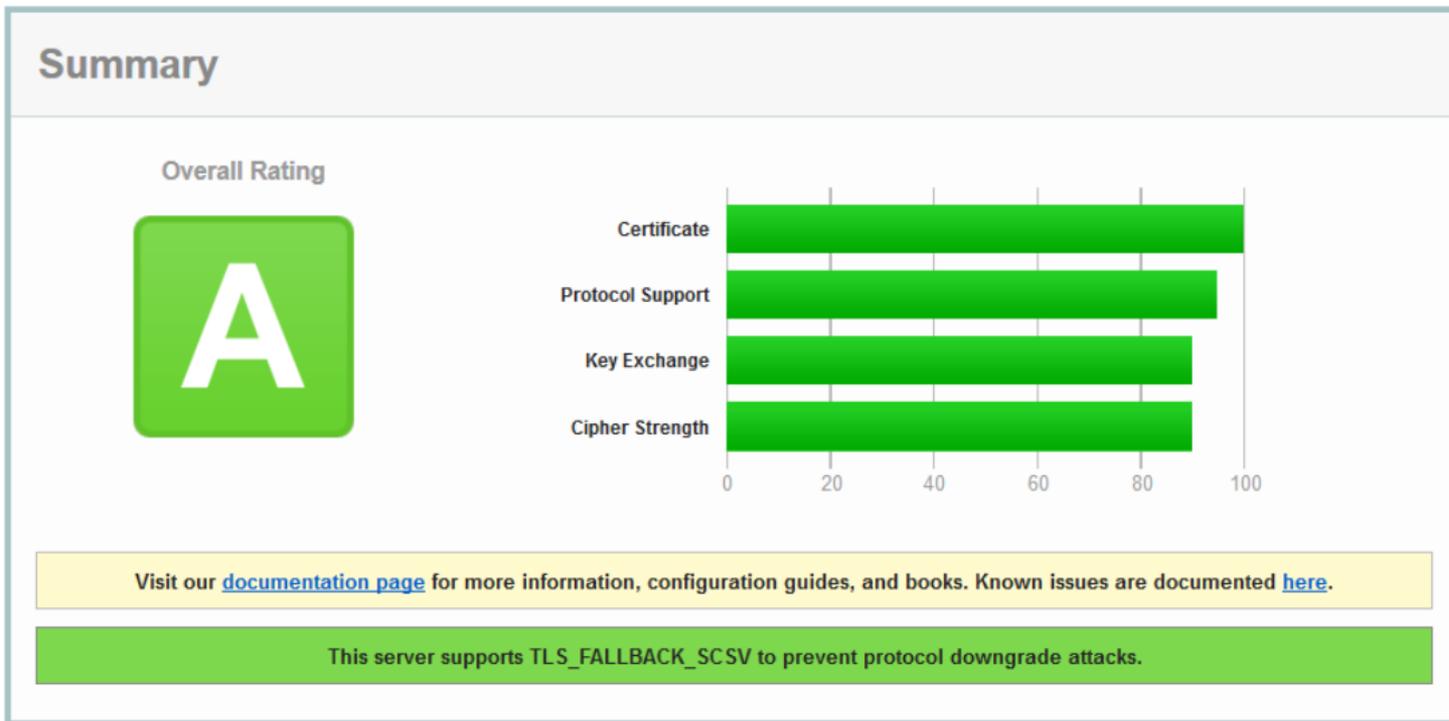
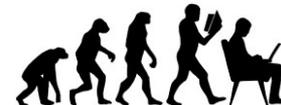
Supports only older protocols

No Forward Secrecy



This faithful server was fine, but alas evolution of TLS rules has made it be down graded

# OES11 SP2 after modernization steps



Object lesson: it can be done, progress can occur

From <https://netlab1.net/long-term/Apache-TLSv1.2-Rev2.pdf>

# Internet reports about EMAIL port 25 with StartTLS



Excerpts:

<https://www.checktls.com/>

MTA-STX & DANE are so-so attempts at controlling TLS usage, best ignored

crypto

Pref	Answer	Connect	HELO	TLS	Cert	Secure	From	MTA-STX	DANE	Score
0	OK (91ms)	OK (91ms)	OK (90ms)	OK (91ms)	OK (1,120ms)	OK (95ms)	OK (121ms)	no policy	no TLSA	97.88
30	OK (88ms)	OK (88ms)	OK (88ms)	OK (88ms)	OK (1,336ms)	OK (91ms)	OK (91ms)	no policy	no TLSA	97.88
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			98

<https://ssl-tools.net/>

Priority	STARTTLS	Certificates	Protocol			
0	supported ✓	not checked	DANE ?	? missing	TLSv1.2	2021-04-30
			PFS ?	✓ supported	SSLv3	1 s
			Heartbleed ?	✓ not vulnerable		
			Weak ciphers	✓ not found		

There are many Internet SMTP delivery test offerings, but do be aware of limited test techniques. Many applications (ftp, telnet, ldap etc) are relatively simplistic about TLS details (our pc<sup>3</sup> items). **DKIM** can assist by providing encrypted checksums of message components. DNS record has the key.

See Linux application amavisd, Internet DKIM checkers, and discussions in  
<http://dkim.org/> [https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/DomainKeys\\_Identified\\_Mail](https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/DomainKeys_Identified_Mail)  
<https://www.cloudflare.com/engb/learning/dns/dns-records/dns-dkim-record/>  
<https://www.mailhardener.com/kb/how-to-create-a-dkim-record-with-openssl>

Comprehensive TLS information is available from local application *testssl.sh*, from <https://testssl.sh>. Also see <https://www.feistyduck.com/library/openssl-cookbook/online/ch-testing-with-openssl.html>.

# Looking into details



A useful tool and comments on some crypto controls

This part is likely to be boring to read, until we start modifying our machines...

# Mozilla advisor for OES2018 SP2 Apache web



(A convenient helper, not a tester, advisory only, use our good judgements)



## SSL Configuration Generator

### Server Software

- Apache
- AWS ALB
- AWS ELB
- Caddy
- Dovecot
- Exim
- Go
- HAProxy
- Jetty
- lighttpd

- MySQL
- nginx
- Oracle HTTP
- Postfix
- PostgreSQL
- ProFTPD
- Redis
- Tomcat
- Traefik

### Mozilla Configuration

- Modern  
Services with clients that support TLS 1.3 and don't need backward compatibility
- Intermediate  
General-purpose servers with a variety of clients, recommended for almost all systems
- Old  
Compatible with a number of very old clients, and should be used only as a last resort

### Environment

Server Version	2.4.23
OpenSSL Version	1.0.2p

### Miscellaneous

<input type="checkbox"/>	HTTP Strict Transport Security This also redirects to HTTPS, if possible
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OCSP Stapling

From <https://ssl-config.mozilla.org>

Also see its Resources section for discussion

# Mozilla advisor for OES2018 SP2 Apache web

```
# this configuration requires mod_ssl and mod_socache_shmcb
<VirtualHost *:443>
    SSLEngine on

    # curl https://ssl-config.mozilla.org/ffdhe2048.txt >> /path/to
    /signed_cert_and_intermediate_certs_and_dhparams
    SSLCertificateFile      /path/to/signed_cert_and_intermediate_certs_and_dhparams
    SSLCertificateKeyFile   /path/to/private_key

    # enable HTTP/2, if available
    Protocols h2 http/1.1
</VirtualHost>

# intermediate configuration
SSLProtocol                all -SSLv3 -TLSv1 -TLSv1.1
SSLCipherSuite             ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305:ECDHE-RSA-
CHACHA20-POLY1305:DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
SSLHonorCipherOrder       off
SSLSessionTickets         off

SSLUseStapling On
SSLStaplingCache "shmcb:logs/ssl_stapling(32768)"
```

This report is most useful for suggesting SSL Cipher Suite names (as one line)

SSLHonorCipherOrder should be **on** to have server choose cipher suites

Better is use app's recommendation

Copy

Worth remembering:  
we should think  
about details, not  
just copy & paste.

Items to note:

SSLProtocol  
SSLCipherSuite  
SSLHonorCipherOrder  
SSLSessionTickets  
SSLUseStapling  
SSLStaplingCache

# Mozilla advisor for Tomcat v9 (used in OES2018)

```
<Connector
  port="443"
  SSLEnabled="true">

  <!-- TLS 1.3 requires Java 11 or higher -->
  <SSLHostConfig
    ciphers="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:DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384"
    disableSessionTickets="true"
    honorCipherOrder="false"
    protocols="TLSv1.2">

    <Certificate
      certificateFile="/path/to/signed_certificate"
      certificateChainFile="/path/to/intermediate_certificate"
      certificateKeyFile="/path/to/private_key" />
  </SSLHostConfig>

  <UpgradeProtocol className="org.apache.coyote.http2.Http2Protocol" />
</Connector>
```

What to do with this in OES  
is presently a puzzle



# What is in a cipher suite name? I thought you might never ask.



TLS\_ECDHE\_ECDSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256

TLS v1.2 cipher suite name components (The IANA uses prefix TLS\_, openssl does not)

■ Key Exchange Algorithms (RSA, DH, ECDH, DHE, ECDHE, PSK)

Let's exchange keys ❤️

■ Authentication/Digital Signature Algorithm (RSA, ECDSA, DSA)

A note from my mother, challenge it at your peril

\_WITH\_

TLS v1.3 shortens the name to just the next two items

■ Bulk Encryption Algorithms (AES, CHACHA20, Camellia, ARIA)

Crypto for user's data

■ Message Authentication Code Algorithms (SHA-256, POLY1305)

Crypto for data checksum

“Oh yes of course, that makes everything be crystal clear. Now then, where were we?”

From <https://www.thesslstore.com/blog/cipher-suites-algorithms-security-settings/>

# HSTS, best to avoid this fumble

Modifies clients, an unwise action

HSTS mechanism overview [edit] from [Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTP_Strict_Transport_Security)

A server implements an HSTS policy by supplying a header over an HTTPS connection (HSTS headers over HTTP are ignored).<sup>[1]</sup> For example, a server could send a header such that future requests to the domain for the next year (max-age is specified in seconds; 31,536,000 is equal to one non-leap year) use only `HTTPS: Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000`.

When a web application issues HSTS Policy to user agents, conformant user agents behave as follows (RFC 6797):<sup>[9]</sup>

1. Automatically turn any insecure links referencing the web application into secure links (e.g. `http://example.com/some/page/` will be modified to `https://example.com/some/page/` before accessing the server).
2. If the security of the connection cannot be ensured (e.g. the server's TLS certificate is not trusted), the user agent must terminate the connection (RFC 6797 section 8.4, Errors in Secure Transport Establishment) and should not allow the user to access the web application (section 12.1, No User Recourse).

From <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Strict-Transport-Security>:

**Note:** The `Strict-Transport-Security` header is **ignored** by the browser when your site is accessed using HTTP; this is because an attacker may intercept HTTP connections and inject the header or remove it. When your site is accessed over HTTPS with no certificate errors, the browser knows your site is HTTPS capable and will honor the `Strict-Transport-Security` header.

I **redirect** all incoming `http` traffic to `https`. In file `/etc/apache2/default-server.conf`, or in `/etc/apache2/global.conf` if it is enabled, are placed these three directives:

```
RewriteEngine on
RewriteCond %{HTTPS} off
RewriteRule (.*) https://%{HTTP_HOST}%{REQUEST_URI} [QSA,L,R=301]
```

← If the request did not use https then do the rule

← Query String Append

← **Redirect**

This server-side redirect cleanly ensures https usage. No client modifications.

A better approach

My views: This asks clients to rewrite the server's web page, but only clients willing to play this game. Silly.

Servers should control affairs. Clients can/will do as they wish. Asking is not being strict, yet invading is offensive and has legal aspects.

HSTS is **invasive**.

Think very carefully before deploying it.

Clear browser HSTS:

<https://www.thesslstore.com/blog/clear-hsts-settings-chrome-firefox/> and others.

## Aside: Apache Rewrite has security benefits

The http **redirect** example on the previous slide turns out to rebuff a large number of penetration attempts because those remote programs, unlike normal web browsers, seem unable to change from http to https. I also added statement `RewriteBase mydocroot` within the default server (port 80) clause. *Observe redirect work on your systems* (review Apache's access & error logs).

Hint: in file `/etc/apache2/httpd.conf` remove `<IfDefine` brackets around including `global.conf`, and ensure "ssl" is cited early (~3<sup>rd</sup>) in line `APACHE_MODULES` in file `/etc/sysconfig/apache2`.

Another example is rejecting requests using ancient weak form HTTP/1.0 (vs 1.1 & 2.0 of today) as well as unwanted requests `OPTIONS` and `CONNECT`. Each Condition detects an unwanted request kind and OR's its result with that of the next test, so that any of them can produce a Fail response.

```
RewriteEngine On
```

```
RewriteCond %{THE_REQUEST} ^OPTIONS [OR]
```

```
RewriteCond %{THE_REQUEST} ^CONNECT [OR]
```

```
RewriteCond %{THE_REQUEST} HTTP/1\..0$
```

```
RewriteRule ".*" "-" [F]
```

```
request starts with OPTIONS
request starts with CONNECT
request ends with HTTP/1.0
No ("-") returned request text
```

These five commands would best be placed before the **redirect** triad. I recommend avoiding HSTS. A pleasant case is politely saying that a requested item is Gone, not here any more, out of stock:

```
RewriteEngine On
```

```
RewriteRule "/pub/goodies/*" "-" [G,NC]
```

The Apache manual and Internet comments have further discussion and examples about this topic.

## Ordering of tests, based on observing logs

For more details on this item please have a look at presentation [Configuring Apache web server Apache config](#). Also note that an effective ordering of firewall filter rules for Apache is first do the redirection of http to https, then reject requests using http v1.0 (vulnerable), and follow that with a list of web request filter rules. Real web clients transparently follow redirect commands.

```
<IfModule mod_rewrite.c>
# Fail OPTIONS, CONNECT etc and HTTP/1.0 requests, and require https://
# ^ is "starts with", $ is "ends with"
RewriteEngine On          #Please repeat the request using https, not http. This rebuffs about 90% of script idiot attempts
RewriteCond %{HTTPS} off
RewriteRule (.*) https://%{HTTP_HOST}/%{REQUEST_URL} [QSA,L,R=301]    #R is redirect, args are repeated

RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{THE_REQUEST} HTTP/1\..0$                                # HTTP/1.0 is old and vulnerable to abuse
RewriteRule ".*" "-" [F,NC,L,END]                                     # F is report failure, L is last, END is end this rule set

# Rebuff the more intelligent penetration attempts
RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_METHOD} ^(CONNECT|DELETE|HEAD|OPTIONS|PUT|TRACE|TRACK)
RewriteRule ".*" "-" [F,NC,L,END]                                     # ".*" "-" is replace incoming command text with -
</IfModule>
```

# TLS Session Resumption tickets considered weak. Prefer cache

Filippo Valsorda, 28 Sep 2017 on Mainline | TLS

## WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT SESSION TICKETS

More specifically, TLS 1.2 Session Tickets.

Session Tickets, specified in [RFC 5077](#), are a technique to resume TLS sessions by storing key material encrypted on the clients. In TLS 1.2 they speed up the handshake from two to one round-trips.

Unfortunately, a combination of deployment realities and [three design flaws](#) makes them the [weakest link in modern TLS](#), potentially turning limited key compromise into passive decryption of large amounts of traffic.

Excerpt:

“As soon as a key requires distribution it's exposed to an array of possible attacks that an ephemeral key in memory doesn't face.”

Worth reading. TLS v1.3 tries to address this problem.

From <https://blog.filippo.io/we-need-to-talk-about-session-tickets/>

Also see <https://upb-syssec.github.io/blog/2023/session-tickets/>

# OES TID: avoiding difficulties from Certificate Revocation Lists

## Disabling CRL verification tree-wide in eDirectory 8.8.x, 9.0 & 9.1 Certificate Server

- Document ID:7022461
- Creation Date:13-Dec-2017
- Modified Date:10-Jul-2018
- - Micro Focus Products:  
eDirectory

### Environment

eDirectory 9.1  
eDirectory 9.0.4  
eDirectory 8.8.8.11  
iManager 3.1  
iManager 3.0.4  
iManager 2.7 SP7  
NetIQ Certificate Server

### Situation

Joining a new server to the tree is taking over two hours.

Validating public keys on certificates returns: Invalid: CRL Decode Error

Routers and Firewalls are strictly filtering out unsecure ports such as port 80 and 8028.

Browsers are complaining about being unable to get the CRL (Certificate Revocation List) using the certificate's CDP (Certificate Distribution Point) URL.

CRLs can also influence/hinder OES migrations

See following OCSP feature as a better method

From <https://support.microfocus.com/kb/doc.php?id=7022461#>

# On-line Cert Status Protocol: OCSP Certificate Stapling



As of 2017-10, **No**.

**Dovecot** does not have any OCSP support whatsoever, as of 2016 was considering the feature for a future release, no work has been done on that since.

**Postfix** does not have any OCSP support whatsoever, and as of 2017 is not planning to ever to ever implement such feature.

**Exim** can provide clients with an OCSP response, yet acquiring such is yet left as an exercise to the admin.

The main arguments against adding such support are:

1. Security features should be simple so they have more benefit than added risks. OCSP is complex. Short certificate validity is simple and mitigates the same issue.
2. The Chicken-Egg problem of OCSP support in servers being entirely useless until MUAs add such support.

**This does not hinder the usage of `must-staple` certificates in web servers.** Just have the option enabled on your web server certificate (e.g. `www.example.com`) and disabled on your mail server certificate (e.g. `mail1.example.com`).

**Stapling:** Periodically query the CA about cert validity, and cache results. Even if the certificate does state an OCSP responder URL our web server can supply the results within the TLS handshake. That is good.

This is a TLS extension in RFC 6066. Also see your Apache2 manual about `mod_ssl` for OCSP details.

*Stapling avoids Cert Revocation List complications.*

Web servers may support local Stapling, but Postfix, Dovecot, LDAPs, SSHd and so on likely do not (they lack an ability to talk to the CA). Beware *Must Staple*. See <https://scotthelme.co.uk/ocsp-must-staple/>

	from ssllabs.com
OCSP Must Staple	No
Revocation information	CRL, OCSP CRL: <a href="http://crl.starfieldtech.com/sfig2s1-187.crl">http://crl.starfieldtech.com/sfig2s1-187.crl</a> OCSP: <a href="http://ocsp.starfieldtech.com/">http://ocsp.starfieldtech.com/</a>
Revocation status	Good (not revoked)

From <https://serverfault.com/questions/830434/do-postfix-and-dovecot-support-ocsp-stapling>

Also see [https://raymii.org/s/articles/OpenSSL\\_Manually\\_Verify\\_a\\_certificate\\_against\\_an\\_OCSP.html](https://raymii.org/s/articles/OpenSSL_Manually_Verify_a_certificate_against_an_OCSP.html)

# Tomcat OCSP support advice, the devil is in the <many> details



“To use Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) with Apache Tomcat, ensure you have downloaded, installed, and configured the <https://tomcat.apache.org/download-native.cgi> Tomcat Native Connector.

Furthermore, if you use the Windows platform, ensure you download the ojsp-enabled connector.

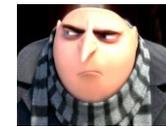
To use OCSP, you require the following:

- OCSP-enabled certificates
- Tomcat with SSL APR connector
- Configured OCSP responder”

Another approach is use Apache web server as a proxy in front of Tomcat, then Apache would handle external SSL termination work.

From [https://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-9.0-doc/ssl-howto.html#SSL\\_and\\_Tomcat](https://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-9.0-doc/ssl-howto.html#SSL_and_Tomcat)  
See also: <https://openjdk.java.net/jeps/249>

# Compression of HTTP content within TLS considered risky 1/2



From <https://www.acunetix.com/vulnerabilities/web/crime-ssl-tls-attack/>:

“CRIME is a client-side attack, but the server can protect the client by refusing to use the feature combinations which can be attacked. For CRIME, the weakness is Deflate compression. This alert is issued if the server accepts Deflate compression.

## Remediation

CRIME can be defeated by preventing the use of compression, either at the client end, by the browser disabling the compression of HTTPS requests, or by the website preventing the use of data compression on such transactions using the protocol negotiation features of the TLS protocol. As detailed in The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.2, the client sends a list of compression algorithms in its ClientHello message, and the server picks one of them and sends it back in its ServerHello message. The server can only choose a compression method the client has offered, so if the client only offers 'none' (no compression), the data will not be compressed. Similarly, since 'no compression' must be allowed by all TLS clients, a server can always refuse to use compression.”

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The bottom line here is **we should turn off compression by TLS itself.**

Compression within an HTTP payload is considered next.

# Compression of HTTP content within TLS considered risky 2/2



From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BREACH>:

“BREACH is an instance of the CRIME attack against HTTP compression—the use of gzip or DEFLATE data compression algorithms via the content-encoding option within HTTP by many web browsers and servers.<sup>[2]</sup> Given this compression oracle, the rest of the BREACH attack follows the same general lines as the CRIME exploit, by performing an initial blind brute-force search to guess a few bytes, followed by divide-and-conquer search to expand a correct guess to an arbitrarily large amount of content.”

Plus lengthy discussions in [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTP\\_compression](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTP_compression)  
and <https://security.stackexchange.com/questions/20406/is-http-compression-safe>  
and <https://blog.qualys.com/product-tech/2013/08/07/defending-against-the-breach-attack>  
and <https://silo.tips/download/https-secure-http> which has detailed expositions

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In my opinion this topic is confusingly described. The clue is message length can act as a change indicator **if user input is carried** within. User initiated change can reveal encryption details.

For Apache module ***deflate*** we should restrict file types to a few kinds: not *text/plain*, *text/html* nor similar user input carriers, but allow non-interactive file types *image/png*, *video/mp4* and the like. Transfers of static *.gz* and *.zip* files do work normally, thank goodness.

# Application configuration --- feeding the animals



## Examples for Apache, Postfix, Dovecot, OES LDAP

These are for OES2018 SP2 and are applicable generally

### Goals are

- Choose desirable protocols, ciphers and controls
- Server's preferences govern choice of protocol and cipher
- Efficient session resumption and certificate verification (OCSP)

Apache2 create file `/etc/apache2/conf.d/staple.conf`, or place commands in `vhost-ssl.conf` or in its include file `ssl-global.conf`



<code>SSLStrictSNIVHostCheck</code> on	Require host name in vhost arrivals
<code>SSLInsecureRenegotiation</code> off	Default. Don't haggle in public
<code>SSLSessionTickets</code> off	Resumption: use cache, not tickets
<code>SSLSessionCache</code> <code>shmcb:/var/lib/apache2/ssl_scache(512000)</code>	Its cache
<code>SSLUseStapling</code> on	Desirable: offer local cert stapling
<code>SSLStaplingCache</code> <code>shmcb:/var/run/ocsp(12800)</code>	Cache for optional local cert stapling
# <code>shmcb</code> : is memory caching using Apache2 module <b><code>socache_shmcb</code></b>	
<code>SSLRandomSeed</code> startup <code>"file:/dev/urandom"</code> 1024	Better random number generator

See Apache docs. SLES scatters controls within *Include* files in `/etc/apache2`. Double check them, particularly *global.conf* and *ssl-global.conf*. `Global.conf` needs to be enabled in `/etc/apache2/httpd.conf` by removing `<IfDefine` brackets around including `global.conf`. See also <https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/how-to-configure-ocsp-stapling-on-apache-and-nginx> and Apache web server documentation.

## Apache2 in file vhost-ssl.conf or in its include file ssl-global.conf

# Enable/Disable SSL for this virtual host.

SSLEngine on

SSLProxyEngine on

SSLCompression off

SSLProtocol All -SSLv2 -SSLv3 -TLSv1 -TLSv1.1

Each vhost can have its own cert  
and SSL/TLS details

Default. Avoid TLS compression

TLSv1 & TLSv1.1 are depreciated

SSLHonorCipherOrder on

Use server's order of ciphers

# From Mozilla Advisor and check for weak cyphers using SSL Labs. Must be one long line:

```
SSLCipherSuite 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:DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-
SHA256:DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
```

Yes, that SSLCipherSuite line is a challenge. Consider copy&paste from Mozilla Advisor. SLES prefers to have these items in file *ssl-global.conf*. Use your best judgement.

→ Test OCSP results via command **openssl s\_client -connect my.host:443 -status** and review section "OCSP Response Data:" particularly line "OCSP Response Status:." Also "ssl" needs to be 3<sup>rd</sup> or so in line APACHE\_MODULES in file /etc/sysconfig/apache2.

# Postfix file main.cf



This matter goes on and on in Postfix docs. These are suggestions.

```
## Start cipher suite selection
```

```
# preempt_cipherlist, yes=Postfix chooses here, no=openssl chooses
```

```
tls_preempt_cipherlist = yes
```

```
tls_random_source = dev:/dev/urandom
```

```
tls_ssl_options = NO_COMPRESSION, NO_TICKET           No compression by TLS, no ticket
```

```
# From suggestion by Mozilla advisor, must be one long line. Overrides default medium cipherlist
```

```
tls_medium_cipherlist = 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:DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256: DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
```

```
Email header: Received: from a.host.com (a.host.com [11.22.33.44])
                (using TLSv1.2 with cipher ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 (256/256 bits))
                (No client certificate requested)
```

See documentation at [https://www.postfix.org/TLS\\_README.html/](https://www.postfix.org/TLS_README.html/)

See also <https://kruyt.org/postfix-and-tls-encryption/> about client session renegotiation & more



## Postfix file main.cf

# for outgoing traffic, use smtp\_tls\_

smtp\_tls\_security\_level = may

smtp\_tls\_protocols = !SSLv2, !SSLv3, !TLSv1, !TLSv1.1

smtp\_tls\_mandatory\_protocols = !SSLv2, !SSLv3, !TLSv1, !TLSv1.1

smtp\_tls\_mandatory\_ciphers = medium

smtp\_tls\_session\_cache\_timeout = 3600s

smtp\_tls\_session\_cache\_database btree:/var/lib/postfix/smtp\_tls\_session\_cache

Allow plaintext and StartTLS

For “may”

For mandatory TLS use

# for incoming traffic, use smtpd\_tls\_

Same six items as above but spelled with “smtpd\_tls\_” rather than “smtp\_tls\_”

smtpd\_sasl\_type = dovecot

smtpd\_sasl\_path = private/auth

smtpd\_sasl\_security\_options = noanonymous

← At my place Dovecot handles SASL authentication

Note: *postconf* displays current settings, and *postconf -d* displays defaults.  
See also *testssl.sh --mx myhost* (discussed later) for detailed TLS testing.

# Dovecot (IMAP4) file 10-ssl.conf



```
# SSL/TLS support: yes, no, required. <doc/wiki/SSL.txt>
```

```
ssl = yes
```

```
ssl_options = no_compression
```

```
# SSL protocols to use
```

```
##OLD ssl_protocols = !SSLv2, !SSLv3
```

```
ssl_min_protocol = TLSv1.2
```

```
# Prefer the server's order of ciphers over client's.
```

```
ssl_prefer_server_ciphers = yes
```

```
##OLD ssl_cipher_list = ALL:!LOW:!SSLv2:!EXP:!aNULL
```

```
# From suggestion by Mozilla advisor, must be one long line:
```

```
ssl_cipher_list = ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GM-SHA256:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305:ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305:DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA254:DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
```

Dovecot listens on  
IMAP ports 143 and 993  
POP3 ports 110 and 995

We see the historical change from simple cipher class descriptions to lengthy names.  
See documentation at <https://dovecot.org/>

# SSH server sshd (remains an island about its configuration)



## Cryptographic policy

Symmetric algorithms for encrypting the bulk of transferred data are configured using the `Ciphers` option. A good value is `aes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr`. This should also provide good interoperability.

Host key algorithms are selected by the `HostKeyAlgorithms` option. A good value is `ecdsa-sha2-nistp256,ecdsa-sha2-nistp384,ecdsa-sha2-nistp521,ssh-rsa,ss/ssh/sshd_config/h-dss`.

Key exchange algorithms are selected by the `KexAlgorithms` option. We recommend `ecdh-sha2-nistp256,ecdh-sha2-nistp384,ecdh-sha2-nistp521,diffie-hellman-group14-sha1,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256`. In particular, we do not recommend allowing `diffie-hellman-group1-sha1`, unless needed for compatibility. It uses a 768 bit prime number, which is too small by today's standards and may be breakable by intelligence agencies in real time. Using it could expose connections to [man-in-the-middle attacks](#) when faced with such adversaries.

Message authentication code algorithms are configured using the `MACs` option. A good value is `hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha1`.

From [https://www.ssh.com/academy/ssh/sshd\\_config#cryptographic-policy](https://www.ssh.com/academy/ssh/sshd_config#cryptographic-policy)

Also see <https://infosec.mozilla.org/guidelines/openssh.html> and `man sshd_config`

# OES2018 LDAP Server controls via iManager

LDAP Server: LDAP Server

General

Information | **Connections** | Searches | Events | Tracing | Referrals

**Transport Layer Security (TLS / SSL)**

Server Certificate: SSL CertificateDNS 🔍

Client Certificate: Not Requested ▼

Trusted Root Containers: ▼ 🔍 ⌛ + 🗑️

Require TLS for all operations

Enable and require mutual authentication

Disable SSLv3 ??

**LBURP Writer Threads**

Number Of Threads: 1

**LDAP Server**

LDAP Interfaces: ldap://:389 ▼ + 🗑️ ✎

**Restrictions**

Concurrent Bind Limit: 0 binds ('0' for no limit)

Idle Timeout: 0 seconds ('0' for no timeout)

Bind Restrictions: None ▼

Bind Restrictions for Cipher: Use High Cipher (greater than 128-bit) ▼

**SSL Configuration**

Protocol:  All  SSLv3  TLSv1.0  TLSv1.1  TLSv1.2

Ciphers

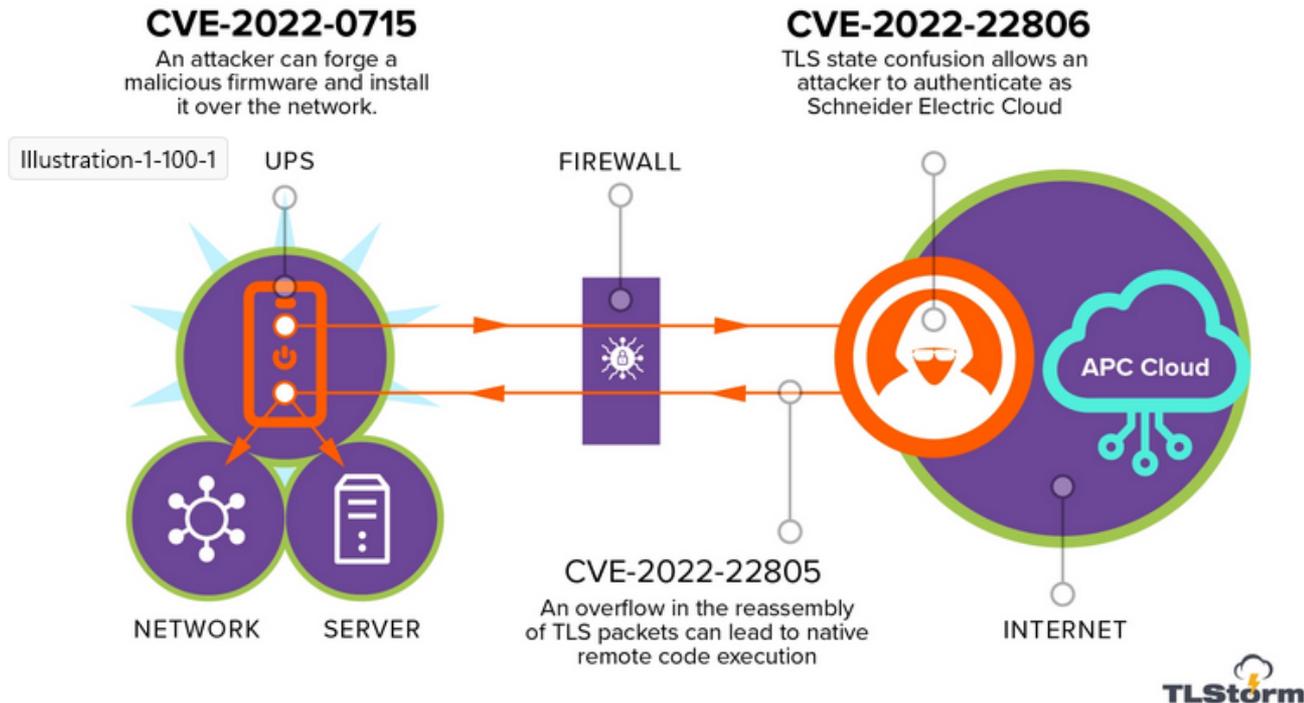
eDirectory supports all ciphers supported by OpenSSL 1.0.2. To learn how to include ciphers in LDAP SSL Configuration, please check our admin guide. To find the list of all ciphers, please check the [Open SSL documentation](#).

Ciphers is a jungle of complex names. Controls?  
This facility and its docs need modernization.

See also [https://www.netiq.com/documentation/edirectory-9/edir\\_admin/data/b1i4rmmx.html](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/edirectory-9/edir_admin/data/b1i4rmmx.html)  
about configuring eDirectory for Suite B mode.

# Switch and smart UPS TLS library design problems *TLStorm 2.0*

Article <https://www.armis.com/research/tlstorm/> describes three serious problems in the NanoSSL library used by many popular switches and smart UPS's which present zero-click vulnerabilities.



From <https://www.armis.com/research/tlstorm>



## “Papers please” Specifying a certificate chain, a quick note

Verifying an application’s certificate involves the machine’s (“our”) certificate plus certs of intermediary authorities which act as agents for the trusted top level CA. Thus often there is a *chain* of certificates to be supplied and verified.

Many applications ask about a *single* chain file. Create it as concatenation of the intermediary certs, starting with that closest to us, followed one by one up the chain toward the top CA. In this manner `$ cat a b c >> chainfile`

Some applications *do not request* a chain. Create a concatenation which starts with our own cert then appends the intermediaries one by one. This bulky text file is then offered to the app as “our cert”.

Also note the OSCP business verifies a chain to a result distribution URL without clients needing to verify each item. OSCP is a beneficial feature.

Many Internet test programs can display certificate chain details and health.

# Advice from an expert government agency



National Security Agency | Cybersecurity Information

## Eliminating Obsolete Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Configurations

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### Executive summary

The National Security Agency (NSA) emphatically recommends replacing obsolete protocol configurations with ones that utilize strong encryption and authentication to protect all sensitive information. Over time, new attacks against Transport Layer Security (TLS) and the algorithms it uses have been discovered. Network connections employing obsolete protocols are at an elevated risk of exploitation by adversaries.

“Organizations encrypt network traffic to protect data in transit. However, using obsolete TLS configurations provides a false sense of security since it looks like the data is protected, even though it really is not. Make a plan to weed out obsolete TLS configurations in the environment by detecting, remediating, and then blocking obsolete TLS versions, cipher suites, and finally key exchange methods. Prepare for cryptographic agility to always stay ahead of malicious actors’ abilities and protect important information.”

From [https://media.defense.gov/2021/Jan/05/2002560140/-1/-1/0/ELIMINATING\\_OBSOLETE\\_TLS\\_UOO197443-20.PDF](https://media.defense.gov/2021/Jan/05/2002560140/-1/-1/0/ELIMINATING_OBSOLETE_TLS_UOO197443-20.PDF)

This has readable details and can be useful in discussions with higher management.

Thanks to Simon Palmer for indicating it, and to both Simon and Diana Osborn for overall reviews.

# SSL/TLS scanner collection cited in the NSA document

## “Scanning Tools

Comprehensive analysis of servers can be performed by attempting to initiate weak TLS sessions using custom tools and seeing if the server agrees to utilize obsolete cryptography. There are a number of open source tools and commercial services available that can perform active scans to detect non-compliant TLS versions, cipher suites, and key exchanges. The following example tools claim to be able to scan for obsolete cryptography.

<https://github.com/18F/domain-scan> - a scanner from GSA 18F to orchestrate scanning tools at scale. Can use the <https://github.com/nabla-c0d3/sslyze> Python package to scan for and report use of obsolete cryptography.

<https://pentest-tools.com/network-vulnerability-scanning/ssl-tls-scanner>

- <https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest>

<https://testtls.com/> - allows scanning any TCP port, both on IPv4 and IPv6

<https://gf.dev/tls-scanner>

<https://github.com/prbinu/tls-scan>

<https://www.thesslstore.com/sslttools/ssl-checker.php>

- used here

[https://www.wormly.com/test\\_ssl](https://www.wormly.com/test_ssl)

<https://www.digicert.com/help/>

<https://www.hardenize.com>

<https://www.tenable.com/plugins/was/families/SSL%2FTLS> for use with Tenable software.

- <https://github.com/drwetter/testssl.sh>

<https://github.com/rbsec/ssllscan> - a feature-rich command line SSL/TLS scanner with color-coded output; works on Windows, MacOS, and Linux.”

From <https://github.com/nsacyber/Mitigating-Obsolete-TLS>

# Locally run script testssl.sh as `./testssl.sh hostname`

```
#####
testssl.sh      3.0 from https://testssl.sh/
```

```
This program is free software. Distribution and
modification under GPLv2 permitted.
USAGE w/o ANY WARRANTY. USE IT AT YOUR OWN RISK!
```

```
Please file bugs @ https://testssl.sh/bugs/
```

```
#####
```

```
Using "OpenSSL 1.0.2-chacha (1.0.2k-dev)" [~183 ciphers]
on netlab:./bin/openssl.Linux.x86_64
(built: "Jan 18 17:12:17 2019", platform: "linux-x86_64")
```

```
Start 2021-05-18 14:12:06
```

```
rDNS
Service detected:      HTTP
```

## Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

```
SSLv2      not offered (OK)
SSLv3      not offered (OK)
TLS 1      not offered
● TLS 1.1   not offered
  TLS 1.2   offered (OK)
  TLS 1.3   not offered and downgraded to a weaker protocol
  NPN/SPDY  not offered
  ALPN/HTTP2 h2, http/1.1 (offered)
```

Testing OES2018 SP2 Apache.  
Four screens follow.

This small script is a useful tool,  
similar to that of SSL Labs, and it  
can reveal other useful detail.

It can test more than web serving.

```
testssl.sh -t smtp host:25
testssl.sh -t imap host:143
testssl.sh --mx host
testssl.sh host:636
```

plus -t ftp, lftp, xmpp, telnet, ldap, etc.  
-t means try StartTLS with the protocol.

See `testssl.sh --help` for full listing.

To use your local openssl add option  
`--openssl /usr/bin/openssl`

See <https://testssl.sh>

# Testssl.sh

## Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)	not offered (OK)
Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication)	not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)	not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4] (w/o export)	not offered (OK)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA	not offered
Obsolete: SEED + 128+256 Bit CBC cipher	not offered
● Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers)	offered (OK)

## Testing robust (perfect) forward secrecy, (P)FS -- omitting Null Authentication/Encryption, 3DES, RC4

- PFS is offered (OK) ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
- Elliptic curves offered: secp256k1 prime256v1 secp384r1 secp521r1 brainpoolP256r1 brainpoolP384r1 brainpoolP512r1
- DH group offered: RFC3526/Oakley Group 14 (2048 bits)

## Testing server preferences

- Has server cipher order? yes (OK)
- Negotiated protocol TLSv1.2
- Negotiated cipher ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
- Cipher order
  - TLSv1.2: ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384

- Noted protocols, ciphers, controls and certificate pc<sup>3</sup>

## Testssl.sh

We recall “long goodbyes”. Here is a “long hello”.

Hello

### Testing server defaults (Server Hello)

Details are in the URL below, if interested

```

TLS extensions (standard) "server name/#0" "renegotiation info/#65281" "EC point formats/#11"
"status request/#5" "heartbeat/#15" "application layer protocol negotiation/#16"
Session Ticket RFC 5077 hint no -- no lifetime advertised
SSL Session ID support yes
Session Resumption Tickets no, ID: yes
TLS clock skew Random values, no fingerprinting possible
Signature Algorithm SHA256 with RSA
Server key size RSA 2048 bits
Server key usage Digital Signature, Key Encipherment
Server extended key usage TLS Web Server Authentication, TLS Web Client Authentication
Serial / Fingerprints 31610444D74273BA / SHA1 48DA8E8B6F5DEAC46ADC19AFCCED02D1E268A1AD
SHA256 91D2D1E0BECDD2BB60A0388BFD6937902ED9EEE1D0FD9FCA45A81B879B00EE8C

Common Name (CN) *.netlab1.net
subjectAltName (SAN) *.netlab1.net netlab1.net
Issuer Starfield Secure Certificate Authority - G2 (Starfield Technologies, Inc. from US)
Trust (hostname) Ok via SAN (same w/o SNI)
Chain of trust Ok
EV cert (experimental) no
ETS/"eTLS", visibility info not present
Certificate Validity (UTC) 291 >= 60 days (2020-03-24 03:38 --> 2022-04-07 08:00)
# of certificates provided 3
Certificate Revocation List http://crl.starfieldtech.com/sfig2s1-187.crl
OCSP URI http://ocsp.starfieldtech.com/
OCSP stapling offered, not revoked
OCSP must staple extension --
DNS CAA RR (experimental) not offered
Certificate Transparency yes (certificate extension)
  
```

← Server name is same as in the cert  
Intermediary chain is valid

← Cert offers OCSP responder URL,  
Apache also offers OCSP results

Extensions: <https://www.iana.org/assignments/tls-extensiontype-values/tls-extensiontype-values.xhtml>

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## Testing vulnerabilities

Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)	not vulnerable (OK), timed out
CCS (CVE-2014-0224)	not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment.	not vulnerable (OK), no session ticket extension
ROBOT	Server does not support any cipher suites that use RSA key trans
port	
● Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746)	supported (OK)
● Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation	not vulnerable (OK)
● CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)	not vulnerable (OK)
BREACH (CVE-2013-3587)	no HTTP compression (OK) - only supplied "/" tested
POODLE, SSL (CVE-2014-3566)	not vulnerable (OK), no SSLv3 support
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)	No fallback possible (OK), no protocol below TLS 1.2 offered
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329)	not vulnerable (OK)
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)	not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703)	not vulnerable on this host and port (OK)
abled services	make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere with SSLv2 en
1D0FD9FCA45A81B879B00EE8C could help you to find out	<a href="https://censys.io/ipv4?q=91D2D1E0BECDD2BB60A0388BFD6937902ED9EEE">https://censys.io/ipv4?q=91D2D1E0BECDD2BB60A0388BFD6937902ED9EEE</a>
LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental	common prime with 2048 bits detected: <i>RFC3526/Oakley Group 14</i> (2
048 bits),	
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)	but no DH EXPORT ciphers
LUCKY13 (CVE-2013-0169), experimental	not vulnerable (OK), no SSL3 or TLS1
RC4 (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808)	not vulnerable (OK)
	no RC4 ciphers detected (OK)

Vulnerabilities see: <https://www.acunetix.com/blog/articles/tls-vulnerabilities-attacks-final-part/>

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## Testing 370 ciphers via OpenSSL plus sockets against the server, ordered by encryption strength

Hexcode	Cipher Suite Name (OpenSSL)	KeyExch.	Encryption	Bits	Cipher Suite Name (IANA/RFC)
x030	ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	ECDH 256	AESGCM	256	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
x9f	DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	DH 2048	AESGCM	256	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
x02f	ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	ECDH 256	AESGCM	128	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
x9e	DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	DH 2048	AESGCM	128	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256

## Running client simulations (HTTP) via sockets

Android 4.4.2	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Android 5.0.0	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Android 6.0	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Android 7.0	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Android 8.1 (native)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Android 9.0 (native)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Android 10.0 (native)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Chrome 74 (Win 10)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Chrome 79 (Win 10)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Firefox 66 (Win 8.1/10)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Firefox 71 (Win 10)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
IE 6 XP	No connection
IE 8 Win 7	No connection
IE 8 XP	No connection
IE 11 Win 7	TLSv1.2 DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 2048 bit DH
IE 11 Win 8.1	TLSv1.2 DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 2048 bit DH
IE 11 Win Phone 8.1	No connection
IE 11 Win 10	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Edge 15 Win 10	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)
Edge 17 (Win 10)	TLSv1.2 ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256, 256 bit ECDH (P-256)

### ● Forward Secrecy

Simulations are useful.  
SSL Labs report also has them.

and so on

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## References about SSL/TLS mechanics for ordinary usage:

SSL/TLS for system admins v2 [doc](#) [video](#) v2.1 [doc](#) a summary with practical details

Testers, links to [ssllabs.com](#) [testssl.sh](#) [checktls.com](#) [digicert.com](#)

Application TLS configuration suggestions, link to [ssl-config.mozilla.org](#)

SSL/TLS links, to engine: [openssl.org](#) to discussion: [feistyduck.com](#)

Disable certificate CRL verification in eDir 8/9, link to MF [doc](#)

Certificate recreation script for OES2018/2015/11, link to MF [doc](#)

Introduction v2 to "Let's Encrypt" free certificates [doc](#)

How to move OES Cert Authority to another server, link to MF [doc](#)

OCSP Cert Stapling, links to [Apache&Nginx](#) [Postfix](#) [discuss](#) [discuss](#)

DKIM email protection, links to [www.sidn.nl](#) [amavisd](#) [Wikipedia](#)

US NSA report about eliminating obsolete TLS configurations, link to [doc](#)

US NSA Network Infrastructure Security Guidance, link to [doc](#)

Switch/UPS TLS design faults, link to TLStorm 2.0 [doc](#)

Improving for TLS v1.2 (2016): [Apache v2.2](#) [Postfix+Dovecot](#)

Enroute TLS interceptions, local [copy](#) link to [doc](#)

Explaining terminology, links to [PKI intro](#) [PKI in wikipedia](#) [SSL handshake](#)

[Elliptic Curve Crypto](#) [ECC vs RSA](#) [Cipher Block Chaining](#)  
[Diffie-Hellman](#) [TLS v1.3](#) [TLS interception](#) [SMS spoofing](#)

## Links to further tutorial/discussion articles:

[The Illustrated TLS Connection Every Byte Explained](#) (tls.ulfheim.net)

[TLS Security 5: Establishing a TLS Connection](#) (www.acunetix.com)

[We need to talk about Session Tickets](#) (blog.filippo.io)

[Apache Modsecurity Handbook](#) (feistyduck.com)

[Apache security ebook](#) (feistyduck.com)

[Postfix hardening and security](#) (linux-audit.com)

[OpenSSL Cookbook](#) (feistyduck.com)

[Certificate PKI tutorial](#) (www.cs.auckland.ac.nz)

[Mapping OpenSSL cipher suite names to IANA names](#) (testssl.sh)

[How to use Wireshark to troubleshoot SSL/TLS issues](#)

(www.ssltrust.com)

[Another Wireshark how-to](#) (trickster.dev, via feistyduck.com citation)

SSL/TLS mechanics collection  
on netlab1.net, TTP private area

These are two screen capture images

We are back home now. Next time you conduct the tour.



SSL/TLS is important these days, as we all know, but it is complicated.

We progress by using good testing tools and examples, think and do homework reading, adjust application configurations, then re-test.

We have seen several tools plus examples. The netlab1.net TLS mechanics collection has pointers to read more about tools & items. Best is run these tests on your systems to have full reports. Then consider sharing your test results and adjustments with colleagues.

Developers and their products could also benefit from a TLS safari.

No math nor logic quiz at this point. However, the Internet does set exams for us, and grader Ms Nature is not very sympathetic.



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