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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This document describes the usage of the "Belgian EID Authentication Reverse Proxy"—being referred here as "the reverse proxy". This reverse proxy is a multi-platform solution for authenticating citizens with their eID card on a Web Server (like Microsoft IIS, or Apache), or an Application Server (like IBM Websphere, Weblogic, or Tomcat). We will refer this server as "the Application Server", although it could be a simple Web Server.

The main goal of this guide is the explain the architecture, the installation, the usage, and the parameterisation of this reverse proxy.



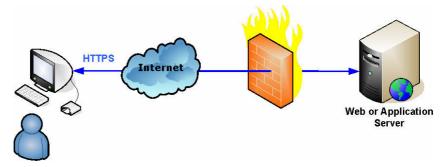




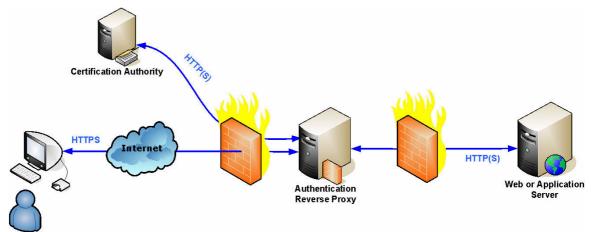
#### 2. ARCHITECTURE

### 2.1 Infrastructure

In the most simple situation, the user's browser connects directly to the Application Server.



In order to add an authentication step, we will add the reverse proxy between the user's browser and the Application Server. The reverse proxy may (should) contact the *Certification Authority* to check the certificates validity – that is, that they have not been *revoked*.



Note that a "normal" reverse proxy is often installed for other technical and security reasons, like not having the users directly connected to it.

We represented here the most common architecture, with the reverse proxy between two firewalls – in a zone called DMZ, but the solution would also work with the reverse proxy installed on the same machine as the Application Server<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In this case, the Application Server must run on other ports than the standard ones, as the standard ones will be used by the reverse proxy.





## 2.2 Application access control

In order to integrate an access control mechanism in your Web application, you need to receive the citizen's information. This information is provided in HTTP headers, that are usually mapped by your Application Server to environment variables.

In case of a Web Server with static pages, the reverse proxy may also be used to limit the access to some parts of the site to specific people.

The detailed information is described in chapter 6.2.

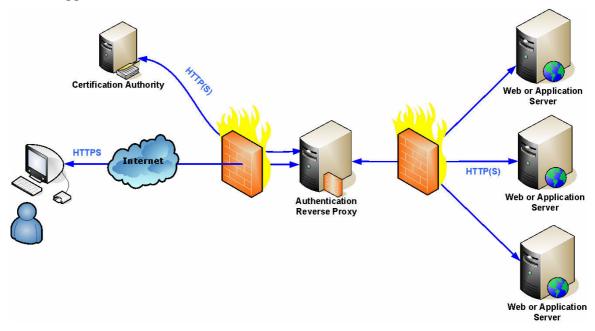






#### 3. SOLUTION DESCRIPTION

The reverse proxy is a customised version of the open source reverse proxy and Web Server *Apache* (<a href="http://www.apache.org">http://www.apache.org</a>). Apache itself allows a much more complex architecture than the one described above, like – for example – having one authentication reverse proxy for several applications.



All the usual *Apache* features will be available, although only the authentication part for simple architectures will be discussed in this document.

#### Customisations added to the default Apache package:

- Updated version of "mod\_ssl" to support the OCSP protocol<sup>2</sup>
- > External module to trap certificates validation errors and to redirect to a HTTP URL<sup>3</sup>
- Updated version of "mod\_headers" to export SSL headers<sup>4</sup>
- > Several bug fixes see chapter 8
- > Installation of the Belgian Government Root Certificate
- > "Wizard" to automate the configuration of a simple architecture

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> To be included in future versions, see <a href="http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs.cgi/httpd-2.0/modules/metadata/mod\_headers.c?r1=1.49&r2=1.50">http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs.cgi/httpd-2.0/modules/metadata/mod\_headers.c?r1=1.49&r2=1.50</a>



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Submitted to the Apache group for inclusion in a next version (http://nagoya.apache.org/bugzilla/show bug.cgi?id=31383).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This required a modification in "mod\_ssl" – Submitted to the Apache group for inclusion in a next version (http://nagoya.apache.org/bugzilla/show\_bug.cgi?id=35083).

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#### 4. PREREQUISITES AND LIMITATIONS

1 You must have administration privileges on the machine in order to install the software.

Port 80 and 443 must be free; any other service or application using them must be stopped (like a Web server)

For more information, see the Apache Documentation <a href="http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/">http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/</a>; this documentation will also be installed locally.

#### 4.1 Notation

In the following chapters, the commands to be executed, or the parameters to adapt in the configuration files use the following syntax:

- All commands or parameters are written in a grey box tar xvfz openss1-0.9.7f.tar.gz.tar
- Everything that must be replaced by your own data is in italic bold green

  ServerName *myservername*: 80
- > Comment may be added in small italic brown

  ServerName *myservername*: 80 *you must use the full domain name*

#### 4.2 Wizard

The "wizard" configure Apache Web Server as a Reverse Proxy to a single remote server. Advanced features like Virtual servers, caching, Reverse Proxy to several remote servers, ... must be installed manually.

## 4.3 🎉 Windows

- Microsoft Windows 2000 server or upper (a workstation could be used for tests)
- > Microsoft Windows Installer 2.0 must be installed.
- > IIS, if installed, must be stopped





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## 4.4 UNIX Unix

For all platforms, except Windows, Apache must be compiled on the target machine.

In order to compile Apache, the following programs must be available:

- > gcc
- > gawk
- > flex?
- > gunzip

The following shared objects must be available in order to run Apache

- > libiconv 1.8
- > lzlib 1.1.4

## 4.4.1 🚨 Linux

> All needed programs and shared objects are usually installed with all Linux distributions

## 4.4.2 sotaris Solaris

- > zlib is usually installed
- > Warning: on some version the program *ar* (needed to create dynamic modules) is located in */usr/ccs/bin*, which is not included in the path!







## 4.5

#### Known issues

## 4.5.1 Apache bugs

① Do not use session caching parameter "dbm", as this introduces memory leaks; the best parameter is usually "shmcb"

```
SSLSessionCache shmcb:...
```

When a user tries to reconnect a page in SSL with an invalid certificate (revoked, suspended, ...), Apache does not validate the certificate again if it is still in its cache; it immediately rejects it. In this case, the SSL error handling module is notified about the error, but it does not receive the "location" context: it traps the error in the "virtual host" context. So, if redirected pages were defined in "location" contexts, they are ignored.

As only the "virtual host" context will be used in this case, be sure either to only define you SSL error pages at the "virtual host" level, or, at least, to add some pages at the "virtual host" level.

#### Example:

```
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
...
<Location /sub>
        SSL_Error_DefaultURL "/error/invalid.html"
        SSL_Error_URL 23 "/error/revoked.html"
        SSL_Error_URL 10 "/error/expired.html"
</Location>
:...
</VirtualHost>
```

#### becomes:

```
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
...
SSL_Error_DefaultURL "/error/invalid.html"
SSL_Error_URL 23 "/error/revoked.html"
SSL_Error_URL 10 "/error/expired.html"
...
</VirtualHost>
```

or:





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## 4.5.2 Microsoft Internet Explorer bugs

Some versions of *Microsoft Internet Explorer* do not correctly support one specific encryption algorithm (RC4/RSA/64 bits); this should be disabled from the list of allowed algorithms:

SSLCipherSuite -ALL:SSLv3+HIGH:-aNULL:!EXPORT56:RC4+RSA
SSLProtocol -ALL +SSLv3 +TLSv1

Some versions of *Microsoft Internet Explorer* do not correctly support the SSL protocol (see <a href="http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=831167">http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=831167</a>). In order to be compatible with these versions, the following directive may be used:

SetEnvIf User-Agent ".\*MSIE [456].\*" ssl-unclean-shutdown

Some rare versions of *Microsoft Internet Explorer* 6.0 (after *Windows XP* Service Pack 2) do not work with this configuration. In this case, the browser needs to be updated (typically, with Windows/Microsoft Update).

Some versions of *Microsoft Internet Explorer* do not work correctly if SSL connection reuse is not enabled on the server. To enable it, use the directive

SSLSessionCache shmcb:...

Remark: other mechanisms can be used than "shmcb"

#### 4.5.3 Installation issues

Under Solaris, the build does not find the library *libgcc\_s.so.1* (see <a href="http://issues.apache.org/bugzilla/show\_bug.cgi?id=33696">http://issues.apache.org/bugzilla/show\_bug.cgi?id=33696</a>). To solve it, set the environment variable *LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH* to the path in the GCC installation tree where *libgcc\_s.so.1* resides.





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#### 5. INSTALLATION

Here is a high-level description of the installation steps:

- 1. Install (customised version of) Apache
- 2. Install OpenSSL
- 3. Configure Apache as a secured reverse proxy
- 4. Add Belgian Government Root certificate
- 5. Create a server certificate request
- 6. Ask a certificate to a certification authority
- 7. Install the server certificate

A wizard is provided to automate the steps. This wizard creates and installs a self-signed server certificate. Before going in production, you must ask a real one to a real Certification Authority.

The provided Unix distribution already contains the new modules in the source code.

Step 3 may be re-run to modify the configuration later.

## 5.1 Windows

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1 You must log in as Local Administrator.

This section describes all the steps to install and configure the software.

The steps can be automated with the provided script "install.bat".

## 5.1.1 Delete previously installed Apache configuration files

The Apache uninstall procedure keeps the previous settings. In case you previously installed Apache, and uninstall it, you must manually delete the whole Apache program folder and subfolders; otherwise, the configuration of the old version will be re-used, which is usually not advisable.







### 5.1.2 Install Apache

The installation consists in a MSI package.

Execute the install file "apache\_2.0.54-win32-x86-no\_ssl.msi"

- > Some information must be supplied :
  - o License agreement: Select "I accept ..." and click on Next button
  - o Read this first: Click on Next button
  - o Server Information: Fill in all fields and click on Next button
    - **Network Domain:** your domain name, like "*mycompany.com*"
    - Administrator's Email Address: ...
    - The checkbox "for all users on port 80, as a service recommended" must be selected.
      - i If you cannot select port 80 (only port 8080 for current user), you may not have Administrator's privileges.
- > Setup type: use **Typical** (default choice) and click on Next button
- > Destination Folder: Keep default directory and click on Next button
- > Ready to install the program: Click on Install button.
- > Installation Wizard completed: Click on Finish button

## 5.1.3 Install mod\_ssl and OpenSSL

All directories – except the ones located under **%SystemRoot%** are relative to the Apache installation directory (by default: "C:\Program Files\Apache Group\Apache2")

- > copy "mod ssl.so" to directory "modules\"
- > copy "mod headers.so" to directory "modules\"
- > Install **OpenSSL 0.97f** (higher versions are not compatible with this Apache version)
- > Check that files "libeay32.dll" and "ssleay32.dll" were copied in system directory "%SystemRoot%\system32\"
- > Create the directory "conf\ssl\"

#### 5.1.4 Install additional module mod\_ssl\_error

> copy "mod ssl error.so" to directory "modules\"

### 5.1.5 Configure Apache

See 5.3

#### 5.1.6 Install the Belgian Government Root Certificate

See 5.5

#### 5.1.7 Obtain and Install the Server Certificate

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### 5.1.8 Create and start Apache2SSL Service

Delete Apache2 service (automatically created during Apache Installation)

```
bin\apache.exe -w -k stop -n "Apache2"
bin\apache.exe -w -k uninstall -n "Apache2"
```

Create Apache2SSL service:

```
bin\apache.exe -w -k install -n "Apache2SSL" -D SSL
```

Start Apache2SSL service

```
bin\apache.exe -w -k start -n "Apache2SSL"
```

## 5.1.9 Starting and stopping the application

The service is started automatically by the installation procedure.

The Apache Monitor is also automatically started, an icon is available in the system tray to start/stop/restart the service.

## 5.2 UNIX Unix

(i) Execute all following commands as *root*.

This section describes all the steps to install and configure the software.

#### 5.2.1 Automatic installation

The steps can be automated with the provided script "./install.sh". This does not encompass the daemon installation.

The default distribution of the files is a ZIP file. In this case, the shell scripts are not marked as executable. To mark them as executable, use the following command:

```
Chmod +x *.sh
```

#### 5.2.2 Manual installation

## 5.2.2.1 Install OpenSSL

```
tar xvfz openssl-0.9.7f.tar.gz.tar
cd openssl-0.9.7f
./config
make
make test
make install
```

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### 5.2.2.2 Install Apache

The distributed TAR file contains the modified version of "mod ssl" and "mod headers".

```
tar xvfz httpd-2.0.54_OCSP.tar.gz
cd httpd-2.0.54
make clean
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/apache2
--enable-modules="ssl proxy headers"
--with-ssl /usr/local/ssl
make
make install
```

#### 5.2.2.3 <u>Install additional module mod ssl error</u>

The distributed TAR file contains the module "mod\_ssl\_error" (see 6.4).

```
cd modules/mod_ssl_error
apxs -cia /I../openssl/include mod_ssl_error.c
```

### 5.2.2.4 Configure Apache

See 5.3

### 5.2.2.5 Install the Belgian Government Root Certificate

See 5.5

### 5.2.2.6 Obtain and Install the Server Certificate

See 5.6





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### 5.2.2.7 Starting and stopping the application

> Starting the application

./apachectl sslstart

> Stopping the application

./apachectl stop

Restarting the application
./apachectl restart

## 5.2.3 Install Apache Daemon

By default, only the HTTP daemon can be started automatically. In order to automatically start Apache with SSL support, you must add, in the file "apachectl", "-DSSL" to the start directive (it does not hurt to add it for all the commands – stop/restart/graceful).

If you want to start Apache automatically when the system boots, you must install daemons. This installation depends on the Unix distribution you are using.

Here is an example to start Apache automatically on Red Hat Linux:

- Change the working directory to the Apache binariescd /usr/local/apache2/bin
- Create a link from the file called "apachectl" to the daemon initialization directory
  In -s /usr/local/apache2/bin/apachectl /etc/rc.d/init.d/httpd
- > Register the daemon (replace sequence number 85 depending on other daemon installed)

```
cd /etc/rc3.d
ln -s ../init.d/httpd S&5httpd
ln -s ../init.d/httpd K&5httpd
cd /etc/rc5.d
ln -s ../init.d/httpd S&5httpd
ln -s ../init.d/httpd K&5httpd
```

#### 5.3 Customisation

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Customisation of Apache can be executed as many times as you want. In this case, only **Proxy Remote server URL** is asked and the new value introduced replace the old one.

Execute the script "customise\_proxy.bat" (Windows) or "./customise\_proxy.sh" (Unix) and follow the instructions.

The scripts asks for the "**Proxy Remote server**": Fill in the name of the remote Application Server. If "*http://*" omitted at the beginning of the string, it is automatically added.

The default distribution of the files is a ZIP file. In this case, the Unix shell scripts are not marked as executable. To mark them as executable, use the following command:

Chmod +x \*.sh







## 5.4 Proxy and SSL Configuration

Update configuration file "conf/httpd.conf"

> Port:

```
Listen 80
```

> Windows only: mandatory modules. Check that following modules are loaded (remove # at the beginning)

```
LoadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_connect_module modules/mod_proxy_connect.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
LoadModule ssl_module modules/mod_ssl.so
```

Remark: for Unix, those modules are statically installed.

> Do not use session caching parameter "dbm", as this introduces memory leaks; the best parameter is usually "shmcb"

```
SSLSessionCache shmcb:...
```

Add SSL:

```
<IfModule mod_ssl.c>
    Include conf/ssl.conf
</IfModule>
```

> Add Reverse Proxy:

More info on http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/mod/mod proxy.html

Adapt the number of concurrent requests handled by the server. In case more requests come, they are queued, and thus wait for another to complete before being treated.

Note that the OCSP checking – if activated – may take several seconds, thus slowing waiting requests.

For a normal server, 25 concurrent requests should be enough. If you expect a big number of incoming requests, you may increase this number to enhance the response time, however this will require more memory and CPU resource.

ThreadsPerChild 25







#### 5.5 Install Government Certificates

Update configuration file "conf\ssl.conf"

SSLCACertificateFile conf/ssl/client-trusted-list.pem

> Add the Belgian Government Root certificate (or any other trusted root if any) to "client-trusted-list.pem". Just concatenate the file to the existing one.

The certificate must be in PEM format, like below:

# This is the Government Root Certificate
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE---MIIDlDCCANYGAWIBAGIQWASFBFMK27JQVxhf+eWmUDANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADAN
MQSWCQYDVQQGEWJCRTEYMBYGA1UEAxMPQmVsZ21lbSBSb290IENBMB4XDTAZMDEY
NJIZMDAWMFOXDTEOMDEYNJIZMDAWMFOWJZELMAKGA1UEBhMCQKUXGDAWBGNVBAMT
D0JlbGdpdW0gUm9vdCBDQTCCASIWDQYJKOZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEB
AMihcekcRkJ5eHFvna6pqKsot03H1OswkVp19eLSz8hMFJhcWk3HEcVAQGpa+XQS
J4fpnOVXTiISORIYqjBeoiG52bv/9nTrMQHnO35YD5EWTXaJqAFPrSJmcPpLHZXB
MFjqvN112Jq0iotJRlLf0lMVdssUXR1JSW9q09P9vMIt7EU/CT9YvvZU7WCMgTVy
v/cY6pZifSsofxVsY9LKynOFrMhtB20yvmi4BUCuVJhWPmbxMOjvXkUTXgfeMo8S
dKpbNCNUWOpszv42kqgJF+qhLc9s44Qd3ocuMws8dOIhUDiVLlzg5cYx+dtA+mqh
pIqTm6chBocdJ9PEoclMsG8CAWEAAaOBuZCBUDAOBgNVHQ8BAf8EBAMCAQYWDWYD
VROTAQH/BAUWAWEB/ZBCBgNVHSAEOZA5MDCGBWA4AQEBMC4WLAYIKWYBBQUHAgEW
IGh0dHA6Ly9yZXBvc210b3J5LmvpZC5iZWxnaXVtLmJlMB0GA1UdDgQWBBQQ8AXW
m2HqVzq2NZdtn925FI7b5jARBg]ghkgBhvhCAQEEBAMCAACWHWYDVROJBBgWFOAU
EPAMVpth61c6tjWxbZ/durSO2+YWDQYJKOZIhvcNAQEFBQADBggEBAMhtllGKYfgP
lm7VILKB+MbcoxYA2S1q52sq+llIpOxJN9dzowObZV4yveexO9AuPHPTjHuD79ZC
wT+oqVOPN7p20kc9zC0/00RBSZz9wynOAimiw3Ebv1jZKE4trFTa57VjRUQRDSp/
M382SbTObqkCMa5c/ciJvOJ71/Fg8teH9lcuen5qE4Ad3OPQYx49cTGxYNSeCMqr
8JTHSHVUgfMbrXec6LKP24OsjzRr6L/D2fVDw2RV6xq9NoY2uiGMlxoh1Oot06y6
7Kcdq765Sps1LxxcHVGnH1TtEpf/8m6HfUbJdNbv6z1951luBpQE5KJVhzgoaiJe
4r50ErAEQyo=
----END CERTIFICATE----

Because of a bug in Internet explorer, you also need to add GlobalSign Root certificate, and restrict accepted certificates to the ones emitted by the Citizen CA – see "SSLRequire" directive in 5.7.

The wizard installs all needed certificates, including test ones, but only real ones will be accepted until you add their Distinguished Name in the accepted list – see "SSLRequire" directive in 5.7.







### 5.6 Install Server Certificate

This part heavily uses OpenSSL (<a href="http://www.openssl.org/">http://www.openssl.org/</a>). The program (*openssl.exe*) lies in the "*OpenSSL*" subfolder of the Apache program folder.

Either go into that folder to type the commands, or make sure the "PATH" environment variable points to this folder.

Obtain and Install certificates.

> Create a private key and a server certificate signing request

```
o Generate a Private Key
```

```
openssl genrsa -out server.key 1024
```

Edit file "config.txt" (at least CN field with server name or IP address).
 Example (minimal):

```
[ req
default_bits
                         = 1024
default_md
default_keyfile
                         = sha1
                         = server.key
distinguished_name
                         = req_distinguished_name
prompt
output_password
 [ req_distinguished_name ]
                         = BE
                         = Belgium
ST
                         = City
L
0
                         = Company name
OU
                         = Departement
                         = server_name
emailAddress
                         = name@company.com
```

o Generate a certificate signing request file

```
openssl req -config config.txt -out req.csr -new -key
server.key -sha1 -days 2000
```

- > Send the file "req.csr" to a Certification Authority
  - o In order to immediately test the environment, you may want to create a self-signed certificate. This is done in the automated wizard.

```
openssl x509 -in req.csr -out server_cert.pem -req -signkey server.key -days 2000
```





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- > The Certification Authority returns the certificate (let's call it "certificates.xxx"), together with the whole certificate chain. It may be one of the following formats:
  - a. PKCS#7 usually with an extension ".P7B"
  - b. X.509 usually with an extension ".CER" or ".CRT"
  - c. PKCS#12 usually with an extension ".PFX" or ".P12" This is only if the CA generated itself the secret key (not advised)

Furthermore, the file may be encoded in

- a. PEM: base-64 encoded
- b. DER: binary

To know the encoding, load the file in a text editor (like "notepad"): a PEM-encoded file has one or several line(s) of the form "-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----", and "-----END CERTIFICATE-----".

- > If needed: convert the certificates "certificates.xxx" received from the CA to a list of certificates in PEM format (base-64 encoded)
  - a. If the certificates are a list of X.509 certificates PEM-encoded in a file "certificates.cer", just rename the file to "server\_cert.pem"
  - b. If the certificates are a list of X.509 certificates DER-encoded in a file "certificates.cer"

```
openssl x509 -in certificates.cer -inform DER -out server_cert.pem
```

- c. If the certificates "certificates.p7b" are in PKCS#7 format
  - i. With OpenSSL

```
openssl pkcs7 -print_certs -in certificates.p7b -out server_cert.pem (add "-inform DER" if the file is DER-encoded)
```

- ii. With Windows
  - Open "certificates.p7b"
  - For each certificate
    - o Open it
    - O Click on the tab "Details"
    - o Click on "Copy to file..."
    - Choose "Base-64 encoded"
    - o Give a filename "cert1.out", "cert2.out", "cert3.out",...
  - Concatenate all certificates ("\*.out") to a file "server\_cert.pem"

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```
copy *.out server cert.pem
```

- > Copy Certificates to directory "conf/ssl"
  - o Certificate *server cert.pem* (received from CA)
  - o Private Key server.key







Update configuration file "conf/ssl.conf"

See <a href="http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/ssl/">http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/ssl/</a> for details.

Define Certificates

```
SSLCertificateFile conf/ssl/server_cert.pem # from CA
SSLCertificateKeyFile conf/ssl/server.key # see step 1
```

## 5.7 Configure security parameters

- Ensure that "SSLRequireSSL" always take the precedence over a "Satisfy any" directive SSLOptions +StrictRequire
- o Protect the site with client certificates

```
SSLVerifyClient require
SSLVerifyDepth 10
```

Define the accepted cipher suites and protocols

```
SSLCipherSuite -ALL:SSLv3+HIGH:-aNULL
SSLProtocol -ALL +SSLv3 +TLSv1
```

Add OCSP parameters

```
SSLUseOCSP on # try to connect to OCSP responder
```

Force certificates validation

```
# Refuse certificate if specified validation mechanism (OCSP responder, CRL)
# is not available
SSLForceValidation on
```

This directive is used to refuse the certificate in case all the specified validation mechanisms<sup>5</sup> failed to answer (neither positively, nor negatively).

The following cases are never considered as an error:

The certificate does not contain the path to the OCSP responder

The following cases are considered as a technical error:

- If OCSP has to be used
  - ➤ The OCSP responder is unavailable
  - ➤ The OCSP response is incorrect
- If CRL have to be used
  - ➤ No CRL is found
  - ➤ A CRL is found but is incorrect

In case of a technical error with all specified validation mechanisms, the certificate is accepted if the directive "SSLForceValidity" is set to "off"; it is refused if the directive "SSLForceValidation" is set to "on"

o Accept only SSL connections (refuse HTTP connections)

```
<Location />
  SSLRequireSSL
  </Location>
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Specified with the directives, SSLUseOCSP, SSLCARevocationFile, etc.



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Accept only certificates emitted by Citizen CA

```
<Location />
# Accept only certificates emitted by Citizen CA
# If test certificates are also needed, add "SPECIMEN Citizen CA" in the list
SSLRequire %{SSL_CLIENT_I_DN_C} eq "BE"
and %{SSL_CLIENT_I_DN_CN} in {"Citizen CA"}
</Location>
```

Because of a bug in Internet explorer, you also need to add GlobalSign Root certificate, and restrict accepted certificates to the ones emitted by the Citizen CA.

If you want to accept government test certificates, you need to add them explicitly in the list.

#### 5.8 Server restart

Although the server may run for months without interruption, it is always a good practice to restart it on a regular basis<sup>6</sup>. As the server can be restarted without interrupting the users – see <a href="http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/stopping.html">http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/stopping.html</a> - we advise to restart it each day or each week.

This also ensures that new CRL are loaded - see 6.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> It is always difficult to assure no memory leak will occur in any circumstance



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#### **USAGE**

### Retrieving citizens' certificate information

The Application Server can receives the citizen's distinguish name in a HTTP header; it can use this value to identify the user.

> Add the user's full distinguished name in HTTP header, for example in variable HTTP SSL USERID.

```
RequestHeader set SSL_ USERID "%{SSL_CLIENT_S_DN}e"
```

Add the user's national number in HTTP header, for example in variable HTTP SSL USERID.

```
RequestHeader set SSL_USERID
      "%{SSL_CLIENT_S_DN_serialNumber}e"
```

If Apache is not used as a proxy, but the Application Server is directly connected to it, the header **REMOTE USER** can be used. To set it to the user's distinguish name:

```
SSLUserName SSL_CLIENT_S_DN
```

Or the user's national number:

```
SSLUserName SSL_CLIENT_S_DN_serialNumber
```

Remark: version of Apache (from 2.2), In newer you "%{SSL CLIENT S DN}s" to retrieve the certificate's distinguished name – and the same for any SSL-related variable ("%{SSL ...}s").

#### 6.2 Restricting access to a path requiring SSL authentication

If you want to restrict the access to some resources (URL), you may add the following lines to "conf/ssl.conf":

```
<Location /path> ex:
SSLVerifyClient require
                        ex: /admin, or /internal/users/
 SSLRequireSSL
 SSLOptions
                     +FakeBasicAuth
 AuthType Basic
AuthUserFile conf/group.auth require valid-user
</Location>
```

Then, you must add the complete distinguish name of each user in the file "conf/group.auth", followed by a colon and the string "xxj31ZMTZzkVA" (without quotes):

```
/C=BE/CN=xxx/SN=xxx/serialNumber=xxx:xxj31ZMTZzkVA
/C=BE/CN=yyy/SN=yyy/serialNumber=yyy:xxj31ZMTZzkVA
```

Or, if you use the user's national number (SSLUserName SSL\_CLIENT\_S\_DN\_seria \text{Number}), you must only add the national number of each user in the file:

```
xxx:xxj31zmTzzkVA
yyy:xxj31zmTzzkVA
```

For more information, see http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/howto/auth.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Actually, you may use any filename; this allows to group users by logical functions, etc.



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### 6.3 Logging OCSP answers

Answers coming from the OCSP server are logged in the *mod\_ssl* error file. You need to specify the "*LogLevel*" to at least "*Info*"

```
LogLevel info
```

The logging contains the certificate serial number, the certificate's subject name, and the OCSP answer. If you want to extract only the lines containing answers coming from the OCSP server, you may search for the string "OCSP response".

#### 6.4 SSL Error Redirection

In case of error during certificates validation, the SSL error may be trapped in order to establish the connection, and the browser may be redirected to an error page.

Note that, if no SSL connection can be established without client certificate (ex: no ciphersuite in common, etc.), no redirection is possible, and the server returns the normal SSL error code.

To enable this feature, the module "mod\_ssl\_error" must be loaded:

```
LoadModule ssl_error_module modules/mod_ssl_error.so
```

#### **Error page customisation**

- 1. If nothing is specified, the server sends an error 403 to the browser.
- 2. If a default URL is specified, the browser is redirected to that page

```
<IfModule mod_ssl_error.c>
SSL_Error_DefaultURL "http://.../error/ssl_valid.html"
</IfModule>
```

The browser is redirected to

http://.../error/ssl\_valid.html?errorNb=N&error=XXX&serial=YYY&dn=ZZZ,

where N is the error number returned by the OpenSSL library, XXX is the error message, YYY is the certificate serial number, ZZZ is the certificate distinguished name. A script on the server could thus get the exact error message from the variable/header "error", and customize the page displayed to the user.





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3. If a specific error is specified, the browser is redirected to that page

```
<IfModule mod_ssl_error.c>
SSL_Error_URL 10 "/error/expired.html"
SSL_Error_URL 12 "/error/crl_expired.html"
SSL_Error_URL 23 "/error/revoked.html"
</IfModule>
```

The certificate serial number and distinguished name are included as above.

#### Valid errors are:

- 2 unable to get issuer certificate
- 3 unable to get CRL
- 4 unable to decrypt certificate signature
- 5 unable to decrypt CRL signature
- 6 unable to decode issuer public key
- 7 certificate signature failure
- 8 CRL signature failure
- 9 certificate not yet valid
- 10 certificate has expired
- 11 CRL not yet valid
- 12 CRL has expired
- 13 error in certificate "not before" field
- 14 error in certificate "not after" field
- 15 error in CRL "last update" field
- 16 error in CRL "next update" field
- 17 out of memory
- 18 depth zero self signed certificate
- 19 self signed certificate in chain
- 20 unable to get issuer certificate locally
- 21 unable to verify leaf signature
- 22 certificate chain too long
- 23 certificate revoked
- 24 invalid certification authority
- 25 path length exceeded
- 26 invalid purpose
- 27 certificate not trusted
- 28 certificate rejected, or no certificate provided
- 29 subject issuer mismatch
- 30 "akid" skid mismatch
- 31 "akid" issuer serial mismatch
- 32 "keyusage" different from "certsign"
- 33 unable to get CRL issuer
- 34 unhandled critical extension
- 35 "keyusage" not for CRL signing
- 36 unhandled critical CRL extension







## **(i)** Important remarks:

- ☐ The URL provided for the redirection should normally use the **HTTP** protocol, not **HTTPS**, otherwise it may provoke another SSL error, resulting in a redirection, ... thus an infinite loop. The URL can be relative; in this case, a HTTP connection is used.
- □ Due to a bug, it is better to not use error redirections inside "*locations*". If you really want to, read the problem description in 4.5.1.

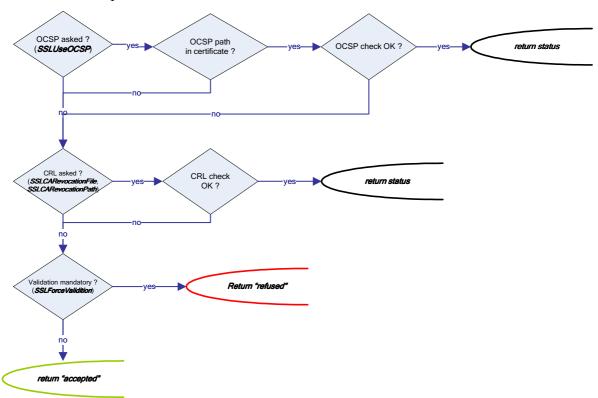
#### 6.5 CRL

CRL can be used to validate certificates — see : <a href="http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/mod/mod\_ssl.html">http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/mod/mod\_ssl.html</a>. New CRL have to be downloaded and installed in the corresponding directory.

CRL are loaded at start-up time. In order to take new CRL into account, the server has to be restarted. Note that the server can be restarted without interrupting the users – see <a href="http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/stopping.html">http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/stopping.html</a>.

#### 6.6 Certificates validation

Here is the description of the certificates validation mechanism.



**Warning:** in case no CRL is found (in the specified file or directory), the check is considered as successful.





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- > The Apache software, with some extensions
- > The OpenSSL software
- > A procedure to configure the Apache software for the intended purpose
- Some scripts to automate the above Apache configuration

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#### 8. SOFTWARE HISTORY

#### Version 0.9 - 09-2004

Version based on Apache 2.0.49 and OpenSSL 0.9.7d.

#### **Bug fixes**

- #20462
- #25659
- http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs.cgi/httpd 2.0/modules/ssl/ssl engine kernel.c?r1=1.105&r2=1.106
- <a href="http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs.cgi/httpd-2.0/modules/metadata/mod-headers.c?r1=1.49&r2=1.50">http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs.cgi/httpd-2.0/modules/metadata/mod-headers.c?r1=1.49&r2=1.50</a>

#### **Enhancements**

*OCSP protocol: mod ssl* has been modified to support the OCSP protocol.

#### Version 1.0.0 - 12-09-2005

Version based on Apache 2.0.54 and OpenSSL 0.97f.

### **Bug fixes**

- #20462
- #25659
- #25667
- #31418
- #31848
- #34452
- #35081#35154
- http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs.cgi/httpd-
  - 2.0/modules/metadata/mod\_headers.c?r1=1.49&r2=1.50
- CAN-2005-2700: <a href="http://people.apache.org/~jorton/CAN-2005-2700.diff">http://people.apache.org/~jorton/CAN-2005-2700.diff</a>

*OCSP answers logging:* All OCSP answers are now logged – see 6.3.

**SSL Error Redirection:** In case of error during certificates validation, the SSL error is trapped, the connection is established, and the browser is redirected to an error page – see 6.4.

Other: Normally, in case CRL have to be used but cannot – for instance if the CRL is expired – Apache the certificate validation fails and the SSL connection is dropped. We changed this to only fail is the directive "SSLForceValidation" is set to "on". This directive replace the old one "SSLForceOCSP" – see 6.6.





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#### Version 1.0.1 - 27-09-2005

**SSL** Error Redirection: error number is returned – see 6.4.

#### **Bug fixes**

- #12355
- #12340
- Authorisation problem on error redirected pages

### Version 1.0.2 - 07-10-2005

SSL Error Redirection: error message is no more returned

#### **Bug fixes**

corrected access denied when certificate is invalid and SSL re-negotiation is needed

### Version 1.0.3 - 14-11-2005

### **Bug fixes**

- Trap errors when retrying a failed SSL connection
- #35279

#### Version 1.0.4 – 01-12-2005

Use OpenSSL 0.98a

#### **Bug fixes**

• CAN-2005-2970: http://svn.apache.org/viewcvs.cgi?view=rev&rev=292949

#### 1.0.5 - 19-12-2005

#### **Bug fixes**

• With Firefox (and probably other SSL compliant browsers), the first access was trapped as an error; when doing a refresh, the situation was corrected.

#### 1.0.6 - 24-01-2006

#### **Bug fixes**

• #37791

### 1.0.7 - 22-03-2006

## **Bug fixes**

• Remove new lines from headers — see unwrap\_header() in http://people.apache.org/~jorton/mod headers-2.0-ssl.diff





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### 1.0.8 - 01-08-2006

### **Bug fixes**

• Connection was allowed when interrupting the SSL negotiation by hitting ESC in the PIN dialog (Firefox only)

## 1.0.9 - 18-09-2006

## **Bug fixes**

- Using OpenSSL 0.9.8c
- Added, by default, **SSLRequireSSL** for the whole site







## 9. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Version	Author(s)	Reason for change
21-05-04	1.0	Philippe Londoz Marc Stern	First version
28-05-04	1.0.1	Marc Stern	Minor changes
03-06-04	1.0.2	Marc Stern	Minor changes
10-06-04	1.0.3	Marc Stern	Added authorisation explanation
19-10-04	1.0.4	Marc Stern	Detailed certificates installation
31-05-05	2.0	Marc Stern	Added sections
01-06-05	2.0.1	Marc Stern	Added retrieval of national number
27-09-05	2.0.2	Marc Stern	Advised to use "SSLSessionCache shmcb" SSL Error Redirection: error number is returned Explained SSL compatibility issues with IE Removed known issue (#12355)
10-11-05	2.0.3	Marc Stern	Updated SSL compatibility issues with IE 6.0
14-11-05	2.0.4	Marc Stern	Added fix "CAN-2005-2970" Use OpenSSL 0.98a
24-01-06	2.0.5	Marc Stern	Added fix for bug #37791
01-02-06	2.0.6	Marc Stern	Added description of interaction between SSL cache and "locations" in case of certificate rejection (see 4.5.1).
22-03-06	2.0.7	Marc Stern	Added remark about syntax change to retrieve SSL-related info in future versions of Apache.







01-08-06	2.0.8	Marc Stern	Added GlobalSign Root certificate, and restrict accepted certificates to the ones emitted by the Citizen CA
08-09-06	2.0.9	Marc Stern	Removed reference to a beta version in the license agreement.  Added that test certificates are in the trust store, but not accepted by default
18-09-06	2.0.10	Marc Stern	Using OpenSSL 0.9.8c Added, by default, <b>SSLRequireSSL</b> for the whole site



