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Lecture 6: SSL

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details

- 1. Group photos due Feb 8 (tonight) and I'll want to meet with each group shortly after.
- 2. Project plans due Feb 14.
- 3. Homework 3 due date TBD.

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Host: parameter

Lots of servers host lots of websites at the same IP address and port number.

They distinguish which website you mean by the Host: parameter.

So, it's not redundant.

My websites are on a GoDaddy machine with lots of other websites.

```
tcsh-2% ./LinuxGetSsl https://nicolehamilton.com
Service = https, Host = nicolehamilton.com, Port = , Path =
Host address length = 16 bytes
Family = 2, port = 443, address = 160.153.46.5
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: nicolehamilton.com
User-Agent: LinuxGetSs1/2.0 nham@umich.edu (Linux)
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: identity
Connection: close
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2019 17:02:10 GMT
Server: Apache
Upgrade: h2,h2c
Connection: Upgrade, close
Last-Modified: Thu, 11 Oct 2018 21:59:57 GMT
ETag: "c4206db-3f6f-577fb177483a1"
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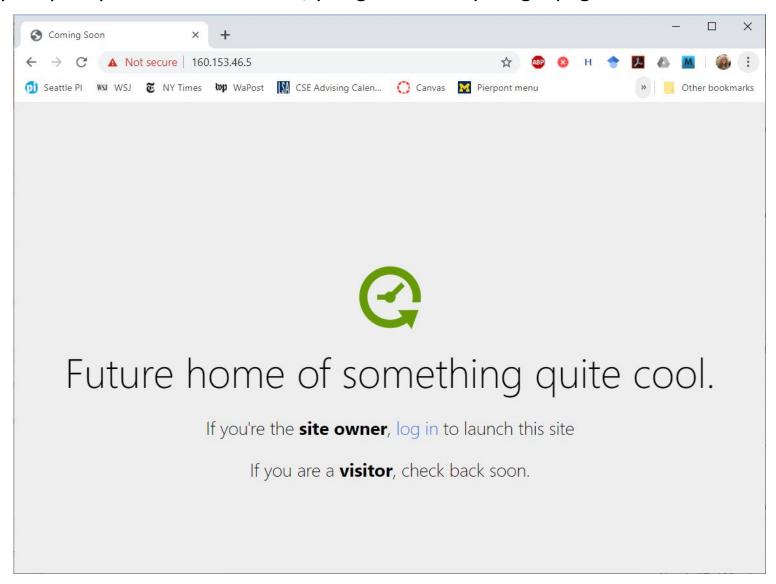
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```
tcsh-3% ./LinuxGetSsl https://hamiltonlabs.com
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Host address length = 16 bytes
Family = 2, port = 443, address = 160.153.46.5
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: hamiltonlabs.com
User-Agent: LinuxGetSs1/2.0 nham@umich.edu (Linux)
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: identity
Connection: close
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2019 17:03:31 GMT
Server: Apache
Upgrade: h2,h2c
Connection: Upgrade, close
Last-Modified: Sat, 15 Jul 2017 22:39:19 GMT
ETag: "c420859-1a31-55462d61856cf"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 6705
```

The server response depends on which Host: was specified.

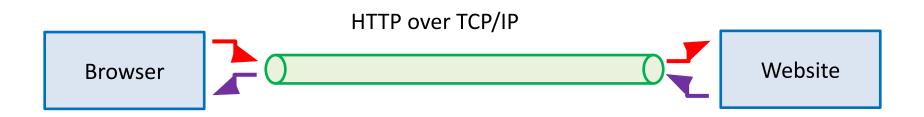
```
diff -b! nicolehamilton.txt hamiltonlabs.txt
                                                                              X
Family = 2, port = 443, address = 160.153.46.5
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: nicolehamilton.com
Host: hamiltonlabs.com
User-Agent: LinuxGetSs1/2.0 nham@umich.edu (Linux)
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: identity
Connection: close
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2019 17:05:04 GMT
Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2019 17:04:50 GMT
Server: Apache
Upgrade: h2,h2c
Connection: Upgrade, close
 ast-Modified: Thu, 11 Oct 2018 21:59:57 GMT
ETag: "c4206db-3f6f-577fb177483a1"
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Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 16239
Content-Length: 6705
Vary: Accept-Encoding, User-Agent
Content-Type: text/html
กลา<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
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   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head>
   <meta content="text/html; charset=utf-8" http-equiv="Content-Type" />
   <title>Nicole Hamilton</title>
   <title>Hamilton Laboratories</title>
   <link href="Styles/Hamilton.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
   <link href="Styles/PrintStyles.css" rel="stylesheet" media="print" type="text</pre>
  - more --- (Press H for Help)
```

If you specify Host: 160.153.46.5, you get GoDaddy's login page for that server.

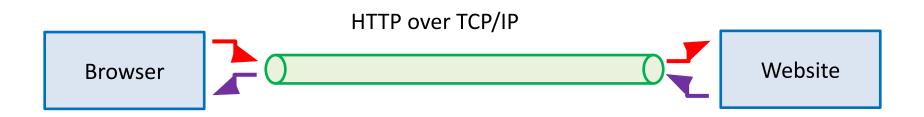


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Imagine the connection between a browser and a website as a long pipe. At each end is a socket you can read or write from as if it was a file. Anything written into one end pops out and can be read at the other.



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TCP/IP Model

DHCP, DNS, FTP, HTTP, HTTPS, POP, SMTP, SSH, etc.

TCP and UDP

IP address: IPv4 or IPv6

Link level: MAC address

Physical: Cable, fiber, wireless

Application

Transport

Internet

Network Access

To get an IP address

- 1. Parse the HTTPS path to identify the host (domain name) we're trying to reach.
- 2. Find the IP address for that host using a Domain Name Server (DNS).

DNS Records

```
Type Name Value TTL Actions
        160.153.46.5 600 seconds
 admin
             160.153.46.5 600 seconds
  mail 160.153.46.5 600 seconds
        webmail @
CNAME
                      1 Hour
CNAME
        www @
                 1 Hour
        mail.hamiltonlabs.com (Priority: 0) 1 Hour
MX
                                                     Edit
NS
        ns61.domaincontrol.com 1 Hour
       ns62.domaincontrol.com 1 Hour
NS
        Primary nameserver: ns61.domaincontrol.com.
                                                     600 seconds
SOA
```

An A record defines a host address.

A CNAME record defines a canonical name for alias.

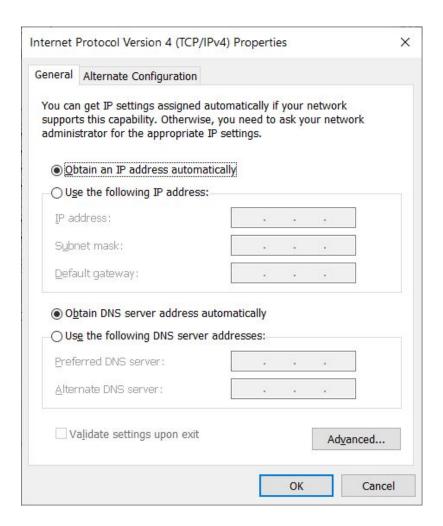
An MX (Mail eXchange) record defines a mail server.

An NS record defines a name server.

An SOA (Start of Authority) defines the primary name server.

DHCP

We usually rely on DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) to assign an IP address to our machine and DNS server.



Given node and service, which identify an Internet host and a service, getaddrinfo() returns one or more addrinfo structures, each of which contains an Internet address that can be specified in a call to bind(2) or connect(2).

Here's an example use.

```
// Get the host address, supplying hints for
   // what we're looking for.
   struct addrinfo *address, hints;
   memset( &hints, 0, sizeof( hints ) );
   hints.ai family = AF INET;
   hints.ai socktype = SOCK STREAM;
   hints.ai protocol = IPPROTO TCP;
   int getaddrResult = getaddrinfo( url.Host,
         *url.Port ? url.Port : "80", &hints, &address );
Later, it must be freed.
   freeaddrinfo( address );
```

This is what the addrinfo structure looks like. It contains an Internet address that can be specified in a call to bind(2) or connect(2).

```
struct addrinfo {
   int
                   ai flags;
                   ai family;
   int
   int
                    ai socktype;
   int
                   ai protocol;
             ai addrlen;
   socklen t
   struct sockaddr *ai addr;
   char
                  *ai canonname;
   struct addrinfo *ai next;
};
```

The interesting part is the ai_addr, the actual IP address, which we can print.

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>

int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);
int close(int fd);
```

socket() creates an endpoint for communication and returns a file descriptor that can be used for reading and writing.

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The domain argument specifies a communication domain. Here are the most common:

```
Name Purpose

AF_UNIX, AF_LOCAL Local communication

AF_INET IPv4 Internet protocols

AF_INET6 IPv6 Internet protocols
```

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```

The socket has the indicated type, which specifies the communication semantics. The most common is SOCK_STREAM, a sequenced, reliable connection with two-way byte streams.

The protocol is usually IPPROTO_TCP.

connect() connects the socket to the specified IP address. The addrlen argument specifies the size of addr structure.

A sockaddr * is actually a generic pointer caste from one of several possible address structures, depending on the type of a connection. For an internet connection, you'll actually use a sockaddr_in (an internet sockaddr).

Here's an example creating a socket and connecting it to an address.

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>

ssize_t send(int sockfd, const void *buf, size_t len, int flags);
ssize_t recv(int sockfd, void *buf, size_t len, int flags);
```

send() writes data into the socket. recv() reads data. Flags allow close-on-exec, noblocking reads/writes and other options.

The only difference between send() and write() or between recv() and read() is the presence of flags. With a zero flags argument, send() is equivalent to write() and recv() is equivalent to write().

Here's a sample GET message we might send. Notice that the User-agent field must contain your contact info in 440.

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.nytimes.com
User-Agent: LinuxGetUrl/2.0 nham@umich.edu (Linux)
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: identity
Connection: close
```

Some sites will not even respond without a User-Agent field. It's a free text field and can be anything as long as it exists. It's typically the name of the software product that generated the Get + a slash followed by a version number. The OS or build environment is usually given in parens.

The Accept: and Accept-Encoding: fields are not required but typically provided.

Here's an example reading from a socket and writing to stdout.

```
char buffer[ 10240 ];
int bytes;

while ( ( bytes = recv( s, buffer, sizeof( buffer ), 0 ) ) > 0 )
    write( 1, buffer, bytes );
```

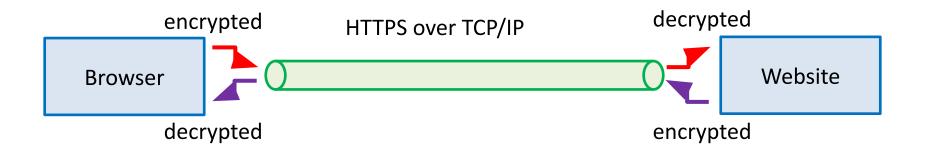
We'll talk more about read() and write() when we get to the filesystem.

Here's the entire main() for LinuxGetUrl, minus only all the code.

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
int main( int argc, char **argv )
   // Parse the URL
   // Get the host address.
   // Create a TCP/IP socket.
   // Connect the socket to the host address.
   // Send a GET message.
   // Read from the socket until there's no more data, copying it to
   // stdout.
   // Close the socket and free the address info structure.
```

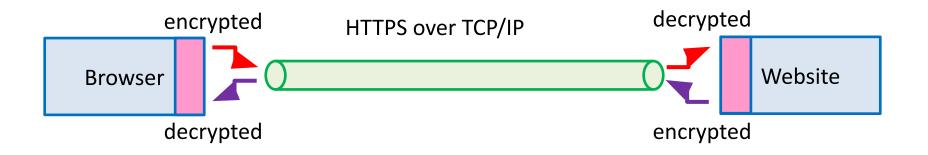
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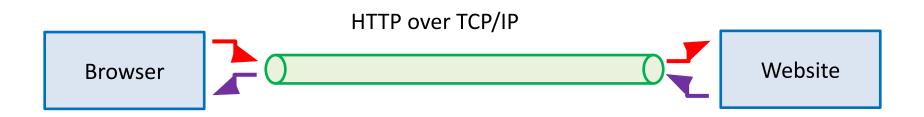
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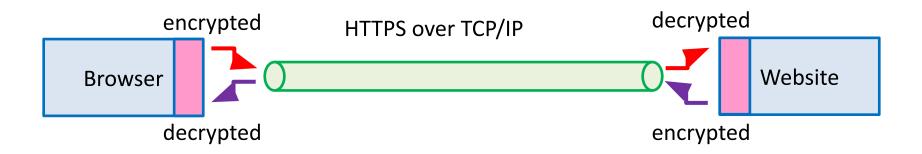
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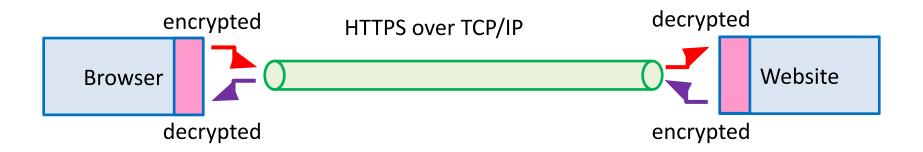
Here, we'll use the OpenSSL library.



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Secret communications

Traditionally, two parties would have to agree on a method and key for secret communications.

A book owned by both parties might be used with messages encrypted as references to page, line and word numbers, *PPPLLWW*.

Mechanical methods like the German Enigma relied on secret hardware and a key.

Problems:

- 1. You need a way of communicating securely how you'll do it before you can do it.
- 2. Secrecy depends on the secrecy of both the key and the method.

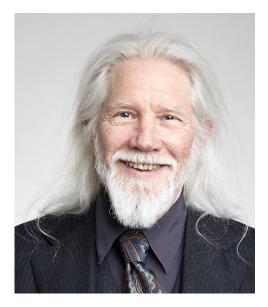


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Insights

- The security of the system should only depend on secrecy of the key, not the secrecy of the method.
- It should be possible for anyone to see how messages are encrypted, given the key, but without the key, knowing how it's done isn't helpful in breaking the message.

Diffie-Hellman key exchange, 1976



Whitfield Diffie



Martin Hellman



Ralph Merkle

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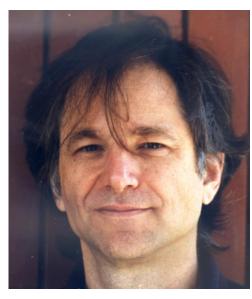
RSA public key encryption, 1978



Ron Rivest



Adi Shamir



Leonard Adleman

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Public key encryption

Uses pairs of private and public keys that are related by a mathematical formula that's hard to reverse, factoring of very large numbers.

To get started:

- I create (or pick) a private key which I keep secret,
- then use that to create a public key, which I can share with the world.

If I want to send you an encrypted message:

- 1. I encrypt using my private key and your public key.
- 2. You decrypt using my public key and your private key.

Does not require a secure channel for initial exchange of secret keys.

SSL / TLS Handshake

Sends a message to server with a list of cipher suites and SSL/TLS versions it supports.

Chooses a cipher suite and TLS version and sends its certificate and public key.

Verifies certificate, extracts public key, uses it to encrypt a new pre-master key, which it sends to the server.

Uses its private key to decrypt the pre-master key.

Client

Both use the pre-master key to compute a shared secret key.

Sends encrypted message announcing it's switching to encryption with the shared secret.

Decrypts and verifies message, sends message encrypted with the shared secret.

Server

Both use encryption using the shared secret for the rest of the session.

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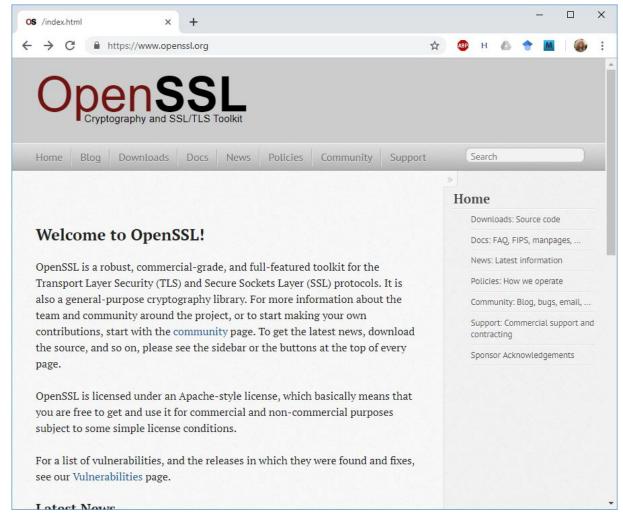
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OpenSSL

The SSL/TLS handshake is too complex and rigorous to write on our own.

OpenSSL is the one library you get use.

It works on both Windows and Linux.

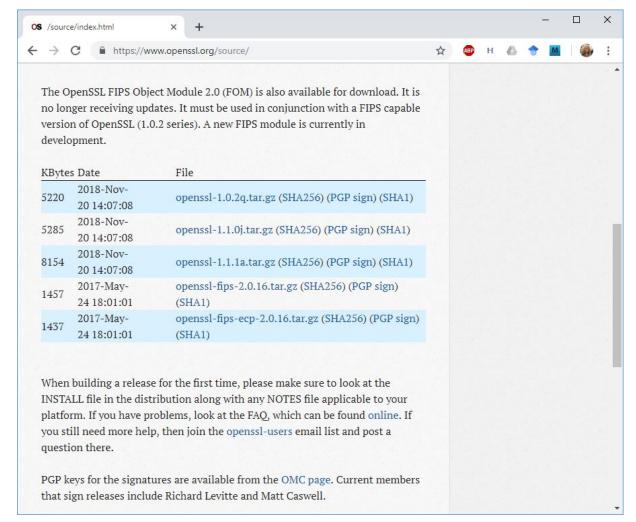


OpenSSL

But the downloads are all source only.

You have to build and install it yourself.

Hint: It will not build in directory path with spaces, e.g., your Google drive path.



OpenSSL

1. Install the OpenSSL library.

sudo apt-get install libssl-dev

2. Include the openssl header.

#include <openssl/ssl.h>

3. Compile and link the SSL and crypto libraries.

```
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
int SSL_library_init(void);

SSL_library_init() initializes the SSL library.
```

```
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
int SSL_library_init(void);
SSL_CTX *SSL_CTX_new(const SSL_METHOD *method);
SSL *SSL_new(SSL_CTX *ctx);

SSL_library_init() initializes the SSL library.
```

SSL_CTX_new() creates a new SSL_CTX context object as framework to establish TLS/SSL enabled connections. Various options regarding certificates, algorithms etc. can be set in this object.

SSL_new() creates a new SSL structure need to hold the data for a TLS/SSL connection

Here's an example initializing the SSL layer.

```
// Build the SSL layer.

SSL_library_init();

SSL_CTX *ctx = SSL_CTX_new( SSLv23_method());
assert( ctx );
SSL *ssl = SSL_new( ctx );
assert( ssl );
```

```
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
int SSL_set_fd(SSL *ssl, int fd);
```

SSL_set_fd() sets the file descriptor fd as the input/output facility for the TLS/SSL (encrypted) side of ssl. fd will typically be the socket file descriptor of a network connection.

```
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
int SSL_connect(SSL *ssl);
```

SSL_connect() initiates the TLS/SSL handshake with a server.

Here's an example initializing the SSL layer.

```
// Fill in the socket we'll be using.

SSL_set_fd( ssl, s );

// Establish an SSL connection.

int sslConnectResult = SSL_connect( ssl );
assert( sslConnectResult == 1 );
```

```
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
int SSL_write(SSL *ssl, const void *buf, int num);
int SSL_read(SSL *ssl, void *buf, int num);
```

SSL_write() writes num bytes from the buffer buf into the specified ssl connection. SSL_read() tries to read num bytes from the specified ssl into the buffer buf.

Here's an example reading and writing.

Shutdown and free up resources at the end.

```
SSL_shutdown( ssl );
SSL_free( ssl );
SSL_CTX_free( ctx );
```

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#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
#include <netdb.h>
int main( int argc, char **argv )
   // Parse the URL
   // Get the host address.
   // Create a TCP/IP socket.
   // Connect the socket to the host address.
   // Build an SSL layer and set it to read/write
   // to the socket we've connected.
   // Send a GET message.
   // Read from the SSL socket until there's no more data, copying it to
   // stdout.
   // Close the socket and free the address info structure.
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