

# SSL certificates

[[ssl](#), [certificates](#), [letsencrypt](#)]

[letsencrypt certification authority](#) is free, automated and open.

## acme.sh integration for letsencrypt

On host that has apache/nginx install acme.sh

```
wget -O - https://get.acme.sh | sh
. ~/.bashrc
# now /root/.acme.sh/acme.sh.env is available with bash alias
```

### certificate generation

with nginx enable this server on port 80 for initial challenge

[site.conf](#)

```
server {
    listen 80;
    server_name "mail.csgalileo.org";

    # create this folder empty
    location /.well-known/acme-challenge {
        root /var/www;
    }
    allow all;
}

location / {
    return 301 https://$server_name$request_uri;
}
}
```

```
# /var/www is documentroot of mail.csgalileo.org
acme.sh --issue -w /var/www -d mail.csgalileo.org --keylength ec-256
```

results in **/root/.acme.sh/mail.csgalileo.org**`ecc/** <file> [Fri Oct 14 08:05:13 CEST 2016] Creating account key [Fri Oct 14 08:05:15 CEST 2016] Registering account [Fri Oct 14 08:05:18 CEST 2016] Registered [Fri Oct 14 08:05:20 CEST 2016] Update success. [Fri Oct 14 08:05:20 CEST 2016] Creating domain key [Fri Oct 14 08:05:20 CEST 2016] Single domain='mail.csgalileo.org' [Fri Oct 14 08:05:20 CEST 2016] Verify each domain [Fri Oct 14 08:05:20 CEST 2016] Getting webroot for domain='mail.csgalileo.org' [Fri Oct 14 08:05:20 CEST 2016] _w='/var/www' [Fri Oct 14 08:05:20 CEST 2016] Getting new-authz for`

```

domain='mail.csgalileo.org' [Fri Oct 14 08:05:23 CEST 2016] Verifying:mail.csgalileo.org
[Fri Oct 14 08:05:31 CEST 2016] Success [Fri Oct 14 08:05:31 CEST 2016] Verify finished,
start to sign. [Fri Oct 14 08:05:34 CEST 2016] Cert success. ---BEGIN CERTIFICATE--- ...
---END CERTIFICATE--- [Fri Oct 14 08:05:34 CEST 2016] Your cert is in
/root/.acme.sh/mail.csgalileo.org/ecc/mail.csgalileo.org.cer [Fri Oct 14 08:05:34 CEST 2016]
Your cert key is in /root/.acme.sh/mail.csgalileo.org/ecc/mail.csgalileo.org.key [Fri Oct 14
08:05:34 CEST 2016] The intermediate CA cert is in
/root/.acme.sh/mail.csgalileo.org/ecc/ca.cer [Fri Oct 14 08:05:34 CEST 2016] And the full
chain certs is there: /root/.acme.sh/mail.csgalileo.org_ecc/fullchain.cer </file> ====
certificate integration for apache ==== <code bash> HOST=mail.csgalileo.org acme.sh
-installcert -d $HOST \ -certpath /etc/ssl/certs/${HOST}.cer \ -keypath
/etc/ssl/private/${HOST}.key \ -capath /etc/ssl/certs/ca.cer \ -fullchainpath
/etc/apache2/fullchain.cer \ -ecc \ -reloadcmd "service apache2 reload" </code> <file yml
apache.conf> <VirtualHost *:80> ServerName projects.csgalileo.org DocumentRoot
/var/www/html Alias /.well-known/acme-challenge/ /var/www/html/.well-known/acme-
challenge/ <Directory "/var/www/html/.well-known/acme-challenge/"> Options None
AllowOverride None ForceType text/plain RedirectMatch 404 "(?!/.well-known/acme-
challenge/[w-]{43}$)" </Directory> RewriteEngine On RewriteCond %{REQUESTURI}
!^/.well-known. RewriteRule ^/?(.) https://%{SERVERNAME}:443/$1 [R,L] Redirect
permanent / https://projects.csgalileo.org/ </VirtualHost> <VirtualHost *:443> # ...
SSL engine on SSLCertificateFile /etc/ssl/certs/mail.csgalileo.org.cer SSLCertificateKeyFile
/etc/ssl/private/mail.csgalileo.org.key SSLCertificateChainFile /etc/apache2/fullchain.cer
SSLCACertificateFile /etc/ssl/certs/ca.cer </VirtualHost> </file> ==== certificate
integration for nginx ==== <file yml site.conf> server { listen 443 ssl; server_name
"scipio.csgalileo.org";
# ... sslcertificate /etc/ssl/certs/scipio.csgalileo.org.cer; sslcertificate_key
/etc/ssl/private/scipio.csgalileo.org.key; } </file> <code bash> HOST=mail.csgalileo.org
acme.sh -installcert -d $HOST \ -keypath /etc/ssl/private/${HOST}.key \ -capath
/etc/ssl/certs/ca.cer \ -fullchainpath /etc/ssl/certs/${HOST}.cer \ -ecc \ -reloadcmd "service
nginx reload" </code> ==== renew automatic every 60 days ==== in cron there is
already <code bash> 04 0 * * * "/root/.acme.sh"/acme.sh -cron -home "/root/.acme.sh" >
/dev/null </code> ==== renew manual ==== <code bash> acme.sh -renew -d
mail.csgalileo.org -force -ecc </code> ==== multi server ==== i can confirm this works.
<code> location ~ /.well-known/acme-challenge/ { proxy_pass
http://ctrl.mydomain.com:80; } </code> using nginx i added this location to ALL server
blocks. You then run lets encrypt on the machine ctrl.mydomain.com (this machine
typically is the controller machine, and is not serving web stuff - its pure purpose from a
web POV is to handle incoming cert requests - if you don't know what a controller machine
is then read up on ansible) To make it work I had to use the webroot plugin for Let's
Encrypt. I could not get standalone mode to work. my A records look like .. <code>
www01.mydomain.com1 points to 1.2.3.4 www02.mydomain.com points to 2.3.4.5
ctrl.mydomain.com points to 3.4.5.6 mydomain.com points to 1,2,3,4 and 2,3,4,5 (multiple
A records) www.mydomain.com is an alias (cname) for mydomain.com </code> NGINX
runs on www01 and www02 on port 80 to load balance requests (e.g. www01 load
balances between www01 and www02, www02 ALSO load balances between www01 and
www02) the above lets encrypt location block is added to NGINX running on both www01
and www02 for all NGINX server blocks now run lets encrypt in webroot mode (you will
need to standup a web server on your controller machine) and request a single certificate
for www01.mydomain.com1 www02.mydomain.com mydomain.com www.mydomain.com
when you run this command on your controller machine (ctrl.mydomain.com) it will fireoff
a request to each of the 4 domains in return. Every single request will be proxied back to

```

**ctrl.mydomain.com via NGINX bosh! 2 tips 1 - to use webroot mode you will need to have a basic web server running on ctrl.domain.com which can serve content from a specified directory 2 - do not use standalone mode, i could not get it to work 3 - this solution sits very nicely if you are using ansible, since the certs will live on the controller machine and can be copied across to all slave machines with a single command**

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