



# Unit 9 Lab – Certificates and Keys

## Required Materials

Putty or other connection tool

Lab Server

Root or sudo command access

## **LAB**

These labs focus on Certificates and Keys in securing systems and systems communication.

### **Certificates to secure TLS for rsyslog communication**

1. Complete the lab here: <https://killercoda.com/het-tanis/course/Linux-Labs/211-setting-up-rsyslog-with-tls>
2. When you finish the lab, review the following items.
  - a. <https://spiffe.io/pdf/Solving-the-bottom-turtle-SPIFFE-SPIRE-Book.pdf> Pages 41-48
    - i. Does the diagram on page 44 make sense to you for what you did with a certificate authority in this lab?

### **SSH – Public and Private key pairs**

1. Complete the lab here: <https://killercoda.com/het-tanis/course/Linux-Labs/212-public-private-keys-with-ssh>
  - a. What is the significance of the permission settings that you saw on the generated public and private key pairs?

### **Digging Deeper challenge (not required for finishing lab)**

1. Complete the following labs and see if they reinforce any of your understanding of certificates with the use of Kubernetes.
  - a. <https://killercoda.com/killer-shell-cks/scenario/certificate-signing-requests-sign-manually>
  - b. <https://killercoda.com/killer-shell-cks/scenario/certificate-signing-requests-sign-k8s>
2. Read the rest of <https://spiffe.io/pdf/Solving-the-bottom-turtle-SPIFFE-SPIRE-Book.pdf> and how does that align with your understanding of zero-trust? If you haven't read about zero-trust, start here. <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-207.pdf>