



Beware of a funny side effect with SELinux.

Use case

We have to activate SSL/TLS on the Linux server, AlmaLinux in my case (RedHat variant).

SELinux (Security Enhanced Linux) is enabled by default.

I upload certificates and private key on /tmp directory, then I move these two files on the target directory /etc/ssl/certs/ (with the mv command).

When restarting httpd, it complains because it can't access the two certificate files.

We can set all security flags that we want, « open all the doors », that will not run.

In fact, the solution is to re-label the certificate files because the SELinux inheritance rules are specific to the directory which contains certificates. Then, the two new files will be setup correctly.

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restorecon -RvF /etc/ssl/certs/
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Or... we can disable SELinux.

Display the status

```
getenforce
```

Disable SELinux until next reboot



```
sudo setenforce 0
```

This would not have happened if I had copied (and not moved) my certificate files because in this case, they would have automatically inherited the SELinux rules from the receiving directory

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