

## different ways to disable https in apache...

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Hello,

I built apache+openssl+mod\_ssl. It is working fine, and I have been starting the server with:

```
apachectl startssl
```

Recently, however, I have decided that I will not be doing anything over https (for a while, at least) with this web server, so for security reasons, I want to only run on port 80.

So now I start the server with:

```
apachectl start
```

And it runs without SSL. My question is, is starting the SSL enabled apache like this, and running it without SSL exactly the same security-wise as running a copy of apache without SSL at all ? That is, SSL libraries, etc., can have vulnerabilities in them, and am I still vulnerable to those problems even if I am running only on port 80 ?

What kinds of attacks might I not be insulating myself against by simply not running SSL, vs. reinstalling without it ?

thanks,

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