



INSTALLATION

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1. Introduction

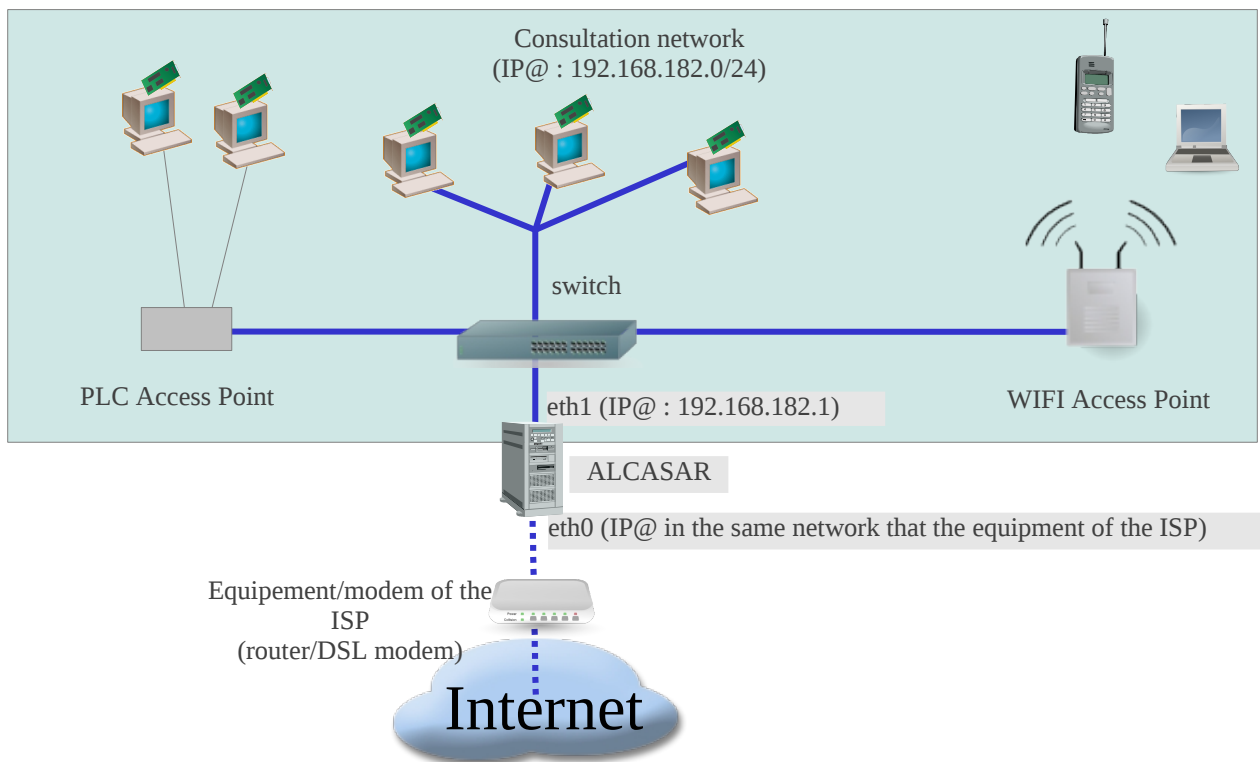
This document describes the installation procedure of the ALCASAR portal. It is supplemented with three other documents : the presentation document, the operating instructions document and the technical document.

If you already have a working version of ALCASAR and you want to upgrade it, please refer to the operating instructions document (chapter « update »).

ALCASAR can be installed on a standard computer with two Ethernet network cards. The first one (eth0) is connected to the Internet Service Provider's equipment. The second one (eth1) is connected to the switch used to service the network consultation computers.

By default, the IP address of this second network card is : 192.168.182.1/24. This allows to have a class C network (254 equipments). This plan is divided into two parts. The first part is set aside for static IP addresses equipments. The second part is set aside for dynamic IP addresses assigned by ALCASAR with the DHCP protocol. This network addressing plan can be modified during the installation stage. For all equipments of consultation network, ALCASAR is the default router (or gateway), the DNS server and the network time server.

On the consultation network, there must be no other gateway and no other DHCP server.



Example with default class C network (252 equipments)

- IP address of ALCASAR : 192.168.182.1/24
- Maximum number of equipments on the consultation network : 251
- Network settings of equipments :
 - available IP addresses : from 192.168.182.2 to 192.168.182.126 (static) and from 192.168.182.129 to 192.168.182.254 (dynamic)
 - subnet mask : 255.255.255.0
 - IP address of the DNS server and of the default gateway : 192.168.182.1 (IP address of ALCASAR)
 - **DNS suffix (for equipment with static IP address) : « localdomain »**

Example with a class B network (65532 equipments)

- IP address of ALCASAR : 172.16.0.1/16
- Maximum number of equipments on the consultation network : 65531
- Network settings of equipments :
 - available IP addresses : from 172.16.0.2 to 172.16.127.254 (static) and from 172.16.128.1 to 172.16.255.254 (dynamic)
 - subnet mask : 255.255.0.0
 - IP address of the DNS server and of the default gateway : 172.16.0.1 (IP address of ALCASAR)
 - **DNS suffix (for equipment with static IP address) : « localdomain »**

1.1. Hardware requirement

ALCASAR only requires one standard desktop computer with two network cards and a hard drive with a capacity of at least 50 Go in order to be able to store logs related to connections tracing. ALCASAR includes several optional filtering systems (network protocols, URL, antivirus and web page content). If you decide to enable these filtering systems, it is recommended to install at least 1GB of RAM in order to ensure an acceptable processing speed. As an example, an organization has installed ALCASAR with more than 1000 accounts on a computer whose specifications are : Intel P4 3.2Ghz, 2GB RAM and a 80 GB hard drive. Both 32-bits and 64-bits architectures are supported.

1.2. Software requirement

ALCASAR only relies on free softwares. The operating system used is « mandriva Linux ».


2. Installation

The installation of the portal consists of two steps : the installation of the operating system (Linux-Mandriva) then the installation of ALCASAR.

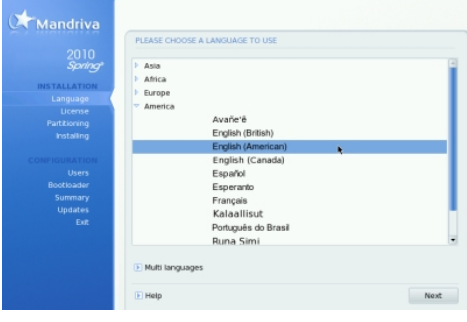

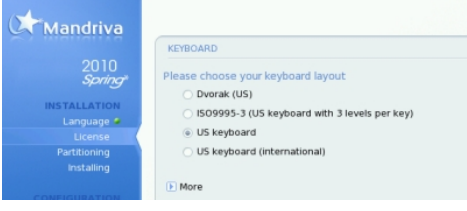

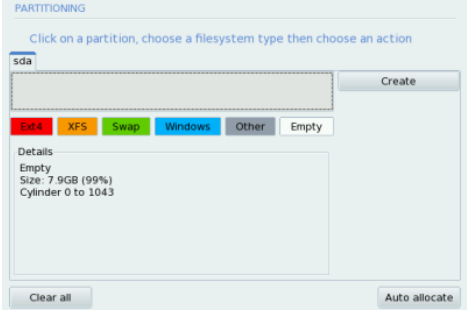

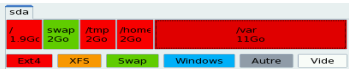
2.1. Installation of the system

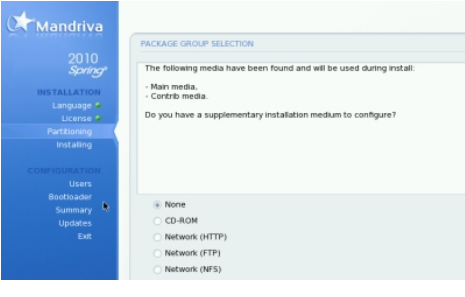
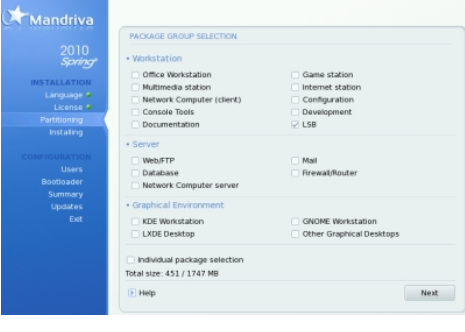
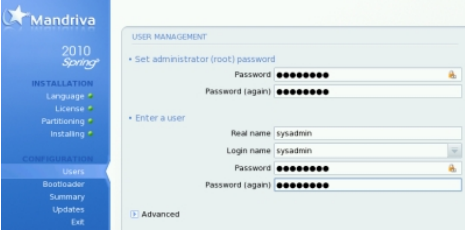
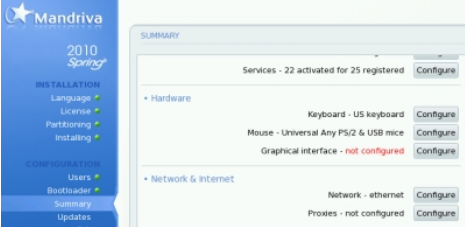
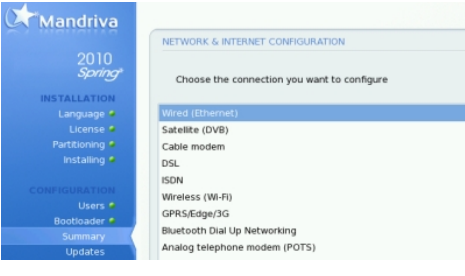


The installation procedure of the operating system is the following (estimated time : 6') :

- get the Mandriva-Linux 2010.1-free ISO image file in double architectures (32 and 64 bits) : « mandriva-linux-free-2010-spring-dual.iso » (700MB). This ISO image is available on ALCASAR website as well as on several mirror sites of Mandriva. For example :
 - ftp://ftp.free.fr/mirrors/Distributions_Linux/MandrivaLinux/official/iso/2010.1/
 - <ftp://ftp.lip6.fr/pub/linux/distributions/Mandrakelinux/official/iso/2010.1/>
 - <ftp://ftp.cru.fr/pub/linux/Mandrakelinux/official/iso/2010.1/>
- burn this ISO image file on a CDROM or create a bootable USB flash drive¹ ;
- configure the BIOS settings to set the date and time and to boot from the CD or USB flash drive. Disable the floppy disk controller if no floppy drive is installed. At the end of the installation, configure, once again, the BIOS settings to only boot from the hard drive ;
- insert the CD-ROM or the USB flash drive, reboot the computer and follow the instructions bellow :

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|  | <p>After starting the computer, this screen is displayed.</p> <p>* If the graphical mode doesn't work, you have to configure the BIOS settings to allocate more than 2MB of shares memory for the graphics card.</p> | <p>Select « Install Mandriva ».</p> |

- 1 Two solutions are used to create a bootable USB flash drive (size of the USB flash drive : 1 GB minimum) :
- in graphical mode, under Linux or Windows, use the « mandriva-seed » tool available here : <http://www.mandrivalinux-online.org/download/category-4+mandriva-seed-la-cle-usb-bootable.php>
 - for regular users of the Linux console mode, plug the USB flash drive and get the name of the device with the « `fdisk -l` » command. (a USB flash drive is usually « /dev/sdb » or « /dev/sdc »). Run the command : « `dd if=<nom_de_l'image_iso> of=<nom_du_périphérique_usb> bs=8M` ».

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|  | | <p>Select your language.</p> |
|  | | <p>Accept the license agreement.</p> <p>Info: this license agreement explain that most of software installed are free software.</p> |
|  | | <p>Choose your keyboard layout.</p> |
|  | <p>The hard disk partitioning will be adapted to the needs of ALCASAR (see next step).</p> | <p>Select « Custom disk partitioning ».</p> |
|  | <p>The next 5 partitions must be created :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • / : 2 GB • swap : keep the default size (or twice the size of the RAM) • /tmp : 2 GB • /home : 2 GB • /var : the rest of the hard drive | <p>Click on « Clear all ».</p> <p>Then click on the grey area of the disk (sda) to create each new partition.</p> <p>Info: except the swap, all the filesystems (FS) are « Journalized FS : ext4 ».</p> |
|  | <p>At the end of this operation, ans depending of the size of your hard drive, the partitioning should look like this :</p>  | <p>- Create the root partition (/). Choose its size (2 Go) and its filesystem (ext4). Repeat this step for all the partitions.</p> <p>- One the partitioning is complete, click on « Done ».</p> |

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|  | <p>For ALCASAR, it does not need any other media</p> | <p>Select « None »</p> |
|  | <p>Package group selection : ALCASAR only requires a minimum install of Mandriva-Linux.</p> | <p>Select only the "LSB" (Linux Standard base) package group. Uncheck all other package group and click on "Next". The copy of the packages is launched. Estimated time : 4'</p> <p>Info : On Linux, a package is an archive file containing all the components of a software (binary, help file, configuration file, etc).</p> |
|  | | <p>Assign a password to the "root" account, then, create the "sysadmin" account and assign it a password.</p> |
|  | <p>Configuration of Internet access</p> | <p>Click on "Configure" in "Network-Ethernet" in the "Network and Internet" section.</p> |
|  | | <p>Select the type of Internet connection. In the case of a broadband modem, choose "Wired (Ethernet)".</p> <p>Info : no test has yet been made on other types of Internet access.</p> |
|  | <p>For the moment, only the interface connected to the broadband modem of the ISP will be configured. The second interface, connected to the consultation network, will be configured later, during the installation of ALCASAR.</p> | <p>Select the “eth0” interface</p> <p>Info : if the interfaces are not identified (eth0, eth1, etc), select the first interface.</p> |
|  | | <p>Select “Manual configuration”</p> <p>Info : While this is possible, it is not recommended to configure this interface in dynamic mode (bootp/DHCP) because the equipment is not intended to be mobile.</p> |


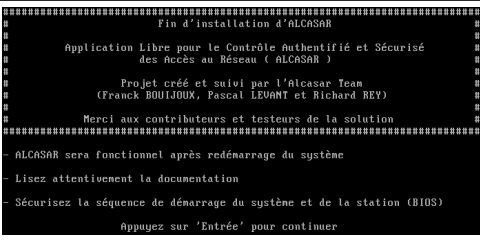
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|  | <p>Example :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP address : this address must be in the same subnet as the address of the broadband modem. • Netmask : 255.255.255.0 • Gateway : This is the address of the broadband modem • DNS 1 and DNS 2 :* • "Host name" : Leave this field blank | <p>Enter the parameters of this interface</p> <p>* Enter the IP addresses of the DNS servers provided by your ISP. You can also use the servers of the project "OpenDNS" (DNS1=208.67.222.222, DNS2=208.67.220.220).</p> |
|  | | <p>Select only "Start the connection at boot"</p> |
|  | <p>It is not necessary to start the connection now.</p> | <p>Select "No"</p> |
|  | | <p>Click on "Finish"</p> |
|  | | <p>Click on "Next"</p> |
|  | <p>Security updates will be managed during the installation of ALCASAR.</p> | <p>Select "No" and click on "Next"</p> |
|  | <p>The installation is finished</p> | <p>Click on "Reboot"</p> <p>Remove the CDROM or the USB flash drive</p> <p>Reconfigure the BIOS to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only boot from the hard drive ; • lock the access with a password. |

2.2. Installation of ALCASAR

ALCASAR consists of a compressed archive (alcasar-x.y.tar.gz) and additional packages that are automatically downloaded from the Internet during the installation phase.

Get the latest version of the compressed archive on the ALCASAR website and copy it on an USB flash drive. Use the following procedure : (estimated time : 5')

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| | | Login as root |
| | - Disconnect the cables from the two network cards and display the status of the first one (eth0). | watch ethtool eth0 <i>Info : the last line displayed show the state of the link (Link detected <yes/no>)</i> |
| | - Plug the cable, connected to the broadband modem, into the first card. | Wait until the link is up. Otherwise, plug the cable into the other network card. When the link is detected on eth0, stop the command with the <Ctrl> + c keys |
| | - Do the same operation with the second card (eth1) and the cable from the consultation network. | watch ethtool eth1 <i>Info : On the consultation network's side, connect a network equipment (Ethernet or PLC switch, WIFI AP, etc) to ensure a permanent network link even if all consultation stations are off.</i> |
| | - Create a directory and mount the USB flash drive on it. | mkdir -p /media/usb |
| | - Insert the USB flash drive. - Display informations on mass media storage to get the name of your USB flash drive. In this example, "/dev/sdb1" is a 1GB USB flash drive. | fdisk -l <i>Info1 : For PC with PATA standard (old generation), the flash drive will be named hd(a-b-c...)(1-2-3...). For PC with SATA standard, it will be named sd(a-b-c...)(1-2-3...).</i> <i>Info2 : You also can display the system log to get this name (tailf /var/log/messages).</i> |
| | - "Mount" the device representing the USB flash drive on the directory previously created. | mount /dev/sdb1 /media/usb/ <i>Info : Replace "sda1" with the device name retrieved in the previous step (sdc1, hda1, etc...).</i> |
| | - Copy the archive of ALCASAR to the directory /root. - Unmount the USB flash drive. - Unplug it. | cp /media/usb/alcasar* /root/ umount /media/usb |
| | - Uncompress and extract this archive. - Move to the directory of ALCASAR and run the installation script. | tar -zxvf alcasar-x.y.tar.gz cd alcasar-x.y sh alcasar.sh -i |
| | - The network configuration is tested. | <i>Info : In some cases, the script changes network cards configuration. It is then necessary to run the script again.</i> |
| | The installation of about a hundred of software (packages) is done from Internet. Estimated time : 2' | |
| | - Enter the name of your organization (without spaces) | Exemple : rascal <i>Info : This name is mandatory. The only characters allowed are : [a-z] [A-Z] [0-9] [-]</i> |
| | You can change the IP address and the default network addressing plan of the consultation network. | Enter « Y » or « N » <i>Info : If you type "N", the script will ask you the IP address of ALCASAR and the subnet mask in CIDR notation (ex: 172.16.0.1/16)</i> |

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|  | - Enter the username and password for a first ALCASAR administrative account. | Info : This account is used to administer ALCASAR by using the GUI located at http://alcasar . This is not a user account. You cannot use it to connect to the Internet. |
|  | The installation is complete. The system will be restarted to synchronize all components of ALCASAR. | Once the system is restarted, start an equipment and log on to the portal to create the first users (http://alcasar). Read the operating instructions carefully ("alcasar-Operating instructions") |

3. Uninstall, reinstallation and update of ALCASAR

You can uninstall the portal with the command « `sh alcasar.sh --uninstall` ». This command only uninstalls ALCASAR, the operating system (Linux Mandriva) is still installed.

You can install or reinstall the portal over an existing version with the same command as before (« `sh alcasar.sh --install` »). The script will ask you if you want to save the settings of the existing version.

To update ALCASAR, make the installation of latest version of ALCASAR.

4. ALCASAR settings sheet

The file « `/root/ALCASAR-passwords.txt` » contains passwords used internally by the different modules of ALCASAR. It contains, more particularly, the password protecting the bootloader (« GRUB »). It can be consulted via the command « `cat /root/ALCASAR-passwords.txt` ».

| Organization name : | |
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| Users authentication page | This page is displayed when a browser tries to access a website. |
| Portal page enabling : - access to the ALCASAR control center. - authenticated user to log out - user to change his password - installation of the certificate of the Certification Authority (C.A.) in the browsers. | http://alcasar Info : The possibilities of the ALCASAR control center are described in the "ALCASAR-Operating instructions" document. |
| Linux accounts | root password : sysadmin password : |
| 1st ALCASAR WEB administrative account | password : |
| <u>Network parameters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP address of the ISP's equipment (router) • IP address of DNS servers • IP address of ALCASAR (WAN/Internet side) : • IP address of ALCASAR (LAN side) : | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • DNS1 : _____ • DNS2 : _____ • _____/____ • _____/____ |