



USER MANUAL

This document describes how to configure ALCASAR with the ALCASAR Control Center (ACC) or by using Linux command lines.

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1. Introduction

ALCASAR is a free and open-source Network Access Controller (NAC). This paper describes how to use it and how to administer it.

The following screenshot is displayed for users attempting to access an **HTTP** website. This page is available in English, Spanish, German, Dutch, French, Portuguese, Arabic and Chinese depending on the browsers settings. As long as the user is not logged in, no traffic will pass through ALCASAR.



Information System Security

- That control was set up regulations to ensure traceability, accountability and non-regulation of connections.
- The recorded data can be able to be operated by a judicial authority in the course of an investigation.
- Your activity on the network is registered in accordance with privacy.
- These data will be automatically deleted after one year.
- Click [here](#) to change your password or to integrate the security certificate in your browser.



Sécurité des Systèmes d'Information

- Ce contrôle a été mis en place pour assurer réglementairement la traçabilité, l'imputabilité et la non-régulation des connexions.
- Les données enregistrées ne pourront être exploitées que par une autorité judiciaire dans le cadre d'une enquête.
- Votre activité sur le réseau est enregistrée conformément au respect de la vie privée.
- Ces données seront automatiquement supprimées au bout d'un an.
- Cliquez [ici](#) pour changer votre mot de passe ou pour intégrer le certificat de sécurité à votre navigateur.



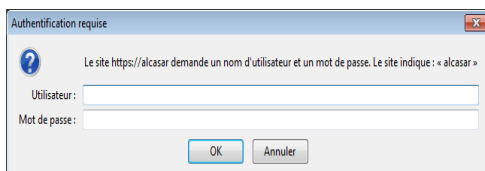
The homepage of the portal is available for any browser connected on the network. By default, the URL is <http://alcasar.localdomain>. From there, users can log on, log out, change their password and install the authority security certificate into their web browsers.



Administrators can access the graphical ALCASAR Control Center (A.C.C) by clicking the little notched wheel at the bottom right of the page (or via <https://alcasar.localdomain/acc/>).

This ACC is available in three languages (english, spanish and french) via an encrypted flow (HTTPS). Authentication is required with a login name in one of the three following profiles (cf. §7.1) :

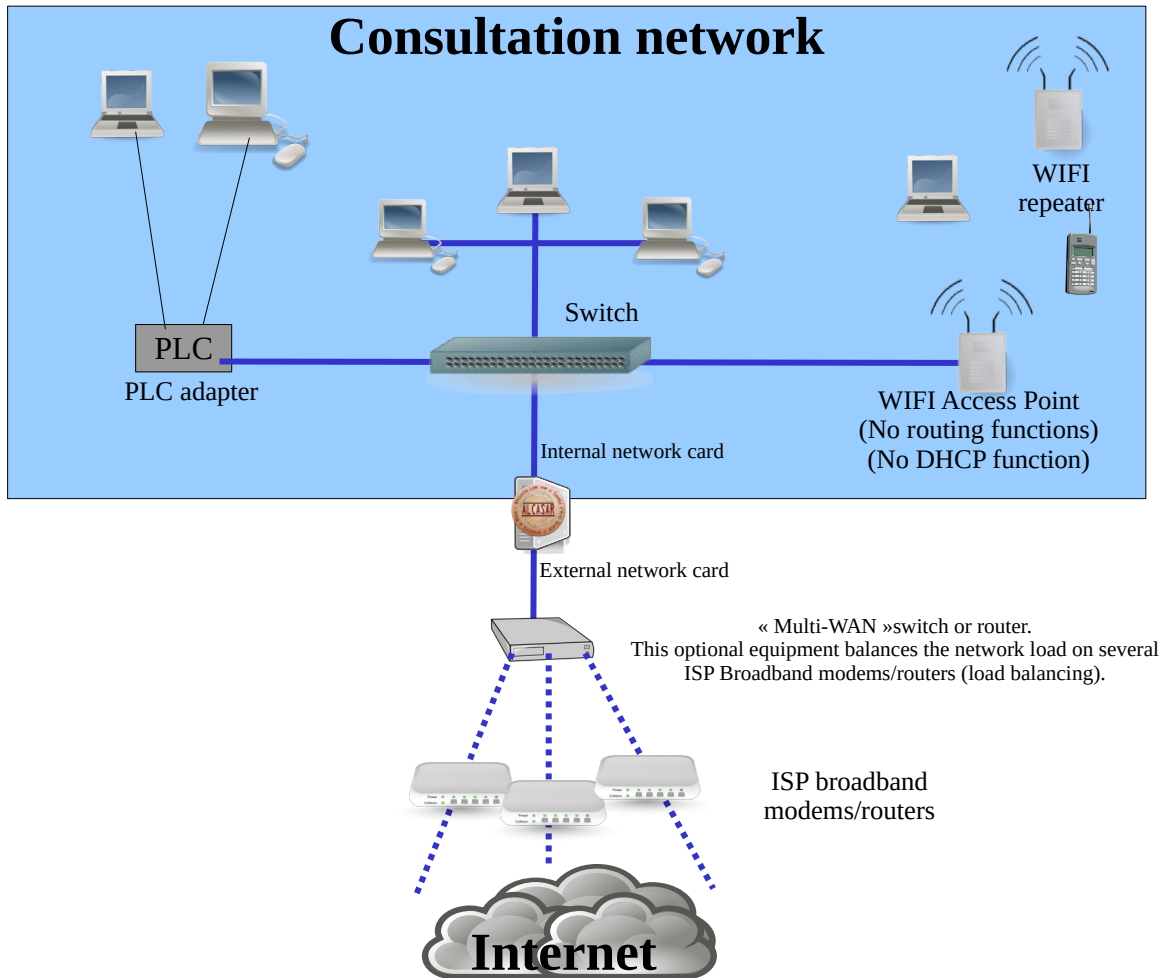
- profile « admin » can use all the administration functions ;
- profile « manager » is limited to user management functions ;
- profile « backup » is limited to a backup (of the log files) function.



Warning : The intrusion detection system of ALCASAR will forbid new connection attempts during 3' if it detects three connection failures on ACC.



2. Network architecture



On the ALCASAR network, devices can be connected with multiple technologies (wired Ethernet, Wi-Fi, PCL, etc.). For all these devices, ALCASAR is the DNS, the time server (NTP) and the default gateway.

CAUTION : On the consultation network, no other gateway (router) should be present. Verify the WIFI Access Points settings that must be in “bridge” mode.

The IP address setting of the network is defined during the installation process of the portal.

For example, with a class C network (default configuration)

- Network IP Address : 192.168.182.0/24 (sub-net mask : 255.255.255.0) ;
- Max number of devices : 253 ;
- IP address of the internal network card of ALCASAR : 192.168.182.1/24 ;
- Parameters of connected devices :
 - available IP addresses : between 192.168.182.3 and 192.168.182.254 (static or dynamic) ;
 - DNS server address : 192.168.182.1 (IP address of the internal network card of ALCASAR) ;
 - DNS suffix : localdomain (this DNS suffix must be set in the static address setting of the client device) ;
 - Default gateway IP address : 192.168.182.1 (IP address of the internal network card of ALCASAR) ;
 - network mask : 255.255.255.0

2.1. ALCASAR settings

You can change ALCASAR network settings in the « system » + « network » menu.

a) IP configuration

Network configuration

INTERNET
Public IP address : 91.160.160.152
DNS n°1 : 212.27.40.240
DNS n°2 : 212.27.40.241


Interface enp1s0
IP Address 192.168.0.1/24
Gateway 192.168.0.254

ALCASAR

Interface enp2s0
IP Address 192.168.182.1/24

Apply changes

If you modify the private network IP address, you must restart the devices connected on this network.

 You can also change these parameters in a text console by editing the file « `/usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf` », then by running the program « `alcasar-conf.sh -apply` ».

b) DHCP server

DHCP service

Current mode : enabled

enabled

!! Before disabling the DHCP server, you must write the extern DHCP parameters in the config file (see Documentation)

Static IP addresses reservation

MAC Address	IP Address	Info	Delete from list
74-D4-35-E2-85-9B	192.168.182.2	ALCASAR	<input type="checkbox"/>
C0-56-27-EB-BA-8D	192.168.182.4	AP-linksys	<input type="checkbox"/>
00-11-32-55-90-10	192.168.182.3	NAS	<input type="checkbox"/>
30-05-5C-8F-4D-AB	192.168.182.5	Brother	<input type="checkbox"/>
B4-75-0E-93-9A-5E	192.168.182.8	Switch-cave	<input type="checkbox"/>
B4-75-0E-93-DD-96	192.168.182.9	Switch-étage	<input type="checkbox"/>
00-60-34-0E-12-5C	192.168.182.11	Thermostat	<input type="checkbox"/>

MAC Address	IP Address	Info	
Ex. : 12-2F-36-A4-DF-43	Ex. : 192.168.182.10	Ex. : Switch	<input type="button" value="Add"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add"/>

The DHCP (Dynamic Host Control Protocol) server embedded in ALCASAR provides dynamically IP settings to client devices connected on the network.

You must warn this DHCP server if you have devices that use static IP addresses (servers, printers, WiFi Access Point, switches, etc.). This avoids IP conflicts.

Be sure that no other router or DHCP server is connected on your network. Or be sure to well knowing how manage multi-DHCP service (cf. §7.6 to manage the cohabitation with a A.D. © server).

c) Local name resolution

Local name resolution

Host name	IP Address	Delete from list
my_nas	192.168.182.5	<input type="checkbox"/>

Apply changes

Host name	IP Address	
exemple : my_nas	exemple : 192.168.182.10	<input type="button" value="Add"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add"/>

As ALCASAR is the name server (DNS) on your LAN, you can ask it to resolve the name of your network equipment in order you to connect to them easily. In this example, the server which has the address 192.168.182.5 can be joined directly with its name “my_nas”.

2.2. Users devices settings

a) Network setting

A “User sheet” is available at the end of this manual.

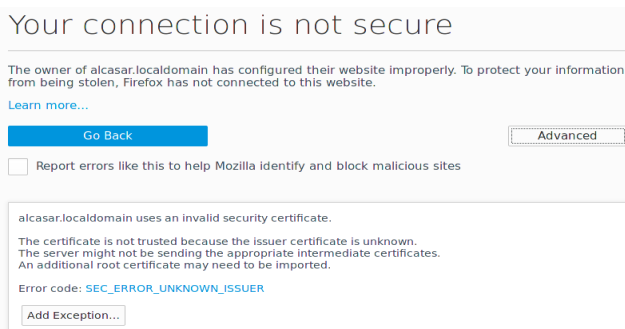
Users only need a system in **DHCP mode** and a browser supporting « **JavaScript** ». To be intercepted by ALCASAR, browsers must try to access a **HTTP** (not HTTPS) website. You can use, for example <http://neverssl.com> or <http://euronews.com> or the welcome page of ALCASAR: <http://alcasar.localdomain>. The **proxy settings** must be **disabled**.

b) Adding bookmark

On browsers, it can be useful to add ALCASAR homepage (<http://alcasar.localdomain/>) to bookmarks in order to allow users to change their password, to log in/out or to install the ALCASAR authority security certificate (see next §).

c) WEB browsers security warning

Some communications between client devices and ALCASAR can be encrypted (HTTPS). This cipher protocol uses TLS (Transport Layer Security) with a security certificate created during the installation of ALCASAR. By default, browsers don't know the authority which has signed the security certificate (we speak about a auto-signed certificate). So, one of the following page is displayed when they communicate with ALCASAR for the first time:



« **Mozilla-Firefox** »

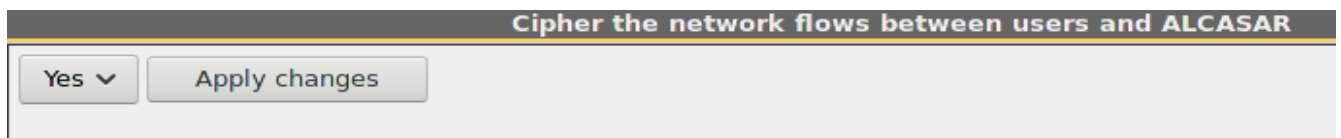


« **Google-chrome** »

Users can continue to browse accepting the risk.

You can avoid this behavior by disabling the encryption of authentication flows between users and ALCASAR. Disabling the encryption means that you manage the eavesdropping risk on your consultation network (see §10).

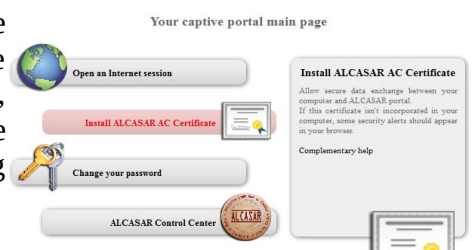
To enabling or disabling the encryption of the authentication flow : menu “System” + “Network” of ACC



You can also use the script “alcasar-https.sh {--on|--off}”.

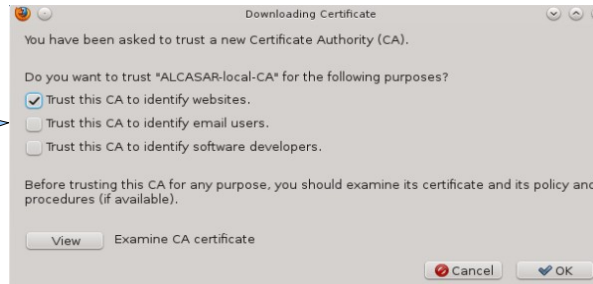
If you have decided to let the encryption enable, two solutions can be used to avoid the warning windows on web browsers :

- Get and install a official certificate (see §7.4)
- Keep the original certificate and install in the browsers the certificate of the security authority. This is useful for users that are connected very often on your consultation network. To do that, click the zone « Install ALCASAR AC certificate » of the ALCASAR homepage. For each browser, follow the following steps :

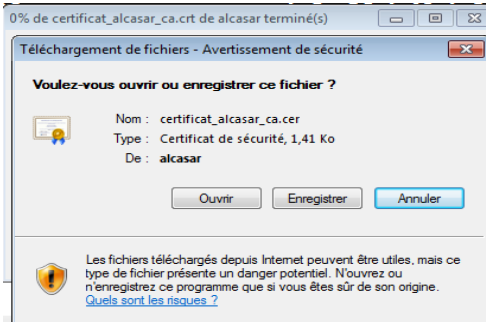


« Mozilla-Firefox »

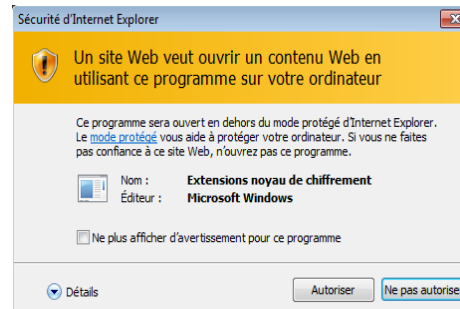
Select « Trust this CA to identify websites ».



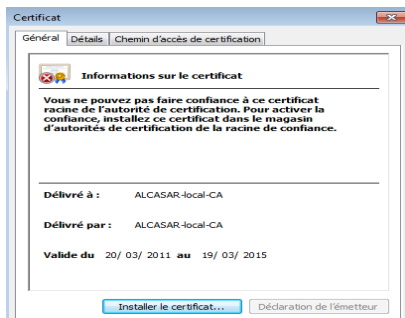
« Internet Explorer 8 » and « Safari »



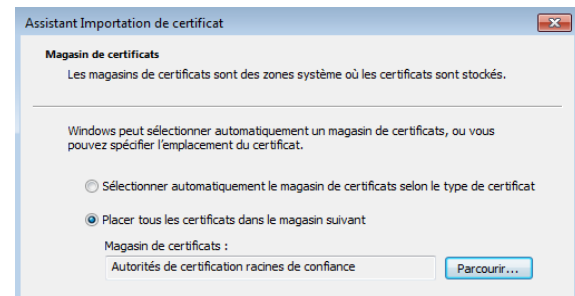
1 – click « open »



2 – click « authorize »



3 – click « install the certificate »



4 – Choose the store « Trusted root certification authorities »

« **Google chrome** »: Google Chrome saves the certificate locally (« *certificat_alcasar_ca.crt* »). Select « preferences » in the configuration menu, then « advanced options », then « manage certificates » and then « import » in the tab « Authorities ».

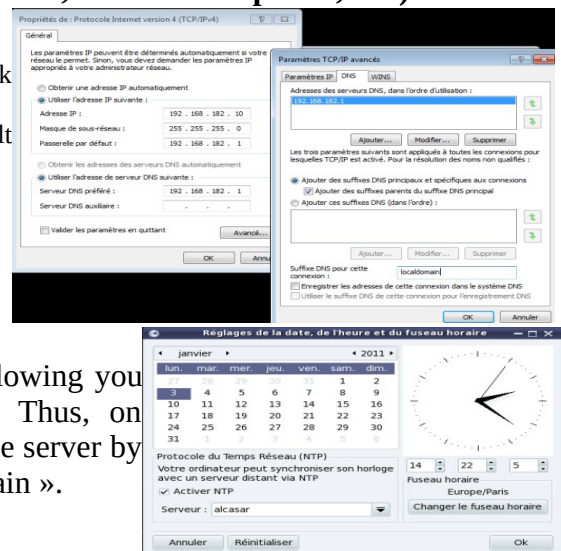
d) Network configuration in static mode (servers, printers, WIFI access points, etc.) :

For these devices, the required parameters are the following :

- default gateway : IP address of ALCASAR on consultation network (192.168.182.1 with default settings) ;
- DNS server : IP address of ALCASAR (192.168.182.1 with default settings) ;
- **DNS suffix : localdomain**

e) Time synchronization

ALCASAR includes a network time server (« NTP » protocol) allowing you to synchronize devices connected to the ALCASAR network. Thus, on Windows or on Linux, you can define ALCASAR server as the time server by right clicking on the clock of the desktop. Enter « *alcasar.localdomain* ».



3. Managing users and their devices

▼ AUTHENTICATION

- ▶ Activity
- ▶ Create a user
- ▶ Edit a user
- ▶ Create a group
- ▶ Edit a group
- ▶ Import / Empty
- ▶ Exceptions
- ▶ Auto registration (SMS)

User management interface is available in the menu « AUTHENTICATION »). You can

- manage the network activity (disconnect a user, authenticate equipment);
- create, search, modify and remove users or user groups;
- import user names from text files or from a backup of the users database;
- empty the user database;
- define trusted web sites that can be joined without authentication (exceptions);
- manage the auto-registration system using GSM adapter and SMS.

3.1. Network activity

This window displays systems and users on your network.

Activity on the consultation LAN				
#	IP Address	MAC Address	User	Action
1	172.16.5.231	54-EE-75-31-32-FD (Unknown)	rexy (Rexy)	Disconnect
2	172.16.23.56	00-21-CC-D7-BF-B4 (Flextronics International)	[REDACTED]	Disconnect
3	172.16.1.42	FC-AA-14-25-B7-D1 (Unknown)	@MAC allowed (Calculateur-Paul - 2)	
4	172.16.1.41	FC-AA-14-25-B7-A6 (Unknown)	@MAC allowed (Calculateur-Paul - 1)	
5	172.16.1.43	54-04-A6-04-E5-28 (ASUSTek COMPUTER INC.)	@MAC allowed (AD + TSE)	
6	172.16.1.16	00-11-32-10-EA-5F (Synology Incorporated)	@MAC temporarily allowed	Disconnect
7	172.16.1.31	00-0D-B4-0F-7B-9C (NETASQ)	@MAC allowed (SN150)	
8	172.16.1.10	E8-E7-32-48-FC-EC (Alcatel-Lucent)		Dissociate @IP Temporarily authorize
9	172.16.0.2	00-E0-B6-1A-17-BB (Entrada Networks)	ALCASAR system	
10	172.16.1.30	00-40-8C-EC-D2-27 (AXIS COMMUNICATIONS AB)		Dissociate @IP Temporarily authorize
11	172.16.1.20	00-1B-A9-9F-1E-E8 (BROTHER INDUSTRIES, LTD.)		Dissociate @IP Temporarily authorize
12	172.16.1.40	00-10-74-A7-04-06 (ATEN INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD.)		

A connected user device. You can:
 - Disconnect it;
 - Access its characteristics by clicking on its name.

Device allowed permanently to browse the Internet without authentication. (trusted device - see §3.8.c)

Device allowed temporarily to browse the Internet. You can disconnect it.

Device connected on the ALCASAR network but with no user authenticated. You can :
 - Dissociate its IP address (required when you want to change its IP address and ALCASAR had already recorded the previous one);
 - Authorize it to browse Internet temporarily.




If you see some equipment with IP address “0.0.0.0”, that means that this equipment is configured with a static IP address. You should inform ALCASAR of that situation in adding the IP address of this equipment in the DHCP static table (see §2.1.b).

3.2. Creating groups


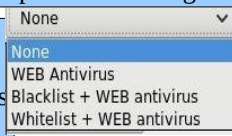
Generally, in order to minimize the administration load, it's interesting to manage user groups instead of each user. For that, the first thing to do is to define the list of users' group to create.

When you create a user group, you can define attributes of all the users of this group. Let the attribute empty if you don't want to use it. For assistance, click on the attribute name in the left column.

By default all users are in a group named "default". Create this group name if you want to set some "default" attributes to all your users.

Already created group(s)	Visitors ▼	The name is case sensitive (« group1 » and « Group1 » are two different names) and can't contain any accents or special characters.
Group name		
Members of group : (separate by a 'space' or a 'carriage return')		<p><u>Expiry date</u> After this date, users of this group can't log in anymore. A week after this date, users will be automatically deleted. Click on the zone to see a calendar.</p> 
<u>Expiration date</u>		<p><u>Number of concurrent session per user</u> Examples : 1 = only one session at a time, « empty » = no limit, X = X authorized concurrent sessions, 0 = account locked. Note : It's a good way to temporarily lock or unlock a user account.</p>
<u>Number of concurrent login</u>		

<u>Authorized period after the first connection (in seconds)</u>		s ▼	<p><u>5 limits of time duration</u> When one of these limits is reached, the user is logged out. You can use the drop-down menu to convert day/hour/minute in seconds. Click on the name of these attribute to get help.</p>
<u>Maximum time for a session (in seconds)</u>		s ▼	
<u>Maximum time of connection (in seconds)</u>		s ▼	
<u>Maximum time of connection per month (in seconds)</u>		s ▼	
<u>Maximum time of connection per day (in seconds)</u>		s ▼	

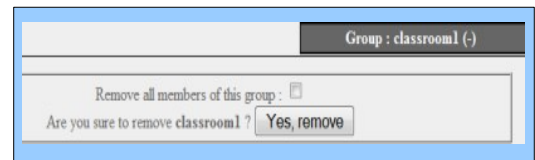
<u>Weekly period</u>		<p><u>Authorized periods in a week</u> (example for a period from Monday 7 am to Friday 6 pm : Mo-Fr0700-1800) Click on the icon  to see a timetable</p>
<u>Maximum of data exchanged (in octets)</u>		
<u>Maximum of data exchanged monthly (in octets)</u>		<p><u>5 quality of service parameters (QOS)</u> When the limit value is reached, the user is logged out.</p>
<u>Maximum of data exchanged daily (in octets)</u>		
<u>Maximum upload bandwidth (in kbits/second)</u>		
<u>Maximum download bandwidth (in kbits/second)</u>		
<u>Redirection URL</u>		
<u>Antivirus & domain Filtering</u>		<p><u>Antivirus and domain filtering</u> Choose the filtering policy. See §4 for more explanations about the blacklist, whitelist and antivirus filtering system.</p> 
<u>Network protocols filtering</u>		
<u>Status page need to stay open</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Status page Needs to stay open
This attribute define whether the user let its "status page" open to stay connected

3.3. Editing and removing a group

Click the name of the group to edit it

Liste des groupes		
#	groupe	Nombre d'utilisateurs
1		13
2		2
3		4
4		7
5		7
6		11
7		164
8		186
9		136
10		149
11		158



Groups management

MEMBERS	ATTRIBUTES	REMOVE
Group : classroom1		
Members to remove : The selected members will be remove from the group. Use 'shift' or 'Ctrl' for multiple selection.		
Members to add : Separate the members with a 'space' or a 'carriage return'.		
<input type="button" value="Change"/> <input type="button" value="Manage the selected user"/>		

3.4. Creating users

By default, only most use attributes are displayed. Click on the “Advanced menu” button on the bottom of the page to display all attributes

Login and password are case sensitive
(« James » and « james » are two different users)

If you choose a group, the user inherits its attributes*.

* When an attribute is defined both for user and for his group, user attribute takes precedence over group attribute.

* By default, all users are members of the group named “default”. This group isn't created by default.

* When a user is a member of several groups, you can set his primary group in the user attributes window (see next §).

* When an attribute prevents a user to log in, a message is displayed in his login window (see « user sheet » at the end of this manual).

* if you set the “surname and name”, it will be displayed in the different

see the previous chapter to get details about attributes

To see/hide all attributes

Login	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="generate"/>
Group	The group list is empty
Surname and name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Expiration date	<input type="text"/>
after the first connection (in seconds)	s <input type="text"/>
Number of concurrent login	1
Filtering	None
Voucher language	Français
<input type="button" value="Create"/>	
Or: <input type="button" value="Create several tickets"/>	
Note: when creating multiple tickets simultaneously: - username and password are randomly generated, - fields "Surname and name" and "Email Address" are not use.	
<input type="button" value="Advanced menu"/>	

When the users are created, PDF vouchers are generated in the language of your choice.



Enter the number of users to create

If you create multiple users, it's interesting to fix an expiration date (see the remark below)

Remark: if an expiration date is enabled, one week after this date, the user is automatically deleted. When a user is deleted from the database, his connection logs are kept in order to be able to impute his connections.

3.5. Searching and editing users

You can search users with several criteria (login name, attributes, etc.). If you leave the criteria field blank, all users will be listed.

Search filter

Search criteria: Special attribute

Attribute: Expiration date

Value (empty = all): Expiration date

Start search

- Expiration date
- Maximum time of connection(in seconds)
- Maximum time for a session(in seconds)
- Maximum time of connection per day(in seconds)
- Maximum time of connection per month(in seconds)
- Number of concurrent login
- Weekly period
- Maximum of data uploaded(in octets)
- Maximum of data downloaded(in octets)
- Maximum of data exchanged(in octets)
- Maximum upload bandwidth(in kbits/second)
- Maximum download bandwidth(in kbits/second)
- Redirection URL

Search filter

Search criteria: Login

Value (empty = all):

Start search

The result is a list of users matching your search criteria. Each user's toolbar includes the following functions :

User attributes

Préférences du dupont (DUPONT Loïc)

Mot de passe (modification uniquement): Le mot de passe existe

Durée limite d'une session (en secondes): 3600

Durée limite journalière (en secondes): 10800

Durée limite mensuelle (en secondes):

Période hebdomadaire: wk0800-1700

Date d'expiration: 20 June 2009

Membre de: clrsi paul

Change

Personal information

Page d'information personnelle de dupont (DUPONT Loïc)

Nom complet (NOM Prénom): DUPONT Loïc

Mail: dupont@loic.fr

Service: comptabilité

Téléphone personnel:

Téléphone bureau: 22020

Téléphone mobile:

Modifier

Deleting a user

Suppression du User paulette

Êtes-vous certain de vouloir supprimer le user paulette ?

Oui supprimer

General information (connections list, statistics, password test, etc.)

Etat des connexions pour paulo (-)

L'utilisateur est en ligne depuis: 2009-01-06 22:58:30

Durée des connexions: 00:01:26

Serveur: alcasar-rexy (192.168.182.1)

Port du serveur: 1

@MAC de la station cliente: 08-00-27-E7-EA-89

Upload: not available

Download: not available

Sessions autorisées: L'utilisateur peut s'identifier pendant unlimited time

Description complète de l'utilisateur: -

Check Password

Password: check

Analyse

	mensuel	hebdomadaire	journalier	par session
limite	none	none	none	none
durée utilisée	-	0 seconds	0 seconds	00:00:17



Active sessions (From here, you can disconnect the user)

Fermeture des sessions ouvertes pour l'utilisateur : dupont

L'utilisateur dupont a 1 session(s) ouverte(s)

Êtes-vous certain de vouloir le fermer ? Oui Fermer

Connections list (you can define an observation period)

Analyse pour rexy

Dates du 2007-12-03 au 2008-05-11

#	logged in	session time	upload	download	server	terminate cause	callerid
1	2007-12-26 14:11:02	17 minutes, 13 seconds	0.63 MBs	7.65 MBs	alcasar-dsisi2	User-Request	00-0D-56-85-25-0F
2	2007-12-03 15:07:29	10 minutes, 31 seconds	407.71 KEs	2.93 MBs	alcasar-dsisi2	User-Request	00-0D-56-D9-B5-9B
3	2007-12-03 13:55:30	23 minutes, 20 seconds	1.31 MBs	7.63 MBs	alcasar-dsisi2	User-Request	00-0D-56-D9-B5-9B
Total pages:		51 minutes, 4 seconds	2.41 MBs	18.21 MBs			

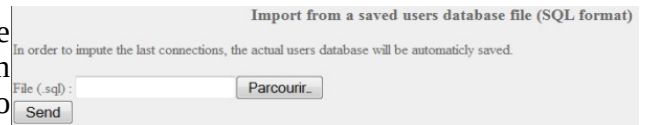
Utilisateur: rexy, début date: 2007-12-03, fin date: 2008-05-11, nbr. page: 10, plus récent en premier, show

3.6. Importing users

In the ACC (menu « AUTHENTICATION », « Import ») :

a) From a user database backup

When you import a user database backup, the current database will be emptied. Because this database needs to be provided in case of inquiry, a backup is automatically done (see §7 to retrieve this backup).

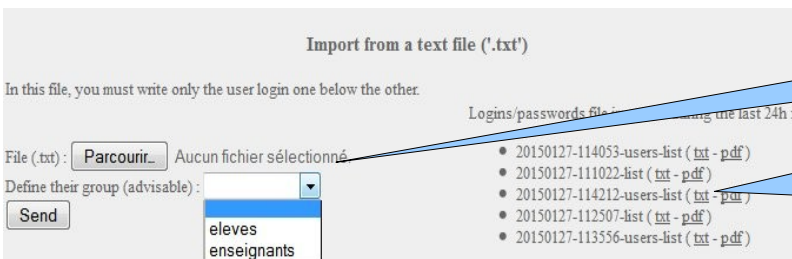


b) From a text file (.txt)

This function allows you to easily add users to the current database. This text file must be formatted like this : one user login per line followed (or not) by a password separated by a space. Without a defined password, ALCASAR creates one randomly. This file can come from a spreadsheet application :

- from the « Microsoft Office suite », record the file in « Text (DOS) (*.txt) format » ;
- from the « LibreOffice office suite », record the file in « Text CSV (.csv) » format and remove separators (option « edit filter parameters »).

Once the file is imported, ALCASAR creates each new account. If the login name already exists, the password is just changed. Two files in « .txt » and « .pdf » format, including login names and passwords, are created and displayed in ACC for 24 hours. They are saved in the directory « /tmp » of ALCASAR (.pwd extension). These files are removed if you reboot ALCASAR.

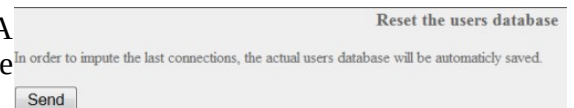


In order to ease the management of new users, you can define their group.

For each import, a file including logins and password is available for 24 hours (« txt » and « pdf » format).

3.7. Emptying the user database

This function allows you to delete all the users in one click. A backup of this database is automatically done. See §7 to retrieve the backup. See previous chapter to re-inject it.



3.8. Authentication exceptions

By default, ALCASAR stop the network flow from equipment where no user is authenticated. Nevertheless, you can define some exceptions in order to :

- allow auto update of antivirus and auto-update of operating systems (See §11.2) ;
- to access a server or a security zone (DMZ) located behind ALCASAR ;
- to allow some devices to not be intercepted.

a) Trusted sites

Trusted Internet domain names				
Manage Internet domain names that can be joined without authentication				
Domain names	Link displayed in intercept page	Remove from list	Domain names	Link displayed in intercept page
free.fr		<input type="checkbox"/>	exemple1 : www.mydomain.com	exemple1 : mydomain
www.alcasar.net	alcasar website	<input type="checkbox"/>	exemple2 : .yourdomain.net	Let empty to not display link
www.wikipedia.org	wikipedia	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="button" value="Apply changes"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add to list"/>

In this window, you can manage trusted site names or trusted domain names. In case of a domain name, all the linked sites are allowed (example : « .free.fr » allows “ftp.free.fr”, “www.free.fr”, etc.).

You can also decide to display these sites on the ALCASAR interception page displayed to users.

b) Trusted IP addresses

Trusted IP addresses				
Manage systems addresses or networks IP addresses that can be joined without authentication				
Trusted IP addresses	Comments	Remove from list	Trusted IP addresses	Comments
192.168.182.3	my_nas	<input type="checkbox"/>	exemple1 : 170.25.23.10	my_web_server
			exemple2 : 15.20.20.0/16	my_dmz
<input type="button" value="Apply changes"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add to list"/>

In this window, you can manage trusted IP addresses or trusted network ip addresses (a DMZ for example). The network protocol filtering, if enabled (see § 4.2.c), has no effect on the addresses mentioned here.

c) Trusted devices

It is possible to allow some devices situated on the consultation network to go through ALCASAR without being intercepted. In order to do that create a user whose name is the MAC address of the device (written like that : “08-00-27-F3-DF-68”) and the password is “password”. It should be borne in mind that in this case, traces of connection to the Internet will be charged to the device (not to a user).

To display more information than only the MAC address, you can add user information in the “user info” menu (like in the following screenshot).

#	Usager	Actions	Membre du groupe
1	00-11-09-2D-25-4C (PC proviseur)	↓ ↻ ⚙️ ⚠️ ❌	
2	48-5B-39-4D-0D-77 (PC profs)	↓ ↻ ⚙️ ⚠️ ❌	
3	fabien_y	↓ ↻ ⚙️ ⚠️ ❌	eleves
4	jerome_m	↓ ↻ ⚙️ ⚠️ ❌	eleves
5	laurent_t	↓ ↻ ⚙️ ⚠️ ❌	eleves

3.9. Auto-registration via SMS

a) Purpose, principle and prerequisite

The objective of this module is to provide to the users a self-registration, while respecting the “french” legal requirements. When we have created this ALCASAR module, we searched for a solution where ALCASAR only receives SMS (no sending) in order to reduce the cost of use.

In order to work, this module required a GSM modem (also called “3G/4G key”) with its firmware updated¹, and a basic subscription to a mobile operator.

How does it work? The user who wants an ALCASAR account sends a simple SMS to the number of the ALCASAR GSM modem. The SMS content is the password the user wants to have. When ALCASAR receives the SMS, it creates a new account where the phone number is the login and the text of the SMS is the password of this new account.

During our tests the following GSM modems were used (average cost: 30€) :

- **Ostent with Wavecom Q2303A – USB interface**

- **recommended modem**
- Connectivity: USB
- Connection speed : **9600 bauds**



- **Ostent with Wavecom Q2303A – serial-rs232 interface**

- Connectivity: RS-232 (with an RS-232/USB link)
- Power: extern with 220v adapter
- Connection speed : **115200 bauds**

- **Huawei E220**

- Connectivity: USB
- Remark : minimal firmware version: 11.313.02.00.01
 - cf. <https://www.geek.org/huawei-e220-firmware-update-windows-10-072.html>.
- Connection speed : **115200 bauds**



HUAWEI E220

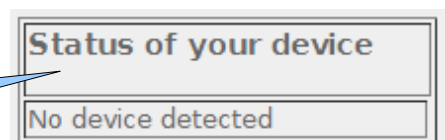
- **We detect some issues with that following modems : Huawei E180 & Huawei E372** (the communication port randomly changes). Fabien LAFAGE write a post on the following forum : https://adullact.net/forum/message.php?msg_id=487161&group_id=450

b) Enable the service



You can have access to the configuration of this module in the autoregistration entry.

If no compatible modem is detected, the configuration page is disabled.



When a valid GSM modem is connected, **don't start the service before entering the “phone number” and the “PIN password” !!!**

¹ Cf : <https://www.modemunlock.com>

Auto registration (SMS)

Refresh : 30 sec

Status of your GSM MODEM (2G/3G/4G key)

A GSM MODEM 'HUAWEI Mobile(E220 HSDPA Modem / E230/E270/E870 HSDPA/HSUPA Modem)' is connected.
It has opened the following ports : /dev/ttyUSB0 /dev/ttyUSB1

Configuration		Current configuration
Connection port to the MODEM	/dev/ttyUSB0	/dev/ttyUSB0
Connection speed to the MODEM	115200 Bauds	115200 Bauds
Phone number of the SIM card		+33652491
PIN password of the SIM card		1234
Validity period of new account		1 days
Max number of try before a permanent ban		3
Duration of a ban (for example, after X try)		2 days

Service status	Signal strength	Device IMEI	Number of SMS received
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The service is down Start Stop			

Port number and connexion speed⁽¹⁾

Phone number of the 3g key⁽²⁾

PIN code to unlock the SIM card
Be sure !!!⁽³⁾

Time available when an account is created⁽⁴⁾

Number of try before a ban & time of a ban⁽⁵⁾

Beware that the configuration is correct
before starting the service

- (1) Each 3g key has a different baud rate transfers. See previous chapter to find the rate for the 3g keys we have tested. If you use another model, a bigger list of configuration can be found on : <http://wammu.eu/phones/>
- (2) This number must be written as the international pattern: +xxYYYYYYYYYY. « xx » for country indicative. « YYYYYYYYYY » for the phone number (9 digits). This number will be written on the user information page (see next §). Example : for the French number “0612345678”, the international number is “+33612345678”.
- (3) Be careful, if the PIN code is wrong, the SIM card will be locked. In this case, follow the instructions in the technical documentation of ALCASAR (§8.2 Auto-inscription with SMS) to unlock it.
- (4) This field gives a value (in days) for a valid account.
- (5) A policy against the spam has been implanted :
- Number of tries allowed by phone when receiving an invalid password (just one word in the content of the SMS).
 - If the number of tries is exceeded, the phone number of this user will be banned for a time (in days). Each phone number ban will be ignored by ALCASAR.

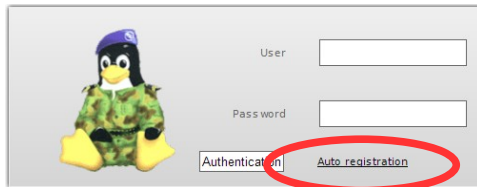
If all is set correctly, you can start the module with the “start” button. Then, wait for about 30’. When the service is started, wait again for the key (recording process on the GSM infrastructure). If all is ok, the service displays the following status:

Service status	Signal strength	Device IMEI	Number of SMS received
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gammu is running Start Stop	-- 60 %	353805013215525	0

This table shows the status of the service, the signal strength, the IMEI number and the number of SMS received (reset when the service is restarted).

c) User interface

Once the service is started, the interception page provides an additional link « Auto registration ». The ALCASAR main page also displays a dedicated link.



CVO

Page d'auto enregistrement

Bienvenue sur la page d'auto enregistrement.
Le portail auquel vous essayez de vous connecter offre la possibilité de s'inscrire automatiquement en envoyant votre mot de passe par SMS au numéro (prix d'un SMS, non surtaxé):
+33122334455

Votre SMS ne doit contenir qu'un seul mot.
A la suite de votre inscription, vous pourrez retrouver votre numéro de téléphone dans le tableau ci-dessous, avec l'état et la date d'expiration de validité ou blocage de ce dernier.

Le champ de recherche ci-dessous vous permet de rechercher votre numéro suivant les 5 derniers chiffres.

Montrer résultat par page Recherche (5 dernier chiffre) :

Numero de téléphone	Etat de votre numéro	Expiration du blocage
336****18961	Numéro bloqué: nombre d'essai dépassé.	13 June 2014
336****18961	Numéro bloqué: nombre d'essai dépassé.	13 June 2014
336****28961	Compte actif	13 June 2014
336****38551	Compte actif	13 June 2014
336****38941	Numéro bloqué: nombre d'essai dépassé.	13 June 2014
336****38961	Numéro bloqué: nombre d'essai dépassé.	13 June 2014
336****38961	Numéro bloqué: nombre d'essai dépassé.	13 June 2014
336****38961	Compte actif	13 June 2014
336****38961	Numéro bloqué: nombre d'essai dépassé.	13 June 2014
336****38961	Compte actif	13 June 2014

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This link gives some information about the SMS account already created. Moreover, each user can have some information on the status of his phone number.

d) Accounts management [administration]

Each account created by the auto-registration module has just one attribute: the expiration date. These accounts belong to the users group “sms”. So, if you want to set an attribute, you can edit the “sms” user group (see §3.2). These accounts are not seen in the standard user management section of the ACC, but in the following table

This table gives the state of phone number which have sent one or more SMS. If you click on delete, the account will be deleted and the user can send a new SMS to create an account again.

Numéro	Raison	Date d'expiration	Action
336 [redacted]	Un compte a été créé	13 June 2014	<input type="button" value="Effacer"/>
336 [redacted]	Un compte a été créé	13 June 2014	<input type="button" value="Effacer"/>
336 [redacted]	Le nombre d'essais maximum a été dépassé	13 June 2014	<input type="button" value="Effacer"/>

Affiche la page 1 sur 1 précédent suivant

e) Country filtering

By default, the SMS auto registration module allows only French numbers (country code: +33). A web interface is available to change the level of filtering:

- only French numbers
- only European numbers
- Allow every numbers
- Personal configuration: the administrator can authorize a personal list of countries.

Country filtering Current filtering : **Authorize the french numbers**

Country filtering advanced Show entries Search :

Pays	code	Etat
Afghanistan	+93	<input type="checkbox"/>
Afrique du Sud	+27	<input type="checkbox"/>
Albanie	+355	<input type="checkbox"/>
Algerie	+213	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allemagne	+49	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andorre	+376	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angleterre	+44	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angola	+244	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anguilla	+1264	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antigua et Barbuda	+1268	<input type="checkbox"/>

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries : previous ... 23 next

f) Error messages [administration]

Cannot listen to the ttyUSB0 port.	You GSM modem is probably used by another program.
Timeout. Cannot connect to the GSM modem.	The GSM modem has been disconnected.
An issue with your Sim card was detected. Is it in the key?	The Sim card is not in the GSM modem.
Warning, during the last startup, the PIN code was wrong. The Sim card must be blocked. Please read the documentation.	The PIN password is invalid. The SIM card is maybe blocked. Please instructions in the technical documentation of ALCASAR (§8.2 - Auto-inscription par SMS »).

4. Filtering

- FILTERING** ALCASAR has several optional filters:
- ▶ **Blacklist**
 - a blacklist and a whitelist of domain names, URLs and IP addresses;
 - ▶ **Whitelist**
 - an anti-malware on the WEB flow;
 - ▶ **Protocols**
 - a filter for network protocols.

The first filter was developed at the request of organisms likely to welcome young people (schools, secondary schools, recreation centers, parents, etc.). This filter can be compared to the parental control system. You can enable or disable it for each user (or group of users) by modifying users or groups attributes (see §3.2 and §3.4).



Blocked domain names, URLs and IP addresses are referenced in two lists.

- Either you operate a whitelist. The filtered users using that list can access only the sites and IP addresses of the whitelist
- either you operate a blacklist. The filtered users using that list can access all the sites and IP addresses except those of the blacklist.

On ALCASAR, this filter runs on all network protocols. For example, if the domain name “warez.com” is blocked, all protocols for this domain will be blocked (HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, etc.).

ALCASAR uses **the excellent** list (black + white) drawn up by the University of Toulouse (France). This list was chosen because it is distributed under a free license (creative commons) and its content refers to France. In that list, domain names (eg www.domaine.org), URLs (eg www.domaine.org/rubrique1/page2.html) and IP addresses (eg 67.251.111.10) are listed by categories (games, astrology, violence, sects, etc.). The ACC allows you :

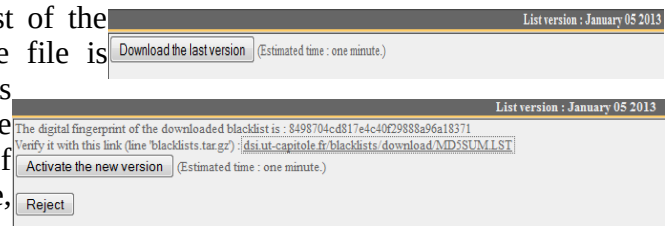
- to update that list and to define the categories of sites to block or to allow;
- to rehabilitate a blocked site (exemple : a site that was banned, was closed and purchased by new people);
- to add sites, URLs or IP addresses that are not in the list (CERT alerts, local directive, etc.).

This filtering system is linked with an anti-malware that can detect a lot of type of files (virus, worm, phishing, etc.) which is updated every 4 hours.

4.1. Blacklist and Whitelist

a) Updating the list

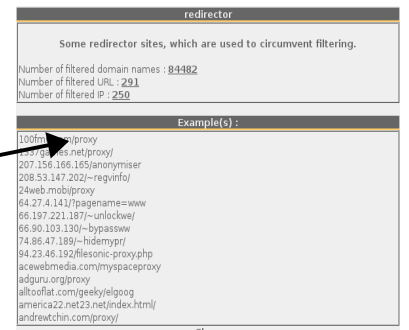
To update the lists, download the latest version of the list of the University of Toulouse (France) and install it. Once the file is downloaded, ALCASAR calculates and displays its fingerprint. Then, you can compare this fingerprint with the one available on the website of the University of Toulouse. If the two are identical, you can confirm the update. Otherwise, discard it.



b) Editing the blacklist

You can choose categories to filter and restore or add sites to the « blacklist ».

BlackList									
Domain names : 1248186, Url : 54296, Ip : 214557									
Select the categories to filter									
ariel	astrology	audio-video	blog	celebrity	chat	cooking	filehosting	financial	forums
games	lingerie	manga	mobile-phone	publicite	radio	reaffected	shopping	social_networks	sports
webmail	adult	agressif	dangerous_material	dating	shout	gambling	hacking	malware	marketingware
mixed_adult	phishing	redirector	remote_control	sect	strict_redirector	strong_redirector	tricheur	warez	



By clicking on the category name, you display its definition and the number of domain names, URLs and IP addresses it contains. By clicking on one of these number, you display the first 10 values.

You can rehabilitate domain names or IP addresses.

You can add domain names or IP addresses directly in the ACC or by importing text files. These files can be enabled, disabled or removed. Each line of these test files can be a domain name or an IP address.

As an example, ALCASAR team brings a first file with all the access nodes of the TOR network. This forbid access to this anonymous network.

Info: if you want to test site filtering or site restoring, remember to clear the cache memory of the browsers.

c) Special filtering

The blacklist and the whitelist have a special filter that enable the school/parental control for “YouTube” and for the search engines “Google”, “Bing” and “Qwant”. The Blacklist has a filter to block URLs containing an IP address instead of a domain name (ie: http://26.124.124.12/index.html). This filter is native for the whitelist.

d) Editing the Whitelist

As for the blacklist, you can select categories and add your own domain names and IP addresses.

Note : “liste_bu” is a category used by French students (bu=bibliothèque universitaire=university library). This category contains a lot of useful websites validated by teachers and learning teams.

4.2. Customized protocols filtering

If you have enabled the network protocols filter named “customized” (see. §3.2 & §3.4), it’s here you can define the list of protocols you authorize. A list of standard protocols is presented by default. You can enrich it.

- ICMP is used for example by the «ping» command.
- SSH (Secure SHell) : to allow secure remote connections.
- SMTP (Simple Mail Transport Protocol) : to allow emails to be sent from a thick client (Outlook, Thunderbird, etc.).
- POP (Post Office Protocol) : to allow thick clients to download emails.
- HTTPS (HTTP secure) : to allow secure web surfing.

5. Access to Statistics

STATISTICS

- ▶ user/day
- ▶ connections
- ▶ daily use
- ▶ global traffic
- ▶ detailed traffic
- ▶ security

Statistics are available on the ACC (menu "statistics"), after logging in.

This menu provides access to the following information:

- number of connections per user per day (updated every night at midnight);
- connection status of users (updated in real time);
- daily load of the portal (updated every night at midnight);
- global & detailed network traffic (updated every 5 minutes);
- security reports (updated in real time).

5.1. Number of connections per user per day

This page displays, per day per user, number, connection time and volumes of data exchanged.

Please note: the volume of data exchanged is what ALCASAR sent to the user (upload) and what it received from the user (download).

	User name	Number of connections	Cumulative time	Volume of data exchanged		
67	2007-06-04	chillspot.lyon.fr	3	34 minutes, 58 seconds	1.51 MBs	52.37 MBs
68	2007-06-04	chillspot.lyon.fr	3	17 minutes, 38 seconds	0.78 MBs	3.15 MBs
69	2007-06-04	chillspot.lyon.fr	3	32 minutes, 4 seconds	1.84 MBs	12.61 MBs
70	2007-05-30	chillspot.lyon.fr	4	3 hours, 50 minutes, 26 seconds	3.25 MBs	17.91 MBs
71	2007-06-01	chillspot.lyon.fr	4	57 minutes, 16 seconds	4.04 MBs	23.44 MBs
72	2007-05-31	chillspot.lyon.fr	4	1 hours, 20 minutes, 26 seconds	6.80 MBs	26.79 MBs
73	2007-05-30	chillspot.lyon.fr	4	50 minutes, 32 seconds	4.03 MBs	29.53 MBs
74	2007-05-30	chillspot.lyon.fr	4	32 minutes, 49 seconds	1.79 MBs	11.75 MBs
75	2007-06-05	chillspot.lyon.fr	5	21 minutes, 22 seconds	1.97 MBs	71.12 MBs
76	2007-05-31	chillspot.lyon.fr	5	1 hours, 12 minutes, 26 seconds	0.88 MBs	4.71 MBs
77	2007-06-01	chillspot.lyon.fr	5	1 hours, 3 minutes, 25 seconds	1.41 MBs	59.74 MBs
78	2007-05-30	chillspot.lyon.fr	6	25 minutes, 10 seconds	1.86 MBs	61.05 MBs
79	2007-06-04	chillspot.lyon.fr	6	1 hours, 11 minutes, 4 seconds	6.33 MBs	39.43 MBs
80	2007-06-05	chillspot.lyon.fr	7	33 minutes, 45 seconds	1.40 MBs	9.79 MBs
81	2007-05-31	chillspot.lyon.fr	8	1 hours, 2 seconds	0.83 MBs	32.22 MBs
82	2007-05-30	chillspot.lyon.fr	10	3 hours	17.60 MBs	39.65 MBs
83	2007-05-31	chillspot.lyon.fr	14	3 hours, 51 minutes, 40 seconds	2.63 MBs	15.65 MBs

start time: 2007-05-30 stop time: 2007-06-06 pagesize: 10 sort by: connections number order: ascending show

On Access Server: all User: User

One line per day

You can customize this state by:

- Filtering on a particular user;
- Defining a certain period of time;
- Sorting with different criteria.

5.2. Connection status of users

This page lists login and logout events from the portal. An input box allows you to specify your search and display criteria.

With no search criteria, the chronological list of connections is displayed (since the installation of the portal). Please note: the volume of data exchanged is what ALCASAR sent to the user (upload) or what it received from the user (download).

Afficher les attributs suivants :

- Accounting Stop Delay
- AcctAuthentic
- CalledStationId
- Caller Id
- Client IP Address

Classé par : Accounting Id

Nbr. Max. de résultats retournés : 40

Envoyer

Critère de sélection : --Attribute--

Select your display criteria here. Criteria have been pre-defined. They meet most needs (user name, IP address, log-in, log-out, volume of exchanged data). Use <Ctrl> and <Shift> to change the selection.

Select your search criteria here. By default, no criteria is selected. The list of connections made since the installation of the portal will be displayed in chronological order. Two examples of search are detailed below.

- Examples of search No1 : Display, in chronological order, of the connections established between June 1 and June 15, 2009 with the default display criteria:

Journal des connexions

Afficher les attributs suivants :

- Accounting Stop Delay
- AcctAuthentic
- CalledStationId
- Caller Id
- Client IP Address

Classé par : Accounting Id

Nbr. Max. de résultats retournés : 40

Envoyer

Critère de sélection :

Login Time >= 2009-06-01 del

Login Time <= 2009-06-15 del

Client IP Address	Download	Login Time	Logout Time	Session Time	Upload	User Name
192.168.182.10	443.61 KBs	2009-05-29 11:19:54	2009-05-29 11:32:34	12 minutes, 40 seconds	11.52 MBs	
192.168.182.22	1.66 MBs	2009-06-03 18:24:20	2009-06-03 18:44:20	20 minutes	33.55 MBs	
192.168.182.129	46.12 MBs	2009-06-03 18:58:23	2009-06-04 09:39:01	14 hours, 40 minutes, 38 seconds	1.10 GBs	
192.168.182.10	381.81 KBs	2009-06-04 12:58:10	2009-06-04 13:06:08	7 minutes, 58 seconds	1.77 MBs	
192.168.182.10	400.14 KBs	2009-06-04 13:41:29	2009-06-04 13:43:45	2 minutes, 16 seconds	1.55 MBs	
192.168.182.10	327.07 KBs	2009-06-04 14:50:24	2009-06-04 15:22:37	32 minutes, 13 seconds	1.29 MBs	
192.168.182.10	96.93 KBs	2009-06-04 15:23:13	2009-06-04 15:37:46	14 minutes, 33 seconds	443.14 KBs	
192.168.182.10	286.75 KBs	2009-06-04 15:38:37	2009-06-04 16:20:42	42 minutes, 5 seconds	375.28 KBs	
192.168.182.129	10.33 MBs	2009-06-04 16:29:46	2009-06-04 19:15:48	2 hours, 46 minutes, 2 seconds	463.62 MBs	
192.168.182.110	303.42 KBs	2009-06-04 16:57:30	2009-06-04 18:25:17	1 hour, 27 minutes, 38 seconds	5.57 MBs	

- Examples of search No2 : Display of the 5 shortest connections during the month of July 2009 and with the IP address "192.168.182.129". The display criteria include the cause of disconnection but not the volume of data exchanged:

Afficher les attributs suivants :

- Stop Connect Info
- Terminate Cause
- Unique Id
- Upload
- User Name

Classé par : Session Time

Nbr. Max. de résultats retournés : 5

Envoyer

Critère de sélection :

Login Time >= 2009-07-01 del

Login Time <= 2009-07-31 del

Client IP Address = 192.168.182.147 del

Client IP Address	Login Time	Logout Time	Session Time	Terminate Cause	User Name
192.168.182.147	2009-07-01 14:07:28	2009-07-01 14:08:30	1 minutes, 2 seconds	User-Request	
192.168.182.147	2009-07-21 10:57:19	2009-07-21 10:58:26	1 minutes, 7 seconds	Admin-Reset	
192.168.182.147	2009-07-01 16:21:43	2009-07-01 16:23:00	1 minutes, 17 seconds	User-Request	
192.168.182.147	2009-07-07 09:50:35	2009-07-07 09:54:02	3 minutes, 27 seconds	User-Request	
192.168.182.147	2009-07-01 17:50:50	2009-07-01 17:54:30	3 minutes, 40 seconds	User-Request	

5.3. Daily use

This page allows you to know the daily load of the portal.

De 2009-11-23 à 2009-11-30 usager sur le serveur

all Go

Thursday, 14 January 2010, 18:26:58 CET

Période observée : 2009-11-23 à 2009-11-30

Statistiques d'utilisation journalière

Statistiques pour tous les usagers

Champs affichés : Nbre de sessions Temps d'utilisation total uploads

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Analyse journalière

date	sessions	temps d'utilisation total	uploads
2009-11-23	266 72%	07:02:12:03 85%	3.72 GBs 32%
2009-11-24	266 72%	05:06:42:09 63%	3.66 GBs 31%
2009-11-25	314 85%	07:00:29:46 84%	5.96 GBs 52%
2009-11-26	305 83%	07:18:28:08 93%	5.73 GBs 50%
2009-11-27	366 100%	08:07:32:27 100%	10.59 GBs 92%
2009-11-28	235 64%	05:02:06:34 61%	11.45 GBs 100%
2009-11-29	253 69%	05:06:26:55 63%	9.85 GBs 86%
2009-11-30	280 76%	07:09:22:28 88%	7.29 GBs 63%

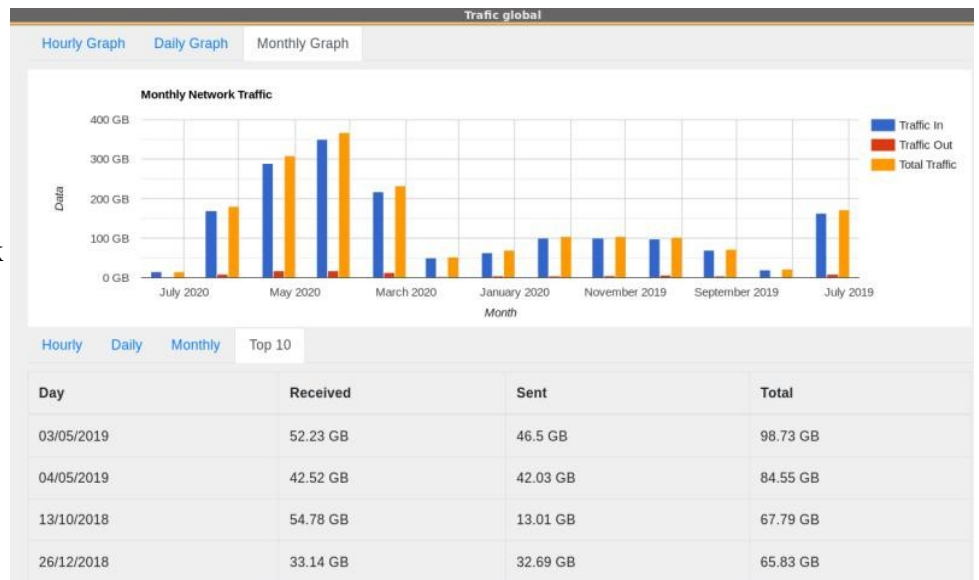
Récapitulatif journalier

	sessions	temps d'utilisation total	uploads
maximum	366	08:07:32:27	11.45 GBs
moyenne	286	06:15:40:04	7.28 GBs
récapitulatif	2285	53:05:20:30	58.25 GBs

Here, set in the period. You can specify a particular user (leave this field blank to accommodate all users).

5.4. Global traffic

This graph allows showing network statistics by the hour, day, month.



5.5. Security Report

This page displays three safety information identified by ALCASAR:

- The list of users disconnected due to a MAC address spoofing of their device;
- The list of malware intercepted by the integrated antivirus;
- The list of IP addresses banned during 5' by the intrusion detection system. The reasons can be : 3 successive SSH connection failures – 5 successive connection failures on the ACC – 5 successive login failures for a user – 5 successive attempts to change password in less than one minute.

Adresse(s) MAC usurpée(s) (Watchdog)

```
alcasar-watchdog : 172.16.0.10 is usurped (54-04-A6-1E-F7-DB). Alcasar disconnect the user (
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alcasar-watchdog : 172.16.0.10 is usurped (00-24-81-12-52-01). Alcasar disconnect the user (
```

Virus bloqué(s) (HAVP)

```
2013 Aug 30 18:16:55 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://securite-informatique.info/virus/eicar/download/eicar_niveau1.zip 276+474 VIRUS ClamAV: Eicar-Test-Signature
2013 Oct 03 10:15:29 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://am4-r1f9-stor05.uploaded.net/dl/efb34de0-af7b-4851-81d0-caa42ca4a2e4 299+5000632 VIRUS ClamAV: Win.Trojan.Agent-108073
2013 Oct 03 11:30:49 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://www.hackerzvoice.net/ceh/CEHv6%20Module%2008%20Trojans%20and%20Backdoors/va1nnet20b2.zip 298+1484772 VIRUS ClamAV: Trojan.Netbus.KeyHook170
2013 Oct 03 11:31:39 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://www.hackerzvoice.net/ceh/CEHv6%20Module%2008%20Trojans%20and%20Backdoors/Nuclear%20RAT%20Trojan/client.exe 308+852 ClamAV: Trojan.Dropper.Delf-152
2013 Oct 03 11:42:33 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://www.drivehq.com/folder/p7275651/1833479246.aspx 471+182652 VIRUS ClamAV: PHP.C99-5
2013 Oct 07 16:07:52 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://t 305+5001325 VIRUS ClamAV: PHP.Optix
2013 Oct 07 16:09:53 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://t 305+5001085 VIRUS ClamAV: PHP.Optix
```

Adresse(s) IP bloquée(s) (Fail2Ban)

```
2013-09-25 11:52:51,640 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh-iptables] Ban 172.16.0.12
--> 2013-09-25 12:02:52,370 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh-iptables] Unban 172.16.0.12
iptables -D fail2ban-SSH -s 172.16.0.12 -j ULOG --ulog-prefix "Fail2Ban -- DROP" returned 100
```

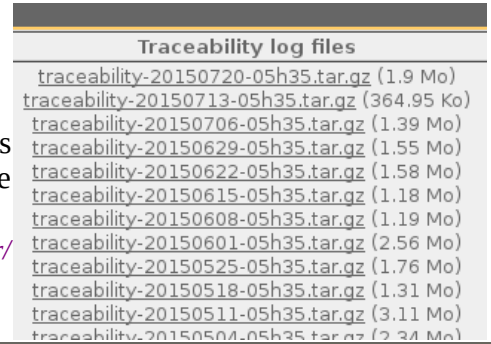
6. Backup

6.1. Connection logs

The first column displays the list of traceability files containing the users activity logs. To save them on another media "right click" on the file name, then "save target as".

These files are automatically generated once a week in the directory « */var/Save/archive/* ». The files older than one year are deleted.

You can create the traceability log file for the current week.



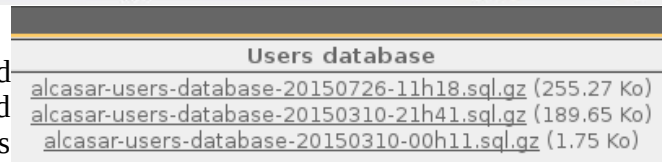
Traceability log files	
traceability-20150720-05h35.tar.gz	(1.9 Mo)
traceability-20150713-05h35.tar.gz	(364.95 Ko)
traceability-20150706-05h35.tar.gz	(1.39 Mo)
traceability-20150629-05h35.tar.gz	(1.55 Mo)
traceability-20150622-05h35.tar.gz	(1.58 Mo)
traceability-20150615-05h35.tar.gz	(1.18 Mo)
traceability-20150608-05h35.tar.gz	(1.19 Mo)
traceability-20150601-05h35.tar.gz	(2.56 Mo)
traceability-20150525-05h35.tar.gz	(1.76 Mo)
traceability-20150518-05h35.tar.gz	(1.31 Mo)
traceability-20150511-05h35.tar.gz	(3.11 Mo)
traceability-20150504-05h35.tar.gz	(2.34 Mo)

Create the traceability file of the current week

6.2. The users database

The second column displays backup files (in compressed "SQL" format) of the users database. They can be generated at any time by clicking in the menu "Create the current users database file".

These files can be imported in ALCASAR (cf. §3.6.a). You can use these files when reinstallation of the portal (see §8.4).



Users database	
alcasar-users-database-20150726-11h18.sql.gz	(255.27 Ko)
alcasar-users-database-20150310-21h41.sql.gz	(189.65 Ko)
alcasar-users-database-20150310-00h11.sql.gz	(1.75 Ko)

Create the current users database file

6.3. Weekly activity reports


The third column displays the weekly activity reports. They are created every Monday morning (only in French at the moment – translation in progress...).




Weekly activity reports	
alcasar-report-2017-03-19.pdf	(39.15 Ko)
alcasar-report-2017-03-18.pdf	(39.18 Ko)

6.4. Accountability logs

In case of legal inquiry, law enforcement officials may ask for connection logs of your users. You can generate an accounting logs file of all the users for a specific period. This file will be cyphered (AES256). To see this file, use "7-zip" program under Windows (p7zip under Linux).

 To prevent abuses, all the ALCASAR users will be warned at their next connexion.

 The creation of this log file can take a **very long time** (more than 5'). Be patient and don't change the ACC page.

Extraction des journaux à partir du 2017-03-22 07:00:00

Date de création 2017-03-22

Username	Client @MAC	Client @IP	Login Time	Logout Time	Upload	Download	Cause
	8C-84-07-11-31-87	192.168.182.44	2017-03-22 07:03:03	2017-03-22 12:41:15	1939942	57103945	Lost-Carrier

N°	@IP src	Port src	@IP dst	Port dst	Date
1.	192.168.182.44	43903	216.58.198.195	80	2017-03-22 07:03:08.560
2.	192.168.182.44	47263	216.58.198.206	443	2017-03-22 07:03:08.780
3.	192.168.182.44	60930	216.58.198.206	443	2017-03-22 07:03:08.980
4.	192.168.182.44	48603	216.58.198.206	443	2017-03-22 07:03:09.130
5.	192.168.182.44	51378	64.233.166.188	5228	2017-03-22 07:03:09.210
6.	192.168.182.44	54766	54.235.132.180	443	2017-03-22 07:03:11.150
7.	192.168.182.44	34810	179.60.192.3	443	2017-03-22 07:03:11.200
8.	192.168.182.44	38503	179.60.192.3	443	2017-03-22 07:03:11.500

7. Advanced features

7.1. Administrator accounts management

ALCASAR server has two system accounts (or Linux accounts) that were created during the installation of the operating system:

- « root » : This is the account used to control the operating system ;
- « sysadmin » : This account allows you to take secure remote control of your system (see next §).

Along with these two "system" accounts, "ALCASAR administrator" accounts have been defined to control some functions through the graphical ALCASAR Control Center (ACC). These "administrator" accounts can belong to one of the three following profiles:

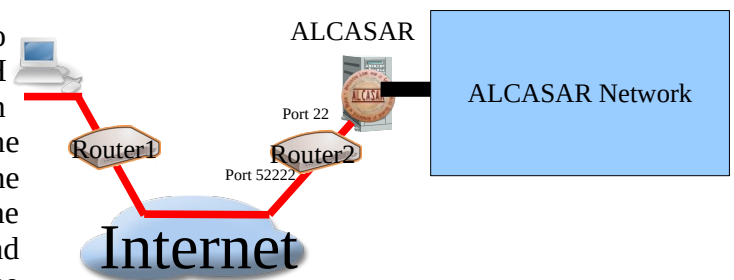
- « admin » : with this profile, the accounts give access to all the functions of the ACC. A first "admin" account was created during the installation of ALCASAR (see Installation documentation);
- « manager » : with this profile, the accounts only gives access to users and groups management functions (see §3) ;
- « backup » : with this profile, the accounts only gives access to backup and archiving of log files (see previous chapter).

You can create as many administrator accounts as you want in each profile. To manage these management accounts, use the « *alcasar-profil.sh* » command as « root » :

- *alcasar-profil.sh --list* : to list all the accounts of each profile
- *alcasar-profil.sh --add* : to add an account to a profile
- *alcasar-profil.sh --del* : to delete an account
- *alcasar-profil.sh --pass* : to change the password of an existing account

7.2. Secure administration across the Internet

It is possible to establish a secure remote connection to an ALCASAR portal using encrypted data flows ("SSH protocol" - Secure SHell). Let's take an example of an administrator who seeks to administer, through the Internet, an ALCASAR portal or devices on the consultation network. Firstly, you need to enable the "SSH" service on ALCASAR (menu "system" and "services"). You must know the IP address of the "Broadband modem/router#2".



a) **Broadband modem/router configuration**

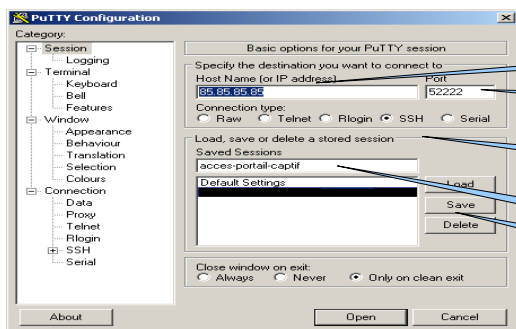
It is necessary to configure broadband modem/router#2 so that it doesn't block the "SSH" protocol. To anonymise the SSH data flow on the Internet, the default port (22) is replaced by another one (52222). If you want, you can still use the port 22.

Refer to your broadband modem/router documentation before performing this operation.

b) administration of ALCASAR in text mode

You can log in remotely to ALCASAR using the Linux "sysadmin" account created during the installation of the system. Once you are logged in, you can use the administration commands of ALCASAR (see § 11.1). Use the "su" command to become "root".

- On Linux, install "openssh-client" (you can also install "putty") and run the command « `ssh -p 52222 sysadmin@w.x.y.z` » (replace « w.x.y.z » with the public IP address of the broadband modem/router#2 and replace the "external_port" with the listening port number of broadband modem/router#2 (52222 in our example). You can add the "-C" option to enable the compression algorithms.
- On Windows, install "Putty" or "putty-portable" or "kitty" and create a new session:



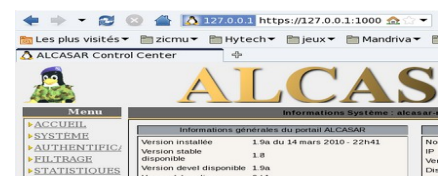
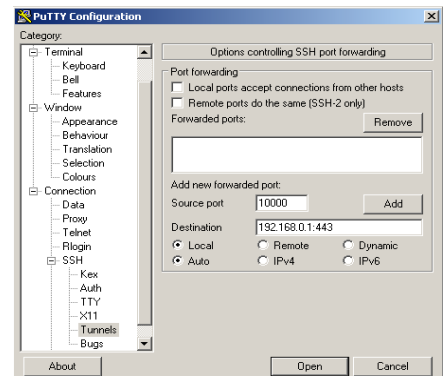
click on "Open", accept the server key and log in as "sysadmin".

c) Administration ALCASAR in GUI mode

The goal is now to use this SSH connexion to graphically administrate the remote ALCASAR. To do that, we redirect the Web browser flow of the administrator in the SSH tunnel, and then to the internal card of the remote ALCASAR. To create this tunnel:

- On Linux, run the command:
« `ssh -L 10000:@IP_alcasar_internal_card:443 -p 52222 sysadmin@w.x.y.z` »
- On Window, configure « putty » as describe below:

- Load the previous session
- On the left side of the windows, select "Connection / SSH / Tunnels»
- In "Source Port" enter the port of entry of the local tunnel (greater than 1024 (here 10000))
- In "Destination", enter the IP address of internal network card of alcasar followed by the port 443 (here 192.168.182.1:443)
 - Click on "Add"
 - Select "Session" on the left side
 - Click on "Save" to save your changes
 - Click on "Open" to open the tunnel
 - Enter the user name and password



Start your browser and go to : "https://localhost :10000/acc/"

⚠ ("acc/" in the end of URL is important!)

d) Managing devices on the ALCASAR network

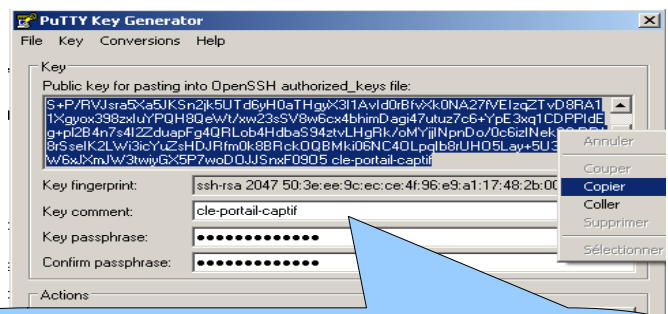
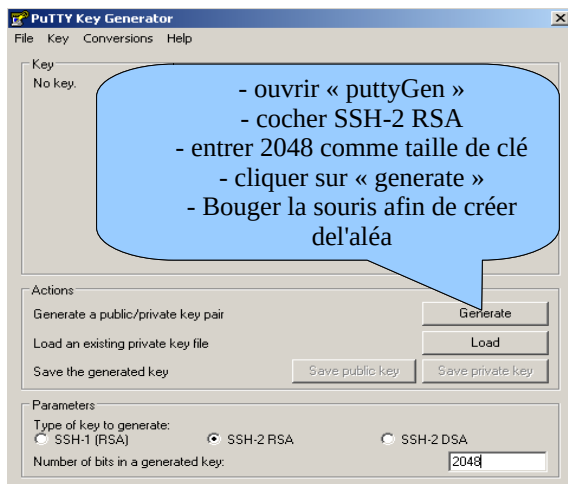
Following the same logic, it is possible to manage any device connected to the consultation network (WIFI access points, switches, LDAP / AD, etc.).

- On Linux, run the command: « `ssh -L 10000:@IP_equipment:Num_Port -p 52222 sysadmin@w.x.y.z` ».
« @IP_quipment » is the IP address of the device to manage. « NUM_PORT » is the administration port of this equipment (22, 80, 443, etc.).
- On Windows, enter the IP address and the port of the device in the form "Destination" of "Putty".
Run the command : « `ssh login@localhost:10000` » to use SSH for secure remote administration.
To connect the web-based interface, go to : « `http(s)://localhost :10000` ».

e) Use of SSH tunnel with public / private key pair (public/private key)

This paragraph, although not essential, adds an additional layer of security using private key authentication.

- generate a keys pair (public key / private key)
 - On Windows with « puttygen »



The keys are now created.

- Enter a representative comment in the "Key-comment" field;
- Enter and confirm the passphrase in the "Key passphrase" field;
- Save private key by clicking on "Save private key";
- Select and copy the public key (right click)

- Linux with « `ssh-keygen` »

In your personal directory, create the directory « `.ssh` » if it does not exist. From this one, generate your public/private key pair (« `ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048 -f id_rsa` »). The command « `cat id_rsa.pub` » displays your public key and allows you to copy it.

```
richard@rexy ~]$ mkdir .ssh
richard@rexy ~]$ cd .ssh/
richard@rexy .ssh]$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048 -f id_rsa
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in id_rsa.pub.
```

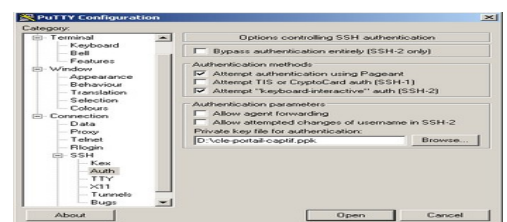
```
richard@rexy .ssh]$ cat id_rsa.pub
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAyL4yMM8B018Quusv1Iq/V
3kF2wvhuHzmNmH9ITFTALwHPHA91Wnx1cDPE9DPR7FPqrEzf/uT84C2G
p7d/IX+/JyP1VxoUdXaZ9wjTusU3SVsR6o9NXmbZq0gzrGppN7Vfu5
npCrDQgfuq6PIm06AQCJQkySmOXD1GfVr4r5ZBw==
```

- Copy the public key on the remote portal:
 - run the following command to copy your public key directly on the remote server:
 - `ssh-copy-id -i .ssh/id_rsa.pub sysadmin@<@IP_interne_consultation>`
 - Enter your password; your public key is copied in the `sysadmin/.ssh/authorized_keys` automatically with the correct permissions.
 - Another method : log on through SSH to the remote ALASAR as "sysadmin" and execute the following commands : « `mkdir .ssh` » then « `cat > .ssh/authorized_keys` » ;
 - copy the contents of the public key from the clipboard ("Ctrl V" for Windows, middle mouse button for Linux) type « `Enter` » then « `Ctrl+D` » ; protect the directory : « `chmod 700 .ssh` » and key file « `chmod 600 .ssh/authorized_keys` » ; check the file : « `cat .ssh/authorized_keys` » and log out : « `exit` ».

- Connection test from Linux host : « `ssh sysadmin@w.x.y.z` »

- Connection test from Windows host :

- load the previous session of putty;
- on the left side, select "Connection / SSH / Auth";
- click on "browse" to select the key file;
- on the left side, select "Session";
- click on "Save" then on "Open";
- enter the user "sysadmin";
- the key is recognized, it remains only to enter the passphrase.



- If now you want to prevent the connection with passphrase, configure the sshd server:

- become root (`su -`) and set the following options on the file « `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` » :
 - `ChallengeResponseAuthentication no`
 - `PasswordAuthentication no`
 - `UsePAM no`

```
richard@rexy ~]$ su -
Bienvenue sur alcasar - rexy-74
Enter passphrase for key '/home/richard/.ssh/id_rsa':
Last login: Sat Apr 3 20:14:51 2010 from
alcasar-rexy-74:~$
```

- restart the sshd server (« `service sshd restart` ») and close the ssh session (« `exit` »).

7.3. Display your logo

It is possible to display your logo by clicking on the logo on the upper right corner of the ACC. Your logo will be inserted in the authentication page and at the top of the page of your management interface. Your logo must be in "png" format and its size must not exceed 100KB. Refresh the page to see the change.

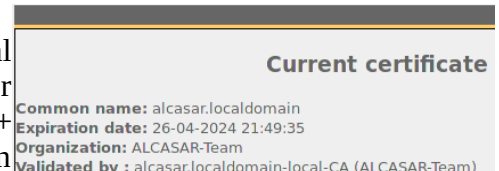


7.4. Modifying the certificate of security

Data are encrypted between ALCASAR and devices on the ALCASAR network in the following cases :

- for users : authentication request and changing passwords;
- for administrators : access to the ALCASAR Control Center (ACC).

Encryption uses TLS protocol with a server certificate and a local certificate authority (CA) created during the installation. This server certificate has a validity of four years. You can check it on the “system + network” page of the ACC. If the server certificate is expired, you can regenerate it with the following command : « `alcasar-CA.sh` ».



 It will be necessary to remove the old certificate from browsers before using the new one.

a) **Installation of an official certificate**

It is possible to install an official certificate instead of the auto-signed certificate. The installation of such certificate avoids security warnings on browsers that did not install the certificate of the certification authority of ALCASAR (cf. §2.2.c).

To acquire your certificate, follow the instructions of your provider knowing that the Web server used in ALCASAR is an “Apache server with mod SSL”.

Tips: You must have a domain name (ex: mydomain.org). Then, create a certificate for the server “alcasar.mydomain.org”. Via the ACC, you can import this certificate (menu : “System” +”Network”). The files you need are:

- The private key you used to create the “certificate request” (extension : .key)
- The certificate created by the provider (extension : .crt or .cer)
- Optionally : the file which defines the certification chain of your provider (extension : .pem). When requested, this file is available on the provider website.


Once imported, wait about 1’ for all ALCASAR services will be restarted.

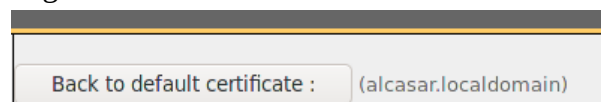
Example with the provider “Gandi.net”, the domain name “rexy.fr” and a certificate for a server named “alcasar.rexy.fr” :



 **Once imported :**

- You must restart all the systems connected to the consultation network.
- You can't use the hostname “alcasar.localdomain” any more. Use the new hostname instead (“alcasar.rexy.fr” in this example).

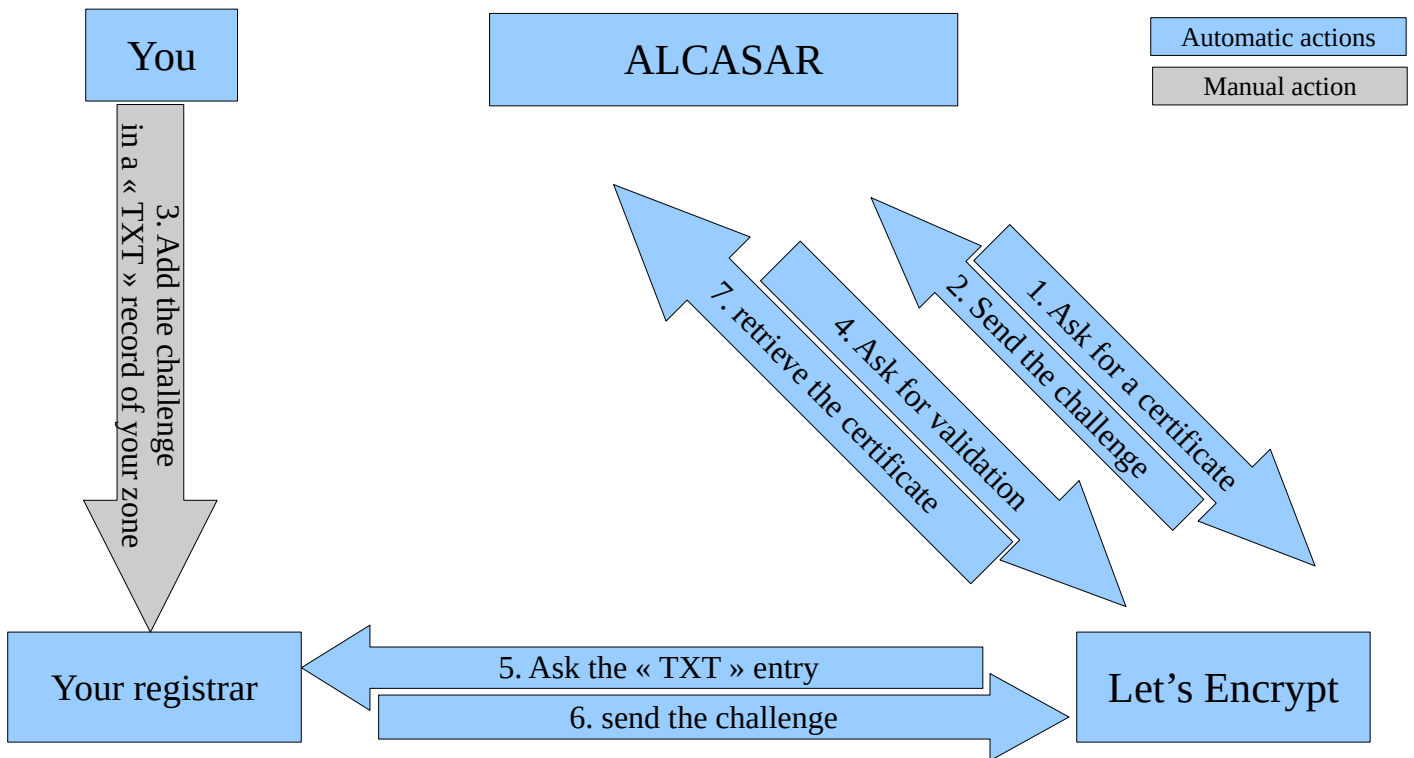
 In case of issues, you can go back to the original auto-signed certificate via ACC or with the command line : « `alcasar-importcert.sh -d` ».



b) Installation of an official certificate from « Let's Encrypt »

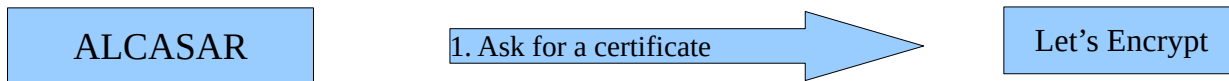
In order to use a free and official certificate, you can use the Certificate Authority (C.A.) “Let's Encrypt”. This authority provides automatic certificates importation procedures. These procedures have been embedded in ALCASAR via the ACC or via the « [alcasar-letsencrypt.sh](#) » script. Before running these procedures, you must have a domain name. You must be able to add/remove DNS records for that domain name. To ask for a « Let's Encrypt » certificate, you must proof that you are the owner of the domain name. For that, « Let's Encrypt » challenge you with several ways. As ALCASAR can't be contacted directly from the Internet, we use the « DNS-01 » challenge which operates as follows :

When you ask for a certificate, “Let's Encrypt” send you strings which must be retrievable when asking your domain name (the challenge). Then, you must create a “TXT” DNS entry in your DNS zone with this string. After that, you have to ask “Let's Encrypt” to verify it. Once validated, you can use your certificate. The following scheme shows you the automatic certificate creation process.

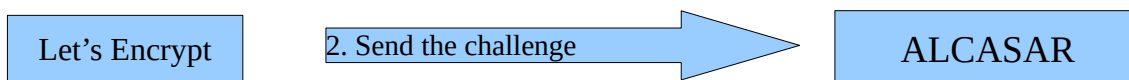


On ALCASAR, you can run the automatic certificate creation process in two ways : via the ACC or with the command line (« [alcasar-letsencrypt.sh](#) »).

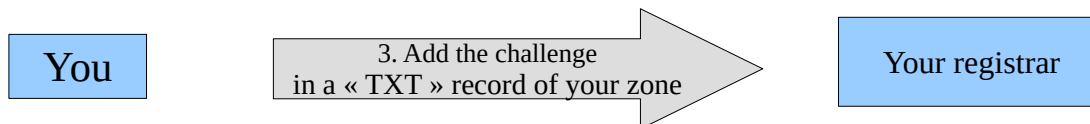
Via ALCASAR Control Center (ACC)



Messages displayed on ACC	Actions
	<p>Write your email address. Write the domain name of your ALCASAR : hostname “alcasar” suffixed with your domain name.</p>



Messages displayed on ACC	Actions
	<p>A file containing the challenge is sent by “Let’s Encrypt”. It is displayed in the ACC. It is also saved on ALCASAR in the file “/usr/local/etc/alcasar-letsencrypt”.</p>



Messages displayed on ACC	Actions
	<p>On the Web site of your registrar, modify your DNS zone, adding a new TXT record named “_acme-challenge...” which the value is the challenge (see previous step).</p> <p>Note : choose a low TTL in order to speed up the propagation process through DNS servers.</p>
	<p>Once your new record propagated*, you can ask “Let’s Encrypt” to verify it.</p> <p>*Note : you can verify the propagation process with the following Web sites : dnschecker.org or whatsmydns.net. You can also run the following command : - nslookup -type=TXT _acme-challenge.alcasar... - dig +short -t TXT _acme-challenge.alcasar....</p>

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4. Ask for validation

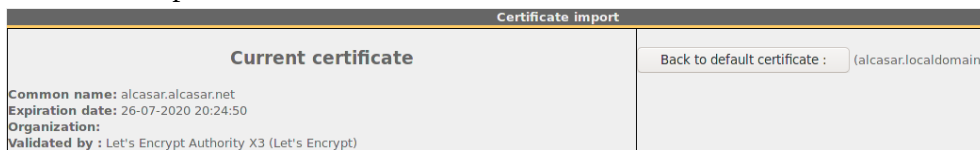
Let's Encrypt

Messages displayed on ACC	Actions
<p>Intégration Let's Encrypt</p> <p>Status : En attente de validation Nom de domaine : alcasar.mydomain.net Demandé le : 22-06-2017 15:03:31 Entrée DNS TXT : "_acme-challenge.alcasar.mydomain.net" Challenge : "D4B1Gch4l13nG [REDACTED]"</p> <p><input type="button" value="Revérifier"/> <input type="button" value="Annuler"/></p>	<p>Click on « Verify » to run the validation request to Let's Encrypt. When succeed, Let's Encrypt sends the certificate to ALCASAR which includes it to all processes that need it.</p>
<p>Intégration Let's Encrypt</p> <p>Status : Actif Nom de domaine : alcasar.mydomain.net API : dns Prochain renouvellement : 22-08-2017 17:19:49</p> <p><input type="button" value="Renouveler (forcer)"/></p>	<p>Your ALCASAR uses now your new certificate « Let's Encrypt » for its ciphered flows. You will have to renew it at the expiration date of the certificate.</p>

Once imported :

- You must restart all the systems connected to the consultation network.
- You can't use the hostname "alcasar.localdomain" any more. Use the new hostname instead ("alcasar.mydomain.net" in this example).

 In case of issues, you can go back to the original auto-signed certificate via ACC or with the command line : « alcasar-importcert.sh -d ».



Via the command line

Creation

- 1) Ask a certificate for « alcasar.mydomain.net » :
 « `alcasar-letsencrypt.sh --issue -d alcasar.mydomain.net --email my@domain.tld` »
 The challenge is saved in the file "/usr/local/etc/alcasar-letsencrypt"
- 2) On the Web site of your registrar, modify your DNS zone, adding a new TXT record named "_acme-challenge..." which the value is the challenge (see previous step). Note : you must wait for the propagation process.
- 3) Ask for the validation :
 « `alcasar-letsencrypt.sh --renew` »

If the validation process succeeds, you receive your certificate file. The script writes it directly in the right directory of ALCASAR (note : All devices connected on the consultation network should be rebooted).

Automatic renew

The script can create and remove the DNS records automatically via your registrar API (when he has one). You can verify that the script knows your registrar API in the folder "dns_myapi" with the following command :

```
« API_Key="XXXXX" alcasar-letsencrypt.sh --issue --dns-api dns_myapi -d alcasar.mydomain.net --dnssleep 10 »
```

Note : the "--dnssleep [second]" parameter is used to set the time between the record creation and the validation (propagation time).

7.5. Use of an external directory server (LDAP or AD)

ALCASAR embed a module for requesting an external directory server (LDAP or AD) located either on the LAN side or on the WAN side.

When this module is enabled, ALCASAR uses the external directory to authenticate a user, but, if an error occurs, the local database will be requested.

In all cases, user event logs are recorded in the local database of ALCASAR. Here is the management GUI of this module :

Remark :

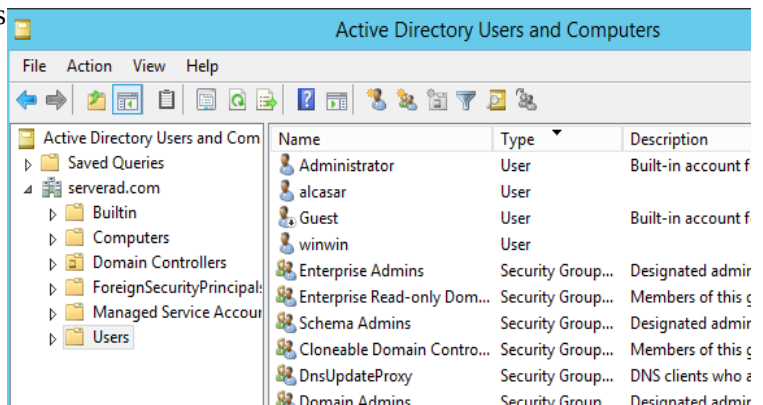
- attributes of users stored in the external directory (like the passwords) can't be modified with the ACC;

- use of the secure protocol "ldaps" is not available for now. The network segment between ALCASAR and the directory server must be under control, for obvious reasons of security (cf. § 10);

- External directories do not support case sensitive for the login name unlike the local database of ALCASAR.

Examples of an A.D.: This screenshot shows how the directory is organized. The place where standard users are saved has the following Distinguish Name (DN) : 'dc=Users;dc=serverad;dc=com'. The account name used by ALCASAR to request the directory is "alcasar". This standard account just need to read the directory remotely (add the delegate control "Read All properties" to this user). Beware that this account must not change its password at the first login.

- DN of the base : 'dc=Users;dc=serverad;dc=com'. This DN set the position where searching the users.
- UID : 'sAMAccountName' for an A.D.; 'uid' in general for other LDAP servers.
- User search filter : leave this field empty unless you want to select only specific users.
- User operated by ALCASAR : it's the 'DN' of the account used by ALCASAR to read the directory remotely: 'dc=alcasar;dc=serverad;dc=com' Please note that this field and the field "Password" can be left blank if the directory server accepts requests in anonymous mode.
- Password : password affected to the user operated by ALCASAR.



It is possible to provide some specific ALCASAR attributes (bandwidth, concurrent session, etc.) to all the users of an external directory. To do that, create an ALCASAR group named "ldap" (in lower case) for which you set the desired attributes.

It is also possible to assign attributes to a particular account authenticated with an external directory. To do this, create an ALCASAR user with the same login name as in the remote directory for which you set the desired attributes.

If you search for more information about how integrate ALCASAR in a complex A.D. architecture, read the additional papers on our Web Site.

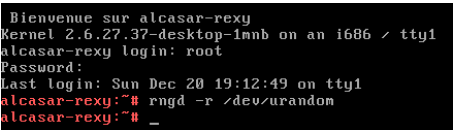
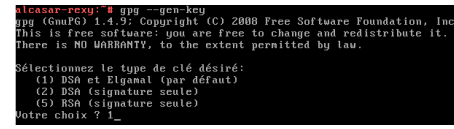

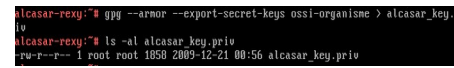
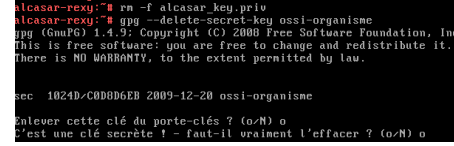
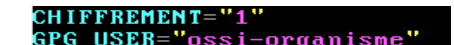
7.6. Encryption of log files

ALCASAR can automatically encrypt weekly log files (cd. §7.1). For this, it uses the GPG asymmetric algorithm (public key + private key).

By providing the private key to an official of your company, you prevent administrators from being accused of log files modification.

In case of inquiry, simply provide log files and the private key for decryption.

The procedure for activating the encryption is as follows:

Print screen	Comments	To do
	- Log on as « root ». - Start the entropy generator (random values).	<code>rngd -r /dev/urandom</code>
	- Generate the key pair (public key + private key). - Choose the algorithm, the size and the lifetime of the keys (no expiration). - Choose a user name and passphrase.	<code>gpg --gen-key</code> info: The user name must not contain spaces. This name is summarized in the term <username> later in this procedure.
	- Stop the entropy generator.	<code>killall rngd</code>
	- Export the private key. Copy this to an external media. - Provide it (with passphrase and username) to an official of your organization (Private key escrow).	<code>gpg --armor --export-secret-key \<username> > alcasar_key.priv</code> info : cf. installation doc for the USB management.
	- Delete the previously generated keys - Delete the private key from the GPG keyring	<code>rm -f alcasar_key.priv</code> <code>gpg --delete-secret-key <nom_utilisateur></code>
	- Enable encryption by changing the variables "CRYPT" and "gpg_user" in the file « /usr/local/bin/alcasar-archive.sh ».	<code>vi /usr/local/bin/alcasar-log-export.sh</code> info : assign the "username" to the variable « gpg_user »

Infos :

- ALCASAR uses the keyring "root" in the directory « /root/.gnupg » ;
- '`gpg --list-key`' : allows to list all the key pairs contained in this kit;
- '`gpg --delete-key <user_name>`' : deletes a public key keyring;
- '`gpg --delete-secret-key <user_name>`' : deletes a private key keyring;
- You can copy the directory « /root/.gnupg » on another server ALCASAR. Thus, you can use the same key and the same <username>;
- To decipher an encrypted archive: '`gpg --decrypt -files <filename_crypt_archive>`'.

7.7. Managing multiple Internet connections (load balancing)

ALCASAR has a script to distribute requests over a number of gateways to the Internet "`alcasar-load_balancing.sh start | stop | status`".

The parameters are not included in the ACC, it is necessary to modify the global configuration file "`alcasar.conf`" located under "`/usr/local/etc`".

Associated parameters (virtual network cards, weights, gateway ip address, etc.) must be defined in the following format: `WANx = "active [1 | 0], @ IPx / mask, GWx, Weight, MTUX"`.

The script creates the interfaces on the fly.

To make it active, the parameter "MULTIWAN" must include the "on" or "On" value; otherwise insert the "Off" value to enable the "single gateway" mode.

The connection test frequency is set by default to 30 sec.

Please note:

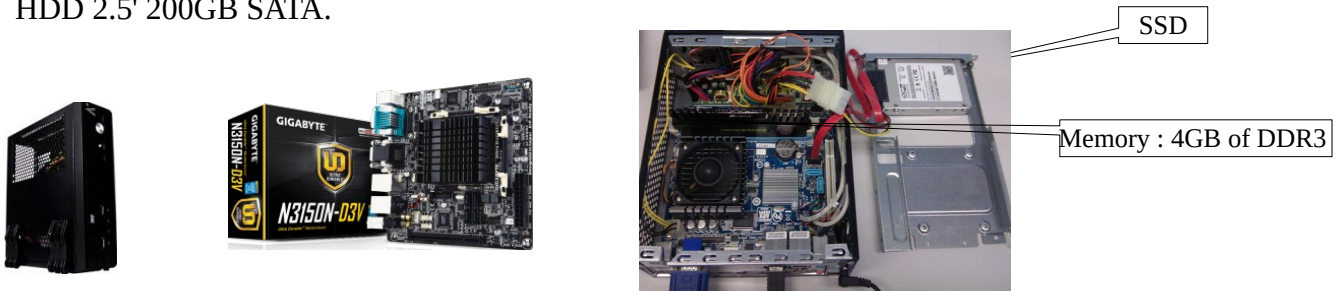
The parameter "FAILOVER=0" enables the MULTIWAN mode with no connection test to the gateways (no gateway failure detection).

7.8. Creating an ALCASAR dedicated PC

This chapter presents an example of a dedicated PC ALCASAR (appliance) whose constraints are : miniature (mini-itx), low noise, low cost and low energy consumption.

The configuration is the following :

- Case mini ITX (12V powerline);
- motherboard with dual Ethernet card and an onboard Intel-Celeron processor
 - Gigabyte N3150N-D3V or C1037UN
- 4GB or 8GB of DDR3 SODIMM memory;
- HDD 2.5' 200GB SATA.



The cost of this configuration is around 250 € (shipping included).

The consumption of this mini-PC is not more than 30W; the cost of the annual electricity consumption in France is about 30€ ($30 * 24 * 365/1000 * 0.1329$).

ALCASAR is installed via a USB drive as usual.

Once deployed, the unit requires no keyboard, no mouse and no screen.

See also : Qotom boxes.

7.9. Bypassing the portal

For reasons of maintenance or emergency, a portal bypass procedure was created.

It disables user authentication and filtering.

Logging network activity remains active.

Network event logging remains active, but ALCASAR does not trace internet connections anymore.

- Bypass the portal by running the script « `alcasar-bypass.sh --on` ».
- To stop it, run the script « `alcasar-bypass.sh --off` ».

Please note:

Bypass mode is no longer active after restarting the server.

8. Shutdown and update

8.1. Shutdown and restart

There are three possibilities to stop or restart properly the system:

- Via ACC (menu “System” + “Services”)
- by briefly pressing the power button of the PC;
- by connecting to the console as root and running the command "poweroff";

When restarting the portal ALCASAR a procedure deletes all connections that have not been closed due to an unplanned shutdown (failure, power failure, etc.).

8.2. Updates

The security updates are performed every night at 03h00.

To update the ALCASAR version, the procedure is different between a minor update and a major update needing the update of the operating system (Linux).

You can see if an update is available on ALCASAR web page, or on the cover page of the ACC, or by executing the following command, « `alcasar-version.sh` ».

During a minor update, the following settings will still remain:

- Network configuration;
- Name and logo of the organization;
- Logins and passwords for administrative accounts of the portal;
- Users and groups database;
- Trusted sites and MAC addresses list;
- Network filtering configuration;
- Certificates of the Certification Authority (C.A.) and the server.

a) **minor updates**

Retrieve and uncompress the archive of the last version of ALCASAR like a normal installation. When starting the installation script (« `sh alcasar.sh -i` »), it detects your current version and offers you the possibility to update automatically.

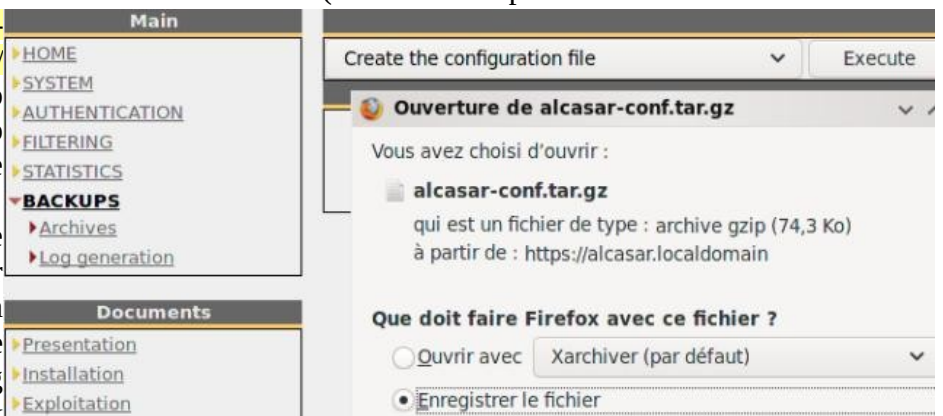
Only minor updates can be done by that way. If it's impossible, the script ask you to perform a reinstallation (see next §).

b) **major update**

A major update is needed when install script detects that a new version of the operating system (Linux) is needed or when you want to change the hardware (ALCASAR PC).

Via ACC, create a configuration file of the current ALCASAR (menu “Backup” + “Archives” then “create the configuration file”). The file “`alcasar-conf.tar.gz`” is created in the folder “`/var/tmp`”. At the same time, it is also available for download. You can also create this file by running the command “`alcasar-conf.sh -create`”.

If you change the hardware, retrieve this file and copy it in the same folder just before installing the new version of ALCASAR. If you keep the same hardware, install the new operating system keeping the same disk partitionning and without formatting the “`/var`” partition. Continue with the new installation.



A degraded procedure consists, after installing a new version of ALCASAR, of importing the users base (cf. §3.6a) previously saved (cf. §6.2).

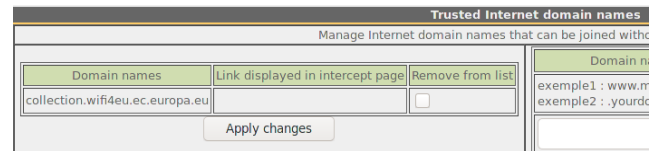
9. WiFi4EU integration

The WiFi4EU initiative promotes free Wi-Fi connectivity for European citizens in public places (parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres, museums, etc.). Municipalities taking advantage of this device must integrate a specific script and the WiFi4EU logo in their access portal. ALCASAR can be modified to integrate this. The official documentation can be found here : https://ec.europa.eu/inea/sites/inea/files/wifi4eu/cnect-2017-00250-00-11-en-ori-00_0.pdf



An example of integration in ALCASAR (version 3.5) is described below :

- In the ACC, add the site "collection.wifi4eu.ec.europa.eu" in the trusted sites (ACC + authentication + exceptions)



Modify the page `"/var/www/html/index.php"` by inserting the following code after the `<head>` tag (line 488). Adapt this code to your case (your identifier and the language of your choice):

```
<script type="text/javascript">
    var wifi4euTimerStart = Date.now();
    var wifi4euNetworkIdentifier = '123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426655440000';
    var wifi4euLanguage = 'fr';
</script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://collection.wifi4eu.ec.europa.eu/wifi4eu.min.js"></script>
    • Comment the line 516 and add the "wifi4eu" banner to the next line:
<!--<p id="acces_controlle" class="titre_controlle"><?=$l_title ?></p> -->
<img id="wifi4eubanner">
```

Replace this test ID with your own.

Replace with the language of your choice



If you want to evaluate the validity of this integration, add the line `"var selftestModus = true;"` after the line `"var wifi4euLanguage = 'fr';"`. Open the debug "web console" of your browser to display the validation log:



The portal is compatible with WiFi4EU

10. Troubleshooting

If you have any problem with ALCASAR, this chapter sets out several troubleshooting steps that may indicate the cause. All commands (italic text on a yellow background) must be run in a console as « root ».

10.1. Network connectivity

Retrieve the network information in the file “*/usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf*”

- Check the network card status: run the command “*ip link*” to know the name of your two network cards. In the following of this document, we use “INTIF” for naming the internal network card (connected to the consultation network). “EXTIF” is the name of the external network card (connected to the broadband router). Run “*ethtool INTIF*” and “*ethtool EXTIF*” in order to check the status of both network cards (“*Link detected*” and “*Speed*” fields for example) ;
- gateway/router connection test: Run the command “*route -n*” to display the IP address of the broadband modem/router. Ping the broadband modem/router (Internet router). If an error occurs, check the cable connections and the status of the gateway/router;
- External DNS servers connection test: Ping the DNS servers. If an error occurs, try with another server;
- Internal DNS server connection test (dnsmasq) : Send a name resolution request (ex. : *nslookup www.google.fr*). If an error occurs, check state of the service "dnsmasq". You can restart the dnsmasq service with the command : « *systemctl restart dnsmasq* » ;
- Connection test to the Internet: run the command « *wget www.google.fr* ». In case of success the Google page is downloaded and saved locally (index.html). The result of this test is displayed in the menu "system / service" of the ACC;
- Device connection test : Run the command « *arping -I INTIF @ip_equipment* » to know if a device is connected to the ALCASAR network.
- To discover all the device, install the “arp-scan” package (“*urpmi arp-scan*”) and run the command « *arpscan -I INTIF --localnet* » ;
00:1C:25:CB:BA:7B 192.168.182.1
00:11:25:B5:FC:41 192.168.182.25
00:15:77:A2:6D:E9 192.168.182.129

Services
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10.2. Available disk space

If the available disk space is not enough, some modules may not run properly anymore. You can check the available disk space (especially the */var* partition) :

- in GUI-mode via the homepage of the ACC;
- in text mode, using the command « *df* »

Point	Type	Partition	Utilisation	Libre	Occupé	Taille
/	ext3	/dev/sda1	56% (1%)	383.34 Mo	547.34 Mo	980.49 Mo
/tmp	ext3	/dev/sda6	3% (1%)	1.03 Go	33.77 Mo	1.12 Go
/home	ext3	/dev/sda7	3% (1%)	1.07 Go	33.46 Mo	1.10 Go
/var	ext3	/dev/sda8	0%	62.74 Go	251.01 Mo	66.35 Go
Total:			11%	65.21 Go	865.59 Mo	69.53 Go

In case of excessive reduction of this space, delete old log files after they have been archived (directory */var/Save/**).

10.3. ALCASAR server services

In order to complete these tasks, ALCASAR uses several server services. The status of these services is displayed in the ACC (menu « system/services »). You can stop or restart them.

Status	Nom du services	Actions
✓	radiusd	--- Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	chilli	--- Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	dansguardian	--- Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	mysqld	--- Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	squid	--- Arrêter Redémarrer

If one of these services can't be restarted, you can diagnose the mistake. Connect to the console of ALCASAR (directly or with SSH). You can control the services with the command « *systemctl start/stop/restart service_name* ». At the same time, display the log file with the command « *journalctl -f* ».

10.4. Problems experienced

This chapter presents feedback of organizations who have faced problems and have solved them.

a) Navigation impossible with some antivirus

Disable the « proxy-web » function integrated in some antivirus. In Trend-Micro antivirus, for example, this function relies on a whitelist/blacklist downloaded from the servers of Trend Micro (backup30.trendmicro.com, etc.) that analyses/validates each request of a website... A limited rights users can enable it.

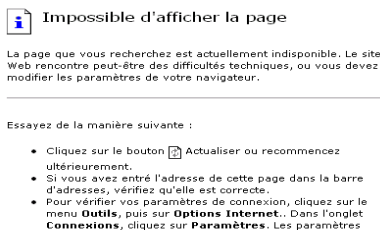
To avoid all inconvenience of this function incompatible with ALCASAR, it is better to stop the service « Proxy Trend service » and to restart the computer.

b) Windows clients with static addressing

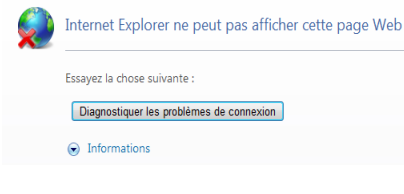
It is necessary to add the DNS suffix « localdomain » (Network configuration / Advanced / DNS).

c) No Internet browsing but the browser accesses the homepage of ALCASAR (http://alcasar)

This can occur after a complete reinstallation of the portal or after an update with a change of the server certificate. Browsers display the following pages when they attempt to access a website:



With IE6



With IE 7 - 8 and 9



With Mozilla

This is because browsers try to authenticate the ALCASAR portal using an old certificate. The old certificate must be deleted on the browsers (« Tools » / « Internet options » / tab « content » / button « Certificates » / tab « Root certification Authority »).

d) No Internet browsing but the « Trusted sites » section is filled in

ALCASAR verifies the validity of domain names entered in this section (cf. § 4.7.a). If a domain name is not valid, the 'chilli' service can no longer start. Then, change the invalid domain name and restart the 'chilli' service with the command « *service chilli restart* ».

e) Operating System and Memory Overload

The Linux system always attempts to use the maximum amount of memory (RAM) available. On the homepage of the ACC, the bar graph indicating the use of memory can regularly be beyond 80 percent and can turn red. This is normal. If the system needs more memory, it will use the swap. This swap is an area of the hard disk used when your computer runs out of RAM but this “memory” is approximately 1000 times slower. If you notice that the system uses swap space (> 1%), you can consider increasing the RAM to significantly improve system responsiveness especially when the domain names and URLs filtering is enabled. You can display the system load on the home page of the ACC in 'System /Load system', or in a console with the commands « *top* » or « *uptime* » :

- 3 values shown represent the average system load average for the last hour, the last five hours and the last 15 minutes. The average load is the number of processes waiting for CPU usage. These values are normally less than 1.
- A value greater than '1 .00' results from an undersized server (especially if it affects the three values (long-term overload).
- Search the process which represents a high proportion of the load (command « *top* »).

10.5. Server optimization

In the case of large networks, Internet delays can be detected while the system does not seem to be overloaded (see main page of the ACC: load average <1, no or little use of the area swap processor operated 'normally', etc.).

Check your bandwidth while Internet access is compatible with the number of users simultaneously connected (throughput per user = overall throughput / number of connected users).

These delays can occur especially when the filter attributes are enabled (blacklist / whitelist).

11. Security hardening guide

On the consultation network, ALCASAR is the Internet Access Controller. It also helps to protect the network from external threats or from internal usurpation. To this end, it includes :

- protection credentials theft. The authentication flow between devices and ALCASAR users are encrypted. Passwords are stored encrypted in the database of users;
- protection against forgetting to log out. The users whose the equipment don't answer for 6 minutes are automatically disconnected; moreover, the attribute "time limit of one session" (cf. § 4.1) allows to automatically disconnect a user after a preset time;
- protection against session hijacking by spoofing network settings. This spoofing technique exploits the weaknesses of "Ethernet" and WIFI protocols. To reduce this risk, ALCASAR incorporates an auto-protection process which is running every 3 minutes ([alcasar-watchdog.sh](#));
- antiviral protection using an antimalware running on the WEB flows (HTTP) of the users who are the attribute is set;
- several filtering systems and anti-bypass systems (DNS proxy, dynamic firewall, evolutive blacklists (IP addresses, domain names and URLs), configurable whitelists).

The mere presence of ALCASAR not guarantee an absolute security against all threats, including internal threat (hacker on the ALCASAR network). In most cases, this threat remains very low. Without being paranoid and if you really need a high security, the following measures can improve the overall security of your system.

11.1. On ALCASAR

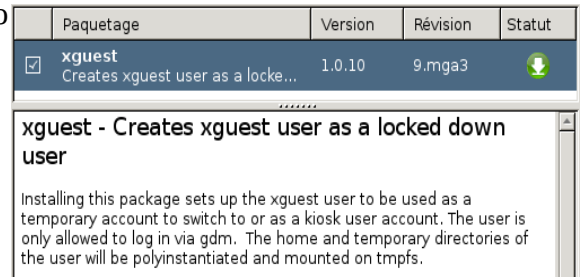
- Choose a strong "root" password (you can change it by running the command « [passwd root](#) ») ;
- Protect your "ALCASAR" server and ISP's equipment to prevent unauthorized access, theft or installation of equipment between the modem and ALCASAR (locked premises, padlocks, etc.);
- Configure the BIOS so that only the internal hard disk drive is bootable;
- Set a password to access the BIOS setup.

11.2. On the network

a) Network type "hotspot"

If you want to set up free access computers, it may be interesting to install products ensuring both the protection of the privacy and security of these computers (like "cybercafe" computers). These products allow the user to be compartmentalised in a sealed environment. At the end of his session, the user environment is totally cleaned.

- On Linux, you can install the product "xguest" (it is provided natively with Mageia, Mandriva, Fedora, RedHat and Centos distributions)
- On Windows, you can chose one of these not free projects : "Openkiosk", "DeepFreeze", "Smartshield" and "reboot restore RX". They save all the computer and restore it after a reboot. Microsoft gave the software "Steady state" for XP/Vista. This software is no longer supported.



On WIFI Access Points (AP) :

- Enable the "client isolation" option (also called wireless isolation). It prevents a user connected to an access point to communicate with another one connected to the same access point. They can only connect to Internet via ALCASAR.
- Enable WPA2-Personal encryption (also known as WPA2-PSK). It avoids users to listen WIFI traffic (even if the key is the same for everyone). You can choose a simple WPA2 key as your organization name for example.



On switches of wired Ethernet networks :

- enable "DHCP snooping" on ALCASAR port and on interswitch ports. This will prevent false (fake) DHCP servers.

b) Controlled networks

On these networks, the stations must be protected by physical measures to ensure their integrity. Physical access to network consultation must be secured by the following:

- disconnect unused network jacks;
- on WIFI hotspots:
 - camouflage the network name (SSID)
 - enable encryption WPA2 "personal" with a strong key;
- on Ethernet switches:
 - Enable the "lock port" ("Port Security" function) to associate the MAC addresses of devices to the physical ports of switches;

select the "DHCP snooping" function on the port used by ALCASAR and on the interswitch ports. This will prevent false DHCP servers (Fake DHCP servers).

Devices can (should) incorporate several security features such as locking the BIOS setup, locking the desktop configuration, antivirus, automatic update security patches (patch), etc. To facilitate downloading of security patches or antivirus updates (cf. § 4.7), ALCASAR can authorize devices to automatically connect without authentication on sites specifically identified.



Make your users aware of these two security features:

- **Password should/must be changed**
- **Credentials must remain confidential (each user is responsible of "friend's session" using his credentials).**

12. Annexes

12.1. Useful commands and files

The administration of ALCASAR can be done from a command line interface (as 'root'). All these commands (shell scripts) begin with "alcasar-..." are located in the directories « `/usr/local/bin/` » and « `/usr/local/sbin/` ». Some of them rely on the central configuration file of ALCASAR (« `/usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf` »). The "-h" argument lists available command line arguments.

- **alcasar-activity-report.sh**
 - create the weekly graphical activity report. This script is send by crontab every sunday at 5.35pm.
- **Alcasar-archive.sh**
 - [-l|--live]: create the archive file (named 'traceability') of the users log files and the users database for the last day;
 - [-n|--now]: create the archive file (named 'traceability') of the users log files and the users database for the last week (launch by cron every Monday at 5:35 pm);
 - [-c|--clean] : remove archive files older than one year.
- **alcasar-bl.sh**
 - [-download|--download] : download the latest version of the BlackList (BL);
 - [-adapt|--adapt] : adapt the freshly downloaded BL to the ALCASAR architecture ;
 - [-reload|--reload] : activate the freshly downloaded BL;
 - [-cat_choice|--cat_choice]: apply changes done via ACC (modifying categories, adding/removing domain names, etc.).
- **alcasar-bypass.sh** [-on/-off] : enables/disables the « BYPASS » mode.
- **alcasar-CA.sh** : creates a local CA certificate and a server certificate for the host "alcasar.localdomain". The Web server needs to be restarted (`systemctl restart httpd`).
- **alcasar-certificates.sh**: import & export certificates.
- **alcasar-conf.sh**
 - [-create|--create]: creation of an archive file of ALCASAR (`/tmp/alcasar-conf.tgz`) use when the system is updated;
 - [-load|--load]: load an archive file (don't apply);
 - [-apply|--apply] : apply the parameters of the configuration file (`/usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf`).
- **alcasar-daemon.sh** : Check the state of the main ALCASAR services (17 in V 2.9.2). Restart those that seem not running. Launch by cron every 18'.
- **alcasar-dhcp.sh** [-on|--on][-off|--off] : enable/disable DHCP service.
- **alcasar-file-clean.sh** : cleanning of several ALCASAR conf files (sort, remove empty lines, etc.).
- **alcasar-https.sh** [-on|--on][-off|--off] : enables/disables HTTPS to authenticate the users.
- **alcasar-importcert.sh**
 - [-i certificate.crt -k keyfile.key (-c certificate_chain.crt)] : import an official certificate of security;
 - [-d] : go back to the auto-signed certificate.
- **alcasar-certificates.sh** :
 - [-x] : Export of all the certificates of the portal in the form of a timestamped archive ;
 - [-i alcasar-certificate-<date:heure>.tar.gz] : Import the set of certificates from an archive or from a backup ; useful during copy out of another server or migration towards a more recent system.
- **alcasar-iptables.sh** : apply the ALCASAR iptables rules to the firewall.
- **alcasar-load-balancing.sh** : Aggregates several Internet connections. IP addresses, bandwidth and MTU of available modems/routers must be configured in the file `/usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf` to work properly. Remember, the script is automatically launched when the system starts up only if the MULTIWAN parameter is set up in the file `"/usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf"`. To ensure the script is running properly, execute the command : `ip route`. ("start", "stop" and "status" are the options available for this command).
- **alcasar-logout.sh**
 - [username] : logout the user <username>;
 - [all] : logout all the logged users.
- **alcasar-mysql.sh**
 - [-i file.sql | --import file.sql] : import a users database (! overwrite the existing one);
 - [-r|--raz] : reset the users database;
 - [-d|--dump] : create an archive file of the current users database in « `/var/Save/base` » ;
 - [-a|--acct_stop] : stop the open accounting sessions;
 - [-c|--check]: verify the integrity of the users database and try to repair it if needed.
- **alcasar-nf.sh** [-on|--on][-off|--off] : enable/disable the filtering of network protocols;
- **alcasar-profil.sh**
 - [--list
- **alcasar-rpm-download.sh** : downloads and creates an archive file of all the needed RPM to install ALCASAR (`/root/rpms-arch.tar.gz`). Use this file if you want to install an ALCASAR on a very tiny bandwidth.
- **alcasar-sms.sh** : manage gammu process when a 2G/3G adapter is detected.
- **alcasar-ticket-clean** : remove pdf tickets (vouchers) generated when a user is created (launched by cron (every 30')).
- **alcasar-uninstall** : remove ALCASAR (used when an update is performed).
- **alcasar-url_filter.sh**
 - [-safesearch_on|-safesearch_off] : enable/disable the safesearch system on search engine (Google, Bing, etc.);

- [-pureip_on|-pureip_off]: enable/disable the filtering of URLs containing IP addresses (instead of a domain name).
- **alcasar-urpmi.sh** : install and update ALCASAR needed RPMs (used during the installation process).
- **alcasar-version.sh** : display the current version and the last available.
- **alcasar-watchdog** : test the Internet connectivity. Test if an authenticated user isn't usurped (launched by cron every 3').

12.2. Helpful authentication exceptions

The following domain names allow network devices to access WEB sites without authentication process in order to connect to the following services:

- The following values allow client devices to access the Internet without authentication in order to connect to the following services:
- perform a test of Internet connection,
- Microsoft system update,
- “TrendMicro”, “Kaspersky” and “Clamav” antivirus update,
- check Mozilla version and its modules,
- ...

These exceptions to the authentication process (trusted Web sites) can be set via the ACC (cf. §3.8.a)

- *Microsoft* : *microsoft.com, msftncsi.com et windowsupdate.com*
- *Trendmicro* : *trendmicro.de et trendmicro.com*
- *McAfee* : *update.nai.com, akamaiedge.net et akamaitechnologies.com*
- *Clamav* : *clamav.net*

12.3. Zabbix agent installation

Zabbix is an opensource solution for monitoring systems and networks. This procedure describes the installation of a “zabbix” agent allowing you to monitor ALCASAR servers.

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download zabbix agent packet (zabbix-agent 4.0):

wget https://repo.zabbix.com/zabbix/4.0/rhel/7/x86_64/zabbix-agent-4.0.7-1.el7.x86_64.rpm

install the packet ignoring dependencies (libssl et libcrypto):

urpmi --allow-force ./zabbix-agent-4.0.7-1.el7.x86_64.rpm

create the symbolic links:

ln -s /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.1.0.0 /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.10

ln -s /usr/lib64/libssl.so.1.0.0 /usr/lib64/libssl.so.10

modify the firewall rules (we use “zabbix” default port):

vim /usr/local/bin/alcasar-iptables.sh

add after line “[INPUT]”:

\$IPTABLES -A INPUT -p TCP --dport 10050 -j ACCEPT

add after line “[OUTPUT]”:

\$IPTABLES -A OUTPUT -p TCP --dport 10051 -j ACCEPT

apply the new rules:

bash /usr/local/bin/alcasar-iptables.sh

change the conf file of zabbix agent according to your needs (/etc/zabbix/zabbix.agentd.conf).

enable and start the service

systemctl enable zabbix-agent.service

systemctl start zabbix-agent.service

12.4. User sheet

Internet access control

An Internet access control is deployed in order to be compliant with the local rules and the law. This control is performed with ALCASAR (Open source Software) in accordance with privacy principles.

Your WEB browser automatically detect ALCASAR. It should present you a connexion bar. If not, connect your Web browser on a **no ciphered** Website (HTTP) like nerverssl.com or euronews.com or on the ALCASAR welcome page (alcasar.localdomain).

Info : Make sure you have disabled the proxies in your Web browser configuration.

The following window will be displayed.

Info: Both fields are case sensitive ("smith" and "Smith" are two different users).



If you want to change your password or install ALCASAR certificate in your Web browser. You can display this page with the following URL: « alcasar.localdomain ».



When login is successful, this new tab appears. It allows you to logout from ALCASAR (closing connection). This window provides information on your account permissions (lease time, download limits, connections history, etc.).

If you close this tab, you will be automatically disconnected. You can also log out with the URL "http://logout" in your browser address bar.

The portal embeds a WEB flow antimalware and a website filtering to prevent unauthorized web browsing. It also helps to know if there is a problem with the Internet connection (hardware failure or ISP network failure). The following Webpages can be displayed:



Domain filtering



Antimalware filtering



URL filtering