



## USER MANUAL

This document describes how to administer 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 and Portuguese depending on the browsers settings. As long as the user is not logged in, no traffic will pass through ALCASAR.

**Network Access Control**

**Contrôle d'accès au réseau**

**Sécurité des Systèmes d'Information**

**Welcome on ALCASAR**

Your captive portal main page

Open an Internet session

Install ALCASAR AC Certificate

Change your password

The homepage of the portal is available for any browser connected on the network. The URL is <http://alcasar> (or <http://alcasar.localdomain>). From there, users can log on, log out, change their password and install the 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 two languages (English and French) via an encrypted flow (HTTPS). An 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.

**Authentification requise**

Le site https://alcasar demande un nom d'utilisateur et un mot de passe. Le site indique : « alcasar »

Utilisateur :

Mot de passe :

OK Annuler

⚠

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

**ALCASAR**

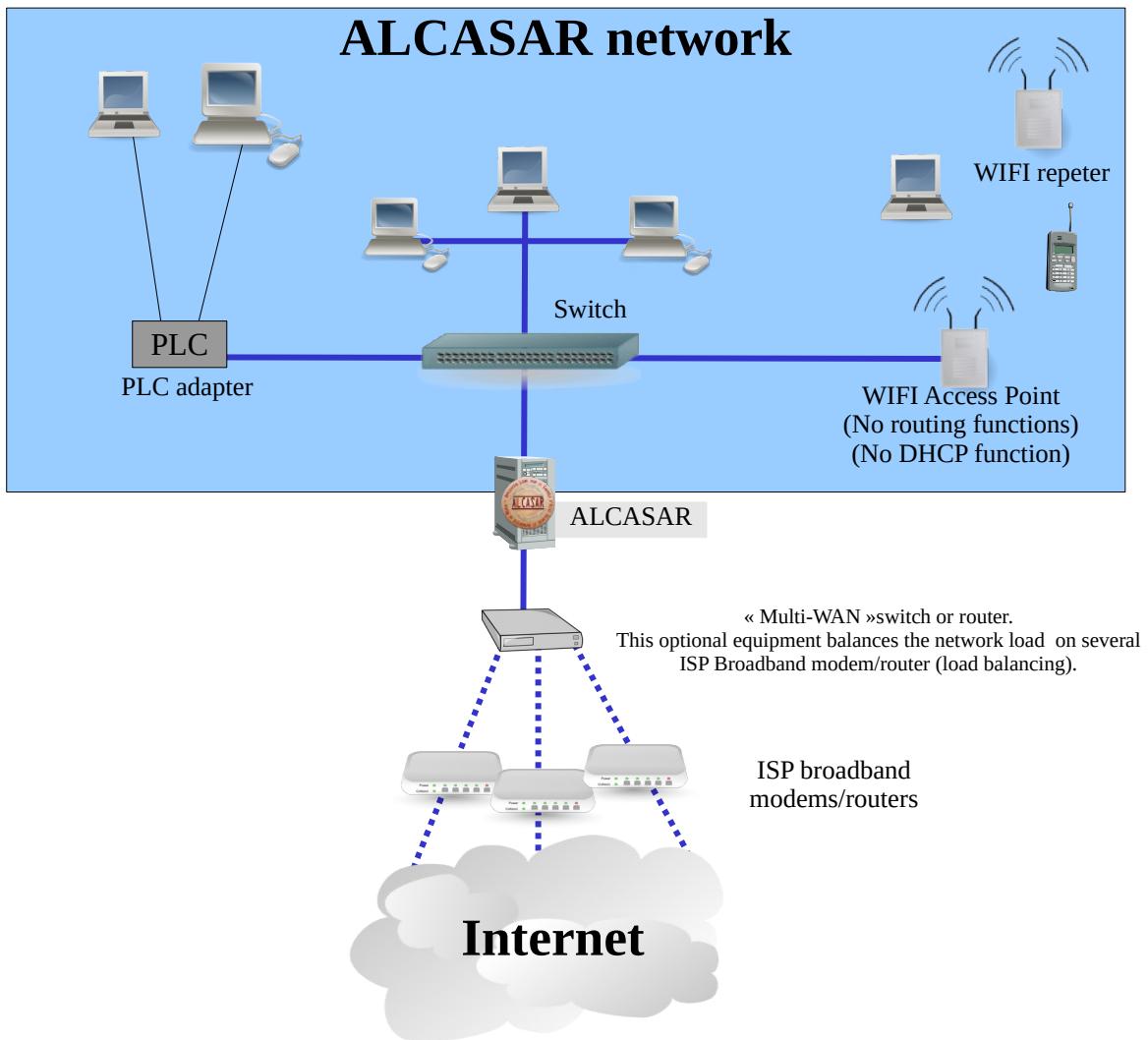
**System Information: localhost (172.16.0.1)**

General Informations about ALCASAR, portal		System Vital	
Internet connexion	enable	Canonical Hostname	localhost
Installed version	2.7	Certificate expiration date	Jan 19 20:32:17 2017 GMT
Available versions	2.7.1 (stable), trunk (devel)	Kernel Version	3.4.24-desktop-3.mga2 (SMP)
logged user(s) / tot.	0 / 0	Distro Name	Mageia 2
Number of group(s)	0	Uptime	2 minutes
Network protocols filter	disable	Current Users	1
WEB antivirus	enable	Load Averages	0.03 0.06 0.03
Domain and URL filter	disable		
Updated 'Blacklist'	January 05 2013		

Type	Percent Capacity	Free	Used	Size
Physical Memory	88%	58.31 MB	436.73 MB	495.04 MB
- Kernel + applications	57%	282.22 MB	26.23 MB	
- Buffers	5%	26.23 MB	128.28 MB	
- Cached	26%	128.28 MB	0.00 KB	822.07 MB
Disk Swap	0%	822.07 MB	0.00 KB	822.07 MB

Mount	Type	Partition	Percent Capacity	Free	Used	Size
/	ext4	/dev/sda1	50%	880.09 MB	980.48 MB	1.91 GB
/tmp	ext4	/dev/sda6	2%	1.78 GB	34.97 MB	1.91 GB
/home	ext4	/dev/sda7	2%	1.88 GB	34.95 MB	1.91 GB
/var	ext4	/dev/sda8	12%	1.11 GB	158.09 MB	1.33 GB

## 2. Network settings



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

**⚠ CAUTION : On the consultation network, no other gateway should be present (verify the PLC and WIFI Access Point settings).**

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

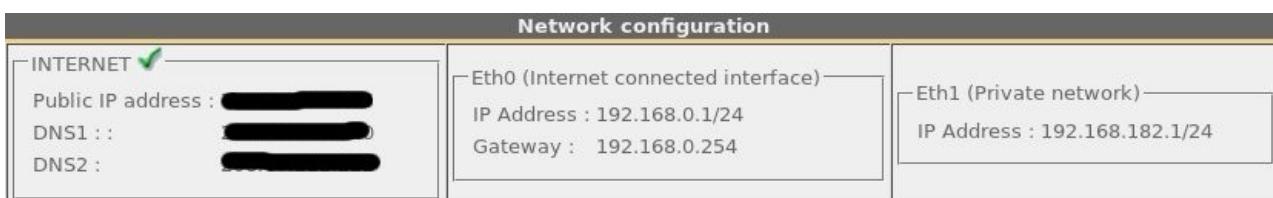
For example, with a class C network (default configuration)

- Network IP Address : 192.168.182.0/24 (sub-net mask : 255.255.255.0) ;
- Max number of devices : 253 ;
- ALCASAR eth1 IP address : 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 (ALCASAR IP address) ;
  - 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 (ALCASAR IP address) ;
  - network mask : 255.255.255.0

## 2.1. ALCASAR settings

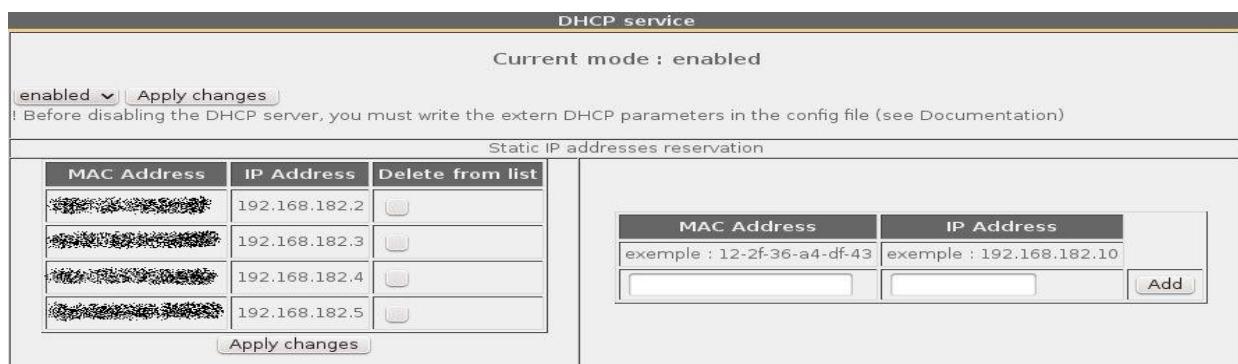
You can change ALCASAR network settings in the « system » + « network » menu.

### a) IP configuration



Currently, these parameters cannot be modified directly with the ACC. Nevertheless, you can change them in a text console by editing the file « </usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf> ». When modifications are made, apply them with the command line « [alcasar-conf.sh --apply](#) ».

### b) DHCP server



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

You can reserve IP addresses for devices that need static IP addresses (servers, printers, WiFi AccessPoint). Be sure that no other DHCP server is connected on your network. Or be sure to well knowing how manage multi-DHCP service (cf. §8.5a to manage the cohabitation with a A.D. © server).

## 2.2. Client devices settings

### a) Client device 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** » and « **pop-up** » windows. To be intercepted by ALCASAR, browsers must try to access a **HTTP** (and only HTTP) website. The **proxy** server settings must be **disabled**.

### b) Adding bookmark

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

## c) Installing the ALCASAR security certificate

Some communications between client devices and ALCASAR are encrypted with SSL (Secure Socket Layer) protocol. This protocol needs two certificates created during the installation: the ALCASAR certificate and the local Certification Authority (C.A.) certificate. By default, browsers don't know this certification authority. So, one of the following page is displayed when they connect to the portal for the first time.



**What Should I Do?**  
If you usually connect to this site without problems, this error could mean that someone is trying to impersonate the site, and you shouldn't continue.

- Get me out of here!
- Technical Details
- I Understand the Risks



**Le certificat de sécurité du site n'est pas approuvé !**  
You attempted to reach alcasar, but the server presented a certificate issued by an entity that is not trusted by your computer's operating system. This may mean that the server has generated its own security credentials, which Chrome cannot rely on to identify it accurately, or an attacker may be trying to intercept your communication. You should not proceed, especially if you have never seen this warning before for this site.

Pourriez-vous aider ? Faire la sécurité

### « Mozilla-Firefox »

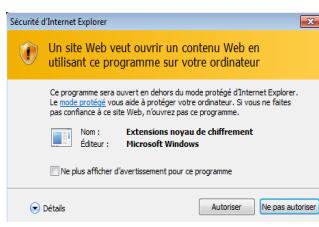
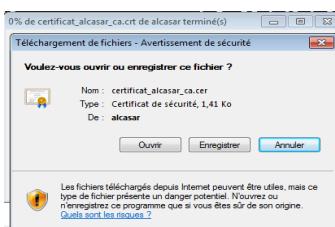
### « Microsoft-I.E. »

### « Google-chrome »

Although it is possible to continue to browse, it is recommended to install the security certificate of this C.A. in browsers so that they don't display these pages anymore<sup>1</sup>. To do that, click the zone « Install ALCASAR AC certificate » of the ALCASAR homepage. For each browser, follow the following steps :



### « Mozilla-Firefox »



1 – click « open »

2 – click « authorize »

3 – click « install the certificate »

4 – Choose the store « Trusted root certification authorities »

### Konqueror



### « Internet Explorer 8 » and « Safari »

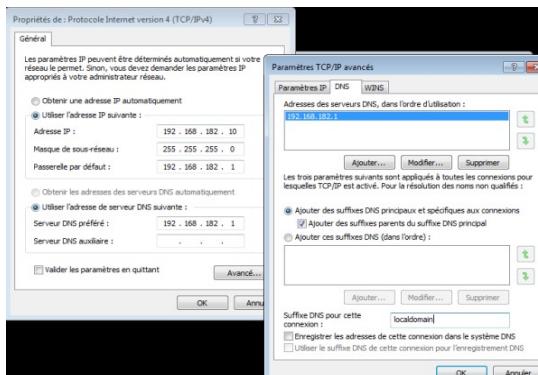
**« Google chrome »:** Google Chrome saves the certificate locally (« [certificat\\_alcasar\\_ca.crt](#) »). Select « preferences » in the configuration menu, then « advanced options », then « manage certificates » and then « import » in the tab « Authorities ».

<sup>1</sup> You can avoid this manipulation either in buying and including in ALCASAR an official certificate which is known by all web browsers (see §8.4), or in disabling the encryption of authenticating flow with the script « alcasar-https.sh {--on--off} ». Disabling the encryption means that you perfectly manage your ALCASAR network (see §11).

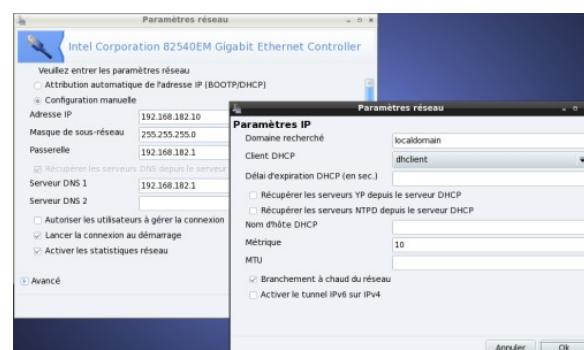
## d) Network configuration in static mode (servers, printers, WIFI access points, etc.) :

For these devices, the required parameters are the following :

- default gateway : IP address of the eth1 network interface of ALCASAR ;
- DNS server : IP address of the eth1 network interface of ALCASAR ;
- **DNS suffix : localdomain**



**« Windows Seven »**

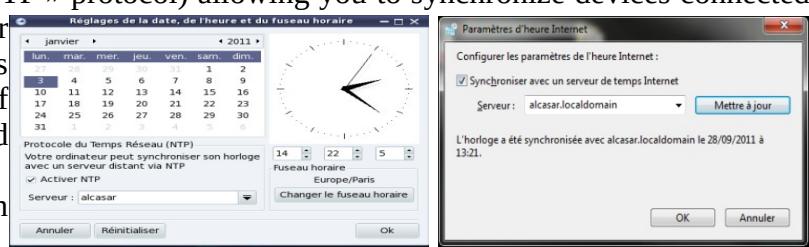


**« Mandriva & Mageia Linux »**

## 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 » on Linux and « alcasar.localdomain » on Windows.

**Note:** All NTP flows from consultation network are redirected to ALCASAR.



## 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 :

- display the network activity. Disconnect a user.
- create, search, modify and remove a user or user group ;
- import user names from a text file or from a user database backup ;
- empty the user database ;
- define trusted client devices allowed to connect to the Internet without authentication (exceptions).

### 3.1. Network activity

Activité sur le réseau de consultation				
#	Adresse IP	Adresse MAC	Usager	Action
1	192.168.182.100	00-21-97-6B-57-E5	[REDACTED]	<a href="#">Déconnecter</a>
2	192.168.182.173	00-02-72-85-75-ED	[REDACTED]	<a href="#">Déconnecter</a>
3	192.168.182.130	00-16-EA-5B-9B-04	[REDACTED]	<a href="#">Déconnecter</a>
4	192.168.182.131	00-16-6F-A1-EB-60	[REDACTED]	<a href="#">Déconnecter</a>
5	192.168.182.137	00-1A-A0-2F-10-DB	@MAC autorisée	<a href="#">Dissocier</a>
6	192.168.182.162	00-24-01-0B-95-CB		<a href="#">Dissocier</a>
7	192.168.182.132	00-24-2B-71-24-1C		<a href="#">Dissocier</a>
8	192.168.182.165	00-0F-3D-07-B2-48		<a href="#">Dissocier</a>

A connected user device. You can log out him or click on his name to view his profile

Device allowed to browse the Internet without authentication on ALCASAR (trusted device - see §4.7.c)

Device connected on the ALCASAR network but with no user authenticated. You can remove this record (disassociate). It is required if you want to change the device's static IP address or when a client device has a wrong IP address.

## 3.2. Creating groups

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

When you create a user group, you can define attributes of all the users of this group. These attributes are taken into account only if they are not empty. Thus, let the attribute empty if you don't want to use it. For assistance, click on the attribute name.

**Create a group**

Already created group(s)	The group list is empty
<input style="width: 100%;" type="button" value="Create a group"/>	

The name is case sensitive (« group1 » and « Group1 » are two different names) and can't contain any accents or special characters.

**Expiry date**  
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.

**Expiry date**  
 Jun 2011 >  

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Clear

**Maximum time of connection**  
This time of connection is independent from the number of sessions. Thus, the user can spend this time as he wants (in one or more sessions).

**Limit of time**  
When one of these limits is reached, the user is logged out.

**Number of concurrent session per user**  
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

**Authorized periods in a week**  
Example for a period from Monday at 7 am to Friday at 6 pm :  
Mo-Fr0700-1800

**5 quality of service parameters (QOS)**  
You can set limitations.  
Data volume limit is set for one session. When the limit value is reached, the user is logged out.

**URL redirection**  
Once authenticated, the user is redirected to this URL.  
The URL must contain the protocol name. Example :  
« http://www.site.org »

**Filtering**  
Choose the filtering policy. See §4 for more explanations about the blacklist, whitelist and antivirus filtering system.

**Page d'aide : session simultanée**

Cet attribut définit le nombre maximum de sessions simultanées qu'un usager peut ouvrir (non renseigné = infini)  
This attribute defines the maximum number of concurrent logins for a user. It is independent from the number of ports the user is allowed to open in a multilink session.

**Close Window**

For assistance, click on the attributes name.

### 3.3. Editing and removing a group

Click the name of the group to edit it

#	Group	Nombre d'usagers
1		13
2		2
3		4
4		7
5		7
6		11
7		164
8		186
9		136
10		149
11		158

Group : classroom1 ()

Remove all members of this group :   
Are you sure to remove classroom1 ?

Groups management

**MEMBERS**    **ATTRIBUTES**    **REMOVE**

Group : classroom1

Members to remove :  
The selected members will be removed from the group.  
Use 'shift' or 'Ctrl' for multiple selection.

classroom1	lulu paulo sophie
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Members to add :  
Separate the members with a 'space' or a 'carriage return'.

### 3.4. Creating users

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 (example : "maximum time" for a session), user attribute takes precedence over group attribute.

\* When a user is 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 display in the different

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



Login

Password

Group  The group list is empty

Surname and name

see the previous chapter to get details on attributes  Email Address  Expiration date

Authorized period after the first connection (in seconds)  s

Number of concurrent login  1

Filtering

Voucher language

Note: when creating multiple tickets simultaneously:  
- username and password are only generated,  
- fields "Surname and name" and "Email Address" are not used.

To see/hide all attributes

Enter the number of users to create  1

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 connections 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	Login
Value (empty = all)	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Start search"/>	
Search criteria	Special attribute
Attribute	Expiration date
Value (empty = all)	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="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 kbytes/second) Maximum download bandwidth(in kbytes/second) Redirection URL	

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

The diagram illustrates the ALCASAR interface with several windows and their interactions:

- User attributes**: Shows password settings (Mot de passe, Durée limite d'une session, Durée limite journalière, Durée limite mensuelle, Période hebdomadaire, Date d'expiration) and group membership (Membre de).
- Personal information**: Displays full name (DUPONT Loïc), email (dupont@loic.fr), service (comptabilité), and phone numbers (Téléphone personnel, Téléphone bureau, Téléphone mobile).
- Deleting a user**: A confirmation dialog asking if the user (paulette) should be deleted.
- General information (connections list, statistics, password test, etc.)**: Includes a password checker (Check Password) and a session status table (Etat des connexions pour paulo).
- Active sessions**: A dialog to close sessions for user dupont.
- Connections list**: Shows a table of logins (logged in, session time, upload, download, server, terminate cause, callerid) and an analysis table (Analyse pour rrey).
- Toolbar icons**: A central toolbar with icons for user management (User attributes, Personal information, Deleting a user, General information, Active sessions, Connections list), system (Logout, Help), and configuration (Configuration).

### **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).

Import from a saved users database file (SQL format)

In order to impute the last connections, the actual users database will be automatically saved.

File (.sql) :  Parcourir...

#### **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 saved in the directory « /tmp » (during 24 hours). These files are available in the ACC.

Import from a text file ('.txt')

In this file, you must write only the user login one below the other.

File (.txt) :  Parcourir... Aucun fichier sélectionné

Define their group (advisable) :

Logins/passwords files available during the last 24h :

- 20150127-114053-users-list (.txt - pdf)
- 20150127-111022-list (.txt - pdf)
- 20150127-114212-users-list (.txt - pdf)
- 20150127-112507-list (.txt - pdf)
- 20150127-113556-users-list (.txt - pdf)

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

For each import, a file including logins and password is available during 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.

Reset the users database

In order to impute the last connections, the actual users database will be automatically saved.

### **3.8. Authentication exceptions**

By default, ALCASAR is configured to stop the network flow from a user not logged in.

Nevertheless, you can define some exceptions :

- to allow auto update of antivirus and auto-update of operating systems (See §11.2) ; On « Windows© » : to keep the “*Internet access*” icon on, even if nobody is connected.
- to access a server or a security zone (DMZ) located behind ALCASAR ;
- to allow some devices to not be intercepted.

#### **a) To trusted sites or trusted domain names**

In this window, you can input 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 display a weblink to a trusted site on the ALCASAR homepage.

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
free.fr		<input type="checkbox"/>	exemple1 : www.mydomain.com
www.alcasar.net	alcasar website	<input type="checkbox"/>	exemple2 : yourdomain.net
www.wikipedia.org	wikipedia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="button" value="Apply changes"/>			<input type="button" value="Add to list"/>

#### **b) To trusted IP addresses or trusted network 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
192.168.182.3	my_nas	<input type="checkbox"/>

Apply changes

Trusted IP addresses	Comments
exemple1 : 170.25.23.10	my_web_server
exemple2 : 15.20.20.0/16	my_dmz

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) Allowing trusted client devices

It is possible to allow some client devices to go through ALCASAR without being intercepted. In order to do that, create a user whose name is the MAC address of the device (example: 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 the user).

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

In order to be imediatly considered, the “chilli” service must be restarted (see §9.3).

#	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 legal requirements. In order to work, this module required a GSM modem (also called 3g key), and a subscription to a mobile operator.

How does it work? The user who want an ALCASAR account in order to access to the Internet send a simple SMS to number of the ALCASAR 3g key. The SMS content is the password, and the phone number of the user is the login. When the SMS is received by ALCASAR, the account is created.

During our tests the following 3g key were used :

#### • Huawei E180

- ~ 30€
- Connectivity: USB
- Power : USB
- Little issue with the Huawei firmware.
- Configuration : **at19200**



#### • Wavecom Fastrack suprem 10

- ~ 60€
- Connectivity: RS-232 (with an RS-232/USB link)
- Power: Power mains
- No issues.
- Configuration : **at115200**



#### • Wavecom Q2303A Module USB

- ~ €
- Connectivity: USB
- Power: USB
- No issues.
- Configuration : **at9600**



## b) enable the service

AUTHENTIFICATION	
<a href="#">Créer un usager</a>	
<a href="#">Éditer un usager</a>	
<a href="#">Créer un groupe</a>	
<a href="#">Éditer un groupe</a>	
<a href="#">Importer / Vider</a>	
<a href="#">Exceptions</a>	
<a href="#">Activité</a>	
<a href="#">Auto enregistrement (SMS)</a>	

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

If no 3g key are plugged, the configuration page is disabled.

Status of your device
No device detected

If a valid 3g key is connected (don't start the service before entering all the information !!!) :

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Number of try before a ban <sup>(4)</sup>													
Time of a ban <sup>(4)</sup>													
Show 10 entries	Search .												
Phone number	Reason	Expiration date	Action										
No matching records found													
No matching records found previous next													

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 write on the user information page (see next §). Example : for the french number “0612345678”, the international number is “+33612345678”.

<sup>(2)</sup> Be careful, If the PIN code is wrong, the SIM card will be locked. In this case, follow the instructions in the documentation “alcasar-2.9-technique.odt - §8.2 Auto-inscription par SMS »” to unlock it.

<sup>(3)</sup> This field give a value (in days) for a valid account.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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 try is exceed, the phone number of this user will be banned for a time (in days). Each phone number ban will be ignored by ALCASAR.

<sup>(5)</sup> Each 3g key has a different baud rate transfer. See previous chapter to find the rate for the 3g keys we have tested. A bigger list of configuration can be find on : <http://wammu.eu/phones/>

If all is set correctly, you can start the module with the “starts” button.

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

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

### c) User interface

Once the service is started, the interception page provides an additional link « Auto registration ». The ALCASAR main page (<http://alcasar>) display also a dedicated link.

Numéro 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****30551	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
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336****38961	Compte actif	13 June 2014



This link gives some information about the SMS account already created. Moreover, each user can have an 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.

This table give the state of phone number which have sent one or more SMS. If you click on delete, the account (if it is already available) will be delete, and the user can create an account again.

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

### 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 country.

Country filtering		Current filtering : Authorize the french numbers		Action	
Country filtering advanced		Authorize european numbers		Authorize all countries	
Afghanistan	+93				
Afrique du Sud	+27				
Albanie	+355				
Algérie	+213				
Allemagne	+49				
Andorre	+376				
Angleterre	+44				
Angola	+244				
Anguilla	+1264				
Antigua et Barbuda	+1268				

### f) Error messages [administration]

Can not listen the ttyUSB0 port.	You 3g key is maybe used by an other program
Timeout. Can not connect to modem.	The 3g key has been disconnected
An issue with your Sim card was detected. Is it in the key?	The Sim card is not in the 3g key
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 refer to the technical documentation of ALCASAR (§8.2 - Auto-inscription par SMS).

## 4. Filtering

ALCASAR has several optional filters:

- [Blacklist](#)
- [Whitelist](#)
- [Protocols](#)
- a blacklist and a whitelist of domain names, URLs and IP addresses;
- an anti-malwares on the WEB flow;
- a filter for network protocols.

The first filter was developed at the request of organization likely to welcome young people (schools, secondary schools, recreation centers, etc.). This filter can be compared to the parental/school control system. You can enable or disable it for each user (or group of users) by modifying users or groups attributes (see §3).

The anti-malware can detect a lot of type of files (virus, worm, phishing, etc.). It can be combined with previous filter. It is enabled by user. It is updated every 4 hours.



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.).

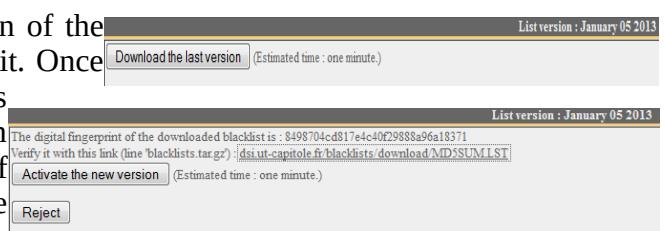
ALCASAR uses **the excellent** list (black + white) drawn up by the University of Toulouse (France). This list was chosen because it is distributed under a free license (creative commons) and its content refers to France. In that list, domain names (eg www.domaine.org), URLs (eg www.domaine.org/rubrique1/page2.html) 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.).

### 4.1. Blacklist and whitelist

#### a) Updating the list

The update of the blacklist will download the latest version of the list of the University of Toulouse (France) and will 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
<input type="checkbox"/>									
games	lingerie	manga	mobile-phone	publicite	radio	reaffected	shopping	social_networks	sports
<input type="checkbox"/>									
webmail	adult	agressif	dangerous_material	dating	drague	gambling	hacking	malware	marketingware
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mixed_adult	phishing	redirector	remote-control	sect	strict_redirector	strong_redirector	tricheur	warez	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									

redirector

Some redirector sites, which are used to circumvent filtering.

Number of filtered domain names : 84482  
Number of filtered URL : 291  
Number of filtered IP : 250

Example(s) :

10.10.10.10/proxy/  
1337games.net/proxy/  
207.156.166.165/anonymiser  
208.53.147.202/~regmivo/  
24web.mobiproxy  
84.100.100.100/www/  
66.197.221.187/~unlockwe/  
66.90.103.130/~bypasswe/  
74.86.47.189/~hidemypr/  
94.23.46.192/flesonic-proxy.php  
acewebmedia.com/myspaceproxy  
adguru.org/proxy/  
allcoofflat.com/geeky/elgoog  
america2.net/e2.net/index.html/  
andrewtchin.com/proxy/

[Close](#)

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 sites.

You can rehabilitate domain names or IP addresses.

You can add domain names or IP addresses directly in the ACC or by importing text file (one domain or one address per line).

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

### c) Special blacklist filtering

The blacklist has two special filters available for HTTP protocol. The first one blocks URLs containing an IP address instead of a domain name.

The second one exclude results from search engines that may not be suitable for minors ("Safe search" function). This second filter is compatible with "Google", "Yahoo", "bing" and "metacrawler". This second filter works only on HTTP requests.

It works with "YouTube" only if you get a YouTube ID. For that, visit : [http://www.youtube.com/education\\_signup](http://www.youtube.com/education_signup). Once your YouTube account is created, copy the ID in the ACC and save the changes.

Specific filtering	
<input type="checkbox"/> Filtering URLs that contain an IP address instead of a domain name (ie: http://25.56.58.59/index.htm)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enabling school/parental control for the search engines google, yahoo, bing, metacrawler and YouTube.	
For YouTube, enter your ID here : <input type="text" value=""/> ( <a href="#">link to create a YouTube Id</a> )	
<input type="button" value="Save changes"/>	

#### Option A : ajouter une nouvelle règle d'en-tête HTTP

Modifiez votre filtre de matériel ou vos paramètres de serveur proxy pour que tout le trafic sortant vers youtube.com contienne l'en-tête HTTP personnalisé suivant. L'ID à utiliser dans la configuration de l'en-tête HTTP, écrit ci-dessous, est propre au réseau de votre établissement scolaire. Si votre établissement est bloqué au niveau du quartier, cet en-tête HTTP sera propre au réseau du quartier.

X-YouTube-Edu-Filter:K...Tm6g

Once your account is created, get your YouTube ID  
(character string just after the ':' character).

### d) Whitelist



WhiteList						
Domain names : 9087, Url : 0, Ip : 0						
Select the categories to allow						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cleaning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> jobsearch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> liste_bu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> press	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sexual_education
Domain names or IP to add to whitelist						
<b>Allowed domain names</b>				<b>Allowed IP</b>		
Enter one domain name per row (example : .domain.org) <input type="text"/>				Enter one IP per row (example : 123.123.123.123) or a network address (example : 123.123.0.0/16) <input type="text"/>		
<input type="button" value="Save changes"/>						

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. Protocols filtering

When this filter is not enabled, a logged in user can use any protocol (Internet access is limitless). All the actions of logged in users are traced and recorded regardless of the protocol used. When the filter module is enabled, only the HTTP protocol is enabled by default. All other protocols are blocked. It is possible from this restrictive mode, to enable, one by one, the network protocols you want to allow. A list of standard protocols is presented by default. You can enrich it.

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- 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.

Note: When enabled, this filter is active for all users. In future, ALCASAR will be able to associate it (or not) to each user (as for blacklist/whitelist/anti-malware).

## 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	3	34 minutes, 58 seconds	1.51 MBs 52.37 MBs
68	3	17 minutes, 38 seconds	0.78 MBs 3.15 MBs
69	3	32 minutes, 4 seconds	1.84 MBs 12.61 MBs
70	4	3 hours, 50 minutes, 26 seconds	3.25 MBs 17.91 MBs
71	4	57 minutes, 16 seconds	4.04 MBs 23.44 MBs
72	4	1 hours, 20 minutes, 26 seconds	6.80 MBs 26.79 MBs
73	4	50 minutes, 32 seconds	4.03 MBs 29.53 MBs
74	4	32 minutes, 49 seconds	1.79 MBs 11.75 MBs
75	5	21 minutes, 22 seconds	1.97 MBs 71.12 MBs
76	5	1 hours, 12 minutes, 26 seconds	0.88 MBs 4.71 MBs
77	5	1 hours, 3 minutes, 25 seconds	1.41 MBs 59.74 MBs
78	6	25 minutes, 10 seconds	1.86 MBs 61.05 MBs
79	6	1 hours, 11 minutes, 4 seconds	6.33 MBs 39.43 MBs
80	7	33 minutes, 45 seconds	1.40 MBs 9.79 MBs
81	8	1 hours, 2 seconds	0.83 MBs 32.22 MBs
82	10	3 hours	17.60 MBs 39.65 MBs
83	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: User On Access Server: all

### 5.2. Connection status of users

This page lists log-in and log-out 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).

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.

- Example 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					
Client IP Address	Download	Login Time	Logout Time	Session Time	Afficher les attributs suivants :
192.168.182.10	443.61 Kbs	2009-05-29 11:19:54	2009-05-29 11:32:34	12 minutes, 40 second	Accounting Stop Delay
192.168.182.22	1.66 MBs	2009-06-03 18:24:20	2009-06-03 18:44:20	20 minutes	AcctAuthentic
192.168.182.129	46.12 MBs	2009-06-03 18:58:23	2009-06-04 09:39:01	14 hours, 40 minutes, 38 second	CalledStationId
192.168.182.10	381.81 Kbs	2009-06-04 12:58:10	2009-06-04 13:06:08	7 minutes, 58 seconds	Caller Id
192.168.182.10	400.14 Kbs	2009-06-04 13:41:29	2009-06-04 13:43:45	2 minutes, 16 seconds	Client IP Address
192.168.182.10	327.07 Kbs	2009-06-04 14:50:24	2009-06-04 15:22:37	32 minutes, 13 second	Classé par :
192.168.182.10	96.93 Kbs	2009-06-04 15:23:13	2009-06-04 15:37:46	14 minutes, 33 second	Accounting Id
192.168.182.10	286.75 Kbs	2009-06-04 15:38:37	2009-06-04 16:20:42	42 minutes, 5 second	Nbr. Max. de résultats retournés :
192.168.182.129	10.33 MBs	2009-06-04 16:29:46	2009-06-04 19:15:48	2 hours, 46 minutes, 2 second	40
192.168.182.110	303.42 Kbs	2009-06-04 16:57:30	2009-06-04 18:25:17	1 hours, 27 minutes, 38 second	Envoyer

- Example 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:

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	

Afficher les attributs suivants :

Critère de sélection :

-Attribut--	>= 2009-07-01	del
Login Time	<= 2009-07-31	del
Login Time	= 192.168.182.147	del
Client IP Address		

Classeé par :

Nbr. Max. de résultats retournés :

Envoyer

### 5.3. Daily use

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

De à usager sur le serveur

2009-11-23 2009-11-30 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 Rafraîchir

**Analyse journalière**

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

**Récapitulatif journalier**

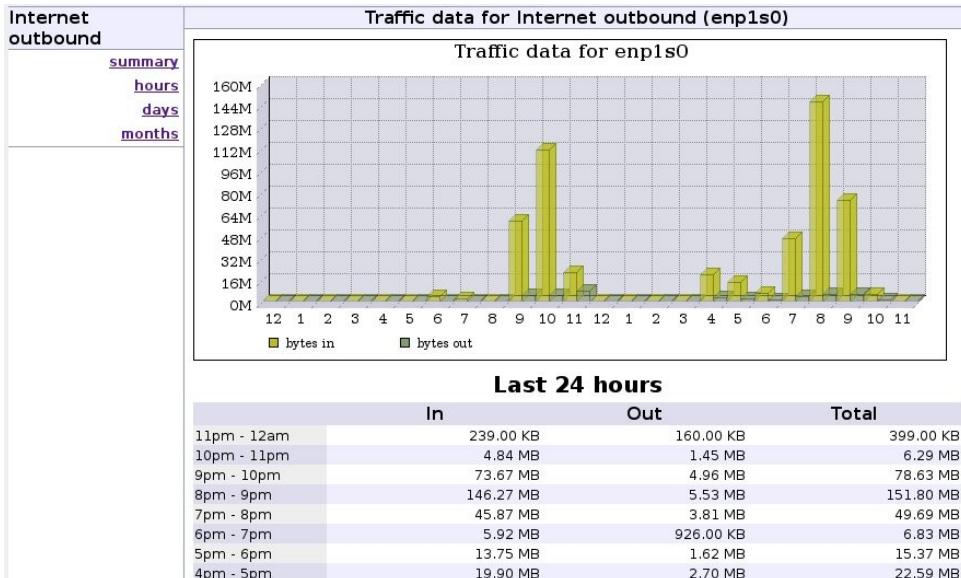
	sessions	temps d'utilisation total	uploads
maximum	366	08:07:32:27	11.45 GBs
moyenne	286	06:15:40:04	7.28 GBs
récapitulatif	2285	53:05:20:30	58.25 GBs

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

### 5.4. Global and detailed traffic



#### Global traffic



This graph allows to show network statistics by hour, day, month.

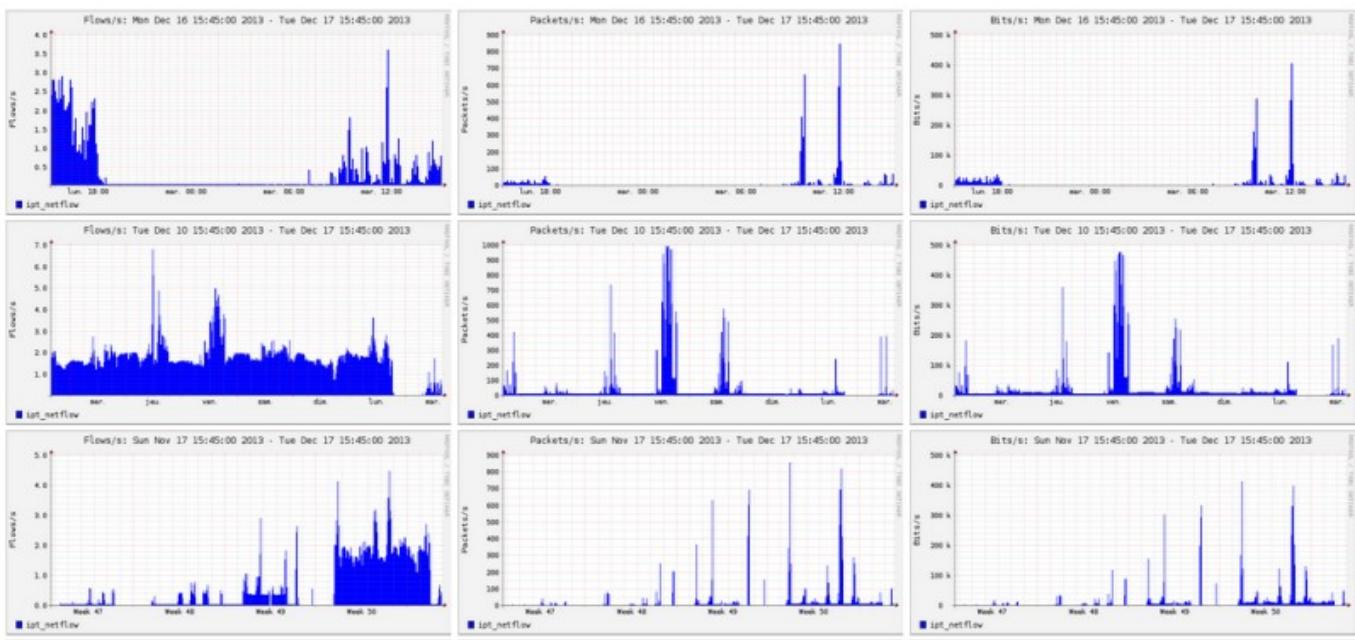
## Detailed traffic



This page shows the statistics for outbound network traffic (by day, by week and by month). The data are updated every 5'.

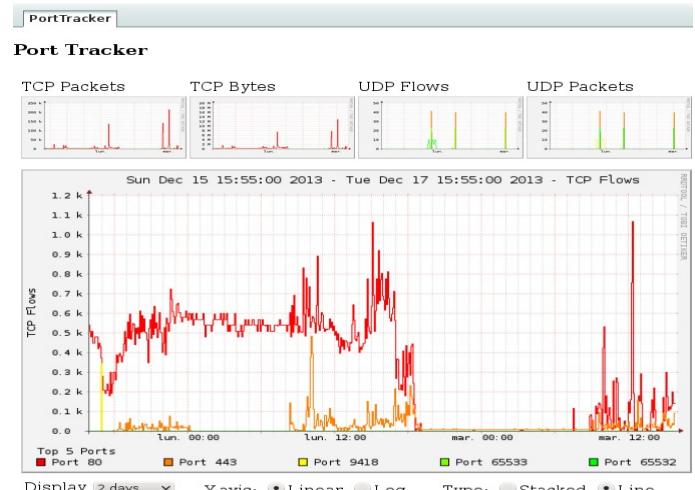
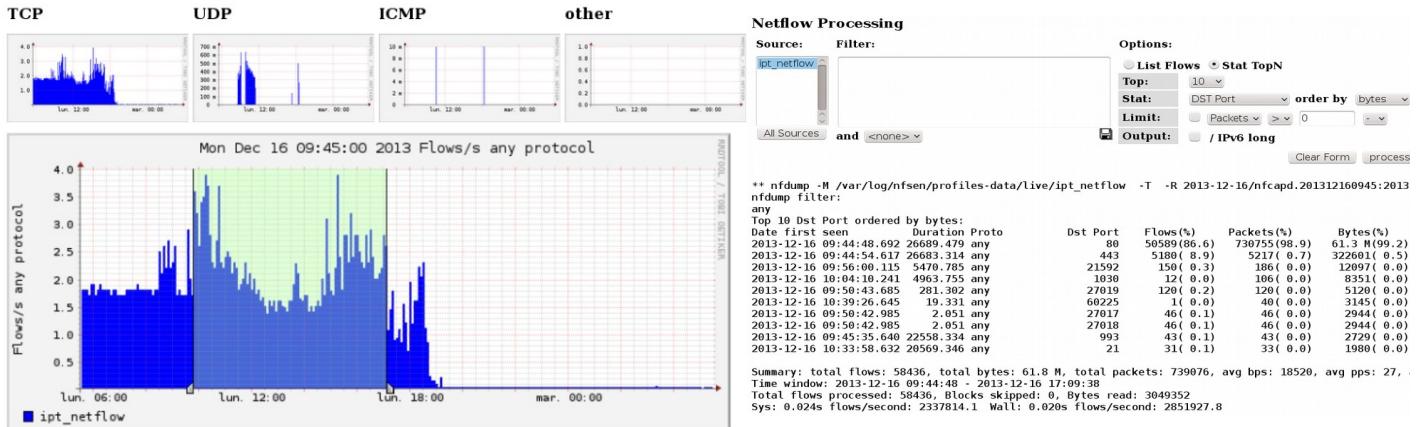
[Home](#) [Graphs](#) [Details](#) [Alerts](#) [Stats](#) [Plugins](#) live [Bookmark URL](#) Profile: live ▾

### Overview Profile: live, Group: (nogroup)



The “details” menu allows you to zoom on a particular time slot. For the HTTP flows, network IP addresses are hidden and replaced with the IP address of ALCASAR.

#### Profile: live



The “plugins” menu shows the network traffic based on the traffic protocol (port tracker). You can see the protocols currently in use (“now”) or all protocols used during the last “24 hours”.

SURFmap is a plugin which gives the possibility to have a visual of all the flows (not only HTTP). Your web-browser must be connected to Internet to retrieve the base map!!!

Different filters are available in the *Menu* : number of flow, begin and end date, show just the flows of one @ip (“src host 123.123.123.123”)

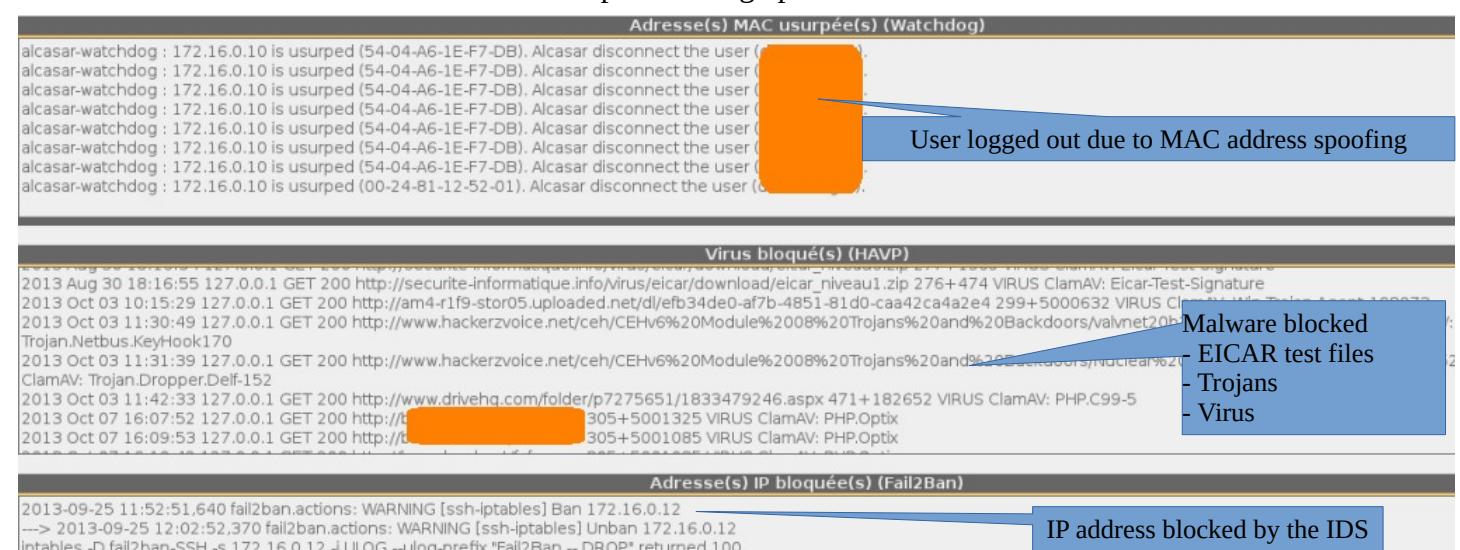
Do not enter a huge value of flow. More this value is high, more the time of process is high.

The “Auto-refresh” checkbox refresh this page each 5 minutes.

## 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 malwares 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 (00-24-81-12-52-01).

**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: Trojan.Netbus.KeyHook170

2013 Oct 03 11:30:49 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://www.hackerzvoice.net/ceh/CEHv6%20Module%2008%20Trojans%20and%20Backdoors/valnet20b

2013 Oct 03 11:31:39 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://www.hackerzvoice.net/ceh/CEHv6%20Module%2008%20Trojans%20and%20Backdoors/ndclear%20

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://[REDACTED] 305+5001325 VIRUS ClamAV: PHP.Optix

2013 Oct 07 16:09:53 127.0.0.1 GET 200 http://[REDACTED] 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

**Malware blocked**

- EICAR test files
- Trojans
- Virus

**IP address blocked by the IDS**

## 6. Backup

### 6.1. Connection logs

The menu "Backup" from the ACC displays, in the first column, 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.

#### In case of legal inquiry

In a legal inquiry, law enforcement officials may ask for connection logs of your users. Give them the file of activity of the week of the offence.

If the officials ask for the files of the current week , create this file via the menu.

**Create the traceability file of the current week**

## 6.2. The users database

The menu "Backups" from the ACC displays, in the second column, 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		
<a href="#">alcasar-users-database-20150726-11h18.sql.gz</a>	(255.27 Ko)	
<a href="#">alcasar-users-database-20150310-21h41.sql.gz</a>	(189.65 Ko)	
<a href="#">alcasar-users-database-20150310-00h11.sql.gz</a>	(1.75 Ko)	



## 7. Advanced features

### 7.1. Administration 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 for system administration ;
- « sysadmin » : This account allows you to take secure remote control of your system (see next §).

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

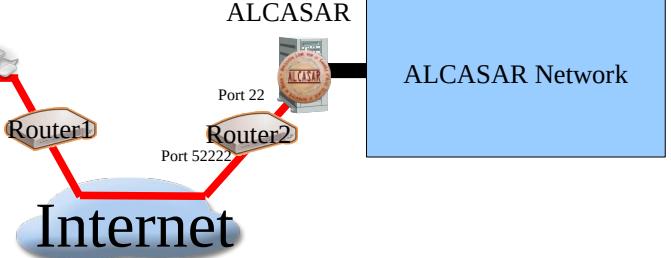
- « **admin** » : this account give access to all the functions of the ACC. A first "admin" account was created during the installation of ALCASAR (see Installation documentation);
- « **manager** »: this account only give access to users and groups management functions (see §3) ;
- « **backup** » :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

You can create as many management 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 flow ("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

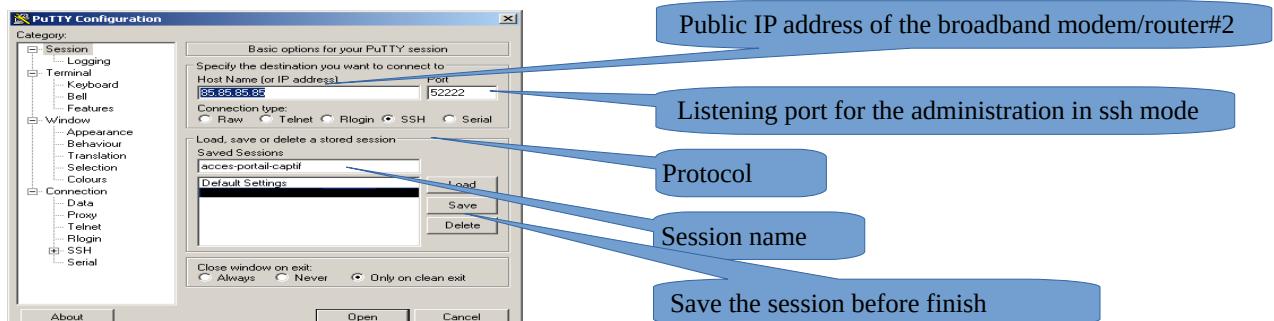
It is necessary to configure broadband modem/router#2 so that it doesn't block the "SSH" protocol. To anonymise the SSH data flow on the Internet, the default port (22) is replaced by another one (52222). If you want, you can still use the port 22.

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 the broadband modem/router#2 (52222 in our example). You can add the "-C" option to enable the compression algorithme.
- On Windows, install "Putty" or "putty-portable" or "kitty" and create a new session:



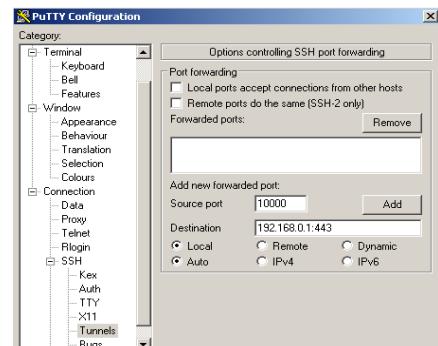
click on "Open", accept the server key and log in as "sysadmin".

## c) Administration ALCASAR in GUI mode

The goal is now to redirect the data flow from the workstation's browser to ALCASAR in a SSH tunnel. To create this tunnel:

- On Linux, run the command:  
« ssh -L 10000:@IP\_eth1\_alcasar:443 -p 52222 sysadmin@w.x.y.z »
- On Window, configure « putty » as describe bellow:

- 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 eth1 of alcasar1 followed by the port 443 (here 192.168.0.1:443)
- 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\_equipment » 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".

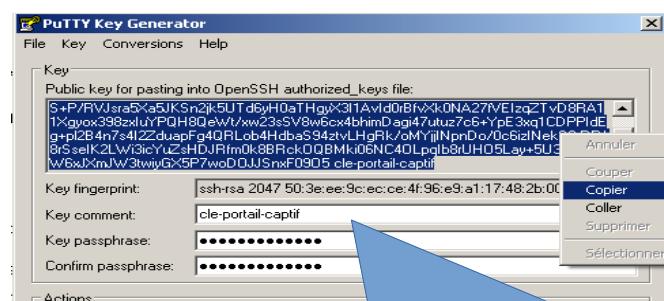
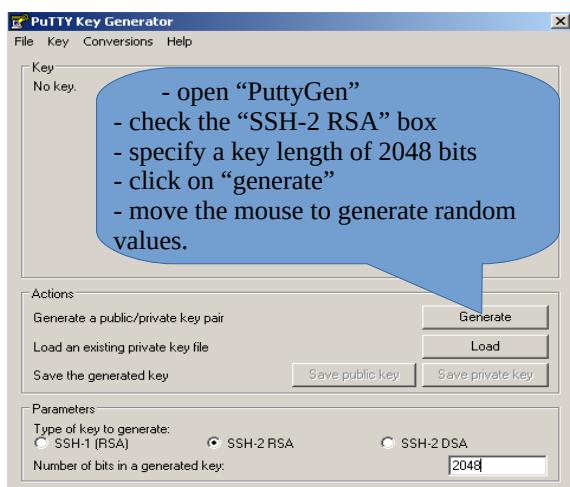
Run the command : « `ssh login@localhost:10000` » to use SSH for secure remote administration.

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 »



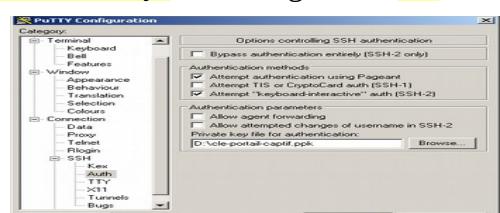
- Linux with « `ssh-keygen` »

In your personal directory, create the directory « `.ssh` » if it is 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.

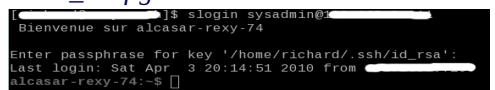
```
[richard@rexy ~]$ mkdir .ssh
[richard@rexy ~]$ cd .ssh/
[richard@rexy .ssh]$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048 -f id_rsa
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in id_rsa.
Your public key has been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

```
[REDACTED] .ssh]$ cat id_rsa.pub
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQEAyL4yMM8B018Quusv1IqV
3kF2whuHzmNmH9ITFTALwHPHA91Wnx1cDPE9DPR7FPqrEZf/uT84C2Gj
p7d/IX+/JyP1VXoUdXaZ9wjtuS3SVWSr609NxmbZqo0ggrGpjN7Vfu53
npCrDQGfuq6PIm06AQcJQkySm0XDGFVr4r5Zbw== [REDACTED]
```

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



## 7.3. How to 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. Server certificate

Data is 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 ACC (ALCASAR Control Center).

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 homepage of the ACC :

Système	
Nom d'hôte canonique	alcasar
Date d'expiration du certificat	May 30 23:59:59 2012 GMT
Version du noyau	2.6.33-7-desktop586-2mm (SMP)
Distribution	Mandriva Linux 2010.2
Uptime	51 minutes
Utilisateurs	1
Charge système	0.00 0.00 0.00 100%

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 installing the new one.**

### a) Install an official certificate

In version 2.0 and higher, it is possible to install an official intranet certificate issued from a certificate authority (CA). The installation of such a certificate avoids security warning dialog box on browsers that did not install the ALCASAR root certificate (cf. §2.2.c). Unlike "Internet" certificates which certify a domain name registered at a registrar, an "intranet" certificate can certify a private IP address or a simple server name (hostname). This is the case of ALCASAR whose "hostname" is always "alcasar". To obtain your certificate, follow the instructions as noted on the site of the certificate authority. Please note that the web server used by ALCASAR is an "APACHE" server with a SSL module. The following example presents an "intranet" certificate installation generated by the certificate authority (CA) "Digitalix".

First, you will have to execute the following command on ALCASAR as "root" :



- `openssl req -newkey rsa:2048 -new -nodes -keyout alcasar.key -out alcasar.csr`  
This command creates two files : the private key (*alcasar.key*) and the certificate signing request (*alcasar.csr*).
- Copy the certificate signing request on a USB flash drive to copy its contents on the site of the certificate authority. The CA must provide you a file containing your official server certificate (*alcasar.crt*). If needed, you also have to download the intermediate authority certificate of your CA (for Digitalix, it is available here: <http://www.digitalix.fr/certs/HACert-bundle.crt>).
- As "root", copy the three files « *alcasar.key* », *alcasar.crt* » and « *HACert-bundle.crt* » in your directory (*/root*). Then, execute the following commands :
  - `cd /etc/pki/tls` (moves in the certificate directory)
  - `mv certs/alcasar.crt certs/alcasar.crt.old` then `mv certs/server-chain.crt certs/server-chain.crt.old` and finally `mv private/alcasar.key private/alcasar.key.old` (backup of the old certificates)
  - `cp /root/alcasar.crt certs/` et `cp /root/alcasar.key private/` (copy of the official certificate and of its private key)
  - if your CA owns an intermediate authority certificate: `cp /root/HACert-bundle.crt certs/server-chain.crt` else : `cp certs/alcasar.crt certs/server-chain.crt`

- Restart the Apache web server with the command « `systemctl restart httpd` ».

If you're having problems:

- either you reverse the instructions of the second line; or you regenerate new local certificates with the command : « `alcasar-CA.sh` » ;
- restart the Apache Web server with the command : « `systemctl restart httpd` ».

## b) Copy of a certificate on several ALCASAR server

If you use several ALCASAR server, it could be interesting to copy the server certificate from a reference ALCASAR server to other ALCASAR servers. If you installed an official certificate, execute the commands from the points 1 to 5 from the previous section on the different ALCASAR servers. In the case of a certificate created during installation, copy the five following files from the reference ALCASAR to the other servers:

- for the certification authority : `/etc/pki/CA/alcasar-ca.crt` and `/etc/pki/CA/private/alcasar-ca.key`
- for the server certificate : `/etc/pki/tls/certs/alcasar.crt`, `/etc/pki/tls/certs/server-chain.crt` and `/etc/pki/tls/private/alcasar.key`

Restart the Apache Web server with the command : « `systemctl restart httpd` ».

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

ALCASAR contains a module capable of 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 used.

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

LDAP connexion success...  
DN seems to be right

Use LDAP authentication :

LDAP server name:  
This is the hostname or IP address of the LDAP server.  
172.16.0.10

LDAP base dn:  
This is the 'Distinguished Name', locating the user information in the directory. e.g. LDAP : 'o=MyCompany,c=US'. e.g. AD : 'ou=my\_lan,dc=server\_name,dc=localdomain'  
ou=My\_lan,dc=ad2012,dc=localdomain

LDAP uid:  
This is the key used to search for a given login identity. e.g. 'uid', 'sn', etc.. For AD use 'sAMAccountName'.  
sAMAccountName

LDAP user filter:  
Optionally you can further limit the searched objects with additional filters. For example 'objectClass=posixGroup' would result in the use of '(&(uid=username)(objectClass=posixGroup))'

LDAP user dn:  
Username used by ALCASAR to connect to the LDAP server. Leave blank to use anonymous binding. Required for AD. e.g. LDAP : 'uid=Username,ou=my\_lan,o=mycompany,c=US'. e.g. AD : 'cn=username,ou=my\_lan,dc=server\_name,dc=localdomain'  
cn=alcasar,ou=My\_lan,dc=ad2012,dc=localdomain

LDAP password:  
Leave blank to use anonymous binding. Required for AD.  
\*\*\*\*\*

### Remark :

- attributes of users stored in the external directory 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 unlike the local database of ALCASAR.

Fichier Action Affichage ?

Utilisateurs et ordinateurs Active Directory

Nom	Type
alcasar	Utilisateur
internaute	Utilisateur

Example for an A.D.: This screenshot shows the directory organized as follows: standard users are put into the Organizational Unit (O.U.) "My\_lan". The account used by ALCASAR to request the directory is the account "alcasar". This account is a standard account that does not need special rights.

- DN of the directory : 'ou=My-lan,dc=ad2012,dc=localdomain'. This DN set the position where searching the users.
- LDAP ID : 'sAMAccountName' for an AD; 'uid' in general for other LDAP.
- Filter : leave this field empty unless you want to select only specific users.
- LDAP user : it's the "DN" of the account used by ALCASAR to read the remote directory : 'cn=alcasar,ou=My\_lan,dc=ad2012,dc=localdomain'  
Please note that this field and the field "Password" can be left blank if the directory server accepts requests in anonymous mode.
- Password : of the user « alcasar ».

From an external directory server (LDAP or AD) and in order to provide to users some attributes specific to ALCASAR (bandwidth, concurrent session, etc.), it is possible to create a group named "ldap" (respect lower case letters) for which you set the desired attributes.

It is also possible to assign attributes to a particular account authenticated on an external directory. To do this, create a user in the ACC with the same name / identifier as that is in the directory.

## 7.6. Integration in a complex architecture (AD, external DHCP, LDAP)

ALCASAR can be installed in an existing network with a Windows domain, a DHCP server and an external directory for the authentication process (LDAP or AD) (see previous §).

### a) Managing Windows DNS

If your existing environment already has Active Directory enabled, then, Windows computers of your domain controller must request the DNS of this controller for specific resolutions of the domain and they must request ALCASAR for Internet access. One solution is to configure the ALCASAR DNS so it redirects to the domain controller the DNS queries concerning resolution of the domain. In this way, devices are configured with an unique DNS : ALCASAR.

On ALCASAR, the only change to make is to add the following line in the file «`/usr/local/etc/alcasar-dns-name`» :

`'server=/<your.domain>/<@IP_SRV-AD-DNS>'`

Example : “brock.net” domain is managed by the AD/DNS server “192.168.182.10”. The line to add is :  
`“server=/brock.net/192.168.182.10”`

Please note that it is the domain name and not the name of the server “srv-ad.brock.net”.

Restart the service DNSMASQ to take your changes changes into account («`service dnsmasq restart`»).

**Reminder** : The computers (whether in static IP address mode or in DHCP mode) integrated into a Windows domain must have their primary DNS suffix configured with the Windows domain name and in addition with the suffix '.localdomain'.

### b) Using an External DHCP Server

With an external DHCP server, ALCASAR must not assign network settings anymore, but this task must be carried out by the external DHCP server.

In order to do this, ALCASAR will act as a relay agent to enable assignment of IP addresses by the DHCP server.

It is necessary to stop the ALCASAR DHCP server (in the ACC: System/Network: No DHCP mode) and to modify the following variables to manage the external server (configuration file «`/usr/local/etc/alcasar.conf`») :

- `EXT_DHCP_IP=<@IP_srv_external>`
- `RELAY_DHCP_IP=<@IP_internal_ALCASAR>`
- `RELAY_DHCP_PORT=<relay port to the external DHCP server>` : (default 67)

The external DHCP server must be configured to provide to devices:

- a range of IP @ corresponding to the range allowed by ALCASAR (default 192.168.182.3 to 254/24)  
Warning: ALCASAR keep for itself the following address for its internal interface: 192.168.182.1 and 192.168.182.2.
- a gateway address corresponding to the internal IP address of ALCASAR (by default 192.168.182.1);
- the DNS suffix "localdomain";
- the IP address of the DNS server -> the internal IP address of ALCASAR (default 192.168.182.1);
- the IP address of the time server (NTP) -> the internal IP address of ALCASAR (default 192.168.182.1) or the domain controller (to avoid temporal drifts, synchronize the server clock with a trusted NTP server on the internet or with the ALCASAR server).

## 7.7. 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:

Printscreen	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>
	- 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 &lt;username&gt; &gt; alcasar_key.priv</code>
	- 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 &lt;nom_utilisateur&gt;</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>

### 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>'`.

## **7.8. 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 networks card, 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:

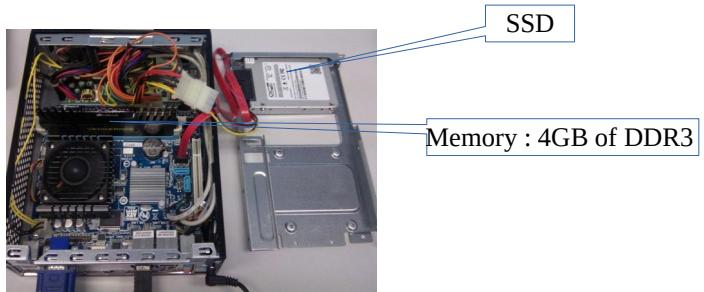
The parameter "FAILOVER=0" enables the MULTIWAN mode with no connection test to the gateways (no gateway failure detection).

## **7.9. 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 GigaByte GA-J1900N-D3V (with two network cards and Intel 4-core Celeron onboard);
- 4GB 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.

## **7.10. Bypassing the portal**

For reasons of maintenance or emergency, a portal by-pass 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, restart, update and reinstallation**

### **8.1. Shutdown and restart**

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

- Via ACC
- by briefly pressing the power button of the PC;
- by connecting to the console as root and running the command "init 0";

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. Operating system update**

Mageia-Linux provides an excellent mechanism to apply security patches on the system and its components. ALCASAR has been developed to be fully compatible with this mechanism. So, every night at 3:30, the security updates are downloaded, checked and applied. As root, you can manually update the system with the command « `urpmi -auto --auto-update` ».

Once the update is complete, a message may warn you that a system reboot is required. This message appears only if a new kernel or a major library were updated.

### **8.3. ALCASAR minor updates**

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` ». Download and extract the archive of the latest version like a normal installation.

When starting the installation script (« `sh alcasar.sh --install` »), it detects your current version and offers you the possibility to update automatically ALCASAR to the latest version available.

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

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

- network configuration;
- the name and logo of the organization;
- logins and passwords for administrative accounts of the portal;
- users and groups database;
- main and secondary blacklists;
- trusted sites and MAC addresses list;
- network filtering configuration;
- the certificates of the Certification Authority (C.A.) and the server certificate.

### **8.4. ALCASAR major update or reinstallation**

Via ACC, create a backup of the current users database (see §6.2). Save this backup file on a extern system. Install the new operating system and the new version of ALCASAR (see installation documentation).

Via ACC, import the users database (see §3.6.a).

## 9. 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 ».

### 9.1. Network connectivity

Retrieve the network informations 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 this doc we use the following name : “INTIF” for the card connected to the consultation network. “EXTIF” is connected to the Internet. 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`



### 9.2. 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` »

Systèmes de fichiers monétaires					
Point	Type	Partition	Utilisation	Libre	Occupé
/	ext3	/dev/sda1	59% (1%)	383.3 Mo	547.34 Mo
tmp	ext3	/dev/sda6	3% (1%)	1.03 Go	33.77 Mo
home	ext3	/dev/sda7	3% (1%)	1.07 Go	33.46 Mo
var	ext3	/dev/sda8	1% (1%)	62.74 Go	251.01 Mo
Total :				65.21 Go	66.35 Go
					69.53 Go

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

### 9.3. 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 service	Actions
✓	radiusd	... Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	chilli	... Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	dns.guardian	... Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	mysqld	... Arrêter Redémarrer
✓	sqwid	... Arrêter Redémarrer

If one of these services can't be restarted, you can diagnostic 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` ».

## 9.4. Client devices connection

In the ACC (menu "System / Activity"), make sure that all your clients' network settings are correct (MAC address / IP address). If not, delete the old settings set by ALCASAR and save the new correct settings..

Etat du réseau				
#	adresse IP	adresse MAC	usager	Action
1	192.168.182.130	00-0B-6C-3A-55-4D	[REDACTED]	Déconnecter
2	192.168.182.22	00-1A-A0-2F-10-DB	[REDACTED]	Déconnecter
3	192.168.182.15	00-15-58-E7-24-BA	-	Supprimer
4	192.168.182.10	00-15-58-E7-5B-22	[REDACTED]	Déconnecter

On the client devices :

- check the network settings: run « `ipconfig /all` » on Windows, « `/sbin/ifconfig` » on Linux ;
- if they are not correct, update them. For devices that use dynamic IP addresses, send again a DHCP request : « `ipconfig /renew` » on Windows, « `dhclient eth0` » on Linux.

If the interface is not configured, check the cable connections and make sure that DHCP frames of your client pass on the network (use the network analyser "Wireshark" for example). On ALCASAR, you can see incoming DHCP requests by running the command « `journalctl -f` » or by displaying the terminal 12 (<Alt> + F12).

```
Dec 29 22:31:27 alcasar coova-chilli[2299]: chilli.c: 2694: New DHCP request
from MAC=08-00-27-E7-EA-89
Dec 29 22:31:27 alcasar coova-chilli[2299]: chilli.c: 2661: Client MAC=08-0
-27-E7-EA-89 assigned IP 192.168.182.129
```

- Connection test to the portal : Send a ping request to the IP address of ALCASAR. If an error occurs, check the cable connections and the network settings.
- Name resolution test : On Windows and on Linux, run « `nslookup alcasar` ». The result should be the @IP ALCASAR. In case of failure, If not, check that ALCASAR is the DNS server of the client.
- The ACC: On a client, with a browser try to connect to ALCASAR (`http://alcasar`).
- Internet Connection test: Try to visit a site on Internet. ALCASAR must "intercept" your request and display the login window.

## 9.5. Connection to ALCASAR with a serial terminal

It can be useful to use a keyboardless and screenless server. Below, the tutorial explains how to connect to a serial terminal (thank you [Igor Popowski](#)) :

File <code>/etc/inittab</code> :	File <code>/etc/securetty</code> :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>save the original : <code>cp /etc/inittab /etc/inittab.save</code></li> <li>edit the file : <code>vi /etc/inittab</code> before this line : « # Single user mode », add the following lines:  <code>#connexion au terminal serial</code>  <code>s0:2345:respawn:/sbin/agetty -L 9600 ttyS0 vt100 -f</code>  <code>/etc/issue</code>  then save « Esc » then « :wq! »</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>save the original : <code>cp /etc/securetty /etc/securetty.save</code></li> <li>edit the file : <code>vi /etc/securetty</code> add one of the two following line at the end of file:  <code>ttyS0      if using a 9-pin serial port</code>  <code>ttyUSB0    if using a Serial / USB</code> and save «Echap» and «:wq!»</li> <li>run the command « <code>init q</code> » to account for this change.</li> </ul>
To display the output of the boot in GRUB, edit the file <code>/boot/grub/menu.lst</code>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>save the original: <code>cp /boot/grub/menu.lst /boot/grub/menu.lst.save</code></li> <li>in the section 'title linux' after adding <code>vga=791</code> to end of line :  <code>console=tty0 console=ttyS0,9600n8</code> by standard serial port  <code>console=tty0 console=ttyUSB0,9600n8</code> in USB port</li> </ul>	

Connect your management station to ALCASAR with a null modem cable on the serial port COM1 (or through a serial/usb adaptator).

Configure « PuTTY » to use this COM1 serial connection in vt100 mode.

## **9.6. Problems experienced**

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

### **a) On some sites, pictures are not displayed**

When the domain names and URLs filtering is enabled, by default, ALCASAR filters links without domain name (links containing IP addresses). Thus, pages containing this kind of links are partially displayed.

To prevent from this problem, two solutions : uncheck the « IP » box from the blacklist (cf. § 5.1.c) or save the IP addresses contained in these links as "Domain names rehabilitated" (cf. § 5.1.c).

For example, the site "leboncoin.fr" hosts its pictures on the following IP addresses : 193.164.196.30, .40, .50 and .60 and 193.164.197.30, .40 and .50.

### **b) 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 user 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.

### **c) Windows Stations previously connected to a public hotspot**

When a system connects to a "public hotspot", it provides network parameters and a lease time which determines the validity time of these parameters. Windows XP stations do not reset these settings during a reboot.

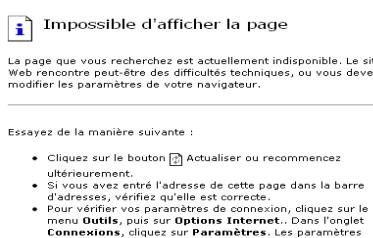
Thus, even if they change of wifi network, they will try to connect with the parameters of the previous hotspot. This problem is recognized by Microsoft that offers the following solution: Manually force the refreshing of the ip address with the command « *ipconfig /renew* ».

### **d) Windows clients with static addressing**

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

### **e) No Internet browsing but the browser accesses the homepage of ALCASAR (<http://alcasar>)**

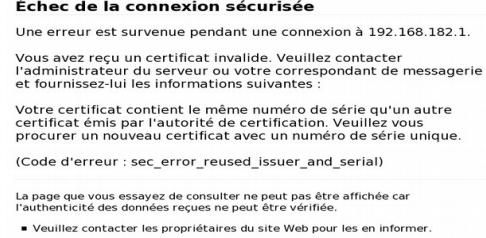
 This can occur after a complete reinstallation of the portal or after an update with a change of the server certificate. Browsers display the following pages when they attempt to access a website:



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 clients' browsers (« Tools » / « Internet options » / tab « content » / button « Certificates » / tab « Root certification Authority ») to be replaced by the new one as described in chapter §2.2.c.

### **f) 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` ».

### g) 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 the memory can be regularly 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` » ou « `uptime` » :

- 3 values shown represent the average system load average for the last hour, the five last 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 under-sized 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. Security

On the consultation network, ALCASAR is the Internet Access Controller. It also helps to protect the network from external threats or from internal threats. 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;
- protection against forgetting to log out. The attribute "time limit of one session" (cf. § 4.1) allows to automatically disconnect a user after a pre-set time;
- protection against failures (network or user devices). Devices that do not respond during 6 minutes are automatically disconnected;
- 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`) ;
- protection of the bootloader (GRUB) of the portal with a password. This password is stored in the file « `/root/ALCASAR-passwords.txt` ».

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.

### 10.1. On ALCASAR

- Choose a strong "root" password (you can change it by running the command « `passwd` »);
- 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.

### 10.2. 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.

	Paquetage	Version	Révision	Statut
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	xguest Creates xguest user as a locke...	1.0.10	9.mga3	
<hr/>				
xguest - Creates xguest user as a locked down user				
<small>Installing this package sets up the xguest user to be used as a temporary account to switch to or as a kiosk user account. The user is only allowed to log in via gdm. The home and temporary directories of the user will be polyinstantiated and mounted on tmpfs.</small>				

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

# 11. Annexes

## 11.1. 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-..." and 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-bl.sh {-on/-off}` : enables / disables the domain nd URL filtering;
  - `{-download}` : download and apply the latest version of the BlackList (BL);
  - `{-adapt}` : adapt the BL to the ALCASAR architecture ;
  - `{-reload}` : activate the freshly downloaded BL.
- `alcasar-bypass.sh {-on/-off}` : Enables/disables the « BYPASS » mode;
- `alcasar-CA.sh` :creates a local CA and server certificate. Requires the restarting of Apache web server (`service httpd restart`) ;
- `alcasar-conf {-apply}` : apply the network settings according to the configuration file;
- `alcasar-dg-pureip.sh {-on/-off}` : enables / disables the filtering of URLs containing IP addresses (instead of a domain name);
- `alcasar-havp.sh {-on/-off}` : enables / disables the antivirus filtering on WEB flows;
  - `{-update}` : updates the antivirus database (clamav) ;
- `alcasar-https.sh {-on|-off}` : enables / disables encrypted authentication flows;
- `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}` : logs off user <username> from all his sessions;
  - `{all}` : logs off all the logged users;
- `alcasar-mysql.sh {-import fichier_sql.sql}` :imports a user database (overwriting the existing one)
  - `{-raz}` : resets the user database;
  - `{-dump}` : creates an archive file of the current user database in« `/var/Save/base` » ;
  - `{-acct_stop}` : stops the open accountability sessions;
- `alcasar-nf.sh {-on/-off}` :enables / disables the filtering of network protocols;
- `alcasar-rpm-download.sh` : Downloads and creates an archive file of all the necessary packets to install ALCASAR.
- `alcasar-safesearch.sh {-on/-off}` : enables / disables SafeSearch filter from the major search engines (blocks inappropriate or explicit content for young people);
- `alcasar-version.sh` : compares the current ALCASAR version with the latest one available on the Internet;

Each service provided by the server is supported by a "daemon", which is managed automatically start:

- View the status of a particular daemon (works for most daemons)  
`/etc/init.d/<nom du service> status`
- Restart / stop a daemon:  
`/etc/init.d/<nom du service> {start|stop|restart|reload}`

Info : a super daemon checks every 10 minutes service status ("alcasar-daemon.sh").

If you need to edit a file, you'll probably need to know some basic features of the text editor "vi". To help you you can consult a summary of useful commands: <http://www.computerhope.com/unix/uvi.htm>.

Sauvegarder un fichier - quitter vi	
<code>:w</code>	sauvegarde le fichier (penser à write)
<code>:wq</code>	sauvegarde le fichier et quitte vi (write and quit) équivalent à :x
<code>:q!</code>	quitte vi sans sauvegarder les modifications (quit)
<code>:w &lt;nom_de_fichier&gt;</code>	quitte immédiatement, sans rien faire d'autre
<code>:w &lt;nom_de_fichier&gt;</code>	sauvegarde le fichier sous le nom <nom_de_fichier>
<code>:wq</code>	sauvegarde le fichier et quitte vi (write and quit) équivalent à :x
<code>:q!</code>	quitte vi sans sauvegarder les modifications (quit)
<code>:q! &lt;nom_de_fichier&gt;</code>	quitte immédiatement, sans rien faire d'autre

Copier-Coller	
<code>Y</code>	copie une ligne, donc la place dans un tampon, pour pouvoir ensuite la coller (yank, tirer)
<code>NY</code>	copie <i>n</i> lignes
<code>p</code>	colle les lignes après le curseur (paste, coller)
Annuler ou répéter des modifications	
<code>u</code>	annule la dernière modification (undo, défaire) (un point) répète les dernières modifications

Insérer du texte	
<code>i</code>	active le mode insertion
Supprimer du texte	
<code>x</code>	supprime un caractère (« faire une croix dessus »)
<code>dd</code>	supprime une ligne
<code>ndd</code>	supprime <i>n</i> lignes

Rechercher et remplacer	
<code>/motif</code>	recherche motif en allant vers la fin du document
<code>n</code>	répète la dernière recherche (next, suivant)
<code>N</code>	retourne au résultat de la précédente recherche effectuée
<code>:%s/motif/motif2/g</code>	recherche le <i>motif</i> et la remplace par <i>motif2</i>

## **11.2. Helpful authentication exceptions**

The following values 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” and “Clamav” antivirus update,
- check Mozilla version and its modules,
- ...

Sites, IP addresses or URLs can be configured in the ACC or in the following file “[\*/usr/local/etc/alcasar-uamallowed\*](#)”:

```
uamallowed="activation.sls.microsoft.com"
uamallowed="www.msftncsi.com"
uamallowed="crl.microsoft.com"
uamallowed="download.microsoft.com"
uamallowed="download.windowsupdate.com"
uamallowed="go.microsoft.com"
uamallowed="ntservicepack.microsoft.com"
uamallowed="stats.update.microsoft.com"
uamallowed="update.microsoft.com"
uamallowed="update.microsoft.com.nsatc.net"
uamallowed="pccreg.trendmicro.de"
uamallowed="pmac.trendmicro.com"
uamallowed="tis16-emea-p.activeupdate.trendmicro.com"
uamallowed="update.nai.com"
uamallowed="download.mozilla.org"
```

Domains can also be configured in the ACC or in the file “[\*/usr/local/etc/alcasar-uamdomain\*](#)”:

```
uamdomain=".download.microsoft.com"
uamdomain=".download.windowsupdate.com"
uamdomain=".ds.download.windowsupdate.com"
uamdomain=".microsoft.com"
uamdomain=".update.microsoft.com"
uamdomain=".update.microsoft.com.nsatc.net"
uamdomain=".windowsupdate.com"
uamdomain=".windowsupdate.microsoft.com"
uamdomain=".trendmicro.com"
uamdomain=".activeupdate.trendmicro.com"
uamdomain=".akamaiedge.net"
uamdomain=".akamaitechnologies.com"
uamdomain=".clamav.net"
```

It is necessary to restart the “chili” service if these files are changed directly.

### 11.3. User sheet

ALCASAR is now deployed in your organization. ALCASAR is a network access controller, it means that when you will go on the Internet, the following login window will be displayed. (Both fields are case sensitive; "smith" and "Smith" are two different users).



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

If this window is closed when you want to logout, just type "logout" in your browser address bar.



If login fails, a message will give you more information: Expired account, maximum download volume reached, attempts to login outside the allocated slot times, etc.



You can access your account details(login/logout, change your password, installation of the certificate in your browser) by entering "http://alcasar" 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 pages are displayed:

