# **GLaDOS**

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GLaDOS is a fully configurable webinterface to take, manage and create exams using the Lernstick. The Project is available on GitHub.

### CHAPTER

## ONE

## **FEATURES**

- Create exams in a *simple manner*
- Create complex exams with specific system configuration, additional software or permissions
- Manage your exams
- Screen capturing of the students screen
- Monitor exams in a *live view*
- Configure backup intervals for exams
- Restore specific files from the backup history during exams
- Generate conveniently *exam results* from the backups as a zip file
- Submit corrected exams back to the student

## 1.1 Exams

## 1.1.1 Create an exam

To start the exam creation, navigate to Actions->Create Exam. In the appearing wizard, you have to provide some information about the exam.

The *Name* and *Subject* fields are to identify the exam. The *Name* may not be unique, but it is not recommended to create multiple exams with the same name for reasons of clarity.

You can set a *Time Limit* (in minutes). Notice that this can also be set in the ticket and the value in the ticket will override this one.

For more information about the Remote Backup Path, please visit this page.

There are multiple settings in the *Settings* tab. You can add new settings by clicking the *Add Setting* button. Choose the setting you want to add from the appearing list by clicking on it. You will now have the possibility to adjust (various) subsettings for the chosen setting. For more informations about the settings, please refer to the information given by clicking the **?** questionmarks aside.

For the Screen capturing setting, please read Screen Capturing.

When clicking Next Step, a new field called *Exam File* will appear. Here you have to provide an image file holding the information for the exam. Please read the following sections on how to create this file:

- Create a zip-file as exam file
- Create a squashfs-filesystem as exam file

## 1.1.2 Create a zip-file as exam file

If your exam has a very simple structure, you can create a zip-file as exam template. For example, if you only need to put a file with your examination questions on the desktop and maybe some other resources somewhere else. If your exam does not need special configurations, installed/uninstalled applications or more complex system settings, then the zip-file is the easiest way to go.

If you decide to create a zip-file as exam template, make sure it holds the correct directory structure, so that your files are visible and accessible in the exam. All files in the zip-file will be extracted to the exam machine in that directory, where they were in the zip-file. If the directory does not exist, it will be created with default permissions. With a zip-file, it is not possible to create special files or set permissions on files (use a squashfs-filesystem for that).

The list below contains an example directory structure for an exam:

/home/
/home/user/
/home/user/Schreibtisch/
/home/user/Schreibtisch/Examination Questions.pdf
/home/user/Schreibtisch/Hand-in/
/home/user/Dokumente/
/home/user/Dokumente/Resource.pdf

The corresponding zip-file would look like this:



If your want to put a file - say Examination Questions.pdf - at the Desktop, then drop the file in your zip file to the location /home/user/Schreibtisch/ as illustrated it the picture above. The testee will see all files in his/her exam under the directory, where you dropped them in the zip-file. The above zip-file will look in an exam as the pictures below.

Aktivitäten	Orte 🔻			
Examin Question	ation ns.pdf			
Hand	-in			
Prüfung a	ogeben Dateien <del>-</del>		Example Desktop 1	
🏠 Persör	licher Ordner	C Persönlicher	r Ordner Dokumente	
at 🖸 Bilder		⊘ Zuletzt verwendet		
is 🗋 Dokum	iente	Persönlicher Ordner		
🕹 Downl	oads	🖿 Schreibtisch	Resource.pdf	
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Desktop 2

It is highly recommended to create a directory like Hand-in at the Desktop and advice the testee to put all results in this directory. Even though it might not be necessary, it will be easier to collect the results after the exam is done.

That's it! You can now upload the zip-file in the Actions->Create Exam wizard. If need a more complex configuration, then please have a look at Create a squashfs-filesystem as exam file.

## 1.1.3 Create a squashfs-filesystem as exam file

You can also create an exam using a squashfs-filesystem. This is useful when your exam has a more complex form than just a few files at some place in the system. All kinds of exam configurations are possible with a squashfs-filesystem.

To create such an image file, please follow the steps.

### Step 1

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The first step is to boot Lernstick Prüfungsumgebung on your computer from USB. See the following instructions on how to boot your device from USB:

- Start from USB-Device (Mac)
- Start from USB-Device (Windows 10)

Please make sure to choose Datenpartition: lesen und schreiben, before starting the system:

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	<ul> <li>▶ Lernstick starten</li> <li>☑ Sprache: Deutsch (Schweiz)</li> <li>☑ Desktop: GNOME</li> <li>③ Datenpartition: lesen und schreiben</li> <li>➢ Weitere Einstellungen ▶</li> <li>④ Integrität des Startmediums überprüfen</li> <li>☑ Von Festplatte starten</li> <li>¥ Hardware-Informationen</li> </ul>	ternsick http://www.imedias.ch/lernstick	
Lemstick Debian 8 (Version 2015-10	0-09)	Вс	ootscreen

### Step 2

Once the system has started, you can configure your exam. For example:

- install/uninstall specific applications
- preconfigure applications
- carry specific system configurations, which are not covered in the settings of the Actions->Create Exam wizard (Notice that, settings which are covered in the wizard will override settings you configure in the squashfsfilesystem).
- · grant/deny advanced permissions to files and directories
- · copy files needed in the exam to their locations

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### Step 3

When you finished with the setup for your exam, restart your computer.

This time it is important to choose Datenpartition: nur lesen from the start screen.

#### Step 4

Once the system has started again, open the application Speichermedienverwaltung.



Choose now Das System in ein DVD-Abbild konvertieren.



Speichermedienve

Check the box nur Datenpartition. You can leave the other options as they are. Press Weiter and the squashfsfilesystem will be generated.

Once the process has finished, the .squashfs file is then in /media/Lernstick-Squashfs/lernstick.squashfs

You can also start your own operating system and grab the file from the Exchange partititon.

This is the file, which holds all information you configured in step 2. You can now upload it in the Actions->Create Exam wizard.

### 1.1.4 Remote Backup Path

This field in the Create Exam wizard is very important. It specifies the directory of the students machine to backup.

The default value is /home/user which points to the directory were all user related data is stored. In most cases the default setting will be sufficient.

Though, is it possible to change the value. If - for example - system log files need to be included in the backup (those are stored in /var/log), the default value /home/user will not be sufficient, since the users home directory does not contain var/log. Is this case *Remote Backup Path* should be set to /. Notice that, every single file on the system would then be backed up regularly. This results in very huge backups and a lot of network traffic, compared to the default path. Therefore only do this if you really need to.

It is also possible to restrict the path even further than /home/user. Let's say, we only want to backup the files and directories on the Desktop. *Remote Backup Path* would then be set to /home/user/Desktop. Backups will be much smaller then, because a lot of files and directories in the users home directory would not be backed up anymore. But notice, if you do that, the *Screenshots* would not be backed up as well, because they are saved under /home/user/.Screenshots, which is not included in /home/user/Desktop. Also Libreoffice AutoRecovery information and backup copy would not be backed up (stored in /home/user/.config), therefore those options are absurd, when *Remote Backup Path* does not contain them.

Notice that the directory specified in *Remote Backup Path* must exist on the target system, else the backup process will fail.

## 1.1.5 The exam view

All data related to the exam can be observed in this view.

### General

This tab shows general information about the exam, like the name and the subject. If you provided an exam file (See Create a zip-file as exam file and Create a squashfs-filesystem as exam file) you will see brief information about this file such as its size and type.

### Settings

This is a list of exam specific settings you configured in the Actions->Create Exam wizard. For more information on each individual configuration option, please click the <sup>②</sup>Questionmark aside.

Please notice, all these settings will override the settings configured in the exam file!

### Monitor

This tab can be useful during the exam, if you want to keep an eye on multiple tickets simulaneously.

### Chart

This is a simple pie chart on the distribution of ticket states.

## 1.1.6 Monitoring exams

This describes the monitor exams view. It can be reached via Actions->Monitor Exams in the top navigation or if you are in the exam view, just click the Monitor tab.

Notice that, only tickets in **running** state will be shown in this view. The view is updating automatically if new tickets arrive at or leave the **running** state. Initially there might be no ticket running. The maximum number of screens visible on one page is 12.

By clicking on the name or token you will be redirected to the corresponding ticket view. Besides the name or token, there is a hint on which window is currently focused/active on the students screen. You will see the icon as well as the name of the window as it is given by the running application (see example image below). If no window is active, there will be neither an icon nor a window name.

The red dot indicates that the system recieves images live, whereas a gray dot indicates that the last recieved image is not live anymore.

### Example Screen

This information as well as the image will update in an given interval. You can also click on the image itself. This will open a modal with a live image of the students screen in its native resolution. This image although will not update itself.

The update interval is specified by the global setting Monitor refresh interval. This can be changed in System->Settings if you have the permission.

## 1.2 Tickets

## 1.2.1 Create a single ticket

A ticket is the access authorization for the student to his exam. If you have 20 students to take the exam, you have to generate 20 tickets (See Create multiple tickets). You can create a single ticket or multiple at once for a given exam. Create a single ticket by the Actions->Create single ticket wizard and multiple tickets by the Actions->Create multiple tickets wizard.

The ticket *Token* (used to indentify the exam, see Taking an Exam) is automatically generated. You can change it to a value of your desire, but notice that this value must be unique among all other ticket tokens (otherwise an error will occur).

*Backup Interval* describes the value (in seconds) for the backup schedule. It's the interval after which backup processes will run again on the ticket. 5 minutes is a moderate value for this.

Notice, this will increase network traffic, if set to a very low value.

You can set a *Time Limit* (in minutes) for your exam, but this will have no indication (nothing will happen tough, if the time is up). In the Ticket-view can be seen whether the ticket is valid or not (time has expired).

This will override the setting configured in the exam.

Each ticket can be assigned to a student in the *Test Taker* field.

Create the ticket by pressing Create at the bottom of the page. You will be redirected to the view page of the created ticket (See The ticket view).

Under Actions->Generate PDF you can generate a printable PDF file for this ticket. See the image below for an example ticket.

Ticket für Prüfung "Math - Example Exam"

Exam					
Exam Subject	Math				
Exam Name	Example Exam				

Your Token

# 33a7d75ef2

Name

Hans Mustermann

Signature

Barcode



PDF

of ticket

This PDF should be printed out and given to the student, when taking the exam (See Taking an Exam).

## **1.2.2 Create multiple tickets**

A ticket is the access authorization for the student to his/her exam. If you have 20 students to take the exam, you have to generate 20 tickets. You can create a single ticket or multiple at once for a given exam. Create a single ticket by the Actions->Create single ticket wizard and multiple tickets by the Actions->Create multiple tickets wizard.

In this wizard, you can put the names of students in the Names field. You can just copy the names from an external source such as an Excel file or another Office application. The names must be separated by a tab, comma, semicolon, newline or all of them combined. The field tries to read the names as you provide them. How the names are parsed, can be seen in the Preview Proposal on the right of the Names field. You can adjust the names, until the preview is as desired.

#### Multiple tickets

After pressing Create x tickets, the tickets will be created with default values and you are being redirected to the exam view page. From there you can select Actions->Generate PDFs and you will see a PDF file containing all tickets that are in the open state (See Ticket states) of the current exam. This can be printed out, and provided to the students when taking the exam (See Taking an Exam).

### 1.2.3 The ticket view

All data assigned to a particular ticket are visible in the ticket view. It is divided in different tabs. In this view, it is possible to manage the exam before, during and after. Backups can be browsed and specific versions of files can be restored during the exam.

### General

Here you can see the state, the time at which the exam has started and finished, the duration, whether the ticket is still valid or not (depending on the *Time Limit* you set). The ticket can be assigned to a student by providing his/her name in the *Test Taker* field.

The IP address of the client machine taking the exam is also noted here. To check the connectivity to you can press **Probe**. This will run a check, to see if the client is online or not right now.

### **Activity Log**

This is a log of all client activity on this ticket. You can see every change of the clients state. If a client looses its network connnection and reconnects back, it will create a log entry for this event. If a backup fails, you will see a log entry.

### **Backups**

All backup related settings and data can be seen here, including the time of the last successful backup and the last try.

Below is a short data breakdown of every single backup, that has been performed on this ticket.

Under Actions->Show Log File you can view the whole backup log.

### **Browse Backup**

In this tab you can browse the backup. This is useful, when you have to restore one specific file or directory to a state in the past (See restore a specific file). Select the date of the backup you want to browse or choose All version overlapping if you don't know the date and time of the file you want to find.

All version overlapping means that you will see every file that has existed somewhere along the time period of all backups performed, even if it has been deleted at any time. If you then hover over the file name and click View all versions, you will see a list of all versions of that particular file. On the right side, the date and time, its size and permissions are given. (current) indicates that this is the current version of the file, as it is in the latest backup. missing means that the file has not yet existed or does not anymore exist at that time.

Show hidden files	Version:
ath: / //nome/user/test.odt	All versions overlapping
test.odt	(current) Jun 21, 2017 12:05:13 PM, 644, 8.10 KiB
test.odt	Jun 19, 2017 9:54:20 AM, 644, 7.84 KiB
test.odt	Jun 19, 2017 9:49:16 AM, missing
Showing 1-3 of 3 items.	
wse	

### Screenshots

If you configured your exam to take screenshots in an interval, you will see them in this tab. On one hand this is to monitor the student during the exam. On the other hand this can be used to reconstruct the work in progress, if the student forgets to save his/her files. Therefore, it is recommended to activate screenshots and set the interval to a moderate value.

### Restores

All restore related data can be seen here.

Below is a short data breakdown of *every* single restore, that has been performed on this ticket.

Under Actions->Show Log File you can view the whole restore log.

## 1.2.4 Ticket states

Currently there are 4 different states a ticket can occupy. This is incicated in the ticket view as one of the following batches:



### The open state

This indicates that a ticket has not been used yet and there was no activity until now. It is an exam ready to be taken. Newly created tickets are usually in the open state.

### The running state

This ticket is in use right now. It indicates an exam being taken by a student at this moment. This means that backups will run on this ticket in the specified interval (all 5 minutes by default). Screenshots (if configured) are taken in the specified interval. The time limit is counting down.

### The closed state

A ticket in the closed state means that the exam has finished and the student has pressed Finish exam (See Taking an Exam). It might be possible that the last backup must still be performed in this state, but usually this brands an exam as done.

### The submitted state

If the ticket is anonymous (hence no *Test Taker* set) and the exam has finished, the ticket will be in the closed state (see above). On the other hand, if a ticket is assigned to a student by providing a name in the *Test Taker* field and the student finshed the exam, the ticket will be in the submitted state. This is just to distinguish between an anonymous and a assigned ticket.

## 1.3 Taking an Exam

This page describes how to take an exam from the perspective of a student.

The first step is to boot Lernstick Prüfungsumgebung on your computer from USB. See the following instructions on how to boot your device from USB:

- Start from USB-Device (Mac)
- Start from USB-Device (Windows 10)

As soon as the system has started and you have a working network connection, your can search for the exam server by starting the Search Exam Server application.



Search Exam Server

If the search was successful, you will be prompted for approval. You will then be prompted for a token. This is the token given on the exam sheet (See Create a single ticket).

### Insert token

If your provided a valid token, the download and preparation of the exam is done and after a while (depending on the size of the exam files) you will see this:

	Continue	
?	The system setup is done. Continue?	
	Nein Ja	Setup done

Press Yes and the system will immediately restart into the exam (this will take a moment). Finally you will see a desktop and the message below.



To finish the exam click the Finish exam icon in the "favorite applications" dash. You should save all your work before doing this. This is not reversible!



This will initiate the last backup of all exam files and marks your exam as finished (See Ticket states). You will get a notice when the last backup is done, **don't shutdown your computer** before the request message appears. Changes of the exam result from now on, will not be saved.

### Finish exam 2

As soon as the message appears, the exam is done. You can shutdown the system now.

## 1.4 Results

## 1.4.1 Generate results

Once the exam is done, you might want to get the results for correction in a simple manner. The exam results can be generated into a small zip-file just containing the essential part of the result data. Which part is essential can be configured by you. This can be done in the Generate results wizard. Click Actions->Generate results to start generating results.

In the first step, you have to choose the *Exam* to generate results for. Proceed to the next step by clicking the Next step button below.

In the second step, the configuration is done. Here you can choose which files should be included in the result. Since the backup process just copied ALL files, you can select which of them are relevant to the exam.

For example, if the students only produce text document files, you can select to include only files that match that criteria (by file ending). *Screenshots* can also be included to the result file. *Hidden files* are in most cases not needed to be included. They are normally related to the user profile and will increase the size of result file significantly. For more information about the different settings in the wizard, please click the **?** Questionmark aside.

If you have advised your students to store their result in a specific directory, you can provide it (relative to the Remote Backup Path) in the *Path* field.

You can generate the zip-file as often as you want, until it has the desired form. Below is an example on how such a zip file could possibly look like.

Name 🔺	Example Exam - Math	-
<b>U</b>		
Albert Einstein - a70e841ef4	Generated at: 2018-01-29T10:43:57+01:00	
Edmond Halley - 0f1ffeaab2	Options:	
🔋 Erwin Schroedinger - d1e40c016a	Path: /	
🌗 Johannes Kepler - 4dbfa 16308	Include dotfiles: false	
Marie Curie - c7de0aca7e	Include screenshots: true	
Max Planck - 4eb553b010	Include file types: word	
🔋 Michael Faraday - 8794ce80dc		
Niels Bohr - 06cb7004bd	a70e841ef4: Albert Einstein	
🔋 Richard Phillips Feynman - a20a5eb03f	Of1ffeaab2: Edmond Halley	
🔋 Wolfgang Ernst Pauli - 79997928d1	d1e40c016a: Erwin Schroedinger	
	4dbfa16308: Johannes Kepler	
	4eb553b010: Max Planck	
	c7de0aca7e: Marie Curie	
	8794ce80dc: Michael Faraday	
	06cb7004bd: Niels Bohr	
	a20a5eb03f: Richard Phillips Feynman	
	79997928d1: Wolfgang Ernst Pauli	
		<u>-</u>
	Insgesamt 10 Verzeichnisse	Resu

file

For every student a separate directory is created. The directory name consists of the students name followed by a dash (-) and then followed by the ticket token. In each directory you will find the files and directories matching the criteria you set in the wizard.

Once you have generated the results, you can save them to your local computer and correct exam results (See Correct the exams).

## 1.4.2 Correct the exams

You are completely free in how you correct the exams. If you want to print the files and correct them manually, you can do so. If you want to correct them digitally and hand them back to the student digitally, you can also do so. This howto describes what to do, if you want to go the latter way.

Remember you got a zip-file containing the results (see Generate results). Unpack file somewhere on your local computer. Correct the exams and save the corrected version in the same directories from the zip-file. After correction, you should have the following directory structure: One directory for each student (Student Name – Token) and inside that directory you should place the corrected exam of the corresponding student. The contents of this directory will be the result that is handed back to the student, so make sure there is no secret content in it.

An example of a digital correction can be seen in the Example exam: Essay.

The next step is to upload the corrected version and submit the results back to the student.

## 1.4.3 Submit results back to the student

Assuming you corrected the exams and created a directory structure of the following form:

```
Albert Einstein - a70e841ef4
Edmond Halley - 0f1ffeaab2
Erwin Schroedinger - d1e40c016a
Johannes Kepler - 4dbfa16308
Max Planck - 4eb553b010
Marie Curie - c7de0aca7e
Michael Faraday - 8794ce80dc
Niels Bohr - 06cb7004bd
Richard Phillips Feynman - a20a5eb03f
Wolfgang Ernst Pauli - 79997928d1
```

Note that each directory has the form Name – Token, this needs to be satisfied *exactly*. Assuming that in each directory is the corrected exam of the corresponding student and whatever you want to hand back (maybe a sample solution?). Make sure the directories contain only the parts of the corrected exam, you want the student to see. Remove all other data from the directories.

Once you are done, create a new zip-file with the above contents. It then should look like the generated zip-file, just with corrected exams in it.

Start the Submit results process now. Click Actions->Submit results in the navigation.

### Step 1

In Step 1, upload the zip-file you created just now.

After the submitting process, the student will have access to the result as a zip-file likewise. The contents of each zip-file will be everything inside the corresponding directory of the submitted zip-file. So make sure there is no secret content in it.

Click Next step.

### Step 2

You will see a list like the one below.

#	Test Taker	Token	Exam Name	Notice
1	Albert Einstein	a70e841ef4	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.
2	Edmond Halley	0f1ffeaab2	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.
3	Erwin Schroedinger	d1e40c016a	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.
4	Johannes Kepler	4dbfa16308	Example Exam	A There is already a submitted result. The existing one will be overwritten!
5	Marie Curie	c7de0aca7e	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.
6	Max Planck	4eb553b010	Example Exam	A There is already a submitted result. The existing one will be overwritten!
7	Michael Faraday	8794ce80dc	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.
8	Niels Bohr	06cb7004bd	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.
9	Richard Phillips Feynman	a20a5eb03f	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.
10	Wolfgang Ernst Pauli	79997928d1	Example Exam	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.

### step 2

The uploaded zip-file was scanned and the system found the listed entries in it. The green color suggests that everything is ok with those entries in the zip-file. You can also see, that the exam is successfully identified. In the example above, there are 2 tickets with a result submitted already. This is indicated with yellow color. Please notice, that in such a case already existing results will be overwritten permanently. If you want to remove results from being processed, please edit the zip-file and reupload it in Step 1.

Check the list and then press Submit all results to submit all the results in the list.

Submit

### Step 3

The list below shows a short summary on which results could be handed back successfully.

#	Test Taker	Token	Exam Name	Notice
1	Albert Einstein	a70e841ef4	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
2	Edmond Halley	0f1ffeaab2	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
3	Erwin Schroedinger	d1e40c016a	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
4	Johannes Kepler	4dbfa16308	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
5	Marie Curie	c7de0aca7e	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
6	Max Planck	4eb553b010	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
7	Michael Faraday	8794ce80dc	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
8	Niels Bohr	06cb7004bd	Example Exam	Error submitting result. Please check your zip file.
9	Richard Phillips Feynman	a20a5eb03f	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.
10	Wolfgang Ernst Pauli	79997928d1	Example Exam	Successfully submitted.

### step 3

In the example, one exam could not be handed back. This happens mostly when the corresponding directory in the uploaded zip-file is empty, so there is nothing to hand back. In such a case you should check the zip-file again.

That's it. The student can now check his/her exam result.

## 1.4.4 Get the exam result as a student

Once the exam result is handed back (See Submit results) the student can receive the results over the webinterface.

As a student, just browse to the start page. There is a big blue input field to provide the exam token.

Check

## Check your exam result!

Insert your token here!

result 1

Once there is a result handed back, the student can download it from here.



Download result

If there is no result handed back yet, there will also be no download button.

## 1.5 Example exam: Essay

This is an example walkthrough of an exam from A to Z. In this case it's a relatively simple exam; an essay. This article covers the whole process:

- creating the exam (including the image file)
- generating tickets (multiple at once with a list of names)
- taking the exam (testing the exam)
- · generating results
- · submit results back

### 1.5.1 Goal

The final goal is that the student can write his essay using the Lernstick-Prüfungsumgebung on his own device using a wireless network. The student should not be allowed to access the internet or any other network resource. The whole exam takes about 3 hours. Once the students handed in their essays, we want to retrieve all essays in a compact form for correction.

This example should also act as a future template for slightly modified or very similar exams.

So, let's get started.

## 1.5.2 Creating the exam

First we create a new exam, by starting the Create Exam wizard under Actions->Create Exam.

Next we have to give our exam a *Name* and a *Subject*. I chose Essay and Literature, because we want to make a literature essay. You are completely free in how you name your exam. This is just for you to identify your exam. You can even use the same name multiple times (though I won't recommend it for the sake of clarity).

The *Time Limit* should be 3 hours, thus 180 minutes. It must be given in minutes.

The field *Remote Backup Path* will be left as it is, because we don't need to perform a special backup (see Remote Backup Path for more information on this).

In the General section, we only check *Take Screenshots* and set an *Interval* of 1 minute. All other settings should be left unchecked, since we don't need them.

In the section Libreoffice, check *Libreoffice: Save AutoRecovery information* with an *Interval* of 1 minute and also check *Libreoffice: Always create backup copy*. Those flags cause LibreOffice to save a copy of the document all 1 minutes (to recover the document in case of a crash, even if the student never manually saved the document) and to

create a backup copy of the document when saving. For more information, please refer to the **3** Questionmark aside.

All fields are filled, thus press Next step.

Now we need to provide an Exam File. Since this is a simple exam (we don't need complex system configuration, such as new applications and special settings), we can use a zip file as exam file, as described in Create a zip-file as exam file.

So we create a zip file on our local computer with the following directory structure:

/home/
/home/user/
/home/user/Schreibtisch/
/home/user/Schreibtisch/Hand-in/

Then we put in a file named Essay Topic.pdf with contents describing the topic of the essay, instructions for the student and where to save the files.

/home/user/Schreibtisch/Essay Topic.pdf

Make sure, that you also instruct the student to save his/her essay in the directory Hand-in placed on the desktop. We created the directory for this purpose. Don't worry, everything the student produces during the exam will be backed up, but later when we generate the exam results, it will be much easier, if all exam results are placed at the same location.

Finally, the zip file is done. Of course you can provide more files and directories if you want.

Now press Add files... and upload the created zip file. Once the upload has finished, press Apply below.

We have now created an exam, now we need to create tickets for the students to take the exam.

## 1.5.3 Generating tickets

After pressing Apply in the step before, we are now in the exam view.

I have a list of students, who should take the exam. Thus, in the exam view, press Actions->Create assigned Tickets. This is my example list (though, the essays might be of very high quality):

ay Bradbury
ames Joyce
eo Tolstoy
harles Dickens
. R. R. Tolkien
eorge Orwell
ane Austen
lary Shelley
ranz Kafka
gatha Christie

However you can copy the names into the Names field and see the preview on the right. For more information on creating multiple tickets please refer to Create multiple tickets. Now press Create 10 Tickets.

We have now 10 Tickets (with names assigned to them) for our exam. Now print the generated PDFs by clicking Actions->Generate PDFs. This will take all tickets in the open state (see Ticket States) assigned to the exam and produce a PDF file. We now have a 10-paged PDF document with all created tickets in it. Every page has the form as seen in Create a single ticket. Print the document.

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#	State	Token	Exam Name	Exam Subject	Started	Finished	Valid	Test Taker
				Literatu				
1	Open	ec76189d07	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	Ray Bradbury
2	Open	7a0a1bc610	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	James Joyce
3	Open	044240970a	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	Leo Tolstoy
4	Open	284dc8a91c	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	Charles Dickens
5	Open	2e9e88d110	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	J. R. R. Tolkien
6	Open	50b2cf47bb	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	George Orwell
7	Open	d14dbefcad	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	Jane Austen
8	Open	84015b11e8	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	Mary Shelley
9	Open	e0d621cb36	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	Franz Kafka
10	Open	0f118bbf49	Essay	Literature	(not set)	(not set)	Yes	Agatha Christie

Showing 1-10 of 10 items.

Ticket

index

As you can see, all the tickets are in the open state (see Ticket states) and no start and finish time is set.

We're ready to take the exam.

## 1.5.4 Taking the exam

Pick one of the tickets and test your exam. This is fully described in Taking an exam, so please refer to this when starting the exam.

From now on I assume you successfully started an exam with one of the tickets. This is how it should look like, after the desktop has loaded.



#### exam

Notice, the Essay Topic.pdf file, we placed in the zip file earlier. There is also the Hand-in directory and a button Finish exam to finish the exam.

We now open LibreOffice Writer, write an example essay and save the file to the Hand-in directory.



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Now we finish the exam, by pressing the Finish exam button (for details see Taking an Exam).

We have tested the exam and now we continue by generating the exam results for correction.

### 1.5.5 Generating exam results

Navigate to Actions->Generate results. In the first step we choose the *exam* Literature - Essay. We're now asked to configure the resulting zip file with all the exam results in it.

In the *Path* field, type /Schreibtisch/Hand-in, because the student was instructed to save all essays documents in the Hand-in directory. This will cause the process to only include files and directories from that location.

We also choose to Include screenshots.

On the right side, we can even filter further. The exam was an essay, thus the only files produced are Word documents. But take care; if you filter too much, you won't be able to extract all relevant data from the results. However we choose Word documents here.

In the *Tickets* field, you can select the tickets. The preselected tickets are the ones which are in the closed or submitted state and with no results handed back yet. Only closed or submitted tickets are available to select.

Example

For more information about the fields, please refer to the <sup>2</sup>Questionmark aside or visit Generate results.

Press now Generate ZIP-File to generate the zip-file.

The zip-file will now have the following structure:

```
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Screenshots/
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Screenshots/screenshot 2018-01-31 11.08.58.jpg
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Screenshots/screenshot 2018-01-31 11.09.54.jpg
(...)
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Screenshots/screenshot 2018-01-31 12.05.55.jpg
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Essay.odt
```

In our case, we have only one result in the file, thus we have only one directory in the top level. Those directories are always named Name – Token. Inside the directory you find the Screenshots directory, since we included the screenshots in the step above. For every minute in the exam, we have a screenshot, as configured in the Create exam step above. Last but not least, you see the Essay.odt file directly in the directory of the student.

If we'd chosen to exclude the screenshots, it would look like this instead:

```
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Essay.odt
```

### 1.5.6 Correcting the results

Now, we have to correct the exam, therefore we extract the zip-file somewhere on our local computer and open the documents.

I chose to copy the original document Essay\_corrected.odt and write my corrections and the mark in there with red color. You can do that in the way you want to, it doesn't matter.

Of course, you can also print the documents, correct them manually and hand them back physically.

However, I removed the Screenshots directory, since I don't want the student to see it in the handed back results. This is an example of a corrected essay:

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## 1.5.7 Submit the corrected results back

Again, we create a zip-file with the same directory structure as the results zip-file. So, we have a directory of the form Name - Token for every student. In the corresponding directory are all the corrected files, we want to hand back to the student. My zip-file now looks as follows:

```
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Essay.odt
/Franz Kafka - e0d621cb36/Essay_corrected.odt
```

Notice, in the example Essay\_corrected.odt is the corrected essay (from the picture above), Essay.odt is the original one.

Navigate to Actions->Submit Results to start the Submit results wizard.

#	Test Taker	Token	Exam Name	Notice
1	Franz Kafka	e0d621cb36	Essay	This Ticket has no submitted result yet.

Upload the above created zip-file in the first step and press Next step. You will see this:

result

That's all correct. Since we had only one result, there's only one to hand back. So, we continue by pressing Submit all results.

#	Test Taker	Token	Exam Name	Notice	
1	Franz Kafka	e0d621cb36	Essay	Successfully submitted.	Submi

result done

For detailed information about submitting results back, please refer to Submit results back to the student.

The student can now get the corrected exam results when navigating to the start page and providing the exam token. See Get the exam result as a student for further information.

The student can now download his/her exam results as a zip-file. In our case, the zip-file will look like this:

e0d621cb36.zip - WinRAR (Nicht lizensierte Testversion)						
Datei Befehle Extras Favoriten Optione	n Hilfe					
Hinzufügen Entp. nach	jen Löschen Suchen Ar	sistent Info Viren	prüfung Kommentar	SFX		
e0d621cb36.zip - ZIP Archiv, ungepackte Größe 17'731 Bytes						
Name 🔺	Größe Gepac	kt Typ	Geändert am	CRC32		
<b>)</b>		Dateiordner				
Essay.odt	11'694 10'0	84 OpenDocument-Text	01.02.2018 10:44	E4F58DB4		
Essay_corrected.odt	6'037 5'7	31 OpenDocument-Text	01.02.2018 10:44	74FB9BCC		
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zip

Both, the original document Essay.odt and the corrected one Essay\_corrected.odt with my correction from above are in there.

## 1.6 Client crashes during exam

If a client has a crash during the exam, you can just restart the machine with an USB-Stick as described in Taking an Exam. Just follow the same steps and you will find the system in the state of the latest backup. You don't need to manually restore anything, it will automatically do this itself, while preparing the exam. You may see the restore indicated in the progress bar.



progress

Depending on the *Backup Interval* (see Create a single ticket), the lost work will be at most once that interval plus the last time the work was saved.

## 1.7 Restore a specific file

Lets consider one of the students accidentially deleted a file - say Important file.odt placed on the Desktop - that is still needed. You can restore any version of the file, which is covered by one of the past backups.

- 1. Go to the Ticket view of the affected ticket.
- 2. Switch to the Browse Backup tab.
- 3. Select All versions overlapping in the version selection on the right side, so you can see every file that has existed in any point of the history.
- 4. Browse to the location where the file is missing (Desktop in this example). You can check the full path on the top left side.
- 5. If the file has been present in one of the backup instances, you will now see the file.
- 6. Hover over the filename and click View all versions to get a view of all versions available in the backup.

Restore file 1

- 7. On the right side of each filename, you see the backup age, the file permissions and its size. The word current indicates the latest (current) version of the file. You can click on the filename to directly download the file to your local computer and check if this is the version you want to restore. A crossed out filename means that the file has not existed in that backup or the ones before. If you restore a file in the crossed state, it will be deleted on the target machine.
- 8. Once you found the desired version of the file, you can click Restore this state of the file.
- 9. Confirm the restore after carefully reading the warnings.

Restore file 2

- 10. Wait for the restore to complete.
- 11. You can check the restore progress and log in the Restores tab.
- 12. On the students computer, browse to the location, where the file was missing and press F5 to reload the directory contents.

13. The file should now be present in the restored version.



## **1.8 Hardware Recommendations**

The hardware recommendations are given in terms of CPUs, memory and disk space.

### 1.8.1 Number of CPUs

Please consult the following table, where n = (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform):

### 1.8.2 RAM

The required memory by GLaDOS can be calculated by the following formula:

```
Total Memory = (maximum number of running daemons)*(32MB) + 120MB
+ (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform)*(5MB) + 240MB
+ 1000MB
```

- Each daemon needs roughly 32MB of unshared memory. The amount of shared memory is approximately 120MB.
- Each event stream or agent needs roughly 5MB of unshared memory. The amount of shared memory is approximately 240MB.

### 1.8.3 Storage

The amount of disk storage needed by GLaDOS highly depends on various parameters:

- How long you wish to keep backups.
- How many data do students produce on average during an exam.
- How long an average exam will take.
- The setting of Remote Backup Path.
- The setting of the screenshots interval.
- Whether you activate Screen Capturing or not.

Make sure that there is enough disk storage for your needs.

## **1.9 Installation Guide (From the sources)**

This guide describes how to install GLaDOS from the source package.

### **1.9.1 Requirements**

#### Webserver

Since GLaDOS's interface is based entirely in your browser, you'll need a web server (such as Apache, nginx) to install the files into.

- Apache needs mod\_rewrite to be installed and enabled.
- Nginx needs PHP as an FPM SAPI.

#### PHP

- You should have PHP 5.4 or above. Ideally latest PHP 7. You should also install the PDO PHP Extension and the corresponding database driver pdo\_mysql.
- To support generating of ZIP files, you need the PHP zip extension.
- To support live data, you need the PECL inotify extension version 0.1.6.
- To support creating thumbnails, you need the PHP gd extension.
- Yii2 needs the Multibyte-Strings mbstring module for PHP.

#### Database

Currently only MySQL databases are supported. You need MySQL 5.5 or newer.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- To fetch the exam backups, rdiff-backup 1.2.8 or newer is needed.
- OpenSSH client and its key generator ssh-keygen are needed to create a connection for rdiff-backup.
- To support squashfs files, Squashfs is needed.
- To support auto discovery of the exam server, avahi is needed.
- For the manual installation Composer is needed. It can be removed subsequently.

### Debian

In Debian, the packages needed from above can be installed by:

```
apt-get install apache2 mysql-server php5 php5-mysql php5-gd squashfs-tools rdiff-backup

→avahi-daemon openssh-client
```

### 1.9.2 Installation

Composer can be installed to /usr/local/bin with the following commands (you need curl for this to work):

```
cd /usr/src
curl -sS https://getcomposer.org/installer | php -- --install-dir=/usr/local/bin --
→filename=composer
```

#### Download the latest source package

Browse to the Github release page and download the latest version of GLaDOS.

curl -L -0 https://github.com/imedias/glados/archive/\$version.tar.gz

Where **\$version** is the latest version number.

Unpack the source package:

tar xfs \$version.tar.gz

Create a new directory /usr/share/glados and copy all extracted files. Then cd into the created directory:

```
mkdir /usr/share/glados
cp -rpv glados-1.0.3/* /usr/share/glados/
cd /usr/share/glados
```

Install composer asset plugin (according to the Yii2 installation guide):

composer global require "fxp/composer-asset-plugin:^1.4.1"

Run composer (this will take a while, you also may need to create a Github OAuth token to go over the API rate limit):

composer update

This will install all packages specified in composer.json.

Create the following directories:

mkdir -p /var/lib/glados/uploads
mkdir -p /var/lib/glados/backups
mkdir -p /var/lib/glados/results
mkdir -p /var/lib/glados/tmp
mkdir -p /var/lib/glados/.ssh
mkdir -p /var/log/glados

Some directories need to be writable by the user under which your webserver runs. Assuming the user is called www-data, adjust the following permissions:

```
chown www-data /var/log/glados
chown www-data:www-data /usr/share/glados/web/assets/
chown -R www-data:www-data /var/lib/glados
```

Next, set the environment variables. Edit /usr/share/glados/web/index.php and comment out lines 4 and 5:

```
// comment out the following two lines when deployed to production
//defined('YII_DEBUG') or define('YII_DEBUG', true);
//defined('YII_ENV') or define('YII_ENV', 'dev');
```

### MySQL setup

Once all dependencies are installed, you need to set up the database. The following example code, shows how to create a database called glados, with a database user called glados and password mysqlpassword with all permissions granted on that database.

```
mysql -u root -p
Enter password:
mysql> create database glados;
mysql> grant usage on *.* to glados@localhost identified by 'mysqlpassword';
mysql> grant all privileges on glados.* to glados@localhost;
mysql> quit
```

Open the config file /usr/share/glados/config/db.php and provide the database name, the username and the password from above (see Config Files for more information):

```
return [
    'class' => 'yii\db\Connection',
    'dsn' => 'mysql:host=localhost;dbname=glados',
    'username' => 'glados',
    'password' => 'mysqlpassword',
    'charset' => 'utf8',
];
```

Change into the directory /usr/share/glados. Install all RBAC tables:

./yii migrate --migrationPath=@yii/rbac/migrations --interactive=0

**RBAC** initialization:

./yii rbac/init --interactive=0

Database tables:

./yii migrate --interactive=0

#### **PHP setup**

Install PECL inotify (you need PEAR, PHP5 module development files and a C-compiler for this to work):

```
pecl install inotify //for PHP7
pecl install inotify-0.1.6 //for PHP5
```

Create a PHP ini file for inotify (example: /etc/php/7.0/mods-available/inotify.ini for PHP7 and /etc/ php5/mods-available/inotify.ini for PHP5) with contents:

```
; configuration for php inotify module
; priority=20
extension=inotify.so
```

Make sure to enable the inotify module.

### Avahi setup

Create an Avahi service file (/etc/avahi/services/glados.service) with contents:

```
<?xml version="1.0" standalone='no'?>
<!DOCTYPE service-group SYSTEM "avahi-service.dtd">
<service-group>
<name replace-wildcards="yes">Glados on %h</name>
 <service>
  <type>_http._tcp</type>
  <port>80</port>
  <txt-record>type=Glados</txt-record>
  <txt-record>actionDownload='glados/index.php/ticket/download/{token}'</txt-record>
  <txt-record>actionFinish='glados/index.php/ticket/finish/{token}'</txt-record>
   <txt-record>actionNotify='glados/index.php/ticket/notify/{token}?state={state}'</txt-
→record>
  <txt-record>actionSSHKey='glados/index.php/ticket/ssh-key'</txt-record>
  <txt-record>actionMd5='glados/index.php/ticket/md5/{token}'</txt-record>
  <txt-record>actionConfig='glados/index.php/ticket/config/{token}'</txt-record>
 </service>
</service-group>
```

Make sure that the file above contains the correct URLs (this depends on your webserver setup, see below). For example the download URL actionDownload will be made up of the hosts IP-address, the port, the protocol and the given relative path from the txt-record actionDownload, discovered by avahi-browse. The protocol is determined by the port number, 80 gives http and 443 gives https.

\${gladosProto}://\${gladosIp}:\${gladosPort}/\${actionDownload}

will then be

http://1.2.3.4:80/glados/index.php/ticket/download/{token}

If you use the Apache setup from below, you don't have to change the service file.

Finally restart the avahi-daemon:

/etc/init.d/avahi-daemon restart

#### Webserver setup

#### Apache

Use the following configuration in Apache's httpd.conf file or within a virtual host configuration (example: /etc/ apache2/conf-available/glados.conf).

Make sure mod\_rewrite is enabled and installed.

Then restart apache:

/etc/init.d/apache2 restart

#### Nginx

To use Nginx, you should install PHP as an FPM SAPI. You may use the following Nginx configuration, replacing glados.test with the actual hostname to serve.

```
server {
    charset utf-8;
    client_max_body_size 128M;
    listen 80; ## listen for ipv4
```

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```

```
#listen [::]:80 default_server ipv6only=on; ## listen for ipv6
server_name glados.test;
            /usr/share/glados/web;
root
index
            index.php;
access_log /var/log/glados/access.log;
error_log
           /var/log/glados/error.log;
location / {
    # Redirect everything that isn't a real file to index.php
    try_files $uri $uri/ /index.php$is_args$args;
}
# uncomment to avoid processing of calls to non-existing static files by Yii
#location ~ \.(js|css|png|jpg|gif|swf|ico|pdf|mov|fla|zip|rar)$ {
#
     try_files $uri =404;
#}
#error_page 404 /404.html;
# deny accessing php files for the /assets directory
location ~ ^/assets/.*\.php$ {
    deny all;
}
location ~ \.php$ {
    include fastcgi_params:
    fastcgi_param SCRIPT_FILENAME $document_root$fastcgi_script_name;
    #fastcgi_pass 127.0.0.1:9000;
    fastcgi_pass unix:/var/run/php5-fpm.sock;
    try_files $uri =404;
}
location \sim^* /\. {
    deny all;
}
```

When using this configuration, you should also set cgi.fix\_pathinfo=0 in the php.ini file in order to avoid many unnecessary system stat() calls.

Also note that when running an HTTPS server, you need to add fastcgi\_param HTTPS on; so that Yii can properly detect if a connection is secure.

}

### **Check the installation**

Hit http://localhost/glados/requirements.php to check if all requirements are met.

Make sure you have set upload\_max\_filesize and post\_max\_size to a proper value in php.ini.

After checking all requirements, you can remove the requirements.php file located at /usr/share/glados/web/requirements.php.

You can now access the webinterface by the URL http://localhost/glados.

You may login with admin/admin or teacher/teacher. To modify the users, please login as admin.

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## **1.10 Installation Guide (Debian package)**

This guide describes how to install GLaDOS from the Debian package.

### 1.10.1 Debian 9/10

Download the newest packages from the Github releases page.

Download both glados\_<glados\_version>-deb9\_all.deb and yii2-glados\_<yii\_version>\_all.deb to your server. Simply install the two packages using the following command inside the directory of the downloaded files (substituting the corresponding <yii\_version> and <glados\_version> you've just downloaded):

apt install ./yii2-glados\_<yii\_version>\_all.deb ./glados\_<glados\_version>-deb9\_all.deb

During the installation you will be asked some questions (You should note down these settings):

- Configure database for glados with dbconfig-common?: yes
- *MySQL password for glados*: <your\_desired\_password>
- Repeat password: <your\_desired\_password>

If this fails due to dependency issues, install the needed dependencies and complete the installation by running:

apt-get -f install

You can now access the webinterface by the URL http://localhost/glados.

You may login with admin/admin or teacher/teacher. To modify the users, please login as admin.

## 1.10.2 Debian 8

### **Requirements**

To install the needed requirements, run the following command:

```
apt-get install apache2 mysql-server php5 php5-mysql php5-gd squashfs-tools rdiff-backup

→avahi-daemon openssh-client dbconfig-common
```

### Installation

Get the newest packages from the Github releases page.

Install the packages in the following order (for example version 1.0.3):

dpkg -i php5-inotify\_0.1.6-1\_amd64.deb
dpkg -i yii2-glados\_2.0.13.1-1\_all.deb
dpkg -i glados\_1.0.3-1\_all.deb

You can now access the webinterface by the URL http://localhost/glados.

You may login with admin/admin or teacher/teacher. To modify the users, please login as admin.

## 1.11 Softwareupdate on Debian

This guide describes how to update GLaDOS on a Debian server using the deb-packages.

If you plan to update GLaDOS version  $\leq 1.0.4$  on a Debian 8 server, please notice that GLaDOS version 1.0.5 and onwards will **not support Debian 8 anymore**. Please consider an upgrade of Debian 8 to Debian 9 following this Guide.

## 1.11.1 Updating GLaDOS

To update GLaDOS, simply download the desired release version on GitHub. Download both glados\_<glados\_version>-deb9\_all.deb and yii2-glados\_<yii\_version>\_all.deb to your server.

First update the local package information list:

apt update

Install all available updates:

apt upgrade

Install the newest version by executing (inside the directory of the downloaded files):

apt install ./yii2-glados\_<yii\_version>\_all.deb ./glados\_<glados\_version>-deb9\_all.deb

During the update you may be asked some questions:

• Configuration file '/etc/glados/params.php' ==> Modified (by you or by a script) since installation.: Y

```
Configuration file '/etc/glados/params.php'
==> Modified (by you or by a script) since installation.
==> Package distributor has shipped an updated version.
What would you like to do about it ? Your options are:
Y or I : install the package maintainer's version
N or 0 : keep your currently-installed version
D : show the differences between the versions
Z : start a shell to examine the situation
The default action is to keep your current version.
*** params.php (Y/I/N/0/D/Z) [default=N] ? Y
```

• Upgrade database for glados with dbconfig-common?: yes

You might have to adjust settings in config files you have done so far (see Glados config files). Your existing installation will be updated and all needed dependencies are automatically installed.

## 1.12 Upgrade from Debian 8 to 9

This guide describes how to upgrade GLaDOS from Debian 8.x to Debian 9.x with all data mirgated. The old Debian 8 server will be called old8 and the new Debian 9 server will be called new9 throughout the whole guide.

### **1.12.1 Preliminaries**

These step have to be done on old8.

Fist, make a backup of all data on the Debian 8 server.

Stop all running daemons via the webinterface.

Upgrade GLaDOS on your server running Debian 8 to version 1.0.4 (see Softwareupdate on Debian).

Create a dump of the MySQL-database of GLaDOS:

mysqldump -u 'glados\_user' -p 'glados\_database' > /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.4.sql

Notice that, glados\_user and glados\_database must be adjusted according to your setup. You can find the username and database name in the file /etc/glados/config-db.php. The contents of that file could look for example:

```
<?php
##
## database access settings in php format
## automatically generated from /etc/dbconfig-common/glados.conf
## by /usr/sbin/dbconfig-generate-include
## Tue, 31 Jul 2018 08:47:43 +0200
##
## by default this file is managed via ucf, so you shouldn't have to
## worry about manual changes being silently discarded. *however*,
## you'll probably also want to edit the configuration file mentioned
## above too.
##
$dbuser='user';</pre>
```

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```
$dbpass='secret';
$basepath='';
$dbname='glados';
$dbserver='';
$dbport='';
$dbtype='mysql';
```

In the above case you would have to run the following command:

mysqldump -u 'user' -p 'glados' > /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.4.sql

There will be a prompt asking for the password. In this case the requested password is secret (without the single quotes).

Copy the file /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.4.sql somewhere you have access to for later.

### 1.12.2 Setup of the new Debian 9 server

These step have to be done on new9.

On the new Debian 9 server, install a fresh version of GLaDOS 1.0.4 (see GitHub releases) according to the Installation Guide. It is important that you install exactly GLaDOS version 1.0.4 and not another one. Note down the **password** you have provided during the installation for later use.

## 1.12.3 Data migration (files)

These step have to be done on new9.

Once it's installed, you can start copying the files from the old server to the new one. Directories you have to copy:

- /var/lib/glados/uploads
- /var/lib/glados/backups
- /var/lib/glados/results
- /var/lib/glados/.ssh
- /var/log/glados

If you have changed these directories you have to copy the directories configured in /etc/glados/params.php (see Glados config files for more details), namely:

- uploadPath
- backupPath
- resultPath
- dotSSH
- daemonLogFilePath

You can use rsync to transfer the files (the / at the end of the directory name is important!):

```
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old8:/var/lib/glados/uploads/ /var/lib/glados/uploads
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old8:/var/lib/glados/backups/ /var/lib/glados/backups
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old8:/var/lib/glados/results/ /var/lib/glados/results
```

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```
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old8:/var/lib/glados/.ssh/ /var/lib/glados/.ssh
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old8:/var/log/glados/ /var/log/glados
```

You can also copy the data with another method, but make sure that the **permission**, **ownership**, **group** and **the modification time** of the files are preserved (the above **rsync** commands do take this into account).

### 1.12.4 Data migration (database)

These step have to be done on new9.

Copy the database dump file from the old Debian 8 server to the /tmp directory of the new Debian 9 server:

scp -p root@old8:/tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.4.sql /tmp

Connect to the database server:

mysql -u glados -p

Provide the **password** you have noted down during the installation here.

In the terminal, you should now see a prompt like

MariaDB [(none)]>

Switch to the glados database by issuing

use glados;

The dumped database from earlier in this guide can now be restored by

source /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.4.sql;

Close the console by

quit

### 1.12.5 Upgrade of the new server

You are now ready to update GLaDOS on the new Debian 9 server to the newest version according to the Guide on Softwareupdate on Debian.

## 1.13 Upgrade from Debian 9 to 10

This guide describes how to upgrade GLaDOS from Debian 9.x to Debian 10.x with all data migrated. The old Debian 9 server will be called old9 and the new Debian 10 server will be called new10 throughout the whole guide.

### **1.13.1 Preliminaries**

These step have to be done on old9.

First, perform a backup of all data on the Debian 9 server.

Stop all running daemons via the webinterface.

Upgrade GLaDOS on your server running Debian 9 to version 1.0.11 (see Softwareupdate on Debian).

Create a dump of the MariaDB-database of GLaDOS:

mysqldump -u 'glados\_user' -p 'glados\_database' > /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.11.sql

Notice that, glados\_user and glados\_database must be adjusted according to your setup. You can find the username and database name in the file /etc/glados/config-db.php. The contents of that file could look for example:

```
<?php
##
## database access settings in php format
## automatically generated from /etc/dbconfig-common/glados.conf
## by /usr/sbin/dbconfig-generate-include
## Tue, 31 Jul 2018 08:47:43 +0200
##
## by default this file is managed via ucf, so you shouldn't have to
## worry about manual changes being silently discarded. *however*,
## you'll probably also want to edit the configuration file mentioned
## above too.
##
$dbuser='user';
$dbpass='secret';
$basepath='';
$dbname='glados';
$dbserver='';
$dbport='';
$dbtype='mysql';
```

In the above case you would have to run the following command:

mysqldump -u 'user' -p 'glados' > /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.11.sql

There will be a prompt asking for the password. In this case the requested password is secret (without the single quotes).

Copy the file /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.11.sql somewhere you have access to for later.

### 1.13.2 Setup of the new Debian 10 server

These step have to be done on new10.

On the new Debian 10 server, install a fresh version of GLaDOS 1.0.11 (see GitHub releases) according to the Installation Guide. It is important that you install exactly GLaDOS version 1.0.11 and not another one. Note down the **password** you have provided during the installation for later use.

## 1.13.3 Data migration (files)

These step have to be done on new10.

Once it's installed, you can start copying the files from the old server to the new one. Directories you have to copy:

- /var/lib/glados/uploads
- /var/lib/glados/backups
- /var/lib/glados/results
- /var/lib/glados/sc
- /var/lib/glados/.ssh
- /var/log/glados

If you have changed these directories you have to copy the directories configured in /etc/glados/params.php (see Glados config files for more details), namely:

- uploadPath
- backupPath
- resultPath
- scPath
- dotSSH
- daemonLogFilePath

You can use rsync to transfer the files (the / at the end of the directory name is important!):

```
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old9:/var/lib/glados/uploads/ /var/lib/glados/uploads
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old9:/var/lib/glados/backups/ /var/lib/glados/backups
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old9:/var/lib/glados/results/ /var/lib/glados/results
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old9:/var/lib/glados/sc/ /var/lib/glados/sc
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old9:/var/lib/glados/.ssh/ /var/lib/glados/.ssh
rsync -arvpgot -e ssh --delete root@old9:/var/lib/glados/.ssh/ /var/lib/glados/.ssh
```

You can also copy the data with another method, but make sure that the **permission**, **ownership**, **group** and **the modification time** of the files are preserved (the above rsync commands do take this into account). The --delete flag deletes extraneous files from destination directories on new10.

## 1.13.4 Data migration (config)

These step have to be done on new10.

If you included authentication methods, such as Active Directory authentication, copy the configuration of the authentication methods to the new system:

```
scp -p root@old9:/etc/glados/auth*.php /etc/glados/
```

## 1.13.5 Data migration (database)

These step have to be done on new10.

Copy the database dump file from the old Debian 9 server to the /tmp directory of the new Debian 10 server:

scp -p root@old9:/tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.11.sql /tmp

Connect to the database server:

mysql -u glados -p

Provide the **password** you have noted down during the installation here.

In the terminal, you should now see a prompt like

MariaDB [(none)]>

Switch to the glados database by issuing

use glados;

The dumped database from earlier in this guide can now be restored by

source /tmp/glados\_db\_1.0.11.sql;

Close the console with

quit

## 1.13.6 Data migration (LDAPS)

These step have to be done on new10.

If you use LDAP authentication with SSL (see LDAP with SSL), you may have to import the LDAP servers CA certificate into the certificate store of the new server. To import all additional certificates from the old server to the new one, run the following command on the new server:

where you have to replace your\_certificate.crt with your CA certificate. After that, update the CA store:

update-ca-certificates -v

In order to make sure that everything works as intended, you should test the authentication process on the new server.

## 1.13.7 Upgrade of the new server

You are now ready to update GLaDOS on the new Debian 10 server from version 1.0.11 to the newest version according to the Guide on Softwareupdate on Debian.

## 1.14 Glados config files

The main configuration can be found in the file config/params.php. This is a list of the config settings and what they mean:

Settings with a star \* are now accessible for admin users over System->Settings and should not be changed in the params.php file anymore, since the value from System->Settings takes precedence over the file.

The database connection can be configured in the file config/db.php, which usually looks like this:

```
return [
    'class' => 'yii\db\Connection',
    'dsn' => 'mysql:host=localhost;dbname=glados',
    'username' => 'glados',
    'password' => 'mysqlpassword',
    'charset' => 'utf8',
];
```

This list describes the meanings of the keys:

## 1.15 Exam client configuration

To setup an exam client, you can install the package lernstick-exam-client on a Lernstick:

```
apt-get install lernstick-exam-client
```

You can also download the Debian Package from the Github releases page.

The exam client can be configured in 2 ways.

## 1.15.1 Autodiscovery of the exam server

To configure the exam client for this behavior, nothing has to be done. After installing the package, you can just search for the exam server, as described in Taking an Exam.

Notice, for this to work, you have to configure the network accordingly.

## 1.15.2 Exam server with fixed IP-address

If you want a more secure installation and the exam server has a fixed IP-address, you can configure the exam client to only access your fixed exam server.

Create a config file /etc/lernstick-exam-client.conf with the following contents:

```
gladosIp="1.2.3.4"
gladosHost="examsrv"
gladosPort=80
gladosProto="http"
gladosDesc="Description"
actionDownload='glados/index.php/ticket/download/{token}'
actionFinish='glados/index.php/ticket/finish/{token}'
actionNotify='glados/index.php/ticket/notify/{token}?state={state}'
actionSSHKey='glados/index.php/ticket/ssh-key'
actionMd5='glados/index.php/ticket/md5/{token}'
actionConfig='glados/index.php/ticket/config/{token}'
```

The below table explaines the keys and values:

If you start the Search Exam Server utility now, it will only search for your given IP-address, thus other exam servers in the network will be ignored.

### 1.15.3 Automatically search for exam server

You can configure the exam client, so that on **every** network connection that comes up, the search for an exam server is started. This can be done by setting

SearchExamServer=true

in the config file /etc/lernstickWelcome.

Notice, that the utility now starts on every network connection (LAN, WLAN, VPN and so on).

It is recommended to create a shortcut for Search Exam Server on the Desktop.

## **1.16 Network configuration**

There are 2 possible ways you can configure your setup. You can either configure the network in the way that the client can autodiscover the exam server, or configure the clients to access a fixed IP-address. The client setup can be found here.

## 1.16.1 Autodiscovery of the exam server

For this to work, you need to be able to discover the exam server via Bonjour. Therefore DNS Service Discovery (DNS-SD) must be allowed in the network. It is necessary to strictly allow this in your network. If you use a wireless network as exam network, notice that most accesspoints will disable this by default. If your server sits in another subnet, you have to route the needed ports, according to the Bonjour standard. Bonjour clients will talk via UDP port 5353 and multicast IP-address 224.0.0.251 (IPv4), ff02::fb (IPv6) respectively.

Avahi includes several utilities which help you discover the services running on a network. For example, run

```
avahi-browse -r --no-db-lookup _http._tcp
```

to discover services in your network. If your network and server are configured appropriately, you should discover the exam server with the above command.

### 1.16.2 Exam server with fixed IP-address

This is a more secure setup. To run the exam server in a network, you have to make sure that clients can connect to the server. On the other hand, the server needs to be able to connect to the clients.

This is a list of services and ports that must be allowed:

If your exam server sits in another subnet than your exam clients, make sure to disable Network address translation in the configuration of the router. This is necessary because the server detects the clients IP-address (which is then used in remote backup) over the HTTP headers and/or \$\_SERVER environment variables provided by the webserver. With NAT enabled the header would contain the IP-address of the routing device instead.

## 1.17 GLaDOS System Settings

There are currently a few global configuration settings that can be modified by the user. The interface to edit settings can be reached via System->Settings if you have the permission to do so.

When editing an item, you can either reset the value to its default value that is given in the view, or change it freely as you wish. The right hand side of the view will give you a preview of the change if you apply them (if possible). Some settings will only accept numbers in a given range and you will not be able to provide wrong input.

## 1.18 Large exams with 200+ clients

If you want to perform large exams with for example 200+ cuncurrent clients, there are various settings regarding the webserver and database server that have to be increased. In the following, we assume a goal of (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform) = 200.

### 1.18.1 Hardware recommendations

See Hardware Recommendations.

### 1.18.2 GLaDOS

In order for GLaDOS to be able to process 200+ tickets at the same time, you have to increase the setting limiting the maximum number of running daemons under System->Settings.

The value n you should choose can be deduced roughly by the formula n = (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform)/5 + 10.

### 1.18.3 System

Increase the upper limit of the total number of inotify instances and watches per user. You can set this on the fly by

```
echo 1024 >/proc/sys/fs/inotify/max_user_instances
echo 8192 >/proc/sys/fs/inotify/max_user_watches
```

Although this will be set back to the default value after the next reboot. To make it permanent, create a new file /etc/syscll.d/10-glados.conf with contents

```
# total number of inotify instances per user
fs.inotify.max_user_instances = 1024
fs.inotify.max_user_watches = 8192
```

The value you should choose for these two settings can be deduced roughly by the formulae:

- max\_user\_instances = (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform) + 200
- max\_user\_watches = (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform)\*10 +
  1000

### 1.18.4 Apache

The maximum number of concurrent connections to the webserver have to be increased as well. Edit the file /etc/ apache2/mods-enabled/mpm\_prefork.conf and change (or add) the directives

```
<IfModule mpm_prefork_module>
[...]
MaxRequestWorkers 300
ServerLimit 300
[...]
</IfModule>
```

The value n you should choose can be deduced roughly by the formula n = (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform) + 100.

To apply the settings, restart the apache2 service

service apache2 restart

## 1.18.5 MySQL/ MariaDB

For the database, there is a setting for the maximum number of concurrent connections as well. Create a file /etc/mysql/mariadb.conf.d/60-glados.cnf with contents

# maximum number of concurrent connections
max\_connections = 350

The value n you should choose can be deduced roughly by the formula n = (number of concurrent exams you wish to perform) + (maximum number of running daemons) + 100. For the maximum number of running daemons, see System->Settings.

To apply the settings, restart the mariaDB service

service mariadb restart

## **1.19 LDAP Authentication**

This article covers the authentication of users over LDAP. If you plan to use LDAP for authentication on GLaDOS, you have to think about how you want your users to login. LDAP servers provide multiple attributes that are suitable for a login.

To add a new authentication method click System->Authentication Methods and Add new Authentication Method. In the first step you have to choose an authentication type.

### 1.19.1 Step 1: Choose an authentication type

There are some LDAP implementations that are directly supported, and therefore need no special setup. If yours is not listed, please choose Generic LDAP in the dropdown list.

### 1.19.2 Step 2: Setup

You can define a Name and Description of your LDAP server, for example the school name or the domain name.

The Order field is only needed if you plan to use more than one LDAP server. For more information about the Order field, please read the article Multiple LDAP Servers and/or Active Directories first.

### Domain / LDAP URI

The configuration option Domain should be set to the full name of your LDAP domain, for example example.com. Your server(s) should be accessible by this DNS name over the network. If this is the case, you don't have set an LDAP URI by hand (and you should not). In that case the LDAP URI is constructed from the LDAP Domain name. Only if your domain name is not resolvable over DNS, you have to provide an LDAP URI explicitly in the Expert Settings.

### Login Scheme

For more information about the Login Scheme field, please read the article Login Scheme first.

### **Group Mapping**

You may want to map some groups defined in your LDAP directory to user roles used in GLaDOS. Members of specific groups may become admins and others may become teachers in GLaDOS. When editing or creating an new authentication method, you can specify the group mapping. If you don't know the group names on your LDAP servers, you can read them out in the form by providing a username to query the LDAP. Click Query for LDAP groups in the group mapping configuration option. In the appearing window provide login credentials and proceed with Query. If the credentials where valid, the dropdown lists will be populated with group names recieved from the LDAP server(s). You can choose multiple groups to be mapped to the same role in GLaDOS. You may also want to map no group to some roles.

### **Expert Settings**

Most of these settings you usually don't have to change. If you have chosen Generic LDAP in Step 1, then you may have to provide these settings. They should be available in the documentation of the LDAP implementation you're using.

### LDAP URI

Here you can provide a full LDAP URI of the form ldap://hostname:port or ldaps://hostname:port for SSL encryption. You can also provide multiple LDAP-URIs separated by a space as one string. Note that hostname:port is **not** a supported LDAP URI as the schema is missing. See ldap\_connect() under ldap\_uri.

### Choosing a bind method

The way GLaDOS contacts your LDAP server(s) can be changed. There are 3 methods to choose from in the setup form:

### Method 1: Bind directly by the login credentials

If you choose this method, the username provided in the login form is taken directly as bind username to authenticate over LDAP. User details - such as group membership and various needed attributes - are then queried with the login username. Therefore you can only employ this method if the login user has the permission to browse the LDAP directory tree. This is not the default setting in all LDAP implementations, but very common.

The username that should be used for the bind can be modified in a simple way. There are 2 configuration options affecting this: Bind Scheme and Login Scheme.

The Bind Scheme is a pattern to build the bind DN for the actual bind to the LDAP server. {username} is replaced with the username extracted from Login Scheme.

To understand how the username is extracted, please refer to Login Scheme.

Examples of Bind Schemes:

- 1. {username}: no special altering, the extracted username is taken as bind DN as it is.
- 2. {username}@foo: the extracted username is appended with @foo to contruct the bind DN.

- 3. foo\{username}: the username is prepended with foo\ for the bind.
- 4. {username}@{domain}: the username is appended with @{domain}, where {domain} is replaced with the value given in the configuration.
- 5. cn={username},dc=example,dc=com: a distinguished name is built out of the provided username. Instead of dc=example,dc=com, one could have also used {base}.

Assume your domain name is example.com and your LDAP allows to bind with the distinguished Name dn as well as with username@example.com. To illustrate the power of Bind Scheme together with Login Scheme to rewrite bind credentials, consider the following examples:

where the Example Login column denotes a login username given in the login form and Constructed Bind DN shows the bind DN that is constructed using the login username and Login Scheme together with Bind Scheme. A constructed bind DN of none means that there is no bind DN contructed, because the Example Login does not match the Login Scheme, and thus the login has failed.

### Method 2: Bind anonymously

The second method is to bind with an anonymous user. To use this method, your LDAP server must allow anonymous binds. When a user attempts to login, the LDAP directory is browsed with an anonymous bind for the Bind Attribute of the login user and his/her group membership. Then GLaDOS performs a second bind, but this time with the value of the users Bind Attribute as bind DN and the provided password. Using this method, you are able to choose the Login Attribute, which is the attribute that should be used for the login.

See the following example configuration:

loginAttribute = 'mail'; bindAttribute = 'dn';

With that configuration, the user is able to login with his/her E-Mail address deposited in the LDAP directory in the mail attribute (this attribute should be unique across the directory). Most LDAP servers only allow to authenticate with the distinguished name dn.

The attribute name of the distinguished name can vary across LDAP implementations. Microsofts Active Directory for example uses distinguishedName instead of dn.

### Method 3: Bind by given username and password

If your LDAP server does not allow anonymous binds, but you anyhow want to use a special attribute as Login Attribute, you can choose this method. For this you have to provide credentials of an account that has the permission to browse the LDAP directory. The advantage of this method is that only that specific user account needs the permission to browse the LDAP directory - the login user itself does not need any permissions, except to bind. However most LDAP implementations do allow every user to browse the LDAP tree. The 2 configuration settings - Login Attribute and Bind Attribute - behave exactly the same as in the anonymous bind scenario above.

## 1.19.3 Step 3: Test Login

After you created an new authentication method successfully you may want to test login.

Please refer to Test Login for more information about this.

## 1.19.4 Step 4: Migrate Users

You may have some local users that now you want to authenticate over the just created authentication method. IN that case you have to perform a user migration.

Please refer to User Migration for more information about this.

## **1.20 Active Directory Authentication (Simple)**

This article covers the authentication of users over Active Directory. This is a special case of LDAP Authentication.

### 1.20.1 Step 1: Choose an authentication type

When creating a new authentication method, choose Microsoft Active Directory from the dropdown list. In doing so, all special settings are adjusted to Active Directory LDAP.

## 1.20.2 Step 2: Setup

If your Active Directory servers are reachable by the GLaDOS server and your Active Directory Domain Name can be looked up via DNS, you can provide the Active Directory Domain Name in the Domain field and specify a group mapping and you're done!

If you did not change any default settings on your AD, then your users are now able to login to GLaDOS in the same way as they are able to login to a domain joined Windows machine using their sAMAccountName.

For the group mapping, you can optionally query for AD groups by pressing Query for LDAP groups and providing a username and password. The dropdown lists will then be populated with the query result.

## 1.20.3 Troubleshooting

Please refer to the advanced setup if you have trouble configuring Active Directory.

## **1.21 Active Directory Authentication (Advanced)**

This article covers the authentication of users over Active Directory. The advanced setup is very similar to the general LDAP setup, so please first read LDAP Authentication.

## 1.21.1 Step 1: Choose an authentication type

When creating a new authentication method, choose Microsoft Active Directory from the dropdown list. In doing so, all special settings are adjusted to Active Directory LDAP.

## 1.21.2 Step 2: Setup

### Domain / LDAP URI

Please refer to LDAP Authentication for more information about these fields.

### **Login Scheme**

For more information about the Login Scheme field, please read the article Login Scheme first.

### **Group Mapping**

Please refer to LDAP Authentication for more information about these fields.

### **Expert Settings**

### Choosing a bind method

As bind Method you can choose between bind directly by the login credentials and bind by given username and password. As for the bind with anonymous user method, you have to explicitly allow this on any Active Directory server. So this is not recommended.

### Method 1: Bind directly by the login credentials

Active Directory LDAP servers allow the user to bind with both the destinguishedName or the userPrincipalName attribute. Usually the userPrincipalName is the username (sAMAccountName) glued with an @ to the AD domain name.

Assume your AD domain name is example.com. Below are a few examples how to set up the authentication method for different outcomes:

### Method 2: Bind anonymously

This method will not work unless you have explicitly allowed this in you AD configuration.

#### Method 3: Bind by given username and password

For this you have to provide credentials of an account that has the permission to browse the AD directory. The advantage of this method is that only that specific user needs permissions to browse the LDAP directory - the login user itself does not need any permissions.

A common setup could look like this:

```
loginAttribute = 'mail';
bindAttribute = 'userPrincipalName';
```

With that configuration, the user is able to login with his/her E-Mail address deposited in the AD directory (this is not default) in the mail attribute.

For Active Directory the Bind Attribute can only be either userPrincipalName or distinguishedName.

## 1.22 LDAP with SSL

If the Glados server does not trust the certificate chain of a secure LDAP server the test login form issues an error Can't contact LDAP server or similar.

In order to connect to an LDAP server via SSL, the system running Glados has to trust the secure LDAP server certificate. You may have to include the CA certificate of your LDAP/AD server. First you need to export the CA certificate of your LDAP server in the crt format.

On Debian you can do the following. Copy the CA certificate Domain-CA.crt to /usr/local/share/ ca-certificates/

Then run the program that updates the certificate store of your server:

update-ca-certificates -v

To test whether the certificate is trusted, use:

echo | openssl s\_client -showcerts -connect hostname.domain.local:636

where hostname.domain.local denotes the FQDN of the LDAP server and 636 is the LDAPS port number. You should observe an output like the following if the certificate was trusted:

```
CONNECTED(00000003)
depth=1 DC = local, DC = domain, CN = Domain-CA
verify return:1
depth=0
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
0 s:
    i:DC = local, DC = domain, CN = Domain-CA
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
[...]
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
Server certificate
```

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```
subject=
issuer=DC = local, DC = domain, CN = Domain-CA
___
No client certificate CA names sent
Client Certificate Types: RSA sign, DSA sign, ECDSA sign
Requested Signature Algorithms:
 \rightarrow RSA+SHA256: RSA+SHA384: RSA+SHA1: ECDSA+SHA256: ECDSA+SHA384: ECDSA+SHA1: DSA+SHA1: RSA+SHA512: ECDSA+SHA512: 
Shared Requested Signature Algorithms:
 \rightarrow RSA+SHA256:RSA+SHA384:ECDSA+SHA256:ECDSA+SHA384:RSA+SHA512:ECDSA+SHA512
Peer signing digest: SHA256
Peer signature type: RSA
Server Temp Key: ECDH, P-384, 384 bits
___
SSL handshake has read 2057 bytes and written 487 bytes
Verification: OK
New, TLSv1.2, Cipher is ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
Server public key is 2048 bit
Secure Renegotiation IS supported
Compression: NONE
Expansion: NONE
No ALPN negotiated
SSL-Session:
          Protocol : TLSv1.2
          Cipher
                                    : ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
          Session-ID: 4525000086F0C2A132B4B44AF39E8AE64AD18F8D1B5ABC64B575B19B50E93045
          Session-ID-ctx:
          Master-Key:
 PSK identity: None
          PSK identity hint: None
          SRP username: None
          Start Time: 1632386882
          Timeout : 7200 (sec)
          Verify return code: 0 (ok)
          Extended master secret: yes
___
DONE
```

If the certificate was not trusted instead it may look like this:

```
CONNECTED(0000003)
depth=0 CN = hostname.domain.local
verify error:num=20:unable to get local issuer certificate
verify return:1
[...]
SSL handshake has read 2115 bytes and written 487 bytes
Verification error: unable to verify the first certificate
[...]
SSL-Session:
```

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```
[...]
    Protocol : TLSv1.2
    Cipher : ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
[...]
    Verify return code: 21 (unable to verify the first certificate)
[...]
```

As soon as the verification using the openssl command is successful you can authenticate via LDAP using SSL. For this, choose ldaps as Connection Method and 636 as LDAP Port or prefix your LDAP URI with ldaps://.

## 1.23 Test Login

After setting up and authentication method, you should be able to login with user accounts over that autentication method. If the login is not working as desired, you can simulate a login by clicking Actions->Test Login in the authentication method view of the desired method or in the authentication method index view. In the dropdown list you can choose ot test the login over a specific authentication method. After providing some test login credentials, you will see debug output on the right hand side. With this additional output, you should be able to figure out the problems that occure during login and adjust your setup. The example image below shows some example debug output that may occure in the successful case:

1 Test Credentials		Username example.user matches loginScheme {username}. Opening LDAP connection: ldap://example.com:389.				
Method	LDAP (Generic LDAP)	Setting LDAP_OPT_RETOROL_VERSION to 3. Setting LDAP_OPT_REFERENCES to 0. Setting LDAP_OPT_NETWORK_TIMEOUT to 5. Bind with USENTABLE carbinduran docenamela docena SUCCESSful				
Username	example.user	Querying LDAP for the user object with search filter (& (objectClass=posixAccount) (uid=example.user)) and base dn dc=example,dc=com for the attributes dn, uidNumber, gidNumber, uid.				
Password	••••••	Retrieving 1 entries. Querying LDAP for group membership with search filter (& (objectClass=posixGroup) (  (memberUid=example.user) (eidNumber=500)) and base dn dc=example.dc=com for the attributes				
Test Login		cn. Retrieving 1 entries. Bind with username cn=Example User,dc=example,dc=com successful. User group membership: admins. User role set to admin.				
		Authentication was successful				

Login Example

## 1.24 User Migration

This article covers the topic on user migration. User migration is needed if you have changed your authentication method A to another authentication method B and you want your existing users to authenticate over the new method. For example, you created 20 users locally on GLaDOS and now you integrated LDAP authentication and you want these 20 users to authenticate over LDAP from now on. In such a case you have to perform a user migration.

Start the user migration form under System->Authentication Method and then click Actions->Migrate User.

To be able to migrate users you have to set up an authentication method first, for example LDAP or Active Directory

Test

## 1.24.1 Step 1: Setup

The first thing you have to choose is from which to which method you want to migrate. In the above example you should choose Local (Database) in the From dropdown list and your new authentication method in the To field. Depending on what you have chosen, the next step will be a bit different.

## 1.24.2 Step 2: Query for users

In this step you have to query for users that are able to migrate. You can do so by pressing the Query for Users button. You may have to provide credentials for this step. Depending on your migration setup, the dropdown field Users to migrate will be filled with users that are able to be migrated.

Which users are able to migrate depends on your setup.

Essentially, all users associated to the authentication method From will be checked whether they could authenticate over the authentication method To. In the above example, the local database will be queried for users that authenticate locally. For each found user, the LDAP server is queried whether the user exists in the LDAP diretory or not. So each user existing in both authentication methods (From and To) will be suggested for migration. The dropdown list is then filled with a list of such users. The query can be modified by the Migrate Search Pattern to restrict to usernames matching the pattern.

## 1.24.3 Step 3: Select users to migrate

As a last step, you have to explicitly select the users to want to migrate in the dropdown list. Click Migrate to migrate all selected users.

## 1.24.4 Summary

You will see a summary information about each user migrated of the process after you initiated the user migration. The migrated users can now login over the new authentication method.

Mirgated users can always be migrated back to their original authentication method.

## **1.25 Multiple LDAP Servers and/or Active Directories**

This article covers the authentication of users over multiple LDAP domains and/or Active Directory domains. You have the possibility to provide as many authentication methods as you want. You can also combine different LDAP servers with different domains.

Under System->Authentication Methods you see a list of all defined authentication methods in their order of processing. One method is always available: the local database. This entry is neither editable nor deletable and the Login Scheme is fixed. To deal with multiple authentication methods, you have to specify an Order in which they have to be processed during a login. The first item with Order 0 is the local user database maintained by GLaDOS itself. The item with Order 0 is reserved for the local user database.

All login attempts will first be authenticated through this local method. This cannot be changed!

If the authentication fails via local database in any way (username does not exist / password is wrong), the authentication method list will be processed further in the given order. When creating a new authentication method it will automatically be appended to the end of the list. The order can be changed by editing the Order setting of each involved authentication method.

When dealing with multiple authentication methods, you are encouraged to use different Login Schemes for each method. Please read Login Scheme before you start to handle multiple authentication methods.

### 1.25.1 Example 1

Let's have a look at an example. Assume you have two Active Directory domains domain1.local and domain2. local with Order 1 and 2 respectively. There may be usernames that appear in both ADs. You can set up the two authentication methods as follows:

- The Login Scheme for domain1.local set to {username}@domain1.local.
- The Login Scheme for domain2.local set to {username}@domain2.local.

Your users can now login via both domains by login with their traditional usernames appended with @domain1.local or @domain2.local depending on to which AD they belong to. If a user happens to exist in both domains with exactly the same username, both users can actually log in by just appending their domain to the username. A login of a user existing in domain1.local may look like this:

- 1. User types user@domain1.local into the login form
- 2. Local login attempt (Order 0)
- 3. If it fails, check Login Scheme of domain1.local (Order 1) which matches. Login attempt on domain1. local (Order 1)
- 4. If it fails, check Login Scheme of domain2.local (Order 2), but user@domain1.local does not match {username}@domain2.local
- 5. Further processing next entry (Order 3)

A login of a user existing in domain2.local, whould then look like this:

- 1. User types user@domain2.local into the login form
- 2. Local login attempt (Order 0)
- 3. If it fails, check Login Scheme of domain1.local (Order 1), but user@domain2.local does not match {username}@domain1.local
- 4. If it fails, check Login Scheme of domain2.local (Order 2) which matches. Login attempt on domain2. local (Order 2)
- 5. Further processing next entry (Order 3)

As you can see, the Login Scheme can be used to make login usernames match a scheme and skip some authentication methods based on that scheme.

## 1.25.2 Example 2

You can also set up the two authentication methods as follows:

- The Login Scheme for domain1.local set to {username}.
- The Login Scheme for domain2.local set to {username}@domain2.local.

In this example all users from the AD whose domain name is domain1.local, can log in via their traditional usernames, without and appendix. Users of the domain domain2.local although must append the domain to their usernames.

## 1.25.3 Example 3

You can also set up the two authentication methods as follows:

- The Login Scheme for domain1.local set to {username}.
- The Login Scheme for domain2.local set to {username}.

In this example, all users of both domains can login with their traditional usernames, without appendix. But notice that if a user happens to exist in both domains with exactly the same username, it can no longer be distinguished by GLaDOS. If that user is logging in, the authentication flow is as follows:

- 1. Local login attempt (Order 0)
- 2. If it fails, login attempt on domain1.local (Order 1), because it matches the Login Scheme {username}
- 3. If it fails, login attempt on domain2.local (Order 2), because it matches the Login Scheme {username}
- 4. If it fails, the login has failed.

As you can see, with the Login Scheme configuration option you can route the login flow, when dealing with multiple authentication methods.

## **1.26 Placeholders**

Below you will find a list of placeholders that are replaced by the value of the configuration setting or a variable:

## 1.27 Login Scheme

Every authentication method has a field called Login Scheme. This is a pattern to test the given login username against. A login attempt via the associated authentication method will only be performed, if the given username matches the provided pattern. This is used to manage multiple authentication servers and methods, for example multiple LDAP or Active Directory servers with different domains, but can also be used in an environment with one single LDAP server.

{username} is extracted from the username provided in the login form according to the Login Scheme.

Examples:

- {username}: no special testing, all usernames provided are considered for authentication.
- {username}@foo: only usernames ending with @foo are considered.
- foo\{username}: only usernames starting with foo\ are considered.
- {username}@{domain}: only usernames ending with @{domain} are considered.

The follwing table gives some more detailed examples on how the Login Scheme affects user authentication:

In the above examples, {domain} is a placeholder for the configuration setting Domain. You can also use other placeholders. For a full list, please refer to Placeholders.