

# Install an APC on Alpine Linux



## Alpine < 3.9 not supported

Prior version 3.9, Alpine Linux was built using `libressl` instead of `openssl`. Although both are generally compatible, `libressl` lacks of support for TLS PSK, which is a cornerstone of the trust router infrastructure. Therefore, versions < 3.9 are unsupported.

On this page you will find instructions on how to set up a Trust Router APC on Alpine Linux, CentOS or Scientific Linux. It also installs and configures the Trust Router client.

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## 1. System Preparation

### 1.1. Install Alpine Linux

The first thing that is required is an Alpine Linux machine - this can be physical, virtual or a container.



#### Tip

*We would recommend using LVM when disk partitioning to allow easier partition/disk expansion on a live system.*



#### Warning

After install, you will want to secure/lockdown the server as best practice dictates - for both the server and any extra software installed. This is beyond the remit of this guide but there are many guides available that provide information on how to secure your Alpine servers and applications.

### 1.2. Configure Alpine

Next, there are a few Alpine configuration options that need to be set in advance:

#### 1.2.1. Networking configuration

For production deployments, it is recommended that the machine be assigned a static IP address.

#### 1.2.2. Firewall configuration

The following ports are required to be accessible from the outside world, both in the local firewall and in any external firewalls:

- 2083/tcp (for RadSec connections to other Moonshot entities)
- 12309/tcp (for Trust Router client connections - if using the Trust Router to broker trust relationships between entities)

Here are sample firewall rules that establish incoming and outgoing rules to both the Test and Live (Jisc Assent) Moonshot trust router infrastructures. If you connect to another Trust Router, adjust these rules to suit:

### IP Tables sample firewall rules (Jisc Assent)

```
-A INPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s 0/0 --dst <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dport 2083 -j ACCEPT
-A OUTPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dst 0/0 --dport 2083 -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s 212.219.179.130,212.219.179.131,212.219.179.138,212.219.179.146 --dst <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dport 12309 -j ACCEPT
-A OUTPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dst 212.219.179.130,212.219.179.131,212.219.179.138,212.219.179.146 --dport 12309 -j ACCEPT
```

### IP Tables sample firewall rules (Test Network)

```
-A INPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s 0/0 --dst <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dport 2083 -j ACCEPT
-A OUTPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dst 0/0 --dport 2083 -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s 13.79.134.211,13.79.128.103,52.169.31.104 --dst <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dport 12309 -j ACCEPT
-A OUTPUT -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -m tcp -p tcp -s <IdP/RP Proxy IP address> --dst 13.79.134.211,13.79.128.103,52.169.31.104 --dport 12309 -j ACCEPT
```

## 1.3. Add the Required Repositories

### Supported versions

At the moment, Alpine 3.8 and 3.9 (x86\_64 and armhf) are supported.

1. Add the Moonshot Alpine repository to your system. To do this, run the following command (as root, or using sudo):

#### Alpine 3.8

```
echo "https://repository.project-moonshot.org/alpine/v3.8" >> /etc/apk/repositories
echo "@moonshot https://repository.project-moonshot.org/alpine/v3.8" >> /etc/apk/repositories
```

#### Alpine 3.9

```
echo "https://repository.project-moonshot.org/alpine/v3.9" >> /etc/apk/repositories
echo "@moonshot https://repository.project-moonshot.org/alpine/v3.9" >> /etc/apk/repositories
```

2. Install the Moonshot repository RSA key.

```
curl "https://repository.project-moonshot.org/alpine/moonshot@jisc.ac.uk-5be46530.rsa.pub" > /etc/apk/keys/moonshot@jisc.ac.uk-5be46530.rsa.pub
```

## 2. Install the Software

We're now ready to install the Moonshot software and its required dependencies. Install the software by running the following command:

```
apk add moonshot freeradius-abfab freeradius-radclient
```

## 3. Configure the Moonshot APC

Next, we need to configure the Moonshot APC.

### 3.1. Configure FreeRADIUS

#### 3.1.1. Certificates

We need to get FreeRADIUS to create some private and public keys to use for its RadSec connections. Create and install the certificates by doing the following (as root).

1. Change into the `/etc/raddb/certs` directory

```
cd /etc/raddb/certs
```

2. Edit the certificate generation properties in `client.cnf`, `server.cnf`, and `ca.cnf` as follows:

- a. In the `ca.cnf` file:

- i. In the `[ req ]` section, add `encrypt_key = no`
- ii. In the `[ CA_default ]` section, change the `default_days` from 60 to a higher number (this is how long the certificates you create will be valid for). When the certificates expire, you will have to recreate them.
- iii. in the `[ certificate_authority ]` section, change all of the parameters to match those of your organisation. e.g.

```
[certificate_authority]
countryName             = GB
stateOrProvinceName    = England
localityName            = Camford
organizationName        = Camford University
emailAddress            = support@camford.ac.uk
commonName              = "Camford University FR Certificate Authority"
```

- b. In the `server.cnf` file:

- i. In the `[ req ]` section, add `encrypt_key = no`
- ii. In the `[ CA_default ]` section, change the `default_days` from 60 to a higher number (this is how long the certificates you create will be valid for). When the certificates expire, you will have to recreate them.
- iii. in the `[ server ]` section, change all of the parameters to match those of your organisation. e.g.

```
[server]
countryName             = GB
stateOrProvinceName    = England
localityName            = Camford
organizationName        = Camford University
emailAddress            = support@camford.ac.uk
commonName              = "Camford University FR Server Certificate"
```



When changing passwords in the `[ req ]` section of the `server.cnf` file, you must also update the `private_key_password` option in the FreeRADIUS `mods-available/eap` file with the same password.

We recommend that you do **not** change these defaults.

- c. In the `client.cnf` file:

- i. In the `[ req ]` section, add `encrypt_key = no`
- ii. In the `[ CA_default ]` section, change the `default_days` from 60 to a higher number (this is how long the certificates you create will be valid for). When the certificates expire, you will have to recreate them.
- iii. in the `[ client ]` section, change all of the parameters to match those of your organisation. e.g.

```
[client]
countryName           = GB
stateOrProvinceName  = England
localityName          = Camford
organizationName      = Camford University
emailAddress           = support@camford.ac.uk
commonName            = "Camford University FR Client Certificate"
```



All of the organisation parameters (countryName, localityName, etc) need to match in the three .cnf files but the commonName must be unique in each file)

3. Clear out any old certificates in the directory:

```
make destroycerts
```

4. Run the bootstrap script to generate the certificates

```
./bootstrap
```

5. Create a file that is the concatenation of the certificate and private key of the client.

```
openssl x509 -in client.crt > client.pem ; cat client.key >> client.pem
```

6. Because the above command was run as root, the keys and certificates created will not be readable by the FreeRADIUS user by default, and FreeRADIUS will not be able to start. To fix this, reset the group for the files:

```
chgrp radius client* server* ca* dh*
```

### 3.1.2. RadSec

Next, we need to configure RadSec. We do this by creating a file at `/etc/radsec.conf` with the following:

```
realm gss-eap {
    type = "TLS"
    cacertfile = "/etc/raddb/certs/ca.pem"
    certfile = "/etc/raddb/certs/client.pem"
    certkeyfile = "/etc/raddb/certs/client.key"
    disable_hostname_check = yes
    server {
        hostname = "127.0.0.1"
        service = "2083"
        secret = "radsec"
    }
}
```

### 3.1.3. Dynamic Realm support

We need to tell your FreeRADIUS server to support dynamic lookup of realms.

1. Open `/etc/raddb/proxy.conf` for editing:
  - a. Towards the top of the file is a stanza beginning `proxy server {`. Find this.
  - b. Below this, add `dynamic = yes`, like so:

```
proxy server {
    dynamic = yes
```

### 3.1.4. Realm

We next need to configure your realm in the FreeRADIUS server so that it knows not to send any requests for your own users off to another server.

1. Configure your realm in `/etc/raddb/proxy.conf`
  - a. Open the file for editing and find the line `realm example.com {`
  - b. Above this, add the following, where `YOUR_APC_REALM` should be substituted by your APC realm (e.g. `apc.moonshot.ja.net`):

```
realm YOUR_APC_REALM {
    # Intentionally left blank
}
```

### 3.1.5. Channel Binding Support

We next need to configure your FreeRADIUS server to support channel bindings.

1. Open `/etc/raddb/sites-available/abfab-tls` for editing:
  - a. Scroll to the `client default` stanza at the bottom of the file
  - b. Edit the stanza to match the below:

```
client default {
    ipaddr = 0.0.0.0/0
    proto = tls
    gss_acceptor_realm_name = "your APC realm here"
    trust_router_coi = "your APC realm here"
}
```

- c. If you have any other client definitions here, for example to distinguish between internal and external clients, also apply the change to them.

### 3.1.6. EAP Type

1. Set the EAP type in use by moonshot (EAP-TTLS) by editing `/etc/raddb/mods-enabled/eap`. Find the first instance of `default_eap_type = md5` and change it to TTLS.

```
default_eap_type = ttls
```

### 3.1.7. Returning the User-Name

The APC must return the User-Name attribute in its RADIUS response:

1. As root, find the `post-auth` section in the `/etc/raddb/sites-available/inner-tunnel` file.
  - a. Make sure the following files are uncommented:

```
#
# If you want the Access-Accept to contain the inner
# User-Name, uncomment the following lines.
#
update outer.session-state {
    User-Name := &User-Name
}
```

- b. Save the file.

## 4. Resource Provider Authentication

All Resource Providers in the Trust Router network, including all IdPs and RP Proxies and the Trust Router itself, need to authenticate themselves to the APC using Moonshot. This means that for every service or organisation, you must provision a credential on the APC.



In a production environment, we recommend you use a method of Resource Provider Authentication that integrates well with your chosen method of managing your Trust Router infrastructure.

See [Configuring FreeRADIUS to Use a Local Identity Store](#) for options to define credentials.

We recommend using an automatic means to provision credential files, such as an online portal.

## 4.1. Defining the APC credential

During testing, we recommend [using the FreeRADIUS users file](#) to define credentials that your Resource Providers can use to authenticate to the APC. We will create a user with username `testapc` and password `testing`.

1. Open `/etc/raddb/users` for editing and put the following at the top of the file:

```
testapc      Cleartext-Password := "testing"
              Reply-Message = "Hello test user. You have authenticated!"
```



The formatting of the stanza above is very important. There should be a line break before the Reply-Message.

## 4.2. Provisioning the APC credential

For the APC credential you defined in the previous step, create a [Moonshot credential XML file](#):

1. Set the `<user>` tag to the credential you defined in the previous step, e.g. `testapc`
2. Set the `<password>` tag to its appropriate password. You may wish to base64-encode the password.
3. Set the `<realm>` tag to `YOUR_APC_REALM`.
4. You can leave the `<services>` tag out.
5. You should set the `<selection-rules>` tag to:

### selection-rules

```
<selection-rules>
  <rule>
    <pattern>trustidentity/*</pattern>
    <always-confirm>>false</always-confirm>
  </rule>
</selection-rules>
```

6. Define either of the two trust anchors as per the [moonshot-webp XML Format](#) documentation.



For simple test infrastructures, you may leave out the trust anchors, but it is not recommended

7. Save the file, then deploy it onto the Trust Router that you are connecting to this APC (see Section 3.2.2 of [Install a Trust Router](#)).

## 5. Configure the Trust Router connection

The APC is fundamental to a Trust Router network, so the next step involves configuring the Trust Router client software and configuring its connection to a Trust Router.

### 5.1. Configure TIDS

The IdP also runs the Temporary ID Server (TIDS).

1. Open the `/etc/conf.d/tids` file for editing. If necessary, create it.

```
ipaddr="[your server IP]"
hostname="[your server hostname]"
gssname="testapc@YOUR_APC_REALM"
```

## 6. Testing

Now that we have the Moonshot IdP installed and configured, we're now ready to test!



### Tip

At this point you probably want three consoles open on the server, so that you can manually run various components separately.

### 6.1. Testing FreeRADIUS locally

The first test is to check whether FreeRADIUS is working in its most basic manner.

1. In window 1, run (as root user)

```
su --shell=/bin/bash radius
radiusd -fxx -l stdout
```

2. In window 2, run (as root user)

```
radtest testapc@YOUR-APC-REALM testing localhost 2222 testing123
```



This uses the "radtest" utility which is used in the following way - *radtest username password servername port shared-secret*

3. If this is working correctly you should see something like the following:

#### In window 1 - FreeRADIUS server output

```
Sending Access-Accept of id 57 from 127.0.0.1 port 1812 to 127.0.0.1 port 33363
  Reply-Message = 'Hello test user. You have authenticated!'
(1) Finished request 1.
Waking up in 0.3 seconds.
Waking up in 4.6 seconds.
(1) Cleaning up request packet ID 57 with timestamp +94
Ready to process requests.
```

#### In window 2 - radtest client output

```
Sending Access-Request of id 57 from 0.0.0.0 port 33363 to 127.0.0.1 port 1812
  User-Name = 'testapc'
  User-Password = 'testing'
  NAS-IP-Address = 127.0.1.1
  NAS-Port = 2222
  Message-Authenticator = 0x00
rad_recv: Access-Accept packet from host 127.0.0.1 port 1812, id=57, length=61
  Reply-Message = 'Hello test user. You have authenticated!'
```

### 6.2. Testing the Trust Router connection

To test the connection to Trust Router, we need to make sure the Temporary Identity Server (TIDS) software is running, then use the Temporary Identity Client (TIDC) software to simulate a connection to the Trust Router.

#### 6.2.1. Starting the Temporary Identity Server (TIDS)

In window 3 (window 1 should still be still running the FreeRADIUS server and window 2 the radtest command), run the TIDS software:

```
tids --ip [your server IP] --hostname [your server hostname] testapc@YOUR-APC-REALM
```

`testapc@YOUR-APC-REALM` is the identity that the trust router will use when provisioning keys - this makes it easy to spot in your own log files. Specifying your server's IP *and* hostname may seem redundant (and for single server deployments, it is!). You'll need to set the hostname and IP arguments a little differently if you want to enable some more advanced configurations (such as load balancing and key sharing).



When using Network Address Translation (NAT) or a firewall, you must specify your external IP address.

## 6.2.2. Run an APC authentication test

At this point, you must [configure your trust router](#) to use `testapc@YOUR-APC-REALM` as authentication.

1. The trust router configuration must be updated with the test user associated with your trust router's `rp_realm` filter lines.
2. The trust router configuration must be updated with your new APC designated as the APC for your trust router.
3. The trust router must have its Moonshot credential store updated with the test user and its password. See Section 3.2.2 of [install a trust router \(RH EL/CentOS/SL 6 or Debian 7\)](#)
4. The trust router must be restarted. At this point, the trust router will attempt to authenticate itself to the APC.
5. In the FreeRADIUS console, you should see an Access-Accept response.

## 7. Next Steps

At this point, you now have a Moonshot APC that is working. Now for the next steps:

### 7.1. Automatically start the software

#### 7.1.1. FreeRADIUS

To automatically start FreeRADIUS, issue the following command (as root):

```
rc-update add radiusd
rc-service radiusd start
```

#### 7.1.2. TIDS

To automatically start TIDS, issue the following command (as root):

```
rc-update add tids
rc-service tids start
```

If this is working correctly, you should see TIDS running as a daemon process.

### 7.2. Configure a real source of Authentication

Your FreeRADIUS server can currently only authenticate a single user - "testapc". At this point, you will want to connect FreeRADIUS to your management database. [The FreeRADIUS site](#) has information and instructions for how to do this.