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Mastering HCL Sametime Administration

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HCL Sametime Admin UI



Sametime Admin Web UI

Modern, web-based tool designed to simplify server and policy management

Available starting with 12.0.2 in all deployment variants

- Docker
- OpenShift
- Podman
- Kubernetes
- Windows

What can you do with it?

- Manage Policies
- Monitor Server Status

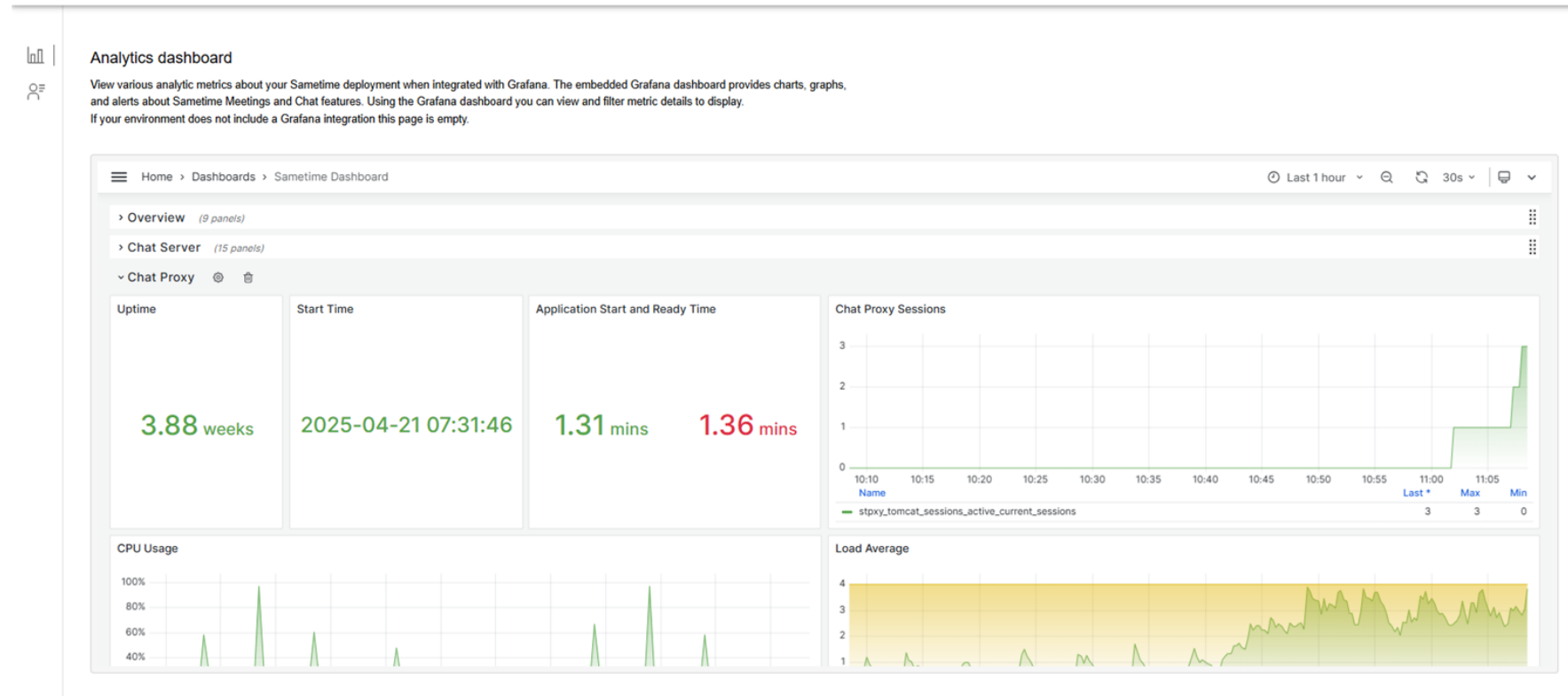
Sametime Admin Web UI

```
# Reset Grafana admin password
cd /opt/hcl/sametime
docker compose exec -it grafana bash
grafana-cli admin reset-admin-password admin
```

The Admin UI embeds the Grafana dashboard for Sametime Monitoring.

👉 **Grafana admin credentials are separate from your Sametime administrator credentials**, i.e. they don't exist in LDAP. You can also add additional Grafana users or Grafana administrators in the Grafana Web UI.

Analytics dashboard















Sametime 12.0.2 Admin UI

The Sametime Admin UI (/admin) provides tools to manage Sametime policies.

Add a Policy

Find active policy

Enter a user name

Policy Name	Weight ⓘ	Actions
testing	8	   
im.NoMobile.policy	7	   
im.EverythinOn.policy	6	   

View/Edit Policy

Grant or restrict a user's access to features.
(Installed Client: Sametime Connect, Notes embedded)

Updated policy settings are not in effect until cached objects have expired or the servers are restarted.

Policy Name

testing

Chat

- ☒ User must set this community as the default server community
- ☒ User can add multiple server communities
- ☒ User can save chat transcripts

☒ Save chat transcripts automatically

Maximum number of days chat transcripts are saved:

365

Set this field to zero to allow users to save chat transcripts for an unlimited time.
- ☒ Allow custom emoticons (Installed Client)

Assign a Policy

Policy Name: testing

Search for a User or Group

Name

Assigned to

 Susan Adams12 User 

NOTE : Users will not receive updated policy settings until the cached objects have expired or the servers have been restarted.

Cancel Save

How to change or add additional Sametime Administrators

When you deploy Sametime v12x you need to provide the email address of your Sametime administrator. An account with that email address must already exist in your LDAP directory.

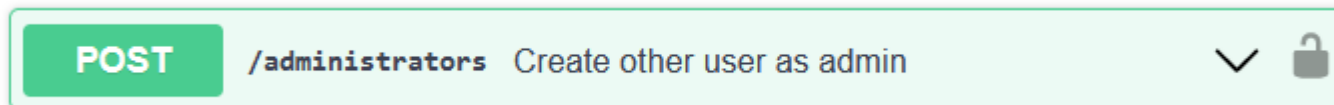
You can **add additional users to the Sametime administrator role** by using one of these methods:

- Use a Mongo shell to add a user as an administrator to the meeting database

```
use meeting
db.administrators.insertOne({"_id": (new ObjectId()).toString(), "email": "adams5@email.com"})
```

- Use the Sametime Admin API

Retrieve CSRF token from `/sametime-auth`, then use `/sametime-admin` to set an additional admin user



Sametime API documentation

<https://<your-sametime-server-hostname>/sametime-api/docs/>

Sametime Admin Web UI

What would YOU like to see in the admin client?

Your feedback is needed!

- ★ Integrated User Rename
- ★ User Data Administration
- ★ Business Card Administration
- ★ Logging and Tracing
- ★ Track and Manage User/Client activity
- ★ etc....



<https://hclsw.co/sametime-ideas>

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New deployment option: HCL Sametime Chat on Windows



New deployment option: Sametime Chat 12.0.2 FP2 on Windows

Why we created it?

Webinar available to review!

<https://youtu.be/9er-OlbvfUw?feature=shared>

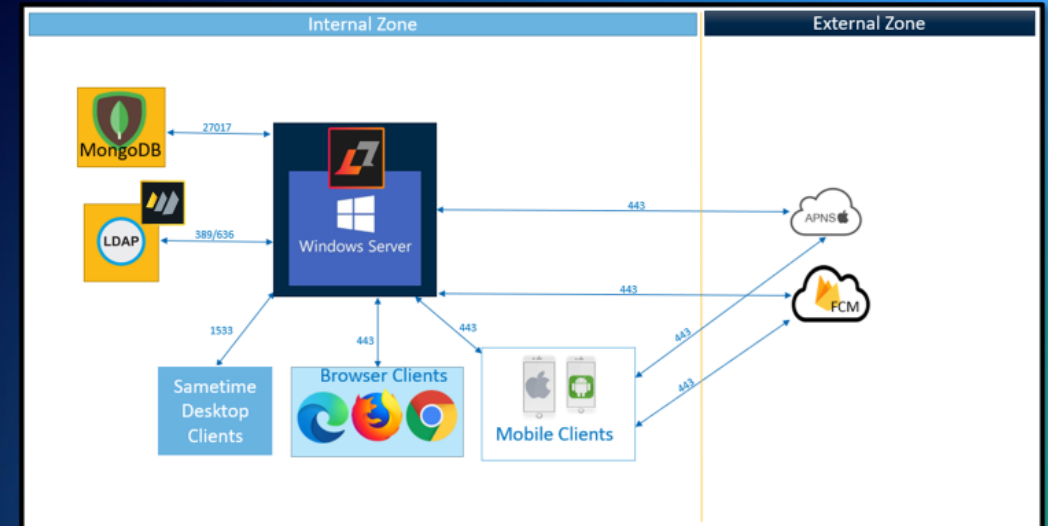
Unlocking the Future of HCL Sametime New Features,
Deployment and Enhanced Meeting Solution



Non-Containerized Chat Deployment – 12.0.2 FP2

Windows

- ✓ Single Server
- ✓ Community Chat
- ✓ Proxy Support for Web and Mobile



New deployment option: Sametime Chat 12.0.2 FP2 on Windows

Which config files do you need to know about and where are they located? In the install directory:

- Custom.env
- Sametime.ini
- chatlogging.ini
- Policy file(s)
- STCommunityConfig.xml
- UserInfoConfig.xml

Example: How to change LDAP filters or add additional LDAP servers?

- Edit StCommunityConfig.xml and UserInfoConfig.xml files

Same configurations previously stored in stconfig.nsf and vuserinfo.nsf

New deployment option: Sametime Chat 12.0.2 FP2 on Windows

How to enable Monitoring for Sametime on Windows?

<https://developer.ds.hcl-software.com/t/configuring-the-monitoring-dashboard-in-sametime-12-0-2-fp-on-windows/155323>

Configuring the Monitoring Dashboard in Sametime 12.0.2 FP on Windows

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This is the first time Erik has posted — let's welcome them to our community!



Erik HCL Software

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I have configured the Monitoring Dashboard for Sametime 12.0.2 FP2 on Windows and decided, that i wanted to run both Prometheus and Grafana on the same Windows host where Sametime is running.

Here are some tips:

1. Download the latest Prometheus 2.53.x LTS release <https://prometheus.io/download/>

2.53.4 / 2025-03-18 LTS Release notes			
File name	OS	Arch	Size
prometheus-2.53.4.darwin-amd64.tar.gz	darwin	amd64	99.84 MiB
prometheus-2.53.4.darwin-arm64.tar.gz	darwin	arm64	96.00 MiB
prometheus-2.53.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz	linux	amd64	99.37 MiB
prometheus-2.53.4.windows-amd64.zip	windows	amd64	101.63 MiB

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MongoDB



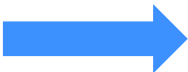
Considerations for MongoDB



Do NOT run Sametime with an unsupported version of MongoDB

Sametime 12.0.2 FP2 supports MongoDB 7.0

https://support.hcl-software.com/csm?id=kb_article&sysparm_article=KB0117290



Release	Release Date	End of Life Date
MongoDB 8.0	October 2, 2024	TBD
MongoDB 7.0	August 15, 2023	August 31, 2026
MongoDB 6.0	July 19, 2022	July 31, 2025
MongoDB 5.0	July 13, 2021	October 31, 2024
MongoDB 4.4	July 25, 2020	February 29, 2024

<https://www.mongodb.com/legal/support-policy/lifecycles>

Upgrading MongoDB

In-place approach



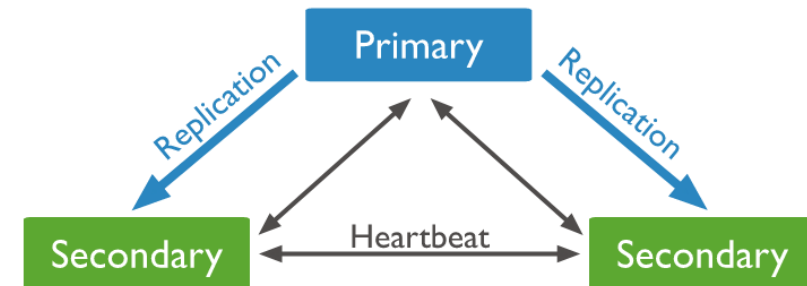
Important:

Always follow the official [MongoDB documentation](https://www.mongodb.com/docs/manual/release-notes/7.0-upgrade-replica-set) for detailed instructions.



In-place upgrading a MongoDB ReplicaSet - in a nutshell:

- Upgrade the MongoDB binaries to next major release on all secondaries.
- Step down the replica set primary to force an election of a new primary.
- Upgrade the MongoDB binaries on the stepped-down primary.
- Increment the feature compatibility version.



<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/manual/release-notes/7.0-upgrade-replica-set>

Upgrading MongoDB

Side-by side approach



Implement a new MongoDB ReplicaSet and migrate your data with **mongodump** and **mongorestore**.

Remark: It is recommended to restore to a matching major version.

Back up your databases with mongodump

```
mongodump --host=<oldmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --forceTableScan  
--gzip --db=meeting --out /dump
```

```
mongodump --host=<oldmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --forceTableScan  
--gzip --db=mobileOffline --out /dump
```

```
mongodump --host=<oldmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --forceTableScan  
--gzip --db=chatlogging --out /dump
```

```
mongodump --host=<oldmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --forceTableScan  
--gzip --db=privacy --out /dump
```

```
mongodump --host=<oldmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --forceTableScan  
--gzip --db=userinfo --out /dump
```

<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/database-tools/mongodump/>

<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/database-tools/mongorestore/>

Upgrading MongoDB

Side-by side approach (cont.)



Restore your databases with mongorestore

```
mongorestore --host=<newmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --drop  
--noIndexRestore --gzip --verbose --nsInclude=meeting.* /restore
```

```
mongorestore --host=<newmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --drop  
--noIndexRestore --gzip --verbose --nsInclude=mobileOffline.* /restore
```

```
mongorestore --host=<newmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --drop  
--noIndexRestore --gzip --verbose --nsInclude=chatlogging.* /restore
```

```
mongorestore --host=<newmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --drop  
--noIndexRestore --gzip --verbose --nsInclude=privacy.* /restore
```

```
mongorestore --host=<newmongohost>:<port> --username=<mongouser> --password=<mongopassword> --drop  
--noIndexRestore --gzip --verbose --nsInclude=userinfo.* /restore
```

<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/database-tools/mongodump/>
<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/database-tools/mongorestore/>

Considerations for MongoDB



Preparing MongoDB for Sametime includes:

- Configure MongoDB with a ReplicaSet on either a single MongoDB server or on a full MongoDB cluster
- Create an account in MongoDB to be used by Sametime and assign that account the required roles
- Create the chatlogging database and initialize the EVENTS and SESSIONS collections with dummy values

Important:

Always follow the official [MongoDB documentation](#) for detailed instructions.

Convenience script for MongoDB



[`install_mongodb7_for_sametime.sh`](#) can help you to get started.
Send me an email if you want to get the script.

```
#####  
#                                                                 #  
# Automated MongoDB Installation and Configuration for HCL Sametime Premium #  
#                                                                 #  
# Version 1.4.2 (c) 2025 Erik Schwalb (HCL) #  
#                                                                 #  
#####  
#####  
#                                                                 #  
# This script will install and configure MongoDB 7 on CentOS 9 or Ubuntu 22.04. #  
#                                                                 #  
# If you are installing MongoDB on a different version of CentOS / Red Hat or Ubuntu #  
# or on another Linux distribution, you need to modify the script before running it. #  
#                                                                 #  
# Examine the content of the script before running it and make sure it corresponds #  
# to the instructions from the HCL Sametime product documentation and to the #  
# instructions from the official MongoDB documentation. #  
#                                                                 #  
# Support Statement: #  
# HCL publishes the script as a sample without any warranties. #  
#                                                                 #  
#####  
  
Your current platform: Ubuntu 24.04.2 LTS  
Press Enter to continue or Ctrl-c to exit.█
```



You are still responsible
for properly securing
your MongoDB instance!

Deploying MongoDB on Docker



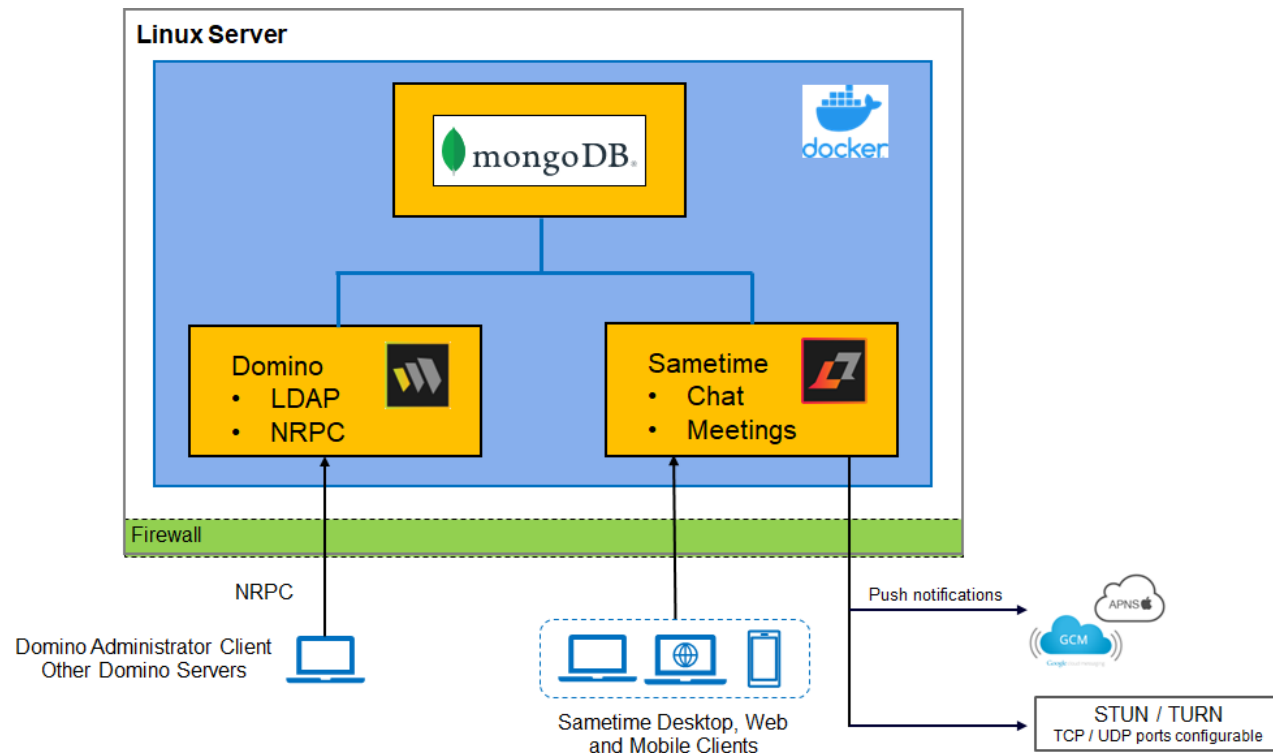
If you want to run MongoDB on the same Docker host as Sametime

- Deploy either a single MongoDB server or a MongoDB cluster on Docker
- Connect MongoDB container(s) to the same [Docker bridge network](#) as Sametime
- No need to expose MongoDB port(s) on localhost, no need to open Firewalls for MongoDB

Self contained Sametime software appliance:



Don't try to run Mongo on podman unless officially supported by MongoDB!



Deploying MongoDB on Kubernetes



The "built-in" Sametime 12.0.2 FP2 Helm Charts for MongoDB can be used for a quick test.

For production use you also need to provide persistent storage (RWX PVs) in your Kubernetes cluster and implement administrative procedures for backup and restore.

For production environments you can also use...

- The official MongoDB Community Kubernetes Operator
<https://github.com/mongodb/mongodb-kubernetes-operator>
- or the MongoDB Enterprise Kubernetes Operator
<https://github.com/mongodb/mongodb-enterprise-kubernetes>
- or the Bitnami Helm Charts
<https://github.com/bitnami/charts/tree/main/bitnami/mongodb>

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Integration with Let's Encrypt



Integrate HCL Sametime with Let's Encrypt

Sametime can request, retrieve and apply a TLS certificate from Let's Encrypt. It will also automatically renew the TLS certificate before it expires.

The built-in integration is based on the ACME protocol (**A**utomatic **C**ertificate **M**anagement **E**nvironment) using an HTTP-01 challenge to verify, that you are the owner of the requesting website.

1. ACME server (= Let's Encrypt) sends a challenge to ACME client *
2. ACME server will ask via **in-bound HTTP request on port 80** for the “secret” at a well-known URL

- **The FQDN of your Sametime server must be registered in public DNS**
- **Your Sametime server must be accessible on the public Internet via http port 80**

* NGINX in Sametime on Docker / Traefik in Sametime on Windows

How to configure Sametime with Let's Encrypt

1. Backup current Sametime configuration “config 0”
2. Configure Sametime with Let's Encrypt staging and make sure everything is fine
3. Restore previous Sametime configuration “config 0”
4. Configure Sametime with Let's Encrypt production

The Let's Encrypt API has rate limiting (lasting up to one week, cannot be overridden). Always use the Let's Encrypt staging server when experimenting to avoid hitting this limit which would lock your Let's Encrypt account.

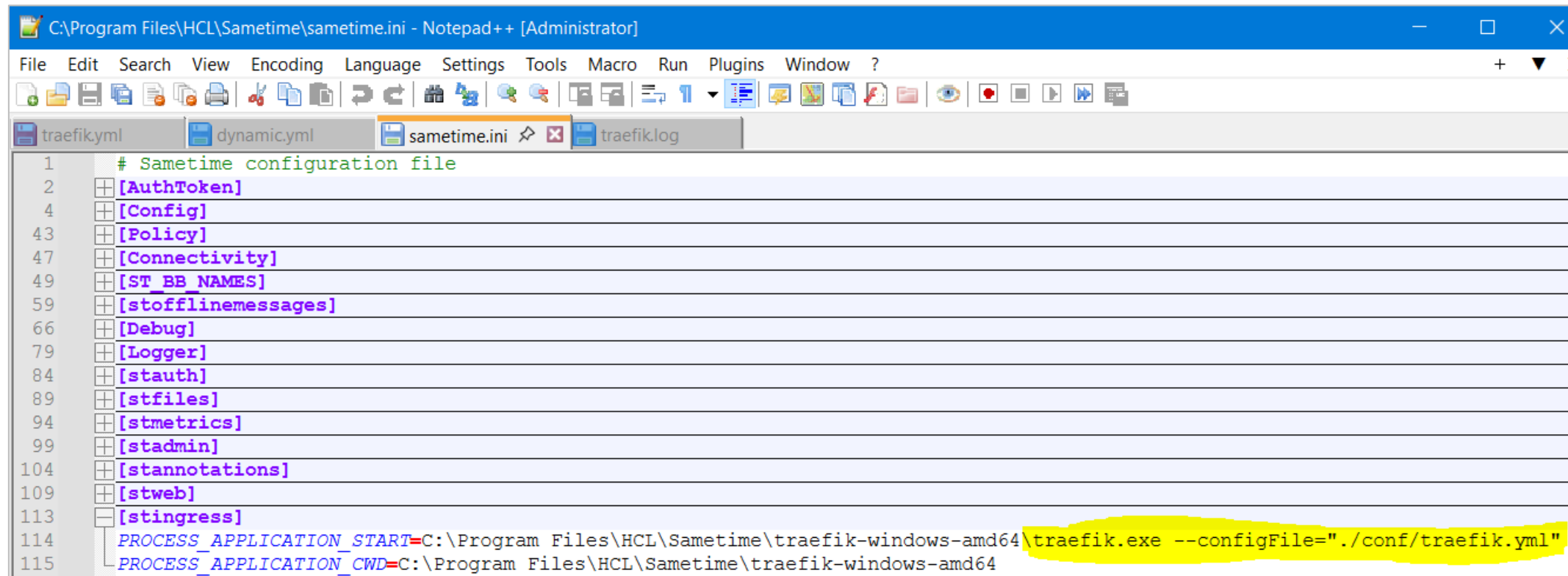


Integrate Sametime on Windows with Let's Encrypt

Shutdown Sametime

Modify `traefik.yml` and `dynamic.yml` as described in the [Sametime documentation](#)

Adjust `traefik.yml` as described on the following slides, then restart Sametime

A screenshot of a Notepad++ window titled "C:\Program Files\HCL\Sametime\sametime.ini - Notepad++ [Administrator]". The window shows the configuration file `sametime.ini` with various sections like `[AuthToken]`, `[Config]`, `[Policy]`, `[Connectivity]`, `[ST_BB_NAMES]`, `[stofflineMessages]`, `[Debug]`, `[Logger]`, `[stauth]`, `[stfiles]`, `[stmetrics]`, `[stadmin]`, `[stannotations]`, `[stweb]`, and `[stingress]`. At the bottom, there are two lines of configuration: `PROCESS_APPLICATION_START=C:\Program Files\HCL\Sametime\traefik-windows-amd64\traefik.exe --configFile="./conf/traefik.yml"` and `PROCESS_APPLICATION_CWD=C:\Program Files\HCL\Sametime\traefik-windows-amd64`. The first line is highlighted in yellow.

```
C:\Program Files\HCL\Sametime\sametime.ini - Notepad++ [Administrator]
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
traefik.yml dynamic.yml sametime.ini traefik.log
1 # Sametime configuration file
2 [AuthToken]
4 [Config]
43 [Policy]
47 [Connectivity]
49 [ST_BB_NAMES]
59 [stofflineMessages]
66 [Debug]
79 [Logger]
84 [stauth]
89 [stfiles]
94 [stmetrics]
99 [stadmin]
104 [stannotations]
109 [stweb]
113 [stingress]
114 PROCESS_APPLICATION_START=C:\Program Files\HCL\Sametime\traefik-windows-amd64\traefik.exe --configFile="./conf/traefik.yml"
115 PROCESS_APPLICATION_CWD=C:\Program Files\HCL\Sametime\traefik-windows-amd64
```

Integrate Sametime on Windows with Let's Encrypt

<https://doc.traefik.io/traefik/https/acme/#caserver>

Settings in `traefik.yml`

caServer

Required, Default="https://acme-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory"

The CA server to use:

- Let's Encrypt production server: <https://acme-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory>
- Let's Encrypt staging server: <https://acme-staging-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory>

Using the Let's Encrypt staging server

File (YAML)

File (TOML)

CLI

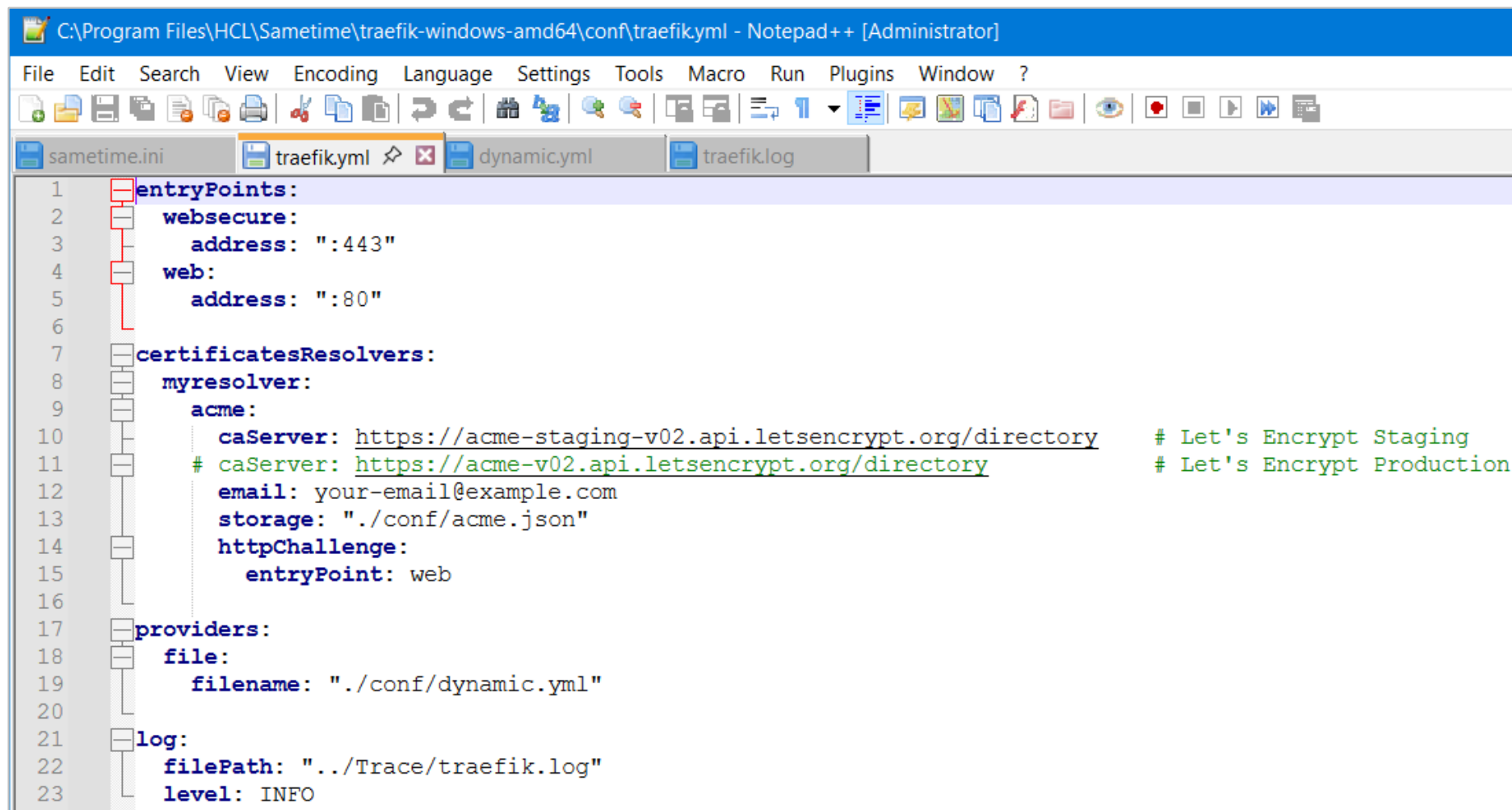
```
certificatesResolvers:
  myresolver:
    acme:
      # ...
      caServer: https://acme-staging-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory
      # ...
```

Default = **Let's Encrypt production**

If you set up the integration for the first time, make sure to test everything first with the **Let's Encrypt staging** service enabled!

Integrate Sametime on Windows with Let's Encrypt

Settings in `traefik.yml`

A screenshot of a Notepad++ window titled "C:\Program Files\HCL\Sametime\traefik-windows-amd64\conf\traefik.yml - Notepad++ [Administrator]". The window shows the configuration file `traefik.yml` with the following content:

```
1 entryPoints:
2   websecure:
3     address: ":443"
4   web:
5     address: ":80"
6
7 certificatesResolvers:
8   myresolver:
9     acme:
10      caServer: https://acme-staging-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory # Let's Encrypt Staging
11      # caServer: https://acme-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory # Let's Encrypt Production
12      email: your-email@example.com
13      storage: "./conf/acme.json"
14      httpChallenge:
15        entryPoint: web
16
17 providers:
18   file:
19     filename: "./conf/dynamic.yml"
20
21 log:
22   filePath: "../Trace/traefik.log"
23   level: INFO
```

Optional: Update Traefik to a newer 3.x version

BONUS

This PC > Windows (C:) > Program Files > HCL > Sametime > traefik-windows-amd64

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
traefik.log		File	
Backup - config 0	4/29/2025 6:11 PM	File folder	
Backup - LE production	4/29/2025 9:54 AM	File folder	
Backup - LE staging	4/29/2025 9:18 PM	File folder	
conf	4/29/2025 9:21 PM	File folder	
CHANGELOG.md	9/16/2024 3:37 PM	MD File	820 KB
LICENSE.md	9/16/2024 3:37 PM	MD File	2 KB
traefik.exe	9/16/2024 3:34 PM	Application	163,504 KB

2025-04-29T21:35:11Z INF Traefik version 3.1.3 built on 2024-09-16T15:30:44Z version=3.1.3

2025-04-29T21:45:12Z WRN A new release of Traefik has been found: 3.3.6. Please consider updating.

Unzip and copy to Sametime

<https://github.com/traefik/traefik/releases/tag/v3.3.6>

This PC > Windows (C:) > Users > Windows-Admin > Downloads > traefik_v3.3.6_windows_amd64.zip

Name	Type	Compressed size	Password p...	Size	Ratio	Date modified
CHANGELOG.md	MD File	130 KB	No	871 KB	86%	4/18/2025 9:15 AM
LICENSE.md	MD File	1 KB	No	2 KB	40%	4/18/2025 9:15 AM
traefik.exe	Application	53,736 KB	No	213,558 KB	75%	4/18/2025 9:22 AM

Integrate Sametime on Docker with Let's Encrypt

Settings in `.env`

Exposed HTTP port

`HTTP_PORT=80`

Exposed HTTPS port

`HTTPS_PORT=443`

Redirect HTTP traffic to HTTPS

Necessary for Let's Encrypt, relies on standard HTTPS port (443)

`ENABLE_HTTP_REDIRECT=0`

`ENABLE_HTTP_REDIRECT=1`

Enable Let's Encrypt certificate generation

`ENABLE_LETSENCRYPT=1`

Domain for which to generate the certificate

`LETSENCRYPT_DOMAIN=<your.sametimeserver.com>`

E-Mail for receiving important account notifications (mandatory)

`LETSENCRYPT_EMAIL=<YourAdminEmailAddress>`

Use the staging server (for avoiding rate limits while testing)

`LETSENCRYPT_USE_STAGING=1`

Set `HTTP_PORT` to 80

For Sametime 12.0.2 incl. FP1 and FP2
`ENABLE_HTTP_REDIRECT=0`

For Sametime 12.0.1
`ENABLE_HTTP_REDIRECT=1`

If you set up the integration for the first time, make sure to test it first with the **Let's Encrypt staging service** enabled!

Integrate Sametime 12 on Docker with Let's Encrypt



Settings in `docker-compose.yml`

`nginx:`

```
image: hclcr.io/st/meetings-web:${BUILD_LEVEL}
restart: ${RESTART_POLICY}
ports:
  - '${HTTP_PORT}:80'
  - '${HTTPS_PORT}:443'
...
```

`environment:`

```
...
- LETSENCRYPT_DOMAIN
- LETSENCRYPT_EMAIL
- LETSENCRYPT_USE_STAGING
...
```

Settings in `custom.env`

```
# Example: PUBLIC_URL=https://sametime.company.com
PUBLIC_URL=https://<your.sametimeserver.com>
```

A setting for `PUBLIC_URL` can be found both in `.env` and in `custom.env`.

Make sure you define a value for this setting only in `custom.env`.

If you want to use the Let's Encrypt staging service make sure `LETSENCRYPT_USE_STAGING` is included in the list of environment variables of the `nginx` service.

Integrate Sametime on Docker with Let's Encrypt

The nginx container will use the ACME protocol to register an account with Let's Encrypt. If successful it will then request and retrieve a TLS certificate.

```
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:09 CEST 2022] Using CA: https://acme-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:09 CEST 2022] Run pre hook:'if [[ -d /var/run/s6/services/nginx ]]; then s6-svc -d /var/run/s6/services
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:09 CEST 2022] Standalone mode.
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:09 CEST 2022] Create account key ok.
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:09 CEST 2022] Registering account: https://acme-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/directory
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:11 CEST 2022] Registered
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:11 CEST 2022] ACCOUNT_THUMBPRINT='IGj4UFtbU5Z4FQ2HEgo_jRTM02RzdLET36DrDURCu_U'
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:11 CEST 2022] Creating domain key
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:11 CEST 2022] The domain key is here: /config/acme.sh/sametime.dnug.eu/sametime.dnug.eu.key
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:11 CEST 2022] Single domain='sametime.dnug.eu'
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:12 CEST 2022] Getting domain auth token for each domain
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:14 CEST 2022] Getting webroot for domain='sametime.dnug.eu'
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:14 CEST 2022] Verifying: sametime.dnug.eu
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:14 CEST 2022] Standalone mode server
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:19 CEST 2022] Success
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:19 CEST 2022] Verify finished, start to sign.
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:19 CEST 2022] Lets finalize the order.
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:19 CEST 2022] Le_OrderFinalize='https://acme-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/acme/finalize/714169367/1218760562
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:21 CEST 2022] Downloading cert.
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:21 CEST 2022] Le_LinkCert='https://acme-v02.api.letsencrypt.org/acme/cert/049e2ec117270078520a43948fb99
[Fri Sep 2 18:06:21 CEST 2022] Cert success.
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIFJjCCBA6gAwIBAgISBJ4uwRcnAHhSCk0Uj7mV4CzYMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUA
```

Integrate Sametime on Docker with Let's Encrypt

```
| Bk2faD7ys1QxKQfS6R4h5v93pZXYizWfroI=  
| -----END CERTIFICATE-----  
| [Fri Sep  2 18:06:22 CEST 2022] Your cert is in /config/acme.sh/sametime.dnug.eu/sametime.dnug.eu.cer  
| [Fri Sep  2 18:06:22 CEST 2022] Your cert key is in /config/acme.sh/sametime.dnug.eu/sametime.dnug.eu.key  
| [Fri Sep  2 18:06:22 CEST 2022] The intermediate CA cert is in /config/acme.sh/sametime.dnug.eu/ca.cer  
| [Fri Sep  2 18:06:22 CEST 2022] And the full chain certs is there: /config/acme.sh/sametime.dnug.eu/fullchain.cer  
| [Fri Sep  2 18:06:22 CEST 2022] Run post hook:'if [[ -d /var/run/s6/services/nginx ]]; then s6-svc -u /var/run/s6/services  
| [Fri Sep  2 18:06:22 CEST 2022] Installing key to:/config/acme-certs/sametime.dnug.eu/key.pem  
| [Fri Sep  2 18:06:22 CEST 2022] Installing full chain to:/config/acme-certs/sametime.dnug.eu/fullchain.pem
```

The TLS certificate will be placed in a subdirectory below the `./sametime-config` directory, that is named after the FQDN of your server.

```
# List the TLS certificate
```

```
ls -l sametime-config/web/acme-certs/SametimeServerFQDN
```

```
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 5597 Sep  2 18:06 fullchain.pem  
-rw-----. 1 root root 1679 Sep  2 18:06 key.pem
```

Integrate Sametime on Kubernetes with Let's Encrypt



Sametime on Kubernetes does not include built-in integration with Let's Encrypt. However, you can use cert-manager to get a TLS certificate from Let's Encrypt and use it with your Sametime deployment.

cert-manager adds custom objects such as Certificates, CertificateRequests and Issuers as resource types in Kubernetes clusters, and simplifies the process of obtaining, renewing and using those certificates.

- Install and configure cert-manager including CRDs
- Create Let's Encrypt `ClusterIssuer` for staging and production
- Edit the file `ingress.yaml` that is included with the Sametime helm charts and insert a new line with the string `cert-manager.io/cluster-issuer: "letsencrypt-staging"` in the `annotations` section

When you then deploy Sametime, an ingress will be created as part of the deployment and cert-manager will automatically provision a TLS certificate from Let's Encrypt.



➤ <https://cert-manager.io>

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GNU nano 2.3.1

File: /opt/hcl/sametime/helm/charts/web/templates/ingress.yaml

```
{{ if .Values.global.sofySolutionContext }}
{{ else }}
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: {{ include "web.fullname" . }}
  labels:
    {{- include "web.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
  annotations:
    nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/rewrite-target: /
    networking.gke.io/v1beta1.FrontendConfig: {{ include "web.fullname" . }}-frontend-config
    nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/proxy-body-size: "0"
    nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/ssl-redirect: {{ not (default false .Values.global.tlsTermination) }}
    nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/force-ssl-redirect: {{ not (default false .Values.global.tlsTermination) }}
    cert-manager.io/cluster-issuer: "letsencrypt-prod"
spec:
  {{ if .Values.global.ingressClassName }}
  ingressClassName: {{ .Values.global.ingressClassName }}
  {{ else }}
  ingressClassName: nginx
  {{ end }}
```



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Register for the free of charge [Deploying HCL Sametime Premium 12 on Kubernetes Self-Paced Workshop](#) and get **step-by-step instructions** in the [Prepare Deployment](#) chapter.

➤ <https://hclsoftwareu.hcltechsw.com/hclsoftwareu-courses/course/sametime-on-kubernetes-self-paced>

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A course cover for "HCL Sametime". The top section features the HCL Sametime logo and the title "Deploying HCL Sametime Premium on Kubernetes". Below the title is the subtitle "Prepare Deployment". The bottom section features the HCL Software Academy logo and the text "HCL Software Academy for HCL Digital Solutions" and "Creating a new generation of experts".

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OIDC Authentication

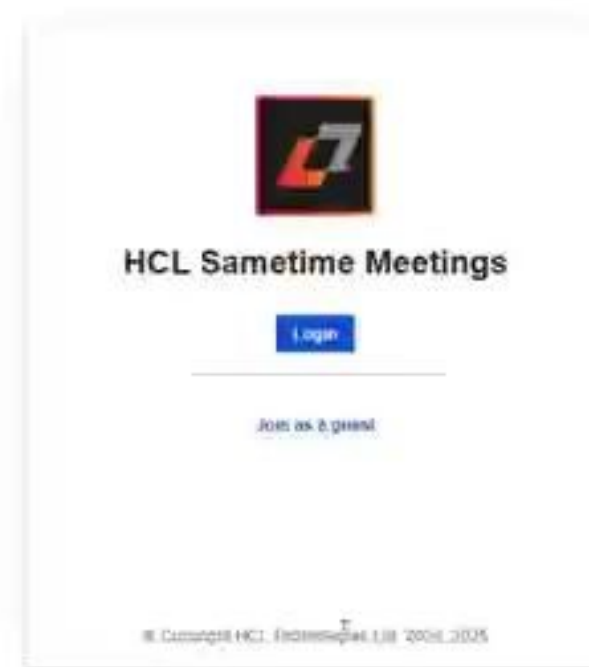


Sametime support for OIDC authentication

Why did we do this?

- ❖ Modern, Standards-Based Authentication
- ❖ Seamless Single Sign-On (SSO)
- ❖ Improved Security
- ❖ Critical for Mobile and Web UX
- ❖ Essential for Digital Sovereignty and Federated Environments
- ❖ Foundation for Future Integrations

*Targeting v12.0.3 FP1 - OND 2025

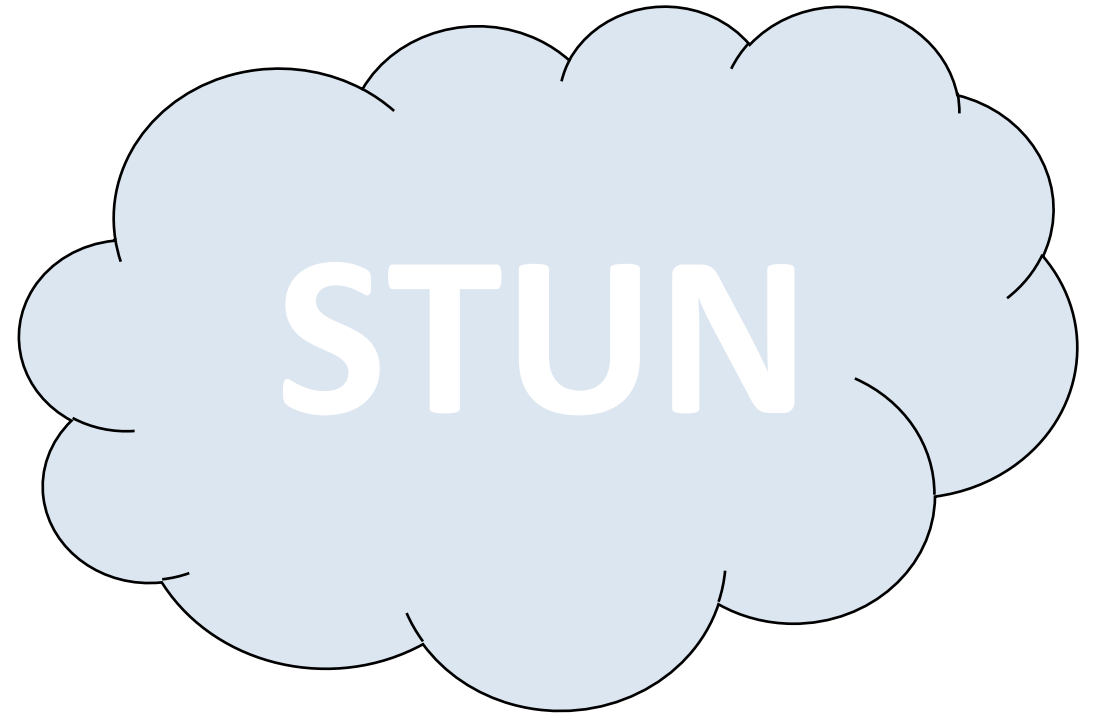


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STUN and TURN

Sametime Dependency

- Helps clients determine public IP addresses to connect to each other and the Meetings Server to send and receive A/V data.
- Media A/V streams over UDP port:
 - 10,000 for Docker**
 - 30,000 for Kubernetes**
- Required if any user is attending from behind a firewall.
- Default configuration comes with the public Google STUN server using UDP port 19302.
- Any STUN server can be used located on the opposing public side of the NAT.

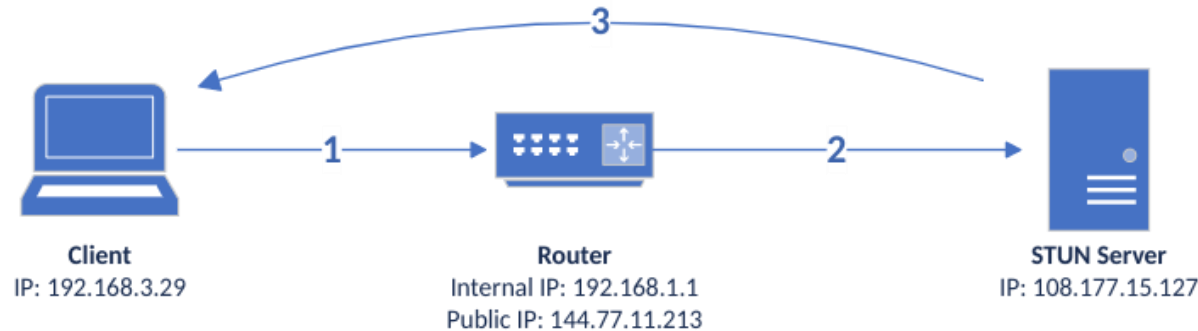


STUN (Session Traversal Utilities for NAT) is a standardized set of methods, including a network protocol, for traversal of network address translator (NAT) gateways in applications of real-time voice, video, messaging, and other interactive communications.

Implementing and configuring an internal STUN server

How does it work ?

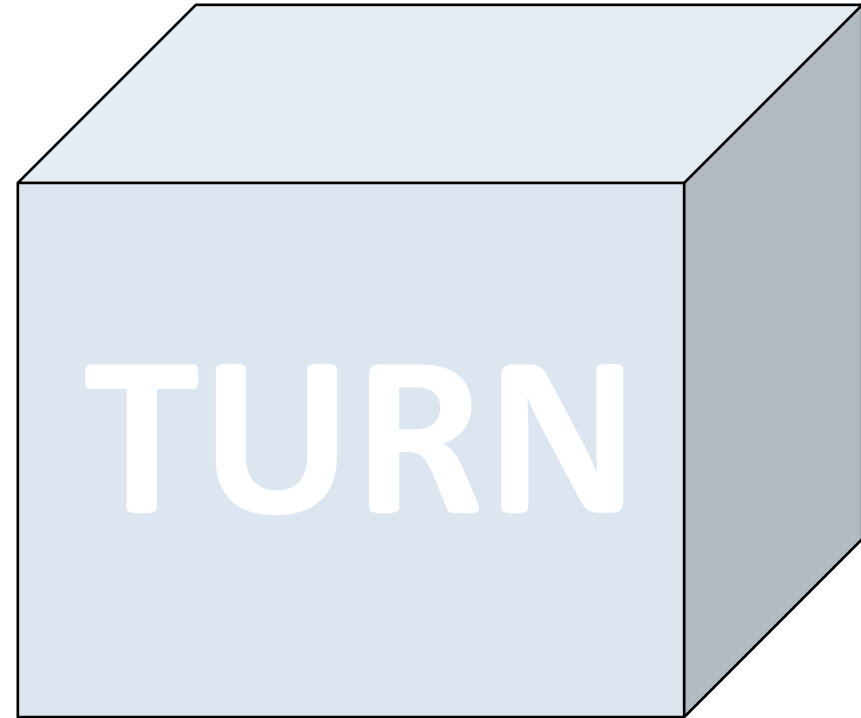
1. Client 192.168.3.29 sends a STUN request through Router 192.168.1.1 to a STUN server outside the network, listening on 108.177.15.127, using source port 5090.
2. Router 192.168.1.1 forwards the request to STUN server 108.177.15.127 and changes port 5090 to port 15090.
3. STUN Server 108.177.15.127 sends a response back to Client 192.168.3.29 through the Router with public IP 144.77.11.213 specifying that the request was received from IP 144.77.11.213 and port 15090.



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STUN>

Sametime Dependency

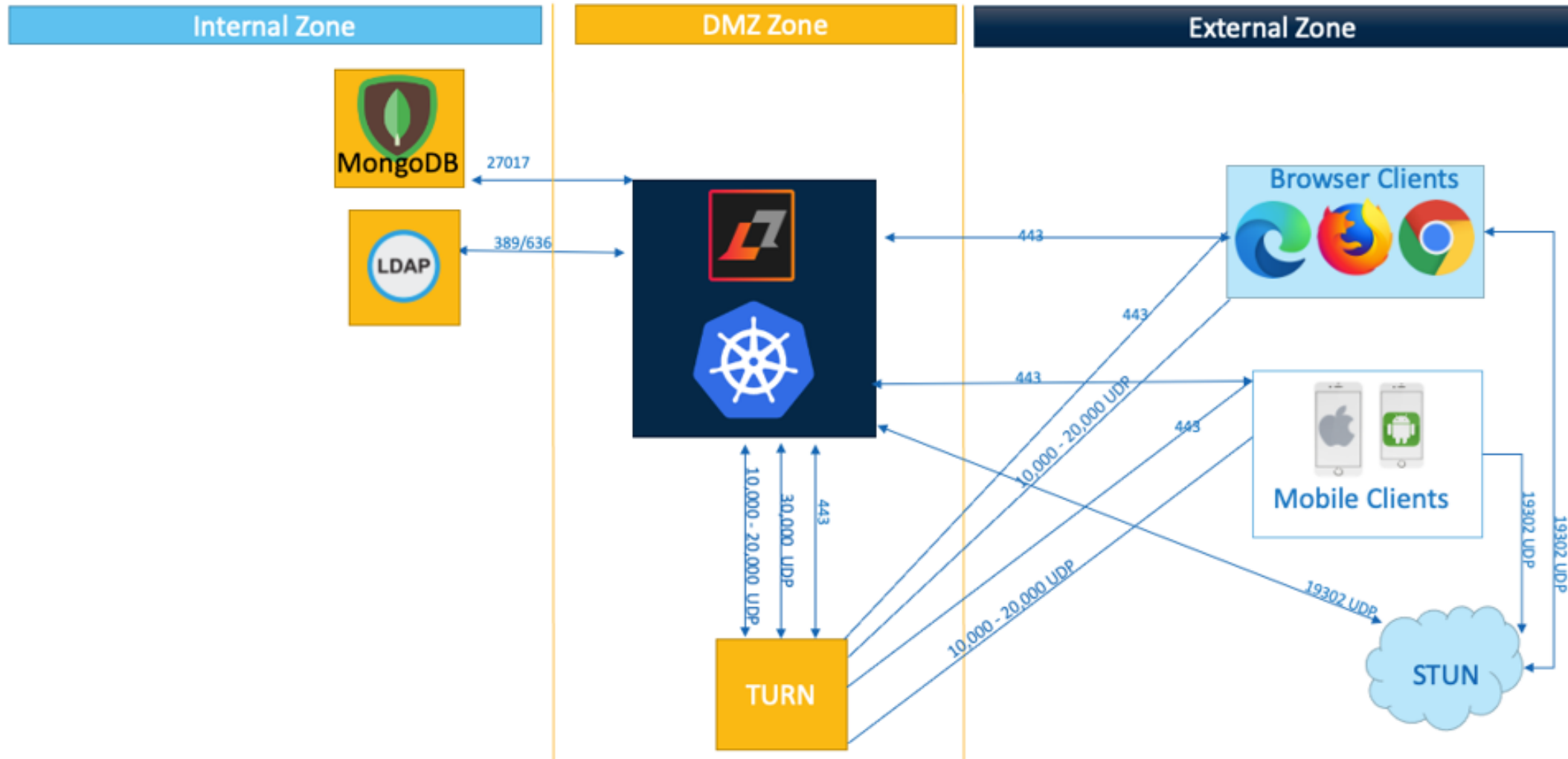
- Needed for users who may have a restrictive network environment.
- Optional service to improve user experience when there is no connectivity to the UDP port.
- Users connect to the TURN server instead of Sametime directly.
- TURN server can be used to relay A/V traffic over TCP port 443.



Traversal Using Relays around NAT (TURN) is a protocol that assists in traversal of network address translators (NAT) or firewalls for multimedia applications. It may be used with the TCP and UDP. TURN supports the connection of a user behind a NAT to only a single peer, as in telephony, for example.

Topology

Sametime with TURN



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Project ZeroFail

Project ZeroFail

Mission Statement:

To eliminate all barriers to joining HCL Sametime Meetings by ensuring every user — guest or authenticated — can connect with working audio, video, and screen sharing on the first try, every time. Our goal is to restore confidence in Sametime by delivering a seamless, reliable, and frustration-free meeting experience.

Key Objectives:

- ☐ Ensure Every Meeting Join Works Right, Every Time
- ☐ Eliminate Mobile Barriers
- ☐ Optimize On-Premise Functionality
- ☐ Resolve Common Audio/Video Issues
- ☐ Improve Cross-Platform Meeting Join Experience

Project ZeroFail

Our Ask

- Share real user experience
- Be honest and engaging
- Identify, test and “ZeroFail” environments our customers (and guests) are using
- Details matter
- Use the community and support

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