



Temporary URL Generator

INSTALLATION & USER's

GUIDE

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1. At first

This documentation is the installation and user's guide and "how to" with **Temporary URL Generator** provided by AF Software™.

This manual will help you to install the software and to understand how configure the minimal needs to start your application.

Temporary URL generator is a tool to help any web administrator using a MySQL database with their website, and to do distribute some information with a hidden URL. The format of the URL is like below for the user.

https://www.afsoftware.fr/afs_genurl/check-url.php?tid=afs_5bd07ad8f10a93.27823507

Temporary URL generator supports only MySQL databases.

This tool is really useful to protect the real URL for downloading files. So here the user cannot discovered the real URL, because the download file will start automatically and the real URL will be never displayed.

2. Some features

- Simply graphical user interface
- Temporay URL based on the time
- Temporay URL usage
- Email sending when link downloading is down

3. Technical support and new features

Technical support will be done only by email with the best effort. If you have some suggestions, ideas about new features, and comments are welcome.

4. Before to install it

• Prepare the database connection

After uncompress your received file you will need to edit the **db_connect.php** file installed in the root of your application.

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By default the file is like:

```
$DBHOST="localhost";  
$DBUSER="root";  
$DBPASS="root";  
$DBNAME="afs_demo";
```

Change these values by yours to establish a connection with your database when the software will installed on your website.

We will suggest to use our **DB Connection Tool** to test your database connection, available into AF Software directory.

In this case the following display will be:

DB Backup Test Connection

Fields marked by * are required.

Host/Server name (or IP) *:	<input type="text"/>
User *:	<input type="text"/>
Password:	<input type="password"/>
Port (if not 3306):	<input type="text"/>
Database *:	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="button" value="Get Database List"/>
	<input type="button" value="Test Connection"/>
	<input type="button" value="ShowTables"/>

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Please put the good parameters (got from the provider) to try the database access, like:



DB Backup Test Connection

Fields marked by * are required.

Host/Server name (or IP) *:	<input type="text" value="91.181.181.181"/>
User *:	<input type="text" value="a"/>
Password:	<input type="password" value="*****"/>
Port (if not 3306):	<input type="text"/>
Database *:	<input type="text" value="a"/>
	<input type="button" value="Get Database List"/>
	<input type="button" value="Test Connection"/>
	<input type="button" value="ShowTables"/>

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Click on '**Test Connection**' button.

If the connection is done with success, the following is displayed:



DB Backup Test Connection

Fields marked by * are required.

Host/Server name (or IP) *:

User *:

Password:

Port (if not 3306):

Database *:

Connection to a... successful
Server version: 10.1.34-MariaDB-1~jessie

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Now you can displayed the tables of this database by clicking the "**Show Tables**" button. The display will be:



DB Backup Test Connection

Fields marked by * are required.

Host/Server name (or IP) *:	<input type="text" value="91.181.224.100"/>
User *:	<input type="text" value="af"/>
Password:	<input type="password" value="*****"/>
Port (if not 3306):	<input type="text"/>
Database *:	<input type="text" value="af_dynamic_products"/>
	<input type="button" value="Get Database List"/>
	<input type="button" value="Test Connection"/>
	<input type="button" value="Show Tables"/>

Table List

- afs_dynamicproducts
- afs_invoice_addresses
- afs_orders
- afs_orders_attachments
- afs_products
- afs_shipping_addresses
- afs_users

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All the tables of selected database are displayed.

OK the database connection is good with the used parameters. We can continue the installation.

- **Add the necessary table in your database**

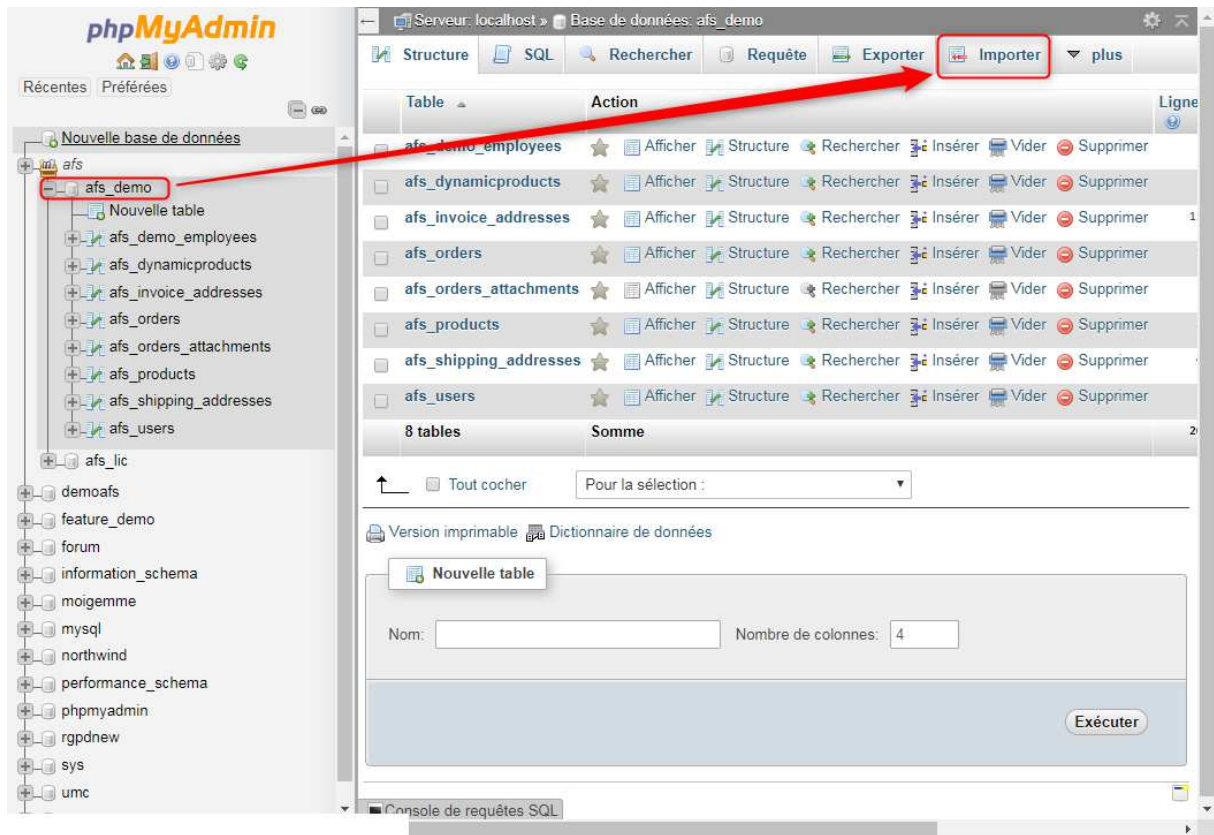
Temporary URL Generator uses a MySQL table to registered any information. In this table your generated URL's are registered.

So it's **necessary** to add one table in your database.

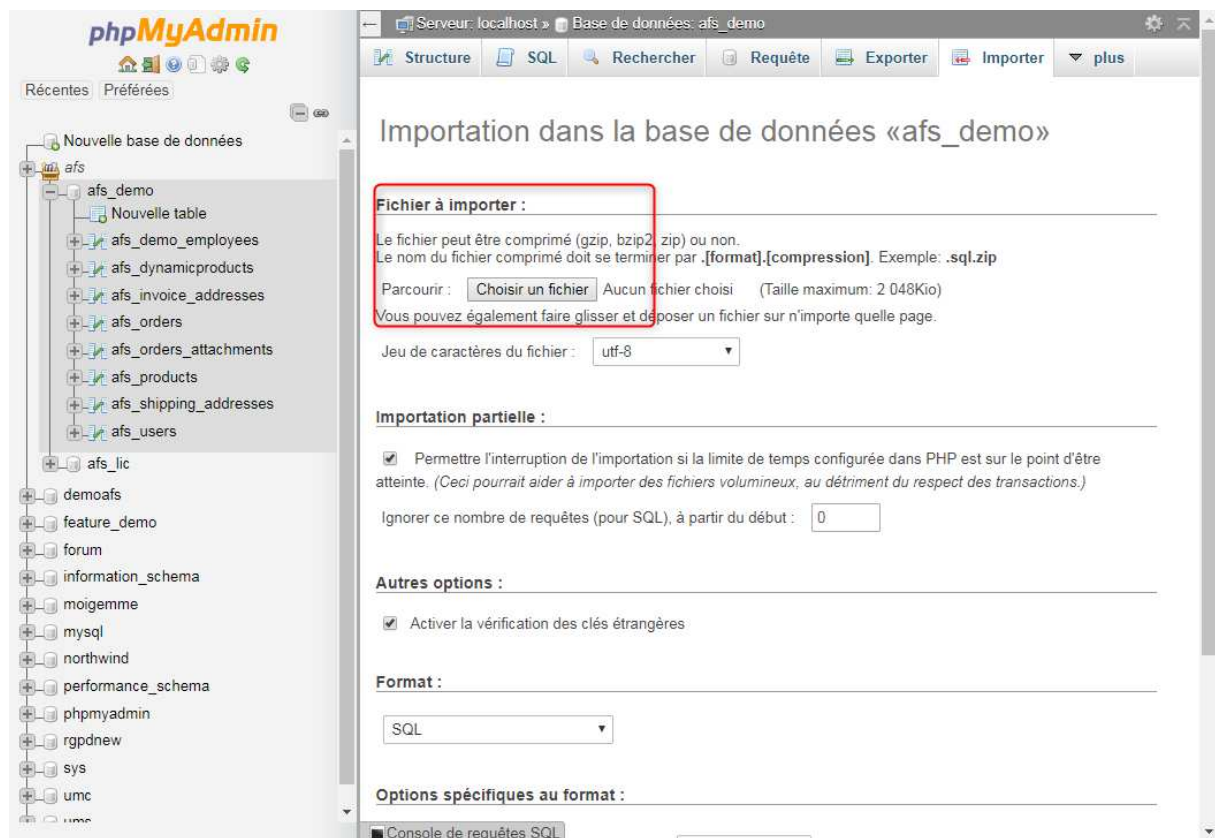
To add this table please run your MyphpAdmin to open your database. The next window is open.

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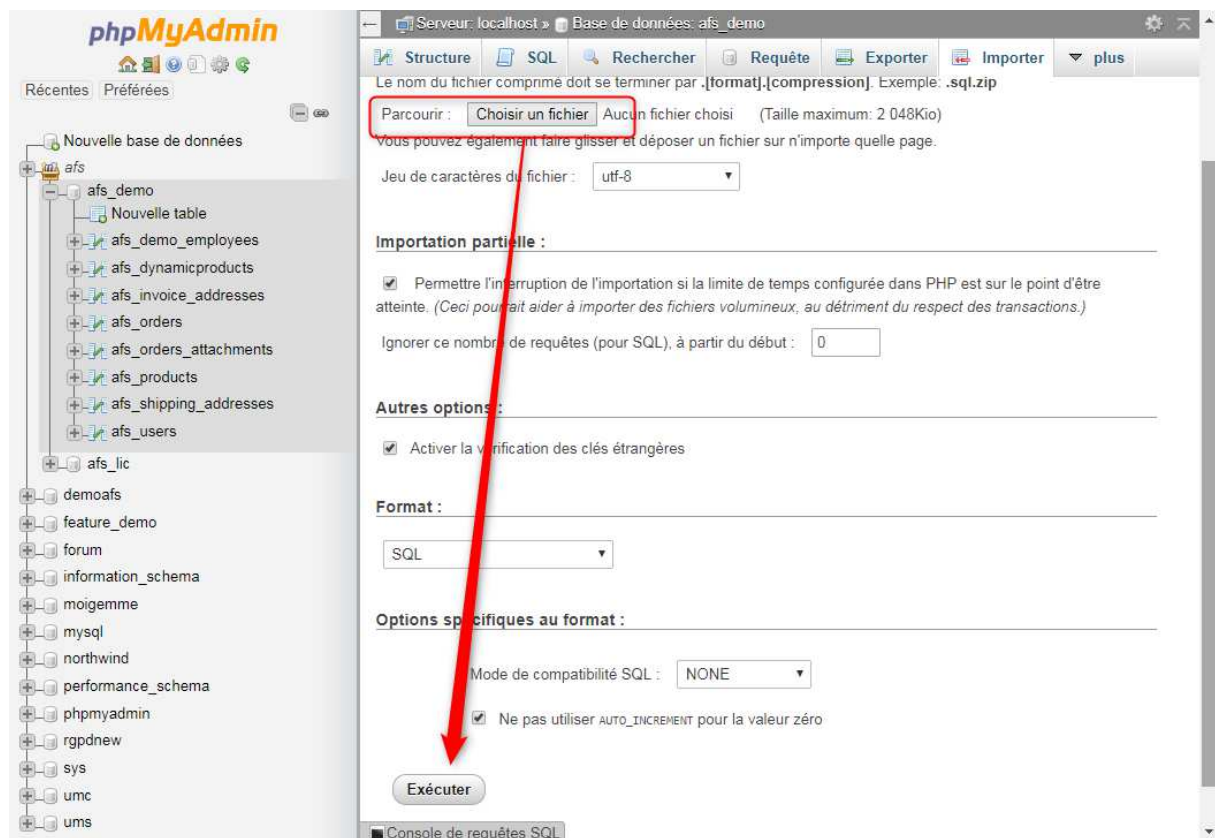
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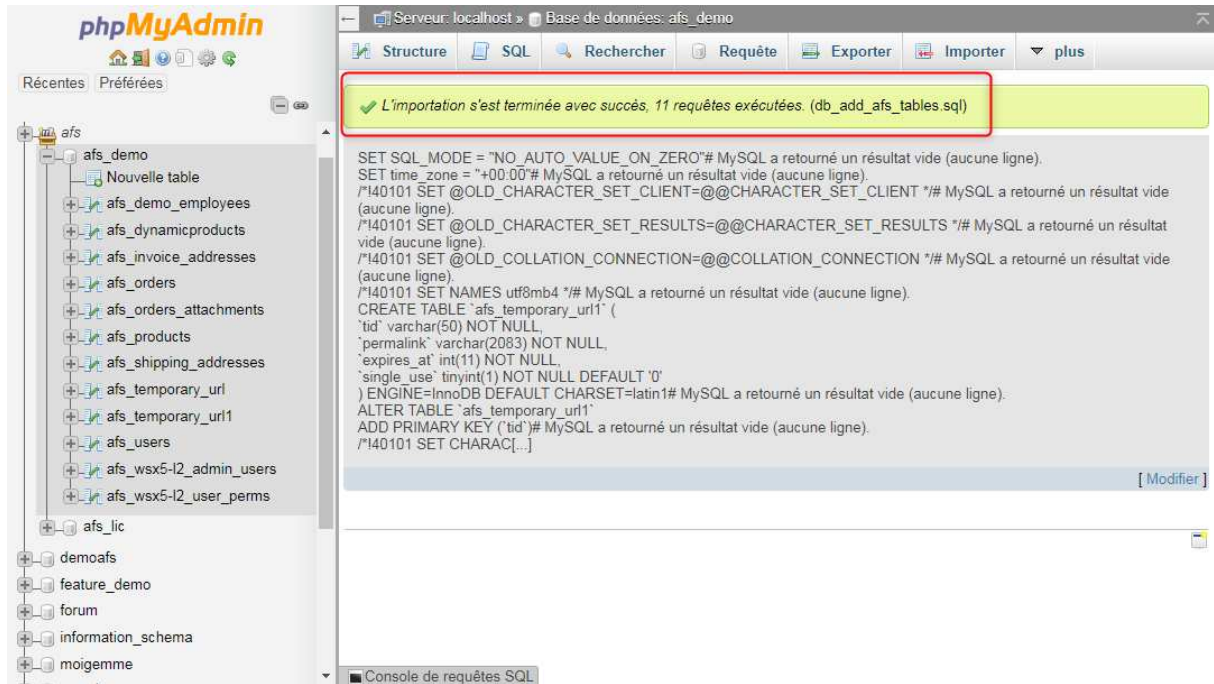
Click on your database to choose & validate it, and click on the **import** tab. The next window is displayed:



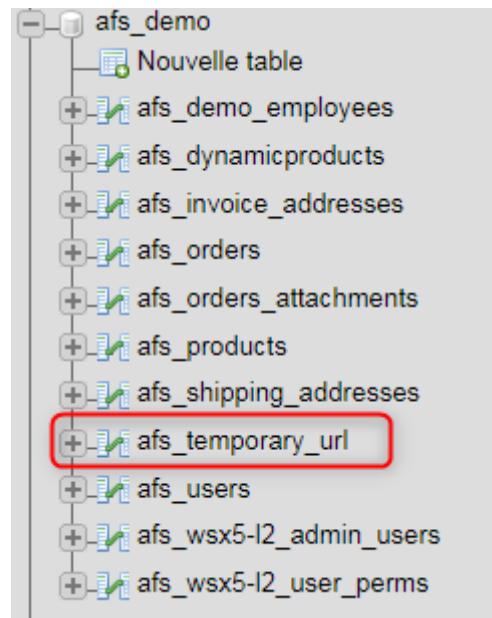
Click on the button to choose the **AF Software/db_add_afs_tables.sql** file and click on **execute** button at the bottom of the window



If the execution is successful the next messages will be displayed.



And you can check the creation of the new table into your database.





- **How to configure email sending after link downloading**

By default the tool will send an email when user uses the temporary link. Like this the administrator knows when the link is used by the user.

To configure email settings, open the configuration file `afs_config.php`

The parameters are like:

```
$AFS_Email_Sending = "yes";
```

```
$AFS_To_Email = 'info@afsoftware.fr';
```

```
$AFS_Subject = 'Email from AF Software Temporary GenURL';
```

```
$AFS_Message = 'Le lien suivant a été supprimé/utilisé de la base car il vient d\'être utilisé : '  
.$description;
```

```
$AFS-Headers = 'noreply@afsoftware.fr'
```

5. How to install it

Uncompress the received file into a local empty directory.

You just need to copy all files uncompressed from your local hard drive to a directory on your website. By example **`https://your_website.com/afs_genurl`**

6. How to start

After installation on your web site, just call the link **`https://your_website.com/afs_genurl`**.

If the license is not yet installed, the welcome page will be:



Licence Controller
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Home

New installation

License checking

Updates checking

Support checking

Uninstallation

Access to your application

Licence Controller - Home

Welcome into Licence Controller provided by **AF Software**. This software has been developed to help you to install your license, to do some checking and also to uninstall it. An internet connection is mandatory for all operations

To **install** your license, click on **New installation**. This option will check automatically your license and you will have the option to install it.

To **check the license**, click on **License checking**. This option does not run if your license is not installed.

To **check the updates**, click on **Updates checking**. This option will check if your license is always under maintenance to receive free updates.

To **check the support**, click on **Support checking**. This option will check if your license is always under the technical support.

Please check the chapter later into this documentation about installation / uninstallation of your license.

And if your license is installed with success your welcome page will be:



TEMPORARY URL GENERATOR

License Monitor

Permanent Link:

Expires in: minutes

Use only ONE time ? ☐

Generate

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7. How to generate a temporary URL based on time ?

This tool works **ONLY with files** on **YOUR DOMAIN**. Not possible to use it with a file on other domain

Here you need to provide the real URL to hide with the tool, like:

The screenshot shows the 'TEMPORARY URL GENERATOR' interface. It has a grey header with the AF Software logo and the text 'TEMPORARY URL GENERATOR' in red. On the right side of the header is a red 'License Monitor' link. Below the header is a red-bordered box containing a 'Permanent Link:' label and a text input field with the URL 'https://afsoftware.fr/secret_page.html'. Below this box is an 'Expires in:' label, a text input field with '60', and the word 'minutes'. Below that is a checkbox labeled 'Use only ONE time ?' which is currently unchecked. At the bottom of the form is a 'Generate' button. At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text '2018 - Temporay URL Generator v2018.1' and the website 'www.afsoftware.fr' in red.

TEMPORARY URL
GENERATOR

License Monitor

Permanent Link:

Expires in: minutes


Use only ONE time ? ☐

Generate

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And you need to configure how long time (in minute) the hidden URL will be available for using.



**TEMPORARY URL
GENERATOR**

License Monitor

Permanent Link:

Expires in: minutes

Use only ONE time ? ☐

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7 digits are available to choose the expiration time. So it could be enough !

Click on **generate** button. The following page will be displayed.



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The redirection URL is:

https://afsoftware.fr/afs_sales/afs_genurl/check-url.php?tid=afs_5bd6ed42eacb01.40618055

Just copy the temporary URL and send it to the user.

The user now can use your temporary URL. When the expiration time will be passed, the user will get this page.



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Page Not Found!

The link you specified is either invalid or has expired

Please check your URL



8. How to generate a temporary URL based on one usage ?

This tool works **ONLY with files** on **YOUR DOMAIN**. Not possible to use it with a file on other domain

Here you need to provide the real URL to hide with the tool, like:

TEMPORARY URL GENERATOR

License Monitor

Permanent Link:

Expires in: minutes

Use only ONE time ? ☐


Generate

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And you need here to **click on the check box** 'Use only ONE time'



**TEMPORARY URL
GENERATOR**

License Monitor

Permanent Link:

Expires in: minutes

☒ Use only ONE time ?

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Here this option is priority on the expiration time. So not necessary to configure any time, the URL will run only one time.

Click on **generate** button. The following page will be displayed.



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Congrat's

The redirection URL is:

https://afsoftware.fr/afs_sales/afs_genurl/check-url.php?tid=afs_5bd6ed42eacb01.40618055

Just copy the temporary URL and send it to the user.

The user now can use your temporary URL. Here this temporary works just only ONE time. If the user tries to use it a second time, he will get the page.



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Page Not Found!

The link you specified is either invalid or has expired

Please check your URL



9. Licence Controller Module

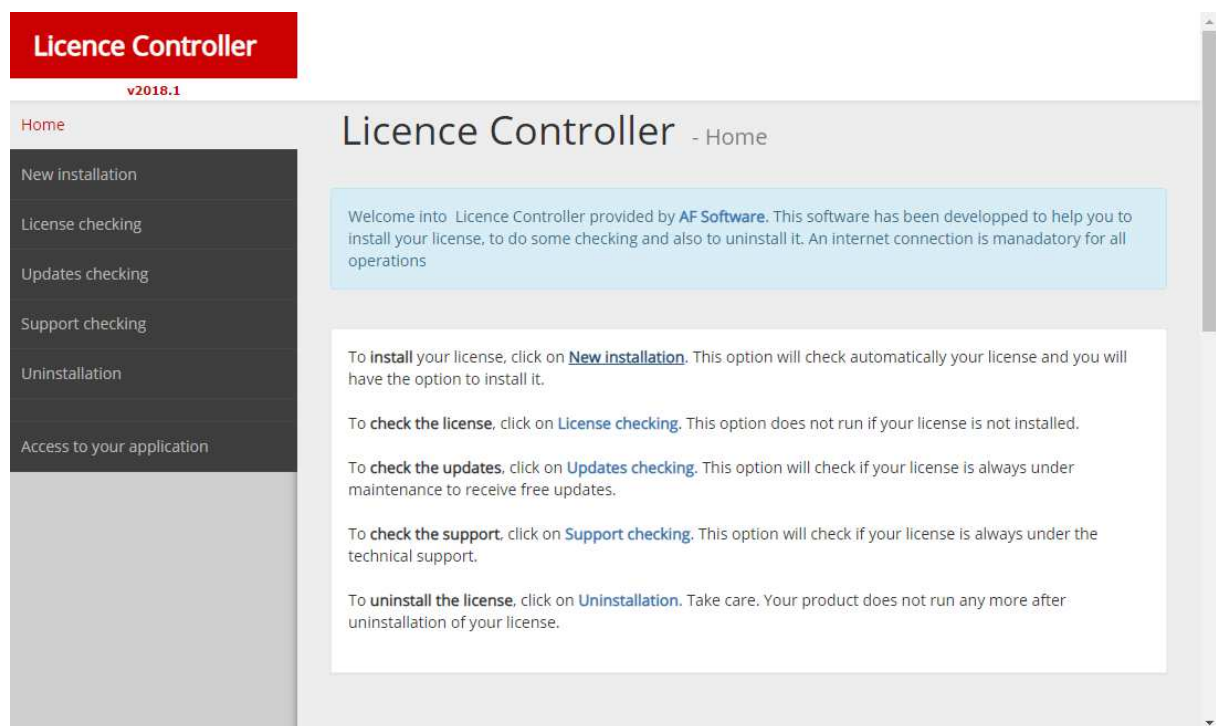
The License Controller module is used to check, install or uninstall your license key.

At first starting of your application, license controller will be displayed. Like your license key is not already installed and activated so your application cannot start now.

With this module you can do directly:

- Activate your license
- Check your license
- Check if free updates is always activated
- Check if technical support is always activated
- Uninstall your license
- Access to your application

If the license key is not already installed and when you start at first your application you will see:



You need to follow next steps depending of your wish.



- **Activate your license**

Click on "**New installation**" to activate your license.

Here you need to put the email address used to generate your license for a personal license. For anonymous license based on a license code only and no email, you need to put the license code given to you.

Just **one of them** is used to install the license.

Click on Install

In case of success the message will be the following:



Licence Controller
v2018.1

Home
New installation
License checking
Updates checking
Support checking
Uninstallation

Licence Controller - Installation

Congratulations, your license is correctly installed and all is ready!

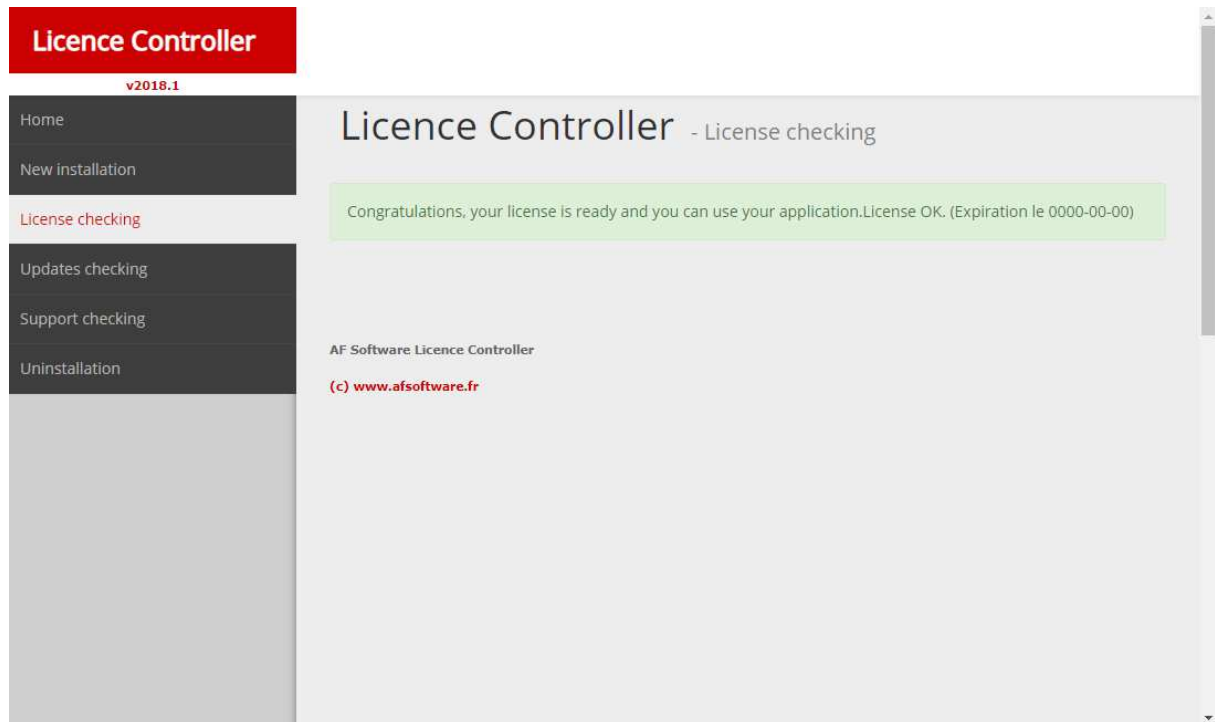
- Installation
Email address
License code (optional)
Installation URL (without / at the end)



- **Check your license**

Click on "**License checking**" to check your license.

In case of success the following message will be displayed :

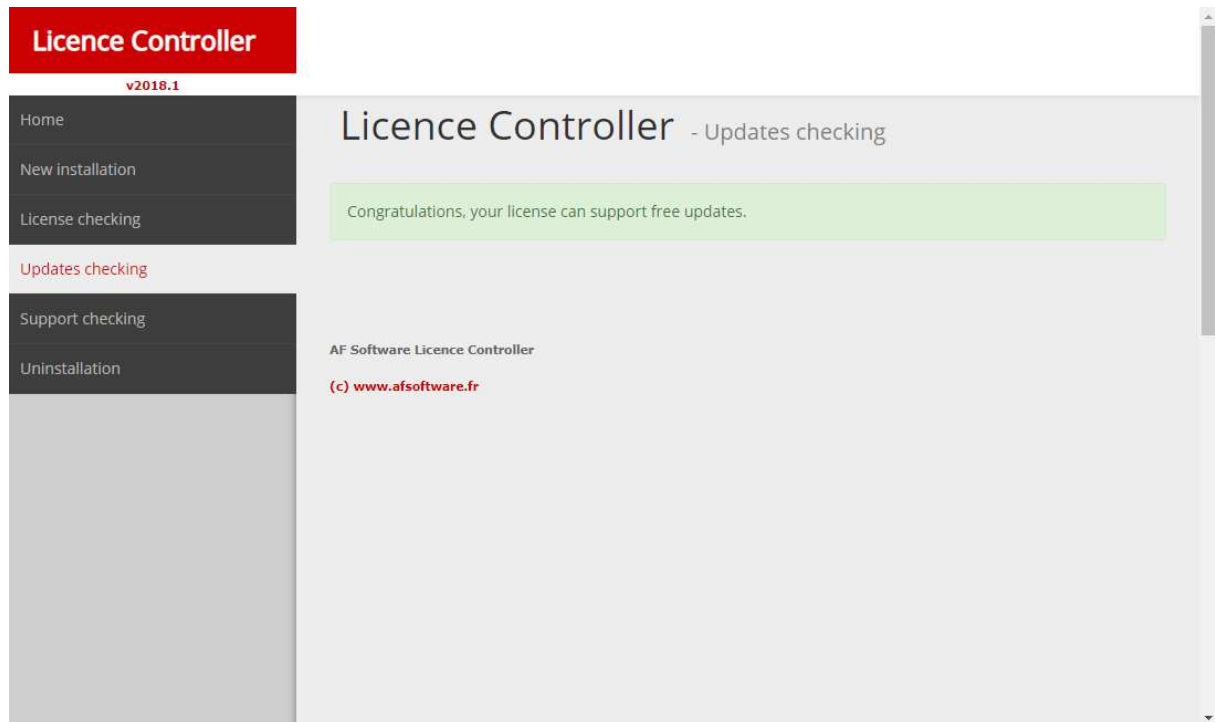




- **Updates checking**

Click on "**Updates checking**" to check if the free updates are always included into your license.

In case of success the following message will be displayed :

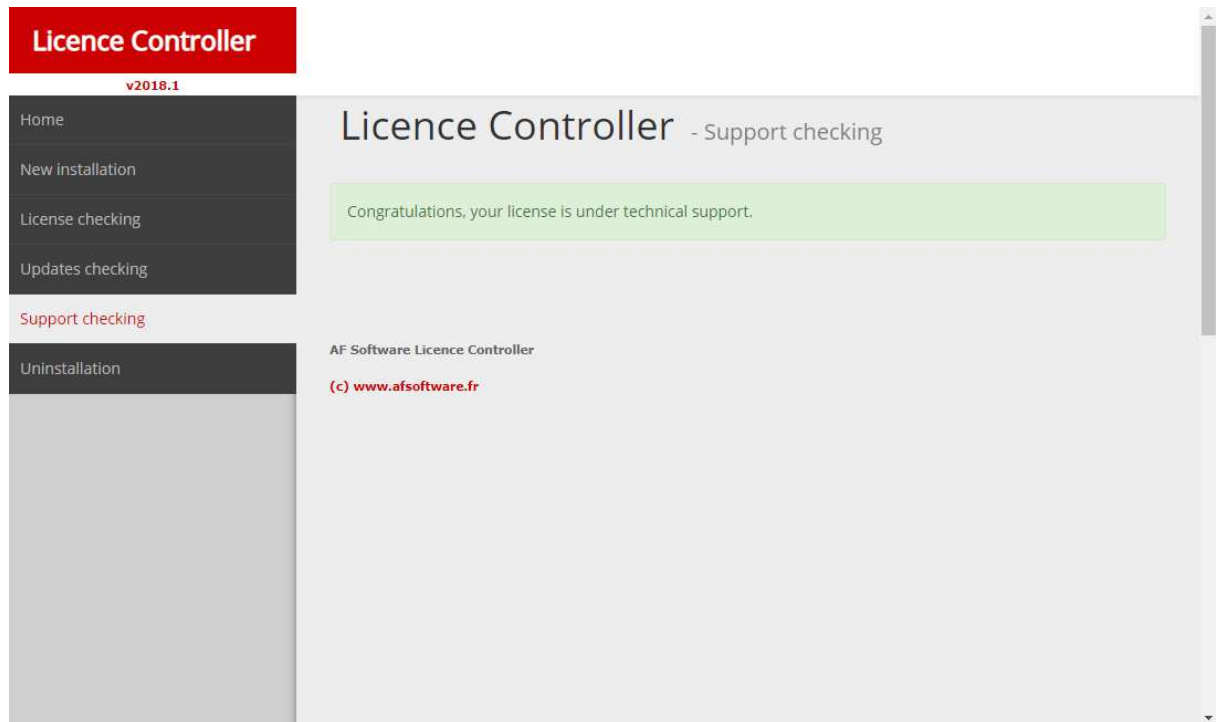




- **Support Checking**

Click on **"Support checking"** to check if the technical support is always included into your license.

In case of success the following message will be displayed :

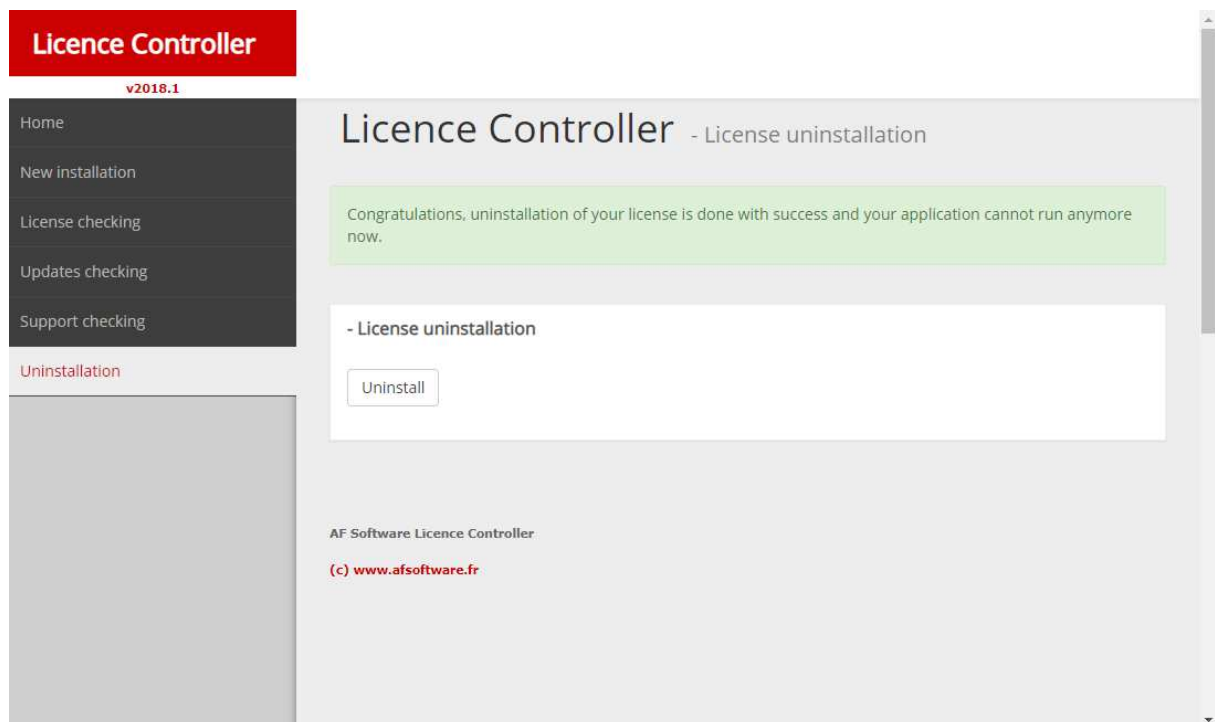




- **Uninstall the license**

Click on "**Uninstall**" to uninstall your license. Take care, after this action your application will not run anymore !

In case of success the following message will be displayed :



If you cannot have an access to the license module for any reason, to uninstall the license you can have a direct access with the following URL:

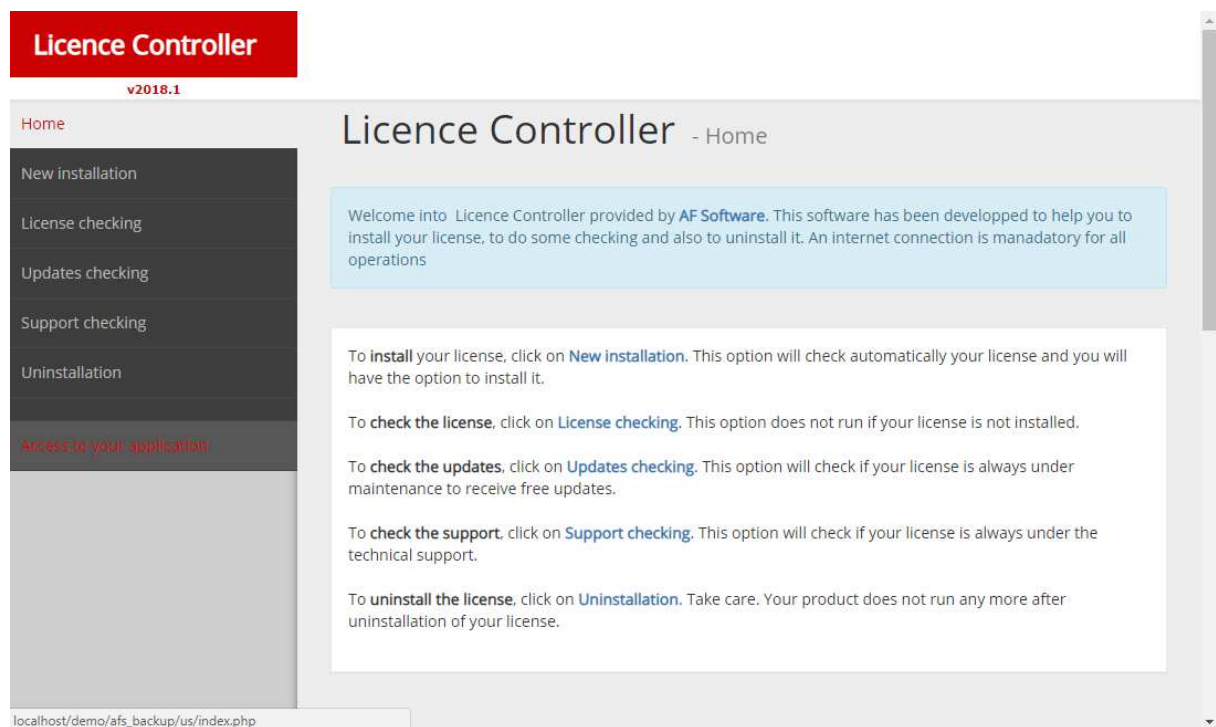
https://www.your_website.com/your_directory/uninstall.php



- **Access to your application**


Click on **"Access to your application"** to run your application. This option works only if your license is correctly installed. Other you will go back to home page of the license controller.

"Access to your application" is only available when you are on the home page



In case of success, the following page is displayed to start with your application:



**TEMPORARY URL
GENERATOR**

Licence Monitor

Description:

Permanent Link:

https://

Expires in:

60

minutes

Use only ONE time ?

☐

Generate

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10. How to reinstall the license

You can reinstall the license as many as you want.

BUT before to reinstall the license you need **ABSOLUTLY to uninstall** actual license. It's not possible to install a license already installed in other place.

If you forgot this step, you cannot reinstall the license and you will need to contact Af Software™



11. License error messages

Below a list of possible error messages with your license.

- **License not installed or corrupted file**

Your license is not installed or the license key file is corrupted.

- **Licensing server not reachable**

Check your internet connection

- **Cannot write license key file**

Check if you have the permissions to write into the directory where is installed your application.

- **License already installed**

License already installed.

- **Maximum of installation numbers (total 3 installations)**

You have raised the maximum numbers of authorized installation by your license.

- **License de "your application name" cancelled at date 2018-06-05**

Your license is deactivated since the displayed date.

- **Unauthorized modification detected at detected at system php file two.**

Fatal error or hacking detection. Any access is blocked



12. Known issues

- **Redirection URL not displayed after generation**

This issue is generally based on a database connectivity issue. Please check again you database connectivity with our tool, and also your db_connect.php file