



Active Circle

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1. Update Process

1.1. Version 4.0.2pX



A specific procedure is implemented to update 4.0.2 versions to version 4.6. This is available on the Active Circle help site: <https://activecircle-help.com>.

Since the VFS catalog format has changed, **all** VFS catalog objects must be upgraded before proceeding to upgrade the next node.

1.2. Version 4.5 up to 5.1.x

The procedure for updating from versions 4.5 up to 5.1.x is straightforward and requires no special preparation. It involves updating the binary files on all the nodes in your Circle and restarting the updated nodes.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Copy the **ac-5.3.1.X.bin** binary file for the new version to all the nodes in the Circle (X is the patch number).
2. Stop the activecircle service on all the nodes in the Circle.
3. On each node, run the setup program with the command: `./ac-5.3.1.X.bin -r`
4. Start the activecircle service on the first node (the necessary updates are applied during the start-up).
5. Verify that the first node has started correctly.
6. Start the activecircle service on the remaining nodes in the Circle, one at a time. Verify that the node has started correctly before proceeding to the next one. Synchronization will update the metadata for all the nodes.

1.3. Version 5.3.x

This version is compatible with every 5.3.x, a single node in a 5.3.x circle can be upgraded without stopping all the nodes of the circle.

On the node to upgrade the procedure is the following:

1. Copy the **ac-5.3.1.X.bin** binary file for the new version to the node to upgrade (X is the patch number).
2. Stop the activecircle service on the node.
3. Run the setup program with the command: `./ac-5.3.1.X.bin -r`
4. Start the activecircle service on the node.
5. Verify that the node has started correctly.

2. Active Circle V5.3.1.0 - November 2019

This new version of active circle provides mainly backend functionalities required for new AMC 5.1.0 highly available, enhancement for multi criteria research with acfind and fixes

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

76972affdf36cc0be5ad53604f1326fee70b735307fd5fb27b084aec37e17609

2.1. Compatibility matrix

This new version of Active Circle 5.0.3.2 is compatible with the following version of the options:

- AMC 5.3.1 in HTTP/HTTPS
- ADM 1.4.0 in HTTP
- AME 2.2.4 in HTTP

2.2. New features and enhancements

AC-3500

“Change password” and “API Reference” entries on the Active Circle main WEB page are no more shown when SSL is deactivated in the HTTP server of the node.

2.3. Fixes

AC-3629

The system property **activecircle.system.device.sub.scsi.maxSG** defines the max number of the /dev/sg device to probe. its default value is 256.

AC-3605

SNMP server is no more activated by default while installing a new node, though a new node is automatically added to the SNMP cluster.

AC-3576

Do not select anymore the files with invalid checksum during an archiving with “Archive only files with valid checksum” option on. Previously such files where selected for archiving but did always fail as their checksum is invalid, with the consequence of potentially reaching the maximum number of objects in the selection with invalid files.

Such files are still listed in the excluded files of the archive and the final status of the archive is “partial”.

AC-3567

Suppress polluting logs in the SNMP server when retrieving undefined cluster resources.

AC-3549

During a drive cleaning, the MAM_READ_ERROR [SK=0x3,ASC=0x11,ASCQ=0x12] and the MAM_NOT_ACCESSIBLE [SK=0x3,ASC=0x04,ASCQ=0x10] SCSI error are no more fatal when checking the tape type while loading the cleaning tape.

AC-3548

Allow deletion of a share even if it is still activated on deleted node because of previous synchronization problems.

AC-3527

Fix NPE seen in the Administration Tool when displaying the share list.

AC-3402

Fix erroneous lock mechanism in the temporary file versioning policy management.

AC-2504

Disable management federation tasks while the node is stopping, to prevent perturbation in the federation mechanism on the other nodes.

3. Previous Versions

3.1. Active Circle V5.3.0.5 HOTFIX – October 2019

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

238b8cece9275e37495ad202762b5fb8a4c66e2332c55e48c1bd1d778c2fae64

3.1.1. Fixes

AC-3626

Fix lack of commit of last written file in case of continuous deposit (issue introduced in V5.3.0.2 AC-3419).

AC-3618

Add a warning log when an unknown failure occurs during directory synchronization.

AC-3606

Enhancement in memory management of the NFS server that could lead to server blocking (deadlock).

AC-3577

Enhancement in RPC packet management to prevent excessive memory use.
The following system properties can be used to tune the RPC package pools:

com.starla.oncrpc.packetPool.smallPacketSize

Defines the size of the small RPC packets: default value 512 Bytes.

com.starla.oncrpc.packetPool.largePacketSize

Defines the size of the large RPC packets: default value 32 Kbytes.

com.starla.oncrpc.packetPool.poolSize

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Defines the maximum number of allocated RPC packets allowed (small or large) before waiting for a packet to be released before allocating a new one, with -1 meaning unlimited: default value 50.

com.starla.oncrpc.packetPool.waitTimeout

Defines the timeout in ms to wait for during a RPC packet allocation if the maximum number of allocated package allowed has been reached: default value 20000 ms.

3.2. Active Circle V5.3.0.4 HOTFIX – September 2019

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

6c376138629f9844ca6bce2ad03056c31f30659bd0b8ac83e24b065353516bcc

3.2.1. Fixes

AC-3575

Fix upgrade procedure of signature config files.

AC-3564

Security fix for temporary file management.

3.3. Active Circle V5.3.0.3 HOTFIX – August 2019

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

12ed298b895d2ee7100a26114e01ec5cbcb7699dea782413ab4b5217569b9ac

3.3.1. Fixes

AC-3547

Checks the netmask of the physical interface when setting a VIP to a HA cluster leader.

3.4. Active Circle V5.3.0.2 – June 2019

This new version of active circle enforces the security and traceability capabilities of the system by providing a new option called “Archive Secured Pack”, that completes the WORM features (share and pool) provided by previous version with a sealing/proof mechanism of the files dropped into a WORM share.

The version provides an SNMP agent embedded in each node that allows to monitor a circle as a whole.

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

3a2876cad28e8b58771542d4e506ab034c32aaecbcdf2840cd0a3721617adaed

3.4.1. Compatibility matrix

This new version of Active Circle 5.0.3.2 is compatible with the following version of the options:

- AMC 5.3.0 in HTTP/HTTPS
- ADM 1.4.0 in HTTP
- AME 2.2.4 in HTTP

3.4.2. New features and enhancements

3.4.2.1. File proof management

Description

A new feature has been added to the WORM shares to regularly generate proof file. This file contains

the list of the files that have been added or deleted since the last proof generation, along with their SHA256 signature and some other meta data (see format of the proof file below). The format of the file is structured (XML) and documented, and the proof file is signed using the XAdES format to be compliant with the European eIDAS regulation.

This new feature is part of the new “Archive secured pack” option and requires a license update.

Format of the proof file

The proof file is an XML file, that contains, on top of the file list,

- A unique ID of the current proof
- The unique ID of the previous proof (except for the first one)
- The hash of the previous proof file (except for the first one)

For each file in the list,

- Its full path (share/path/to/file/name.ext)
- Its size in byte
- Its SHA256 hash
- mtime in case of creation
- dtime (deletion time) in case of deletion.

The proof file schema is defined by the following XSD:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

  <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#" elementFormDefault="qualified"
attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
    <xs:element name="digest">
      <xs:complexType>
        <xs:simpleContent>
          <xs:extension base="xs:string">
            <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
          </xs:extension>
        </xs:simpleContent>
      </xs:complexType>
    </xs:element>
    <xs:element name="record">
      <xs:complexType>
        <xs:sequence>
          <xs:element name="previous" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1">
            <xs:complexType>
              <xs:sequence>
                <xs:element name="ctime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
                <xs:element ref="digest"/>
              </xs:sequence>
              <xs:attribute name="identifier" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
            </xs:complexType>
          </xs:element>
          <xs:element name="file" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
            <xs:complexType>
              <xs:sequence>
                <xs:element name="path" type="xs:string"/>
                <xs:element name="size" type="xs:int"/>
                <xs:element name="mtime" type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>

                <xs:element name="dtime" type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
                <xs:element ref="digest"/>
              </xs:sequence>
              <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
            </xs:complexType>
          </xs:element>
        </xs:sequence>
        <xs:attribute name="identifier" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
      </xs:complexType>
    </xs:element>
  </xs:schema>
```

Certificates management

The certificates to sign the proof files must have the key usages : Digital Signature, Non Repudiation.

It should be delivered by a certification authority that is RGS and eIDAS certified.

The certificates must be delivered at the PKSC12 format.

It is possible to use its own CA to deliver the signing certificates, as long as they have the right key usages. The Root CA and the intermediate CA must be published (.cer) along with the up to date CRL (.crl) in the `/activecircle/cell/config/sign` directory. The system properties `vfs.proof.caDirectory` and `vfs.proof.crlDirectory` allow overriding this location of the .cer files and .crl respectively.

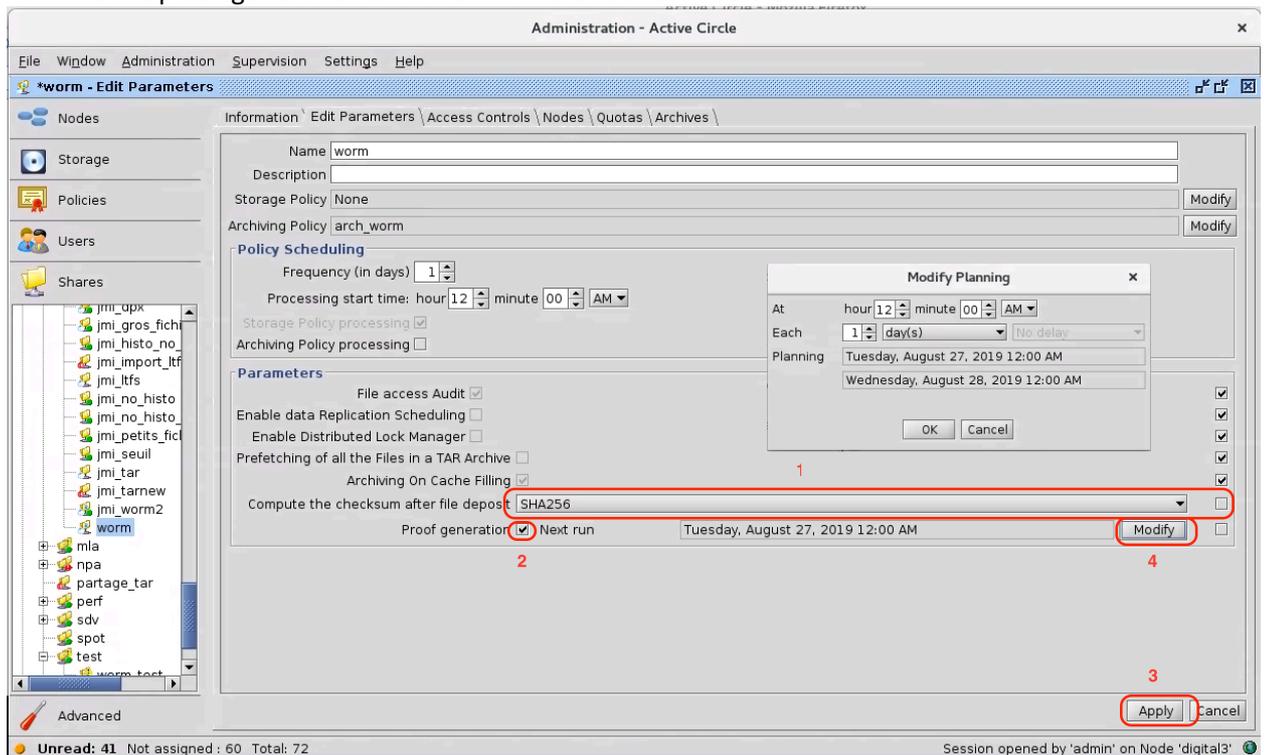
The CA must keep track of every certificate it has delivered.

Configuration

- Set up the security environment as described above (CAs and CRLs)
- Using the CLI `acadmin --keyStore`, register the signing certificate in the keystore for the given WORM share:

```
acadmin --keyStore -a -f <path to the .p12> -i <alias to import from the .p12> -s proof (or -s proof-<share name>)
```

- Activate the proof generation on a WORM share as shown below:



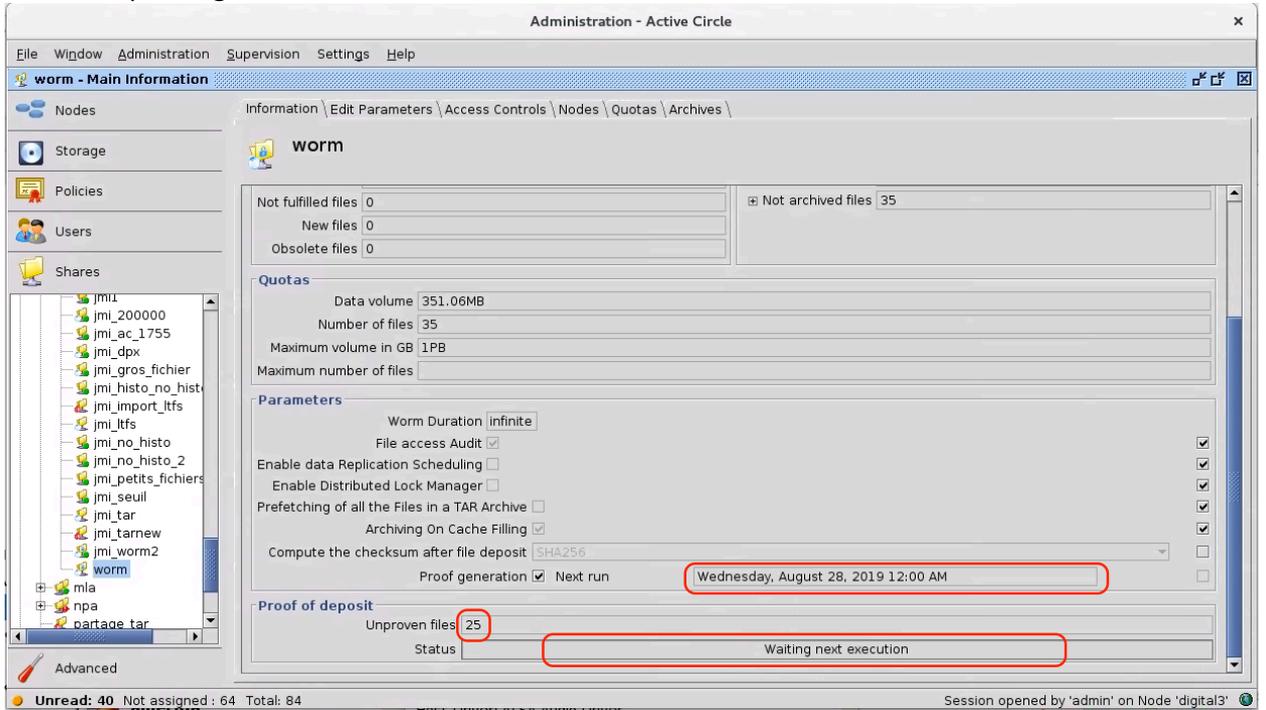
- 1- Activate the SHA256 hash calculation on deposit
- 2- Activate the proof generation
- 3- Apply
- 4- Modify the proof generation scheduling

Note: The proof generation runs on the policy manager of the share. The proof must run only once a time, then to prevent multiple proof runs in case of split of the circle, the policy manager must be explicitly defined.

Information about proof

The information panel of the share view of the Admin tools shows the proof management status:

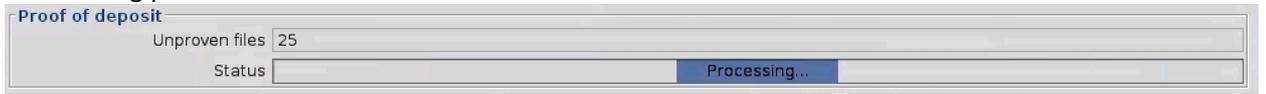
- Execution pending



The screenshot shows the 'worm' share configuration in the Active Circle Administration tool. The 'Proof of deposit' section is highlighted with red boxes, showing 25 unproven files and a status of 'Waiting next execution'. The 'Next run' date is 'Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:00 AM'.

Category	Value
Not fulfilled files	0
New files	0
Obsolete files	0
Not archived files	35
Data volume	351.06MB
Number of files	35
Maximum volume in GB	1PB
Maximum number of files	
Worm Duration	infinite
File access Audit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Enable data Replication Scheduling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enable Distributed Lock Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefetching of all the Files in a TAR Archive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archiving On Cache Filling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Compute the checksum after file deposit	SHA256
Proof generation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Next run	Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:00 AM
Unproven files	25
Status	Waiting next execution

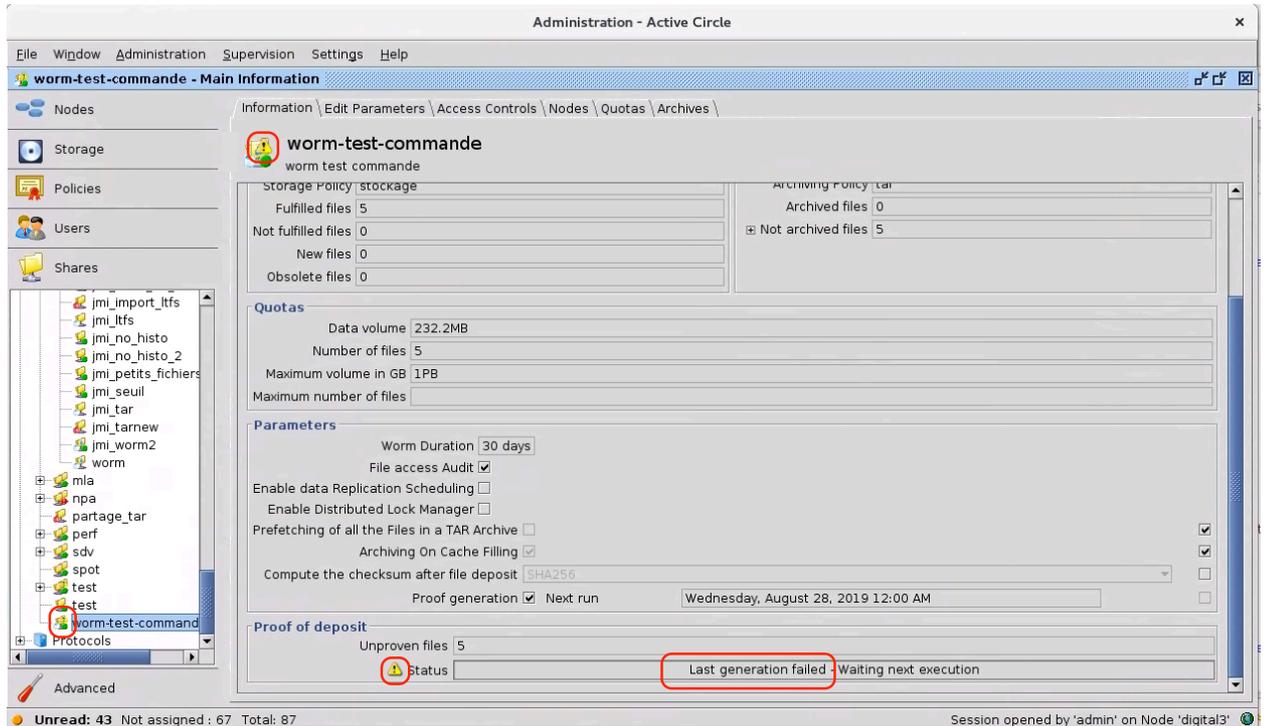
- Proof being processed



The screenshot shows the 'Proof of deposit' section with 25 unproven files and a status of 'Processing...'.

Category	Value
Unproven files	25
Status	Processing...

- Last execution Failed



Administration - Active Circle

worm-test-commande - Main Information

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worm-test-commande
worm test commande

Storage Policy: stockage

Fulfilled files	5
Not fulfilled files	0
New files	0
Obsolete files	0

Archiving Policy: tar

Archived files	0
Not archived files	5

Quotas

Data volume	232.2MB
Number of files	5
Maximum volume in GB	1PB
Maximum number of files	

Parameters

Worm Duration: 30 days

File access Audit:

Enable data Replication Scheduling:

Enable Distributed Lock Manager:

Prefetching of all the Files in a TAR Archive:

Archiving On Cache Filling:

Compute the checksum after file deposit: SHA256

Proof generation: Next run: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:00 AM

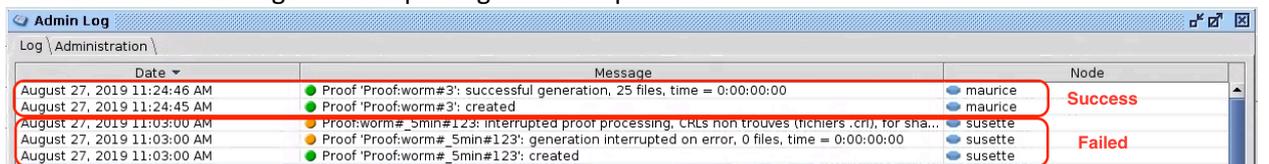
Proof of deposit

Unproven files	5
Status	Last generation failed - Waiting next execution

Unread: 43 Not assigned : 67 Total: 87 Session opened by 'admin' on Node 'digital3'

In case of failure a supervision note is sent to describe the encountered problem.

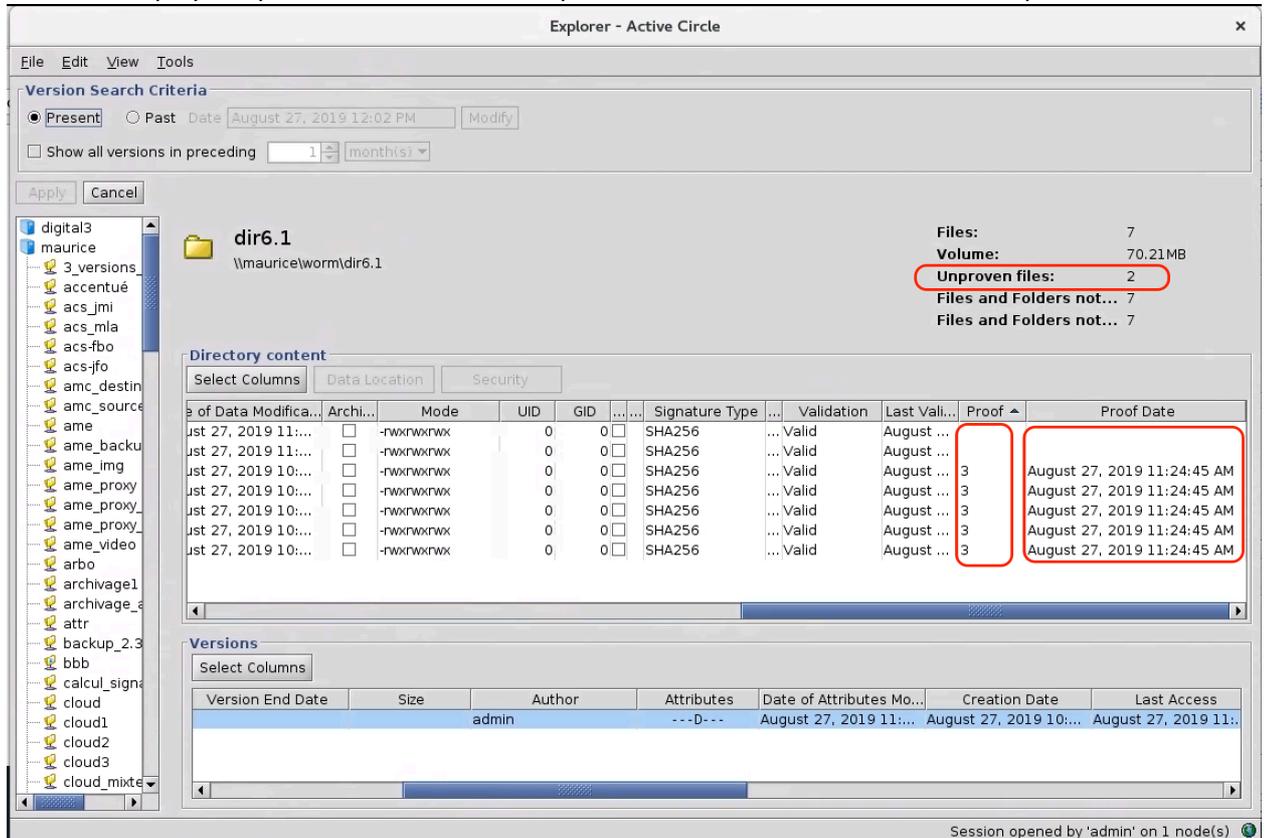
- New administration logs to trace proof generation process



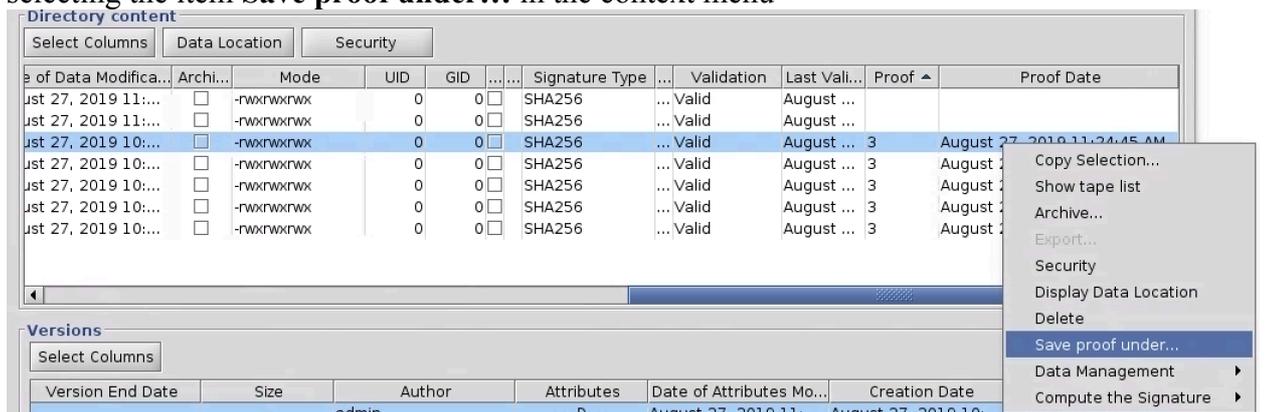
Date	Message	Node	Status
August 27, 2019 11:24:46 AM	Proof 'worm#3': successful generation, 25 files, time = 0:00:00:00	maurice	Success
August 27, 2019 11:24:45 AM	Proof 'worm#3': created	maurice	
August 27, 2019 11:03:00 AM	Proof 'worm#_5min#123': interrupted proof processing, CRLS non trouves (fichiers .crl), for sha...	susette	Failed
August 27, 2019 11:03:00 AM	Proof 'worm#_5min#123': generation interrupted on error, 0 files, time = 0:00:00:00	susette	
August 27, 2019 11:03:00 AM	Proof 'worm#_5min#123': created	susette	

- Explorer

The number of unproven files is displayed in the folder information, and 2 columns have been added to display the proof number in which a proven file has been recorded and the proof date.



It is also possible to download the proof file (XML) that contains the selected file by selecting the item **Save proof under...** in the context menu



CLI enhancement

- `acinfo --proof` : displays the proof informations of the WORM shares

`-S, --shareName <share names>`

Displays the proof informations of the specified shares. One or several share names (separated by comma) or 'all' for all the shares (may be very time consuming) can be specified.

`-n, --name <proof names>`

Specifies the name(s) of proof(s) to show. One or several names (separated by comma) or 'all' for all proofs (may be very time consuming) can be specified.

If both `-S` and `-n` are specified the chosen proofs must be related to the specified shares.

`--status <proof status>`

Specifies the status of the proofs to show. One or several status (separated by comma) among `empty`, `complete`, `incomplete` can be specified.

`--state <proof state>`

Specifies the state of the proofs to show. One or several states (separated by comma) among `scheduled`, `in progress`, `successful`, `interrupted on demand`, `interrupted on error`, `interrupted on service stop`, `aborted time over`, `interrupting` or one condition among `running (processing)`, `interrupted`, `aborted`, `done` can be specified.

`-P, --pattern <file path pattern>`

Displays the proofs that contains the files matching the given pattern (very time consuming)

It is possible to display the proof file or the file list in a proof by using the `-s/--show et -f/--files` option along with the `-n/--name` option.

- `acinfo --account`

`--proofInfo` Displays the proof status of the shares.

- `acproof` : New command to manage the proofs of the shares

`-p, --prove` Starts proof generation

`-u, --interrupt` Interrupts proof generation

`-i, --integrity` Checks the consistency of the block chain

`-m, --monitor` Waits until proof processing stops or until the defined timeout (`-t` option) is reached

`-d, --delete` Deletes the last proof, if empty

- `acfind --sumStatus <proven|not_proven>`

This new criteria looks for the proven or not proven files. When this option is combined with other criteria, a logical « or » is applied.

- `accksum --check -x SHA256`

The check of the SHA256 hash of files, also check the value of the hash in the proof file if any.

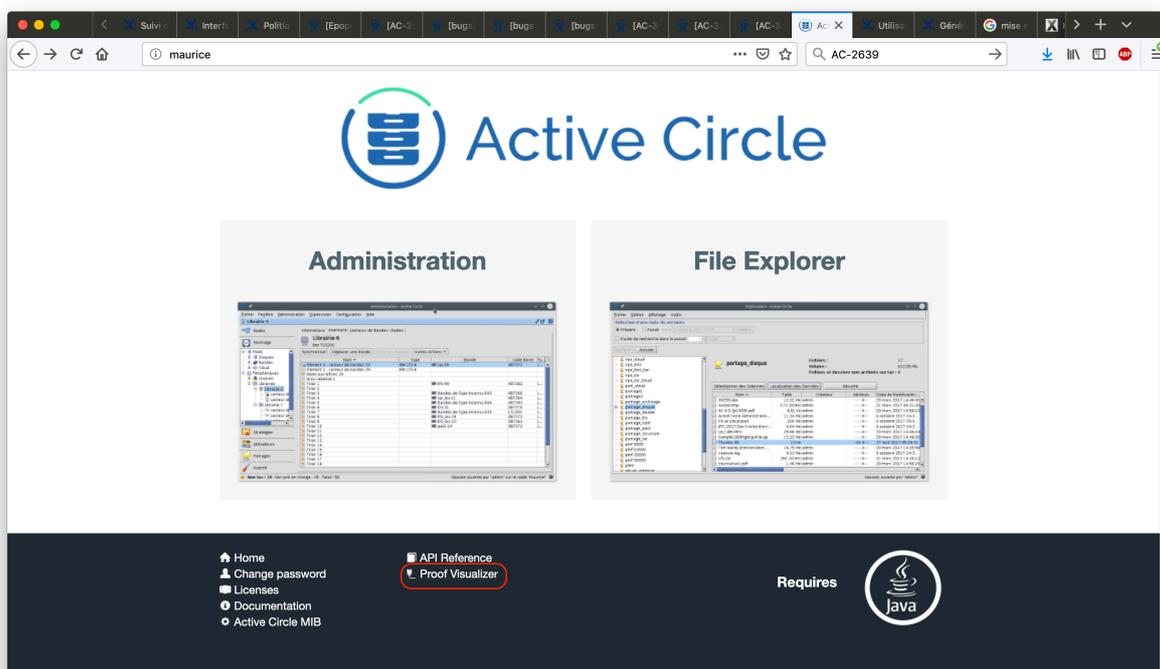
AUDIT enhancement

New audit events have been added to trace the proof processing of each file:

- F.PROOF (**PROVEN_FILE**) : The event is recorded when a new file is being proved.
- F.DPROOF (**PROVEN_DELETED_FILE**) : The event is recorded when a proven file is deleted.

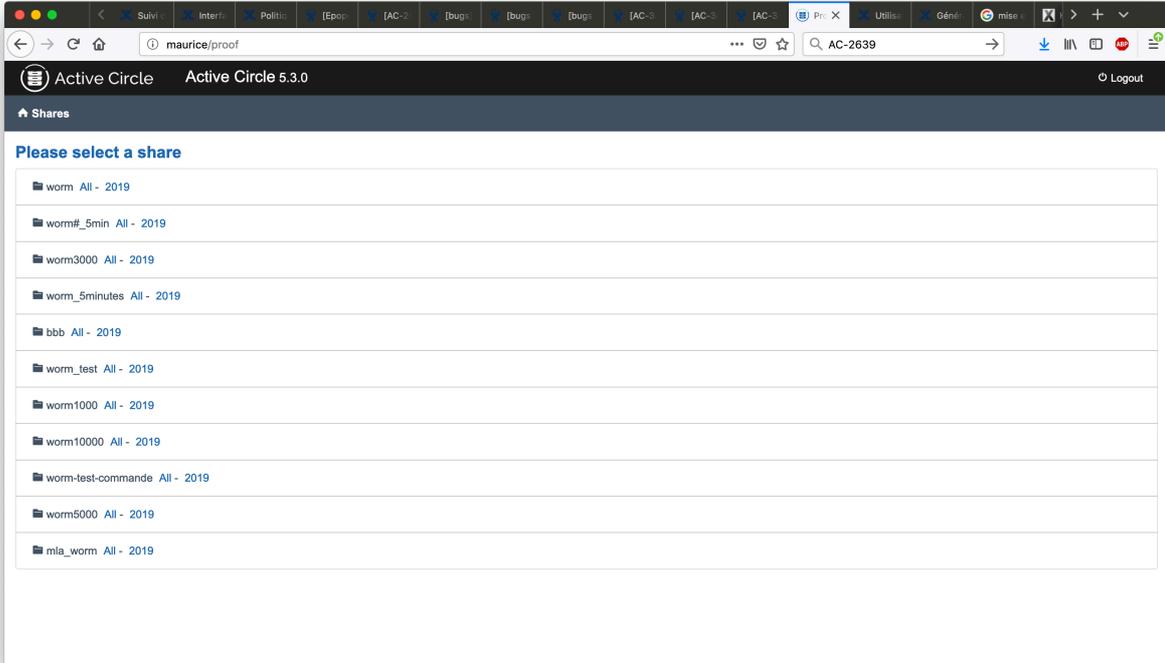
3.4.2.2. Proof visualizer

A web app has been added to display the proofs of the worm share. It is accessible from the main page of the http server of the nodes



This tool shows:

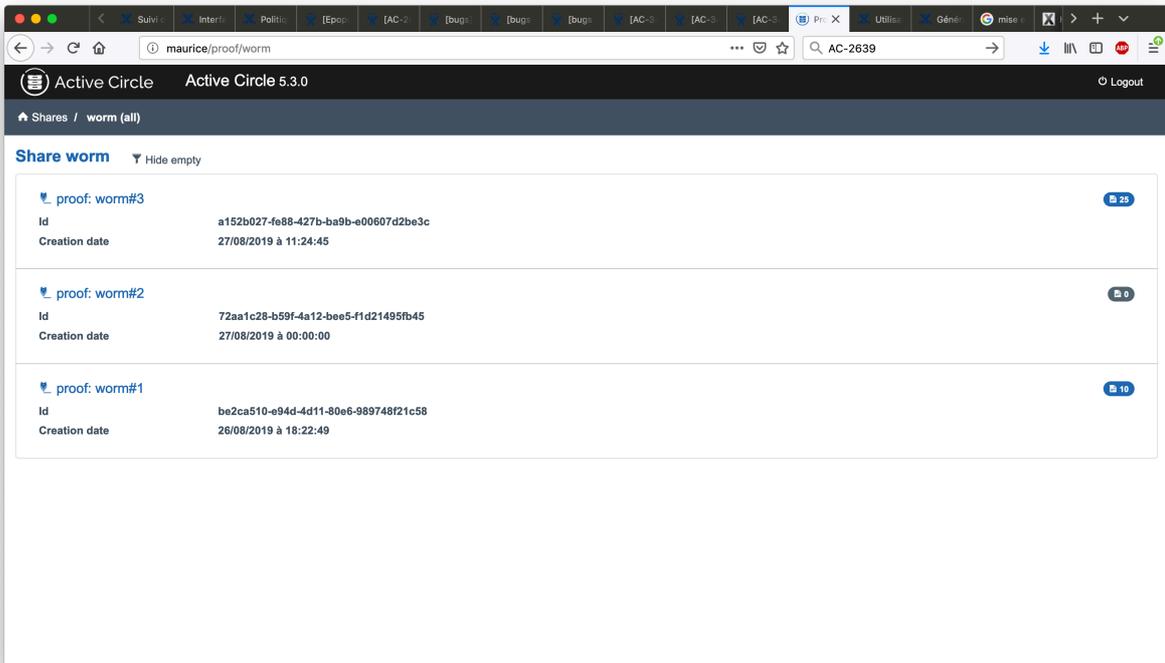
The shares that have at list one proof



The screenshot shows the Active Circle 5.3.0 interface. The browser address bar shows 'maurice/proof'. The page title is 'Active Circle Active Circle 5.3.0'. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'Please select a share' with a list of shares:

- worm All - 2019
- worm#_5min All - 2019
- worm3000 All - 2019
- worm_5minutes All - 2019
- bbb All - 2019
- worm_test All - 2019
- worm1000 All - 2019
- worm10000 All - 2019
- worm-test-commande All - 2019
- worm5000 All - 2019
- mia_worm All - 2019

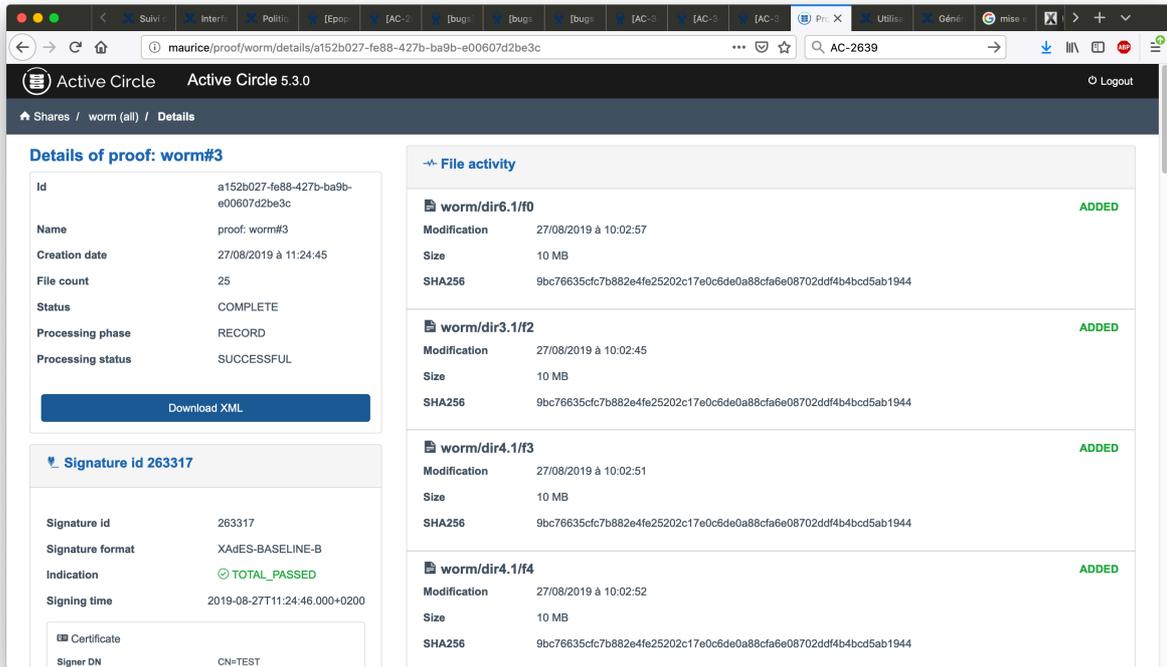
The list of the proofs of a share



The screenshot shows the Active Circle 5.3.0 interface. The browser address bar shows 'maurice/proof/worm'. The page title is 'Active Circle Active Circle 5.3.0'. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'Share worm' with a 'Hide empty' option. The list of proofs is as follows:

Proof Name	Id	Creation date	Count
proof: worm#3	a152b027-fe88-427b-ba9b-e00607d2be3c	27/08/2019 à 11:24:45	25
proof: worm#2	72aa1c28-b59f-4a12-bee5-f1d21495fb45	27/08/2019 à 00:00:00	9
proof: worm#1	be2ca510-e94d-4d11-80e6-989748f21c58	26/08/2019 à 18:22:49	10

The detail of a proof (the XML file can be downloaded from the page)



The screenshot shows the 'Details of proof: worm#3' page in the Active Circle 5.3.0 interface. The page is divided into several sections:

- Details of proof: worm#3**: A table with the following information:

Id	a152b027-fe88-427b-ba9b-e00607d2be3c
Name	proof: worm#3
Creation date	27/08/2019 à 11:24:45
File count	25
Status	COMPLETE
Processing phase	RECORD
Processing status	SUCCESSFUL

 Below the table is a blue button labeled 'Download XML'.
- Signature id 263317**: A table with the following information:

Signature id	263317
Signature format	XAdES-BASELINE-B
Indication	TOTAL_PASSED
Signing time	2019-08-27T11:24:46.000+0200

 Below the table is a 'Certificate' section with the following information:

Signer DN	CN=TEST
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- File activity**: A list of four files, each with a status of 'ADDED':

worm/dir6.1/f0	ADDED
Modification	27/08/2019 à 10:02:57
Size	10 MB
SHA256	9bc76635cfc7b882e4fe25202c17e0c8de0a88cfa6e08702ddf4b4bcd5ab1944
worm/dir3.1/f2	ADDED
Modification	27/08/2019 à 10:02:45
Size	10 MB
SHA256	9bc76635cfc7b882e4fe25202c17e0c8de0a88cfa6e08702ddf4b4bcd5ab1944
worm/dir4.1/f3	ADDED
Modification	27/08/2019 à 10:02:51
Size	10 MB
SHA256	9bc76635cfc7b882e4fe25202c17e0c8de0a88cfa6e08702ddf4b4bcd5ab1944
worm/dir4.1/f4	ADDED
Modification	27/08/2019 à 10:02:52
Size	10 MB
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3.4.2.3. SNMP Agent

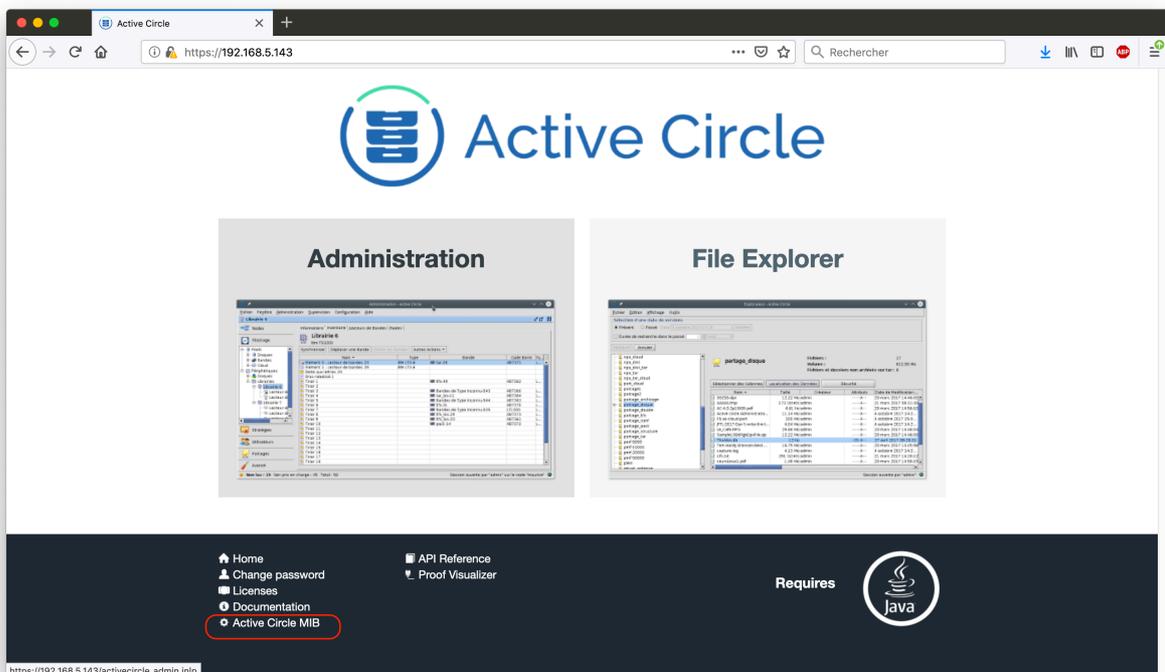
Description

A whole circle can be seen as a unique SNMP agent, i.e. there is a unique MIB to describe the monitored values of a complete circle.

This new SNMP agent can be configured in version 1, 2c and 3. The 3 security levels of the version 3 are supported : **authPriv**, **authNoPriv** and **noAuthNoPriv**.

The agent SNMP agent is highly available; it is accessible from a specific cluster that must be set up along with the agent. The agent is started on each member of the cluster, and stopped as soon as a member is removed from the cluster, then if every member of the cluster are removed or stopped, the SNMP agent is no more available. If the agent is joined from the cluster resource (VIP for example) the leader will answer the request, but the agent can be also joined from every member of the cluster.

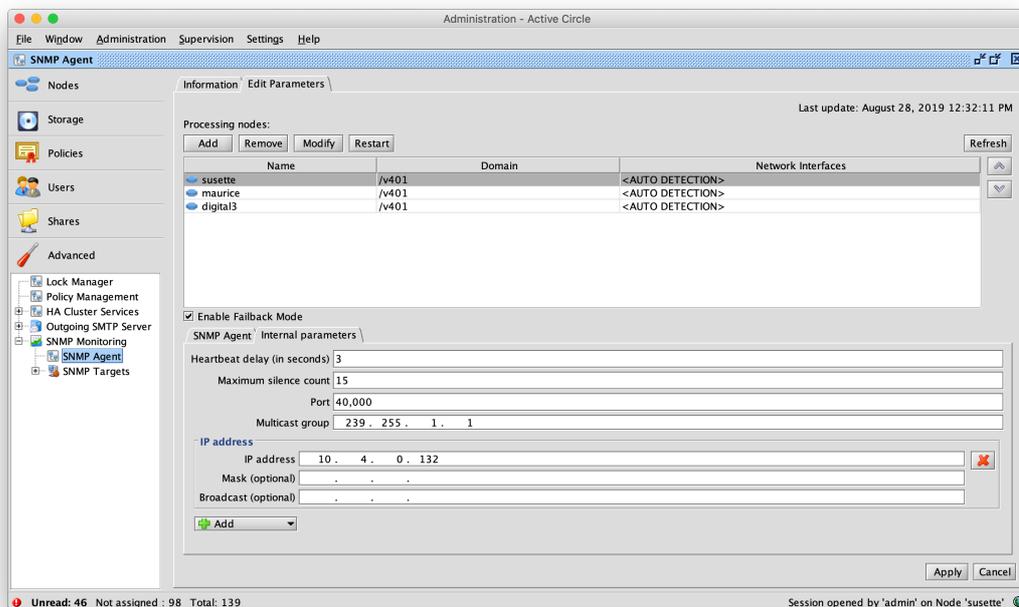
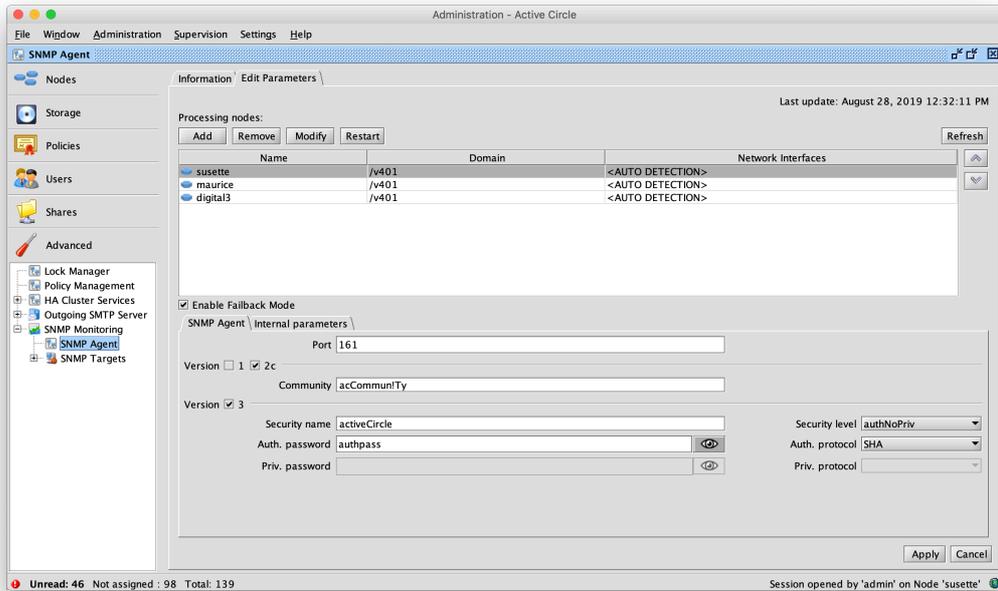
The MIB of this agent SNMP is accessible from the main page of the http server of the nodes.



Admin GUI

The new **SNMP Monitoring** node in the advanced view of the admin GUI is used to set up the SNMP agent (the former **SNMP targets** node has been moved under the **SNMP Monitoring** node).

The parameters of the SNMP agent (version, security level, community etc...) and the parameters for the cluster (member list, VIP ...) can be defined in this form.

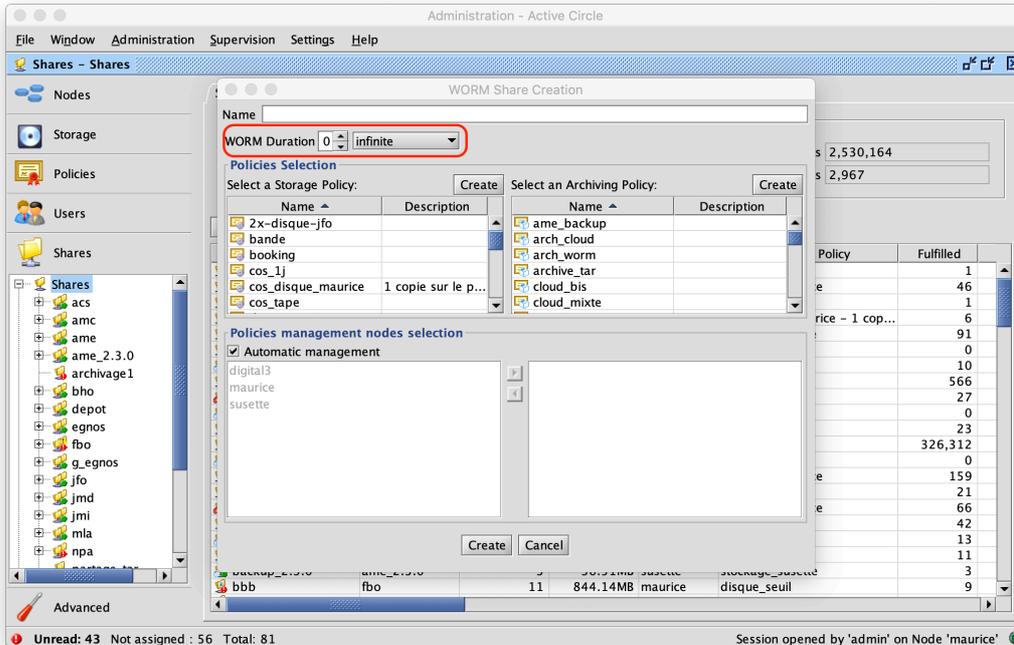


CLI

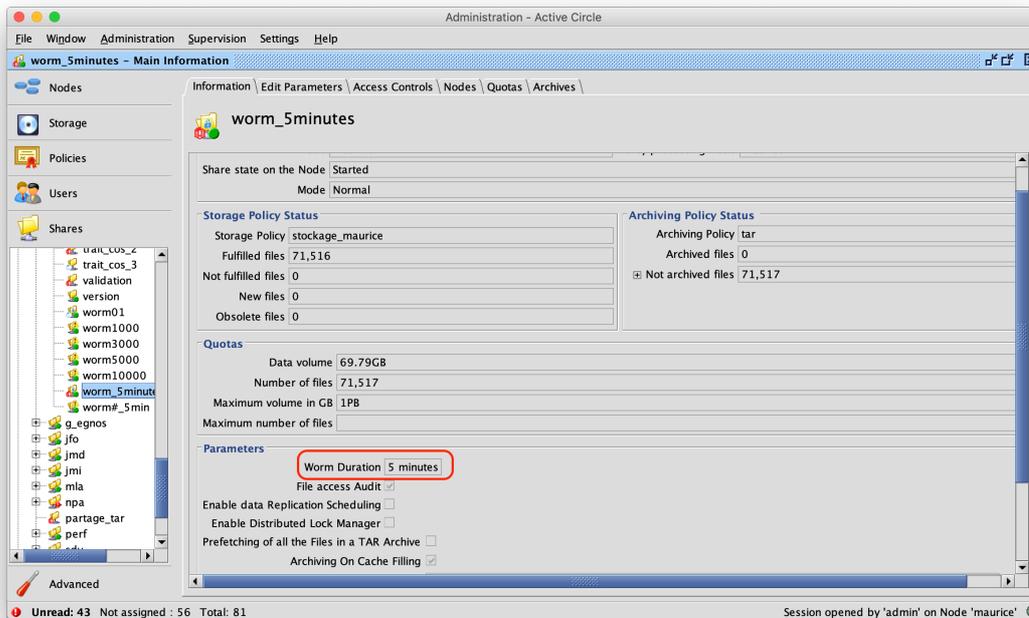
- `acinfo --snmp` : Displays the informations about the SNMP entity (agent and targets)
- `acinfo --cluster` : Takes into account the SNMP Agent cluster.

3.4.2.4. WORM duration of a WORM share

It is now possible to delete a file or an archive in a WORM share after a period of time called the “WORM duration”. This period is set only at the creation of the share and cannot be changed. Its default value is infinite.



The WORM duration is displayed in the information tab of the share

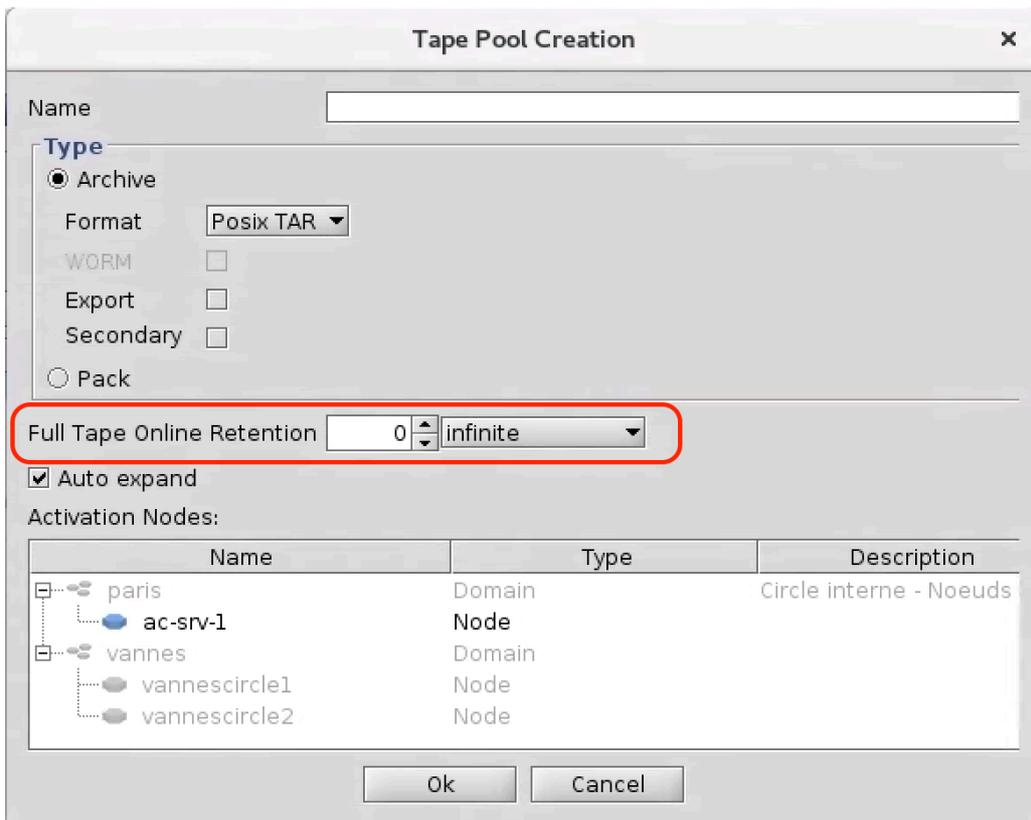


The WORM duration can also be defined when creating a WORM share pool with the CLI

`acadmin --account` by using the options `--wormDuration` that defines the value of the retention, and `--wormDurationUnit` that defines the unit among **Infinite**, **Year**, **Month**, **Week**, **Day**, **Hour**, **Minute**, **Second** and **Millisecond**. The default value of the unit is **Day**. If the WORM duration is not given it is set to **Infinite**.

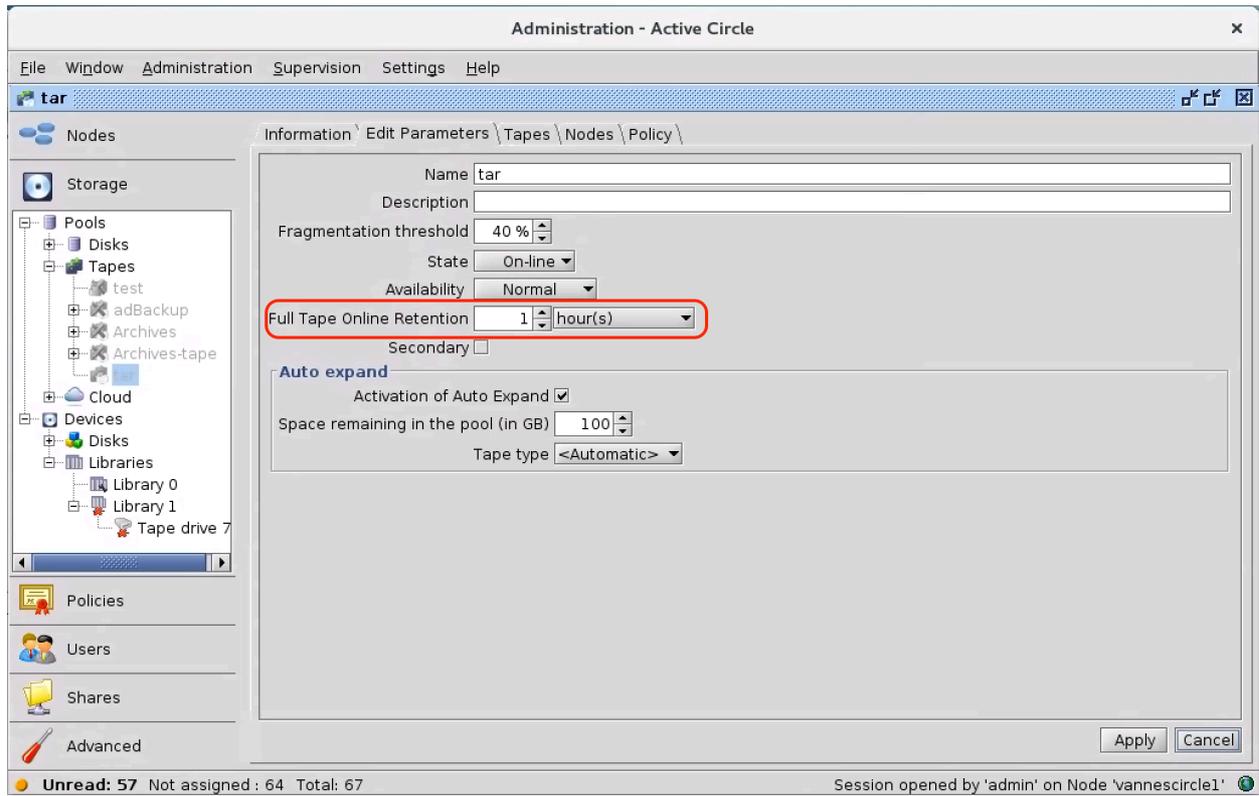
3.4.2.5. Full tapes online retention management enhancement

The retention period of the full tapes is now defined in the tape pool. It can be defined at the pool creation and can be modified afterward.



The screenshot shows the 'Tape Pool Creation' dialog box. The 'Name' field is empty. Under the 'Type' section, 'Archive' is selected. The 'Format' is set to 'Posix TAR'. The 'WORM', 'Export', and 'Secondary' checkboxes are unchecked. The 'Pack' radio button is also unchecked. The 'Full Tape Online Retention' field is highlighted with a red box, showing a value of '0' and a dropdown menu set to 'infinite'. The 'Auto expand' checkbox is checked. Below this is a table of 'Activation Nodes'.

Name	Type	Description
paris	Domain	Circle interne - Noeuds
ac-srv-1	Node	
vannes	Domain	
vannescircle1	Node	
vannescircle2	Node	



The screenshot shows the 'Administration - Active Circle' window. The left sidebar contains a tree view with categories: Nodes, Storage, Policies, Users, Shares, and Advanced. Under 'Storage', there are sub-categories: Pools, Disks, Tapes, Cloud, Devices, Libraries, and Tape drive 7. The 'Tapes' category is expanded, showing 'test', 'adBackup', 'Archives', and 'Archives-tape'. The main area displays the configuration for the 'tar' tape. The 'Full Tape Online Retention' is highlighted with a red box and is set to 1 hour(s). Other settings include: Name: tar, Description: (empty), Fragmentation threshold: 40 %, State: On-line, Availability: Normal, Secondary: (unchecked), Auto expand: Activation of Auto Expand (checked), Space remaining in the pool (in GB): 100, and Tape type: <Automatic>. The status bar at the bottom shows 'Unread: 57', 'Not assigned: 64', 'Total: 67', and 'Session opened by 'admin' on Node 'vannescircle1''.

The circle parameter **medias.fullTapeOnlineRetention**, formerly used to define the retention period, has become obsolete and has been suppressed.

The retention period can also be defined when creating a tape pool with the CLI `acadmin --pool` by using the options `--onlineRetention` that defines the value of the retention, and `--onlineRetentionUnit` that defines the unit among **Infinite**, **Year**, **Month**, **Week**, **Day**, **Hour**, **Minute**, **Second** and **Millisecond**. The default value of the unit is **Day**. If the retention period is not given it is set to **Infinite**.

3.4.2.6. Trap SNMP enhancement

The additional content of the supervision notes are added to the cause of the corresponding trap. The content is split to respect the 255 characters limit of the length of a trap.

The concerned alerts (notes) are:

- `MediaPoolNoteMediumLoadableUnitOnlineRequest` contains the list of the tapes to put online.
- `MediumLoadableUnitOfflineRequestNote` contains the list of the tapes to put offline.
- `ArchiveVfsNoteFileNotAvailable` contains the list of the unreachable files during archiving.
- `ArchiveVfsNoteFileSelectionKO` contains the list of the not selected or invalid files during archiving.
- `CatalogVfsManagerInvalidChecksumNote` contains the list of the files with invalid checksum
- `CloudArchiveLostNote` contains the list of orphan “cloud” archives.

A trap is now sent each time a note is merged.

3.4.3. Fixes

AC-3518

Fix `FcUnsupportedOperationException` during remote tape duplication

AC-3419

Enhancements of the file commit process (publish) during deposit to prevent some files to be published after a long time in case of continuous deposit.

AC-3327

Fix dead lock during node stop under heavy deposit activity.

AC-3295

Accessibility of empty files is *online* instead of formerly *unreachable*. Destaging and signature calculation (MD5 SHA256 or SHA1) are now allowed on empty files.

AC-3274

Admin tool: correctly remove selected users from a group

AC-3264

The new system property **`activecircle.vfs.history.mergeTimeModification`**, if set to *true* (default value is *false*) prevents “rsync” linux command (version $\geq 3.1.2$) from creating new version of each file even if it is not transferred by merging the time modification (atime, mtime and ctime) in the current version.

AC-3258

Abort the ongoing client connections when a share is deactivated; open files are closed, sockets are closed, subsequent access will fail depending on the protocol as follow:

- NFS under linux (nfs-utils 1.3)

If the share is mounted, access to the root of the share will report a *Stale file handle`*, any access to another object will report *Remote I/O erro*.

- FTP(S)

If already connected to the share, each command will return *421 Share "XXX" no longer activated on this node! Disconnecting...*

Any further connection will not show the deactivated share.

- SMB1 (NTLM 0.12)

If connected every action will return *Network name was deleted* and every new connection attend will return *Network name cannot be found*

AC-3180

Improve VFS policy processing performance when the empty office file detector is off.

The empty office file detector is now off by default, to reactivate set the system property **`activecircle.vfs.history.enableEmptyFileDetection`** to true

AC-2664

Fix file integrity verification (transfer checksum computation) in some remote cases.

AC-218

Prevent concurrent access to the file `/activecircle/cell/cluster/scripts/sharedStorage/lastblkid` in the shared pool management script to avoid unexpected management node changes.

3.5. Active Circle V5.1.0.1 – March 2019

This new version of active circle provides mainly backend functionalities required for new AMC 5.1.0 highly available, enhancement for multi criteria research with `acfind` and fixes.

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

9a182a5ca3e2351e53dd8eb112d96d4c5cd5a767d22a5b1b153df7a00eaddc03

3.5.1. Compatibility Matrix

This new version of Active Circle 5.0 is compatible with the following option versions:

- AMC 5.1.0 in HTTP/HTTPS
- ADM 1.4.0 in HTTP
- AME 2.2.4 in HTTP

A new version of the ADM and AME will be published at a later date, to implement the HTTPS protocol across the entire solution.

3.5.2. New features and enhancements

3.5.2.1. `acfind` performance enhancement

The object selection is now based on predicate computed on the server side. Previously every file was transferred on the command side to be filtered afterward.

The legacy command is still accessible with the name « `acfindlegacy` »

new search criteria for `acfind`

`acfind --archiveStatus <status>`: This option can now be used without `--onlyInArchive`.

`acfind --sumStatus <status list>`: Selects the files whose checksum status is in the given comma separated

`status list`. Valid values for status: **not_validated**, **valid**, **invalid**, **failed**, **canceled** or **none**.

`acfind --unixMode <mode>`: Selects the files whose Unix mode matches the given `mode` wildcard expression (e.g. "rwxrw-???")

`acfind --ntAttr <attr>`: Selects the files whose NT attributes matches the given `attr` wildcard expression (e.g. "---R???"). The complete sequence is **LCSRACO**, with (**L**=ReadOnly, **C**=Hidden, **S**=System, **R**=Directory, **A**=Archived, **C**=Compressed, **O**=Offline)

Add-on for high availability AMC

Add a new kind of cluster : « Scriptable cluster », it publishes a VIP and it executes a specific scripts upon Take over, release and split brain recovery. These clusters are dedicated to the use of the AMC in HA mode and are configured and deployed during AMC deployment.

Full tapes online retention management.

The new circle parameter “media.fullTapeOnlineRetention” defines the online retention period of the full tapes. It defines the minimum period of time a full tape will stay online. A periodic task compares the last writing date of each full tapes with the retention period, the tapes should be put offline if its last writing date is older that the retention period. Then the task sends a supervision note requesting to put offline the tapes that have reached their retention period. The default value of the retention period is “infinite”.

The frequency of the above task can be set by the system properties :

activecircle.media.full.check.period and activecircle.media.full.check.period.unit. The default value is 7 days.

Note that as the online retention is checked only every week, a full tape can be requested to be put offline only one week after being full event if the retention period is shorter. To reduce this side effect, the checking period should be set to the average time to fill up a tape.

3.5.3. Fixes

AC-2598

Allow to modify the Unix mode of the root of a share. (It was prohibited in version 4.6.0 to preserve access to the share in any case, as anyone with W access to the share could change the mode. This has been fixed : See AC-2964)

AC-2761

A critical supervision note is sent on a share if at least one COS keeper could not start as it has been cancelled.

AC-2913

Checks the **.locators** syntax when starting the active circle service. Add an explicit trace in the system logs if the syntax is not correct.

AC-2964

Only the owner or root can change the Unix mode of any file. Previously, the W access to the object slows t change the mode.

AC-3041

Blacklist the handle used to retrieve files from the Oodrive cloud in any case of error to prevent reusing this handle during 2 hours.

AC-3077

Fix synchronization of tape metadata (some fields where not synchronized at startup)

AC-3255

Prevent the periodic check of the filling rate of the installation directory (/activecircle) from saturating the internal task manager.

3.6. Active Circle V5.0.0.1 HOTFIX – October 2018

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

ee1b432f921d33f7cf6ffeb1a8d121f4e8e9309f337f77023cfd8bece6d45020

3.6.1. Fixes

Fixed a regression on the management of non-multi-channel partitions that was no longer detected.

Correction of incorrect references in the MIB.

3.7. Active Circle V5.0.0 – September 2018

We are proud to release a new major version of Active Circle—with version 5.0. This version is focused on security and managing pools and WORM shares, data protection via SHA256, https access, ensuring the security of the local directory, etc.

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

c3686a00de3d35671df53fac1d49c711a1eff7de7e8b45acbdd3b09e57be0f96

3.7.1. Compatibility Matrix

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3.7.2. New features and enhancements

3.7.2.1. LTO8 support

The 8th generation of LTO drives and tapes are now supported. The capacity of one LTO8 tape is 12 TB.

M8-type LTOs, or new LTO7 tapes managed by an LTO8 drive, are also supported; this increases the tape capacity to 9 TB.

Remember, LTO8 drives are read- and write-compatible with LTO7 tapes only.

3.7.2.2. WORM pool

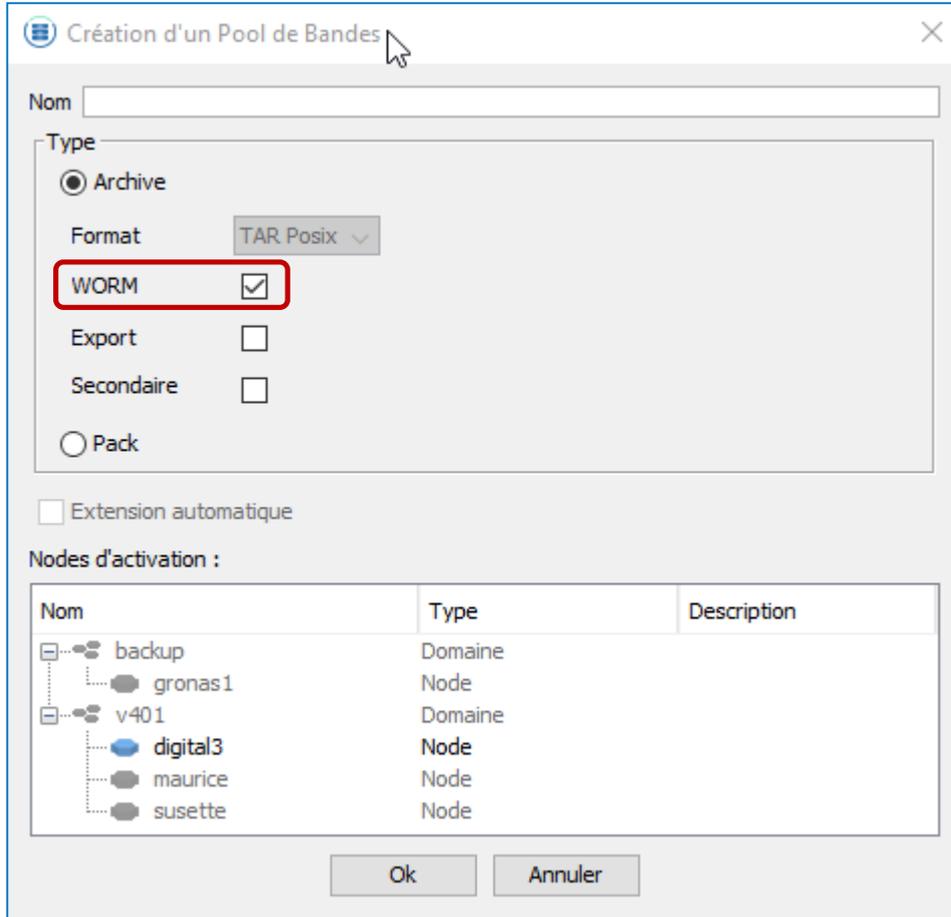
LTO WORM (Write Once Read Many) tapes are now handled in version 5.0 of Active Circle using the new type of tape pool: "WORM pool". This type guarantees that the data archived on tapes cannot be overwritten or edited.

Characteristics

- A WORM pool:
 - is identified by the following icon: 
 - An export WORM pool is identified by the following icon: 
 - only accepts WORM-type LTO tapes
 - only handles TAR format
 - does not support auto-expansion
 - cannot be deleted while it contains tapes
 - can be used in the same way as any archive pool in archiving strategies
- WORM-type LTO tapes:
 - Are supported from LTO6 generation onwards
 - Cannot be allocated to the Blank Tapes pool
 - Cannot be recycled, deleted or removed from a pool
 - Can be duplicated after data copy onto another tape in the pool; the tape is placed in quarantine in the "Non-Allocated Tapes pool" and cannot be reallocated. A supervision note is sent to provide notification that the tape must be deleted and removed from the library.
 - With regards to the archives from a share, prevents the deletion of archives, except for empty archives.

Creating WORM Pool

From the Storage area of the administration interface, through the specific pop-up menu "Create a Tape Pool" or the "Create" button, by checking the WORM option:



Nom

Type

Archive

Format

WORM

Export

Secondaire

Pack

Extension automatique

Nodes d'activation :

Nom	Type	Description
backup	Domaine	
gronas1	Node	
v401	Domaine	
digital3	Node	
maurice	Node	
susette	Node	

Ok Annuler

From the command mode, using the command: `acadmin --pool --worm`

Note:

As long as the label is not written on the tape, the tape type can still be modified to one of the types compatible with the pool and library.

Verifying the tape type

The definition of the tape type is declarative to allow tapes to be allocated per batch.

To avoid any errors, a verification is performed between the type declared and the type read by the drive when the tape is assembled and before anything is written onto it.

If the type declared is correct:

- The label is written. The tape type is then frozen and can no longer be modified.

If the type is incorrect:

- A supervision note is sent to the administrator to notify them of their error in declaring the tape type. This uses a tooltip to display the values of the density code, and the type of media read on the tape.
- The LTO tape is fenced and ejected from the drive. It is therefore impossible to write on it. The tape will be automatically unfenced when it is next assembled, after the tape type is corrected by the administrator.

There are several possible scenarios:

- If the error relates to the density code only, the tape type can simply be changed in the tape's "Edit Settings" tab.
- If the error relates to the type of media, the following must be performed:
 - Remove the tape.
 - Synchronize the library to relocate the tape that will be allocated to the "Tapes of Unknown Type" pool, with a generic type.
 - Allocate the tape with the correct type to a pool in the compatible format.

CLI

```
acadmin --pool
```

The `--worm` option, in combination with the `-c` option, creates a WORM pool. The `--format` and `-autoExpand` options are not compatible with the `--worm` option.

```
acadmin --tape
```

In the event of type incompatibility when a tape is allocated, an error message is displayed and the request is not processed. The same applies for the unfencing of an unauthorized tape, if the fencing is due to an error on the media type, and for the deletion of a WORM tape labeled with the `--delete` option.

The `--load drive` option for a WORM tape is forbidden: the manual assembly of a WORM tape can only be performed via the administration interface.

```
acarchive --delete
```

An error is generated when there is an attempt to delete a non-empty archive, located in a WORM pool; empty archives are deleted.

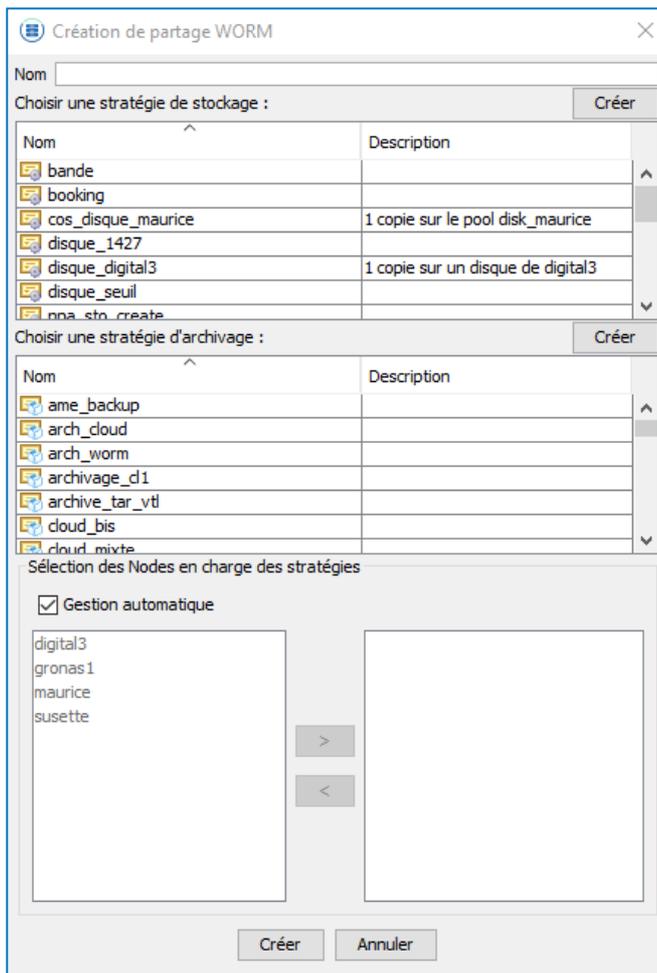
3.7.2.3. WORM share

The WORM share feature has been implemented with the same principle as WORM pools. This provides enhanced data protection in that any files successfully dropped cannot be edited, deleted, moved or renamed. More specifically, the name, mtime and data of files are protected.

WORM shares are identified from other shares thanks to this icon: 

Creating a WORM share

From the "Share" area of the administration interface, via the specific pop-up menu "Create a WORM share" or the "Create WORM" button. A new share is configured as per usual.



Nom	Description
bande	
booking	
cos_disque_maurice	1 copie sur le pool disk_maurice
disque_1427	
disque_digital3	1 copie sur un disque de digital3
disque_seuil	
naa_sto_create	

Nom	Description
ame_backup	
arch_cloud	
arch_worm	
archivage_d1	
archive_tar_vtl	
cloud_bis	
cloud_mixte	

Sélection des Nodes en charge des stratégies

Gestion automatique

digital3
gronas1
maurice
susette

From the command mode, using the command: `acadmin --account -c --worm`

Note:

A WORM share cannot be deleted once files have been uploaded there.

Policies

As with other shares, it is possible to link a storage and/or archiving strategy. These can define time-limited constraints, and a copy of the files will be stored in all cases. In fact, a time-defined storage constraint only results in the deletion of disk copies when the file has been archived (if an archiving strategy is defined).

Historization

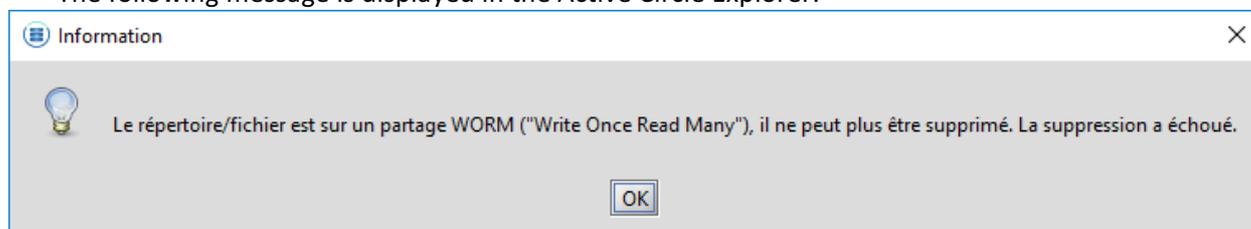
Historization is disabled.

A file only has one single data version and is stored indefinitely. As a result, the handling of the historization strategy is also disabled and cannot be manually launched.

Behavior

For all attempts to edit or delete a protected file:

- A "Read-Only File System" error is sent by the NAS server.
- The following message is displayed in the Active Circle Explorer:



Remember: only editing of the name and mtime are not allowed; all other attribute changes are authorized.

Specific cases:

- Symbolic links (available via NFS only) with no data; the editing restrictions are applied immediately after creation. In other words, a symbolic link cannot be renamed or deleted.
- Exceptions:
 - Temporary files are not affected by editing constraints.
 - Neither are empty files and directories. In other words, the deletion and renaming of temporary or empty files, and of directories is authorized, as long as they are empty.

The deletion of WORM share archives is not authorized, except for empty archives (with 0 files selected).

CLI

`acinfo --account --wormInfo`

The `--wormInfo` option makes a new "WORM" column appear, which displays:

- "Y" for a WORM share
- "N" for a classic share
- "<n/a>" for an account

`acadmin --account`

The `--worm` option, in combination with the `-c` option, creates a WORM share.

The `--startVersioningPurgeProcessing` option on a WORM share displays a warning and the option is ignored.

`acrestore`

An error is generated when attempting to restore an entry to a WORM share. Likewise, an error is generated when attempting to delete an entry from a WORM share via one of the following commands: `acrm / acfind -exec "rm"/"rm-version"`.

`acarchive --delete`

An error is also generated when attempting to delete a non-empty archive from a WORM share; empty archives are deleted.

3.7.2.4. Calculation of a file's signature after upload

This new feature allows the signature of a file to be calculated automatically when it is uploaded to Active Circle:

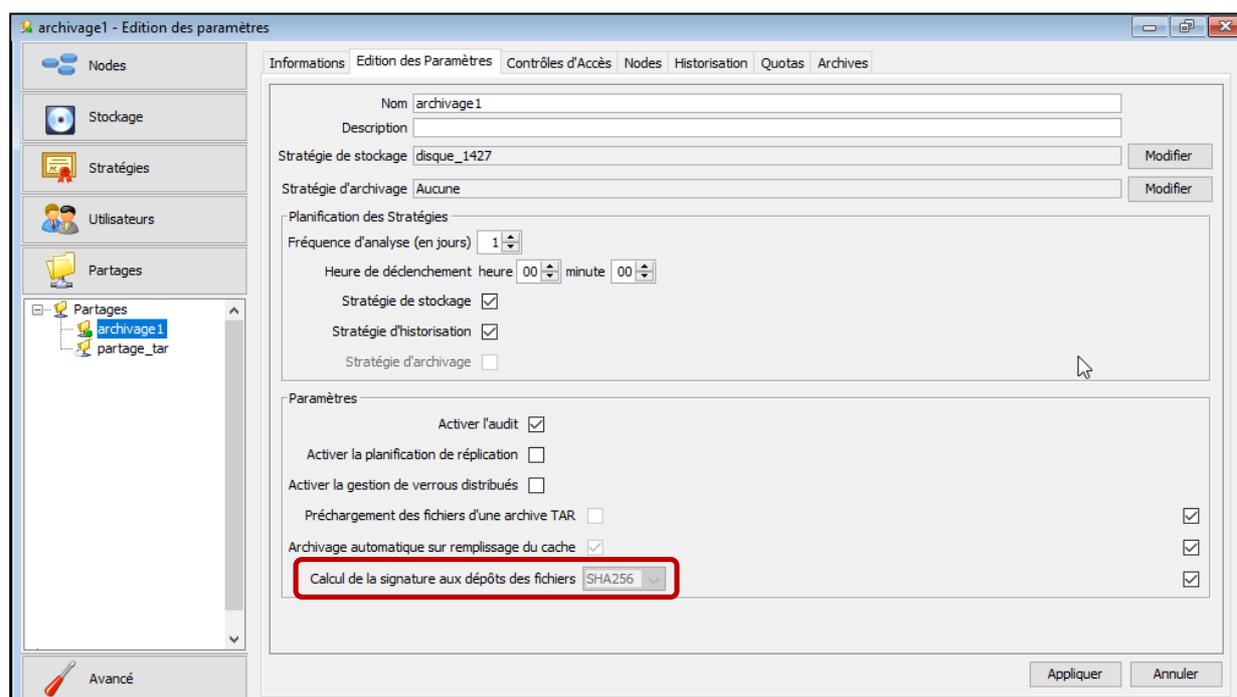
- By default, the feature is not enabled.
- Messages are generated in the audit.
- A supervision note is also generated or updated in the event of an invalid signature.

The algorithm used can be defined globally using the circle property "activecircle.vfs.depositChecksumAlgorithm", or individually for each share. Possible values are as follows:

- SHA256
- SHA1
- MD5
- Disabled

Administration interface

Automatic calculation must be enabled in the share or share group, using the "Calculate signature upon file drop" option:



AC Explorer

It is now possible to request the calculation or validation of a file's signature directly via the Active Circle explorer, for the 3 algorithms:

- If no signature has been saved or calculated in advance, the 3 algorithms are suggested.
- However, if a signature is already saved to the file, only the algorithm for the signature is authorized.

CLI

accksum

Now authorizes the SHA256 algorithm, in addition to MD5 and SHA1.

```
accksum -r
```

Allows the signature to be reset, for example: algorithm change, etc.

audit

In order to be able to track the status of a file's signature, the following events may appear in the audit:

- **F.CSSUM (CHECKSUM_SUM)**
Starts the signature calculation; the expected reference or desired algorithm is added in the event.
- **F.CSVAL (CHECKSUM_VALID)**
Signature valid; the signature calculated and the expected reference are added in the event.
- **F.CSINV (CHECKSUM_INVALID)**
Signature invalid; the signature calculated and expected reference are added in the event.
- **F.CSRES (CHECKSUM_RESET)**
Deletion of the signature from the file.

Below is an example of results in the audit file (/activecircle/cell/data/Stats/NAS/shares/nas-audit_*.csv*):

```
2018-05-23,15:47:10,1527083230145,n0,s0,-,F.CSSUM,admin,10.4.0.96,"/20180214_154710.jpg",- ,SHA256
2018-05-23,15:47:19,1527083239409,n0,s0,-
    ,F.CSVAL,admin,10.4.0.96,"/20180214_154710.jpg",SHA256:ab725b8b57856f819589ace473cf01737177
    0610af2b6d24621299b9389ff24a,SHA256
2018-05-28,18:11:07,1527523867073,n0,s0,-,F.CSSUM,admin,10.4.0.96,"/Erreur2.jpg",-
    ,SHA256:00000000
2018-05-28,18:11:07,1527523867079,n0,s0,-
    ,F.CSINV,admin,10.4.0.96,"/Erreur2.jpg",SHA256:16480a11b9aab0fb53eb5a5c17580b4e4c6267ddbfb0
    583b0144f7911c1eecfa,SHA256:00000000
2018-05-22,15:46:20,1526996780026,n0,s0,-,F.CSRST,admin,10.4.0.96,"/20180214_154643.jpg",-,-
```

Supervision note

A major supervision note is opened when one or more files have an invalid signature. The note is updated, to add new invalid files or remove valid files. Actions to rename, move, delete and restore a version are also taken into account in order to update the supervision note.

When the supervision note no longer has an invalid file, its criticality changes from "Major" to "Normal".

When automatic calculation is enabled, there is little chance that the signatures are invalid because there is no reference signature. The calculation result therefore becomes the reference and the file is valid.

Note:

The Direct IO FTP is not currently handled.

3.7.2.5. Extended attributes

Extended attributes management This new feature allows the notion of extended attributes to be added to files and directories.

These attributes are defined by the name=value pair stored in a dictionary associated with each file and directory. These dictionaries are backed up with the file metadata, therefore in the VFS catalog.

Three circle properties have been added in order to limit the volume used by the attributes:

- `activecircle.xattribute.maxEntryCount`: maximum number of attributes, 16 attributes by default.
- `activecircle.xattribute.maxNameLength`: maximum size of attribute name, 256 characters, by default.
- `activecircle.xattribute.maxValueLength`: maximum size of attribute value, 4096 characters by default.

CLI

`acxattr`

This new command allows the extended attributes of one or more files to be read and edited.

Options: the last arguments in a command are the files to which the command applies.

- `acxattr -w <attribute_name> <attribute_value> <file>...`
Add/edit an attribute.
- `acxattr -p <attribute_name> <file>...`
Read an attribute.
- `acxattr -d <attribute_name> <file>...`
Delete an attribute.
- `acxattr -c <file>...`
Delete all attributes.
- `acxattr <file>...`
Displays all attributes.
- The "-f, --filepath" option can also be used to give the path for a list of files.

`acfind -xattr PATTERN`

Now allows searches to be performed on extended attributes.

The regular expression is applied to the "name=value" concatenation. This syntax requires the use of the "=" operator, which allows both the attribute name and its value to be filtered, and also works with attributes containing "=" in their name and/or in their value. To do this, simply enter the necessary number of "=", taking into account the "name=value" concatenation. In order to make the option easier to use, it can be simplified by automatically adding the suffix "=.*" when there is no "=" operator in the expression, to filter the attribute names. For example, to list the files linked to OODRIVE email addresses: `--xattr .*=.*@oodrive\.(com|fr)`

AMC

The AMC also allows extended attributes to be read and edited. For more information, refer to the relevant documentation.

3.7.2.6. Archiving audit

The audit mechanism on shares saves accessing file and directory information via the NAS, such as the date of creation, editing or deletion, reading or writing, and changes to size, attributes, mode or UID/GID.

From now on, in addition to these events, the audit log may contain new events related to the archiving of files and directories, as well as their permanent deletion (known as purge):

- `F.ARCH (ARCHIVE_FILE)` & `D.ARCH (ARCHIVE_DIR)`: archiving of a file or directory.
- `F.UARCH (UNARCHIVE_FILE)` & `D.UARCH (UNARCHIVE_DIR)`: deletion of an archive location for a file or directory.
- `F.PURGE (PURGE_FILE)` & `D.PURGE (PURGE_DIR)`: permanent deletion of a file or directory.

Examples of audit file results (/activecircle/cell/data/Stats/NAS/shares/nas-audit_*.csv*) after having activated the archiving events:

Archiving

As the archiving operation is an internal operation, the "FROM" and "PATH" information is not entered.

Archiving in a pool of archive tapes:

```
37,2018-06-20,14:59:51,1529499591523,gaia0,p1,-,D.ARCH,-,-,
  "/12_petits_fichiers",Archive:p1#1/386tui7_15r0jtt_2lmd60t_tcrtf1/512,PoolArchive1/B00350200/1
38,2018-06-20,14:59:51,1529499591532,gaia0,p1,-,F.ARCH,-,-,
  "/12_petits_fichiers/DomainManager.class",Archive:p1#1/386tui7_15r0jtt_2lmd60t_tcrtf1/1024,PoolArchive1/B00350200/1
39,2018-06-20,14:59:51,1529499591540,gaia0,p1,-,F.ARCH,-,-,
  "/12_petits_fichiers/DomainManager.class.restored",Archive:p1#1/386tui7_15r0jtt_2lmd60t_tcrtf1/3584,PoolArchive1/B00350200/1
```

Importing to a pool of archive tapes in TAR format:

```
93,2018-06-20,16:51:28,1529506288068,gaia0,p1,-,D.ARCH,-,-,"/imported-B00350201-TAR0-2018-06-20-16-51-
  27/p1/12_petits_fichiers",Archive:p1#8/3srgnng_eo2gvi_24ef9qg_4pm41h/512,PoolArchive1/B00350201/0
94,2018-06-20,16:51:28,1529506288104,gaia0,p1,-,F.ARCH,-,-,"/imported-B00350201-TAR0-2018-06-20-16-51-
  27/p1/12_petits_fichiers/DomainManager.class",Archive:p1#8/3srgnng_eo2gvi_24ef9qg_4pm41h/1024,PoolArchive1/B00350201/0
```

Archiving in the cloud:

```
159,2018-06-20,17:21:10,1529508070496,gaia0,p1,-,D.ARCH,-,-,
  "/10_fichiers_de_100_ko",Archive:p1#10/lekdam9_24duj5f_26ln16n_3ooo39p/512,OnCloud/OnCloud-cont/2
160,2018-06-20,17:21:10,1529508070510,gaia0,p1,-,F.ARCH,-,-,"/10_fichiers_de_100_ko/Copie (10) de
  dbnetlib.dll",Archive:p1#10/lekdam9_24duj5f_26ln16n_3ooo39p/1024,OnCloud/OnCloud-cont/2
```

Deleting archives

The same applies for deleting an archive location for a file or directory.

After deleting the archive :

```
1,2018-06-21,14:48:19,1529585299697,gaia0,p1,-,D.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers",- ,CatalogVfsReference
  [2ru37gv_rfmjqc_2ka9p12_35rj2bo]:Archives:31h5u4u_2ee4iug_252teg7_2t153u7/37gk0nn_1i5sgan_2i9nut8_r7383q/512
2,2018-06-21,14:48:19,1529585299718,gaia0,p1,-,F.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers/Nouveau Document Microsoft Office Publisher.pub",-
  ,CatalogVfsReference [2ru37gv_rfmjqc_2ka9p12_35rj2bo]:Archives:31h5u4u_2ee4iug_252teg7_2t153u7/37gk0nn_1i5sgan_2i9nut8_r7383q/4096
3,2018-06-21,14:48:19,1529585299739,gaia0,p1,-,F.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers/Nouveau Présentation Microsoft Office PowerPoint.pptx",-
  ,CatalogVfsReference [2ru37gv_rfmjqc_2ka9p12_35rj2bo]:Archives:31h5u4u_2ee4iug_252teg7_2t153u7/37gk0nn_1i5sgan_2i9nut8_r7383q/65536
4,2018-06-21,14:48:19,1529585299764,gaia0,p1,-,F.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers/Nouveau Classeur Open Office.ods",- ,CatalogVfsReference
  [2ru37gv_rfmjqc_2ka9p12_35rj2bo]:Archives:31h5u4u_2ee4iug_252teg7_2t153u7/37gk0nn_1i5sgan_2i9nut8_r7383q/1024
```

Or if the archive still exists (after removal/deletion of the tape from the archive pool):

```
18,2018-06-21,16:04:50,1529589890517,gaia0,p1,-,D.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers",-,Archive:p1#13/13871u4_3sc6hlj_2pjv5c_13kdum5/512
19,2018-06-21,16:04:50,1529589890522,gaia0,p1,-,F.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers/Nouveau Document Microsoft Office Publisher.pub",-
,Archive:p1#13/13871u4_3sc6hlj_2pjv5c_13kdum5/4096
20,2018-06-21,16:04:50,1529589890527,gaia0,p1,-,F.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers/Nouveau Présentation Microsoft Office PowerPoint.pptx",-
,Archive:p1#13/13871u4_3sc6hlj_2pjv5c_13kdum5/65536
21,2018-06-21,16:04:50,1529589890532,gaia0,p1,-,F.UARCH,-,-,"/3_petits_fichiers/Nouveau Classeur Open Office.ods",-
,Archive:p1#13/13871u4_3sc6hlj_2pjv5c_13kdum5/1024
```

Permanently deleting the file or directory

The "FROM" and "PATH" information is entered through the connection information linked to the exploration session through which the deletion is requested, and only the file path in the VFS is displayed.

Deleting through the explorer:

```
6,2018-06-21,14:54:20,1529585660930,gaia0,p2,-
,F.PURGE,admin,10.4.0.106,"/12_petits_fichiers/StreamIdentityPrimaryDeprecatedPreV3_0.class",-,-
7,2018-06-21,14:56:26,1529585786082,gaia0,p2,-,F.PURGE,admin,10.4.0.106,"/12_petits_fichiers/Stream.class",-,-
8,2018-06-21,14:56:26,1529585786135,gaia0,p2,-,F.PURGE,admin,10.4.0.106,"/12_petits_fichiers/StreamFormatChecksumException.class",-,-
9,2018-06-21,14:56:26,1529585786163,gaia0,p2,-,F.PURGE,admin,10.4.0.106,"/12_petits_fichiers/StreamIdentityPrimaryImpl.class",-,-
```

And through historization processing following a deletion of the file via the NAS, for a retention period of 2 min:

```
1,2018-06-22,08:52:49,1529650369402,gaia0,p2,-,F.DELE,admin,127.0.0.1,"/12_petits_fichiers/DomainManagerIdentityPrimary.class",-,-
2,2018-06-22,08:59:34,1529650774140,gaia0,p2,-,F.PURGE,-,-,"/12_petits_fichiers/DomainManagerIdentityPrimary.class",-,-
```

And for a share with no historization, the purge follows deletion via the NAS:

```
1,2018-08-30,17:36:35,1535643395173,gaia0,psanshistory,-,F.DELE,admin,127.0.0.1,"/Niveau0/0_alldiffs_index_additions.html",-,-
2,2018-08-30,17:36:35,1535643395188,gaia0,psanshistory,-,F.PURGE,admin,127.0.0.1,"/Niveau0/0_alldiffs_index_additions.html",-,-
```

Note:

Deleting a directory produces events for all its files and directories.

3.7.2.7. Configuration of SNMPv3 traps

Active Circle adds support for SNMPv3 traps in addition to the SNMPv1 & SNMPv2c versions previously handled. This new version of the protocol implements security features.

For SNMPv3, define the security level to be used, and according to this:

- Level without authentication or encryption: define a security name only.
- Level with authentication only: define the security name, an algorithm and an authentication password.
- Level with authentication and encryption: define the security name, an algorithm and an authentication password, an algorithm and an encryption password.

To add a new target:

- Go to the "Advanced" view and select "SNMP Target", then right-click to create a new target.
- Choose the version of the target.
- Define the settings specific to v3.



Once the targets are created, the principle remains the same as before, regardless of the version of SNMP indicated in the target:

- Open a supervision window and select the "Registrations note" tab.
- Next, click the "Add" button under the "Registrations" list, and select the "SNMP target" type.

Note:

Regarding the engine id. concept, also specific to SNMPv3, it normally identifies a device likely to send traps. In the case of Active Circle, the engine id. is derived from the Circle's identity, and is therefore identical to all the nodes of the Circle in question. The SNMP supervisor therefore views the Circle as a single device. This ID is unique and constant for a given Circle. It can be obtained via the command mode: `acinfo --node --engineId`.

3.7.2.8. [Publication of logs in syslog](#)

In order to centralize the logs from different nodes into a monitoring system, it is now possible to configure the publication of these in syslog.

Principle:

- Copy the file `/activecircle/cell/data/Log/syslog.properties.sample` under `/activecircle/cell/data/Log/syslog.properties`
- Adapt `/activecircle/cell/data/Log/syslog.properties` to your requirements.
- Remember to define the issuer name, i.e. the name of the node with the property `"activecircle.log.syslog.messagehostname=myNode"`.
- Restart the Active Circle service for the publication to be handled in syslog.
- Verify that it is working correctly in syslog.
- Deploy the file across the circle's other nodes by adapting the issuer's name for each, then by restarting the corresponding services one after the other.

Notes:

- Only the logs publication medium based on UDP is supported.
- The logs format has been reviewed as part of this project. If necessary, in the time it takes to update your eventual scripts that parse logs, you can return to the old format using the Circle property `"-Dactivecircle.log.publish.formatter.old=true"` placed at the end of the file `"/activecircle/.localvars"` for each node; this requires the service to be restarted for it to be handled.

3.7.2.9. Local directory security

Local directory security has been enhanced to address various issues:

- Define a security policy for passwords (length, number of characters, etc.), expiration period
- Manage password reuse
- Define an authentication error management policy
- Allow passwords to be changed simply by an administrator or by users themselves through the usual tools: admin, explorer, CLI as well as the following URL: [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)
- Changes made to interfaces allowing users to be created or modified
- Monitor password changes, expiration, etc.

Notes:

These security measures are only valid for the local directory, i.e. the users declared locally in Active Circle. For external users imported from an external directory, passwords are to be made secure through the external directory.

Configuration

New settings are configured on the local directory via the administration interface using the circle settings:

Rule	Default value	Minimum value	Maximum value
directory.local.credential.adminRetryDelay	0 ms	0 ms	5 minutes
directory.local.credential.expiry	infinite (no expiry)	1 week	infinite
directory.local.credential.expiry.notification	3 days	0 day (disabled)	6 days
directory.local.credential.history	0	0	50
directory.local.credential.length	8	1	128
directory.local.credential.letters	0	0	10
directory.local.credential.lockoutThreshold	0 (disabled)	0	50
directory.local.credential.numbers	0	0	4
directory.local.credential.specialchars	0	0	4

Password security policy

Default behavior changes:

- Passwords now need to be at least 8 characters.
- The admin user is still created with the default password "1234", but the password is marked as expired. This must be updated to allow for the session to be opened.
- Updating passwords is subject to the password security policy.

Password security policy

A password expiration system has been put in place. There are two reasons for which a password is considered to be expired:

- The password has been explicitly marked as expired: this occurs when the "admin" account is created in order to request that the default "1324" password be changed. It is also the case when users are created in the administration interface: by default, passwords are marked expired and users must change their password.
- Password validity period has been exceeded.

Rule	Property	Role
Password validity period	directory.local.credential.expiry	To allow a password validity period to be defined Once this period is exceeded, the password will expire and must be changed. The default validity period for passwords is infinite. The minimum value is one week.

When a password is due to expire, a notification is sent to the user to allow them to change their password. This email is sent once a day to one of the user's addresses. A final message is sent when this user's password expires. Both of these messages contain a link to the password change tool. The following property allows one to control how far in advance this message is sent.

Rule	Property	Role
Notification period before expiration	directory.local.credential.expiry.notification	To allow users to change their password before expiration becomes effective.

Authentication error management policy

By default, authentication errors have no consequences. It is possible to put in place a policy for managing these errors. There are two scenarios considered: users and administrators.

Users

It is possible to define a number of successive authentication errors that will lead to the account being locked. In the case of access by SMB, a specific error message is returned. In FTP, a comment is returned by the server (depending on the customer, this message is not necessarily visible). This status is also taken into account by the password change interface.

The following property allows this behavior to be defined:

Rule	Property	Role
Locking of accounts upon authentication error	directory.local.credential.lockoutThreshold	Allows an account to be locked after a number of successive authentication errors

When an account is locked, a note is added to the administration log.

An email is sent to the user (if the email address for the account has been entered correctly).

Only an administrator can unlock an account, in the administration tool which allows the error number to be displayed. The administrator can then reset this counter to 0 via the GUI or CLI.

Administrators

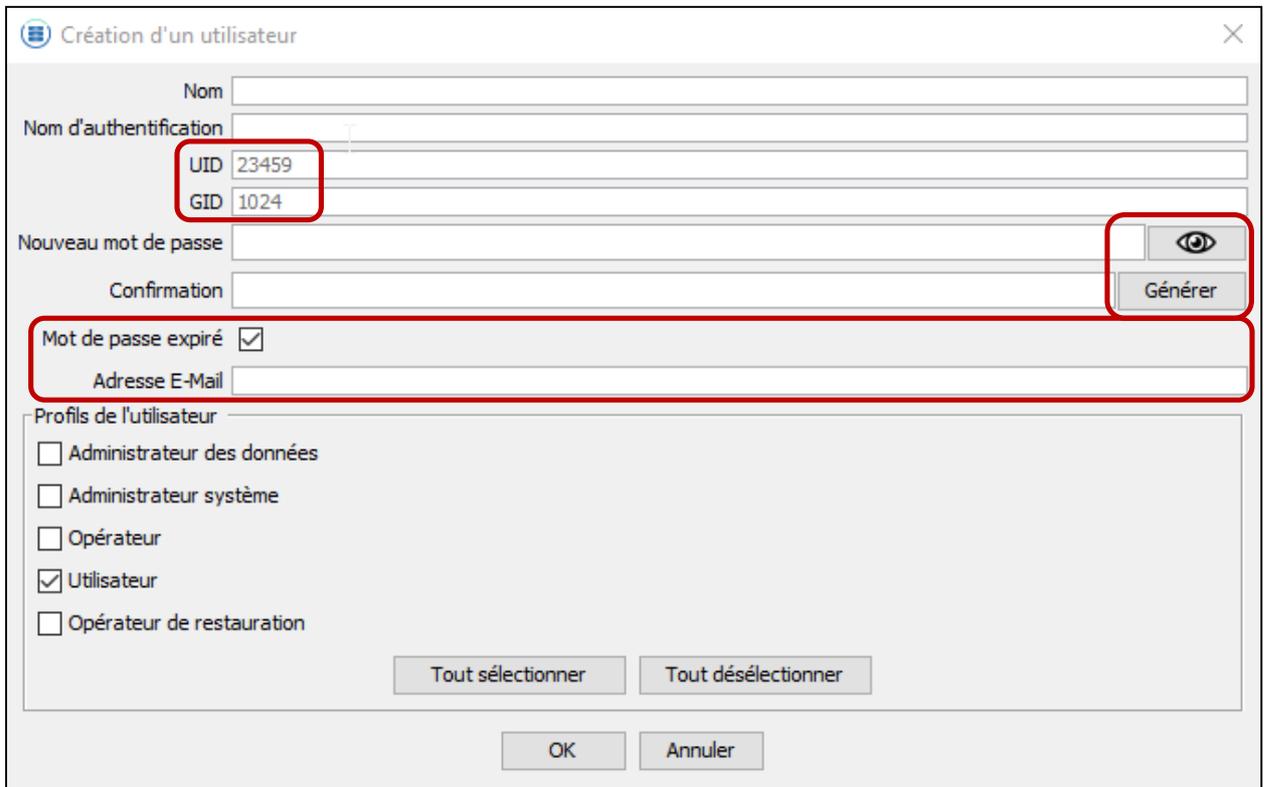
A property can be defined that defines a slow-down factor when a session is opened, depending on the authentication error number.

Rule	Property	Role
Slow-down of administration session opening	directory.local.credential.adminRetryDelay	To add a delay to the opening of administration sessions, in the event of successive failures. The formula used is as follows: $\text{adminRetryDelay} \times 2^{(\text{nbEchec} - 1)}$

GUI

Creating a user

- It is no longer necessary to manually define user UID/GID . If the fields are not completed, the node will automatically choose the value. The value chosen corresponds to the greatest value, in increments of 1. The interface indicates the probable values that will be chosen by the node.
- The interface suggests password generation. The password generated adheres to the password complexity policy. If special characters are required, the character set used by the generator is limited to: "!\"#\$%&'()*+,-./:;<=>?@[\\]^_`{|}~", to make it easier to send the password to the user.
- The interface only allows the password to be displayed when the user is created, which allows it to be copied/pasted.
- By default, users are created with an expired password: if the box remains checked, the user must change this password to open a session.
- An email address can be entered for the user, and this will be used for notifications related to the password.



Création d'un utilisateur

Nom

Nom d'authentification

UID 23459

GID 1024

Nouveau mot de passe

Confirmation

Mot de passe expiré

Adresse E-Mail

Profils de l'utilisateur

Administrateur des données

Administrateur système

Opérateur

Utilisateur

Opérateur de restauration

Tout sélectionner

Tout désélectionner

OK

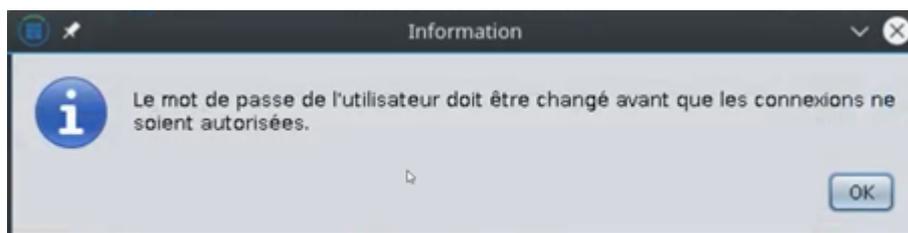
Annuler

Changing a password (by an administrator)

As seen previously, an administrator may change a user's password in the administration interface. By default, this new password is considered expired. The password can be generated in adherence to the security policy. If the account was locked, it will also be unlocked.

Authentication with an expired password

The administration interface and exploration interface authentication windows have been modified to handle expired passwords (this is notably the case when opening a first session as an the admin user). If the password has expired, the interface displays two new fields allowing a new password to be re-entered. This password must adhere to the security policy.



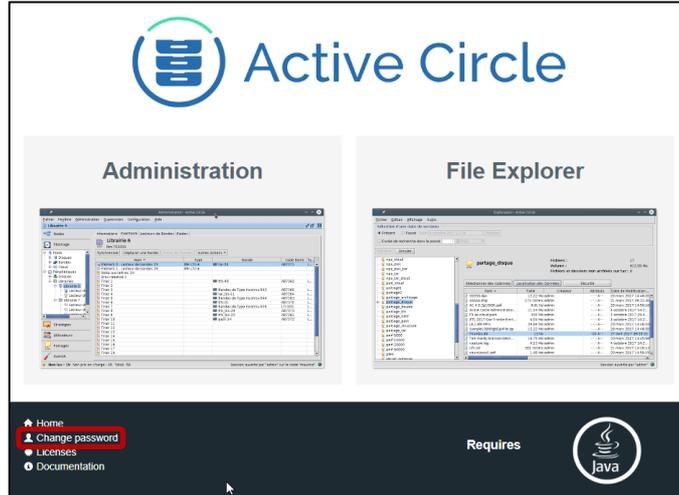
Unlocking user accounts

When a user account is locked following authentication errors, it appears with a padlock beside it in the administration tool. It can be unlocked by right-clicking the user list or the directory "users/groups" view. In the latter case, you may select multiple users to unlock all selected accounts.



Password change tool

A tool allowing for password change has been added to the interface. It allows for the user's username to be reentered, as well as their current password and new password (twice). This interface can be used even when the password has expired. A link has been added to the home page of the web server for the nodes, and is only accessible at https:



CLI

`acpasswd`

This new command is to be used as an equivalent to the "passwd" command in Unix and offers the following functionalities:

- For users to change their password
- For an administrator to
 - change the password of another user
 - expire a user's password
 - unlock a user account (following too many authentication errors)

Monitoring

The following events are monitored in the administration log:

- Authentication errors.
- Password changes (with the possibility of distinguishing whether the password has been changed by users themselves or by an administrator).
- Password expirations.
- User account locking.
- User account unlocking.

Emails are sent to relevant users regarding the following events:

- A password is going to expire (one email per day, periods can be configured).
- A password has expired (the task controlling email deliveries is the directory synchronization task).
- A password has been changed.
- An account has been locked.

This requires the existence of a valid email address linked to the account, and the configuration of an SMTP server in the node configuration.

3.7.2.10. [Secure access to interfaces](#)

Starting with version 5.0, the web server loaded in the nodes switches from HTTP to HTTPS, both on new and existing installations.

The HTTP server remains active, but all requests are re-sent to the HTTPS server by means of a "301 (Moved Permanently)" error. Browsers manage the redirection transparently.

Different circle properties allow the activation of HTTP and HTTPS servers to be controlled, and the ports used have been re-added. Any modification requires the Active Circle service to be restarted for it to be taken into account.

Role	Property	Value
Activation of http server	httpd.activate	"yes" by default. If the https server is active, redirects to it. If not, the web interface is used. The server is not activated if the value is set to "no".
http server port	httpd.port	80 by default.
Activation of https server	httpd.ssl.activate	"yes" by default. the web interface is used via SSL. Required for the password change tool.
https server port	httpd.httpsPort	443 by default.

SSL certificate

By default, the SSL certificate used is a self-signed certificate, which is the same on each node. The certificate must be stored in the Active Circle keyStore, which can be edited with the command:

```
acadmin --keyStore
```

When the server is restarted, the node searches for a specific alias using the name of the node followed by a dash and the "https" chain (e.g. "node01-https"). If this alias does not exist, it searches for the "https" alias. If this "https" alias is not found, the default "https" certificate is added in the keyStore.

Note:

The use of a self-signed certificate does not allow one to benefit from all SSL advantages. If it is not possible to purchase a certificate, openssl could be used to create a "root CA" certificate, and it can be used to generate the node's certificates. By importing the root certificate to the browser, there would no longer be any need to add exceptions for different nodes.

3.7.2.11. Administration interface

Optimizing of the list of nodes available in a context with a large number of nodes. This is now only updated each time it is displayed. It is therefore no longer updated while it remains open.

Strategies can be processed by batch via the shares root in the Shares section. From now on, the archiving and historization strategies are no longer checked by default. This allows users to more precisely select which to process, for each share.

AC-2621

Fixed the action of the historization strategy create button which until now launched the creation of a storage strategy.

AC-2629

When a user and group are created, if the UID and GID fields are left empty, a value will be determined by the node handling the request. In the interface, the probable value is displayed as a grayed-out suggestion.

3.7.2.12. NAS

AC-1963

*.amc temporary files handled so that they are ignored by the strategies processing. Once the *.amc file is renamed, its history is merged with the old file previously deleted. Finally, its signature can now be calculated.

AC-2232

A file is now considered "stable" if at least one of the following conditions is true:

- The file is sealed.
- The drop job is defined.
- The file is saved in the warehouse.

AC-2248

*.swp temporary files generated by the "vi" editor are handed so that they are ignored by the strategies processing.

3.7.2.13. Storage Management

Improved management of the allocation table of a data partition to make it easier to switch over shared partitions by preventing the non-closure of said file that was blocking the partition from being disassembled.

Improved pack-packing wait by adding the new system property: "activecircle.depository.stream.packPackerNbJoinersBlockingLevel" positioned at 10,000 by default and defined the maximum number of packs authorized to join a group.

The group filling rate (no. of packs pending) linearly alters the timeout of the pack-packing. The wait is therefore now not relaunched each time a pack joins the group, but is unique and starts at the first grouping.

Improved the verification of XFS partitions shared, which was systematically returning an error until now.

AC-2636

Added the system property "diskPool.PartitionUseMode", which can take the values:

- sequential: default value, fills the pool partitions one after the other.
- parallel: allows the IOs to be made parallel and optimized in case of mass duplication.

3.7.2.14. Archiving

Support for LTO NEC T30A and T60A libraries.

AC-653

The "media.lifeTime" circle property defining the default life span of tapes has been extended from 5 to 10 years. For information, the value given by the manufacturers is 30 years, for around 5,000 assemblies.

AC-1661

Added the following circle properties:

- activecircle.media.old.check.period
- activecircle.media.old.check.period.unit

These control the frequency with which the obsolescence of tapes is verified, and the frequency with which corresponding notes are sent. The default values of these properties are "7" and "day", respectively. The age is now verified once a week by default.

AC-2165

Improved tape removal from a pool and the deletion of tapes. The following system properties are no longer active:

- activecircle.mediapool.forcePartitionRemoval
- activecircle.appli.consumer.catalog.element.mediapool.activablebycell
.safeable.forcePartitionRemoval

AC-2264

LTFS archiving of files containing the character ": "are handled.

AC-2475

In the event of an LTFS archiving error in the index synchronization phase, the name of the first 50 files archived not found in the index are logged.

AC-2819

The default value of the circle parameter "archive.maxFilesCount" set at 1 million by default also becomes the maximum value authorized for this parameter.

3.7.2.15. CLI

`acadmin --tape --force`

Allows a tape to be forcefully deleted or removed from a pool. Therefore only to be used with caution.

AC-2063

`acdestage`

The full list of files is now displayed by default with the `--showFile` option. The command help has been reviewed for more clarity for the following options:

- `--fileState` Specify the state of files to display
<file states> one or several (separated by comma) file status among UNDEFINED, FOUND, ONLINE, RETRIEVING, ERROR, DESTAGED
- `--fileLimit` Specify the file limit to show (default is 1000)
<file limit> limit of files list to display
- `--showFile` Show file processes files (see the 'fileState' and 'fileLimit' options)

AC-2139

`acinfo --account --archiveDetailedInfo`

`acinfo --account --storageDetailedInfo`

The detailed information for storage and archiving strategies has been consolidated within the share, and is therefore now available from any of the circle's nodes.

AC-2628

`acadmin --share -w -u`

Allows an unversioned pool to be created with the `"-u"` or `"-unversioned"` option. This option is exclusive of the `"-w"` (worm) option.

3.7.3. Fixes and enhancements

AC-1957

Changed the compression algorithm for PACK data and catalog metadata from LZO to LZ4. This fix provides a better compression rate as well as better reading performance. Crashes related to the LZO compression on certain systems are therefore avoided.

LZO is still present in order to ensure the reading of data previously compressed.

AC-2216

The main administrator with a UID different to 0 may now perform re-caching without access rights to the files.

AC-2503

All exceptions captured during the resolution of an RLM service in order to authorize future resolutions.

3.8. Active Circle V4.6.2.3 HOTFIX – June 2018

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

4254c760353cc9f276adb047064729074aa7b90c5a7d756fda4e60490eac02aa

3.8.1. Fixes

AC-2536: Optimizing the number of UDP packets sent by a node when it boots with many network interfaces.

AC-2540: Support in Shared Disk Pool Validation scripts where the LABEL does not directly follow the device with the output format of the "blkid" command.

AC-2583: Support in Shared Disk Pool Validation scripts for the presence of the PARTLABEL fields from the output of the "blkid" command.

3.9. Active Circle V4.6.2.2 HOTFIX – May 2018

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

e4420a4aba8286cfceef2f5d5de6206eadc038cf03f1f5b9c92adaeb509225fc

3.9.1. Fixes

AC-2401: Added the system property "com.sun.jini.thread.maxThreadCount" to customize the maximum number of threads used by JINI services (default 46). The goal is to improve synchronization in a context of systems with multiple network interfaces by increasing the number of threads.

3.10. Active Circle V4.6.2.1 HOTFIX – March 2018

SHA256 FOOTPRINT

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3.10.1. Fixes

AC-2275: Restore the "Files", "Volume" and "Non-archived" columns to the Browser in Directory mode only.

3.11. Active Circle V4.6.2 – February 2017

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3.11.1. New features and enhancements

3.11.1.1. Improves update scripts

Scripts enabling updates have been optimized in response to customer feedback.

3.11.1.2. Improved tape management

Improved forced deletion of tapes with the system property “forcePartitionRemoval”.

3.11.2. Fixes

SPAC : The administration interface no longer displays an error message when displaying an archive that was deleted following its creation.

SPAC : Improved editing of network protocols via the administration interface to prevent the loss of root squash settings.

SPAC : Using the system property “activecircle.fc.task.minWorkersCount” for which the default value is 6, you can increase the number of threads used in the command node to detect nodes.

3.12. Active Circle V4.6.1 – December 2017

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3.12.1. New features and enhancements

3.12.1.1. Optimized update from V4.0.2 to V4.6

Update performance has been optimized by approximately 40%, limiting the length of service interruption related to this operation.

A set of scripts has been added to facilitate this operation: Backup and restore a node

- Backup and restore a node
- Monitor the update
- Validate the update

3.12.1.2. Integrity control of a pool improvement

Launch via the command:

```
accheck --pool --name <name> [--partitionName <name>] --  
integrity [--mode list|remove]
```

Interrupt via the command:

```
accheck --pool --interruptIntegrity
```

The integrity check has been enhanced to systematically display (at the information level) the number of available untruncated packs, as well as the size of each associated pool partition.

It is now also possible to recover the space on the corresponding FS with the integrity controller's "remove" option AND under the system property "activecircle.integrityChecker.truncateFreePack".

Warning: only to be used if certain that files are secured.

3.13. Active Circle V4.6.0 – October 2017

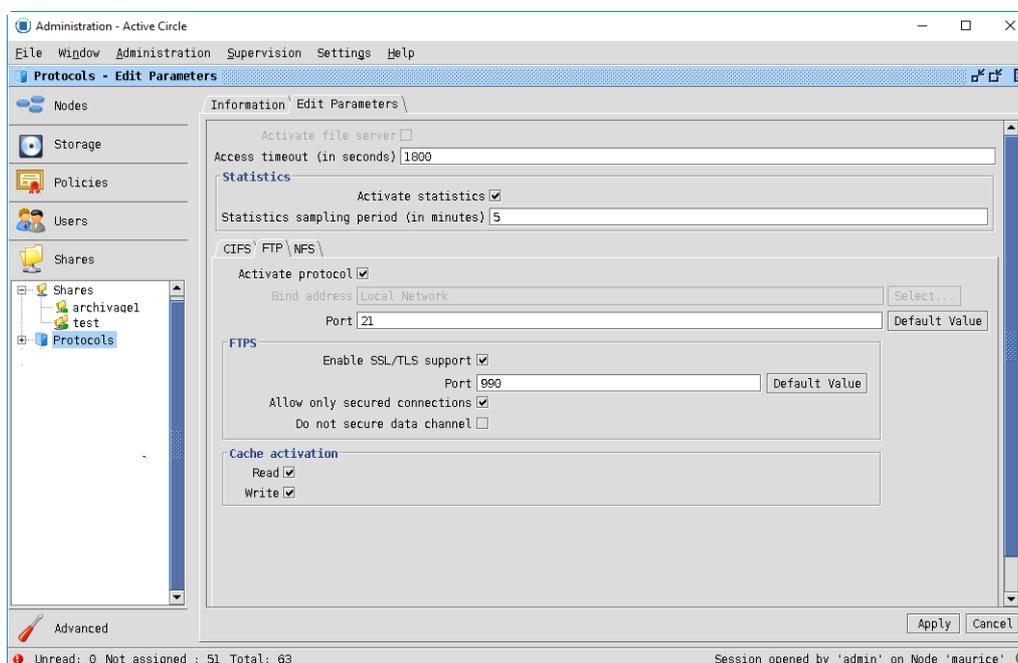
3.13.1. New features and enhancements

3.13.1.1. FTPS Protocol Support

The FTPS protocol is now available in Active Circle version 4.6, allowing for the exchange of secure data between clients and the Active Circle solution.

The FTPS protocol is disabled by default.

To configure it, go to the sub-section "Protocols" in the "Shares" category and then in the "FTP" tab:



In the "FTPS" section, you can then:

- Enable FTPS support
- Change the default "990" port
- Only allow secure connections, meaning prevent the use of the FTP protocol
- Not secure the data channel, i.e. use encryption only for authentication and use FTP for data if they are already encrypted for example

Note: activation of the FTPS requires CPU resources because the files must be decrypted upon arrival in the system

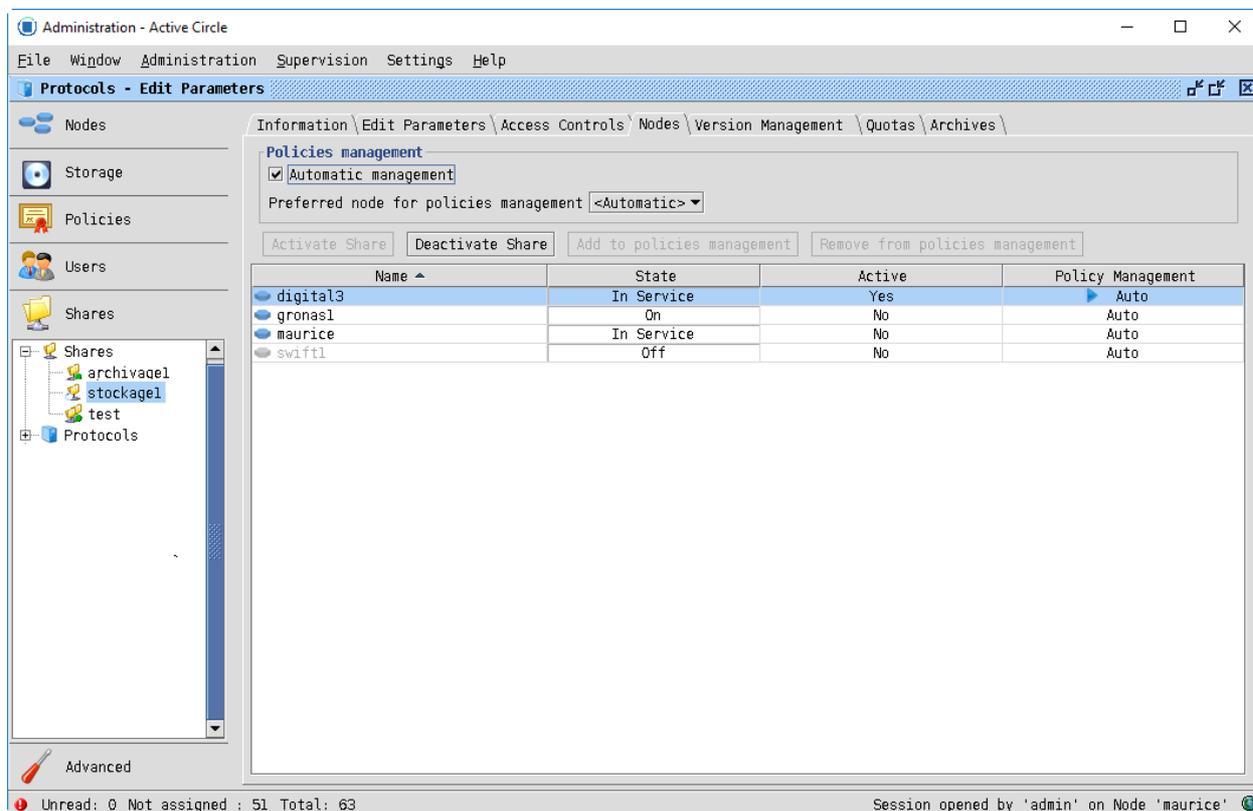
In order to allow encryption, a self-signed certificate is used by default.

The new "acadmin - keyStore" command allows you to manage all Active Circle certificates, including the import of a certificate and its private key for the FTPS protocol.

3.13.1.2. Improved management of policies

Each share can now define its own list of nodes for policy management:

- In automatic mode (by default), policies are managed in the list of policy cluster members.
- In manual mode, any circle node can be configured to manage policies.



Name	State	Active	Policy Management
digital3	In Service	Yes	Auto
gronas1	On	No	Auto
maurice	In Service	No	Auto
swift1	Off	No	Auto

You can always define a preferred node for policy management among the previously defined list.

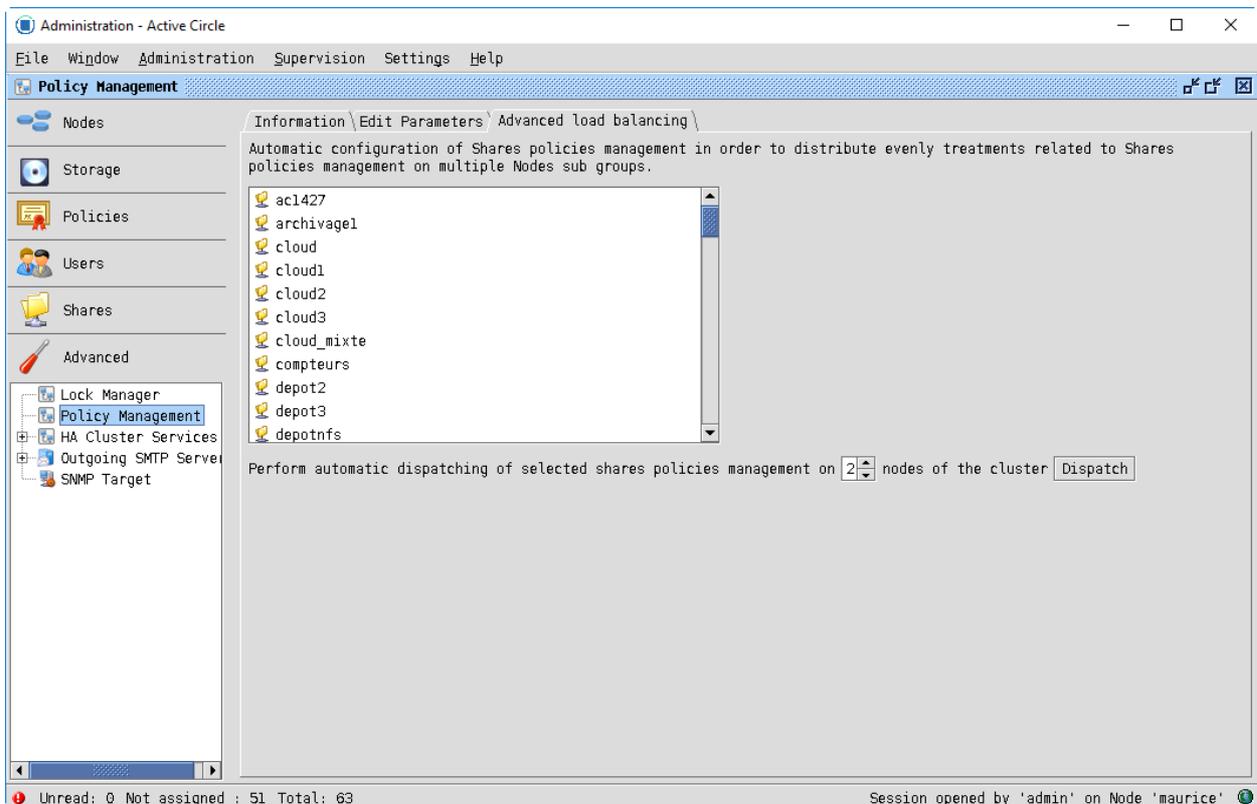
If the share is part of a share group, the share can inherit the group, its list of nodes for policy management, as well as its preferred node, in automatic or manual mode.

The distribution now takes into account the number of files and/or file versions placed in the share for a better balance between the nodes.

In manual mode, the share catalogs are now located on the nodes managing the policy, in addition to the consolidation nodes and the nodes on which the share is activated. So, it is not more localized on all the nodes of the strategy cluster.

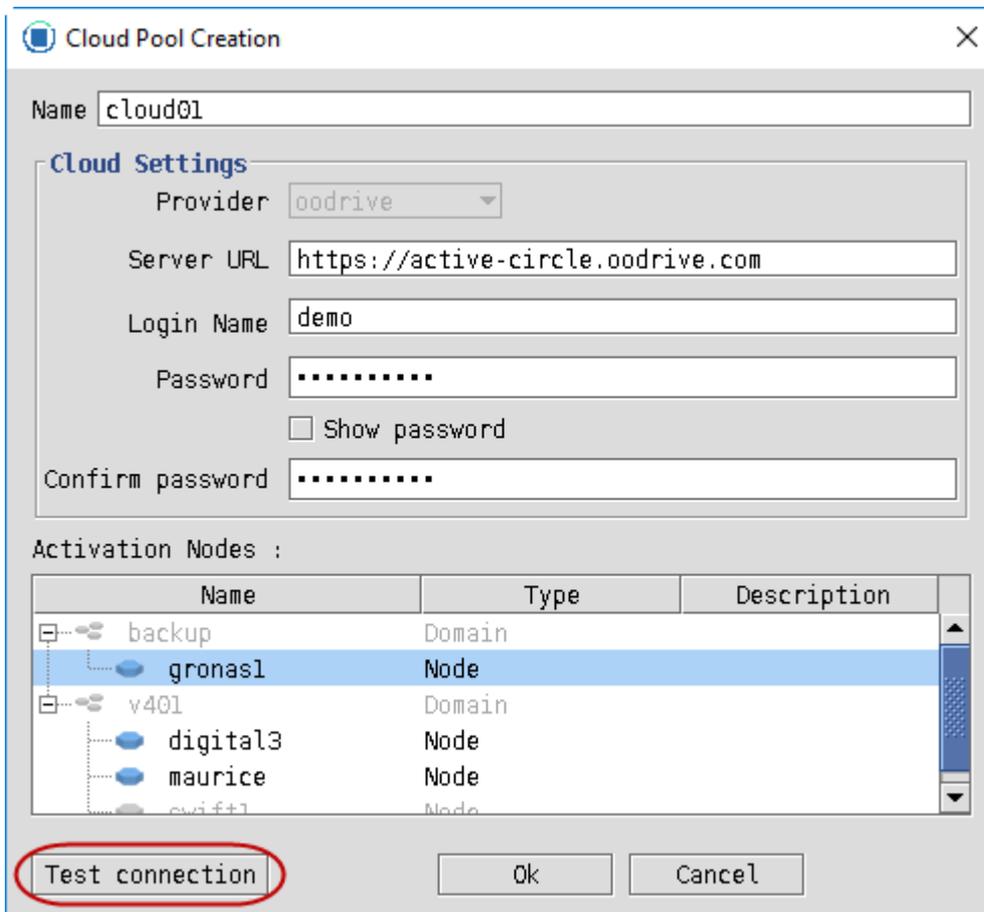
Addition of a new wizard to facilitate set up of the manual mode:

- This is accessible via a new "Advanced Distribution" tab under "Distribution of Strategies" in the "Advanced" view.
- It is available when the distribution cluster has at least 2 nodes, otherwise it is grayed out.
- It allows you to configure the list of policy management nodes for the selected shares, using a subset of the list of management distribution cluster members (each share has a different list).
- Warning: Applying the proposed distribution for the selected shares overwrites the prior configuration. Distribution is performed according to the weight of each share, at the time of configuration. It may therefore no longer be optimal depending on the evolution in the weight of each share and/or any changes in the node configuration for the management of the distribution of one or more share policies.



3.13.1.3. Cloud archiving enhancement

The creation of a cloud pool is facilitated by the appearance of a new button which can be used to test the connection to the cloud server.



Name	Type	Description
backup	Domain	
gronas1	Node	
v401	Domain	
digital3	Node	
maurice	Node	
swift1	Node	

A cloud pool can now be renamed.

When creating or editing an archive policy, you can only have one cloud constraint.

Improved cloud pool management:

- The activation of a cloud pool during deletion is no longer possible.
- Added reattempt in the case of failure to delete a cloud pool.
- The deletion of a cloud pool in “offline mode” is now possible.

If an error occurs during the upload of the archive in the cloud, the temporary file generated during the writing phase and is kept in the cache with a specific “pending” status. An asynchronous task will retry the upload for 24 hours.

The bulk downloads from the cloud have also been improved to allow the cloud infrastructure to optimize reads from the tapes and deliver the files as quickly as possible.

A cloud pool archive location coherency check has been added. It is performed in both directions that is to say that we verify that:

- an archive location has an archive on the cloud server.
- all cloud server archives correspond to an archive location. In this case, the "remove" mode makes it possible to clean unnecessary archives that would have been deleted locally without being transmitted to the cloud server

If there is no cloud location in an archive, a critical supervision note is created. This check is performed with the command "accheck --pool <pool_cloud>".

Addition of cloud support in CLI Active Circle: (See the paragraph on the CLI).

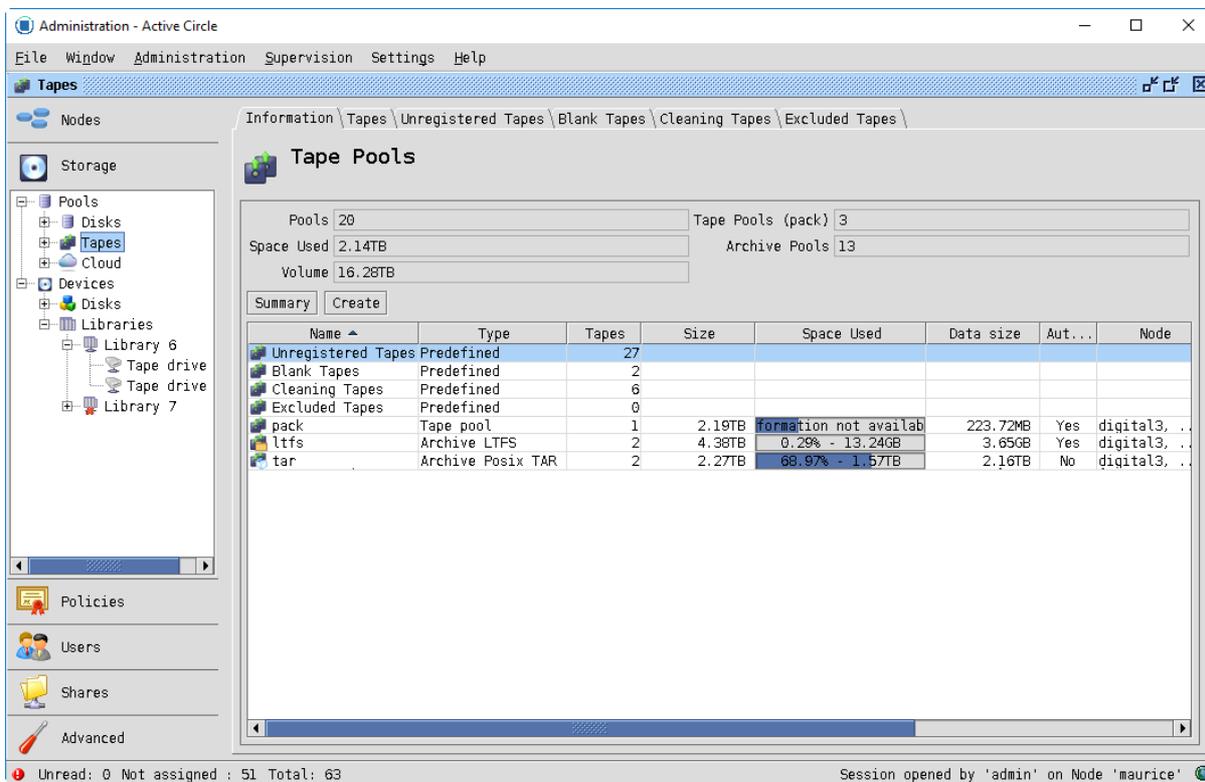
3.13.1.4. Administration interface

A node without access to the tape drives is no longer suggested as an activation node for a tape pool.

Renaming a share requires disabling it. Now its reactivation is automatic.

It is no longer possible to declare two archival constraints with identical locations within the same policy.

The view that displays the tape pool information has been improved with a new "Type" column that specifies the archive format for each of the pools.



Name	Type	Tapes	Size	Space Used	Data size	Aut...	Node
Unregistered Tapes	Predefined	27					
Blank Tapes	Predefined	2					
Cleaning Tapes	Predefined	6					
Excluded Tapes	Predefined	0					
pack	Tape pool	1	2.19TB	formation not availab	223.72MB	Yes	digital3, ..
ltfs	Archive LTFS	2	4.38TB	0.29% - 13.24GB	3.65GB	Yes	digital3, ..
tar	Archive Posix TAR	2	2.27TB	68.97% - 1.57TB	2.16TB	No	digital3, ..

Improved display of the Pools view, the tape archive pool icon in the LTFS format has been changed to make it easier to distinguish them from tape-based archive pools in TAR format.



As was the case for tape pools or disk pools, active cloud pools now appear under the corresponding nodes in the "Nodes" folder view.

Improved external directory connection wizard when using a mandatory proxy.

Improved readability of the distributed locks table, in the "Lock Manager" view, in circles with many nodes.

Addition of non-archived file number information by location for each share at the "Information" tab of each share.



The import of an openLDAP directory in TLS mode with an invalid certificate is now functional regardless of the language of the administration interface

SPAC: Clarified confirmation message when resetting storage policy counters.

SPAC: The HA Cluster now ignores UP but not RUNNING interfaces as well as those that do not support multicast. This allows, among other things, a node with two UP interfaces but only one RUNNING to be elected leader of the cluster.

SPAC: Removed an unnecessary popup that was displayed when the "Advanced" tab was selected when launching the administration interface.

SPAC: Corrected an anomaly that did not take into account the choice of the user's node when launching the administration interface.

SPAC-390: When launching GUIs, GUIs try to communicate with all nodes. In a multi-site and highly distributed configuration, this resulted in a delay before the login window was displayed. To avoid this, it is now possible through the circle parameter "httpd.service.lookupLocators.targetOnly = True" to only connect to the node from which the interface was downloaded.

3.13.1.5. Explorer interface

Improved performance of the explorer.

A new default value for memory allocation has been set for the explorer interface (256 MB to 512 MB).

3.13.1.6. NAS

Prohibit changing the UNIX mode of a share. The change returns the error "Access denied".

Added a current operations counter to a file to prevent premature closing when filing the large file via NFS.

SPAC: Support for image rotation with the Windows 7/10 viewer.

SPAC: Support for the latest versions of smbclient, Nautilus and Dolphin that prevented the connection in CIFS on Linux.

SPAC: Significant performance improvements when depositing large file structures through optimized calculation of the number of directories present in a directory to monitor quotas.

SPAC38 & SPAME-62: Added a specific error code for unsupported operations to avoid saturation of NAS logs when a CIFS client on Linux tries to read a file name containing ":". The CIFS session is not closed due to this error

SPDEV-390: Improved cache system avoids partition saturation.

3.13.1.7. Archiving

Prevents the potential blocking of access to a tape for archiving after a destaging of many files on the same tape.

In a shared library configuration, we now check that the drive is ready before recovering the capacity of the tape it contains.

Supports the Quantum Scalar i3-i6 library.

Fixed an issue with the maximum capacity of an LTFS tape that was wrong when the tape was previously in a TAR pool.

Fixed an issue with the non-archived files counter that became negative with symbolic links when importing LTFS or TAR.

Directories and empty files in the same LTFS archive have the same file key. A warning log is now only displayed when adding the same element (same key) to the archive, ignoring cases related to directories and empty files.

SPAC: To avoid any loss of tape files from overwriting in the event of communication failure between two nodes managing a shared library, we now check for any new resource allocation, so that the selected tape file is the last one on the tape (add mode), even if the tape has already been used by the resource manager. This verification is not performed as part of a parallel archive when the tape is transmitted to a pending request when it is released. If unsuccessful, the tape is quarantined for 5 minutes and cannot be selected during this time for writing. If the error recurs after the quarantine period, the tape is closed and a supervision note is sent.

SPAC-165: Canceling an archive, cancel the associated destaging.

3.13.1.8. Supervision

When the activation or processing information of a share policy is changed while the node is shutting down, the location of the share is no longer checked, or it must be started or stopped on the current node.

SPAC: Optimized processing of note addition events in the administration log, which is now done by batch.

SPAC-313: Addition of a supervision note when processing interruptions of a storage strategy. This note will make it easier to follow the storage strategy when the processing allowed a migration of the data to new warehouses by allowing stopped strategies to know the treated streams thus "fulfilled" by those which did not take place.

SPDEV-371: Some libraries consider free slots for additional drives as exception invalid drives. The supervisory note message stating that a drive is missing from a library has been modified and now displays the corresponding item number in the library. Finally, this note is sent only once per reader until it has been closed.

3.13.1.9. CLI

acarchive, added support for cloud pools.

accheck, the "--pool <pool_cloud>" option is used to check the consistency of archive locations on the cloud.

acinfo, added the option "--share" to display the state node shares.

acinfo, the "--nac" option has been detailed in the "--help" help option of the command.

acinfo, the "--pool" option now displays information about cloud pools.

acinfo, now supports the archives on cloud pools with the option "--archive -l".

acinfo, the "--policy" option now displays the "cloud" type for archiving constraints in the cloud.

acinfo, adding "Cloud" pool support for "--space" option

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acfind, add a "-p <pattern>" option to search for files by name. The pattern is expressed as a Posix regular expression.

acfind, now displays files without localization when using the "-i" option to display location information.

acfind, resolving a problem that sometimes prevented the command from running by using a cluster name.

acls, improved display of files without location by specifying "<unreachable>" after the filename.

acadmin, the "--nac" option has been detailed in the "--help" help option of the command.

acadmin, the "--pool" option is used to create "cloud" pools.

3.13.2. Fixes and enhancements

Active Circle logos updated.

Correction of an anomaly that caused the synchronization of an external directory after restarting the cluster leader node strategies.

The maximum number of days allowed between two synchronizations changes from 14 days to 30 days by default.

SPAC: Administrators are allowed to cache files for which they do not have read rights.

SPAC: The choice of a partition of a disk pool during writing is now deterministic according to the order in which the partitions are added to the pool, and if necessary, according to their name (in alphabetical order).

SPAC : Fixed the calculation of the shared partition reservation key that prevented the switching of shared disk pools. This problem was the cause of the critical message "For input string:".

SPAC-278 : The job count is now only checked when creating a file. This is done to avoid truncated/empty files when the job count or the cache occupancy rate is exceeded. In addition, a supervisory note has been added to indicate that the job count has reached critical limit.

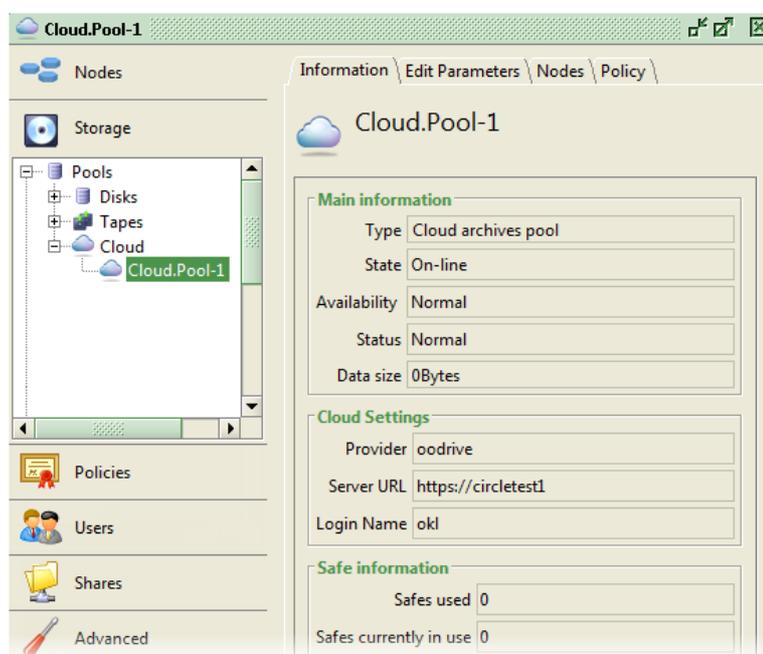
3.14. Reminder of functional additions in version 4.5

3.14.1. Support for CentOS 7 / RHEL 7

The arrival of version 4.5 has provided support for the latest versions of CentOS 7 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7. In order to facilitate the deployment of new configurations, a new step-by-step installation guide for Active Circle will soon be available.

3.14.2. Archiving in the Cloud

It is now possible to directly archive the data in the Oodrive cloud. This feature is implemented through a new pool type called "Cloud Pools". The data is therefore archived in the cloud pool through an archive policy as is the case for local tape pools.

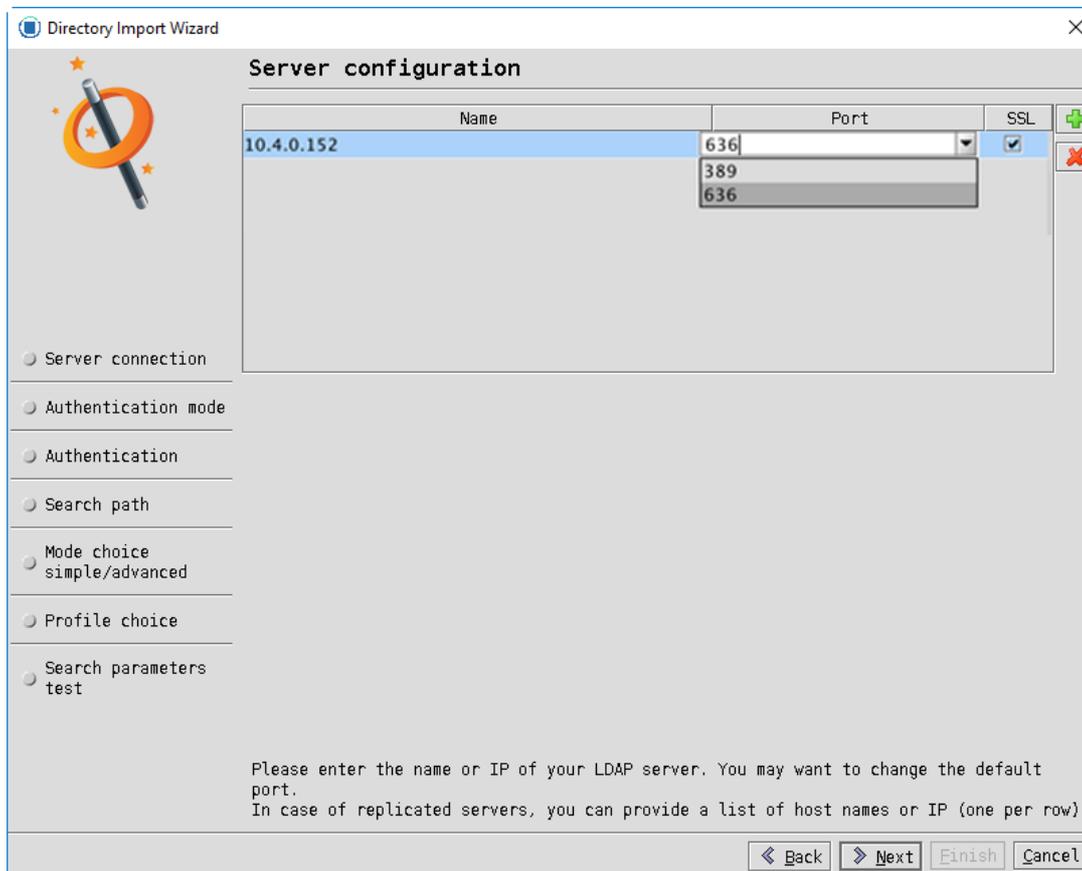


3.14.3. Support for NTLMv2 authentication

NTLMv2 authentication for OpenLDAP users (samba schema) is now supported for CIFS mounts on Windows client computers. It is no longer necessary to modify the configuration of the Windows and MacOS client computers to authorize the use of NTLMv1.

3.14.4. LDAP support for TLS.

When importing an LDAP, TLS mode is preferred by attempting to access the server on port 636. The port for unsecured access may be chosen if it is available on the server.



The certificate is then verified and is rejected if it is considered invalid (self-signed certificate, unrecognized certification authority, etc.). It is still possible to use the connection without checking the certificate, but you must enable the circle property "directory.trust-all-certs".

Existing configurations are not impacted. However, it is possible to go into the secure mode by editing the directory configuration to change the port used (the default LDAPS port is 636). As with importing, the certificate is checked and the circle "directory.trust-all-certs" property must be enabled to force its use.

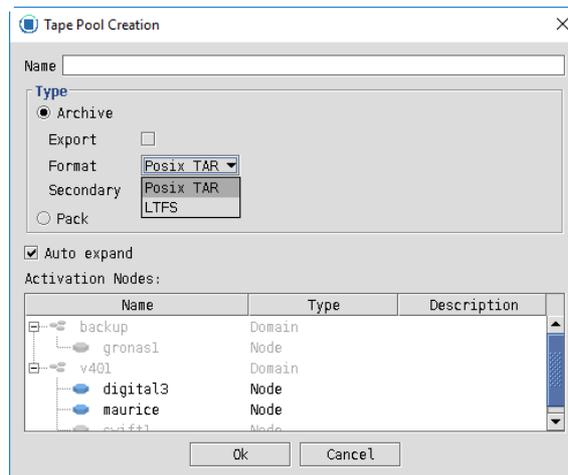
Limitation: The import of an openLDAP directory in TLS mode with an invalid certificate is not functional if the administration interface is in English. To work around the issue, launch the interface in French.

3.14.5. Support for archiving and importing LTFS tapes

When creating an archive pool, it is possible to set the TAR or LTFS format.

In addition to the format difference, the validated archive option is not available in LTFS.

When importing, Active Circle does not read the data on the tape to import but only the LTFS index of the tape and only the last index is read.



The space available on an LTFS tape is the space on the LTFS file system of the tape on the Active Circle node. As a result, self-expansion of LTFS pools can only be done with LTO5 tapes or higher.

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