

Installing the GECAMed client manually

[Java Webstart](#) is the preferred method of launching a GECAMed client. It is very flexible as it downloads and updates all the clients on different workstations automatically after a new GECAMed version has been deployed.

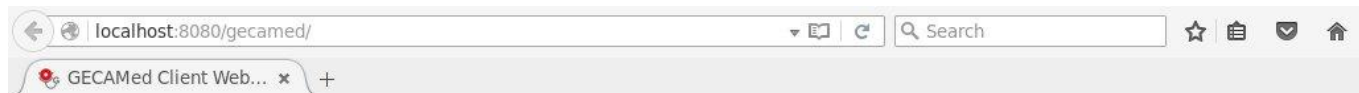
However, there are also a few drawbacks, the biggest of them being that Java Webstart requires a valid Code Signing Certificate delivered with the GECAMed application in order to be able to launch the GECAMed clients. As a consequence, you need to install a recent GECAMed version when the certificate for your current version is about to expire, which happens roughly every 2 years.

If you haven't upgraded in time and GECAMed won't start for that reason, there is a workaround that avoids Java Webstart entirely. The idea is to install the GECAMed client software manually on every client computer. Naturally, the advantages of Java Webstart such as automatic client upgrades are lost.

To do so, proceed as follows:

- **Open your Webbrowser** and type the following address: <http://localhost:8080/gecamed>
- If you are starting GECAMed from an other machine, please replace localhost with the IP of your server in that address: http://IP_OF_YOUR_SERVER:8080/gecamed
- **Scroll** down the page to: **Installing the GECAMed client manually**
- **Download** GECAMedClient.zip
- **Unzip** the file into a directory of your choice (**right click EXTRACT ALL**)
- **Start the GECAMed client** with the script corresponding to your OS (startGECAMedClientOnWindows.bat for Windows, respectively startGECAMedClientOnMac.command on Mac OSX).

A desktop shortcut for quick launch will also be created.



Start GECAMed

If you start GECAMed for the first time, both username and password are **admin**. With this admin user account you can do the basic GECAMed configuration tasks, like creating an office, physicians, and more users. The "Obligatory Settings" article from the User Manual ([DE](#), [FR](#)) pops up to guide you through the process.

Once you're done with the basic configuration we strongly advise you to change the password of the admin user. You might need it in the future for other customizations.

Known Problems with Java Webstart

If the GECAMed client is not starting, there might be something wrong with your Java installation. Try to reinstall Java.

If the Browser asks you to download or open the GECAMed.jnlp file, choose "javaws" from your Java installation directory to open the file, e.g. "C:\Program Files\Java\jre7\bin\javaws" on Windows. On Mac OS X and Linux the command "which javaws" helps to localize the file.

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Recently there has been a new problem when using Java Webstart on Mac OSX (see [ticket #1433](#) for more details). Until we have found and corrected the root cause of the problem, here is a workaround that avoids Java Webstart entirely. The principal idea is to install the GECAMed client software manually on the client computer. Of course, the advantages of Java Webstart mentioned above are lost.

To do so, proceed as follows:

1. [Download GECAMedClient.zip](#)
2. Unzip the file into a directory of your choice, unless your browser hasn't already done this for you.
3. Start the GECAMed client with the script corresponding to your OS (**startGECAMedClientOnWindows.bat** for Windows, respectively **startGECAMedClientOnMac.command** on Mac OSX).
4. A desktop shortcut for quick launch is also provided.

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