## Securing the Wazuh API

By default, the communications between the Wazuh Kibana App and the Wazuh API are not encrypted. You should take the following actions to secure the Wazuh API.

1. Change default credentials:

By default you can access by typing user "foo" and password "bar". We recommend you to generate new credentials. This can be done very easily, with the following steps:

- \$ cd /var/ossec/api/configuration/auth
- \$ sudo node htpasswd -c user myUserName

## 2. Enable HTTPS:

In order to enable HTTPS you need to generate or provide a certificate. You can learn how to generate your own certificate or generate it automatically using the script <a href="https://var/ossec/api/scripts/configure\_api.sh">/var/ossec/api/scripts/configure\_api.sh</a>.

3. Bind to localhost:

In case you do not need to access to the API externally, you should bind the API to localhost using the option config.host placed in the configuration file /var/ossec/api/configuration/config.js.