

# LOW-COST LORA GATEWAY: WEB ADMIN INTERFACE



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- ❑ This tutorial presents the web admin interface which is an add-on to the low-cost gateway
- ❑ Please read first the "Low-cost LoRa gateway: a step-by-step tutorial" to understand the gateway configuration
- ❑ Note that the SD card image has everything needed, including the web admin interface installed, so you may skip the installation procedure
- ❑ Let's get started...

# GATEWAY WEB ADMIN INTERFACE (1)

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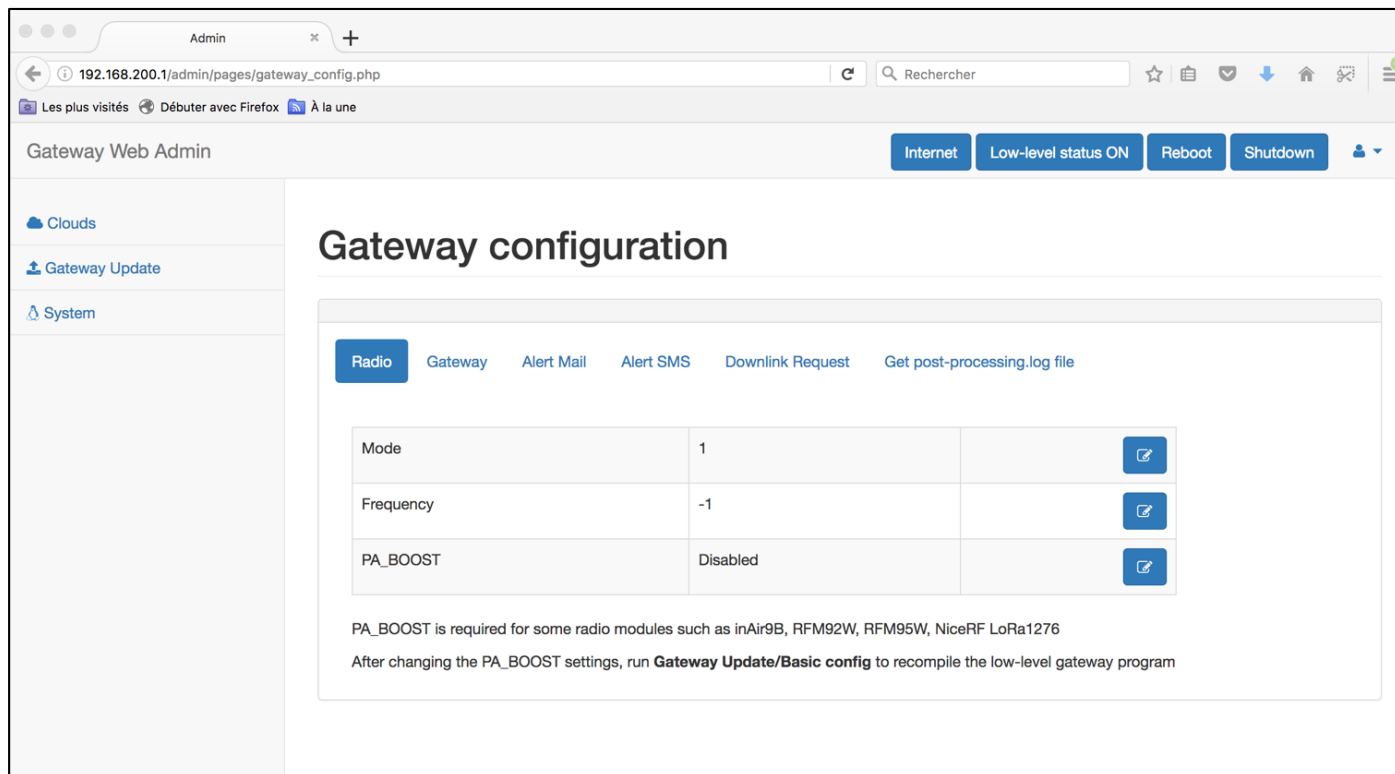
- ❑ A gateway web admin interface has been added to the latest version
- ❑ To install the web admin interface, check if you have the `gw_web_admin` folder in your `lora_gateway` folder
- ❑ If you don't, then update to the latest version
- ❑ Then, go into `gw_web_admin` and run the `install.sh` script
  - ❑ `cd gw_web_admin`
  - ❑ `sudo ./install.sh`

# GATEWAY WEB ADMIN INTERFACE (2)

□ <http://192.168.200.1/admin>

□ Login: admin

□ Password: loragateway



The screenshot shows the Gateway Web Admin interface in a web browser. The address bar displays `192.168.200.1/admin/pages/gateway_config.php`. The page title is "Gateway Web Admin". On the right, there are buttons for "Internet", "Low-level status ON", "Reboot", and "Shutdown", along with a user icon. The left sidebar contains links for "Clouds", "Gateway Update", and "System". The main content area is titled "Gateway configuration" and features a tabbed interface with "Radio" selected. The "Radio" tab shows a table with the following configuration:

Parameter	Value	Action
Mode	1	[Edit]
Frequency	-1	[Edit]
PA_BOOST	Disabled	[Edit]

Below the table, a note states: "PA\_BOOST is required for some radio modules such as inAir9B, RFM92W, RFM95W, NiceRF LoRa1276". A final instruction reads: "After changing the PA\_BOOST settings, run **Gateway Update/Basic config** to recompile the low-level gateway program".

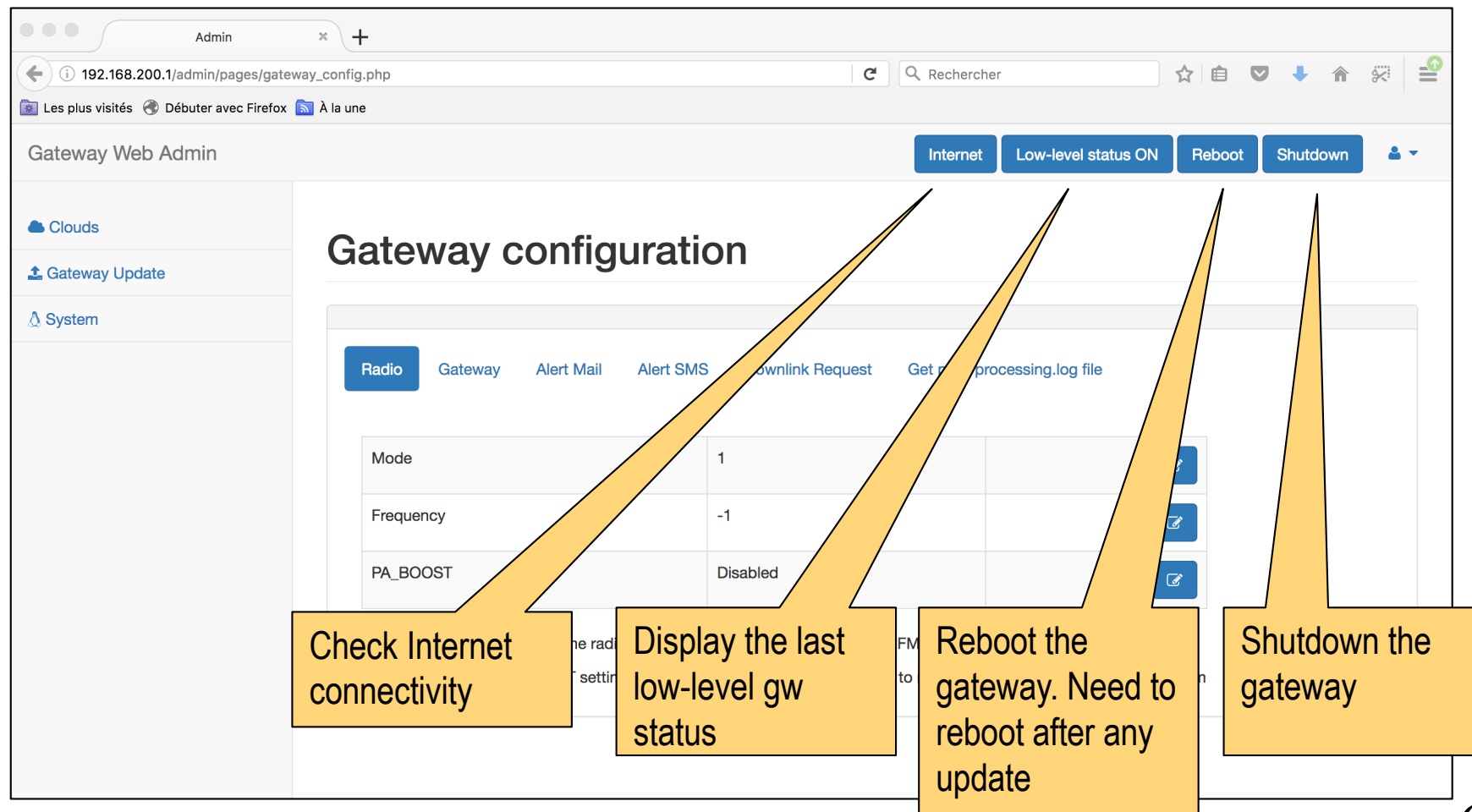
# WEB ADMIN FEATURES

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- ❑ Currently, you can use the web admin to:
  - ❑ Update your gateway with the latest github version and perform the basic configuration procedure. You can preserve your configuration files
  - ❑ Configure the gateway as WiFi client to connect to a WiFi network
  - ❑ Test Internet connectivity
  - ❑ Easily reboot and shutdown your gateway
    - Be carefull, if you shut down the gateway, you need to physically access the gateway to power it it on again
  - ❑ Change LoRa mode and frequency
  - ❑ Set your gateway id and configure alerting system (mail, SMS)
  - ❑ Change the WiFi SSID and password
  - ❑ Enable/Disable local AES decryption
  - ❑ Enable/Disable ThingSpeak and WAZIUP Orion cloud
  - ❑ For ThingSpeak, you can specify a new write key
  - ❑ For WAZIUP Orion, you can specify the project name, the organization name and the service tree
    - Fiware-service=project\_name
    - sensor\_name=organization\_name+"\_Sensor"
    - Fiware-servicePath='/' + organization\_name + service\_tree

# GATEWAY MAIN PAGE

## □ Gateway main page (configuration page)



The screenshot shows the 'Gateway Web Admin' interface. At the top, there are four buttons: 'Internet', 'Low-level status ON', 'Reboot', and 'Shutdown'. Below these, the 'Gateway configuration' section is visible, with a 'Radio' tab selected. The configuration table shows the following values:

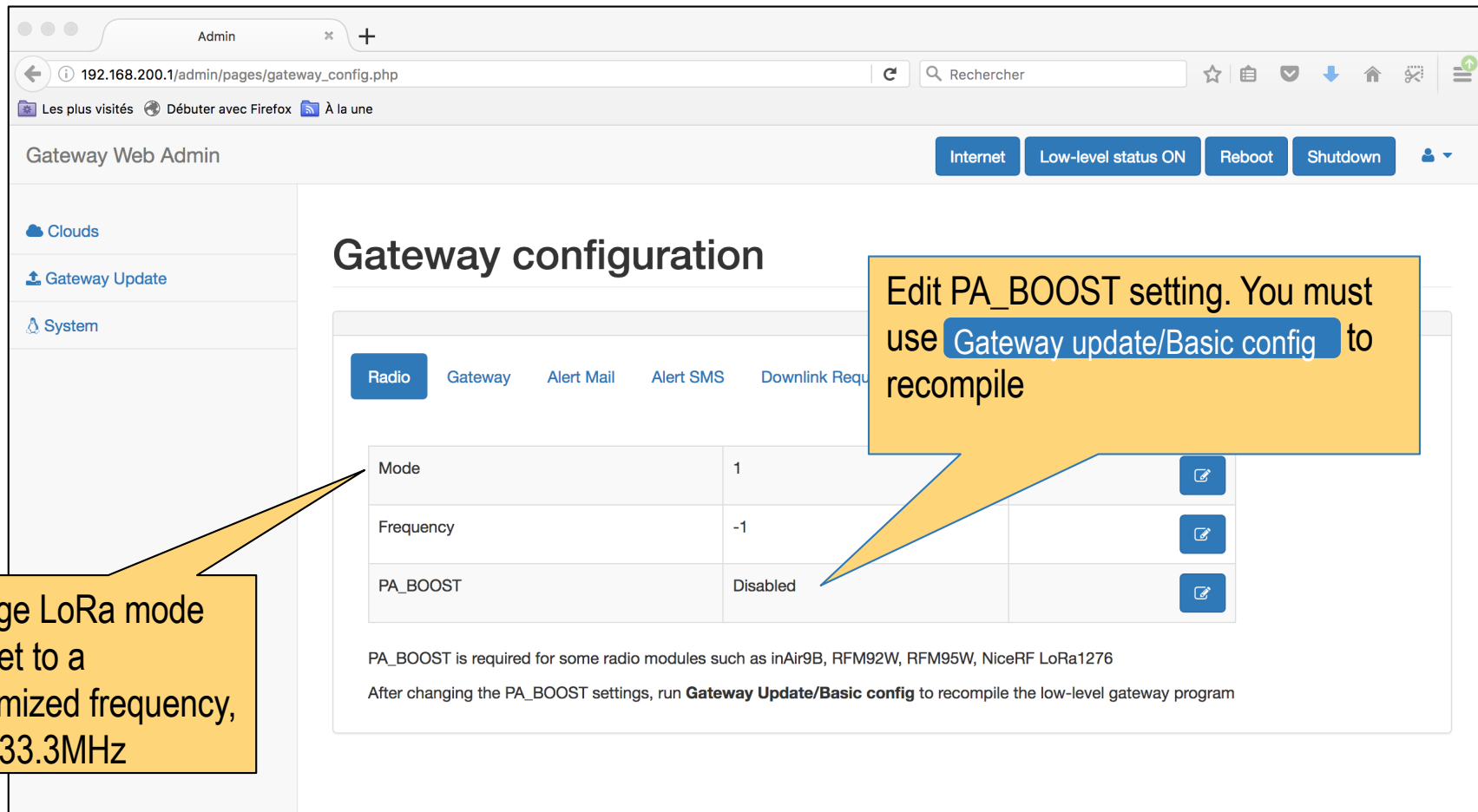
Parameter	Value
Mode	1
Frequency	-1
PA_BOOST	Disabled

Four yellow callout boxes with arrows pointing to the buttons provide instructions:

- Check Internet connectivity** (points to 'Internet')
- Display the last low-level gw status** (points to 'Low-level status ON')
- Reboot the gateway. Need to reboot after any update** (points to 'Reboot')
- Shutdown the gateway** (points to 'Shutdown')

# MAIN GATEWAY CONFIGURATION (1)

## □ Gateway radio configuration section






Gateway Web Admin

Internet Low-level status ON Reboot Shutdown

### Gateway configuration

Radio Gateway Alert Mail Alert SMS Downlink Request

Mode	1	
Frequency	-1	
PA_BOOST	Disabled	

PA\_BOOST is required for some radio modules such as inAir9B, RFM92W, RFM95W, NiceRF LoRa1276  
After changing the PA\_BOOST settings, run **Gateway Update/Basic config** to recompile the low-level gateway program

Change LoRa mode and set to a customized frequency, e.g. 433.3MHz

Edit PA\_BOOST setting. You must use **Gateway update/Basic config** to recompile

# MAIN GATEWAY CONFIGURATION (2)

## □ Gateway configuration section

Gateway Web Admin

- Clouds
- Gateway Update
- System

### Gateway configuration

Radio Gateway Alert Mail Alert SMS Downlink Request Get

Gateway ID	0000027EB5A71F7	
Gateway ID MD5 hashed	3304d293a4f5524e3d058929cf6583fb	not editable
AES	true	
downlink	60	
IP address	10.0.13.96	not editable
Mac addresss	b8:27:eb:5a:71:f7	not editable
GPS coordinates	Latitude : 41.31423 Longitude : -0.36384	
raw format	false	
wappkey	false	

Set gateway ID (should normally be pre-configured)

Default id is 000000XXXXXXXXXX with the last 5 bytes of the gateway network interface (e.g. 27EB5A71F7)

Set the AES encryption option and the downlink feature

The MD5 hash of the gateway's ID



# MAIN GATEWAY CONFIGURATION (3)

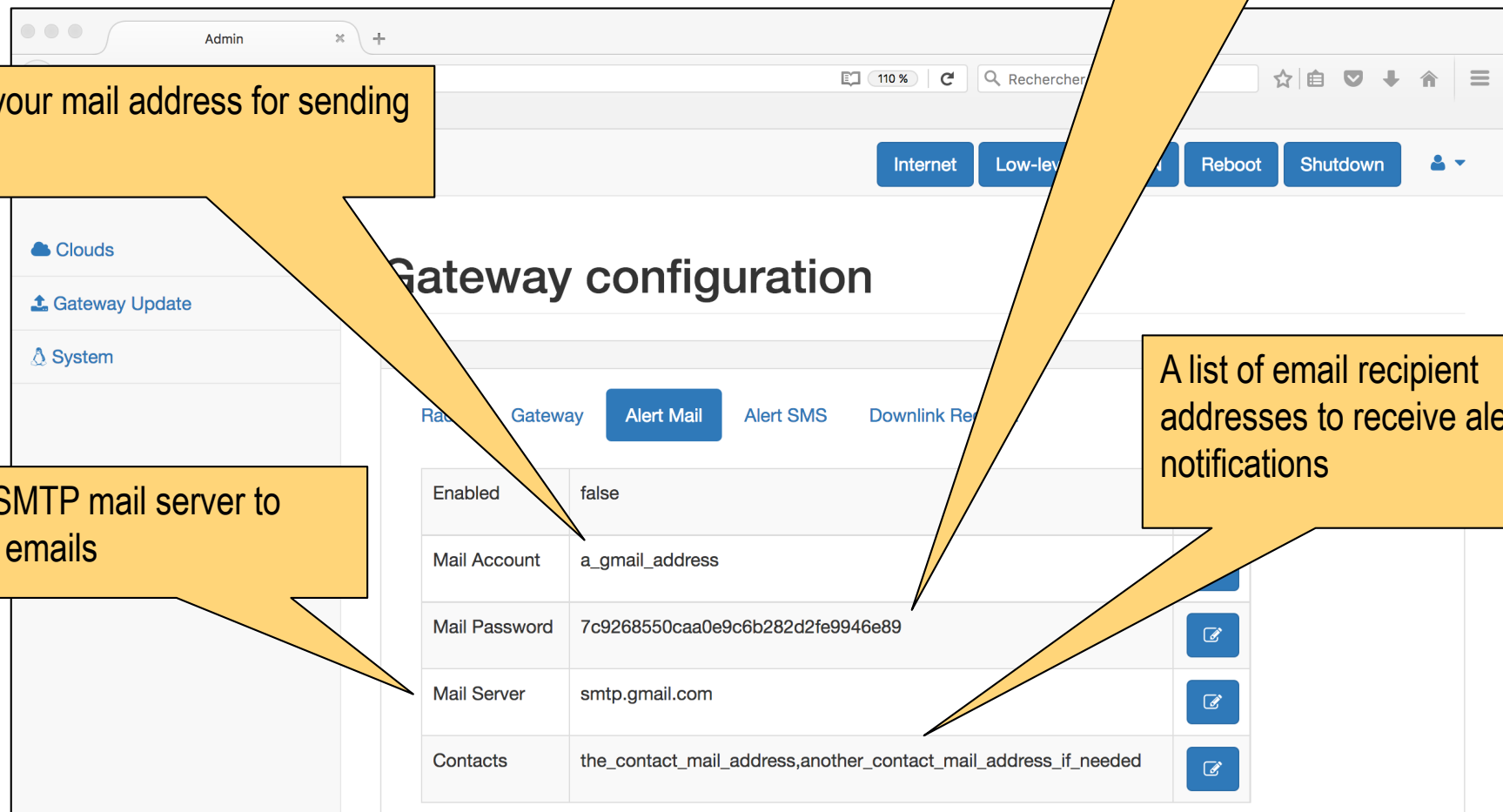
## □ Gateway email alerting section

Your email account password

Enter your mail address for sending emails

The SMTP mail server to send emails

A list of email recipient addresses to receive alert notifications

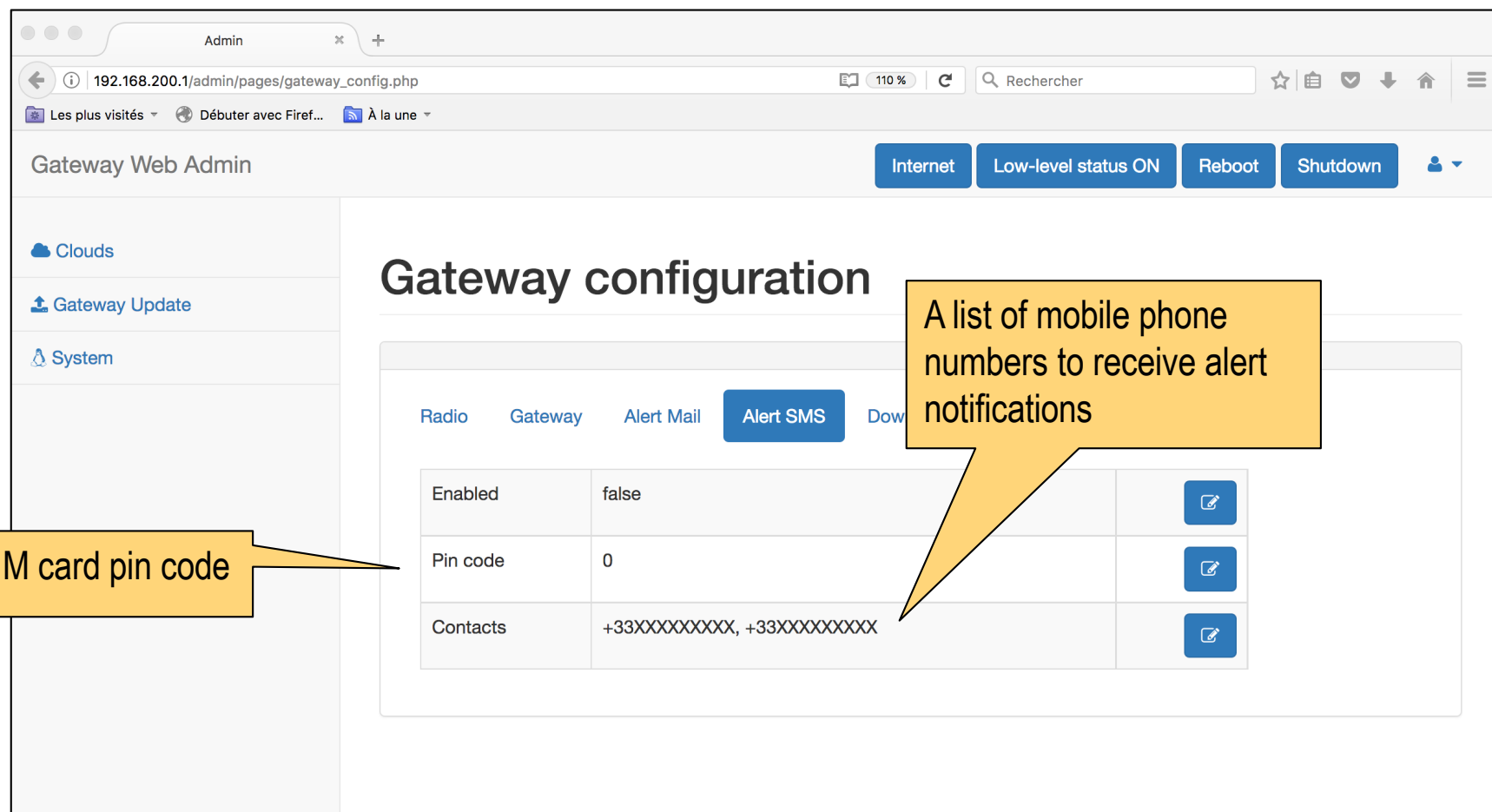


The screenshot shows the 'Gateway configuration' page with the 'Alert Mail' tab selected. The configuration table is as follows:




Field	Value
Enabled	false
Mail Account	a_gmail_address
Mail Password	7c9268550caa0e9c6b282d2fe9946e89
Mail Server	smtp.gmail.com
Contacts	the_contact_mail_address,another_contact_mail_address_if_needed

# MAIN GATEWAY CONFIGURATION (4)

## □ Gateway SMS alerting section



The screenshot shows the 'Gateway Web Admin' interface. The left sidebar contains links for 'Clouds', 'Gateway Update', and 'System'. The main content area is titled 'Gateway configuration' and has tabs for 'Radio', 'Gateway', 'Alert Mail', 'Alert SMS' (selected), and 'Down'. The 'Alert SMS' tab displays a table with the following configuration:

Enabled	false	
Pin code	0	
Contacts	+33XXXXXXXXXX, +33XXXXXXXXXX	

Two callout boxes provide additional context:

- A yellow callout box points to the 'Pin code' field with the text: 'The SIM card pin code'.
- A yellow callout box points to the 'Contacts' field with the text: 'A list of mobile phone numbers to receive alert notifications'.

# MAIN GATEWAY CONFIGURATION (5)

## □ Gateway generating downlink messages

Destination node, between 2 and 255

The string to send. Can be specific commands for the device if it has been programmed/configured accordingly.

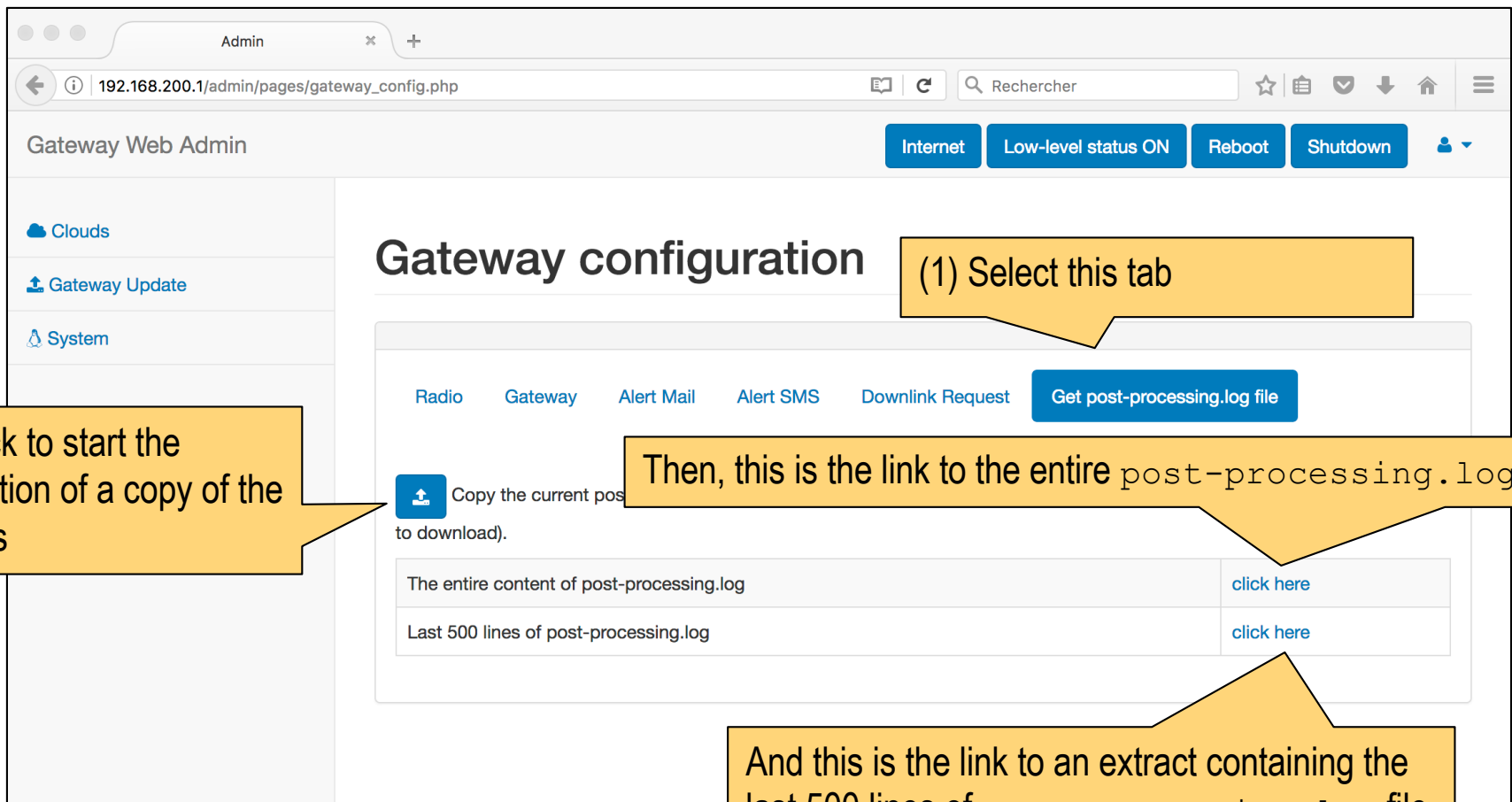
Submit will generate in the downlink folder a `downlink-post.txt` file with the following entry:  

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{"status": "send_request", "dst": 2, "data": "hello from gateway"}
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More info on [https://github.com/CongducPham/LowCostLoRaGw/blob/master/gw\\_full\\_latest/README-downlink.md](https://github.com/CongducPham/LowCostLoRaGw/blob/master/gw_full_latest/README-downlink.md)

# MAIN GATEWAY CONFIGURATION (6)

## □ Gateway log files section



The screenshot shows the 'Gateway Web Admin' interface. The left sidebar contains links for 'Clouds', 'Gateway Update', and 'System'. The main content area is titled 'Gateway configuration' and includes tabs for 'Radio', 'Gateway', 'Alert Mail', 'Alert SMS', and 'Downlink Request'. A button labeled 'Get post-processing.log file' is visible. Below the tabs, there is a section for downloading log files with two options: 'The entire content of post-processing.log' and 'Last 500 lines of post-processing.log', each with a 'click here' link. Annotations in yellow boxes provide instructions: (1) Select this tab (pointing to the 'Gateway' tab), (2) Click to start the generation of a copy of the log files (pointing to the download button), and two other boxes pointing to the download links for the full log and the last 500 lines.

Gateway Web Admin

Internet Low-level status ON Reboot Shutdown

Clouds Gateway Update System

### Gateway configuration

(1) Select this tab

Radio Gateway Alert Mail Alert SMS Downlink Request Get post-processing.log file

(2) Click to start the generation of a copy of the log files

Then, this is the link to the entire `post-processing.log` file

The entire content of post-processing.log	<a href="#">click here</a>
Last 500 lines of post-processing.log	<a href="#">click here</a>

And this is the link to an extract containing the last 500 lines of `post-processing.log` file

# GET GATEWAY LOG FILES

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- ☐ The "Get post-processing.log file" option is a convenient way for an end-user to obtain the log file that can be sent (mail) to an experienced user for analysis or debug purposes.
- ☐ The entire post-processing/log file can be obtained, or
- ☐ Only the last 500 lines
- ☐ The last feature can be used by an end-user to see whether data have been recently received from end-devices or not

# GATEWAY UPDATE

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- ❑ The gateway must be updated to the latest version.
- ❑ Internet access for the gateway is necessary
- ❑ The update procedure can easily be done with the web admin interface, connect to the gateway WiFi first
- ❑ The update steps are
  - 1 Full Update
  - 2 Basic Config
  - 3 Update Web Interface

# GATEWAY UPDATE PAGE

## Gateway update section

The screenshot shows the 'Gateway Update' section of the WAZIUP web interface. It features a sidebar with 'Admin', 'Gateway Web Admin', 'Clouds', 'Gateway Configuration', and 'System'. The main content area has tabs for 'New Installation', 'Full update', 'Basic config', 'Download and install a file', and 'Update web admin interface'. Below the tabs, there is a section for installing the latest version of the gateway, mentioning 'Git version: 313' and 'Date of current distribution: 313'.

**1** Install a new gateway by removing the existing `lora_gateway` folder, all existing configuration files will be overwritten.

If you install a new gateway with our SD card image, you can use this option.

**2** Update with latest version on github, all your configuration files will be kept. This is the recommended option.

**3** Update the web admin interface after an update of the distribution to install the last version of the web admin interface.


It is recommended to run **Update web admin** right after **Full update** or **New installation**. Then reload the page.

Can download and install a file in the `lora_gateway` folder. A link to a file should be provided, e.g. a Dropbox link

# SOFTWARE VERSION NUMBER

## Gateway Update

[New Installation](#) [Full update](#) [Basic config](#) [Download and install a file](#) [Update web admin interface](#)

 Install latest version of gateway, **erasing** all existing configuration file.  
Custom SSID will be preserved. May take minutes, wait for finish notification.

**Git version: 313. Installed version: 313.** Date of current distribution is 2018-06-21 16:28:07.326390425 +0200

- ☐ The software version number on github and the installed version number are displayed
- ☐ Click on [Internet](#) to obtain the latest software version number on github

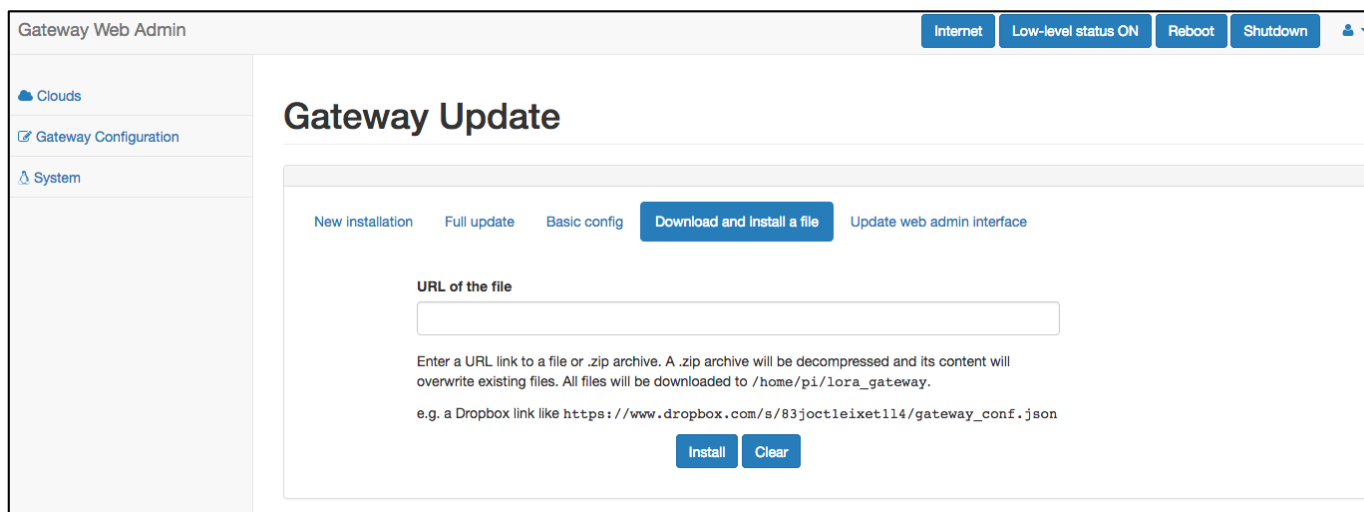
Internet connection successful. github version number has been obtained.

[Internet](#)[Low-level status ON](#)[Reboot](#)[Shutdown](#)



# DOWNLOAD & INSTALL A FILE

- ❑ The "Download and install a file" option is a convenient way to install a configuration file
  - ❑ For instance, a customized radio.makefile file can be edited by an experienced user, then put on Dropbox and the link provided to an end-user (mail, SMS,...)
  - ❑ After installation, the end-user can use "Basic config" to recompile the gateway program and then reboot



Gateway Web Admin

Internet Low-level status ON Reboot Shutdown

Clouds  
Gateway Configuration  
System

## Gateway Update

New installation Full update Basic config **Download and install a file** Update web admin interface

URL of the file

Enter a URL link to a file or .zip archive. A .zip archive will be decompressed and its content will overwrite existing files. All files will be downloaded to /home/pi/lor\_gateway.  
e.g. a Dropbox link like [https://www.dropbox.com/s/83joc1e1xet114/gateway\\_conf.json](https://www.dropbox.com/s/83joc1e1xet114/gateway_conf.json)

Install Clear

# GATEWAY CLOUD PAGES

## □ Gateway cloud configuration section

Gateway Web Admin

Internet Low-level status ON Reboot Shutdown









Gateway Configuration  
Gateway Update  
System

### Cloud

Cloud WAZIUP ThingSpeak Cloud No Internet Cloud Gps File Cloud MQTT Cloud Node-RED

The cloud configuration page is very basic. It is expected that if you want to have more advanced cloud management, you have to use `ssh` to connect to the gateway and configure it by editing the `clouds.json` file.

Provides a quick and easy way to configure selected clouds.

Enabled	false	
project name	waziup	
organization name	ORG	
service tree		
username	guest	
password	*****	
source list	Empty	
visibility	public	

## □ Configuring WAZIUP cloud

Gateway Web Admin

Internet Low-level status ON Reboot Shutdown

Gateway Configuration  
Gateway Update  
System

### Cloud

The WAZIUP cloud tab is only available when key\_WAZIUP.py is found

Cloud WAZIUP ThingSpeak Cloud No Internet Cloud Gps File

Enabled	false
project name	waziup
organization name	ORG
service tree	
username	guest
password	*****
source list	Empty
visibility	public

The device id will be organization\_name+service\_tree+"\_Sensor"+device\_addr. For instance, for sensor 2 hosted by UPPA: UPPA-TESTS\_Sensor2.

Username and password of the WAZIUP account. If username is "guest" then all data will be public

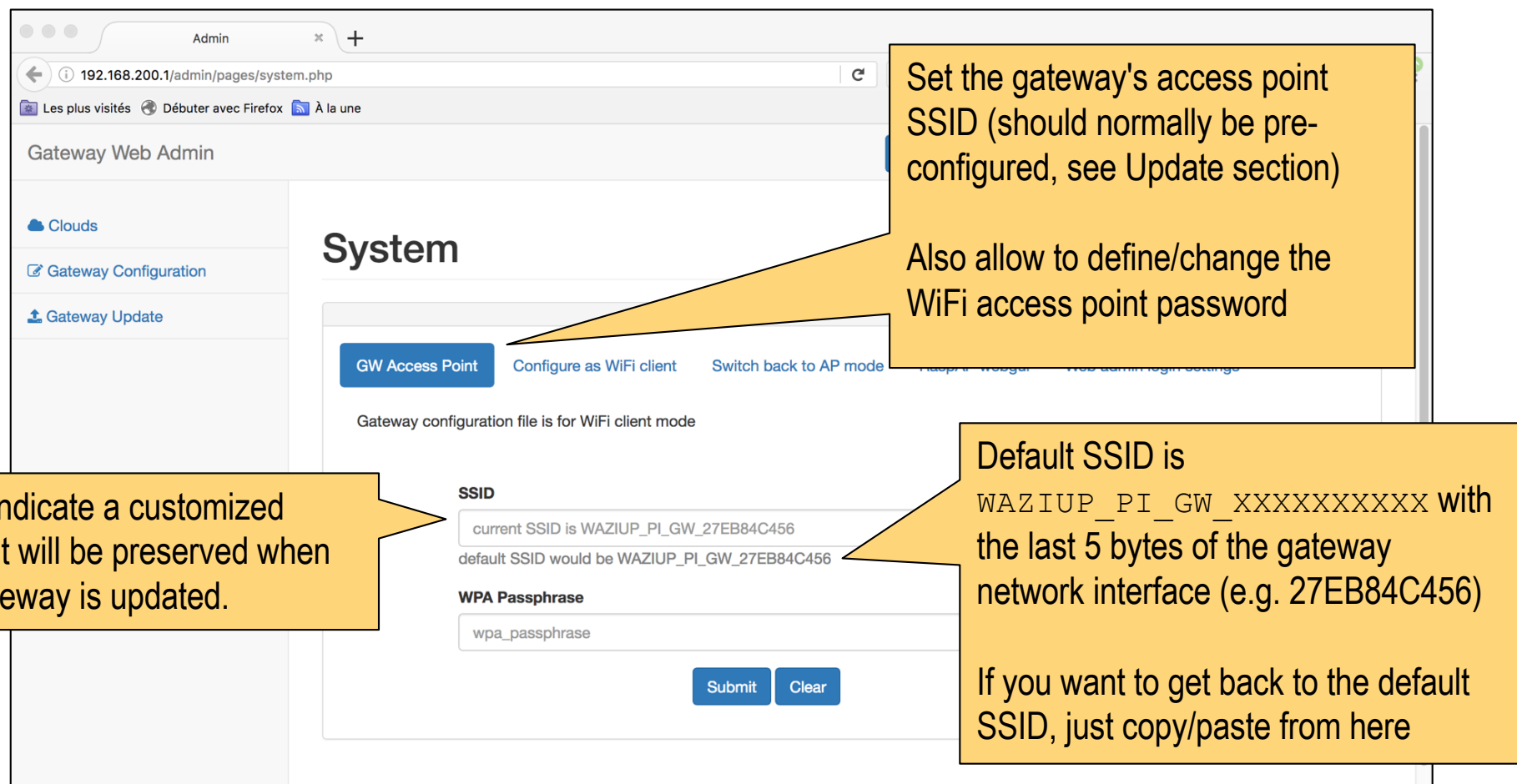
WAZIUP cloud uses FIWARE platform with the possibility to define domains. The domain will be defined as project\_name+'-'+organization\_name+service\_tree, e.g. waziup-UPPA-TESTS if:

- project\_name is waziup,
- organization\_name is UPPA,
- service\_tree is -TESTS

service\_tree can be empty otherwise it must begin with a '-'.

# GATEWAY SYSTEM CONFIGURATION (1)

## □ Gateway WiFi access point



Set the gateway's access point SSID (should normally be pre-configured, see Update section)

Also allow to define/change the WiFi access point password

Default SSID is WAZIUP\_PI\_GW\_XXXXXXXXXX with the last 5 bytes of the gateway network interface (e.g. 27EB84C456)

If you want to get back to the default SSID, just copy/paste from here

If you indicate a customized SSID, it will be preserved when the gateway is updated.

GW Access Point | Configure as WiFi client | Switch back to AP mode

Gateway configuration file is for WiFi client mode

**SSID**

current SSID is WAZIUP\_PI\_GW\_27EB84C456  
default SSID would be WAZIUP\_PI\_GW\_27EB84C456

**WPA Passphrase**

wpa\_passphrase

Submit Clear

# GATEWAY SYSTEM CONFIGURATION (2)

## □ Configure as WiFi client

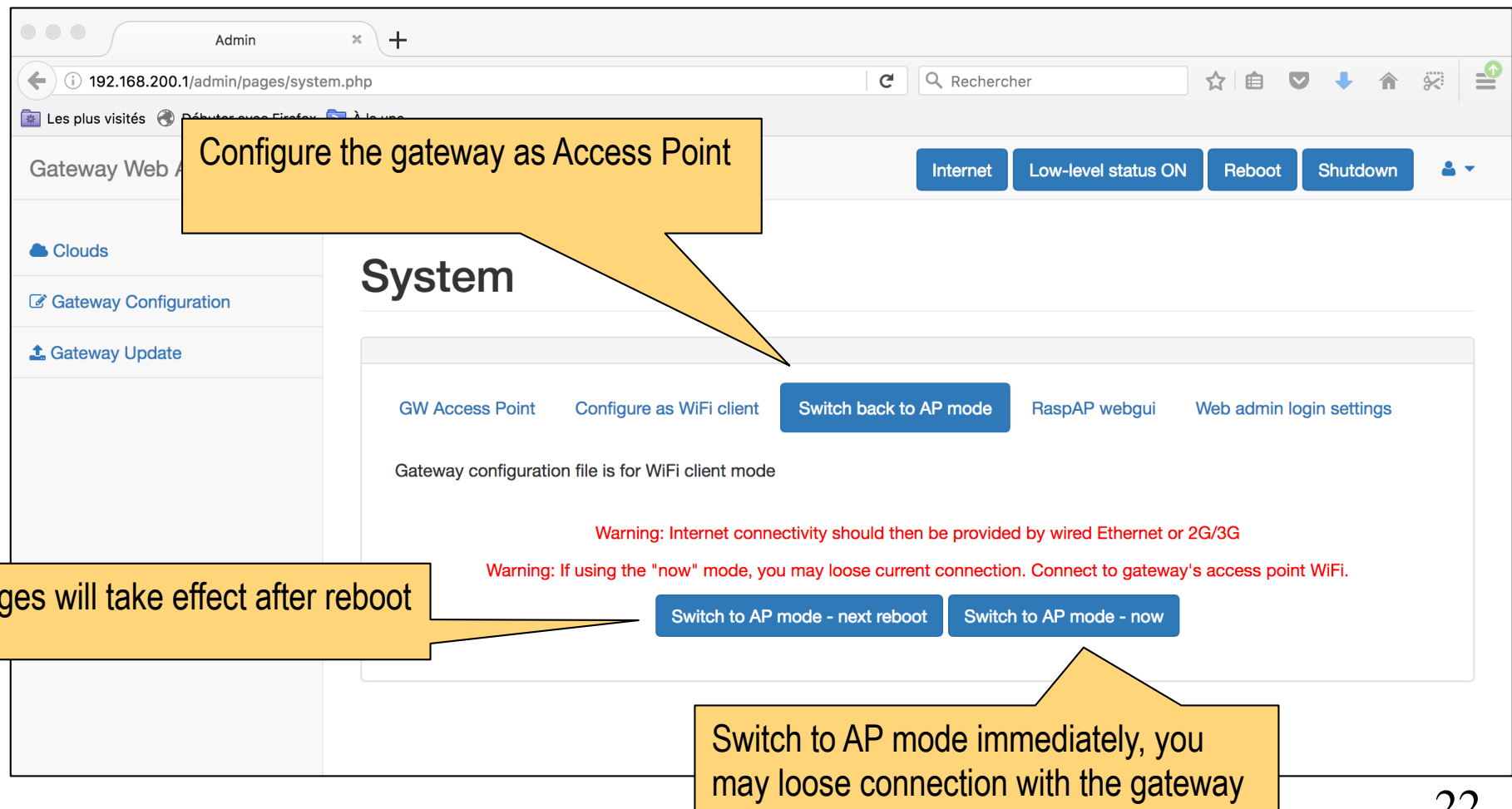
The screenshot shows the 'Gateway Web Admin' interface in a web browser. The address bar shows '192.168.200.1/admin/pages/system.php'. The page title is 'System'. There are tabs for 'GW Access Point', 'Configure as WiFi client' (which is selected), 'Switch back to AP mode', 'RaspAP webgui', and 'Web admin login settings'. Below the tabs, it says 'Gateway configuration file is for WiFi client mode'. There are two input fields: 'SSID' with the placeholder 'your\_wifi\_network' and 'WPA Passphrase' with the placeholder 'your\_wifi\_network\_password'. Below these fields is a warning message in red text: 'Warning: if a valid WiFi network is not configured you will not be able to connect through the gateway's access point anymore. If that happens, use wired Ethernet to switch back to access point mode. You MUST reboot after submitting the command.' At the bottom are 'Submit' and 'Clear' buttons. Two callout boxes provide additional information: one points to the 'Configure as WiFi client' tab, and the other points to the warning message.

Configure the gateway as WiFi client to connect to an existing WiFi network. Changes will take effect after reboot.

Warning: if a valid WiFi network is not configured you will not be able to connect through the gateway's access point anymore. If that happens, use wired Ethernet to switch back to access point mode.

# GATEWAY SYSTEM CONFIGURATION (3)

## □ Configure as WiFi Access Point



Admin

192.168.200.1/admin/pages/system.php

Rechercher

Internet Low-level status ON Reboot Shutdown

Configure the gateway as Access Point

### System

GW Access Point Configure as WiFi client Switch back to AP mode RaspAP webgui Web admin login settings

Gateway configuration file is for WiFi client mode

Warning: Internet connectivity should then be provided by wired Ethernet or 2G/3G

Warning: If using the "now" mode, you may loose current connection. Connect to gateway's access point WiFi.

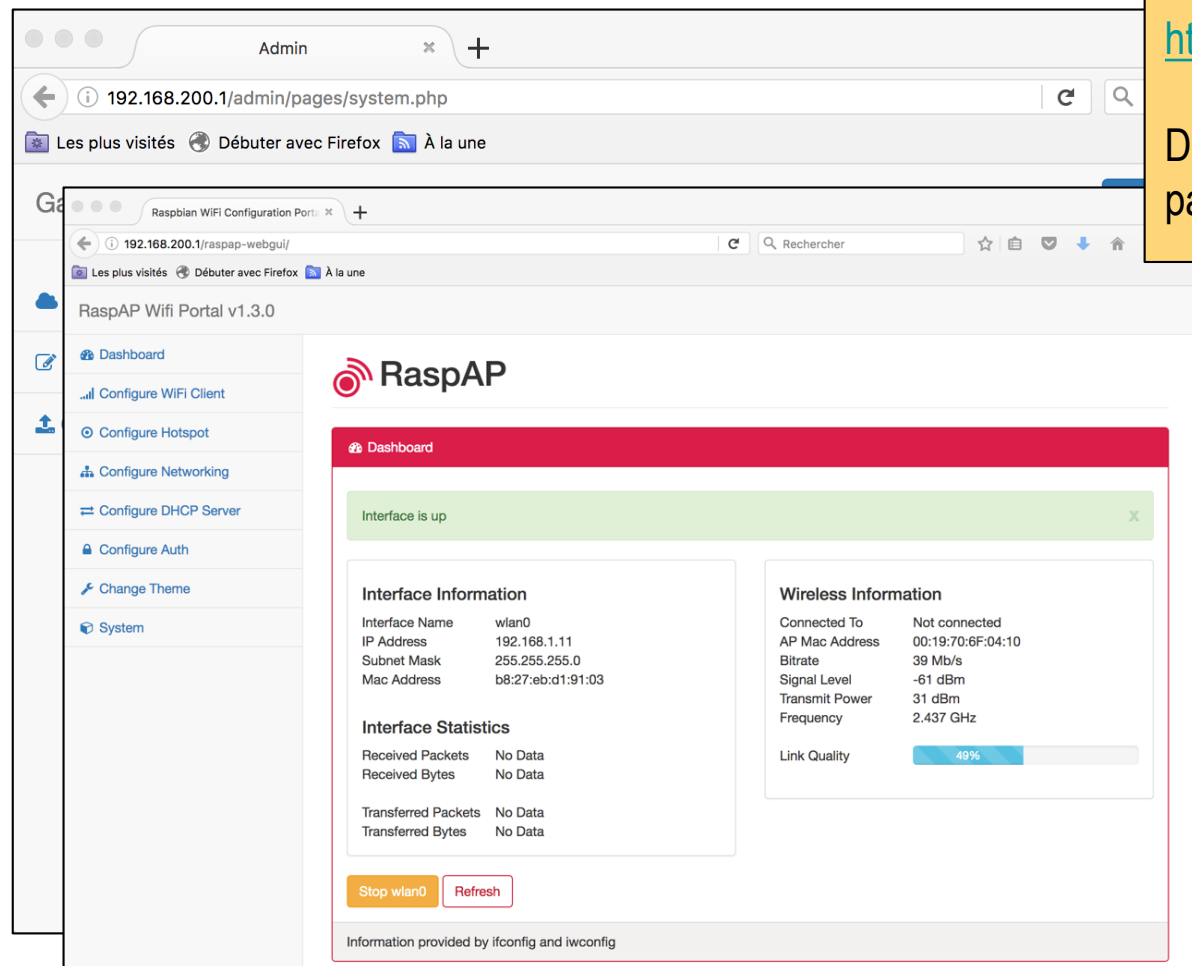
Changes will take effect after reboot

Switch to AP mode - next reboot Switch to AP mode - now

Switch to AP mode immediately, you may loose connection with the gateway

# GATEWAY SYSTEM CONFIGURATION (4)

## □ Run the RaspAP module



The screenshot shows two browser windows. The top window is the 'Admin' interface at 192.168.200.1/admin/pages/system.php. The bottom window is the 'RaspAP webgui' at 192.168.200.1/raspap-webgui/. The webgui shows a 'Dashboard' with a green status bar 'Interface is up'. It contains two main sections: 'Interface Information' and 'Wireless Information'. The 'Interface Information' section shows: Interface Name: wlan0, IP Address: 192.168.1.11, Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0, Mac Address: b8:27:eb:d1:91:03. The 'Wireless Information' section shows: Connected To: Not connected, AP Mac Address: 00:19:70:6F:04:10, Bitrate: 39 Mb/s, Signal Level: -61 dBm, Transmit Power: 31 dBm, Frequency: 2.437 GHz, and Link Quality: 49%. At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for 'Stop wlan0' and 'Refresh', and a footer note 'Information provided by ifconfig and iwconfig'.

Run the RaspAP web module from  
<https://github.com/billz/raspap-webgui>

Default login is `admin` and default  
password is `secret`

RaspAP webgui    Web admin login settings

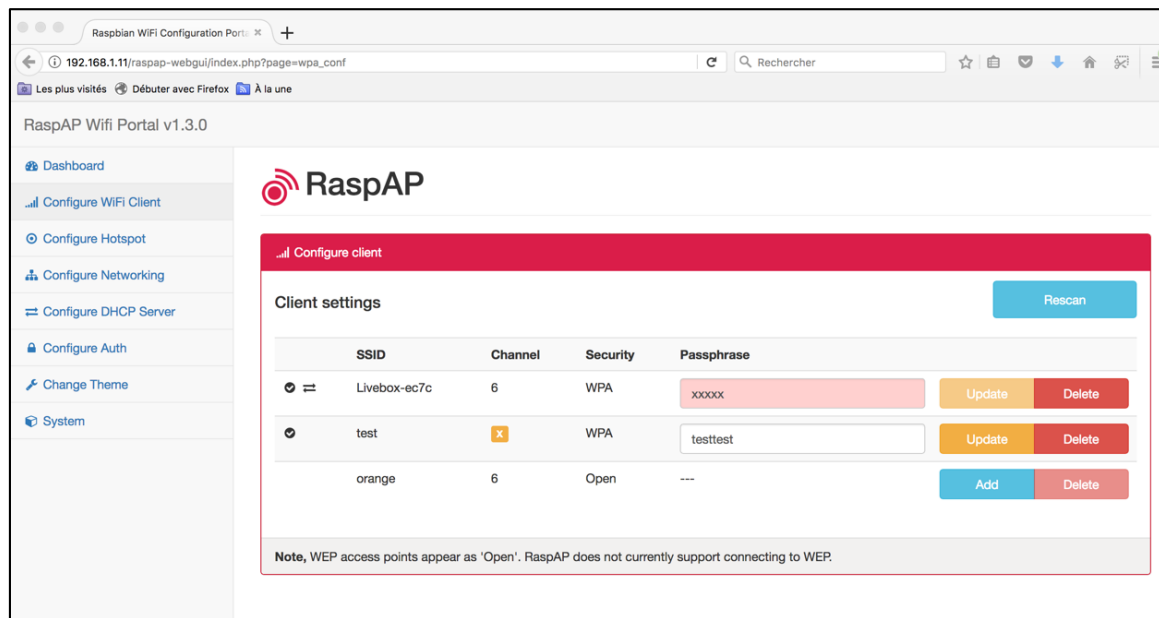
Connect by wired Ethernet or 2G/3G

Connect to gateway's access point WiFi.

Switch to AP mode - now

# GATEWAY SYSTEM CONFIGURATION (5)

- ❑ RaspAP can configure some networking functions. It can be useful for dynamically select WiFi networks

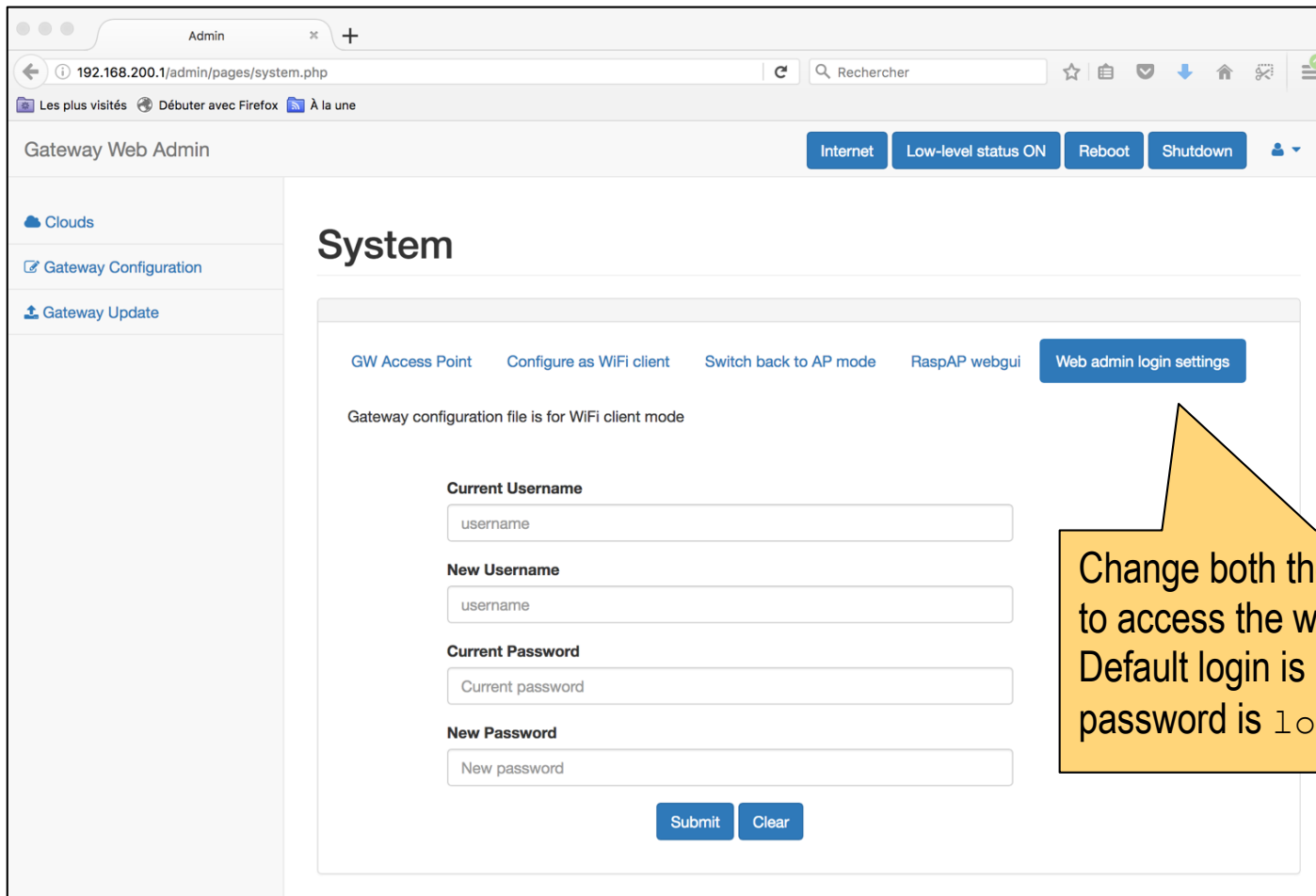


- ❑ However, it is recommended to use our web admin interface to control WiFi client <-> Access Mode feature



# GATEWAY SYSTEM CONFIGURATION (6)

## □ Configure auth for web admin interface



Admin

192.168.200.1/admin/pages/system.php

Rechercher

Gateway Web Admin

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Clouds

Gateway Configuration

Gateway Update

### System

GW Access Point Configure as WiFi client Switch back to AP mode RaspAP webgui Web admin login settings

Gateway configuration file is for WiFi client mode

Current Username

New Username

Current Password

New Password

Submit Clear

Change both the login and password to access the web admin interface. Default login is `admin` and default password is `loragateway`