

Configurations and Troubleshooting for Linux

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Configurations and Troubleshooting for Linux

This document contains configurations and troubleshooting for your network and Linux workstations.

How to Configure Linux Workstations for Online Testing

This section contains additional configurations for Linux.

Required Libraries and Packages to Install

The following libraries and packages are required to be installed on all Linux workstations:

- GTK+ 3.14 or higher
- X.Org 1.0 or higher (1.7+ recommended)
- libstdc++ 4.8.1 or higher
- glibc 2.17 or higher

The following libraries and packages are recommended to be installed on all Linux workstations:

- NetworkManager 0.7 or higher
- DBus 1.0 or higher
- GNOME 2.16 or higher
- PulseAudio

How to Add Verdana Font

Some tests have content that requires the Verdana TrueType font. Therefore, ensure that Verdana is installed on Linux machines used for testing. The easiest way to do this is to install the Microsoft core fonts package for your distribution.

- Fedora—Follow the steps in the “How to Install” section of the following website: <http://corefonts.sourceforge.net/>.
- Ubuntu—In a terminal window, enter the following command to install the msttcorefonts package:

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sudo apt-get install msttcorefonts
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How to Disable the On-Screen Keyboard

Fedora and Ubuntu feature an on-screen keyboard that should be disabled before online testing. This section describes how to disable the on-screen keyboard.

1. Open **System Settings**.
2. Select **Universal Access**.
3. In the *Typing* section, toggle **Screen Keyboard** to **Off**.

How to Uninstall the Secure Browser Application on Linux

This section contains instructions to uninstall the Secure Browser application for Linux.

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To uninstall the Secure Browser application, delete the folder from the installation directory.

How to Troubleshoot Linux Workstations

This section contains troubleshooting tips for Linux.

How to Reset Secure Browser Application Profiles on Linux

If Texas Testing Support advises you to reset the Secure Browser application profile, use the instructions in this section.

1. Log on as a superuser or as the user who installed the Secure Browser application and close any open Secure Browser applications.
2. Open a terminal, and delete the contents of the following directories:

`/home/username/.cai`

`/home/username/.cache/cai`

where username is the user account where the Secure Browser application is installed. (Keep the directories, just delete their contents.)

3. Restart the Secure Browser application.

How to Configure Networks for Online Testing

This section contains additional configurations for your network.

Resources to Add to Your Allowlist for Online Testing

This section presents information about the URLs that CAI provides. Ensure your network’s firewalls are open for these URLs. If your testing network includes devices that perform traffic shaping, packet prioritization, or Quality of Service, ensure that these URLs have high priority.

URLs for Non-Testing Sites to Add to Your Allowlist

[Table 1](#) lists URLs for non-testing sites, such as the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) and Centralized Reporting System (CRS).

Table 1. CAI URLs for Non-Testing Sites

System	URL
Portal and Secure Browser application installation files	tx.portal.cambiumast.com (www.TexasAssessment.gov after 9/1/21)

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System	URL
Single Sign-On System (SSO)	https://sso4.cambiumast.com/auth/realms/texas/account
Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE)	https://tx.tide.cambiumast.com
Centralized Reporting System (CRS)	https://tx.reports.cambiumast.com

URLs for Test Administrators and Student Testing Sites to Add to Your Allowlist

Testing servers and satellites may be added or modified during the school year to ensure an optimal testing experience. As a result, CAI strongly encourages you to add these URLs to your allowlist at the root level. This requires using a wildcard. CAI strongly encourages using wildcards when adding these URLs to your allowlist, as servers may be added or removed from the field without notice.

Table 2. CAI and AIR URLs for Testing Sites

System	URL
Test Administrator and Student Testing Sites	*.cambiumtds.com
Assessment Viewing Application (AVA)	*.tds.cambiumtds.com
	*.cloud1.tds.cambiumtds.com
	*.cloud2.tds.cambiumtds.com
For 2021–2022, users should continue to add both Cambium and AIR URLs listed in this table to their allowlist.	*.cambiumast.com
	*.tds.cambiumast.com
	*.cloud1.tds.cambiumast.com
	*.cloud2.tds.cambiumast.com

URLs for Online Dictionary and Thesaurus to Add to Your Allowlist

Some online assessments contain an embedded dictionary and thesaurus provided by Merriam-Webster. The Merriam-Webster URLs listed in [Table 3](#) should be added to your allowlist to ensure that students can use them during testing.

Table 3. CAI URLs for Online Dictionaries and Thesauruses

Domain Name	IP Address
media.merriam-webster.com	64.124.231.250
www.dictionaryapi.com	64.124.231.250

Domains for Email Exchange Server and Single Sign-On System

CAI systems send emails for password resets and login codes for the single sign-on system from cambiumast.com and from cambiumassessment.com. Add both domains to your allowlist to ensure you receive these emails.

Ports and Protocols Required for Online Testing

[Table 4](#) lists the ports and protocols used by the Test Delivery System (TDS). Ensure that all content filters, firewalls, and proxy servers are open accordingly.

Table 4. Ports and Protocols for the Test Delivery System

Port/Protocol	Purpose
80/TCP	HTTP (initial connection only)
443/TCP	HTTPS (secure connection)

How to Configure Filtering Systems

If the school’s filtering system has both internal and external filtering, the URLs for the testing sites (see [Table 1](#)) must be added to allowlists in both filters. Ensure that your filtering system is not configured to perform packet inspection on traffic to CAI servers. Please see your vendor’s documentation for specific instructions. Also, be sure to add these URLs to your allowlist in any multilayer filtering system (such as local and global layers). Ensure all items that handle traffic to *.tds.cambiumast.com and *.tds.cambiumast.com have the entire certificate chain and are using the latest TLS 1.2 protocol.

How to Configure for Domain Name Resolution

[Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) list the domain names for CAI’s testing and non-testing applications. Ensure the testing machines have access to a server that can resolve those names.

How to Configure Network Settings for Online Testing

Local Area Network (LAN) settings on testing machines should be set to automatically detect network settings.

To set LAN settings to auto-detect on Linux machines:

1. Open **System Settings**.
2. Open **Network**.
3. Select **Network Proxy**.
4. From the **Method** dropdown, select **None**.
5. Close the **Network** window.

How to Configure the Secure Browser Application for Proxy Servers

By default, the Secure Browser application attempts to detect the settings for your network’s web proxy server. However, users of web proxies should execute a proxy command once from the command prompt. This command does not need to be added to the Secure Browser application shortcut. [Table 5](#) lists the form of the command for different settings and operating systems. To execute these commands from the command line, change to the directory containing the Secure Browser application’s executable file.

Note: Domain names in commands. The commands in [Table 5](#) use the domain proxy.com. When configuring for a proxy server, use your actual proxy server hostname.

Table 5. Specifying Proxy Settings Using the Command Line

Description	System	Command
Use the application without any proxy	Linux	<code>./TXSecureBrowser.sh -proxy 0 https://tx.tds.cambiumast.com/student</code>
Set the proxy for HTTP requests only	Linux	<code>./TXSecureBrowser.sh -proxy 1:https://tx.tds.cambiumast.com/student</code>
Set the proxy for all protocols to mimic the “Use this proxy server for all protocols” of Firefox	Linux	<code>./TXSecureBrowser.sh -proxy 1*:https://tx.tds.cambiumast.com/student</code>
Specify the URL of the PAC file	Linux	<code>./TXSecureBrowser.sh -proxy 2:https://tx.tds.cambiumast.com/student</code>
Auto-detect proxy settings	Linux	<code>./TXSecureBrowser.sh -proxy 4 https://tx.tds.cambiumast.com/student</code>
Use the system proxy setting (default)	Linux	<code>./TXSecureBrowser.sh -proxy 5 https://tx.tds.cambiumast.com/student</code>

Change Log

Location	Change	Date
Throughout	Cutover from 20-21.	6/18/21
URLs for TA and Student Testing Sites to Add to your Allowlist	Added to Allowlist: *.tds.cambiumtds.com *.cloud1.tds.cambiumtds.com *.cloud2.tds.cambiumtds.com Removed from Allowlist: *.airast.org *.tds.airast.org *.cloud1.tds.airast.org *.cloud2.tds.airast.org	4/4/22
How to Configure Filtering Systems	Updated with new domains.	4/8/22
How to Configure the Secure Browser for Proxy Servers	Updated with new domains.	4/8/22