



ALIEN. Fixed Reader Firmware Upgrade Guide APN-1013

The Alien family of Fixed readers features ability to upgrade firmware remotely over a network connection and through built-in web console/utility. This application note will provide guidance on upgrading firmware using the web interface as well as how to check current firmware revision.

To check current firmware revision on any Alien fixed reader, you may use Command Line Interface and type the command (as written): `readerversion?`

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* Alien Technology : RFID Reader
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*****

Username>alien

Password>*****

Alien>readerversion?
ReaderVersion = 18.02.28.00

Alien>
```

This will display current firmware revision. Current firmware rev is also displayed on main web page of reader.

The screenshot shows the web dashboard for an Alien Technology ALR-F800 RFID Reader. The page features the Alien logo and the text "Alien Technology ALR-F800 RFID Reader" in yellow. A language dropdown menu is set to "English". On the left, there is a navigation menu with "Status" selected, containing links for "Dashboard" and "Readers", and sections for "Settings" and "Administration". The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and includes an "Info" sidebar. The "Info" section displays the following details: Reader Status (indicated by a green dot), ReaderName (Alien RFID Reader), ReaderType (Alien RFID Tag Reader, Model: ALR-F800 (902-928 MHz)), ReaderVersion (18.02.28.00), DSPVersion (DSP:18.02.20 reader:0A locality:01 radio:31 board:01 FPGA:17.11.15.00), and Serial Number (KA16005088).



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You may compare that with the newest version posted from one of the links below:

www.alientechnology.com/readers (navigate to your reader model)

or

<ftp://ftp.alientechnology.com/pub/readers/> (navigate to your reader)

Download the firmware file to a known location on your PC.

F800

Using any internet browser, type F800's IPAddress into the URL field and navigate to the reader's internal web interface.

Under "Administration", click "System" (enter appropriate Username and Password to enter secure area – alien / password if not changed from factory default).

Browse to the firmware file location and click "OPEN" to get the file in the queue.

The screenshot displays the web interface for the Alien Technology ALR-F800 RFID Reader. The interface is dark-themed with yellow and white text. At the top, the Alien Technology logo and the model name 'ALR-F800 RFID Reader' are visible. A language dropdown menu is set to 'English'. On the left, a navigation menu includes 'Status', 'Settings', 'Administration', and a sub-menu for 'System' with options like 'Security', 'Logs', 'Tags', 'Macros', 'Services', and 'User Apps'. The main content area is titled 'System' and contains four sections: 'OS' (listing OS, Kernel, Ruby, and PHP versions), 'Usage' (showing Uptime, Filesystem, and Memory usage), 'Update' (displaying ReaderVersion, DSP, FPGA, Reader Config, and a Firmware Update section with a 'Choose File' button), and 'System' (with 'Reboot Reader' and 'Factory Reset' buttons). The footer contains the copyright notice '©2017 Alien Technology' and a 'logout alien' link.



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When ready, press “install” to install the firmware. Process takes around 60 seconds and no reboot is required. Completion of upgrade will appear on screen at bottom.

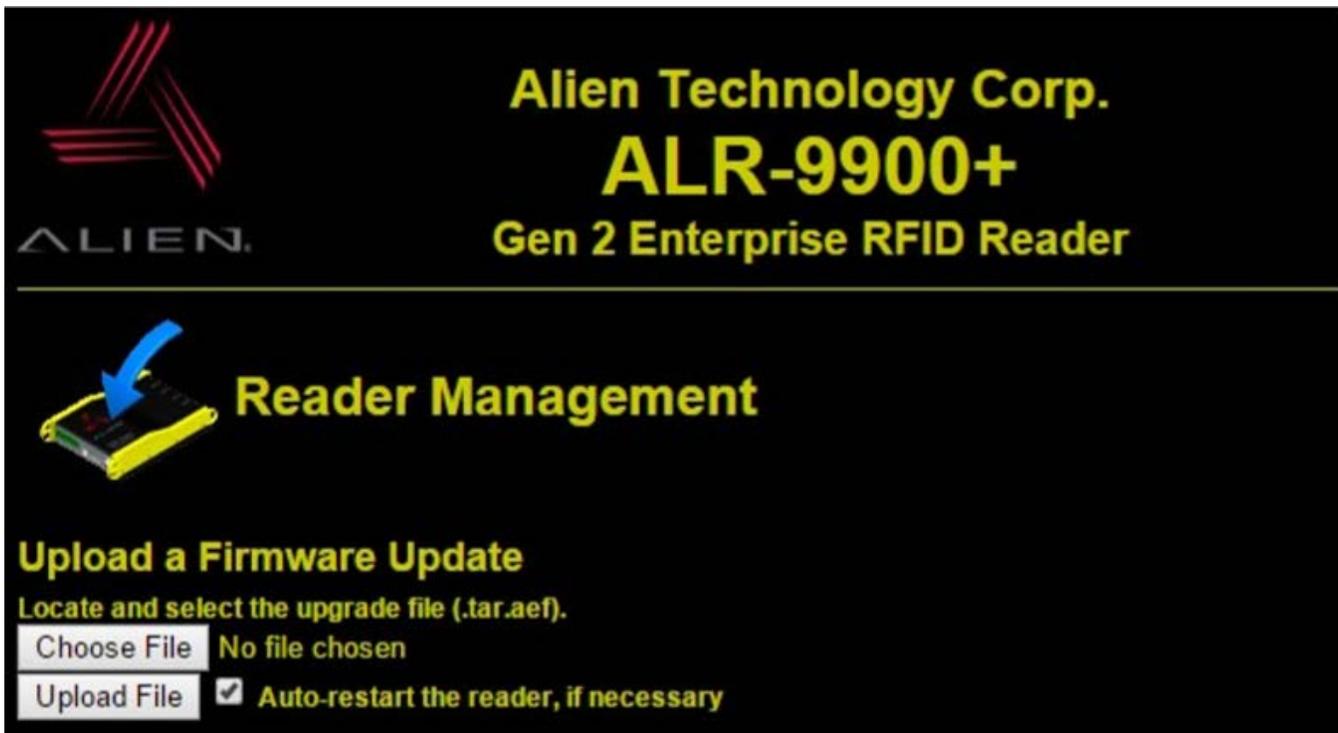


9900 | 9680 | 9650

Using any internet browser, type the reader’s IPAddress into the URL field and navigate to the reader’s internal web interface (9900+ example given, but 9680 and 9650 have same web interface)

Under “Reader Management”, click “Upload Firmware” (enter appropriate Username and Password to enter secure area – alien / password if not changed from factory default).

Browse to the firmware file location and click “OPEN” to get the file in the queue.



When ready click “Upload File” to upload the firmware file. Process should take around 60 seconds and no reboot required:



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