

# ALM - Key benefits



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# Key benefits – What problems are we solving?

Active Login Manager (ALM) is a Cisco Extension Mobility PC client.

ALM can also contribute in a better company reachability because of several enhancements and integrations with other Cisco and Microsoft products.

Key benefits are split between three categories: Reachability, Security and Flexibility. Each category lists their associated problems and how ALM solves it.

## Reachability

### > Employees forget to login/logout their phones

- Why is it a problem?  
Employees are not reachable when logged out but at their desk or logged in and not at their desk
- How does ALM solve it?  
When employees login or logout their PC, their phone will automatically login or logout as well

### > Difficult for employees to enter complex credentials on phone

- Why is it a problem?  
User names sometimes consist of long e-mail addresses which are difficult to type on numeric keyboards
- How does ALM solve it?  
The username is entered once in ALM using the PC keyboard and remembered in their profile

### > Inconvenient having to login to multiple applications and or devices

- Why is it a problem?  
This is an extra step each day which is easy to forget and consumes valuable time
- How does ALM solve it?  
When employees login or logout their PC, their phone will automatically login or logout as well

### > Reception desk cannot determine presence of employees

- Why is it a problem?  
When employees forget to login, the reception desk will receive forwarded calls unexpectedly.  
When employees forget to logout, their phone will ring without anybody available to answer
- How does ALM solve it?  
When ALM logs in or logs out an employee's phone automatically their presence status will always be up-to-date and call-forwarding will be accurate

### > Additional capacity needed at helpdesk and front desk

- Why is it a problem?  
When employees forget their password or forget to login/logout properly, helpdesk calls will increase to request password resets and front desk has to cover non-answered phone calls
- How does ALM solve it?  
It's not required to enter a Phone password anymore, as the employee's Windows PC will already have authenticated the employee

# Security

## > Failure to comply with government regulations

- Why is it a problem?  
Governments, banks and medical companies are required by law to apply the highest available security measurements in order to protect unauthorized phone usage
- How does ALM solve it?  
Without Single Sign-On, employees have to remember multiple passwords and employees might write them down on discoverable notebooks

## > Difficult to audit and track phone login behaviour

- Why is it a problem?  
When certain phones are used outside office hours it's difficult and/or a lengthy process to figure out which individuals have used those phones
- How does ALM solve it?  
By providing reporting capabilities that list login/logout locations and timestamps of connected company phones

## > Inability to prevent unauthorized phone usage

- Why is it a problem?  
Phones can be abused to make unauthorized calls when employees forget to logout
- How does ALM solve it?  
Phones will automatically logout when an employee's PC is locked, shut down or at other configurable events

## > Errors in keeping employee's application permissions up-to-date

- Why is it a problem?  
When an employee resigns, moves department or stops working for their company, multiple application and device access profiles have to be modified or deactivated which causes space for human error
- How does ALM solve it?  
When access to the employee's PC is revoked or altered this will automatically prevent automatic login to their phone

## Flexibility

### > Other Single Sign-On products are difficult to deploy

- Why is it a problem?  
Most Single Sign-On products require a central server and/or changes to the network configuration and/or permissions. This involves additional time and costs
- How does ALM solve it?  
By providing a fully automated setup wizard, including scripted roll-out capabilities for easy and automated deployment without the need for extra hardware

### > My company requires an application that is customizable

- Why is it a problem?  
Especially in large enterprises, different departments or job roles require different behaviour of Single Sign-On software but custom software is more expensive and not immediately available
- How does ALM solve it?  
By providing customizable settings which can be set company wide, by department or even individual. Optionally employees can even personalize their own settings

### > Employees find it difficult to remember multiple passwords

- Why is it a problem?  
The more applications or devices are protected the more passwords are required, each with their own formats. Employees might write them down or make mistakes and are locked out
- How does ALM solve it?  
By making the Windows PC login leading and automate logins to the phone and additional communication software, such as Microsoft MOC and Cisco CUPS

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