AsteriskNOW™

QuickStart Guide

Thank you for downloading AsteriskNOW™.

What is AsteriskNOW

AsteriskNOW is an open source Software Appliance; a customized Linux® distribution that includes Asterisk®, the Asterisk GUI™, and all other software needed for an Asterisk system. The complete software appliance distribution is provided under the GPL, and may legally be used for any purpose, commercial or otherwise. However, for installations to be used in a production environment, we recommend the tested, warranted, and supported Asterisk Business Edition™ .

About This Guide

This guide was created to provide very basic, step-by-step instructions through the process of downloading and installing the AsteriskNOW distribution onto a server for testing or trial purposes only.

Before You Begin

Observe all normal precautions when preparing and installing a new distribution. Any existing operating systems on your hard drive will be removed by the Express Install. However, the LiveCD will not alter your system. A Conary (rPath's package manager) Quickstart guide is provided on the install CDs. For more help on Asterisk, Conary, and rPath, please see the "Community Documentation" section below.

Installation Procedure

1.   Download the AsteriskNOW ISO file, and create a CD image from the file, which is required before installation can begin. The process for burning a CD image will vary depending upon the CD authoring software you are using.

2.   Insert your newly created AsteriskNOW CD into the CD-ROM drive of the PC.

3.   Boot from the CD by restarting the PC. A basic AsteriskNOW boot menu with several options will be provided. For the standard graphical installer, simply press <Enter.>.

4.   From here, follow the self-explanatory on-screen prompts to guide you through the installation process.

Installation Screens to Note:

Installation Type - For the purpose of this QuickStart Guide, you should leave the default Installation Type setting to 'Express Installation'.

Automatic Partitioning - It is recommended that you select 'Remove all Linux partitions on this system.' This process will erase all existing data on the hard disk. You may choose to review each disk to be partitioned.

Network Configuration - If you do not know the settings to choose for configuring your network device, contact your system administrator.

Administrator Password - You will be prompted to define a password. The default GUI username is "admin". Both the default GUI username and the password you define during installation will be used to log on to the Asterisk GUI and Asterisk Manager Interface.

5.   When installation is complete, the system will prompt you to reboot. After rebooting, a URL to access the administrative GUI will be displayed.

You are now ready to configure and run AsteriskNOW.

Installing Other Images
You can also try out AsteriskNOW using the available VMware Player image (http://www.vmware.com/download/player/), Xen universal guest domain image (http://wiki.rpath.com/wiki/Xen_Solutions_Using_rPath_Technologies) or the LiveCD (just burn and boot).

Note: When using the images or LiveCD, the default username is "admin" with password "password"

Community Documentation
For additional information on installing AsteriskNOW, including step-by-step installation screenshots and configuration screenshots showing the setup wizard, visit the Asterisk Forums at http://forums.digium.com. For more information and help with rPath Linux, please see rPath's wiki, http://wiki.rpath.com.