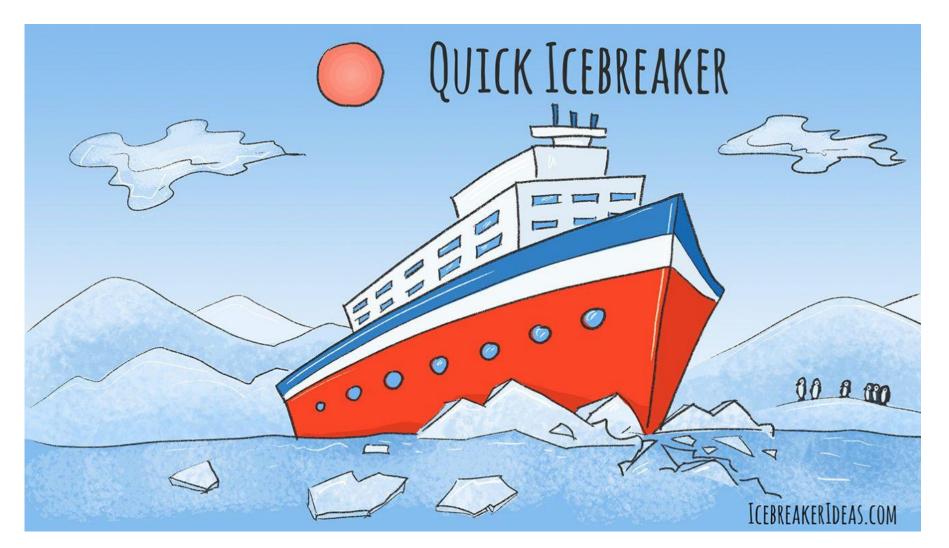


ASTERISK

Essentials 1









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Contenido

Asterisk Essentials



What is Asterisk

Asterisk

- Open source Telephony Platform
- Deals with telephony
- Analog, PSTN, VolP
- Switching
- Full Feature PBX

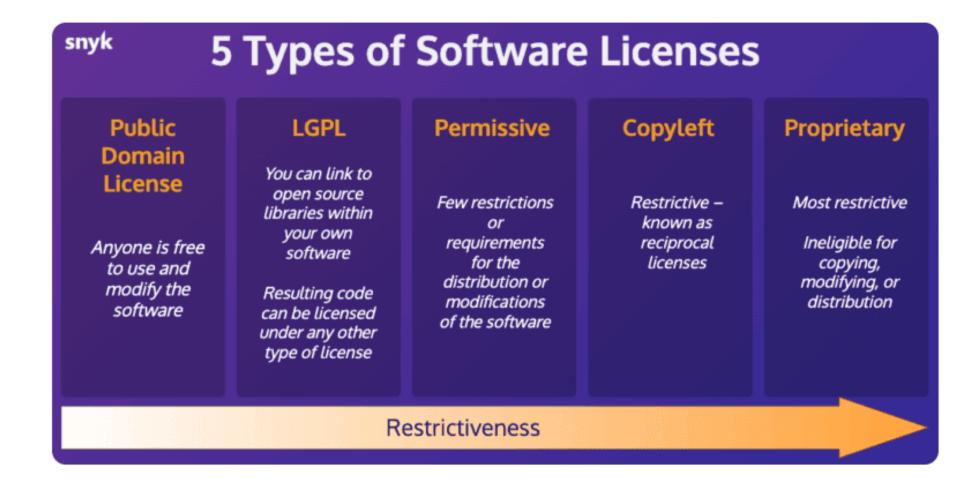


Asterisk is

- Featureful
- Compatible
- Scalable
- Supportable
- Free
- GNU GPLv3



Licences





Asterisk is GPL v3



• Like the GPL v2, GPL 3 is a strong copyleft license, meaning that any copy or modification of the original code must also be released under the GPL v3. In other words, you can take the GPL 3'd code, add to it or make major changes, then distribute your version.

• You may copy, distribute and modify the software as long as you track changes/dates in source files. Any modifications to or software including (via compiler) GPL-licensed code must also be made available under the GPL along with build & install instructions.



Turnkey Solution

- A turnkey solution is essentially a ready-made solution that you can deploy in your business with great ease and simplicity. They are called turnkey solutions because the user essentially needs to just turn the key to start using the solution.
- A turn-key solution is essentially a solution that is built and designed by a vendor who can sell it to any buyer, rather than being built according to the exact specifications of any particular buyer.



Asterisk is not

- Turnkey solution. (Freepbx is)
- Can be used to develop such solutions



Review

- Asterisk is an opensource telephony platform
- It is featureful, compatible, scalable, supportable and free.
- It is GNU GPLv3 (Copyleft)
- It is not a turnkey solution, but can be used to create one.
- Freepbx is a turnkey solution
- Asterisk is maintaned by Sangoma.



What is Digium and Sangoma

Digium

- Created in 1999 by Mark Spencer
- Open source side
 - Asterisk
- Commercial Side
 - Business phone Systems: Commercial PBX
 - Custom Telephony Solutions



Sangoma

- Created in 1984
- 2018 Adquired Digium (USD +28M)
- Open source side
 - Asterisk
- Commercial Side
 - Unified Communications as a Service (UCaaS) PBXACT-Cloud
 - Custom Telephony Solutions
- Mission: to **unite businesses of all sizes** connecting the people and processes that matter.
- We specialize in UC, video, chat, contact center, MSP services, security, and more!



Review

- Digium
- Sangoma
- Two lines of services: Opensource / Commercial



Asterisk Versioning

Release types

- Two release types "feature frozen"
 - Only Bug fixes and Security Patches
 - New features require new reléase series
- Standard
 - Bug fixes for 1 year
 - Security patches for 2 years
- Long Term Support (LTS)
 - Bug fixes for 4 years
 - Security patches fro 5 years



Asterisk Versioning

Release Series +	Release Type	Release Date	Security Fix Only	EOL
21.x	Standard	2023-10-18	2025-10-18	2026-10-18
20.x	LTS	2022-10-19	2026-10-19	2027-10-19
19.x	Standard	2021-11-02	2022-11-02	2023-11-02
18.x	LTS	2020-10-20	2024-10-20	2025-10-20
17.x	Standard	2019-10-28	2020-10-28	2021-10-28
16.x	LTS	2018-10-09	2022-10-09	2023-10-09
15.x	Standard	2017-10-03	2018-10-03	2019-10-03
14.x	Standard	2016-09-26	2017-09-26	2018-09-26
13.x	LTS	2014-10-24	2020-10-24	2021-10-24
12.x	Standard	2013-12-20	2014-12-20	2015-12-20
11.x	LTS	2012-10-25	2016-10-25	2017-10-25
10.x	Standard	2011-12-15	2012-12-15	2013-12-15
1.8.x	LTS	2010-10-21	2014-10-21	2015-10-21
1.6.2.x	Standard	2009-12-18	2011-04-21	2012-04-21
1.6.1.x	Standard	2009-04-27	2010-05-01	2011-04-27
1.6.0.x	Standard	2008-10-01	2010-05-01	2010-10-01
1.4.x	LTS	2006-12-23	2011-04-21	2012-04-21
1.2.x		2005-11-21	2007-08-07	2010-11-21



Asterisk Versioning

CONCEPT – FEATURE – MINOR

•20.2.1



Best Practices for Upgrading Asterisk

- Run an Asterisk release that is under current maintenance
- Subscribe to the Asterisk Security mailing list
- Thoroughly plan upgrades
- Install a new version in a test environment



Non-Astersik Releases

- Must Mast version numbers, because code plugs into asterisk
 - G.729
 - Fax for Asterisk
- Separate code, can use different version numbers: code does not plug into asterisk
 - DAHDI
 - libPRI
 - Libss7
 - Asterisk GUI



Review

- Asterisk version numbers
- Asterisk Release history
- Code that use the same versions and code that does not use the same versions.
- Upgrade best practices



Asterisk use cases

Use Cases

- Traditional PBX
- Complete IP PBX
- Hybrid PBX: (Traditional and IP telephony)
- Toll Bypass (Long distance bypass)
- Feature Server (Voicemail, conferencing)
- Call Center (Robust Queuing, several ring strategies)



Review

- Asterisk is capable of much more than a typical PBX
- Open source telephony platform
- All features in Asterisk are free



Asterisk system requirements

System Requirements

- Linux: Redhat, Fedora, Ubuntu, Debian, CentOS
- Miminal requirements: runs on small machines (low quality hw)
- 512MB ram



System Requirements

You better ask:

- What is the intended function of the Asterisk server?
- How many people are going to use it?
- How many simultaneous calls do I expect? (10%)
- Will my system be transcoding audio from one codec to another?
- Will my system be using conferences? If so how many romos adn with how many users?
- Will I be recording any calls? (More disk for /var/)
- What other applications or services do I want to run on my Asterisk?



Review

- Asterisk runs on Numerous hardware platforms
- Any major Linux distribution
- Hardware considerations:
 - What your system Will be used for
 - The effects of low quality hardware can have



Asterisk dependences

Dependences

- We need a package manager: apt-get, yum, yast, pkgtool.
- yum install <package name>
- yum search <package name>
- man yum

- Example:
- yum install newt newt-devel newt-perl -y



C Programming Build Tools

- gcc: compiler
- make: test gcc how to compile
- glibc-devel: provides standard c functions
- autoconf: generates build scripts



Asterisk package requirements

- openssl-devel : cryptography toolkit
- zlib-devel: library for data compression/uncompression
- ncurses-devel: library for terminal handling



DAHDI Dependences

- libnewt: c library for text screen widgets
- kernel-headers: C header files for the linux kernel



libPRI

- ISDN PRI or BRI
- No unique dependences
- Compile LibPRI before Asterisk



Dependency resolution

- yum –C list <pakage name>
- ./configure -help | less
- make menuselect



Review

- Package requirements
 - C programming tools, asterisk packages (openssl-devel, zlib-devel, ncurses-devel), dahdi dependences, libPRI dependences
- Yum package manager
 - Yum install <package>
- Dependence resolution verification
 - yum –C list <pakage name>
 - ./configure -help | less
 - make menuselect



Asterisk installation

Installation options

- From Source (make menuselect)
- Using package manager (example: yum install Asterisk)
 - Dependencies are automatically resolved
 - Less flexible
 - Not the latest version
- Sofware Appliance: ISO
- On Cloud



Additional Packages

- Fax for Asterisk
- G.729
- Sounds (Music on hold)
 - Core sound packages(prompts) (sp, en, fr)
- Extra Sounds Package
 - More audio formats
 - More prompts



Review

- Installation options
 - Package manager
 - Software appliance
 - From source
- Additional Packages
 - Fax for Asterisk
 - G.729
 - Extra sounds package



Asterisk installation from source

Installation from source

- Packages: DAHDI, libPRI, Asterisk
- Asterisk.org
- Download to /usr/src
- wget <url>
- tar -zxvf <archive file name>
- First install DAHDI and LibPRI



Commands

- wget <url>
- tar -zvxf <filename>
- make: compile and create executables.
- make install: copy executables to executables folders
- make config: install an script to start automatically



Commands for Asterisk

- ./configure
- make menuselect
- make
- make install
- Install extra sounds

- make samples
- make config: start Asterisk on boot.



Review

- Download Asterisk, DAHDI, libPRI: wget
- Extract and uncompress: tar –zxvf <filename>
- Order:
 - DAHDI
 - libPRI
 - Asterisk
- Linux commands:
 - ./configure
 - make
 - make install
 - make config



Testing your installation

Testing Your Installation

- service dahdi start
- asterisk –rvvvv
- CLI
 - core show version
 - dahdi show version
 - pri show version



Safe_asterisk

- is a script that runs asterisk in a loop, which can be useful if you fear asterisk may crash.
- runs asterisk with unlimited core file size, and thus Asterisk will dump core in case of a crash
- Runs in a virtual console (9 by default)
- To get a "picture" of console 9, from another terminal (e.g. from a remote shell session) you can use: **screendump 9**



Review

- Test installation
 - asterisk –rvvvv
 - CLI
 - core show version
 - dahdi show version
 - pri show versión
- Safe_Asterisk: runs Asterisk on a loop



Configuration files

Configuration files

- Configuration text files / GUI Configuration .
- Comparation: text files (language) vs. GUI (form letters)
- Asterisk can read your config to a Relational DB
- You can save it to a versioning system
- Configuration files are in: /etc/asterisk
- Make samples creates files in /etc/asterisk
- Asterisk.conf; global config, directories has the structure: (key => value)
- Extensions.conf; extensions and contexts
- Sip.conf;



Asterisk.conf

```
[directories] ;section
;key => value
astetcdir => /etc/Asterisk
```

```
[options] ;section
verbose = 3
```



extensions.conf;dialplan

```
[general] ;section
;key => value
static =yes
[global] ;section
```

; how to handle incoming and outgoing calls.



extensions.conf;dialplan

```
||general
static=ves
writeprotect=no
clearglobalvars=no
[globals]
CONSOLE=Console/dsp
IAXINFO=guest
TRUNK=DAHDI/G2
TRUNKMSD=1
[dundi-e164-canonical]
[dundi-e164-customers]
[dundi-e164-via-pstn]
[dundi-e164-local]
include => dundi-e164-canonical
include => dundi-e164-customers
include => dundi-e164-via-pstn
[dundi-e164-switch]
switch => DUNDi/e164
[dundi-e164-lookup]
include => dundi-e164-local
include => dundi-e164-switch
[macro-dundi-e164]
exten => s,1,Goto(${ARG1},1)
include => dundi-e164-lookup
[iaxtel700]
exten => _91700XXXXXXX,1,Dial(IAX2/${GLOBAL(IAXINFO)}@iaxtel.com/${EXTEN:1}@iaxtel)
[iaxprovider]
[trunkint]
auton - 0011 1 Manualdundi a164 # (EVTEN: 41)
```

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extensions.conf;dialplan

```
[demo]
include => stdexten
exten => s,1,Wait(1)
exten => s,n,Answer
exten => s,n,Set(TIMEOUT(digit)=5)
exten => s,n,Set(TIMEOUT(response)=10)
exten => s,n(restart), BackGround(demo-congrats)
exten => s,n(instruct), BackGround(demo-instruct)
exten => s,n,WaitExten
exten => 2,1,BackGround(demo-moreinfo)
exten => 2,n,Goto(s,instruct)
exten => 3,1,Set(LANGUAGE()=fr)
exten => 3,n,Goto(s,restart)
exten => 1000,1,Goto(default,s,1)
exten => 1234,1,Playback(transfer,skip)
exten => 1234, n, Gosub(${EXTEN}, stdexten(${GLOBAL(CONSOLE)}))
exten => 1234, n, Goto(default, s, 1)
/[demo
```



sip.conf ;configuration file for the sip channel driver

```
[general]; section
context = default
udpbindaddress=0.0.0.0; listens on all addresses
;phones, trunks, devices config are defined on its own section
[basic-options](!)
                                ;a section template (example dozens of phones)
   dtmfmode=rfc2833
   context=from-office
   type=friend
[natted-phone](!,basic-options); another template inheriting from basic-options
   nat=yes
   directmedia=no
   host=dynamic
```



Reload configuration

Reload Sip reload



Review

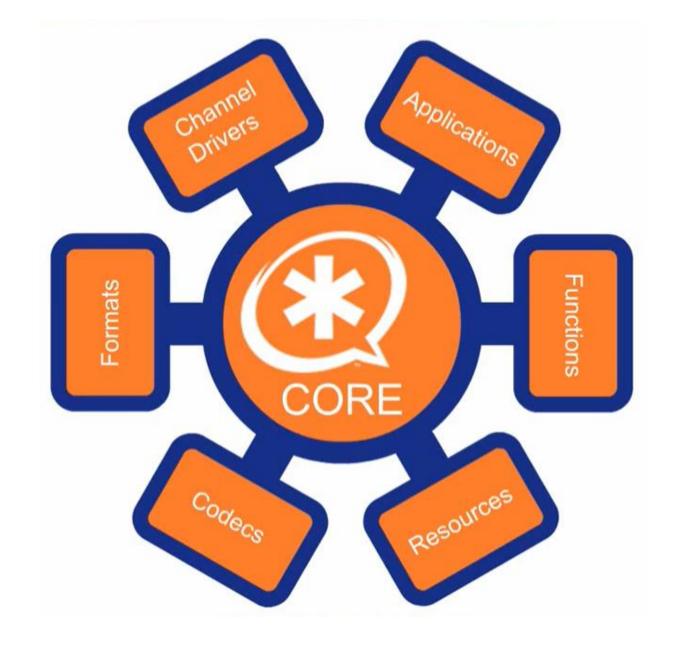
- Asterisk configuration
 - Primarly on text files
 - Lives on /etc/Asterisk
 - Some key files
 - Asterisk.conf
 - Extensions.conf
 - Sip.conf
- Reload configuration
 - Sip reload
 - reload



Asterisk architecture

Architecture

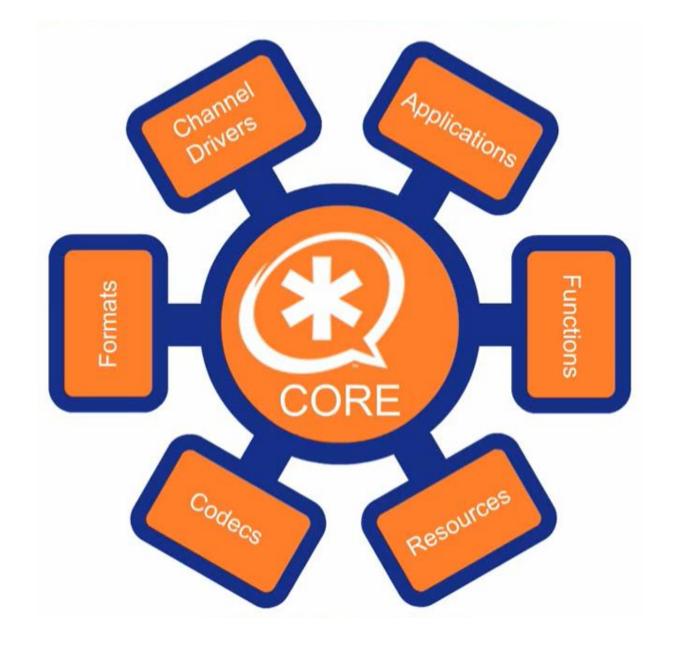
- Modular:
- Core + Modules
- Module files:
- filename.so (shared object)
- /usr/lib/Asterisk/modules
 - Set by astmoddir in Asterisk.conf
- /etc/Asterisk/modules.conf
 - Automatically loads all
 - Specify individual modules
 - Module load order





Core responsibilities

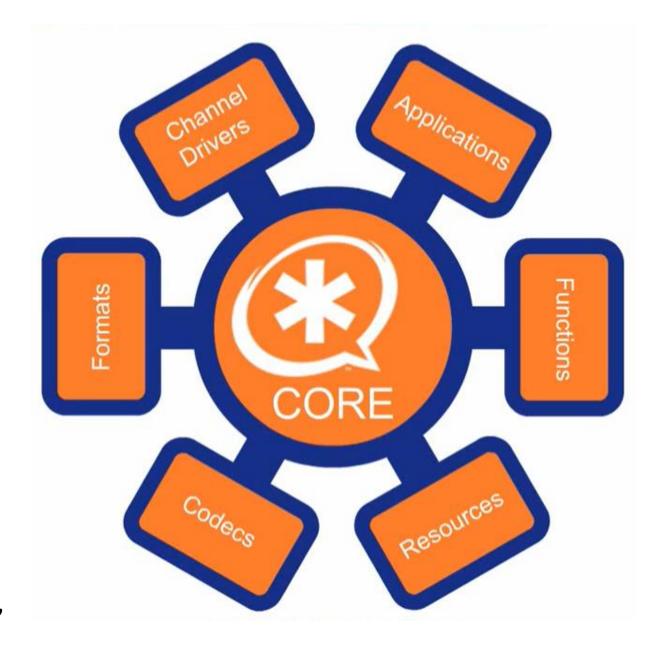
- Module management
- Reading configuration
- System timing
- Channel Management





Channel Drivers

- Chan_dahdi.so -> connects to kernel drivers (Traditional telephony)
- Chan_sip.so -> implements RFC3261
- Chan_iax2.so -> implements RFC5456
- Chan_<name>.so
- Standard API for channels
- Functions for Create, destroying, dialing

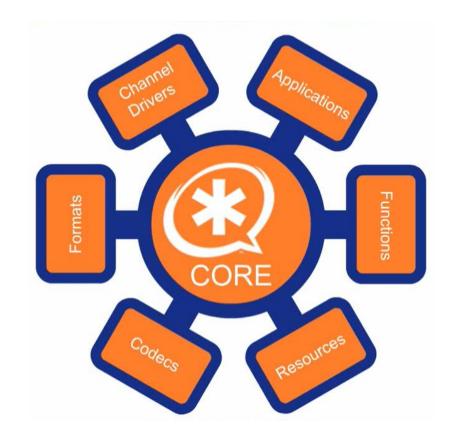




Applications

- Perform an action on or to the channel
- Dinamically loaded
- Synchronously executed (one at a time)

- App_dial.so
- App_playback.so
- App_voicemail.so
- App_<name>.so
- 100+ apps

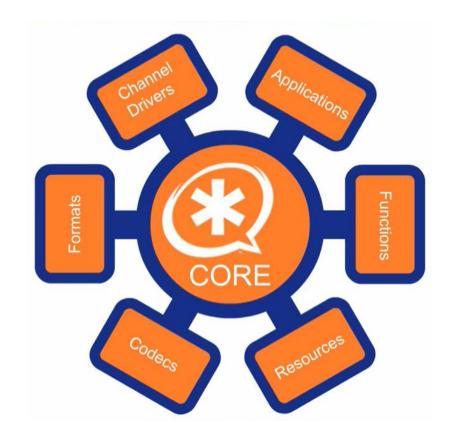




Functions

- Improve flexibility on a dialplan (changing)
- Get or Set channel data

- Fun_callerid.so
- Fun_cdr.so
- fun_math.so

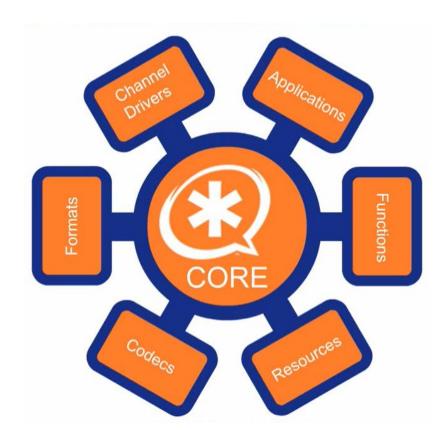




Resources

- Perform an action on or to the channel
- Statically loaded
- May operate simultaneously on multiple channels

- Res_musiconhold.so
- Res_monitor.so (call recording)



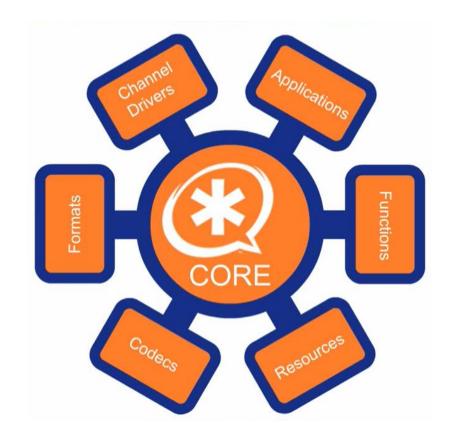


Digital media (Audio/Video)

- CODECS: converts media original format to a needed internal format on a channel
- FORMATS: converts media on a disk



- Codec_ulaw.so
- Format_jpeg.so
- Format_h264.so





Asterisk Interfaces

- Conf files
- CLI
- AMI
- AGI



Asterisk CLI

- module show like musiconhold
- Sip show peers
- Core show channels
- Reload
- help



Asterisk AMI

- Asterisk Management Interface
- Remote administration
- Scripting call flow
- Dial/hangup calls
- Used to create
 - Auto-dialers
 - Operator panels
 - Call queue monitoring tools



Asterisk AGI

- Asterisk Gateway Interface
- Control callflow
 - PHP
 - C++
 - Java
 - Perl



Asterisk ARI

- The Asterisk RESTful Interface (ARI).
- While AMI is good at call control and
- AGI is good at allowing a remote process to execute dialplan applications,
- neither of these APIs was designed to let a developer build their own custom communications application.
- ARI is an asynchronous API that allows developers to build communications applications by exposing the raw primitive objects in Asterisk - channels, bridges, endpoints, media, etc. - through an intuitive REST interface.
- The state of the objects being controlled by the user are conveyed via JSON events over a WebSocket.



Review

- Asterisk is highly modular
- CLI allows interaction with asterisk
- AMI,AGI allow external callflow control
- ARI allows to create communication applications



Asterisk CLI

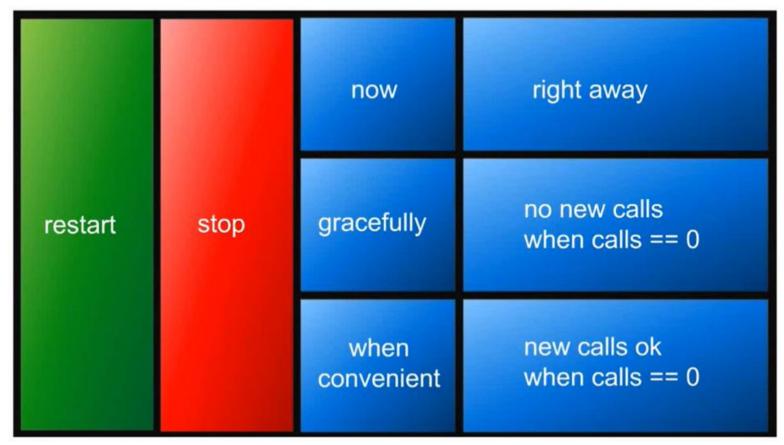
Using the CLI

- Asterisk –r
- exit
- core show <name>
 - License
 - Warranty
 - Version
 - Settings
 - Applications
 - Channels



Restarting and stopping

core stop <when>





Verbose

Relevant to administrators

- *CLI>core set verbose 0 turns off verbosity
- *CLI>core set verbose 0 only most important info
- *CLI>core set verbose 0 prints more than 1
- *CLI>core set verbose 0 prints more than 2



Debug

Relevant to developers

- *CLI>core set debug 0 turns off debugging
- *CLI>core set debug 1 only most important info



Messages

- NOTICE: informational, doesn't indicate a problem
- WARNING: Indicates a problem
- ERROR: Indicates a severe problem may jeopardize system functionality



! (Execute a Shell command)

• !

• !<Linux command>



Dialplan reload

- Help
- Help dialplan reload



Review

- CLI is a direct connection to Asterisk
- Reload, start, stop



Setting up a Phone

Objectives

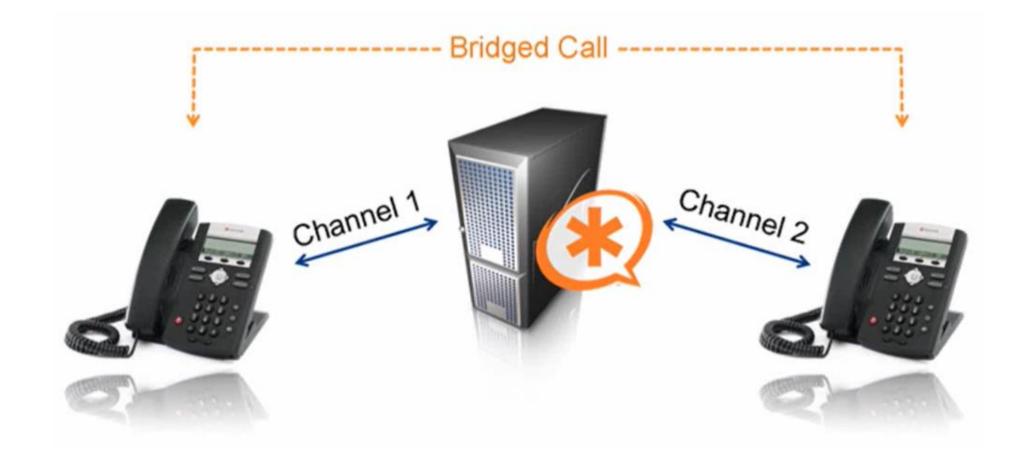
- Configure sip.conf
- Configure a softphone



Softphone



Call Flow Review





Sip.conf

```
[phone-1]
type=friend
host=Dynamic
context=internal_users
secret=XXXXX
```





Account settings breakdown

```
[phone-1]; account name or username
  [phone-1Df5jA] ;strong account name
type=friend; can send and receive calls
  type=user; can only make calls
  type=peer; can only receive calls
host=Dynamic; Endpoint needs to register
   host=161.35.64.4
   host=houston.twilio.com
context=internal users ;starting context in extensions.conf
secret=XXXXX ;account password
```

Additional settings

```
[phone-1]; account name or username
type=friend; can send and receive calls
host=Dynamic; Endpoint needs to register
context=internal users; starting context in extensions.conf
secret=XXXXX ;account password
;callerid= Jenny <5558675309>
;mailbox=5309@default
;disallow=all
;allow=ulaw
;deny=0.0.0.0/0
;permit=192.168.55.0/24
;qualify=yes
```



Phone Config

User ID:

Domain: <ip>

Password:

Display name:



Timeout error

• 5060 port connection.



Error Messages & Log

- /var/log/Asterisk
- 'messages' file contains
 - Warning
 - Error
 - Notice

- Asterisk –rvvv
- Sip show peers



Review

- Add accounts for SIP enabled phones in sip.conf
- SIP Client configuration
- Troubleshooting



Creating your extension

Dialplan, the heart of Asterisk



extensions.conf

```
[general] ;section
[globals] ;section
[context1] ;organization units
[context2] ;organization units
[context3] ;organization units
```

[internal_users]; end-point -> application, extension

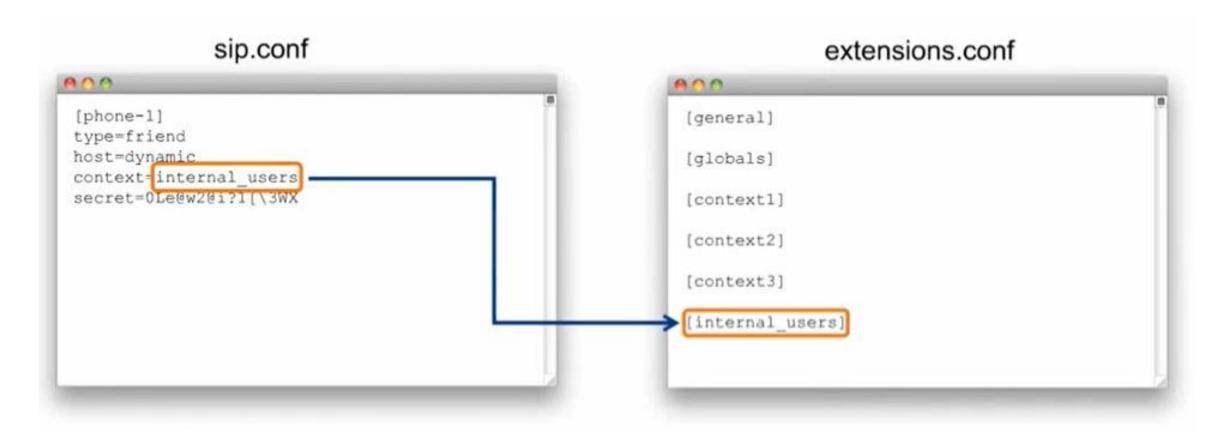


Extension syntax

```
[internal users]
;EXTEN => EXTENSION, PRIORITY, APPLICATION()
           number, number, application name(parameters)
exten => 8500,1,Voicemail()
; 8500 is the extension number
; priority 1 is the first action taken
; Voicemail is the application to be executed when 8500 is dialed
;core show application voicemail
```



Context relationship





Answering a call

;dialplan reload

```
[internal_users]
;EXTEN => EXTENSION,PRIORITY, APPLICATION()

exten => 6000,1,Answer() ;first action
exten => 6000,2,Playback(hello-world) ;plays file to the channel
exten => 6000,3,Hangup() ;channel hangup
```



Dial 6000



Dialing a phone

```
[internal_users]
;EXTEN => EXTENSION,PRIORITY, APPLICATION()
```

exten => 6000,1,Answer()

exten => 6000,2,Playback(hello-world)

exten => 6000,3,Hangup()

exten => 6002,1,Dial(SIP/phone-2,20)



Add a phone in sip.conf

```
[phone-1]; account name or username
type=friend ; can send and receive calls
host=Dynamic; Endpoint needs to register
context=internal users ;starting context in extensions.conf
secret=XXXXX ;account password
[phone-2]
type=friend
host=Dynamic
context=internal users
secret=YYYYYY
```



Review

- Dialplan
- Sip.conf ⇔ extension.conf
- Syntax
 - exten =>extension, priority, application()
- Answer()
- Dial()



Call breakdown

Extension

exten => 6002,1,Dial(Technology/Resource)

- Sip.conf ⇔ extension.conf
- Syntax
 - exten =>extension, priority, application()
- Answer()
- Dial()



extensions.conf

[internal_users]

Exten => 6000,1,Answer()

Exten => 6000,2,Playback(hello-world)

Exten =>6000,3,Hangup()

exten => 6002,1,Dial(SIP/phone-2,20)



extensions.conf



sip.conf

```
[phone-2]
type=friend
host=Dynamic
context=internal_users
secret=YYYYYY
```



Syntax

```
exten => 6002,1,Dial(Technology/Resource)
```

(EXTENSION, PRIORITY, APPLICATION)

;Dial attempts to connect to another endpoint

;Technology must be valid channel driver: SIP, IAX2, DAHDI

;Resource must be the name of a phone or a trunk identified in the config file (sip.conf

exten => 6002,1,Dial(SIP/phone-2,20)



Syntax

```
exten => 6002,1,Dial(Technology/Resource)
         (EXTENSION, PRIORITY, APPLICATION)
;Dial attempts to connect to another endpoint
;Technology must be valid channel driver: SIP, IAX2, DAHDI
;Resource must be the name of a phone or a trunk identified in the
config file (sip.conf
exten => 6002,1,Dial(SIP/phone-2,20)
                                 (20 is the TIMEOUT)
```



Review

Call setup
Dialplan configuration
Asterisk CLI



Diaplan overview

Dialplan

In traditional PBX is a list of relations between numbers and end-points. The Asterisk dialplan is far more flexible and powerful.

Scripting Language capable of conditional logic and complex commands.

Can write to databases or Access webpages.

Configured in extensions.conf



Contexts

Top level organization unit within a dialplan

A dialplan contains several different contexts

A context contains several extensions



Extensions

An extension is a named list of several actions that Asterisk Will perform when that extension is dialed.

A context is a container for the extensions.

The same extension can exists in several contexts. So you must specify the context.



Extensions and priorities

Priorities:

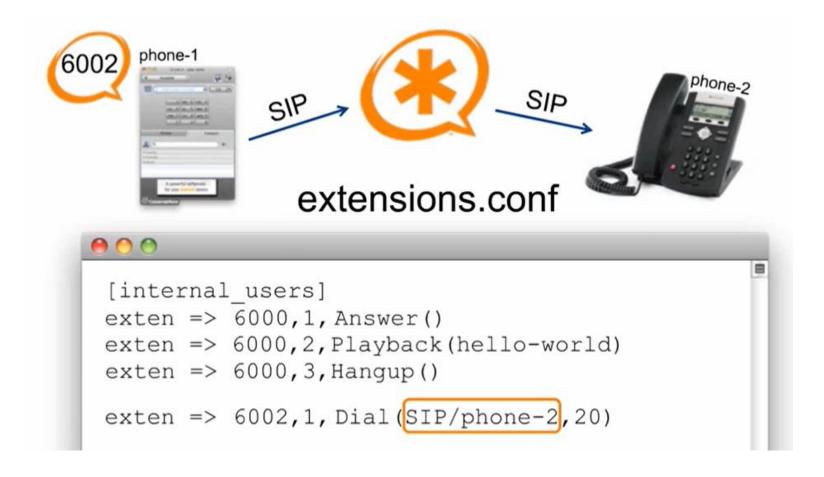
- 1.Action (Application)
- 2.Action
- 3.Action

Example:

- 1. Dial Phone
- 2. Record Voicemail



Visual breakdown





Dialplan show 6002@internal_users

```
asterisk*CLI>
asterisk*CLI> dialplan show 6002@internal_users
[Context 'internal_users' created by 'pbx_config']
'6002' => 1. Dial(SIP/phone-2,20) [pbx_config]
```



Call message in CLI

```
asterisk*CLI>
asterisk*CLI> dialplan show 6002@internal users
[ Context 'internal_users' created by 'pbx_config' ]
  '6002' => 1. Dial(SIP/phone-2,20) [pbx config]
asterisk*CLI>
== Using SIP RTP CoS mark 5
   -- Executing [6002@internal users:1] Dial("SIP/phone-1-00000009",
"SIP/phone-2,20") in new stack
== Using SIP RTP CoS mark 5
   -- Called phone2
   -- SIP/phone2-0000000a is ringing
-- SIP/phone2-0000000c answered SIP/phone1-0000000b
   -- Native bridging SIP/phone1-0000000b and SIP/phone2-0000000c
```



Core show channels

```
asterisk*CLI> core show channels
                    Location
Channel
                                          State
                                                 Application (Data)
SIP/phone2-0000000e
                     (None)
                                                  AppDial ((Outgoing
                                          Up
Line))
SIP/phone1-000000d
                     6002@internal_users: Up
                                                  Dial(SIP/phone2,20)
2 active channels
1 active call
2 calls processed
```



Review dialplan

```
asterisk*CLI>dialplan reload
asterisk*CLI>dialplan show
[ Context 'internal users' created by 'pbx config' ]
  '6000' =>
                    1. Answer()
                                                            [pbx config]
                                                            [pbx config]
                    2. Playback (hello-world)
                    3. Hangup ()
                                                             [pbx config]
  '6001' =>
                    1. Dial(SIP/phone-1,20)
                                                            [pbx config]
  '6002' =>
                    1. Dial(SIP/phone-2,20)
                                                            [pbx config]
-= 3 extensions (5 priorities) in 1 context. =-
```



extensions.conf

Other Ways to Modify Dialplan:

- Applications can load extensions
- CLI Commands
 - add extensions
 - remove extensions
 - update extensions



Review

Contexts contains extensions

Extensions are made up of priorities

Priorities are the numbered actions for each extension

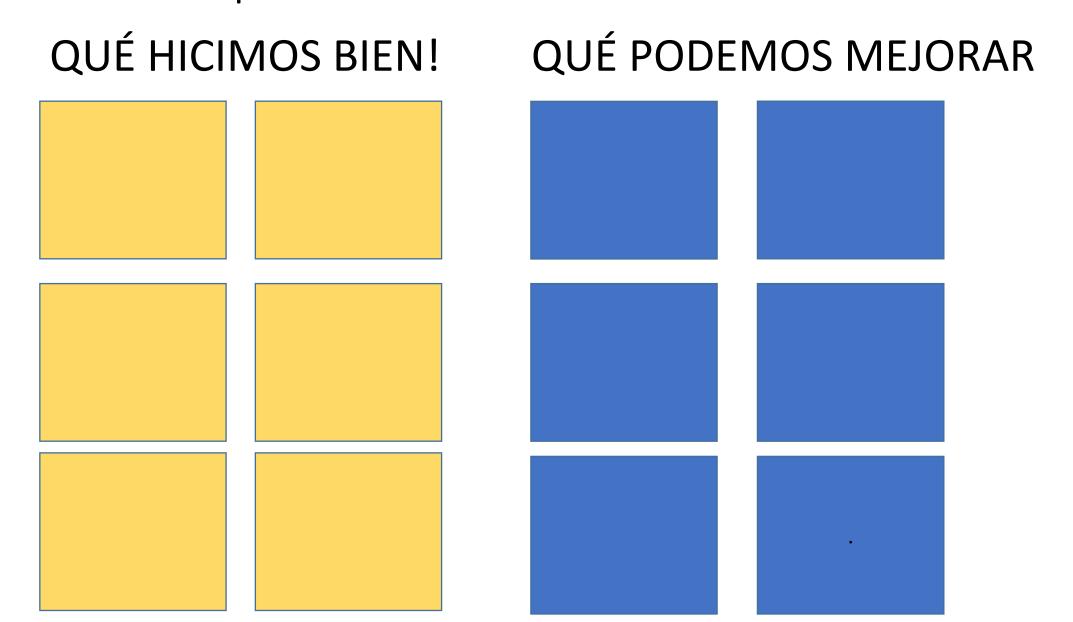
Applications are the actions taken on a call

[context]

exten => 6000,1,Application



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Thank you!

