# **Freedom Fone**



#### **Quick Start Guide**

**Freedom Fone Pictus Lupinus 1.6** 

June 2010

Author: Kubatana.net
Document version 1

#### **Contents**

- Stage 1: Installing the software page 2
- Stage 2: Checking the time page 3
- Stage 3: Connecting to the Internet (Optional) page 3
- Stage 4: Becoming familiar with the Freedom Fone user interface page 3
- Stage 5: Getting the SIM card ready for use page 4
- Stage 6: Connecting the computer to the Mobigater page 4
- Stage 7a: Preparing to create your own Voice menu page 5
- Stage 7b: Creating your own Voice menus page 5
- Stage 7c: Calling the default Voice menu page 6
- Stage 7d: Testing the Leave-a-Message service page 7
- Stage 7e: Listening to Voice messages page 7
- Stage 8a: Editing the Leave-a-Message IVR page 8
- Stage 8b: Calling the Leave-a-Message service directly page 8
- Stage 9: Testing telephony device with SMS page 9
- Stage 10: Testing telephony device with Poll function page 9
- Stage 11: Adding more Mobigaters (Optional) page 9
- Notes: page 9



Stage 1: Installing the software

#### Note: Estimated time for installation is 15 minutes

Warning: Please note that the Freedom Fone v1.6 DVD will overwrite all data currently on the computer.

- Insert the Freedom Fone DVD into your DVD drive and restart the computer.
- Ensure that the computer's BIOS settings enable the computer to boot from the DVD. If the computer is not currently set to do this, restart the computer and look for the prompt to modify the BIOS settings and set the primary boot device to the CD/DVD player.
- At the Boot prompt, type install to begin the installation.
- Note: You have less than one minute to do this, before the computer boots as a live CD. Freedom Fone will not work properly as a live CD. You will know that Freedom Fone has loaded as a live CD, if you see the Ubuntu login screen, instead of the install welcome screen.
- Step 1: Select the language you prefer for installation. Once selected, click the Forward button.
- Step 2: Select the city in which you are running the server. Scroll to the top and bottom of the list to find your country. Once selected, click the Forward button.
- Step 3: Select keyboard layout. Check this setting by typing the following characters into the box provided: ~, @, |, / and ensuring the symbols displayed are correct. Once complete, click the Forward button.
- Step 4: Prepare disk space. Select the Guided use entire disk option and then click the Forward button.
- Step 5: Who are you. Enter **lupinus** as your name. Enter **lupinus** twice for the password and click the Forward button.
- Step 6: There is no step 6 (!)
- Step 7: Click install. Once installation is complete, click the Restart now button.
- When prompted remove the DVD, close the tray and click the Enter button on your keyboard.
- Wait for the computer to reboot and when prompted enter lupinus as your username and password.



Stage 2: Checking the time

Date and time are important as they are used to log calls and manage polls. Make sure your settings are correct.

- Check that the date and time displayed in the top right hand corner of the screen is correct for your location.
- If you need to adjust the date and time, right click over the date and time, in the top right hand corner of your screen.
- Select Adjust Date & Time from the drop down menu.
- Click the Unlock button and enter **lupinus** as the password, when prompted.
- Press the Authenticate button
- Make the time and date adjustments and click the Close button.



Stage 3: Connecting to the Internet (Optional)

For those of you who are able and wish to connect to the Internet, this is how you manually configure your connection. (Don't forget to have your ethernet cable plugged in!)

- From the menus at the top of the screen, select System > Administration > Network.
- Click the Unlock button.
- When prompted, enter the password lupinus.
- On the Connections tab, select Wired connection.
- Click on the Properties button.
- Deselect the Enable Roaming Mode check box.
- Depending on how your network is administered either select, Automatic configuration (DHCP) or select the Static IP address from the Configuration drop down list.
- If you select Static IP address, ask your network administrator for an IP address, Subnet mask and Gateway address. Enter these details and click the OK button.
- Click the DNS tab and add DNS servers, as provided by your network administrator. Click the Close button.
- Restart your computer for the networking settings to take effect. The Restart button is in the top right hand corner of your screen or in your System menu.
- Wait for the computer to reboot and when prompted enter lupinus as your username and password.



Stage 4: Becoming familiar with the Freedom Fone user

Double click on the Freedom Fone GUI shortcut on the desktop and then take a look at the different Freedom Fone menu options.

- Under the main Freedom Fone menu, use the Functionality option to read about Polls, Leave-a-Message, Voice menus, Dashboard and Settings features.
- If you prefer, change the language of the user interface to one of the others offered using the Settings > Language menu.

ı	n	τε	<b>?</b> [	Ιa	IC	е

- Take a look at the other menu options and then move on to Stage 5.
- For context specific help, float your cursor over the light bulb icon, if you see one on the page.
- Detailed functionality information can be found on the Freedom Fone > Functionality pages.
- For other information, look in the Documentation folder on the desk top.
   Latest versions of all documentation can be found on the Freedom Fone website: <a href="http://www.freedomfone.org/page/documentation">http://www.freedomfone.org/page/documentation</a>



Stage 5: Getting the SIM card ready for use For each SIM card you want to use with Freedom Fone, do the following:

- Ensure that the SIM card is activated.
- If you have a pre-paid SIM card, ensure that it is topped up with airtime
  and that it meets the pay-as-you-go operational requirements specific to
  your country.
- Insert the SIM card in a mobile phone and ensure the settings are modified to deactivate future PIN requests - this option is often found under the phone's Security Settings menu.
- Ensure that there is good network coverage in your work area.
- Remove the SIM card from the mobile phone and place it in the telephony device i.e. the MobiGater or VoiceBlue Lite.
- Make a note of the IMEI code associated with the MobiGater or VoiceBlue
  Lite module bay, into which the SIM card is inserted. On the MobiGater
  this is found under the flap on the base, next to the SIM card. For the
  VoiceBlue Lite it is on the base of the device. Make a note of the phone
  number associated with the SIM card. This information will be useful when
  you test the system later.
- To avoid problems, switch off computer and MobiGater, before inserting or removing SIM cards.



Stage 6: Connecting the computer to the Mobigater If using more than one MobiGater, please connect one device at a time and make test calls before adding any further devices.

- If it is on, switch your computer off before you add each MobiGater.
- Connect the MobiGater to the computer via a USB cable. Connect the MobiGater to the power.
- Switch the computer on.
- If all is correct, the LEDs on the MobiGater will light up as follows: the LEDs under the power and USB icons will both light up red. The LED under the mobile phone icon will flicker red roughly every four seconds, as the SIM card polls the nearest mobile network tower.
- If the Freedom Fone user interface is not already open, click on the Freedom Fone shortcut on the desktop.
- Select Dashboard > GSM channels from the main Freedom Fone menu.
- The MobiGater you've just connected should be displayed. You may need
  to press the refresh button a number of times to see this. Check the IMEI
  number and compare it with the notes you took in Stage 5.
- If you accidentally connected the MobiGater whilst the computer was on, and the MobiGater does not show up, you may have to start the whole installation from Stage 1 again.



Stage 7a:
Preparing to
create your
own Voice
menu - upload
Menu options

From v1.6, the first MobiGater connected to the Freedom Fone server will connect to the default Voice menu. Prepare for creating a Voice menu by uploading the Menu option files associated with it.

- Select Voice menus > Menu options from the main Freedom Fone menu.
- Click the Upload new button to add an audio file that will be played when a caller makes a selection from your Voice menu.
- Please do not upload basic menu prompts, like your Welcome message, using this screen. They are uploaded when you create or edit a menu from the Voice menus > Voice menus screen.
- Give the audio file a title and browse the server for the audio file (MP3 or WAV) that you want to upload.
- Please note that audio files should be created as mono, 8Khz files, less than 10MB in size. Either WAV or MP3 files can be used.
- Click the Save button and you will be returned to the Menu options page where an entry for your audio file should be displayed.
- If you are NOT returned to the Menu options page, the chances are that the file you tried to upload was larger than the maximum file size allowed. Downsize the audio file by shortening its duration and/or ensuring it has been created as required in the first note on this page.
- To listen to your Menu option files, you will need your speakers plugged in and switched on. Click the play icon next to a Menu option file to start the Flash audio player.
- If the Flash audio player appears to play and your speakers are connected and switched on, but you CANNOT hear the voice message, see the Troubleshooting Guide.



Stage 7b: Creating your own Voice menus Select Voice menus > Voice menus from the main Freedom Fone menu.

- Click the Create new button.
- Give the new IVR a name.
- If you have a licensed copy of the Cepstral synthetic voice included with Freedom Fone - Allison 8kHz, you can experiment with text-to-speech by using text instead of audio files for basic menu prompts like your Welcome message and Instruction message. See the Troubleshooting guide for information on licensing the default voice included with Freedom Fone.
- If you are NOT using a registered copy of the default Cepstral voice, you will hear an automated voice reminding you to buy a license for the text-to-speech voice in between the IVR prompts. Upload your own audio files as soon as possible to avoid using the unlicensed text-to-speech voice.
- For all audio file prompts, please note that files should be created as mono, 8Khz files, less than 10MB in size. Either WAV or MP3 files can be used.
- In the Menu options section of this screen either:
  - o use the drop down menus next to each valid menu option for your

- Voice menu, and select the audio file that should be played when a caller selects that option, or
- select the Leave-a-Message component to direct callers to your Leave-a-Message IVR when they select this menu option.
   Remember to edit the Leave-a-message IVR as per instructions in Stage 8A before you test this aspect of your Voice menu.
- Once you have saved your menu, you can return in edit mode and use the flash audio player to listen to your prompts and menu option files. See information in Stage 7A in this regard.
- Before you call in and test your Voice menu, check to see it is set as the
  default menu on the Voice menus > Voice menus screen. If the radio
  button next to your menu is not selected, click on the radio button and then
  click the Update default button.



Stage 7c: Calling the default Voice menu

- To monitor your call, Select Dashboard > Call data records from the main Freedom Fone menu.
- The Call data records page will be empty if there have been no previous calls to this system to date. You can click on the Refresh button at any time to view information associated with completed calls or calls in progress.
- Call the mobile number of the SIM card in the first MobiGater connected or one which is designated in the Voice Blue Lite to connect to the default Voice menu.
- Listen carefully to the prompts and select one of your menu options. Once the menu option completes, you will be returned to the default menu instructions.
- From v1.6 you will be able to interrupt the menu option file after it has started to play. You will be returned to the menu's Instruction file, allowing you to select another option should you so wish.
- You can see details of key selections made by a caller in response to a
   Voice menu by viewing the Voice menus > Monitoring screen.
- If you CANNOT get Freedom Fone to respond to the selections you are making using your phone's key pad, see the Troubleshooting Guide in the Documentation folder on your desktop.



Stage 7d: Testing the Leave-a-Message service If you have selected the Leave-a-Message component as a Menu option, call again and test this feature now.

- If you have not yet modified the Leave-a-Message voice menu, using the Leave-a-Message/IVR menu screen (see Stage 8A):
- You will hear the default Freedom Fone Leave-a-Message IVR and experience the basic Leave-a-message functionality.
- After you hear a beep, you should leave your voice message and then hang up.
- This action will automatically cause your voice message to be saved.
- If the Leave-a-Message IVR includes one or more text prompts in the place of audio files AND you are NOT using a registered copy of the default Cepstral voice:
  - You will hear an automated voice reminding you to buy a license for the text-to-speech voice in between the text to speech IVR prompts.
  - Read the Troubleshooting Guide in the Documentation folder on your desktop to deal with the Cepstral nag! Upload your own audio files as soon as possible to avoid using the unlicensed text-tospeech voice.
- The Advanced Leave-a-Message functionality requires that the caller specifically selects a prescribed key to save their voice message. Hanging up without doing so will mean the voice message is deleted. The caller can listen to their message, delete it if they are unsatisfied, and try again before ending the call.
- If you are using the Advanced Leave-a-Message settings and CANNOT leave a message because the selections you are making using your phone's key pad are being ignored, see the Troubleshooting Guide.



Stage 7e: Listening to Voice messages Review, title and categorise your Voice message.

- If you can successfully leave a voice message, select Leave-a- Message >
   Inbox from the main Freedom Fone menu to edit details associated with the voice message. Click the Refresh button if you do not see your voice message.
- To listen to your voice messages, you will need your speakers plugged in and switched on. Click the play icon next to your voice message to start the Flash audio player. If the Flash audio player appears to play and your speakers are connected and switched on, but you CANNOT hear the voice message, see the Troubleshooting Guide.
- Create Tags and Categories to manage Voice messages by using the Leave-a-Message menu options by the same names. You can apply these details, Title, Rate and Archive Voice messages when you edit a voice message entry.
- Voice message audio files are located on the Freedom Fone server, in this folder:

/usr/local/freedomfone/freeswitch/scripts/freedomfone/leave\_message/ 100/messages



Stage 8a: Editing the

Leave-a-

Message IVR

Edit the Leave-a-Message IVR by modifying the text to suit your needs, or creating and uploading your own voice files.

- Select Leave-a-Message > IVR Menu from the main Freedom Fone menu.
- If you create audio files for this menu, make sure to sample them as mono, 8Khz files, less than 10MB in size.
- Either WAV or MP3 files can be used.
- The default Leave-a-Message IVR requires a Welcome prompt and a Record Message Instructions prompt. Callers should be instructed to leave a message after the beep and then hang up. Their voice message is saved as soon as they hang up.
- To access the Advanced Leave-a-Message functionality, click advanced settings at the bottom of the screen, above the Save button. The Advanced Leave-a-Message features require your caller to review and specifically select to save their voice message.



The second MobiGater connected to the Freedom Fone server will, by default, connect to the Leave-a-Message voice menu (IVR).

- Call the mobile number of the SIM card in the second MobiGater connected.
- If you have not yet modified the Leave-a-Message voice menu, using the Leave-a-Message > IVR Menu screen, you will hear the default Freedom Fone voice menu.
- Listen carefully to the prompts and leave a message after the beep.
- Press the # key once you have completed your voice message.
- If you are NOT using a registered copy of the default Cepstral voice, you will hear an automated voice reminding you to buy a license for the text-tospeech voice in between the IVR prompts.
- Read the Troubleshooting Guide in the Documentation folder on your desktop to deal with the Cepstral nag! Upload your own audio files as soon as possible to avoid using the unlicensed text-to-speech voice.
- If you can successfully leave a voice message, select Leave-a- Message >
   Inbox from the Freedom Fone menu to edit details associated with the voice message. Click the Refresh button if you do not see your voice message.
- To listen to your voice messages, you will need your speakers plugged in and switched on.
- If you CANNOT leave a voice message, because the selections you are
  making using your phone's key pad are being ignored, see the
  Troubleshooting Guide in the Documentation folder on your desktop. Voice
  message audio files are located on the Freedom Fone server, in this folder:
  /usr/local/freedomfone/freeswitch/scripts/freedomfone/leave\_message/
  100/messages

Stage 8b: Calling the Leave-a-Message service directly



Stage 9: Testing

telephony

device with

**SMS** 

Check to see if the SIM in the MobiGater is receiving ordinary text messages.

- Send a message to the mobile number associated with the SIM card in the MobiGater.
- Select Poll > Other SMS from the Freedom Fone menu to view the SMS messages that have been received.
- Click the Refresh button repeatedly until your message can be seen.
- If your mobile network's message centre is operating efficiently you should see your message appear within seconds.



Stage 10: Testing

telephony

device with

**Poll function** 

Please read the rules for Polls under Freedom Fone > Functionality > Poll and then set up a test poll to experiment with the Poll function.

- Select Poll > Manage polls from the main Freedom Fone menu.
- Create a new poll, put in a question, give the poll a code, and add two or more options.
- Send test SMS messages to your mobile number.
- Remember each SMS must start with the poll's code as its first word, followed by a space and then one of the allowed options.
- Click the Refresh button on the Poll/Manage poll page and watch the votes add up.
- Click the poll question for more detailed information on the votes coming in.



If you want to add more MobiGaters, shut down the computer again and connect the next telephony device as per the steps in Stage 6.

- Stage 11: Adding more Mobigaters (Optional)
- Please note that if more than one telephony device is connected, by default the:
  - first and third devices are connected to the Leave-a-Message service.
  - second telephony device is connected to the default voice menu created and set using the Freedom Fone Voice menus/voice menus screen
- If you want to modify these default associations, read the Troubleshooting Guide in the Documentation folder on your desktop.

#### **Notes**

- From version 1.6, the preconfigured connection settings for MobiGaters are:
  - o First MobiGater connects to your default voice menu.
  - Second MobiGater connects to the Leave-a-Message IVR.
  - Third MobiGater connects to your default voice menu.
- These settings can be modified by editing this file on the Freedom Fone server: /usr/local/freedomfone/xml\_curl/dialplan.xml
   Look for this code:

#### (cc) Creative Commons Share Alike Non-Commercial Attribution 3.0 Page 9

```
<extension name="inbound Mobigater1">
       <condition field="destination_number"expression="^5000$">
               <action application="transfer" data="4100 XML default"/>
       </condition>
</extension>
<extension name="inbound_Mobigater2">
       <condition field="destination number" expression="^5001$">
               <action application="transfer" data="2100 XML default"/>
       </condition>
</extension>
<extension name="inbound_Mobigater3">
        <condition field="destination_number"expression="^5002$">
               <action application="transfer" data="4100 XML default"/>
       </condition>
</extension>
To edit a Freedom Fone configuration file
       Open a terminal window by clicking the terminal shortcut on the
       Desktop
    o Enter lupinus as the password
       On the command line, type gedit before the full path name of the
       file and then press the Enter key eg
       gedit /usr/local/freedomfone/xml_curl/dialplan.xml
       Make the necessary changes to the file
       Close the gedit window (you must do this to be able to type any
       further commands on the command line in the terminal window)
       Return to the terminal window
       Type exit on the command line to close the terminal window
```