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## Digium® Introduces Asterisk Fast Start Training

*Creator of Asterisk, the Leading Open Source Telephony Project, Offers Introductory Course for Asterisk, Telephony and Linux*

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.— Oct. 07, 2008**—[Digium®](#), creator and primary developer of Asterisk®, the leading open source telephony platform, announced today a new training course – [Asterisk Fast Start](#). The entry-level course provides an introduction to Asterisk, telephony and the Linux environment, making the world’s most widely used open source telephony software more accessible than ever before.

The goal of the course is to give participants an introduction to Asterisk covering such topics as installation, configuration and the basic operation of Asterisk. Participants do not need a background in Linux, telephony or Asterisk to participate. The course will take participants through all the steps from a freshly installed Linux computer to a fully configured and working Asterisk implementation.

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Install and run Asterisk on any computer and act as an Asterisk administrator;
- Configure Asterisk to deliver basic PBX functionality including basic call routing, voice mail and directory services;
- Describe the telephony connections that Asterisk supports and identify the necessary Digium hardware to support such connectivity.

“We are pleased to offer an intensive, introductory overview to Asterisk – the most widely used open source telephony project,” said Rod Montgomery, director of services for Digium. “We’ve asked David Duffett of TeleSpeak, Ltd., an Authorized Training Partner in the United Kingdom, to create Asterisk Fast Start in response to requests from the Asterisk community for an introductory offering. This new course complements our current training offerings that are geared toward every level of expertise.”

Participants will receive a student kit complete with a Polycom IP telephone and Digium interface cards. Asterisk Fast Start will kick off with its first course on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, offered by David Duffett in Oxford, England. To learn more about Digium Asterisk Fast Start or any of Digium's offered courses, please visit: <http://www.digium.com/en/training/courses/?tab=fast-obj>.

### **About Digium**

Digium®, Inc., the Asterisk® Company, created, owns and is the innovative force behind Asterisk, the most widely used open source telephony software. Since its founding in 1999, Digium has become the open source alternative to proprietary communication providers, with offerings that cost as much as 80 percent less. Digium offers Asterisk software free to the open source community and offers Asterisk Business Edition and Switchvox IP PBX software to power a broad family of products for small, medium and large businesses. The company's product line includes a wide range of hardware to enable resellers and customers to implement turnkey solutions or to design their own voice over IP (VoIP) systems. More information is available at [www.digium.com](http://www.digium.com).

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