

Changing Major Asterisk Versions on the Fly

The FreePBX Distro has some built in features to allow you to change the Major Asterisk version you are using.

For example the 6.12.65 release track supports Asterisk 1.8, 11, 12 and 13

To change which Major Asterisk release you are using type;

```
asterisk-version-switch
```

You will then be prompted to pick which Asterisk Version you would like to switch to

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Pick the Asterisk Version you would like to change to.  
Press 1 and the Enter key for Asterisk 1.8  
Press 2 and the Enter key for Asterisk 11  
Press 3 and the Enter key for Asterisk 12  
Press 4 and the Enter key for Asterisk 13  
Press 9 and the Enter key to exit and not change your Asterisk Version
```

Once the switch has been completed you will be informed which Version you are running and that Asterisk is restarting.

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asterisk18 has now been verified to be installed  
  
Restarting Asterisk for Changes to take effect with the new version  
  
Please wait...
```

FreePBX will then perform a reload and re-write all the configuration files based on the version of Asterisk you switch to.

You can verify the running version of Asterisk at the bash prompt with:

```
# asterisk -x "core show version"  
Asterisk 13.9.1 built by mockbuild @ jenkins2.schmoozecom.net on a x86_64  
running Linux on 2016-05-13 20:33:39 UTC
```

If the old Asterisk version is still shown, you can restart with:

```
fwconsole restart
```

The final step is to reload the system dial plan:

```
fwconsole reload
```