



Astaro releases new version of its central management tool for UTM appliances

New features in Astaro Command Center V1.3 answers the needs of large enterprises and service providers

London and Karlsruhe (Germany), 4th October 2006 – Astaro Corporation today released Astaro Command Center V1.3, a new version of its centralised management application for Astaro Security Gateway UTM appliances. Version 1.3 of the central management application, aimed at large enterprises and service providers, integrates improved role-based multi-administrator support, enhanced real-time monitoring of high availability bundles and also provides a centralised update server for all Astaro appliances within a global network.

Astaro Command Center allows the centralised and efficient management of many challenging and time-consuming tasks, such as defining security policies, configuring applications, monitoring actual device states and maintaining device software and pattern updates. The intuitive web-based user interface provides an effective overview of each device's health status, allowing administrators to efficiently see which gateways require immediate action.

Astaro Command Center is a highly scalable turnkey solution, designed for the management of hundreds or even thousands of devices, whilst simultaneously providing the complete function set of a fully-fledged central management solution.

Astaro Command Center V1.3 integrates the following enhancements:

- With the enhanced *fine-grained access control for role-based multi-administrator systems*, different administrator roles can be defined (for monitoring, maintenance and configuration purposes) for each device or device groups. In addition, permission can be automatically granted for newly confirmed devices through pre-defined rules.
- *Real-time monitoring of High Availability bundles* provides the respective status information for both the master and slave components within a High Availability (HA) bundle. For instance, the name, version and last contact status for all



devices will now be shown in various views, providing up-to-date information about critical component states requiring immediate action.

- As a *Local ASG Up2Date Server*, the Astaro Command Center server will now provide pre-fetched Up2Date packages for all Astaro Security Gateways (ASGs) within a customer's network environment, including those units that do not have a direct internet connection.

Additional features integrated in ACC V1.3 include a new dashboard list-view, backup and restore capabilities for ACC data as well as support of up to 500 devices per Astaro Command Center server.

Availability and Pricing

Astaro Command Center is shipped as a software appliance (i.e. a bootable ISO image including the operating system with all applications) capable of being installed on all dedicated Intel-compatible PCs.

The new features found within ACC V1.3 will be supported by all Astaro Security Gateway clients running ASG software V6, version 6.303 and higher.

Astaro Command Center V1.3 is available immediately to all Astaro Security Gateway customers at no charge.

Astaro Command Center V1.3 can be downloaded via the following links:

<ftp://ftp2.astaro.de> or <http://download2.astaro.com>.

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About Astaro

Astaro develops a complete line of network security products including the Astaro Security Gateway software and Astaro Security Gateway line of security appliances. All Astaro products offer nine critical security applications in three categories – Web Security, Email Security and Network Security – fully integrated on a single management platform. The company is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and with facilities in Karlsruhe, Germany. Astaro's software has won numerous industry awards, and is protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of 350 solutions partners who offer local support and services.

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