

**Astaro Releases New Astaro Smart Installer**

*One of a kind thumb drive eliminates costly, time-consuming process of reimagining hardware appliances*

**Reading, UK (24 July, 2008)**—Astaro Corporation ([www.astaro.co.uk](http://www.astaro.co.uk)), a leading vendor of security appliances, today announced the availability of the Astaro Smart Installer, a new product designed to allow resellers and customers to quickly and easily install Astaro software appliances and re-image Astaro hardware appliances.

Available for Astaro Security Gateway and Astaro Web Gateway product lines, the Astaro Smart Installer is a specialised USB flash drive that allows the hardware appliance or server to recognise it as an external CD-ROM drive loaded with a bootable image. This eliminates the need for the user to obtain new hardware or download an ISO image, burn it to a CD and load it onto the hardware via an external drive. Shipping this new product instead of a new hardware appliance (or CD and external drive with instructions) can save resellers significant shipping costs and time when supporting their customers. The tool provides for automated, unattended installation once it has been recognised by the appliance.

The Astaro Smart Installer can be utilised in many situations, including those instances when an Astaro user has made the platform unavailable through erroneous configuration. Also, a customer significantly behind in Up2dates can use the Astaro Smart Installer to re-image the hardware and apply a backup rather than apply multiple Up2Dates released in the past and face a longer maintenance window as a result. Resellers may find the Astaro Smart Installer useful when looking to rapidly update many appliances or provision appliances running past versions with the newest offerings in Astaro's product lines.

Astaro Smart Installer can be loaded with any Version 7 image of Astaro Security Gateway or Astaro Web Gateway software and is currently available through any certified Astaro reseller at a price of \$99.

To view a 2 minute video demonstrating the ASI, visit the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiei2sQwIP4>.

**About Astaro**

Astaro offers the most complete and easy to use Internet security appliances available. Combining best of breed applications, the proven quality of Linux and enterprise level performance, Astaro's award-winning products provide the latest protection with the best total cost of ownership. Software, hardware and virtual appliance offerings provide users the flexibility to meet a wide variety of deployment scenarios. Distributed by a growing worldwide network of more than 2,500 resellers, Astaro products protect over 35,000 businesses in 60 countries. Astaro, headquartered in Burlington,

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