



VoIP Magazine Names Digium as One of the Top 20 Companies to Watch in 2006

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HUNTSVILLE, AL and SAN FRANCISCO, CA— (January 4, 2005)— Digium Inc., the creator of Asterisk® and pioneer of open source telephony, announced today that it has been named to the VoIP Magazine 20: Companies to Watch in 2006 list. The VoIP Magazine Top 20 list features the companies that are best positioned in the coming year to spur IP communications adoption and innovation while, at the same time, delivering on the immediate needs of the marketplace.

"It is an honor to be named to VoIP Magazine's 2006 Top 20 Companies to Watch list," said Mark Spencer, president of Digium and creator of Asterisk. "Open source telephony reached many milestones in 2005, and we believe 2006 will be a key year for Asterisk and Digium in bringing open source telecom solutions mainstream."

Digium is the creator and primary developer of Asterisk, the industry's first open source PBX, and has millions of users (growing everyday). There are thousands of Asterisk systems vendors and consultants worldwide, and recent AstriCon user conferences have attracted thousands of attendees. Asterisk has enabled solutions ranging from Enterprise PBXs, Call Centers, and Telco-grade Soft Switches, to bicycle-powered telephony systems for rural African villages, and everything in between. Asterisk is quickly reinventing the way businesses, service providers and consumers embrace VoIP technologies to increase productivity and streamline communications.

"As the developer of the industry's first open source PBX, Digium has pioneered a new model for both the development and delivery of telecommunication services," said Bryan Richard, editor-in-chief of VoIP Magazine. "We expect this trend that Digium is largely responsible for-- enterprise and service provider interest in open source technologies-- to not only continue, but grow in 2006."

About the VoIP Magazine 20: Companies to Watch

The VoIP Magazine 20: Companies to Watch features the leading IP vendors that are driving the next-generation of telecommunications. The VoIP Magazine 20 selects companies that have the ability to spur both enterprise and service provider adoption, are technology and service innovators, and develop practical solutions for the emerging communications market. Please visit <http://www.voip-magazine.com> for more information.

About Digium

Digium is the creator and primary developer of Asterisk, the industry's first open source PBX and Asterisk Business Edition, the professional-grade version of Asterisk. Used in combination with Digium's PCI telephony interface cards, Asterisk offers a strategic, highly cost-effective approach to voice and data transport over IP, TDM, switched and Ethernet architectures.

Digium solutions reduce the costs of traditional TDM and VoIP implementations through open source, standards-based software and innovative hardware solutions, including legacy PBX, IVR, auto attendant, and next generation gateways, media servers, and application servers. Digium hardware supports traditional voice and data protocols, and packet protocols such as IAX™ (Inter-Asterisk eXchange), and SIP VoIP.

Digium provides a highly refined selection of quality hardware and software products, developed and implemented using innovative engineering techniques (primarily open source development). A full range of professional services complement these product lines, including consulting, technical support, and customer software development services. The open source communications revolution is here, and Digium is leading the way.

About Asterisk

Code for Asterisk, originally written by Mark Spencer of Digium Inc., has been contributed from open source software engineers around the world. It supports a wide range of TDM protocols for the handling and transmission of voice over traditional telephony interfaces. It also supports US and European standard signaling types used in standard business phone systems, allowing it to bridge between next-generation voice-data integrated networks and existing infrastructure. Using the IAX Voice over IP protocol, Asterisk merges voice and data traffic seamlessly across disparate networks. Asterisk is available as open source under the GPL, and from Digium in the professional Asterisk Business Edition package, or under commercial license terms.

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