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Preface

This document provides a general overview of the installation process for the PortaSwitch server.

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Conventions

This publication uses the following conventions:

- Commands and keywords are given in **boldface**.
- Terminal sessions, console screens, or system file names are displayed in fixed width font.

Exclamation mark draws your attention to important actions that must be taken for proper configuration.

NOTE: Notes contain additional information to supplement or accentuate important points in the text.

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Timesaver means that you can save time by taking the action described here.



Tips provide information that might help you solve a problem.



Archivist explains how the feature worked in previous releases.



Gear points out that this feature must be enabled on the Configuration server.

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1 Introduction

All the servers are identically installed from the same set of installation media (of course you should specify unique IP addresses, host names, etc. for each server). Follow the steps given in the **Installation Process** chapter of this guide to perform the server installation. The assignment of roles (e.g. PortaBilling® RADIUS, PortaBilling® admin interface, PortaSIP®, etc.) will be done in Step 16 after all hosts have been installed.

The installation media provide a quick and seamless way to perform a complete server installation from scratch in less than 15 minutes. The standardized installation procedure also simplifies further system maintenance.

PortaOne provides you with two ISO files (Disc 1 and Disc 2) that contain the following software required for installing PortaSwitch®:

- The Telecom Application Framework (free, open-source software) required to install Oracle Linux 7.0 (Disc 1).
- The PortaSwitch® (PortaOne's proprietary software) contains PortaSwitch® packages (Disc 2).

Burn these files to the optical discs or use them to create bootable USB flash drives. For additional help on how to create a bootable USB flash drive check the ... create a bootable USB flash drive from a PortaSwitch® ISO file? section of the How to... chapter of this guide.

The installation wizard makes use of a GUI. Use the mouse or **Tab** to move the cursor between input fields, click on a button to confirm your selection.

Hardware and Software Requirements

Compatibility CD

If you want to determine whether PortaSwitch® can be installed on a specific server, please use the **Hardware Compatibility** tool provided by PortaOne.



Note that this procedure will remove all data from your hard disk drive.

You can download the ISO file with the **Hardware Compatibility** tool from:

http://portaone.com/resources/hw_test/HardwareCompatibilityCD.iso

Burn it to an optical disc or create a bootable USB flash drive from it, then boot up from this medium. The PortaSwitch® test utility will detect if all of the required components (e.g. network interface) are available and supported by Linux.

Hardware requirements

Make sure that your servers are installed and equipped with all the required hardware, in particular:

- A 64-bit processor (Xeon, Opteron) released in 2010 or later, with frequency of 2.2GHz or higher. Additional processors are recommended for networks with a high call volume.
- At least 250 GB of the total available disk space.
- Two network (Gigabit Ethernet) ports.
- DVD-ROM if you want to install PortaSwitch® from optical discs (in the case of a USB DVD-ROM, follow the steps in the ... install PortaSwitch® using USB DVD-ROM? section of the How to... chapter to start the installation) or USB slot if you want to install PortaSwitch® from USB flash drives.
- Video adapter / monitor / keyboard / mouse (required only during the installation process).

Please avoid any entry-level or desktop-oriented components – use only high-performance ones. For example, RAID must be write cache enabled, network adapter must be the "server" mode. Check if the hardware installed on your server is supported by Oracle Linux 7.0. You can check this at the website: http://hardware.redhat.com.

Network configuration parameters

During the installation you will be prompted for the network configuration parameters. Please make a decision regarding these before installation, consulting your network administrator if necessary. It is possible that you will have to perform installation while the network is not yet available (from your office, for example, while the servers will be placed in a server hosting center), but you will need to enter the correct data anyway. Please have the following ready:

- Planned host names and IP addresses of the servers.
- Subnet mask.
- IP address of the default gateway.
- IP address of the DNS server.

RAID configuration

If you have a hardware RAID controller in your system, please configure it by creating a logical RAID entry and allocating the physical drives to it. The recommended configuration (depending on the amount of hard drives in the system) is as follows:

- 2 disks RAID 1 (mirroring).
- 3 disks RAID 1 (mirroring) on the first two disks, third one left as a hot spare.
- 4 disks RAID 1+0 (mirroring + striping).
- More than 4 disks RAID 1+0 (mirroring + striping) on the first four disks, others left as a hot spare.

2 Network Configuration





PortaSwitch® server requires two physical network interfaces:

- The first network interface is connected to a private LAN segment for internal communication between servers (the black lines on the diagram). Private LAN must allow servers to initialize outgoing connections to the Internet (using NAT) for the purposes of monitoring, performing maintenance and updating the servers.
- The other network interface is connected to the public Internet segment. This interface is used to provide "public" services (such as VoIP calls or access to the self-care portal) to your customers. This public Internet connection is marked by the blue lines on the diagram.

NOTE: If all servers can initialize outgoing connections to the Internet via the public Internet segment, there is no need to configure an outgoing connection for a private LAN.

Two physical network interfaces are required for the following purposes:

- Improved network security, since all data (such as access to the database or the transfer of sensitive customer information) is transported via a dedicated interface.
- Ability to quickly and easily relocate services (including public IPs allocated to each service) from one physical server to another, or to change the roles of the servers.
- In case public IPs are not accessible anymore (e.g. the servers have been physically moved to a different hosting facility, or the administrator supplied incorrect information regarding a public IP), it is still possible to access the server via the internal interface and fix the configuration.
- Intensive data transfer on one interface (e.g. database copy for a daily backup) does not affect services provided on the other interface (e.g. media transport for voice calls).

Consider the following when planning your network:

- Private IP addresses must be in the same LAN (or VPN).
- RADIUS servers do not normally require a connection to the public Internet segment, so it is recommended that you not assign public IP addresses to them. The only exception is when you have remote RADIUS clients which cannot interconnect with RADIUS servers via private IP addresses. Below you will find the parameters that must be configured when you only assign private IP addresses to RADIUS servers. This is usually done by the PortaOne support team once the system has been installed:

If you only assign private IP addresses to RADIUS servers then you must specify a RADIUS server's private IP address in the **RadiusClient.Source_Address** option on the Configuration server web interface.

If you are installing a RADIUS cluster, then the **RADIUS.Forward_Mode** option on the Configuration server web interface must also be enabled. This allows the RADIUS requests to be relayed to all of the RADIUS servers when you specify the private IP address for only one of them in the above options.

- Additional processes (e.g. geo-IP database auto-update or realtime lookup in a central LNP database) may run on the RADIUS servers if respective features are enabled (even if they do not relate to the RADIUS protocol.) These processes may require outgoing connections to specific IP addresses or to the whole public Internet: direct, via NAT or via different sorts of custom proxying.
- Dedicated database servers do not require a connection to the public Internet segment, so it is recommended not to assign them public IP addresses.
- If you are planning to pass PCI DSS compliance, you should have dedicated databases with only private IP addresses. These IP addresses must be on a separate subnet.

Although not all servers need to be assigned IP addresses from the public Internet segment, we recommend that a physical connection be established for all servers (then you can easily swap roles between the servers using PortaSwitch® configuration tools).

You can find our recommendations regarding the firewall in the **What is the Recommended Setup for the PortaSwitch® Behind a Firewall?** section of the **Frequently Asked Questions** chapter. You may configure virtual interfaces (VLANs for trunking) and / or network bonding (link aggregation) for servers using the Configuration server. For more details see the **PortaSwitch Configuration Server Web Reference Guide**.

3 Installation Process

Step 1: Power-up, Boot Order Setup

- 1. Turn on the computer which you plan to use as the server.
- 2. Enter the BIOS setup and make sure that the device you are going to use for installing PortaSwitch® is on the top of the boot list.
- 3. In case you want to use a USB flash drive, also check that USB support is enabled.

			Phoer	nixBIOS	Setup U	tility	
Ma	in f	Advanced	Securi	ity	Power	Boot	Exit
	ATAPI (+Removal	CD-ROM Dri	Ve				Item Specific Help
	+Hard Di	ive					Keys used to view or configure devices: <enter> expands or collapses devices with a + or - <ctrl+enter> expands all <shift +="" 1=""> enables or disables a device. <+> and <-> moves the device up or down. <n> May move removable device between Hard Disk or Removable Disk <d> Remove a device that is not installed.</d></n></shift></ctrl+enter></enter>
F1 Esc	Help Exit	1∔ Selec ← Selec	t Item t Menu	-/+ Enter	Change Select	Values ▶ Sub-Me	F9 Setup Defaults mu F10 Save and Exit

NOTE: This image is only an example. The BIOS on your system might look different.

4. Save your changes and exit.

Beginning with MR50, PortaSwitch® supports UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) – a standard firmware interface for PCs and servers designed to replace BIOS. If your servers use UEFI, we strongly recommend disabling the UEFI Secure Boot feature as it may prevent PortaSwitch® servers from booting up correctly.



There is a known issue that some Dell servers can't find a proper MBR when they boot up from the PortaSwitch® installation USB flash drive. The solution is to set the **USB Flash Drive Emulation Type** option to "Hard disk" in the BIOS setup. For more information, please refer to:

http://en.community.dell.com/techcenter/b/techcenter/archive/2012/02/ 29/hybrid-iso-images-on-dell-servers

Step 2: Insert the Installation Medium into the Computer

While booting the system, insert the installation medium (optical disc or USB flash drive) with PortaSwitch® installation Disc 1 into the computer. If you do not insert it soon enough, and get a "no operating system" error (or a previously installed operating system starts its boot-up process) then press **Reset** and ensure that you are booting from the proper device.

Step 3: Starting Installation

Successful boot-up from the installation media takes you to the **Installation Menu** page. Use the arrow keys, **Enter**, **Esc** and **Tab** keys to navigate it.



If you use UEFI, this screen will look the following way:



To start the installation of PortaSwitch® software do the following:

- 1. Choose the Install operating system option.
- 2. Press Enter.

NOTE: If you don't manually choose an option before the automatic boot countdown timer runs out, the server will continue to boot-up from the local disk. In this case, press **Reset** to reboot your system and return to the **Installation Menu** options.

If you completed this step but the installation process doesn't seem to be proceeding normally, check the ... **perform basic troubleshooting?** section of the **How to...** chapter of this guide.

Step 4: Installation Summary Page

In the next step of the installation process the **Installation Summary** page appears:

	INSTALLATION	SUMMARY			PortaSwitch MR50.0
	SOFTWAR	E			
	9	INSTALLATION SOURCE Downloading package metadata		SOFTWARE SELECT	ON etadata
	SYSTEM				
	5	INSTALLATION DESTINATION Automatic partitioning selected		NETWORK & HOST	NAME
					8
			We v	Quit	Begin Installation
	A Please complete	e items marked with this icon before continuing t	o the next step.		

You need to complete four sections before you can proceed further with the PortaSwitch® installation. Two sections deal with the software that you install, providing the installation utility with information about where to install the software (**Installation Source**) from, and which specific software package to use (**Software Selection**). The other two sections allow you to configure your system parameters – what devices (disks) will the software be installed to (**Installation Destination**) and which settings this software will use to communicate via the network (**Network & Host Name**).

From here on the uncompleted sections of the installation interface are marked with exclamation marks in yellow triangles. Additionally, at the bottom of the page there is a yellow ribbon that offers hints for what needs to be completed.

Step 5: Installation Source

In this step define where you want to install the PortaSwitch® software from:

- 1. On the Installation Summary page, choose Installation Source.
- 2. Choose Auto-detected installation media.
 - You can click the **Verify** button to make sure that the ISO file wasn't corrupted during download or being burned to the installation medium. After the check finishes, click

Done on the bottom of the **Media Verification** dialog box.

3. Click **Done**.

	INSTALLA	TION SUMMARY		PortaSwitch MR50.0 🕮 us
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				Quit Begin Installation
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Done	OURCE			PortaS witch MR50.0
Which installation s	source would y	ou like to use?		
		ou lite to use.		
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Step 6: Software Selection





- 1. On the Installation Summary page, choose Software Selection.
- 2. In the **Base Environment** section, choose **Telecom Application Framework + PortaSwitch**.
- 3. Click Done.

Step 7: Installation Destination



INSTALLATION DESTINATION	PortaS witch MR50.0
Device Selection Select the device(s) you'd like to install to. They will be left untouched until you click on the ma Local Standard Disks	ain menu's "Begin Installation" button.
969.23 GB	
Specialized & Network Disks	Disks left unselected here will not be touched.
Add a disk	
	Disks left unselected here will not be touched.
Other Storage Options	
Partitioning	
I would like to make additional space available.	
Full disk summary and bootloader	1 disk selected; 969.23GB capacity; 969.23GB free

- 1. On the **Installation Summary** page, choose **Installation Destination**.
- In the Device Selection section, go to the Local Standard Disks area, and select the local disk you want to install PortaSwitch[®] to. You can click the Full disk summary and bootloader link at the bottom left side of the page to see full information about each disk.
- 3. In the **Other Storage Options** section, go to the **Partitioning** area, and choose **Automatically configure partitioning**.

NOTE: Although it is possible to manually alter the partition layout on the volume, unless you have a deep knowledge of PortaSwitch® architecture and a specific reason to make adjustments – do not alter the default partition layout as it can cause serious problems during future PortaSwitch® software upgrades.

4. Click Done.

NOTE: Selected disks will be left untouched until you click the **Begin installation** button on the **Installation Summary** page.

Step 8: Network & Host Name



DNS servers:

Search domains: DHCP client ID:

192.168.192.2

✓ Require IPv4 addressing for this connection to complete

Delete

Routes...

Cancel Save...

+

Hostname: conf.mytelecom.net

Configure...

NETWORK & HOSTNAME		PortaSwitch MR50.0 📟 us
Done Ethernet (Eth0)	Editing Etho Connected Editing Etho Connection name: Etho Automatically connect to this network Automatically connect to VPN when using this connection Firewall zone: Default	
+ – Hostname: conf.mytelecom.net	Cancel Save	Configure

- 1. On the **Installation Summary** page, choose **Network & Host Name**.
- 2. Specify a fully qualified host name for the current server.

NOTE: The host name should not contain dashes.

- 3. Choose the network interface that is connected to a *private LAN segment* and click the **Configure** button.
- 4. Go to the **IPv4 Settings** tab.
- 5. From the Method menu, choose Manual.
- 6. In the **Addresses** section, click the **Add** button and specify the following network details:
 - Private IP address that will be used for internal communications between servers
 - Network mask
 - Default gateway
- 7. Specify DNS servers. Use commas to separate multiple DNS server addresses.
- 8. Select the **Require IPv4 addressing for this connection to complete** checkbox.
- 9. Go to the **General** tab.
- 10. Select the Automatically connect to this network when available checkbox.
- 11. Click Save.
- 12. Make sure that this network is enabled and that the corresponding switch button is set to "ON."

- If the server also requires a public IP address, choose the network interface that is connected to a *public LAN segment* and repeat steps 4–11 (specifying network details that will be used for external communication for steps 5–6).
- 14. Click Done.

NOTE: Make sure that the **Automatically connect to this network when available** checkbox is selected for both networks.

Step 9: Begin Installation

On the **Installation Summary** page, click the **Begin Installation** button. The installation process will redirect you to the **Configuration** page.

This page presents two sections that deal with user settings: **Root Password** and **User Creation**. It is necessary to complete the **Root Password** section during the installation.

It is not recommended that you create server users during the PortaSwitch® installation. The preferred method is to skip the user creation step at this time and create the users later via the Configuration server web interface. This will provide you with a set of instruments that allows you to manage your system users in a much more convenient manner.



Porta Switch®

CONFIGURATION			PortaSwitch MR50.0
USER SETTINGS			
ROOT PASSWORD Root password is not set		USER CREATION No user will be created	1
් Installing gdb (523/1167)			
Porta SIP	• SB(• C4, • Med	C5 softswi dia server	itch
\bigtriangleup . Please complete items marked with this icon before continuing to the r	next step.		

Step 10: Root Password

Choosing the super user password is very important, as you will need it to perform system administration or system recovery.

CONFIGURATION	PortaS witch MR50.0
USER SETTINGS	
ROOT PASSWORD Root password is not set	N created
O Installing gdb (523/1167)	
 Porta SIP • SBC • C4, C5 soft • Media serve	switch k r
Λ – Please complete items marked with this icon before continuing to the next step.	



- 1. On the **Configuration** page, choose **Root Password**.
- 2. Enter a password for the root user.

NOTE: Choose a password which will be difficult to guess or crack. A good password is at least 8 characters long, includes numbers, upper and lower case letters and punctuation.

- 3. Confirm the password.
- 4. Click Done.

Keep this password secure and do not send it via email to the PortaOne support team – they have their own credentials to access your server for doing the post-installation tasks.

Step 11: Change Installation Medium

During the installation you will be prompted to insert the second installation medium.

CONFIGURATION	PortaS witch MR50.0
USER SETTINGS	
ROOT PASSWORD Root password is set	ed
Telecom Application Framework has been installed. Please eject the current disk and insert Disc 2 to install Pc	ortaOne restricted software.
Eject Disc 1 Read Disc 2 S	kip Installing PortaOne SW
k	

To proceed with the installation:

- 1. Click Eject Disc 1.
- 2. Insert the installation medium (optical disc or USB flash drive) with PortaSwitch® installation Disc 2 into the computer, and click **Read Disc 2**.

NOTE: In rare cases, a server may not detect the second installation USB flash drive. If you experience this issue, please contact our support team, and our support engineers will help you to proceed with the installation.

Step 12: Reboot

When the installation has finished, the following "Complete!" message appears at the bottom of the page:

CONFIGURATION	PortaSwitch MR50.0 🕮 us
USER SETTINGS	
ROOT PASSWORD Root password is set	USER CREATION Administrator jsmith will be created
Complete!	
PortaSwitch is now successfully installed on your sy	rstem and ready for you to use! Go ahead and reboot to start using it! Reboot
	k.
Please contact PortaOne support team to proceed with the post proper functioning of the Configurator server.	t-install and performance testing. Note that a dongle is needed for

Now you need to reboot the system.

- 1. Eject the installation medium (optical disc / USB flash drive) from the computer.
- 2. Click Reboot.



Do not forget to enter BIOS again and change the priority of the boot devices so that the hard drive will be attempted first. (This ensures a quicker reboot when recycling the server.)

Step 13: Hardware Check

Next, the installation process will check your server's hardware components, such as CPU, memory and HDDs.

NOTE: This step must be executed (HDD speed test done) and the **Suitability Checker** application must be closed before proceeding to the next steps.

Suitability Checker	
Suitability Checker	
Welcome to PortaOne Suitability Checker. The server meets the requirements for installing MR50-0 PortaOne products. CPU(s): SUBOPTIMAL - 2CPUs with 2 cores were found. RAM: OK - 32768 MB HDD(s): OK - 32768 MB HDD(s): OK - sda (992492 MB) NIC(s): OK - eth0 eth1 USB(s): OK -	
<test hdd="" speed=""> <cancel></cancel></test>	

Fast disk read / write speed is crucial for most of the PortaSwitch servers, especially those that run database applications. Execute **Test HDD Speed** to verify that the system provides a sufficient level of performance and that there are no bottlenecks (e.g. caused by a RAID misconfiguration).

Step 14: Check if System Can Reboot to Normal State

It is good to make sure that the system is in a stable state, and that it returns to normal operations without intervention on reboot, especially if there is no keyboard or other peripheral attached. Following a normal reboot, the screen should look like this:

```
PortaOne Linux 50.0
Kernel 3.10.0-229.el7.x86_64 on an x86_64
localhost login: _
```

Step 15: Prepare the System for Transportation (Optional)

If you need to transport the system to a different location (e.g. hosting center), or otherwise power down the system safely, proceed as follows: 1. Wait until the system finishes booting.

- 2. Log in as **root**.
- 3. Type poweroff.
- 4. Wait until either the system powers down on its own, or the message "The operating system has halted" appears, and then power off the server, if it was not done automatically.

Step 16: Perform Initial Configuration of PortaSwitch (When All Servers Have Been Installed)

Complete steps 1–15 for each server you want to be a part of your PortaSwitch® configuration. Once you have installed the software on the servers, you have a blank system that can be configured in various ways to meet your business requirements. The first (low-level) part of the configuration is usually done by PortaOne support engineers after performing the post-install procedure. For this, contact the PortaOne support team at **support@portaone.com**, who will provide you with further assistance.

In rare cases you may need to perform the configuration by yourself. In this case activate the Configuration server on the appropriate host as described in the ... activate the configuration server? section of the How to... chapter of this guide. Then you can proceed with the system configuration via the Configuration server web interface (for more details, see the *Initial Configuration of PortaSwitch* handbook in the Unified PortaSwitch Handbook Collection).

4. How to...

... Install PortaSwitch® Using USB DVD-ROM?

To start the installation using a USB DVD-ROM, follow the steps below:

- 1. Make sure that all internal optical devices are physically disconnected.
- 2. In the BIOS setup make sure that USB DVD-ROM is first in the list of boot devices.
- 3. Insert the first PortaSwitch® installation disc into the USB DVD-ROM and then boot from it.
- 4. Proceed with the installation by following the instructions in the **Step 3: Starting Installation** chapter of this guide.

... Create a Bootable USB Flash Drive from a PortaSwitch® ISO File?

Before starting make sure that you have downloaded both PortaSwitch® ISO installation ISO files and that you have two working USB flash drives at your disposal.

Create a bootable USB drive in the Linux command-line interface

Note: This will erase all information that you currently have on your USB flash drive.

To make PortaSwitch® installation USB flash drives using the Linux command-line interface complete the following steps:

- 1. Plug the first USB flash drive into the USB port of your computer.
- 2. Check what name Linux has assigned to your USB flash drive. To do this execute the following command:

dmesg | tail -20

and look for the strings that contain titles like "sdX," where X can be any letter, e.g. sdb, sdc. This is your USB flash drive name, so remember it since you will need it for the next step. For example, in the screenshot below, the USB flash drive name is sdb. demo@demo-test:-\$ dmesg | tail -20
[905.948241] usb 1-2: Parent hub missing LPM exit latency info. Power managem
ent will be impacted.
[905.974286] usb 1-2: New USB device found, idVendor=154b, idProduct=0095
[905.974290] usb 1-2: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber=3
[905.974293] usb 1-2: Product: USB 3.0 FD
[905.974294] usb 1-2: SerialNumber: 1786633642
[906.070123] usb-storage 1-2:1.0: USB Mass Storage device detected
[906.072446] scsi3 : usb-storage 1-2:1.0
[906.072557] usbcore: registered new interface driver usb-storage
[907.102237] sci 3:0:0:0: Direct-Access PNY USB 3.0 FD 1.00 PQ
: 0 ANSI: 6
[907.105271] sd 3:0:0:0: Attached scsi generic sg2 type 0
[907.130559] sd 3:0:0:0: [sdb] Write Protect is off
[907.130554] sd 3:0:0:0: [sdb] Write Protect is off
[907.130554] sd 3:0:0:0: [sdb] Write cache: disabled, read cache: disabled, do
esn't support DPO or FUA
[907.429208] sdb: unknown partition table
[908.939556] ISO 9660 Extensions: RkIP_1991A
[909.483213] systemd-hostnamed[2363]: Warning: nss-myhostname is not installed

3. Write the first PortaSwitch® installation ISO file to the USB flash drive. To do this, execute the following command (replace /Dir1/PortaSwitch_installation_file1.iso with the path to the first PortaSwitch® installation ISO file and sdx with your USB flash drive name):

```
sudo dd if=/Dir1/PortaSwitch_installation_file1.iso
of=/dev/sdX bs=8M
```

demo@demo-test:~\$ sudo dd if=~/Downloads/PortaSwitch-MR50.0-asm-2-20150909-Porta
One-disc1.iso of=/dev/sdb bs=8M
[sudo] password for demo:

- 4. After the writing process finishes, unplug the first USB flash drive and plug in the second one.
- 5. Write the second PortaSwitch® installation ISO file on this USB flash drive. To do this repeat steps 2 and 3, but in step 3, specify the name of the second PortaSwitch® installation ISO file.

Create a bootable USB drive in Windows

There are a lot of programs for Windows that help create bootable USB flash drives and you can use any one that you like. Here we use ROSA Image Writer for the purpose of demonstration.

Note: This will erase all information that you currently have on your USB flash drive.

- 1. Download ROSA Image Writer and open it.
- 2. Plug the first USB flash drive into the USB port of your computer.



- 3. Click the **Open image file** button, and select the first PortaSwitch® installation ISO file.
- From the USB Device menu, select the USB flash drive which you want to use. If the drive does not appear in the list, make sure it is plugged into the USB port on your PC, click Refresh the

It is plugged into the USB port on your PC, click **C** Refresh the list.

- 5. Click Write.
- 6. After the program informs you that writing process has finished, click **OK**, unplug the first USB flash drive, and plug in the second one.



 Write the second PortaSwitch® installation ISO file on this USB flash drive. To do this repeat steps 3–5, but select the second PortaSwitch® installation ISO file in step 3.

... Perform Basic Troubleshooting?

If the installation process doesn't seem to be proceeding normally, reboot your system and choose the **Troubleshooting** option on the **Installation Menu** page.



Or, for UEFI:



The following troubleshooting tools are available:

- **Install operating system without media check.** The installation utility won't check the installation medium for integrity prior to proceeding with the installation process. This option can be useful, for example, if you have an old disc and the media check that runs by default takes too long.
- Install operating system in the basic graphics mode. If after you started the installation process your screen looks distorted or you can't see anything at all, it may be the result of problems with

video drivers. In that case, reboot your system and choose this installation method.

- **Rescue an operating system.** This option calls a command-line environment. Use it if your system doesn't boot and you need to access your files to repair your system.
- **Run a memory test.** Some system issues may be caused by memory problems. Run this utility to check if the RAM is working correctly.

The last two options can be run outside of the installation process.

You can view and configure boot option in the command line that becomes available when you choose an installation option and press **Tab** (or the **E** key, if you use UEFI). For additional information about boot options refer to the **Oracle Linux documentation**.

... Activate the Configuration Server?

This is usually done by PortaOne Support engineers after performing the post-install procedure. But if for some reason you need to activate the Configuration server right after the installation, you can use the following script:

/home/porta-configurator/utils/porta-configurator-install.sh

• Use -h option to get help on script usage:

/home/porta-configurator/utils/porta-configurator-install.sh -h

• Use -b option to activate the Configuration server with the default parameters (without additional prompts):

/home/porta-configurator/utils/porta-configurator-install.sh -b

5. Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Recommended Setup for the PortaSwitch® Behind a Firewall?

PortaSwitch® servers are based on the Oracle Linux OS which is designed for high security, thereby it does not require extra external protection. If you still want to position servers *behind* the firewall for some reason (e.g. your corporate network security policy demands this) follow the recommendations below.

General configuration advice

- We suggest positioning all PortaSwitch® servers into a dedicated network segment.
- Interaction between PortaSwitch® servers via a private network interface must *not* be blocked by a firewall.
- Whatever configuration your private LAN segment has, internal communication between servers (via TCP port 22, etc.) *must* always be granted.
- Do not configure a firewall between nodes of the same functional cluster (i.e. PortaSIP cluster®, etc.).

Ports to be opened

Logical components (e.g. Admin, Billing, Master DB, Replica DB, PortaSIP®) are installed and operating on some hosts. This requires particular ports to be kept open on these hosts, depending on which components are running on each of them. To find out which open ports are required by each component, see the table below:

Ports to be opened	Description	
Configur	ation server: private interface	
TCP / UDP 5667 5668	This is required for NSCA to collect	
	monitoring statistics from the servers and	
	send them to the Configuration server in	
	passive mode.	
TCP 80	This is used for downloading custom patches	
	during the update process and must be kept	
	open permanently.	
Configuration server: public interface		
TCP 22	This is used for server administration via	
	SSH.	
TCP 8700	This is required for accessing the monitoring	
	system web interface.	

Ports to be opened	Description	
Web (admin) server: public interface		
TCP 22	This is used for server administration via SSH.	
TCP 25	This is used for uploading tariffs via email.	
TCP 80	This is used for UA provisioning.	
UDP 69	This is required by the TFTP service.	
TCP 443	This is required for access to the admin interface.	
	This is required for access to the self-care web interfaces:	
TCP 8442	Reseller self-care	
TCP 8444	Customer self-care, distributor self-care	
TCP 8445	Account self-care	
TCP 8446	Reseller's helpdesk	
TCP 8447	Vendor self-care	
TCP 8448	Representative self-care	
TCP 8449	This is required for access to the WiMax	
	session status page.	
	This is required for access to web signup	
	pages:	
TCD 8600	Websienup	
TCP 8601	Multicard web signup	
TCP 8943	This is used to access webmail	
R ADIUS)IIIS (billing) somer public interface	
TCP 22 This is used for server administration via		
	SSH.	
	This is used to serve RADIUS requests from	
	RADIUS clients, such as PortaSIP nodes and	
	web server (required for the Test DialPlan	
	feature):	
UDP 1812	RADIUS authentication	
UDP 1813	RADIUS accounting	
TCP 3868	This is used to serve DIAMETER requests	
(optional).		
PortaSIP® Server: public interface		
TCP 22	This is used for server administration via	
	SSH.	
Dispate	hing node (virtual IP address)	
UDP 5060	This is used to accept SIP requests and	
	responses from the SIP nodes.	
TCP 5060	This is required for SIP over TCP support.	

Ports to be opened	Description
TCP (TLS) 5061	This is required for SIP over TLS support.
	Disabled by default.
SMPP 2775	This is required to accept and send SMPP
	messages.
TCP 8101	This is required for the SMTP transport.
TCP 8081	This is required for the IMAP transport.
TCP 8091	This is required for the IMAPS transport.
	Processing node
UDP 35000–65000	This is used for RTP proxying.
MySQL	(Master DB, Replica DB) servers:
can be configured t	o use either private or public interfaces
TCP 22	This is used for server administration via
	SSH.
	This is used to serve database requests from
	the billing server, web server and PortaSIP®
	servers:
TCP 3306	MainDB server
TCP 3307	ReplicaDB server
	Oracle DB servers:
can be configured t	o use either private or public interfaces
TCP 22	This is used for server administration via
	SSH.
TCP 9521	This is used to serve database requests from
	the billing server, web server and PortaSIP®
	servers.
TCP 1158	This is used for Oracle Enterprise Manager
	access.
Server with the IMGate instance (optional, if configured)	
UDP 5960	
UDP 5961	
Server with the Call Recording instance (if configured)	
TCP 80 (but can be	
changed in accordance	
with your needs)	

Please note that this list may be extended in the future.

Outgoing connections

All servers must be granted permanent access to the following PortaOne servers in order to ensure that services function correctly:

Server	Protocol	Port
license1.portaone.com	ТСР	80

license2.portaone.com	ТСР	80

For your servers' health monitoring purposes, the Configuration server must be granted access to the PortaOne monitoring servers:

Server	Protocol	Port
monitor1.portaone.com	TCP / UDP	5667, 5668
monitor2.portaone.com	TCP / UDP	5667, 5668

For performing updates to newer releases and for troubleshooting purposes, all servers must be granted access to:

Server	Protocol	Port
packages.portaone.com	ТСР	80, 443
cvs.portaone.com	ТСР	22
git.portaone.com	ТСР	29418

In order to automatically submit call logs to PortaOne's support ticketing system grant access from your web server to the following:

Server	Protocol	Port
smtp-in.portaone.com (MX record	ТСР	25

Make sure that your servers are able to connect to any server from the pool of time servers for time synchronization. You can find the list of NTP pool time servers on the NTP site:

http://support.ntp.org/bin/view/Servers/NTPPoolServers

NOTE: All PortaSwitch® servers can receive time information and synchronize that with the Configuration server and the PortaSIP® server.

Port should be opened for NTP service on all servers of the installation

Server	Protocol	Port
Any server from the pool of time	UDP	123
servers for time synchronization		

If you wish to use your own NTP server, please notify us and we'll adjust the configuration of the NTP service.

The Geo-IP database in your installation is regularly updated to ensure that the Geo-IP Fraud Prevention feature works correctly. Allow your RADIUS servers to establish connections to the MaxMind's downloadable databases (updates.maxmind.com) via HTTP / HTTPS protocol. If you are running a firewall, geo-update requires that the DNS and HTTPS (443) ports be open.

Incoming connections

For troubleshooting purposes, allow incoming connections to your servers from the following PortaOne IP addresses:

- 193.28.87.4
- 65.61.203.142
- 193.28.87.22
- 193.28.87.55
- 193.28.87.62
- 65.61.203.144
- 193.28.87.242
- 195.138.219.142
- 91.212.34.242

- 91.222.16.62
- 193.34.92.88
- 91.212.34.233
- 195.138.219.143
- 91.212.34.24
- 193.34.92.89
- 193.28.87.250
- 193.28.87.208
- 193.28.87.245