IceWarp Server

IceWarp Server Quick Start

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About this document

This document is intended to help first-time IceWarp Server users to get familiar with the IceWarp Server administration interface and basic features, using the hands-on method of an initial software setup.

It will also showcase the extra benefits of using IceWarp Server over other, similar, products.

This document refers to IceWarp Server for Windows. Details on the Linux version can be found in IceWarp Server for Linux Installation Howto.

Latest revision of manuals is available on our website, www.IceWarp.com - select Download - Documentation.

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IceWarp Server Overview

IceWarp Server is a premium mail server software.

It is extremely robust, fully-featured, and easy to use.

Since it first hit the market over 6 years ago, it has evolved into a comprehensive messaging platform for electronic communication, covering:

- secure e-mail service with integrated antivirus and antispam

- webmail access

- groupware with Outlook plug-in

- instant messaging

- VoIP server

- web server

- FTP
- SyncML
- and many others

Couple these features with

high-performance, resource aware, and easily scalable engine

flexibility of settings

field-proven compatibility

extensible features for system integration

and IceWarp Server is easily the best choice for a wide range of environments - offices and schools, corporations and industries, right up to the most demanding installations at ISPs and service hosting providers.

To date, it has been deployed on over 50,000 servers around the globe.

IceWarp Server Highlights

IceWarp Server Professional offers an unparalleled set of features, designed to meet the requirements of all deployment scenarios:

SMTP / POP3 / IMAPv4 / HTTP / LDAP / Jabber / Proxy / SNMP and SIP protocols with SSL/TLS encryption

IPv6 ready

advanced security through extensive password, protocol and usage policies, intrusion prevention and certificate management

SyncML, WebDAV, CalDAV, vCal, vCard, vFreeBusy compatible

clustering, load-balancing, distributed services

ODBC database storage for accounts, logs, and operational data

service and system monitoring, detailed logging, log rotation, syslog server support, traffic statistics and charts

multi-threaded engines, multi-CPU system support, filesystem optimizations, enhanced memory architecture, DNS caching

zero downtime server migration and database migration tools

integrated archive and backup tools, task schedular, tunnelling frontend

From a standalone mail server engine to the all-inclusive Enterprise Suite, licensing is flexible enough to meet every budget and user base and keep up with your needs as you grow.

Starting from 25 user accounts with unlimited domains and 1 year of upgrades and support, the license can be upgraded at any time to allow more accounts and fitted with any of the available modules, along with the option for up to 3 years of free software updates and upgrades.

It can be used as a High performance spam and virus filtering gateway for MS Exchange or other mail server, enhancing the reliability and security of the service.

Or you can migrate directly from your existing solution using the zero downtime Migration Tool.

Available from IceWarp Server version 9, we will provide the option to migrate your existing Exchange server to IceWarp Server GroupWare.

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Requirements

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Hardware

IceWarp Server can run well on fairly modest hardware.

For a basic service (a few hundred user accounts) a Pentium class processor and 1GB RAM will suffice.

If you plan to have thousands of users, or expect heavy traffic, you should consider a multi-CPU system with Xenon processor or better, at least 2GB RAM, and a fast disk sub-system (SerialATA, SCSI).

RAID is beneficial only if you require top data integrity or if configured to maximize disk I/O speed.

An external fileserver for data storage and backup is recommended for ISP-class installations.

Software

IceWarp Server installer is almost everything you need.

IceWarp Server runs on any server or desktop Windows OS.

However, WebMail will not work on the integrated webserver under NT4 server as the required version of PHP is not available for NT4.

An external SQL database can be used as central storage, and is recommended for larger installations. IceWarp Server uses ODBC for connection so any compliant database can be used e.g.

MS SQL 2000, 2003

MySql

sqlite

Oracle

PostgreSql.

MS Access is used as the default database storage, so make sure it is installed within the system (supplied as a default with MS Windows).

PHP libraries are distributed along with the integrated Web Server and won't interfere with any other installation on the same computer.

Networking

LAN installation requires a working Ethernet connection with assigned static IP address and/or hostname.

WAN installation requires either a dial-up or   permanent connection to the internet, a public (WAN) IP address and a hostname.

Your (or your ISP's) DNS server IP address is required for direct delivery of e-mail to Internet locations.

You need to set your ISP's or company network DNS server's authoritative (A) and mail-exchange (MX) records to point to your server. Ask your connection provider to do this for you. The records may take up to 24 hours (or even 3 days) to propagate over the Internet, so ensure this in advance. The records look like this:

"mail server hostname" A "mail server IP address", e.g. mail.yourdomain.com A 193.179.128.218

"domain name" MX "mail server hostname" "priority number", e.g. yourdomain.com MX
    mail.yournewdomain.com 10

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Installation Process

Installing IceWarp Server is a matter of unzipping the archive to a folder and running setup.exe.

The Installation wizard will ask you only if interaction is necessary.

If you are upgrading, it will stop and start services automatically to maximize availability.

For a complete walk-through of the installation procedure, please read the IceWarp Server Installation Guide.

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Download and Unzip

Latest version is always available for download on our website.

The zipped archive contains the installer, Release Notes and License Agreement.

Run Installation Wizard

Double-click setup.exe to start the installation wizard.

If you install IceWarp Server for the first time, you will be asked for registration details.

Choose the drive and folder where the software will be installed. This will be the IceWarp Server root folder. It is recommended that this folder is on your primary drive (usually C:). It does not have to reside under "Program Files", and you can also shorten the folder name, which can help save keystrokes in larger installations where the Command Line Tool may be used more often.

If you are re-installing or upgrading, you should be sure to point to the same directory as your previous installation, otherwise you may lose valuable information.

Choose if you wish to install the full Professional version, or just Standard or Lite version. You can also un-check modules you don't wish to be installed. However, IceWarp Server will automatically adjust to your license in the moment you register the software.

License Retrieval/Evaluation

To evaluate the software, press Next button to skip the registration step and get 30 days of fully working, user and domain unlimited, full-featured version. You will be alerted about the trial counting down each time you run the administration console. If you don't register the software before expiration, administration console will quit upon launch, but the server will run for another 30 days, then cease to function. At this point you will need to run the installer again and it won't be possible to skip this step.

To register the software:

1/ Press Activate License On-Line button and enter your Order ID number into the dialog (e.g. IWE-20070131-123456-12345678).

This assumes you have fully working Internet connection, including hostname resolution and port 80 is not blocked by any software, such as a firewall. To test that it is the case, open your browser and access "www.icewarp.com". If it loads, check that firewall allows access for the setup.exe application.

Or

2/ Enter the license block you received upon purchase into "upgrade license number" field for off-line registration.

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Administration interfaces

The IceWarp Server Interface (AKA   Console, Administration Console, GUI) will be your primary way of making changes and adding accounts to IceWarp Server, at least in the short term.

The Interface has been carefully designed to be intuitive and you will soon become comfortable with its layout and usage.

This section introduces the Interface.

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Overview

Most of the time you will use the IceWarp Server Console to manage your server.

Start - IceWarp Server - IceWarp Server Administration (config.exe in <InstallDirectory> root directory).

This runs locally on the server and it's use is required for administration of certain features (Database settings, filesystem related, properties of Control service).

There are a couple of other ways to update IceWarp Server

- The Remote Administration Console (available from our website). Allows you to manage the server remotely.

    Download the package .

    Unpack the contents to any folder on your workstation.

    When started, it will ask for connection and login details, then you will be able to work as if sitting by the server.

    However, you will need to use some kind of remote access to the server (Terminal Services, pcAnywhere, VNC) and run the administration console locally when you need to set options that are grayed out.

    TIP You can run multiple instances of config.exe allowing you to compare settings on different machines.

- The WebAdmin interface

    A web-based, installation-free interface for server management from any Internet-connected computer.

Provides the same options as the Remote Administration Console application.

Initially, login is only possible with a system administrator account, but you can also grant access to it for domain administrators, along with defined access rights.

Use a standard web browser to access http://yourserver:32000/admin

▪ An advanced command line tool, called Tool.exe.

This is found in <InstallDirectory>\tool.exe.

It is usually used to read or modify settings of a large set of objects, using IceWarp Server's API to directly access the mail server engine, e.g. to list what users have certain options set.

Run it without parameters for syntax and examples.

The Console Menu Bar.

The File menu

contains commands related to saving and restoring configuration, you can also open any file and connect to or disconnect a remote server.

The Options menu

includes settings specific to the administration console with self-explanatory meaning. Here you can lock the console to be   accessible only with administrator's login and password.

The Accounts menu

lets you manage accounts and domains, or show information related to a selected account. The same menu appears when you right-click user or domain listed under Management node.

The Help menu

is where to go for additional information about the software.

The first few items open links to places of interest on our website.

The option Check for current version on the Internet does just this and lets you start the download immediately.

Next section opens Help topics, then there are shortcuts to current version's Release Notes and License Agreement. Licenses lets you review and activate your license.

About will tell you which version you are running.

Console Toolbar Customization

The Console Toolbar can be customized to suit your working method.

Use Options - Customize Toolbar to shape it as you like.

An intuitive dialog opens allowing you to add icons and "dividers" to your custom toolbar.

Saving changes

You should be aware that Settings are not saved "only the fly" while you are using the Console - this is to prevent accidental modification which could cause serious problems.

To save Settings at any time just press the Save button above the settings pane of the console.

NOTE - that if you switch to a different tab you will be prompted to save any changes you have made. This also happens if you close the console while changes are pending.

Languages

The administration interface is in English by default, but localization to national languages can be provided by your reseller.

A language specific, XML formatted, file is placed in the <InstallDirectory>\xml\lang directory, and this language will become available under the Options->Languages menu item.

Help

Press F1 anytime you are unsure or curious about what the particular option does and context-sensitive help will open just on the right page.

For further help:

- Printable documentation, in PDF format, is available on our website.
- On-line version of the manual may be useful.
- Frequently asked questions are continuously updated.
- Share experience with others in user forum.
- Knowledge base access free of charge for registered users is coming soon.

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Getting your IceWarp Server online

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Disable demo domain and accounts

The server comes with a sample domain already created (icewarpdemo.com) with several users, to give you an idea of what the setup can look like and for testing purposes. Because they are assigned weak passwords, it's necessary to change them before the server is taken on-line.

- Start the Administration Console

- Choose Domains & Accounts - Management node

- Under the Management pane expand the icewarpdemo.com domain.

- Expand the Users list and select the User admin@icewarpdemo.com.

- Overwrite the password in the Password and Confirm fields and Click Save.

- Repeat for Users domainadmin@icewarpdemo.com and user@icewarpdemo.com.

NOTE - that as an alternate solution you could just delete the icewarpdemo.com domain, by right-clicking the domain under Management and choosing Delete from the context menu or select Delete from the Accounts menu.

Firewall and routers

IceWarp Server should be located behind a hardware or at least software firewall.

The table below lists the default ports that need to be open for particular services.

These are default port numbers, you can   change them in System - Services, in a dialog which opens by double-clicking the service or selecting the service from the list and clicking Properties.. button.

Port to be Opened	Protocol	Direction	Module(s)
25	SMTP	in/out	Mail Server
21	FTP	in/out	FTP Server
32000			Instant Messaging Server
80	HTTP	out	Web Server
110	POP3	in/out	Mail Server
143	IMAP	in/out	Mail Server
465	SMTP (SSL)		Mail Server
990	FTP (SSL)	in/out	FTP Server
993	IMAP (SSL)	in/out	Mail Server
995	POP3 (SSL)	in/out	Mail Server
5222	Jabber	in/out	Instant Messaging Server
5223	Jabber (SSL)	in/out	Instant Messaging Server
5229	GroupWare	in/out	GroupWare Server
32000	HTTP		WebMail, Mail Server
32001	HTTP (SSL)		WebMail, Web Server

Ensure that your server is reachable from the outside world. If it has a static IP address, this must be allowed on firewall.

Ping it from another computer

Try tracert if ping is disabled by network settings.

Try accessing ***www.whatsmyip.com*** http://www.whatsmyip.com from the server. Your IP address is displayed.

<Recommendations on network security>

Dial-up Access

IceWarp Server can run via dial-up access, although you should not do this if IceWarp Server is to be a fully-featured Email Server. IceWarp Server needs to be contactable by any mail server that wants to send to your domain, and should therefore be permanently connected to the internet.

Having said that, however, IceWarp Server can be used as an email collector only and for this purpose a dial-up connection may suffice.

If you have dial-up access, you should already have your Internet Connection defined in Windows, and you now need to tell IceWarp Server

From the IceWarp Server Console:

- Navigate to System - Internet Connection.
- Choose the Dial-up connection radio button
- Click the Dial-up Settings button.
- Select your connection from the drop-down list.
- Enter your login and password details, and any connection options required by your Service Provider.
- Click Apply.
- Click Connect Now if you wish IceWarp Server to connect immediately.

NOTE - you can also set up a Global schedule for connecting to the internet, and individual schedules for Domains. See the documentation for more information.

Check your DNS Records

To check that your DNS "A" and "MX" records are correctly setup run the DNS Query Tool supplied with IceWarp Server

Start -> Merak -> DNS Query Tool

And use the following to sets of settings to verify your records:

"A" record test

The DNS "A" record (or Address Record) maps your domain name to your IP Address.

Query: mail.yourserver.com

Type: Host address (A)

DNS: your DNS server's IP address

DNS Timeout: 5 seconds

Click Lookup.

The IP address of your IceWarp Server should be displayed.

"MX" record test

The DNS "MX" record (or Mail Exchange Record) tells Mail Clients the hostname they should connect to to deliver mail:

Query: yourserver.com

Type: Mail exchange (MX)

DNS: your DNS server's IP address

DNS Timeout: 5 seconds

Click Lookup.

Your IceWarp Server hostname should appear in the list.

Problems with DNS

Problems are mostly caused by a firewall or router blocking the connection, or your DNS server not being reachable or configured incorrectly. The following steps may help you diagnose the problem

- Review your settings, contact your ISP or network administrator and try again.
- In the Administration Console, choose System - Connection, and
  1. Check that the DNS Server field lists the   DNS Server IP address you used to test the connection earlier.
  2. You can enter additional DNS Server IP addresses, delimited with a semicolon.
  3. Click the Test DNS button to test the functionality of the servers you specified.

Setup the SMTP service

The SMTP Service is the Service that sends emails to other email servers on the Internet

In the IceWarp Server Console, choose Mail Service - SMTP Service.

- Select the General tab
- Enter Your IceWarp Server's hostname with the correct value.
- Select Use DNS lookup for direct delivery of outbound messages.
- Check the Use relay server option *only* if you want to send messages using your ISPs (or another) mail server to send messages.

    Enter authentication details to the server with the following syntax:
        username%domain.com:password@ISPhostname.

- In System - Service, check that SMTP service is running.

  If not, select the service from the list and click Start button in the bottom, or right-click the service and choose Start from the context menu.

  If it doesn't start, it may be conflicting with another service running on its default port 25, typically Microsoft Messaging Server.

  Stop the service that's blocking the port.

Basic Security recommendations

Above and beyond the standard network security for your Online Server, you should also check that your server is not open to abuse from Spammers.

The following options should be checked:

- Closed Relay - in Security Node - General tab
- POP before SMTP - in Security Node - General tab

Advanced Security Recommendations

Security - DNS tab

Use DNSBL (DNS blackhole list):

sbl-xbl.spamhaus.org (combined list)

bl.spamcop.org

dul.dhsbl.sorbs.net (dial-up list)

Reject if originator's IP has no rDNS

Reject if originator's domain does not exist (has no A record)

Security - Intrusion Prevention tab

Check Active

Block IP address that...

gets denied for relaying

establishes number of connections in 1 minute: 6

exceeds RSET session count: 5

gets listed on DNSBL

Amount of time for IP address to be blocked (Min): 30

Close blocked connections

Server Diagnostics

In the System -> Services Node there is a Server Diagnostics button which will perform a series of tests and report the results.

Click Server Diagnostics, the following tests are performed:

- DNS server availability and address resolution.
- Primary domain MX record is configured properly.
- Internet connectivity by accessing www.icewarp.com.
- Internet (SMTP, POP3 and Control) services running.
- SMTP message transfer, by sending a test message to itself.

All tests should be successful.

Any failing test should be investigated.

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Create new Domain

IceWarp Server is capable of supporting multiple domains, to create a new one, use the following procedure:

- Select   Accounts -> New Domain from the Main menu.
- Enter the new Domain name.
- Enter a short description.
- Select Type > Standard.
- Specify an e-mail address for the Domain Administrator account, which will be used by the system for notification emails and system reports.
- Press Save

Your new domain is now created and ready for use. See the "Domains and Accounts Reference" manual for more information.

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The Primary Domain

IceWarp Server supports multiple domains, but one of them must be set to be the Primary Domain, all the other are Secondary domains.

Functionally, there is no difference between a Primary and a Secondary Domain, but the Primary Domain Administrator Email address is used for sending any system notifications or reports.

With the default installation, the demo domain is the Primary Domain, but this is easily changed by:

Select   Domains & Accounts - Management node.

Select the Domain you want to make Primary.

Select Account -> Make Primary

or

Right Click and select Make Primary.

You have now set your Primary Domain.

TIPS

Your primary Account Administrator email address is used by IceWarp Server to send system notifications or reports. It is recommended that a second address is specified, that is remote from this IceWarp Server, so problem reports can be received   externally.

The Primary domain is always listed first in Management pane,   other domains are then listed alphabetically.

Mail sent to a user created in primary domain doesn't have to include the domain name part of e-mail address.

If demo domain (icewarpdemo.com) exists, it is set as primary by default. You should remedy this.

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Dial-up access to ISPs mailboxes

If you want to collect all e-mail addressed to your domain name from a 'catch-all' POP3 account at your ISP, you will need to setup one extra domain of Type: ETRN/ATRN.

In the Value field of the Domain, enter the IP address of your server if it's static, or leave it blank for a dynamic IP.

Create one user account in this domain to allow the collecting server to log in.

The Username and password must match the login username and password for your ISP's POP3 account.

Under this user's properties, switch to Options tab and check the ETRN/ATRN Account option.

BACXY998 How can you confirm this works?

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Create an Administrator account

There are three types of User Account - Administrator, Domain Administrator, and Standard User.

Administrator Accounts have access to modify *all* server settings for *all* Domains within your IceWarp Server System. They can create, modify and delete Domains and Accounts. They can create further Administrator accounts. Administrator Accounts are assigned a red icons in the accounts list for easy identification.

Domain Administrator Accounts (with blue icons) can modify server settings for the Domain they belong to. A Domain administrator for one domain can also be set as a domain administrator for another domain.

Standard Users have black icons and only have access to some of their own account settings.

To set up your Administrator Account.

- In the Administration Console, select the Domains & Accounts -> Management Node.
- Select the Domain you wish to add the Account to.
- Select Accounts -> Add -> User from the Main Menu. The settings pane will reset to default settings.
- Enter one or more aliases, separated by semi-colons. Be aware that some default administrator aliases are created for the domain when you define it, you do not need to repeat these here, but one alias is required here.
- Fill in all other details as necessary (press F1 for context sensitive help at any time).
- Select Administrator from the drop down menu
- Click Save, and your Administrator Account is set up.
- Finally, select the Domain and make sure that the new Administrator address is set in the Administrator Email field.

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Create new user account

Creating a new User Account is the same process as described in ***Create an Administrator account*** (on page 20), except that you choose Standard from the Permissions drop-down box.

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Setup e-mail client

Follow these guidelines to set up an email client (MS Outlook, Eudora, Pegasus, etc.).

- Outgoing Server - Your IceWarp Server Hostname.

- Incoming Server - your IceWarp Server Hostname.

- User Name - the User Account Username. Note that you can set IceWarp Server to require the full email address as the User Name.

- Server Type - select POP3 or IMAP as you prefer. POP3 downloads messages to your client for reading whereas IMAP requires a direct connection to the server.

- Be aware that this setting should match the Account Type(s) you chose for the User.

- SMTP Authentication - if you have set your IceWarp Server to require SMTP Authentication then you need to tell your client this, and the username and password to log in with (same as for POP3).

CHAPTER 11

What's Next

Further information on IceWarp Server can be found within the comprehensive documentation set, downloadable from our **_Website_**. Each IceWarp Server Node has is own dedicated manual so you can just get to the information you require

You can also get help by pressing F1 at any time whilst the console is open. This opens a context-sensitive help file containing:

- All the "node" manuals combined.
- Introductory topics.
- Common problems/mistakes.
- How To guides
- Tips for deployment

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Checklist

Here is a checklist you can use to ensure that basic settings are correct:

- Review TCP/IP settings

  Ping your mailserver. If you get any packet loss, the problem may lie within your network.

- Telnet your server at port 25.

  You need to have telnet access enabled for this test. If you are able to ping but not telnet, the problem may be with your firewall.

- Review client settings

- Check firewall settings

- Check DNS resolution

  Ping your DNS servers from your mail server (do you get any packet loss)?

  DNS server response time is crucial for processing heavy e-mail traffic. and maybe choose a different server or add another one to the list in case the first one timed out.

  Use the supplied tool dnsquery.exe to test it as described earlier.

  Try using another DNS server, just google for "public DNS server".

- Check server diagnostics

  node Services - Server Diagnostics button

- Check licensing

  menu Help - Licenses

- Check logs

  Status - Logs, look in Error log, SMTP log, Web/Control log, POP3 log

- Restart services

- Restart the server

- Disable additional features that might be incorrectly configured, one by one to attempt to isolate a cause.

- Uncheck Active in these tabs:

  Filters - Content Filters

  Security - Intrusion Prevention

  Anti-Spam - Greylisting.

- Check disk

  Use chkdsk c: /f to check your disk for possible bad sectors and repair them.

- And, if you are really stuck - Submit a support request:

Please supply as much detail as possible - which version are you running, whether it is a new install or an upgrade, which points from this checklist showed something unusual, under what circumstances does the error appear, when it started to exhibit, how to reproduce the problem. Anything that may be useful to our technicians in resolving your problem.

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