

Ham 45A – ASL Firmware: Register

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- AllStarLink (ASL) is an amateur radio system which allows connecting radios, repeaters, and computers to create a network accessible around the world.
 - Because so many systems and items interconnect, the user needs to have multiple accounts: FCC Ham License, AllStarLink.org website, and Raspberry Pi operating system.
- AllStar is a program shell around the Asterisk telephone PBX, which lets you hang devices linked to ham radio, then call them from the keypad. This is a connection interface for smart phones and radios.
- USER ID: This process will require identification information at least three times. You will need email address, a password for each, a user ID, and a number associated with each. Record these.
- FCC: The callsign must be validated with the FCC for some apps. Before loading, collect FCC identification including the FRN, callsign, email, and password registered with FCC.
- ALLSTARLINK: AllStarLink is a PBX system for communicating between phone numbers (nodes).
 - Create an account at <https://allstarlink.org> and click <Sign Up>. It may take a few hours.
 - Once you have an account, request two node numbers.
 - Login. Go to > Portal > Servers. Give the first server a name to remember.
 - Give the second server a name.
 - Go to > Portal > Nodes. Associate each node number with a server. Each can have a different password.
 - I would suggest the first node (ends in 0) be simply your callsign (KI5xxx). Use this with your cellphone.
 - Make the second node a link, your callsign-L (KI5xxx-L). use this with your Raspberry Pi.
 - You will come back to this screen several times. Registered = yes, means ASL sees your node running.
 - Record your email, password, node number, and callsign used.
 - These will be used to configure your nodes.
- NEXT VISITS: After you construct the Link node with a Raspberry Pi, come back here to download firmware and check to see if you are connected.
- PI OPERATING SYSTEM: At this point a computer is needed. We are using the Raspberry Pi.
 - Download the Operating System from www.AllStarLink.org.
- INITIALIZATION: Multiple menus are required to configure the AllStarLink. These will require all the passwords you have created.
- OPERATION: Fortunately, operation is very simple. You only need the phone number (node number).
 - Integration is MUCH easier than DMR, Fusion, or D-Star without the proprietary overhead.
 - The system allows node to node radio and bubble networks.
 - It is just a phone system at this point. DTMF keypad calls and controls the station.
- Life is good. Enjoy!

