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About This Guide

This *Novell Service Desk 6.1 Installation Guide* includes information to help you successfully install Novell Service Desk on a device.

The information in this guide is organized as follows:

- ♦ [Chapter 1, “Overview,” on page 9](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 2, “System Requirements,” on page 11](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 3, “Installing the Novell Service Desk,” on page 15](#)

Audience

This guide is intended for administrators.

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Overview

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Novell Service Desk 6.1 is a complete service management solution that allows you to easily monitor and solve services issues so that there is minimal disruption to your organization, which allows users to focus on the core business. Novell Service Desk provides an online support system to meet the service requirements of all your customers, administrators, supervisors, and technicians.

The key capabilities include:

- ♦ User-friendly interface that offers an easy-to-use Knowledge Base and Request tracking system for your customers.
- ♦ Easy-to-use tools that enable technicians to offer the most effective and efficient support service.
- ♦ Comprehensive management and reporting for the service desk, its technicians, and all support issues.

The Novell Service Desk software solution is completely Web-based and is highly scalable. The application can be deployed on Windows or Linux and supports a variety of RDBMS.

Novell Service Desk has the following editions available:

- ♦ **Novell Service Desk for Incident Management:** Includes Incident, Configuration, and Service Level Management (Basic) functionality with an emphasis on internal or external customer support.
- ♦ **Novell Service Desk for ITIL Management:** A comprehensive service management solution that is fully compliant with Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) standards. Novell Service Desk for ITIL Management supports eleven core ITIL processes including Request, Incident, Problem, Change, Configuration, and Service Level Management. This enterprise-wide solution delivers complete customer service and support for any size of organization.

System Requirements

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The following sections list the Novell Service Desk requirements:

- ♦ [Section 2.1, “Server Requirements,” on page 11](#)
- ♦ [Section 2.2, “Database Requirements,” on page 12](#)

2.1 Server Requirements

The server where you install Novell Service Desk must meet the following requirements:

Item	Requirements
Server Usage	<p>Your server might be capable of handling tasks in addition to the tasks expected for Novell Service Desk. However, we recommend that any server where you install the Service Desk software be used only for service desk purposes.</p> <p>For example, you would not want the server to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Host Novell eDirectory / Active Directory♦ Be a terminal server♦ Be a Groupwise / Exchange server♦ Be an SQL Server
Operating System	<p>Windows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Windows Server 2003 SP2 x86_64 (Enterprise and Standard editions)♦ Windows Server 2008 R2 x86_64 (Enterprise and Standard editions) <p>Linux:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 11 SP1 x86_64 (Intel and AMD Opteron processors)
Processor	Minimum: Pentium IV 2.8 GHz (x86 and x86_64), or equivalent AMD or Intel processor
RAM	2 GB minimum; 4 GB recommended
Disk Space	5 GB minimum for installing; 10 GB recommended for running. Depending on the amount of content you store as attachments, this number can vary greatly.
Display resolution	1024 × 768 with 256 colors minimum
Hostname Resolution	<p>Server names must support DNS requirements, such as not having underscores in their names. Acceptable characters are the letters a-z (uppercase and lowercase), numbers, and the hyphen (-).</p> <p>The server must resolve device hostnames by using a method such as DNS (recommended).</p>

Item	Requirements
IP Address	<p>The server must have a static IP address or a permanently leased DHCP address.</p> <p>An IP address must be bound to all NICs on your target server.</p> <p>The installation hangs if it is trying to use a NIC that does not have an IP address bound to it.</p>
JDK/JRE	<p>Sun Jdk/jre 1.6 or later.</p> <p>64-bit Sun Java is required.</p>
Firewall Settings: TCP Ports	<p>Port 80 is the non-secure port.</p> <p>Port 443 is the secure port.</p>
Virtual Machine Environments	<p>The Novell Service Desk software can be installed in the following virtual machine environments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ VMware Workstations ♦ Microsoft Virtual Server ♦ XEN (Novell SLES 10, SLES 11 and Citrix XenServer) ♦ VMware ESX ♦ Microsoft Hyper-V Server <p>The virtual machine environment must support x86_64 guest operation systems.</p>

2.2 Database Requirements

Novell Service Desk requires an external database to function. The database must meet the following requirements:

Item	Requirements
Database Version	<p>Sybase SQL Anywhere ASE 12.5 or later</p> <p>Microsoft SQL Server 2005/2008 (Enterprise and Standard editions are supported)</p> <p>Oracle 10g Standard Release 2 - 10.2.0.1.0</p>
TCP Ports	<p>The database server must allow communication on the database port. For MS SQL, make sure to configure static ports for the database server.</p> <p>The default ports are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 1433 for MS SQL ♦ 2638 for Sybase SQL ♦ 1521 for Oracle <p>IMPORTANT: You can change the default port number if you have a conflict. However, you must make sure that the port is opened for the Novell Service Desk to talk to the database.</p>

Item	Requirements
WAN	The Novell Service Desk server and the database must reside on the same network segment. If they are separated by a WAN, this configuration is not supported
Default Character Set	Novell Service Desk does not require any particular character set.
Collation	Make sure that the database is case insensitive before setting it up.
Database User	<p>When you create a user account to be used by Novell Service Desk to communicate to its database, ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ For MS SQL, the user account requires the DBO privilege ♦ For Sybase, the user account requires the SA_ROLE privilege ♦ For Oracle, the user account requires ACCESS_ANY_WORKSPACE, CREATE_ANY_WORKSPACE, UNLIMITED TABLESPACE, CONNECT, and RESOURCE <p>All databases must use password-based authentication. Integrated authentication with Active Directory or eDirectory is not supported.</p>
Database Settings	<p>Regardless of the SQL environment, the database sizing must have a minimum of 10 MB for data and 5 MB for the associated transaction log. It is advisable to let these grow as needed unless you want to spend time directly managing them. If you think you will log large numbers of cases with Novell Service Desk, start with larger sizes.</p> <p>Specific settings needed for Sybase are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ abort tran on log full ♦ ddl in transaction ♦ select into /bulkcopy/pllsort ♦ trunc log on chkpt
Database Schema	When you use a browser to connect to Novell Service Desk for the first time after installation, you can choose the desired database type. You are also provided with a script to create the schema. For more information on the schema creation, see Section 3.3, "Creating the Schema," on page 16 .

Installing the Novell Service Desk

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The Novell Service Desk software solution is completely Web-based and is highly scalable. The application can be deployed on Windows or Linux and supports a variety of RDBMS. Ensure that the device on which you want to install Novell Service Desk has Java installed and is up and running.

Perform the following steps to download and install the Service Desk software on the device:

- ♦ [Section 3.1, “Downloading the Service Desk Software,” on page 15](#)
- ♦ [Section 3.2, “Installing Service Desk,” on page 15](#)
- ♦ [Section 3.3, “Creating the Schema,” on page 16](#)

3.1 Downloading the Service Desk Software

- 1 On the [Novell Downloads page \(http://download.novell.com\)](http://download.novell.com), search for Novell Service Desk.
- 2 On the Novell Service Desk download page, click the *Download* button next to *installer.jar*.
- 3 Follow the on-screen prompts to download the file to a directory on the device.

3.2 Installing Service Desk

Ensure that the device on which you want to install Novell Service Desk has Java installed and running.

Depending on the operating system installed on the device, you can use one of the following methods to install Service Desk.

- ♦ [Section 3.2.1, “Operating System Supports a GUI Installer,” on page 15](#)
- ♦ [Section 3.2.2, “Operating System Does Not Support Direct Execution of the JAR files,” on page 15](#)
- ♦ [Section 3.2.3, “Operating System Does Not Support a GUI Installer,” on page 16](#)

3.2.1 Operating System Supports a GUI Installer

- 1 Double-click the downloaded `installer.jar` file.
- 2 Follow the on-screen prompts.

3.2.2 Operating System Does Not Support Direct Execution of the JAR files

- 1 Execute the following command to run the installer from the command line:

```
shell> java -jar Installer.jar.
```
- 2 Follow the on-screen prompts.

3.2.3 Operating System Does Not Support a GUI Installer

- 1 Execute the following command to run the installer in console mode:

```
shell> java -jar Installer.jar -console.
```

- 2 Follow the on-screen prompts.

3.3 Creating the Schema

When you use a browser to connect to Novell Service Desk for the first time after it is installed, you are prompted to choose the desired database type and are also provided with a script to create the database schema.

- 1 Use a Web browser to open the following page on a device:

```
http://<DNS_name_or_IP_address_of_device>:<port>
```

Replace *DNS_name_or_IP_address_of_device* with the DNS name or the IP address of the server on which the Novell Service Desk has been installed and replace *port* with the port number used during the installation.

- 2 On the Application Setup page, fill in the following fields:



Database Type: Select a supported database platform from the list. For a list of the supported database platforms, see [Section 2.2, “Database Requirements,” on page 12](#).

Server Host: Specify the DNS name or the IP address of the database server. We recommend that you specify the DNS name to avoid any reconfiguration when the database server connection details change.

Server Port: Depending on the selected database type, the default port is automatically displayed. However, if you changed the default port during the installation of the database server, specify the changed port.

Database Name: Specify the name of the Novell Service Desk database.

Username: Specify the user to be created for use by Novell Service Desk.

Password: Specify the password for the Service Desk user.



- 9 Click *Save* to store the connection details and initialize the connection with Novell Service Desk.
- 10 The Novell Service Desk login page is displayed.



- 11 Use one of the following credentials to log into Novell Service Desk:
 - ♦ **Administrator Credentials:** Username: admin; Password: admin
 - ♦ **Supervisor Credentials:** Username: super; Password: super

For details on using and configuring Novell Service Desk in your environment, see [Administrator Guide](http://docs.livetime.com/LiveTime61/Administrator/index_1.htm) (http://docs.livetime.com/LiveTime61/Administrator/index_1.htm) and [User Guide](http://docs.livetime.com/LiveTime61/ServiceManager/index_1.htm) (http://docs.livetime.com/LiveTime61/ServiceManager/index_1.htm).