

## Run Linux Shell Commands from the Asterisk CLI

If you type an exclamation mark at the Asterisk CLI, you will get a Linux shell. When you exit the Linux shell (by typing **exit** or pressing **Ctrl+D**), you return to the Asterisk CLI. You can also type an exclamation mark and a Linux command, and the output of that command will be shown to you, and then you'll be returned to the Asterisk CLI.

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server*CLI> !whoami  
root  
server*CLI>
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