

# Install Sample Content Via Command Line



The sample content package is deprecated as of Avalon 6.0. Please use the [Batch Ingest method](#) to ingest sample content.



This documentation is for Release 5.x, 4.x and 3.x. For the release 1 and 2 version of this page, see [Install Sample Content Via Batch Ingest](#).

Installation of the sample content is simple, but **must** be run as the root user from a bash prompt on the Avalon system. The process for this depends on which kind of installation you have.

- **Portable VM image:**  
Open a terminal window from within the VM console, and type `su root` to become the root user. This will require the root password you provided the first time the system was booted.
- **Vagrant virtual machine:**  
From within the original installer directory (from step 4 of the [Vagrant Virtual Machine Image Installation Instructions](#)), type `vagrant ssh` to log in as the vagrant user, then type `sudo -i` to become the root user.
- **Manual Puppet installed machine:**  
Log in and become root as you did in steps 1 and 2 of the [Manual Puppet Install](#) instructions.



If running a **manual installation**, a hard link needs to be created so that the sample content rpm can find avalon in the `/var/www/avalon/current` directory.

Example:

```
ln -s /var/www/avalon/ /var/www/avalon/current
```

Once you have a root prompt, run rpm with the correct rails environment (RAILS\_ENV) for your setup and the correct URL for your version.

```
#For R5 installs:  
RAILS_ENV="production" rpm -i http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/downloads/avalon-sample-content-5.0-1.noarch.rpm  
#For R4 installs:  
RAILS_ENV="production" rpm -i http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/downloads/avalon-sample-content-4.0-1.noarch.rpm  
#For R3 installs:  
RAILS_ENV="production" rpm -i http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/downloads/avalon-sample-content-3.0-1.noarch.rpm  
#For pre-R3 installs:  
RAILS_ENV="production" rpm -i http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/downloads/avalon-sample-content.noarch.rpm
```

If the install fails and you need to rerun the installation, add the **--force** flag to the rpm command.

Once the sample content has been loaded, you should be able to discover, view, and play it back. Open a web browser, connect to your avalon instance, and select **Sample Collection** from the Collection facet on the left side of the page.