



# Setting Up the Cisco Unified IP Phone

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This chapter includes the following topics, which help you install the Cisco Unified IP Phones 7970G/7971G-GE on an IP telephony network:

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**Note**

Before you install a Cisco Unified IP phone, you must make some critical decisions about how to configure the phone in your network. You can then safely install the phone and verify its functionality. For more information, see [Chapter 2, “Preparing to Install the Cisco Unified IP Phone on Your Network.”](#)

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# Before You Begin

Before installing the Cisco Unified IP Phone, review the requirements in these sections:

- [Network Requirements, page 3-2](#)
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## Network Requirements

For the Cisco Unified IP Phones 7970G/7971G-GE to successfully operate as a Cisco Unified IP Phone endpoint in your network, your network must meet these requirements:

- Working Voice over IP (VoIP) Network:
  - VoIP configured on your Cisco routers and gateways
  - Cisco Unified CallManager Release 5.x or higher installed in your network and configured to handle call processing
- IP network that supports DHCP or manual assignment of IP address, gateway, and subnet mask

**Note**

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The Cisco Unified IP Phone displays the date and time from Cisco Unified CallManager. If the Cisco Unified CallManager server is located in a different time zone than the phones, the phones will not display the correct local time.

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## Cisco Unified CallManager Configuration

The Cisco Unified IP Phone requires Cisco Unified CallManager to handle call processing. Refer to *Cisco Unified CallManager Administration Guide* or context-sensitive help in the Cisco Unified CallManager application to ensure that Cisco Unified CallManager is set up properly to manage the phone and to properly route and process calls.

If you plan to use auto-registration, verify that it is enabled and properly configured in Cisco Unified CallManager before connecting any Cisco Unified IP Phone to the network. For information about enabling and configuring auto-registration, refer to *Cisco Unified CallManager Administration Guide*. Also, see the [“Adding Phones to the Cisco Unified CallManager Database” section on page 2-13](#).

You must use Cisco Unified CallManager to configure and assign telephony features to the Cisco Unified IP Phones. See the [“Telephony Features Available for the Phone” section on page 5-2](#) for details.

In Cisco Unified CallManager, you can add users to the database and associate them with specific phones. In this way, users gain access to web pages that allow them to configure items such as call forwarding, speed dialing, and voice messaging system options. See the [“Adding Users to Cisco Unified CallManager” section on page 5-16](#) for details.

## Safety

Review the following warnings before installing the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970. To see translations of these warnings, refer to the *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7900 Series* document that accompanied this device.



**Warning**

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**Read the installation instructions before you connect the system to its power source.**

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**Warning**

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**Only trained and qualified personnel should be allowed to install, replace, or service this equipment.**

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**Warning**

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**Ultimate disposal of this product should be handled according to all national laws and regulations.**

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**Warning**

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**Do not work on the system or connect or disconnect cables during periods of lightning activity.**

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**Warning**

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**To avoid electric shock, do not connect safety extra low voltage (SELV) circuits to telephone network voltage (TNV) circuits. LAN ports contain SELV circuits, and WAN ports contain TNV circuits. Some LAN and WAN ports both use RJ-45 connectors. Use caution when connecting cables.**

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**Caution**

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Inline power circuits provide current over the cable. Use the Cisco provided cable or a minimum 24 AWG communication cable.

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The following warnings apply when you use an external power supply.

**Caution**

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Only use the proper Cisco approved external power supply. Reference the installation manual provided with the phone.

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**Warning**

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**This product relies on the building's installation for short-circuit (overcurrent) protection. Ensure that a fuse or circuit breaker no larger than 120 VAC, 15 A U.S. (240 VAC, 10 A international) is used on the phase conductors (all current-carrying conductors).**

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**Warning**

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**The device is designed to work with TN power systems.**

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**Warning**

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**The plug-socket combination must be accessible at all times because it serves as the main disconnecting device.**

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# Understanding the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970G/7971G-GE Components

The Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970G/7971G-GE includes these components on the phone or as accessories for the phone:

- [Network and Access Ports, page 3-5](#)
- [Handset, page 3-5](#)
- [Speakerphone, page 3-6](#)
- [Headset, page 3-6](#)

## Network and Access Ports

The back of the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970G/7971G-GE includes these ports:

- Network port—Labeled 10/100 SW on the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970G and 10/100/1000 SW on the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7971G-GE
- Access port—Labeled 10/100 PC on the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970G and 10/100/1000 PC on the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7971G-GE

Each port supports 10/100 or 10/100/1000 Mbps half- or full-duplex connections to external devices. You can use either Category 3 or 5 cabling for 10-Mbps connections, but you must use Category 5 for 100 and 1000 Mbps connections.

Use the SW network port to connect the phone to the network. You must use a straight-through cable on this port. The phone can also obtain inline power from a switch over this connection. See the [“Providing Power to the Phone”](#) section on page 2-4 for details.

Use the PC access port to connect a network device, such as a computer, to the phone. You must use a straight-through cable on this port.

## Handset

The handset is designed especially for use with a Cisco Unified IP Phone. It includes a light strip that indicates incoming calls and voice messages waiting.

## Speakerphone

By default, the speakerphone is enabled on Cisco Unified IP Phones 7970G/7971G-GE.

You can disable the speakerphone through the Cisco Unified CallManager Administration application. To do so, choose **Device > Phone** and locate the phone you want to modify. In the Phone Configuration web page for the phone, check the **Disable Speakerphone** check box.

## Headset

Although Cisco Systems performs some internal testing of third-party headsets for use with the Cisco Unified IP Phones, Cisco does not certify or support products from headset or handset vendors. Because of the inherent environmental and hardware inconsistencies in the locations where Cisco Unified IP Phones are deployed, there is not a single “best” solution that is optimal for all environments. Cisco recommends that customers test the headsets that work best in their environment before deploying a large number of units in their network.

In some instances, the mechanics or electronics of various headsets can cause remote parties to hear an echo of their own voice when they speak to Cisco Unified IP Phone users.

Cisco Systems recommends the use of good quality headsets that are screened against unwanted radio frequency (RF) and audio frequency (AF) signals. Depending on the quality of headsets and their proximity to other devices such as cell phones and two-way radios, some audio noise may still occur.

The primary reason that support of a headset would be inappropriate for an installation is the potential for an audible hum. This hum can either be heard by the remote party or by both the remote party and the Cisco Unified IP Phone user. Some potential humming or buzzing sounds can be caused by a range of outside sources, for example, electric lights, being near electric motors, large PC monitors. In some cases, a hum experienced by a user may be reduced or eliminated by using a local power cube (CP-PWR-CUBE-3). See the [“Safety” section on page 3-3](#) for more information.

## Audio Quality Subjective to the User

Beyond the physical, mechanical and technical performance, the audio portion of a headset must sound good to the user and the party on the far end. Sound is subjective and Cisco cannot guarantee the performance of any headsets or handsets, but some of the headsets and handsets on the sites listed below have been reported to perform well on Cisco Unified IP Phones.

Nevertheless, it is ultimately still the customer's responsibility to test this equipment in their own environment to determine suitable performance.

For information about headsets, see:

<http://vxicorp.com/cisco>

<http://plantronics.com>

## Connecting a Headset

To connect a headset to the Cisco Unified IP Phone, plug it into the Headset port on the back of the phone. Press the **Headset** button on the phone to place and answer calls using the headset.

You can use the headset with all of the features on the Cisco Unified IP Phone, including the Volume and Mute buttons. Use these buttons to adjust the ear piece volume and to mute the speech path from the headset microphone.

## Disabling a Headset

You can disable the headset through the Cisco Unified CallManager Administration application. If you do so, you also will disable the speakerphone.

To disable the headset from Cisco Unified CallManager Administration, choose **Device > Phone** and locate the phone that you want to modify. In the Phone Configuration web page for the phone, check the **Disable Speakerphone and Headset** check box.

## Using External Devices with Your Cisco Unified IP Phone

The following information applies when you use external devices with the Cisco Unified IP Phone:

Cisco recommends the use of good quality external devices (speakers, microphones, and headsets) that are shielded (screened) against unwanted radio frequency (RF) and audio frequency (AF) signals.

Depending on the quality of these devices and their proximity to other devices such as mobile phones or two-way radios, some audio noise may still occur. In these cases, Cisco recommends that you take one or more of the following actions:

- Move the external device away from the source of the RF or AF signals.
- Route the external device cables away from the source of the RF or AF signals.
- Use shielded cables for the external device, or use cables with a better shield and connector.
- Shorten the length of the external device cable.
- Apply ferrites or other such devices on the cables for the external device.

Cisco cannot guarantee the performance of the system because Cisco has no control over the quality of external devices, cables, and connectors. The system will perform adequately when suitable devices are attached using good quality cables and connectors.



### Caution

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In European Union countries, use only external speakers, microphones, and headsets that are fully compliant with the EMC Directive [89/336/EC].

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## Installing the Cisco Unified IP Phone

You must connect the Cisco Unified IP Phone to the network and to a power source before using it. See [Figure 3-1](#) for a graphical representation of the connections.



### Note

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Before you install a phone, even if it is new, upgrade the phone to the current firmware image.

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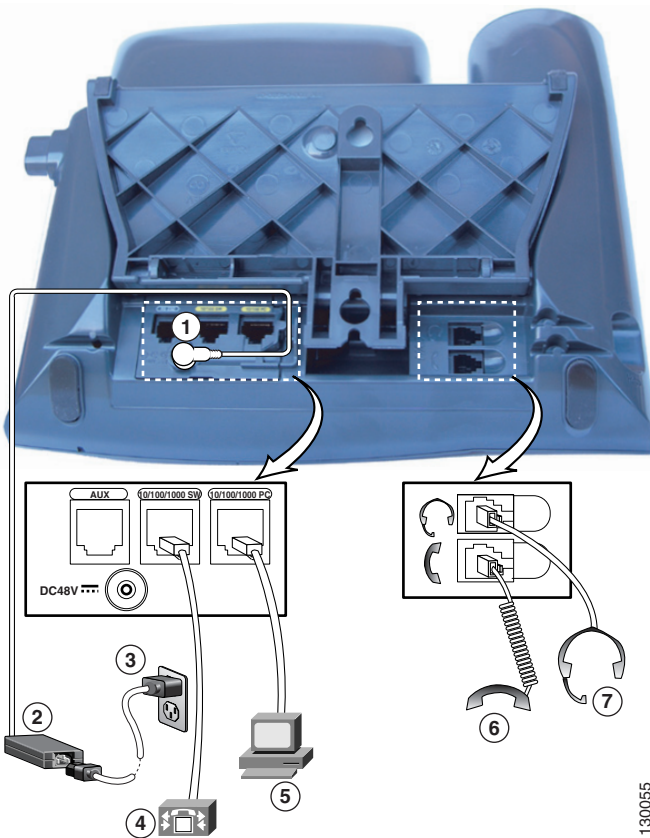


**Note** Before using external devices, read the [“Using External Devices with Your Cisco Unified IP Phone”](#) section on page 3-8 for safety and performance information.

To install a Cisco Unified IP Phone, perform the following steps:

Procedure	Notes	Reference
1. Connect the handset to the Handset port.	—	—
2. Connect a headset to the Headset port.	Optional. You can add a headset later if you do not connect one now.	See the <a href="#">“Headset”</a> section on page 3-6 for supported headsets.
3. Connect the power supply to the Cisco DC Adapter port.	Optional.	See the <a href="#">“Providing Power to the Phone”</a> section on page 2-4.
4. Connect a Category 3 or 5 straight-through Ethernet cable from the switch to the 10/100 SW port (Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970) or the 10/100/1000 SW port (Cisco Unified IP Phone 7971G-GE).	Each Cisco Unified IP Phone ships with one Ethernet cable in the box.	See the <a href="#">“Network and Access Ports”</a> section on page 3-5 for guidelines.
5. Connect a Category 3 or 5 straight-through Ethernet cable from another network device, such as a desktop computer, to the 10/100 PC port (Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970) or the 10/100/1000 PC port (Cisco Unified IP Phone 7971G-GE).	Optional. You can connect another network device later if you do not connect one now.	See the <a href="#">“Network and Access Ports”</a> section on page 3-5 for guidelines.

Figure 3-1 Cisco Unified IP Phones 7970G/7971G-GE Rear Cable Connections



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1	DC adapter port (DC48V)	5	Access port (1000 appears on the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7971G-GE only)
2	Power supply with DC Connector	6	Handset port
3	Power cable with AC wall plug	7	Headset port
4	Network port (1000 appears on the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7971G-GE only)		

**Related Topics**

- [Before You Begin, page 3-2](#)
- [Adjusting the Placement of the Cisco Unified IP Phone, page 3-11](#)
- [Configuring Startup Network Settings, page 3-16](#)

# Adjusting the Placement of the Cisco Unified IP Phone

The Cisco Unified IP Phone includes an adjustable footstand. When placing the phone on a desktop surface, you can adjust the tilt height to several different angles in 7.5 degree increments from flat to 60 degrees. You can also mount the phone to the wall using the footstand or using the optional locking wall mount kit.

## Adjusting Cisco Unified IP Phone Placement on the Desktop

To adjust the footstand on the Cisco Unified IP Phone to the height that provides optimum viewing of the LCD screen, follow these steps:

**Procedure**

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| <b>Step 1</b> | Push in the footstand adjustment button.    |
| <b>Step 2</b> | Adjust the footstand to the desired height. |
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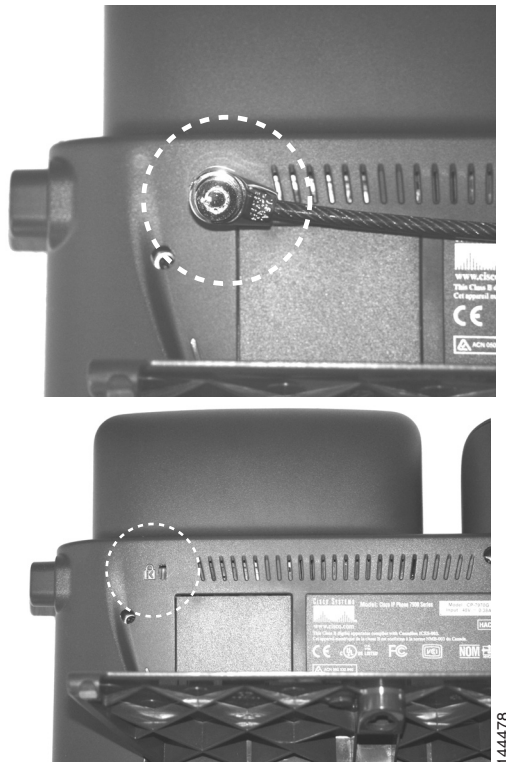
## Securing the Phone with a Cable Lock

You can secure the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970G/7971G-GE to a desktop using a laptop cable lock. The lock connects to the security slot on the back of the phone and the cable can be secured to a desktop.

The security slot can accommodate a lock up to 20 mm. Compatible laptop cable locks include the Kensington® laptop cable lock and laptop cable locks from other manufacturers that can fit into the security slot on the back of the phone.

See [Figure 3-2](#) below.

**Figure 3-2** Connecting a Cable Lock to the Cisco Unified IP Phone 7970G/7971G-GE



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## Mounting the Phone to the Wall

You can mount the Cisco Unified IP Phone on the wall using the footstand as a mounting bracket or you can use special brackets available in a Cisco Unified IP Phone wall mount kit. (Wall mount kits must be ordered separately from the phones.) If you attach the phone to a wall using the standard footstand and not the wall mount kit, you need to supply the following tools and parts:

- Screwdriver
- Screws to secure the Cisco Unified IP phone to the wall

Use the following procedure to mount the phone on the wall using the standard footstand. See [Figure 3-3](#) for a graphical overview of this procedure.

### Before You Begin

To ensure that the handset attaches securely to a wall-mounted phone, remove the handset wall hook from the handset rest, rotate the hook 180 degrees, and reinsert the hook. Turning the hook exposes a lip on which the handset catches when the phone is vertical. For an illustrated procedure, see *Installing the Wall Mount Kit for the Cisco Unified IP Phone*.



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**Caution**

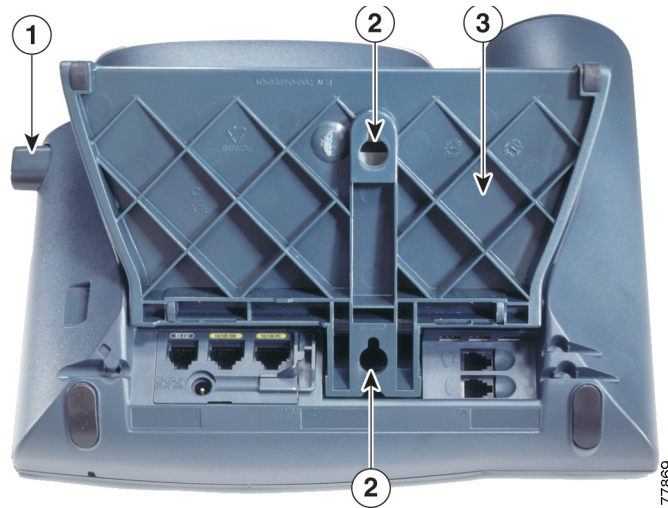
Use care not to damage wires or pipes located inside the wall when securing screws to wall studs.

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### Procedure

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- Step 1** Push in the footstand adjustment button.
  - Step 2** Adjust the footstand so it is flat against the back of the phone.
  - Step 3** Insert two screws into a wall stud, matching them to the two screw holes on the back of the footstand.  
  
The keyholes fit standard phone jack mounts.
  - Step 4** Hang the phone on the wall.
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**Figure 3-3** Parts Used in Wall Mounting the Cisco Unified IP Phone

1	Footstand adjustment button—Raises and lowers adjustment plate
2	Wall mounting screw holes
3	Adjustment plate—Raises and lowers phone vertically

## Verifying the Phone Startup Process

After the Cisco Unified IP Phone has power connected to it, the phone begins its startup process by cycling through the following steps.

- These buttons flash on and off in sequence:
  - Headset. (Only if the handset is off-hook when the phone powers up. In this case, hang up the handset within 3 seconds or the phone launches its secondary load instead of its primary load.)
  - Mute.
  - Speaker.

**Caution**

2. Some or all of the line keys flash orange.

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If the line keys flash red in sequence after flashing yellow, do not power down the phone until the sequence of red flashes completes. This sequence can take several minutes to complete.

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3. Some or all of the line keys flash green.

Normally, this sequence takes just a few seconds. However, if the phone's Flash memory is erased or the phone load is corrupted, the sequence of green flashes will continue while the phone begins a software update procedure. If the phone performs this procedure, the following buttons light to indicate progress:

- Headset—Phone is waiting for the network and completing CDP and DHCP configuration. (A DHCP server must be available in your network.)
  - Mute—Phone is downloading images from the TFTP server.
  - Speaker—Phone is writing images to its Flash memory.
4. The LCD screen displays the Cisco Systems, Inc., logo screen.
  5. These messages appear as the phone starts:
    - Verifying load (if the phone load does not match the load on the TFTP server). If this message appears, the phone start up again and repeats step 1 through step 4 above.
    - Configuring IP.
    - Updating CTL.
    - Updating Locale.
    - Configuring CM List.
    - Registering.

6. The main LCD screen displays:
  - Current date and time
  - Primary directory number
  - Additional directory numbers and speed dial numbers, if configured
  - Softkeys

If the phone successfully passes through these stages, it has started up properly. If the phone does not start up properly, see the [“Resolving Startup Problems” section on page 9-2](#).

## Configuring Startup Network Settings

If you are not using DHCP in your network, you must configure these network settings on the Cisco Unified IP Phone after installing the phone on the network:

- IP address
- IP subnet mask
- Default gateway IP address
- TFTP server IP address

You may also configure these optional settings as necessary:

- Domain name
- DNS server IP address

Collect this information and see the instructions in [Chapter 4, “Configuring Settings on the Cisco Unified IP Phone.”](#)

## Configuring Security on the Cisco Unified IP Phone

The security features protect against several threats, including threats to the identity of the phone and to data. These features establish and maintain authenticated communication streams between the phone and the Cisco Unified CallManager server, and digitally sign files before they are delivered.

For more information about the security features, see the [“Understanding Security Features for Cisco Unified IP Phones”](#) section on page 1-12. Also, refer to *Cisco Unified CallManager Security Guide*.

A Locally Significant Certificate (LSC) installs on phones after you perform the necessary tasks that are associated with the CAPF. You can use Cisco Unified CallManager Administration to configure an LSC, as described in *Cisco Unified CallManager Security Guide*. Alternatively, you can initiate the installation of an LSC from the Security Configuration menu on the phone. This menu also lets you update or remove an LSC.

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### Before You Begin

Make sure that the appropriate Cisco Unified CallManager and the Certificate Authority Proxy Function (CAPF) security configurations are complete:

- The CTL file should have a CAPF certificate.
- The CAPF certificate must exist in the C:\Program Files\Cisco\Certificates folder in every server in the cluster.
- The CAPF is running and configured.

Refer to *Cisco Unified CallManager Security Guide* for more information.



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**Note**

Depending on how you have configured the CAPF, this procedure installs an LSC, updates an existing LSC, or removes an existing LSC.

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To configure an LSC on the phone, perform the following steps.

## Procedure

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- Step 1** Obtain the CAPF authentication string that was set when the CAPF was configured.
- Step 2** From the phone, press the **Settings > Security Configuration**.



**Note** You can control access to the Settings Menu by using the Settings Access field in the Cisco Unified CallManager Administration Phone Configuration Settings page. For more information, see *Cisco Unified CallManager Administration Guide*.

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- Step 3** Press **\*\*#** to unlock settings on the Security Configuration menu.
- Step 4** Scroll to LSC and press the **Update** softkey.  
The phone prompts for an authentication string.
- Step 5** Enter the authentication code and press the **Submit** softkey.

The phone begins to install, update, or remove the LSC, depending on how the CAPF was configured. During the procedure, a series of messages appears in the LSC option field in the Security Configuration menu so that you can monitor progress. When the procedure completes successfully, the phone will display Installed or Not Installed.

The LSC install, update, or removal process can take a long time to complete. You can stop the process at any time by pressing the **Stop** softkey from the Security Configuration menu. (Settings must be unlocked before you can press this softkey.)

When the phone successfully completes the installation procedure, it displays “Success.” If the phone displays, “Failure,” the authorization string may be incorrect or the phone may not be enabled for upgrading. Refer to error messages generated by the CAPF and take appropriate actions.

You can verify that an LSC is installed on the phone by choosing **Settings > Model Information** and ensuring that the LSC setting shows Installed.

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## Related Topic

- [Understanding Security Features for Cisco Unified IP Phones, page 1-12](#)