



Public Distribution List Settings

Overview: Public Distribution Lists

Public distribution lists are used to send voice messages to multiple subscribers. The subscribers assigned to a public distribution list typically are subscribers who need the same information on a regular basis, such as employees in a department or members of a team.

Cisco Unity includes the following predefined public distribution lists, which you can modify but not delete:

All Subscribers

By default, the All Subscribers list is included in the {Default Subscriber} template.

Unaddressed Messages

Subscribers assigned to the Unaddressed Messages list receive messages left in the Operator call handler when the operator is not available. Additionally, when the Cisco Unity Messaging System receives a nondelivery receipt for a voice message—because, for example, a subscriber mailbox is full—it is forwarded to the Unaddressed Messages list.

System Event Messages

Subscribers assigned to the System Event Messages list receive messages from the Event Notification utility indicating the occurrence of predefined error conditions or potential problems on the Cisco Unity server.

When Cisco Unity is installed, the Example Administrator account is set as the only member of the Unaddressed Messages and System Event Messages distribution lists. Do not delete the Example Administrator account unless you have added subscribers to these two distribution lists.

You can modify the predefined lists, and you can create new ones. Additionally, you can import public distribution lists from Exchange. Both Cisco Unity subscribers and non-subscribers are included as members of an imported distribution list, though non-subscribers are not displayed in the Cisco Unity Administrator.

Messages addressed to an imported list are sent to all members of the list—including those who are not Cisco Unity subscribers—unless you import non-universal groups from Exchange 2000. When you import non-universal groups, all of the public distribution list members may not receive messages as expected. For more information on this Exchange limitation, refer to the Microsoft web site.

If you are using Digital Networking, see the [“Cisco Unity Administrator Scope” section on page 10-7](#) for additional information about viewing and creating distribution lists, and about assigning extensions and adding members to distribution lists.

To create a public distribution list

- Step 1** Go to any **Subscribers > Public Distribution Lists** page.
- Step 2** Click the **Add** icon.
- Step 3** In the Add a Public Distribution List dialog box, enter information as appropriate in the Name field.
- Step 4** Perform one of the following actions:
 - Select **New Distribution List**.
 - Select **Based on Existing Distribution List**, and then select the appropriate distribution list in the Based On field.
 - Select **Import**, and then click **Select**. From the Find and Select Public Distribution List to Import dialog box, click the appropriate domain from the Domain list, complete the Find By fields, and click **Find**. Double-click on the appropriate public distribution list.
- Step 5** Click the **Add** button.

Step 6 Enter settings for your new distribution list, and then click the **Save** icon.

To modify a public distribution list

Step 1 Go to any **Subscribers > Public Distribution Lists** page.

Step 2 Click the **Find** icon.

Step 3 Double-click the distribution list that you want to modify.

Step 4 Change settings as appropriate, and then click the **Save** icon.

In each subscriber template, you can specify the public distribution lists to which each new subscriber based on that template will be added. You can also add individual subscribers directly to the public distribution lists. When you delete a subscriber account, Cisco Unity automatically removes the subscriber from any public distribution list of which the subscriber is a member.

Refer to the following sections in this chapter for more information:

- [Public Distribution List Profile Settings, page 16-3](#)—This section provides information about the settings on the Profile page.
- [Public Distribution Lists Members Settings, page 16-4](#)—This section provides information about the settings on the Members page.

Public Distribution List Profile Settings

The profile settings specify the name of the list, its recorded voice name, and extension. A public distribution list must have either a recorded voice name or an assigned extension for subscribers to address messages to it.

Use the following table to learn more about profile settings.

Table 16-1 *Subscribers > Public Distribution Lists > Profile Page*

Field	Considerations
Name	This displays the name of the public distribution list. To change the name of the list, enter a new name here, and then click the Save button.
Owner	This setting displays the owner of the list, which can be any subscriber or another public distribution list that has the authority to request changes to this list. To change the owner, select an Owner Type and click Change.
Owner Type	Click Subscriber to assign ownership to a single subscriber. Click Distribution List to assign ownership to all subscribers on a public distribution list.
Recorded Voice	This is the recorded name of the public distribution list. To record a distribution list name, use the Media Master control bar. (Note that the Media Master is not available across a firewall.) Use the Options menu in the Media Master control bar to set recording and playback devices, if applicable, and to use other sound files.
Extension	Enter the number that subscribers can dial to access the public distribution list over the phone (without having to spell the list name). If an extension is provided, the list owner can administer the list over the phone.

Public Distribution Lists Members Settings

The public distribution lists member settings allow you to:

- View the names of all members assigned to the list. As appropriate, both Cisco Unity subscriber and non-subscriber members are displayed.
- Add subscribers and/or other public distribution lists to the list.
- Remove subscribers and/or other public distribution lists from the list.

To add or remove subscribers from a public distribution list

Step 1 Go to any **Subscribers > Public Distribution Lists** page.

- Step 2** Click the **Find** icon.
- Step 3** Double-click the name of the list that you want to modify.
- Step 4** Go to **Subscribers > Public Distribution Lists > Members**.
- Step 5** Click **Add** or **Remove**, as appropriate. If you click **Add**, select either **Selected Subscribers** or **Public Distribution Lists** from the list on the right.
- Step 6** Enter the name of a subscriber or distribution list to add or remove. You also can enter * for a list of all subscribers or lists, or enter one or more characters followed by * to narrow your search.
- Step 7** Click **Find**.
- Step 8** Select the subscriber or distribution list name to add or remove. To select more than one name, hold down the CTRL or SHIFT key.
- Step 9** Click **Add To List** or **Remove**, as appropriate.

Use the following table to learn more about member settings.

Table 16-2 *Subscribers > Public Distribution Lists > Members Page*

Field	Considerations
View, Add, Remove	Select one of the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View—Display a list of distribution list members. • Add—Add one or more subscribers to the public distribution list. You also can add other public distribution lists as members of the list. • Remove—Delete one or more subscribers or public distribution lists from the public distribution list.
Type a <Public Distribution List> Member Name to Find	Enter several characters of the name, and click Find. Or enter * to list all members or distribution lists. Note that the more specific your entry, the more quickly Cisco Unity responds. When Add is selected, Cisco Unity searches all subscribers in the organization. When Remove is selected, Cisco Unity searches only subscribers assigned to the distribution list.

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Field	Considerations
Matching <Public Distribution List> Members	<p>This setting displays the list of names that match the characters you entered in the Type a <Public Distribution List> Member Name to Find field. The list contains first and last names that match.</p> <p>To select several nonsequential names at one time, hold down the CTRL key while selecting.</p> <p>To select several names in sequence, hold down the SHIFT key, select the first name in the sequence, and then select the last name in the sequence.</p>