Mobile and Remote Access Through Cisco Video Communication Server

Deployment Guide

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Related Documentation

Information contained in the following documents and sites may be required to assist in setting up your Unified Communications environment:

- VCS Basic Configuration (Control with Expressway) Deployment Guide
- VCS Cluster Creation and Maintenance Deployment Guide
- Certificate Creation and Use With VCS Deployment Guide
- VCS Administrator Guide
- Configuration and Administration of IM and Presence Service on Cisco Unified Communications Manager (for your version), at Cisco Unified Communications Manager Configuration Guides
- Directory Integration and Identity Management in the Cisco Collaboration System 10.x Solution Reference Network Designs (SRND) document
- SAML SSO Deployment Guide for Cisco Unified Communications Applications (for your version), at Cisco Unified Communications Manager Maintain and Operate Guides
- Jabber client configuration details:
  - Cisco Jabber for Windows
  - Cisco Jabber for iPad
  - Cisco Jabber for Android
  - Cisco Jabber for Mac
  - Cisco Jabber DNS Configuration Guide
Mobile and Remote Access Overview

Cisco Unified Communications Mobile and Remote Access is a core part of the Cisco Collaboration Edge Architecture. It allows endpoints such as Cisco Jabber to have their registration, call control, provisioning, messaging and presence services provided by Cisco Unified Communications Manager (Unified CM) when the endpoint is not within the enterprise network. The VCS provides secure firewall traversal and line-side support for Unified CM registrations.

The overall solution provides:

- **Off-premises access**: a consistent experience outside the network for Jabber and EX/MX/SX Series clients
- **Security**: secure business-to-business communications
- **Cloud services**: enterprise grade flexibility and scalable solutions providing rich WebEx integration and Service Provider offerings
- **Gateway and interoperability services**: media and signaling normalization, and support for non-standard endpoints

Figure 1  Unified Communications: Mobile and Remote Access

Note that third-party SIP or H.323 devices can register to the VCS Control and, if necessary, interoperate with Unified CM-registered devices over a SIP trunk.
Figure 2  Typical call flow: signaling and media paths

- Unified CM provides call control for both mobile and on-premises endpoints.
- Signaling traverses the Expressway solution between the mobile endpoint and Unified CM.
- Media traverses the Expressway solution and is relayed between endpoints directly; all media is encrypted between the VCS Control and the mobile endpoint.

Deployment Scope

The following major VCS-based deployments do not work together. They cannot be implemented together on the same VCS (or traversal pair):

- Mobile and Remote Access
- Microsoft interoperability, using the VCS Control-based B2BUA
- Jabber Guest services

Jabber Client Connectivity Without VPN

The Mobile and Remote Access solution (MRA) supports a hybrid on-premises and cloud-based service model. This provides a consistent experience inside and outside the enterprise. MRA provides a secure connection for Jabber application traffic without having to connect to the corporate network over a VPN. It is a device and operating system agnostic solution for Cisco Jabber clients on Windows, Mac, iOS and Android platforms.

MRA allows Jabber clients that are outside the enterprise to do the following:

- Use instant messaging and presence services
- Make voice and video calls
- Search the corporate directory
- Share content
- Launch a web conference
- Access visual voicemail

**Note:** Cisco Jabber Video for TelePresence (Jabber Video) does not work with MRA. (It is supported as a general client registered to VCS.)

Deployment Scenarios

This section describes the supported deployment environments:
Deployment Scenarios

- Single network elements
- Single clustered network elements
- Multiple clustered network elements
- Hybrid deployment
- Unsupported deployments

**Note:** The only supported Mobile and Remote Access deployments are based on one-to-one Unified Communications zones between VCS Control clusters and VCS Expressway clusters.

**Figure 3  Supported MRA Traversal Connections**

**Single Network Elements**

In this scenario there are single (non-clustered) Unified CM, IM & Presence, VCS Control and VCS Expressway servers.
Single Clustered Network Elements

In this scenario each network element is clustered.

- Jabber clients can access their own cluster through any route.
- VCS Control uses round robin to select a node (publisher or subscriber) when routing home cluster discovery requests.
- Each combination of Unified CM and IM and Presence Service clusters must use the same domain.
- Intercluster Lookup Service (ILS) must be active on the Unified CM clusters.
- Intercluster peer links must be configured between the IM and Presence Service clusters, and the Intercluster Sync Agent (ICSA) must be active.

Multiple Clustered Network Elements

In this scenario there are multiple clusters of each network element.
Hybrid Deployment

In this scenario, IM and Presence services for Jabber clients are provided via the WebEx cloud.

Unsupported Deployments

**VPN Links**

VPN links, between the VCS Control and the Unified CM services / clusters, are not supported.

**Traversal Zones Between VCS Series and Expressway Series**

"Mixed" traversal connections are not supported. That is, we do not support traversal zones, or Unified Communications traversal zones, between Cisco VCS and Cisco Expressway even though it is possible to configure these zones.
Explicitly, we do not support VCS Control traversal to Expressway-E, nor do we support Expressway-C traversal to VCS Expressway.

**Unclustered or Many-to-One Traversal Connections**

We do not support Unified Communications zones from one VCS Control cluster to multiple unclustered VCS Expressways.

We also do not support multiple Unified Communications zones from one VCS Control cluster to multiple VCS Expressways or VCS Expressway clusters.

**Nested Perimeter Networks**

MRA is not currently supported over chained traversal connections (using multiple VCS Expressways to cross multiple firewalls).
This means that you cannot use VCS Expressway to give Mobile and Remote Access to endpoints that must traverse a nested perimeter network to call internal endpoints.

**VCS Control in DMZ with Static NAT**

We do not support VCS Control in a DMZ that uses static NAT. This is because the VCS Control does not perform the SDP rewriting that is required to traverse static NAT-enabled firewalls. You should use the VCS Expressway for this purpose.

You could potentially place the VCS Control in a DMZ that does not use static NAT, but we strongly discourage this deployment because it requires a lot of management on the inmost firewall. We always recommend placing the VCS Control in the internal network.

**Supported and Unsupported Features When Using Mobile and Remote Access**

Not all features are supported in every deployment scenario when using Mobile and Remote Access. This section provides information about:

- **Supported features.** Where to get information about which endpoint features will work on endpoints connected over MRA through VCS, to remotely connect to the Unified CM.
- **Unsupported features.** Lists endpoint features, VCS features, and Contact Center features that are known not to work in certain MRA situations.

**Supported Endpoint Features**

**Jabber clients**

See the **Supported Services** table in the **Remote Access** section, **Planning Guide for Cisco Jabber** (for your version) on the **Install and Upgrade Guides** page.
Supported and Unsupported Features When Using Mobile and Remote Access

**IP Phone 7800 Series**

See Phone Features Available for Mobile and Remote Access Through Expressway in the Phone Features and Setup chapter, Cisco IP Phone 7800 Series Administration Guide for Cisco Unified Communications Manager on the Maintain and Operate Guides page.

**IP Phone 8800 Series**

See Phone Features Available for Mobile and Remote Access Through Expressway in the Phone Features and Setup chapter, Cisco IP Phone 8800 Series Administration Guide for Cisco Unified Communications Manager on the Maintain and Operate Guides page.

### Unsupported Endpoint Features

- Call recording for Cisco Jabber endpoints connected over Mobile and Remote Access (MRA).
- Custom embedded tabs for Cisco Jabber endpoints connected over MRA.
- Directory access mechanisms other than the Cisco User Data Service (UDS).
- The VCS does not encrypt the iX protocol on behalf of other entities; iX must either be encrypted from end to end, with the endpoints and conferencing server doing the encryption, or it must be unencrypted from end to end.

  If you want iX to work via MRA, then the iX-capable endpoints must use encrypted phone security profiles. Also, the conferencing server must be capable of encrypted iX.

- Certificate provisioning to remote endpoints. For example, the Certificate Authority Proxy Function (CAPF). If you can do the first-time configuration on premises (inside the firewall) then you can support endpoints that use CAPF. After that you can use them over MRA - but you can’t do the initial configuration over MRA.

- Features that rely on the SIP UPDATE method (RFC 3311) will not work as expected, because the VCS does not support this method. For example, Unified CM and endpoints use UPDATE to implement blind transfer, which does not work correctly over MRA.

- Peer-to-peer file transfer when using IM and Presence Service and Jabber is not supported over MRA. These features are supported over MRA:
  - Managed File Transfer (MFT) with IM and Presence Service 10.5.2 and later and Jabber 10.6 and later clients.
  - File transfer with WebEx Messenger Service and Cisco Jabber.

- Additional mobility features including GSM handoff and session persistency.

- Hunt group/hunt pilot/hunt list.

- Self-care portal.

### Unsupported VCS Features and Limitations

- The VCS cannot be used for Jabber Guest when it’s used for Mobile and Remote Access (MRA).

- The VCS Control used for MRA cannot also be used for Microsoft gateway service. Microsoft gateway service requires a dedicated VCS Control.

- MRA is only supported in IPv4 mode. It’s not supported with the IP configuration settings "IPv6 only" or "Both". In the case of "Both", as VCS does not proxy IPv6 MRA traffic from clients, intermittent issues may arise if clients send IPv6 instead of IPv4.

- Endpoint management capability (SNMP, SSH/HTTP access).
Multidomain and multicity support is limited as follows:
- Before X8.5, each VCS deployment supported only one IM&P domain. (Even though IM and Presence Service 10.0 or later supports Multiple Presence Domains.)
- As of X8.5, you can create multiple deployments on the VCS Control, but this feature is still limited to one domain per deployment.
- As of X8.5.1, a deployment can have Multiple Presence Domains. This feature is in preview, and we currently recommend that you do not exceed 50 domains.
- Deployments on Large VM servers are limited to 2500 proxied registrations to Unified CM (the same limit as VCS appliances or equivalent VM).
- Not all contact center features are supported by VCS when connected through MRA.

Unsupported Contact Center Features
This section applies if you use the Cisco Unified Contact Center Express (Unified CCX) solution through Mobile and Remote Access (MRA).

VCS does not support some Unified CCX features for contact center agents or other users who connect over MRA. Unsupported features include:
- Built in Bridge (BIB) functions, which means that silent monitoring and recording, and agent greeting are not available.
- Shared line and multiline support for 78xx and 88xx series phones is available from X8.9 but is not in earlier VCS versions.

Notes:
- Jabber for Mac and Jabber for Windows are not capable of deskphone control when they are connected over MRA. This is because the VCS pair does not traverse the CTI-QBE protocol.
- If these Jabber applications, or other CTI applications, can connect to CUCM CTIManager (directly or through the VPN) they can provide deskphone control of clients that are connected over MRA.

Configuration Overview
This section summarizes the steps to configure the Unified Communications system for Mobile and Remote Access. It assumes that the following items are already set up:
- A basic VCS Control and VCS Expressway configuration, as specified in VCS Basic Configuration (Control with Expressway) Deployment Guide. (This document contains information about the different networking options for deploying the VCS Expressway in the DMZ.)
- Unified CM and IM and Presence Service are configured as specified in Configuration and Administration of IM and Presence Service on Cisco Unified Communications Manager (for your version), at Cisco Unified Communications Manager Configuration Guides

Prerequisites
- VCS X8.1.1 or later (this document describes X8.10)
- Unified CM 10.0 or later
- IM and Presence Service 10.0 or later
- Cisco Unity Connection 10.0 or later

Note: These are the minimum required software versions for MRA. Some individual features may require later versions, and where this is the case we specify the required versions in the relevant section of this guide.
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IP Addresses
You must assign separate IP addresses to the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway. Do not use a shared address for both elements, as the firewall will not be able to distinguish between them.

Supported Clients when Using Mobile and Remote Access

**VCS X8.1.1 and later:**
- Cisco Jabber for Windows 9.7 or later
- Cisco Jabber for iPhone and iPad 9.6.1 or later
- Cisco Jabber for Android 9.6 or later
- Cisco Jabber for Mac 9.6 or later
- Cisco TelePresence endpoints/codecs running TC7.0.1 or later firmware

**VCS X8.6 and later:**
Mobile and Remote Access (MRA) is now officially supported with the Cisco IP Phone 78/8800 Series**, when the phones are running firmware version 11.0(1) or later. We recommend VCS X8.7 or later for use with these phones.
- Cisco IP Phone 8800 Series
- Cisco IP Phone 7800 Series
MRA is officially supported with the Cisco DX Series endpoints running firmware version 10.2.4(99) or later. This support was announced with VCS version X8.6.
- Cisco DX650
- Cisco DX80
- Cisco DX70
When deploying DX Series or IP Phone 78/8800 Series endpoints to register with Cisco Unified Communications Manager through MRA, you need to be aware of the following:
- **Phone security profile:** If the phone security profile for any of these endpoints has TFTP Encrypted Config checked, you will not be able to use the endpoint through MRA. This is because the MRA solution does not support devices interacting with CAPF (Certificate Authority Proxy Function).
- **Trust list:** You cannot modify the root CA trust list on these endpoints. Make sure that the VCS Expressway's server certificate is signed by one of the CAs that the endpoints trust, and that the CA is trusted by the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway.
- **Bandwidth restrictions:** The Maximum Session Bit Rate for Video Calls on the default region on Cisco Unified Communications Manager is 384 kbps by default. The Default call bandwidth on VCS Control is also 384 kbps by default. These settings may be too low to deliver the expected video quality for the DX Series.
- **Off-hook dialling:** The way KPML dialing works between these endpoints and Unified CM means that you need UCM 10.5(2)SU2 or later to be able to do off-hook dialing via MRA. You can work around this dependency by using on-hook dialing.

** Except the Cisco Unified IP Conference Phone 8831. This IP phone uses a different firmware to the rest of the series.

Configuration Summary

**EX/MX/SX Series Endpoints (Running TC Software)**
Ensure that the provisioning mode is set to Cisco UCM via Expressway.
On Unified CM, you need to ensure that the IP Addressing Mode for these endpoints is set to IPV4_ONLY.
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These endpoints must verify the identity of the VCS Expressway they are connecting to by validating its server certificate. To do this, they must have the certificate authority that was used to sign the VCS Expressway’s server certificate in their list of trusted CAs.

These endpoints ship with a list of default CAs which cover the most common providers (Verisign, Thawte, etc.). If the relevant CA is not included, it must be added. See ‘Managing the list of trusted certificate authorities’ in the endpoint’s administrator guide.

Mutual authentication is optional; these endpoints are not required to provide client certificates. If you do want to configure mutual TLS, you cannot use CAPF enrolment to provision the client certificates; you must manually apply the certificates to the endpoints. The client certificates must be signed by an authority that is trusted by the VCS Expressway.

Jabber Clients

Jabber clients must verify the identity of the VCS Expressway they are connecting to by validating its server certificate. To do this, they must have the certificate authority that was used to sign the VCS Expressway’s server certificate in their list of trusted CAs.

Jabber uses the underlying operating system’s certificate mechanism:

- Windows: Certificate Manager
- MAC OS X: Key chain access
- IOS: Trust store
- Android: Location & Security settings

Jabber client configuration details for Mobile and Remote Access is provided in the installation and configuration guide for the relevant client:

- Cisco Jabber for Windows
- Cisco Jabber for iPad
- Cisco Jabber for Android
- Cisco Jabber for Mac (requires X8.2 or later)

DNS Records

This section summarizes the public (external) and local (internal) DNS requirements. For more information, see the Cisco Jabber Planning Guide (for your version) on the Jabber Install and Upgrade Guides page.

Public DNS

The public (external) DNS must be configured with _collab-edge._tls.<domain> SRV records so that endpoints can discover the VCS Expressways to use for Mobile and Remote Access. SIP service records are also required (for general deployment, not specifically for Mobile and Remote Access). For example, for a cluster of 2 VCS Expressway systems:

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Local DNS

The local (internal) DNS requires _cisco-uds._tcp.<domain> SRV records. For example:
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### Notes:

- **Important!** From version X8.8 onward, you must create forward and reverse DNS entries for all VCS Expressway systems, so that systems making TLS connections to them can resolve their FQDNs and validate their certificates.
- Ensure that the `cisco-uds` SRV records are NOT resolvable outside of the internal network, otherwise the Jabber client will not start Mobile and Remote Access negotiation via the VCS Expressway.
- You must create internal DNS records, for both forward and reverse lookups, for all Unified Communications nodes used with Mobile and Remote Access. This allows VCS Control to find the nodes when IP addresses or hostnames are used instead of FQDNs.

### Firewall

- Ensure that the relevant ports have been configured on your firewalls between your internal network (where the VCS Control is located) and the DMZ (where the VCS Expressway is located) and between the DMZ and the public internet. See Mobile and Remote Access Port Reference, page 50 for more information.
- Do not use a shared address for the VCS Expressway and the VCS Control, as the firewall cannot distinguish between them. If you use static NAT for IP addressing on the VCS Expressway, make sure that any NAT operation on the VCS Control does not resolve to the same traffic IP address. We do not support shared NAT addresses between VCS Expressway and VCS Control.
- If your VCS Expressway has one NIC enabled and is using static NAT mode, note that:
  - You must enter the FQDN of the VCS Expressway, as it is seen from outside the network, as the peer address on the VCS Control's secure traversal zone. The reason for this is that in static NAT mode, the VCS Expressway requests that incoming signaling and media traffic should be sent to its external FQDN, rather than its private name.
  - **This also means that the external firewall must allow traffic from the VCS Control to the VCS Expressway's external FQDN. This is known as NAT reflection, and may not be supported by all types of firewalls.**

  See the Advanced network deployments appendix, in the VCS Basic Configuration (Control with Expressway) Deployment Guide, for more information.

### Unified CM

1. If you have multiple Unified CM clusters, you must configure ILS (Intercluster Lookup Service) on all of the clusters.

   This is because the VCS needs to communicate with each user’s home Unified CM cluster, and to discover the home cluster it sends a UDS (User Data Service) query to any one of the Unified CM nodes.

   Search for "Intercluster Lookup Service" in the Unified CM documentation for your version.
2. Ensure that the **Maximum Session Bit Rate for Video Calls** between and within regions (System > Region Information > Region) is set to a suitable upper limit for your system, for example 6000 kbps.

![Region Configuration](image)

See [Region setup](#) for more information.

3. The **Phone Security Profiles** in Unified CM (System > Security > Phone Security Profile) that are configured for TLS and are used for devices requiring remote access must have a **Name** in the form of an FQDN that includes the enterprise domain, for example jabber.secure.example.com. (This is because those names must be present in the list of Subject Alternate Names in the VCS Control's server certificate.)

**Note:** Your secure profiles must set **Device Security Mode** to **Encrypted** because the VCS does not allow unencrypted TLS connections. When **Device Security Mode** is set to **Authenticated**, Unified CM only offers the NULL-SHA cipher suite, which the VCS rejects.

![Phone Security Profile Configuration](image)

4. If Unified CM servers (System > Server) are configured by **Host Name** (rather than IP address), then ensure that those host names are resolvable by the VCS Control.

5. If you are using secure profiles, ensure that the root CA of the authority that signed the VCS Control certificate is installed as a **CallManager-trust** certificate (Security > Certificate Management in the Cisco Unified OS Administration application).
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6. Ensure that the **Cisco AXL Web Service** is active on the Unified CM publishers you will be using to discover the Unified CM servers that are to be used for remote access. To check this, select the **Cisco Unified Serviceability** application and go to **Tools > Service Activation**.

7. We recommend that remote and mobile devices are configured (either directly or by Device Mobility) to use publicly accessible NTP servers.
   a. Configure a public NTP server **System > Phone NTP Reference**.
   b. Add the Phone NTP Reference to a Date/Time Group (**System > Date/Time Group**).
   c. Assign the Date/Time Group to the Device Pool of the endpoint (**System > Device Pool**).

IM and Presence Service

Ensure that the **Cisco AXL Web Service** is active on the IM and Presence Service publishers that will discover other IM and Presence Service nodes for remote access. To check this, select the **Cisco Unified Serviceability** application and go to **Tools > Service Activation**.

If you are deploying Mobile and Remote Access with multiple IM and Presence Service clusters, you must configure Intercluster peer links between the clusters, and the Intercluster Sync Agent (ICSA) must be active on all clusters. This ensures that the user database is replicated between clusters, allowing VCS Control to correctly route XMPP traffic.


VCS

The following steps summarize the configuration required on the VCS Expressway and the VCS Control. Full details are described in section **Configuring Mobile and Remote Access on VCS, page 26**

1. Ensure that **System host name** and **Domain name** are specified for every VCS, and that all VCS systems are synchronized to a reliable NTP service.

2. [Recommended] Disable automated intrusion protection on the VCS Control and configure it on VCS Expressway.
   From X8.9, this feature is enabled by default on new installations. See **VCS Automated Intrusion Protection, page 58**.

3. Set **Unified Communications mode** to **Mobile and Remote Access**.


5. Configure the domains on the VCS Control for which services are to be routed to Unified CM.

6. [Optional] Create additional deployments and associate domains and UC services with them.

7. Install appropriate server certificates and trusted CA certificates.

8. Configure a Unified Communications traversal zone connection between the VCS Expressway and the VCS Control.

9. If required, configure the HTTP server allow list for any web services inside the enterprise that need to be accessed from remote Jabber clients.

10. [Optional] Configure SSO over collaboration edge, to allow for common identity between external Jabber clients and the users’ Unified CM profiles

Note that configuration changes on the VCS generally take immediate effect. If a system restart or other action is required you will be notified of this either through a banner message or via an alarm.
Unified Communications Prerequisites

Configuring a Secure Traversal Zone Connection for Unified Communications

Unified Communications features such as Mobile and Remote Access or Jabber Guest, require a Unified Communications traversal zone connection between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway. This involves:

- Installing suitable security certificates on the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway.
- Configuring a Unified Communications traversal zone between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway.

**Note:** Configure only one *Unified Communications traversal* zone per VCS traversal pair. That is, one *Unified Communications traversal* zone on the VCS Control cluster, and one corresponding *Unified Communications traversal* zone on the VCS Expressway cluster.

Installing VCS Security Certificates

You must set up trust between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway:

1. Install a suitable server certificate on both the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway.
   - The certificate must include the **Client Authentication** extension. The system will not let you upload a server certificate without this extension when Unified Communications features are enabled.
   - The VCS includes a built-in mechanism to generate a certificate signing request (CSR) and is the recommended method for generating a CSR:
     - Ensure that the CA that signs the request does not strip out the client authentication extension.
     - The generated CSR includes the client authentication request and any relevant subject alternate names for the Unified Communications features that have been enabled (see Server Certificate Requirements for Unified Communications, page 23).
   - To generate a CSR and /or to upload a server certificate to the VCS, go to **Maintenance > Security > Server certificate**. You must restart the VCS for the new server certificate to take effect.
2. Install on both VCSs the trusted Certificate Authority (CA) certificates of the authority that signed the VCS’s server certificates.
   There are additional trust requirements, depending on the Unified Communications features being deployed.
   For Mobile and Remote Access deployments:
   - The VCS Control must trust the Unified CM and IM&P tomcat certificate.
   - If appropriate, both the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway must trust the authority that signed the endpoints’ certificates.
   For Jabber Guest deployments:
   - When the Jabber Guest server is installed, it uses a self-signed certificate by default. However, you can install a certificate that is signed by a trusted certificate authority. You must install on the VCS Control either the self-signed certificate of the Jabber Guest server, or the trusted CA certificates of the authority that signed the Jabber Guest server’s certificate.

To upload trusted Certificate Authority (CA) certificates to the VCS, go to **Maintenance > Security > Trusted CA certificate**. You must restart the VCS for the new trusted CA certificate to take effect.

See Cisco Expressway Certificate Creation and Use Deployment Guide on the **Expressway configuration guides page**.
Configuring Encrypted VCS Traversal Zones

To support Unified Communications features via a secure traversal zone connection between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway:

- The VCS Control and VCS Expressway must be configured with a zone of type *Unified Communications traversal*. This automatically configures an appropriate traversal zone (a traversal client zone when selected on VCS Control or a traversal server zone when selected on VCS Expressway) that uses SIP TLS with **TLS verify mode** set to **On**, and **Media encryption mode** set to **Force encrypted**.

- Both VCSs must trust each other's server certificate. As each VCS acts both as a client and as a server you must ensure that each VCS's certificate is valid both as a client and as a server.

- If an H.323 or a non-encrypted connection is also required, a separate pair of traversal zones must be configured.

To set up a secure traversal zone, configure your VCS Control and VCS Expressway as follows:

1. Go to **Configuration > Zones > Zones**.
2. Click **New**.
3. Configure the fields as follows (leave all other fields with default values):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>VCS Control</th>
<th>VCS Expressway</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&quot;Traversal zone&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;Traversal zone&quot;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Unified Communications traversal</td>
<td>Unified Communications traversal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connection credentials section</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Username</td>
<td>&quot;exampleauth&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;exampleauth&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>&quot;ex4mpl3.c0m&quot;</td>
<td>Click Add/Edit local authentication database, then in the popup dialog click New and enter the Name (&quot;exampleauth&quot;) and Password (&quot;ex4mpl3.c0m&quot;) and click Create credential.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SIP section</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>7001</td>
<td>7001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLS verify subject name</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Enter the name to look for in the traversal client’s certificate (must be in either the Subject Common Name or the Subject Alternative Name attributes). If there is a cluster of traversal clients, specify the cluster name here and ensure that it is included in each client’s certificate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Location section</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peer 1 address</td>
<td>Enter the FQDN of the VCS Expressway. Note that if you use an IP address (not recommended), that address must be present in the VCS Expressway server certificate.</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peer 2…6 address</td>
<td>Enter the FQDNs of additional peers if it is a cluster of VCS Expressways.</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

4. Click Create zone.

Server Certificate Requirements for Unified Communications

Cisco Unified Communications Manager Certificates

The two Cisco Unified Communications Manager certificates that are significant for Mobile and Remote Access are the CallManager certificate and the tomcat certificate. These are automatically installed on the Cisco Unified Communications Manager and by default they are self-signed and have the same common name (CN).

We recommend using CA-signed certificates for best end-to-end security between external endpoints and internal endpoints. However, if you do use self-signed certificates, the two certificates must have different common names. This is because the VCS does not allow two self-signed certificates with the same CN. If the CallManager and
tomcat self-signed certs have the same CN in the VCS’s trusted CA list, then it can only trust one of them. This means that either secure HTTP or secure SIP, between VCS Control and Cisco Unified Communications Manager, will fail. Also, when generating tomcat certificate signing requests for any products within the Cisco Collaboration Systems Release 10.5.2, you need to be aware of CSCus47235. You need to work around this issue to ensure that the FQDNs of the nodes are in the certificates as Subject Alternative Names. The VCS X8.5.3 Release Notes have the details of the workarounds.

VCS Certificates

The VCS certificate signing request (CSR) tool prompts for and incorporates the relevant subject alternative name (SAN) entries as appropriate for the Unified Communications features that are supported on that VCS.

The following table shows which CSR alternative name elements apply to which Unified Communications features:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Add these items as subject alternative names</th>
<th>When generating a CSR for these purposes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mobile and Remote Access</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unified CM registrations domains (despite their name, these have more in common with service discovery domains than with Unified CM SIP registration domains)</td>
<td>Required on VCS Expressway only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XMPP federation domains</td>
<td>–</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IM and Presence chat node aliases (federated group chat)</td>
<td>–</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unified CM phone security profile names</td>
<td>Required on VCS Control only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Clustered systems only) VCS cluster name</td>
<td>Required on VCS Control only</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note:

- You may need to produce a new server certificate for the VCS Control if chat node aliases are added or renamed. Or when IM and Presence nodes are added or renamed, or new TLS phone security profiles are added.
- You must produce a new VCS Expressway certificate if new chat node aliases are added to the system, or if the Unified CM or XMPP federation domains are modified.
- You must restart the VCS for any new uploaded server certificate to take effect.

More details about the individual feature requirements per VCS Control / VCS Expressway are described below.

VCS Control server certificate requirements

The VCS Control server certificate needs to include the following elements in its list of subject alternate names:

- **Unified CM phone security profile names**: the names of the Phone Security Profiles in Unified CM that are configured for encrypted TLS and are used for devices requiring remote access. Use the FQDN format and separate multiple entries with commas.
Having the secure phone profiles as alternative names means that Unified CM can communicate via TLS with the VCS Control when it is forwarding messages from devices that use those profiles.

- **IM and Presence chat node aliases (federated group chat):** the Chat Node Aliases (e.g., chatroom1.example.com) that are configured on the IM and Presence servers. These are required only for Unified Communications XMPP federation deployments that intend to support group chat over TLS with federated contacts.

  The VCS Control automatically includes the chat node aliases in the CSR, providing it has discovered a set of IM&P servers.

  We recommend that you use DNS format for the chat node aliases when generating the CSR. You must include the same chat node aliases in the VCS Expressway server certificate’s alternative names.

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**Figure 4  Entering subject alternative names for security profiles and chat node aliases on the VCS Control’s CSR generator**

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**VCS Expressway server certificate requirements**

The VCS Expressway server certificate needs to include the following elements in its list of subject alternative names (SAN):

- **Unified CM registrations domains:** all of the domains which are configured on the VCS Control for Unified CM registrations. Required for secure communications between endpoint devices and VCS Expressway.

  The Unified CM registration domains used in the VCS configuration and VCS Expressway certificate, are used by Mobile and Remote Access clients to lookup the _collab-edge DNS SRV record during service discovery. They enable MRA registrations on Unified CM, and are primarily for service discovery.

  These service discovery domains may or may not match the SIP registration domains. It depends on the deployment, and they don’t have to match. One example is a deployment that uses a .local or similar private domain with Unified CM on the internal network, and public domain names for the VCS Expressway FQDN and service discovery. In this case, you need to include the public domain names in the VCS Expressway certificate as SANs. There is no need to include the private domain names used on Unified CM. You only need to list the edge domain as a SAN.

  Select the DNS format and manually specify the required FQDNs. Separate the FQDNs by commas if you need multiple domains. You may select `CollabEdgeDNS` format instead, which simply adds the prefix `collab-edge` to the domain that you enter. This format is recommended if you do not want to include your top level domain as a SAN (see example in following screenshot).

- **XMPP federation domains:** the domains used for point-to-point XMPP federation. These are configured on the IM&P servers and should also be configured on the VCS Control as domains for XMPP federation.

  Select the DNS format and manually specify the required FQDNs. Separate the FQDNs by commas if you need multiple domains. Do not use the `XMPPAddress` format as it may not be supported by your CA, and may be discontinued in future versions of the VCS software.
IM and Presence chat node aliases (federated group chat): the same set of Chat Node Aliases as entered on the VCS Control’s certificate. They are only required for voice and presence deployments which will support group chat over TLS with federated contacts.

Note that you can copy the list of chat node aliases from the equivalent Generate CSR page on the VCS Control.

Figure 5  Entering subject alternative names for Unified CM registration domains, XMPP federation domains, and chat node aliases, on the VCS Expressway’s CSR generator


Configuring Mobile and Remote Access on VCS

This section describes the steps required to enable and configure Mobile and Remote Access features on VCS Control and VCS Expressway, and how to discover the Unified CM servers and IM&P servers used by the service. It also describes the access control settings for MRA, and how to configure them.

Installing VCS Security Certificates and Setting Up a Secure Traversal Zone

Unified Communications features such as Mobile and Remote Access or Jabber Guest, require a Unified Communications traversal zone connection between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway. This involves:

- Installing suitable security certificates on the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway.
- Configuring a Unified Communications traversal zone between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway.

For information about how to do this, see:

- Configuring a Secure Traversal Zone Connection for Unified Communications, page 21 (if your system does not already have a secure traversal zone in place)
- Server Certificate Requirements for Unified Communications, page 23

If you want to use XMPP federation, the IM&P servers must be discovered on the VCS Control. So that all relevant information is available when generating certificate signing requests.

Setting Up the VCS Control for Mobile and Remote Access

This section describes the configuration steps required on the VCS Control for Mobile and Remote Access.

Configuring DNS and NTP Settings

Make sure that the following basic system settings are configured on VCS:
1. **System host name** and **Domain name** are specified (System > DNS).
2. Local DNS servers are specified (System > DNS).
3. All VCS systems are synchronized to a reliable NTP service (System > Time). Use an **Authentication** method in accordance with your local policy.

If you have a cluster of VCs you must do this for every peer.

**[Recommended] Disabling Automated Intrusion Protection on VCS Control**

If your VCS Control is newly installed from X8.9 onwards, the automated intrusion protection service is running by default. This could prevent your deployment working properly, so we recommend you disable it on the VCS Control as follows:

1. Go to System > Administration.
2. Switch **Automated protection service** to Off.
3. Click Save.

See [Automated Intrusion Protection, page 1](#).

**Enabling the VCS Control for Mobile and Remote Access**

To enable Mobile and Remote Access functionality:

1. Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > Configuration.
2. Set **Unified Communications mode** to Mobile and Remote Access.
3. Click Save.

![Unified Communications Configuration](image)

You must select **Mobile and Remote Access** before you can configure the relevant domains and traversal zones.

**Configuring the Domains to Route to Unified CM**

You must configure the domains for which registration, call control, provisioning, messaging and presence services are to be routed to Unified CM.

1. On VCS Control, go to Configuration > Domains.
2. Select the domains (or create a new domain, if not already configured) for which services are to be routed to Unified CM.
3. For each domain, turn On the services for that domain that VCS is to support. The available services are:

   - **SIP registrations and provisioning on VCS**: the VCS is authoritative for this SIP domain. The VCS acts as a SIP registrar and Presence Server for the domain, and accepts registration requests for any SIP endpoints attempting to register with an alias that includes this domain.

   - **SIP registrations and provisioning on Unified CM**: Endpoint registration, call control and provisioning for this SIP domain is serviced by Unified CM. The VCS acts as a Unified Communications gateway to provide secure firewall traversal and line-side support for Unified CM registrations.

   - **IM and Presence Service**: Instant messaging and presence services for this SIP domain are provided by the Unified CM IM and Presence service.

   - **XMPP federation**: Enables XMPP federation between this domain and partner domains.

   - **Deployment**: Associates the domain with the selected deployment, if there are multiple deployments. This setting is absent if there is only one deployment (there is always at least one).

Turn On all of the applicable services for each domain. For example, the same domain may be used by endpoints such as Jabber or EX Series devices that require line–side Unified Communications support, and by other endpoints such as third-party SIP or H.323 devices that require VCS support. (In this scenario, the signaling messages sent from the endpoint indicate whether line-side unified communications or VCS support is required.)

Note that these settings are not entirely independent. You cannot disable **SIP registration and provisioning on Unified CM** while using IM and Presence. You can disable IM and Presence while **SIP registrations and provisioning on Unified CM** is On, but the reverse is not true. So, if you switch **IM and Presence Service On**, then your setting for SIP registrations and provisioning on Unified CM is ignored and the VCS Control behaves as though it was **On**.

Enabling Shared Line / Multiple Lines for MRA Endpoints

**Requires Unified CM 11.5(1)SU2 or later.**

If you want MRA endpoints to be able to register multiple lines, or to share lines with other endpoints, then you must enable SIP Path headers on the VCS Control.

The default behavior is for the VCS Control to rewrite the Contact header in REGISTER messages. When you turn SIP Path headers on, the VCS Control does not rewrite the Contact header, but adds its address into the Path header instead.

1. On the VCS Control, go to **Configuration > Unified Communications > Configuration**.
2. Change **SIP Path headers** to **On**.
3. Click **Save**.

   The VCS Control puts its address in the Path headers of registrations from now on, and preserves the Contact header.
4. Refresh your Unified CM servers (Configuration > Unified Communications > Unified CM servers, click Refresh servers).

Note: This feature is disabled by default, because it impacts some features on earlier versions of Unified CM.

If you are using a Unified CM version before 11.5(1)SU2, and you enable SIP Path headers on VCS Control, the following Unified CM features will report the MRA devices’ IP addresses instead of the VCS’s IP address:

- Device Mobility
- Real-Time Monitoring Tool (RTMT)
- Cisco Emergency Responder (CER)

Other features may also be affected by this change. The devices’ IP addresses are not useful for determining their location, as they are typically from reserved private ranges and could overlap with your organization’s internal range.

Discover Unified Communications Servers and Services

The VCS Control must be configured with the address details of the Unified Communications services/nodes that are going to provide registration, call control, provisioning, voicemail, messaging, and presence services to MRA users.

IM and Presence Service configuration is not required if you’re deploying the hybrid model, as these services are provided by the WebEx cloud.

Note: The connections configured in this procedure are static. You must refresh the configuration on the VCS Control after you reconfigure or upgrade any of the discovered Unified Communications nodes. For more details, see Why Should I Refresh the Discovered Nodes?, page 32

Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > <UC server type> and click Refresh servers.

Trust the Certificates Presented to the VCS Control

If TLS verify mode is On when discovering Unified Communications services, then you must configure the VCS Control to trust the certificates presented by the IM and Presence Service nodes and Unified CM servers.

1. Determine the relevant CA certificates to upload:
   - If the servers’ tomcat and CallManager certificates are CA-signed, the VCS Control’s trusted CA list must include the root CA of the certificate issuer.
   - If the servers are using self-signed certificates, the VCS Control’s trusted CA list must include the self-signed certificates from all discovered IM and Presence Service nodes, Cisco Unity Connection servers, and Unified CM servers.

2. Upload the required certificates to the VCS Control (Maintenance > Security > Trusted CA certificate).

3. Restart the VCS Control (Maintenance > Restart options).

Discover Unified CM Servers

1. On VCS Control, go to Configuration > Unified Communications > Unified CM servers.

   The page lists any Unified CM nodes that have already been discovered.
2. Add the details of a Unified CM publisher node:
   a. Click **New**.
   b. Enter the **Unified CM publisher address**.
      You must enter an FQDN when **TLS verify mode** is **On**.
   c. Enter the **Username** and **Password** of an account that can access this server.
      
      **Note:** These credentials are stored permanently in the VCS database. The corresponding Unified CM user must have the **Standard AXL API Access** role.
   d. [Recommended] Leave **TLS verify mode** switched **On** to ensure VCS verifies the node's certificates.
      The Unified CM node presents its tomcat certificate for AXL and UDS queries, and its CallManager certificate for subsequent SIP traffic. If the Unified CM server is using self-signed certificates, the VCS Control’s trusted CA list must include a copy of the tomcat certificate and the CallManager certificate from every Unified CM server.
   e. [Optional] Select which deployment this node/cluster will belong to.
      The **Deployment** field does not show if you have not created multiple deployments. All nodes belong to the default deployment if you choose not to use multiple deployments.
   f. Click **Add address**.
      If you enabled TLS verify mode, then the VCS tests whether a secure connection can be established. It does this so you can find any TLS configuration errors before it continues the discovery process.
      If the secure connection test was successful, or if you did not enable TLS verify mode, then the system attempts to contact the publisher and retrieve details of its associated nodes.

3. Repeat the discovery procedure for other Unified CM nodes/clusters, if required.
4. Click **Refresh servers** to refresh all the node details after configuring multiple publisher addresses.

**Discover IM and Presence Service Nodes**

1. On VCS Control, go to **Configuration > Unified Communications > IM and Presence Service nodes**.
   The page lists any IM and Presence Service nodes that have already been discovered.
2. Add the details of an IM and Presence Service database publisher node:
   a. Click **New**.
   b. Enter the address of the **IM and Presence Service database publisher node**. You must enter an FQDN when **TLS verify mode** is **On**.
   c. Enter the **Username** and **Password** of an account that can access this server.
      
      **Note:** These credentials are stored permanently in the VCS database. The corresponding IM and Presence Service user must have the **Standard AXL API Access** role.
   d. [Recommended] Leave **TLS verify mode** switched On to ensure VCS verifies the node's tomcat certificate (for XMPP-related communications).
   e. [Optional] Select which deployment this node/cluster will belong to. The **Deployment** field does not show if you have not created multiple deployments. All nodes belong to the default deployment if you choose not to use multiple deployments.
   f. Click **Add address**.
      
      If you enabled TLS verify mode, then the VCS tests whether a secure connection can be established. It does this so you can find any TLS configuration errors before it continues the discovery process.
      
      If the secure connection test was successful, or if you did not enable TLS verify mode, then the system attempts to contact the publisher and retrieve details of its associated nodes.

   ![IM and Presence Service nodes](image)

   **Note:** The status of the discovered node will be **Inactive** unless a valid traversal zone connection exists between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway (may not yet be configured).

3. Repeat the discovery procedure for other IM and Presence Service nodes/clusters, if required.
4. Click **Refresh servers** to refresh all the node details after configuring multiple publisher addresses.

**Discover Cisco Unity Connection Servers**

1. On VCS Control, go to **Configuration > Unified Communications > Unity Connection servers**.
   
   The page lists any Cisco Unity Connection nodes that have already been discovered.
2. Add the details of a Cisco Unity Connection publisher node:
   a. Click New.
   b. Enter the Unity Connection address.
      You must enter an FQDN when TLS verify mode is On.
   c. Enter the Username and Password of an account that can access this server.
      Note: These credentials are stored permanently in the VCS database.
   d. [Recommended] Leave TLS verify mode switched On to ensure VCS verifies the node's tomcat certificate.
   e. [Optional] Select which deployment this node/cluster will belong to.
      The Deployment field does not show if you have not created multiple deployments. All nodes belong to the default deployment if you choose not to use multiple deployments.
   f. Click Add address.
      If you enabled TLS verify mode, then the VCS tests whether a secure connection can be established. It does this so you can find any TLS configuration errors before it continues the discovery process.
      If the secure connection test was successful, or if you did not enable TLS verify mode, then the system attempts to contact the publisher and retrieve details of its associated nodes.

3. Repeat the discovery procedure for other Cisco Unity Connection nodes/clusters, if required.

4. Click Refresh servers to refresh all the node details after configuring multiple publisher addresses.

Automatically Generated Zones and Search Rules

VCS Control automatically generates non-configurable neighbor zones between itself and each discovered Unified CM node. A TCP zone is always created, and a TLS zone is created also if the Unified CM node is configured with a Cluster Security Mode (System > Enterprise Parameters > Security Parameters) of 1 (Mixed) (so that it can support devices provisioned with secure profiles). The TLS zone is configured with its TLS verify mode set to On if the Unified CM discovery had TLS verify mode enabled. This means that the VCS Control will verify the CallManager certificate for subsequent SIP communications. Each zone is created with a name in the format 'CEtcp-<node name>' or 'CEtls-<node name>'

A non-configurable search rule, following the same naming convention, is also created automatically for each zone. The rules are created with a priority of 45. If the Unified CM node that is targeted by the search rule has a long name, the search rule will use a regex for its address pattern match.

Note that load balancing is managed by Unified CM when it passes routing information back to the registering endpoints.

Why Should I Refresh the Discovered Nodes?

When the VCS Control "discovery" a Unified Communications node, it establishes a connection to read the information required to create zones and search rules to proxy requests originating from outside of the network in towards that node.

This configuration information is static. That is, the VCS only reads it when you manually initiate discovery of a new node, or when you refresh the configuration of previously discovered nodes. If any related configuration has changed on a node after you discover it, the mismatch between the new configuration and what the VCS Control knows of that node will probably cause some kind of failure.

The information that the VCS Control reads from the Unified Communications node is different for each node type and its role. The following list contains examples of UC configuration that you can expect to require a refresh from the VCS. The list is not exhaustive; if you suspect that a configuration change on a node is affecting MRA services, you should refresh those nodes to eliminate one known source of potential problems.

- Changing cluster (e.g. adding or removing a node)
- Changing security parameters (e.g. Enabling Mixed Mode)
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- Changing connection sockets (e.g. SIP port configuration)
- Changing TFTP server configuration
- Upgrading the software on the node

Configuring MRA Access Control

To define how clients must authenticate for Mobile and Remote Access (MRA) requests, on the VCS Control go to Configuration > Unified Communications > Configuration > MRA Access Control.

Caution: If you are upgrading from X8.9 or earlier, the settings applied after the upgrade are not the same as listed here. Please refer instead to the upgrade instructions in the VCS Release Notes.

Authorization and authentication compared

We use the concepts "authorization" and "authentication" in documentation and the user interface. At a high level, these terms can be explained using a hotel analogy:

**Authorization.** Equates to a hotel key card given to a visitor. Controls the specific hotel room and other services that you are allowed to use during your stay.

**Authentication.** Equates to hotel registration by a visitor. Defines the initial check-in process to allow you access into the hotel, where you prove who you are by presenting credentials like a passport or driving license.

The fields you actually see in the Web UI depend on whether MRA is enabled (Unified Communications mode set to Mobile and remote access) and on the selected authentication path. Not all the fields in the table are necessarily displayed.

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<tr>
<th>Field</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Authentication path</td>
<td>.Hidden field until MRA is enabled. Defines how MRA authentication is controlled.</td>
<td>None before MRA turned on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAML SSO authentication</td>
<td>Clients are authenticated by an external IdP.</td>
<td>UCM/LDAP after MRA turned on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UCM/LDAP basic authentication</td>
<td>Clients are authenticated locally by the Unified CM against their LDAP credentials.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAML SSO and UCM/LDAP</td>
<td>Allows either method.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>No authentication is applied. The default until MRA is first enabled. The &quot;None&quot; option is required (rather than just leaving MRA turned off) because some deployments must turn on MRA to allow functions which are not actually MRA. (Such as the Web Proxy for Meeting Server, or XMPP Federation.) Only these customers should use &quot;None&quot;. It is not recommended in other cases.</td>
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</table>

| Authorize by OAuth token with refresh | This option requires self-describing tokens for authorization. It's our recommended authorization option for all deployments that have the infrastructure to support them. Only Jabber clients are currently capable of using this authorization method. Other MRA endpoints do not currently support it. The clients must also be in OAuth token with refresh authorization mode. Important: From X8.10, the VCS fully supports the benefits of self-describing tokens (including token refresh, fast authorization, and access policy support). However, not all of the benefits are actually available throughout the wider solution. Depending on what other products you use (Unified CM, IM and Presence Service, Cisco Unity Connection) and what versions they are on, not all products fully support all benefits of self-describing tokens. | On |
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<tr>
<td>Authorize by OAuth token (previously SSO Mode)</td>
<td>Available if <strong>Authentication path</strong> is SAML SSO or SAML SSO and UCM/LDAP. This option requires authentication through the IdP. Currently, only Jabber clients are capable of using this authorization method, which is not supported by other MRA endpoints.</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Authorize by user credentials</td>
<td>Available if <strong>Authentication path</strong> is UCM/LDAP or SAML SSO and UCM/LDAP. Clients attempting to perform authentication by user credentials are allowed through MRA. This includes Jabber, and supported IP phone and TelePresence devices.</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Check for internal authentication availability</td>
<td>Available if <strong>Authorize by OAuth token with refresh</strong> or <strong>Authorize by OAuth token</strong> is enabled. The default is No, for optimal security and to reduce network traffic. Controls how the VCS Expressway reacts to remote client authentication requests by selecting whether or not the VCS Control should check the home nodes. The request asks whether the client may try to authenticate the user by OAuth token, and includes a user identity with which the VCS Control can find the user's home cluster: <strong>Yes:</strong> The <code>get_edge_sso</code> request will ask the user's home Unified CM if OAuth tokens are supported. The home Unified CM is determined from the identity sent by the Jabber client's <code>get_edge_sso</code> request. <strong>No:</strong> If the VCS is configured not to look internally, the same response will be sent to all clients, depending on the Edge authentication settings. The option to choose depends on your implementation and security policy. If all Unified CM nodes support OAuth tokens, you can reduce response time and overall network traffic by selecting <strong>No.</strong> Or select <strong>Yes</strong> if you want clients to use either mode of getting the edge configuration - during rollout or because you can’t guarantee OAuth on all nodes. <strong>Caution:</strong> Setting this to <strong>Yes</strong> has the potential to allow rogue inbound requests from unauthenticated remote clients. If you specify <strong>No</strong> for this setting, the VCS prevents rogue requests.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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### Selecting an Identity Provider

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If you choose SAML-based SSO for your environment, note the following:

- SAML 2.0 is not compatible with SAML 1.1 and you must select an IdP that uses the SAML 2.0 standard.
- SAML-based identity management is implemented in different ways by vendors in the computing and networking industry, and there are no widely accepted regulations for compliance to the SAML standards.
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### Identity providers: Export SAML data

For details about working with SAML data, see [SAML SSO Authentication Over the Edge, page 40.](#)
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<tr>
<td>Allow Jabber iOS clients to use embedded Safari</td>
<td>By default the IdP or Unified CM authentication page is displayed in an embedded web browser (not the Safari browser) on iOS devices. That default browser is unable to access the iOS trust store, and so cannot use any certificates deployed to the devices. This setting optionally allows Jabber on iOS devices to use the native Safari browser. Because the Safari browser is able to access the device trust store, you can now enable password-less authentication or two-factor authentication in your OAuth deployment. A potential security issue exists for this option. The mechanism to return browser control from Safari to Jabber after the authentication completes, uses a custom URL scheme that invokes a custom protocol handler. It's possible that another application other than Jabber could intercept the scheme and gain control from iOS. In that case, the application would have access to the OAuth token in the URL. If you are confident that your iOS devices will not have other applications that register the Jabber custom URL scheme, for example because all mobile devices are managed, then it's safe to enable the option. If you are concerned about the possibility of another app intercepting the custom Jabber URL, then do not enable the embedded Safari browser.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SIP token extra time to live</td>
<td>Available if Authorize by OAuth token is On. Optionally extends the time-to-live for simple OAuth tokens (in seconds). Gives users a short window to accept calls after their credentials expire. However, it increases the potential security exposure.</td>
<td>0 seconds</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Refresh Unified CMs if you use self-describing tokens (Authorize by OAuth token with refresh)

If you configure authorization by self-describing tokens (Authorize by OAuth token with refresh) you must refresh the Unified CM nodes defined on the VCS. This fetches keys from the Unified CM that the VCS needs to decrypt the tokens.

Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > <UC server type> and click Refresh servers.

How to check Unified CM support

You can check what authorization methods your Unified CM servers support, on the VCS Configuration > Unified Communications > Unified CM servers page. This displays the version numbers in use.

About the HTTP List on VCS Control

VCS Control automatically adds rules (inbound and outbound) to the HTTP allow list.

For example, it adds inbound rules to allow external clients to access the Unified Communications nodes discovered during MRA configuration. These include Unified CM nodes (running CallManager and TFTP service), IM and Presence Service nodes, and Cisco Unity Connection nodes.

Inbound rules are viewable at Configuration > Unified Communications > HTTP allow list > Automatic inbound rules. Outbound rules are viewable at Configuration > Unified Communications > HTTP allow list > Automatic outbound rules.
Can I edit the allow list?

- You can’t add outbound rules to the list.
- You can add your own inbound rules, if clients from outside need to access other web services inside the enterprise. For example, these services may require you to configure the allow list.
  - Jabber Update Server
  - Cisco Extension Mobility
  - Directory Photo Host
  - Advanced File Transfer (AFT)
  - Problem Report Tool server
- You can’t edit or delete auto-added rules in the list.

AFT feature

For the AFT feature to work across VCS, make sure that all Unified CM IM and Presence Service nodes are on the allow list, whether manually or automatically added.

Automatic Inbound Rules

VCS automatically edits the HTTP allow list when you discover or refresh Unified Communications nodes. This page shows the discovered nodes, and the rules that apply to those nodes.

The first list is Discovered nodes, and contains all the nodes currently known to this VCS Control. For each node, the list contains the node’s address, its type, and the address of its publisher.

The second list is the rules that have been added for you, to control client access to the different types of Unified Communications nodes. For each type of node in your MRA configuration, you’ll see one or more rules in this list. They are shown in the same format as the editable rules, but you cannot modify these rules.

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<th>Table 3 Properties of Automatically Added Allow List Rules</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Column</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unified CM servers: Cisco Unified Communications Manager nodes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IM and Presence Service nodes: Cisco Unified Communications Manager IM and Presence Service nodes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unity Connection servers: Cisco Unity Connection nodes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TFTP: TFTP nodes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Match type</td>
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<tr>
<td>Path</td>
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<tr>
<td>Methods</td>
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</table>

Automatic Outbound Rules

The VCS has a built-in forward proxy service, providing it is supported by your Unified CM software.
Predefined outbound rules in the HTTP allow list permit Push Notifications through the forward proxy to the Collaboration Cloud servers. The VCS automatically adds the outbound rules if you enable the forward proxy.

You can see these rules on Configuration > Unified Communications > HTTP allow list > Automatic outbound rules. The rules can’t be edited or deleted. They contain the following entries for each Unified CM node discovered by the VCS:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Target host</td>
<td>The Cisco Collaboration cloud URL (WebEx, etc).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
<td>The required protocol for proxy traffic. Always HTTPS in this case.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>The port allowed by proxy for the target host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Path</td>
<td>The path to the service for client requests.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Methods</td>
<td>The HTTPS methods to allow through.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 4  Properties of Automatic Outbound Rules if VCS Forward Proxy Enabled**

When are automatic outbound rules used?

These outbound rules apply if you enable the built-in forward proxy service in the VCS. For example, to support Apple’s Push Notification service if you have Cisco Jabber users with iOS devices (Cisco Jabber for iPhone and iPad) who sign in remotely.

**Edit the HTTP Allow List**

1. Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > HTTP allow list > Editable inbound rules to view, create, modify, or delete HTTP allow list rules.
   - The page has two areas; one for controlling the default HTTP methods, and the other showing the editable rules.
2. [Optional] Use the checkboxes to modify the set of default HTTP methods, then click Save.
   - You can override the defaults while you’re editing individual rules. If you want to be as secure as possible, clear all methods from the default set and specify methods on a per rule basis.
   - **Note:** When you change the default methods, all rules that you previously created with the default methods will use the new defaults.
3. [Recommended] Delete any rules you don’t need by checking the boxes in the left column, then clicking Delete.
4. Click New to create a rule.
5. Configure the rule to your requirements. Here is some advice for each of the fields:

**Table 5  Properties of Manually Added Allow List Rules**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Enter a meaningful description for this rule, to help you recognize its purpose.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Url</strong></td>
<td>Specify a URL that MRA clients are allowed to access. For example, to allow access to <a href="https://www.example.com:8080/resource/path">https://www.example.com:8080/resource/path</a> just type it in exactly like that.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a.</td>
<td>The protocol the clients are using to access the host must be http:// or https://</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.</td>
<td>Specify a port when using a non-default port eg. :8080 (Default ports are 80 (http) and 443 (https))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.</td>
<td>Specify the path to limit the rule scope (more secure), eg. /resource/path If you select Prefix match for this rule, you can use a partial path or omit the path. Be aware that this could be a security risk if the target resources are not resilient to malformed URLs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Allowed methods</strong></td>
<td>Select Use defaults or Choose methods. If you choose specific HTTP methods for this rule, they will override the defaults you chose for all rules.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Match type</strong></td>
<td>Select Exact match or Prefix match. Your decision here depends on your environment. It is more secure to use exact matches, but you may need more rules. It is more convenient to use prefix matches, but there is some risk of unintentionally exposing server resources.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Deployment</strong></td>
<td>If you are using multiple deployments for your MRA environment, you also need to choose which deployment uses the new rule. You won’t see this field unless you have more than one deployment.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6. Click Create Entry to save the rule and return to the editable allow list.

7. [Optional] Click View/Edit to change the rule.

**Upload Rules to the HTTP Allow List**

**Note:** You cannot upload outbound rules.

1. Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > HTTP allow list > Upload rules.
2. Browse to and select the CSV file containing your rule definitions. See Allow List Rules File Reference, page 66.
3. Click Upload.

   The VCS responds with a success message and displays the **Editable inbound rules** page.

**Setting Up the VCS Expressway for Mobile and Remote Access**

This section describes the configuration steps required on the VCS Expressway for Mobile and Remote Access.

**Configuring DNS and NTP Settings**

Make sure that the following basic system settings are configured on VCS:
1. **System host name** and **Domain name** are specified (System > DNS).
2. Public DNS servers are specified (System > DNS).
3. All VCS systems are synchronized to a reliable NTP service (System > Time). Use an Authentication method in accordance with your local policy.

If you have a cluster of VCSs you must do this for every peer.

**Note:** The combination of `<System host name> <Domain name>` is the FQDN of this VCS Expressway. Ensure that this FQDN is resolvable in public DNS.

If you have a cluster of VCS Expressways, make sure that the Domain name is identical on each peer, and it is case-sensitive.

**Enabling the VCS Expressway for Mobile and Remote Access**

To enable Mobile and Remote Access functionality:

1. Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > Configuration.
2. Set Unified Communications mode to Mobile and Remote Access.
3. Click Save.

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**SAML SSO Authentication Over the Edge**

SAML-based SSO is an option for authenticating Unified Communications service requests. The requests can originate inside the enterprise network, or, as described here, from clients requesting Unified Communications services from outside through MRA.

SAML SSO authentication over the edge requires an external identity provider (IdP). It relies on the secure traversal capabilities of the VCS pair at the edge, and on trust relationships between the internal service providers and an externally resolvable IdP.

The endpoints do not need to connect via VPN. They use one identity and one authentication mechanism to access multiple Unified Communications services. Authentication is owned by the IdP, and there is no authentication at the VCS, nor at the internal Unified CM services.

The VCS supports two types of OAuth token authorization with SAML SSO:

- Simple (standard) tokens. These always require SAML SSO authentication.
- Self-describing tokens with refresh. These can also work with Unified CM-based authentication.

**About Simple OAuth Token Authorization**

**Prerequisites**

- Cisco Jabber 10.6 or later. Jabber clients are the only endpoints supported for OAuth token authorization through Mobile and Remote Access (MRA).
- Cisco Unified Communications Manager 10.5(2) or later
- Cisco Unity Connection 10.5(2) or later
- Cisco Unified Communications Manager IM and Presence Service 10.5(2) or later

**How it works**
Cisco Jabber determines whether it is inside the organization’s network before requesting a Unified Communications service. If Jabber is outside the network, it requests the service from the VCS Expressway on the edge of the network. If SAML SSO authentication is enabled at the edge, the VCS Expressway redirects Jabber to the IdP with a signed request to authenticate the user.

The IdP challenges the client to identify itself. When this identity is authenticated, the IdP redirects Jabber’s service request back to the VCS Expressway with a signed assertion that the identity is authentic.

The VCS Expressway trusts the IdP, so it passes the request to the appropriate service inside the network. The Unified Communications service trusts the IdP and the VCS Expressway, so it provides the service to the Jabber client.

**Figure 6 Simple OAuth token-based authorization for on-premises UC services**

About Self-Describing OAuth Token Authorization with Refresh

From X8.10, the VCS supports using self-describing tokens as an MRA authorization option. (Set "Authorize by OAuth token with refresh" to Yes.) Self-describing tokens offer significant benefits:

- Token refresh capability, so users don’t have to repeatedly re-authenticate.
- Fast authorization.
- Access policy support. The VCS can enforce MRA access policy settings applied to users on the Unified CM.
- Roaming support. Tokens are valid on-premises and remotely, so roaming users don’t need to re-authenticate if they move between on-premises and off-premises.

The VCS uses self-describing tokens in particular to facilitate Cisco Jabber users. Jabber users who are mobile or work remotely, can authenticate while away from the local network (off-premises). If they originally authenticate on the premises, they don’t have to re-authenticate if they later move off-premises. Similarly, users don’t have to re-authenticate if they move on-premises after authenticating off-premises. Either case is subject to any configured access token or refresh token limits, which may force re-authentication.

For users with Jabber iOS devices, the high speeds supported by self-describing tokens optimize VCS support for Apple Push Notifications (APNs).

We recommend self-describing token authorization for all deployments, assuming the necessary infrastructure exists to support it. Subject to proper VCS configuration, if the Jabber client presents a self-describing token then the VCS simply checks the token. No password or certificate-based authentication is needed. The token is issued by Unified
CM (regardless of whether the configured authentication path is by external IdP or by the Unified CM). Self-describing token authorization is used automatically if all devices in the call flow are configured for it.

The VCS Control performs token authorization. This avoids authentication and authorization settings being exposed on VCS Expressway.

Prerequisites

- VCS is already providing Mobile and Remote Access for Jabber for iPhone and iPad.
- All other devices in the call flow are similarly enabled.
- You have the following product versions installed (or later):
  - VCS X8.10
  - Cisco Jabber for iPhone and iPad iOS 11.9
  - Cisco Unified Communications Manager 11.5(SU3)
  - Cisco Unified Communications Manager IM and Presence Service 11.5(SU3)
  - Cisco Unity Connection 11.5(SU3)
- Do not enable OAuth tokens until all of the other system components are known to also support it.

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OAuth Token Authorization Prerequisites

On the VCS pair:

- A VCS-E and a VCS-C are configured to work together at your network edge.
- A Unified Communications traversal zone is configured between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway.
- The SIP domain that will be accessed via OAuth is configured on the VCS Control.
- The VCS Control has MRA enabled and has discovered the required Unified CM resources.
- The required Unified CM resources are in the HTTP allow list on the VCS Control.
- If you are using multiple deployments, the Unified CM resources that will be accessed by OAuth are in the same deployment as the domain that will be called from Jabber clients.

On the Cisco Jabber clients:

- Clients are configured to request the internal services using the correct domain names / SIP URIs / Chat aliases.
- The default browser can resolve the VCS Expressway and the IdP.

On Unified CM:

- Users who are associated with non-OAuth MRA clients or endpoints, have their credentials stored in Unified CM. Or Unified CM is configured for LDAP authentication.

On the Identity Provider:

The domain that is on the IdP certificate must be published in the DNS so that clients can resolve the IdP.
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High Level Task List

1. If you intend to use self-describing token authorization (Authorize by OAuth token with refresh) we recommend getting it working on-premises first, before attempting to enable if for MRA clients.
2. Configure a synchronizable relationship between the identity provider and your on-premises directory such that authentication can securely be owned by the IdP. See Directory Integration and Identity Management in the Cisco Collaboration System 11.x Solution Reference Network Designs (SRND) document.
3. Export SAML metadata file from the IdP. Check the documentation on your identity provider for the procedure. For example, see Enable SAML SSO through the OpenAM IdP in the SAML SSO Deployment Guide for Cisco Unified Communications Applications.
4. Import the SAML metadata file from the IdP to the Unified CM servers and Cisco Unity Connection servers that will be accessed by single sign-on. See the Unified Communications documentation or help for more details.
5. Export the SAML metadata files from the Unified CM servers and Cisco Unity Connection servers. For example, see High-Level Circle of Trust Setup in the SAML SSO Deployment Guide for Cisco Unified Communications Applications.
6. Create the Identity Provider on the VCS Control, by importing the SAML metadata file from the IdP.
7. Associate the IdP with SIP domain(s) on the VCS Control.
8. Export the SAML metadata file(s) from the (primary) VCS Control; ensure that it includes the externally resolvable address of the (primary) VCS Expressway.
   The SAML metadata file from the VCS Control contains the X.509 certificate for signing and encrypting SAML interchanges between the edge and the IdP, and the binding(s) that the IdP needs to redirect clients to the VCS Expressway (peers).
9. Import the SAML metadata files from the Unified CM servers and Cisco Unity Connection servers to the IdP. An example using OpenAM is in the SAML SSO Deployment Guide for Cisco Unified Communications Applications.
10. Similarly, import the SAML metadata file from the VCS Control to the IdP. See your IdP documentation for details.
11. Turn on SAML SSO at the edge, on the VCS Control. See Configuring MRA Access Control, page 33
Importing the SAML Metadata from the IdP

1. On the VCS Control, go to Configuration > Unified Communications > Identity providers (IdP).
   You only need to do this on the primary peer of the cluster.
2. Click Import new IdP from SAML.
3. Use the Import SAML file control to locate the SAML metadata file from the IdP.
4. Set the Digest to the required SHA hash algorithm.
   The VCS uses this digest for signing SAML authentication requests for clients to present to the IdP. The
   signing algorithm must match the one expected by the IdP for verifying SAML authentication request
   signatures.
5. Click Upload.
   The VCS Control can now authenticate the IdP’s communications and encrypt SAML communications to the
   IdP.
   Note: You can change the signing algorithm after you have imported the metadata, by going to Configuration
   > Unified Communications > Identity Providers (IdP), locating your IdP row then, in the Actions column,
   clicking Configure Digest).

Associating Domains with an IdP

You need to associate a domain with an IdP if you want the MRA users of that domain to authenticate via the IdP. The
IdP adds no value until you associate at least one domain with it.

There is a many-to-one relationship between domains and IdPs. A single IdP can be used for multiple domains, but
you may associate just one IdP with each domain.

On the VCS Control:

1. Open the IdP list (Configuration > Unified Communications > Identity providers (IdP)) and verify that your IdP
   is in the list.
   The IdPs are listed by their entity IDs. The associated domains for each are shown next to the ID.
2. Click Associate domains in the row for your IdP.
   This shows a list of all the domains on this VCS Control. There are checkmarks next to domains that are
   already associated with this IdP. It also shows the IdP entity IDs if there are different IdPs associated with
   other domains in the list.
3. Check the boxes next to the domains you want to associate with this IdP.
   If you see (Transfer) next to the checkbox, checking it will break the domain’s existing association and
   associate it with this IdP.
4. Click Save.
   The selected domains are associated with this IdP.

Exporting the SAML Metadata from the VCS Control

Note: The VCS Control must have a valid connection to the VCS Expressway before you can export the VCS Control’s
SAML metadata.

1. Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > Export SAML data.
   This page lists the connected VCS Expressway, or all the VCS Expressway peers if it’s a cluster. These are
   listed because data about them is included in the SAML metadata for the VCS Control.
2. If you have multiple deployments configured, you must select a deployment before you can export the
   SAML metadata.
Using Deployments to Partition Unified Communications Services

3. Click Download or Download all.
   The page also lists all the VCS Control peers, and you can download SAML metadata for each one, or export them all in a .zip file.
4. Copy the resulting file(s) to a secure location that you can access when you need to import SAML metadata to the IdP.

Configuring IdPs

This topic covers any known additional configurations that are required when using a particular IdP for OAuth token-based authorization over MRA.

These configuration procedures are required in addition to the prerequisites and high level tasks already mentioned, some of which are outside of the document's scope.

Active Directory Federation Services 2.0

After creating Relying Party Trusts for the VCS Expressways, you must set some properties of each entity, to ensure that AD FS formulates the SAML responses as VCS Expressway expects them.

You also need to add a claim rule, for each relying party trust, that sets the uid attribute of the SAML response to the AD attribute value that users are authenticating with.

These procedures were verified on AD FS 2.0, although the same configuration is required if you are using AD FS 3.0.

You need to:

- Sign the whole response (message and assertion)
- Add a claim rule to send identity as uid attribute

To sign the whole response:

In Windows PowerShell®, repeat the following command for each VCS Expressway's <EntityName>:

```
Set-ADFSRelyingPartyTrust -TargetName "<EntityName>" -SAMLResponseSignature MessageAndAssertion
```

To add a claim rule for each Relying Party Trust:

1. Open the Edit Claims Rule dialog, and create a new claim rule that sends AD attributes as claims
2. Select the AD attribute to match the one that identify the OAuth users to the internal systems, typically email or SAMAccountName
3. Enter uid as the Outgoing Claim Type

Using Deployments to Partition Unified Communications Services

A deployment is an abstract boundary used to enclose a domain and one or more Unified Communications service providers (such as Unified CM, Cisco Unity Connection, and IM and Presence Service nodes). The purpose of multiple deployments is to partition the Unified Communications services available to Mobile and Remote Access (MRA) users. So different subsets of MRA users can access different sets of services over the same VCS pair.

We recommend that you do not exceed ten deployments.

Example

Consider an implementation of two sets of Unified Communications infrastructure to provide a live MRA environment and a staging environment, respectively. This implementation might also require an isolated environment for sensitive communications, as a third set.
Deployments and their associated domains and services are configured on the VCS Control.

There is one primary deployment, called "Default deployment" unless you rename it, that automatically encloses all domains and services until you create and populate additional deployments. This primary deployment cannot be deleted, even if it is renamed or has no members.

To partition the services that you provide through Mobile and Remote Access, create as many deployments as you need. Associate a different domain with each one, and then associate the required Unified Communications resources with each deployment.

You cannot associate one domain with more than one deployment. Similarly, each Unified Communications node may only be associated with one deployment.

**To create a new deployment:**

1. Log in to the VCS Control.
2. Go to **Configuration > Unified Communications > Deployments** and click **New**.
3. Give the deployment a name and click **Create deployment**.
   The new deployment is listed on the **Deployments** page and is available to select when editing domains or UC services.

**To associate a domain with a deployment:**

1. Go to **Configuration > Domains**.
   The domains and their associated services are listed here. The deployment column shows where the listed domains are associated.
2. Click the domain name, or create a new domain.
3. In the **Deployment** field, select the deployment which will enclose this domain.
4. Click **Save**.
To associate a Unified CM or other server/service with the deployment:

1. Go to Configuration > Unified Communications > and then Unified CM servers, or IM and Presence Service nodes, or Unity Connection servers.
   Any previously discovered service nodes of the selected type are listed here. The deployment column shows where the listed nodes are associated.
   If the list is not properly populated, see Discover Unified Communications Servers and Services, page 29.
2. Click the server / service node name.
3. In the Deployment field, select which deployment will enclose this server / service node.
4. Click Save.
   Note: When you save this change, the VCS Control refreshes the connection to the node, which may temporarily disrupt the service to the connected users.
5. Repeat for any other Unified Communications services that will belong to the deployment.

Dial via Office-Reverse through MRA

Your mobile workers need the same high quality, security and reliability that they experience when placing calls in the office. You can assure them of just that when you enable the Dial via Office–Reverse (DVO–R) feature and they are using Cisco Jabber on a dual-mode mobile device. DVO–R routes Cisco Jabber calls through the enterprise automatically.

DVO–R handles call signaling and voice media separately. All call signaling, including the signaling for Mobile and Remote Access on VCS, traverses the IP connection between the client and Cisco Unified Communications Manager. Voice media traverses the cellular interface and hairpins at the enterprise Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) gateway.

Moving audio to the cellular interface ensures high–quality calls and securely maintained audio even when the IP connection is lost.

You can configure DVO–R so that, when a user makes a call, the return call from Cisco Unified Communications Manager goes to either:

- The user’s Mobile Identity (mobile number).
- An Alternate Number for the user (such as a hotel room).

This feature is dependent on the following versions of related systems:

- Cisco Unified Communications Manager 11.0(1) or later
- Cisco Jabber 11.1 or later
Figure 8  DVO-R calling

Figure 9  DVO-R using Mobility Identity

Dial via Office-Reverse through MRA
How DVO-R works with VCS Mobile and Remote Access

1. When you dial a number, a signal is sent to Cisco Unified Communications Manager over the IP path (WLAN or mobile network). See stage 1 of Figure 2 or Figure 3.
2. Cisco Unified Communications Manager calls your mobile number or the Alternate Number you set (see stage 2 of Figure 2 or Figure 3.)
3. When you answer, Cisco Unified Communications Manager extends the call to the number you dialed and you hear ring back (see stage 3 of Figure 2 or Figure 3).
4. When the person answers, the ongoing call is hairpinned at the enterprise PSTN gateway.

- If you made the call using a Mobile Identity, your call is anchored at the enterprise gateway. The call is active on your mobile and desk phone, so you can switch between the two (see stage 4 of Figure 2).
- If you specified an Alternate Number, your ongoing call is not anchored and you cannot pick up on your desk phone (see stage 4 of Figure 3).

Note the following:

- You can use Dual Tone Multi Frequency-based (DTMF) mid-call features (for example *81 for hold) on anchored calls if there is out-of-band DTMF relay between the PSTN gateway and Cisco Unified Communications Manager. You cannot utilize mid-call features when using an Alternate Number.
- To prevent the callback leg from Cisco Unified Communications Manager routing to your voicemail – thus stopping the voicemail call going through to the person you are dialing – Cisco recommends that you set your DVO-R voicemail policy to 'user controlled'. This ensures you must generate a DTMF tone by pressing any key on the keypad before your call can proceed.

Note: Although this feature now works for users calling over Mobile and Remote Access, there is no configuration on the VCS. There is some configuration required on the Unified CM nodes and Cisco Jabber clients.
Configuration checklist for DVO-R

1. Set up Cisco Unified Communications Manager to support DVO-R.
2. Set up DVO-R for each device.
3. Set up user-controlled voicemail avoidance.


Checking the Status of Unified Communications Services

You can check the status of the Unified Communications services on both VCS Control and VCS Expressway.

1. Go to Status > Unified Communications.
2. Review the list and status of domains, zones and (VCS Control only) Unified CM and IM&P servers.

Any configuration errors will be listed along with links to the relevant configuration page from where you can address the issue.

Mobile and Remote Access Port Reference

This section summarizes the ports that could potentially be used between your internal network (where the VCS Control is located) and the DMZ (where the VCS Expressway is located) and between the DMZ and the public internet.

Outbound from VCS Control (private) to VCS Expressway (DMZ)

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<th>VCS Expressway (listening)</th>
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<td>XMPP (IM and Presence)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Ephemeral port</td>
<td>7400</td>
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<tr>
<td>SSH (HTTP/S tunnels)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Ephemeral port</td>
<td>2222</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traversal zone SIP signaling</td>
<td>TLS</td>
<td>25000 to 29999</td>
<td>7001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traversal zone SIP media (for small/medium systems on X8.1 or later)</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>36000 to 59999*</td>
<td>2776 (RTP), 2777 (RTCP) if Use configured demultiplexing ports = Yes or 36000 (RTP), 36001 (RTCP) if Use configured demultiplexing ports = No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traversal zone SIP media (for large systems)</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>36000 to 59999*</td>
<td>36000 to 36011 (6 pairs of RTP and RTCP ports for multiplexed media traversal)</td>
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### Outbound from VCS Expressway (DMZ) to public internet

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<td>SIP media</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>36002 to 59999 or 36012 to 59999</td>
<td>&gt;= 1024</td>
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<tr>
<td>SIP signaling</td>
<td>TLS</td>
<td>25000 to 29999</td>
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### Inbound from public internet to VCS Expressway (DMZ)

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<td>XMPP (IM and Presence)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>&gt;= 1024</td>
<td>5222</td>
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<tr>
<td>HTTP proxy (UDS)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>&gt;= 1024</td>
<td>8443</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Media</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>&gt;= 1024</td>
<td>36002 to 59999 or 36012 to 59999*</td>
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<tr>
<td>SIP signaling</td>
<td>TLS</td>
<td>&gt;= 1024</td>
<td>5061</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HTTPS (only required for external administrative access, which is strongly discouraged)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>&gt;= 1024</td>
<td>443</td>
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### From VCS Control to Internal Infrastructure and Endpoints

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<td>HTTP proxy (UDS)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Ephemeral port</td>
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<td>HTTP proxy (SOAP)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Ephemeral port</td>
<td>8443 (IM and Presence Service)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HTTP/HTTPS (configuration file retrieval)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Ephemeral port</td>
<td>(Unified CM) HTTP 6970 Or HTTPS 6972 if you have Cisco Jabber 11.x or later with Unified CM 11.x or later</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CUC (voicemail)</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Ephemeral port</td>
<td>443 (Unity Connection)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message Waiting Indicator (MWI) from Unity Connection</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Ephemeral port</td>
<td>7080 (Unity Connection)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Media</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>36000 to 59999*</td>
<td>&gt;= 1024 (Media recipient eg. endpoint)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SIP signaling</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>25000 to 29999</td>
<td>5060 (Unified CM)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secure SIP signaling</td>
<td>TLS</td>
<td>25000 to 29999</td>
<td>5061 (Unified CM)</td>
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* The default media traversal port range is 36000 to 59999, and is set on the VCS Control at Configuration > Local Zones > Traversal Subzone. In Large VCS systems the first 12 ports in the range – 36000 to 36011 by default – are always reserved for multiplexed traffic. The VCS Expressway listens on these ports. You cannot configure a distinct
Enabling Support for Apple Push Notifications

This feature applies if you have Cisco Jabber users with iOS devices (Cisco Jabber for iPhone and iPad) who sign in remotely. VCS deployments that are configured for MRA can support Apple’s cloud-based Push Notification service. From X8.9.1, we supported Push Notifications for IM and Presence Service instant messages. From X8.10, we support them for voice and video calls too. Push Notifications are only used for Jabber for iPhone and iPad clients. Android, Windows, and Mac users are unaffected.

Note: If Unified CM detects a remote or mobile Jabber for iPhone and iPad connection, it always sends a Push Notification as well as a SIP Invite.

Prerequisites and recommendations

No specific configuration is needed on the VCS for Push Notifications, assuming VCS Expressway is already providing Mobile and Remote Access (MRA) for Jabber iOS devices. However, these prerequisites and recommendations apply:

- Push Notifications in the VCS require a network connection between VCS and the Cisco WebEx cloud, and between Cisco Jabber and the Push Notification servers in the Apple cloud. They cannot work in a private network, with no internet connection.
- MRA must be fully configured (domain, zone, server settings).
- Depending on your Unified CM configuration, the Unified CM may need a forward proxy to send Push Notifications to the Cisco Collaboration Cloud.
- We recommend using self-describing token authorization.
- VCS Expressway **restart required for Push Notifications with instant messages**. After you enable Push Notifications on the IM and Presence Service you need to restart the VCS Expressway. Until the restart, VCS Expressway can’t recognize the push capability on IM and Presence Service, and does not send PUSH messages to the Jabber clients.
- You need the following Push Notification-enabled releases (or higher) on Cisco Unified Communications Manager, IM and Presence Service, and the Jabber devices:
Enabling Support for Apple Push Notifications

- VCS X8.10
- Cisco Jabber for iPhone and iPad iOS 11.9
- Cisco Unified Communications Manager 11.5(SU3)
- Cisco Unified Communications Manager IM and Presence Service 11.5(SU3)
- Cisco Unity Connection 11.5(SU3)

Why have we implemented support for Push Notifications?

Apple now deprecates the VoIP Background Mode that allows Jabber iOS to keep a SIP session open even when the app is running in the background. Push Notifications allow Unified CM to tell Jabber about incoming calls and messages. Then Jabber can reconnect to Unified CM to retrieve the message or answer the call. Jabber uses the new self-describing token feature in this release to help it to do this quickly.

Figure 11  Push Notifications architecture

Information about Push Notifications in Unified Communications products

For information about Push Notifications in Unified CM and IM and Presence Service, see Deploying Push Notifications for Cisco Jabber on iPhone and iPad available from the Cisco Unified Communications Manager documentation pages on Cisco.com.

Process to use APNs

2. Unified CM must be able to make HTTPS connections to Cisco’s cloud services. To allow that you may have to configure Unified CM to use a forward proxy server (depending on your requirements for external requests from iOS devices). If required, the forward proxy can be a third party server or, if supported by your Unified CM software, the built-in forward proxy service on the VCS. To enable the VCS forward proxy (only if the Unified CM supports it):
   a. On the VCS Control, go to Configuration > Unified Communications > Forward proxy.
   b. Locate Forward proxy enabled and select On.
   c. Do the same for the VCS Expressway.
Additional Information

Maintenance Mode on the VCS

Maintenance mode on the VCS has been enhanced so that you can bring an MRA system down in a managed way. When you engage maintenance mode, the VCS stops accepting new calls or proxy (MRA) traffic. Existing calls and chat sessions are not affected.

As users end their sessions normally, the system comes to a point when it is not processing any traffic of a certain type, and then it shuts that service down.

If users try to make new calls or start new chat sessions while the VCS is in maintenance mode, the clients will receive a service unavailable response, and they might then choose to use another peer (if they are capable). This fail-over behavior depends on the client, but restarting the client should resolve any connection issues if there are active peers in the cluster.

The Unified Communications status pages also show (Maintenance Mode) in any places where MRA services are affected.

Unified CM Dial Plan

The Unified CM dial plan is not impacted by devices registering via VCS. Remote and mobile devices still register directly to Unified CM and their dial plan will be the same as when it is registered locally.

Deploying Unified CM and VCS in Different Domains

Unified CM nodes and VCS peers can be located in different domains. For example, your Unified CM nodes may be in the enterprise.com domain and your VCS system may be in the edge.com domain.

In this case, Unified CM nodes must use IP addresses or FQDNs for the Server host name/IP address to ensure that VCS can route traffic to the relevant Unified CM nodes.

Unified CM servers and IM&P servers must share the same domain.

SIP Trunks Between Unified CM and VCS Control

VCS deployments for Mobile and Remote Access do not require SIP trunk connections between Unified CM and VCS Control. Note that the automatically generated neighbor zones between VCS Control and each discovered Unified CM node are not SIP trunks.

However, you may still configure a SIP trunk if required. (For example, to enable B2B callers or endpoints registered to VCS to call endpoints registered to Unified CM.)
If a SIP trunk is configured, you must ensure that it uses a different listening port on Unified CM from that used for SIP line registrations to Unified CM. An alarm is raised on VCS Control if a conflict is detected.

**Configuring line registration listening ports on Unified CM**

The listening ports used for line registrations to Unified CM are configured via **System > Cisco Unified CM**.

The **SIP Phone Port** and **SIP Phone Secure Port** fields define the ports used for TCP and TLS connections respectively and are typically set to 5060/5061.

**Configuring SIP trunk listening ports**

The ports used for SIP trunks are configured on both Unified CM and VCS.

On Unified CM:

1. Go to **System > Security > SIP Trunk Security Profile** and select the profile used for the SIP trunk. If this profile is used for connections from other devices, you may want to create a separate security profile for the SIP trunk connection to VCS.
2. Configure the **Incoming Port** to be different from that used for line registrations.
3. Click **Save** and then click **Apply Config**.

On VCS:

1. Go to **Configuration > Zones > Zones** and select the Unified CM neighbor zone used for the SIP trunk. (Note that the automatically generated neighbor zones between VCS Control and each discovered Unified CM node for line side communications are non-configurable.)
2. Configure the SIP **Port** to the same value as the **Incoming Port** configured on Unified CM.
3. Click **Save**.

See *Cisco TelePresence Cisco Unified Communications Manager with VCS (SIP Trunk) Deployment Guide* for more information about configuring a SIP trunk.

**Configuring Secure Communications**

This deployment requires secure communications between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway, and between the VCS Expressway and endpoints located outside the enterprise. This involves the mandating of encrypted TLS communications for HTTP, SIP and XMPP, and, where applicable, the exchange and checking of certificates. Jabber endpoints must supply a valid username and password combination, which will be validated against credentials held in Unified CM. All media is secured over SRTP.

VCS Control automatically generates non-configurable neighbor zones between itself and each discovered Unified CM node. A TCP zone is always created, and a TLS zone is created also if the Unified CM node is configured with a **Cluster Security Mode** (**System > Enterprise Parameters > Security Parameters**) of **1 (Mixed)** (so that it can support devices provisioned with secure profiles). The TLS zone is configured with its **TLS verify mode** set to **On** if the Unified CM discovery had **TLS verify mode** enabled. This means that the VCS Control will verify the CallManager certificate for subsequent SIP communications.

**Note:** Secure profiles are downgraded to use TCP if Unified CM is not in mixed mode.

The VCS neighbor zones to Unified CM use the names of the Unified CM nodes that were returned by Unified CM when the Unified CM publishers were added (or refreshed) to the VCS. The VCS uses those returned names to connect to the Unified CM node. If that name is just the host name then:

- it needs to be routable using that name
- this is the name that the VCS expects to see in the Unified CM’s server certificate

If you are using secure profiles, ensure that the root CA of the authority that signed the VCS Control certificate is installed as a **CallManager-trust** certificate (**Security > Certificate Management** in the **Cisco Unified OS Administration** application).
Additional Information

Media Encryption

Media encryption is enforced on the call legs between the VCS Control and the VCS Expressway, and between the VCS Expressway and endpoints located outside the enterprise.

The encryption is physically applied to the media as it passes through the B2BUA on the VCS Control.

Limitations

- In VCS Expressway systems that use dual network interfaces, XCP connections (for IM&P XMPP traffic) always use the non-external (i.e. internal) interface. This means that XCP connections may fail in deployments where the VCS Expressway internal interface is on a separate network segment and is used for system management purposes only, and where the traversal zone on the VCS Control connects to the VCS Expressway’s external interface.

Unsupported Endpoint Features when Using Mobile and Remote Access

- Call recording for Cisco Jabber endpoints connected over Mobile and Remote Access (MRA).
- Custom embedded tabs for Cisco Jabber endpoints connected over MRA.
- Directory access mechanisms other than the Cisco User Data Service (UDS).
- The VCS does not encrypt the iX protocol on behalf of other entities; iX must either be encrypted from end to end, with the endpoints and conferencing server doing the encryption, or it must be unencrypted from end to end.

If you want iX to work via MRA, then the iX-capable endpoints must use encrypted phone security profiles. Also, the conferencing server must be capable of encrypted iX.

- Certificate provisioning to remote endpoints. For example, the Certificate Authority Proxy Function (CAPF). If you can do the first-time configuration on premises (inside the firewall) then you can support endpoints that use CAPF. After that you can use them over MRA - but you can’t do the initial configuration over MRA.

- Features that rely on the SIP UPDATE method (RFC 3311) will not work as expected, because the VCS does not support this method. For example, Unified CM and endpoints use UPDATE to implement blind transfer, which does not work correctly over MRA.

- Peer-to-peer file transfer when using IM and Presence Service and Jabber is not supported over MRA. These features are supported over MRA:
  - Managed File Transfer (MFT) with IM and Presence Service 10.5.2 and later and Jabber 10.6 and later clients.
  - File transfer with WebEx Messenger Service and Cisco Jabber.
- Additional mobility features including GSM handoff and session persistency.
- Hunt group/hunt pilot/hunt list.
- Self-care portal.

VCS Limitations and Unsupported Features when Using Mobile and Remote Access

- The VCS cannot be used for Jabber Guest when it’s used for Mobile and Remote Access (MRA).
- The VCS Control used for MRA cannot also be used for Microsoft gateway service. Microsoft gateway service requires a dedicated VCS Control.
- MRA is only supported in IPv4 mode. It’s not supported with the IP configuration settings "IPv6 only" or "Both". In the case of "Both", as VCS does not proxy IPv6 MRA traffic from clients, intermittent issues may arise if clients send IPv6 instead of IPv4.
- Endpoint management capability (SNMP, SSH/HTTP access).
Multidomain and multicustomer support is limited as follows:
- Before X8.5, each VCS deployment supported only one IM&P domain. (Even though IM and Presence Service 10.0 or later supports Multiple Presence Domains.)
- As of X8.5, you can create multiple deployments on the VCS Control, but this feature is still limited to one domain per deployment.
- As of X8.5.1, a deployment can have Multiple Presence Domains. This feature is in preview, and we currently recommend that you do not exceed 50 domains.

- Deployments on Large VM servers are limited to 2500 proxied registrations to Unified CM (the same limit as VCS appliances or equivalent VM).
- Not all contact center features are supported by VCS when connected through MRA.

Protocol Summary

The table below lists the protocols and associated services used in the Unified Communications solution.

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<td>TLS</td>
<td>Logon, provisioning/configuration, directory, visual voicemail</td>
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<td>RTP</td>
<td>SRTP</td>
<td>Media – audio, video, content sharing</td>
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Clustered VCS Systems and Failover Considerations

You can configure a cluster of VCS Controls and a cluster of VCS Expressways to provide failover (redundancy) support as well as improved scalability.

Details about how to set up VCS clusters are contained in [VCS Cluster Creation and Maintenance Deployment Guide](#) and information about how to configure Jabber endpoints and DNS are contained in [Configure DNS for Cisco Jabber](#).

Note that when discovering Unified CM and IM&P servers on VCS Control, you must do this on the primary peer.

Authorization Rate Control

The VCS can limit the number of times that any user's credentials can be used, in a given configurable period, to authorize the user for collaboration services. This feature is designed to thwart inadvertent or real denial of service attacks, which can originate from multiple client devices authorizing the same user, or from clients that reauthorize more often than necessary.

Each time a client supplies credentials to authorize the user, the VCS checks whether this attempt would exceed the **Maximum authorizations per period** within the previous number of seconds specified by the **Rate control period**.

If the attempt would exceed the chosen maximum, then the VCS rejects the attempt and issues the HTTP error 429 “Too Many Requests”.

The authorization rate control settings are configurable in the **Advanced** section of the **Configuration > Unified Communications > Configuration** page.

Credential Caching

**Note:** These settings do not apply to clients that are using SSO (common identity) for authenticating via MRA.

The VCS caches endpoint credentials which have been authenticated by Unified CM. This caching improves overall performance because the VCS does not always have to submit endpoint credentials to Unified CM for authentication.
The caching settings are configurable in the Advanced section of the Configuration > Unified Communications > Configuration page.

Credentials refresh interval specifies the lifetime of the authentication token issued by the VCS to a successfully authenticated client. A client that successfully authenticates should request a refresh before this token expires, or it will need to re-authenticate. The default is 480 minutes (8 hours).

Credentials cleanup interval specifies how long the VCS waits between cache clearing operations. Only expired tokens are removed when the cache is cleared, so this setting is the longest possible time that an expired token can remain in the cache. The default is 720 minutes (12 hours).

Unified CM Denial of Service Threshold

High volumes of Mobile and Remote Access calls may trigger denial of service thresholds on Unified CM. This is because all the calls arriving at Unified CM are from the same VCS Control (cluster).

If necessary, we recommend that you increase the level of the SIP Station TCP Port Throttle Threshold (System > Service Parameters, and select the Cisco CallManager service) to 750 KB/second.

VCS Automated Intrusion Protection

From X8.9 onwards, automated intrusion protection is enabled, by default, for the following categories:

- http-ce-auth
- http-ce-intrusion
- sshpfwd-auth
- sshpfwd-intrusion
- xmpp-intrusion

This change affects new systems. Upgraded systems keep their existing protection configuration.

On VCS Control:

The VCS Control receives a lot of inbound traffic from Unified CM and from the VCS Expressway when it is used for Mobile and Remote Access.

If you want to use automated protection on the VCS Control, you should add exemptions for all hosts that use the automatically created neighbor zones and the Unified Communications secure traversal zone. The VCS does not automatically create exemptions for discovered Unified CM or related nodes.

On VCS Expressway:

You should enable the Automated protection service (System > System administration) if it is not yet running.

To protect against malicious attempts to access the HTTP proxy, you can configure automated intrusion protection on the VCS Expressway (System > Protection > Automated detection > Configuration).

We recommend that you enable the following categories on the VCS Expressway:

- HTTP proxy authorization failure and HTTP proxy protocol violation.
  
  **Note:** Do not enable the HTTP proxy resource access failure category.
- XMPP protocol violation

**Note:** The Automated protection service uses Fail2ban software. It protects against brute force attacks that originate from a single source IP address.

Partial Support for Cisco Jabber SDK

You can use the following supported Cisco Jabber SDK features over MRA:
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- Sign in/ sign out
- Register phone services
- Make or receive audio/ video calls
- Hold and resume, mute/ unmute, and call transfer

For more information, see the Getting Started Guide for Cisco Jabber SDK.

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### General Techniques

#### Checking Alarms and Status

When troubleshooting, first check if any alarms have been raised (Status > Alarms). If alarms exist, follow the instructions in the Action column. Check the alarms on both VCS Control and VCS Expressway.

Next, review the status summary and configuration information (Status > Unified Communications). Check the status page on both VCS Control and VCS Expressway. If any required configuration is missing or invalid, an error message and a link to the relevant configuration page is shown.

You may see invalid services or errors if you change the following items on VCS, for which a system restart is required to be sure the configuration changes take effect:

- Server or CA certificates
- DNS configuration
- Domain configuration

### Using the Collaboration Solutions Analyzer

The Collaboration Solutions Analyzer (CSA) tool set provided by TAC, can be used to help with deploying and troubleshooting MRA. (See the VCS release notes for instructions about how to access the CSA.)

1. First, you can use the CollabEdge validator tool to validate your MRA deployment. It simulates a Jabber client sign in process, and provides feedback on the result.

2. If the CollabEdge validator can't identify the issue, we suggest that you collect logs from the VCS while attempting to sign in. Then use the log analysis component in the CSA to analyze the logs.
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Taking Diagnostic Logs

**Jabber for Windows**

The Jabber for Windows log file is saved as `csf-unified.log` under `C:\Users\<UserID>\AppData\Local\Cisco\Unified Communications\Jabber\CSF\Logs`.

The configuration files are located under `C:\Users\<UserID>\AppData\Roaming\Cisco\Unified Communications\Jabber\CSF\Config`.

**Performing VCS diagnostic logging**

The diagnostic logging tool in VCS can be used to assist in troubleshooting system issues. It allows you to generate a diagnostic log of system activity over a period of time, and then to download the log.

Before taking a diagnostic log, you must configure the log level of the relevant logging modules:

1. Go to **Maintenance > Diagnostics > Advanced > Support Log configuration**.
2. Select the following logs:
   - `developer.edgeconfigprovisioning`
   - `developer.trafficserver`
   - `developer.xcp`
3. Click **Set to debug**.

You can now start the diagnostic log capture:

1. Go to **Maintenance > Diagnostics > Diagnostic logging**.
2. Optionally, select **Take tcpdump while logging**.
3. Click **Start new log**.
4. (Optional) Enter some **Marker** text and click **Add marker**.
   - The marker facility can be used to add comment text to the log file before certain activities are performed. This helps to subsequently identify the relevant sections in the downloaded diagnostic log file.
   - You can add as many markers as required, at any time while the diagnostic logging is in progress.
   - Marker text is added to the log with a "DEBUG_MARKER" tag.
5. Reproduce the system issue you want to trace in the diagnostic log.
6. Click **Stop logging**.
7. Click **Download log** to save the diagnostic log archive to your local file system. You are prompted to save the archive (the exact wording depends on your browser).

After you have completed your diagnostic logging, return to the **Support Log configuration** page and reset the modified logging modules back to **INFO** level.

**Checking DNS Records**

You can use the VCS’s DNS lookup tool (**Maintenance > Tools > Network utilities > DNS lookup**) to assist in troubleshooting system issues. The SRV record lookup includes those specific to H.323, SIP, Unified Communications and TURN services.

Note that performing the DNS lookup from the VCS Control will return the view from within the enterprise, and that performing it on the VCS Expressway will return what is visible from within the DMZ which is not necessarily the same set of records available to endpoints in the public internet.

The DNS lookup includes the following SRV services that are used for Unified Communications:

- `_collab-edge._tls`
- `_cisco-uds._tcp`
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Checking Reachability of the VCS Expressway

Ensure that the FQDN of the VCS Expressway is resolvable in public DNS.
The FQDN is configured at System > DNS and is built as `<System host name>.<Domain name>`.

Checking Call Status

Call status information can be displayed for both current and completed calls:

- **Current calls**: the Call status page (Status > Calls > Calls) lists all the calls currently taking place to or from devices registered with the VCS, or that are passing through the VCS.
- **Completed calls**: the Call history page (Status > Calls > History) lists all the calls that are no longer active. The list is limited to the most recent 500 calls, and only includes calls that have taken place since the VCS was last restarted.

The same set of call status information is also shown on the Calls by registration page (accessed via the Registration details page).

If the VCS is part of a cluster, all calls that apply to any peer in the cluster are shown, although the list is limited to the most recent 500 calls per peer.

**Identifying Mobile and Remote Access calls**

The call status and call history pages show all call types. Unified CM remote sessions (if Mobile and Remote Access is enabled) as well as VCS traversal and non-traversal calls.

To distinguish between the call types, you must drill down into the call components. Mobile and Remote Access calls have different component characteristics depending on whether the call is being viewed on the VCS Control or VCS Expressway:

- On the VCS Control, a Unified CM remote session has three components (as it uses the B2BUA to enforce media encryption). One of the VCS components routes the call through one of the automatically generated neighbor zones (with a name prefixed by either CEtcp or CEtls) between VCS and Unified CM.
- On the VCS Expressway, there is one component that routes the call through the CollaborationEdgeZone.

If both endpoints are outside of the enterprise (that is, off premises), you will see this treated as two separate calls.

Checking Devices Registered to Unified CM via VCS

**Identifying devices in Unified CM**

To identify devices registered to Unified CM via VCS:

1. In Unified CM, go to Device > Phone and click Find.
2. Check the IP Address column. Devices that are registered via VCS will display an IP Address of the VCS Control it is registered through.

**Identifying provisioned sessions in VCS Control**

To identify sessions that have been provisioned via VCS Control:

1. In VCS Control, go to Status > Unified Communications.
2. In the Advanced status information section, click View provisioning sessions.

This shows a list of all current and recent (shown in red) provisioning sessions.
Ensuring that VCS Control is Synchronized to Unified CM

Changes to Unified CM cluster or node configuration can lead to communication problems between Unified CM and VCS Control. This includes changes to the following items:

- Number of nodes within a Unified CM cluster
- Host name or IP address of an existing node
- Listening port numbers
- Security parameters
- Phone security profiles

You must ensure that any such changes are reflected in the VCS Control. To do this you must rediscover all Unified CM and IM and Presence Service nodes (on VCS go to Configuration > Unified Communications).

Checking MRA Authentication Status and Tokens

You can check and clear standard (non-refresh) OAuth user tokens on Users > View and manage OAuth without refresh token holders. This could help identify problems with a particular user’s OAuth access.

You can check statistics for MRA authentication on Status > Unified Communications > View detailed MRA authentication statistics. Any unexpected requests or responses on this page could help identify configuration or authorization issues.

VCS Certificate / TLS Connectivity Issues

Modifications to the VCS’s server certificate or trusted CA certificates need a VCS restart for the changes to take effect.

If you are using secure profiles, ensure that the root CA of the authority that signed the VCS Control certificate is installed as a CallManager-trust certificate (Security > Certificate Management in the Cisco Unified OS Administration application).

CiscoSSL 5.4.3 Rejects Diffie–Hellman Keys with Fewer than 1024 Bits

If you are running version 9.x, or earlier, of Unified CM or Unified CM IM&P, with VCS version X8.7.2 or later, then the SSL handshake between the two systems will fail by default.

The symptom is that all MRA endpoints fail to register or make calls after you upgrade to VCS X8.7.2 or later.

The cause of this issue is an upgrade of the CiscoSSL component to 5.4.3 or later. This version rejects the default (768 bit) key provided by Unified CM when using D-H key exchange.

You must either upgrade your infrastructure or consult the Cisco Technical Assistance Center to check whether it’s possible to modify the default configurations for Unified CM and/or Unified CM IM&P to support TLS (CScuy59366 refers).

Cisco Jabber Sign In Issues

Jabber triggers automated intrusion protection

**Conditions:**

- Your MRA solution is configured for authorization by OAuth token (with or without refresh)
- The Jabber user’s access token has expired
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- Jabber does one of these:
  - Resumes from desktop hibernate
  - Recovers network connection
  - Attempts fast login after it has been signed out for several hours

**Behavior:**

- Some Jabber modules attempt to authorize at VCS Expressway using the expired access token.
- The VCS Expressway (correctly) denies these requests.
- If there are more than 5 such requests from a particular Jabber client, the VCS Expressway blocks that IP address for ten minutes (by default).

**Symptoms:**

The affected Jabber clients' IP addresses are added to the VCS Expressway's **Blocked addresses** list, in the *HTTP proxy authorization failure* category. You can see these on **System > Protection > Automated detection > Blocked addresses**.

**Workaround:**

There are two ways you can work around this issue; you can increase the detection threshold for that particular category, or you can create exemptions for the affected clients. We describe the threshold option here because the exemptions may well be impractical in your environment.

1. Go to **System > Protection > Automated detection > Configuration**.
2. Click **HTTP proxy authorization failure**.
3. Change the **Trigger level** from 5 to 10. 10 should be enough to tolerate the Jabber modules that present expired tokens.
4. Save the configuration, which takes effect immediately.
5. Unblock any affected clients.

**Jabber popup warns about invalid certificate when connecting from outside the network**

This is a symptom of an incorrectly configured server certificate on the VCS Expressway. The certificate could be self-signed, or it may not have the external DNS domain of your organization listed as a subject alternative name (SAN).

This is expected behavior from Jabber. We recommend that you install a certificate issued by a CA that Jabber trusts, and that the certificate has the domains Jabber is using included in its list of SANs. See **Server Certificate Requirements for Unified Communications, page 23**.

**Jabber Does Not Register for Phone Services**

There is a case handling mismatch between the VCS and the UDS (User Data Service) that prevents Jabber from registering for phone services if the supplied user ID does not match the case of the stored ID. Jabber still signs in but cannot use phone services.

Users can avoid this issue by signing in with the user ID exactly as it is stored in UDS.

Users can recover from this issue by signing out and resetting Jabber. See **CSCux16696**.

**Jabber Cannot Sign In due to XMPP Bind Failure**

The Jabber client may be unable to sign in (“Cannot communicate with the server” error messages) due to XMPP bind failures.

This will be indicated by resource bind errors in the Jabber client logs, for example:
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This typically occurs if the IM and Presence Intercluster Sync Agent is not working correctly. See IM and Presence intercluster deployment configuration for more information.

**Jabber Cannot Sign In due to SSH Tunnels Failure**

Jabber can fail to sign in due to the SSH tunnels failing to be established. The traversal zone between the VCS Control and VCS Expressway will work normally in all other respects. VCS will report 'Application failed - An unexpected software error was detected in portforwarding.pyc'.

This can occur if the VCS Expressway DNS hostname contains underscore characters. Go to System > DNS and ensure that the System host name only contains letters, digits and hyphens.

**Jabber Cannot Sign In When Connecting to Different Peers in a Cluster of VCS Expressways**

Jabber sign in failures have been seen when there is inconsistency of the DNS domain name between VCS Expressway peers. The domain names must be identical, even with respect to case, on all peers in the cluster.

Go to System > DNS on each peer to make sure that Domain name is identical on all peers.

**VCS Returns "401 Unauthorized" Failure Messages**

A "401 unauthorized" failure message can occur when the VCS attempts to authenticate the credentials presented by the endpoint client. The reasons for this include:

- The client is supplying an unknown username or the wrong password.
- ILS (Intercluster Lookup Service) has not been set up on all of the Unified CM clusters. This may result in intermittent failures, depending upon which Unified CM node is being used by VCS for its UDS query to discover the client’s home cluster.

**Call Failures due to "407 Proxy Authentication Required" or "500 Internal Server Error" Errors**

Call failures can occur if the traversal zones on VCS are configured with an Authentication policy of Check credentials. Ensure that the Authentication policy on the traversal zones used for Mobile and Remote Access is set to Do not check credentials.

**Call Bit Rate is Restricted to 384 kbps / Video Issues when Using BFCP (Presentation Sharing)**

This can be caused by video bit rate restrictions within the regions configured on Unified CM.

Ensure that the Maximum Session Bit Rate for Video Calls between and within regions (System > Region Information > Region) is set to a suitable upper limit for your system, for example 6000 kbps.

**Endpoints Cannot Register to Unified CM**

Endpoints may fail to register for various reasons:

- Endpoints may not be able to register to Unified CM if there is also a SIP trunk configured between Unified CM and VCS Control. If a SIP trunk is configured, you must ensure that it uses a different listening port on Unified CM from that used for SIP line registrations to Unified CM. See SIP Trunks Between Unified CM and VCS
Secure registrations may fail ('Failed to establish SSL connection' messages) if the server certificate on the VCS Control does not contain in its Subject Alternate Name list, the names of all of the Phone Security Profiles in Unified CM that are configured for encrypted TLS and are used for devices requiring remote access. Note that these names — in both Unified CM and in the VCS’s certificate — must be in FQDN format.

**IM and Presence Service Realm Changes**

Provisioning failures can occur when the IM and Presence Service realm has changed and the realm data on the VCS Control has not been updated.

For example, this could happen if the address of an IM and Presence Service node has changed, or if a new peer has been added to an IM and Presence Service cluster.

The diagnostic log may contain an INFO message like "Failed to query auth component for SASL mechanisms" because the VCS Control cannot find the realm.

Go to **Configuration > Unified Communications > IM and Presence Service nodes** and click **Refresh servers** and then save the updated configuration. If the provisioning failures persist, verify the IM and Presence Service nodes configuration and refresh again.

**No Voicemail Service ("403 Forbidden" Response)**

Ensure that the Cisco Unity Connection (CUC) hostname is included on the HTTP server allow list on the VCS Control.

"403 Forbidden" Responses for Any Service Requests

Services may fail ("403 Forbidden" responses) if the VCS Control and VCS Expressway are not synchronized to a reliable NTP server. Ensure that all VCS systems are synchronized to a reliable NTP service.

**Client HTTPS Requests are Dropped by VCS**

This can be caused by the automated intrusion protection feature on the VCS Expressway if it detects repeated invalid attempts (404 errors) from a client IP address to access resources through the HTTP proxy.

To prevent the client address from being blocked, ensure that the **HTTP proxy resource access failure** category (**System > Protection > Automated detection > Configuration**) is disabled.

**Unable to Configure IM&P Servers for Remote Access**

'Failed: <address> is not a IM and Presence Server'

This error can occur when trying to configure the IM&P servers used for remote access (via **Configuration > Unified Communications > IM and Presence servers**). It’s due to missing CA certificates on the IM&P servers and applies to systems running 9.1.1. More information and the recommended solution is described in bug CSCul05131.

**Invalid SAML Assertions**

If clients fail to authenticate via SSO, one potential reason is that invalid assertions from the IDP are being rejected by the VCS Control.

Check the logs for "Invalid SAML Response".

One example is when ADFS does not have a claim rule to send the users' IDs to the VCS Control. In this case you will see "No uid Attribute in Assertion from IdP" in the log.
The VCS is expecting the user ID to be asserted by a claim from ADFS that has the identity in an attribute called uid. You need to go into ADFS and set up a claim rule, on each relying party trust, to send the users' AD email addresses (or sAMAccountNames, depending on your deployment) as "uid" to each relying party.

"502 Next Hop Connection Failed" Messages

A 502 message on the VCS Expressway indicates that the next hop failed (typically to the VCS Control). Try the following steps:

1. Go to the Status > Unified Communications page on the VCS Expressway. Did the VCS Expressway report any issues?
2. If the status looks normal, click the SSH tunnel status link at the foot of the status page. If one or more tunnels to the VCS Control node is down, that is probably causing the 502 error.

Allow List Rules File Reference

You can define rules using a CSV file. This topic provides a reference to acceptable data for each rule argument, and demonstrates the format of the CSV rules.

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<td>■ :port is optional, and may only be : followed by one number in the range 0-65535, eg. :8443</td>
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<td>If the port is not specified, then the VCS uses the default port for the supplied protocol (80 or 443)</td>
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<td>■ /path is optional and must conform to HTTP specification</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Deployment</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Name of the deployment that uses this rule. Required when you have more than one deployment, otherwise supply an empty argument.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>HttpMethods</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Comma-delimited list of HTTP methods, optionally in double-quotes, eg. &quot;GET,PUT&quot;</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>MatchType</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>exact or prefix. Default is prefix</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Text description of the rule. Enclose with double quotes if there are spaces.</td>
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Example CSV file

Url,Deployment,HttpMethods,MatchType,Description
https://myServer1:8443/myPath1,myDomain1,GET,exact,"First Rule"
http://myServer2:8000/myPath2,myDomain200,"GET,PUT",exact,
https://myServer3:8080/myPath3,myDomain1,,prefix,"Third Rule"
https://myServer4/myPath4,myDomain1,,prefix,"Fourth Rule"
http://myServer5/myPath5,myDomain1,,prefix,"Fifth Rule"
List the parameter names (as shown) in the first line of the file
One rule per line, one line per rule
Separate arguments with commas
Correctly order the rule values as shown in the table above
Enclose values that have spaces in them with double quotes

Allow List Tests File Reference

You can define tests using a CSV file. This topic provides a reference to acceptable data for each test argument, and demonstrates the format of the CSV tests.

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<td>■ /path is optional and must conform to HTTP specification</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>ExpectedResult</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>allow or block. Specifies whether the test expects that the rules should allow or block the specified URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Deployment</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Name of the deployment to test with this URL. If you omit this argument, the test will use the default deployment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Text description of the rule. Enclose with double quotes if there are spaces.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>HttpMethod</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Specify one HTTP method to test eg. PUT. Defaults to GET if not supplied.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example CSV file

```
Url,ExpectedResult,Deployment,Description,HttpMethod
https://myServer1:8443/myPath1,block,"my deployment","a block test",GET
http://myServer2:8000/myPath2,allow,"my deployment","an allow test",PUT
https://myServer4/myPath4,allow,,GET
http://myServer4/myPath4,block,,POST
```

- List the parameter names (as shown) in the first line
- One test per line, one line per test
- Separate arguments with commas
- Correctly order the test values as shown in the table above
- Enclose values that have spaces in them with double quotes

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