

# Hotdial on IP Phones with CallManager Configuration Example

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## Introduction

This document discusses how to configure a Cisco IP Phone for Private Line Automatic Ring-down (PLAR) or Hotdial with Cisco CallManager. With PLAR configuration, as soon as the phone goes off-hook it dials a pre-configured number. This is done by making use of calling search spaces (CSS), partitions, and translation patterns.

## Prerequisites

### Requirements

There are no specific requirements for this document.

### Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Cisco CallManager 4.x/5.x/6.x

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, make sure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

### Conventions

For more information on document conventions, refer to the Cisco Technical Tips Conventions.

## Configuring Cisco CallManager

In this section, you are presented with the information to configure PLAR for Cisco CallManager 4.x and later.

## Steps for Configuring PLAR in CallManager 4.x

In order to allow the phone to automatically dial a pre-configured phone number when the user goes off-hook, a CSS is configured with a partition that contains a translation pattern with a blank translation pattern string. This results in Cisco CallManager immediately matching this pattern. The translation pattern then transforms the called number (i.e. none) to the destination number (Hotdial) where we want the call sent.

**Note:** Since a telephone configured for PLAR dials a pre-configured number when it goes off-hook, you cannot use PLAR phones to dial any other numbers. For example this is a typical configuration in hotel lobbies.

### 1. Create a partition.

From the Route Plan menu option click **Partition** and then **Add a New Partition**. Fill in the required details and then click **Insert**.

**Partition Configuration** [Add a New Partition](#)  
[Back to Find/List Partitions](#)

**Partition: New**

Status: Ready

To enter multiple partitions, use one line for each partition entry. You can enter up to 75 partitions; the names and descriptions can have up to a total of 1475 characters. The partition name cannot exceed 50 characters. Use a comma (',') to separate the partition name and description on each line. If a description is not entered, Cisco CallManager uses the partition name as the description. For example:

```
<< partitionName >> , << description >>  
CiscoPartition, Cisco employee partition  
DallasPartition
```

Hotdial-2006, HotdialTo2006

\* indicates required item

### 2. Create a CSS.

From the Route Plan menu option, click **Calling Search Space** and then click **Add a New Calling Search Space**. Fill in the required details and select the partition you created in Step 1 by using the arrows from the Available Partitions field, then click **Insert**.

# Calling Search Space Configuration

[Add New Calling Search Space](#)  
[Back to Find/List Calling Search Spaces](#)

Calling Search Space: New

Status: Ready

Insert

## Calling Search Space Information

Calling Search Space Name\* HotdialCSS

Description

## Route Partitions for this Calling Search Space

Find Partitions containing Find

Available Partitions

Selected Partitions\*  
(ordered by highest priority)

Hotdial-2006

\* indicates required item

3. Create a translation pattern.

From the Route Plan menu option, click **Translation Pattern** and then click **Add a New Translation Pattern**. Select the desired partition name and CSS that were previously created in Step 1 and Step 2. Finally, under Called Party Transformation Mask, enter the Hotdial number that you want the phone to dial when it goes off-hook. Click **Insert**.

**Note:** Ensure that the Translation Pattern field is left blank.

# Translation Pattern Configuration

[Add a New Translation Pattern](#)  
[Back to Find/List Translation Patterns](#)

Translation Pattern: New

Status: Ready

Insert

## Pattern Definition

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Translation Pattern   | <input type="text"/>  |   |
| Partition   | Hotdial-2006  |   |
| Description   | HotDialTranslationPt  |   |
| Numbering Plan*   | North American Numbering Plan   |   |
| Route Filter  | < None >  |   |
| Calling Search Space  | HotdialCSS  |   |
| MLPP Precedence   | Default   |   |
| Route Option  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Route this pattern<br><input type="radio"/> Block this pattern <input type="text" value="-- Not Selected --"/> |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Outside Dial Tone | <input type="checkbox"/> Allow Overlap Sending  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urgent Priority |

## Calling Party Transformations

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use Calling Party's External Phone Number Mask |                      |
| Calling Party Transform Mask  | <input type="text"/> |
| Prefix Digits (Outgoing Calls)  | <input type="text"/> |
| Calling Line ID Presentation  | Default              |
| Calling Name Presentation   | Default              |

## Connected Party Transformations

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Connected Line ID Presentation | Default |
| Connected Name Presentation    | Default |

## Called Party Transformations

|                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Discard Digits                 | < None >             |
| Called Party Transform Mask    | 2006                 |
| Prefix Digits (Outgoing Calls) | <input type="text"/> |

\* indicates required item.

4. Finally, you need to select the CSS that you configured in Step 2 for the PLAR phone's CSS.

This is done by clicking **Phone** under the Device menu option in Cisco CallManager and then selecting the PLAR phone.

Copy Update Delete Reset Phone

**Phone Configuration (Model = Cisco 7910)**

**Device Information**

MAC Address\* 00049A1C57A9

Description SEP00049A1C57A9

Owner User ID (Select User ID)

Device Pool\* Default (View details)

Calling Search Space HotdialCSS

AAR Calling Search Space < None >

Media Resource Group List < None >

User Hold Audio Source < None >

Network Hold Audio Source < None >

Location < None >

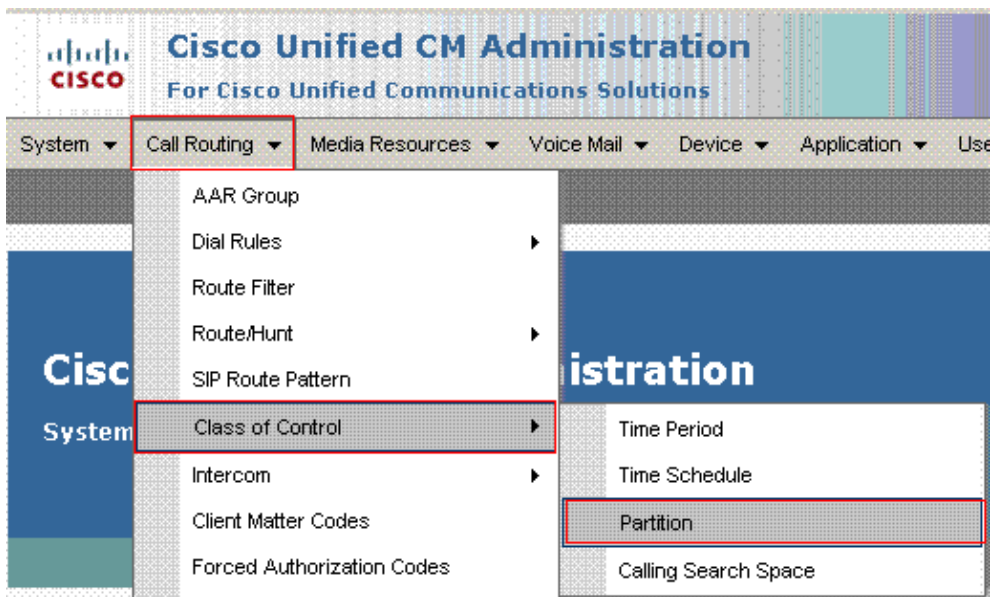
**Phone Button Template Information**

## Steps for Configuring PLAR in CallManager 5.x/6.x

This is the procedure to configure PLAR in CallManager 5.x and 6.x:

1. Create a partition.

Choose **Call Routing** > **Class of Control** > **Partition**. The Find and List Partition window appears.



2. Add a new **Partition**.

Click **Add New** in order to add a new partition. Enter the name of the partition in the **Name** field. Click **Save** in order to save the changes.

**Partition Information**

To enter multiple partitions, use one line for each partition entry. You can enter up to 75 partitions; the names and descriptions can have up to a total of 1475 characters. The partition name cannot exceed 50 characters. Use a comma (',') to separate the partition name and description on each line. If a description is not entered, Cisco Unified Communications Manager uses the partition name as the description. For example:  
 << partitionName >> , << description >>  
 CiscoPartition, Cisco employee partition  
 DallasPartition

Name\*

3. Create a CSS.

- ◆ Choose **Call Routing > Class of Control > Calling Search Space**.
- ◆ The Find and List Calling Search Space window appears. Click **Add New**. Enter the name of the calling search space in the **Name** field.
- ◆ Use the down arrow to move the required partitions from the **Available Partitions** list box to the **Selected Partitions** list box.
- ◆ Click **Save** in order to save the changes.

**Calling Search Space Information**

Name\*

Description

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**Route Partitions for this Calling Search Space**

Available Partitions\*\*

|                  |
|------------------|
| Business_par     |
| Hotdial 2002     |
| Non_Business_par |
| Off_hours        |
| On_hours         |

v ^

Selected Partitions

|              |
|--------------|
| Hotdail-2006 |
|--------------|

v ^

4. Create a translation pattern.

- ◆ Choose **Call Routing > Translation Pattern**.
- ◆ The Find and List Translation Patterns window appears. Click **Add New**.
- ◆ Select the desired **Partition** name from the drop-down list.
- ◆ Choose the desired **Calling Search Space** from the Calling Search Space drop-down list.

**Note:** Ensure that the Translation Pattern field is left blank.

**Pattern Definition**

Translation Pattern

Partition **Hotdail-2006**

Description Hotdail to Number 2006

Numbering Plan < None >

Route Filter < None >

MLPP Precedence\* Default

Calling Search Space **HotdialCSS**

Route Option

Route this pattern

Block this pattern No Error

Provide Outside Dial Tone

Urgent Priority

5. Under Called Party Transformation Mask, enter the Hotdial number.

- ◆ In the **Called Party Transformation Mask** field, enter the Hotdial Extension Number of the phone to dial when it goes off-hook.
- ◆ Click **Save**.

**Called Party Transformations**

Discard Digits < None >

Called Party Transform Mask **2006**

Prefix Digits (Outgoing Calls)

**Save**

6. Finally, you need assign the desired Calling Search Space for the PLAR phone.

- ◆ Choose **Device > Phone**.
- ◆ The Find and List Phones window appears.
- ◆ Click **Find** in order to locate all the registered IP phones in Cisco Unified Communications Manager.
- ◆ Select the PLAR phone, and choose **HotdialCSS** from the Calling Search Space drop-down list.

IP Address [172.16.2.127](#)

MAC Address\* 000A8A93E0F9

Description PLAR phone

Device Pool\* Default [View Details](#)

Common Device Configuration < None > [View Details](#)

Phone Button Template\* Standard 7960 SCCP

Softkey Template < None >

Common Phone Profile\* Standard Common Phone Profile

Calling Search Space **HotdialCSS**

AAR Calling Search Space < None >

## Verify

This section provides information you can use to confirm your configuration is working properly.

To verify that the above configuration was performed correctly take the phone off hook. The phone should automatically dial the number 2006.

**Note:** Ensure that the Hotdial number belongs to a partition that is in the PLAR phone's CSS, HotdialCSS.

## Troubleshoot

There is currently no specific troubleshooting information available for this configuration.

## Related Information

- [Voice Technology Support](#)
  - [Voice and Unified Communications Product Support](#)
  - [Troubleshooting Cisco IP Telephony](#) 
  - [Technical Support – Cisco Systems](#)
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