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Configuration of SIP Trunking for PSTN Access SIP-to-SIP

This Cisco Unified Border Element is a special Cisco IOS software image that provides a network-to-network interface point for billing, security, call admission control, quality of service, and signaling interworking. This chapter describes basic gateway functionality, software images, topology, and summarizes supported features.

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Configuration of SIP Trunking for PSTN Access SIP-to-SIP Features

This chapter contains the following configuration topics:

Cisco UBE Prerequisites and Restrictions

- Prerequisites for Cisco Unified Border Element
- Restrictions for Cisco Unified Border Element
SIP trunk Monitoring

- Configuring Cisco UBE Out-of-dialog OPTIONS Ping for Specified SIP Servers or Endpoints

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Configuring SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE

The Support for SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE feature provides support for sending outbound registrations from Cisco Unified Border Element (UBE) based on incoming registrations. This feature enables direct registration of Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) endpoints with the SIP registrar in hosted unified communication (UC) deployments. This feature also provides various benefits for handling Cisco UBE deployments with no IP private branch exchange (PBX) support.

In certain Cisco UBE deployments, managed services are offered without an IPPBX installed locally at the branch office. A PBX located at the service provider (SP) offers managed services to IP phones. A Cisco UBE device located at the branch office provides address translation services. However, the registration back-to-back functionality is required to get the phone registered, so that calls can be routed to the branch or the phones.

In such deployment scenarios, enabling the Support for SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE feature provides the following benefits:

- Support for back-to-back user agent (B2BUA) functionality.
- Options to configure rate-limiting values such as expiry time, fail-count value, and a list of registrars to be used for the registration.
- Registration overload protection facility.
- Option to route calls to the registering endpoint (user or phone).
- Option to send the 401 or 407 message to request for user credentials (this process is known as challenge) from an incoming registration.

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Registration Pass-Through Modes
Cisco UBE uses the following two modes for registration pass-through:

- End-to-End Mode, page 4
- Peer-to-Peer Mode, page 5
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End-to-End Mode
In the end-to-end mode, Cisco UBE collects the registrar details from the Uniform Resource Identifier
(URI) and passes the registration messages to the registrar. The registration information contains the expiry
time for rate-limiting, the challenge information from the registrar, and the challenge response from the
user.

Cisco UBE also passes the challenge to the user if the register request is challenged by the registrar. The
registrar sends the 401 or 407 message to the user requesting for user credentials. This process is known as
challenge.

Cisco UBE ignores the local registrar and authentication configuration in the end-to-end mode. It passes the
authorization headers to the registrar without the header configuration.

End-to-End Mode--Call Flows
This section explains the following end-to-end pass-through mode call flows:

Register Success Scenario
The figure below shows an end-to-end registration pass-through scenario where the registration request is
successful.

Figure 1    End-to-End Registration Pass-through Mode--Register Success Scenario

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<tr>
<th>Phone/Usr</th>
<th>CUBE</th>
<th>Registrar</th>
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<td>200 Ok Expires: 3111</td>
<td>200 Ok Expires: 3111</td>
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The register success scenario for the end-to-end registration pass-through mode is as follows:

1. The user sends the register request to Cisco UBE.
2. Cisco UBE matches the request with a dial peer and forwards the request to the registrar.
3. Cisco UBE receives a success response message (200 OK message) from the registrar and forwards the message to the endpoint (user).
4. The registrar details and expiry value are passed to the user.

Registrar Challenging the Register Request Scenario

The figure below shows an end-to-end registration pass-through scenario where the registrar challenges the register request.

Figure 2  End-to-End Registration Pass-through Mode—Registrar Challenging the Register Request Scenario

The following scenario explains how the registrar challenges the register request:

1. The user sends the register request to Cisco UBE.
2. Cisco UBE matches the register request with a dial peer and forwards it to the registrar.
3. The registrar challenges the register request.
4. Cisco UBE passes the registrar response and the challenge request, only if the registrar challenges the request to the user.
5. The user sends the register request and the challenge response to the Cisco UBE.
6. Cisco UBE forwards the response to the registrar.
7. Cisco UBE receives success message (200 OK message) from the registrar and forwards it to the user.

Peer-to-Peer Mode

In the peer-to-peer registration pass-through mode, the outgoing register request uses the registrar details from the local Cisco UBE configuration. Cisco UBE answers the challenges received from the registrar.
using the configurable authentication information. Cisco UBE can also challenge the incoming register requests and authenticate the requests before forwarding them to the network.

In this mode, Cisco UBE sends a register request to the registrar and also handles register request challenges. That is, if the registration request is challenged by the registrar (registrar sends 401 or 407 message), Cisco UBE forwards the challenge to the user and then passes the challenge response sent by the user to the registrar. In the peer-to-peer mode, Cisco UBE can use the authentication command to calculate the authorization header and then challenge the user depending on the configuration.

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**Note**
The registrar command must be configured in peer-to-peer mode. Otherwise, the register request is rejected with the 503 response message.

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Peer-to-Peer Mode--Call Flows

This section explains the following peer-to-peer pass-through mode call flows:

**Register Success Scenario**

The figure below shows a peer-to-peer registration pass-through scenario where the registration request is successful.

![Peer-to-Peer Registration Pass-through Mode--Register Success Scenario](image-url)

The register success scenario for a peer-to-peer registration pass-through mode is as follows:

1. The user sends the register request to Cisco UBE.
2. Cisco UBE matches the register request with a dial peer and forwards the register request to the registrar.
3. Cisco UBE receives a success message (200 OK message) from the registrar and forwards it to the endpoint (user). The following functions are performed:
- Cisco UBE picks up the details about the registrar from the configuration.
- Cisco UBE passes the registrar details and expiry value to the user.

**Registrar Challenging the Register Request Scenario**

The figure below shows a peer-to-peer registration pass-through scenario where the registration request is challenged by the registrar.

![Peer-to-Peer Registration Pass-through Mode--Registrar Challenging the Register Request Scenario](image)

The following scenario explains how the registrar challenges the register request:

1. The user sends the register request to Cisco UBE.
2. Cisco UBE matches the register request with a dial peer and forwards the register request to the registrar.
3. The user responds to the challenge request.
4. Cisco UBE validates the challenge response and forwards the register request to the registrar.
5. Cisco UBE receives a success message from the registrar and forwards it to the endpoint (user).

**Note**

You can configure Cisco UBE to challenge the register request and validate the challenge response.

### Registration in Different Registrar Modes

This section explains SIP registration pass-through in the following registrar modes:

**Primary-Secondary Mode**

In the primary-secondary mode the register message is sent to both the primary and the secondary registrar servers simultaneously.

The register message is processed as follows:
The first successful response is passed to the phone as a SUCCESS message.
All challenges to the request are handled by Cisco UBE.
If the final response received from the primary and the secondary servers is an error response, the error response that arrives later from the primary or the secondary server is passed to the phone.
If only one registrar is configured, a direct mapping is performed between the primary and the secondary server.
If no registrar is configured, or if there is a Domain Name System (DNS) failure, the "503 service not available" message is sent to the phone.

DHCP Mode
In the DHCP mode the register message is sent to the registrar server using DHCP.

Multiple Register Mode
In the multiple register mode, you can configure a dial peer to select and enable the indexed registrars. Register messages must be sent only to the specified index registrars.
The response from the registrar is mapped the same way as in the primary-secondary mode. See the Registration in Different Registrar Modes, page 7.

Registration Overload Protection
The registration overload protection functionality enables Cisco UBE to reject the registration requests that exceed the configured threshold value.
To support the registration overload protection functionality, Cisco UBE maintains a global counter to count all the pending outgoing registrations and prevents the overload of the registration requests as follows:
• The registration count is decremented if the registration transaction is terminated.
• The outgoing registrations are rejected if the count goes beyond a configured threshold.
• The incoming register request is rejected with the 503 response if the outgoing registration is activated by the incoming register request.
• A retry timer set for a random value is used for attempting the registration again if the registrations are originated from Cisco UBE or a gateway.
The registration overload protection functionality protects the network from the following:
• Avalanche Restart--All the devices in the network restart at the same time.
• Component Failures--Sudden burst of load is routed through the device due to a device failure.
• Registration Overload Protection--Call Flow, page 9
Registration Overload Protection--Call Flow

The figure below shows the call flow when the register overload protection functionality is configured on Cisco UBE:

Figure 5  Register Overload Protection

The following steps explain the register overload protection scenario:

1. The user sends a register request to Cisco UBE.
2. Cisco UBE matches the request with a dial peer and forwards the register request to the registrar.
3. The registration is rejected with a random retry value when the registration threshold value is reached.

Registration Rate-limiting

The registration rate-limiting functionality enables you to configure different SIP registration pass-through rate-limiting options. The rate-limiting options include setting the expiry time and the fail count value for a Cisco UBE. You can configure the expiry time to reduce the load on the registrar and the network. Cisco UBE limits the reregistration rate by maintaining two different timers--in-registration timer and out-registration timer.

The initial registration is triggered based on the incoming register request. The expiry value for the outgoing register is selected based on the Cisco UBE configuration. On receiving the 200 OK message (response to the BYE message) from the registrar, a timer is started using the expiry value available in the 200 OK message. The timer value in the 200 OK message is called the out-registration timer. The success response is forwarded to the user. The expiry value is taken from the register request and the timer is started accordingly. This timer is called the in-registration timer. There must be a significant difference between the in-registration timer and the out-registration timer values for effective rate-limiting.

Note: The call flow for the DNS query on the Out Leg is the same for the end-to-end and peer-to-peer mode.
Registration Rate-limiting Success--Call Flow

The figure below shows the call flow when the rate-limiting functionality is successful:

The following steps explain a scenario where the rate-limiting functionality is successful:

1. The user sends the register request to Cisco UBE.
2. Cisco UBE matches the registration request with a dial peer and forwards it to the registrar. The outgoing register request contains the maximum expiry value if the rate-limiting functionality is configured.
3. The registrar accepts the registration.
4. Cisco UBE forwards the success response with the proposed expiry timer value.
The user sends the reregistration requests based on the negotiated value. Cisco UBE resends the register requests until the out-leg expiry timer value is sent.

Cisco UBE forwards the subsequent register request to the registrar, if the reregister request is received after the out-leg timer is reached.

Prerequisites for SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE

- You must enable the local SIP registrar. See Enabling Local SIP Registrar, page 11.
- You must configure dial peers manually for call routing and pattern matching

Cisco Unified Border Element

- Cisco IOS Release 15.1(3)T or a later release must be installed and running on your Cisco Unified Border Element.

Cisco Unified Border Element (Enterprise)

- Cisco IOS XE Release <TBD> or a later release must be installed and running on your Cisco ASR 1000 Series Router.

Restrictions

- IPv6 support is not provided.

Configuring Support for SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE

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Enabling Local SIP Registrar

Perform this task to enable the local SIP registrar.
### SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. voice service voip
4. sip
5. registrar server [expires [max value] [min value]]
6. end

### DETAILED STEPS

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| **Step 1** enable | Enables privileged EXEC mode.  
  • Enter your password if prompted. |
| **Example:** | Router> enable |
| **Step 2** configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode. |
| **Example:** | Router# configure terminal |
| **Step 3** voice service voip | Enters voice-service configuration mode. |
| **Example:** | Router(config)# voice service voip |
| **Step 4** sip | Enters service SIP configuration mode. |
| **Example:** | Router(conf-voi-serv)# sip |
| **Step 5** registrar server [expires [max value] [min value]] | Enables the local SIP registrar.  
  • Optionally you can configure the expiry time of the registrar using the following keywords:  
    ◦ expires--Configures the registration expiry time.  
    ◦ max--Configures the maximum registration expiry time.  
    ◦ min--Configures the minimum registration expiry time. |
| **Example:** | Router(conf-serv-sip)# registrar server |

**Note** The registrar command must be configured in peer-to-peer mode. Otherwise, the register request is rejected with the 503 response message.
Configuring SIP Registration at the Global Level

Perform this task to configure the support for the SIP registration proxy on the Cisco UBE at the global level.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `voice service voip`
4. `sip`
5. `registration passthrough [static] [rate-limit [expires value] [fail-count value]] [registrar-index [index]]`
6. `end`

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<td><code>Router(config)# voice service voip</code></td>
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### Configuring SIP Registration at the Dial Peer Level

Perform this task to configure SIP registration at the dial peer level.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `dial-peer voice tag {pots | voatm | vofr | voip}`
4. `voice-class sip registration passthrough static [rate-limit [expires value] [fail-count value] [registrar-index [index]] [registrar-index [index]] | registrar-index [index]]`
5. `exit`

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<td>Enters service SIP configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Router(config-voi-serv)# sip</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong> <code>registration passthrough [static] [rate-limit [expires value] [fail-count value] [registrar-index [index]]]</code></td>
<td>Configures the SIP registration pass-through options.</td>
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<td>Router(config-serv-sip)# registration passthrough</td>
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<td>Exits service SIP configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td><code>Router# configure terminal</code></td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> dial-peer voice tag {pots</td>
<td>voatm</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>Router(config)# dial-peer voice 444 voip</code></td>
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</table>
| **Step 4** voice-class sip registration passthrough static [rate-limit [expires value] [fail-count value] [registrar-index [index]]] | Configure SIP registration pass-through options on a dial peer on a dial peer.  
- You can specify different SIP registration pass-through options using the following keywords:  
  - `rate-limit`--Enables rate-limiting.  
  - `expires`--Configures expiry value for rate-limiting.  
  - `fail-count`--Configures fail count during rate-limiting.  
  - `registrar-index`--Configures a list of registrars to be used for registration. |
| Example: | |
| `Router(config-dial-peer)# voice-class sip registration passthrough static` | |
| **Step 5** exit | Exits dial peer voice configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Example: | |
| `Router(config-dial-peer)# exit` | |

### Configuring Registration Overload Protection Functionality

Perform this task to configure registration overload protection functionality on Cisco UBE.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable  
2. configure terminal  
3. sip-ua  
4. registration spike `max-number`  
5. end
## Detailed Steps

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<td>Enters SIP user-agent configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong> registration spike max-number</td>
<td>Configures registration overload protection functionality on Cisco UBE.</td>
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<td>Router(config-sip-ua)# registration spike 100</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong> end</td>
<td>Exits SIP user-agent configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td>Router(config-sip-ua)# end</td>
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**Configuring Cisco UBE to Route a Call to the Registrar Endpoint**

Perform this task to configure Cisco UBE to route a call to the registrar endpoint.

**Note**

You must perform this configuration on a dial peer that is pointing towards the endpoint.
### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `dial-peer voice tag {pots | voatm | vofr | voip}`
4. `session target registrar`
5. `exit`

### DETAILED STEPS

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| **Step 1** enable                  | Enables privileged EXEC mode.  
| Example:                           |         |
| `Router> enable`                   |  
| **Step 2** `configure terminal`   | Enters global configuration mode. |
| Example:                           |         |
| `Router# configure terminal`       |         |
| **Step 3** `dial-peer voice tag {pots | voatm | vofr | voip}` | Enters dial peer voice configuration mode. |
| Example:                           |         |
| `Router(config)# dial-peer voice 444 voip` |         |
| **Step 4** `session target registrar` | Configures Cisco UBE to route the call to the registrar endpoint. |
| Example:                           |         |
| `Router(config-dial-peer)# session target registrar` |         |
| **Step 5** `exit`                  | Exits dial peer voice configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Example:                           |         |
| `Router(config-dial-peer)# exit`   |         |

### Configuring Cisco UBE to Challenge Incoming Requests

Perform this task to configure Cisco UBE to challenge incoming requests.

You can configure Cisco UBE to challenge an incoming request. That is, you can configure Cisco UBE to send the 401 or 407 message to the caller requesting for credentials. Based on the information received,
Cisco UBE authenticates the request. The configuration also enables Cisco UBE to pass the credentials provided by the user to the registrar if the registrar has challenged the request.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. dial-peer voice tag \{pots | voatm | vofr | voip\}
4. authentication username username password [0 | 7] password [realm realm [challenge]]
5. exit

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 3</strong> dial-peer voice tag {pots</td>
<td>voatm</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong> Router(config)# dial-peer voice 444 voip</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 4</strong> authentication username username password [0</td>
<td>7] password [realm realm [challenge]]</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Router(config-dial-peer)# authentication username user1 password 7 password1 realm MyRealm.example.com challenge</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 5</strong> exit</td>
<td>Exits dial peer voice configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.</td>
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Verifying the SIP Registration on Cisco UBE

Perform this task to verify the configuration for SIP registration on Cisco UBE. The show commands need not be entered in any specific order.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable
2. show sip-ua registration passthrough status
3. show sip-ua registration passthrough status detail

**DETAILED STEPS**

**Step 1**

*enable*

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

**Example:**

Router> enable

**Step 2**

*show sip-ua registration passthrough status*

Displays the SIP user agent (UA) registration pass-through status information.

**Example:**

Router# show sip-ua registration passthrough status

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**Step 3**

*show sip-ua registration passthrough status detail*

Displays the SIP UA registration pass-through status information in detail.

**Example:**

Router# show sip-ua registration passthrough status detail

Configured Reg Spike Value: 0
Number of Pending Registrations: 0

Call-ID: 763
Registering Number: 5500550055
Dial-peer tag: 601
Pass-through Mode: p2p
Negotiated In-Expires: 64 Seconds
Next In-Register Due in: 59 Seconds
In-Register Contact: 9.45.36.5
Registrar Index: 1
Registrar URL: ipv4:9.45.36.4
Negotiated Out-Expires: 64 Seconds
Next Out-Register After: 0 Seconds

The following section will be added to the “Examples” section of the SIP to SIP chapter.
Example Configuring Support for SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE

The following example shows how to configure support for the SIP registration proxy on the Cisco UBE.

```
v
voice service voip
sip
  registrar server expires max 121 min 61
  registration passthrough static challenge rate-limit expires 9000 fail-count 5
  registrar-index 1 3 5
!
  dial-peer voice 1111 voip
  destination-pattern 1234
  voice-class sip pass-thru content unsupp
  session protocol sipv2
  session target registrar
!
  dial-peer voice 1111 voip
  destination-pattern 1234
  voice-class sip registration passthrough static rate-limit expires 9000 fail-count 5
  registrar-index 1 3 5
  authentication username 1234 password 7 075E731F1A realm cisco.com challenge
  session protocol sipv2
  session target registrar
!
sip-ua
  registration spike 1000
!
```

Feature Information for Support for SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE

The table below lists the release history for the ISR.
The Support for SIP Registration Proxy on Cisco UBE feature provides support for sending outbound registrations from Cisco UBE based on incoming registrations. This feature enables direct registration of SIP endpoints with the SIP registrar in hosted UC deployments. This feature also provides various benefits for handling Cisco UBE deployments with no IPPBX support.

The following commands were introduced or modified:
- `authentication` (dial peer),
- `registrar server`, `registration passthrough`, `registration spike`,
- `show sip-ua registration passthrough status`, `voice-class sip registration passthrough static rate-limit`.

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Configuring Cisco UBE Out-of-dialog OPTIONS Ping for Specified SIP Servers or Endpoints

- The following are required for OOD Options ping to function. If any are missing, the Out-of-dialog (OOD) Options ping will not be sent and the dial peer is reset to the default active state.
  - Dial-peer should be in active state
  - Session protocol must be configured for SIP
  - Configure Session target or outbound proxy must be configured. If both are configured, outbound proxy has preference over session target.

Cisco Unified Border Element

- Cisco IOS Release 15.0(1)M or a later release must be installed and running on your Cisco Unified Border Element.

Cisco Unified Border Element (Enterprise)

- Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S or a later release must be installed and running on your Cisco ASR 1000 Series Router

Note

- The Cisco Unified Border Element OOD Options ping feature can only be configured at the VoIP Dial-peer level.
- All dial peers start in an active (not busied out) state on a router boot or reboot.
- If a dial-peer has both an outbound proxy and a session target configured, the OOD options ping is sent to the outbound proxy address first.
- Though multiple dial-peers may point to the same SIP server IP address, an independent OOD options ping is sent for each dial-peer.
- If a SIP server is configured as a DNS hostname, OOD Options pings are sent to all the returned addresses until a response is received.
- Configuration for Cisco Unified Border Element OOD and TDM Gateway OOD are different, but can co-exist.

The Out-of-dialog (OOD) Options Ping feature provides a keepalive mechanism at the SIP level between any number of destinations. A generic heartbeat mechanism allows Cisco Unified Border Element to monitor the status of SIP servers or endpoints and provide the option of busying-out a dial-peer upon total heartbeat failure. When a monitored endpoint heartbeat fails, the dial-peer is busied out. If an alternate dial-peer is configured for the same destination pattern, the call is failed over to the next preferred dial peer, or else the on call is rejected with an error cause code.
The table below describes error codes option ping responses considered unsuccessful and the dial-peer is busied out for following scenarios:

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<td>503</td>
<td>service unavailable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>505</td>
<td>sip version not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>no response</td>
<td>i.e. request timeout</td>
</tr>
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All other error codes, including 400 are considered a valid response and the dial peer is not busied out.

The purpose of this feature is to determine if the SIP session protocol on the endpoint is UP and available to handle calls. It may not handle OPTIONS message but as long as the SIP protocol is available, it should be able to handle calls.

When a dial-peer is busied out, Cisco Unified Border Element continues the heartbeat mechanism and the dial-peer is set to active upon receipt of a response.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. dial-peer voice tag voip
4. voice-class sip options-keepalive {up-interval seconds | down-interval seconds | retry retries}
5. exit

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<td>Router&gt; enable</td>
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<td>Router(config)# dial-peer voice 200 voip</td>
<td>Enters dial-peer configuration mode for the VoIP peer designated by tag.</td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong></td>
<td>**voice-class sip options-keepalive [up-interval seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Example:</em></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Router(config-dial-peer)# voice-class sip options-keepalive up-interval 12 down-interval 65 retry 3</td>
<td>Monitors connectivity between endpoints.</td>
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<td><em>up-interval seconds</em> -- Number of up-interval seconds allowed to pass before marking the UA as unavailable. The range is 5-1200. The default is 60.</td>
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<td></td>
<td><em>down-interval seconds</em> -- Number of down-interval seconds allowed to pass before marking the UA as unavailable. The range is 5-1200. The default is 30.</td>
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<td><em>retry retries</em> -- Number of retry attempts before marking the UA as unavailable. The range is 1 to 10. The default is 5 attempts.</td>
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<td><strong>exit</strong></td>
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<td>Router(config-dial-peer)# exit</td>
<td>Exits the current mode.</td>
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**Finding Feature Information**

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the Feature Information Table at the end of this document.

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**Troubleshooting Tips**

The following commands can help troubleshoot the OOD Options Ping feature:

- **debug ccsip all** -- shows all Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)-related debugging.
- **show dial-peer voice x** -- shows configuration of keepalive information.

Router# **show dial-peer voice | in options**
voice class sip options-keepalive up-interval 60 down-interval 30 retry 5
voice class sip options-keepalive dial-peer action = active

- `show dial-peer voice summary` -- shows Active or Busyout dial-peer status.

Router# show dial-peer voice summary

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**Link**
Glossary

AMR-NB -- Adaptive Multi Rate codec - Narrow Band.

Allow header -- Lists the set of methods supported by the UA generating the message.

bind -- In SIP, configuring the source address for signaling and media packets to the IP address of a specific interface.

call -- In SIP, a call consists of all participants in a conference invited by a common source. A SIP call is identified by a globally unique call identifier. A point-to-point IP telephony conversation maps into a single SIP call.

call leg -- A logical connection between the router and another endpoint.

CLI -- command-line interface.

Content-Type header -- Specifies the media type of the message body.

CSeq header -- Serves as a way to identify and order transactions. It consists of a sequence number and a method. It uniquely identifies transactions and differentiates between new requests and request retransmissions.

delta -- An incremental value. In this case, the delta is the difference between the current time and the time when the response occurred. dial peer -- An addressable call endpoint.

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DNS -- Domain Name System. Used to translate H.323 IDs, URLs, or e-mail IDs to IP addresses. DNS is also used to assist in locating remote gatekeepers and to reverse-map raw IP addresses to host names of administrative domains.

DNS SRV -- Domain Name System Server. Used to locate servers for a given service.

DSP -- Digital Signal Processor.

DTMF -- dual-tone multifrequency. Use of two simultaneous voice-band tones for dialing (such as touch-tone).

EFXS -- IP phone virtual voice ports.

FQDN -- fully qualified domain name. Complete domain name including the host portion; for example, serverA.companyA.com.

FXS -- analog telephone voice ports.

gateway -- A gateway allows SIP or H.323 terminals to communicate with terminals configured to other protocols by converting protocols. A gateway is the point where a circuit-switched call is encoded and repackaged into IP packets.

H.323 -- An International Telecommunication Union (ITU-T) standard that describes packet-based video, audio, and data conferencing. H.323 is an umbrella standard that describes the architecture of the...
conferencing system and refers to a set of other standards (H.245, H.225.0, and Q.931) to describe its actual protocol.

**iLBC** --internet Low Bitrate Codec.

**INVITE**--A SIP message that initiates a SIP session. It indicates that a user is invited to participate, provides a session description, indicates the type of media, and provides insight regarding the capabilities of the called and calling parties.

**IP**-- Internet Protocol. A connectionless protocol that operates at the network layer (Layer 3) of the OSI model. IP provides features for addressing, type-of-service specification, fragmentation and reassemble, and security. Defined in RFC 791. This protocol works with TCP and is usually identified as TCP/IP. See TCP/IP.

**ISDN**--Integrated Services Digital Network.

**Minimum Timer**--Configured minimum value for session interval accepted by SIP elements (proxy, UAC, UAS). This value helps minimize the processing load from numerous INVITE requests.

**Min-SE**--Minimum Session Expiration. The minimum value for session expiration.

**multicast**--A process of transmitting PDUs from one source to many destinations. The actual mechanism (that is, IP multicast, multi-unicast, and so forth) for this process might be different for LAN technologies.

**originator**--User agent that initiates the transfer or Refer request with the recipient.

**PDU**--protocol data units. Used by bridges to transfer connectivity information.

**PER**--Packed Encoding Rule.

**proxy**--A SIP UAC or UAS that forwards requests and responses on behalf of another SIP UAC or UAS.

**proxy server**--An intermediary program that acts as both a server and a client for the purpose of making requests on behalf of other clients. Requests are serviced internally or by passing them on, possibly after translation, to other servers. A proxy interprets and, if necessary, rewrites a request message before forwarding it.

**recipient**--User agent that receives the Refer request from the originator and is transferred to the final recipient.

**redirect server**--A server that accepts a SIP request, maps the address into zero or more new addresses, and returns these addresses to the client. It does not initiate its own SIP request or accept calls.

**re-INVITE**--An INVITE request sent during an active call leg.

**Request URI**--Request Uniform Resource Identifier. It can be a SIP or general URL and indicates the user or service to which the request is being addressed.

**RFC**--Request For Comments.

**RTP**--Real-Time Transport Protocol (RFC 1889)

**SCCP**--Skinny Client Control Protocol.

**SDP**--Session Description Protocol. Messages containing capabilities information that are exchanged between gateways.

**session**--A SIP session is a set of multimedia senders and receivers and the data streams flowing between the senders and receivers. A SIP multimedia conference is an example of a session. The called party can be invited several times by different calls to the same session.

**session expiration**--The time at which an element considers the call timed out if no successful INVITE transaction occurs first.

**session interval**--The largest amount of time that can occur between INVITE requests in a call before a call is timed out. The session interval is conveyed in the Session-Expires header. The UAS obtains this
value from the Session-Expires header of a 2xx INVITE response that it sends. Proxies and UACs determine this value from the Session-Expires header in a 2xx INVITE response they receive.

SIP -- Session Initiation Protocol. An application-layer protocol originally developed by the Multiparty Multimedia Session Control (MMUSIC) working group of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). Their goal was to equip platforms to signal the setup of voice and multimedia calls over IP networks. SIP features are compliant with IETF RFC 2543, published in March 1999.

SIP URL -- Session Initiation Protocol Uniform Resource Locator. Used in SIP messages to indicate the originator, recipient, and destination of the SIP request. Takes the basic form of user@host, where user is a name or telephone number, and host is a domain name or network address.

SPI -- service provider interface.

socket listener -- Software provided by a socket client to receives datagrams addressed to the socket.

stateful proxy -- A proxy in keepalive mode that remembers incoming and outgoing requests.

TCP -- Transmission Control Protocol. Connection-oriented transport layer protocol that provides reliable full-duplex data transmissions. TCP is part of the TCP/IP protocol stack. See also TCP/IP and IP.

TDM -- time-division multiplexing.

UA -- user agent. A combination of UAS and UAC that initiates and receives calls. See UAS and UAC.

UAC -- user agent client. A client application that initiates a SIP request.

UAS -- user agent server. A server application that contacts the user when a SIP request is received and then returns a response on behalf of the user. The response accepts, rejects, or redirects the request.

UDP -- User Datagram Protocol. Connectionless transport layer protocol in the TCP/IP protocol stack. UDP is a simple protocol that exchanges datagrams without acknowledgments or guaranteed delivery, requiring that error processing and retransmission be handled by other protocols. UDP is defined in RFC-768.

URI -- Uniform Resource Identifier. Takes a form similar to an e-mail address. It indicates the user’s SIP identity and is used for redirection of SIP messages.

URL -- Universal Resource Locator. Standard address of any resource on the Internet that is part of the World Wide Web (WWW).

User Agent -- A combination of UAS and UAC that initiates and receives calls. See UAS and UAC.

VFC -- Voice Feature Card.

VoIP -- Voice over IP. The ability to carry normal telephone-style voice over an IP-based Internet with POTS-like functionality, reliability, and voice quality. VoIP is a blanket term that generally refers to the Cisco standards-based approach (for example, H.323) to IP voice traffic.