



Configuring Asynchronous Callback

This chapter describes how to configure Cisco IOS software to call back an asynchronous device that dials in, requests a callback from the router, and then disconnects. It includes the following main sections:

- [Asynchronous Callback Overview](#)
- [How to Configure Asynchronous Callback](#)
- [Configuration Examples for Asynchronous Callback](#)

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For a complete description of the commands mentioned in this chapter, refer to the *Cisco IOS Dial Technologies Command Reference*. To locate documentation of other commands that appear in this chapter, use the command reference master index or search online.

Asynchronous Callback Overview

Asynchronous callback is supported for the PPP and AppleTalk Remote Access (ARA) protocols. Callback is also supported on other interface types for PPP, including ISDN and any device that calls in and connects to the router at the EXEC level.

All callback sessions are returned on TTY lines. ARA is supported on virtual terminal lines, but also is supported on TTY lines if the **vty-arap** command is used. PPP, however, is supported on interfaces. Therefore, to enable PPP callback, you must enter the **autoselect ppp** command on the callback lines.

All current security mechanisms supported in Cisco IOS software are supported by the callback facility, including the following:

- TACACS+
- Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP) and Password Authentication Protocol (PAP) for PPP
- Per-user authentication for EXEC callback and ARA callback



The call originator must have the appropriate permissions set on the router before it can initiate a callback session.

Callback is useful for two purposes:

- Cost savings on toll calls
For example, suppose it costs more to call from clients in Zone A to devices in Zone D than to call from Zone D to Zone A—costs are lower when devices in Zone D call back clients in Zone A.
- Consolidation and centralization of phone billing
For example, if a corporation has 64 dial-in clients, enabling its routers to call back these clients consolidates billing. Instead of 64 phone bills, the corporation receives one bill.

How to Configure Asynchronous Callback

To configure asynchronous callback, perform the tasks in the following sections:

- [Configuring Callback PPP Clients](#) (Required)
- [Enabling PPP Callback on Outgoing Lines](#) (Required)
- [Enabling Callback Clients That Dial In and Connect to the EXEC Prompt](#) (Required)
- [Configuring Callback ARA Clients](#) (Required)

See the section “[Configuration Examples for Asynchronous Callback](#)” at the end of this chapter for ideas on how to implement asynchronous callback.

Configuring Callback PPP Clients

You can call back PPP clients that dial in to asynchronous interfaces. You can enable callback to the following two types of PPP clients:

- Clients that implement PPP callback per RFC 1570 (as an link control protocol, or LCP, negotiated extension).
- Clients that do not negotiate callback but can put themselves in answer-mode, whereby a callback from the router is accepted.

This section describes how to enable callback to each of these types of PPP clients.

Accepting Callback Requests from RFC-Compliant PPP Clients

To accept a callback request from an RFC 1570 PPP-compliant client, use the following command in interface (asynchronous) configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-if)# ppp callback accept	Enables callback requests from RFC 1570 PPP-compliant clients on an asynchronous interface.

To configure Cisco IOS software to call back the originating PPP client, see the section “[Enabling PPP Callback on Outgoing Lines](#)” later in this chapter.

Accepting Callback Requests from Non-RFC-Compliant PPP Clients Placing Themselves in Answer Mode

A PPP client can put itself in answer-mode and can still be called back by the router, even though it cannot specifically request callback. To enable callback on the router to this type of client, use the following command in interface (asynchronous) configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-if)# ppp callback initiate	Initiates callback requests from non-RFC 1570 PPP-compliant clients on an asynchronous interface.

To configure Cisco IOS software to call back the originating PPP client, see the next section, “[Enabling PPP Callback on Outgoing Lines](#).”

Enabling PPP Callback on Outgoing Lines

After enabling PPP clients to connect to an asynchronous interface and wait for a callback, you must place one or more TTY lines in PPP mode. Although calls from PPP clients enter through an asynchronous interface, the calls exit the client on a line placed in PPP mode.

To enable PPP client callback on outgoing TTY lines, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# chat-script <i>script-name</i> <i>expect-send</i>	Defines a chat script to be applied when a PPP client requests callback.
Step 2	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-dialstring <i>telephone-number</i>]	Specifies a per-username callback dial string.
Step 3	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-rotary <i>rotary-group-number</i>]	Specifies a per-username rotary group for callback.
Step 4	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-line [tty] <i>line-number</i> [<i>ending-line-number</i>]]	Specifies a per-username line or set of lines for callback.
Step 5	Router(config)# line [tty] <i>line-number</i> [<i>ending-line-number</i>]	Enters line configuration mode.
Step 6	Router(config-line)# autoselect ppp	Configures automatic PPP startup on a line or set of lines.
Step 7	Router(config-line)# login { authentication local }	Enables authentication on the line.
Step 8	Router(config-line)# script callback <i>regex</i>	Applies a chat script to a line or set of lines.
Step 9	Router(config-line)# callback forced-wait <i>number-of-seconds</i>	Delays the callback for client modems that require a rest period before receiving a callback.

A client can issue a callback dial string; that dial string is used *only* if the dial string on the router is specified as NULL or is not defined. The recommended PPP chat script follows:

```
chat-script name ABORT ERROR ABORT BUSY "" "ATZ" OK "ATDT \T" TIMEOUT 30 CONNECT \c
```

See the section “[Callback to a PPP Client Example](#)” at the end of this chapter for a configuration example.

**Note**

Normally a router avoids line and modem noise by clearing the initial data received within the first one or two seconds. However, when the autoselect PPP feature is configured, the router flushes characters initially received and then waits for more traffic. This flush causes time out problems with applications that send only one carriage return. To ensure that the input data sent by a modem or other asynchronous device is not lost after line activation, enter the **no flush-at-activation** line configuration command.

Enabling Callback Clients That Dial In and Connect to the EXEC Prompt

You can call back clients that dial in to a TTY line and connect to the EXEC prompt. To enable callback, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# service exec-callback	Enables EXEC callback.
Step 2	Router(config)# chat-script <i>script-name</i> <i>expect-send</i>	Defines a chat script to be applied when clients dial in to the EXEC prompt.
Step 3	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-dialstring <i>telephone-number</i>]	Specifies a per-username callback dial string.
Step 4	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-rotary <i>rotary-group-number</i>]	Specifies a per-username rotary group for callback.
Step 5	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-line [aux tty] <i>line-number</i> [<i>ending-line-number</i>]]	Specifies a per-username line or set of lines for callback.
Step 6	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [nocallback-verify]	Does not require authentication on EXEC callback.
Step 7	Router(config)# line [tty] <i>line-number</i> [<i>ending-line-number</i>]	Enters line configuration mode.
Step 8	Router(config-line)# script callback <i>regex</i>	Applies a chat script to the line or a set of lines.
Step 9	Router(config-line)# callback forced-wait <i>number-of-seconds</i>	Delays the callback for client modems that require a rest period before receiving a callback.

The recommended EXEC chat script follows:

```
chat-script name ABORT ERROR ABORT BUSY "" "ATZ" OK "ATDT \T" TIMEOUT 30 CONNECT \c
```

See the section “[Callback Clients That Connect to the EXEC Prompt Example](#)” at the end of this chapter for a configuration example.

Configuring Callback ARA Clients

To configure callback of ARA clients, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode. These steps assume that you have already enabled AppleTalk routing and ARA.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# arap callback	Enables callback to an ARA client.
Step 2	Router(config)# chat-script <i>script-name</i> <i>expect-send</i>	Defines a chat script to be applied when an ARA client connects to a TTY line and requests callback.
Step 3	Router(config)# line [tty] <i>line-number</i> <i>[ending-line-number]</i>	Enters line configuration mode.
Step 4	Router(config-line)# arap enable	Enables ARA on the line.
Step 5	Router(config-line)# autoselect arap	Configures automatic protocol startup on the line.
Step 6	Router(config-line)# login { authentication local }	Enables authentication on the line.
Step 7	Router(config-line)# script arap-callback <i>regexp</i>	Applies an ARA-specific chat script to a line or set of lines.
Step 8	Router(config-line)# callback forced-wait <i>number-of-seconds</i>	Delays the callback for client modems that require a rest period before receiving a callback.
Step 9	Router(config-line)# exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 10	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-dialstring <i>telephone-number</i>]	Specifies a per-username callback dial string.
Step 11	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-rotary <i>rotary-group-number</i>]	Specifies a per-username rotary group for callback.
Step 12	Router(config)# username <i>name</i> [callback-line [tty] <i>line-number</i> <i>[ending-line-number]</i>]	Specifies a per-username line or set of lines for callback.

The recommended ARA chat script follows and includes vendor-specific extensions on the Telebit 3000 modem to disable error control. Refer to the manual for your modem for the specific commands to disable error correction for ARA.

```
chat-script name ABORT ERROR ABORT BUSY "" "ATZ" OK "ATS180=0" OK "ATS181=1" OK "ATDT \T"
TIMEOUT 60 CONNECT \c
```

See the section “[Callback to an ARA Client Example](#)” at the end of this chapter for an example of calling back a PPP client.

Configuration Examples for Asynchronous Callback

The following sections provide asynchronous callback configuration examples:

- [Callback to a PPP Client Example](#)
- [Callback Clients That Connect to the EXEC Prompt Example](#)
- [Callback to an ARA Client Example](#)

Callback to a PPP Client Example

The following example shows the process of configuring callback to a PPP client on rotary 77. PAP authentication is enabled for PPP on the asynchronous interfaces. The **login local** command enables local username authentication on lines 7, 8, and 9. The remote PPP client host name is Ted, and the callback number is fixed at 1234567.

```
username Ted callback-dialstring "1234567" callback-rotary 77
      password Rhoda
interface async 7
  ip unnumbered ethernet 0
  encapsulation ppp
  no keepalive
  async default ip address 10.1.1.1
  async mode interactive
  ppp callback accept
  ppp authentication pap

interface async 8
  ip unnumbered ethernet 0
  encapsulation ppp
  no keepalive
  async default ip address 10.1.1.2
  async mode interactive
  ppp callback accept
  ppp authentication pap

interface async 9
  ip unnumbered ethernet 0
  encapsulation ppp
  no keepalive
  async default ip address 10.1.1.3
  async mode interactive
  ppp callback accept
  ppp authentication pap

line 7
  login local
  modem InOut
  rotary 77
  autoselect ppp

line 8
  login local
  modem InOut
  rotary 77
  autoselect ppp

line 9
  login local
  modem InOut
  rotary 77
  autoselect ppp
```

Callback Clients That Connect to the EXEC Prompt Example

The following example shows the process to configure an outgoing callback on the same line as the incoming request. The **login local** command enables local username authentication on lines 4 and 7. Reauthentication is required upon reconnection.

```
service exec-callback
username milarepa callback-dialstring "" password letmein
line 4
 login local
line 7
 login local
```

Callback to an ARA Client Example

The following example shows the process of configuring callback to an ARA client on line 7. The **login local** command enables local username authentication on lines 4 and 7. Line 7 will always be used for ARA callback, whether the incoming call enters line 4, 7, or 8.

```
appletalk routing
arap callback
arap network 422 router test
username excalibur callback-dialstring "123456" callback-line 7 password guenivere
line 4
 login local
 modem InOut
 autoselect arap
 arap enable
line 7
 login local
 modem InOut
 autoselect arap
 arap enable
line 8
 login local
 modem InOut
 autoselect arap
 arap enable
```

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