

Training onSwitch V7

PBX

CALL ROUTING &

CALL DISTRIBUTION

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# INTRODUCTION & MOTIVATION

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This training covers the topics:

- ▶ All types of call routing
- ▶ All types of incoming call routings
  - ▶ Direct Dialing In DDI
  - ▶ Advanced Call Distribution ACD
  - ▶ Interactive Voice Response IVR

After this training, the trainee is enabled:

- ▶ To understand the anSwitch call routing concept
- ▶ To configure the call distributions DDI, ACD and IVR
- ▶ To advise users and customers concerning the call distributions DDI, ACD and IVR



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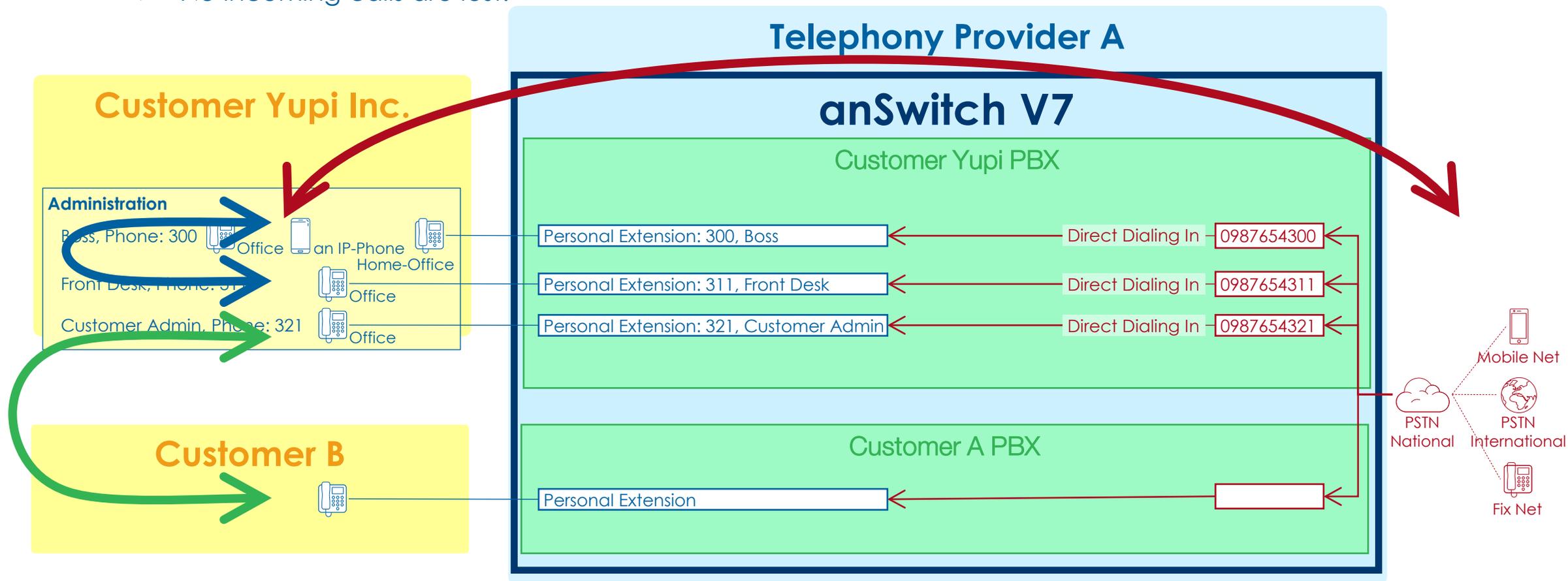
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# 1 OVERVIEW CALL ROUTING & CALL DISTRIBUTION

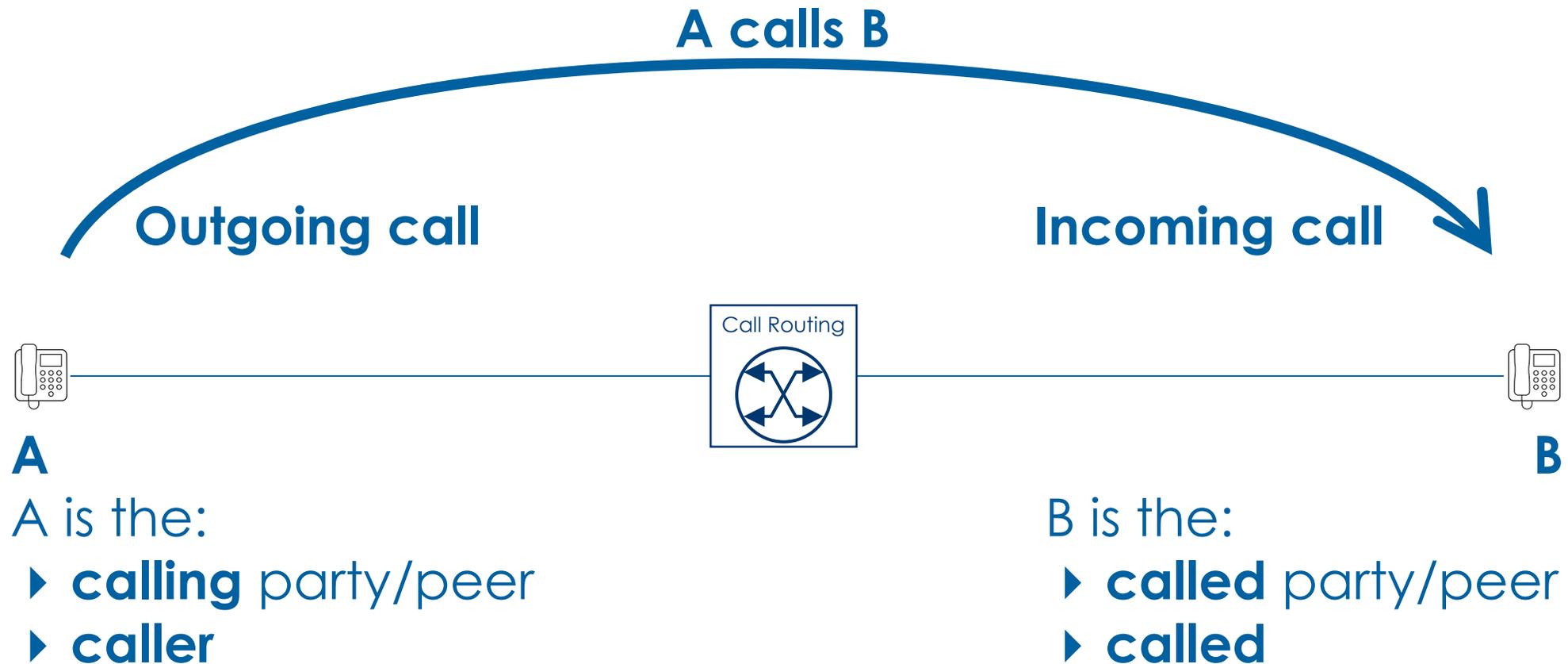
# OVERVIEW OF THE CALL ROUTING & CALL DISTRIBUTION

- ▶ The correct configuration of the call routing & call distribution assures that:
  - ▶ All possible destinations can be called.
  - ▶ Incoming calls can be distributed in the desired manner.
  - ▶ No incoming calls are lost!



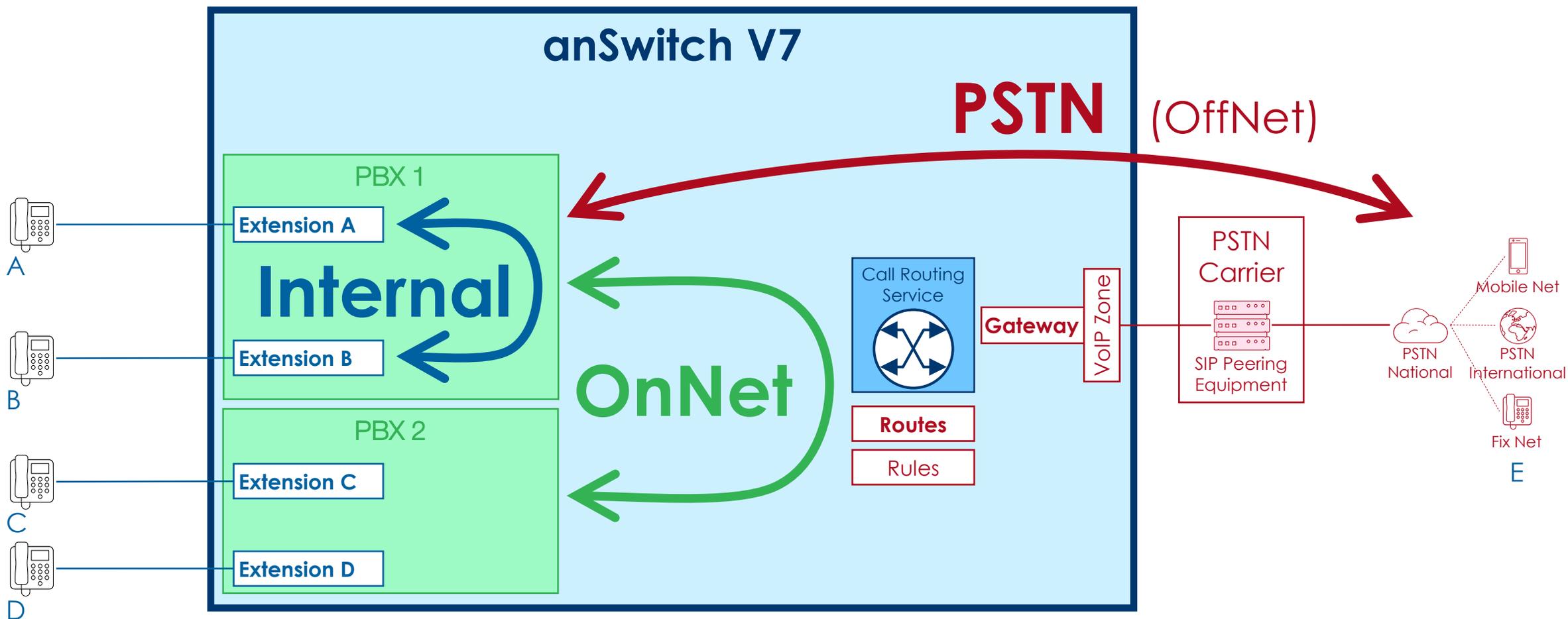
# CALL PARTY DEFINITIONS

- ▶ Call party definitions:



# CALL ROUTING DEFINITIONS

- ▶ Call routing definitions:

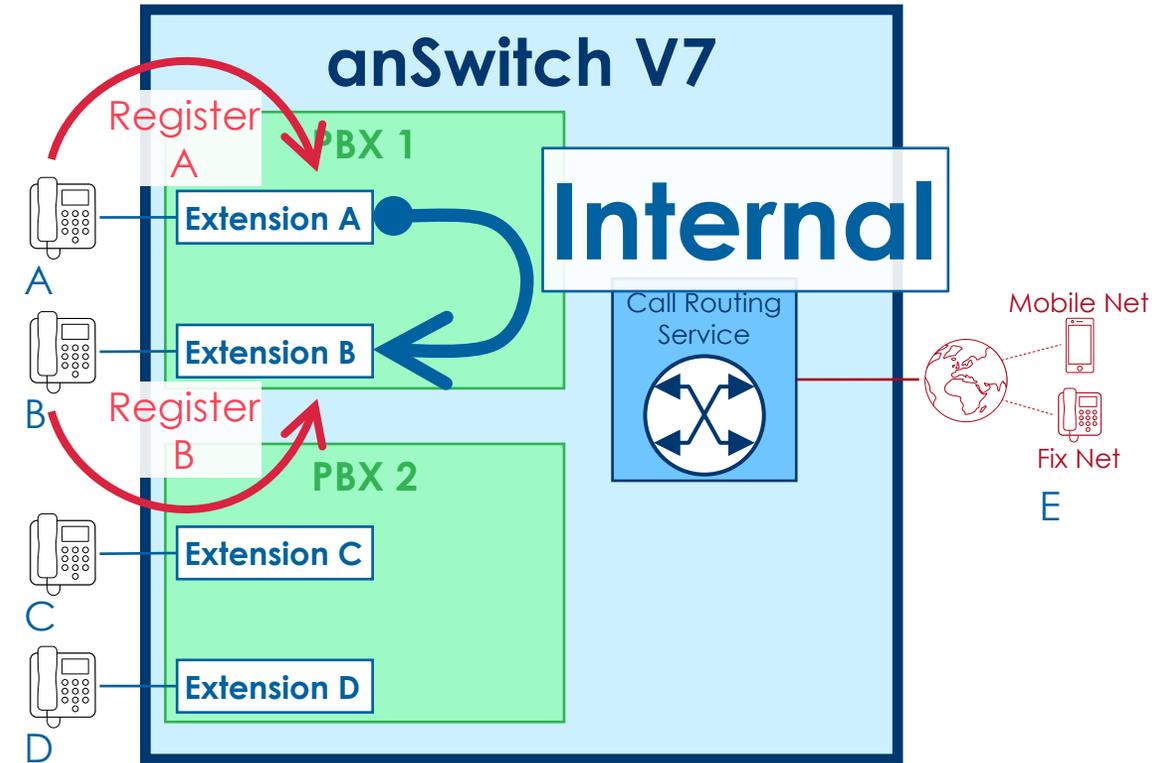


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# 2 PBX INTERNAL CALL ROUTING

# OVERVIEW PBX INTERNAL CALL ROUTING

- ▶ PBX internal calls are possible:
  - ▶ As soon SIP phones have registered to the PBX extensions.
  - ▶ The user A dials the internal number of B
- ▶ For the internal call routing no specific routing configurations are needed!

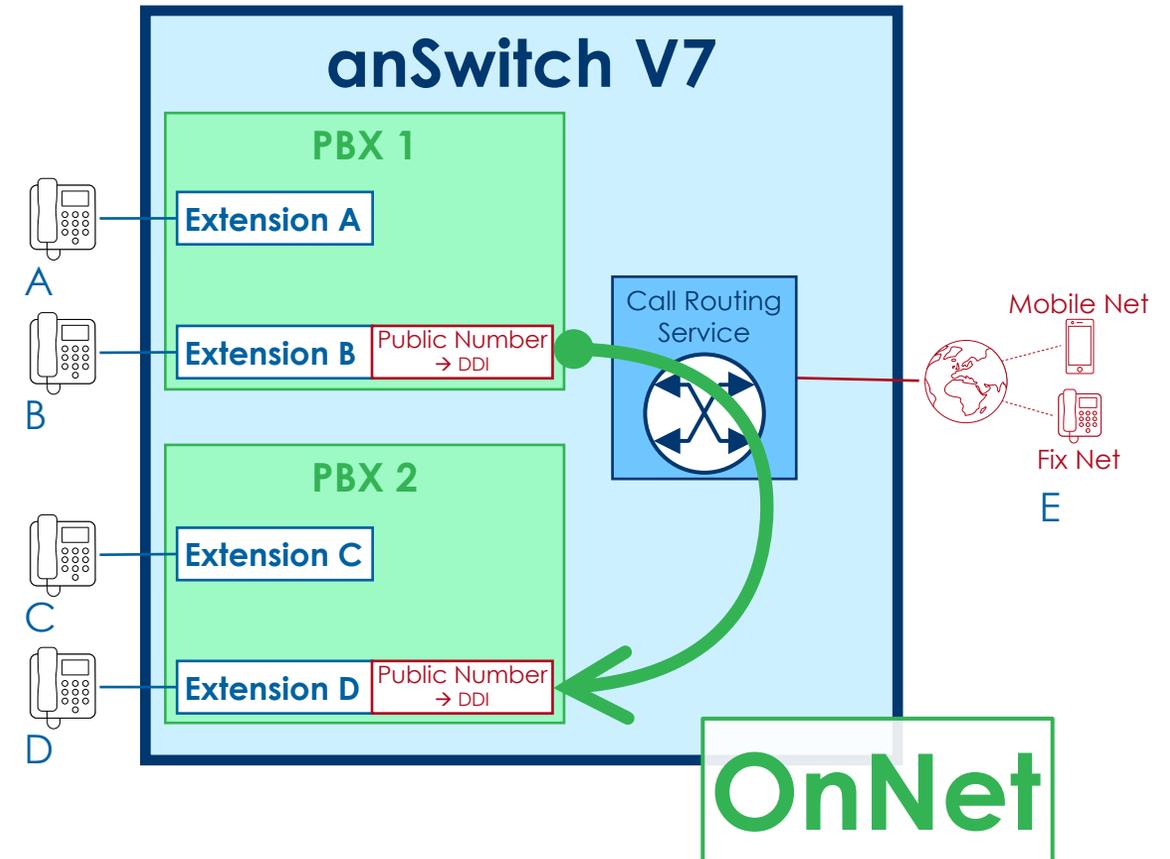


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# 3 PBX OUTGOING CALL ROUTING: ONNET & PSTN

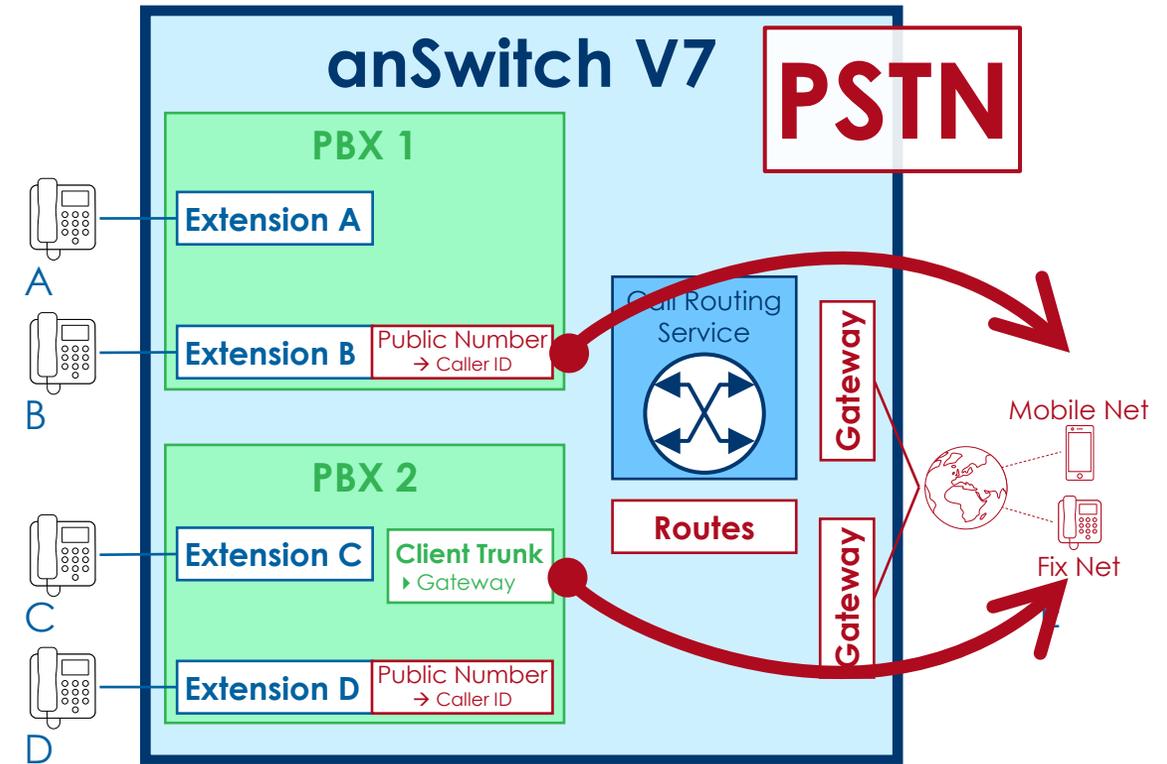
# OVERVIEW PBX ONNET CALL ROUTING

- ▶ PBX internal calls are possible:
  - ▶ As soon SIP phones have registered to the PBX extensions.
  - ▶ The user B dials the public number of D, the configured DDI forwards the call to D
- ▶ For the OnNet call routing no specific routing configurations are needed!



# OVERVIEW PBX OUTGOING PSTN CALL ROUTING

- ▶ Outgoing PSTN calls are possible when Routes and Gateways are configured.
- ▶ There are 2 types of outgoing call routing toward the PSTN
  - a. Via Routes and Gateways configured on level system or tenant
  - b. The PBX has one or more own Client-Trunks with own Routes and Gateways.
- ▶ As soon SIP phones have registered to the PBX extensions.
- ▶ The user B or D dial the public number of E.



## Note

How to apply a Client-Trunk, see document:  
"PBX Creation & Management"

# SPECIAL PBX OUTGOING CALL TO PSTN/ONNET WITH "PUBLIC PREFIX"

- ▶ For PBX outgoing calls to the PSTN/OnNet a PBX "Public Prefix" can be defined.
  - ▶ The "Public Prefix" can be seen as the code for fetching a free line to the PSTN/OnNet.

- ▶ By default, no "Public Prefix" is configured.

- ▶ At need any number between 0 – 9 can be defined as "Public Prefix":

- ▶ "Public Prefix": Empty or Digit 0 – 9

> Menu: PBX Administrator  
> Sub-Menu: PBX Settings

PBX Settings PA-PBX-0AX89001

[PBX Dashboard](#)
[PBX List](#)

[Save](#)

PBX	Public numbers	Properties
<p>Name PA-PBX-0AX89001</p> <p>Description Yupi Inc., Honolulu, 0987654300 – 49, 0800654310, 0800</p> <p>Member of Provider A</p> <p>Teams Domain</p>	<p>Number range 0449980105,0650-9,0650-9,0800654310,0800654340,06</p> <p>Valid from 20.04.2021 06:00</p> <p>Valid until</p>	<p>Extensions 10</p> <p>Service Extensions 10</p> <p>External channels 20</p> <p>Public Prefix</p> <p>Time Zone Europe/Zurich</p> <p>Date Format dd.MM.yyyy</p> <p>Time Format 24 Hours</p> <p>Time mode Timetable</p>

- ▶ Caller dialing procedure:
  - ▶ The caller dials the PSTN number with the "Public Prefix", e.g. "0": **00**123456789

# SPECIAL PBX OUTGOING CALL TO PSTN/ONNET WITH "PIN"

- ▶ For PBX outgoing calls to the PSTN a PIN can be defined.
- ▶ A PIN can be defined for PBX Extension individually:
  - ▶ PIN: Any number
  - ▶ At number category select: "PIN required"

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  - > Menu: PBX Administrator
    - > Sub-Menu: Extensions
      - > Click the row of the desired extension
      - > Click on link: Extension Setup

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Extension Setup

Extension Related Features Extensions

Save Send

Number	Public Call Permissions	User
Name to Display Support Chief	PIN ••••	E-Mail chief-supp@yupl.com
Member of Support Department	International PIN required	First Name Chief
Internal Number 20	National	Last Name Support
Dial In Number of 0987654320	Apply PBX permissions	Language English
Displayed Public Number 0987654320	National VAS Blocked	

- ▶ Caller dialing procedure:
  - ▶ The caller dials the PSTN number.
  - ▶ By an in-band announcement the caller is required to enter the PIN.
  - ▶ The call is routed if the PIN is correct.

# BLOCKING OUTGOING CALLS TO THE PSTN

- ▶ PBX outgoing calls to certain number categories can be blocked.
  - ▶ Blocking a number category:
    - ▶ At number category select: "Blocked"
- 
- > Menu: PBX Administrator
    - > Sub-Menu: Extensions
      - > Click the row of the desired extension
      - > Click on link: Extension Setup

Extension Setup

Extension Related Features Extensions

Save Send

Number	Public Call Permissions	User
Name to Display Support Chief	PIN .....	E-Mail chief-supp@yupi.com
Member of Support Department	International PIN required	First Name Chief
Internal Number 20	National Apply PBX permissions	Last Name Support
Dial In Number of 0087654320	National VAS Blocked	Language English
Displayed Public Number 0987654320		

- ▶ The number categories are:
  - ▶ International: International phone numbers
  - ▶ National: National phone numbers
  - ▶ National VAS: National value-added phone numbers

- ▶ The number categories are defined in the pricelist which is assigned to the PBX "Customer Price List".

	A	B	C	D
	Number	Name	Category	Tariffplan
1				
2				
3				
4	0	National Unknown - PBX: User	National	CH_PO
5	00	International Unknown - PBX: User	International	PEAK
6	08888	National Value Added - PBX: User	NationalVas	PEAK
7	0900	National Value Added - PBX: User	NationalVas	PEAK
8	09999	National Value Added - PBX: User	NationalVas	PEAK
9	11	National Value Added - PBX: User	NationalVas	PEAK
10	14	National Value Added - PBX: User	NationalVas	PEAK
11	16	National Value Added - PBX: User	NationalVas	PEAK
12	18	National Value Added - PBX: User	NationalVas	PEAK
13	0113	Emergency - PBX: User	Emergency	PEAK
14	0114	Emergency - PBX: User	Emergency	PEAK
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Destinations Tariffplans Options

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# 4 OVERVIEW PBX INCOMING CALL ROUTING

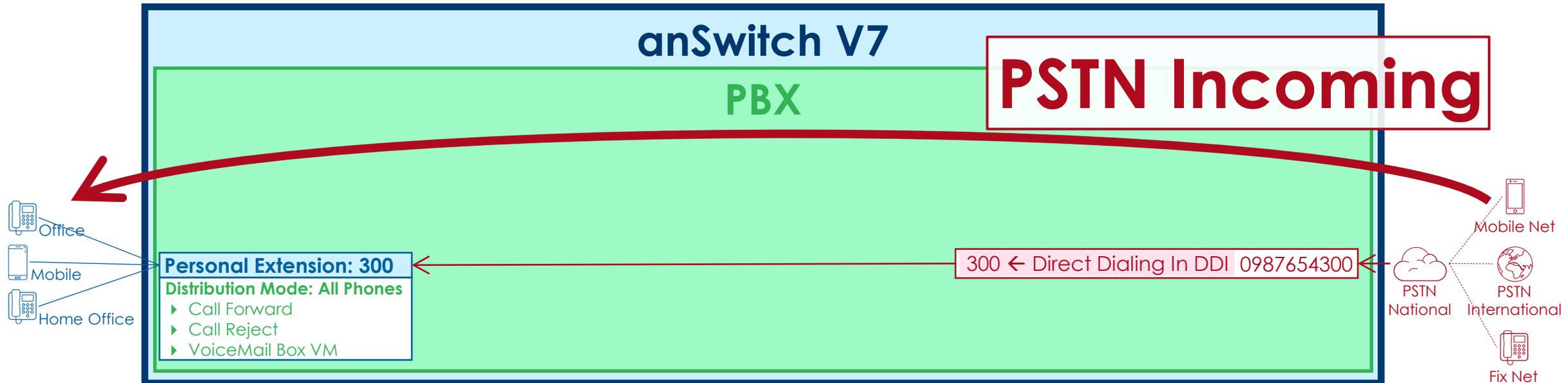
# OVERVIEW PBX INCOMING CALL DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS

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- ▶ The anSwitch PBX offers **3** incoming call distribution modes:
  1. **All Phones**
    - ▶ An incoming call is signaled to all registered phones of the Personal Extension.
  2. **Advanced Call Distribution ACD**
    - ▶ An incoming call is signaled to the assigned phones of the Service Extension.
    - ▶ There are several different methods for signaling the phones, e.g.: linear, cyclic, parallel.
  3. **Interactive Voice Response IVR**
    - ▶ An incoming call is forwarded to IVR menus where the caller can be informed about the further proceeding.
    - ▶ The caller can send responses that influences the further call processing

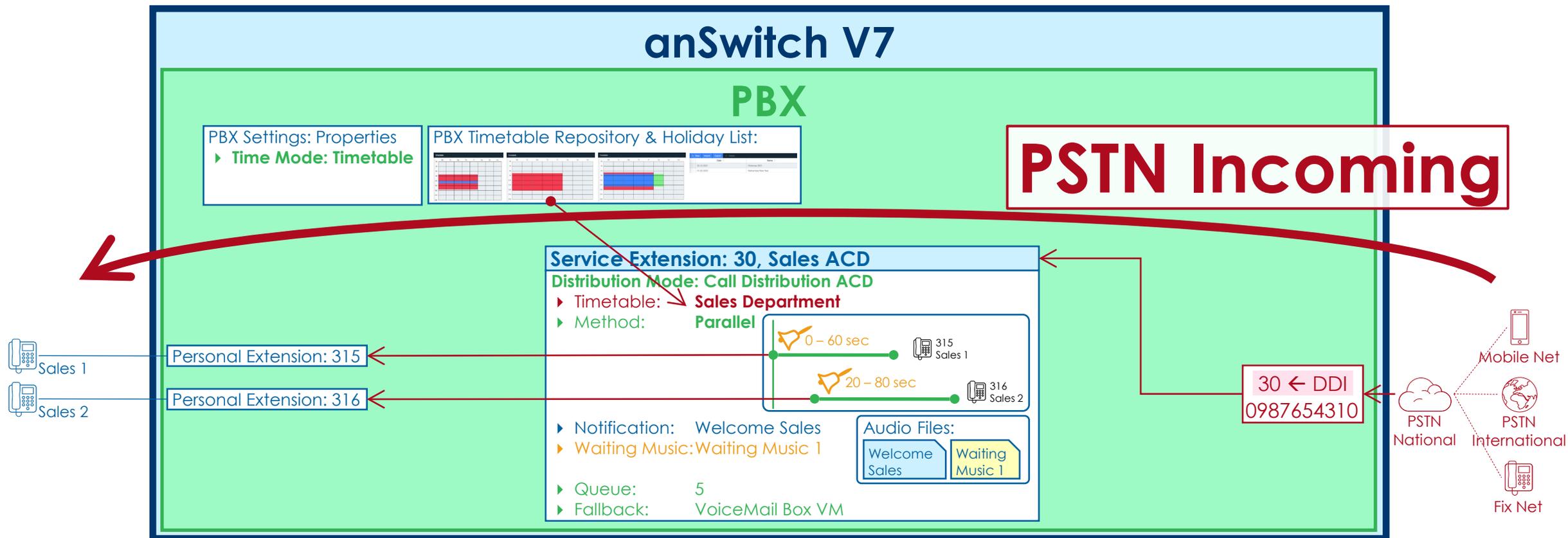
# OVERVIEW DISTRIBUTION MODE: ALL PHONES

- ▶ The incoming call is forwarded by a Direct Dialing In DDI to a Personal Extension.
- ▶ All registered phones of the Personal Extension will ring concurrently.
- ▶ The user has different features at hand, e.g.: Call Forwarding CF, Call Reject, etc.



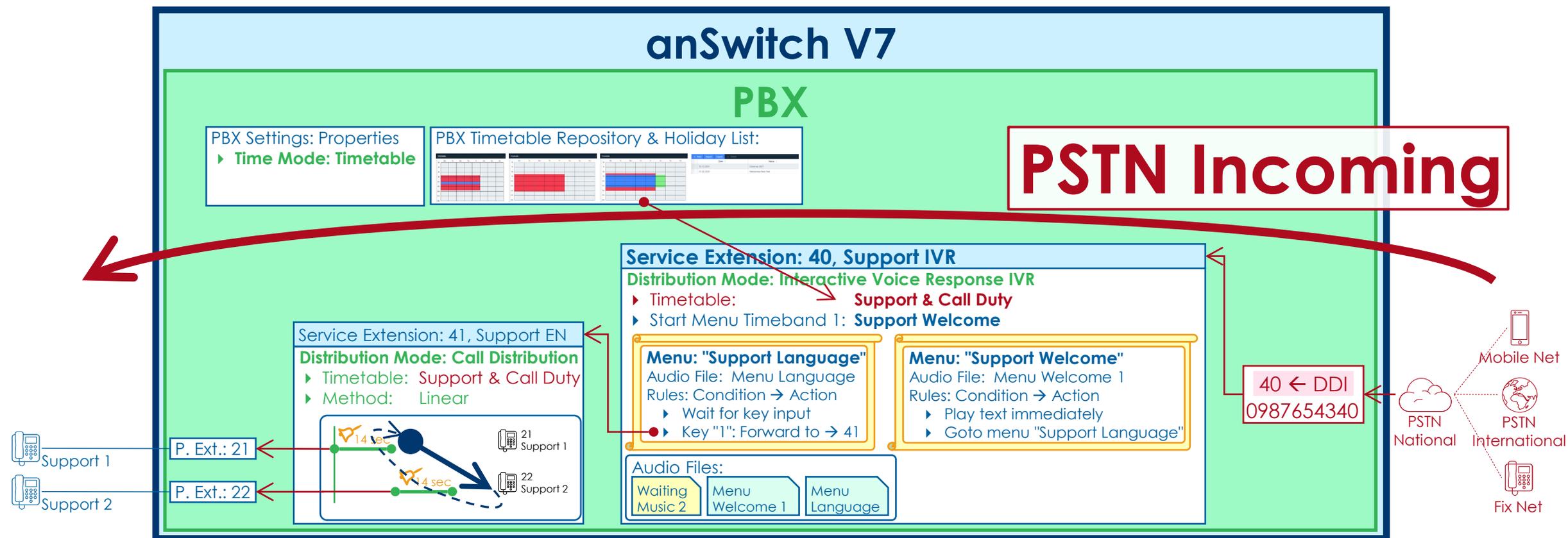
# OVERVIEW DISTRIBUTION MODE: ADVANCED CALL DISTRIBUTION ACD

- ▶ The incoming call is forwarded by a Direct Dialing In DDI to a Service Extension.
- ▶ The assigned phones are signaled according the timetable and method.
- ▶ The caller can hear a notification and/or waiting music when put into a waiting queue.



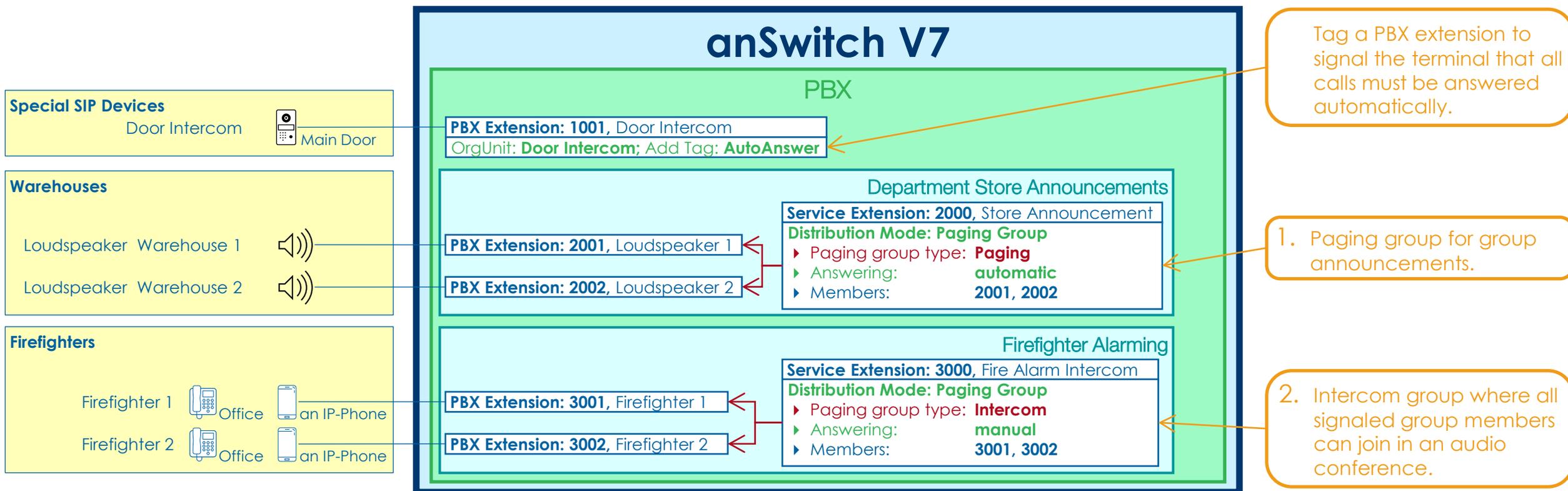
# OVERVIEW DISTRIBUTION MODE: INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE IVR

- ▶ The incoming call is forwarded by a Direct Dialing In DDI to a Service Extension.
- ▶ The caller is forwarded to IVR menus where the caller is informed about the further proceeding.



# OVERVIEW DISTRIBUTION MODE: PAGING – INTERCOM

- ▶ Detailed description of the feature "Paging – Intercom", see documentation "Paging – Intercom"
- ▶ Use cases of Paging – Intercom:
  - ▶ Paging group for group announcements
  - ▶ Intercom group where all signaled group members can join in an audio conference

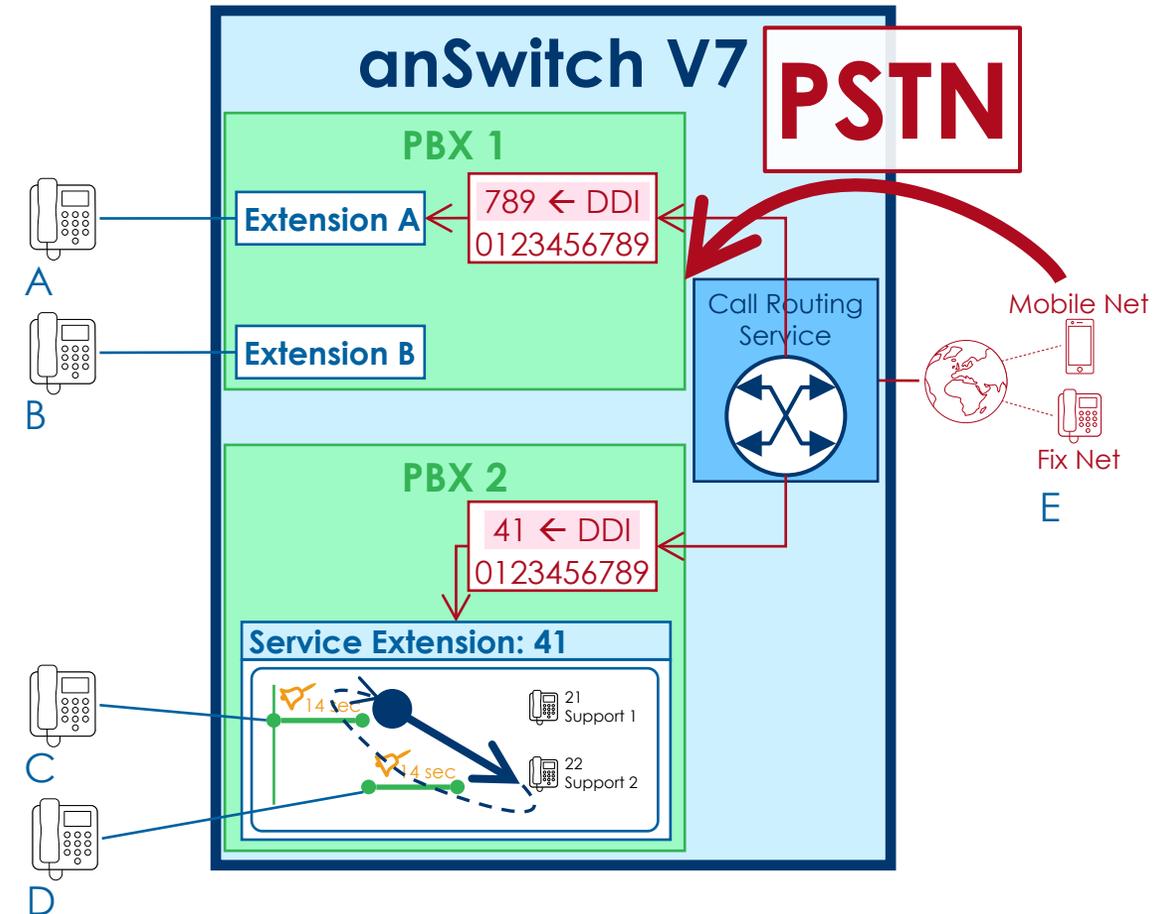


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# 5 PBX INCOMING CALL ROUTING: DIRECT DIALING IN DDI

# PBX INCOMING CALL ROUTING WITH DIRECT DIALING IN DDI

- ▶ Incoming calls to the PBX from the PSTN (or OnNet) must be routed via Direct Dialing In DDI to either:
  - ▶ A PBX Personal Extension with registered SIP phones.
  - ▶ A PBX Service Extension with dedicated call distribution algorithms, see sections:
    - ▶ [Advanced Call Distribution ACD](#)
    - ▶ [Interactive Voice Response IVR](#)



## Note

Other advanced incoming call routing solutions can be realized with a customer CTI application using the CallControl API, see document: "Using & Managing the CTI API"

# CONFIGURATION OF DIRECT DIALING IN DDI

- ▶ For configuring DDI the public number must be selected whose incoming calls are forwarded to the internal number.

## ▶ Variant 1: In the "Extension Setup" :

- ▶ Select the public number.
  - > Menu: PBX Administrator
  - > Sub-Menu: Extensions
  - > Click the row of the desired extension
  - > Click on link: Extension Setup
  - > Select the public number at "Dial In Number of"

Extension Setup

Extension Related Features Extensions

Save Send

Number	Public Call Permissions	User
Name to Display Boss	PIN	E-Mail boss@yupi.com
Member of PA-PBX-0AX89001	International Apply PBX permissions	First Name The
Internal Number 300	National Apply PBX permissions	Last Name Boss
Dial In Number of 0987654300	National VAS Apply PBX permissions	Language English
Displayed Public Number 0987654300		

## ▶ Variant 2: In the "Public Numbers" :

- ▶ Select the internal number.
  - > Menu: PBX Administrator
  - > Sub-Menu: Public Numbers
  - > Click the row of the desired public number
  - > In dialog "Add extension" select the internal number

PBX Public Numbers

PBX Dashboard

Public Number	Extension	Public Number to display for
<input type="checkbox"/> 0449980105	311	311
<input type="checkbox"/> 0800654310	22	22, 45
<input type="checkbox"/> 0800654340		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0987654300	300	300
<input type="checkbox"/> 0987654301		
<input type="checkbox"/> 0987654302		
<input type="checkbox"/> 0987654303		
<input type="checkbox"/> 0987654304		

Add extension

Save

Choose extension

300

## ▶ Variant 3: Automatically during the PBX Extension creation.

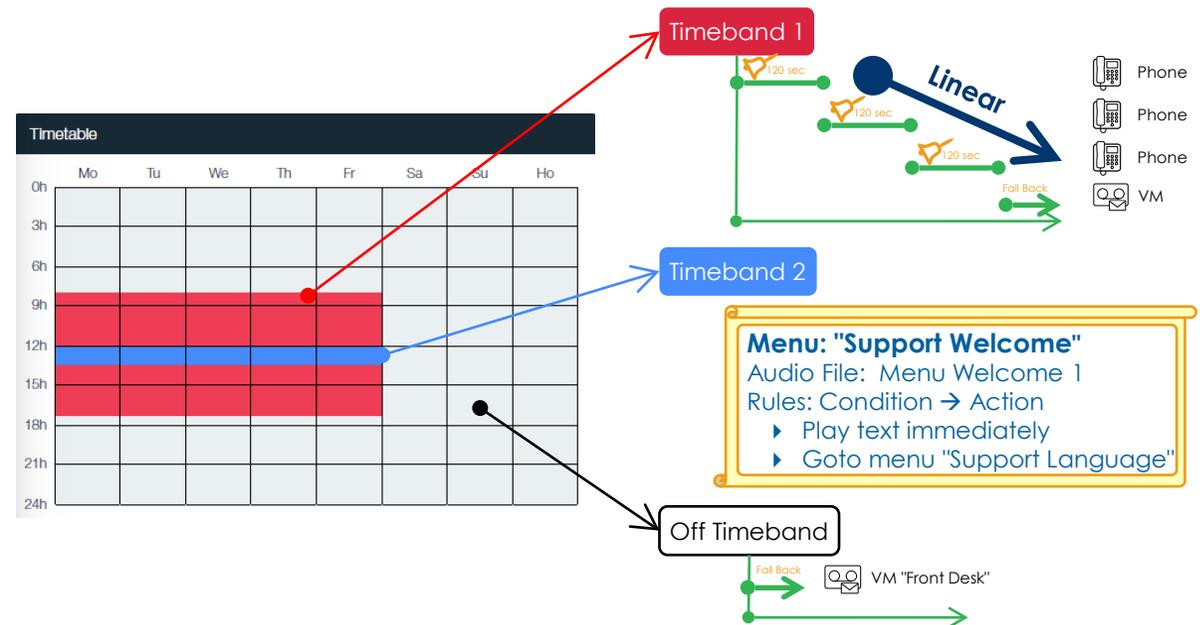
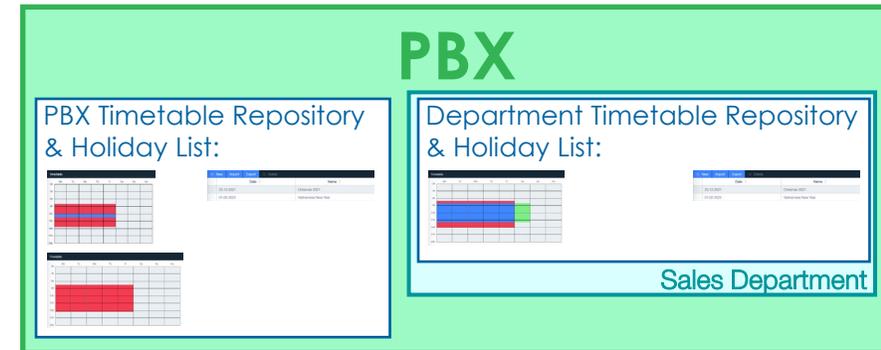
- ▶ See training: training\_answitch\_403\_pbx\_department\_extension

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# 6 TIMETABLE BASED INCOMING CALL ROUTING

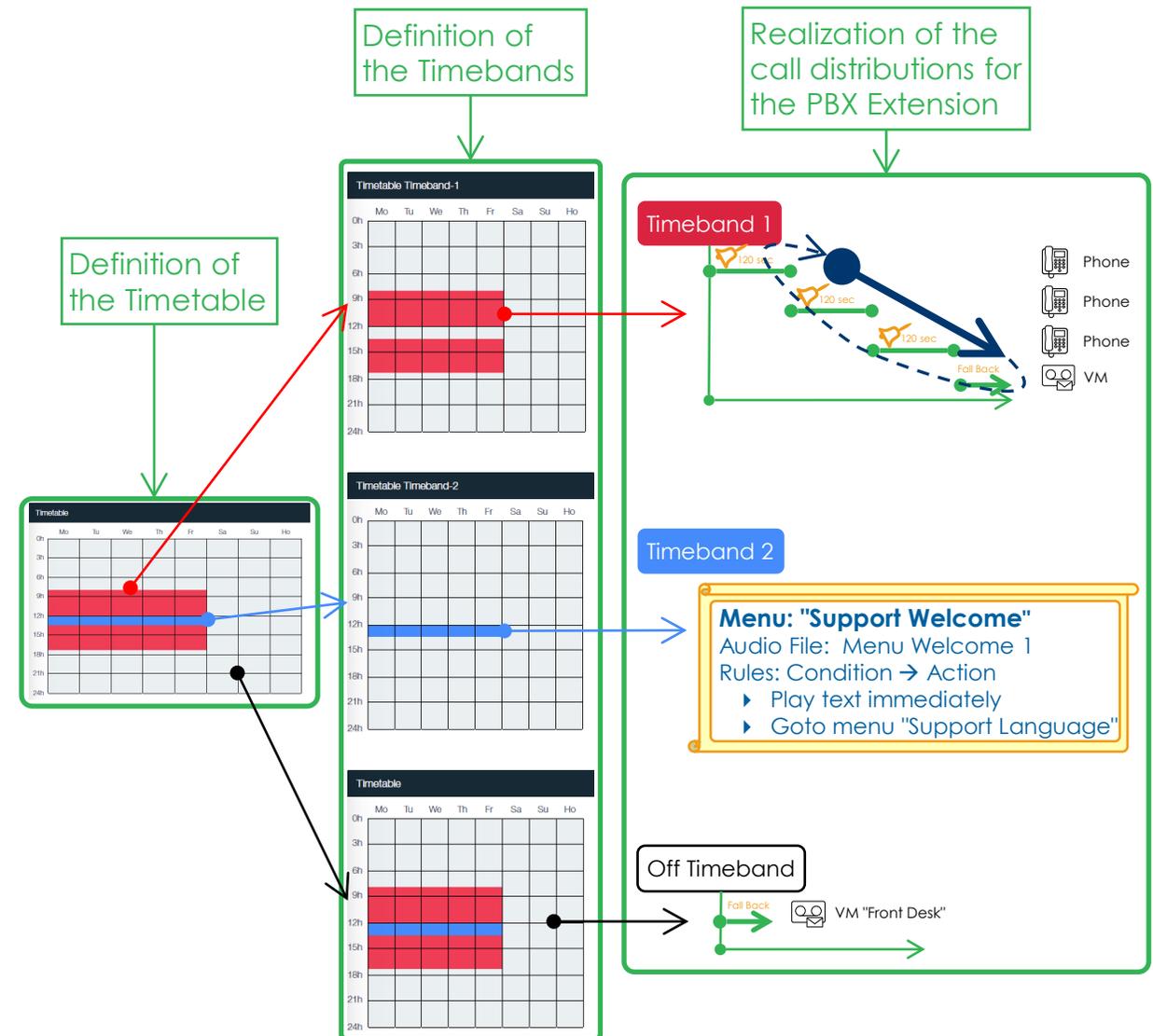
# OVERVIEW TIMETABLES

- ▶ Incoming calls to the PBX can be scheduled by timetables.
- ▶ A Timetable defines the scheduling for incoming calls according:
  - ▶ Weekdays
  - ▶ Day times
  - ▶ Holidays
- ▶ A Timetable contains timebands. A timeband defines which ACD or IVR is invoked upon an incoming call.
- ▶ Timetables are PBX and/or PBX Department resources.



# OVERVIEW TIMEBANDS

- ▶ A timeband defines the scheduling of a call distribution according:
  - ▶ Weekday
  - ▶ Day time
  - ▶ Holiday
- ▶ A Timetable can contain a max. of 5 configurable timebands. An "Off Timeband" handles all incoming calls that are not covered by a timeband.
- ▶ To an Timeband an call distribution type e.g., ACD or IVR, is associated.



# CREATING & MANAGING HOLIDAYS

- ▶ The PBX Administrator can create and manage a list of holidays.
    - ▶ Create a new holiday entry:
      - > Menu: PBX Administrator / Department Administrator
      - > Sub-Menu: Holidays
      - > Click button: New
    - > Configure a single or a range of holidays
  - ▶ Manage an existing holiday:
    - > Menu: PBX Administrator / Department Administrator
    - > Sub-Menu: Holidays
    - > Click the row of the desired holiday
    - > Configure the dialog: Edit Holiday
- 
- ▶ A Department Administrator can manage holidays for the department.
    - ▶ The department holidays are private for the department and not visible on the PBX level.
  - ▶ The holiday list can be exported, modified with MS Excel and reimported.

**PBX**

PBX Timetable Repository & Holiday List:

Department Timetable Repository & Holiday List:

Sales Department

PBX Holidays - PA-PBX-0AX89001

PBX Dashboard

+ New Import Export Delete

Date	Name
25.12.2021	Christmas 2021
01.02.2022	Vietnamese New Year

New Holiday

Save

Name  
Company off

Date  
27.09.2023

Date to  
12.10.2023

Edit Holiday

Save

Name  
Vietnamese New Year

Date  
01.02.2022

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>Holidays</b>			
2	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>
3	Christmas 2021	2021	12	25
4	Vietnamese New Year	2022	2	1

# CREATING & MANAGING TIMETABLES

- ▶ The PBX Administrator can create and manage a repository of Timetables.

- ▶ **Create a new Timetable:**

- > Menu: PBX Administrator
- > Sub-Menu: Timetables
- > Click button: New

- ▶ **Manage an existing Timetable one:**

- > Menu: PBX Administrator
- > Sub-Menu: Timetables
- > Click the row of the desired timetable

- ▶ A Department Administrator can manage timetables for the department.

- ▶ The department timetables are private for the department and not visible on the PBX level.

- ▶ Timetables can be exported, modified with MS Excel and reimported.



PBX Timetables - PA-PBX-0AX89001

PBX Dashboard

+ New Import Export X Delete

	Name	OrgUnit Id	OrgUnit name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PBX Default	26	PA-PBX-0AX89001
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support & Call Duty	26	PA-PBX-0AX89001
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sales Department	26	PA-PBX-0AX89001

	A	B
1	<b>Timetable</b>	PBX Default
2	<b>Timeband</b>	<b>Pattern</b>
3	1	12345@0730-1200
4	1	12345@1300-1730
5	2	12345@1200-1300

# CONFIGURING THE TIMEBANDS OF A TIMETABLE

- ▶ A timetable can contain up to 5 timebands.
- ▶ A Timeband can contain n registration periods defining the daily periods during weekdays or the holidays.

## ▶ Create a timeband:

> Click the desired color of the timeband

## ▶ Add periods to the timeband:

- ▶ Daytime "From ... To"
- ▶ Weekdays
- ▶ Holiday list of the PBX or a department

> Click: New  
> Configure the period in the dialog: "Registration Period"

PBX Timetable - Sales Department

Office Time Registrations

From	To	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Ho
07:00	08:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
16:00	18:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

New Registration Period

Save

From 16:00 To 18:00

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Holiday

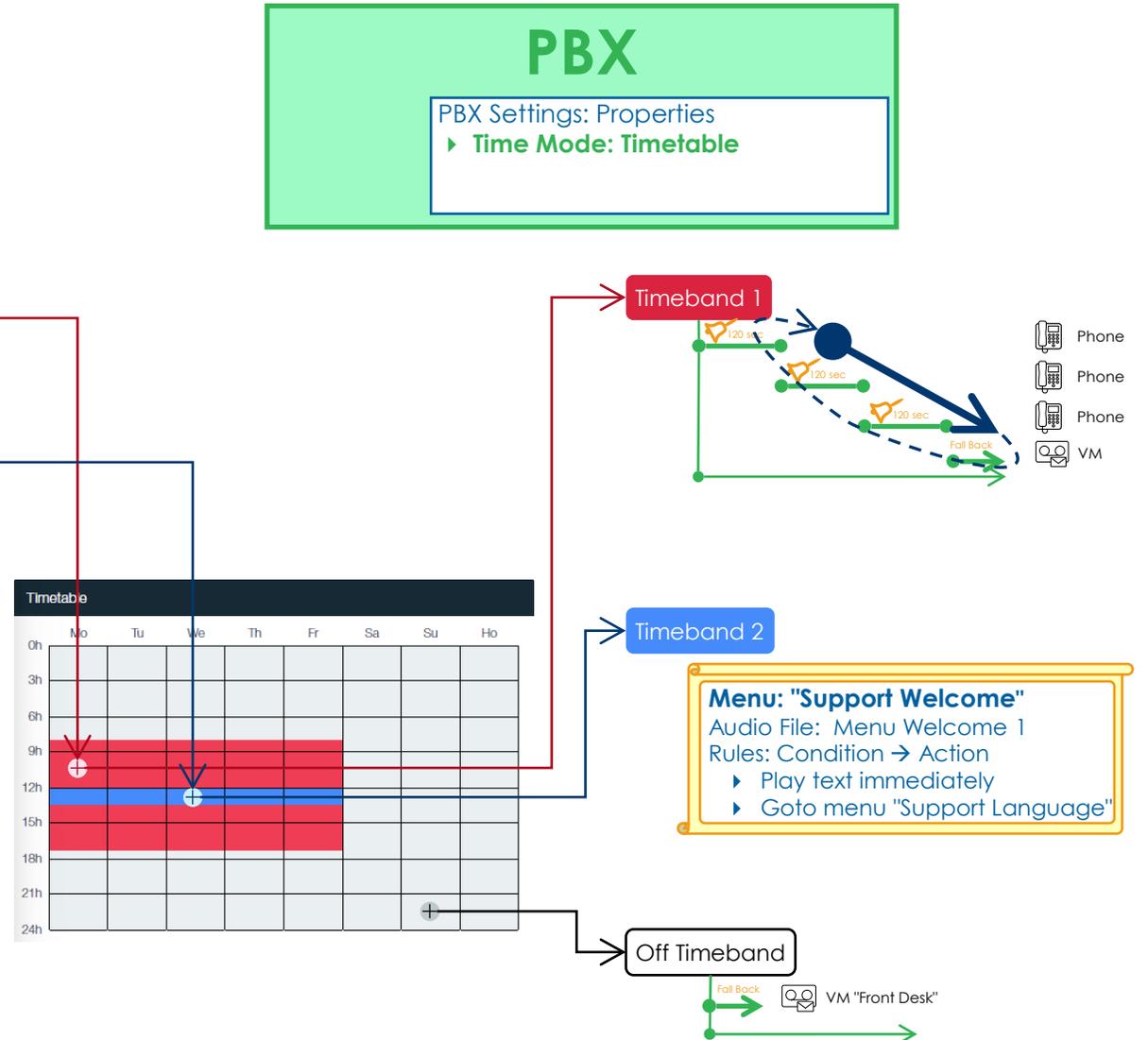
## Note

The daytime starts at 00:00 and ends at 24:00.

# OVERVIEW OF THE TIMETABLE "TIME MODE" OF THE PBX

- ▶ The Time Mode defines the time interpretation of all the PBX Timetables.
- ▶ Time Mode setting: Timetable
  - ▶ An incoming call on Monday 10:00 is routed according Timeband 1
  - ▶ An incoming call on Wednesday 12:24 is routed according Timeband 2

→ This is the default Timetable Time Mode of the PBX and is deployed to all incoming call routings which are based on timetables.



# OVERVIEW "TIME MODE NIGHT" OF THE PBX

- ▶ The time mode "Night" changes the interpretation of time for all timetables of the PBX/Department from the time of activation until 24:00 of the same day.

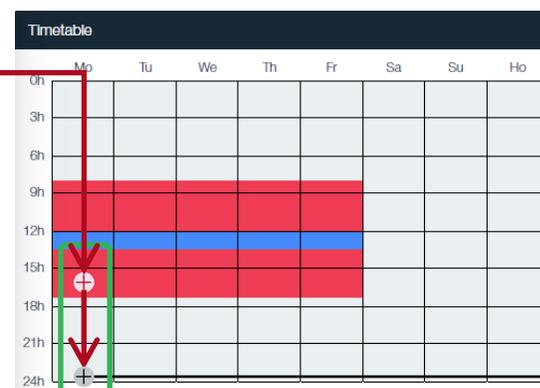
- ▶ Activation Time Mode setting: "Night" & "Night permanent"

Example:

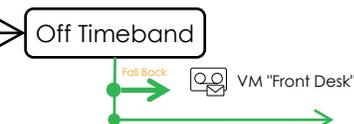
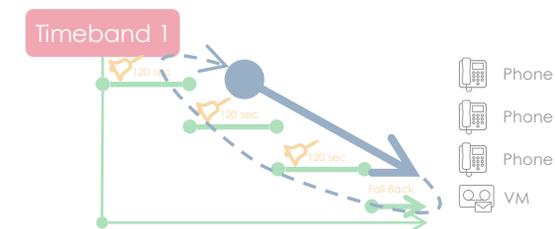
- ▶ The mode "Night" was **activated on Monday, 15:30.**
- ▶ The time of all later incoming calls on Monday e.g., 17:05, is ignored and replaced by **24:00.**
  - ➔ The later incoming calls on Monday are routed according "Off Timeband".

- ▶ Deactivation of "Night" :

- ▶ Time Mode: "Night"  
Automatically at 24:00 of the activation day.
- ▶ Time Mode: "Night permanent"  
Until manually set back to mode "Timetable".



The actual time is replaced by 24:00.  
➔ In this example the call is routed according "Off Timeband".



# OVERVIEW "TIME MODE WEEKEND" OF THE PBX

- ▶ The Time Mode "Weekend" alters the interpretation of the day and time of all the PBX Timetables until the next weekend.



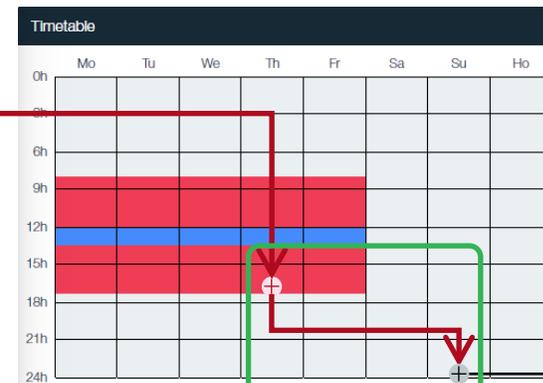
- ▶ Activation Time Mode setting: "Weekend" & "Weekend permanent"

Example:

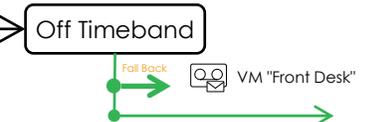
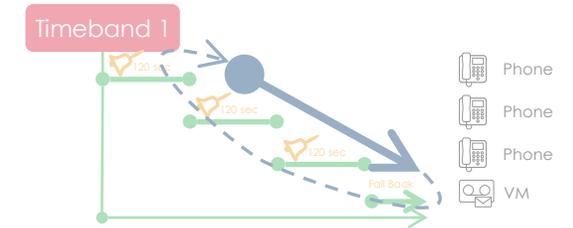
- ▶ The mode Weekend was **activated on Thursday, 17:00**.
- ▶ The day/time of all later incoming calls of this week e.g., Thursday 17:05, are ignored and replaced by **Sunday 24:00**.
  - The later incoming calls of this week are routed according "Off Timeband".

- ▶ Deactivation of "Weekend":

- ▶ Time Mode: "Weekend"
- Automatically at 24:00 of the next Sunday.
- ▶ Time Mode: "Weekend permanent"
- Until manually set back to mode "Timetable".



The actual day/time is replaced by Sunday 24:00.  
 → In this example the call is routed according "Off Timeband".



## USE CASE OF THE PBX "TIME MODE NIGHT/WEEKEND"

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- ▶ The Time Modes Night/Weekend might be useful in cases where all incoming calls are routed primarily to a front desk organization.
  - ▶ Usage of "Night":

In the case that the Front Desk personnel has an earlier end of day they can activate the time mode "Night". Afterwards all incoming calls are routed according the timetable configuration at midnight (24:00) of this day.
  - ▶ Usage of "Weekend":

In the case that the company has a long weekend, e.g. due to holidays, the activated time mode "Weekend" routes all incoming calls according the timetable configuration of the next Sunday at midnight (24:00).

# CONFIGURING THE PBX TIME MODE

## ► Configure the PBX time mode in the Portal UI:

- > Menu: PBX Administrator
- > Sub-Menu: PBX Setting
- > Select the desired time mode

The screenshot displays the 'PBX Settings PA-PBX-0AX89001' interface. The interface is divided into three main columns: 'PBX', 'Public numbers', and 'Properties'. The 'PBX' column contains fields for Name (PA-PBX-0AX89001), Description (Yupi Inc, Honolulu, 0987654300 - 49, 0800654310, 0800654300-49), Member of (Provider A), and Teams Domain. The 'Public numbers' column contains fields for Number range (0449980105,0800654310,0800654340,0987654300-49), Valid from (20.04.2021 06:00), and Valid until. The 'Properties' column contains fields for Extensions (10), Service Extensions (10), External channels (20), Public Prefix, Time Zone (Europe/Zurich), Date Format (dd.MM.yyyy), Time Format (24 Hours), and Time mode. The Time mode dropdown menu is open, showing options: Timetable, Night, Weekend, Night permanent, and Weekend permanent. The 'Timetable' option is highlighted in blue. An orange arrow points from the 'Timetable' option in the dropdown menu to the 'Time mode' field in the 'Properties' column.

PBX Settings PA-PBX-0AX89001

PBX Dashboard PBX List

Save

PBX	Public numbers	Properties
<b>Name</b> PA-PBX-0AX89001	<b>Number range</b> 0449980105,0800654310,0800654340,0987654300-49	Extensions 10
<b>Description</b> Yupi Inc, Honolulu, 0987654300 - 49, 0800654310, 0800654300-49	<b>Valid from</b> 20.04.2021 06:00	Service Extensions 10
<b>Member of</b> Provider A	<b>Valid until</b>	External channels 20
<b>Teams Domain</b>		Public Prefix
		<b>Time Zone</b> Europe/Zurich
		<b>Date Format</b> dd.MM.yyyy
		<b>Time Format</b> 24 Hours
		<b>Time mode</b> Timetable
		Night
		Weekend
		Night permanent
		Weekend permanent

On Hold Music

Upload 0:00 / 0:15

# CONFIGURING THE PBX TIME MODE

- ▶ Select the time mode with \*#-code 98 from any phone of the PBX or a Department:

- ▶ If the phone belongs to a Department Extension the time mode will change only for this Department.
- ▶ If the phone belongs to a PBX Extension, then the time mode of the PBX is changed.

Description	*#-Codes	
Select the PBX Time Mode	Timetable	Dial: *980
	Night	Dial: *981
	Weekend	Dial: *982
	Night permanent	Dial: *983
	Weekend permanent	Dial: *984

- ▶ Tune the time mode usage with OrgUnit attributes on level PBX or PBX Extension

OrgUnit Attribute	Value	Description
<b>User Feature Related</b>		
timemodeConfigLevel	[ pbx ] Default: pbx	When this attribute is set in a PBX Extension then the phones of this Extension will always set the time mode on level PBX.
timemodeConfigPermission	[ true   false ] Default: true	If this attribute is set to "false" on level PBX or PBX Extension, then the time mode cannot be changed by the *98-code.

## Best Practice

Configure the desired \*#-codes as 'Speed dial' on phone keys.

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# 7 NOTIFICATION & MUSIC AUDIO FILES

# OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION & MUSIC AUDIO FILES

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- ▶ Notification & Music Audio Files are needed in different features:
  - ▶ Call Hold CH:
    - ▶ Optional hold music and/or notification of the PBX.\*
  - ▶ VoiceMail Box VM:
    - ▶ Optional greeting and notification of the user.\*
  - ▶ Advanced Call Distribution ACD:
    - ▶ Optional notification
    - ▶ Optional waiting music
  - ▶ Interactive Voice Response IVR:
    - ▶ For the IVR menu notification
    - ▶ Optional waiting music

\* Else the anSwitch default audio file is used.

# UPLOAD PREPARED AUDIO FILES

- ▶ Audio files can be prepared in advanced.
  - ▶ The following audio formats and limits are allowed for audio files:
    - ▶ WAV (PCM coded)
    - ▶ MP3
    - ▶ Max. duration is limited to 5 minutes
    - ▶ ACD & IVR: The max. file size is limited to 50MByte
- ▶ The upload process is usually:
  1. Start the upload process
  2. Select the audio file and upload it from the PC
  3. Save the audio file
  4. Check by listening the audio file

## ▶ PBX Call Hold :

## ▶ VoiceMail Box VM:

## ▶ ACD & IVR:

	Name	Duration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Note Park Position 1	0:04
<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	0:50

# RECORD AN AUDIO NOTIFICATION BY PHONE

- ▶ Some features allow you to record a personal greeting or notification via a phone.
- ▶ VoiceMail Box VM:
  1. From any phone of the extension of the VoiceMail Box dial: \*86
  2. Select the VM menu for recording the personal greeting.
  3. Follow the in-band instructions for recording
- ▶ Record an audio file from any phone of the PBX for ACD & IVR notifications:
  1. The dialog offers to record an audio file by dialing \*81<CODE>, e.g. \*81148
  2. Follow the in-band instructions for recording
    - ▶ To protect the recording disable the recording of the audio file.

## ▶ ACD & IVR:

Audio Files

+ New × Delete

These audio files can be used by the IVR-rules.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Note Park Position 1	0:04
<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	0:50

Audio File

Save

Name Note Park Position 1

Service number to modify the notification \*81148

0:00 / 0:04

+ Upload...

Service number to modify the notification

## USEFUL LINKS & TOOLS FOR AUDIO FILE HANDLING

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- ▶ Manipulating audio files for Windows, Mac and Linux:
  - ▶ Audacity®: <https://www.audacityteam.org/>
- ▶ License free music files:
  - ▶ CCMixer: <http://dig.ccmixer.org/>
- ▶ Link to web site with text to audio conversion:
  - ▶ Free Text-To-Speech and Text-to-MP3 for US English: <https://ttsmp3.com/>

### Note

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# 8 PBX INCOMING CALL ROUTING: ALL PHONES

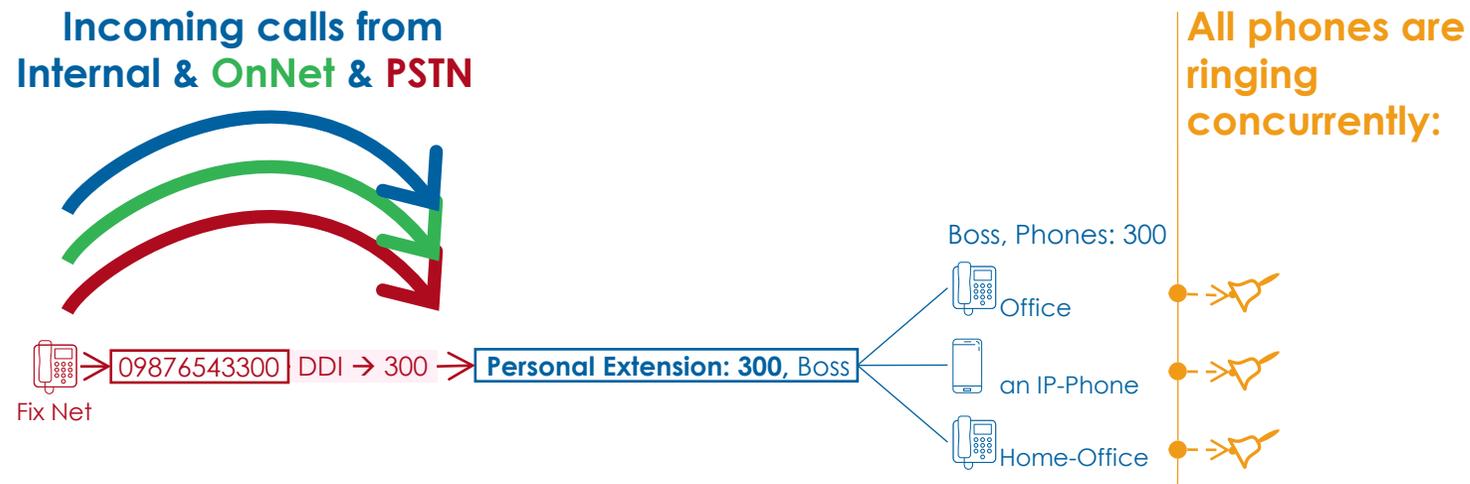
## OVERVIEW CALL DISTRIBUTION "ALL PHONES"

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- ▶ The call distribution mode "All Phones" is characterized as follows:
  - ▶ An incoming call is signaled to all registered phones of the PBX Extension.
  - ▶ All user features associated with the PBX Extension are available:
    - ▶ Call Forwarding CF
    - ▶ Call Rejection
    - ▶ VoiceMail Box VM
    - ▶ etc.
  - ▶ This PBX extension is counted as "Personal Extension" in the license.

## OVERVIEW CALL DISTRIBUTION "ALL PHONES"

- ▶ All incoming calls to the internal number are signaled concurrently to all registered phones of this PBX Extension.



# ACTIVATE CALL DISTRIBUTION: ALL PHONES

## ▶ Activate the "All Phones" call distribution mode:

- > Menu: PBX Administrator
- > Sub-Menu: Extensions
  - > Click the row of the desired extension
  - > Click on link: Extension Setup
  - > Select Distribution mode: All Phones

Extension Related Features - 300

Extensions Extension Setup

Save

Call Forwarding		Account		Assigned Phones															
Unconditional	VoiceMail <input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Disturb	<input type="checkbox"/>	+ New Phone	+ Add Phone														
On Busy	VoiceMail <input type="checkbox"/>	Suppress own Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>														
No Reply	VoiceMail <input type="checkbox"/> Delay 15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reject Anonymous Calls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>														
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How to add phones to the extension see training:  
 ▶ [training\\_answitch\\_701\\_phone\\_configuration](#)

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# 9 PBX INCOMING CALL ROUTING: ADVANCED CALL DISTRIBUTION ACD

## OVERVIEW ADVANCED CALL DISTRIBUTION ACD

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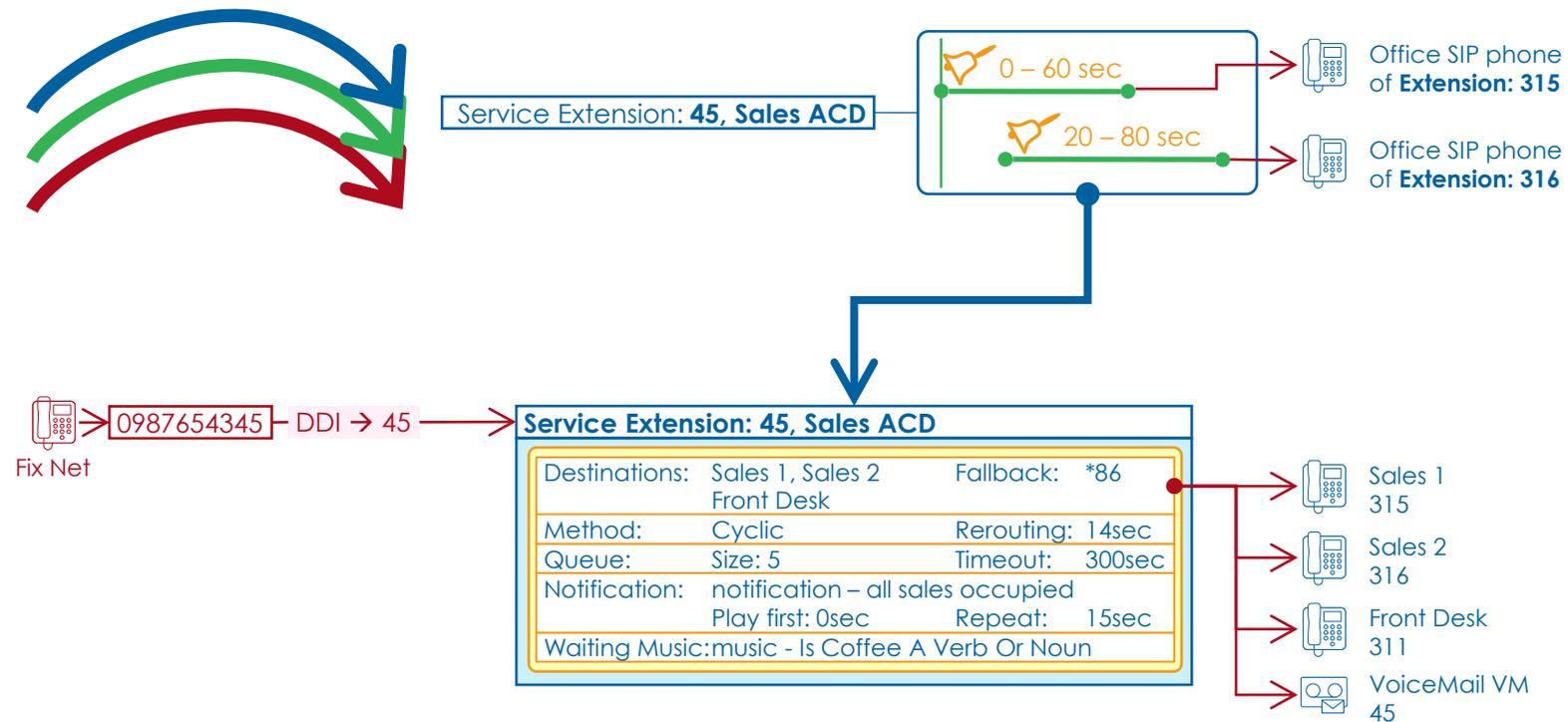
- ▶ The call distribution mode "Advanced Call Distribution ACD" is characterized as follows:
  - ▶ An incoming call is signaled to destinations with selectable methods:
    - ▶ Linear signaling
    - ▶ Cyclic signaling
    - ▶ Parallel
  - ▶ Different types of destination types can be signaled:
    - ▶ Any type of number: internal extension, national & international number.
    - ▶ Exactly defined internal phones
    - ▶ VoiceMail Box VM
  - ▶ Additional optional ACD possibilities, like waiting queue, breakout, music:
    - ▶ A waiting queue length can be defined.
    - ▶ A waiting queue can have a waiting music and/or notification (mini IVR).
    - ▶ A fallback destination can be defined if no destination responds.
    - ▶ Definable DTMF digits for breaking out of the waiting queue to the fallback destination.
  - ▶ A PBX extension with an ACD is counted as "Service Extension" in the license.

# OVERVIEW ADVANCED CALL DISTRIBUTION ACD

- ▶ All incoming calls to this extension are signaled to the assigned destinations with the selected signaling method.

Incoming calls from  
Internal & OnNet & PSTN

The destinations are ringing according  
the selected signaling method:



# ACTIVATE CALL DISTRIBUTION: ADVANCED CALL DISTRIBUTION ACD

## ▶ Activate the "Advanced Call Distribution ACD" mode:

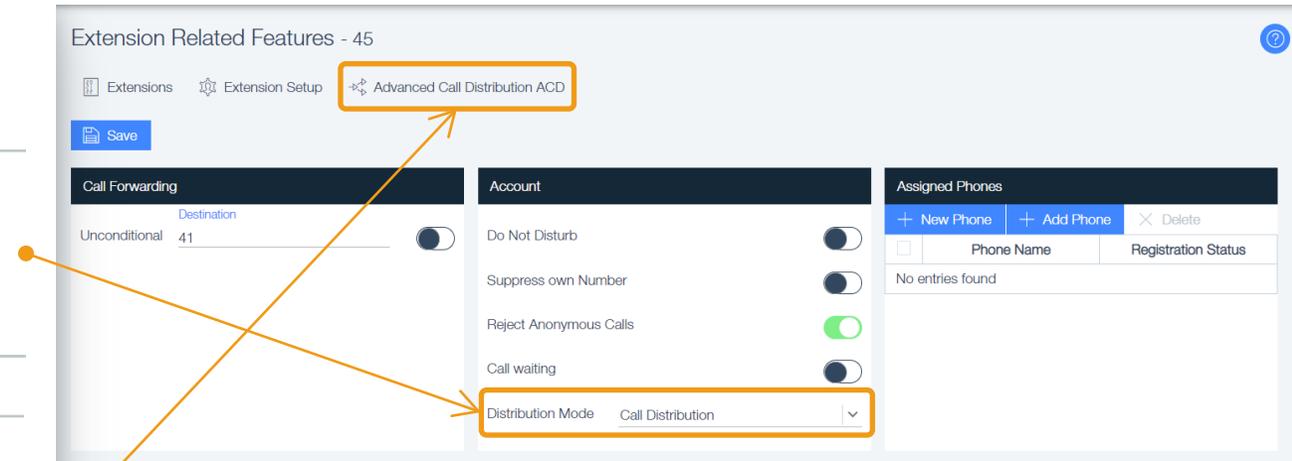
- > Menu: PBX Administrator
  - > Sub-Menu: Extensions
    - > Click the row of the desired extension
      - > Click on link: Extension Setup
        - > Select Distribution mode: Call Distribution
  - > Click button: Save

## ▶ Start the ACD configuration:

- > Click on the link: Advanced Call Distribution ACD

## ▶ Configure the ACD:

- > See the following pages.



### Note

In order not to lose the overview, it is not recommended to assign telephones to a service extension.

# BEST PRACTICE BEFORE STARTING THE CONFIGURATION OF ACD

## Best Practice

1. Define the basics of the ACD:
  - ▶ Signaling method: Linear, cyclic, parallel
  - ▶ Waiting queue? yes/no, size
  - ▶ Failover destination and timeout
2. Create all destinations that will be signaled by the IVR e.g.:
  - ▶ Personal extensions
  - ▶ Advanced Call Distribution ACD
  - ▶ (Other Interactive Voice Response IVR)
3. Prepare all needed audio files of this ACD for upload.

# CONFIGURATION ACD: ASSIGN THE DESTINATIONS

## ▶ Assign the destinations that are part of the ACD:

- > On page: Advanced Call Distribution ACD
- > Click button: New
- > In dialog "Destination": Configure the destination
- > Click button: Save

## ▶ Configure the destination:

- ▶ Type "Number"
  - ▶ Internal extension number of the PBX
  - ▶ National & international numbers
  - ▶ Voice Mail Box VM of the extension: \*86
  - ▶ Voice Mail Box VM of any PBX extension e.g., 311: \*86311
- ▶ Type "Phone"
  - ▶ Internal phone of the PBX or Department
  - ▶ We select exactly the desired SIP phones!
  - Thus, from an internal extension with several registered phones, we can select **exactly the one** phone we want.

Destination

Save

Number

- 0
- 300 Boss Extension
- 330 Warehouse 1 Extension
- 40 Support IVR IVR
- 0041319802811 Aarenet Front Desk Contact

When starting typing the number a list of matching numbers from:

- ▶ PBX internal numbers
- ▶ PBX contacts

are dynamically presented.  
→ Select one of the offered numbers or continue to type the desired number.

Destination

Save

Number

Phone

- Agent 1-snom D735 - snomD735
- Agent 2-snom D785 - snomD785
- Boss Home -GRANDSTREAM GRP2613 - grandstreamGRP2613
- Boss Office -Yealink T21P E2 - yealinkT21PE2
- Boss-an IP-Phone - anIpPhone
- ...

Select from the offered internal phones list.

- ▶ Search for phone names by entering a string e.g., for the phones whose name contain "Sale" enter "sal"
- ▶ The three "..." at the end of the list indicate that there are more phones to choose from.

# CONFIGURATION ACD: ASSIGN THE FALLBACK DESTINATION

## ► Configure the fallback destination:

- The fallback destination is signaled if no response was received from the other destinations

> Configure in file: Call Distribution  
> Select the type of fallback:

- destination: Any dialable number or \*-code, e.g.
  - 311 : Internal number
  - 0123456789 : National number
  - \*86 : VoiceMail Box of this ACD
  - \*86311 : VoiceMail Box of 311

- recording: Forward to an audio file of this ACD
  - Select the required audio file

## ► Configure a breakout from the waiting queue to the fallback destination for the caller

Note:

Inform the caller to press the configured DTMF sing Forward to an audio file of this ACD.

- Quit queue to fall back:
  - Configure the desired DTMF digits: [0-9 | \* | #]
  - Example single DTMF '#': #
  - Example several DTMF '1' or '\*': 1\*

The screenshot displays the configuration interface for an ACD system. It is divided into several sections:

- Settings:** Shows 'Selected timetable' as 'DTMF Keys'. The 'Quit queue to fallback' option is enabled with a green toggle, and the DTMF key is set to '1#'. This section is highlighted with an orange box.
- Audio Files:** A list of audio files is shown, including 'music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun' (3:24), 'notification - all sales occupied' (0:04), and 'Please Call Later' (0:01). This section is also highlighted with an orange box.
- Notification:** Shows 'Waiting music' set to 'music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun' and 'Notification' set to 'notification - all sales occupied'. It also includes fields for 'Play the notification the first time after' (0 sec) and 'Repeat every' (12 sec).
- Call Distribution:** Shows 'Method' as 'Parallel', 'Queue size' as 5, and 'Queue Timeout' as 300 sec. The 'Fallback if no response to' dropdown is set to 'recording' and 'Please Call Later'. This section is highlighted with an orange box.
- Call Distribution (Bottom):** A list of destinations is shown with their respective audio files and recording status. The 'Fallback if no response to' dropdown is set to 'recording' and 'Please Call Later'. This section is also highlighted with an orange box.

Fallback if no response to recording Please Call Later

# CONFIGURATION ACD: DEFINE THE SIGNALING METHOD

## ▶ Assign the signaling method:

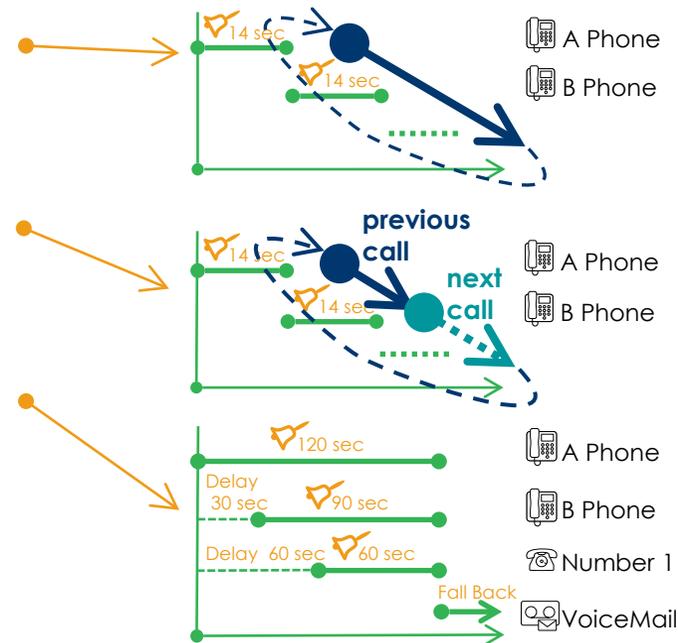
- > On page: Advanced Call Distribution ACD
- > Select the method

The screenshot shows the 'Call Distribution' configuration page. The 'Method' dropdown is highlighted with an orange box and set to 'Parallel'. Below it, there are settings for 'Queue size' (5), 'Queue Timeout' (300 sec), and 'Fallback if no response to' (recording, Please Call Later). A table below lists destinations with their respective signaling methods and status:

Destination	Signaling Method	Time Range	Status
Phone: Sales 1 - Yealink T21P E2	Linear	0s - 60s	On
Phone: Sales 2 - Yealink T40G	Linear	75s - 150s	On
0041319802811 Aarenet Front Desk	Parallel	155s - 300s	Off

## ▶ Configure the signaling method:

- ▶ "Linear"
  - ▶ Starting from A down each destination is signaled. After the last destination, the signaling restarts at A.
- ▶ "Cyclic"
  - ▶ Like "Linear" but the signaling start changes every time to the next destination.
- ▶ "Parallel"
  - ▶ Each destination is signaled according the user defined pattern.
- ▶ "User defined" → **Deprecated – Do not use!**
  - ▶ Like "Parallel" but has no waiting queue.



By grabbing a row by the icon  you can shuffle the signaling order of the destinations.

# CONFIGURATION ACD: METHOD SPECIFICS

## ► Configure for the methods "Linear" & "Cyclic" specific parameters:

- "Reroute Timeout"
  - Define the ringing duration in seconds of a destination until the next destination is signaled.

Notification

Waiting music: music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun

Notification: notification - all sales occupied

Play the notification the first time after: sec. 0

Repeat every: sec. 12

Call Distribution

Method: Cyclic

Queue size: 5

Reroute Timeout: sec. 14

Queue Timeout: sec. 300

Fallback if no response to: recording, Please Call Later

+ New X Delete

Phone: Sales 1-Yealink T21P E2

Phone: Sales 2-Yealink T40G

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Rule of thumb for calculating the ringing duration of a phone:

- A phone rings about every 4 seconds
- Duration of 3 ringing cycles with spare time:  
3 times x 4sec + 2 Sec = 14sec

## ► Configure for the method "Parallel" specific parameters:

- Configure ringing start and duration
  - Define the ringing start and duration by moving the sliders.
- Configure the maximum ringing duration
  - Define the maximum ringing duration with parameter "Queue timeout".  
→ After this timeout the call will be forwarded to the optional "fallback if no response" destination.

Notification

Waiting music: music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun

Notification: notification - all sales occupied

Play the notification the first time after: sec. 0

Repeat every: sec. 12

Call Distribution

Method: Parallel

Queue size: 5

Queue Timeout: sec. 300

Fallback if no response to: recording, Please Call Later

+ New X Delete

Phone: Sales 1-Yealink T21P E2

Phone: Sales 2-Yealink T40G

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0s - 60s

75s - 150s

155s - 300s

# CONFIGURATION ACD: OPTIMIZE THE DESTINATION SIGNALING

- ▶ Optimize the destination signaling by skipping non-accepting destinations by activating "Ring No Answer RNA".

- ▶ When "Ring No Answer RNA" is activated, a skipping is applied for the actual call when:
  - ▶ A signaled user has rejected the call.
  - ▶ A destination ringing timed out because the user didn't answer the call.

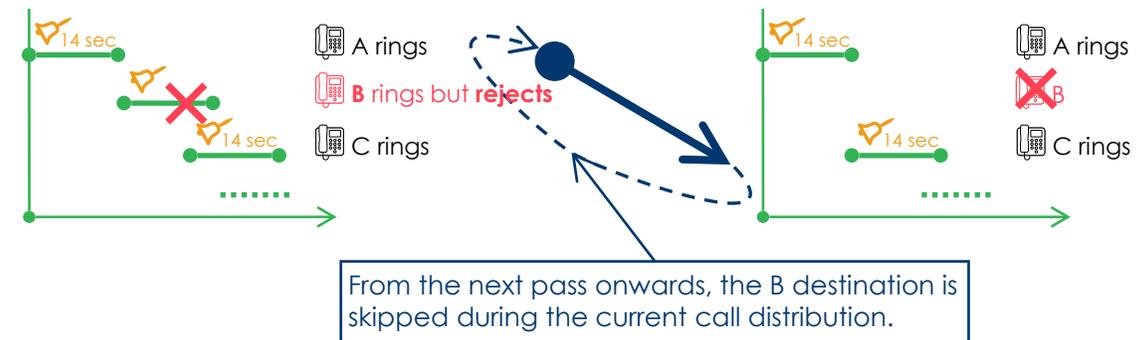
- ▶ The "Ring No Answer RNA" may be desirable:
  - ▶ To prevent "endless" ringing before advancing to the fallback destination.

- ▶ A destination excluded due to RNA is not signaled again in the current call distribution. The destination is signaled again with the next incoming call to this ACD.

- ▶ Activate "Ring No Answer RNA":

- > Configure in file: Settings
- > Activate slider: No rerouting on RNA

- ▶ Example with activated RNA:



The screenshot shows the configuration interface for the ACD. The 'Settings' section includes options for 'Selected timetable', 'DTMF Keys', 'Quit queue to fallback', and 'No rerouting on RNA' (which is highlighted with an orange box and an arrow). The 'Call Distribution' section shows the 'Method' set to 'Linear', 'Queue size' set to 5, 'Reroute Timeout' set to 14 seconds, 'Queue Timeout' set to 300 seconds, and 'Fallback if no response to' set to 'recording' and 'Please Call Later'.

# CONFIGURATION ACD: DEFINE A WAITING QUEUE

- ▶ To prevent any number of waiting callers and limiting the waiting time for those, a waiting queue can be configured:

## ▶ "Queue Size"

- ▶ Define how many caller can be put into the waiting queue.
- ▶ If set to 0 then:
  - ▶ the waiting queue is switched off.
  - ▶ A caller is forwarded immediately to the fallback destination.

## ▶ "Queue Timeout"

- ▶ Define in seconds how long a waiting caller is hold in the waiting queue if no destination becomes available.
- ▶ If set to 0 no waiting duration for the waiting caller is active.

Note:

After this timeout, the call will be forwarded to the optional "fallback if no response" destination.

Notification		Call Distribution	
Waiting music	music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun	Method	Cyclic
Notification	notification - all sales occupied	Queue size	5
Play the notification the first time after	sec. 0	Reroute Timeout	sec. 14
Repeat every	sec. 12	Queue Timeout	sec. 300
		Fallback if no response to	recording Please Call Later
		+ New X Delete	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Phone: Sales 1-Yealink T21F E2	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Phone: Sales 2-Yealink T40G	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0041319802811 Aarenet Front Desk	

### Rule for calculating the queue size:

- ▶ Queue size = number of destinations + number of caller held in the waiting queue

Example:

**2 destinations, e.g. 2 sale agents + max. 5 callers in the waiting queue = 7 queue size**

## Note

If both the "Queue Size" and the "Queue Timeout" are set to 0 then the fallback destination will never be signaled.

# CONFIGURATION ACD: ASSIGN NOTIFICATION & MUSIC FOR THE WAITING QUEUE

- ▶ To inform and/or entertain waiting callers, an information and waiting music can be played.
  - ▶ Upload the audio files for the notification and waiting music, see section: [Notification & Music Audio Files](#)
  - ▶ "Waiting Music"
    - ▶ Select from the uploaded audio files the desired waiting music.
  - ▶ "Notification":
    - ▶ "Play the notification the first time":
    - ▶ "Repeat every":
      - ▶ Select from the uploaded audio files the desired notification.
      - ▶ Define an optional delay until the notification is played.
      - ▶ Define an optional repeating cycle of the notification.

The screenshot displays the configuration interface for ACD, divided into several sections:

- Settings:** Includes "Selected timetable" (DTMF Keys) and "Quit queue to fallback" (1#). A green toggle switch is visible.
- Audio Files:** A table listing uploaded audio files:
 

File Name	Duration
music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun	3:24
notification - all sales occupied	0:04
Please Call Later	0:01
- Notification:** A dropdown menu shows "Waiting music" set to "music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun" and "Notification" set to "notification - all sales occupied". Below are input fields:
  - "Play the notification the first time after" set to 2 seconds.
  - "Repeat every" set to 20 seconds.
- Call Distribution:** Shows "Method" as Parallel, "Queue size" as 5, "Queue Timeout" as 300 seconds, and "Fallback if no response to" as recording. A table below shows call distribution for different phone numbers:
 

Phone Number	Time Range	Status
Phone: Sales 1 - Yealink T21P E2	0s - 60s	On (Green)
Phone: Sales 2 - Yealink T40G	75s - 150s	On (Green)
0041319802811 Aarenet Front Desk	155s - 300s	Off (Grey)

Orange boxes and arrows highlight the "Audio Files" table, the "Notification" dropdown, and the "Waiting music" dropdown.

# CONFIGURATION ACD: SELECT A TIMETABLE

- ▶ By default, an ACD starts without any date/time scheduling. If a day/time scheduling is needed, then a prepared timetable must be assigned.

- ▶ How to create & manage timetables, see section:

[Timetable Based Incoming Call Routing](#)

- ▶ Assign a timetable to the ACD:

- ▶ "Select timetable"

- ▶ "Permanent"

- ▶ Permanent means that no timetable is activated for this ACD. The call distribution is valid for all day times, weekdays and holidays.

- ▶ List of selectable and prepared Timetables

- ▶ Select the desired timetable
- ▶ Depending on the ownership of the extension only the timetables of the PBX or department are available

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Extension Related Features

Save

Settings

Selected timetable: Permanent

Quit queue to fallback

Notification

Waiting music: music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun

Notification: notification - all sales occupied

Play the notification the first time after: sec. 2

Repeat every: sec. 20

Method: Parallel

Queue size: 5

Queue Timeout: sec. 300

Fallback if no response to: recording, Please Call Later

Audio Files

Audio File	Duration
music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun	3:24
notification - all sales occupied	0:04
Please Call Later	0:01

Distribution

Phone Number	Time Slot	Status
Phone: Sales 1- Yealink T21P E2	0s - 60s	On
Phone: Sales 2- Yealink T40G	75s - 150s	On
0041319802811 Aarenet Front Desk	155s - 300s	Off

# CONFIGURATION ACD: ASSIGN ACD'S TO THE TIMEBANDS

- ▶ When the timetable is assigned, then for each timeband of this timetable an individual advanced call distribution ACD can be configured with own:

- ▶ Destinations
- ▶ Distribution method
- ▶ Waiting queue
- ▶ Notification and waiting music

- ▶ If the ACD had already had a "Permanent" configuration, then these are assigned to the "Non-Timeband Hours".

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Extension Related Features

Save

Settings

Selected timetable: Sales Department  
CRM Keys

Out queue to fallback: f#

Audio Files

Audio File	Duration
music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun	3:24
notification - all sales occupied	0:04
Please Call Later	0:01

**Timeband-1 - Timezone: Europe/Zurich**

Timetable: 0h-24h grid with red bars from 9h-18h on Mon-Fri.

Notification During Timeband-1 Hours

Waiting music: [dropdown]

Notification: [dropdown]

Play the notification the first time after: sec. 0

Repeat every: sec. 0

Call Distribution During Timeband-1 Hours

Method: Linear

Queue size: 0

Reroute Timeout: sec. 0

Queue Timeout: sec. 0

Fallback if no response to: destination

**Timeband-2 - Timezone: Europe/Zurich**

Timetable: 0h-24h grid with blue bars from 9h-18h on Mon-Fri.

Notification During Timeband-2 Hours

Waiting music: [dropdown]

Notification: [dropdown]

Play the notification the first time after: sec. 0

Repeat every: sec. 0

Call Distribution During Timeband-2 Hours

Method: Linear

Queue size: 0

Reroute Timeout: sec. 0

Queue Timeout: sec. 0

Fallback if no response to: destination

**Timeband-3 - Timezone: Europe/Zurich**

Timetable: 0h-24h grid with green bars from 18h-21h on Sat-Sun.

Notification During Timeband-3 Hours

Waiting music: [dropdown]

Notification: [dropdown]

Play the notification the first time after: sec. 0

Repeat every: sec. 0

Call Distribution During Timeband-3 Hours

Method: Linear

Queue size: 0

Reroute Timeout: sec. 0

Queue Timeout: sec. 0

Fallback if no response to: destination, recording

**Timeband - Timezone: Europe/Zurich**

Timetable: 0h-24h grid with blue bars from 9h-18h on Mon-Fri and green bars from 18h-21h on Sat-Sun.

Notification During Non-Timeband Hours

Waiting music: music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun

Notification: notification - all sales occupied

Play the notification the first time after: sec. 2

Repeat every: sec. 20

Call Distribution During Non-Timeband Hours

Method: Parallel

Queue size: 5

Queue Timeout: sec. 300

Fallback if no response to: recording, Please Call Later

Phone: Sales 1 - Yealink T21P E2 (0s - 60s)

Phone: Sales 2 - Yealink T402 (75s - 150s)

0041319402011 Answered Front Desk (155s - 300s)

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# 10 PBX INCOMING CALL ROUTING: INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE IVR

## OVERVIEW INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE IVR

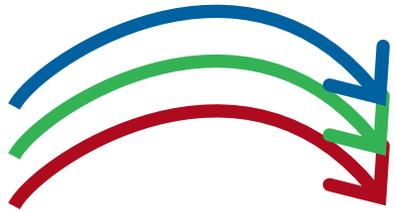
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- ▶ The call distribution mode "Interactive Voice Response IVR" is characterized as follows:
  - ▶ An incoming call is routed to an IVR menu, where the caller can be informed with a notification and optionally prompted for a specific key entry.
  - ▶ Any number of IVR menus are allowed within an IVR call distribution.
  - ▶ An IVR menu contains any number of IVR rules which define an action upon a certain condition:
    - ▶ Available conditions:
      - ▶ "Immediately when the menu starts"
      - ▶ "After some delay"
      - ▶ "If a key is pressed"
      - ▶ "If a collected number matches a certain criteria"
    - ▶ Possible actions:
      - ▶ "Call a number"
      - ▶ "Play an audio file"
      - ▶ "Play a notification"
      - ▶ "Change to another menu"
      - ▶ "Release this connection"
      - ▶ "Call the collected number"
  - ▶ A PBX extension with a IVR is counted as "Service Extension" in the license.

# OVERVIEW INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE IVR

- ▶ All incoming calls to this extension are forwarded to the assigned IVR menu.

Incoming calls from  
Internal & OnNet & PSTN



Service Extension: 40, Support IVR

Incoming calls are guided by the  
IVR menus toward their destinations:

**Menu: Welcome to the Support**

- ▶ Play text immediately
- ▶ Wait for key: 1, 2, \*
- ▶ Call numbers: 41 or 42
- ▶ If no input release after 90 sec



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Service Extension: 40, Support IVR

**Menu: Welcome to the Support**

<b>Rule:</b> Condition: Immediately play notification	Action: Play audio file: Welcome to the Support	Repeat: 15sec
<b>Rule:</b> Condition: If a key is pressed	Key: 1	Action: Call a number
	Number: 41	
<b>Rule:</b> Condition: If a key is pressed	Key: 2	Action: Call a number
	Number: 22	
<b>Rule:</b> Condition: After some delay	After: 90 sec	Action: Release this connection

Service Extension: 41, Support ACD - English & German Agents

Destinations: Agent 1, Agent 2	Fallback: none
Method: Cyclic	Rerouting: 14sec
Queue: Size: 5	Timeout: 300sec
Notification: notification - English German Supporter	Play first: 0sec
	Repeat: 15sec
Waiting Music: music - Dream of the forest	



Agent 1  
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Agent 2  
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Agent 2  
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# ACTIVATE CALL DISTRIBUTION: INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE IVR

## ▶ Activate the "Interactive Voice Response IVR" mode:

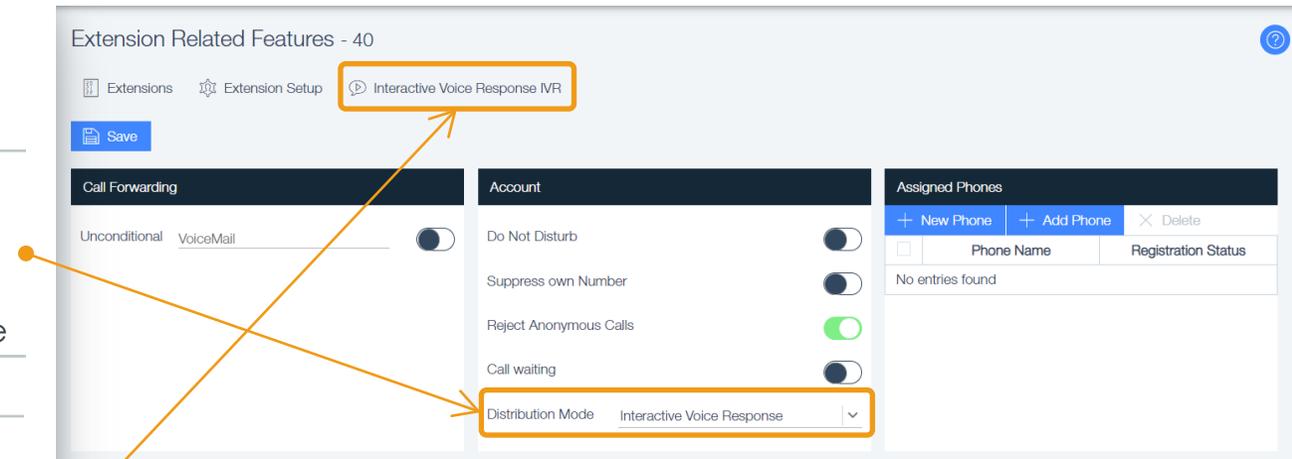
- > Menu: PBX Administrator
- > Sub-Menu: Extensions
  - > Click the row of the desired extension
  - > Click on link: Extension Setup
    - > Select Distribution mode: Interactive Voice Response
- > Click button: Save

## ▶ Start the IVR configuration:

- > Click on the link: Interactive Voice Response IVR

## ▶ Configure the IVR:

- > See the following pages.



### Note

In order not to lose the overview, it is not recommended to assign telephones to a service extension.

# BEST PRACTICE BEFORE STARTING THE CONFIGURATION OF IVR

## Best Practice

1. In a **simple story book plan** the menu structure and what must be done in the menu.  
Example:
  - ▶ Menu Name: "Welcome Working Hours"
    - ▶ Play welcome text with instructions
    - ▶ Wait for user key input:
      - ▶ Press 1 for support
      - ▶ Press 2 for sales
      - ▶ ...
  - ▶ Menu Name: "Support"
    - ▶ ...
  - ▶ Menu Name: "Sales"
    - ▶ ...
2. Create all destinations that will be signaled by the IVR e.g.:
  - ▶ Personal extensions
  - ▶ Advanced Call Distribution ACD
  - ▶ (Other Interactive Voice Response IVR)
3. Prepare all needed audio files of this IVR for upload.

# CONFIGURATION IVR: CREATE & UPLOAD NOTIFICATION & MUSIC AUDIO FILES

- ▶ Prepare and upload all needed audio files for the menu notifications and waiting music.
- ▶ Upload the audio files for the notification and waiting music, see section: [Notification & Music Audio Files](#)

The screenshot displays the IVR configuration interface with three main panels: Settings, Menus, and Audio Files. An orange box highlights the Audio Files panel, which contains a table of audio files. An orange arrow points from the 'Selected timetable' dropdown in the Settings panel to the Audio Files panel.

Settings		
Selected timetable	Permanent	▼
Waiting music	music - Dream of the forest	▼
Start menu	Welcome to the Call Duty	▼

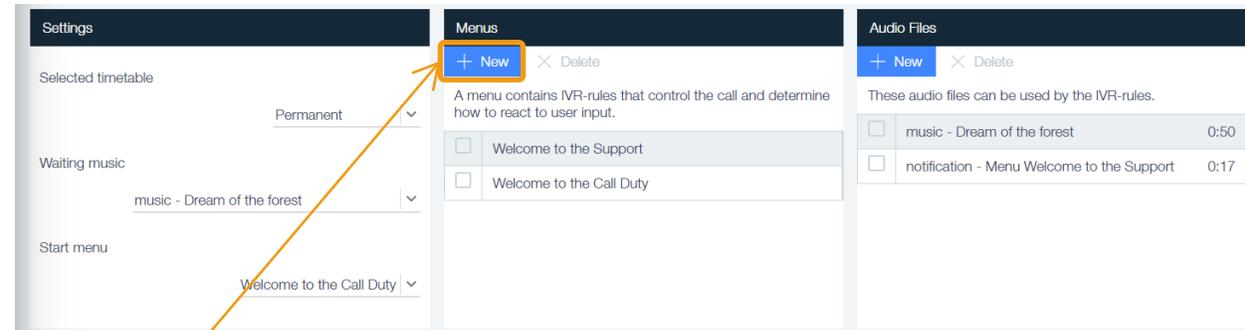
Menus	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Welcome to the Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Welcome to the Call Duty

Audio Files		
<input type="checkbox"/>	music - Dream of the forest	0:50
<input type="checkbox"/>	notification - Menu Welcome to the Support	0:17

# CONFIGURATION IVR: PREPARE EVERYTHING FOR THE IVR

- ▶ Make sure to have all objects ready that are referenced by the IVR e.g.:
  - ▶ The internal numbers of ACD service extensions
  - ▶ The internal numbers of IVR service extensions
  - ▶ The internal numbers of personal extension
- ▶ Create the IVR-menus of this IVR:
  - ▶ Create and name the **IVR-menu** according the planning, so they are **ready for refence**.
    - ➔ It is not necessary that these IVR-menus contain any IVR-rules yet.

- > Click button: New
- > In the dialog "Menu": just configure the parameter Name

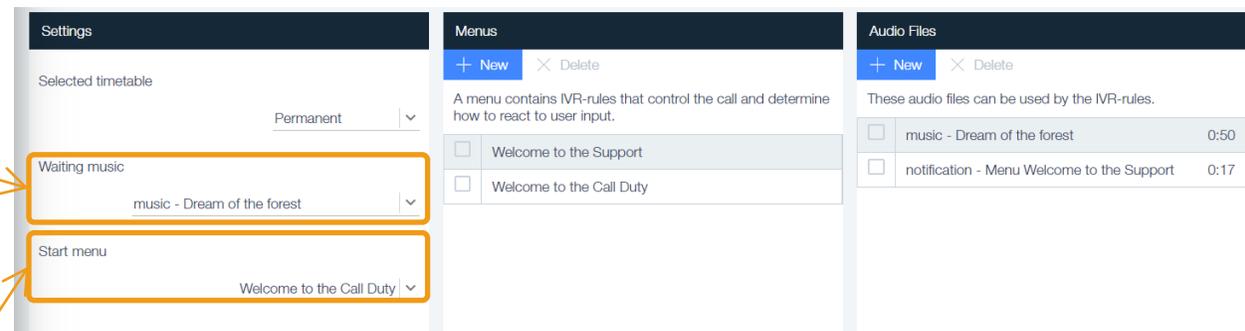


- ▶ Assign the optional waiting music of this IVR:

- > Select the audio file for: Waiting music

- ▶ Assign the start menu of this IVR:

- > Select the IVR-menu for: Start menu



# CONFIGURATION IVR: SELECT A TIMETABLE

- ▶ By default, an IVR starts without any date/time scheduling. If a day/time scheduling is needed, then a prepared timetable must be assigned.

- ▶ How to create & manage timetables, see section:

[Timetable Based Incoming Call Routing](#)

- ▶ Assign a timetable to the IVR:

- ▶ "Select timetable"

- ▶ "Permanent"

- ▶ Permanent means that no timetable is activated for this IVR. The call distribution is valid for all day times, weekdays and holidays.

- ▶ List of selectable and prepared Timetables

- ▶ Select the desired timetable
- ▶ Depending on the ownership of the extension only the timetables of the PBX or department are available

Interactive Voice Response IVR 40 Support IVR

Extension Related Features

Save

**Settings**

Selected timetable: Permanent

Waiting music: music - Dream of the forest

Start menu: Welcome to the Call Duty

**Menu**

+ New × Delete

A menu contains IVR-rules that control the call and determine how to react to user input.

- Welcome to the Support
- Welcome to the Call Duty

**Audio Files**

+ New × Delete

These audio files can be used by the IVR-rules.

- music - Dream of the forest 0:50
- notification - Menu Welcome to the Support 0:17

Support & Call Duty

- Permanent
- PBX Default
- Support & Call Duty
- Sales Department



# OVERVIEW IVR-RULES

- ▶ In the IVR-Menus IVR-Rules are defined which describe a condition e.g.:
  - ▶ Wait that the caller presses a certain key
 and the action that must be executed when the condition matches e.g.:
  - ▶ Call a number
  
- ▶ An IVR-Menu can have any number of IVR-Rules with "Condition→Action":

## Available conditions:

- ▶ "Immediately when the menu starts"
- ▶ "After some delay"
- ▶ "If a key is pressed"
- ▶ "If a collected number matches a certain criteria"

## Possible actions:

- ▶ "Call a number"
- ▶ "Play an audio file"
- ▶ "Play a notification"
- ▶ "Change to another menu"
- ▶ "Release this connection"
- ▶ "Call the collected number"

- ▶ Recommended script preparation:

**IVR-Menu: Welcome to Support**

**IVR-Rules:**

- ▶ Play immediately the welcome
- ▶ Key: 1 → Menu: Support English & German
- ▶ Key: 2 → Menu: Support French
- ▶ Key: 3 → Call the number 321
- ▶ Key: 9 → Restart this menu
- ▶ If no calling user input release the call after 55sec

- ▶ Realized configuration of the IVR-Rules:

The screenshot shows a configuration window titled 'Menu' with a close button. Below the title bar are buttons for 'Save', '+ New IVR-Rule', and 'Delete IVR-Rule(s)'. The 'Name' field contains 'Welcome to Support'. Below this is a table of rules with checkboxes and status indicators.

Condition	Action	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Start immediately and play the notification Welcome Support Working Hours , and repeat the notification every 15 seconds.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Start on key(s) 9 and change to menu Welcome to Support		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Start on key(s) 1 and change to menu Support English & German		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Start on key(s) 2 and change to menu Support French		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Start on key(s) 3 , then call the number 321		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Start after 55 seconds delay then release the call.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# IVR-RULES: LIST OF "CONDITIONS"

## ▶ Selectable conditions for starting an IVR-rule action are:

- ▶ "Immediately when the menu starts"
  - ▶ The action is immediately executed without waiting for a caller input or timeout.

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:

Immediately when the menu starts ▼

- ▶ "After some delay"
  - ▶ The action is executed after a configured timeout e.g.: 14 seconds

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:

After some delay ▼

The IVR-rule starts after 14 seconds

- ▶ "If a key is pressed"
  - ▶ The action is executed when the user presses a defined key e.g.: 1

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:

If a key is pressed ▼

The IVR-rule starts if one of the following keys is pressed: 1

Multiple keys can be specified as: 0-3, 9, \*, #  
To match all digits, use: 0-9

- ▶ "If a collected number matches a certain criteria"
  - ▶ See [Overview of Number "Conditions" & "Actions"](#)

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:

If the collected number matches a certain criteria ▼

The IVR-rule starts if the collected number matches the regex:  
[1-9][1-9][1-9]

A valid regex pattern is for example: (123/4...)

# IVR-RULES: LIST OF "ACTIONS"

- ▶ Selectable actions for IVR-rules when the condition matched:
  - ▶ "Call a number"
    - ▶ The configured number is dialed.
    - ▶ If the destination doesn't respond, then an optional new IVR-menu can be called.
  - ▶ "Play an audio file"
    - ▶ An audio file is played and restarts at its end.
    - ▶ Optionally a new IVR-menu can be called when playing the audio file is finished.
  - ▶ "Play a notification"
    - ▶ An audio file is played once and can be optionally repeated periodically e.g.: 15 sec
  - ▶ "Change to another menu"
    - ▶ The IVR is continued with another IVR-menu.
  - ▶ "Release this connection"
    - ▶ Release this connection immediately.

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:

Call a number

The number to call is:

You can specify a menu that will be used if the call fails.

The new menu if the call fails:

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:

Play an audio file

The audio file to play is:

After playing the audio file goto menu:

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:

Play a notification

The audio file to play is:

Repeat the notification every  seconds.

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:

Change to an other menu

The new menu is:

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:

Release this connection

# IVR-RULES: NUMBER-COLLECTION "CONDITION" & "ACTION"

- ▶ The IVR-Menu can handle number collection and post-dialing of numbers.
  - ▶ An IVR-Menu contains a number collector where the key inputs of the caller are collected.
  - ▶ The collected number can be used for initiating a specific action or as phone number that shall be dialed later.
  
- ▶ Number collection "Condition":
  - ▶ "If a collected number matches a certain criteria"
    - ▶ The action is executed when the entered number match the conditions of the regex.
  
- ▶ Number collection "Action":
  - ▶ "Call the collected number"
    - ▶ The previously collected number is dialed when the entered number match the security conditions of the regex.
    - ▶ Number manipulation and replacement are possible with the stream editor sed substitute "s" and Java Regex "back-references".
    - ▶ Optionally a new menu can be called when the call fails.

The number shall have 3 digits but no "0"

The number must start with 3

IVR-Rule Save

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:

If the collected number matches a certain criteria ▼

The IVR-rule starts if the collected number matches the regex:

`[1-9][1-9][1-9]`

A valid regex pattern is for example: (123/4...)

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:

Call the collected number ▼

For security reasons a pattern must be defined for the destination number. The call is only started if the dialled number matches the pattern.

The pattern is this regular expression (i.e. [2-4]..): `3..`

Optionally a prefix (i.e. '8') or replacement expression (i.e. 's/(.)/8\$1/') can be specified to manipulate the dialled number.

The prefix or replacement expression: `s/(.)/*86$1/`

You can specify a menu that will be used if the call fails.

The new menu if the call fails: Welcome to the Support ▼

The dialed number must be extended with \*86.  
Example:  
User input: 315 → The dialed number: \*86315

# IVR-RULES: USEFUL REGEX FOR NUMBER-COLLECTION

Regex Pattern	Matching Example	Remark	Regex Pattern	Matching Example	Remark
2673	2673	Match exactly these digits in position and length. Useful for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ PIN</li> <li>▶ Single phone number</li> </ul>	[125]...0 Variant: [125].{3}0	19990 or 28880 or 52340 or ...	Match a number that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Starts with 1 or 2 or 5</li> <li>▶ Followed by any 3 digits</li> <li>▶ Has at 5<sup>th</sup> position a 0</li> <li>▶ Is no longer than 5 digits</li> </ul> Useful for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The phone numbers have similarities</li> </ul>
(123 99 056789)	123 <b>or</b> 99 <b>or</b> 056789	Match exactly these 3 numbers with digits in position and length. Useful for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A small number of different phone numbers</li> </ul> Example: Check for emergency numbers and the company support number that a user is allowed to dial e.g.: (110 112 023456789)	[1-9][1-9][1-9] Variant: [1-9]{3}	111 or 999 or 234 or ...	Match a number that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Has 3 digits</li> <li>▶ Allows any digit, but not 0</li> </ul> Useful for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Internal numbers with the max. of 3 digits</li> <li>▶ 0 is not allowed, so, it doesn't match national or international numbers)</li> </ul>
40[7-9]	407 or 408 or 409	Match a small range of numbers that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Starts with digit 4</li> <li>▶ Has at 2<sup>nd</sup> position a 0</li> <li>▶ Has in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position a digit out of the range 7-9</li> <li>▶ Is no longer than 3 digits</li> </ul> Useful for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A small range of different phone numbers</li> <li>▶ The phone numbers have similarities</li> </ul>	[1-9]*	1 or 23 or 987654321 or ...	Match a number that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Is of any length</li> <li>▶ Allows any digit, but not 0</li> </ul> Useful for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Internal numbers</li> <li>▶ 0 is not allowed, so, it doesn't match national or international numbers)</li> </ul>

All about regular expression regex see training:  
▶ [training\\_answitch\\_304\\_support\\_regex](#)

# CONFIGURATION IVR: EXAMPLE "SUPPORT IVR"

## ► Configuration example:

Menu ✕

Save
+ New IVR-Rule
✕ Delete IVR-Rule(s)

Name  
Welcome to the Support

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Start immediately and play the notification notification - Menu Welcome to the Support , and repeat the notification every 15 seconds.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Start on key(s) 1 , then call the number 41	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Start on key(s) 2 , then call the number 42	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Start after 90 seconds delay then release the call.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

IVR-Rule ✕

Save

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:  
Immediately when the menu starts

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:  
Play a notification

The audio file to play is: notification - Menu Welcome to the Support

Repeat the notification every 15 seconds.

IVR-Rule ✕

Save

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:  
If a key is pressed

The IVR-rule starts if one of the following keys is pressed: 1

Multiple keys can be specified as: 0-3, 9, \*, #  
To match all digits, use: 0-9

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:  
Call a number

The number to call is: 41

You can specify a menu that will be used if the call fails.  
The new menu if the call fails: -

IVR-Rule ✕

Save

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:  
If a key is pressed

The IVR-rule starts if one of the following keys is pressed: 2

Multiple keys can be specified as: 0-3, 9, \*, #  
To match all digits, use: 0-9

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:  
Call a number

The number to call is: 42

You can specify a menu that will be used if the call fails.  
The new menu if the call fails: -

IVR-Rule ✕

Save

Specify when this IVR-rule shall be executed:  
After some delay

The IVR-rule starts after 90 seconds

Specify what to do when the IVR-rule is executed:  
Release this connection

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# 11 SUSPEND A USER FROM ACD CALL DISTRIBUTIONS

# SUSPEND A USER FROM ACD CALL DISTRIBUTIONS

- ▶ When a user is absent, it may be needed to suspend this user from the ACD.
- ▶ Suspending a destination in an ACD optimizes automatically the signaling of the remaining destinations.
  - ▶ **Suspend via Portal UI:**
    - > On page: Advanced Call Distribution
    - > Deactivate the destination
  - ▶ Suspend a user from ACDs via the user's phone with the \*-code 29:

Description		*#-Codes
Suspend a destination from	All ACDs	Activation/Toggle: *29
		Deactivation: #29
Advanced Call Distribution ACD	Only from ACD with number	Activation/Toggle: *29Number
		Deactivation: #29Number
		Status: *#29

The screenshot displays the configuration page for 'Advanced Call Distribution ACD 45 Sales ACD'. It features several sections:
 

- Settings:** Includes a 'Save' button and a 'Selected timetable' dropdown set to 'Permanent'.
- Audio Files:** Lists audio files like 'music - waiting - Is Coffee A Verb Or Noun' (3:24) and 'notification - all sales occupied' (0:04).
- Signaling:** Configures 'Waiting music' and 'Notification' with dropdown menus and time-based settings (e.g., 'Play the notification the first time after' set to 2 seconds).
- Call Distribution:** Shows 'Method' (Cyclic), 'Queue size' (5), and 'Fallback destination if no response' (\*86). Below this, a list of destinations is shown with toggle switches. The 'Phone: Sales 2-Yealink T400' toggle is highlighted with an orange arrow and is currently in the 'off' position.

## Note

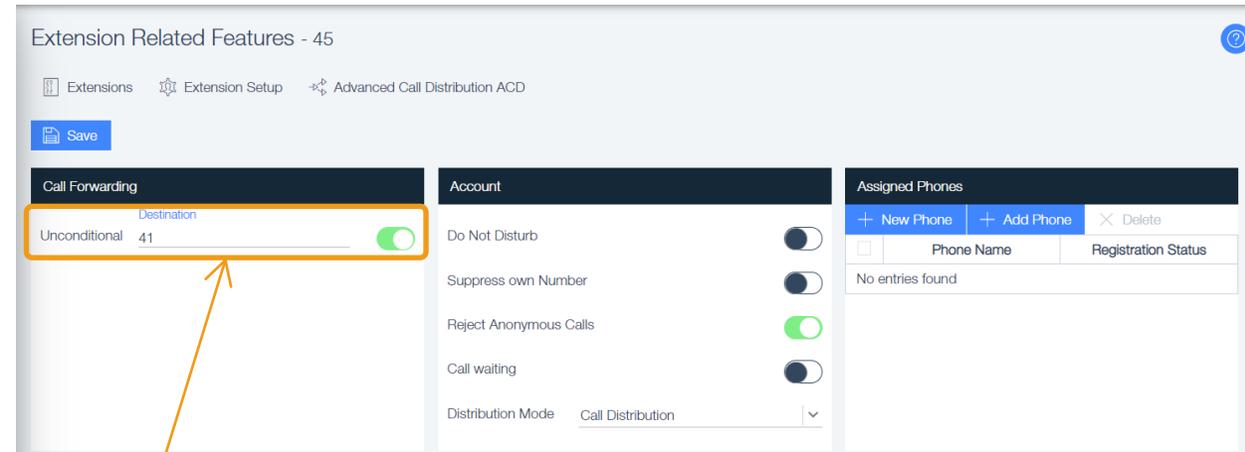
In order not to lose the overview, it is not recommended to assign telephones to a service extension.

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# 12 SUSPEND AN ACD OR IVR CALL DISTRIBUTION FOR MAINTENANCE

# SUSPEND AN ACD OR IVR CALL DISTRIBUTION FOR MAINTENANCE

- ▶ For maintenance work it may be necessary to suspend an ACD or IVR call distribution.
- ▶ However, during the maintenance the e.g., company's support service must be available.
- ▶ Activate the unconditional call forwarding CFU of the extension to any type of destination:
  - ▶ Voice Mail Box VM of this extension
  - ▶ Internal extension number of this PBX
  - ▶ National & international numbers
  - ▶ Voice Mail Box VM of any PBX extension e.g., 311: \*86311
- ▶ Suspend via Portal UI:
  - > On page: Extension Related Features
  - > At "Unconditional" configure the CFU destination
  - > Activate the slider



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18.9.2023	training_as7_404_pbx_call_routing_e15	V7.13: New feature "Configure Ranges of Holidays" Optimized ACD configuration in the Portal UI	Page: 29 Chapter: 9
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