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Hunt groups enable set one phone number (this number is refered as pilot number) as distributor of call to extensions defined in number list. Hunt group selection algorithm defines who receive next call in list. Our lab will show you how to configure simple hunt group on Cisco Unified CME.

Basic terms bounded with hunting number in list from pilot number are:

- pilot number ephone-DN that is dialed to reach a hunt group. (optionally keyword secondary)
- algorithm type method used to select which phone in hunt list should ring next,
- list of member group of ephone-DN that belong to the hunt "pool",
- hops number of extensions that algorithm will try to ring before going to the final number,
- timeout in seconds how long will ring a extension in hunt list before moving to the next extension selected by algorithm,
- final number number that is tried last after the number of hops has been exceeded

For hunt group creation is used ephone-hunt <Tag> configuration command. Tag can be number from 1 to 100.

For selection of next ringing phone in hunt group in Cisco Unified CME can be selected these algorithm:

- 1. Longest idle ring phone that was longest idle
- 2. Sequential rings extensions in exact order as was configured in list
- 3. Peer circular fashion next ringed extension is in right position in list against previews ringed.

Our scenario consist of three ephone with unique extensions 1000, 1010 and 1020. All numbers are in hunt list. For ephone-hunt <Tag> algorithm we select nr. 10. As a pilot number had been selected 2000. Final destination after ringing number in list after hop 2 is first extension 1000.

Next picture show configuration commands and appropriate options for select

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Dynamips(0): CME_router_3745, Console port
                                      pilot will be 2000 for hunt group
                                  our training softphones
max-ephones 10
ephone 1
                                 ephone 1 with ext 1000 will act as final (last
device-security-mode none
                                 resort if no until 2 hops extension respond)
mac-address 001E.8C02.BD12
ephone 2
device-security-mode none
mac-address 000C.2906.E749
ephone 3
device-security-mode none
mac-address 000C.296C.D695
Router#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)#ephone-dn 1
                                          hunted extension
Router(config-ephone-dn)#
Mar 1 00:10:20.359: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface ephone dsp DN 1.1, changed state
to up
Router(config-ephone-dn)#number 1000
Router(config-ephone-dn)#name Ciljak
Router(config-ephone-dn)#ephone-dn 2
Router(config-ephone-dn)#number
Mar 1 00:10:38.935: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface ephone dsp DN 2.1, changed state
to up 1010
Router(config-ephone-dn)#name Worker 1
Router(config-ephone-dn)#ephone-dn 3
Router(config-ephone-dn)#name
Mar 1 00:11:04.155: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface ephone dsp DN 3.1, changed state
Router(config-ephone-dn)#number 1020
Router(config-ephone-dn)#name Worker 2
kouter(conrig-ephone-an)#exi
outer(config)#ephone-hunt 10 ?
                                      create huntgroup with tag 10
 longest-idle longest idle hunting
 peer
                peer hunting
                                      hunt group algoritmus
                sequential hunting
 sequential
outer(config) #ephone-hunt 10 peer ?
 outer(config) #ephone-hunt 10 peer
                                     available commands under ephone-
 outer(config-ephone-hunt)#?
 PHONE-HUNT configuration commands:
                  enable automatic features
 auto
 callqueue
                  select B-ACD callqueue option
                  Set a command to its defaults
 default
 description
                  configure description for this hunt group
 display-logout configure display for this hunt group all logout
                  Exit from ephone hunt configuration mode
  exit
  final
                  final number for hunt group
  forward
                  with no forward, disable forward for local calls
  fwd-final
                  select forward to original phone or configured final
                  maximum number of hunting hops
 hops
 list
                  list of number in hunt group
                  max-timeout in seconds for hunting
 max-timeout
                  Negate a command or set its defaults
 no-reg
                  not register pilot number to gatekeeper
 pilot
                  pilot number for hunt group
                  preference of pilot number
  preference
 present-call
                  selectively present call based on phone state
  secondary
                  define secondary entry point
  statistics
                  enable statistic information collect
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timeout in seconds for hunting

timeout

Closer look at call to hunt pilot and mechanism of selection ringing phone by hunt algorithm describe next two pictures:





First number in hunt list is extension 1000 next hunted number is right from 1000 (it is 1010) because peer (circular) algorithm was configured using ephone-hunt 10 peer command. When hops reach 2 (two ringed extensions) final number 1000 take ringing line.

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