

Session Initiation Protocol: Making SIP Work in Your Network

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What Will Be Covered

SIP Basics

SIP As a Business Tool

SIP Adoption Caveats

Examples of SIP-Enabled Solutions



SIP Basics









1. Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) is defined as:

a) An application layer peer-to-peer signaling protocol used to establish, manage, and terminate multimedia sessions between intelligent devices.

b) A protocol developed by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) that leverages and builds upon numerous other well known protocols such as HTTP, SMTP, RTP/SRTP, TCP, UDP, and IP.

c) A protocol originally specified in RFC 2543 and later completely reworked in RFC 3261 and companion documents.

d) All of the above.





Pop Quiz!

2. Which of the following statements are true:

a) SIP is a signaling protocol that is independent of the transport protocol and physical transport media used to conduct a session between end devices.

b) SIP does not incorporate or mandate specific Quality of Service (QoS) or security capabilities or protocols.

c) SIP provides mechanisms to control sessions between end devices, but does not dictate or limit the applications and services that may use these sessions.

d) SIP controls the session but does not specify the features that a given session can or will support.

e) All of the above.

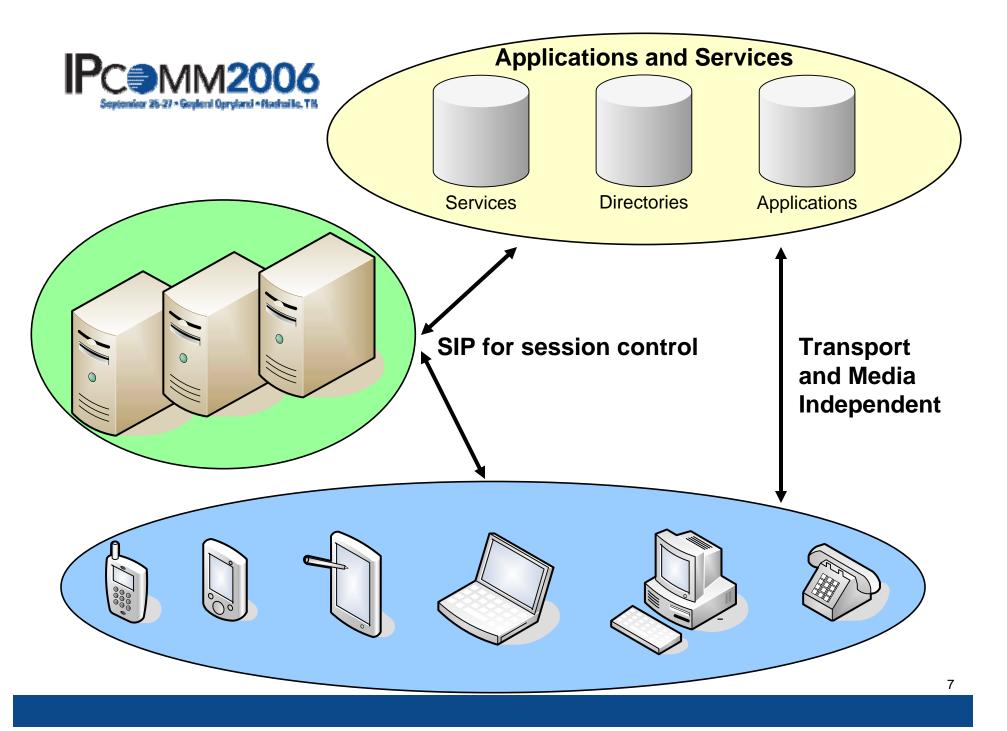




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3. What devices does SIP define:

a) Clients who request and receive information
b) Proxy servers that acts as the traffic cop for routing client requests
c) Redirect servers that redirect a client to another server to complete a given request
d) Registrar servers that keep track of location information for clients in their domain
e) All of the above.



SIP Proxv. Redired





So...What is SIP really designed to do?

SIP is the underlying structure that facilitates:

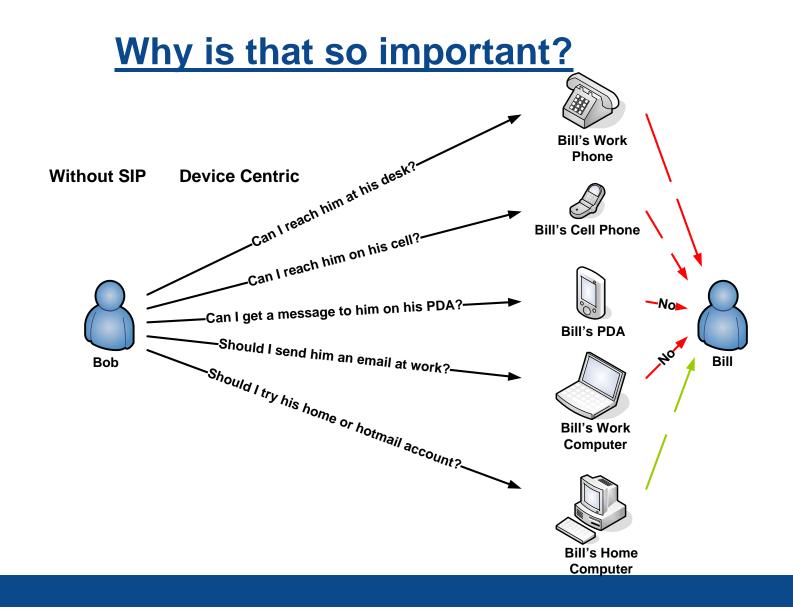
The establishment of sessions between end clients using virtually any service or application

From virtually any connected device

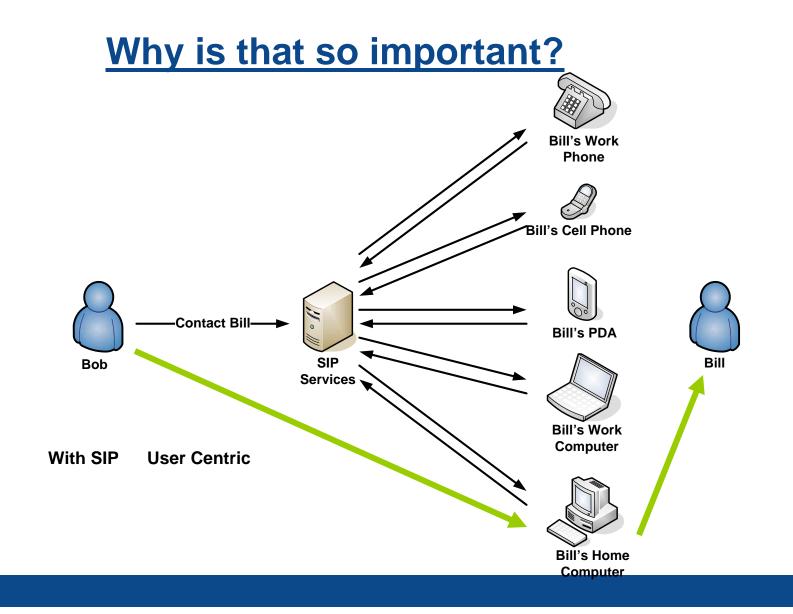
Located virtually anywhere

Without burdening the end-clients with the complexity of establishing or managing the requested session











SIP as a Business Tool





What are Some Common Business Challenges?



Staying Competitive









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Business Competition

SIP-Enabled Multimedia Apps And Services Reduced Cycle Time
Improved Customer Sat
New Lines of Business

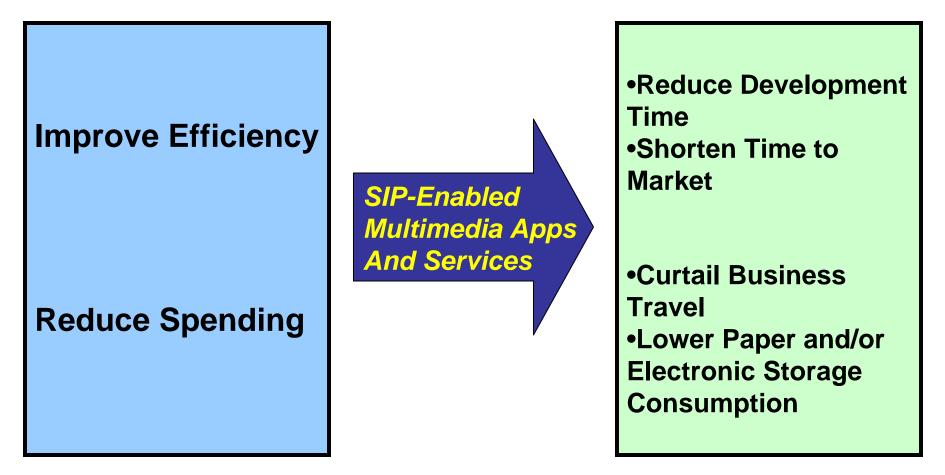
Competition for Skilled Staff

SIP-Enabled Multimedia Apps And Services Location is unimportantThe "office" is anywhereWorkers are accessible





Containing Costs







Productivity

Effectively Leveraging Knowledge Workers



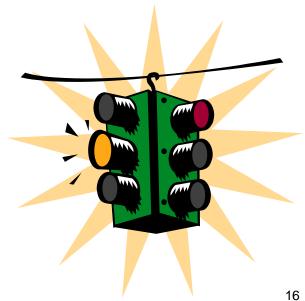
Employee Satisfaction And Lifestyle Issues



- Collaboration
- •Presence
- Personalization
- •Freedom of Location



SIP Adoption Caveats







SIP Alone is Not Enough

SIP is a solution enabler rather than a solution itself

Applications and business processes <u>must</u> be reengineered to properly leverage the benefits of SIP

Business process realignment <u>must</u> be championed from the top down





Simplicity is a Double-Edged Sword

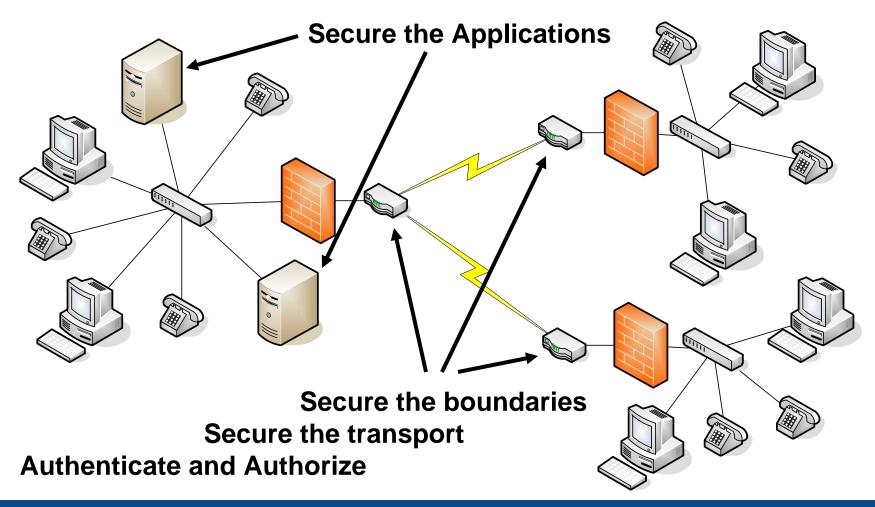
INTEROPERABILITY







Design in Security From the Start!!





Examples of SIP-Enabled Solutions







Example 1: SIP-Enabled Contact Center

- Who: A direct response company, based in the Mid-Atlantic States, that specializes in processing responses for catalogs, associations, and fundraising organizations/campaigns.
- TheThe need for a highly flexible and easilyProblem:Customizable contact center environment that
would facilitate rapid development and
deployment of sophisticated and personalized
contact center and integrated enterprise
applications.





Example 1: SIP-Enabled Contact Center

TheA SIP-Enabled bundled communicationsSolution:application software suite that is highlycustomizable with a GUI based applicationgeneration and administration tool.

The Benefits:

- •Eliminated dependence on IT for app dev
- Enabled better maintenance of service levels across multiple sites
 - •Facilitated virtual call center environment and work-at-home program
 - •Reduced maintenance costs
 - •Saved 30% in agent training costs
 - •Reduced agent idle time by an average of 10% 22





Example 2: SIP-Based IP PBX Solution

Who:A community Credit Union in the Mid-West
serving 21 counties through a headquarters
location and 6 branch offices.

TheThe need for standardized telephony and call-
handling and routing services across all
locations with simplified and intuitive
administration and management capabilities. A
further need for customer interaction enhancing
capabilities.





Example 2: SIP-Based IP PBX Solution

TheA SIP-Based fully integrated communicationsSolution:interaction solution for processing all types of
communications.

The Benefits:

Presence capabilities reduced paging from roughly 10 per hour to fewer than 10 per day
Employee productivity improved due to deployment of Unified Messaging available via phone, email client, and web browser
Customer interaction and customer satisfaction improved

•Admin and maintenance costs were reduced





Example 3: Intel IPT Trial

Who: Intel

TheTo determine if there is truly a viable businessProblem:case for the deployment of IP telephony withinIntel, and to identify and quantify the benefits of
such a deployment.





Example 3: Intel IPT Trial

TheAn open standards based IPT environmentSolution:integrating SIP-compliant products from
numerous manufacturers.

Hard cost savings in the range of 55% by
 deploying open standards based IP PBX products in place of proprietary TDM PBX products
 Hard cost savings in excess of 52% per year in MAC costs
 Reduction in data center floor space by as much as 67%





Example 3: Intel IPT Trial

The Benefits (Continued

- •Reduced maintenance costs
- •Reduced power and HVAC requirements
- (Continued): •Reduced building wiring costs
 - •Reduced cost for set up and use of outside conferencing services for small (6 or fewer participants) audio conferences
 - •Reduced calling card costs by supplying road warriors with softphones
 - •End user time savings of 2.7 man-days per person per year
 - •Productivity gain of \$480 per end user



In Summary...







Key Points to Take Home

✓ SIP simplifies communication by facilitating a user-centric model.

✓ SIP makes communications services available to and simplifies integration with business applications.

 \checkmark SIP enables new applications that reduce cost, improve user productivity, and strengthen customer interaction.



QUESTIONS?

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