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# Understanding Network Security Requirements for Webex Traffic

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## Cisco Webex App

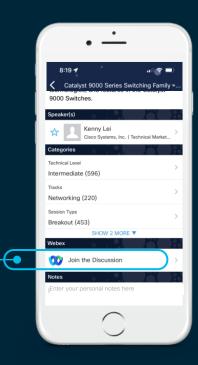
#### **Questions?**

Use Cisco Webex App to chat with the speaker after the session

#### How

- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Live Mobile App
- 2 Click "Join the Discussion"
- 3 Install the Webex App or go directly to the Webex space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

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# Agenda

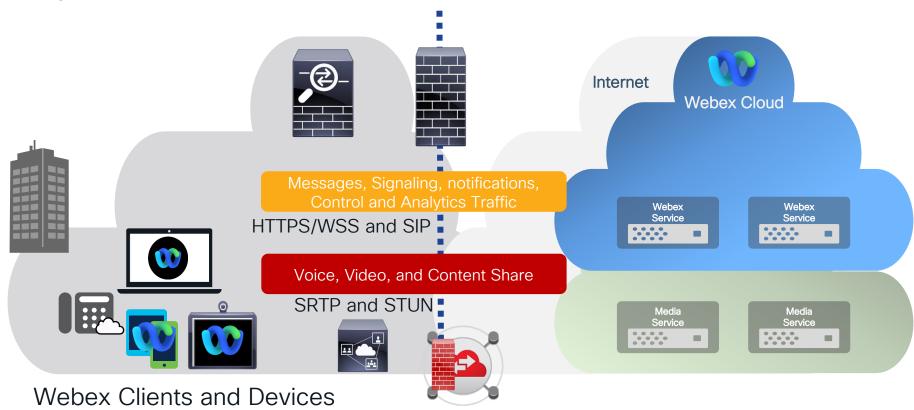
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- Media and signaling considerations
- Traffic flows and network port usage
- Conclusion



Fundamentals on Firewall Traversal



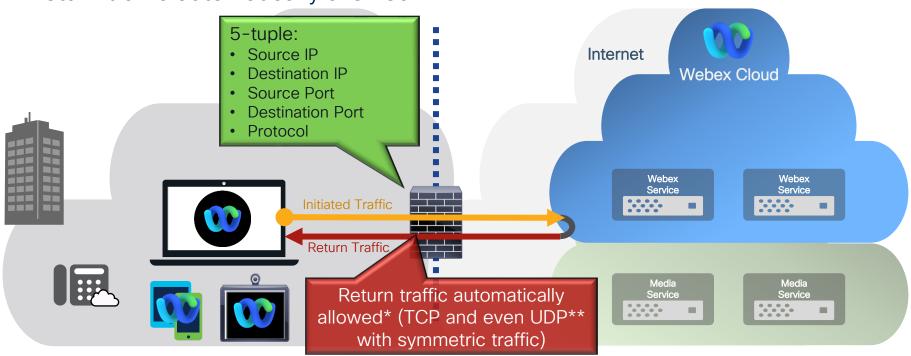
## Types of Traffic





### Firewall Traversal

Return traffic automatically allowed

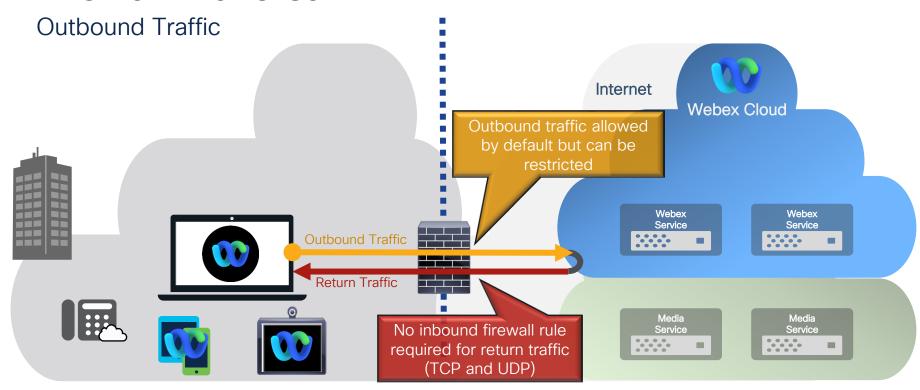


Webex Clients and Devices

- \* With most firewalls
- \*\* Return UDP traffic allowed based on timer, not based on connection status



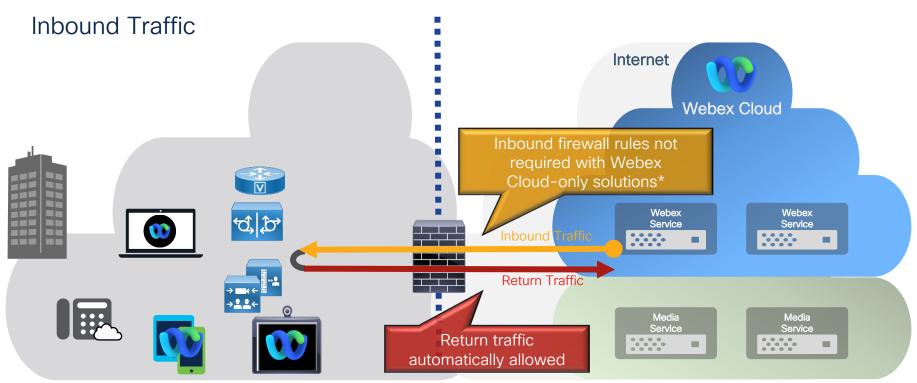
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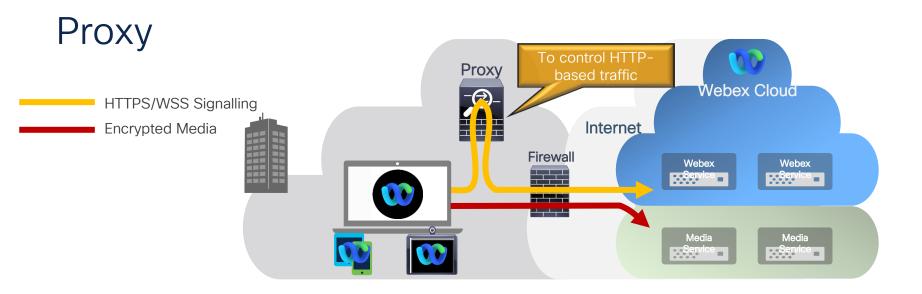


Webex Clients and Devices

\* Inbound rules required for SIP calls: Webex Edge Audio, Webex Hybrid Calling, Expressway



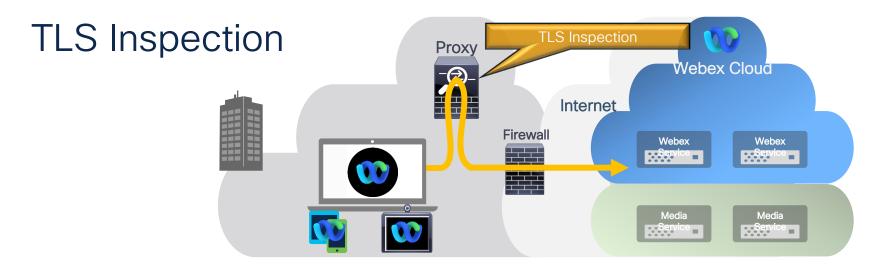
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- Supported with Webex Messaging, Meetings, and Calling\*.
- · Mainly to control HTTP-based traffic, avoid it for media.
- Typically, have limited bandwidth and CPU. Can cause excessive latency.
   HTTP proxy is not designed to handle interactive audio and video

<sup>\*</sup> With Webex Calling, proxy supported only with soft clients





- TLS inspection (or TLS Interception) is supported with Webex devices and Webex App\* but its benefits are limited
  - User-generated Webex content (messages, files, and media) is encrypted inside the TLS connection, so TLS inspection provides no security benefits.
  - Therefore, the recommendation is to bypass TLS inspection on the proxy to alleviate proxy's resources.

<sup>\*</sup> TLS Inspection not supported with Webex Meeting Media Services (TLS inspection exception rules to be configured), Hybrid Services – Directory, Calendar, Mgt connectors, see <a href="Network Requirements">Network Requirements</a> for details



# Media and Signaling Considerations



# Signaling



- Leverages HTTPS/WSS (WebSocket Secure) protocols, on TCP/TLS 443.
   Also SIP signaling with Webex Calling.
- With Webex Cloud-only workloads, outbound TCP connections only (clients/devices initiate outbound connections only).
   Return traffic automatically allowed.
- If restricting outbound traffic is required by your Infosec team, restrict destinations based on URLs



#### Media

#### UDP and fallback



- UDP preferred for media (delay and jitter sensitive)
- Webex devices, Webex App (Meetings, Cloud video calling) will:
  - First, try UDP 5004/9000 Recommended
  - Then, fallback to other protocols/ports:
    - TCP 5004
    - UDP / TCP 33434 being deprecated
    - TLS 443
- With Webex Calling, no fallback to TCP



### Media

#### UDP is BETTER



- UDP provides better experience for real-time communications
  - UDP: No need to retransmit packets if packet loss
  - TCP: Connection-oriented protocol. Retransmission of lost packets.
  - TLS: Traffic might go through a Proxy, which will lead to additional latency and jitter. Should be avoided.
- In line with RFC 3550 RTP A Transport Protocol for Real-Time Applications, Cisco prefers and strongly recommends UDP as the transport protocol for all Webex voice and video media streams.

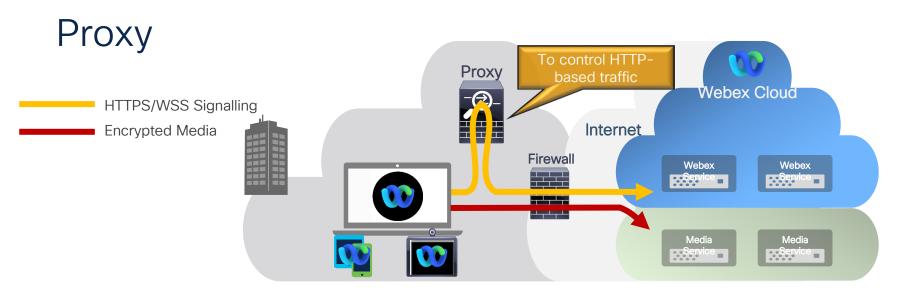


## Firewall configuration options to allow media

Firewall configuration of destination traffic for outbound media	Notes
ANY UDP - ANY IP	Best media quality Very easy to configure ©
<u>UDP Port Filtering</u> - ANY IP (e.g: Only allow UDP 5004/9000 for Webex devices and Webex Meetings*)	Best media quality Easy to configure
UDP Port Filtering - IP Subnet Filtering	Best media quality but Have to manually keep track of IP subnets to allow
Block UDP* Allow TCP 5004, 443	Not recommended Potential bad media quality especially if going through a proxy



\*Allow UDP 5004 and UDP 19560-65535 for Webex Calling Allow UDP 5004 and 50000-53000 for VMN

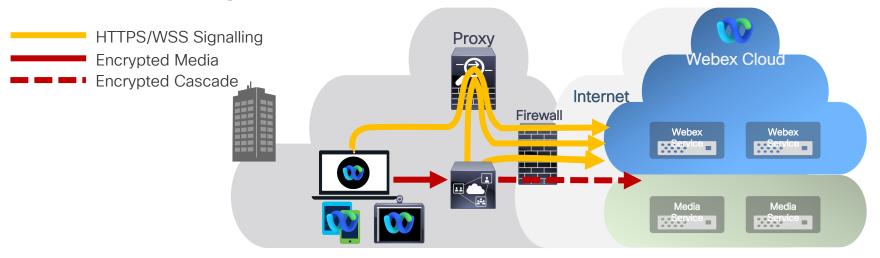


- Again, HTTP proxy is not designed to handle interactive audio and video, avoid it for media.
- Recommendation is to allow UDP for media (UDP 5400 and 9000).
   In this case, media will not flow through the proxy.
- If UDP/TCP 5004 and UDP 9000 are blocked and a proxy is deployed for HTTPS, the Webex soft clients will use TLS and traffic will go through the proxy which may result in bad media quality. The Webex room devices do not send media through the proxy, even if falling back to TLS.
- With Webex Calling, proxy is only supported with soft clients, and this is only for signaling



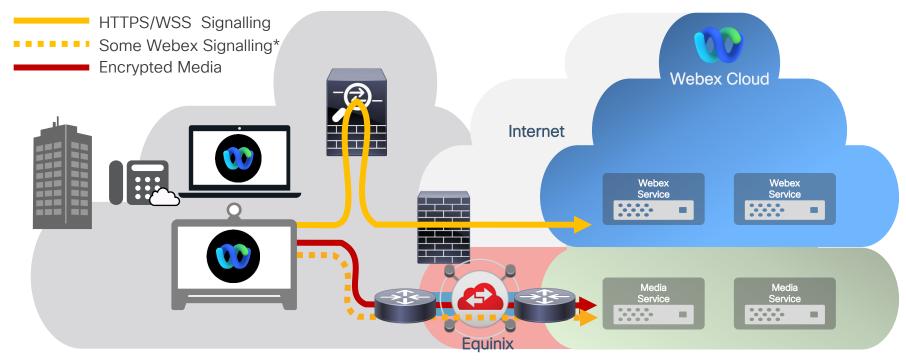
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# Webex Edge Video Mesh (VMN)



- Media conferencing is processed by VMN, media traffic stays on-prem if no need to cascade media due to participants outside.
- Benefit for firewall rule: All outbound media traffic is now sourced from VMN

## Webex Edge Connect

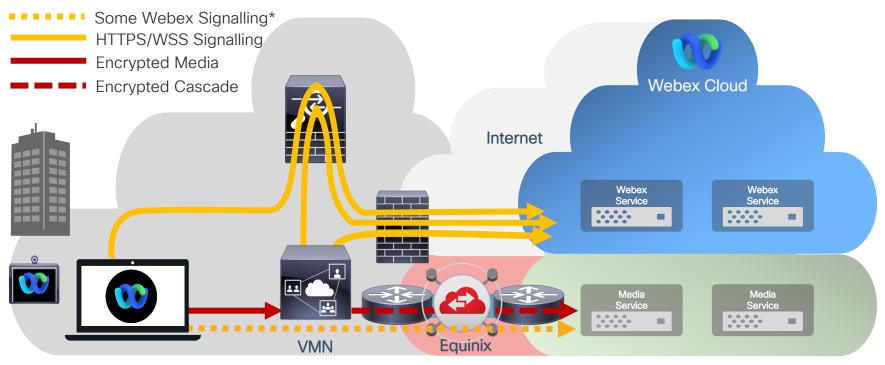


Private link, better QoS, and insulated from the Internet

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Signalling traffic to services in the webex.com domain (e.g. Identity services, Webex Meetings, Webex Calling) also traverse the Equinix link



# Webex Edge Connect w/ Webex Edge Video Mesh



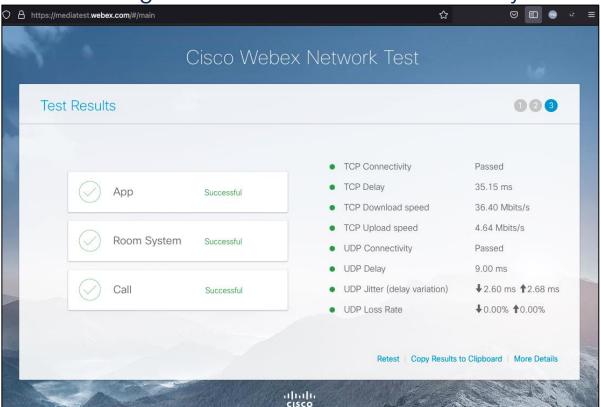
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### Cisco Webex Network Test

Good Starting Point to test Internet connectivity



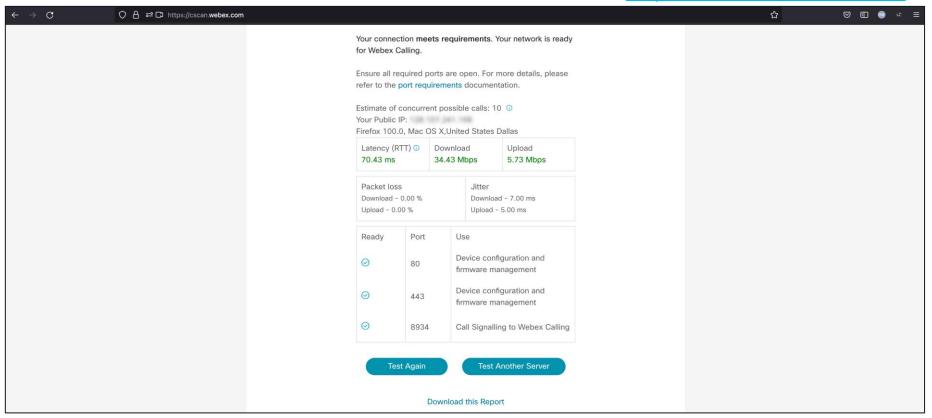
https://mediatest.webex.com

Will not test all IP subnets and all URLs

But checks if UDP 5004, 9000 is allowed, measures bandwidth, tests delay, jitter, UDP loss rate, etc

## CSCAN Webex Calling Network Test

https://cscan.webex.com





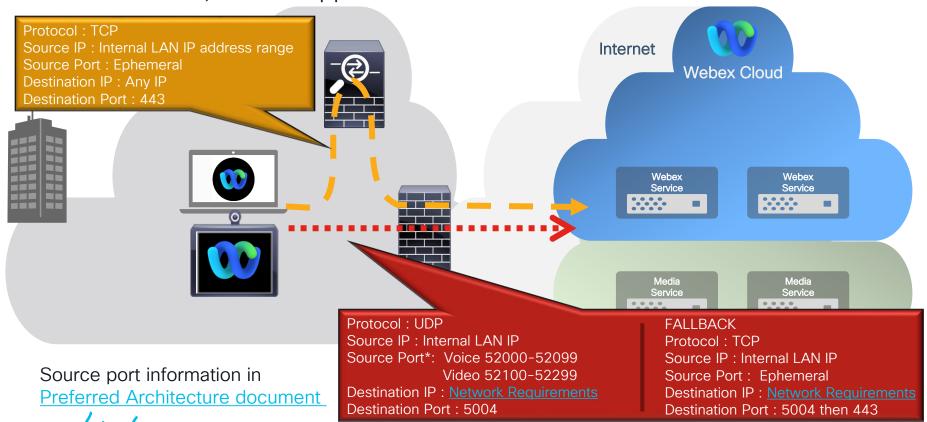
# Traffic Flows and Network Port Usage



## Protocols and Ports used by Webex



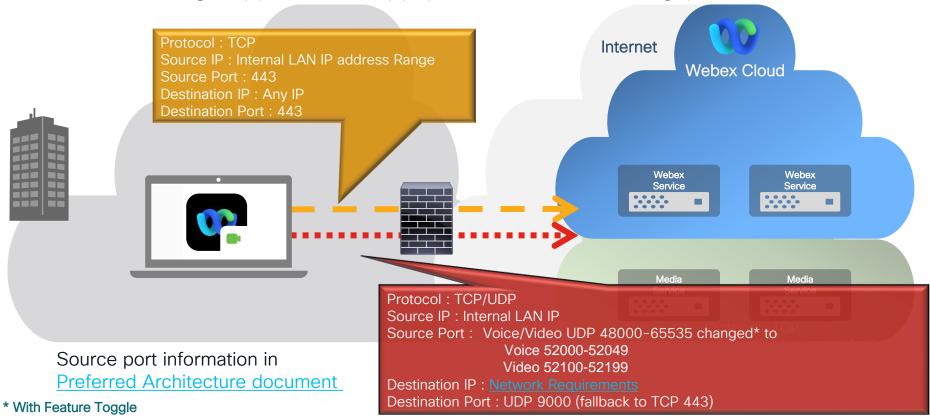
Webex Devices, Webex App



# Protocols and Ports used by Webex

Signaling/Other Control
Real Time Traffic

Webex Meetings App, Webex App (Full-Featured Meetings)

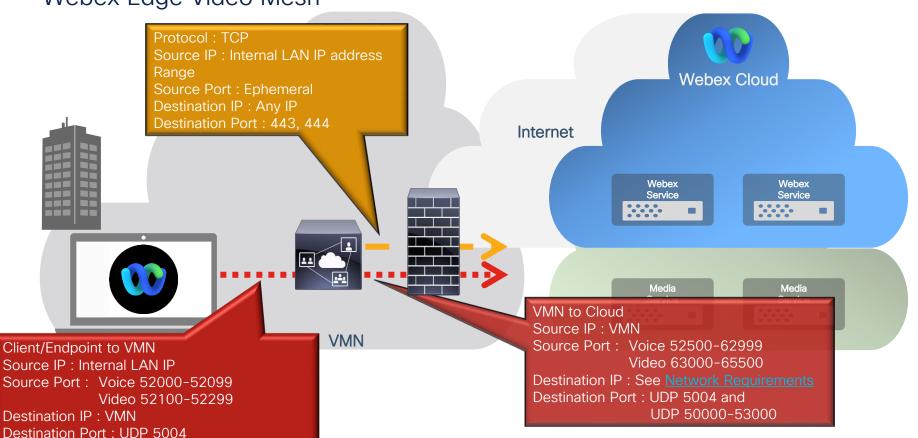


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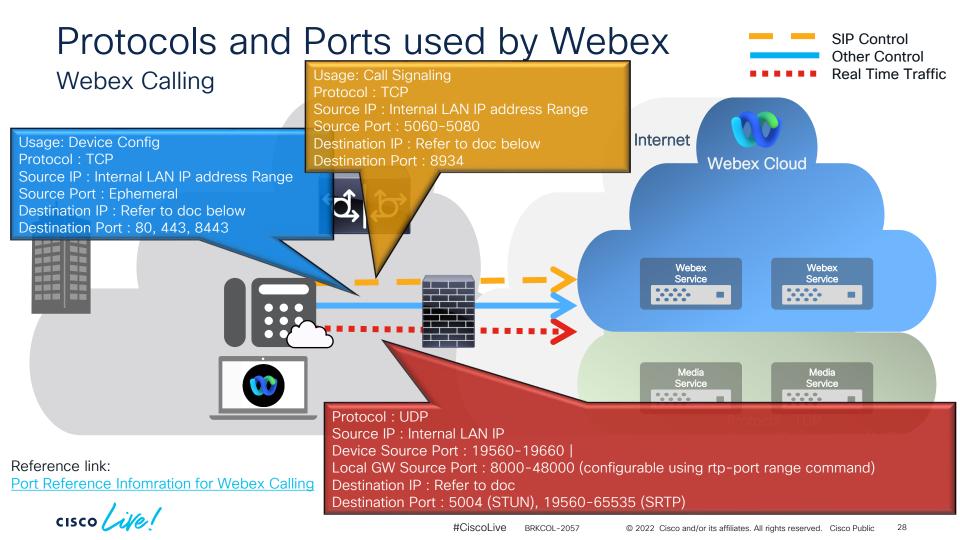


Webex Edge Video Mesh

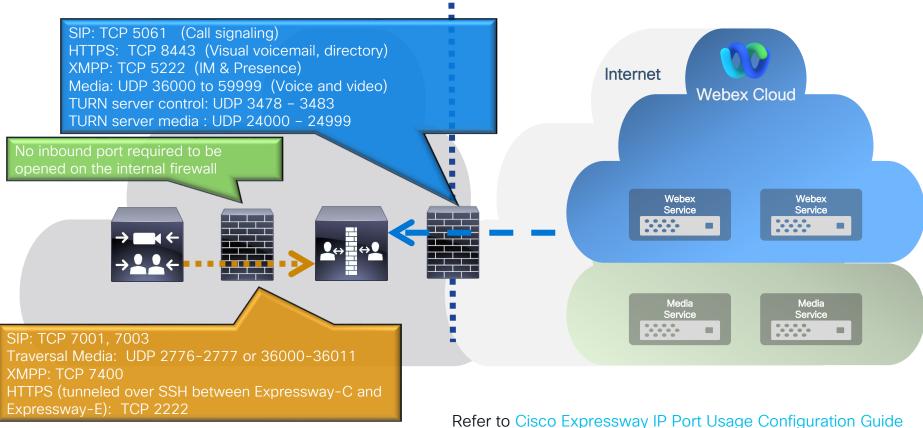


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## Protocols and Ports used by Cisco Expressway



# Conclusion



### Conclusion



- Most Webex Traffic is inside-initiated
- Return traffic is automatically allowed
- Allow outbound UDP for media for best media quality
  - Avoid TCP and especially TLS with proxy
- You can restrict outbound traffic mainly by using:
  - · Port and IP subnet filtering for media
  - · URL filtering for signaling
- For even more security and media quality, you can also deploy Webex Edge connect and/or Webex Edge Video Mesh



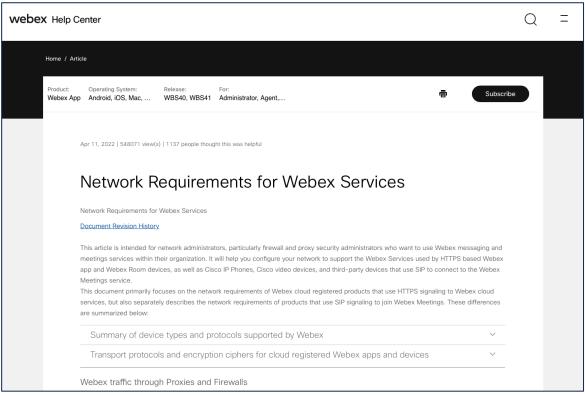
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Network Requirements for Webex Services

What are the **Webex media IP addresses** that should be <u>allowed through the firewall</u>?

What **domain**s should be <u>allowed in the proxy</u> for proper Webex operations?

For answers to these questions and for more information about Webex services network requirements, refer to the Network Requirements for Webex Services article

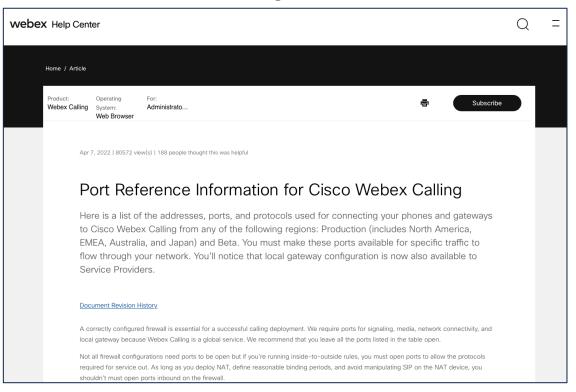




https://help.webex.com/en-US/article/WBX000028782/Network-Requirements-for-Webex-Services

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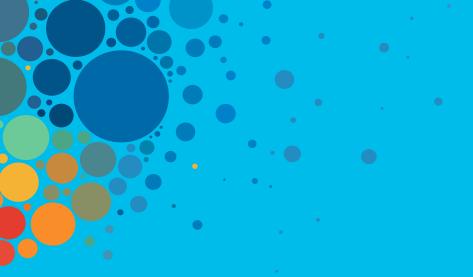
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# Appendix



REFERENCE

#### Mandatory URLs to allow in Proxy/FW

#### Reference:

Network Requirements Webex help article

Domain URLs	Description	Services
*.wbx2.com *.ciscospark.com	Webex micro-services, for example:  • Messaging service • File management exervice • Key management exervice • Key management exervice • Software upgrade exervice • Profile picture service  • Profile picture service  • Whiteboarding service • Proximity service • Presence service • Registration service • Calendaring service • Search service	All
*.webex.com *.cisco.com	<ul> <li>Webex Meetings         services         <ul> <li>Identity provisioning</li> <li>Identity storage</li> <li>Authentication</li> </ul> </li> <li>OAuth services         <ul> <li>Device onboarding</li> <li>Cloud Connected UC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All
*.webexcontent.com	<ul> <li>User files</li> <li>Transcoded files</li> <li>Images</li> <li>Screenshots</li> <li>Whiteboard content</li> <li>Client &amp; device logs</li> <li>Profile pictures</li> <li>Branding logos</li> <li>Log files</li> <li>Bulk CSV export files &amp; import files (Control Hub)</li> </ul>	All



REFERENCE

Optional URLs to allow in Proxy/FW, based on services/functions used (1/2)

Domain URLs	Description	Services
*.accompany.com	People Insights Integration	Webex Apps
*.sparkpostmail1.com *.sparkpostmail.com	e-mail service for newsletters, registration info, announcements	All
*.giphy.com	Allows users to share GIF images.	Webex App
safebrowsing.googleapis.com	Used to perform safety-checks on URLs before unfurling them in the message stream.	Webex App
speech.googleapis.com texttospeech.googleapis.com speech-services-manager-a.wbx2.com	Google Speech Services. Used by Webex Assistant to handle speech recognition and text-to-speech.	Webex Devices
msftncsi.com/ncsi.txt captive.apple.com/hotspot-detect.html	<ul> <li>Third-party internet connectivity check to identify cases where there is a network connection, but no connection to the Internet.</li> </ul>	Webex App



Reference: Network Requirements Webex help article

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Optional URLs to allow in Proxy/FW, based on services/functions used (2/2)

Domain URLs	Description	Services
*.appdynamics.com *.eum-appdynamics.com	Performance tracking, error and crash capture, session metrics	Webex App Webex Web App
*.amplitude.com	A/B testing & metrics	Webex Web App Webex Android App
*.vbrickrev.com	This domain is used by attendees viewing Webex Events Webcasts	Webex Events
*.slido.com *.sli.do *.data.logentries.com	Used for Slido PPT add-in and to allow Slido webpages to create polls/quizzes in pre-meeting	All
*.quovadisglobal.com *.digicert.com *.godaddy.com *.identrust.com *.lencr.org	Used to request Certificate Revocation Lists from these Certificate Authorities	All



Reference: Network Requirements Webex help article

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Webex Calling URLs to allow in Proxy/FW (1/2)

Domain URLs	Description	Services
*.webexcallingpbx.com	<ul> <li>Webex authorization micro-services for cross-launch from Control Hub to Calling Admin Portal.</li> </ul>	Control Hub
*. webexcallingpbx.com.au	Webex Calling services in Australia.	Webex Calling
*. webexcallingpbx.eu	Webex Calling services in Europe.	Webex Calling
*. webexcallingpbx.net	Calling client configuration and management services.	Webex Apps
*.cisco.com	For phone activation and provisioning	MPP Phones, Control Hub
*.ucmgmt.cisco.com	Webex Calling services	Control Hub
*.webex.com	<ul> <li>Webex Core Services for Calling, Meeting, and Messaging like Authentication, etc.</li> </ul>	Webex Calling
*.wbx2.com and *.ciscospark.com	Webex micro-services, like Software upgrade service	Webex Calling

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*.huron-dev.com	<ul> <li>Webex Calling micro services like toggle services, phone number ordering, and assignment services.</li> </ul>	Control Hub
*.sipflash.com	Device management services (mostly for US)	Webex Apps
*.walkme.com *.walkmeusercontent.com	<ul> <li>Webex user guidance client. Provides onboarding and usage tours for new users.</li> </ul>	Webex Apps

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# HTTP Traffic Inspection with Destinations to allow and TLS Intercept



Webex Hybrid Services URLs to allow in Proxy/FW

Domain URLs	Description	Services
*.docker.com *.docker.io	Hybrid Services Containers	Video Mesh Node Hybrid Data Security Node
*s3.amazonaws.com	Log File uploads	Video Mesh Node Hybrid Data Security Node
*.cloudconnector.webex.com	User Synchronization	Directory Connector

Reference: Network Requirements Webex help article



# REFERENC

# Webex Clients - Other Security Features

Config Type	Webex Meetings Mobile	Webex Meeting Desktop	Webex Room Devices	Webex Board	Webex App Windows	Webex App Mac	Webex App iOS	Webex App Android
802.1x								
TLS Intercept	×	×						
CDP	×	×			×	×	×	×
Media over HTTPS			×	×				



# **Proxy Configuration**



Config Type	Webex Meetings Mobile	Webex Meeting Desktop	Webex Room Devices	Webex Board	Webex App Windows	Webex App Mac	Webex App iOS	Webex App Android
Manual Config								
GPO		WIN	×	×		×	×	×
PAC								
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Note: Webex Calling supports Web Proxy only with the Webex App



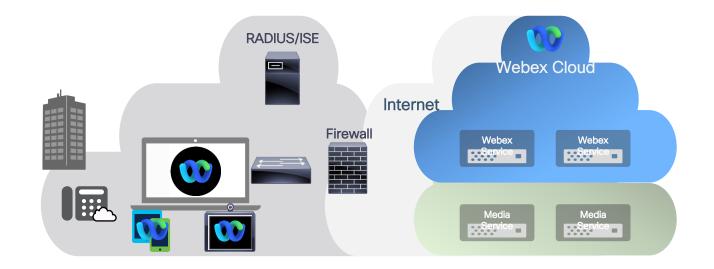
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Basic								
Digest					×	×	V	
NTLM			×	×				
Negotiate	×	WIN	×	×		×	×	×

Note: Webex Calling supports Web Proxy only for the Webex App



### 802.1x



- 802.1x supported on
  - Webex App and Webex Meetings App (Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, Web, via OS)
  - Webex Room Devices and Webex Board (EAP-FAST, EAP-MD5, EAP-PEAP, EAP-TLS, EAP-TLS)
  - Cisco IP Phones 7800/8800 with Multiplatform Phone firmware



## A note about Webex App and Webex Devices



Webex Devices include Webex Room Series, Board Series and Desk Series



Webex Meetings App in this context is our previous meetings app still widely deployed and used.



Webex App (Teams) refers to the native calling functionality for Webex App. It is used for Webex Space Meetings, 1:1 calls to a Webex Account holder ("Call on Webex" calling option in Webex App) as well as SIP URI dialing. This workload was formerly accomplished with Webex Teams.

Webex App (Meetings) Full-Featured Meetings or Meetings Experience is a feature enhancement to Webex App. When you start or join a Webex scheduled or Personal Room meeting from the Webex app, you get access to advanced features. This workload was formerly accomplished with Webex Meetings Desktop and Mobile App

### Media Signatures for Cisco Webex App and Webex Devices

Client/Device to Cloud (Reverse for Cloud to Client/Device)

Source IP	Destination IP	Source UDP Ports	Destination UDP Ports	Recommended DSCP	Media Type
Webex App*	Webex cloud and Video Mesh Media Services	52000 to 52049	5004	EF	Audio
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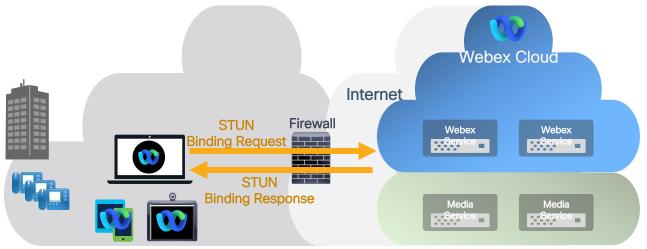
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### STUN - Session Traversal Utilities for NAT

Allows NAT traversal

 Used for media node discovery



- Allows to dynamically open firewall pinholes:
  - Allows to create firewall bindings by sending outbound STUN probes and allow corresponding inbound traffic (return traffic)
  - Allows the FW pinhole to stay open by periodically sending UDP probes
- STUN inspection can be used to dynamically open ports on the firewall

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## Media not sent to Proxy with Webex Devices

For Webex devices (Webex Board, Desk, or Room Series):
 Proxy server support is only for HTTP(S) signalling traffic. Media traffic (UDP/TCP/TLS) still needs direct access to the internet.

- https://help.webex.com/en-us/article/no5dwuq/Connect-your-Cisco-Webex-Board,-Desk,-or-Room-Series-device-to-a-proxyserver
- https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en/us/td/docs/telepresence/endpoint/webex/webex-rooms-security-white-paper.pdf

