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Successful Migrations from Unified CM to Webex Calling

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Cisco Webex App

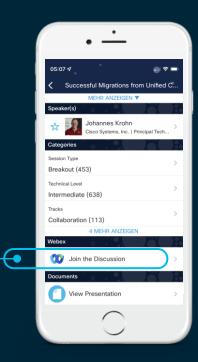
Questions?

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

Webex spaces will be moderated by the speaker until June 17, 2022.



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Agenda

General Process

Discover

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Design

Deploy

Migrate

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... with special focus on programmability using Python



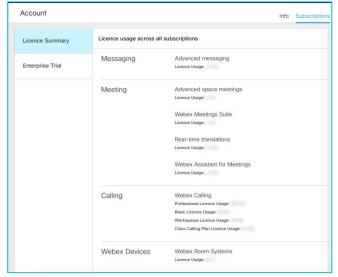
Deploy



Webex Org

- Create production Webex Org (or verify)
- Check licenses (add if required)
 - Make sure that required licenses are available
 - Requires prior assessment ... and potentially re-assessment during discovery phase
 - Check expiration (if starting as trial)







Setup prior to Calling Migration

- Domain verification/claim
- License templates
- User provisioning
 - Directory Connector, SCIM, CCUC, CSV, manual, API
- SSO



User Migration or Provisioning



User Migration/Provisioning Options

- Manual or CSV bulk operation
 - Not really scalable
 - Risk of inconsistencies
- Cloud Connected UC
 - Migration of batches
- APIs
 - Foundation for custom integrations
- Directory synchronization
 - · Okta, Azure, AD
 - Foundation for SSO

Best practice



Foundation: Identity

- Concept of "Common Identity": same identity within the enterprise and for cloud services
- Synchronization of enterprise and cloud identity
- Benefits:
 - User Experience: users can use same identity (and credentials w/ SSO) for authentication
 - Operational Efficiency: minimized management overhead
- Foundation for all Webex services



User Provisioning for Cloud Services

- Enterprises typically maintain user information in an enterprise directory
- Cisco Webex maintains common identity storage for user information for all cloud services
- Requirements:
 - Consistent user information in enterprise directory and cloud identity storage
 - avoid additional maintenance effort for system administrator
 - Automatic create, update, and delete of users
- Solution: directory sync



User Provisioning Options

	AD sync	Sync from Okta or Azure AD	Manual provisioning	Bulk Provisioning (CSV)	People API
Moves, Adds, Changes	++ automatic	++ automatic	 manual	- CSV prep	o / + / ++ Depends on level of integration
Easy of use	+ Initial setup required	+ Initial setup required	++ No setup, public documentation	o Process setup (data source, data format,)	Steep learning curve, development required for integration
Infrastructure requirements	Directory connector	None	None	None	Hosting if using web app
Flexibility	o some customization possible (groups, attribute mapping,)*	o some customization possible (groups, attribute mapping,)*	++	+	++

^{*}Some user attributes (e.g. mobile number, department, manager, title) can only be set via directory sync

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Converting Users

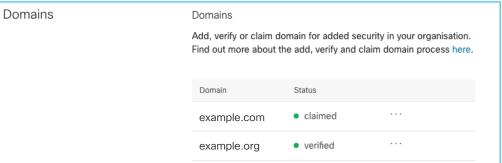
- Admin can convert users belonging to other orgs (including free org) to org users
- Based on email address domain
 - Requires email domain verification (or claim)
- Immediate or delayed claim
- Claim only possible if directory sync is not enabled
- License assignments checked/updated as part of the conversion process

https://help.webex.com/en-us/article/nceb8tm/Claim-users-to-your-organization-("convert"-users) https://help.webex.com/en-us/article/e4ektc/Disable-Delayed-Claim-for-Your-Organization



"Claimed" and "Verified" Domains

- Control hub allows to "claim" and "verify" domains
- Domains can be verified via Control Hub
 (DNS validation via TXT record)



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- Claim Domain **Domains** Domains Claim a domain if you want new users with that domain to Add, verify of automatically be created within your organisation. You must Find out mo convert existing users into your organisation before you claim the domain: example.com Domain We recommend configuring auto licence templates before claiming your domain, so new users are assigned licences example. when they're created. example.
- Domain claim requires that domain has been verified before

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"Claimed" and "Verified" Domains

- Verified domain
 - Users w/ email addresses from verified domains can be converted to licensed users from consumer organization
 - To avoid "pending" users domain (at least) needs to be verified
- Claimed domain
 - New users with email addresses w/ that domain can only be added to organization for which the domain has been claimed
 - Users existing before claim are not affected
 - Make sure to convert* existing users
 - Automatic user activation requires claimed domain (and SSO)



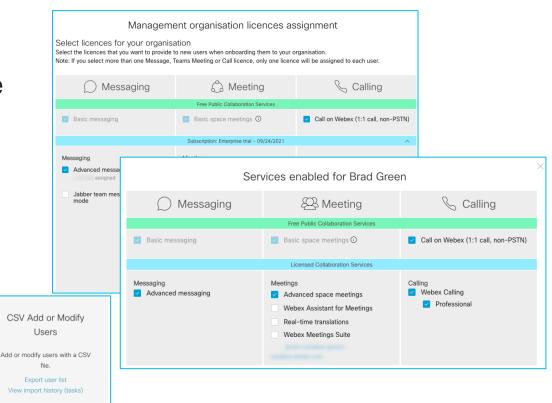
"Claimed" vs "Verified"

	Verified Domain	Claimed Domain	
Process	Control Hub, DNS based validation (TXT record)	Verify 1 st , then claim	
Exclusive	Domain users can exist in and can be added to other organizations	Domain users can not be added to other organizations Domain users existing prior to claim are not affected	
Sideboarding	Domain users can be sideboarded into consumer organization	into customer organization, can be disabled* w/ Directory Connector: no sideboarding!	
Conversion	Domain users can be converted from consumer organization Delayed conversion if email domain is not verified nor claimed		
Directory Connector	Can add users from domain	Can add users from domain	



Assigning Licenses

- "Auto-Assign Template" in Control Hub determines the licenses assigned to users added via Directory Connector
 - No Webex Calling support
- Alternative:
 - bulk update users via CSV update
 - Update services for single users





"Auto-Assign Template"

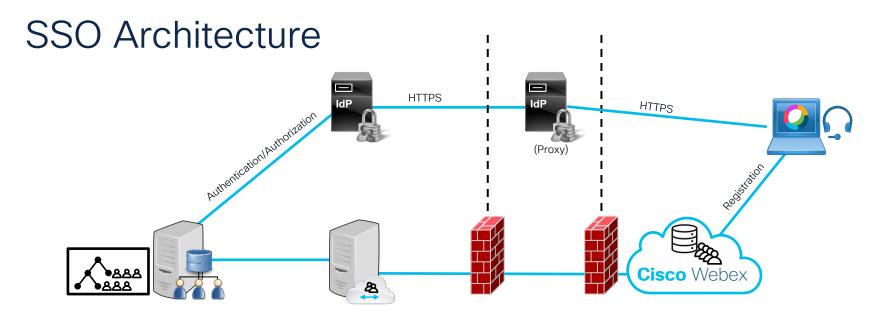
- Pro: New users are automatically enabled for services
- Con: Licenses required for all users synced by Directory Connector
- Alternative 1: selective sync of users (for example based on AD group membership)
 - Pro: users added to group in AD are automatically enabled for services
 - Con: incomplete user search; No sideboarding!
- Alternative 2: full sync of all users & manual license assignment (CSV, ...)
 - Pro: New users automatically get licenses according to Auto-Assign Template
 - Con: initial (full) sync might lead to license starvation; can be avoided by doing the initial full sync w/ an empty Auto-Assign Template
 - Continuous license management required if not enough licenses for all users



Single Sign-On

- Directory Connector only syncs user data
- On-prem vs. cloud authentication
- Issues:
 - Bad user experience: maintain multiple credentials
 - Security: multi-factor authentication, account lock-out, other policies, etc.
 - All new users receive email invitation; can only be turned off with SSO enabled
- SSO is the solution
 - Webex authentication linked back to enterprise





- With SSO enabled Webex Teams application during registration gets redirected to IdP configured for Webex Organization
 - form based SAML 2.0 REDIRECT/POST authorization code authorization flow
- Redirection to IdP instance (actually a HTTPS reverse proxy) in the customer's DMZ
- IdP handles authentication/authorization with AD backend



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Single Sign On (SSO)

- Required building block for best user experience
- SAML 2.0 based (SP initiated form based REDIRECT/POST authorization code authorization flow)
- Validated configuration guides for:
 - Active Directory Federation Services (ADFS)
 - Duo
 - F5 Big-IP
 - Google Apps
 - Microsoft Azure
 - OKTA
 - PingFederate
 - Shibboleth
 - SimpleSAML

https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/lfu88u



Validation (Invite) Emails

- New users receive validation email.
 - Validate user activation.
 - Initial password
 - User details

Automatic activation emails

Turn on to send automatic emails to your new users. Without activation emails, users can't set up their accounts.

Turn off and manually send activation emails yourself by triggering them from the Users section. You can also choose to send your own activation email.



- Validation of user activation not required if domain is associated with given organization (domain is verified)
- Password setting not required with SSO
- User details not required with Directory Connector
- Directory Connector + SSO + disable automatic activation emails
 - → new users automatically activated w/o user intervention

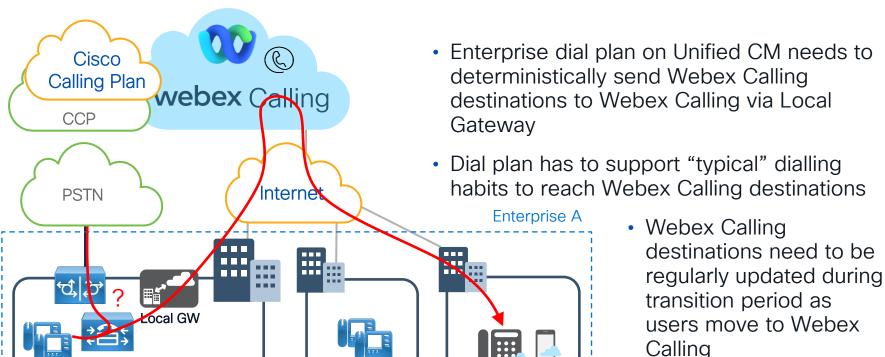
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Interworking Unified CM / Webex Calling



Local Gateway Dial Plan Integration





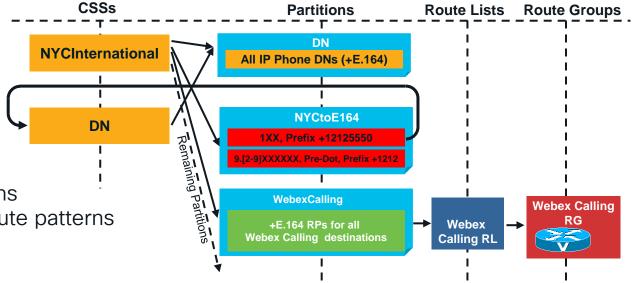
LGW Dial Plan Integration

 With a single Egress LGW selection not site specific → no LRG based LGW selection required*

 Multiple LGWs in multiple locations: RL and LRG

 Can can use multiple LGWs for scale and redundancy

 Webex Calling destinations provisioned as +E.164 route patterns



*For extension dialling w/ non-unique extensions site specific trunks are required so that Webex Calling can establish proper dialling context. LRG can be used for site specific egress trunk selection



Abbreviated Inter-site Dialing to Webex Calling

 Any dialing habit can be transformed to +E.164 using dialing normalization **CSSs Partitions Route Lists Route Groups** translations DN Same partition as **NYCInternational** All IP Phone DNs (+E.164) used for Webex Calling routes NYCtoE164 DN Webex calling dialing 1XX. Prefix +12125550 9.[2-9]XXXXXX, Pre-Dot, Prefix +1212 habits can also be integrated directly via route patterns **OnNetRemote** → also works with extension only Webex 81012.XXX, Pre-Dot. Prefix +12125550 Calling devices WebexCalling **Webex Calling** 81101.1XX, Pre-Dot. Webex Prefix +14085550 Calling RI \+140855501XX



Dial Plan Maintenance

- Depending on the number of Webex Calling TN ranges maintaining the set of Webex Calling RPs can be complex
- Alternative: use GDPR imported catalog with set of Webex Calling TN ranges
- SIP route pattern for catalog's route string needs to be provisioned in the WebexCalling partition
- BAT File format (example):

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BAT File format (example):

Forcing illegal number for GDPR PSTN failover (strip/prefix). Make sure that dial plan blocks \+0! or use prefix not covered by PSTN route patterns*

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+E.164 destination in Webex Calling

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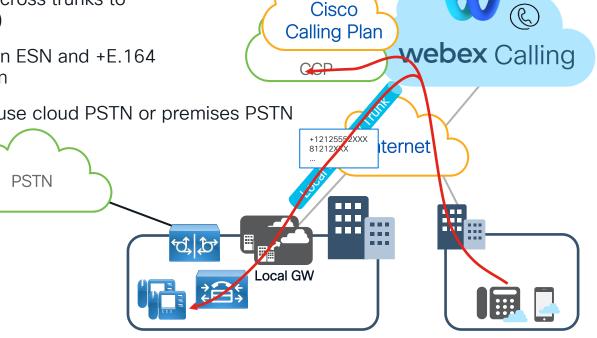
GDPR Imported Catalog Considerations

- Allows to share Webex Calling destinations between clusters: for example for SME deployments with centralized LGW
- Calls coming into UCM from Webex Calling need access to destinations learned from ILS/GDPR (access to remote on-net sites)
- Imported +E.164 and ESN patterns end up in the same partition (for example OnNetRemote)
- Breaking the loop: SIP route pattern for catalog's route string is in partition the trunk from Webex Calling does not have access to



Routing from Webex Calling to Unified CM Enterprise Dial Plans

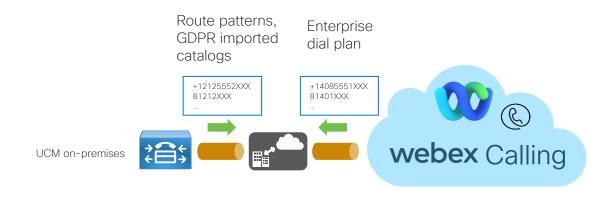
- Load balancing and failover across trunks to premises (scale, redundancy)
- Deterministic routing based on ESN and +E.164 patterns in enterprise dial plan
- Webex Calling locations can use cloud PSTN or premises PSTN
- Porting numbers from premises PSTN to cloud can happen as users move or at the end of the migration





Interworking: Webex Calling and Unified CM

- Interworking between Webex Calling and Unified CM requires
 - Trunk, Local Gateway
 - Dial plan configuration
 - · .. Both on Unified CM and on Webex Calling





Cisco UCM and Webex Calling coexistence

- Proper dial plan design (see Enterprise PA* for details) enables seamless transition of DNs from UCM to Webex Calling
 - All dialing habits are possible: ESN, DN and +E.164
- Detailed information in the "Transitioning from Cisco UCM to Webex Calling Deployment

Guide": https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en/us/td/docs/solutions/PA/mcp/DEPLOYMENT CALLING Unified CM to Webex Calling.pdf

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GDPR Export to Populate Dial Plans



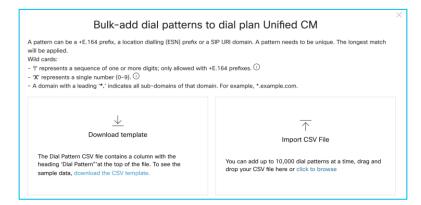
Use GDPR Information for Webex Calling Dial Plans

- Unified CM uses ILS/GDPR to exchange catalogs of routing information
- This information is stored in the remoteroutingpattern table in Unified CM
- We can export the learned patterns and re-use them for dial plan provisioning
- Can only be used in multi-cluster deployments



Problems to Solve

- Export from Unified CM
 - Use thin AXL to read database directly
 - Need to read from multiple UCMs
- Transform
 - Only wildcard in Webex Calling dial plan patterns is "X" at the end
- Import into Webex Calling
 - Webex Calling dial plans patterns can be provisioned using CSV



https://github.com/jeokrohn/migrationapi

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#Ciscol ive

File: read gdpr.py



Demo: GDPR Export

```
(migrationapi) jkrohn@JKROHN-M-106P migrationapi % ./read_gdpr.py
```



Migrate



Migrate UCM to Webex Calling: Tools



I want to explore Webex...

poweredm ready to use the Webex App...

User + Org Contact Migration

Provision End Users and Org-level Contacts in Webex Identity and Contacts Service.

- UCM BAT CSV to Control Hub (enduser data)
- Control Hub new Bulk Admin for Org Contacts
- · (beta) CCUC agent sync to Webex backend

Jabber to WxApp Migration

Stay on-premises UCM, migrate Jabber's messaging, meetings to the cloud.

- Control Hub basic Jabber deployment insights
- UCM BAT CSV to Control Hub (Jabber config)

I want to personalize my Webex app...

Personal Contact Migration

Make personal contacts from Jabber available in Webex App.

IMP BAT CSV to Control Hub (custom contacts)

I'm ready to move to Webex Calling!

UCM to WxCalling Migration

Entitle users, devices, locations and phone numbers from UCM in Webex Calling.

• UCM BAT CSV to Control Hub (UCM config)

I want to use my Cisco device for Webex Calling...

Phone Firmware Migration

Migrate Cisco IP phone enterprise firmware to the Webex Calling-ready MPP firmware.

Simplified experience via Control Hub

I want to configure detailed Webex Calling services...

APIs, CSV, Bulk Admin

Take advantage of multiple tools available to customize your Webex experience.

- Webex Calling new Provisioning APIs
- Control Hub new Bulk Admin CSV options



Migration Options - Comparison

	Manual Provisioning	Control Hub Tool	Bulk Provisioning (CSV)	API
Ease of use	o initial training	++	Process setup (data source, data format,)	Steep learning curve, development required for integration
Flexibility	++	o limited to devices, users, numbers	limited coverage	++ increasing API coverage
Integration into business processes	None	None	Possibly limited integration via customized data export/import	Tight integration possible
Speed		+	+	++



Tools Supporting Migrations

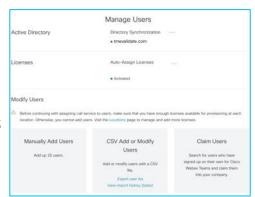
Control Hub migration tools: users, numbers, devices

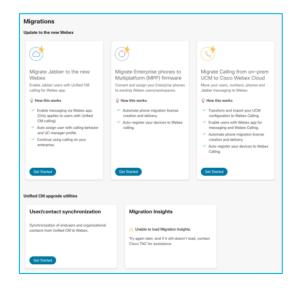
- Webex API support
- Batch operations





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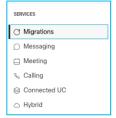


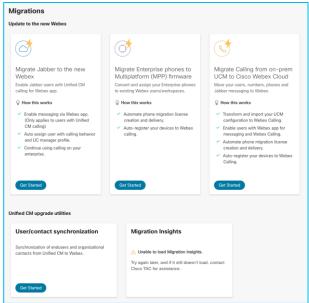




Calling Migration Tool

- Launched from Control Hub
- Use Unified CM configuration export (TAR)
- Data validation
- Extract/validate numbers, users, device associations
- Identify compatible devices
- Migration in batches
- Direct provisioning; not based on Webex Calling batch provisioning







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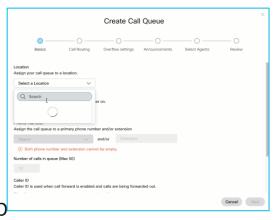
Bulk Operations

- API 1st strategy: build API support 1st, CSV bulk operations follow
- CSV based bulk administration for:
 - Users
 - Devices
 - Call pickups
 - Call queues
 - Hunt groups
- Provisioning of call pickups, call queues, and hunt groups w/o bulk operation can account for a significant portion of time in migration projects
 - # of instances
 - # of parameters



Bulk Provisioning Time Savings

- Each call pickup, call queue, hunt group instance requires populating a wizard with many parameters
- Example: call queue wizard with six pages and dozens of parameters
- Estimate: up to 10 min to create a single hunt group
- Causes redundant work if many instances need to be created with same/similar settings
- Repetitive tasks are likely to cause errors
- CSV support reduces effort for deployment and migrations



Webex APIs

- Coverage
 - Users (incl. calling entitlements), locations (r/o), call pickups, call queues, hunt groups, auto attendant, call parks, schedules, voice messaging settings
 - person settings: barge, call forwarding, call intercept, call recording, caller ID, voicemail settings
- Currently new API endpoints added on a monthly basis
- Foundation for flexible automation .. not only during migrations
- Reference: https://developer.webex.com



Using Webex APIs

- Documentation at: https://developer.webex.com/
- But: Steep learning curve
- A lot of concepts to master
- SDK helps to abstract from the "dirty details"



 https://pypi.org/project/webexteamssdk/: great framework, but no support for Webex Calling specific provisioning



wxc_sdk: SDK for Webex Calling APIs

- PyPi: https://pypi.org/project/wxc-sdk/
- Documentation: https://wxc-sdk.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
- Simple SDK to work with Webex APIs
 - Focus on Webex Calling specific endpoints
- Takes care of all the "ugly" stuff
 - JSON (de-)serialization, authentication, 429 retries,
 - Pagination, ...
- Python objects for all API objects
 - Tab completion → efficient coding
- Actively maintained
 - New API endpoints will be added
- Foundation for your migration/provisioning automation and other projects around Webex Calling

```
Example script
Get all calling users within the org
 rom dotenv import load_dotenv
from wxc_sdk import WebexSimpleApi
load_dotenv()
api = WebexSimpleApi()
calling_users = [user for user in api.people.list(calling_data=True)
              if user.location_id]
print(f'{len(calling_users)} users:')
```

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Demo Framework

- https://github.com/jeokrohn/migrationapi
- Read users from Unified CM via AXL
- Select users with phone numbers in a specific range
- Provision these users for Webex Calling and assign their extension
 - Async calls b/c Webex Calling provisioning calls are slow
 - Async code allows concurrent execution of multiple REST API calls
- Access Token for Webex API has to be obtained from developer.cisco.com



Demo

```
migrationapi — -bash — 143×29
[(migrationapi) JKROHN-M-106P:migrationapi jkrohn$ ./main.py
```



Observations

- Each Webex Calling provisioning request takes multiple seconds to complete
- Concurrent execution of requests helps to speed up the provisioning



Closing



Summary

- Covered in BRKCOL-2481a
 - Migration Process
 - Discovery
 - Design
- Covered in this session
 - Deployment
 - Migration



Key Takeaways

- User provisioning: foundation for all Webex services
- Directory integration and SSO provides best user experience
- Interworking between Unified CM and Webex Calling during transition period
 - · Dial plan maintenance is key
- Migration options: tools, bulk operations, APIs
- APIs provide greatest flexibility and allow for tight integration in business logic



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- API supported migration from Unified CM to Webex Calling and GDPR export:
 - https://github.com/jeokrohn/migrationapi
- Python SDK for Webex Calling provisioning: https://pypi.org/project/wxc-sdk/



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Technical Session Surveys

- Attendees who fill out a minimum of four session surveys and the overall event survey will get Cisco Live branded socks!
- Attendees will also earn 100 points in the Cisco Live Game for every survey completed.
- These points help you get on the leaderboard and increase your chances of winning daily and grand prizes.



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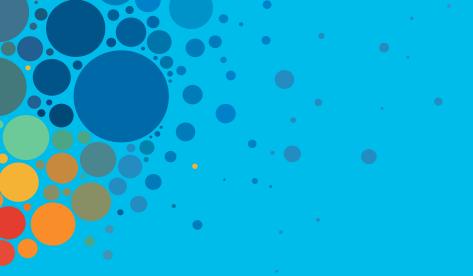
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