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# **VoIP Analysis Fundamentals** with Wireshark...

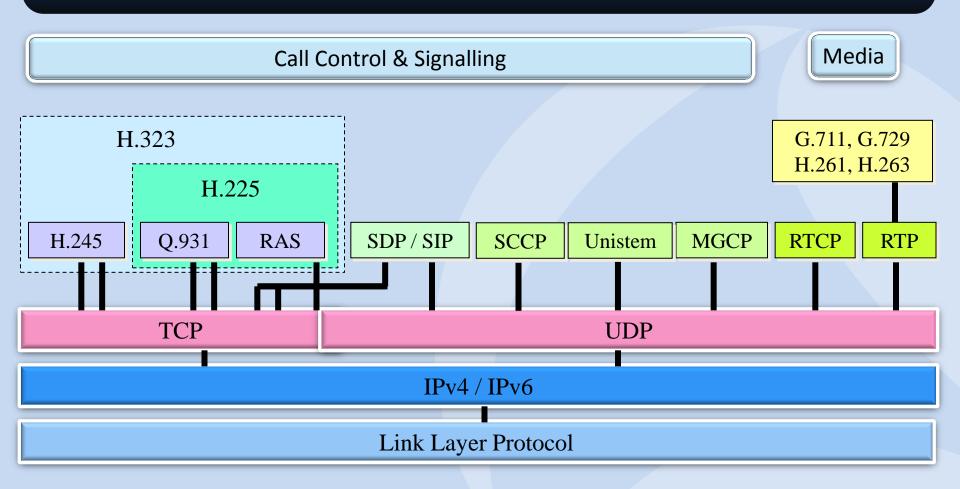
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### VolP / Video Protocol Stack



# VoIP Protocols Overview (Signaling)

#### MGCP - Media Gateway Control Protocol

- Defined by the IETF and ITU
- Used to control signaling and session management (also known as H.248 or Megaco)

#### SCCP - Skinny Client Control Protocol

CISCO proprietary protocol used to communicate between a H.323 Proxy (performing H.225 & H.245 signaling) and a Skinny Client (VoIP phone)

#### SIP - Session Initiation Protocol

Defined by the IETF / RFC 2543 / RFC 3261

#### H.323 – Defines a Suite of ITU designed protocols

H.225, H.245, Q.931, RAS, etc...

### **VoIP Protocols Overview (Data)**

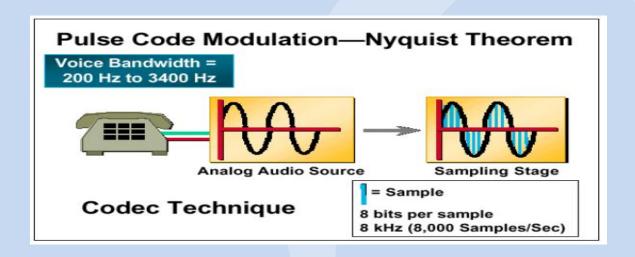
- RTP Real Time Protocol
  - Defined by the IETF / RFC 1889
  - Provides end-to-end transport functions for applications transmitting real-time data over Multicast or Unicast network services
    - Audio, video or simulation data
- RTCP Real Time Control Protocol
  - Defined by the IETF
  - Supplements RTP's data transport to allow monitoring of the data delivery in a manner scalable to large Multicast networks
  - Provides minimal control and identification functionality
- RTSP Real Time Streaming Protocol
  - Defined by the IETF / RFC 2326
  - Enables the controlled delivery of real-time data, such as audio and video
  - Designed to work with established protocols, such as RTP and HTTP

# VoIP Codecs (Audio Conversion)

- CODEC = Compressor / Decompressor or Coder / Decoder or Reader
  - Provides conversion between Audio/Video signals and data streams at various rates and delays
- Designations conform to the relevant ITU standard
  - Audio Codecs (G.7xx)
    - G.711a / u PCM Audio 56 and 64 Kbps (Most common business use)
    - G.722 7 Khz Audio at 48, 56 and 64 Kbps
    - G.723.1 / 2- ACELP Speech at 5.3 Kbps / MPMLQ at 6.3 Kbps
    - G.726 ADPCM Speech at 16, 24, 32 and 40 Kbps
    - G.727 E-ADPCM Speech at 16, 24, 32 and 40 Kbps
    - G.728 LD-CELP Speech at 16 Kbps
    - G.729 CS-ACELP Speech at 8 and 13 Kbps (Very common for home use)
  - Video Codecs (H.2xx)
    - H.261 Video >= 64 Kbps
    - H.263 Video <= 64 Kbps</li>

### **VolP Codecs**

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### Sample VoIP Codec Comparison

Codec	Data Rate	Typical Datagram Size	Packeti -zation Delay	Combined Bandwidth for 2 Flows	Typical Jitter Buffer Delay	Theoretical Maximum MOS
G.711u	64.0 kbps	20 ms	1.0 ms	174.40 kbps	2 datagrams (40 ms)	4.40
G.711a	64.0 kbps	20 ms	1.0 ms	174.40 kbps	2 datagrams (40 ms)	4.40
G.726-32	32.0 kbps	20 ms	1.0 ms	110.40 kbps	2 datagrams (40 ms)	4.22
G.729	8.0 kbps	20 ms	25.0 ms	62.40 kbps	2 datagrams (40 ms)	4.07
G.723.1 MPMLQ	6.3 kbps	30 ms	67.5 ms	43.73 kbps	2 datagrams (60 ms)	3.87
G.723.1 ACELP	5.3 kbps	30 ms	67.5 ms	41.60 kbps	2 datagrams (60 ms)	3.69

- MOS and R value include Packetiaztion delay + Jitter buffer delay
- Common bandwidth real bandwidth consumption:
- # Payload = 20 bytes/p (40 bytes/s)
- # Overhead includes 40 bytes of RTP header (20 IP + 8 UDP + 12 RTP)

# **Competing Signaling Standards**

- Several different standards are currently competing for dominance in the VoIP field:
  - H.323 Developed by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
  - MGCP / Megaco/ H.248 Developed by CISCO as an alternative to H.323
  - SIP Developed by 3Com as an alternative to H.323
  - SCCP Cisco Skinny Client Control Protocol used to communicate between a H.323 Proxy (performing H.225 & H.245 signaling) and a Skinny Client (VoIP phone)
  - UNISTEM Proprietary Nortel protocol, developed by as an alternative to H.323

# H.323 - Packet-based Multimedia Communications Systems

- An umbrella standard defined by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
- Defines a set of call controls, channel set up and Codec's for multimedia, packet-based communications systems using IP-based networks

H.450.1	Supplemental, generic protocol for use under H.323
H.225	Call Signaling / RAS
H.245	Control messages for the H.323 Terminal (RTP / RTCP)
H.235	Security Enhancements
Q.931	Call setup and termination
G.711, G.723.1 G.728	Audio Codec's
H.261, H.263, H.264	Video Codec's

# SIP VoIP Standard (SIP)

- Defined in RFC 2543 and RFC 3261 and by the ITU
  - Pioneered by 3Com to address weaknesses in H.323
- Application layer signaling protocol supporting real time calls and conferences (often involving multiple users) over IP networks
  - Can replace or complement MGCP
    - SIP provides Session Control and the ability to discover remote users
    - SDP provides information about the call
    - MGCP/SGCP Provides Device Control
    - ASCII text based
    - Provides a simplified set of response codes
- Integrated into many Internet-based technologies such as web, email, and directory services such as LDAP and DNS
  - Extensively used across WANs

## MGCP / Megaco VoIP Standards

- Defined by RFC 2705 / 3015 and the ITU in conjunction with the H.248 standard
  - Pioneered by CISCO to address weaknesses in H.323
- Used between elements of distributed Gateways (defined later) as opposed to the older, single all-inclusive Gateway device
  - Extensively used in the LAN environment
- Utilizes Media Gateway Control Protocol (MGCP) to control these distributed elements
  - Often considered a "Master/Slave" protocol

### Quality Of Service (QoS) - Overview

- Provides a guarantee of bandwidth and availability for requesting applications
  - Used to overcome the hostile IP network environment and provide an acceptable Quality of Service
    - Delay, Jitter, Echo, Congestion, Packet loss and Out of Sequence packets
  - Mean Opinion Score (MoS) / R-Factor is sometimes used to determine the requirements for QoS.
  - Utilized in the VoIP environment in one of several methods:
    - Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) defined by IETF
    - IP Differentiated Services
    - IEEE 802.1p and IEEE 802.1q

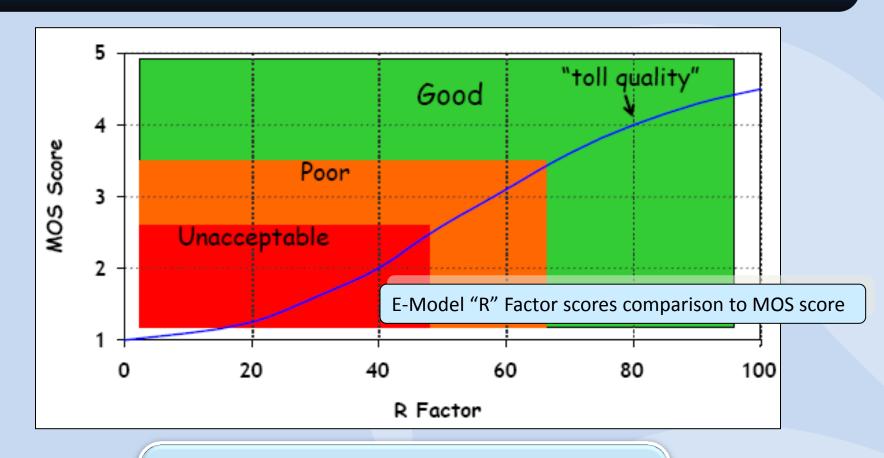
### **Assessing Voice Quality**

- Voice Quality can be measured using several criteria
  - **1. Delay:** As delay increases, callers begin talking over each other, eventually the call will sound like talking on a "walkie-talkie". (Over...)
  - **2. Jitter:** As jitter increases, the gateway becomes unable to correctly order the packets and the conversation will begin to sound choppy
    - Some devices utilize jitter buffer technology to compensate
  - 3. Packet Loss: If packet loss is greater than the jitter buffer, the caller will hear dead air space and the call will sound choppy
    - Gateways are designed to conceal minor packet loss

### **Different VolP Quality Measurement Terms**

- MoS Mean Opinion Score
  - Numerical measure of the quality of human speech at the destination end of the circuit
- PSQM (ITU P.861)/PSQM+ Perceptual Speech Quality Measure
- PESQ (ITU P.862) Perceptual Evaluation of Speech Quality
- PAMS (British Telecom) Perceptual Analysis Measurement System
- The E-Model (ITU G.107) (R-Factor)
  - Send a signal through the network, and measure the other end!

## **Measures of Voice Quality**



- MOS can only be measured by humans
- R-value can be calculated in software
- PMOS values can be determined from R-value

# MOS (Mean Opinion Score)

MOS	Quality Rating
5	Excellent
4	Good
3	Fair
2	Poor
1	Bad

- 1. Quality Goal is the same as PSTN and is widely accepted criterion for call quality
- 2. Call quality testing has always been subjective (Humans) International Telecommunications Union (ITU) P.800

#### MOS - Mean Opinion Score

- Numerical measure of the quality of human speech at the destination end of the circuit (affected extensively by Jitter)
- Uses subjective tests (opinionated scores) that are mathematically averaged to obtain a quantitative indicator of the system performance
- Rating of 5.0 is considered perfect

## E-Model (R-Factor)

- The E-Model Recommendation ITU G.107
  - The "E-Model" is a parameter based algorithm based on subjective test results
    of auditory tests done in the past compared with current "system parameters"
  - Provides a prediction of the expected quality, as perceived by the user
  - The result of the E-Model calculation is "E-Model Rating R" (0 100) which can be transformed to "Predicted MOS (PMOS)" (1 – 5; 5 is non-extended, noncompressed)
    - Typical range for R factors is 50-94 for narrowband telephony and 50-100 for wideband telephony

Cascade Pilot Computes the R-Factor and MOS scores



### "R" Factor vs. MOS in Cascade Pilot

			Caller Number 🔺	Call-ID 🔺								
		Н1 е	erarchy (Caller Number/Receiver Number/Call-ID)	RTP Src IP	F	RTP Src Port	RTP Dst IP	RTP Dst Port	SSRC	PayLoad Type	Avg R-Factor	Max R-Factor
-	Ca	11 ei	r Number: 3290	[3]	]	[4]	[3]	[4]	[3]	[1]	79.62	93.34
	-	Red	ceiver Number: 4672	[2]	]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	68.90	93.34
		-	Call-ID: 003094c3-438b0085-4ef5a663	[2]	]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	68.90	93.34
				45.210.3.90	19	716	45.210.9.72	2238	0x8b43c394	PCMU	68.98	93.34
				45.210.9.72	22	38	45.210.3.90	19716	0x13c443d3	PCMU	68.83	93.34
	-	Red	ceiver Number: 4697	[2]	]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	90.33	93.34
		-	Call-ID: 003094c3-438b0083-6f807304	[2]	]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	90.33	93.34
				45.210.9.97	500	004	45.210.3.90	19712	0x7ef3a938	PCMU	90.33	93.34
				45.210.3.90	19	712	45.210.9.97	5004	0x8b43c394	PCMU	90.33	93.34
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Cascade Pilot computes both "R" Factor and MOS in multiple formats:

- 1. Average R Factor / MOS
- 2. Maximum R Factor / MOS

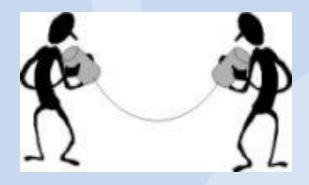
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	-	R	eceiver Number: 4672	[2	]	[2]	[2]		[2]		[2]	[1]	3.35	4.41
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				45.210.9.72	2238	В	45.210.3.90	19716		0x13c443d3		PCMU	3.34	4.41
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### **Cascade Pilot – Quality Details**

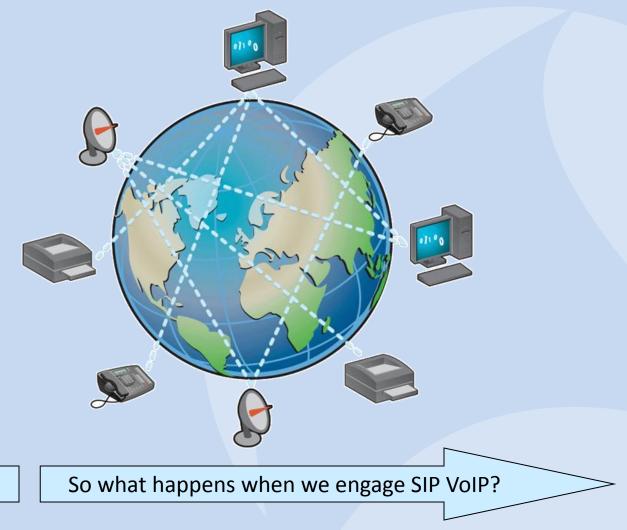
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	- Re	eceiver Number: 4672	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	8.330ms	507.953ms	23.070ms	-332398us
	-	Call-ID: 003094c3-438b0085-4ef5a663	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	8.330ms	507.953ms	23.070ms	-332398us
			16	45.210.9.72	2238	0x8b43c394	PCMU	8.379ms	488.079ms	23.070ms	-333296us
			8	45.210.3.90	19716	0x13c443d3	PCMU	8.280ms	507.953ms	23.071ms	-332398us
	- Re	eceiver Number: 4697	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	5.973ms	395.187ms	25.610ms	-296318us
	-	Call-ID: 003094c3-438b0083-6f807304	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[1]	5.973ms	395.187ms	25.610ms	-296318us
			4	45.210.3.90	19712	0x7ef3a938	PCMU	6.200ms	395.187ms	25.605ms	-296788us
			12	45.210.9.97	5004	0x8b43c394	PCMU	5.745ms	394.989ms	25.616ms	-296318us
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Cascade Pilot computes both Jitter and Delta in multiple formats:

- 1. Average / Maximum Jitter
- 2. Average / Maximum Delta



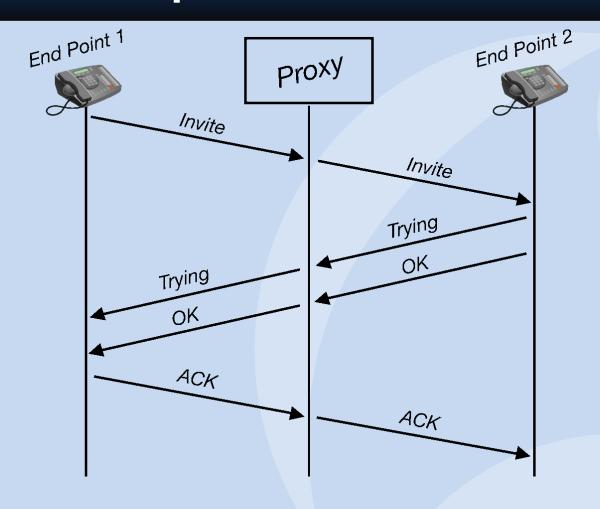
# Making the Call - SIP...



### **Expected SIP Operation**

- To initiate a session
  - Caller sends a request to a callee's address in the form of a ASCII text command
    - "Invite"
  - Gatekeeper/Gateway attempts phnoe number -> IP mapping/resolution
    - Trying / Response code = 100
    - Ringing / response code = 180
  - Callee responds with an acceptance or rejection of the invitation
    - "Accept" / response code=200 "OK"
  - Call process is often mediated by a proxy server or a redirect server for routing purposes
- To terminate a session
  - Either side issues a quit command in ASCII text form
    - "Bye"

# SIP Call Setup



### **Session Initiation Protocol (SIP - Invite)**

 □ Session Initiation Protocol ☐ Request-Line: INVITE sip:4697@cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net;user=phone SIP/2.0 Method: INVITE SIP "Invite" ■ Request-URI: sip:4697@cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net;user=phone [Resent Packet: False] □ Message Header ☐ From: "Cisco 3290" <sip:3290@cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net>;tag=003094c3438b00cd52bdf1e8-0d2f4d4b SIP Display info: "Cisco 3290" □ SIP from address: sip:3290@cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net SIP from address User Part: 3290 SIP from address Host Part: cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net SIP tag: 003094c3438b00cd52bdf1e8-0d2f4d4b □ To: <sip:4697@cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net;user=phone> □ SIP to address: sip:4697@cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net;user=phone SIP to address User Part: 4697 SIP to address Host Part: cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net Call-ID: 003094c3-438b0083-6f807304-47943c3c@45.210.3.90 SIP is data is carried in text format Date: Thu, 13 May 2004 18:11:17 GMT ⊕ CSeq: 101 INVITE User-Agent: CSCO/6 Expires: 180 Content-Type: application/sdp Content-Length: 244 Accept: application/sdp 

# Session Initiation Protocol (SIP - Bye)

Session Initiation Protocol □ Request-Line: BYE sip:3290@45.210.3.90:5060 SIP/2.0 Method: BYE ■ Request-URI: sip:3290@45.210.3.90:5060 [Resent Packet: False] ■ Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 45.210.3.36:5060; branch=a84121e1-2d6f00ce-2bb702b0-fd00f62c-1 ■ Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 45.210.3.36:5060; received=45.210.3.36; branch=cb89efff-be63b1bc-83f907fe-69cf5fcc-1, SIP/2.0/UDP ■ To: "Cisco 3290" <sip:3290@cisco.sip.ilabs.interop.net>;tag=003094c3438b00cf087acf0f-1340dfed Call-ID: 003094c3-438b0085-4ef5a663-56f32b68@45.210.3.90 Content-Length: 0 Allow: INVITE, ACK, BYE, CANCEL, OPTIONS, INFO, MESSAGE, SUBSCRIBE, NOTIFY, PRACK, UPDATE, REFER User-Agent: PolycomSoundPointIP-UA/1.0.9 Max-Forwards: 67 k: com.nortelnetworks.firewall,100rel,p-3rdpartycontrol ☐ CSeq: 36515 BYE SIP - "Bye" Sequence Number: 36515

Method: BYE

# **Challenges of VolP**

- Minimize Delay, Jitter and data loss
  - Excessive Delay variations can lead to unacceptable data lost or distortion
- Implementing QoS
  - RSVP designed to reserve required resources for VoIP traffic
- Interoperability of equipment beyond the Intranet
  - Different vendors Gateways utilize different Codec's
- Compatibility with the PSTN
  - Seamless integration required to support services such as smart card and 800 service

### Factors Affecting Delay and VoIP Quality - 1

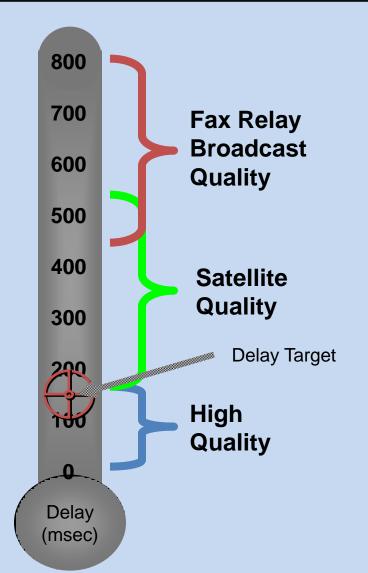
- Latency
  - Round trip latency is the key factor in a call having an "interactive feel"
  - <100 msec is considered idle</p>
- Jitter
  - Occurs when packets do not arrive at a constant rate that exceeds the buffering ability of the receiving device to compensate for
  - If excessive Jitter occurs, larger Jitter buffers will be required which cause longer latency

- Packet Loss
  - Loss of > 10% (non-consecutive packets) will be perceived as a bad connection

### Factors Affecting Delay and VoIP Quality - 2

- Codec Choice
  - Add delay
    - Processing
    - Encoding / Decoding
  - Greater the compression factors result in lowered quality
- Bandwidth Utilization
  - Less utilization = lower latency, jitter and loss due to collisions
- Priority
  - Voice is extremely sensitive to delay
  - QoS is used to allow network devices to handle VoIP ahead of other traffic

## **Voice Quality & Delay**



Many factors that contribute to the overall delay are fixed:

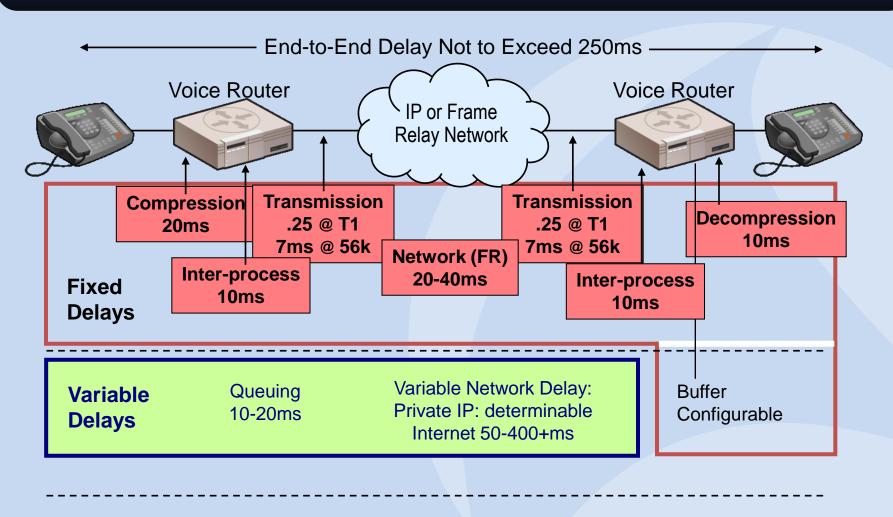
- -Codec delay
- -Hardware delay
- -Processing delay
- -Network physical delay

However, several delay factors are variable:

- -Queuing delay
- -Network propagation delay

It is the sum of all of these factors that determines overall delay as shown in the chart to the left

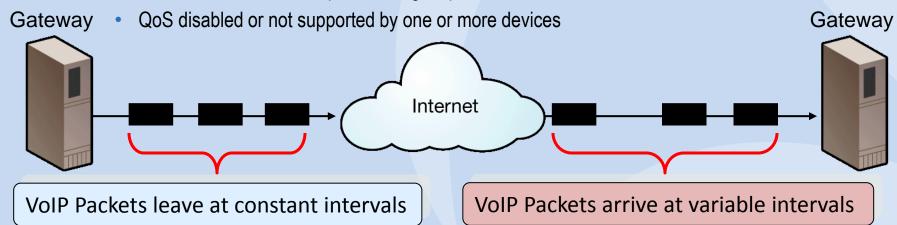
# **VolP Delay Example**



Total Fixed Delays (w/o buffer) 71-129ms

## The #1 Result of Excessive Delay - Jitter

- Occurs when packets do not arrive at a constant rate that exceeds the buffering ability of the receiving device to compensate for
  - Symptoms
    - Often noticed as garbles or a annoying screech during a conversation
  - Typical Causes
    - Insufficient bandwidth for the conversation
    - Excessive number of Hops in the signal path

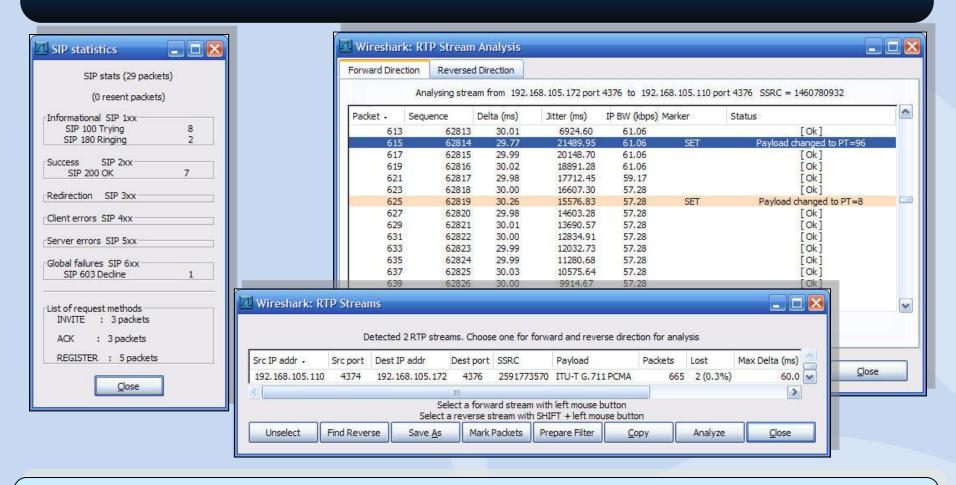


# **Customer Symptoms**

- Customer Reported Symptoms
  - Cannot place or receive calls
  - Hear foreign voices not supposed to be on call
    - Cross-Talk
  - Volume noticeably low or high
  - Choppy Audio
  - Features do not work properly
- Equipment Alarm Indications
  - Ring Pre-trip Test Fails
  - Internal indications (card, power, etc)
  - Loss of Signal
  - High Error Rate
  - Connectivity failures



### **Analysis of Telephony Protocols**



<u>VoIP Analysis Tip:</u> Wireshark has the ability to reconstruct not only VoIP conversations, but also other media streams for later analysis.

### **Packet Capture File**

	IP - Src	IP - Dest	Time	Protocol L	Length	Info
4	45.210.3.90	45.210.3.36	4.774198532	SIP/SDP	824	Request: INVITE sip:4697@d
5	45.210.3.36	45.210.3.90	4.774234772	SIP	390	Status: 100 Trying
6	45.210.3.36	45.210.3.90	4.855833054	SIP	556	Status: 180 Ringing
10	45.210.3.36	45.210.3.90	6.430492401	SIP/SDP	1078	Status: 200 OK , with ses
11	45.210.3.90	45.210.3.36	6.583414078	SIP	603	Request: ACK sip:3290.a756
12	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.616043091	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
13	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.634405136	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
14	45.210.3.90	45.210.9.97	6.648046493	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
15	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.655860901	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
16	45.210.3.90	45.210.9.97	6.675859451	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
17	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.675891876	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
18	45.210.3.90	45.210.9.97	6.687984466	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
19	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.695211410	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
20	45.210.3.90	45.210.9.97	6.707969665	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
21	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.714948654	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
22	45.210.3.90	45.210.9.97	6.728021622	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
23	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.734687805	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
24	45.210.3.90	45.210.9.97	6.748052597	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=
25	45.210.9.97	45.210.3.90	6.754869461	RTP	214	PT=ITU-T G.711 PCMU, SSRC=

This example contains four (4) calls and is from a VoIP network using Cisco phones and SIP signaling with G.711 audio codec

### **VolP Call Detection, Analysis and Playback**

