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## Introduction

ExotelVoice flutter SDK enables you to add the voip calling feature into your app. This document outlines the integration steps. The library supports only peer to peer 2-way calls. Multi-party conferencing use cases are not supported.

## Licensing

Create a trial [account](#) in Exotel. To enable voip calling in the trial account, contact [exotel support](#). Once Exotel support enables the voip capability in the account , a VOIP Exophone will be created as shown below and available in the account under the Exophones section .

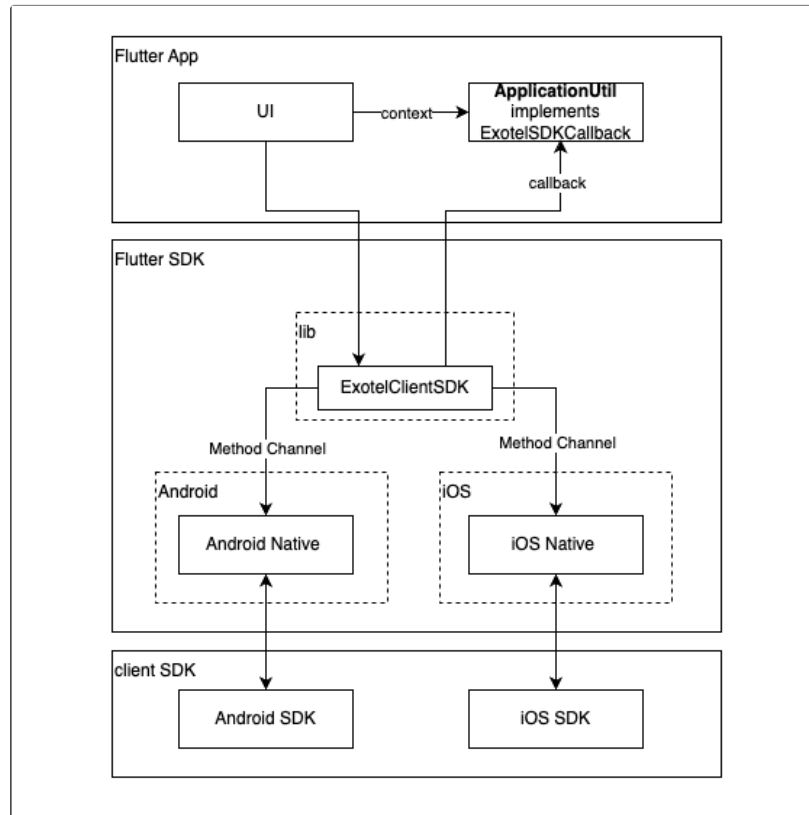
ExoPhone	
EXOPHONE	TYPE
095-138-86363  Pin: 7022-1678-17	Not set
080-471-12327	Landline
sip-:08-040408080	VoIP

SIP Exophones discussed later in the section refers to Exophones of Voip type as shown above.

**NOTE :- SIP and VOIP are used interchangeably in the document**

# Flutter SDK Integration

## SDK Architecture



## Getting Started

### Software Package

- SDK (tar.gz file) includes `android`, `ios`, `lib` directories
- integration guide
- sample app for reference

### Add SDK to your project

1. download the SDK from [exotel-voip-sdk-android/SDK at main · exotel/exotel-voip-sdk-android](https://github.com/exotel-voip-sdk-android/SDK)
2. untar SDK

```
1 tar -xvzf flutter-sdk.tar.gz
```

3. copy the following directories in your flutter app
  - `flutter-sdk/android`
  - `flutter-sdk/ios`
  - `flutter-sdk/lib`

## SDK File structure

After extracting the sdk , it contains the following directories

- **android** : android native code that has integrated exotel android sdk.
  - **app/src/main/java/com/exotel/voice\_sample**
    - **MainActivity.java** : register the flutter engine and create instance of ExotelSDKChannel.
    - **ExotelSDKChannel.java** : it is android channel interface class which communicate with flutter via Method Channel.
    - **VoiceAppService.java** : this class is communicating with android sdk as per [android integration guide](#).
- **ios** : ios native code that has integrated exotel ios sdk.
- **lib** : contains flutter dart files
  - **exotelSDK**
    - **ExotelSDKClient.dart** : it is flutter channel interface class which communicate with android and ios via Method Channel.
    - **ExotelSDKCallback.dart** : it is SDK Callback or Observer interface that must be implement by your flutter app to handle callbacks from ExotelSDKClient.

```
1 abstract class ExotelSDKCallback {
2     void onLoggedInSucess();
3     void onLoggedInFailure(String loginStatus);
4     void onCallRinging();
5     void onCallConnected();
6     void onCallEnded();
7     void onCallIncoming(Map<String,String> arguments) {}
8 }
```

- **Service**
  - **PushNotificationService.dart** :

## Dependency

- add following dependecny in **pubspec.yaml** of your flutter project
  - Add permission handling dependency.

```
1 permission_handler: ^11.3.0
```

- Add firebase dependency.

```
1 firebase_messaging: ^14.7.20
```

## Permissions

- flutter

how to request permission

```
1 static Future<void> requestPermissions() async {
2     // You can request multiple permissions at once
3     Map<Permission, PermissionStatus> statuses = await [
4         Permission.phone,
5         Permission.microphone,
6         Permission.notification,
7         Permission.nearbyWifiDevices,
8         Permission.accessMediaLocation,
9         Permission.location, Permission.bluetoothScan,
10        Permission.bluetoothConnect,
11        // Add other permissions you want to request
12    ].request();
```

```

13 // Check permission status and handle accordingly
14 }

```

- Android

android directory must add following permission in `AndroidManifest.xml`

```

1 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
2 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE" />
3 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.BROADCAST_STICKY" />
4 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.RECORD_AUDIO" />
5 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.MODIFY_AUDIO_SETTINGS" />
6 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.READ_PHONE_STATE" />
7 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.WAKE_LOCK" />
8 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.DISABLE_KEYGUARD" />
9 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.FOREGROUND_SERVICE" />
10 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.POST_NOTIFICATIONS"/>
11 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.BLUETOOTH"/>
12 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.BLUETOOTH_ADMIN"/>
13 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.BLUETOOTH_CONNECT" />
14 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.FOREGROUND_SERVICE" />
15 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.FOREGROUND_SERVICE_PHONE_CALL"/>
16 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.MANAGE_OWN_CALLS"/>
17 <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.RECEIVE_BOOT_COMPLETED"/>

```

- iOS

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## SDK Initialization

Exotel Flutter SDK provide a interface class `ExotelVoiceClient.dart` that exposes login api to initialize the SDK(Android/iOS).

```

1 ExotelSDKClient exotelSDKClient = ExotelSDKClient.getInstance();
2 var mApplicationUtil = ApplicationUtils.getInstance(context);
3 exotelSDKClient.registerMethodHandler(); // to handle callback from android native module
4 exotelSDKClient.setExotelSDKCallback(mApplicationUtil);
5
6 try {
7     exotelSDKClient.logIn(userId, password, accountSid, hostname);
8 } catch (e) {
9     log("Error while login");
10 }

```

Parameter	Description
userId	username
password	password
accountSid	<a href="#">Account SID param from API settings page</a> in the Exotel Dashboard.
hostname	<a href="https://miles.apac-sg.exotel.in/v2">https://miles.apac-sg.exotel.in/v2</a>

In Above code,

1. first you need to get the ExotelSDKClient instance

2. register the Method Handler to handle the callback from android/iOS native module
3. set the callback so that ExotelSDKClient can send callback to UI for some events like *onLoggedInSuccess*, *onLoggedInFailure*.  
Here it is assumed that any UI level class(ApplicationUtil) must implement `ExotelSDKCallback`
4. call the login api with required fields  
`userId` : sub  
Internal working for `login` api
  - invoking Method `"login"` via MethodChannel with required arguments
  - on Method `"login"` , Android/iOS native method handler will initialize the android/iOS library.

When login is successful,

- client SDK will send callback `onInitializationSuccess()`
- Android/iOS native method handler will then invoke flutter Method `"loginStatus"`
- on flutter Method `"incoming"` , `ExotelSDKClient` will check status and then send `onLoggedInSuccess()` callback.

When login is fail,

- client SDK will send callback `onInitializationFailure()` / `onAuthenticationFailure()`
- Android/iOS native method handler will then invoke flutter Method `"loginStatus"`
- on flutter Method `"incoming"` , `ExotelSDKClient` will check status and then send `onLoggedInFailure()` callback.

## Managing Calls

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After successful initialization, the library is ready to handle calls. Dialing-out calls or receiving incoming calls is managed through same class `ExotelSDKClient`.

### Make Outbound Calls

To make outgoing calls, Provide from username and dial to number in `dial()` API of `ExotelSDKClient` Interface to make outgoing calls.

```
1 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().call(userId,dialTo);
```

In Above Code,

1. `ExotelSDKClient` will invoke `"call"` method
2. on Method `"call"` , Android/iOS native method handler will dial the exophone and set the destination number as call context of current user.

When destination user is getting dialed,

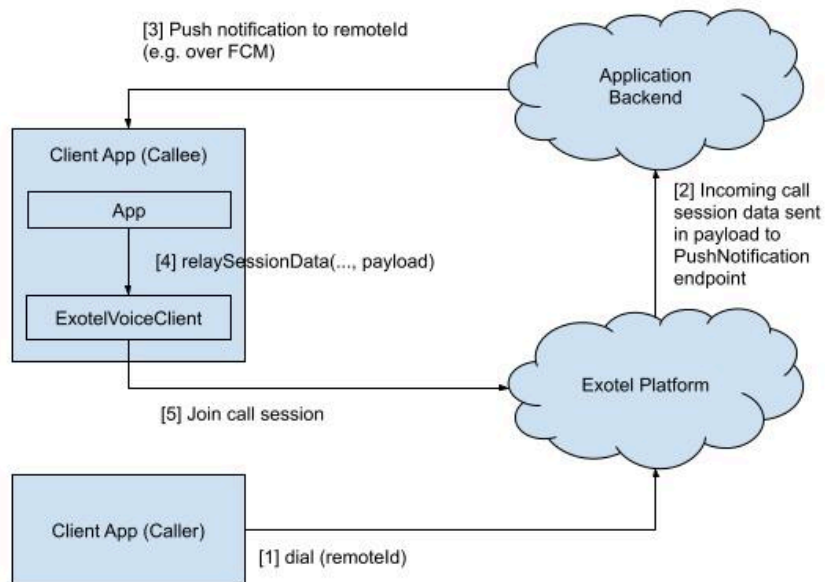
- client SDK will send callback `onCallRinging()`
- Android/iOS native method handler will then invoke flutter Method `"callStatus"`
- on flutter Method `"callStatus"` , `ExotelSDKClient` will check status and then send `onCallRinging()` callback.

When destination user has accepted the call,

- client SDK will send callback `onCallEstablished()`
- Android/iOS native method handler will then invoke flutter Method `"callStatus"`
- on flutter Method `"callStatus"` , `ExotelSDKClient` will check status and then send `onCallConnected()` callback.

## Receive Incoming Calls

The Mobile application receives incoming call data in Push Notification sent by your application backend. Refer section [Push Notification Endpoint](#) for details.



To Receive Push Notification from Push Notification Server, FirebaseMessaging must be initialized and subscribed for firebase message. refer Following `PushNotificationService` class which is provided as part of sdk.

```
1 class PushNotificationService {
2
3     static final PushNotificationService _instance = PushNotificationService._internal();
4
5     FirebaseMessaging? _fcm;
6
7     static PushNotificationService getInstance() {
8         return _instance;
9     }
10    PushNotificationService._internal(){
11        _fcm = FirebaseMessaging.instance;
12    }
13
14    Future initialize() async {
15        FirebaseMessaging.onMessage.listen((RemoteMessage message) {
16            ...
17        });
18    };
19 }
20 ...
21 }
```

The sample application uses Firebase Cloud Messaging to push call data to the device. Once received at the mobile app, it is sent to `ExotelClientSDK` through `relayFirebaseMessagingData` API.

```
1 FirebaseMessaging.onMessage.listen((RemoteMessage message) {
```

```
2 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().relayFirebaseMessagingData(message.data);
3 }));
```

in Above code,

1. you must initialize the `PushNotificationService` class
2. when push notification comes, data will be relayed to ExotelSDKClient using `relayFirebaseMessagingData()`
3. `ExotelSDKClient` will invoke `"relayNotificationData"` Method.
4. on Method `"relayNotificationData"`, Android/iOS native method handler will relay data to client SDK. which will be processed by client SDK and client SDK send callback `onIncomingCall()`.
5. Android/iOS native method handler will then invoke flutter Method `"incoming"`
6. on flutter Method `"incoming"`, `ExotelSDKClient` will send callback `onCallIncoming()`.

### Hangup

The application can call `hangup()` API on the call object to decline an incoming call or reject ongoing call.

```
1 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().hangup();
```

in Above code,

1. `ExotelSDKClient` will invoke `"hangup"` Method.
2. on Method `"hangup"`, Android/iOS native method handler will decline and terminate the call.

when call is successfully rejected,

- client SDK will send callback `onCallEnded()`
- Android/iOS native method handler will then invoke flutter Method `"callStatus"`.
- on flutter Method `"incoming"`, `ExotelSDKClient` will check call status and then send `onCallEnded()` callback.

## Audio Management

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Before the call begins, Exotel's SDK checks the current audio output mode and sets the audio route accordingly. By default, it is in the earpiece mode. For example, If a wired headset is plugged in, audio will get routed via wired headset.

Speaker phone mode can be enabled and disabled using `ExotelSDKClient` object APIs.

```
1 // change audio route to speaker
2 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().enableSpeaker();
3 // change audio route to phone earpiece
4 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().disableSpeaker();
```

Bluetooth mode can be enabled and disabled using `ExotelSDKClient` object APIs. This will only work when any bluetooth device is connected to the phone.

```
1 // enable the bluetooth
2 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().enableBluetooth();
3 // disable the bluetooth
4 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().disableBluetooth();
```

Local mic can be muted and unmuted during in-call using `ExotelSDKClient` object APIs.

```
1 // mute the call
2 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().mute();
```

```

3 // unmute the call
4 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().unmute()

```

## Reporting Problems

The voice client library logs are stored in the application internal storage. Any issue along with the logs can be reported by app to Exotel using `uploadLogs()` API of `ExotelSDKClient` .

```

1 // Upload logs with description from startDate and endDate
2 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().uploadLogs(startDate, endDate, description);

```

The API triggers `onUploadLogSuccess()` or `onUploadLogFailure()` callback based on the success or failure of the operation.

## Reporting Call Quality Feedback

Call quality can be queried from the user and reported to the exotel platform at the end of the call.

```

1 // Upload logs with description from startDate and endDate
2 int rating = 3
3 CallIssue issue = BACKGROUND_NOISE
4 ExotelSDKClient.getInstance().lastCallFeedback(rating, issue);

```

The rating is a quality score that can take values 1 to 5.

5	Excellent quality. No issues.
4	Good quality. Negligible issues.
3	Average quality. Minor audio noise.
2	Bad quality. Frequent choppy audio or high audio delay.
1	Terrible. Unable to communicate. Call drop, No-audio or one-way audio.

The call issue is a descriptive explanation of the issue.

NO_ISSUE	No issues observed
BACKGROUND_NOISE	Low audio clarity due to noisy audio
CHOPPY_AUDIO	Frequent breaks in audio or garbling in audio
HIGH_LATENCY	Significant delay in audio
NO_AUDIO	No audio received from far user
ECHO	Echo during the call



## Platform Integration

### Customer API Endpoints

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Exotel provides full control to customers to implement call routing business logic. For this, customers need to host the following HTTP endpoints to handle callbacks from Exotel platform.

#### Dial Whom Endpoint

Host a HTTP endpoint which will be queried by the Exotel platform to get to the destination user.

**Method:** GET

**Request URL (Example):** `https://company.com/v1/accounts/exotel/dialtonumber`

Note: This URL needs to be provided to Exotel or configured in the connect applet.

**Request Body:**

- `CallSid` - unique call identifier
- `CallFrom` - caller username
- `CallTo` - exophone

**Expected Response:**

On success, the API should return with response code 200 OK. The response body should be a string of type `sip:<remoteld>`. "sip:" tag is needed to hint the exotel platform to connect calls over voip. At present, SIP and PSTN intermixing is not supported. Any other response is treated as failure. remoteld is the username with which the call destination subscriber was registered with Exotel platform.

**Example:**

Request

```
GET /v1/accounts/exotelip2ipcalling1/dialtonumber?
CallSid=743ddcf5a0552050bc37b6d0ff9613bn&CallFrom=sip:Alice&CallTo=sip:08040408080&CallStatus=ringing&Directio
n=incoming&Created=Sat,+23+Nov+2019+22:00:37&DialCallDuration=0&StartTime=2019-11-23+22:00:37&EndTime=1970-01-
01+05:30:00&CallType=call-
attempt&DialWhomNumber=&flow_id=249196&tenant_id=113828&From=sip:Alice&To=sip:08040408080&CurrentTime=2019-11-
23+22:00:37
```

Response

```
1 {
2   "fetch_after_attempt": false,
3   "destination": {
4     "numbers": [
5       "sip:1234567890"
6     ]
7   },
8   "outgoing_phone_number": "08080808080",
9   "record": false,
10  "recording_channels": "dual",
11  "max_ringing_duration": 30,
12  "max_conversation_duration": 3600,
13  "request_id": "2e48100e6b474714b1a64bfa9f5b7a55",
14  "method": "GET",
15  "http_code": 200,
16  "code": null,
```

```
17     "error_data": null,  
18     "status": null  
19 }
```

### **Push Notification Endpoint**

Exotel implements registration-less dialing where a user need not periodically register with SIP registrar for receiving incoming calls. Instead the call details are pushed to the device as push notification using which call can be established. This method is beneficial as calls will reach the user even when the app is not in foreground or swipe killed. It saves battery since it does not need to keep persistent voip connection when idle.

Exotel will provide call data as payload & payloadVersion to your push notification endpoint that needs to be pushed to the client device from your application backend.

Refer section [Receive Incoming Call](#) for handling of push notification payload.

Note - Headers are not supported in the notify endpoints.

**Method:** POST

**Request URL (Example):** https://<your\_api\_key>:<your\_api\_token>@company.com/v1/accounts/exotel/pushtoclient

Note: This URL needs to be configured in Exotel platform

**Request Body:**

- `subscriberName` - Name with which subscriber registered with Exotel platform
- `payload` - call data which should be passed to the client SDK
- `payloadVersion` - version of payload scheme

**Expected Response:**

On success, the API should return with response code 200 OK. Any other response is treated as failure.

## **Exotel API Endpoints**

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### **Subscriber Management**

Customers can manage their subscribers in the Exotel platform using the APIs listed “*Subscriber-Management-API*” document.

For clients to be able to use voip calling features they need to be added as subscribers under your account. There are two ways in which your client registration with Exotel account happens,

#### **1. Pre-provisioning**

The customer pre-configures the client accounts even before the app is installed by the client. Refer to the “*Subscriber-Management-API*” document for details on creating client accounts.

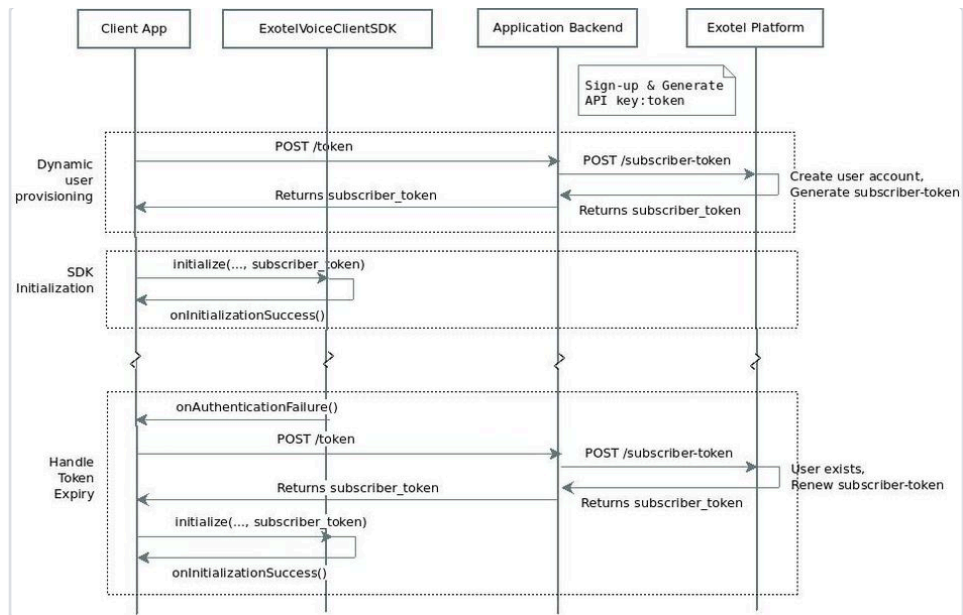
#### **2. Dynamic provisioning**

A client account is created after the app is installed by the user and signs-up with the application backend. Refer to [Authentication and Authorization](#) for workflow details. Once client provisioning happens, clients can be managed using [Subscriber Management APIs](#).

## **Authentication and Authorization**

Access to the exotel platform by *ExotelVoice* is authenticated using a set of bearer tokens - *subscriber\_token*. The Application backend must obtain these tokens from the exotel platform and provide them to the client on request. Refer to the “*Subscriber-Management-API*” document for details.

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On receiving the `onAuthenticationFailure` event, the application should request a new `subscriber_token` from its backend and reinitialize the SDK as shown in section [Initialize Library](#). Contact [exotel support](#) if you get `onAuthenticationFailure` even after token renewal.

`onAuthenticationError()` event provides following error types:

- AUTHENTICATION\_INVALID\_TOKEN - token parameters are invalid
- AUTHENTICATION\_EXPIRED\_TOKEN - token expired

## Reference Documents

- [Exotel Voice Client Android SDK Integration Guide](#)

## Support Contact

Please write to [hello@exotel.in](mailto:hello@exotel.in) for any support required with integration.