



# Microsoft Teams Direct Routing & Integration

Moving to Microsoft Teams Phone



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# Agenda

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Introduction to AudioCodes

Direct Routing & Managed Services (Live)

Migration strategies to move users from PBX to Microsoft Teams Phone

Topology Overview

User experience moving to Microsoft Teams Phone

Administrator experience moving to Microsoft Teams Phone

Questions and answers

# Top 10 Reasons of Direct Routing

1. **Cost Efficiency.** It's a lot cheaper to use Direct Routing than Calling Plans.
2. **Simple Deployment.** Direct Routing eliminates the need for any call carrying equipment (CCE). But if physical equipment that is on-prem SBC is required then Direct Routing makes it possible.
3. **Leverage Existing contracts** which includes current infrastructure, DIDs and telephony contracts with service providers.
4. **Pain Free Migration.** Direct Routing helps to migrate from On-Prem Infrastructure to Cloud platform.
5. **Troubleshooting.** If there is an issue with calls/voice quality, it is easier to troubleshoot since we terminate the PSTN connection. Leveraging OVOC (AudioCodes Management platform) we can see a call from PSTN to Teams and even Teams to Teams calls on a single management system.
6. **Integration.** We can connect to legacy PBX's and Calling Center platforms (among other things)
7. **Remote User Troubleshooting.** Monitoring the users calling platform to see what they are using (headset attached to laptop, IP Phones, 3rd party device, etc.). From there we can resolve.
8. **Coverage.** Enable PSTN connectivity in countries where Microsoft Calling Plans doesn't exist.
9. **Survivability.** Direct Routing along with Teams Survivable Branch Appliance helps you achieve survivability during network outage which means connection to TEAMS cloud being down.
10. **Analog Connectivity.**

# Migration strategies



# Microsoft Teams Phone is more than a technical migration



Change doesn't  
**automagically**  
happen

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**Resistance is a  
normal,  
adopting to  
change takes  
time**



**Shadow IT**  
is more prominent  
than ever

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**80% admit to  
using their  
communication  
tool of choice<sup>1</sup>**



People and  
change are not  
one-size-fits-all

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**Organizations are  
made up of early  
adopters, laggards,  
and everyone in  
between**



Technical readiness  
and user adoption  
go hand in hand

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**Plan, pilot, and  
deploy both  
readiness activities  
together**

<sup>1</sup>"What is Shadow IT?", <https://www.skyhighnetworks.com/cloud-security-university/what-is-shadow-it/> (accessed March 2017)

# Replace your traditional PBX with Microsoft Teams Phone

## Unify your legacy PBX system in Microsoft 365

Provide a complete voice solution in the cloud. Reduce reliance on-premises hardware and eliminate points of failure.

## Simplify IT

Increase agility and consolidate voice management with rapid provisioning, reporting, and diagnostics in the Teams admin center.

## Scale globally

Connect your phone system to the Microsoft worldwide network and get the power of the Microsoft cloud wherever your business goes.



# Which migration path should customers take?

Microsoft offers flexibility for customers to choose their upgrade path on the road to Microsoft Teams only

## Path A

Co-existence migration

Overlapping capabilities

Modular and agile process

### Considerations:

Set up Direct Routing for PBX and Microsoft Teams Phone to function side by side

Voice capabilities available in both PBX and Microsoft Teams Phone

Enables controlled velocity move to Microsoft Teams Phone

## Path B

Cutover migration

Replacement of solutions

Coordinated move of services

### Considerations:

More complex environments are nearly impossible to immediately replace all services

Creates more points of no return during the project

Project timeline is significantly shorter



# Co-existence migration

Overlapping capabilities, considerations & impact



## Feature requirements & overlap

Calling features available in both PBX and Teams

Requires setup of Direct Routing as well as Phone System and Calling Plan

Dial Plan planning is critical

Allows both solutions access to most of the other systems resources



## Moving users one at a time or in groups

**Granular control:** Migration experience can be controlled on a per user or per group basis

**Individuals:** Champions and Super Users can be early adopters leading to greater exposure and building excitement around the solution

**Groups:** Organizational groups can be moved together for a shared experience



## Additional considerations

Proof of Concept testing of solution to ensure the separate systems will function as expected

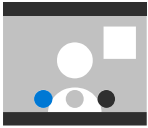
Setup dial plans to allow for individual numbers to be routed to specific destinations - requires more administration during migration

Plan which non-user devices will move during which stages. i.e.. common area phones, analog devices, integrated solutions

Emergency Calling needs to be fully functional in both systems

# Cutover migration

Overlapping capabilities, considerations, and impact



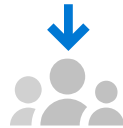
## Feature requirements and overlap

Calling features available in the system of choice until the decided cutover time

Fastest method of moving users to Microsoft Teams Phone

Requires all users be moved at one time

May create points of no return where the ability to back out of the change is not feasible, such as porting telephone numbers or removing and replacing telephones.



## Moving users on a PBX all at once

**Quick velocity:** All users have the same capability and experience at once which simplifies adoption

**Site level move:** May be able to move high-level sites at a single time rather than entire PBX. This depends on the setup of carrier services and PBX configuration.

**Shorter runway:** Allows for an organization to focus intense effort on moving users quickly to Microsoft Teams Phone.






## Additional considerations

Adoption and change management is crucial for user acceptance of new solution.

Extensive testing in proof of concept will avoid many issues found during cutover.

Full discovery of non-user devices will ensure that no services are missed during cutover.

# Microsoft Teams calling

Legend:  Direct Routing  Calling Plans available today  New Calling Plan markets



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## Operator Connect

Simply and seamlessly integrate qualified operators

## Direct Routing

Use your existing infrastructure, supported in >180 countries

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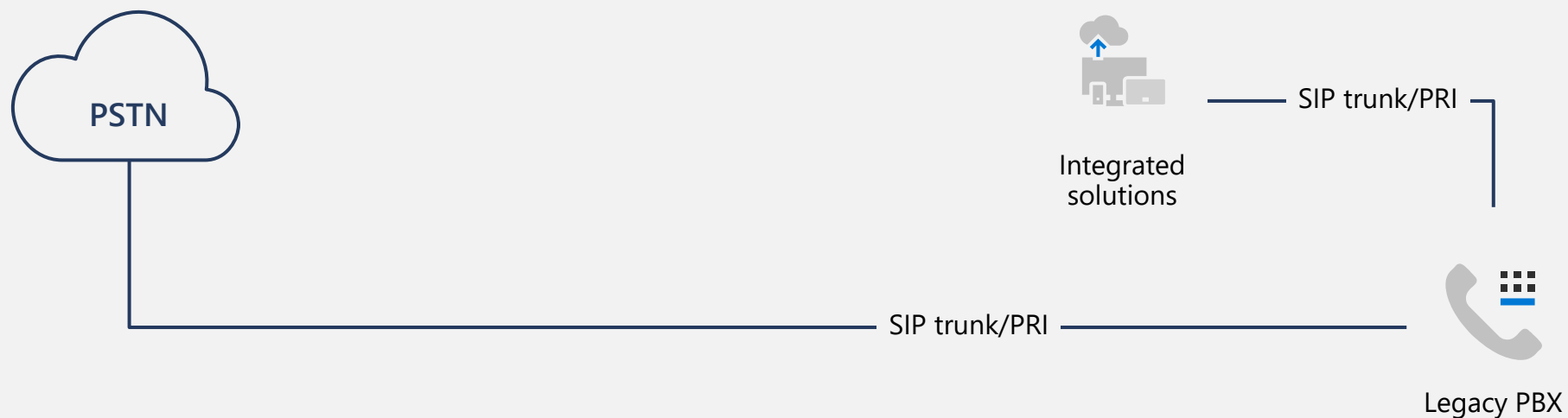
# Topology Overview



# Migrating PBX calling to Direct Routing: Topology

Telco-provided connection

- SIP trunk
- PRI line (T1/E1)



## Phase 1 "Current"

Legacy PBX

Stations and trunks

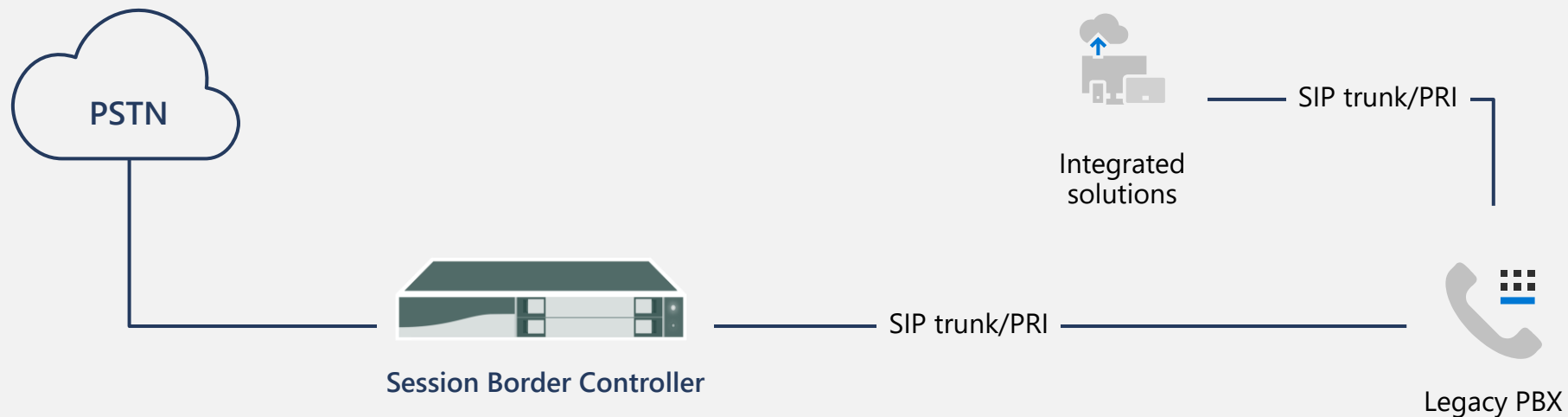
Integrated solutions



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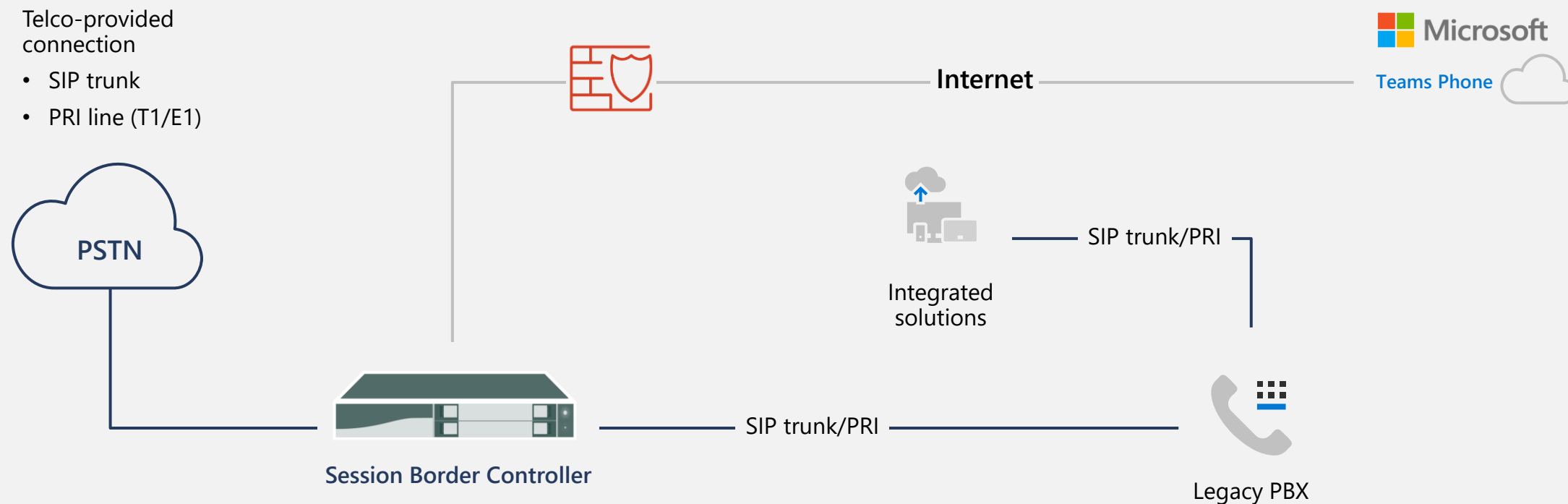
## Phase 1.5 “Preparing for Microsoft Teams”

Session Border Controller

Allows granular control of PSTN services

Connect multiple integrated systems

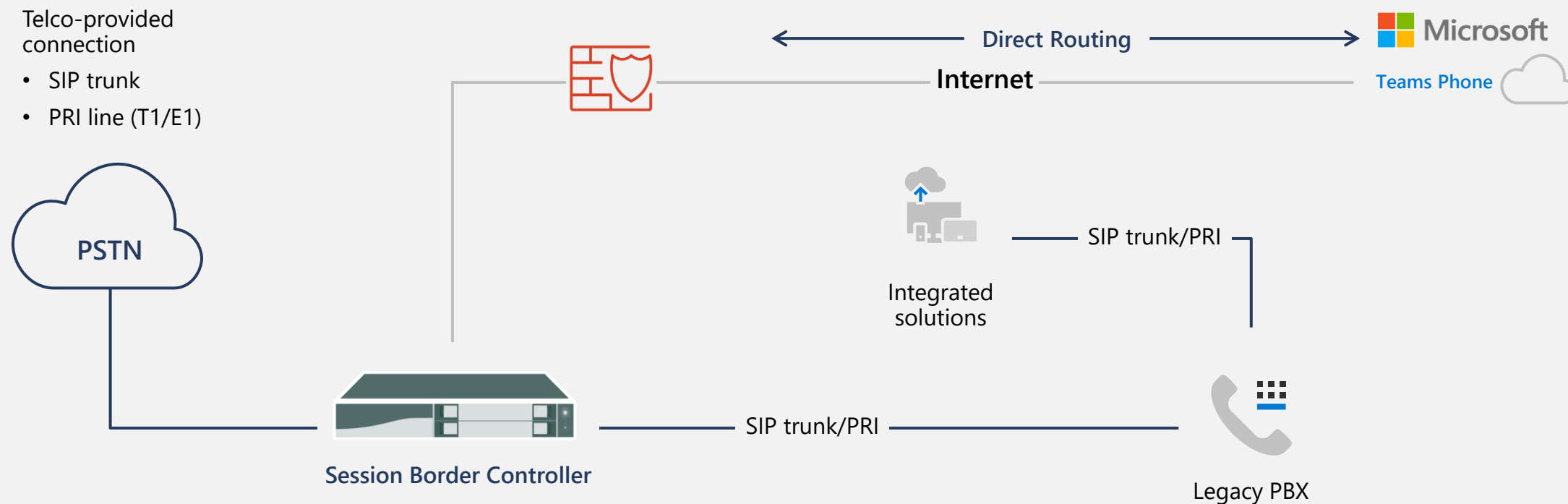
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## Phase 2

Teams Phone  
working side by side  
with legacy systems

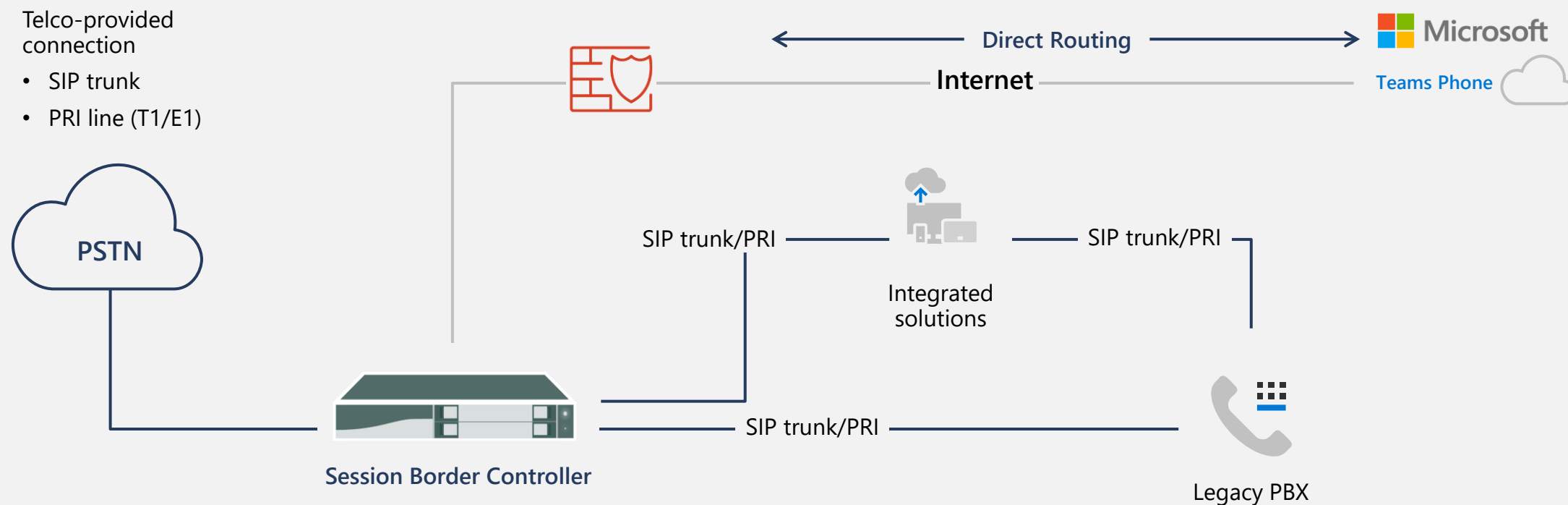
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## Phase 3 - Teams Phone with Direct Routing

Direct Routing allows Microsoft Teams Phone to interact with legacy systems for extension dialing, analog connections, integrated solutions, and other on-prem systems.

# Migrating PBX calling to Direct Routing: Topology



## Phase 4 - Teams Phone

Teams calling is the primary telephony solution

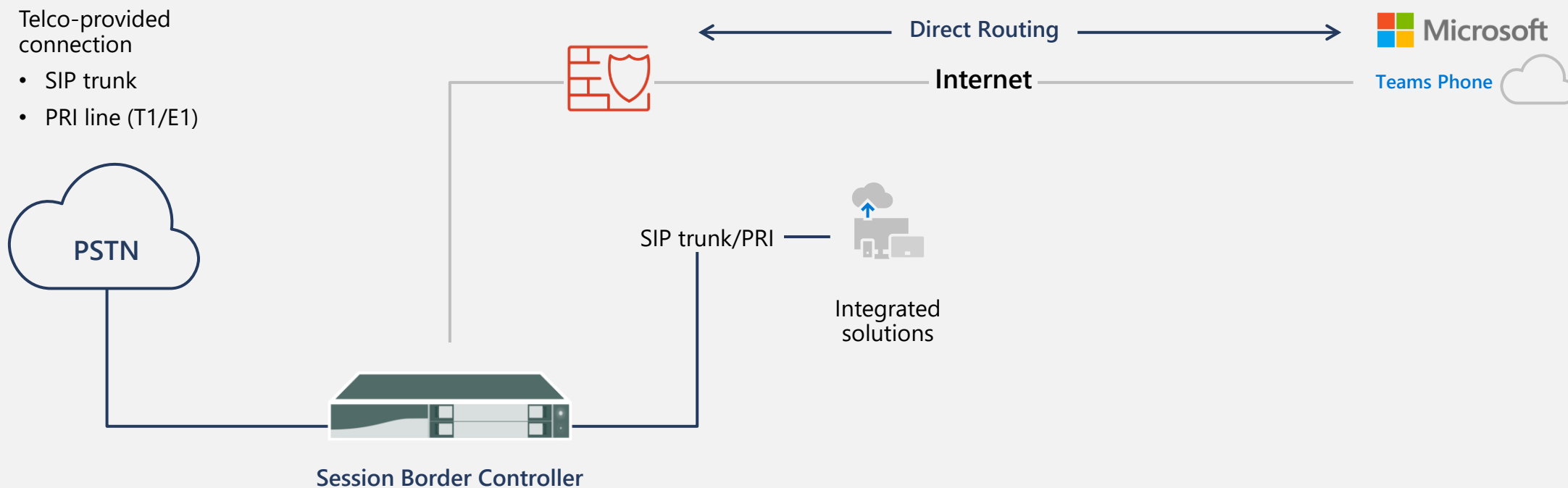
SBC provides integration with required legacy systems

Local trunks and/or Microsoft Calling Plan may be used

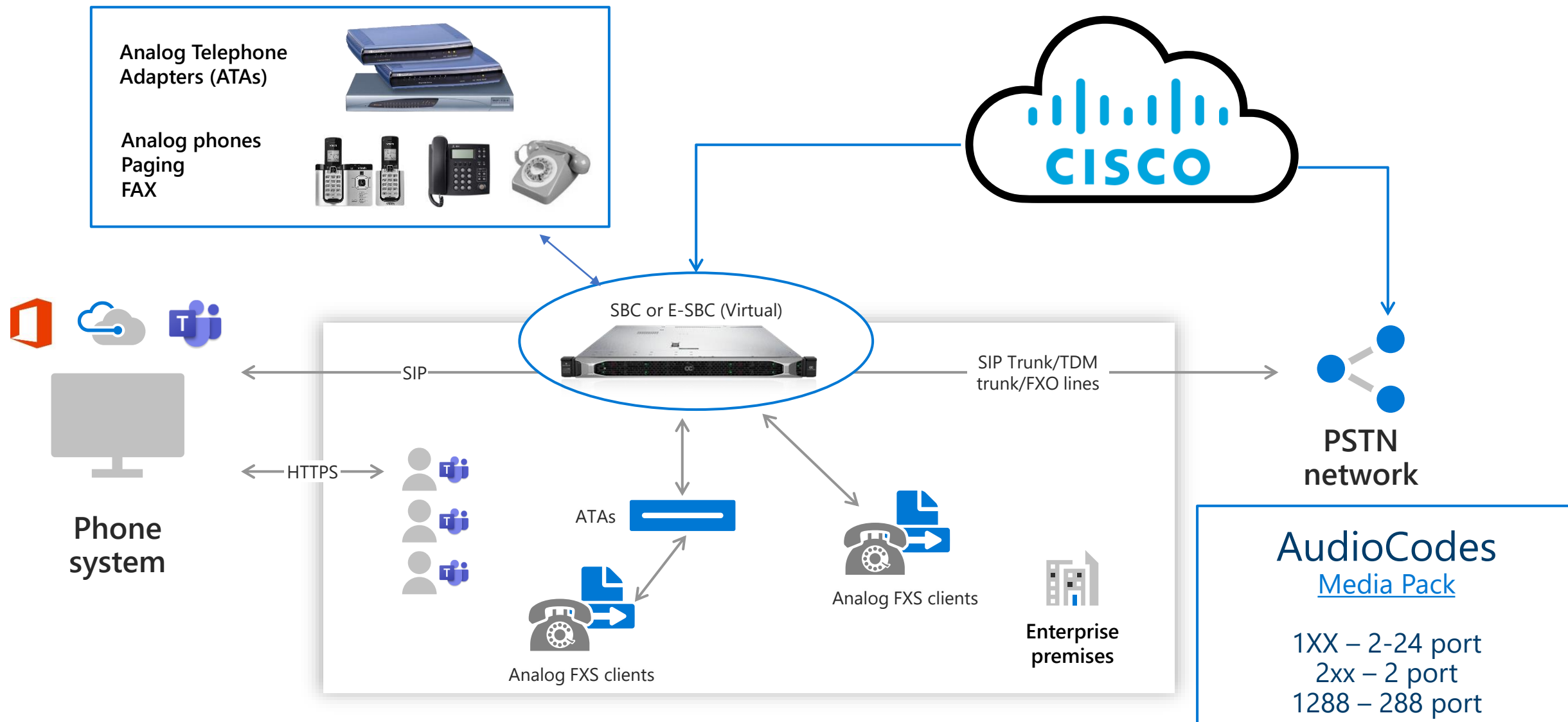
Extension dialing still possible

Analog, paging, custom solutions through SBC

# Migrating PBX calling to Direct Routing: Topology



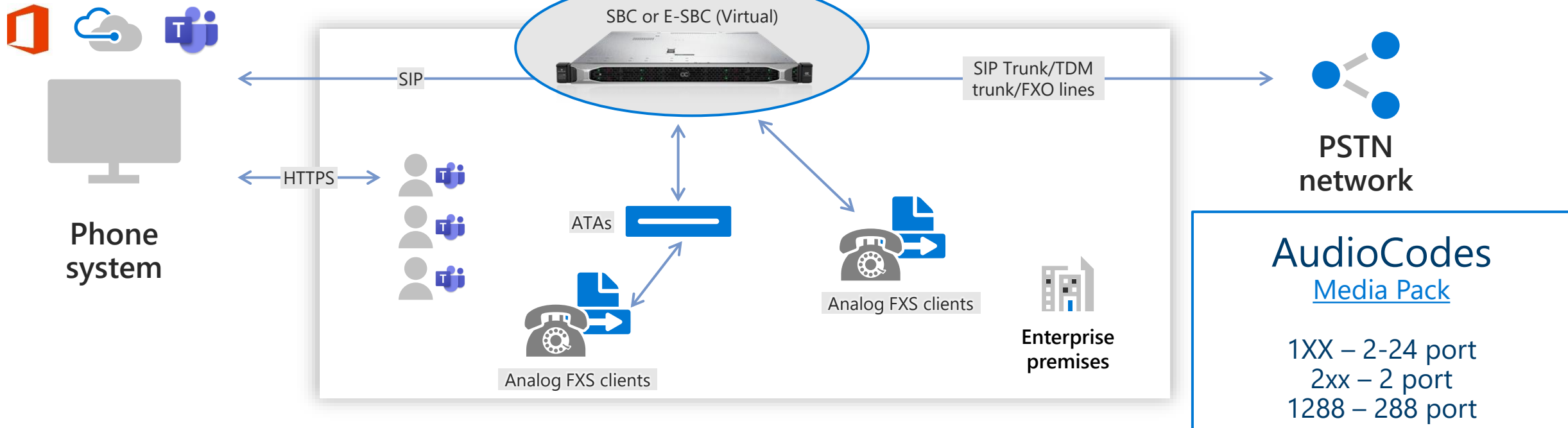
# Session Border Controllers Integration with Cisco



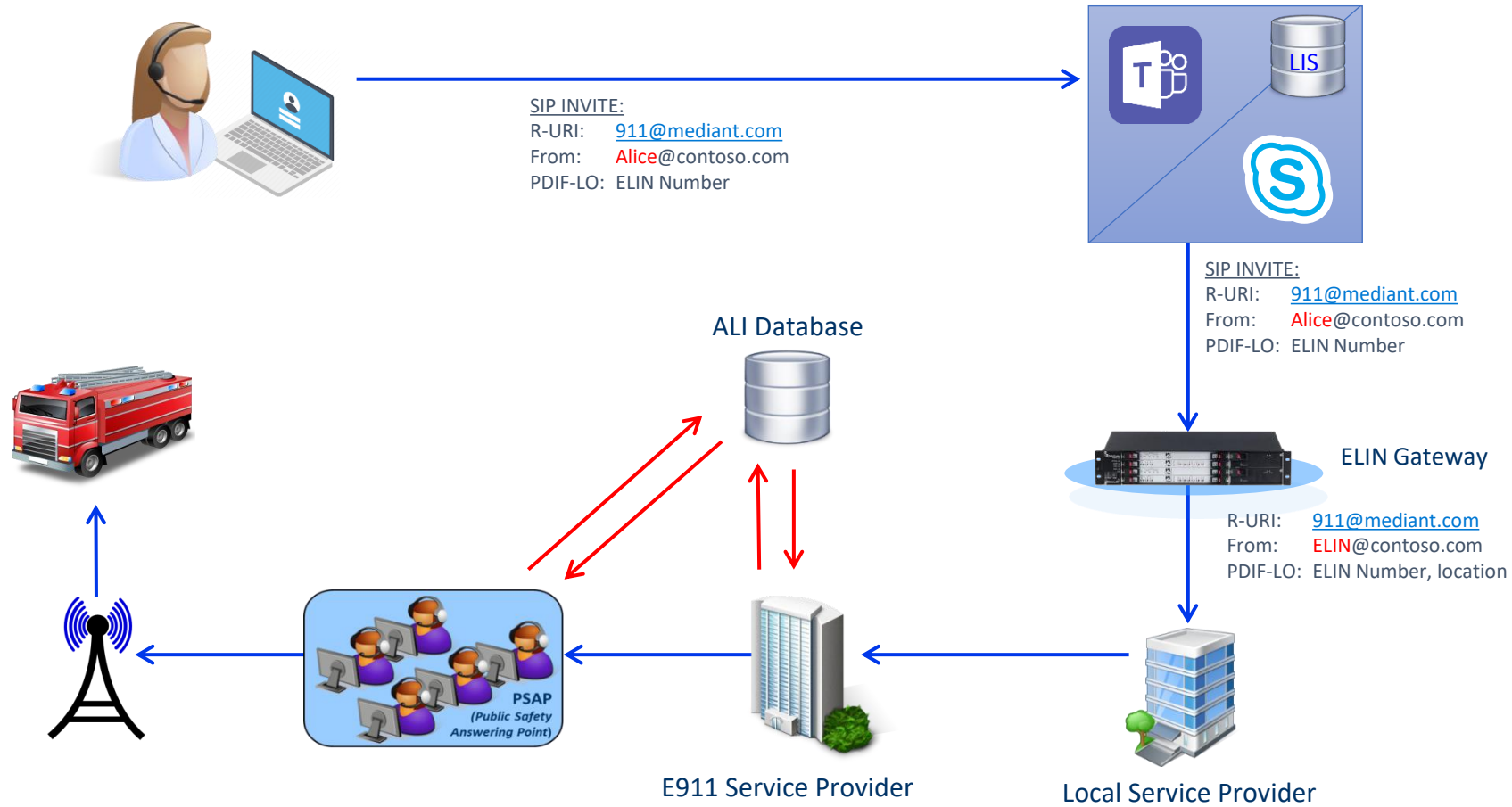
# Analog Device Interoperability

Direct routing with SBC allows for connectivity to on premises analog devices. This in combination with dial plans allows us to extension dial analog stations from the Teams client.

- Paging/Flashers/Loud
- Short Dial
- AutoDial
- Extension Dialing
- Bat Phones
- Dials like any other phone



# Emergency call





# User Experience



# Microsoft Teams Phone user experience



# Microsoft Teams Phone feature transition

From (PBX)	To (Teams Phone)
Bridged call/Shared lines	Delegate feature
Call park	Call park
Call pickup	Group call pickup
Caller-ID	Caller-ID policies
Cover path	Call answering rules
Cover answer group	Call queues
Directory	Active Directory lookup
Distinctive ring	Ringtones
Single number reach	Call answering rules
Extend call	Call transfer to cell
Forward	Call forward settings
Group page	Group chat
History	Call history
Hold	Hold
Intercom	Teams calling and chat
Posted messages	Status feed
Send calls (to voicemail)	Status to do not disturb
Transfer (announced)	Consultative transfer
Transfer (blind)	Call transfer

## All-in-one video collaboration bar

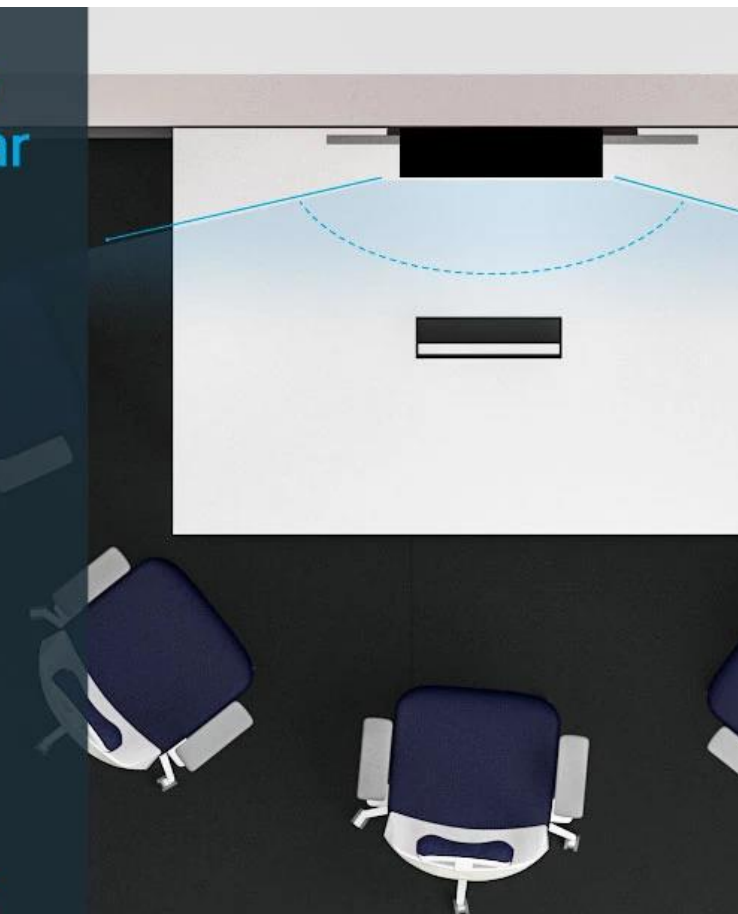
**Device:**  
RXV80



**Participant Capacity:**  
Up to 5 people



**Pickup range:** 9sqm/100ft<sup>2</sup>

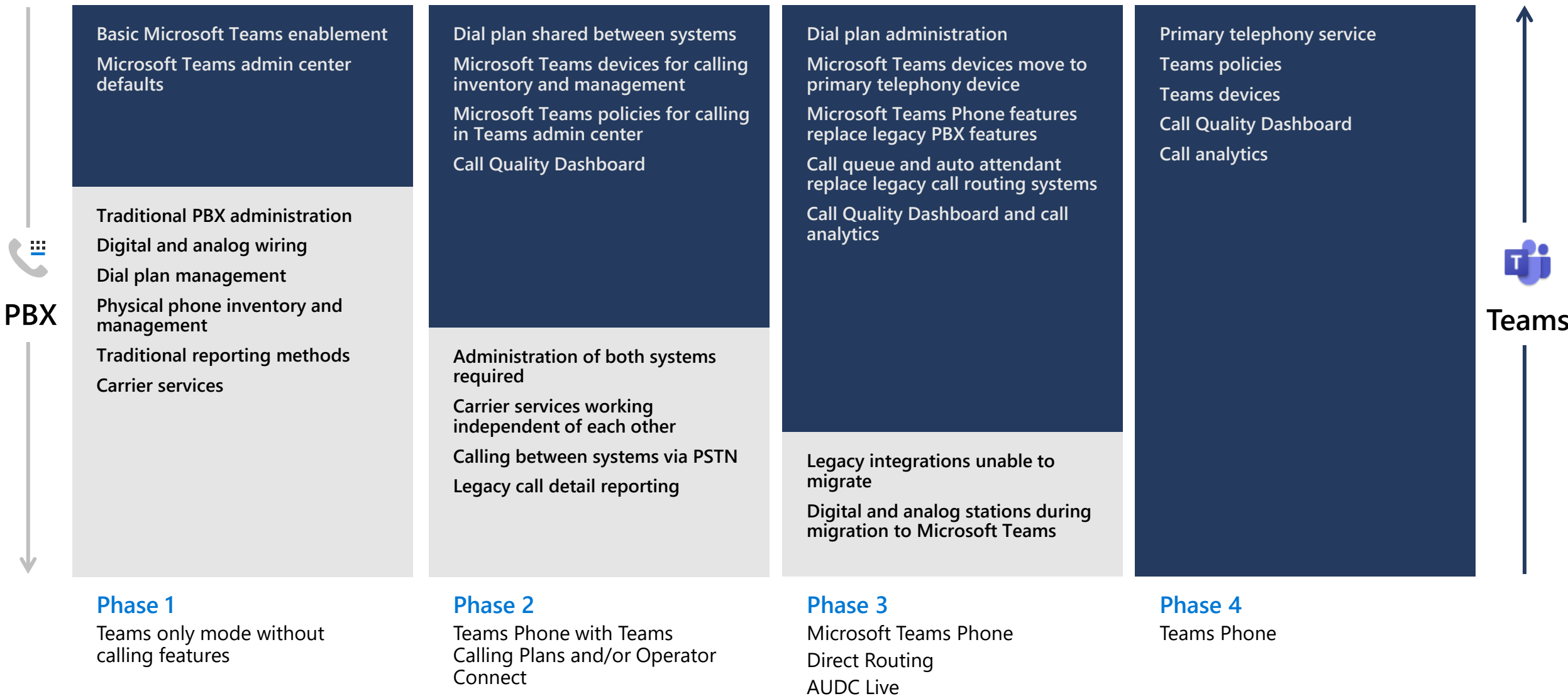




# Administrator Experience



# Microsoft Teams Phone Administrator Experience



# Microsoft Teams Phone Administrative Experience (cont.)



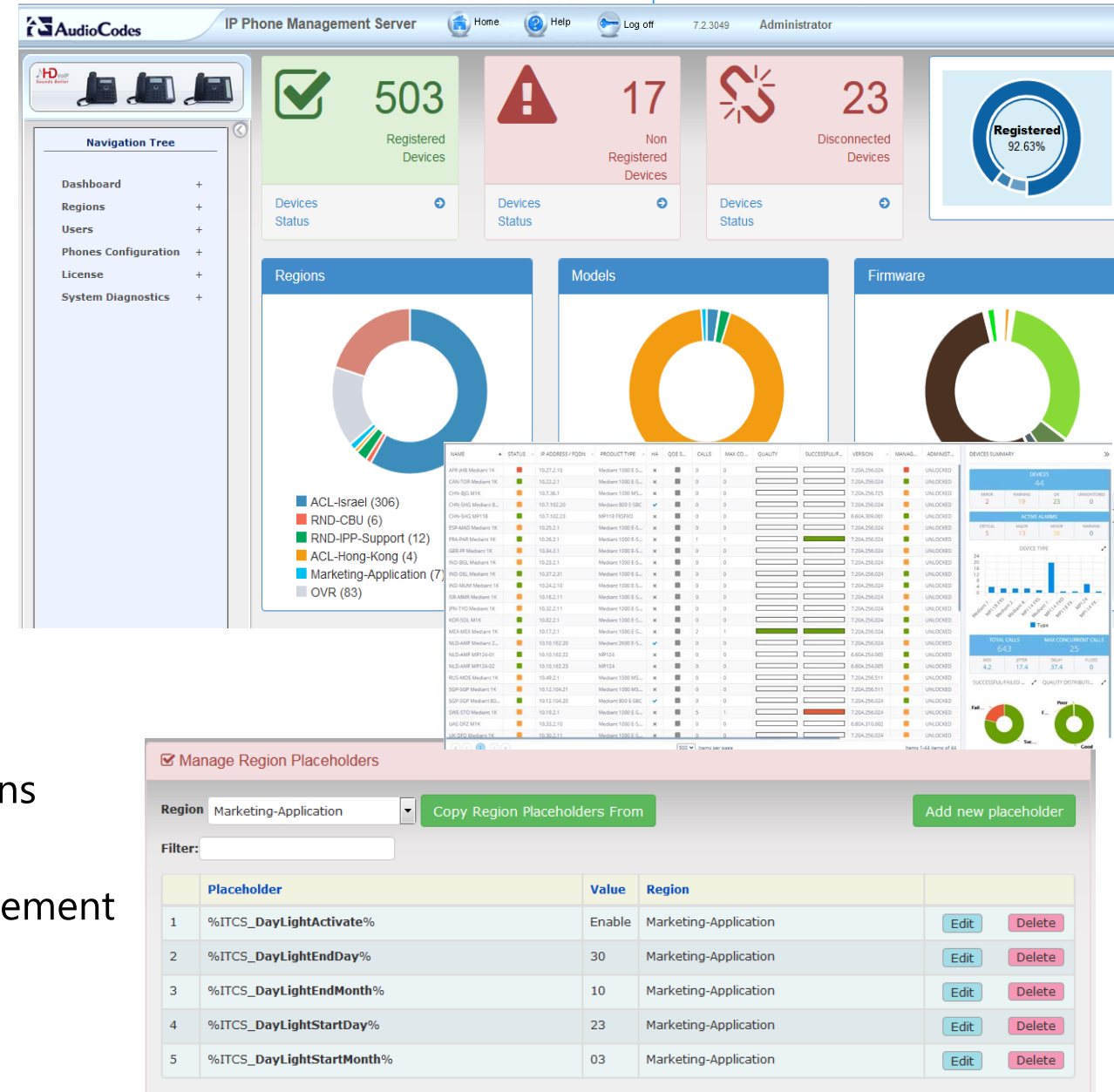
# Device Management

## Considerations

- How will devices be managed?
- What happens when something is unplugged will you know?
- Who updates configs or firmware, Phone, SBC, ATA?
- One bad change could affect all of PCP

## Why – AudioCodes OVOC

- Standard configurations
- Logical groups (sites) supporting various configurations
- Update devices individually or groups
- Reduce operational expense thanks to remote management
- Scalability designed for large enterprise
- Runs virtualized (AWS, Azure, HyperV, VMWare)



# Questions and Answers





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