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# Configuring Header Manipulation Rules - Part 1

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  - Configuration best practices;
  - Troubleshooting guidance; and
  - Log analysis
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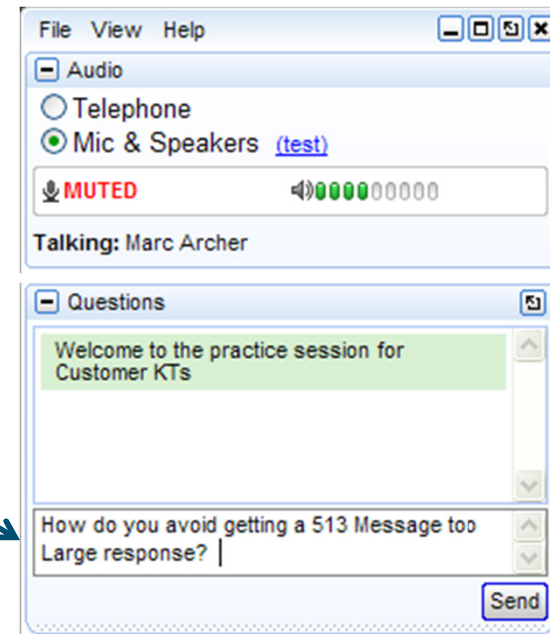
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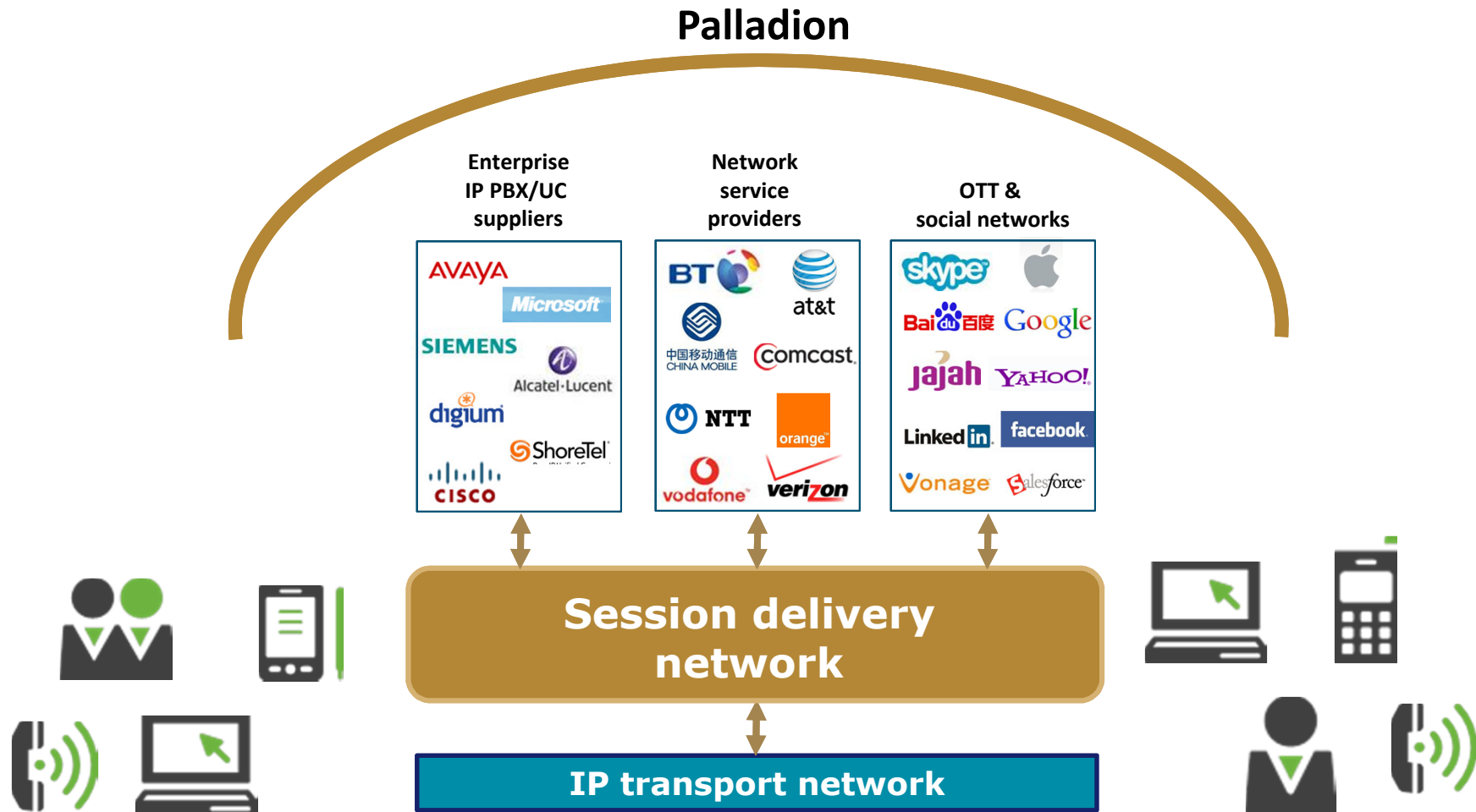


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# Session Delivery Networks for end-to-end IP communications



# Session Delivery Network solutions encompass eight product categories



<b>Session border controller</b>	Controls sessions at borders
<b>Session manager</b>	Manages subscriber access & interfaces to application servers (A-SBC + IMS CSCFs + BGCF)
<b>Multiservice security gateway</b>	Secures session delivery (data & voice) over untrusted networks
<b>Diameter session controller</b>	Enables LTE data & voice session roaming
<b>Session-aware load balancer</b>	Scales session control at borders (SBC, MSG & PEC)
<b>Session routing proxy</b>	routes sessions to/from access & interconnect borders
<b>Application session controller</b>	Empowers Web 2.0 applications to control sessions
<b>Session recorder</b>	Provides session recording utility for SDN



# Introduction



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## Agenda – Part 1 (January 16<sup>th</sup>)

- HMR fundamentals
- Working with header elements
- Using built-in variables
- A mini primer on regular expressions
- HMR strategies and best practices
- Two sample HMRs of varying complexity
- Q&A



## Agenda – Part 2 (February 13<sup>th</sup>)

- Recap of HMR Part 1
- HMR operations
- HMR for SDP
- Testing your HMRs using SIPp
- Testing your HMRs using test-sip-manipulation
- Three sample HMRs of varying complexity
- Q&A

# HMR fundamentals



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# What is “HMR”?

- HMR originally stood for Header Manipulation Rules, but today it's far more than that
- HMR provides the ability to manipulate SIP, through configuration
- Manipulate: *add, delete, replace, copy, move, reject, log*
- Manipulate what?
  - *SIP headers, parameters, URIs, parts of URIs*
  - *SIP MIME bodies: SDP, XML, ISUP, anything*
  - *SIP-I/SIP-T ISUP messages, parameters, and fields*
- And more...
  - Copy from SIP into CDR fields
  - Route messages based on any SIP field
  - Reject requests based on any SIP field
  - Change response code numbers based on specific fields

**Note: one item HMR cannot change is the SIP method itself**, e.g. HMR cannot change an OPTION to an INVITE. Use Acme Packet SPL for that!



# Why use HMR?

- The problem:
  - There are numerous proprietary implementations of SIP
  - There are numerous “bugs” in SIP implementations
  - The SBC can’t natively support interworking every software version of every product of every vendor to every other one
- The solution:
  - Give the operator as much control as possible, to define their own behavior for their needs
  - Without constantly upgrading the SBC
  - Without constant Enhancement Requests
  - Without waiting



# HMR in the SBC

- HMR can be done on either the **inbound message (in-manipulationid)** or the **outbound message (out-manipulationid)**
  - In both cases the SBC behaves as if it actually received that changed message, or sent the unchanged one
- Inbound:
  - HMR is essentially a **pre-processing** activity – it occurs after a very small list of tasks (like DDoS, parsing, etc.)
- Outbound:
  - HMR is essentially a **post-processing** activity and is done right before message is sent
  - After SIP-NAT, number normalization, response mapping, etc.
- HMR rules can be applied to session-agent, realm, or sip-interface for either direction



# The sip-manipulation object

- Only one sip-manipulation gets applied to a message on inbound, and only one on outbound
  - sip-manipulations can be called from a session-agent, realm or sip-interface
  - A session-agent manipulation overrides all others, a realm overrides sip-interface
  - For a proxied SIP message there can be up to 12 “configuration slots” where you can invoke HMR but for a B2BUA, only FOUR HMRs can take effect (in/out on received message, and in/out on proxied message)



# sip-manipulation contents



```
sip-manipulation
  name
  description
  header-rule
    name
    header-name
    action
    comparison-type
    match-value
    msg-type
    new-value
    methods
  element-rule
    name
    parameter-name
    type
    action
    match-val-type
    comparison-type
    match-value
    new-value

changeMyName
  change James to Jimmy

  modifyRequestURI
    request-uri
    manipulate
    case-sensitive

  request
  INVITE

  modName
    uri-user
    replace
    any
    pattern-rule
    James
    Jimmy
```

This **HEADER RULE** will operate on the request URI. It will trigger the sub-rule modName each time the message being manipulated is an INVITE request.

Note that header-rule and element-rule names cannot be all upper case... That's reserved for internal variables.

This **ELEMENT RULE** will operate on the user portion of the request URI. It will replace regular expression matches of the string "James" with the string "Jimmy".



# header-rules and element-rules

- A sip-manipulation can have any number of header-rules
  - Each header-rule name must be unique in a sip-manipulation and limited to a maximum of 24 characters
  - Each header-rule operates on one header, but multiple header-rules can operate on the same header
- A header-rule can have any number of element-rules
  - Each element-rule name must be unique within a header-rule and limited to a maximum of 24 characters
  - Each element-rule operates on one component of the header, but multiple element-rules can operate on the same component

# How many header-rules and element-rules do I need?



- Each header-rule permits one “action” to be conducted against one single header
  - For each required header action you will need one header-rule
  - Recall that a header-rule can reference other header-rules within the same sip-manipulation rule set
  - A header-rule can also call another sip-manipulation outside of the current rule set
    - set the header-rule action to be *sip-manip*
    - *new-value* is used to hold the name of the sip-manipulation to be invoked
    - Don’t forget to specify a header name to invoke the header-rule! We recommend the use of “To”, “From” or “Cseq” as these are most likely exist in the sip header context
- Each element-rule permits one “action” to be conducted against one single header element
  - For each required header element action you will need one element-rule



## Example 1: very simple case

- You want to remove a header, for example P-Asserted-Identity, from all messages going to endpoints in the access realm
- You can do this on inbound or outbound, but for this example, outbound makes more sense
- Example HMR:

```
sip-manipulation
  name          out_rem_PAID
  Description    "This HMR deletes the PAI header"
  header-rule
    name        delPAI
    header-name  P-Asserted-Identity
    action       delete
    comparison-type case-sensitive
    match-value
    msg-type     request
    new-value
    methods
```



## Example 2: a bit more complex

- Removing a P-Associated-URI from any response to a REGISTER request, but only if it's a tel-URI
  - Here we will need a comparison-type of pattern-rule to trigger the regular expression specified in the match-value

```
sip-manipulation
  name          delPAUwithTelURI
  description    "This HMR deletes PAU headers with a tel-URI"
  header-rule
    name          delPAU
    header-name    P-Associated-URI
    action         delete
    comparison-type pattern-rule
    match-value    ^<tel:
    msg-type       reply
    new-value
    methods        REGISTER
```



## Example 3: HMR, the real deal

```
sip-manipulation
  name          copyFrom
  description
  header-rule
    name          getFrom
    header-name    From
    action         store
    comparison-type pattern-rule
    match-value
    msg-type       request
    new-value
    methods        INVITE
    element-rule
      name          getUser
      parameter-name
      type          uri-user
      action         store
      match-val-type any
      comparison-type pattern-rule
      match-value    ^\+?[0-9]+
      new-value
```

```
header-rule
  name          modPAI
  header-name    P-Asserted-Identity
  action         manipulate
  comparison-type case-sensitive
  match-value
  msg-type       request
  new-value
  methods        INVITE
  element-rule
    name          modName
    parameter-name
    type          uri-user
    action         replace
    match-val-type any
    comparison-type boolean
    match-value    $getFrom.$getUser
    new-value      $getFrom.$getUser.$0
```

Can you figure out what this HMR does?  
We'll see it again later in the presentation!

## Working with header elements



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# Conditional execution of rules

- *Every top-level rule* (header-rule, mime-rule) will only execute its action if it passes the following constraints:
  - msg-type: any, out-of-dialog, or response
  - methods: if it's the right SIP method
- *Every rule of any level* has certain constraints it must pass to execute its action
  - match-value: if its match-value results in TRUE, based on its comparison-type and applied to the relevant SIP message/field
- Specific rules have specific constraints as well
  - header-rule will only act on the defined SIP header
  - element-rule will only act on the defined "type"
  - mime-rule will only act on the defined MIME body type





# Sub-rules

- Every top-level rule has zero or more sub-rules
  - header-rule can have element-rules
  - mime-rule can have mime-header-rules
- Sub-rules will be executed, based on certain conditions
  - Only if the top-level rule's msg-type/methods matched, AND:
    - If the top-level rule's action is add, store, find-replace-all, or sip-manip OR
    - If the top-level rule's action is manipulate and its match-value was TRUE
  - Sub-rules will not execute if the top-level rule's action was delete or none
- Every sub-rule executes in provisioned order, even if one sub-rule matches FALSE (does not execute)



# Rule actions

- **store** – the item matched by match-value is saved for later reference (empty match-value means match everything)
- **manipulate/replace** – the item is replaced with new-value
- **add** – the item is added, with the contents of new-value
- **delete** – the item is deleted
- **find-replace-all** – the match-value is a regex applied against the item and replaced with the new-value, then again from the end of the previously matched spot in item
- **sip-manip** – run the sip-manipulation identified in new-value
- **reject** – if it's a SIP request, it's rejected with the response-code in the new-value
- **log** – certain portions of the SIP message are logged in matched.log
- **none** – rule not executed, nor are any sub-rules executed



# What's the "item"?

- For a header-rule, it's the whole header value
  - The 'header-name' field defines the specific Header
- For an element-rule, its defined by the 'type' field
  - Valid 'types' are: header-value, header-param-name, header-param, uri-display, uri-user, uri-user-only, uri-phone-number-only, uri-user-param, uri-host, uri-port, uri-param-name, uri-param, uri-header-name, uri-header, status-code, reason-phrase, mime
- For a mime-rule, it's a MIME body part
  - The 'content-type' field defines the specific body
  - *We'll explain this more in Part 2 of this TechTalk*



## Example "items"

```
To: "John Smith" <sip:+1(781)328-4400;rn=123@acmepacket.com;user=phone>;foo=bar
```

- The **header-name** is 'To'
- The **uri-display** is 'John Smith'
- The **uri-user** is '+1(781)328-4400;rn=123'
- The **uri-user-only** is '+1(781)328-4400'
- The **uri-phone-number-only** is '+17813284400'
- The 'rn=123' is a **uri-user-param** ('rn' is the param-type, '123' is the value)
- The **uri-host** is 'acmepacket.com', the **uri-port** is '5060'
- The 'user=phone' is a **uri-param** ('user' is the param-type, and also a **uri-param-name**)
- The 'foo=bar' is a **header-param** ('foo' is the param-type, and also a **header-param-name**)



# Uri-phone-number-only

SIP Header has:	Element-rule item:
<sip:17815551234@acme.com>	17815551234
<sip:123;tgrp=foo@acme.com>	123
<sip:hellworld!@acme.com>	<empty>
<sip:+1(781)555-1234@acme.com>	+17815551234
<sips:17815551234@acme.com>	17815551234
<tel:7815551234>	7815551234

Any regex pattern in the element-rule's match-value will apply to these input strings

- Using an element-rule, the *item* being worked on is constrained/filtered to be based on the 'type' configured
  - In this case of uri-phone-number-only, it's the digits, with/without the leading '+'
  - If it's not digits, it's as if the *item* didn't exist, so the action won't take place



# The match-value field

- If the other constraints match (SIP message type, method name, parameter exists, etc.), the match-value is checked based on the configured 'comparison-type'
  - **case-sensitive** and **case-insensitive** compare the *string* in match-value against the *item*, using string comparison
  - **refer-case-sensitive** and **refer-case-insensitive** compare the *referenced* value in match-value against the *item*, using string compare
  - **pattern-rule** treats the match-value field as a regular expression, and performs regex comparison of it against the *item*
  - **boolean** treats the match-value as a boolean expression, and resolves it to TRUE or FALSE (i.e., not really related to the *item*)
- If the result of the match-value resolution is TRUE, then the action is performed
- If the match-value was a regex (and the comparison-type was pattern-rule), then it also stores the matches for later referencing

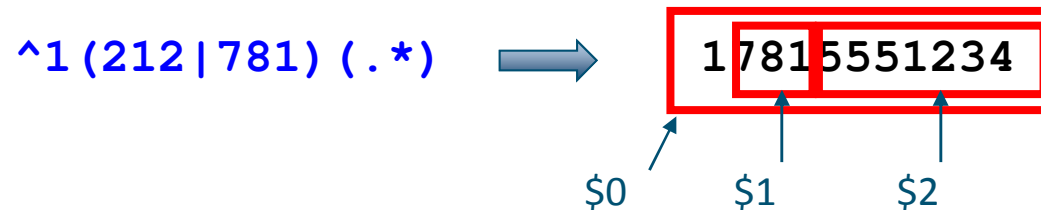


# Dereferencing variables

- All references start with a '\$' character
- References can refer to strings stored by previous Rules
  - The reference is defined by the *name* field of the Rule by which it was stored, e.g. `$myHeaderRule.$0`
  - If referencing sub-rules, the top-level Rule name must be noted first, e.g. `$myHdrRule.$myElemRule.$0`
- A reference ending with a `$<number>` resolves to the stored string or sub-string matched by the regex
  - `$0` is the string matched by the whole regex pattern
  - `$1` is the first parenthesis sub-group, `$2` is the next, etc.
- A reference of just the `$name` resolves TRUE or FALSE for whether it matched or not (i.e., did it store anything)



# Example references



- Assume the above is stored in an element-rule named "getPhone", of a header-rule named "getPAI"
  - `$getPAI.$getPhone` will resolve to TRUE
  - `$getPAI.$getPhone.$0` will resolve to '17815551234'
  - `$getPAI.$getPhone.$1` will resolve to '781'
  - `$getPAI.$getPhone.$2` will resolve to '5551234'





# Boolean operators

- New string-logic operators for use in match-value boolean logic
  - **"==" case-sensitive string comparison**
    - Resolves to TRUE if left and right strings are the same
    - Example: `match-value $getVal1.$0 == $getVal2.$0`
  - **"~=" case-insensitive string comparison**
  - **"!=" case-sensitive inequality (TRUE if left is not same as right)**
- New integer-logic operators for match-value
  - **"<=" less than or equal to, left-hand integer is less than right side**
  - **">=" greater than or equal to operator**
  - **"<" less-than operator**
  - **">" greater-than operator**
  - Example: `match-value $getVal1.$0 >= $getVal2.$0`



# The new-value field

- For most actions, the new-value field is used as an expression, which once resolved, results in a string to replace/add
  - The new-value is not a plain string – it's an expression
  - For [sip-manip](#) action, the new-value is used to hold the name of the sip-manipulation to be invoked
  - For [reject](#) action, the new-value field defines the response code, and optionally the reason-phrase, to use for the response
- Special command characters are used in new-value field
  - '+' is used to append/concatenate, '^+' is for prepend
  - '-' is used to truncate/cut, and '^-' is used to truncate from the front

```
new-value <sip:12345@acmepacket.com>
```

```
new-value <sip:+$FROM_PHONE.$0+@acmepacket.com>
```

```
new-value $ORIGINAL^+\+    (which is the same as "\++$ORIGINAL")
```



# Nested HMRs

```
sip-manipulation
  name
  description
  header-rule
    name
    header-name
    action
    comparison-type
    match-value
    msg-type
    new-value
    methods
  last-modified-by
  last-modified-date

parent_HMR

nested_Nat_IP
From
sip-manip
case-sensitive

any
Nat_IP

admin@10.23.0.38
2008-08-06 10:18:08
```

You must put a valid header name here to trigger a match

Tells the SBC to call another HMR

Specify the name of your "child" HMR – in this case, our old pal Nat\_IP



Using built in  
variables



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# Referencing built in variables

- HMR offers many system-defined “built in” variables

LOCAL_IP	TO_USER	PAI_USER
LOCAL_PORT	TO_PHONE	<b>PAI_PHONE</b>
REMOTE_IP	TO_HOST	PAI_HOST
REMOTE_PORT	TO_PORT	PAI_PORT
REMOTE_VIA_HOST	FROM_USER	PPI_USER
TRUNK_GROUP	FROM_PHONE	PPI_PHONE
TRUNK_GROUP_CONTEXT	FROM_HOST	PPI_HOST
MANIP_STRING	FROM_PORT	PPI_PORT
MANIP_PATTERN	CONTACT_USER	PCPID_USER
CRLF	CONTACT_PHONE	PCPID_PHONE
ORIGINAL	CONTACT_HOST	PCPID_HOST
REPLY_IP	CONTACT_PORT	PCPID_PORT
REPLY_PORT	RURI_USER	CALL_ID
TARGET_IP	RURI_PHONE	TIMESTAMP.UTC
TARGET_PORT	RURI_HOST	T_GROUP
M_STRING	RURI_PORT	T_CONTEXT

```
match-value $PAI_PHONE.$0==17813284428
match-value !$PAI_PHONE
new-value <sip:+$RURI_PHONE.$0+@+$REMOTE_IP.$0>
```

Note the \$0 notation is to  
dereference that variable



# Remember example 3?

```
sip-manipulation
  name          copyFrom
  description
  header-rule
    name          getFrom
    header-name    From
    action         store
    comparison-type pattern-rule
    match-value
    msg-type       request
    new-value
    methods        INVITE
    element-rule
      name          getUser
      parameter-name
      type          uri-user
      action         store
      match-val-type any
      comparison-type pattern-rule
      match-value    ^\+?[0-9]+
      new-value
```

```
header-rule
  name          modPAI
  header-name    P-Asserted-Identity
  action         manipulate
  comparison-type case-sensitive
  match-value
  msg-type       request
  new-value
  methods        INVITE
  element-rule
    name          modName
    parameter-name
    type          uri-user
    action         replace
    match-val-type any
    comparison-type boolean
    match-value    $getFrom.$getUser
    new-value      $getFrom.$getUser.$0
```

# Example 3 reduced



```
header-rule
  name          modPAI
  header-name    P-Asserted-Identity
  action         manipulate
  comparison-type case-sensitive
  match-value
  msg-type       request
  new-value
  methods        INVITE
  element-rule
    name          modName
    parameter-name
    type          uri-user
    action         replace
    match-val-type any
    comparison-type boolean
    match-value    $FROM_PHONE
    new-value      $FROM_PHONE.$0
```

Now one header-rule can do what two rules did before!

- Easier to provision
- Performs faster
- Easier to read

# A mini primer on regular expressions



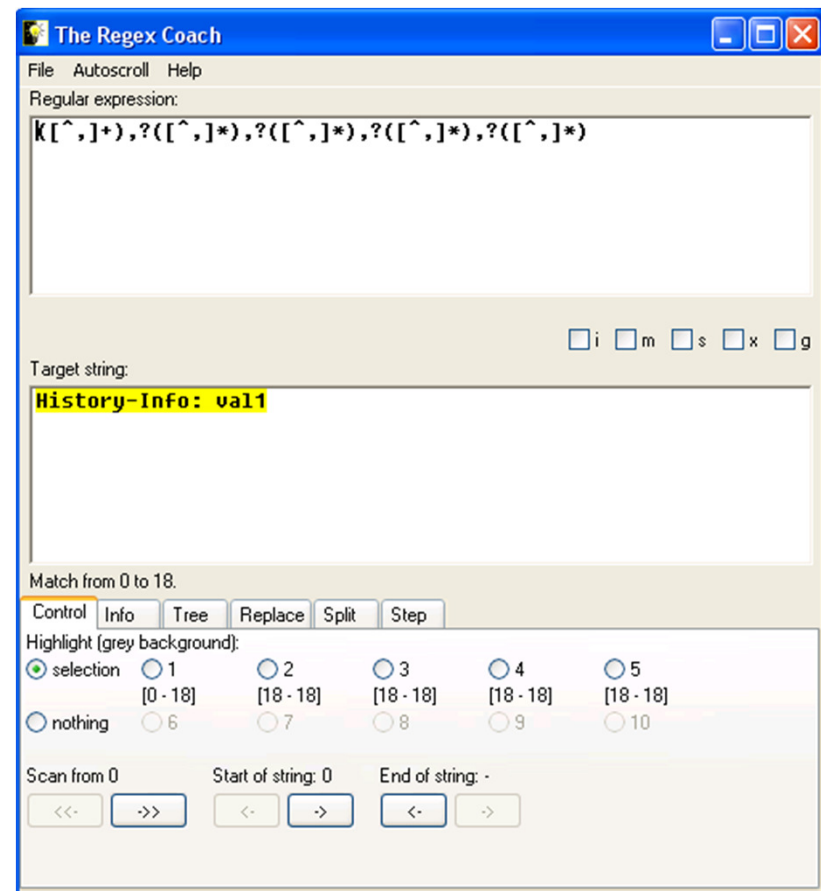
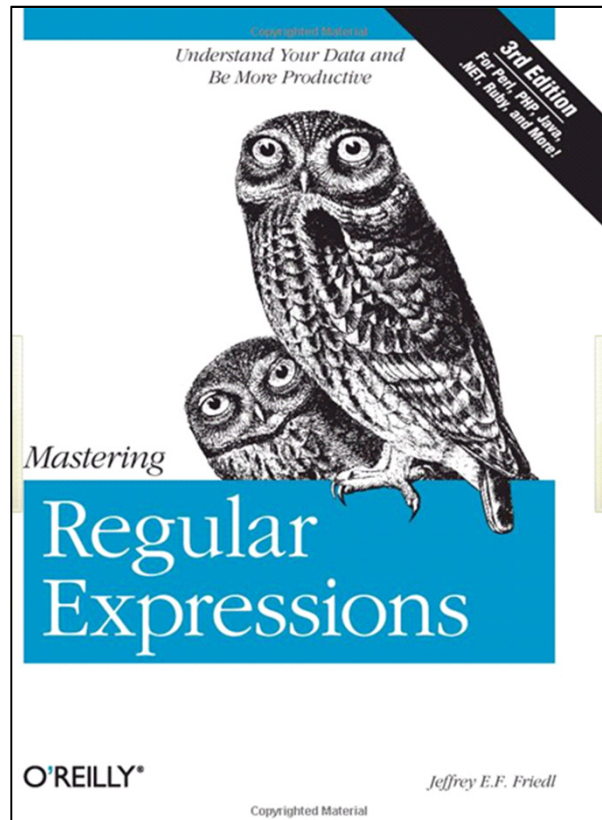
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# Regular Expressions

- Best book: [\*Mastering Regular Expressions\*](#) by Jeffrey Friedl
- Best tools: [The Regex Coach](#) and [RegexBuddy](#) (w/ tutorial)
- Best command: `test-pattern-rule`





# Regex basics

- A regex engine starts at the first character of the regex pattern, and before the first character of the input string
- It walks across the string until the first command of the regex pattern is matched/true
- Then it moves to the next command in the pattern, and tries to match it to the current spot in the string – a spot can be between actual characters in the string
- This continues, **until it can no longer match** – if there is any (non-optional) pattern left, it failed (extra string doesn't matter)



# Regex character commands

- Any character (letter, number, whatever) *except* “special characters” means match that literal character
- Special characters:
  - . = match any character except carriage-return or linefeed
  - ^ = match the *spot* of the beginning of a string
  - \$ = match the *spot* of the end of the string
  - \ = escapes the next character, possibly making it a special/command, or making a special character no longer “special”
  - + = match the previous command *one* or more times, as much as possible
  - \* = match the previous command *zero* or more times, as much as possible
  - ? = match the previous command *zero* or *one* times, prefer *one*
  - | = match the whole pattern on the left, or the one on the right of the bar
  - [ = starts a bracket “character class”
  - ( = starts a parenthesis group
  - { = starts a brace min/max repetition count



# Regex backslash commands

- When a “\” backslash is before a “special character”, it makes it no longer special, but just literal (e.g., “\.” matches a period)
- When a backslash is before a backslash, it makes it match a literal “\” backslash in the input string
- When a backslash is before a normal character, it means another command:
  - \, = match any character, including carriage-return or linefeed
  - \b = match the spot between a word character, and a non-word one
  - \B = match the spot between two word characters, or between two non-word characters
  - \d, \w, \s = match a digit, word character, whitespace respectively
  - \D, \W, \S = match the opposite of the characters of \d, \w, \s
  - \r, \n, \f, \t, \v = match carriage-return, newline, form-feed, h-tab, v-tab
  - \R = match either \r or \n or both together \r\n



# Regex character classes

- A bracket pair "[...]" encompass a character class
- This can take on of two forms: either a list of characters, possibly including ranges, to match *one* character in the string to, or the negation of it if "[^...]"

## BRACKET PAIR:

`^555[12].*`

5551234

5552234

5553234

## NEGATION:

`^555[^12].*`

5551234

5552234

5553234



## Braced min/max repetitions

- A “ $\{n,m\}$ ” is a command which means match the previous command a minimum of  $n$  times, to a maximum of  $m$  times, preferably more
  - $m$  can be left blank, to mean the max is infinite
- A “?” is basically the common case of “ $\{0,1\}$ ”
- A “\*” would be the same as “ $\{0,\}$ ” and a “+” would be “ $\{1,\}$ ”

# Breaking down a real-world example



element-rule	
name	getDigits
parameter-name	
type	uri-user
action	store
match-val-type	any
comparison-type	pattern-rule
match-value	<code>^\+1([0-9]{6}).*\$</code>
new-value	<code>\$1</code>

- `^` => start of string
- `\+` => delimiter for the "plus" character
- `[0-9]` => any character in the specified range, meaning 0123456789
- `{6}` => six characters from that range, so `[0-9]{6}` could be anything from 000000 to 999999
- `.*` => any sequence of characters
- `$` => end of string
- Parentheses store the six digit string in the variable `$1`



## ...and accessing the values

element-rule	
name	getDigits
parameter-name	
type	uri-user
action	store
match-val-type	any
comparison-type	pattern-rule
match-value	<code>^\+1([0-9]{6}).*\$</code>
new-value	<code>\$1</code>

- To access the digits stored by this element-rule, I need to dereference what is in the parentheses
  - `$HR.$ER.$0` => this is the ENTIRE string that you're matching against, and this is how you would dereference the value to use it ELSEWHERE in your HMR
  - `$0` => when used as the new-value for a given match-value, this is the ENTIRE string that you're matching against in that corresponding match-value
  - `$1` => when used as the new-value for a given match-value, this is the value stored in the FIRST set of parentheses; to access it ELSEWHERE within the HMR you would do a `$HR.$ER.$1`
  - `$2` => when used as the new-value for a given match-value, this is the value stored in the SECOND set of parentheses



# HMR strategies and best practices



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## When authoring HMRs...

- Often times, there are different ways to tackle HMR requirements – and some are better than others
- A good rule of thumb is to think “performance first”
  - Reuse as many “built in” variables as possible
  - Avoid lengthy string matches unless absolutely necessary
  - Wherever possible, constrain your HMR appropriately by specifying a SIP method and message type
- Practice and document!
  - Over time, an HMR library proves to be invaluable



# Tips on using regex patterns

- ALWAYS use a ^ beginning of line anchor if you can
- ALWAYS use a \$ end of line anchor if you can
- Do not use parentheses unless you need to
- Try to avoid .\* or .+ if you expect to have text following it
- Sometimes, the NOT operator e.g. [^abc] can give you the easiest access to the string you're looking to retrieve
- Avoid vague search patterns like (.\* )foo(.\* ) or (foo.\*bar)\*
- Think of other possible combinations for your match
  - If you are looking for a particular string it could be at the beginning, the middle, or the end of a line. You have to plan for all cases!
- Test your pattern against things that do NOT match, or that you don't want to match

# Tips on HMR for performance and security



- Use element-rules to store/modify/add/delete the specific SIP header pieces you want instead of just using a header-rule
- Reduce the number of header-rules as much as possible
- Try to make your rules generic and future-proof
  - Avoid creating sip-manips for each realm/agent
  - Don't forget sips and tel URIs
  - Not all URI usernames are numbers, and some have user-params
  - REGISTERS can have more than one Contact header
  - Phone numbers can have visual-separators:  
+1(212)555-1212 => [uri-phone-number-only](#)

# Use caution with regular expressions



- Be very careful with MIME manipulation, e.g. SDP
  - They're big strings, so regex MUST be efficient
  - SDP is a *protocol*, and has rules – don't break them
  - SDP offers are NOT always in INVITEs – for example, delayed offers come back in 18x/200ok, and answers can be in PRACK or ACK
- Be mindful of RegEx performance
  - Example: `(.*)foo(.*)` is really not efficient, though it may be the only solution
  - Often the worse-case performance is when your regex does NOT match



Two sample HMRs of  
varying complexity



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## Two HMRs of varying complexity

- Beginner: HMR to strip leading plus from Diversion
- Intermediate: HMR to add a cn RURI param containing charge number
- *Expert: two part HMR to turn Recvonly into Sendonly in transcoding scenarios*
  - *We'll save this one for the "HMR – Part 2" TechTalk*

Q&A



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## Summary – Part 1

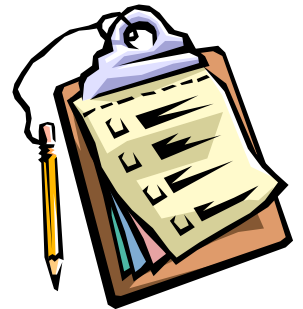


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## Key takeaways

- Make sure you need to use HMR in the first place!
- Think “performance first”
  - Avoid string matches if at all possible
  - Use built in variables as much as possible
- Regular expressions are not as scary as you might think... You just need to practice!
- HMR is not as scary as you might think...  
You just need to practice!





## For more information

- Acme Packet documentation
  - [Acme Packet HMR Developer's Guide](#)
  - Net-Net Session Director Configuration Guide
  - Net-Net Session Director ACLI Reference Guide
- Acme Packet Best Current Practices (BCP) documents available on the [Acme Packet Support Portal](#)
- [The Acme Packet Community](#)
- Acme Packet training
- Direct Acme Packet support

# And remember...



- Formal Acme Packet training is available in the area of HMR and other topics

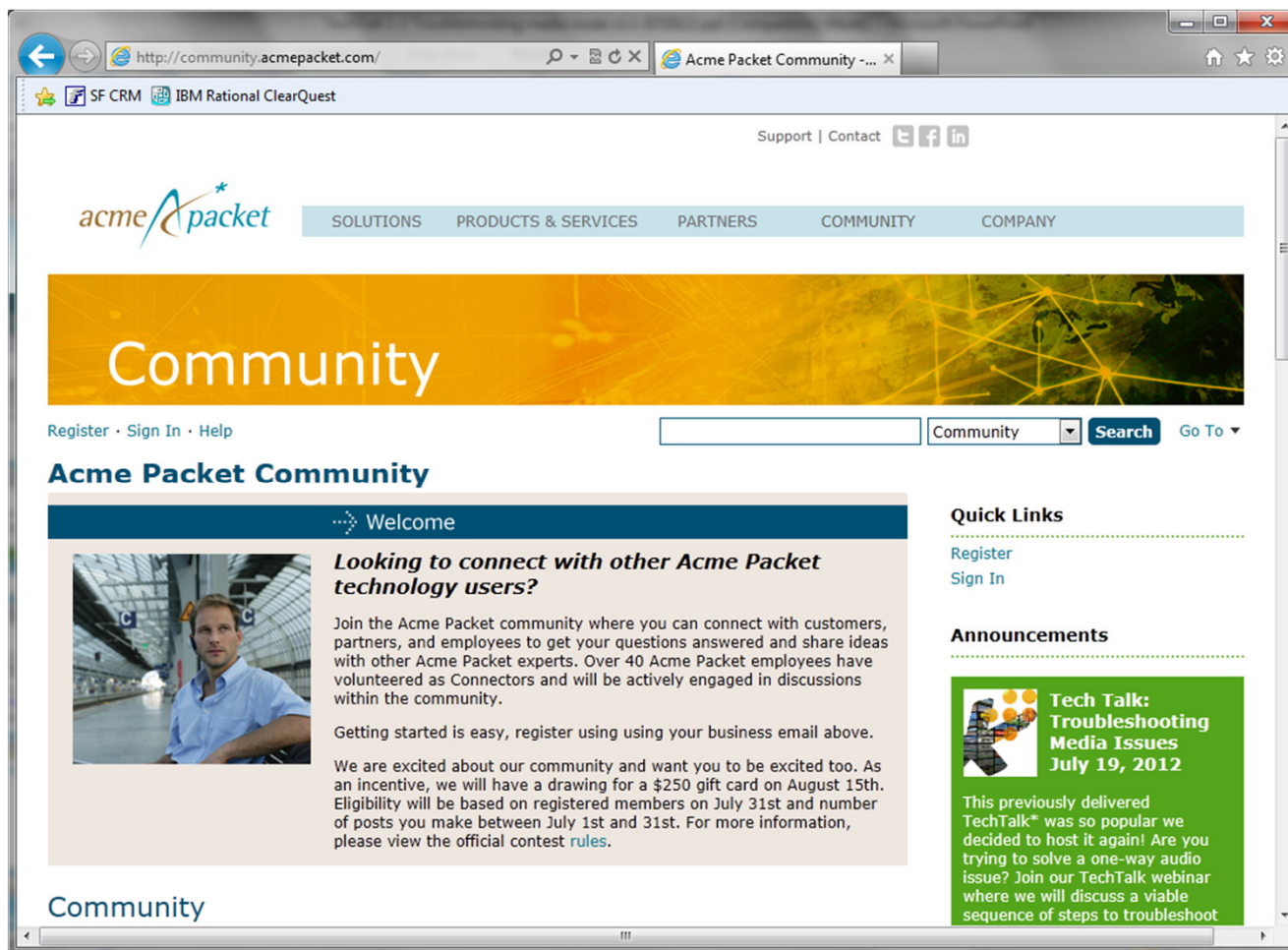
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EDU-TS1-OE4	<a href="#">Net-Net 3000/4000 Troubleshooting</a>		X		
EDU-ADV-OE	<a href="#">Net-Net Session Director Advanced Configuration</a>	X	X		

# Join the Acme Packet Community



- Come get connected! Post questions – and answer some too!



Thank you for attending!

**Our next  
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**HMR Part 2 –  
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