

HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN PBX

By

Using Asterisk

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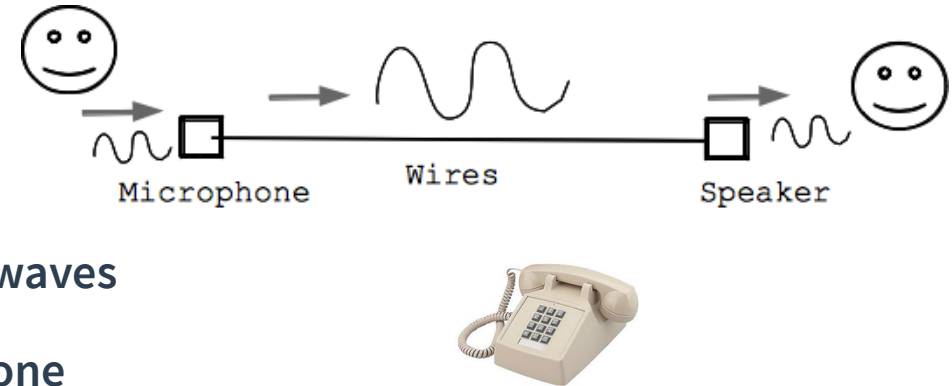
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Introduction To VOIP

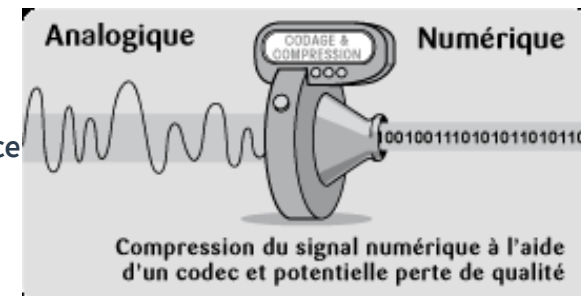
• Analog Phone System

- Person talks into microphone
 - Microphone converts sound waves into electrical waves
 - Electrical waves go down the wire to the other phone
 - At the other phone, speaker converts the incoming electrical wave back into sound waves
- Analog.



• Convert from Analog to Digital

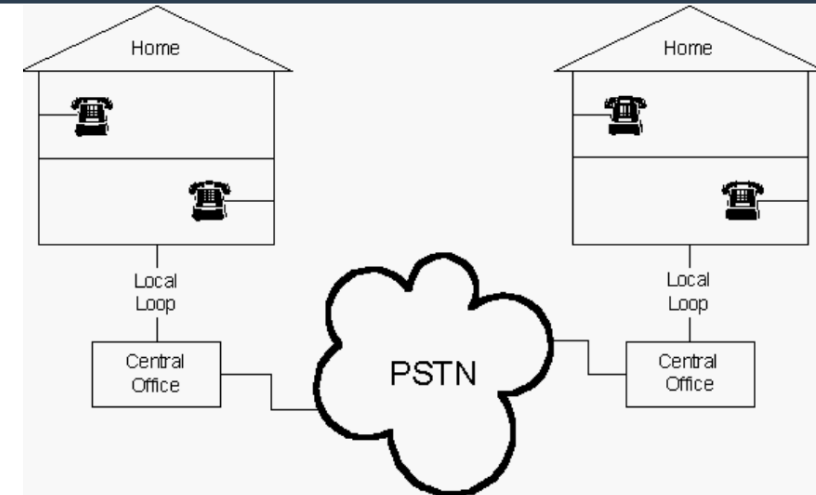
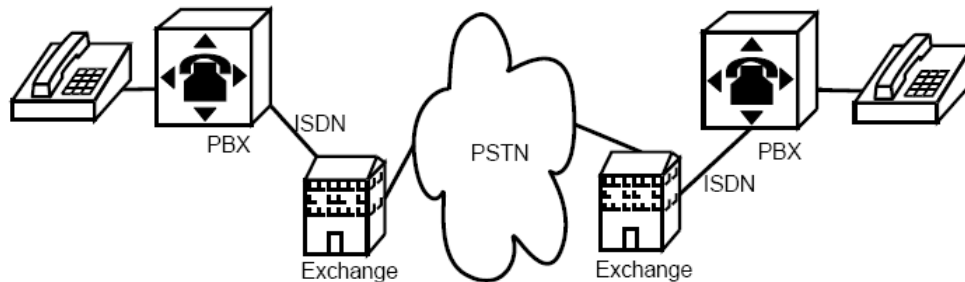
- Digital Signal Processor (DSP) takes with constant interval (*sampling*) the value of the analog signal and associate a binary number (0/1)
- To reduce the throughput (size), the sequence is converted in a compressed format (*CODEC*)
- G.711: flow of 64 Kbit/s, G.729: flow of 8 Kbit/s , GSM : flow of 13 Kbit/s.
- CODEC is a compromised between quality, CPU power, bandwidth, time to transfer (delays), loss tolerance



Introduction To VOIP

- What is Public Switched Network ?

The PSTN is the inter-connection network of all public phone



- Private Branch eXchange (PBX) : Manages calls into and out of organization and does phone number translation
- BRI: Basic Rate, 2 * 64Kbps data channels
- PRI: Primary Rate, 2Mbps (E1)
- Inter-connection between STN network are named TRUNKS
- International dialing plan : Worldwide plan of public numbering: E.164 is an ITU-T recommendation.

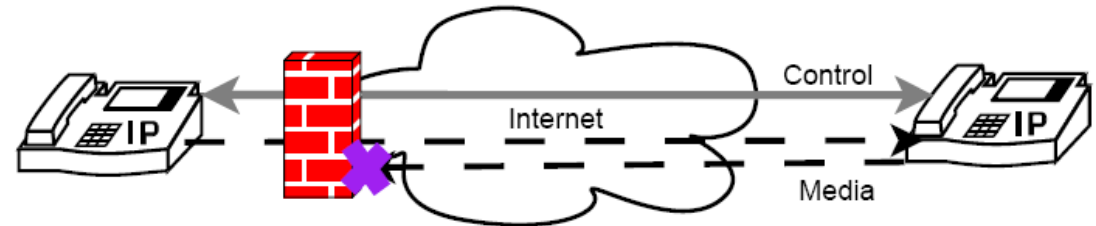
Introduction To VOIP

- What is VoIP?
 - Based on packet switching technology using Internet as transport.
 - Opposed to the traditional circuit switching technology, which dominates the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN)
 - Driven by low cost.

VOIP is UDP or TCP ?

- VoIP: Challenges :

- Latency
- Jitter
- Packet Loss
- Nat / Firewall Can lead to “one way audio”



What is Asterisk ?

- A complete PBX software for Linux platform developed by Digium
- Asterisk was created by Mark Spencer.
- Does PBX call switching, CODEC translation. and various applications
- Open Source under GNU license



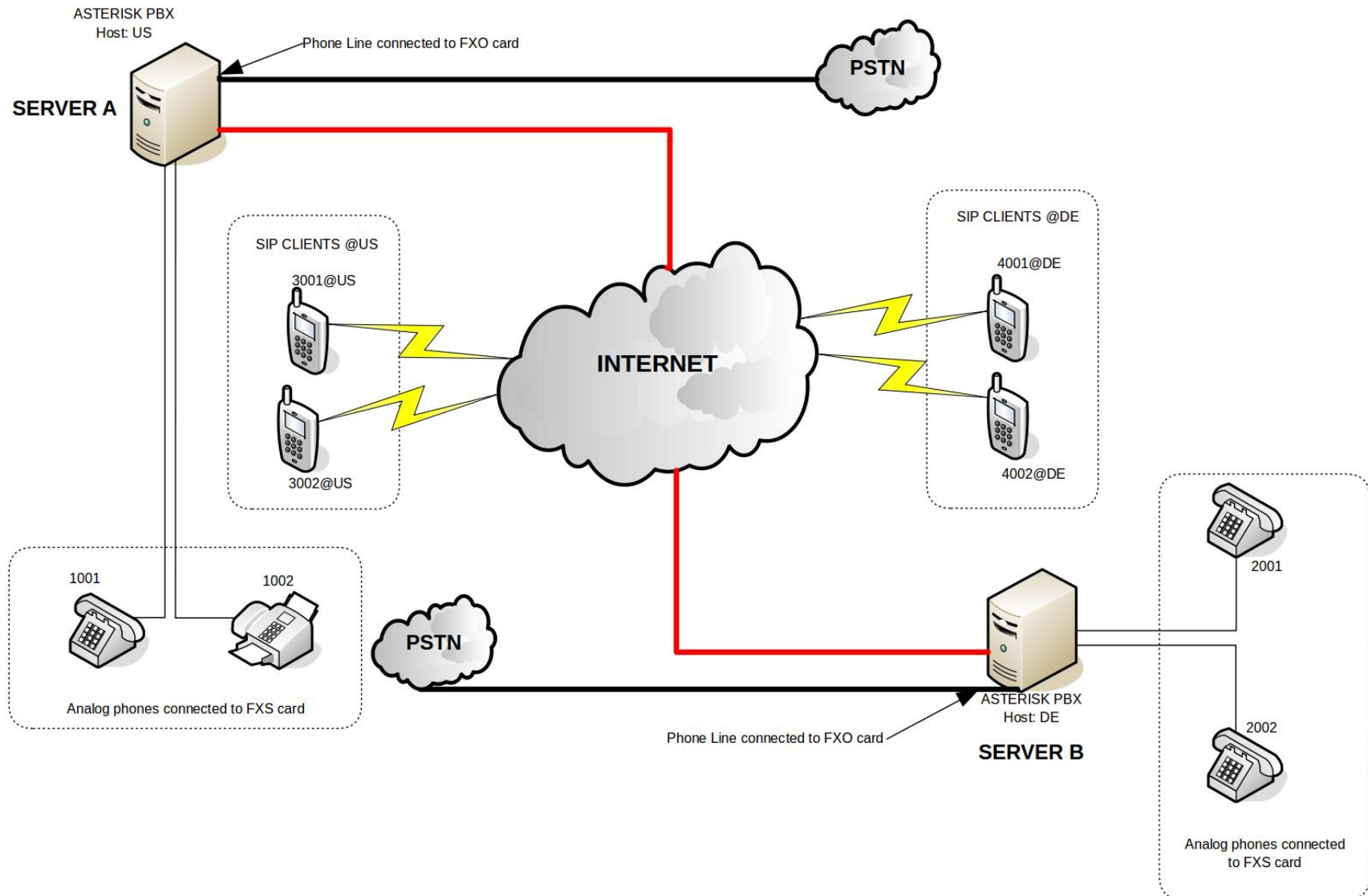
Asterisk Applications

- Voicemail
- Dial an interface (ZAP, SIP, IAX, etc)
- Conference Bridging
- Queues (great for Call centres)
- IVR (press “1” if you know the ext)
- AGI (asterisk gateway interface, like CGI) For advance scripting

Asterisk Configuration files

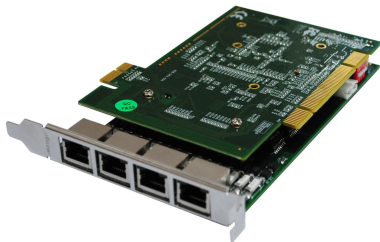
- `meetme.conf`: Meet Me conference configuration
- `musiconhold.conf`: Music On Hold configuration
- `sip.conf`: Configure SIP channels
- `iax.conf`: Configure IAX channels
- `voicemail.conf`: VoiceMail configuration
- `agents.conf`: Configure agent channels
- `extconfig.conf`: Used by `res_data` to arrange external configuration
- `extensions.conf`: The Dialplan

Asterisk Example



VOIP Phones

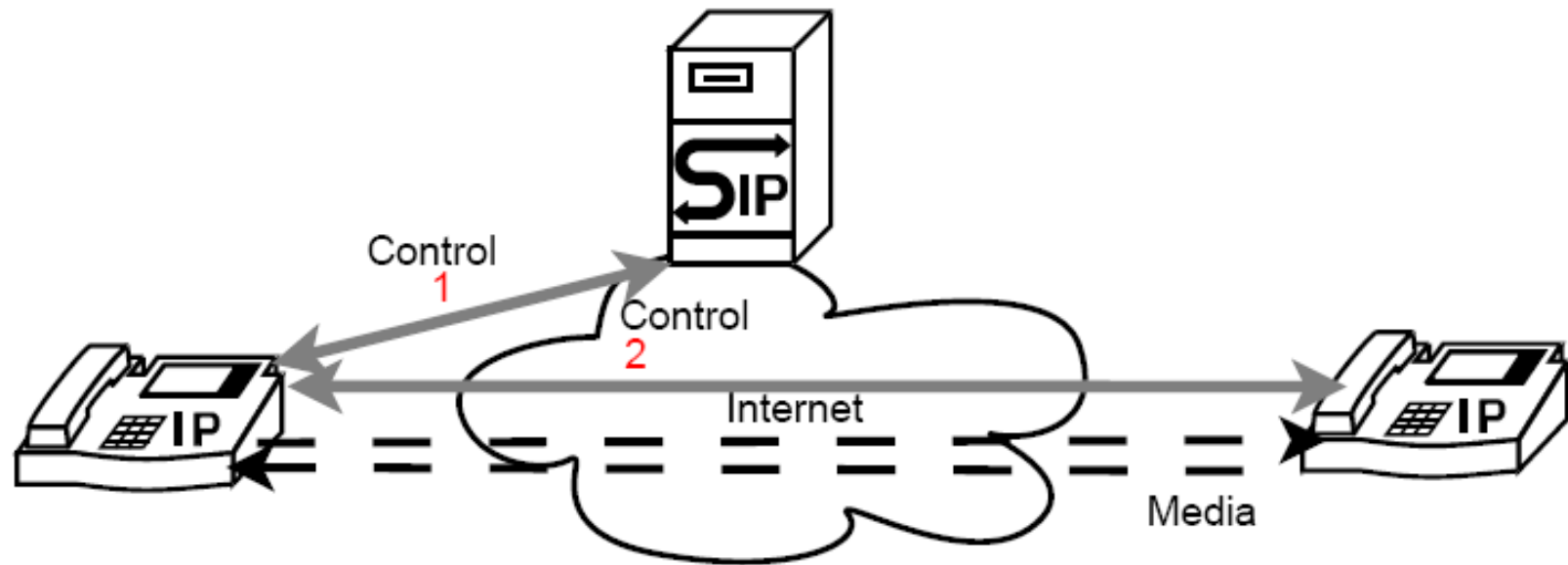
- Analog Phone
- Software Phone
- Hardware Phones (IP Phone)
- TDM POTS /Digital



VOIP Transmission Protocols

- H.323: ITU standard
- SIP: (Session Initiation Protocol) IETF RFC 2543, HTTP-like headers
- SCCP: “Skinny Client Control Protocol”: Cisco proprietary protocol
- Skype: Proprietary protocol based on Kazaa
- IAX2: Inter-Asterisk eXchange v2
- MGCP - Media Gateway Control Protocol

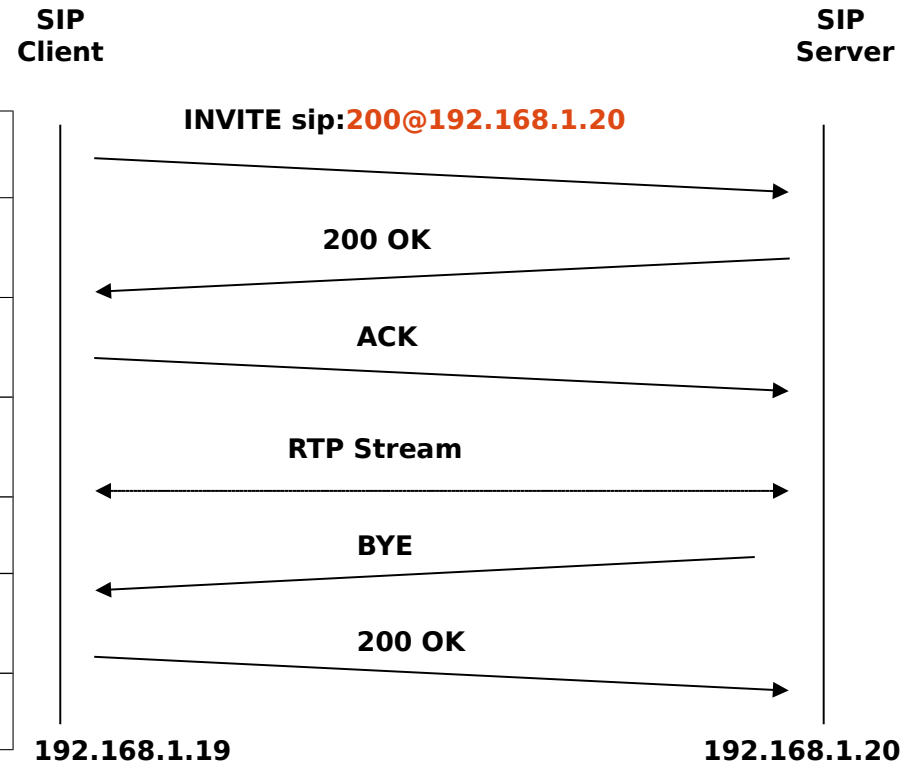
How VOIP Works ?



- All VoIP protocols operate in a similar fashion
- Control channel to set up a call
- Media channels to carry voice data
- RTP: Realtime Transport Protocol , it is ITU standard
- Essentially timestamped UDP packets
- Between dynamically negotiated port numbers
- Similar approach to FTP
- Lots of protocols for control and media channels

SIP Call Setup

Method	Description
REGISTER	Used by client to register a particular address with the SIP server
INVITE	A session is being requested to be setup using a specified media
ACK	Message from client to indicate that a successful response to an INVITE has been received
BYE	A call is being released by either party
CANCEL	Cancels any pending requests. Usually sent to a Proxy Server to cancel searches
OPTIONS	A Query to a server about its capabilities



SIP Responses

	Description	Examples
1xx	Informational – Request received, continuing to process request.	180 Ringing 100 Trying
2xx	Success – Action was successfully received, understood and accepted.	200 OK
3xx	Redirection – Further action needs to be taken in order to complete the request.	300 Multiple Choices 302 Moved Temporarily
4xx	Client Error – Request contains bad syntax or cannot be fulfilled at this server.	401 Unauthorized 408 Request Timeout
5xx	Server Error – Server failed to fulfill an apparently valid request.	503 Service Unavailable 505 Version Not Supported
6xx	Global Failure – Request is invalid at any server.	600 Busy Everywhere 603 Decline



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