



Codec Preference Lists

This chapter describes how to negotiate an audio codec from a list of codec associated with a preference. This chapter also describes how to disable codec filtering by configuring CUBE to send an outgoing offer with all configured audio codecs in the list assuming that the dspfarm supports all these codecs.

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Feature Information for Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to <https://cfng.cisco.com/>. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information for Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element	15.1(2)T	The Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element feature supports negotiation of an audio codec using the Voice Class Codec and Codec Transparent infrastructure on the Cisco UBE. The following command was introduced or modified: voice-class codec (dial peer).

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.8S	The Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element feature supports negotiation of an audio codec using the Voice Class Codec and Codec Transparent infrastructure on the Cisco UBE. The following command was introduced or modified: voice-class codec (dial peer).
Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element.	15.3(2)T	This feature provides high availability support for negotiation of an audio codec from a list of codecs on each leg of a SIP-to-SIP call on the Cisco Unified Border Element under the Voice Class Codec.

Codecs Configured Using Preference Lists

SIP-to-SIP calls configured using codecs using preference lists have the following features:

- Incoming and outgoing dial-peers can be configured with different preference lists.
- Both normal transcoding and high-density transcoding are supported with preference lists.
- Midcall codec changes for supplementary services are supported with preference lists. Transcoder resources are dynamically inserted or deleted when there is a codec or RTP-NTE to in-band DTMF interworking required.
- Reinvite-based supplementary services that are invoked from the Cisco Unified Communications Manager (CUCM), like call hold, call resume, Music On Hold (MOH), call transfer, and call forward are supported with preference lists.
- T.38 fax and fax passthrough switchover with preference lists are supported.
- Reinvite-based call hold and call resume for the Secure Real-Time Transfer protocol (SRTP) and Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP) interworking on CUBE is supported with preference lists.
- High availability is supported for calls that use codecs with preference lists. But calls requiring the transcoder to be invoked are not checkpointed. During midcall renegotiation, if the call releases the transcoder, then the call is checkpointed.

Prerequisites for Codec Preference Lists

- Transcoding configuration on the CUBE.
- The digital signal processor (DSP) requirements to support the transcoding feature on the CUBE.

Restrictions for Codecs Preference Lists

For All Calls (SIP-to-SIP, H.323-to-H.323, SIP-to-H.323 calls)

- Video codecs are not supported with preference lists.
- Multiple audio streams are not supported.
- High-density transcoding is not supported when delayed offer to early offer is configured. Only low density transcoding is supported.
- Codec re-packetization feature is not supported when preference lists are configured.

For H.323-to-H.323 and SIP-to-H.323 Calls

The below restrictions do not exist for SIP-to-SIP calls from 15.1(2)T and Cisco IOS XE Release 3.8S onwards.

- You can configure dissimilar preference lists on the incoming and outgoing dial peers.
- Incoming and outgoing dial-peers cannot be configured with the different preference lists.
- Transcoding is not supported when preference lists are used.
- Mid-call codec changes and supplementary services (call-hold / resume, call forward) do not work when a preference list is configured.
- Mid-call insertion or deletion of transcoder is not supported with preference lists.
- Rotary dial peers are not supported when preference lists are used.
- Both incoming and outgoing dial-peers need to be configured with the same codec voice classes.
- The preference of codecs configured in a codec voice classes is not be applied to the outgoing call-leg. Basically codec filtering is applied first and only the filtered codecs will be sent out in the outgoing offer from CUBE.
- T.38 fax, fax-passthru and modem-passthru is not be supported with preference lists.
- SRTP<->RTP is not supported with preference lists.
- When a codec voice class is configured, call establishment is un-predictable when a transcoder is involved in the call. The call succeeds only if the end points choose the first codec in the list of offered codecs.



Note Codec preference in the voice class codec on the outgoing call leg is not followed when the same codecs are available in the respective incoming invite with SDP with different codec preference. Cube prioritizes and follows the incoming invite with SDP codec preference when compared to the voice class codec preference on the outgoing dial-peer leg.

How to Configure Codec Preference Lists

Configuring Audio Codecs Using a Codec Voice Class and Preference Lists

Preferences can be used to determine which codecs will be selected over others.

A codec voice class is a construct within which a codec preference order can be defined. A codec voice class can then be applied to a dial peer, which then follows the preference order defined in the codec voice class.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **voice class codec tag**
4. Do the following for each audio codec you want to configure in the voice class:
 - **codec preference value codec-type**[**profile profile-tag**]
 - **codec preference value codec-type**[**bytes payload-size fixed-bytes**]
 - **codec preference value isac** [**mode {adaptive | independent}**] [**bit-rate value framesize { 30 | 60 }**] [**fixed**]]
 - **codec preference value ilbc** [**mode frame-size** [**bytes payload-size**]]
 - **codec preference value mp4-latm** [**profile tag**]
5. **exit**
6. **dial-peer voice number voip**
7. **voice-class codec tag offer-all**
8. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device> configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	voice class codec tag Example: Device(config)# voice class codec 10	Enters voice-class configuration mode for the specified codec voice class.
Step 4	Do the following for each audio codec you want to configure in the voice class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • codec preference value codec-type[profile profile-tag] • codec preference value codec-type[bytes payload-size fixed-bytes] • codec preference value isac [mode {adaptive independent}] [bit-rate value framesize { 30 60 }] [fixed]] • codec preference value ilbc [mode frame-size [bytes payload-size]] • codec preference value mp4-latm [profile tag] 	Configure a codec within the voice class and specifies a preference for the codec. This becomes part of a preference list
Step 5	exit	Exits the current mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example: Device(config-class)# exit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 6	dial-peer voice <i>number</i> voip Example: Device(config)# dial-peer voice 1 voip	Enters dial peer configuration mode for the specified VoIP dial peer.
Step 7	voice-class codec <i>tag</i> offer-all Example: Device(config-dial-peer)# voice-class codec 10	Applies the previously configured voice class and associated codecs to a dial peer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The offer-all keyword allows the device to offer all codecs configured in a codec voice class.
Step 8	end Example: Device(config-dial-peer)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Disabling Codec Filtering

Cisco UBE is configured to filter common codecs for the subsets, by default. The filtered codecs are sent in the outgoing offer. You can configure the Cisco UBE to offer all the codecs configured on an outbound leg instead of offering only the filtered codecs.



Note This configuration is applicable only for early offer calls from the Cisco UBE. For delayed offer calls, by default all codecs are offered irrespective of this configuration.

Perform this task to disable codec filtering and allow all the codecs configured on an outbound leg.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **dial-peer voice *tag* voip**
4. **voice-class codec *tag* offer-all**
5. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	dial-peer voice tag voip Example: Device(config)# dial-peer voice 10 voip	Enters dial peer voice configuration mode.
Step 4	voice-class codec tag offer-all Example: Device(config-dial-peer)# voice-class codec 10 offer-all	Adds all the configured voice class codec to the outgoing offer from the Cisco UBE.
Step 5	end Example: Device(config-dial-peer)# end	Exits the dial peer voice configuration mode.

Troubleshooting Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs

Use the following commands to debug any errors that you may encounter when you configure the Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element feature:

- **debug ecsip all**
- **debug voip ccapi input**
- **debug sccp messages**
- **debug voip rtp session**

For DSP-related debugs, use the following commands:

- **debug voip dsmp all**
- **debug voip dsmp rtp both payload all**
- **debug voip ipipgw**

Verifying Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs

Perform this task to display information to verify Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs on Each Leg of a SIP-to-SIP Call on the Cisco Unified Border Element configuration. These **show** commands need not be entered in any specific order.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show call active voice brief**
3. **show voip rtp connections**
4. **show sccp connections**
5. **show dspfarm dsp active**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 enable

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

Step 2 show call active voice brief

Displays a truncated version of call information for voice calls in progress.

Example:

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Device# show call active voice brief
<ID>: <CallID> <start>ms.<index> +<connect> pid:<peer_id> <dir> <addr> <state>
  dur hh:mm:ss tx:<packets>/<bytes> rx:<packets>/<bytes>
IP <ip>:<udp> rtt:<time>ms pl:<play>/<gap>ms lost:<lost>/<early>/<late>
  delay:<last>/<min>/<max>ms <codec>
media inactive detected:<y/n> media cntrl rcvd:<y/n> timestamp:<time>
long duration call detected:<y/n> long duration call duration :<sec> timestamp:<time>
MODEMPASS <method> buf:<fills>/<drains> loss <overall%> <multipkt>/<corrected>
  last <buf event time>s dur:<Min>/<Max>s
FR <protocol> [int dlci cid] vad:<y/n> dtmf:<y/n> seq:<y/n>
  <codec> (payload size)
ATM <protocol> [int vpi/vci cid] vad:<y/n> dtmf:<y/n> seq:<y/n>
  <codec> (payload size)
Tele <int> (callID) [channel_id] tx:<tot>/<v>/<fax>ms <codec> noise:<l> acom:<l> i/o:<l>/<l> dBm
MODEMRELAY info:<rcvd>/<sent>/<resent> xid:<rcvd>/<sent> total:<rcvd>/<sent>/<drops>
  speeds(bps): local <rx>/<tx> remote <rx>/<tx>
Proxy <ip>:<audio udp>,<video udp>,<tcp0>,<tcp1>,<tcp2>,<tcp3> endpt: <type>/<manf>
bw: <req>/<act> codec: <audio>/<video>
  tx: <audio pkts>/<audio bytes>,<video pkts>/<video bytes>,<t120 pkts>/<t120 bytes>
  rx: <audio pkts>/<audio bytes>,<video pkts>/<video bytes>,<t120 pkts>/<t120 bytes>
Telephony call-legs: 0
SIP call-legs: 2
H323 call-legs: 0
Call agent controlled call-legs: 0
SCCP call-legs: 2
Multicast call-legs: 0
Total call-legs: 4
1243 : 11 971490ms.1 +-1 pid:1 Answer 1230000 connecting
  dur 00:00:00 tx:415/66400 rx:17/2561
  IP 192.0.2.1:19304 SRTP: off rtt:0ms pl:0/0ms lost:0/0/0 delay:0/0/0ms g711ulaw TextRelay: off
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Verifying Negotiation of an Audio Codec from a List of Codecs

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media inactive detected:n media contrl rcvd:n/a timestamp:n/a
long duration call detected:n long duration call duration:n/a timestamp:n/a
1243 : 12 971500ms.1 +-1 pid:2 Originate 3210000 connected
dur 00:00:00 tx:5/10 rx:4/8
IP 9.44.26.4:16512 SRTP: off rtt:0ms pl:0/0ms lost:0/0/0 delay:0/0/0ms g729br8 TextRelay: off
media inactive detected:n media contrl rcvd:n/a timestamp:n/a
long duration call detected:n long duration call duration:n/a timestamp:n/a
0 : 13 971560ms.1 +0 pid:0 Originate connecting
dur 00:00:08 tx:415/66400 rx:17/2561
IP 192.0.2.2:2000 SRTP: off rtt:0ms pl:0/0ms lost:0/0/0 delay:0/0/0ms g711ulaw TextRelay: off
media inactive detected:n media contrl rcvd:n/a timestamp:n/a
long duration call detected:n long duration call duration:n/a timestamp:n/a
0 : 15 971570ms.1 +0 pid:0 Originate connecting
dur 00:00:08 tx:5/10 rx:3/6
IP 192.0.2.3:2000 SRTP: off rtt:0ms pl:0/0ms lost:0/0/0 delay:0/0/0ms g729br8 TextRelay: off
media inactive detected:n media contrl rcvd:n/a timestamp:n/a
long duration call detected:n long duration call duration:n/a timestamp:n/a
Telephony call-legs: 0
SIP call-legs: 2
H323 call-legs: 0
Call agent controlled call-legs: 0
SCCP call-legs: 2
Multicast call-legs: 0
Total call-legs: 4

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Step 3 show voip rtp connections

Displays Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP) connections.

Example:

```

Device# show voip rtp connections
VoIP RTP active connections :
No. CallId      dstCallId  LocalRTP  RmtRTP     LocalIP           RemoteIP
1      11         12         16662     19304           192.0.2.1
192.0.2.2
2      12         11         17404     16512           192.0.2.2
192.0.2.3
3      13         14         18422     2000            192.0.2.4
9.44.26.3
4      15         14         16576     2000            192.0.2.6
192.0.2.5
Found 4 active RTP connections

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Step 4 show sccp connections

Displays information about the connections controlled by the Skinny Client Control Protocol (SCCP) transcoding and conferencing applications.

Example:

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Device# show sccp connections
sess_id  conn_id  stype mode   codec  sport rport ripaddr
5         5        xcode sendrcv g729b  16576 2000 192.0.2.3
5         6        xcode sendrcv g711u  18422 2000 192.0.2.4
Total number of active session(s) 1, and connection(s) 2

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Step 5 show dspfarm dsp active

Displays active DSP information about the DSP farm service.

Example:

Device# **show dspfarm dsp active**

SLOT	DSP	VERSION	STATUS	CHNL	USE	TYPE	RSC_ID	BRIDGE_ID	PKTS_TXED	PKTS_RXED
0	1	27.0.201	UP	1	USED	xcode	1	0x9	5	8
0	1	27.0.201	UP	1	USED	xcode	1	0x8	2558	17

Total number of DSPFARM DSP channel(s) 1
