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1 Dial
To dial, lift the handset and enter a number. Or:
- Press an unlit session button (right side).
- Press the New Call softkey.
- Press the (unlit) headset button or speakerphone button (left side).
To dial from a specific line, first press a line button (left side).

Dial from call history
As you enter a phone number, matching numbers display from your call history. To dial, scroll to a number and press the Select button in the Navigation pad or the Call softkey.

Radial the last number
Press the Redial softkey. To dial from a specific line, get a dial tone on the line first.

Speed dial
Press a speed-dial button (if available). Or, enter a speed-dial code while on-hook (no dial tone), then press the Speed Dial softkey.
Your system administrator can help you set up speed dials from your User Options web pages.

2 Hang up
To end a call, replace the handset. Or:
- Press the Release button.
- Press the End Call softkey.
- Press the (lit) headset button or speakerphone button (left side).

3 Answer
To answer a ringing call, lift the handset. Or:
- Press the flashing amber session button (right side).
- Press the Answer softkey.
- Press the (unlit) headset button or speakerphone button.
- Press the Select button in the Navigation pad.

If multiple calls are ringing, scroll to the call that you want to answer, then do one of the above. Or press the Answer button (if available) to answer the oldest ringing call on any line.

Call waiting
If you get a second call while the first call is active, a second session label displays.

Multiple lines
Keep these multiple line “basics” in mind:
- Press the All Calls button to view all calls on all lines (oldest first) and to dial from your primary line. You might prefer to keep your phone in the All Calls view most of the time.
- If a line is selected instead of All Calls, your phone displays activity for (and dials from) the selected line only.
- To see which line is selected, look for a blue icon on the line label and the line extension in the header bar. (All Calls uses your primary extension.)

Press a line button or All Calls at any time to switch views; doing so does not affect calls.

4 Divert
Press the Divert softkey to redirect a ringing or active call to voicemail (or to another phone number set up by your system administrator). You must resume a held call before you can use Divert. Divert affects the highlighted call only. If necessary, scroll to the call before pressing Divert.

5 Hold
1. Press the Hold button. The hold icon displays and the session button pulses green.
2. To resume the highlighted call, press the pulsing green button, the Resume softkey, or the Select button in Navigation pad.
6 Mute
Press the Mute button to toggle Mute on and off. When Mute is on, the Mute button glows red.

7 Conference
1. From a connected call (on hold), press the Conference button.
2. Make a new call.
3. Press the Conference button or the Conference softkey (before or after the party answers). The conference begins and the phone displays “Conference” instead of caller ID.
4. Repeat these steps to add more participants. The conference ends when all participants hang up.

“Conference in” a hold call
1. From a connected call (on hold), press the Conference button.
2. Press the flashing green-sense button for the hold call that you want to add.
Or, if the hold call is on another line, press the Active Calls softkey, choose a call from the list, and press the Conference softkey. The participant is added to the call.

The conference ends when all participants hang up.

View & remove conference participants
During a conference, press the More Details softkey. To remove a participant from the conference, highlight a name and press Remove.

8 Transfer
1. From a connected call (on hold), press the Transfer button.
2. Call the transfer recipient.
3. Wait for the recipient to answer, or skip to step 4 while the call is ringing.
4. Press the Transfer button or the Transfer softkey. The transfer is complete. Confirmation displays on your phone screen.

9 Forward All
1. After selecting the desired line (if necessary), press the Forward All softkey.
2. Enter a phone number, select a number from Call History, or press the Messages button (to forward to voicemail).
3. Look for Forward All icon on your screen.
4. To cancel call forwarding, press the Forward Off softkey. Your system administrator can help you forward calls remotely from your User Options web pages.

10 Call History
Press the Application button and select Call History.
The list 150 calls display:
- Missed Calls
- Placed Calls
- Received Calls
To dial, scroll to a call and press the Select button in the Navigation pad or the Call softkey. To view call details, press More > Details.

View now missed calls
Press the session button next to the Missed Calls icon (left side). The Missed Calls icon displays when you have new (not yet viewed) missed calls (may include a count of missed calls).

11 Directories
1. Press the Contacts button and select a directory.
2. Enter search criteria and press Submit.
3. Scroll to the listing and press the Select button.

12 Shared Lines
If you share a line with your boss:
- Either you or your boss can answer a ringing call on the shared line.
- When your boss has a call on the shared line, the shared line button on your phone is solid red and the call displays on your screen.
- When your boss puts a call on hold, the session button on your phone pulses red. You or your boss can resume the call.
- If your boss enables the Privacy feature, your boss’ calls do not display on your screen.

13 Voicemail
New message indicators:
- A solid red light on your headset.
- A stutter dial tone on the line (if enabled).
- A voicemail tone next to the line label and session button (may include message count).

Listen to messages
Press the Messages button and follow the voice prompts. Or, select a line and press the session button next to the voicemail icon.

14 Tips
What are the buttons next to my screen? The buttons on the left side of your screen are line and feature buttons. Line buttons change line views but do not affect calls.
- The buttons on the right side of your screen are session buttons. Each call correlates to a session button. Use session buttons to answer and resume calls or to view call details.

How do I silence my ringing phone? Press the left side of the volume button one time while the phone is ringing.

How do I change my ringtone per line? 1. Select Applications > Preferences > Ringtone, then select a line and press Edit.
2. Select a ringtone and press Set.

What does the Swap softkey do? Swap allows you to switch between calls before completing a transfer or conference.

What does the Back button do? Press the Back button to back out of applications and menus.

How can I get more line buttons? Ask your system administrator about the Cisco Unified IP Color Key Expansion Module.