Goal

To route voice calls from our Cisco VoIP network to a Codian MCU 4205 Video bridge, via the GnuGK so that traveling users would be able to use their cell phones to dial into the Codian video conference bridge rooms and partake in voice conversation with the video conference users.

Cisco CallManager / CommunicationsManager Configuration Steps

Note: This was written using version 6.1 of Cisco Communications Manager. Other versions should be very similar.

1) You must first add the GnuGK gatekeeper into Cisco CommManager.
   • To do this, go to Device > Gatekeeper and click ‘Add New’.
   • Type in the IP address of the GnuGK. For example: 172.16.0.185
     Important: The GnuGK should be on the same network as the Cisco Communications Manager server, or be able to route to it. Use a ping test.
   • Type in a description: GnuGK GateKeeper
   • Leave the last two fields as the default values and make sure that there is a check in the box to ‘Enable Device’.
   • Click Save

2) Next, build a trunk between CM and the new gatekeeper.
   • To do this, go to Device > Trunk and click ‘Add New’.
   • Choose Trunk Type: H.225 Trunk
   • Device Protocol: H.225
   • Click Next

   • Device Name: GnuGK_Trunk
   • Description: GnuGK Trunk
   • Device Pool: Default (Use whatever is appropriate)
   • Location: Default (Use whatever is appropriate)
• Media Termination Point Required – Unchecked
• Retry Video Call as Audio – Checked
• Wait for Far End H.245 Terminal Capability Set – Unchecked
• Scroll down to the Gatekeeper Information Section
  o Set the Gatekeeper Name to the gatekeeper that we added earlier
  o Terminal Type: Gateway
  o Technology Prefix: did not use one
  o Zone: did not use one
• Click Save button

Now you have the infrastructure built so that you route calls to the GnuGK Gatekeeper. Now we need to setup a route pattern on our Cisco Communications Manager to route calls to this new trunk.

3) Setup a Route Pattern
• Go to Call Routing > Route/Hunt > Route Pattern
• Click Add New
• Fill in the appropriate fields
  o Route Pattern – Number which you would like to route to the GnuGK (in our case, this was the number of the video conference bridge room: 9010
  o Route Partition – Default (Use whatever applies in your situation)
  o Description: Number 9010 routing to GnuGK
  o Gateway/Route List: Choose the GnuGK trunk that we created above
  o Click Save button

Now, whenever anyone dials the number that you created in your route pattern (9010), it will send the call to the GnuGK and then the GnuGK will decide which endpoint to route that call to. Now we just need to configure the Codian to register its Conference Rooms as endpoints on our Gnu Gatekeeper.

**Codian MCU 4205 Video Conference Bridge – Configuration Steps**

1) Disable the built-in gatekeeper function of the Codian
• Click Gatekeeper and then choose Disabled from the drop-down box. Click Apply.
2) Configure the Codian to register to the GnuGK Gatekeeper
   • Click Settings > Gatekeeper tab
   • Setup the gatekeeper address as the IP address of the GnuGK.
   • My settings are below in the picture

Note: In the ‘Send resource availability indications’ section, make sure to indicate how many licensed ports that you have available on the Codian so that the GnuGK does not allow more video calls than your Codian can support.

When the Codian registers successfully to the GnuGK, the status area at the bottom of the page will say ‘Registered’
3) Now, configure the Codian conference rooms to register their room ID’s to the GnuGK (So that you can call the room ID numbers from your Cisco Phone).

- Click Conferences and then create a new conference or select an existing one.
- Once you click the conference, click on the ‘Configuration’ tab to edit the properties of the conference.
- Give the conference a ‘Numeric ID’ that matches the number of the route pattern you created earlier on in the Cisco CommManager, in our case: 9010.
- Then click the checkbox under ‘Numeric ID Registration: H.323 Gatekeeper’
4) OR, if you’d rather have your Cisco route pattern dial into an auto-attendant, simply setup an auto-attendant on your Codian and have it register its numeric ID to the GnuGK just as done above.

- To create an auto attendant on the codian, click Conferences > Auto Attendants Tab
- Click ‘Add New Auto Attendant’
- Give it a name and a numeric ID: 9010 (or whatever your Cisco route pattern is)
- Select the checkbox for ‘Numeric ID Registration – H.323 Gatekeeper’
- Click Add Auto Attendant button

**Summary**

So now when we pick up our Cisco voIP phone and dial 9010, the Cisco Communications Manager server has a route pattern that matches 9010. It then knows to route the call to the new trunk that we created to the GnuGK Gatekeeper. Once that call is handed off to GnuGK, it attempts to match the called number (9010) to one of the registered devices/endpoints on the GnuGk. Because we told the Codian to register its numeric ID’s to the GnuGK, the GnuGK can now route that call to the Codian where it belongs.

Then the Codian answers the call from the Cisco VoIP phone and the caller can now listen in and participate to a video conference from the road or from their desk.

**Appendix**
Here is my GnuGK configuration file:

; this is a basic startup configuration for GnuGk
; it allows anyone to register and make calls

[Gatekeeper::Main]
FortyTwo=42
Name=GnuGk
EndpointSuffix=_gnugk
TimeToLive=60
; change this to 1 or 2, if you want CDRs and RAS messages to be printed on the
; status port
StatusTraceLevel=0
; enable these options if your endpoints use broadcast and/or multicast to
discover the gatekeeper
UseBroadcastListener=0
UseMulticastListener=0

; restrict access to the status port by an IP address
[GkStatus::Auth]
rule=explicit
; add more entries, if you access the status port from other hosts
127.0.0.1=allow
default=forbid
Shutdown=allow

[RoutedMode]
; enable gatekeeper signaling routed mode, route H.245 channel only if neccessary
(for NATed endpoints)
GKRouted=1
H245Routed=0
AcceptNeighborCalls=1
AcceptUnregisteredCalls=1
RemoveH245AddressOnTunneling=1
RemoveCallOnDRQ=0
DropCallsByReleaseComplete=1
SendReleaseCompleteOnDRQ=0
SupportNATedEndpoints=1
TranslateFacility=1

; proxy calls only for NATed endpoints
[Proxy]
Enable=0
; if port forwarding is correctly configured for each endpoint, you can disable
ProxyForNAT
ProxyForNAT=1
ProxyForSameNAT=0

[RasSrv::RRQFeatures]
; endpoint identifiers are assigned by the gatekeeper
AcceptEndpointIdentifier=0
; you may want to disable this, if you want to control gateway prefixes from the
config
AcceptGatewayPrefixes=1
[CallTable]
; don't print CDRs for neighbor calls to the status port
GenerateNBCDR=0
; print CDRs for unconnected calls to the status port
GenerateUCCDR=1

; I don't believe the following configuration details were even necessary to get this solution working, however I ; did have them in my configuration.

[RasSrv::Neighbors]
; This is the IP Address of our Cisco CallManager
GK2=192.168.1.20;*

[Endpoint]
; This is the IP Address of our Cisco CallManager
Gatekeeper=192.168.1.20
Type=Gateway
RRQRetryInterval=10
Prefix=* 
TimeToLive=900
Discovery=0