# **Tutorial 2: Creating a Call Flow for a Line Group**

## **Planning the Call Flow**

Each call flow is made up of one or more call handling **actions**. Each action ends with at least one **result**, depending on the circumstances surrounding the call. For example, during Acme Widgets' open hours (Monday - Friday 9:00 to 5:00), they might direct calls to different departments using a **Menu** action to ask the caller to press a key. During their closed hours, a **Message** action plays a "Sorry, we're closed." message. In this case, the call destination is decided by the time of day as programmed in the **Schedule** action.



This is a good basic setup, but what happens when an unusual circumstance occurs? What if there is a record snowfall and the company cannot open on Monday? According to the Schedule action, on Mondays all calls should follow the "ON hours" flow. We need to provide an **Override** action that we can enable temporarily to introduce a special call flow for those unusual circumstances (for example, we can play a Message: "Thank you for calling Acme. Due to severe weather conditions, our offices are temporarily closed."). When the business is open again, we only need to disable the override to return to our regular call processing.



Now that we have a good basic call flow, we can add details for the On hours **Menu** to "Press 1 for Sales or press 2 for Accounting". A "Sales" selection transfers to the Sales Desk. If the Sales Desk is busy or not answering, the call is transferred to Bob's phone and then to Bob's personal call flow. Likewise, an "Accounting" selection transfers to the Accounting Office and then to Doug's personal call flow, if necessary.

We can also add menu options for accessing the Company Directory and for callers to enter an extension number directly.



This diagram illustrates the completed call flow plan for Acme Widgets. It handles ON and OFF hours. It takes care of unusual circumstances like severe weather, and it provides a menu for callers to reach the company directory, a selected extension, or a department.

## **Programming the Call Flow**

1. Log in to the NuPoint UM Web Console. Click Call Director and then click Call Flow.



2. Select the **Line Group** call flow and enter the Line Group **number**. The Call Director interface is displayed:

Edit Call Flow		
Line group: 1		
Save Cancel Edit  Actions  Reports	View 🕶	
When I receive a Call		
	Results for New Call	
There are no properties for this action	Result New Call	Destination Action Message Center
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#### Lesson 1: Programming an Override

An override changes the everyday call flow to handle unusual circumstances such as emergency closures due to extreme weather conditions.

To define an Override:

- 1. In the Actions window, beside New Call, click Message Center.
- 2. In the New Actions list, select **Override** to assign the Override action.

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Override Sch Jule Message Blind Transfer Supervised Transfer Screened Transfer Alternate Transfer Voicemail Dial-By-Name Internal/External Filter Caller-ID Filter Daily Greeting	

Check the call flow diagram and note that when the Override is **Enabled** (that is, when Acme Widgets is operating under unusual circumstances), they want to play a message that tells callers the company is closed due to severe weather.

3. In the Results area for the Override, click the <u>Message Center</u> action beside **Enabled**.

<b>Over-Ride Propert</b>	ies		Results for Override	2		
			Result	Destination Action		
Name: Override		Disabled	Message Center  Message Center			
Name. Overnue	Enabled					
Action Id: 001 Over-Ride Enabled:			From Call Flow	Unassigned		
			Extended Absence	Unassigned		
		his action by dialing into you				

4. In the New Actions list, click **Message**. To distinguish this message from other messages in the call flow, give it a unique **name** and include the Action ID for ease of maintenance. (For example "Emergency Msg - ID 002".) Don't worry about recording the message right now – you can record all messages after the call flow is set up.

Message Properties	*	Results for Mess	age
		Result	Destination Action
Name: Emergency Ms <sub>1</sub> *		Done	Hang up
Delay: 0 *			
Suppress Hangup Prompt:			
Action Id: 002	Ш		
Message: Recording Not Recorded			

5. Click **Save**. The call flow window looks like this:

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🗄 New Call 🐨 🌮 Override
Enabled () Emergency Msg - ID 002

**Tip**: To activate an Override, the System Administrator can enable it remotely from any touch-tone phone:

- dial the NuPoint Unified Messaging access number
- enter the mailbox number followed by the \* key
- enter the passcode
- follow the prompts to enable/disable Overrides. If you have multiple Overrides in a call flow, you'll need to know the Action ID.

### Lesson 2: Programming a Schedule

Now you will program the actions required when the Override is **Disabled** (that is, when the company is operating under normal circumstances).

- 1. In the call flow display window, click **Override** to display the Actions window.
- 2. In the Results area for the Override, click the Message Center action beside Disabled

Result	Destination Action
Disabled	Message Center
Enabled	Message:Emergency Msg - ID 002
From Call Flow	Unassigned
Extended Absence	Unassigned

- 3. In the New Actions list, select **Schedule**. Now you need to tell Call Director which hours are "On" and "Off". (Tip: Think of "On hours" as "On Duty" hours.)
- 4. In the Schedule properties window, click **Weekly Schedule** and select the "On" hours:

Day o	fW	ee	k				
	V N	lon	day	[	<b>-</b> S	Saturd	ay
E	V Tu	Jes	day	[	<b>-</b> S	Sunda	у
E	<b>V</b> N	/ed	nesd	ay			
[	V TI	nur	sday				
2	✓ F		2012/03/22/2				
Start	Tim	e	2-080				
Hour	09	•	Min	00	•	AM	•
End T	ime	)					
Hour	05	•	Min	00	•	PM	•
					Add		
					5		

5. Click Add. The programmed weekly schedule is displayed:

Day	Start Time	End Time	Action
Monday	09:00 AM	05:00 PM	Delete
Tuesday	09:00 AM	05:00 PM	Delete
Wednesday	09:00 AM	05:00 PM	Delete
Thursday	09:00 AM	05:00 PM	Delete
Friday	09:00 AM	05:00 PM	Delete

6. Click **OK**. A Call Director warning reminds you to save the Schedule (and the call flow) from the Call Flow window.

7. In the Call Flow window, click **Save**. The Weekly Schedule button changes color to indicate that a schedule is programmed.

Now that the schedule is set up, we need to define the actions to take during On-hours and Offhours.

#### To define the Off-hours actions:

- 8. In the call flow display window, the **Schedule** action should still be highlighted. If not, click it.
- 9. Click the Message Center action beside **Off hours**, to open the Actions menu.

Schedule Properties			Results for Schedule			
			Result		Destination Action	
Name: S	chedule	*	Off-hours	$\longrightarrow$	Message Center	
			On-hours		Message Center	
Week	dy Schedule					
Holida	ay Schedule					

10. In the Actions menu, select **Message**. Enter a unique **name** for the Message (example "Closed Message – ID 004"). Don't worry about recording the message right now – you can record all messages after the call flow is set up.

Message Properties		*	Results for Closed Message		
			Result	Destination Action	
Name: (	Closed Messag *		Done	<u>Hang up</u>	
Delay: 0	) *				
Suppress Hangup Prompt: [		-			
Action Id:	004	0.00			
Message:	Recording Not Recorded 🔓				
	o for this action by dialing into your y. Then follow the instructions. You				
will need the Action ID mention	ned above.	-			

11. Click Save.

In this example, the call flow hangs up after playing the "Sorry, we're closed" message. You could also program other actions (like a transfer to voice mail) by clicking the <u>Hang up</u> action.

That completes the Off-hours programming. Now we'll program the On-hours actions.

#### To define the On-hours actions:

- 12. In the call flow display window, click **Schedule**.
- 13. Click the Message Center link beside **On-hours** to open the Actions menu.

- 14. In the Actions menu, select Message.
- 15. Enter a unique **name** for the Message (for example "Welcome Msg ID 005")

Message Properties	
Name:	Welcome Msg - *
Delay:	•
Suppress Hangup Prompt:	
Action Id:	005
Message:	Recording Not Recorded

Don't worry about recording the message right now – you can record all messages when the call flow is complete.

- 16. Click **Save** to save the call flow.
- 17. Your call flow display window should look like this:

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Bew Call 🜮 Override
Disabled Disabled
Off-hours Closed Msg - ID 004
On-hours Welcome Msg - ID 005
Enabled Enabled Enabled

#### Lesson 3 – Programming a Menu

When the Welcome message has finished playing, Acme wants to present callers with a menu from which they can access one of the following:

- The Sales Desk
- The Accounting Office
- The Company Directory
- An employee's 4-digit extension number

To program the menu:

- 1. In the Results area for the Welcome message, click the <u>Hang up</u> link beside **Done**.
- 2. In the Actions menu, select Menu. The Menu results screen is displayed:

Menu Properties		*	Results for Menu		*	
			Result	Destination Action		
Name	Sales Menu *		0	Retry		
The second se			1	Retry		
Maximum DTMF Length:	1 *		2	Retry		
Date: Count:	2	=	3	Retry	III	
Retry Count:			4	Retry		
T meout:	3 *		5	Retry		
- •			6	Retry		
Action Id:	001		7	Retry	1	
Prompt:	Recording Not Recorded		8	Retry		
r tompt.	Hecording Hot Recorded		9	Retry		
(1971) 97 (1971)	20. 07 Marks. 20. 10 Marks 20. 10	900 - 243	#	Retry		
Note: You can record the au	idio for this action by dialing into your mai	ilbox T	*	Data	<b>T</b>	

According to the call flow plan, we need to program the **1** key to make a Supervised Transfer to the Sales Desk (extension 1200).

**Note**: Ensure that you have set up the required programming for Supervised Transfers to work properly. See "About Supervised Transfers" earlier in this module.

3. Click the <u>Retry</u> link beside **Menu** option **1** and select the **Supervised Transfer** action. The Properties window opens:

Supervised Transfe	r Properties	Results for Supervised	d Transfer
		Result	Destination Action
Name:	pervised Transfer to Sales *	Busy	Message Center
	No Answer	Message Center	
Transfer To:	Specified Extension -	Invalid	Message Center
Extension:	1200 <		
No Answer Timeout:	10		
Suppress Prompt:			
Try call-flow first:			

- 4. In the **Name** field, modify the name as a reminder for where the call is being transferred. (For example, "Supervised Transfer to Sales".)
- 5. In the Transfer To: list, select **Specified Extension** and enter the **Extension** number to which you want to transfer. (1200 in this example).

We programmed a Supervised Transfer so that we can redirect the call to Bob's extension (1222) if the Sales Desk is busy or not answering. Now we need to configure this action.

- 6. In the Results area for Supervised Transfer, click the <u>Message Center</u> action beside **Busy**.
- 7. In the Actions list, select Blind Transfer. (We want unanswered calls to ring Bob's phone and then, if necessary, follow his personal call flow.)
- 8. Enter a descriptive **name** for the transfer ("Blind Transfer to Bob's Ext).
- 9. Select Specified Extension and enter Bob's extension number (1222).

Blind Transfer Properties		Results for Blind Transfer		
		Result	Destination Action	
Name:	3lind Transfer to Bob's Ext *			
Transfer To:	Specified Extension 👻			
Extension:	1222			
Suppress Prompt:				
Try call-flow first:				

- 10. In the Call Flow window, click **Supervised Transfer to Sales** to re-open the results area.
- 11. In the Results area for Supervised Transfer, click the <u>Message Center</u> action beside **No** Answer and program it as a transfer to Bob's extension also. You can re-use the Existing Action "Blind Transfer to Bob's Ext".



12. In the Call Flow window, click Save to save your programming.

Your call flow window should look like this:

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🗄 New Call 💮 🏈 Override
Disabled 🗒 Schedule
Closed Msg - ID 004
⊡ on-hours Welcome Msg - ID 005
⊡Done 🛅 Menu
🖻 1 🔤 Supervised Transfer to Sales
Busy Blind Transfer to Bob's Ext
No Answer Blind Transfer to Bob's Ext
Enabled Enabled Emergency Msg - ID 002

Now you need to program **Menu** option **2** to make a Supervised Transfer to the Accounting Office. The programming steps are the same as the Supervised Transfer to Sales. Here's a recap:

- In the call flow display window, click Menu to open the Results area.
- Click the <u>Retry</u> link beside Menu option 2 and select **Supervised Transfer**.
- Name the transfer ("Supervised Transfer to Accounting") and specify an extension (in this example, Ext 1201)
- Program the Busy and No Answer results of the Supervised Transfer as **Blind Transfers** to Doug's phone (in this example, Ext 1233). Don't forget that once you program the action Blind Transfer to Doug's extension, you can re-use it.
- In the Call flow window, click Save.

Your call flow should look like this:



#### Lesson 4: Providing a Company Directory Menu Option

Checking the call flow plan, we see that **Menu** option **7** should send callers to the Company Directory.

- 1. In the Call Flow window, click Menu.
- 2. In the Results area beside menu item **7**, click the <u>Retry</u> link and select the **Dial-by-Name** action.

Specify Next Action			
Click to assign an action to the '7' result of the 'Menu' action:			
New Actions	Existing Actions		
Override Schedule Message Menu Blind Transfer Supervised Transfer Screened Transfer Alternate Transfer Voicemail Dial-By-Name Internal/External Filter Caller-ID Filter Daily Greeting	Override Schedule Stat Holiday Msg - ID 002 Closed Msg - ID 004 Welcome Msg - ID 005 Menu Blind Transfer to Bob's Ex Blind Transfer to Doug's E Supervised Transfer to Sal Supervised Transfer to Ser		
Clear Cancel			

**Tip**: We recommend that you use a menu digit that is not used as the start digit for any of your extension numbers.

3. In the Actions window, Call Director automatically programs the transfer. (If a matching extension is found for the entered digits, a Blind Transfer is performed. If no match is found, the caller is transferred to the Attendant.)

Dial-By-Name Properties	Results for Dial-By-Name	Results for Dial-By-Name		
	Result	Destination Action		
Name: Dial-By-Name *	Match	Blind Transfer		
	No Match	Attendant		
Last Name First: 📃				
Suppress Extension:				

#### Notes:

- For the Dial-By-Name action to work, the NuPoint UM dialing plan for the line group associated with Call Director must have the letter 'A' somewhere in it. The 'A' triggers the prompt to spell the name. (For example, a dialing plan of 4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4 uses the '7' key as the Dial by Name access digit.)
- To be identified by Dial-by-Name, the FCOS assigned to a user's mailbox must contain feature bit 092.

#### Lesson 5: Providing the "Dial by Extension" Menu Option

To program the option for callers to enter an extension number and be transferred:

- 1. In the call flow display window, click Menu.
- 2. In the properties window, in the **Maximum DTMF length** field, type **4** (or the number of digits that comprise your extensions).

**Note**: This step is essential for proper Multi-key operation!

Menu Properties			1	Supervised Transfer: Supervised Transfer_Sales	
Mena i Toperaes			2	Supervised Transfer: Supervised Transfer_Service	
Margaret	Online Marrie		3	Retry	
ivame:	Sales Menu *		4	Retry	1
Maximum DTMF Length:	4		5	Retry	
5			6	Retry	
Retry Count:	3 *	E	7	Retry	
Timeout:	2		8	Retry	1
nmeout.			9	Retry	E
Action Id:	001		#	Retry	
	and the second s		*	Retry	
Prompt:	Recording Not Recorded	CN	lulti-key	Hang up	
			Enor	Hang up	
Note: You can record the au	udio for this action by dialing into your m	ailbox 👻 🗍	Timeout	Retry	-

- 3. In the Actions window, scroll down to Multi-key and click <u>Hang up</u> to display the actions menu.
- 4. In the actions menu, select **Blind Transfer** and give it a **name** (example: Blind Transfer to Dialed Ext).

Blind Transfer Properties	Results for Blind	Results for Blind Transfer to Dialed Ext		
	Result	Destination Action		
Name: Blind Transfer to Dialed E> *				
Transfer To: Gathered Digits 🔹 🗲				
Extension:				
Suppress Prompt:				
Try call-flow first:				

5. In the **Transfer To:** list, select **Gathered Digits** and then click **Save**.



Here is the completed call flow for Acme Widgets:

6. Record messages/greetings and test the flow as described in Tutorial 1. Here are the messages required for this tutorial:

#### Recording Status To make a recording, click on the appropiate "record" button and call into your mailbox. Press \* and follow the instructions To import a recording, click the appropiate 'Import' button, specify the file name and press 'Start Import'. ID Element Status Action 004 Emergency Msg - ID 002 Not Recorded Record Import Closed Message - ID 004 Not Recorded 006 Record Import 007 Welcome Message - ID 005 Not Recorded Record Import 008 Menu Not Recorded Record Import