



## SWITCH TELECOM HOSTED SWITCHBOARD SELF-HELP USER MANUAL

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### Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Switch Telecom Hosted Switchboard service. The Hosted Switchboard is hosted in the Switch Telecom network, so there is no physical device at your site. You have access to the switchboard through graphical user interface (GUI) in order for you to make changes to your system. This document provides a step-by-step guide on how to use the Hosted Switchboard GUI.

## **Accessing the Hosted Switchboard GUI:**

Please log into the <u>Switch Telecom Client Zone</u> using your unique username and password.

Once logged in, click on the Services tab and select Service Management from the drop down.

A pop up will appear with all your Switch Telecom services. Click on the grey section of the table in order to open your Hosted Switchboard configuration menu (as per the image below).

Hosted Switchboard Services					
Status	Service Type	Name	Extensions	Service Fee	Recording Fee
Active	Hosted Switchboard	testnewpbx	10	R 250.00	R 0.00





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## **Glossary of Terms**

- **Extension**: An extension can be seen as an internal line dedicated to an individual user on the Hosted Switchboard.
- **Pins**: A numerical code used to monitor and report on outbound dialling. This is used at the start of every call to access an outside line.
- Audio File: A file played back to your callers while waiting on hold or used for interactive voice response.
- **Provisioning**: The system of programming a handset to your Hosted Switchboard.
- Auto Provisioning: The system of automatically programming a handset to your Hosted Switchboard
- Queue: A group of extensions with a set of parameters to control inbound calls.
- **Time Condition**: A set of conditions that are used to control the flow of calls during different days of the week, times of the day and public holidays.
- CallerID Rewrite: A function used to change what is displayed on the screen of an incoming call.
- **Announcement**: An audio file played to callers to give them additional information.
- Speed Dial: A numerical code used as a short code to dial a full 10 digit number.
- **DDI Direct Inward dialling**: A DDI (Also known as a DID), is the number or numbers allocated to your VoIP trunk. If you have multiple DDI's these can allow calls to bypass the operator and be directed straight to the required extension or queue.
- IVR Interactive Voice Response: An IVR is used to allow callers to select their desired destination from a list of options presented to them via a voice message.
- **MOH Music on Hold**: Music that is played back to callers when waiting on hold, or while waiting in a queue.
- **VoIP Trunk**: A VoIP Trunk is a multi-line service used in conjunction with your Hosted Switchboard.
- **Ring Strategies**: This is the manner in which the included extensions will ring when using a Queue. Please see page 17 for more information on Ring Strategies.
- Show Path: Once a DDI has been configured, Using the "Show Path" feature to confirm your setup.

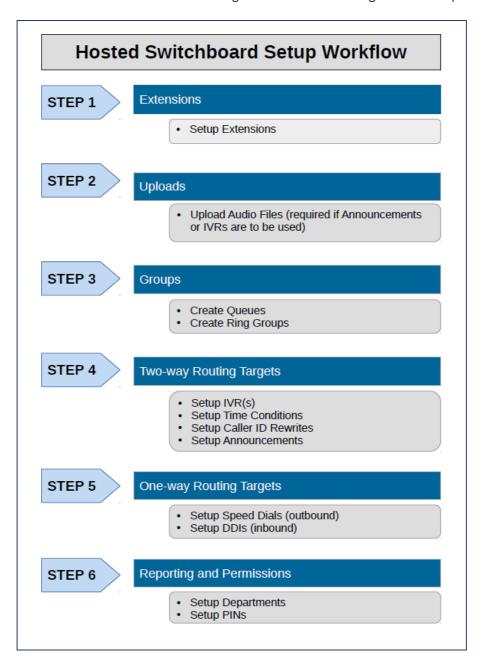




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## **Workflow Diagram**

It's incredibly important that you follow the steps in the Workflow Diagram below when setting up your Hosted Switchboard. We would recommend referring to this document throughout the set up.



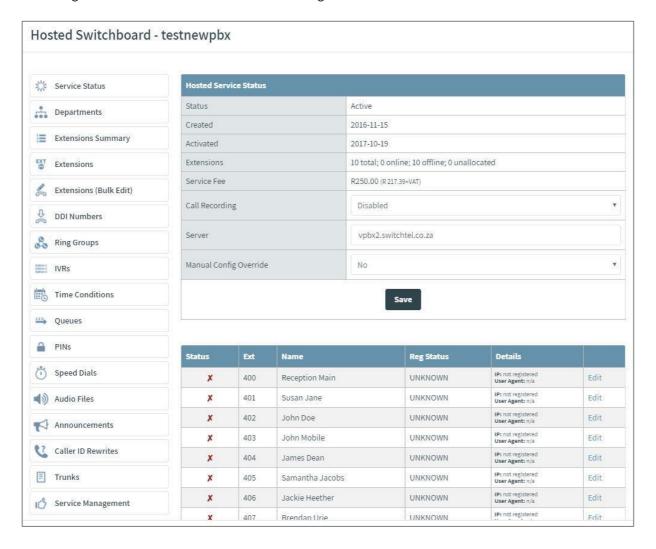




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## **Extension Set-Up**

The configuration menu will look like the inserted image below.



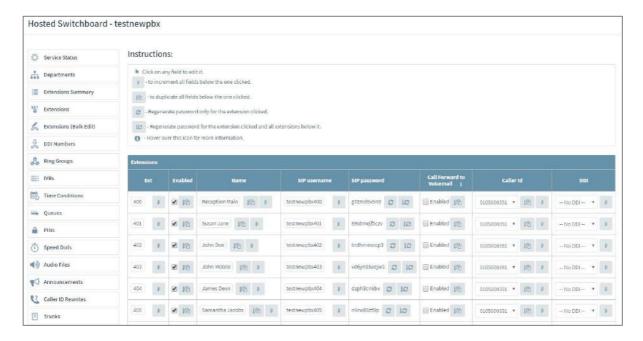




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## **Extension Set-Up Continued**

Please proceed to the Extensions (Bulk Edit) tab to start adding your extension details.



Add the desired extension number of your first extension in the first "EXT" block, and edit the "SIP NAME" accordingly.

To sequentially continue with the extension range, select the "down arrow with the 1-9" button next to the extension number: Please see further guidelines listed under the Instructions section at the top of the page. Add the names associated to the extensions as needed and Click "Save" at the bottom of the page once you are happy with your changes.





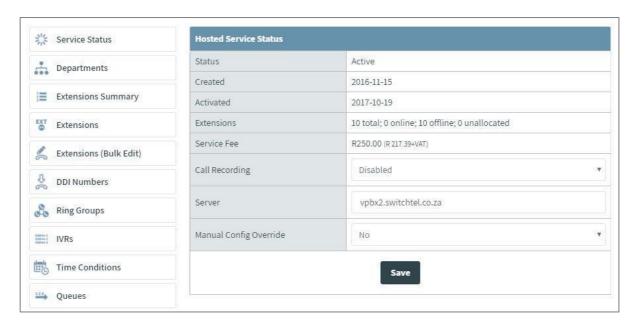
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## **Extension Set-Up Continued**

Please proceed to the Extensions Summary page. . The "SIP Username" and "SIP Password" listed on this page are the credentials you will need to set up each of the phones you would like to allocate to the relevant extension.



To confirm the server / registrar, select the "Service Status" tab, and see "Server" information.





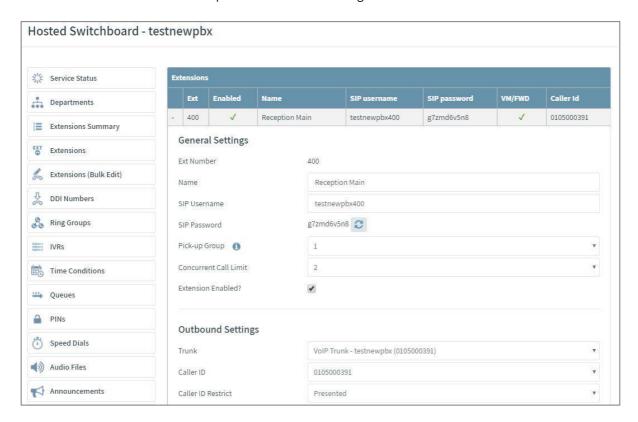


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## **Extension Set-Up Continued**

Proceed to the Extensions page in order to set up specific settings such as permissions (pins), voice mail options, call forward and outbound CallerID

Click on the relevant Extension and proceed to General Settings



Under *General Settings* you will also be able to change the name and pickup groups of a particular extension.

#### Important to note:

You are also able to reset the password for extension under general settings but we would strongly advise against changing the SIP username after the initial set-up of your Hosted Switchboard.





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## Extension Set-Up - Voicemail and Call Forwarding

## **Voicemail Settings:**

Here you can add your email address for voicemail notifications to be sent to a specific email address. You can also select to have the voice mail attached to the email when sent to the specified email address.



#### Call Forward:

A call forward can be added to an individual extension based on the situation. By default, "Busy" "No answer" and "Unavailable" should all be set to go to the current extension's voicemail box however, this can be changed as you see fit.

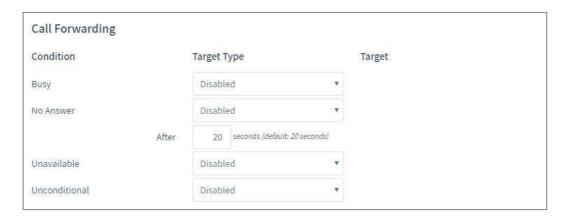
**Busy** - When the extension is currently in active use.

**No Answer** - When the extension is not answered after specified amount of time.

**Unavailable** - When the extension is not online, powered off, faulty or unregistered.

**Unconditional** - The will apply a call forward to this extension 24/7.

**Note:** To apply this change to all extensions, it may be easier to change this on the *Bulk Edit Page*.







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## **Extension Set-Up - Permissions**

## **Permissions:**

Here you can block external calls, or international calls completely, or based on a pin (Page 29) If external calls are "allowed with Pin", International access is set with the Pin.







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## **Extension Set-Up - Outbound Settings**

## **Outbound Settings:**

Outbound CallerID may be changed, if you have multiple numbers / DDI's linked to your Hosted Switchboard. Only available numbers on your trunk will be displayed.

Restricting the CallerID will show "private" when making outbound calls.







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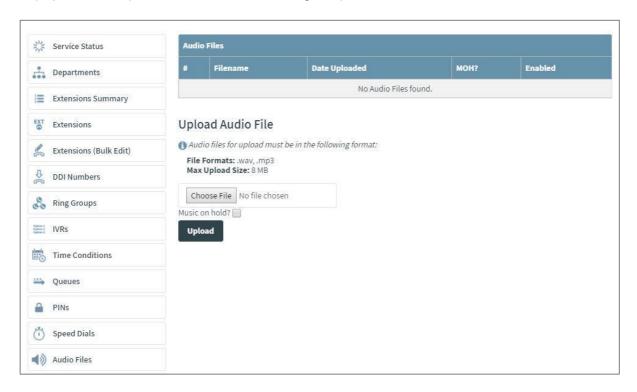
### **Audio Files**

## **Uploading Audio Files**

Audio files can be uploaded to the Hosted Switchboard and played back to your callers for different reasons. For example; A welcome message, on hold message, a message dedicated to a department, or an afterhours message to let your callers know you are closed.

On the left, select the "Audio Files" tab. Select "Choose File" and upload the file of your choice. Not all file formats are accepted, however, the system will automatically decline formats that cannot be used.

If the file being uploaded is dedicated to Hold Music, check the "Music on Hold" box. This will be available to be played to callers placed on hold, or callers waiting in a queue.



Once your Audio file has been successfully uploaded, it can be used to create an announcement, please proceed to the next page.





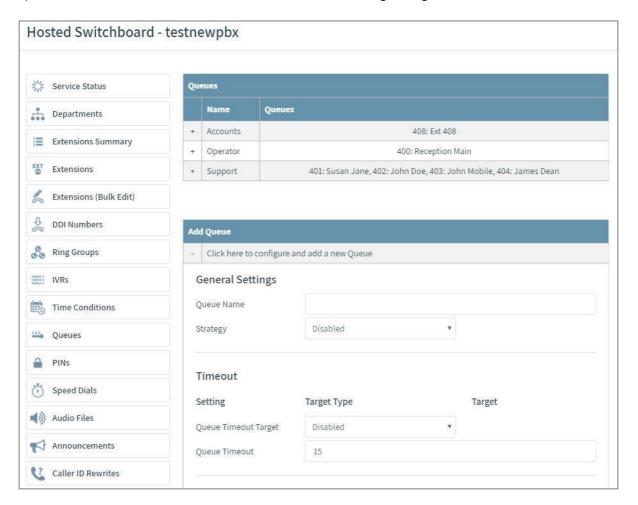
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## **Setting up a Queue**

On the left hand side of the page, click on the "Queues" tab. On this page, you can add new queues.

Click "Add a new Queue", give it a name and tick the extensions you would like added to this group. Click "Save".

Queues differ from Ring groups where you are able to add more configuration options to Queues. Different options such as announcements, dedicated music on hold and ring strategies to name a few.







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## **Setting up a Queue Continued**

Ring Strategies can be selected under the *Strategy* drop down as follows:

*Disabled:* This is a default setting which allows inbound calls to ring on all extensions simultaneously. *Ringall:* allows all inbound calls to ring on all extensions simultaneously.

Leastrecent: allows inbound calls to ring the extension that has been idle the longest.

*Fewestcalls:* allows inbound calls to ring the extension that has had the fewest amount of calls for the day. *Random:* the system will pick a random extension to ring.

*RRmemory:* (Round Robin with memory) inbound calls will ring extensions in a numerical sequence, keeping track of which extension was last on a call.



Timeout and "fail over" options can be added if you would like calls to be redirected after a period of time. For example; Calls ring in the group for 30 seconds, then go to a dedicated extension or Voicemail. In the "Target Type" menu, simply select the option you would like and then assign the target appropriately. Leaving this disabled will ring calls in the group until answered.

NOTE: You can set up multiple queues, and particular extensions may be added to multiple queues.

NOTE: To change the Music on Hold for a queue, please see Page 13.





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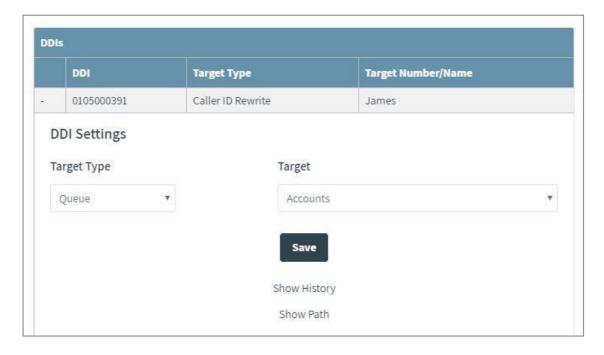
## Inbound Call Set-Up - Queue

In order to set up the inbound calling to a queue, you will have to have set up the relevant queue first. (Page 14)

On the left hand side of the page, click on the "DDI Numbers" tab. This will list all numbers you have associated to your Hosted Switchboard.

Click on the DDI you would like to set up (if you have more than 1). This will drop down the different options available.

- Under the "Target Type" menu, select, "Queue".
- Then under "Target" Select the Queue you have created.
- Click Save.



NOTE: Use the *Show Path* feature to confirm the set-up.





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## **Ring Groups**

## **Setting up a Ring Group**

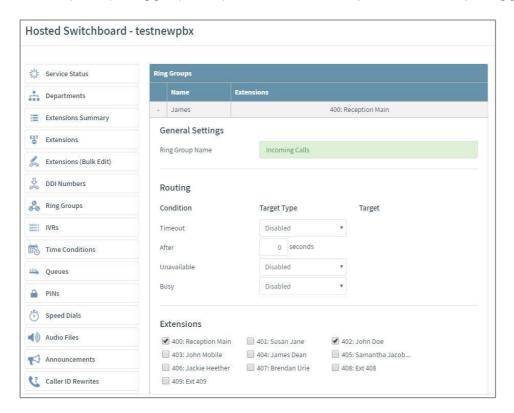
On the left hand side of the page, click on the Ring Group tab. In this page, you may add a new group.

Click "Add a new Group" give it a name and tick the extensions you would like added to this group. Click "Save".

Timeout and "Fail over" options can be added if you would like calls to be redirected after a period of time, for example; Calls ring in the group for 30 seconds, then go to a dedicated extension or Voicemail. In the "Target Type" menu, simply select the option you would like, thereafter assign the target appropriately. Leaving this disabled will ring calls in the group until answered. (More information on fail over options can be found on Page 33).

NOTE: Ring Group will ring ALL associated extensions simultaneously with no options. If you would like options or a ring strategy, please set up a "Queue" (See Page 14).

NOTE: You can set-up multiple ring groups, and particular extensions may be added to multiple ring groups.







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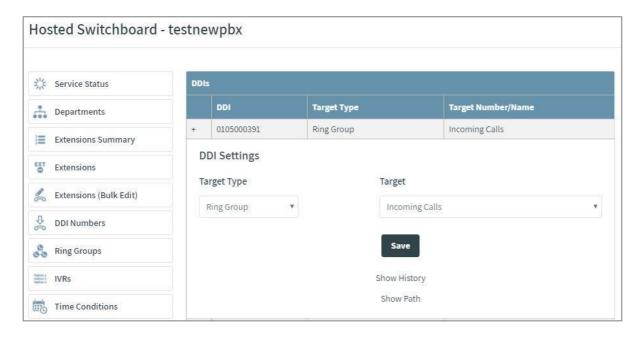
## **Inbound Calls to Ring Group**

## Inbound Calls set-up to ring on multiple extensions

Once you have set up a Ring Group you can set up a Ring Group for multiple extensions
On the left hand side of the page, click on the "DDI Numbers" tab. This will list all numbers you have associated to your Hosted Switchboard.

Click on the DDI you would like to set up (if you have more than 1). This will drop down the different options available.

- Under the "Target Type" menu, select, "Ring Group".
- Then under "Target" Select the Ring Group you would like calls to ring to.
- Click Save.



NOTE: Use the Show Path feature to confirm the set-up.





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### **IVR**

## Setting up IVR's

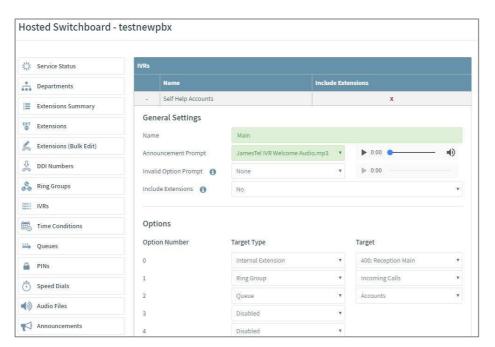
On the left hand side of the page, click on the "IVR" tab. In this page, you may add a new IVR. IVR's are used to allow callers to select the option that best suits the reason for their call.

Example: "Press 1 for Sales, 2 for Accounts 3, for Admin"

NOTE: To create an IVR, you need to have loaded an audio file first. A single audio file will be required for IVR. (Please see page 12)

NOTE: When "Include Extension" is set to yes, you may key in a direct extension number, rather than an IVR option.

Select "add a new" IVR. Give your IVR a name, and assign an audio file that will be played to callers. In the below *Number Options*, assign a *Target Type* for each option you have, followed by where you would like the calls to go if that option is selected. Any Target Type of your choice can be used here, such as, voicemail, queues, direct extensions, ring groups etc. In the below example, 0 is for the Reception extension, 1 is for Ring Group "Incoming calls" and 2 is for Queue "Sales".



An IVR Timeout option can be used when there is no input received from your caller. Any target destination can be used. As an example, if no option is pressed by the caller, calls maybe routed to an operator queue after the IVR has been heard twice.





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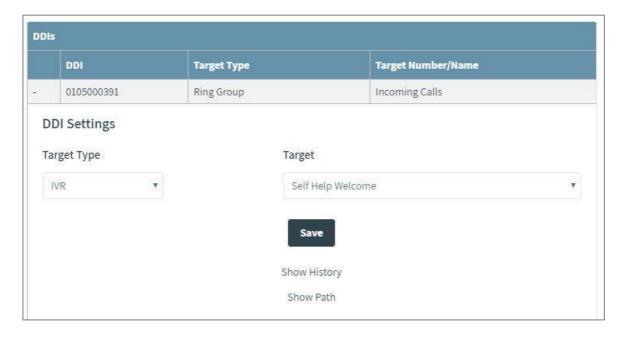
## Inbound Call Set-Up - IVR Options

- \*Please set up an IVR before you continue with this section (Page 18)
- \*IVR can be set to ring any option: Queue, ring group, direct extension etc. Please set these up before proceeding with this section.

On the left hand side of the page, click on the "DDI Numbers" tab. This will list all numbers you have associated to your Hosted Switchboard.

Click on the DDI you would like to set up (if you have more than 1). This will drop down the different options available.

- Under the "Target Type" menu, select, "IVR".
- Then under "Target" Select the IVR you have created.
- Click Save.



NOTE: Use the *Show Path* feature to confirm the set-up.





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### **Time Conditions**

This function should be used if you would like to apply a set of conditions to change how your system responds at different times of the day. For example, Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm, calls will ring at reception, thereafter calls get sent directly to a voice mail box.

On the left hand side of the page, click the *Time Conditions* tab.



To add a new Time Condition, click "Add". Name the new Time Condition, and set enabled to "Yes". If the condition is reoccurring, select type "weekly". Here you can select the days of the week, and the times at which you would like this rule applied. Add your business hours, and routing options. "Time condition Matched" is the target that is selected during office hours, and "Time Condition Match Failed" is the target that is selected outside of business hours.

Click "Save".





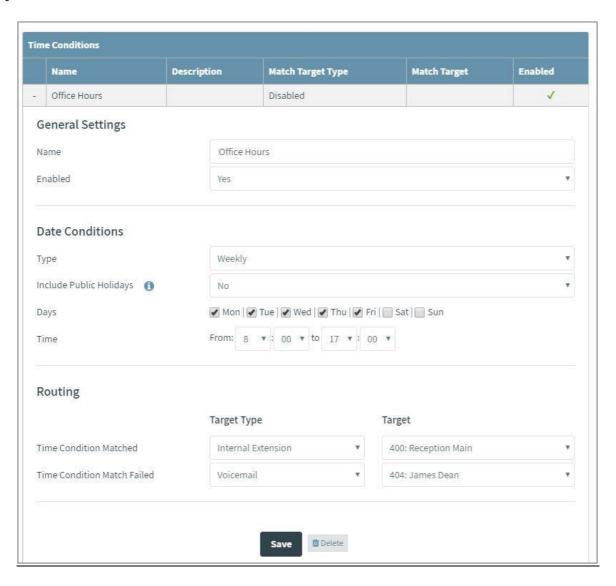
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### **Time Conditions Continued**

In the below example, Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, calls go to "Reception" (Time Condition Matched) After 5pm, calls go to "James Voicemail" (Time Condition Failed)

NOTE: "Include Public Holidays = No" will automatically send calls to the "Time Condition Failed" option on South African Public Holidays.

NOTE: Time Conditions can be applied to any incoming call options e.g.: Direct to extension, Ring Group, Queues and IVRS.







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## **Inbound Call Set-Up – Time Conditions**

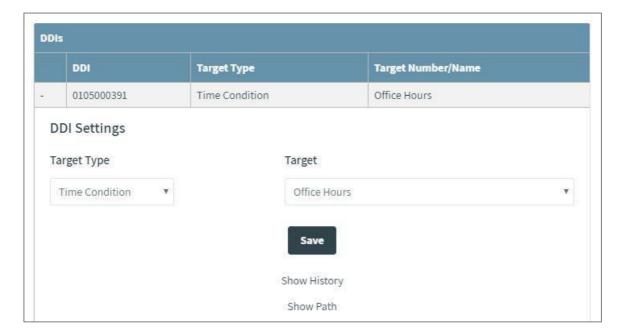
Please setup your specific time conditions before continuing. (Page 21)

Once your time conditions have been applied, on the left hand side of the page, click on the "DDI Numbers" tab. This will list all numbers you have associated to your Hosted Switchboard.

Click on the DDI you would like to set up (if you have more than 1). This will drop down the different options available.

- Under the "Target Type" menu, select, "Time Conditions".
- Then under "Target" Select the time condition you have already created.
- Click Save.

Remember in the "Time Conditions" menu, you can set the calls to follow any option you want such as ring groups, queues, voice mail boxes and dedicated extensions, based on the time of the day.







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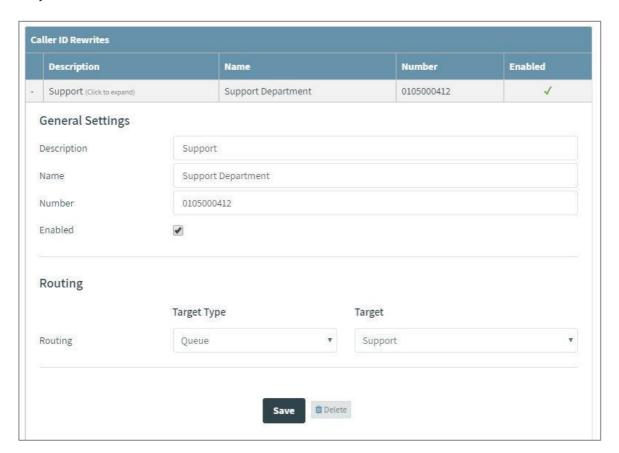
### **CallerID Rewrite**

Some set-ups require a word or name displayed on the phone for incoming calls. That is, once a selection is made in the IVR, the selected option is displayed to the agent. This is very useful when a single agent answers calls for multiple departments.

For example, inbound callers select "Option 1 for Sales", and the word "Sales" is required to be displayed on the phone.

The can be done by selecting the "CalllerID Rewrite" tab.

Name your CallerID and click "add"







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## **CallerID Rewrite Continued**

The description can be anything you like.

- "Name" is the word that will be displayed on the handset of the extension that answers the call.
- "Number" is the number that will be displayed when making outbound calls. (You may only use numbers that are applied your system)

To use the CallerID you have just created, you will need to add it between your set-up option, and the destination.

For example, when using the IVR set-up, option 2 must point to "CallerID Rewrite", and the target of the CallerID Rewrite, must be the desired destination.





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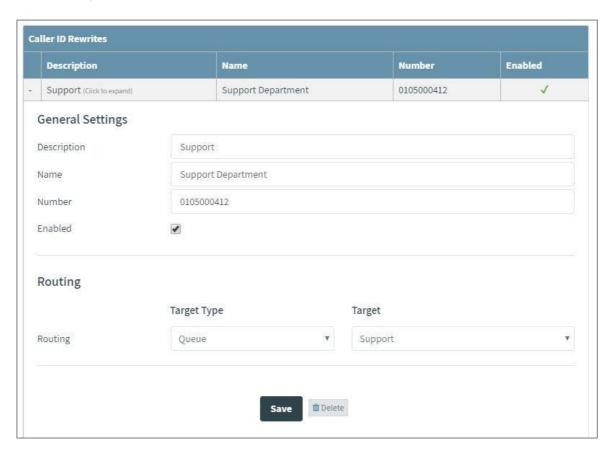
#### **Announcements**

An announcement can be used to give clients more information such as office hours, IVR options, advertisements and department details. When setting up, an announcement can be used preceding any incoming call option. The only Difference is that the DDI needs to be directed to an "Announcement" first before your desired Target.

NOTE: When using time conditions, the "Time Condition" must be in use by the DDI. Then the "Announcement" will be used as the target by the "Time Condition"

NOTE: When using an IVR, the Audio file can be selected directly to be used for the IVR options. Rather than an "Announcement"

On the left, select the "Announcements" tab. Name, your announcement, and assign an audio file, then add the Target for the call. The Target can then be set up in the manner you require, as an example; Ring Group, direct extension. In the example below, the announcement plays the "Welcome Audio" file, and then sends calls to the Reception extension, 100.







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## **Speed Dials**

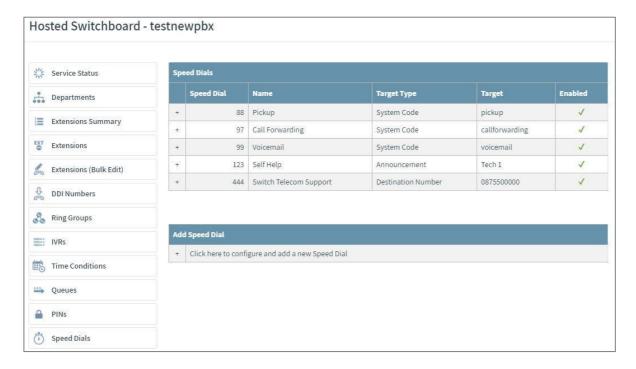
## **Setting up Speed Dials**

On the left hand side of the page, click the "Speed Dials" tab.

Speed dials are used to create short numbers, linked to full destination numbers. For example, "444" can be set to dial Switch Telecom Support 087 550 0000.

In this example, when dialling "444", a call will be placed to "087 550 0000"

On this page, you will also see "System Codes". These are used as standard functions across all systems, however, they may be changed if need be. Example: 88 for pickup, 97 for call forward, and 99 for voicemail.







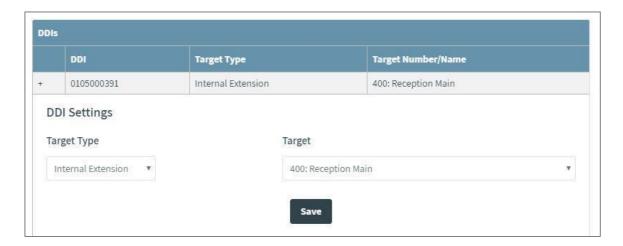
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On the left hand side of the page, click on the "DDI Numbers" tab. This will list all numbers you have associated to your Hosted Switchboard.

Click on the DDI you would like to set up (if you have more than 1). This will drop down the different options available.

- Under the "Target Type" menu, select, "Internal Extension".
- Then under "Target" Select the extension you would like calls to ring to (Reception etc.).
- Click "Save".



NOTE: Use the *Show Path* feature to confirm the set-up.



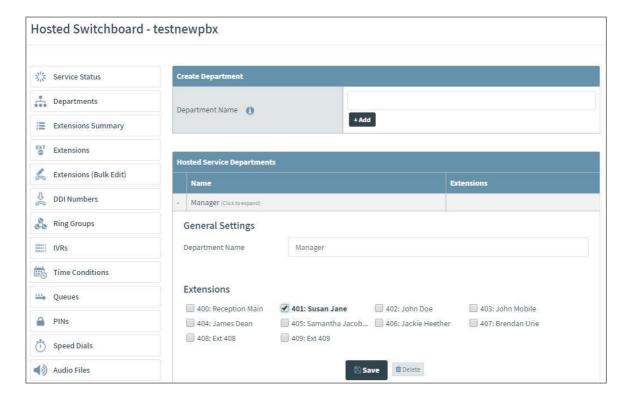


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## **Setting up Departments**

Select the "Departments" tab and add the name of your required department. In the below example, the "Support" department has been created and Ext 102 and 103 are part of this department. Extension 101 is part of the "Director" department.

Extensions can only be part of 1 department at a time, and as they are added to a department, the extension is removed from the list for other departments.







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## **Pin Codes**

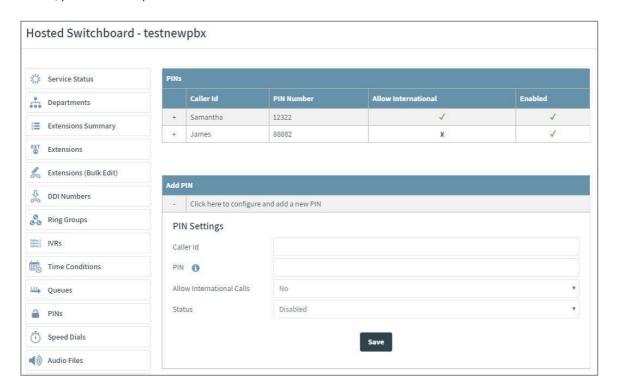
## **Setting up Pin Codes**

On the left hand side of the page, click the "Pins" tab.

To add a new pin, click add, apply a name and pin, and set to enabled. Click "Save". The "Name" is what will be displayed in the CDR's (Call Detail Records)

Pin codes are used to track, monitor and manage user's outbound calls.

On this page, you can simply allow or block International dialling, however, to apply a pin to a specific extension, please see the permissions menu in the *Extensions* tab.







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## **Advanced Settings - Multiple Time Conditions**

Some set-ups have different office hours on different days / weekends.

For example, it is common to have Monday to Thursday, 8am to 5pm, and Friday 8am to 3pm, or additional hours on Saturdays. This set-up may seem advanced to set up, however is possible with the Switch Telecom Hosted Switchboard.

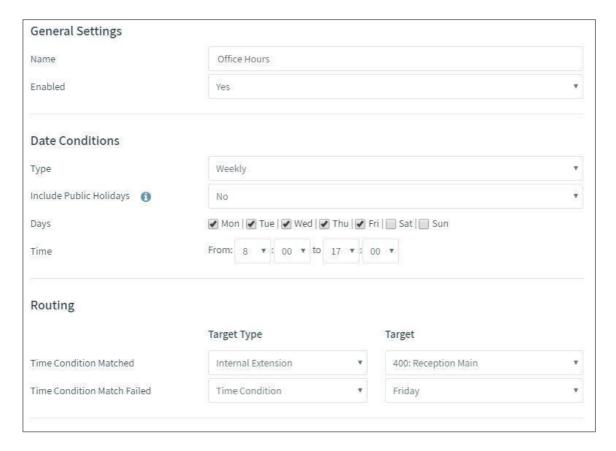
First, create 2 separate time conditions (as per Page 20). One for Monday to Thursday, and the second; just for Fridays.

Time Condition Monday to Thursday - Matched Target = Here you may select your desired target type destination for incoming calls.

Time Condition Monday to Thursday - Failed Target = Here you <u>must</u> select the second time condition you have created specifically for Fridays.

Time Condition Friday - Matched Target = Here you may select your desired target type destination for incoming calls as you did on the first time condition.

Time Condition Friday - Failed Target = Here you select your desired After Hours target type destination.



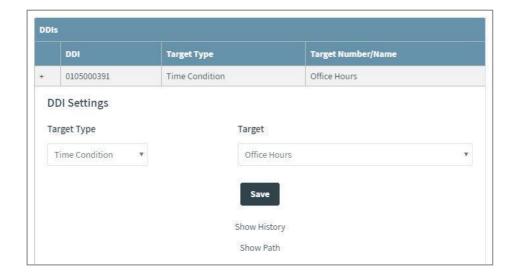




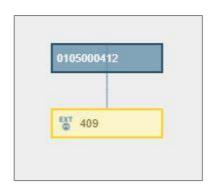
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## **Show Path**

Please remember that you are able to use the *Show Path* feature to confirm that your set-up is correct. Once a DDI has been configured, a link will appear called *Show Path*. Selecting this will show a pop up of the graphical call flow of that particular DDI.



For example, if a DDI is linked directly to an Internal Extension, your call path will show the following;



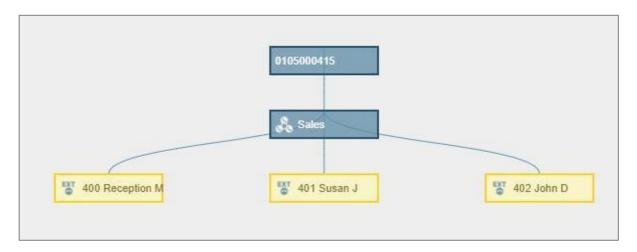




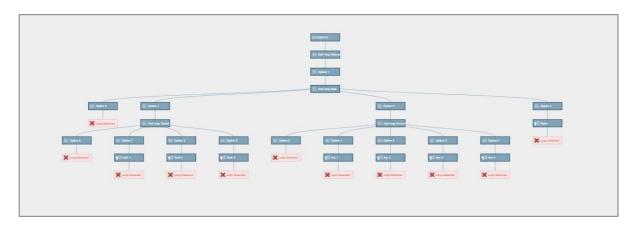
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## **Show Path Continued**

A DDI linked to a Ring Group, will show the extensions in the group like so;



When a DDI is linked to a full system setup, it may look like so;



"Show path" has the additional benefit of showing which extensions are online or not. Yellow means the extension is not currently registered, and green means the extension is online as normal.

Also, Holding ctrl on your keyboard, and left clicking an extension on the *Show Path* page, will take you to the setting of that individual extension.





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## **Advanced Settings - Fail-over and Timeout Settings**

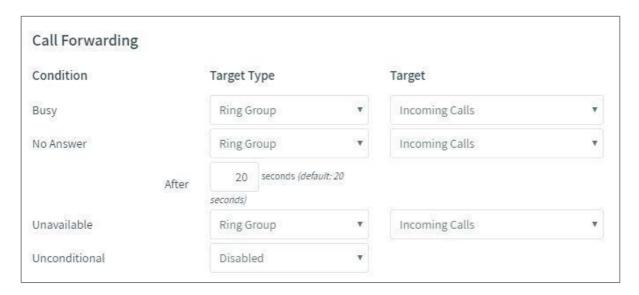
Some set-ups require different scenarios whereby calls may be directed to a different option after a certain amount of time.

For example, incoming calls ring at Reception for 20 seconds, then at a Ring group.

\*For this example, we need to confirm that the Ring Group is created before we continue – See Page 16

First set the incoming DDI to ring at an "Internal Extension" (See page 27)

Then edit the "Call Forward" settings for that specific extension (Page 9) to ring at the Ring Group you have created. This is done by setting the "No Answer Condition" to "Target Type Ring Group" and the target Ring Group you have created.



When all inbound calls are directed to a dedicated extension, E.g. Reception, it is good practice to apply a failover on this extension. Setting a voicemail on "Busy", "No Answer" and "Unavailable" conditions, will ensure that no calls are lost, if the reception extension is offline for any reason.

Timeout and fail overs can be applied to most set-up "Targets". For example, Ring groups, Queues, Announcements and Extensions etc.





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## Overview

This document covers the basics about the Hosted Switchboard GUI. If you require any assistance or further customisation, please, do not hesitate to contact a Switch Telecom Specialist:

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