

Cisco Unified MeetingPlace Release 6.1 > Introducing Cisco Unified MeetingPlace

The Cisco Unified MeetingPlace suite of voice, web, and video conferencing products is an integrated communication and productivity tool that is deployed on the corporate network behind the company firewall for unprecedented security. Access to Cisco Unified MeetingPlace conferences is easy via popular end-user desktop applications, including web browsers, instant-messaging (IM) clients, and standard IP-based phones.

Because the system integrates with common interfaces, such as groupware clients, web browsers, and PSTN- and IP-based phones, users can quickly schedule and attend conferences by using their preferred interface from any location.

Cisco Unified MeetingPlace uses your organization's existing telephony or IP-based infrastructure to provide voice conferencing over PSTN and IP phones.

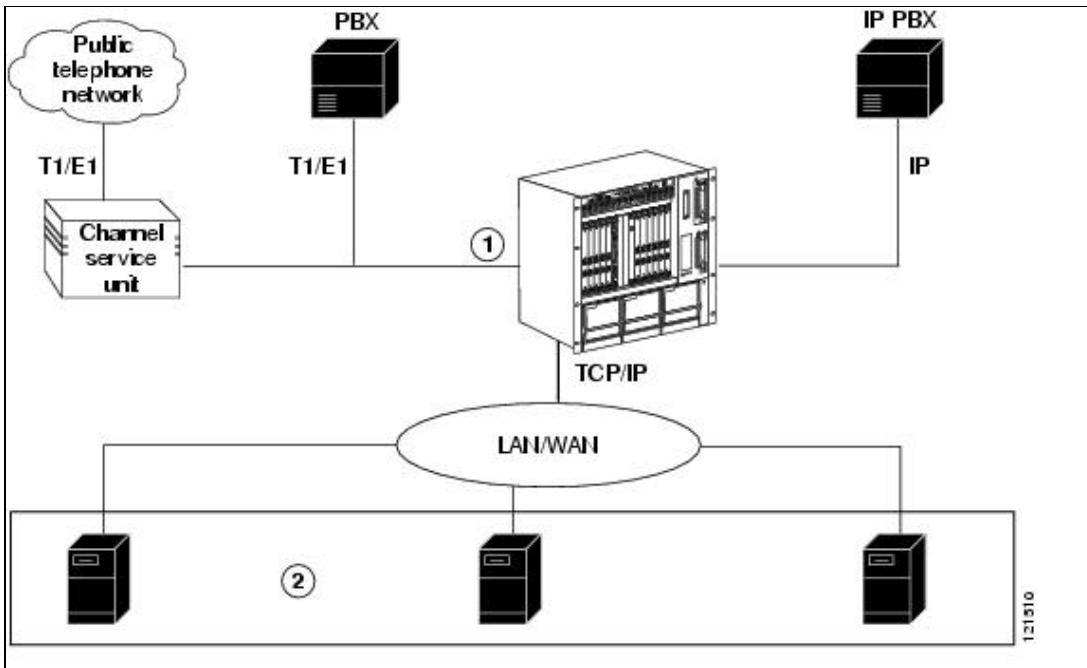
To facilitate advanced user interfaces and integration with other shared network resources, the Cisco Unified MeetingPlace 8106 or 8112 also connects to your local area network (LAN) or wide area network (WAN). The conference server communicates with Cisco Unified MeetingPlace server-based software products to facilitate integration with other network resources.

Cisco Unified MeetingPlace can be purchased in a standard, voice-only configuration, which includes server hardware, server software, and desktop software components with additional software options. You can also purchase individual software options.

Cisco Unified MeetingPlace Audio Server resides internally on the Cisco Unified MeetingPlace 8106 or 8112. Audio Server can be integrated with your organization's standard business applications, such as e-mail, Microsoft Outlook, and IBM Lotus Notes. These server-based integration applications (for example, Cisco Unified MeetingPlace Web Conferencing and Cisco Unified MeetingPlace for Outlook) are installed on one or more Cisco Media Convergence Servers (MCS). This Cisco-provided machine (which runs on Microsoft Windows) communicates with the Audio Server system and other Cisco Unified MeetingPlace integration applications over your LAN or WAN. For more information about available integrations, see [About Integration Applications](#). For more information about the Cisco MCS, see the [About the Cisco MCS](#).

Figure: Cisco Unified MeetingPlace System Integrates with Your Network illustrates how a Cisco Unified MeetingPlace system integrates with your network.

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| 1 Cisco Unified MeetingPlace 8106 or 8112 | 2 Cisco Media Convergence Server (MCS) with Cisco Unified MeetingPlace integration applications installed on them |
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