

# **Security Guide**

Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition



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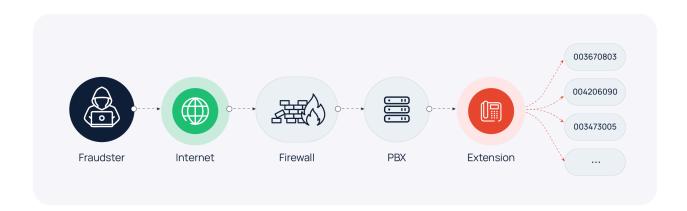
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# Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition Security Guide

Attacks on PBX system can come from the Internet or telephone lines. Fraudsters always try every means to exploit vulnerabilities to gain access to phone system and make fraudulent calls. As a result, fraudsters take revenues generated from these calls, while you get a costly telephone bill. The Security Guide is intended to elaborate on how to protect your PBX system from security breaches and mitigate the threat of toll fraud.

### How do fraudsters get access to a PBX?

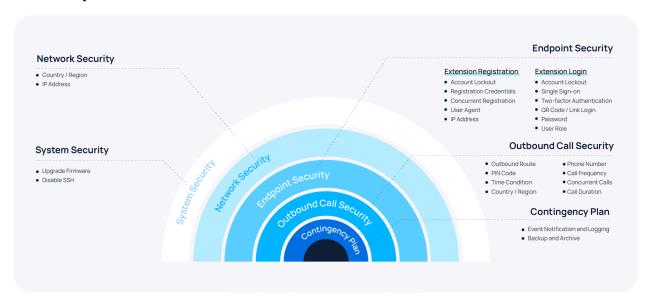
Typically, fraudsters use vulnerability scanners to crawl the Internet looking for vulnerabilities in your company's firewalls (like open ports). If any open port is detected, the fraudsters may punch requests at the port in order to tease out information about system vulnerabilities. In the end, they may have all the information they need to brute force their way through the firewall. Once the firewall has been breached, the fraudsters can gain access to the PBX, build a back door into the system, and use it to route as much traffic as they want, eventually leading to toll fraud.



# How to protect PBX from security breaches and toll fraud?

Actually, vulnerabilities in your phone system can not be eliminated due to the ever-changing need of your business communications and ever-evolving of hacking techniques. However, you can reduce the vulnerabilities with better awareness, proactive actions, and regular audit.

To maintain a high level of security, we recommend that you adopt a multi-layered security strategy. This involves integrating several protective mechanisms to shield the system from security threats. Even if one defense layer gets compromised, others remain in place to offer security.



# System Security

# System Security

System Security is the first line of defense in multi-layered security strategy, providing basic protection to shield your phone system from known threats and security breaches. You can enhance system security by **Upgrade Firmware** and **Disable Secure Shell (SSH)**.

### **Upgrade Firmware**

Typically, the most recent firmware version is often the most secure with bugs and vulnerabilities being found and fixed. In addition, with technology evolving, some critical security features or layers of protection are only supported in the latest version. For security reasons, it is important to keep your PBX firmware up to date.

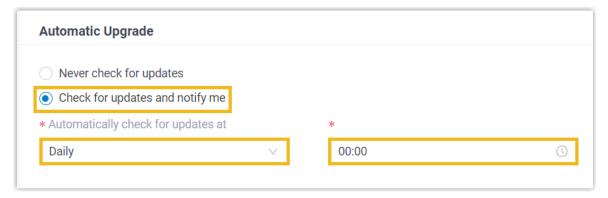
You can achieve this by scheduling automatic detection of firmware updates, and then manually upgrade to the new version.

- 1. Go to Maintenance > Upgrade.
- 2. In the **Automatic Upgrade** section, select **Check for updates and notify me**, then specify the frequency and time as needed.



#### Note:

We recommend that you upgrade the system during non-business hours to avoid service interruption.



3. Click Save and Apply.

### **Disable Secure Shell (SSH)**

Hackers are constantly scanning for SSH servers and repeatedly trying thousands of username and password combinations in seconds until gaining access to the server. Once the hackers gain access, they can get valuable information for toll fraud or other malicious purposes. To prevent this, we recommend that you disable SSH for PBX system and enable SSH ONLY when troubleshooting is required.

To disable SSH, go to **Security > Security Settings > Console/SSH Access**, turn off the switch of **SSH Access**.



# **Network Security**

# **Network Security**

Network Security is the second line of defense in multi-layered security strategy, monitoring access to your phone system, accepting or denying access based on a set of pre-defined rules. You can enhance network security by utilizing **Allowed Country IPs** and **Allowed IPs** policies.

# Restrict Access to PBX by Country/Region

Implement geographic restrictions to limit access to Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition from specific countries or regions. PBX will only allow access from your trusted geographic locations while blocking all other traffic.

To set up geographic restrictions, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Go to Security > Security Settings > Allowed Country IPs.
- 2. Turn on the switch of Enable Allowed Country/Region IP Access Protection.



#### Important:

If a pop-up appears, you MUST confirm to allow access from your country or region, or you will NOT be able to access your system.

3. At the top-right search bar, search the country or region that you want to grant access, then turn on the switch in the **Operations** column.



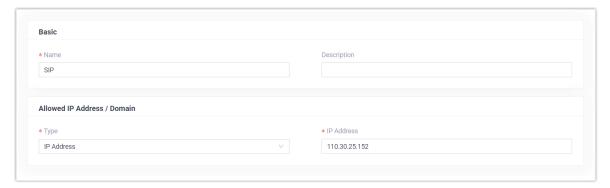
4. Click Apply.

# Allow Trusted Access to PBX by IP Address

Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition has built-in rules to protect trusted connections (such as the connections with auto-provisioned devices and Yeastar services) and block unknown threats by monitoring the packets sent to specific ports within a specific time interval.

To prevent your trusted device from being accidentally blocked due to sending too many packets, you can add the device's address to the allowlist. PBX will always accept connections from the device.

- 1. Log in to PBX web portal, go to **Security > Security Rules**.
- 2. Under Allowed IPs tab, click Add to add a rule.



3. Click **Save** and **Apply**.

# **Endpoint Security**

# **Extension Registration Security**

Endpoint Security is the third line of defense in multi-layered security strategy, preventing fraudsters from registering or logging in to extension accounts. Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition has default rules to prevent malicious registration of SIP extensions by monitoring **Registration Attempts**, you can also enhance extension registration security by restricting **Registration Credential**, **Concurrent Registration**, **User Agent**, and **IP Address**.

### **Account Lockout for Failed Registration Attempts**

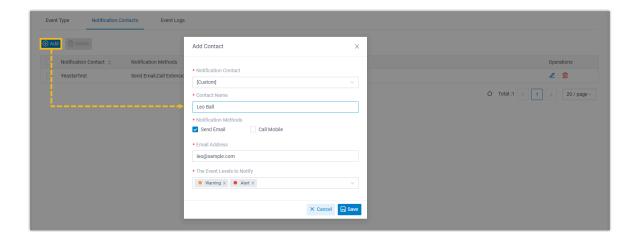
Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition has a built-in account lockout policy to prevent unauthorized access to extension accounts. It automatically locks the risky accounts after a certain number of failed registration attempts from the same IP address. When an account is locked, the PBX will block the source IP address, display it in **Blocked IPs**, and send an **Extension Registration Blocked Out** notification to the specified contacts.

To ensure that you can be notified when an account is locked out, you need to enable the event notification and add contacts to receive notifications.

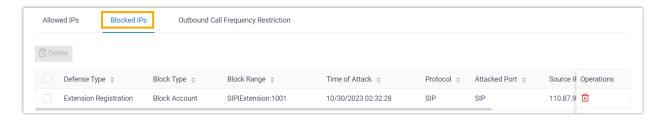
- 1. Go to **System > Event Notification**.
- 2. Under **Event Type** tab, turn on the notification of **Extension Registration Blocked Out**.



3. Under **Notification Contacts** tab, add contacts to receive event notifications.



After receiving notifications, you can check the details on PBX web portal (Path: **Security > Security Rules > Blocked IPs**).

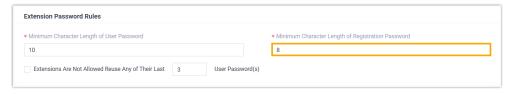


# **Use Complex Credentials for SIP Registration**

Weak SIP credentials leave a potential security gap that fraudsters can readily exploit. You can mitigate the risk by enforcing system-wide password length requirements and configuring strong registration credentials for all extensions.

# **Enforce minimum registration password length**

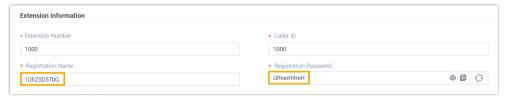
- 1. Go to Security > Security Settings > Security Options.
- 2. In the **Extension Password Rules** section, specify the minimum character length of registration password.



3. Click Save and Apply.

Configure strong registration credentials for extension

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. In the **Extension Information** section, set complex registration name and registration password.





#### Tip:

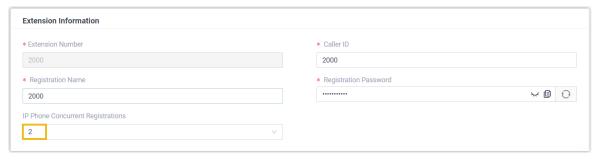
Here are some tips for a complex credential:

- Use a combination of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, and numbers.
- Avoid repeated or consecutive numbers.
- Avoid extension number or extension name.
- 3. Click Save and Apply.

# **Restrict Multiple Registrations on the Same Extension**

By default, Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition allows one extension to be registered on a single device only. We recommend that you keep the restriction UNLESS you need multiple devices to register with a single SIP extension. If necessary, you can increase the concurrent registration limit for a SIP extension as follows:

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. In the **Extension Information** section, select a value from the drop-down list of **IP Phone Concurrent Registrations**.



3. Click Save and Apply.

### **Restrict Extension Registration by User Agent**

Restrict extension registration by authenticating user agent. When registering, SIP phones will send packets containing a user agent string. If the prefix of the user agent does not match the defined value, the registration will fail.

To restrict extension registration by user agent, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. Under **Security** tab, select the checkbox of **Enable User Agent Registration Authorization**, and set up the user agent.



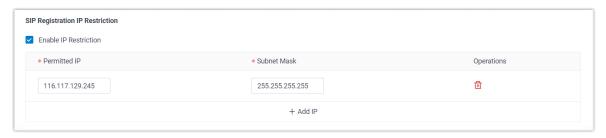
3. Click Save and Apply.

### **Restrict Extension Registration by IP Address**

Restrict extension registration to trusted IP addresses. In this way, the system will automatically drop registration requests from untrusted IPs to prevent unauthorized devices from registering.

To restrict extension registration by IP address, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. Under **Security** tab, select the checkbox of **Enable IP Restriction** and add the allowed IP address.



Click Save and Apply.

# **Extension Login Security**

Endpoint Security is the third line of defense in multi-layered security strategy, preventing fraudsters from registering or logging in to extension accounts. Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition has default rules to prevent malicious login to SIP extensions by monitoring **Login Attempts**, you can also enhance extension login security by utilizing the **Single Sign-on (SSO)**, **Two-factor Authentication (2FA)**, **Login QR Code/Link**, **Password**, **User Role** policies.

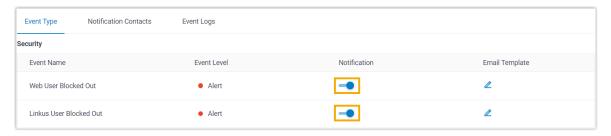
### **Account Lockout for Failed Login Attempts**

Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition has a built-in account lockout policy to prevent unauthorized access to PBX web portal and Linkus clients:

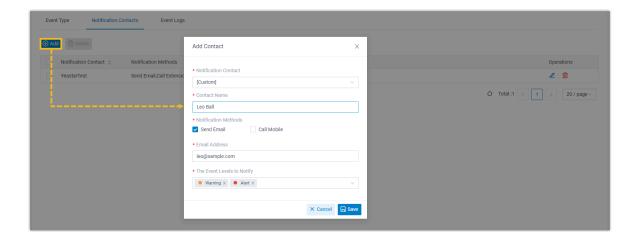
- If an IP address reaches the defined number of failed login attempts within a specific time period, the IP address will be denied further attempts temporarily.
- If the IP address reaches the maximum number of failed login attempts, the IP address will be banned from logging into the account permanently. The PBX will block the IP address, display it in **Blocked IPs**, and send notifications of **Web User Blocked Out** or **Linkus User Blocked Out** to the specified contacts.

To ensure that you can be notified when an IP address is blocked, you need to enable the event notification and add contacts to receive notifications.

- 1. Go to **System > Event Notification**.
- 2. Under **Event Type** tab, turn on the notification of **Web User Blocked Out** and **Linkus User Blocked Out**.



3. Under **Notification Contacts** tab, add contacts to receive event notifications.

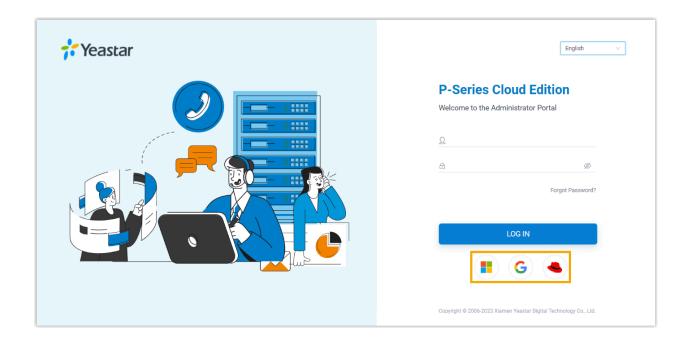


After receiving notifications, you can check the details on PBX web portal (Path: **Security > Security Rules > Blocked IPs**).



# Single Sign-on (SSO) for Third-party Authentication

The integration between Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition and Microsoft 365/Google Workspace/Red Hat SSO supports Single Sign-on (SSO) feature, which allows users to log in to Linkus UC Clients using their Microsoft/Google/Red Hat accounts, eliminating the need to remember multiple credentials while enhancing security by leveraging the security policies of third-party accounts.



 To allow users to log in to Linkus UC Clients using their Microsoft 365 accounts, you need to integrate the PBX with Microsoft Entra ID (Azure Active Directory) or Active Directory, and enable SSO.

For more information on how to set up the integration, see <u>Microsoft Entra ID Integration Guide</u> and Active Directory Integration Guide.

• To allow users to log in to Linkus UC Clients using their **Google** accounts, you need to integrate the PBX with **Google Workspace**, and enable SSO.

For more information on how to set up the integration, see <u>Google Workspace Integration Guide</u>.

• To allow users to log in to Linkus UC Clients using their **Red Hat** accounts, you need to integrate the PBX with **Red Hat SSO**, and enable SSO.

For more information on how to set up the integration, see <u>Red Hat SSO Integration</u> <u>Guide</u>.

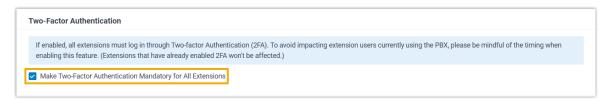
# Two-factor Authentication (2FA) for Enhanced Login Security

Two-factor Authentication (2FA) provides an extra layer of security to protect account by requiring two verification factors to log in. The first factor is the password that is used to log in to account, the second factor is a code that is sent to a specified device.



You can enforce 2FA for all extension users, ensuring that every user must provide both account password and an authentication code when logging in to their accounts.

- 1. Go to Security > Security Settings > Security Options.
- 2. In the **Two-Factor Authentication** section, select the checkbox of **Make Two-Factor Authentication Mandatory for All Extensions**.



3. Click Save and Apply.



#### Note:

If 2FA is not enforced, each extension user can choose to enable or skip 2FA for their account in Linkus Desktop or Web Client. For more information, see <a href="Enable 2FA">Enable 2FA</a> on Linkus Desktop Client and <a href="Enable 2FA">Enable 2FA</a> on Linkus Web Client.

# QR Code/Link for Passwordless Login

QR Code Authentication and Link Authentication are more secure ways to log in to Linkus clients than traditional password login, as they are encrypted and can only be used ONCE.

You can send the Linkus login QR code/link to users in the following ways:

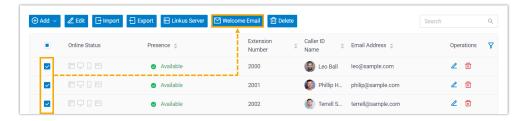
Provide a single user with login QR code/link

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. Under **Linkus Clients** tab, click **Login QR Code** or **Login Link** to copy the credential and send to users.



# Provide multiple users with login QR code/link

- 1. Go to Extension and Trunk > Extension.
- 2. Select the desired extensions, then click Welcome Email.



# **Strong Password for Manual Login**

Weak passwords leave a potential security gap that fraudsters can readily exploit. You can mitigate the risk by enforcing system-wide password requirements and configuring strong passwords for extensions.

# **Enforce password policies**

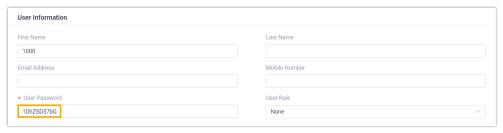
- 1. Go to Security > Security Settings > Security Options.
- 2. In the **Extension Password Rules** section, specify the minimum character length of user password, and the number of recently used passwords that cannot be reused.



3. Click Save and Apply.

# Configure strong password for extension

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. In the **User Information** section, set a strong user password.





#### Tip:

Here are some tips for a strong password:

- Use a combination of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, and numbers.
- Avoid repeated or consecutive numbers.
- Avoid extension number or extension name.
- 3. Click Save and Apply.

#### **User Role for Granular Access Control**

Role-based access control is a security approach that authorizes or restricts system access permissions to users based on their roles within the company. This allows users to access the administrative privileges they need to conduct their jobs, and minimizes the risk of unauthorized users accessing sensitive information or performing unauthorized tasks.

Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition has built-in roles: **Super Administrator**, **Administrator**, **Supervisor**, **Operator**, **Employee**, **Human Resource**, **Accounting**, and **Hotel Manager**. You can use the built-in roles and assign them to employees without further configuration, or create your own custom roles with the exact set of permissions you need.

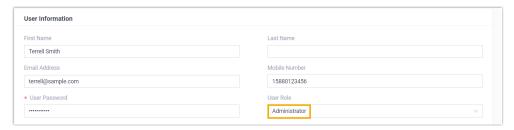
#### **Create a Custom Role**

- 1. Go to Extension and Trunk > Role.
- 2. Click **Add** to create a role from scratch, or click **Copy Role** to create a role by copying an existing role.



# **Assign Roles to Users**

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. In the **User Information** section, select a role from the drop-down list of **User Role**.



3. Click **Save** and **Apply**.

# **Outbound Call Security**

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Outbound Call Security is the last line of defense in multi-layered security strategy, restricting outbound calls from Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition based on a set of pre-defined rules and minimizing the losses caused by toll fraud if there is any. You can enhance outbound call security by restricting **Outbound Route Permission**, **PIN Code**, **Time Condition**, **Country/Region**, **Phone Number**, **Call Frequency**, **Concurrent Calls**, and **Call Duration**.

### **Restrict Outbound Dialing by Outbound Route Permission**

Employees perform different tasks in a company, and not all of them need to make outbound calls. When configuring the PBX for outbound dialing, consider setting different outbound routes for different trunks (e.g. local, long-distance, international, etc.), and assign outbound route permission only to the extension users that require the use of it.



# **Restrict Outbound Dialing by PIN Code**

Set password for outbound route to require callers to enter a PIN code before dialing out. Only when a valid PIN code is entered can the call be routed out through the outbound route.

You can set a single PIN or multiple PINs for an outbound route.

# Set a single PIN for an outbound route

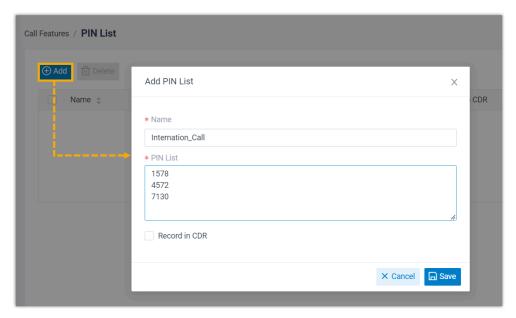
 Go to Call Control > Outbound Route, edit the desired outbound route. 2. In the **Outbound Route Password** drop-down list, select **Single PIN** and set a PIN code.



3. Click **Save** and **Apply**.

### Set multiple PINs for an outbound route

1. Create a PIN list on Call Features > PIN List.



2. Associate the PIN list with outbound route on Call Control > Outbound Route > Outbound Route Password.



3. Click **Save** and **Apply**.

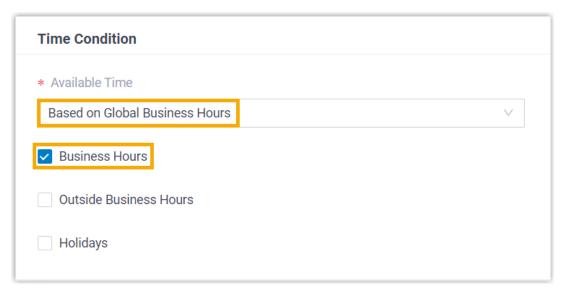
# **Restrict Outbound Dialing by Time Condition**

Hacking attempts are usually made during non-business hours, over weekends, and during holiday periods when the system is less attended. You can configure different outbound call restriction rules for different time periods to reinforce security. For example, you might create a Time Condition called "Business Hours", and only allow outbound calls during business hours by applying the Time Condition to an outbound route, as shown below.

1. Create a Time Condition on Call Control > Business Hours and Holidays.



- 2. Apply the Time Condition to an outbound route.
  - a. Go to Call Control > Outbound Route.
  - b. In the **Time Condition** section, select a time condition to limit when outbound calls can be made using the outbound route.



c. Click Save and Apply.



#### Note:

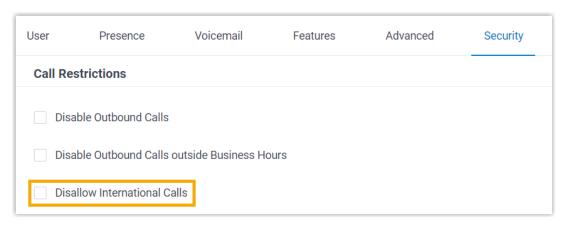
For detailed introduction and instruction about **Time Condition**, see <u>Overview of Business Hours and Holidays</u>.

# **Restrict Outbound Dialing by Country/Region**

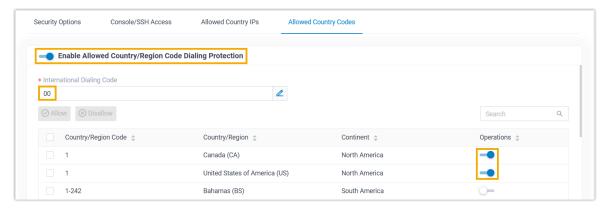
If your company is engaged in international business and your employees need to interact with partners or customers over the phone, you can set up international dialing on the PBX. However, this puts your system in the danger of international toll fraud and may result in significant financial loss.

To mitigate the risk, we recommend that you restrict the international dialing permission only to the extension users and countries /regions that are required.

- 1. Grant international dialing permission to the desired extension user.
  - a. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
  - b. Under **Security** tab, unselect the checkbox of **Disallow International Calls**.



- c. Click Save and Apply.
- 2. Enable international dialing to the desired countries or regions.



- a. Go to Security > Security Settings > Allowed Country Codes.
- b. Turn on the switch of **Enable Allowed Country/Region Code Dialing Protection**.
- c. In the **International Dialing Code** field, enter the dialing prefix of international call for your country.
- d. In the **Operations** column, enable the desired country or region.
- e. Click Apply.
- 3. Ensure that there is at least one outbound route that matches the international dialing code and is available for the extension user to dial out.



## **Restrict Outbound Dialing by Phone Number**

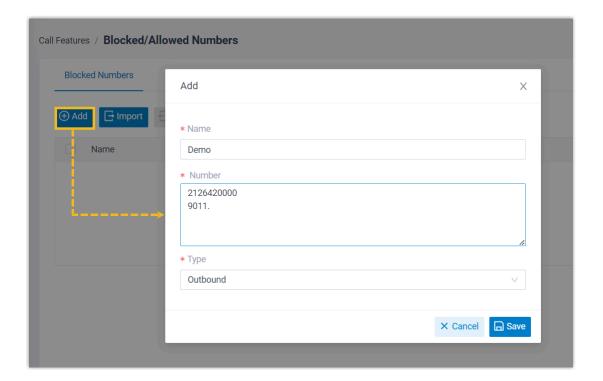
Toll fraud happens when someone gains access to your phone system and generates a high volume of calls to premium rate numbers. As a result, fraudsters take revenues generated from these calls, while you get a costly telephone bill. It is advisable to restrict outbound calls to such premium rate numbers. This can be achieved by blocking specific phone numbers or number patterns.

- 1. Go to Call Features > Blocked/Allowed Numbers > Blocked Numbers.
- 2. Click **Add** to add the phone numbers that users can not dial out.



#### Tip:

You can enter specific numbers or number patterns. For detailed introduction about number pattern, see <a href="Number Pattern">Number Pattern</a>.



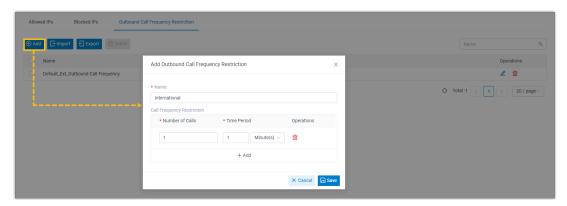
#### 3. Click Save and Apply.

# **Restrict Outbound Dialing by Frequency of Calls**

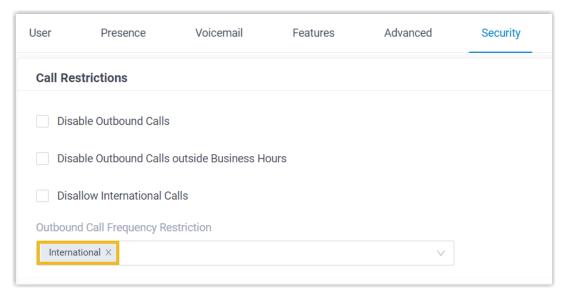
Limit the number of outbound calls that extension users can make within a certain time period. When the limit is reached, any further outbound calls from the extension will be denied.

Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition has a default rule, restricting that each extension user can make up to 5 outbound calls per second. You can use the default rule, or customize a rule and associate it with the desired extension users.

- 1. Create a custom restriction rule.
  - a. Go to Security > Security Rules > Outbound Call Frequency Restriction.
  - b. Click Add to add a rule.



- c. Click Save.
- 2. Associate the custom rule with desired extension users.
  - a. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
  - b. Under **Security** tab, select the custom rule from the drop-down list of **Out-bound Call Frequency Restriction**.

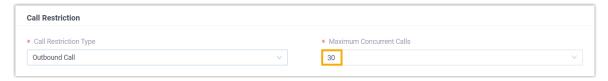


c. Click Save and Apply.

### **Restrict Outbound Calling by Concurrent Calls**

Limit the number of simultaneous outbound calls on SIP trunks, so as to prevent fraudsters from generating a high volume of calls over the trunks without limitation.

- 1. Go to Extension and Trunk > Trunk, edit the desired SIP trunk.
- 2. Under **Advanced** tab, select or enter a value in the **Maximum Concurrent Calls** field.



Click Save and Apply.

# **Restrict Outbound Calling by Call Duration**

Set restrictions on the duration of outbound calls to automatically end calls when reaching the specified time limit, this will help you prevent potential misuse of the phone system and control call costs.

You can implement call duration control on a global basis or on a per-user basis.

# **Limit Outbound Call Duration for All Users (Global Setting)**

1. Go to **PBX Settings > Preferences**.

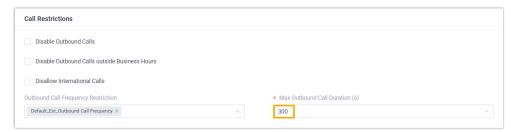
2. In the **Basic** section, select or enter a value in the **Max Call Duration** (s) field.



3. Click Save and Apply.

# **Limit Outbound Call Duration for Specific Users (Per-User Setting)**

- 1. Go to **Extension and Trunk > Extension**, edit the desired extension.
- 2. Under **Security** tab, select a value from the drop-down list of **Max Out-bound Call Duration (s)**.



3. Click **Save** and **Apply**.

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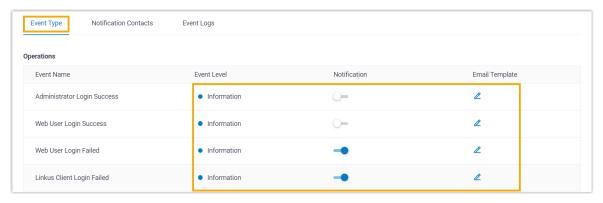
Although anti-hacking measures can be taken to protect your phone system, there is no absolute safety. Therefore, a contingency plan should in place to ensure a timely and effective response in case fraudsters successfully infiltrate your PBX or force your PBX to fail. You can utilize the **Event Notification and Logging** policy to monitor and get notified of critical events in real time, and the **Backup and Archive** policy to back up data and configurations in case of system failure or data loss.

# **Event Notification and Logging**

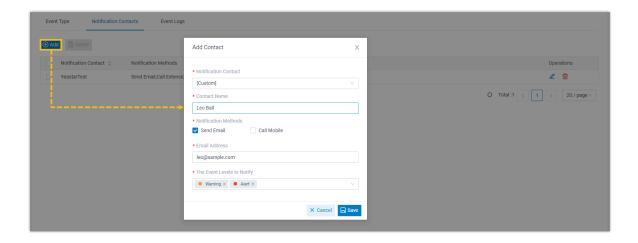
Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition supports to monitor and log system events, and notify relevant contacts when events occur.

You can control the events to monitor, the contacts to receive notifications, the way to notify (send email, call extension, or call mobile), as well as the content to send.

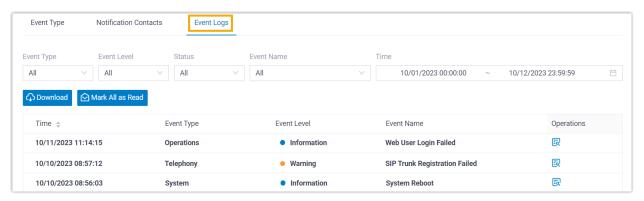
- 1. Go to **System > Event Notification**.
- 2. Under **Event Type** tab, turn on the notification of the desired events, and customize the event level and email template as needed.



3. Under Notification Contacts tab, add contacts to receive event notifications.



After receiving event notifications, you can check the details on PBX web portal (Path: **System > Event Notification > Event Logs**).





#### Note:

For detailed introduction and instruction about **Event Notification and Logging**, see **Event Notification Overview**.

# **Backup and Archive**

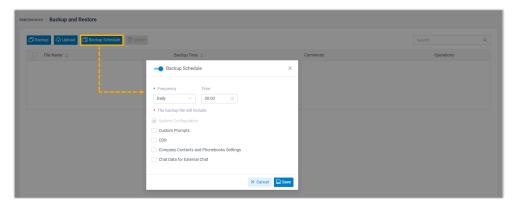
Yeastar P-Series Cloud Edition allows you to back up the PBX's data and configurations, and even archive the backup files to external servers. This will help you minimize downtime and prevent data loss, ensuring business continuity in the event of a system failure.

# Back up PBX data and configuration

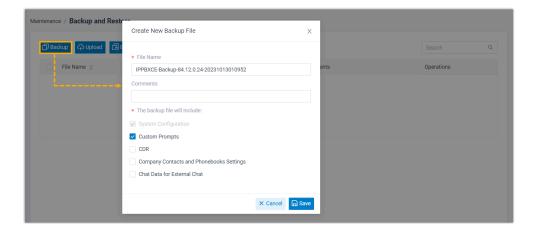
You can schedule automatic backups or create manual backups as needed.

1. Go to Maintenance > Backup and Restore.

2. To schedule automatic backups, click **Backup Schedule**, then set up and save the backup task.



3. To create a manual backup, click **Backup**, then choose the data and configurations to back up and save the backup task.





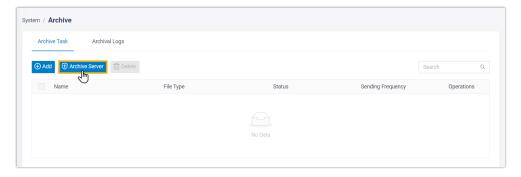
#### Note:

For detailed introduction and instruction about **Backup**, see <u>Overview</u> of Backup and Restore.

### Archive backup files to external server

To provide an extra layer of protection for your backups, you can archive them to third-party storage such as FTP Server, SFTP Server, S3-compatible Object Storage, Google Cloud Storage, or Microsoft SharePoint.

- 1. Go to **System > Archive**.
- 2. Click **Archive Server** to add a archive server.



- Add FTP server as archive server
- Add SFTP server as archive server
- Add S3-compatible object storage as archive server
- Add Google Cloud Storage bucket as archive server
- Add Microsoft SharePoint as archive server
- 3. Click **Add** to create and set up an archive task.

