



*The safety of your VoIP platform has a name  
kamailio*

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Very important to

- ❖ *protect your customers*
- ❖ *protect your business*

Attackers try to

- ❖ *penetrate customer premises equipment*
- ❖ *penetrate core platform*

# The Goal

Protecting everything as much as possible  
in the core network

# Expect new type of attacks every day

- ❖ *no universal solution*
- ❖ *security is a 24/7 duty*
- ❖ *very important*
  - ❖ *ability to adjust rules as needed*
  - ❖ *agile monitoring and alerting mechanisms*
  - ❖ *have access to a flexible toolset to enable new security policies*

# Always good to consider

- ❖ monitor, detect and block high traffic volume from same source address
- ❖ monitor and detect too many failed authentications in a row
- ❖ allow traffic only from your customers regions
- ❖ alert, block or two factor authentication for calls to expensive destinations
- ❖ alert and limit on number of active calls
- ❖ alert and limit on the duration for active calls
- ❖ alert and limit on the cost of overall calls
- ❖ check and allow only strong passwords
- ❖ enable TLS

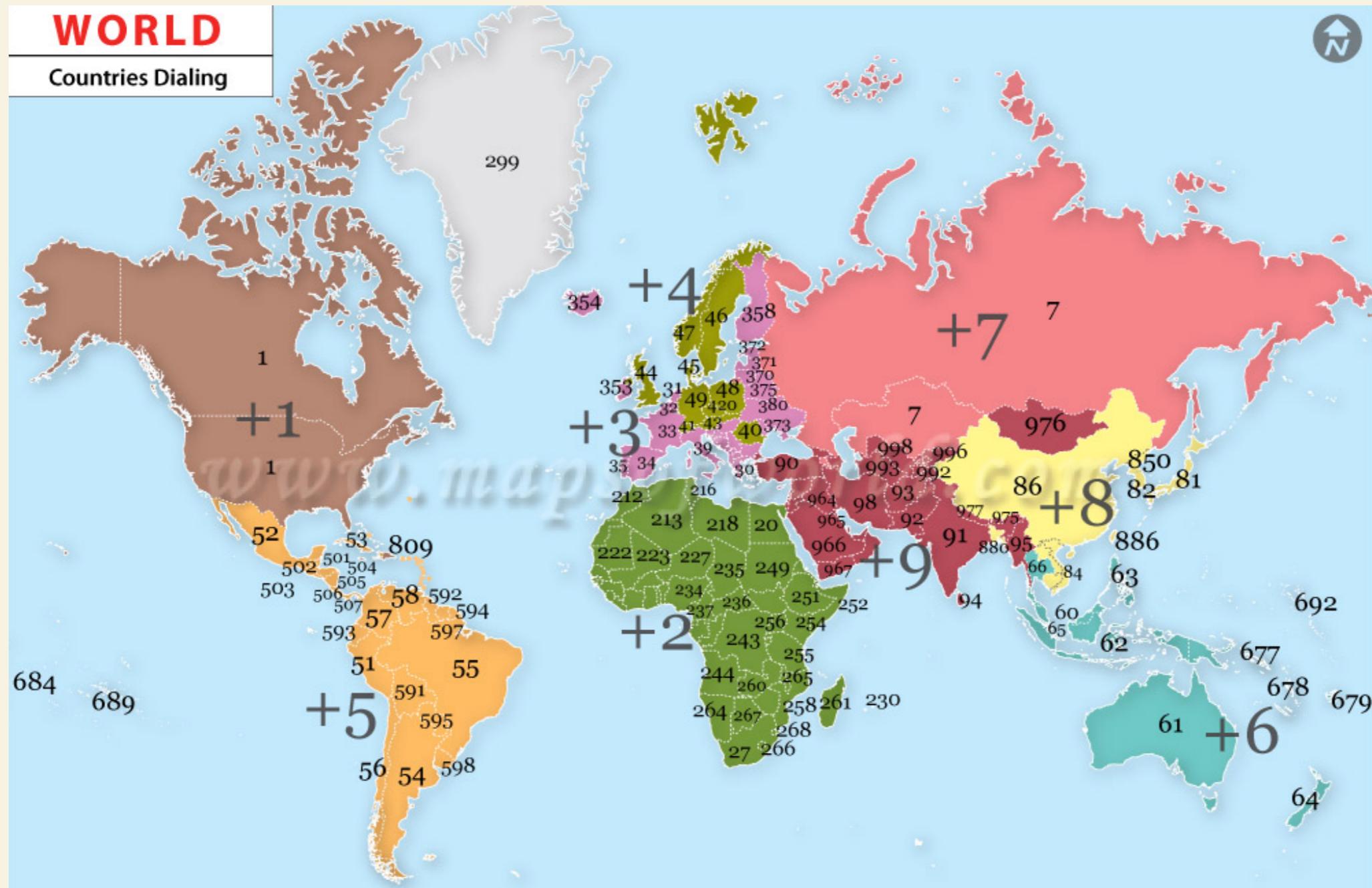
# Extra little bits

- ❖ *allow calls only from registered users*
- ❖ *INVITE with To tag must match an existing dialog*
- ❖ *limit number of allowed registrations*
- ❖ *restrict allowed User-Agent header*
- ❖ *restrict capabilities when subscriber not in home country*
- ❖ *rules based on time frames*

# Some Examples

# Block calls to destinations by prefix or regexp

- ❖ *useful kamailio modules: mtree, userblacklist or dialplan*



# Blocking with mtree

```
loadmodule "mtree.so"
```

```
# ----- mtree params -----
modparam("mtree", "db_url", DBURL)
modparam("mtree", "char_list", "+0123456789")
modparam("mtree", "mtree", "name=pbblock;dbtable=pbblock")
modparam("mtree", "pv_value", "$var(mtval)")

request_route {
...
    $var(dstnr) = $rU;

    # match if blocked prefix
    if(mt_match("pbblock", "$var(dstnr)", "0")) {
        send_reply("403", "Destination blocked");
        exit;
    }
...
}
```

```
CREATE TABLE `pbblock` (
    `id` int(10) unsigned NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    `tprefix` varchar(32) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    `tvalue` varchar(128) NOT NULL DEFAULT '',
    PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
    UNIQUE KEY `tprefix_idx` (`tprefix`)
);
```

```
mysql> select * from pbblock;
+----+-----+-----+
| id | tprefix | tvalue |
+----+-----+-----+
| 1  | +44    | 1      |
| 2  | +49    | 1      |
+----+-----+-----+
```

# Block traffic based on source address

- ❖ *useful kamailio modules: geoip, geoip2, permissions, sqlops*



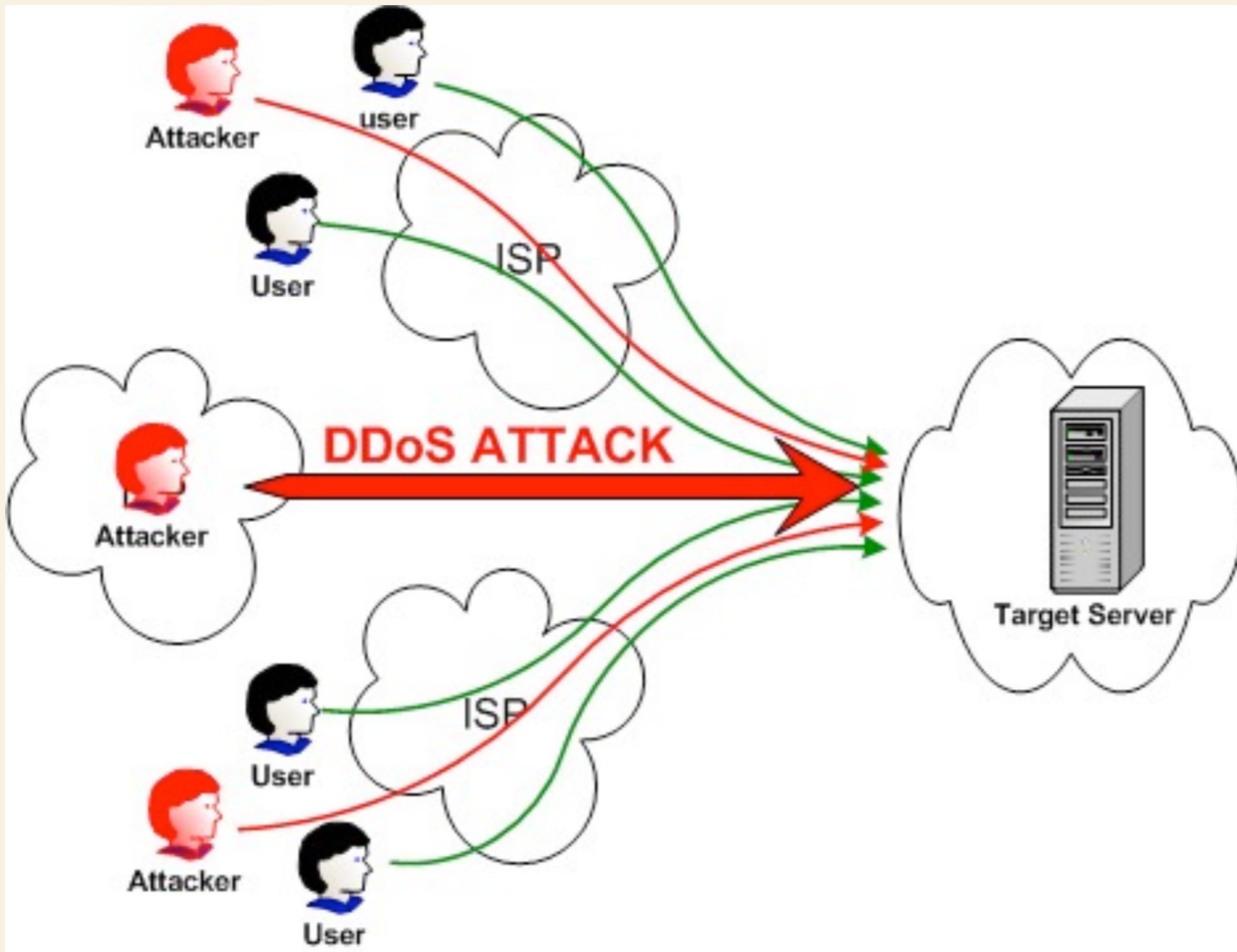
# Blocking countries with GeoIP

```
loadmodule "geoip.so"

# ----- geoip params -----
modparam("geoip", "path", "/usr/local/share/GeoLiteCity.dat")

request_route {
...
    if(geoip_match("$si", "src")) {
        xlog("SIP message from: $gip(src=>cc)\n");
        if($gip(src=>cc) =~ "DE|UK") {
            send_reply("403", "Originating country not allowed");
            exit;
        }
    } else {
        send_reply("403", "Unknown originating country not allowed");
        exit;
    }
...
}
```

# Block addresses due to high traffic rate



# Block addresses due to high traffic

- ❖ *pike or pipelimit and htable modules — htable can be replaced by fail2ban*

```
#!ifdef WITH_ANTIFLOOD
loadmodule "htable.so"
loadmodule "pike.so"
#endif

#ifndef WITH_ANTIFLOOD
# ----- pike params -----
modparam("pike", "sampling_time_unit", 2)
modparam("pike", "reqs_density_per_unit", 16)
modparam("pike", "remove_latency", 4)

# ----- htable params -----
# ip ban htable with autoexpire after 5 minutes
modparam("htable", "htable", "ipban=>size=8;autoexpire=300;")
#endif

# Per SIP request initial checks
route[REQINIT] {
#ifndef WITH_ANTIFLOOD
    # flood detection from same IP and traffic ban for a while
    # be sure you exclude checking trusted peers, such as pstn gateways
    # - local host excluded (e.g., loop to self)
    if(src_ip!=myself) {
        if($sht(ipban=>$si)!=$null) {
            # ip is already blocked
            xdbg("request from blocked IP - $rm from $fu (IP:$si:$sp)\n");
            exit;
        }
        if (!pike_check_req()) {
            xlog("pike blocking $rm from $fu (IP:$si:$sp)\n");
            $sht(ipban=>$si) = 1;
            exit;
        }
    }
    if($ua =~ "friendly-scanner") {
        sl_send_reply("200", "OK");
        exit;
    }
#endif
...
}
```

# Block addresses due to high traffic

- ❖ *using pipelimit*

```
loadmodule "pipelimit.so"

# ----- pipelimit params -----
modparam("pipelimit", "timer_interval", 1)
modparam("pipelimit", "reply_code", 505)
modparam("pipelimit", "reply_reason", "CPS limit exceeded")
modparam("pipelimit", "db_url", DBURL)
modparam("pipelimit", "rlp_table_name", "traffic_limits")

request_route {
...
    $var(pipe) = "all-traffic";
    if (!pl_check("$var(pipe)")) {
        pl_drop();
        exit;
    }
...
}
```



# Block too many failed authentications

```
route[AUTH] {
    if( $sht(userban=>$au::auth_count) >= 10 ) {
        $var(exp) = $Ts - 900;
        if($sht(userban=>$au::last_auth) > $var(exp)) {
            xlog("L_DBG", "auth - id[$mi] m[$rm] r[0] [$fu -> $ru ($tu)]: User blocked - IP: $si\n");
            sl_send_reply("403", "Try later");
            exit;
        } else {
            $sht(userban=>$au::auth_count) = 0;
        }
    }
    if(!(is_present_hf("Authorization") || is_present_hf("Proxy-Authorization"))) {
        auth_challenge("$fd", "0");
        exit;
    }
    # authenticate requests
    if (!auth_check("$fd", "subscriber", "1")) {
        $var(auth_count) = $shtinc(userban=>$au::auth_count);
        if( $var(auth_count) >= 10 )
            xlog("many failed auth in a row - [$rm] from <$fu> src ip: $si\n");
        $sht(userban=>$au::last_auth) = $Ts;
        auth_challenge("$fd", "0");
        exit;
    }
    $sht(userban=>$au::auth_count) = $null;
    # user authenticated - remove auth header
    if(!is_method("REGISTER|PUBLISH"))
        consume_credentials();
    xlog("L_INFO", "id[$mi] m[$rm] r[0] [$fu -> $ru ($tu)]: User $fu Authenticated Correctly\n");
    return;
}
```

## Rules:

- allow 10 failed authentications
- block user for 15 minutes
- reset when authentication is ok
- could be combined with IP ban

# Restrict number of active calls

- ❖ *dialog, htable or sqlops modules*

```
$xavp(caller=>active_calls) = 1;
```

```
# active calls/dialog management
# execute route(DIALOG) inside route(RELAY) before t_relay()
route[DIALOG] {
    if (is_method("CANCEL")
        || (has_totag() && is_method("INVITE|BYE|ACK"))) {
        dlg_manage();
        return;
    }
    if (is_method("INVITE") && !has_totag() && !isflagset(FLT_ACALLS)) {
        if( $xavp(caller[0]=>active_calls) != $null
            && $xavp(caller[0]=>active_calls) > 0 ) {
            if(!get_profile_size("caller", "$fU@$fd", "$var(acsize)")) {
                send_reply("500", "No more active calls");
                exit;
            }
            if($var(acsize)>=$xavp(caller[0]=>active_calls)) {
                send_reply("403", "No more active calls");
                exit;
            }
            set_dlg_profile("caller", "$fU@$fd");
        }
        setflag(FLT_ACALLS);
        dlg_manage();
    }
}
```

# Kamailio, Lua and MongoDB

- ❖ *track active calls and history, then rise alarms based on various rules*
- ❖ *it's all about caching data for a while and searching*
  - ❖ *initial request of dialog (new call)*
    - ❖ *check if active calls limit is reached, if yes, alert/reject*
    - ❖ *check if limit per day is reached, if yes, alert/reject*
  - ❖ *requests within dialog*
    - ❖ *remove from active calls*
- ❖ *Lua: flexible language and fast embedded interpreter in Kamailio*
- ❖ *MongoDB: fast storage, replication, easy access from many Kamailio instances as well as from web portal due to JSON documents*
- ❖ *tbd: watch the news ...*

# Kamailio and In-Memory MySQL

- ❖ *again: track active calls and history, then raise alarms based on various rules*
- ❖ *again: it's all about caching data for a while and searching*
- ❖ *four important events*
  - ❖ *a new call: initial INVITE*
  - ❖ *call is not answered: 300 or higher response code to initial INVITE (covers CANCEL)*
  - ❖ *call is answered: 200 ok to initial INVITE*
  - ❖ *call is terminated: BYE*

# Kamailio and In-Memory MySQL

```
route[AC_ADDNEW] {
    # -----
    # Insert active call and then relay
    # -----
    # set mutex for counting active calls per user from database table
    if($au!=$null) lock("u-$au");
    route(AC_LIMIT);      # Check, if call is allowed
    sql_query("ca", "INSERT INTO active_calls (call_id, init_time, state, caller,"
              " callee, username) VALUES ('$ci', $Ts,'INITIAL', '$fU', '$rU', '$au')",
              "ra");
    # unlock the mutext for counting active calls per user from database table
    if($au!=$null) unlock("u-$au");

    return;
}
```

# Kamailio and In-Memory MySQL

```
route[AC_LIMIT] {
    # -----
    # Get the number of active calls on destination route and caller id
    # -----
    if(is_avp_set("$avp(max_calls)"))
    {
        sql_query("ca", "SELECT username FROM active_calls WHERE"
                  " username='$au'", "ra");
        if($dbr(ra=>rows)>=$avp(max_calls) && ($avp(max_calls)>0))
        {
            # - mutex set before calling this route
            if($au!=$null) unlock("u-$au");
            send_reply("403", "Too many calls");
            exit;
        }
    }
}
```

# Kamailio and In-Memory MySQL

```
route[AC_RINGING] {
    # -----
    # Update the state of active calls
    # -----
    sql_query("ca", "UPDATE active_calls SET state='RINGING'
               WHERE call_id='$ci' and start_time=0", "ra");
}

route[AC_ANSWERED] {
    # -----
    # Update the state of active calls
    # -----
    sql_query("ca", "UPDATE active_calls SET state='ANSWERED',
               start_time=$var(time) WHERE call_id='$ci' and start_time=0", "ra");
}

route[AC_TOBILLING] {
    # -----
    # Set active call-state to BILLING after normal call-clearing with BYE
    # -----
    sql_query("ca", "UPDATE active_calls SET state='BILLING',
               end_time=$Ts WHERE call_id='$ci'", "ra");
}
```

# Kamailio and In-Memory MySQL

```
route[AC_CANCELED] {
    # -----
    # Delete active calls from failure route or CANCEL
    # -----
    sql_query("ca", "UPDATE active_calls SET state='CANCEL', end_time=$Ts
              WHERE call_id='$ci'", "ra");
}

route[AC_CLEAN] {
    # -----
    # Detele uncleared active calls on timer after a while
    # -----
    sql_query("ca",
              "DELETE FROM active_calls WHERE start_time <$Ts - 28810",
              "ra");
}
```

# Useful resources

- ❖ <http://www.kamailio.org/wiki/tutorials/security/kamailio-security>
- ❖ <http://kb.asipto.com/kamailio:usage:k31-sip-scanning-attack>
- ❖ *SIP Security Book:*
  - ❖ <http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470516364.html>
- ❖ <http://kb.asipto.com>
- ❖ <http://www.kamailio.org/wiki/>

## *Important URLs*

<http://www.kamailio.org/events/>

KamailioWorld Channel on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCElq4JNTPd7bs2vbfAAYVJA>



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