

Using FacetPhone UTAPI (Universal Telephone API)

If you have a UNIX or Linux application that includes phone numbers in its data, then you can make minor program changes to enable your users to dial directly from the application. You can also enable the program to select a customer screen ("screen pop") based on the callerID of an incoming call.

In order to dial from your application you must provide your end user with a way to select the phone number to be dialed. After selection has been made your application must invoke the FacetPhone dialer program called fp_dial. See the section **Dialing Telephone Numbers** for the list of parameters to be included when starting fp_dial.

To receive callerID information you must provide your end user with a way to request callerID information when his/her phone rings. Your application would then start the FacetPhone callerID program called fp_cid. See the section **Displaying CallerID Information** on the parameter to be included. The fp_cid program writes the callerID information to stdout.

Installing FacetPhone UTAPI

Download the UTAPE cpio file for your platform type (SCO, Linux, AIX). Extract the files using: cpio –icmv < UTAPE on SCO and AIX platforms, and cpio –imv < UTAPE on Linux platforms. Run the utapi_install.sh installation script on the machine on which you run your application. Enter the directory where you wish to install the server when prompted (default is /usr/facetphone). After the installation is finished the following directories/files will have been created.

/etc/facetphonedir	File that contains the path to FacetPhone's root directory
/usr/facetphone	FacetPhone root directory
/usr/facetphone/log.txt	Log file for the UTAPI install
/usr/facetphone/partno.txt	Current part number and version for UTAPI programs
/usr/facetphone/bin	Directory containing the UTAPI programs



/usr/facetphone/bin/fp_dial	Program your application will call to dial a telephone number
/usr/facetphone/bin/fp_cid	Program your application calls to request callerID information
/usr/facetphone/bin/fp_app	Sample application program to use with the fp_srvr program to test the correct setup of the fp_utapi.cfg file
/usr/facetphone/bin/fp_srvr	Sample server program to use with fp_app for testing the correct setup of the fp_utapi.cfg file
/usr/facetphone/config	FacetPhone configuration directory
/usr/facetphone/config/fp_utapi.cfg	Configuration file used by the UTAPI programs
/usr/facetphone/source	Source directory for fp_app
/usr/facetphone/source/app_ux.c	Source for fp_app program. Included to show what system calls your application will need to make to call the fp_cid and fp_dial programs

Set Up Configuration File

Modify the fp_utapi.cfg script in the FacetPhone configuration directory by setting the fp_addr parameter to the IP or DNS name on which the FacetPhone fp_srvr program is installed. Set the fp_port number to the number used by FacetPhone (default is 6500).

To test the configuration setup, use the fp_app program. Start the fp_srvr program. To test dialing by calling time/temperature (in Dallas) from a hypothetical user Tom, run the following:

fp_app –u tom –n 2148441234



The fp_app program will output the following:

Making system call->/usr/facetphone/bin/fp_dial –u tom –n 2148441234 Return code from system call: 0

The fp_srvr program should output:

[pid] connection accepted [pid] received message !<utapidial><uname=tom><number=2128441234> [pid] connection close

To test callerID run the following:

fp_app –u tom

The fp_app program will output the following:

Making system call->/usr/facetphone/bin/fp_cid –u tom Received response of: <address=9729859901><name=FacetCorp>

The fp_srvr program should output:

[pid] connection accepted [pid] received message ?<utapicidl><uname=tom> [pid] send message: <number=9729859901><name=FacetCorp> [pid] connection close

Dialing Telephone Numbers

The FacetPhone dialer program is called fp_dial. The command syntax is:

fp_dial -u username -n number -d

The –u and –n are required parameters. The –d is for debug output. The username parameter is the name that the end user would use when logging into the **FacetPhone** system. The file app_ux.c shows how this call would be made if your application were written in C. No response is returned back to your application other than the return code from the system call.



Display CallerID Information

The **FacetPhone** callerid program is called **fp_cid**. The command syntax is:

fp_cid -u username -d

The –u is a required parameter. The –d is for debug output. The username parameter is the name that the end user would use when logging into the **FacetPhone** system. The file app_ux.c shows how this call would be made if your application were written in C.

If callerID information is available, fp_cid will output the information to stdout. The format of the information is:

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<address=9729859901><name=FACETCORP>
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If no callerID is available, fp_cid will write the string "<number=No caller id>" to stdout.

Uninstalling FacetPhone UTAPI

You uninstall FacetPhone UTAPI for UNIX/Linux by deleting the FacetPhone root directory and all sub-directories and files, and deleting facetphonedir from the /etc directory. Make sure you are not running any of the UTAPI programs when you are uninstalling.

More Information

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