

# Microsoft Direct Routing (MDR)



Today, many companies are deploying a **Microsoft Teams** strategy to enhance communications between their employees. While this is a great form of communication for team members, it requires a separate system (your telephone) to reach people outside of your company.

By leveraging the benefits of a Hosted SBC (Session Border Controller), Microsoft Direct Routing routes calls from within your Teams infrastructure to the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network.) Put simply, you can now make calls from within Teams not only to your team members but to anyone who has a phone anywhere.

## MDR Advantages

- **Enhanced call quality** – MDR normalizes call signaling, ensuring call quality
- **Cost-Effective** – Save money over Microsoft calling plans. Metered and Unlimited minute options available
- **Migration** – Utilize Teams and your current PBX simultaneously until migration is complete.
- **Portability** – Keep your existing numbers
- **Feature-Rich** – MDR opens features that may not be available with Microsoft calling plans
- **Global** – Microsoft calling plans are not currently available in many countries
- **Simplicity** – Utilize a single carrier for all your locations
- **Reliability** – Utilizing your redundant internet connections maximizes uptime

By utilizing Microsoft Teams in conjunction with Microsoft Direct Routing, Unified Communications becomes a reality for you and your company. Quickly deploy new remote locations without the need for a traditional phone system, another phone bill, or the hassle of setting it all up. Simply connect to the internet, log on, and start making/taking calls.

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