

# Groups

Groups (5- series numbers) allow you to have multiple phones ring at the same time for an incoming call. You can create multiple groups, select extensions you want for them, and then they can be used by a receptionist or by an internal person, i.e., "call down to billing at 503!" Typical uses are for grouping extensions by job function/department (Receptionists, Sales, Support, Accounting).

## Groups

- 500 All
- 501 Customer Service
- 502 Sales
- 503 Shop Floor

All ring-u systems include the default group **500**, which includes all real extensions.

**Note - Do not include cell phones in ring groups! Each cell phone requires an additional line and their call handling logic may disrupt the intended function of the group.**

<p>To create more groups, go to <b>Configuration &gt; Groups</b> and chose the button <b>Add Group</b>. Name your new group, select the phones you want to have in that group.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">◀ Group 501</h3> <p><b>Group Name:</b> <input type="text" value="Front"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <small>🔊 use for paging on supported phones. Will update all phones if selected.</small></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>101</b> Check in</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>102</b> Billing</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>103</b> Check-Out</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> <b>104</b> CCM Room 2</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> <b>105</b> Melissa</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> <b>106</b> Candida</td> </tr> </table> </div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>101</b> Check in	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>102</b> Billing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>103</b> Check-Out	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>104</b> CCM Room 2	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>105</b> Melissa	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>106</b> Candida
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<p>There are options that make that a group used for paging, turning those phones into a PA system. This is available for the first three groups, for on-premises Hello Hubs. This option does not work for cloud hosted systems or external phones.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px;"> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <small>🔊 use for paging on supported phones. Will update all phones if selected.</small> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <small>🔊 will create ring on 3.5mm audio jack</small> </td> </tr> </table> </div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <small>🔊 use for paging on supported phones. Will update all phones if selected.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> <small>🔊 will create ring on 3.5mm audio jack</small>				
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You can also define what a caller hears, ringing vs your chosen **Hold Music**/message, how long they ring those phones and what happens if no one answers.

<b>Time in queue:</b> 60 seconds ▼	<b>Background Options:</b> Ring Tones ▼	<b>If No Answer/Unavailable:</b> Main Receptionist ▼
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**A note on ring times** - as a rule, we recommend ring times of 30 seconds or more. Ring times of 15 & 20 seconds are technically possible, but may simply be too short of a time for VOIP systems to process effectively. If you must use a 15 or 20 second ring, make sure your voicemail is configured.

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