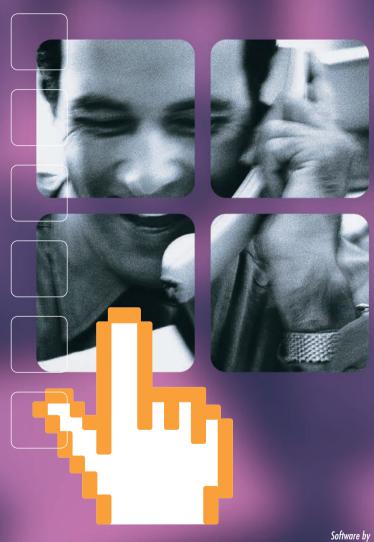
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INTRODUCTION

The conventional telephone system is still very much a part of the modern business, and the telephone bill still makes up a significant part of the monthly costs of running a business. Monitoring and controlling these costs would be almost impossible by trying to allocate costs from a telephone bill. CallBill, on the other hand, is an easy-to-use Windows-based software application that collects call records from a telephone system and stores them in a database. CallBill's Reports Module allows you to run reports that will present the information you require from the database in a format that is easy to read and understand.

CallBill is a single product that comprises four main modules, each of which is described below. All modules are included when you purchase a copy of CallBill.



Logger Module

The Logger Module collects call records from the telephone system and stores them locally until they are retrieved by the Record Processor Module. Once the call records have been retrieved by the Record Processor Module, they are archived locally on the Logger Module PC.



Record Processor Module

The Record Processor Module periodically retrieves call records from the Logger Module and stores these call records in a CallBill site database. The cost of each call is calculated during processing and is based on tariffs applicable to the site from which the records were retrieved. The Record Processor can be configured to periodically retrieve call records from multiple sites.



Reports Module

The CallBill Reports Module is the module which allows the user to retrieve information from the CallBill databases by running reports. Reports can either be run ad hoc, or they can be attached to a schedule which will run them automatically when the schedule activates







Report Design Module

The Report Design Module allows you to create your own reports so that you can be sure that your reports will provide you with the data you require, in the format that you require. Each Report is made up of one or more Modules, each Module is made up of one or more Sections, and each Section comprises a selection of Fields which you choose from the list of available Fields.

LOGGER MODULE



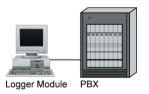
Description

The Logger Module is responsible for collecting call records from the telephone system and storing them locally until they are retrieved by the Record Processor Module. Once the call records have been retrieved by the Record Processor Module, they are archived locally on the Logger Module PC. The Logger Module is PC-based which allows its functionality to be enhanced and upgraded easily.

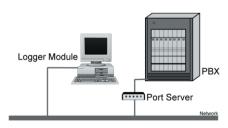
Connection To Telephone System

The Logger Module can be connected to the telephone system directly via a serial port on the Logger Module PC, or via an Ethernet or Token Ring network using a TCP/IP port server.

Direct Connection via Serial Port



Connection via Port Server on Network







Archive

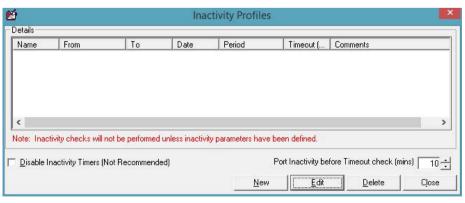
When call records have been transferred successfully from the Logger Module to the Record Processor Module, they are archived locally on the Logger PC and can later be retrieved and reprocessed by the Record Processor Module if required. If the Logger Module and the Record Processor Module are on separate PCs, the Logger Module serves as a valuable backup source for historical call records.

Port Test

The Logger Module can test the connection to the telephone system to ensure that the connection is still active. This is useful during installation or reconfiguration of the connection to the telephone system, or when an Exception Alert has been raised by the Logger Module indicating that a port inactivity threshold has been exceeded.

Port Inactivity Warning

The Logger Module can be configured to raise an Exception Alert if no call records are received during a pre-defined period of time. The Inactivity Profile section of the Logger Module allows you to configure different inactivity thresholds for different periods of the day and different days of the week to suit your site's operational schedule, for example, the Inactivity Timeout Period may be set to 30 minutes from 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, when an office is operational, but it may be set to zero outside of these times when the office is normally closed.



Port Inactivity Profiles





Error Log

The Logger Module has an Error Log file which can be used to identify problems with the Logger Module or with the connection to the telephone system.

RECORD PROCESSOR MODULE



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Database Technology

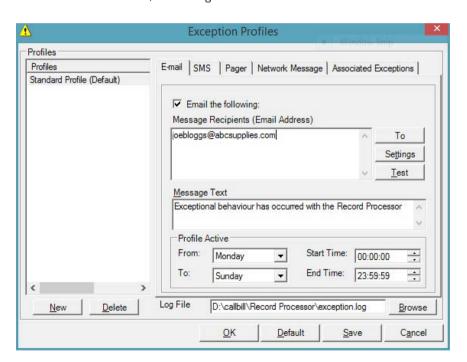
CallBill uses Microsoft SQL Server® database technology to store call records, delivering the performance, scalability and reliability that you would expect from a top quality database solution. CallBill also offers the option of storing records in a Microsoft Jet Engine database for sites where the daily volume of call records is low.





Exception Alert

The Record Processor Module allows you to configure exception criteria for each site. If a call record reaches an exception criterion during processing, an Exception Alert notification is sent according to the Exception Profile associated with the exception. For example, an exception criterion might be set for calls which exceed a certain cost, and if a call cost exceeds the specified cost during processing of call records, then an exception alert is sent. Exception Profiles allow Exception Alerts to be sent by email, SMS mobile telephone text messages, or by pager. Other exception criterion fields available include Digits Dialed, Date/Time of Call, Originating Extension, Terminating Extension.







Post-Processing Of Call Records

Competition between telecommunications carriers has resulted in a culture of ever-changing call charges and tariffs. System Administrators cannot always get the latest tariff information before it becomes active and this results in inaccurate calculation of call charges. To counter this, CallBill allows you to post-process call records once the tariff information has been updated.

Telephone System Port Test

The connection from the Logger Module to the telephone system can be tested remotely from the Record Processor Module to ensure that it is still active. This is particularly useful when the system administrator receives an Exception Alert indicating that an Inactivity Timeout Period has been exceeded at a site. In multi-site installations, this feature enables the system administrator to perform Port Tests on remote sites from one central location.

Log File

The Record Processor Module maintains a log file of all file transfers and call record processing, and any problems encountered during file transfer or record processing can be easily identified.

Backup And Recovery

Once the Record Processor Module has retrieved call record files and processed them, the transfer files are archived and can later be used to recreate parts or all of a CallBill site database if required. The transfer files are also archived on the Logger Module PC, and this provides a separate backup/recovery source where the Logger Module and Record Processor Module are on separate PCs.

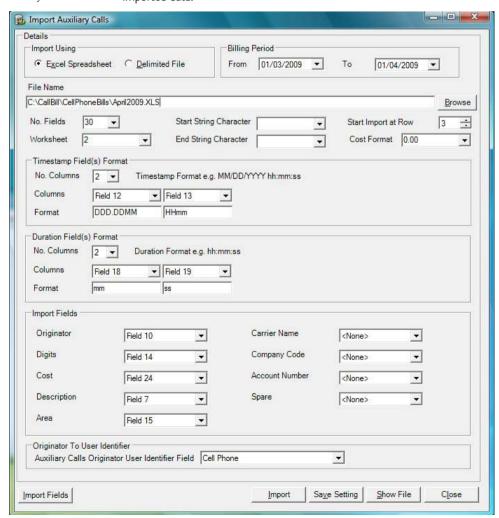




Import Auxiliary Calls From Other Bills

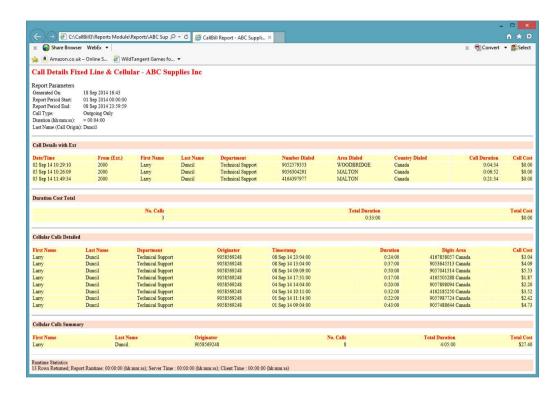
Up to now, CallBill has only been keeping track of telephone calls made through your PBX, but now you can also import external bills into CallBill, such as your cell phone bills. The full reporting capabilities of CallBill are available for you to use on any imported data, so you get the benefit of CallBill's easy-to-use Reports Module and Report Design Module on your imported data.

CallBill's Import Auxiliary Calls Screen









Sample Auxiliary Calls Report





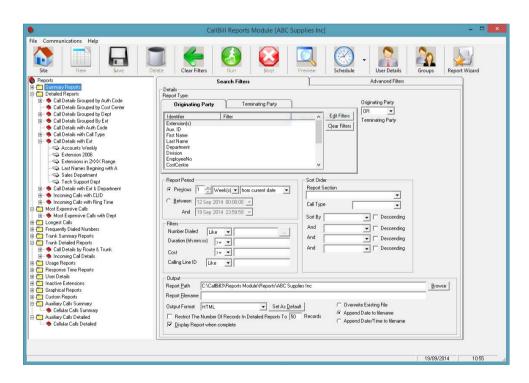
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CallBill Reports Module

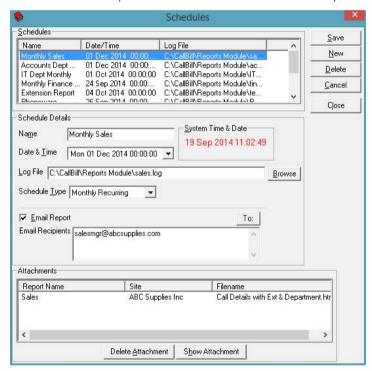






Scheduled Reports

All of the reports available in the Reports Module may be attached to a schedule which will run all attached reports when the schedule activates. CallBill allows you to configure multiple schedules and each schedule may have multiple reports attached. Schedules can be run once only, or may be set up to recur periodically, e.g. weekly or monthly. When a report is run from a schedule, the report results can be sent to a list of email recipients.



Ad hoc Reports

Any of the reports available in the Reports Module can be run ad hoc in real-time. Once the report has been run successfully, the results will be displayed. Running reports in this manner does not effect the scheduled running of reports. Running Ad hoc Reports is useful for fine-tuning reports for scheduled running, or for responding to specific requests for information which is not contained in the scheduled periodic reports.



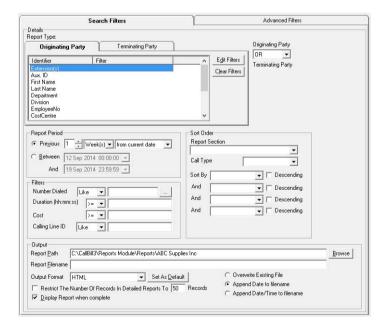


Customized Reports

The Reports Module allows you to create Custom Reports by adding Search Filters to standard report formats. These Search Filters will be applied to the Custom Report each time it is run. The CallBill Report Design Module also allows you to create new report formats and to modify existing report formats.

Search Filters

The comprehensive range of Search Filters which can be applied to reports ensures that your reports only return the data you require. The Search Filters available include Name, Extension Number, Department, Division, Cost Center, Number Dialed, Call Duration, Call Cost, and many more.

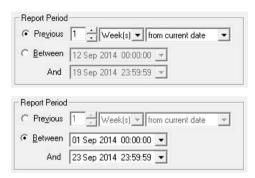






Report Period

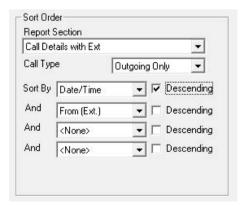
The Reports Module offers different ways in which to specify the time period for which a report is to be run. A report can be run between specific dates and times, or for a specific number of days, weeks, months or years from the current date or from the previous calendar period.



Report Period

Sort Order

CallBill allows you to independently specify the Sort Order for each section of a report. Each section can have up to four levels of sorting, with each level having one of the report output fields as a sort criterion.





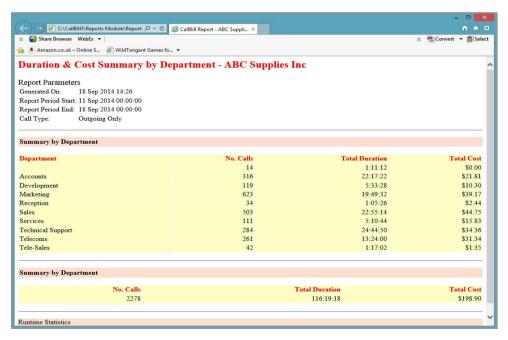


Output Formats

The results of a report can be outputted in a number of different formats including graphical, HTML, plain text file, comma-delimited text file, tab-delimited text file, and Microsoft Excel® Spreadsheet.

Summary and Detailed Reports

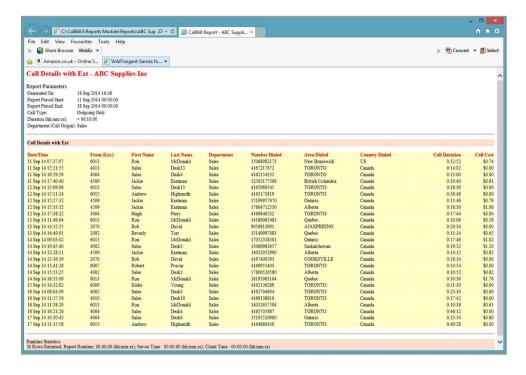
Summary Reports are reports containing aggregate fields, for example Total Cost, Total Duration, Average Cost. Detailed Reports are reports containing itemized call details, for example Date/Time Of Call, Number Dialed, Call Cost. A report can contain sections with both Summary and Detailed data, for example, a report may have a Summary section with a breakdown of costs by Department followed by a Detailed section with a list of all calls by Department.



Sample Summary Report







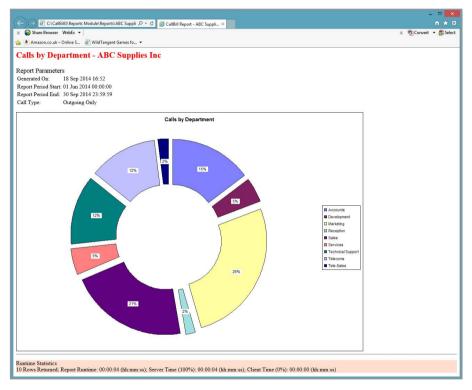
Sample Detailed Report





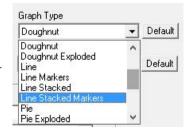
Graphical Reports

CallBill 3 now has the capability to generate graphical reports. This new feature makes it even easier for you to identify trends in usage and costs.



Sample Pie Chart Report

There are over 20 different Graph Types, so you will be sure to find a format which best suits the trend or data you would like to display.

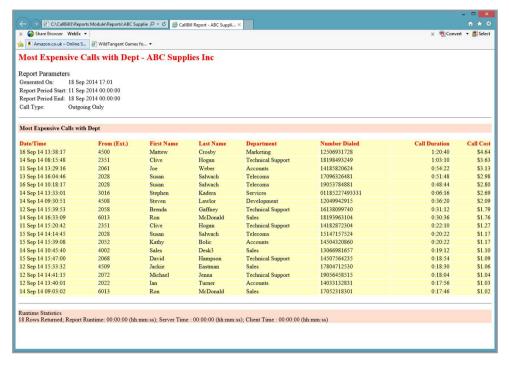






Other Reports

CallBill also provides reports that produce a detailed list of Most Expensive Calls, Longest Calls, Frequently Dialed Numbers, Trunk Reports and Usage Reports.



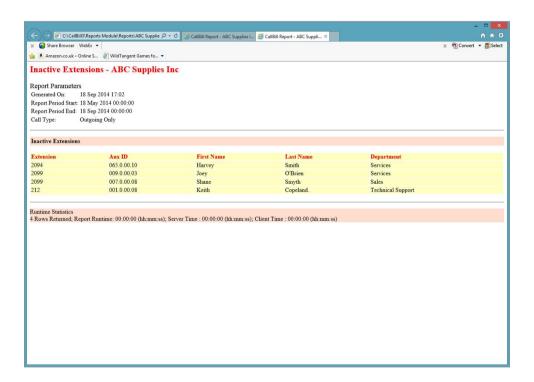
Sample Expensive Calls Report



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Report To Show Inactive Extensions

As your telephone system expands over time, you may find it hard to find spare extension numbers in your numbering plan. In many cases, this may be because there are numbers configured on your system which were used in the past, but are no longer valid. CallBill now has a report which will identify Inactive Extensions which have not had a valid call record against them for a user-specified period of time.



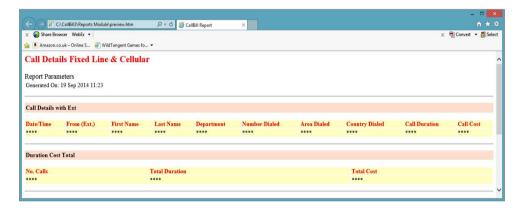
Inactive Extension Report





Report Preview

The Report Preview feature allows you to view the format of a report before you run it, to ensure that you have selected a suitable report to meet your requirements. The Preview shows all the report fields as they will appear in the report output for each section of the report.



Report Preview



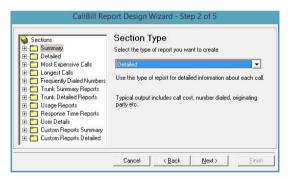


Report Design Wizard

It is now easier than ever to generate a report with CallBill 3's new Report Design Wizard, which guides you through creating a new report in 5 easy steps without having to leave the Reports Module.



Step 1: Select the Type of Calls for the Report, e.g. Outgoing Only, or All Calls



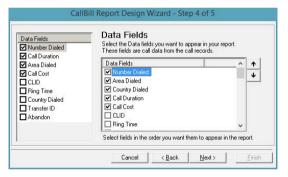
Step 2: Select the Type of Report you would like to create, i.e. Detailed or Summary







Step 3: Select the Identifier Fields for the Report, such as First Name, Last Name, Extension Number, Department



Step 4: Select the Data Fields for the Report, such as Call Cost, Call Duration, Number Dialed



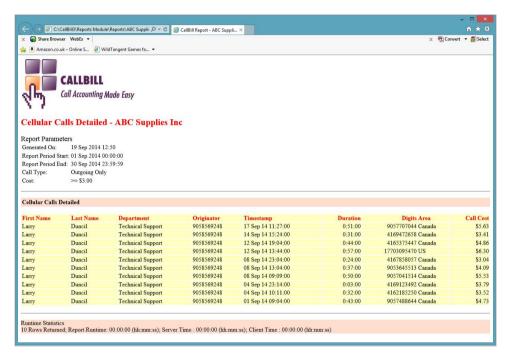
Step 5: Finally, give your Report a Name and that's it! You can now run your new Report.





Add Logo To Report Header

You can now add a Corporate Logo to your Report Header.



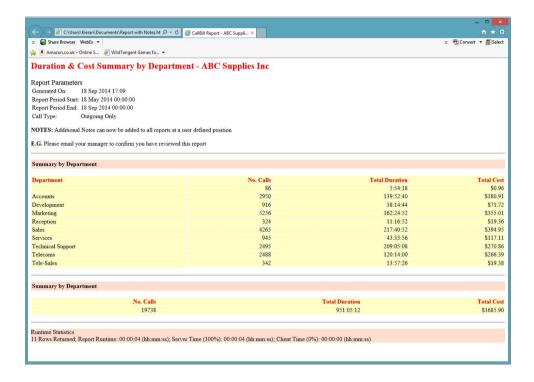
Sample Report with the CallBill Logo as a Header – you can add your own Header Logo





Add Notes To Report Header

You can also add Notes to a Report Header which will appear at the top of your Report.



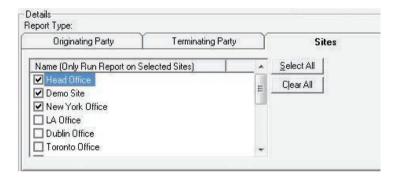
Sample Report with Notes added to the Report Header





Multi-site Reporting

CallBill can now run consolidated reports over multiple sites. This means that you can, say, run Departmental Reports over several different sites and the report will consolidate the data over the sites chosen.



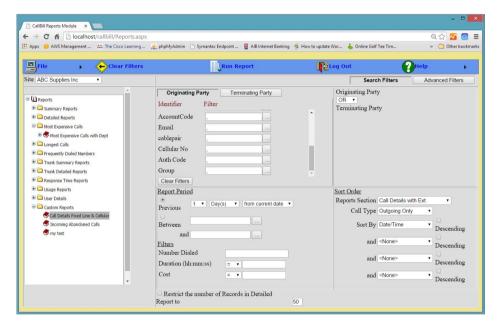
Consolidated Multi-Site Reporting





Browser-based Reports Module

CallBill 3 has a new Browser-based Reports Module, which you can run anywhere on your network without having to have Reports Module installed on the workstation you're working on.



Browser-based Reports Module

Report Distribution By Email

Scheduled Reports can be configured so that the report results are sent to a list of email recipients once the report has been run. Daily, Weekly and Monthly recurring schedules can be set up and reports attached to them to be run periodically with the results being distributed to a list of email recipients. In this way, CallBill can be configured so that all reports are scheduled and ran automatically, with the report results being distributed automatically, so that no user input is required once the system has been set up.





Authenticated SMTP Email Support

CallBill 3 security has been enhanced with the addition of Authenticated SMTP Email Support.

Runtime Statistics

At the end of each report, CallBill adds Runtime Statistics for the report including the number of Rows Returned and the Report Runtime broken down into Server Time and Client Time. Because CallBill is a client/server solution, these statistics can help network administrators to assess performance.

1102 Rows Returned; Report Runtime: 00:00:10 (hh:mm:ss); Server Time (30%): 00:00:03 (hh:mm:ss); Client Time (70%): 00:00:07 (hh:mm:ss)

Multiple Clients

CallBill allows multiple Reports Module clients to run simultaneously, with the only requirement being that all clients must have access to the CallBill databases.

Bulk Update Of User Identifiers

You can now make bulk changes to a group of User Identifiers. This allows you to change, for example, the Department field of several hundred Users at once.

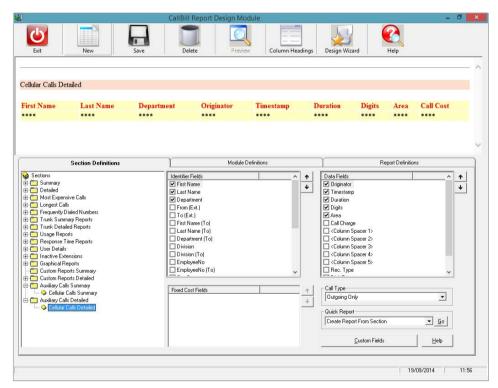




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Report Design Module





CallBill 3 has a new Report Design Preview Window which lets you see how your report will look as you're designing it. As you add or delete fields from your Report Design, the Report Design Preview will change to show you how your new Report will look.

Copy Report Designs

You can now Copy Report Designs in CallBill 3, which makes it even easier to create your own custom reports. Simply copy a report which is close to what you want and make the required changes to the report design.





CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

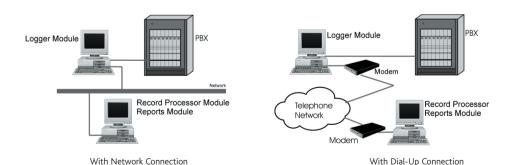
Option 1: All Modules On The Same PC

In this configuration, all of the CallBill modules are installed on a single dedicated PC. Because all of the modules are on the same PC, there is no requirement for the PC to be connected to a network, unless reports need to be saved on the network instead of on the CallBill PC. The PC needs access to an email account if scheduled reports are to be emailed to recipients.



Option 2: Logger Module On A Separate PC

In this configuration, the Logger Module is installed on a dedicated PC and the Record Processor Module and Reports Module are installed on a separate PC. The Record Processor Module needs access to the Logger Module, either by dial-up connection or via a network.



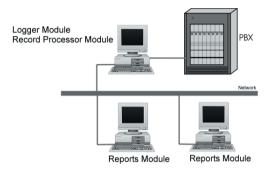
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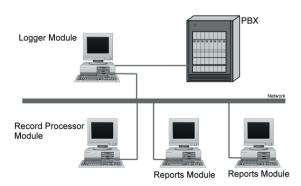
Option 3: Logger Module And Record Processor Module On The Same PC

In this configuration, the Logger Module and the Record Processor Module are installed on the same PC and the Reports Module client or clients are installed on separate PCs. The Reports Module clients need access to the CallBill databases across a network.



Option 4: All Modules On Separate PCs

In this configuration, all of the CallBill modules are installed on separate PCs. The Record Processor Module needs access to the Logger Module, either by dial-up connection or via a network. The Reports Module clients need access to the CallBill databases across a network.

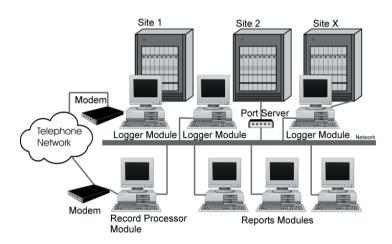






Multi-Site Configuration

In a multi-site configuration, the Logger Module is installed on a dedicated PC at each site. The Record Processor Module needs access to each of the Logger Modules, either by dial-up connection or via a network. The Reports Module clients need access to the CallBill databases across a network.







MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Logger Module

PC with Pentium® III Processor

512 Mb RAM

Operating System: Windows XP/Vista/2000/2003/2008

1 Free Serial Port if connected directly to telephone system

1 Modem Connection if connection to Record Processor Module is dial-up

1 Network Connection if connection to Record Processor Module is via network or if connection to telephone system is via network and port server

Record Processor Module

PC with Pentium® III Processor

512 Mb RAM

Operating System: Windows XP/Vista/2000/2003/2008

1 Modem Connection if connection to Logger Module is dial-up

1 Network Connection if connection to Logger Module is via network

Parallel port of free USB port for security dongle attachment

Reports Module

PC with Pentium® III Processor

512 Mb RAM

Operating System: Windows XP/Vista/2000/2003/2008

1 Network Connection if CallBill databases are not on the same PC

Microsoft SQL Server®

Microsoft SQL Server 7 or higher





OTHER PHONEWARE PRODUCTS



Phonemaster is an administration tool for Nortel CS 1000 and Meridian PBXs which allows you to make programming changes on the PBX without needing to know anything about the complex command-line programming language of the PBX. With its vast range of easy-to-use features, PhoneMaster reduces the programming of the telephone system to simple point-and-click operations.



Directory is an on-line Corporate Directory package that presents the company's internal telephone directory to the user in an easy-to-use browser-based application. Directory eliminates the need for publishing costly paper-based internal directories that are invariably out-of-date before they're printed. Using the Integration Module and PhoneMaster, the directory database can be automatically synchronised to the telephone system database.



The **Integration** Module runs as a memory resident service and constantly monitors the Switch Administration (PhoneMaster), Call Accounting (CallBill) and Directory databases for any changes in one database which need to be synchronised in the other databases. Any changes made to an Identifier (Last Name, Department, Email Address, etc.) in one product will instantly be reflected in the other products, without having to do anything. This completely eliminates the need for maintaining personnel information in more than one application.



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