

# P2P Sneaks In

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While at VoiceCon I had the fun of getting a Peer-2-Peer gateway and phones programmed and up and running in 15 minutes with automated attendant, voice mail boxes and a few other neat tricks.



Where did it work?

The Gaylord Palm IT devils have different wares depending upon where you are. The conference rooms, session halls and nooks and crannies where there's a wall plate with any sign of LAN ports doesn't mean they're live. That's pretty good physical security.

The P2P phones worked great in the guest rooms just not in the conference halls. More IT devils doing something right.

I plugged in the room LAN cable into a switch and then connected the gateway to the switch. Next, I plugged in a splitter on the 2-line room phone and connected them to CO (Central Office) 1 and 2 on the gateway. Then, I plugged in a P2P phone to a switch with four 10/100 Mbps ports with PoE.

Then, I plugged in my computing device to a switch port and whammo- I've got a real office up and running with Automated Attendant and cheesy music-on-hold.

The setup worked great and I did a few other things and the IT devils didn't come knocking on my door. The Gaylord's Nortel system didn't clash with the P2P on their guest network.

It's not what you can do- it's what others don't do. The Gaylord's IT staff whoever those rascals are- are doing all the right things.

By show of hands in the Troubleshooting Converged Networks session- only a few indicated that they monitor the logs from their gear or knew if their companies are keeping a close eye on those logs. After all, it's a lot of information. It's hard to do and keep up with in my space of serving SMB/E's in the 200 and under station market. I know all that gear spits out a lot of useful data but minding it is another story.

The lessons are:

- Don't light up ports on faceplates unless you use them
- Keep tight controls in your networks
- Monitor and act on the log data from your wares
- Get ready to deal with a new wave of P2P wares

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