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What is Session Border Controller (SBC)

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A session border controller (SBC) is a network element deployed to protect SIP based voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) networks. SBC has become the de-facto standard for telephony and multimedia services of NGN / IMS.





Connectivity Issues

No voice / one-way voice caused by NAT between different sub-networks.

Headquarter

Challenges of IP Telephony

Compatibility Issues

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Security Issues

Intrusion of services, eavesdropping, denial of service attacks, data interceptions, toll frauds, SIP malformed packets would cause big losses on you.













Q: Why SBC is needed for VoIP attacks?

A: All behaviors of some VoIP attacks conform to the protocol, but the behaviors are abnormal. For example, if the call frequency is too high, it will cause damage to your VoIP infrastructure. SBCs can analyze the application layer and identify user behaviors.

Overload Protection





Overload Traffics

Q: What causes traffic overload?

A: Hot events are the most common trigger sources, such as double 11 shopping in China (like Black Friday in USA), mass events, or attacks caused by negative news. A sudden surge of registration caused by data center power failure, network failure is also a common trigger source. Q: how does SBC prevent traffic overload?

A: SBC can sort traffics intelligently according to user level and business priority, with high overload resistance: 3 times overload, business won't be interrupted. Functions like traffic limitation/control, dynamic blacklist, registration/call rate limiting etc. are available.

Compatibility Issues



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Q: Why do interoperability issues occur when all devices support SIP?

A: SIP is an open standard, different vendors often have different interpretations and implementations, which can cause connection and/or audio issues.



SBCs make the interconnection seamless.

SBCs support SIP normalization via SIP message and header manipulation. Regular expression and programmable adding/deleting/modifying are available in Dinstar SBCs.

Differences between Firewall and SBC

	Firewall	SBC
General	Firewall is a low (Layer 2-4) but wide (all data) "wall"	SBC is a high (Layer 5-7) but narrow (only voice and video) "wall"
Objective	Large data traffics in Mega GB, regardless of data contents	Voice and video stream in GB, analyzing all VoIP traffics that pass through.
NAT Traversal	Layer 2-4 NAT (May cause no voice issues)	Layer 2-7 (firewall traversal)
Attacks Protection	DDoS attacks and their variants of Layer 2-4	Attacks of Layer 5-7 and overload protection
Capability	Some firewalls can enable the application layer analysis, but it will cause geometric consumption of performance. When there is large VoIP traffics, the system will crash.	Professional capability to handle mass voice / video streams
Other Functions	_	Flexible routing, SIP interoperability, media transcoding, hardware redundancy

Firewall and SBC are complementary, SBC is an essential network element of IP Telephony System.











SIP Trunking for Enterprise Access to Multiple Carriers



Secure Communication of Remote Offices



Carrier Interconnect



ITSP Access to Carriers



Hosted /Cloud IPPBX / Call Center



Top 6 Reasons to Choose Dinstar SBCs

Small Investment

Entry Level start from 5 sessions, small budget on micro & small organizations.

Reliable Design

Designed by experts in Canada and China who have been worked in telecommunication for more than 15 years.

Full Protection

Complete protection on VoIP traffics, preventing frauds and attacks.

Fast Support

A professional support team is ready to help you on deployment, maintenance and debugging.

Simple License

No additional license on any features, no additional cost.

Flexible Scalability

Increasing SBCs capacity via simply upgrading the license when your business grows. No downtime.

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