



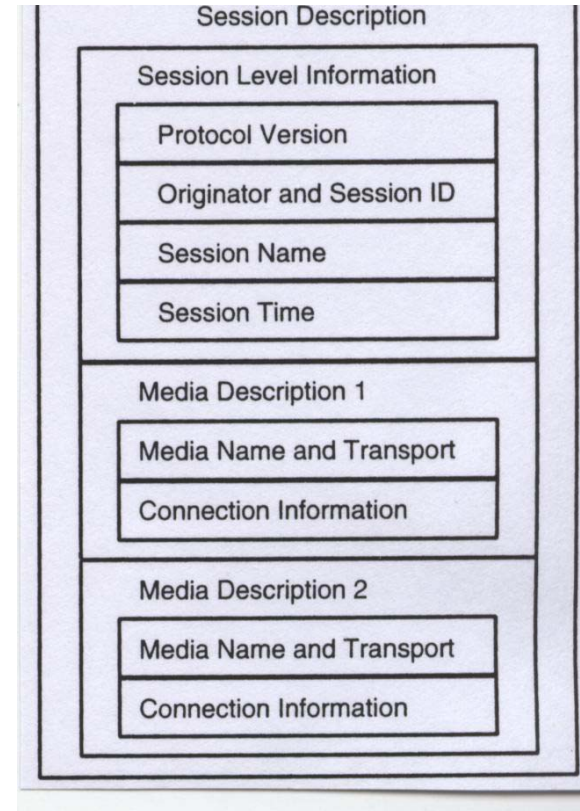
# The Session Description Protocol

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- The Most Common Message Body
  - Be session information describing the media to be exchanged between the parties
  - SDP, RFC 2327 (initial publication)
- SIP uses SDP in an answer/offer mode.
  - An agreement between the two parties as to the types of media they are willing to share
  - RFC 3264 (An Offer/Answer Model with SDP)
    - To describe how SDP and SIP should be used together

# The Structure of SDP

- SDP simply provides a format for describing session information to potential session participants.
- Text-based Protocol
- The Structure of SDP
  - Session Level Info
    - Name of the session
    - Originator of the session
    - Time that the session is to be active
  - Media Level Info
    - Media type
    - Port number
    - Transport protocol
    - Media format





# SDP Syntax

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- A number of lines of text
- In each line
  - field=value
  - field is exactly one character (case-significant)
- Session-level fields
- Media-level fields
  - Begin with media description field (m=)



# Mandatory Fields

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- v=(protocol version)
- o=(session origin or creator)
- s=(session name), a text string
  - For multicast conference
- t=(time of the session), the start time and stop time
  - For pre-arranged multicast conference
- m=(media)
  - Media type
  - The transport port
  - The transport protocol
  - The media format, an RTP payload format



# Optional Fields [1/3]

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- Some optional fields can be applied at both session and media levels.
  - The value applied at the media level overrides that at the session level
- i=(session information)
  - A text description
  - At both session and media levels
  - It would be somewhat superfluous, since SIP already supports the Subject header.
- u=(URI of description)
  - Where further session information can be obtained
  - Only at session level



# Optional Fields [2/3]

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- e=(e-mail address)
  - Who is responsible for the session
  - Only at the session level
- p=(phone number)
  - Only at the session level
- c=(connection information)
  - Network type, address type and connection address
  - At session or media level
- b=(bandwidth information)
  - In kilobits per second
  - At session or media level



# Optional Fields [3/3]

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- r=(repeat times)
  - For regularly scheduled session a session is to be repeated
  - How often and how many times
- z=(timezone adjustments)
  - For regularly scheduled session
  - Standard time and daylight savings time
- k=(encryption key)
  - An encryption key or a mechanism to obtain it for the purposes of encrypting and decrypting the media
  - At session or media level
- a=(attributes)
  - Describe additional attributes



# Ordering of Fields

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- Session Level

- Protocol version (v)
- Origin (o)
- Session name (s)
- Session information (i)
- URI (u)
- E-mail address (e)
- Phone number (p)
- Connection info (c)
- Bandwidth info (b)
- Time description (t)
- Repeat info (r)
- Time zone adjustments (z)
- Encryption key (k)
- Attributes (a)

- Media level

- Media description (m)
- Media info (i)
- Connection info (c)
  - Optional if specified at the session level
- Bandwidth info (b)
- Encryption key (k)
- Attributes (a)





# Subfields [1/3]

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- Field = <value of subfield1> <value of subfield2>  
<value of subfield3>.
- Origin
  - Username, the originator's login id or “-”
  - session ID
    - A unique ID
    - Make use of NTP timestamp
  - version, a version number for this particular session
  - network type
    - A text string
    - IN refers to Internet
  - address type
    - IP4, IP6
  - address, a fully-qualified domain name or the IP address

# Subfields [2/3]

- Connection Data

- The network and address at which media data will be received
- Network type
- Address type
- Connection address

- Media Information

- Media type
  - Audio, video, data, or control
- Port
- Format
  - List the various types of media format that can be supported
  - According to the RTP audio/video profile
- m= audio 45678 RTP/AVP 15 3 0
  - G.728, GSM, G.711

# Subfields [3/3]

## ■ Attributes

- To enable additional information to be included
- Property attribute
  - a=sendonly
  - a=recvonly
- value attribute
  - a=orient:landscape used in a shared whiteboard session
- rtpmap attribute
  - The use of dynamic payload type
  - a=rtpmap:<payload type> <encoding name>/<clock rate> [/<encoding parameters>].
  - m=video 54678 RTP/AVP 98
  - a=rtpmap 98 L16/16000/2
    - 16-bit linear encoded stereo (2 channels) audio sampled at 16kHz



# Usage of SDP with SIP

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- SIP and SDP make a wonderful partnership for the transmission of session information.
- SIP provides the messaging mechanism for the establishment of multimedia sessions.
- SDP provides a structured language for describing the sessions.
  - The entity headers identifies the message body.

# SIP Inclusion in SIP Messages

- Fig 5-15
  - G.728 is selected
- INVITE with multiple media streams
  - Unsupported should also be returned with a port number of zero
- An alternative
  - INVITE

```
m=audio 4444 RTP/AVP 2 4 15
a=rtpmap 2 G726-32/8000
a=rtpmap 4 G723/8000
a=rtpmap 15 G728/8000
```
  - CONNECT

```
m=audio 6666 RTP/AVP 15
a=rtpmap 15 G728/8000
```

Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>

Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>



a

```
INVITE sip:manager@station2.work.com SIP/2.0
From: Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>; tag = abcd1234
To: Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>
CSeq: 1 INVITE
Content-Length: 213
Content-Type: application/sdp
Content-Disposition: session

v=0
o=collins 123456 001 IN IP4 station1.work.com
s=
c=IN IP4 station1.work.com
t=0 0
m=audio 4444 RTP/AVP 2
a=rtpmap 2 G726-32/8000
m=audio 4666 RTP/AVP 4
a=rtpmap 4 G723/8000
m=audio 4888 RTP/AVP 15
a=rtpmap 15 G728/8000
```

b

SIP/2.0 200 OK

Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>



Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>



b

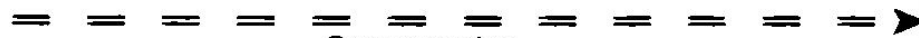
```
SIP/2.0 200 OK
From: Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>; tag = abcd1234
To: Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>; tag=xyz789
CSeq: 1 INVITE
Content-Length: 163
Content-Type: application/sdp
Content-Disposition: session
```

```
v=0
o=collins 45678 001 IN IP4 station2.work.com
s=
c=IN IP4 station2.work.com
t=0 0
m=audio 0 RTP/AVP 2
m=audio 0 RTP/AVP 4
m=audio 6666 RTP/AVP 15
a=rtpmap 15 G728/8000
```

c

```
ACK sip:manager@station2.work.com SIP/2.0
From: Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>; tag = abcd1234
To: Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>; tag=xyz789
CSeq: 1 ACK
Content-Length: 0
```

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Conversation



# SIP and SDP Offer/Answer Model

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- Re-INVITE is issued when the server replies with more than one codec.
  - With the same dialog identifier (To and From headers, including tag values), Call-ID and Request-URI
  - The session version is increased by 1 in o= line of message body.
- A mismatch
  - 488 or 606
  - Not Acceptable
  - A Warning header with warning code 304 (media type not available) or 305 (incompatible media type)
  - Then the caller issues a new INVITE request.



Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>

Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>



a

```

INVITE sip:manager@station2.work.com SIP/2.0
CSeq: 1 INVITE
Content-Length: 183
Content-Type: application/sdp
Content-Disposition: session

v=0
o=collins 123456 001 IN IP4 station1.work.com
s=
c=IN IP4 station1.work.com
t=0 0
m=audio 4444 RTP/AVP 2 4 15
a=rtpmap 2 G726-32/8000
a=rtpmap 4 G723/8000
a=rtpmap 15 G728/8000
a=inactive

```

b

```

SIP/2.0 200 OK
CSeq: 1 INVITE
Content-Length: 157
Content-Type: application/sdp
Content-Disposition: session

v=0
o=collins 45678 001 IN IP4 station2.work.com
s=
c=IN IP4 station2.work.com
t=0 0
m=audio 6666 RTP/AVP 4 15
a=rtpmap 4 G723/8000
a=rtpmap 15 G728/8000
a=inactive

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c

```

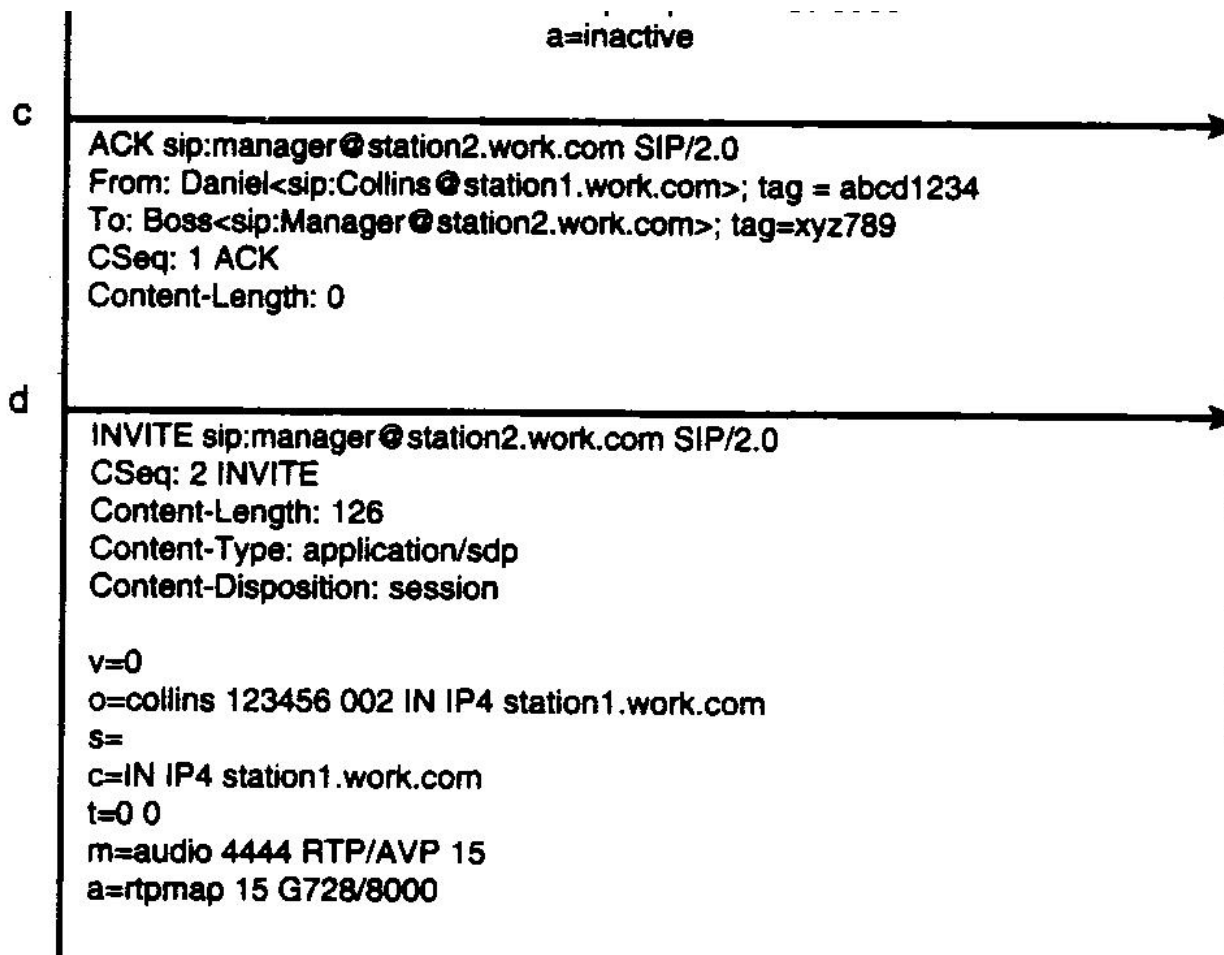
ACK sip:manager@station2.work.com SIP/2.0
From: Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>; tag=aabcd1234

```

Daniel<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>



Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>





# OPTIONS Method

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- Determine the capabilities of a potential called party
- Accept Header
  - Indicate the type of information that the sender hopes to receive
- Allow Header
  - Indicate the SIP methods that Boss can handle
- Supported Header
  - Indicate the SIP extensions that can be supported

sip:Collins@station1.work.com



sip:Manager@station2.work.com



a

OPTIONS sip:manager@station2.work.com SIP/2.0  
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP Station1.work.com; branch=z9hG4bK7890123  
From: Daniel<sip:Collins@work.com>; tag=lmnop123  
To: Boss<sip:Manager@station2.work.com>  
Call-ID: 123456@station1.work.com  
Contact: Daniel <sip:Collins@station1.work.com>  
CSeq: 1 OPTIONS  
Accept: application/sdp  
Content-Length: 0

b

SIP/2.0 200 OK  
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP Station1.work.com; branch=z9hG4bK7890123  
From: Daniel<sip:Collins@work.com>; tag=lmnop123  
To: Boss<sip:Manager@work.com>; tag=xyz5678  
Call-ID: 123456@station1.work.com  
CSeq: 1 OPTIONS  
Allow: INVITE, ACK, CANCEL, OPTIONS, BYE  
Supported: newfield  
Content-Length: 146  
Content-Type: application/sdp

v=0  
0=manager 45678 001 IN IP4 station2.work.com  
s=  
c = IN IP4 station2.work.com  
t=0 0  
m=audio 0 RTP/AVP 4 15  
a=rtpmap 4 G723/8000  
a=rtpmap 15 G728/8000



# SIP Extensions and Enhancements

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- RFC 2543, March 1999
  - SIP has attracted enormous interest.
  - Traditional telecommunications companies, cable TV providers and ISP
- A large number of extensions to SIP have been proposed.
  - SIP will be enhanced considerably before it becomes an Internet standard.



# 183 Session Progress

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- It has been included within the revised SIP spec.
  - To open one-way audio path from called end to calling end
    - From the called party to calling party
    - Enable in-band call progress information to be transmitted
      - Tones or announcements
  - Interworking with SS7 network
    - ACM (Address Complete Message)
    - For SIP-PSTN-SIP connections



# The Supported Header

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- The Require Header
  - In request
    - A client indicates that a server must support certain extension.
  - In response
    - 421, extension required
- The Supported header
  - RFC 2543 – Require: header (client -> server)
    - 420 (bad extension) – server -> client
  - Can be included in both requests and responses



# SIP INFO Method

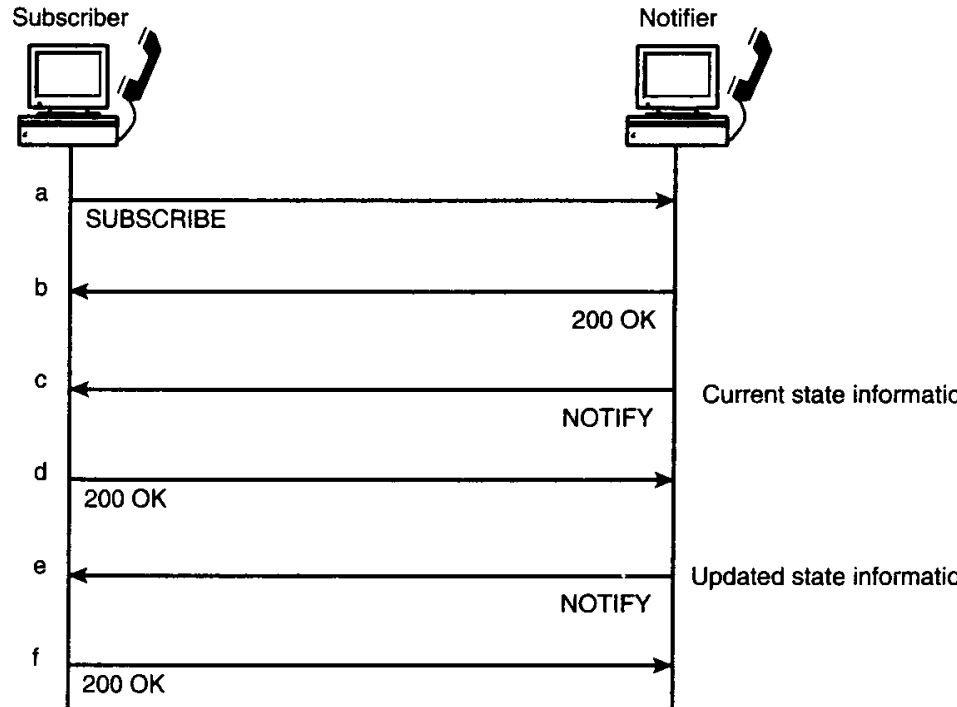
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- Be specified in RFC 2976
- For transferring information during an ongoing session
  - DTMF digits, account-balance information, mid-call signaling information (from PSTN)
  - Application-layer information could be transferred in the middle of a call.
- A powerful, flexible tool to support new services



# SIP Event Notification

- Several SIP-based applications have been devised based on the concept of a user being informed of some event.
  - E.g., Instant messaging
- RFC 3265 has addressed the issue of event notification.
  - SUBSCRIBE and NOTIFY
  - The Event header





# SIP for Instant Messaging

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- The IETF working group – SIP for Instant Messaging and Presence Leveraging Extensions (SIMPLE)
- A new SIP method – MESSAGE
  - This request carries the actual message in a message body.
  - A MESSAGE request does not establish a SIP dialog.

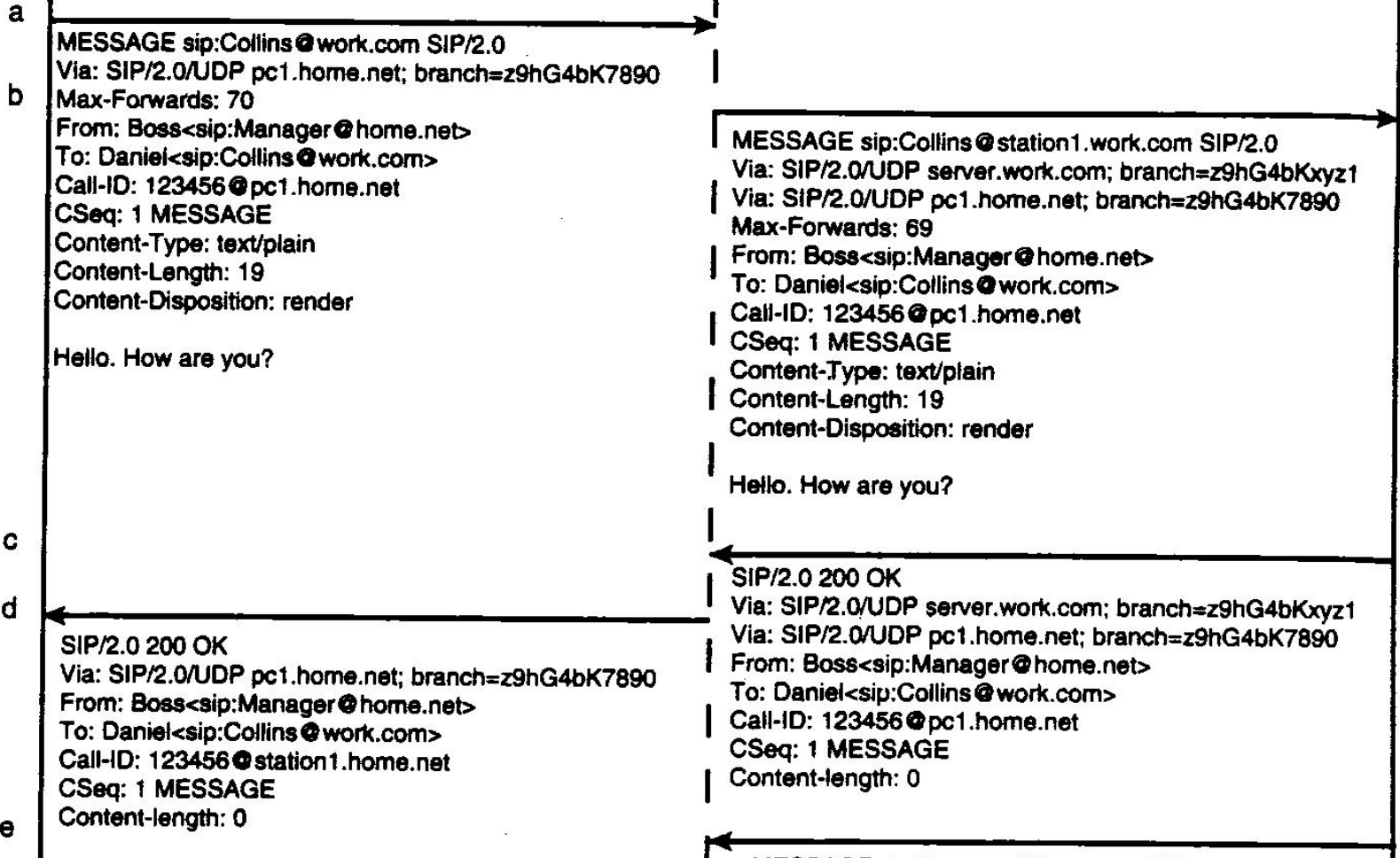
**Boss**  
<Manager@pc1.home.net>

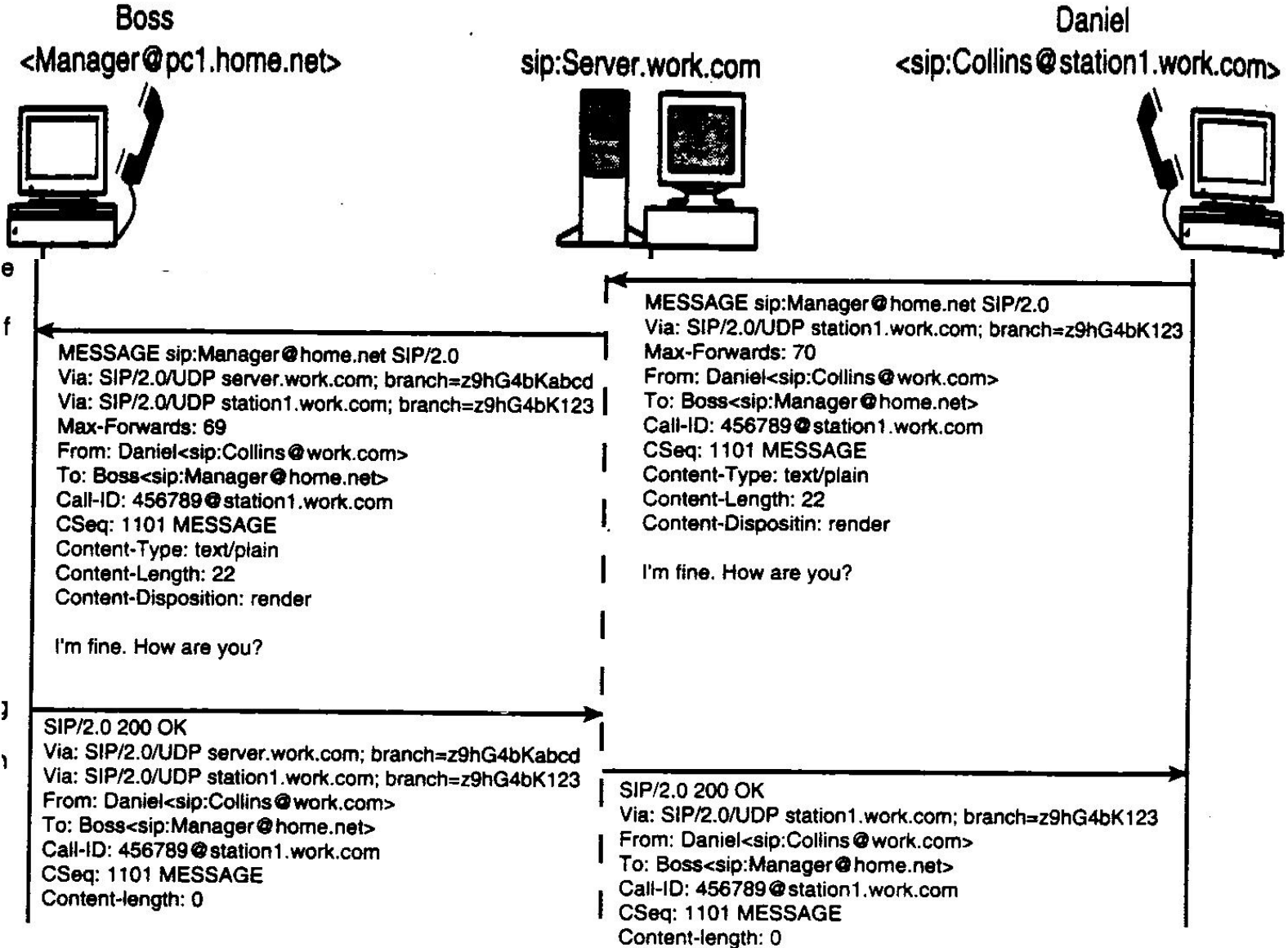


sip:Server.work.com



**Daniel**  
<sip:Collins@station1.work.com>







# SIP REFER Method

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- To enable the sender of the request to instruct the receiver to contact a third party
  - With the contact details for the third party included within the REFER request
  - For Call Transfer applications
- The Refer-to: and Refer-by: Headers
- The dialog between Mary and Joe remains established.
  - Joe could return to the dialog after consultation with Susan.

sip:Mary@station1.work.com



sip:Joe@station2.work.com



sip:Susan@station3.work.com



a

```

REFER sip:Joe@station2.work.com SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP station1.work.com; branch=z9hG4bK789
Max-Forwards: 70
From: Mary<sip:Mary@work.com>; tag=123456
To: Joe<sip:Joe@work.com>; tag=67890
Contact: Mary<Mary@station1.work.com>
Refer-To: Susan<sip:Susan@station3.work.com>
Call-ID: 123456@station1.work.com
CSeq: 123 REFER
Content-Length: 0

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b

```

SIP/2.0 202 Accepted
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP station1.work.com; branch=z9hG4bK789
From: Mary<sip:Mary@work.com>; tag=123456
To: Joe<sip:Joe@work.com>; tag=67890
Contact: Joe<Joe@station2.work.com>
Call-ID: 123456@station1.work.com
CSeq: 123 REFER
Content-Length: 0

```

c

```

INVITE sip:Susan@station3.work.com SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP station2.work.com; branch=z9hG4bKxyz1
Max-Forwards: 70
From: Joe<sip:Joe@work.com>; tag=abcxyz
To: Susan<sip:Susan@station3.work.com>
Contact: Joe<sip:Joe@station2.work.com>
Call-ID: 67890@station2.work.com
CSeq: 567 INVITE
Content-Type: application/sdp
Content-Length: xx
Content-Disposition: session
(message body)

```

d

```

SIP/2.0 200 OK

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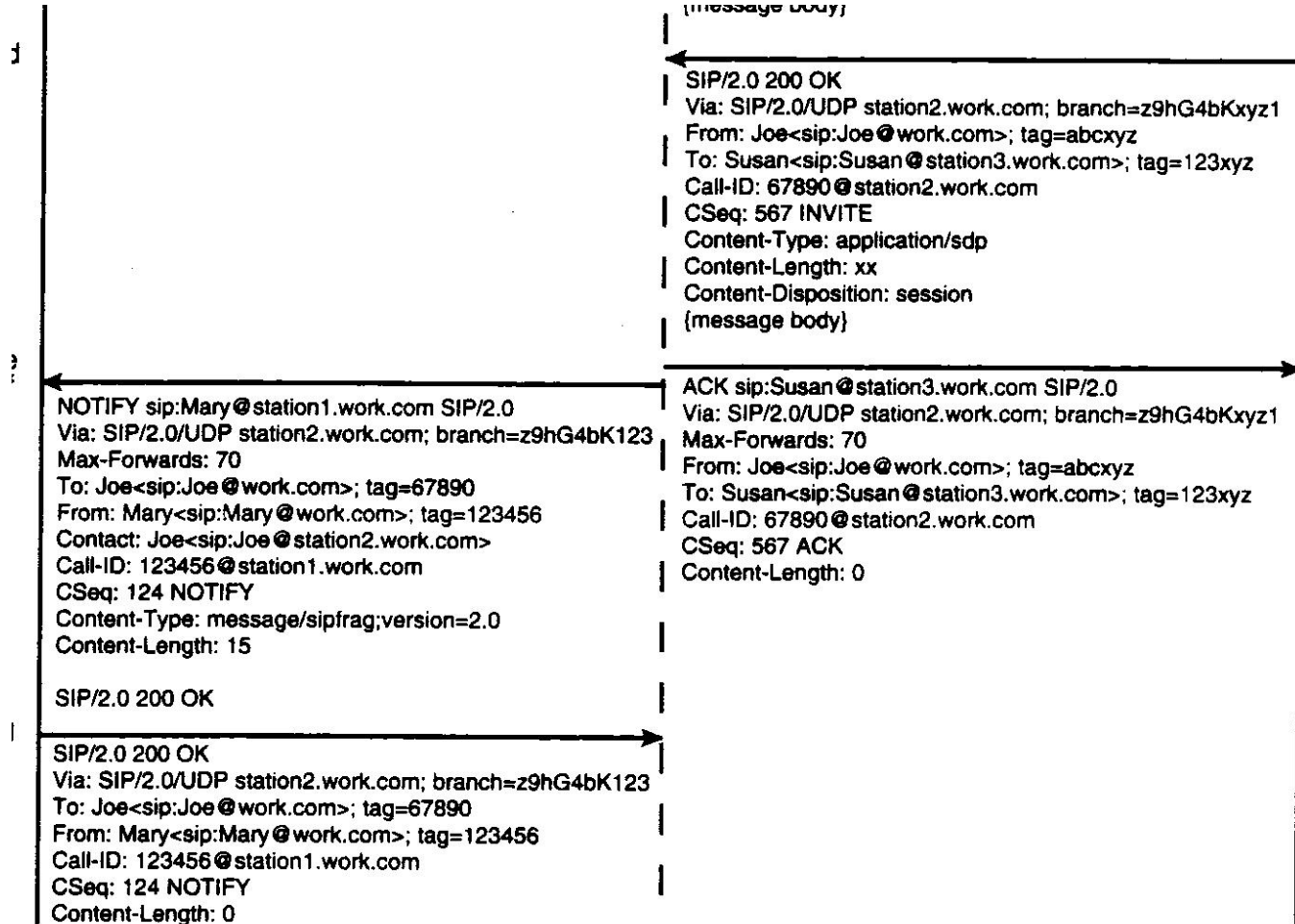
sip:Mary@station1.work.com



sip:Joe@station2.work.com



sip:Susan@station3.work.com



# Reliability of Provisional Responses

- Provisional Responses
  - 100 (trying), 180 (ringing), 183 (session in progress)
  - Are not answered with an ACK
- If the messages is sent over UDP
  - Unreliable
- Lost provisional response may cause problems when interoperating with other network
  - 180, 183 → Q931 alerting or ISUP ACM
  - To drive a state machine
  - E.g., a call to an unassigned number
    - ACM to create a one-way path to relay an announcement such as “The number you have called has been changed”
    - If the provisional response is lost, the called might left in the dark and not understand why the call did not connect.



# RFC 3262

- Reliability of Provisional Responses in SIP

Supported: 100rel

RSeq Header

- Response Seq
- +1, when retxm

RACK Header

- Response ACK
- In PRACK
- RSeq+CSeq

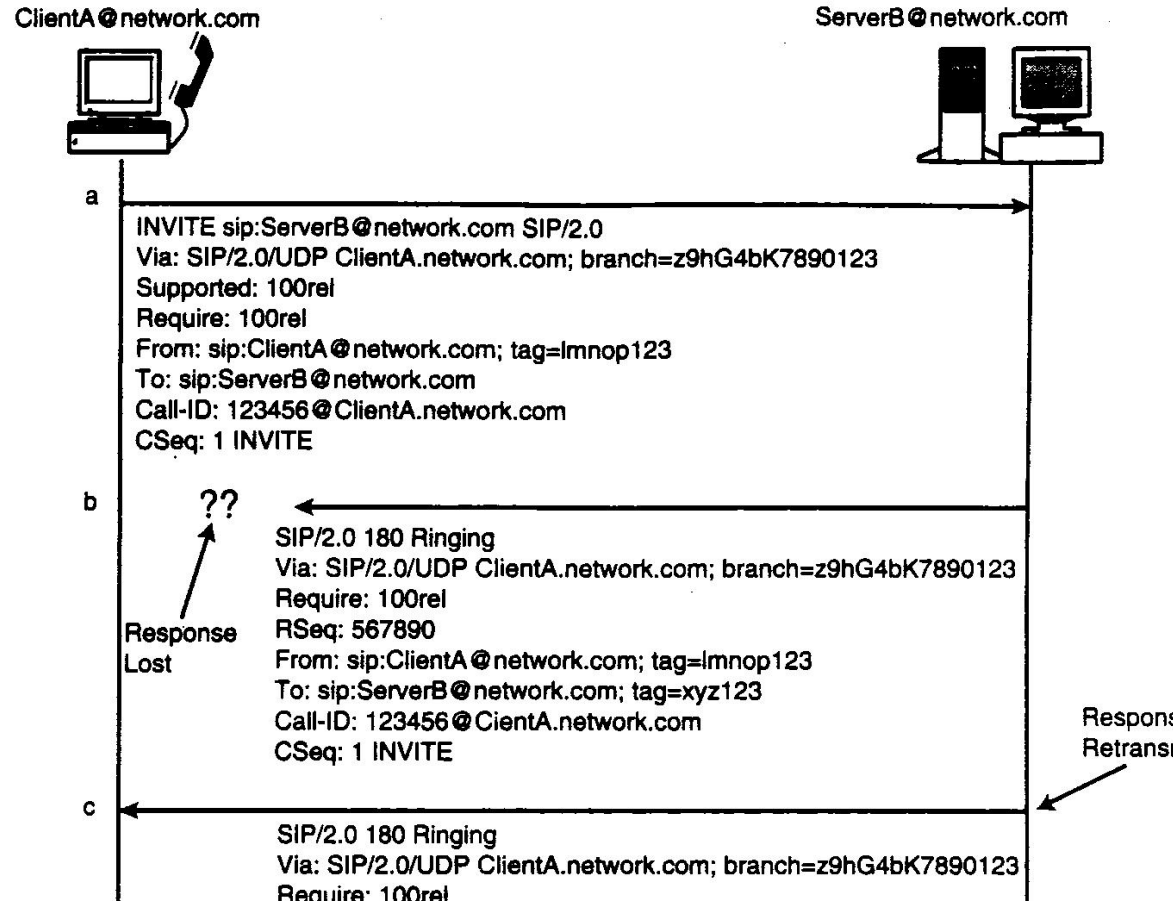
PRACK

- Prov. Resp. ACK

Should not

- Apply to 100

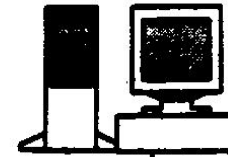
Default timer value = 0.5 s



ClientA@network.com



ServerB@network.com



c

SIP/2.0 180 Ringing  
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP ClientA.network.com; branch=z9hG4bK7890123  
Require: 100rel  
RSeq: 567891  
From: sip:ClientA@network.com; tag=lmnop123  
To: sip:ServerB@network.com; tag=xyz123  
Call-ID: 123456@ClientA.network.com  
CSeq: 1 INVITE

d

PRACK sip:ServerB@network.com SIP/2.0  
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP ClientA.network.com; branch=z9hG4bK7890123  
RAck: 567891 1 INVITE  
From: sip:ClientA@network.com; tag=lmnop123  
To: sip:ServerB@network.com; tag=xyz123  
Call-ID: 123456@ClientA.network.com  
CSeq: 2 PRACK

e

SIP/2.0 200 OK  
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP ClientA.network.com; branch=z9hG4bK7890123  
From: sip:ClientA@network.com; tag=lmnop123  
To: sip:ServerB@network.com; tag=xyz123  
Call-ID: 123456@ClientA.network.com  
CSeq: 2 PRACK



# The SIP UPDATE Method

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- To enable the modification of session information before a final response to an INVITE is received
  - E.g., to change the codec
- One important usage is when reserving network resources as part of a SIP session establishment



# Integration of SIP Signaling and Resource Management [1/2]

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- Ensuring that sufficient resources are available to handle a media stream is a very important.
  - To provide a high-quality service for a carrier-grade network
- The signaling might take a different path from the media.
  - The successful transfer of signaling messages does not imply to a successful transfer of media.
- Assume resource-reservation mechanisms are available (Chapter 8)
  - On a per-session basis
    - End-to-end network resources are reserved as part of session establishment.
  - On an aggregate basis
    - A certain amount of network resources are reserved in advance for a certain type of usage.
    - Policing functions at the edge of the network

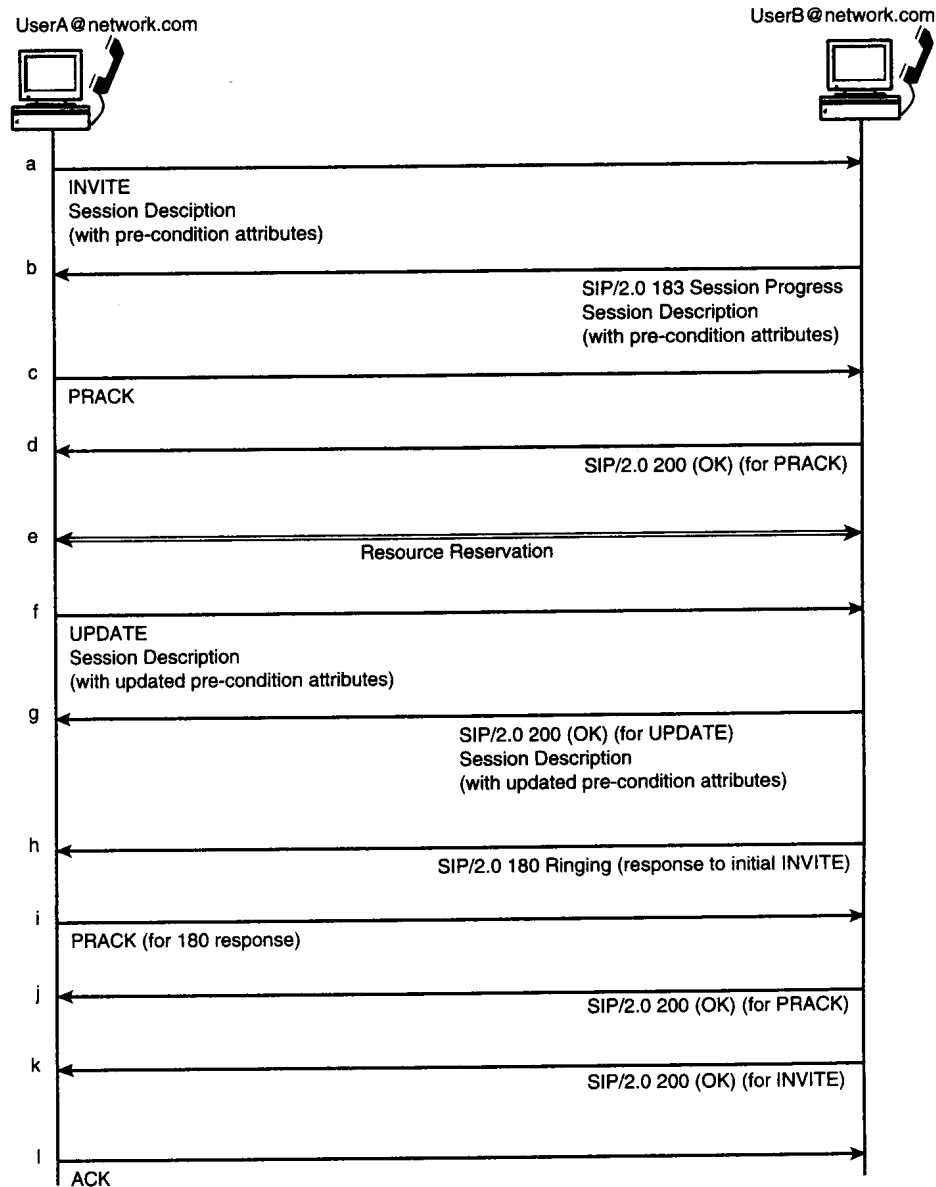
# Integration of SIP Signaling and Resource Management [2/2]

Reserving network resources in advance of altering the called user

A new draft –

“Integration of Resource Management and SIP”

- By using the provisional responses and UPDATE method
- By involving extensions to SDP



# Example of e2e Resource Reservation [1/2]

- SDP for initial INVITE

```
v=0
o=userA 45678 001 IN IP4 stationA.network.com
s=
c=IN IP4 stationA.network.com
t=0 0
m=audio 4444 RTP/AVP 0
a=curr: qos e2e none
a=des: qos mandatory e2e sendrecv
```

- SDP for 183 response

```
v=0
o=userB 12345 001 IN IP4 stationB.network.com
s=
c=IN IP4 stationB.network.com
t=0 0
m=audio 6666 RTP/AVP 0
a=curr: qos e2e none
a=des: qos mandatory e2e sendrecv
a=conf: qos e2e recv
```

# Example of e2e Resource Reservation [2/2]

- SDP for UPDATE

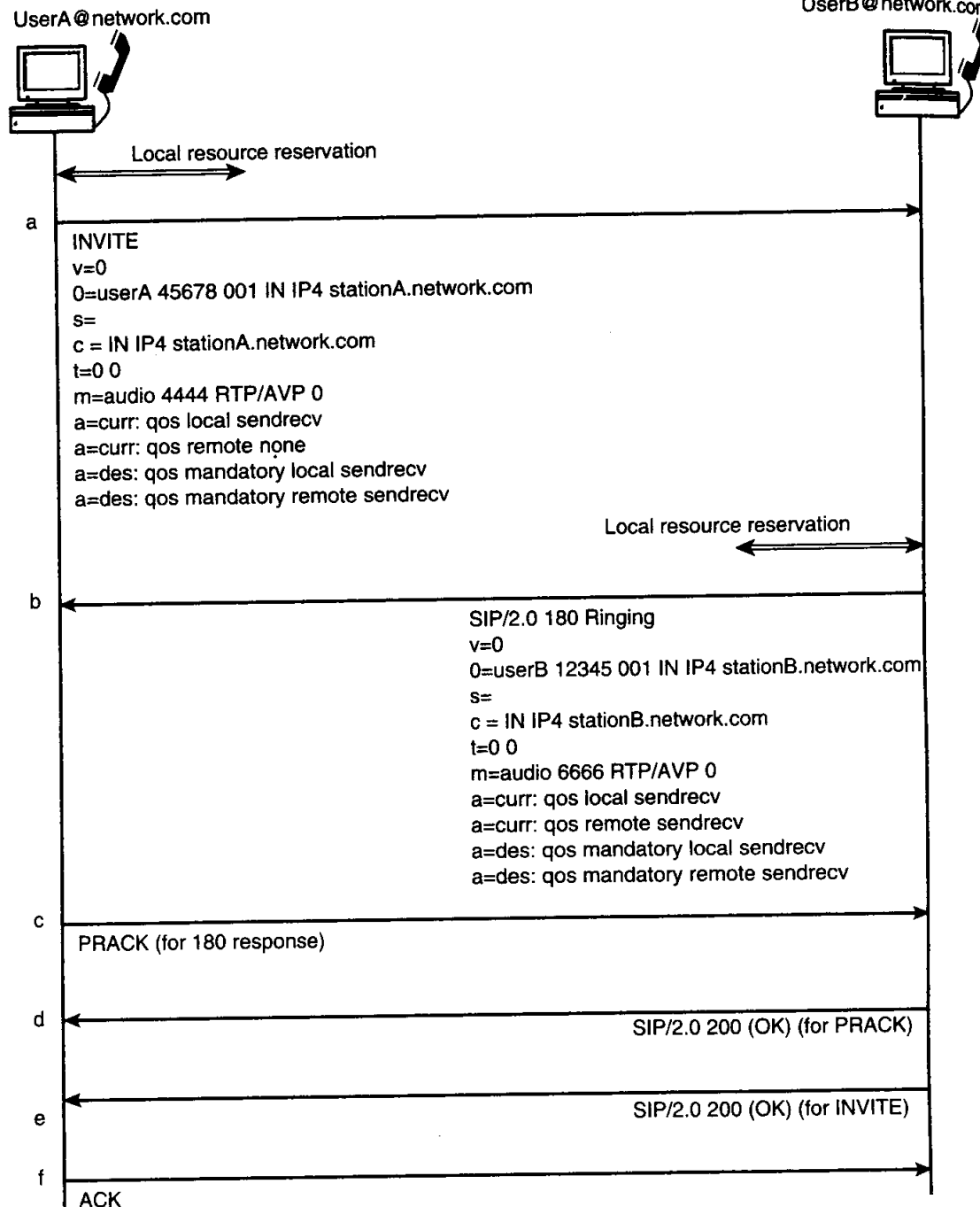
```
v=0
o=userA 45678 001 IN IP4 stationA.network.com
s=
c=IN IP4 stationA.network.com
t=0 0
m=audio 4444 RTP/AVP 0
a=curr: qos e2e send
a=des: qos mandatory e2e sendrecv
```

- SDP for 200 response

```
v=0
o=userB 12345 001 IN IP4 stationB.network.com
s=
c=IN IP4 stationB.network.com
t=0 0
m=audio 6666 RTP/AVP 0
a=curr: qos e2e sendrecv
a=des: qos mandatory e2e sendrecv
```

# Example of Aggregate-based Reservation

Each participant deals with network access permission at its own end.







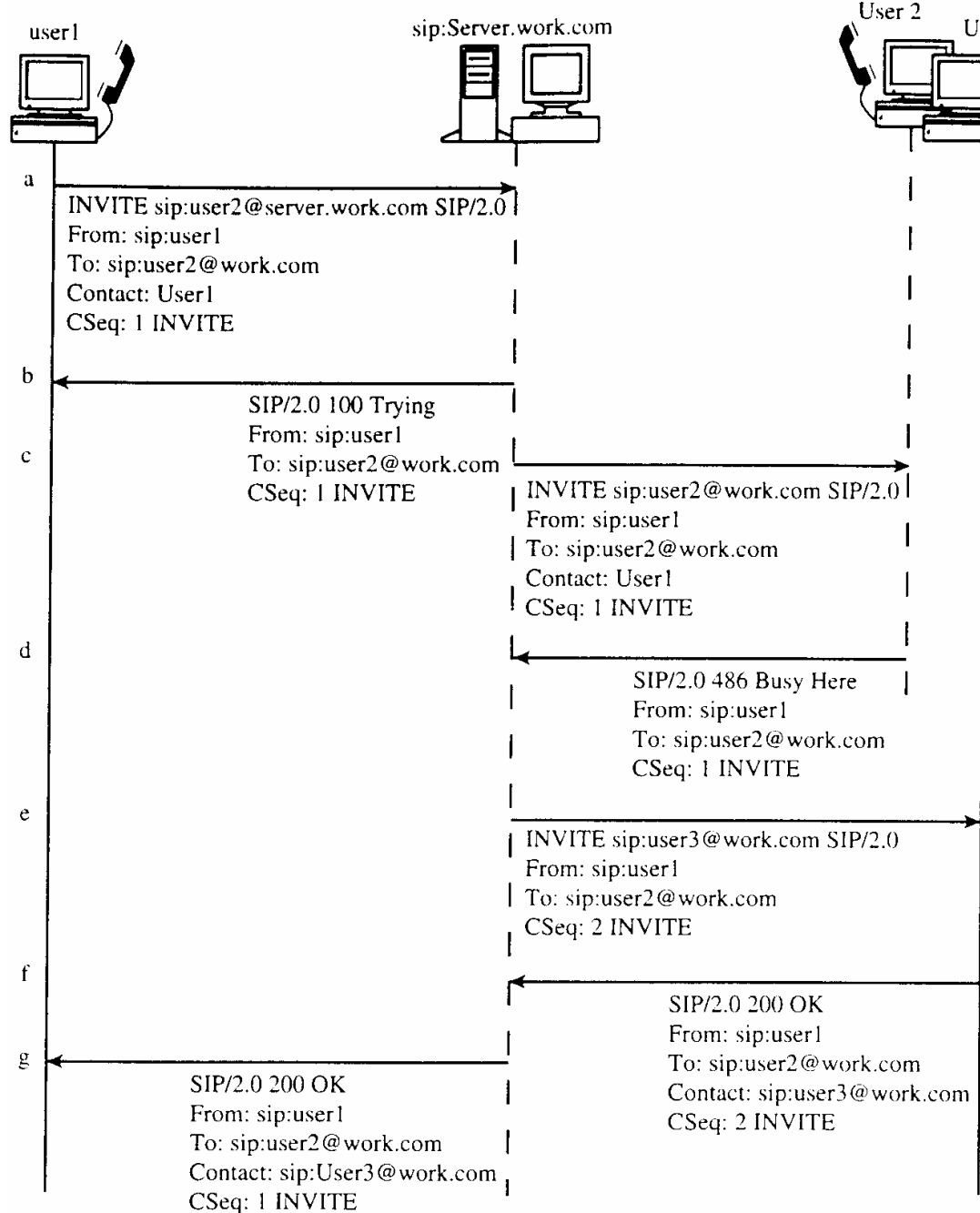
# Usage of SIP for Features/Services

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- Call-transfer application (with REFER method)
- Personal Mobility through the use of registration
- One number service through forking proxy
- Call-completion services by using Retry-After: header
- To carry MIME content as well as an SDP description
- SIP address is a URL
  - Click-to-call applications
- The existing supplementary services in traditional telephony
  - Call waiting, call forwarding, multi-party calling, call screening
- Proxy invokes various types of advanced feature logic.
  - Policy server (call-routing, QoS)
  - Authentication server
  - Use the services of an IN SCP over INAP

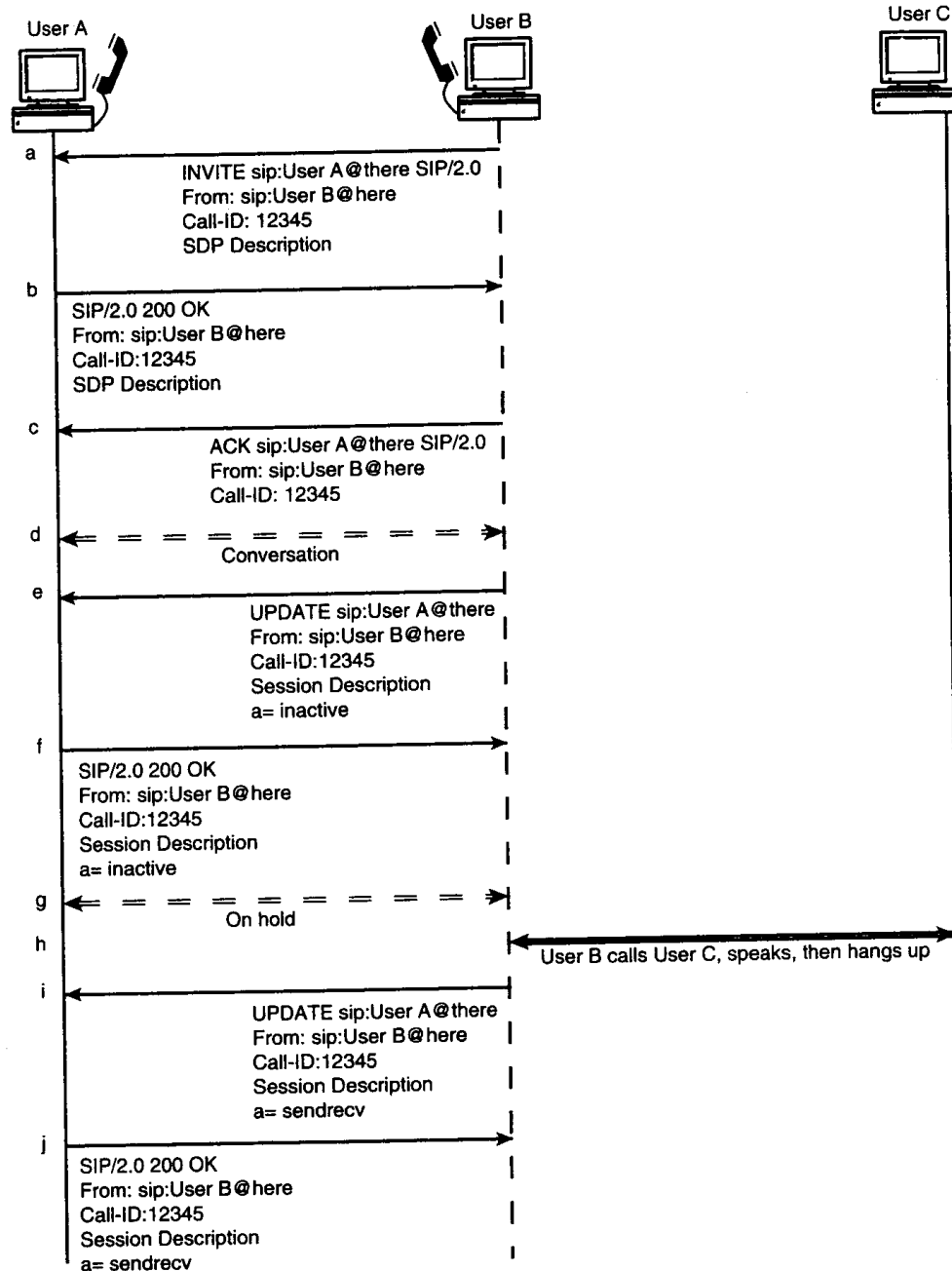
# Call Forwarding

- On busy
- 486, busy here
- With the same To, User 3 can recognize that this call is a forwarded call, originally sent to User 2.
- Contact: header in 200 response
- Call-forwarding-on-no-answer
  - Timeout
  - CANCEL method



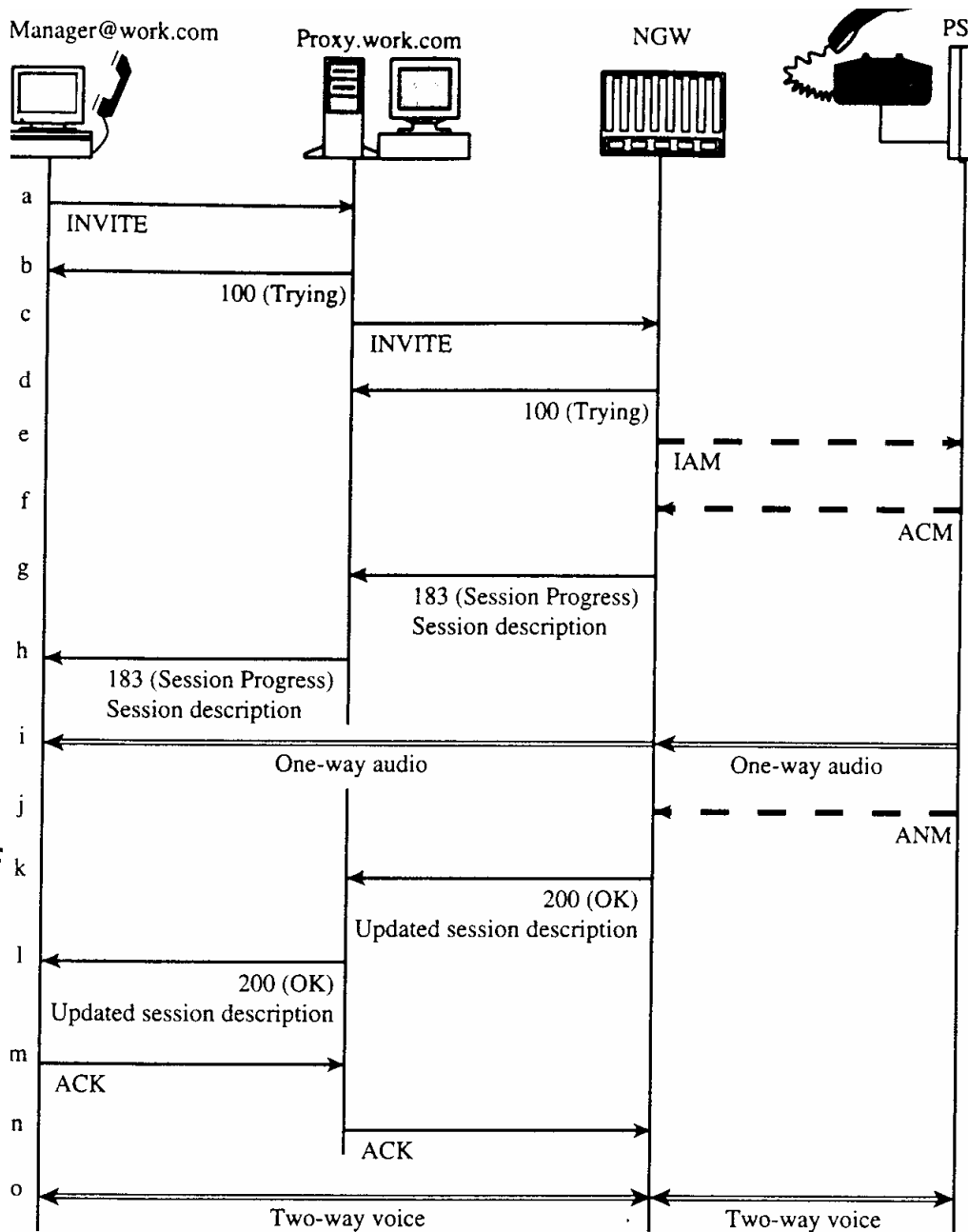
# Consultation Hold

- A SIP UPDATE
- User A asks User B a question, and User B need to check with User C for the correct answer.
- User B could use the REFER method to transfer the call to User C.



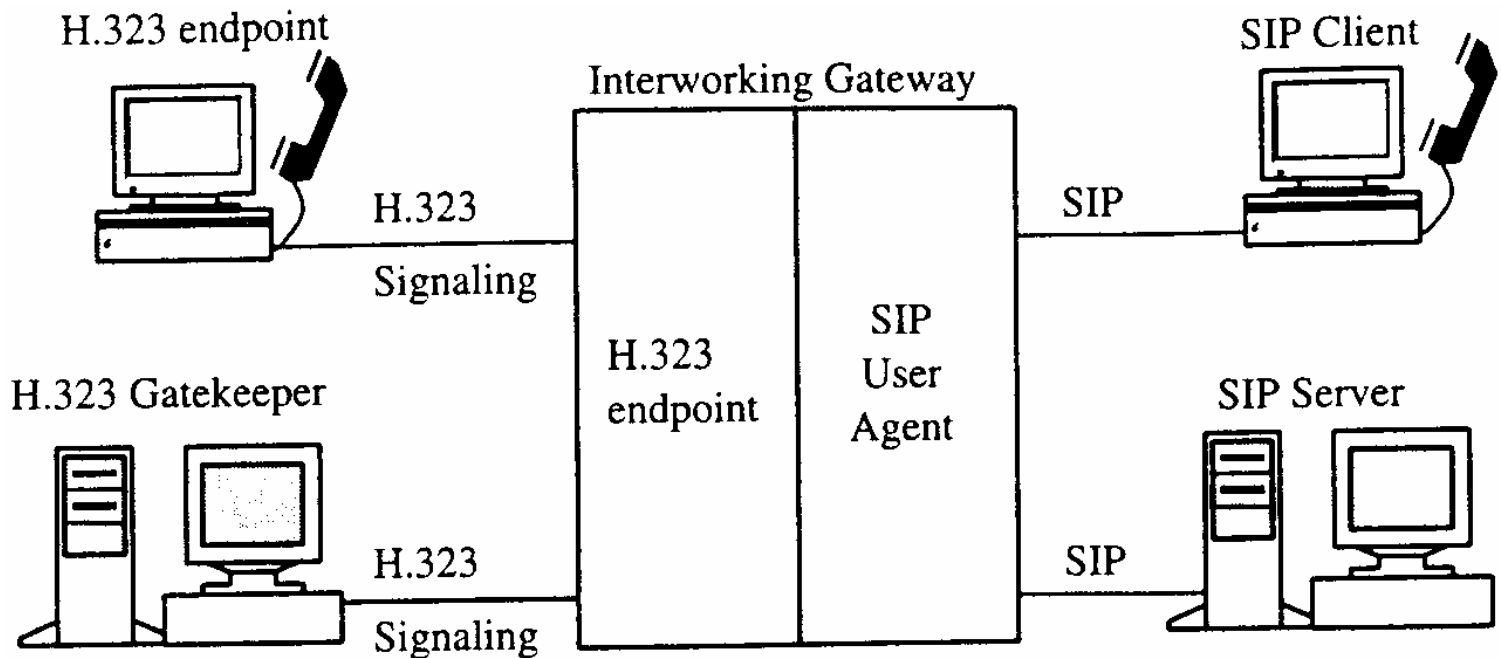
# PSTN Interworking

- PSTN Interworking
  - A SIP URL to a telephone number
  - A network gateway
- PSTN – SIP – PSTN
  - MIME media types
  - For ISUP
- SIP for Telephony (SIP-T)
- The whole issue of interworking with SS7 is fundamental to the success of VoIP in the real world.



# Interworking with H.323

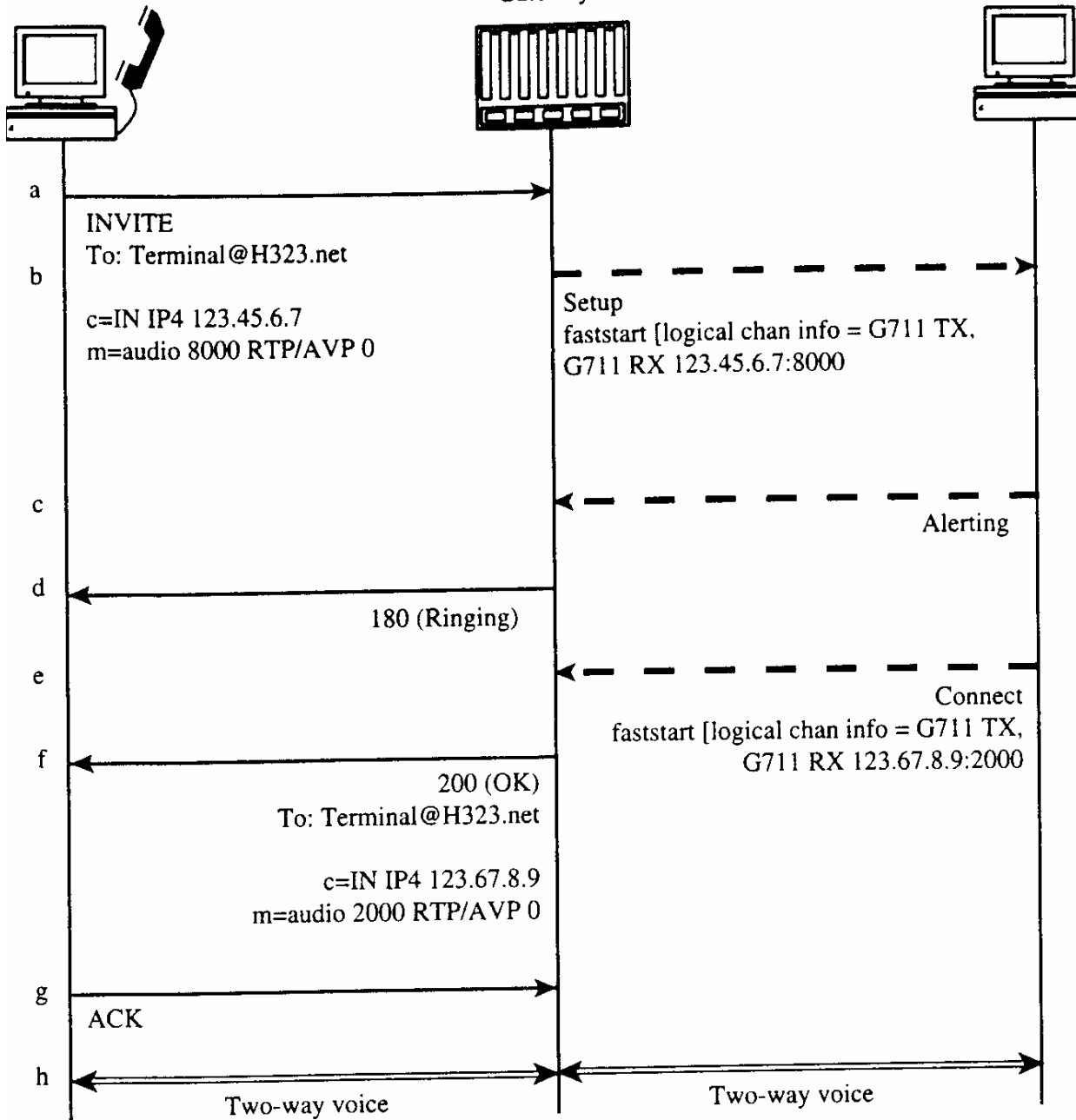
- SIP-H.323 interworking gateway

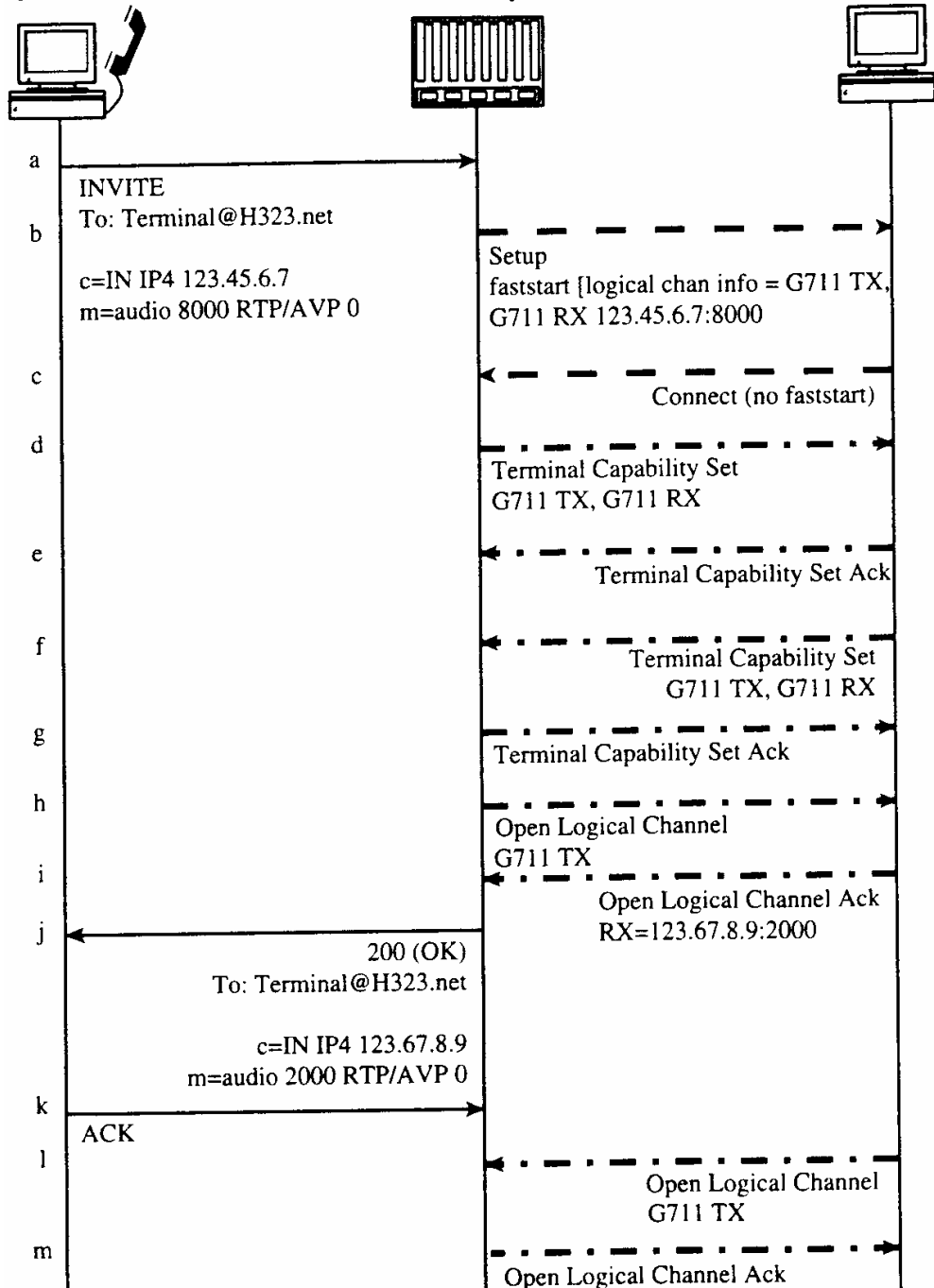


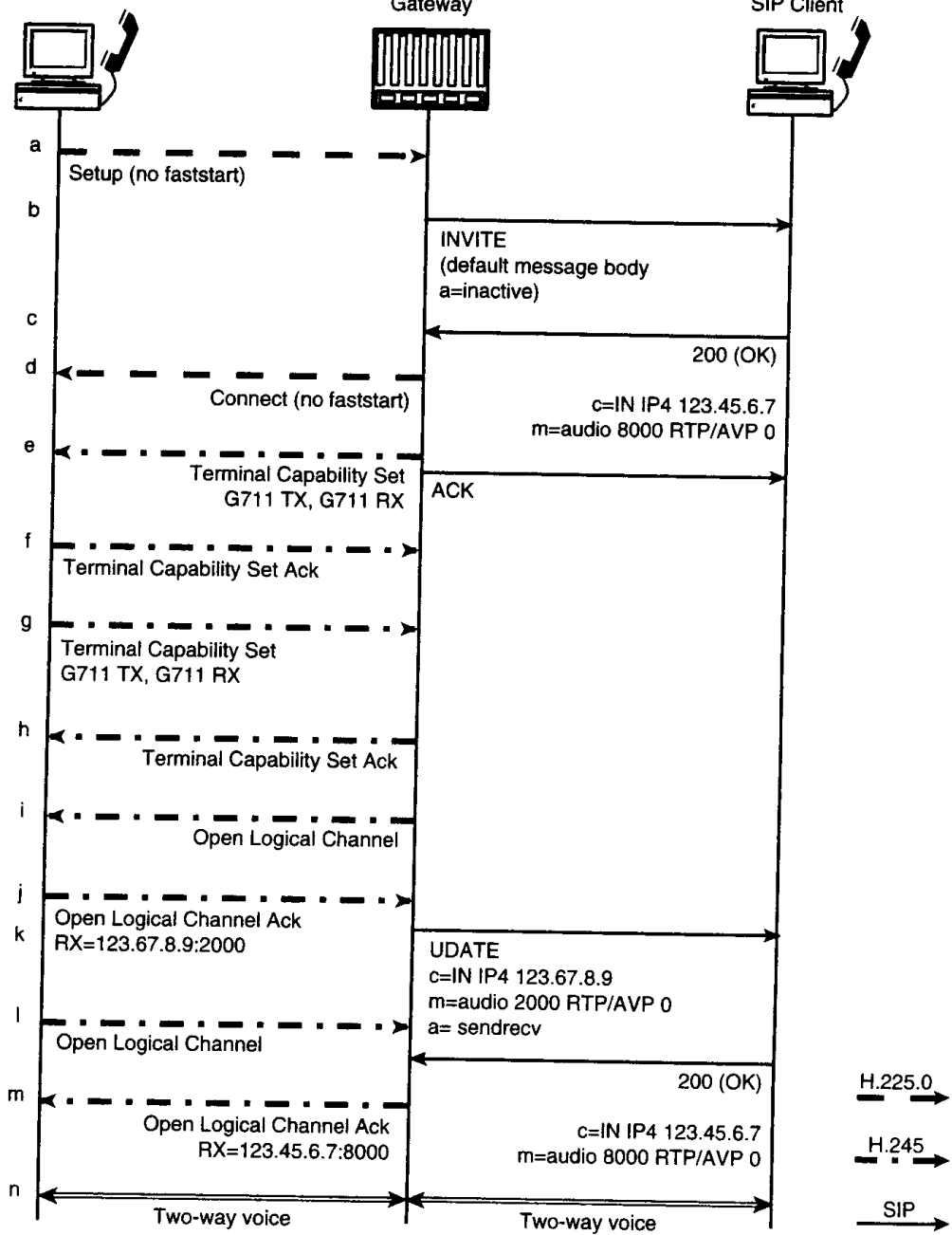
SIP Client

Gateway

H.323 Termin











# Summary

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- The future for signaling in VoIP networks
  - Simple, yet flexible
  - Easier to implement
  - Fit well with the media gateway control protocols
- SIP is the protocol of choice for the evolution of third-generation wireless networks.
  - SIP-based mobile devices will become available
  - SIP-based network elements will be introduced within mobile networks.