

SS7/C7 and Asterisk

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Why Asterisk and SS7?

- Startup Cost - “The SS7 tax”
 - Traditional equipment is expensive
- Utility
 - Asterisk is a really great application server. It also can bridge a lot of different protocols together of different technologies.
- Long-term Cost
 - Lower per-minute interconnect rates
- Why not?

Welcome to Libss7

- Small library, for tight integration of Asterisk with SS7 – like libpri
- Open source (GPL)
- Designed to support multiple variants
- Easy to understand

Libss7 - Current Capabilities

- MTP2 implementation
 - T1/E1 transport, 64kbps and 56kbps links
- MTP3 implementation
 - very basic functionality
- ISUP
 - Getting quite robust as far as features go
- Supports ITU and ANSI style
 - Variants are easy to add

Typical Configurations

- Signalling and bearers must terminate on same machine
- Linkset configs:
 - One signalling channel, many bearers
 - Multiple redundant signalling channels, many bearers
 - Multiple linkset configurations are possible as well

What can I do with it?

- Anything that Asterisk can do
- Some examples of what other people are doing with it:
 - IVR server
 - Voicemail server
 - Call routing and bridging

Some Future Directions

- SCCP/TCAP support – DB lookups
- MAP support – SMS + mobile phone center integration
- Clustering support

libss7 Resources for Help

- Asterisk-ss7 mailing list (lists.digium.com)
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