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Designer User's Guide

Route Call Block

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Use this block to route calls to an agent based on various criteria.

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You can use the **Route Call** block in the **Assisted Service** phase to route calls to an agent based on various criteria, such as Skills and Agent Groups.

You can sequentially place multiple **Route Call** blocks with different settings, so that if routing fails in one block, your application proceeds to the next block. When a **Route Call** block successfully routes the call to an agent, the application moves to the **Finalize** phase, ignoring any subsequent blocks in the **Assisted Service** phase.

Call Routing tab

Select Routing Type section

Choose between the following routing options:

Skill based routing with relaxing criteria

Routes the interaction to an agent that has the required skills. If selected, you can choose from the following options:

- **Use system variables RoutingTarget / RoutingVirtualQueue set already in Menu Options** - Use system variables that were set in a Menu Option block.
- **Specify Skills in this block** - Specify one or more skills and a Virtual Queue to use to route this interaction. If you specified more than one skill, you can choose whether the routing engine considers any or all of the selected skills:
 - **all skills** - The application must use all of the selected skills to route the interaction.
 - **any skill** - The application can use any of the selected skills to route the interaction.

Important

This option uses the skill level specified in the **Use Skill Proficiency level** setting (documented below). For example, if you set an initial skill level of 8, Designer only routes the interaction to agents with the specified skills that have a level of 8 or greater. You cannot set an individual level for each specified skill.

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- **Use Skill Proficiency level** - Enter a Skill level. The interaction is routed to an agent that has a skill level equal to or higher to the value you provide. If you enable **Reduce skill requirements**, the required skill level is gradually decremented by a specified skill level, until it reaches the specified minimum skill level. This option allows you to expand the group of agents that can receive this interaction if other agents are busy.

Skill expression based routing

Enter a skill expression in the **Skill Expression** tab, or click the drop-down menu to select a variable that specifies a skill expression.

Agent Group routing

Route the interaction to a specific Agent Group or a variable that holds the name of an Agent Group at runtime.

Agent routing

Route the interaction to agents by using a variable that holds the ID of an agent at runtime. You must use the following format: *agentid@optional_statserver.A.*

Example: 1001@StatServer.A.

Campaign Group routing

Route the interaction to a specific Campaign Group or a variable that holds the name of a Campaign Group at runtime.

Route to another Application

Transfer the interaction to another application. If you select this option, you must first select the target **Application**. You can then select a **Phone Number** that is associated with the target application, or a variable that contains the name of a **Route Point**. If you select a variable, Designer obtains the **Route Point** from its value, but still requires that a target **Application** be selected. This is to accommodate chat interactions for applications that are enabled for omni-channel support, even if the application is not yet enabled for this capability.

Direct number routing (voice only)

Transfer a call to a number. You can use a variable to hold the number to use at runtime or add direct number elements. Specify the weight for each number and Designer displays and uses the percentage ranking based on the weightings.

Important

Genesys recommends using **Force route (voice only)** instead of this option.

Force route (voice only)

Force the call to route to a direct number. When using this routing type, Designer routes the call in a way that is similar to how an interaction is redirected by Route Point routing. When selected, you can specify the target as a *literal* value, or as a variable that holds a *string*, *number*, or *object* value.

Important

When using **Force Route**:

- The **Routing Priority** tab and the **Targeting Options** in the **Advanced** tab (**Clear targets from queue if this block times out** and **Early exit from this block if no agents are logged in**) are not applicable.
- The overall timeout for the **Route Call** block is limited to 30 seconds.

Parking Queue (digital interactions only)

If a digital interaction arrives when the business is closed, send the interaction to a parking queue until the business is open. If selected, you can then specify a variable that tells Designer how long the interaction is to be parked (for example, the variable that holds the number of minutes until the business is open). When regular business hours resume, the interaction is retrieved and processed.

Other Routing Settings section

Routing Algorithm

Select which algorithm is used to choose an agent when more than one agent is available. For more information, see Routing Algorithms.

Overall timeout

Enter the maximum time (in seconds) to wait for an agent to be available before moving to the next block. Optionally, you can enable the check box to specify a variable.

Important

System variables **SelectedTarget**, **SelectedVirtualQueue**, **SelectedComponent**, **SelectedTargetObject**, **SelectedAgent**, and **Access** are automatically set when the call is routed to an agent and can be used later in the application. Refer to the **Initialize** phase's **System Variables** tab to read a detailed description for each of these variables.

Example

Properties - Route Call Sales group



This block is used to route calls based on skills. Skill proficiency levels to look for can be reduced gradually at regular intervals to look for less qualified and therefore more likely to find agents. Audio messages, music, audio files can be played to the caller in a loop while the call waits to be routed.

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Select Routing type

Skill based routing with relaxing criteria

Use system variables 'RoutingSkills' and 'RoutingVirtualQueue' set already in Menu Options.

Specify Skills in this block

Choose Skills

GSYS_skill_1 x

Uses

all selected skills any of selected skills

Select Virtual Queue

-- choose virtual queue --

Skill Proficiency level

Initial Skill level

Reduce skill requirements every sec by level

until Minimum Skill level is reached

- Skill expression based routing
- Agent Group routing
- Agent routing
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- Direct number routing
- Force route

Other Routing Settings

Routing Algorithm Order

Overall timeout seconds. After this time, processing will move on to the next block.

Skill Expression tab

Important

This tab only appears if you selected the **Skill expression based routing** option in the **Call Routing** tab.

If you selected the option **Skill expression based routing** in the **Call Routing** tab, you must build the skill expression to identify the best agent to handle the call. The skill expression consists of a list of skills for which you must individually set an operator and an integer value.

Arrange individual skill conditions in the conditions sets. You can specify skills by name or variables that contain the name of the skills at runtime.

Important

When using **Skill expression based routing** and you are building the entire skill expression within a variable, you must manually add the single quotes around the skill names.

For example, use this:

```
"'New iPhone' > 7"
```

instead of this:

```
"New iPhone > 7"
```

Treatments tab

Specify a busy treatment to execute while waiting for an agent to become available. You can choose to play audio, send a text message (for digital channels), and/or execute a shared module.

- [Learn more about busy treatments](#)

If your application supports digital interactions, you can use the **Wait** setting to specify the number of seconds that will elapse between each treatment iteration (this setting is ignored for voice interactions).

Important

- When routing chat interactions, Designer waits for 100 milliseconds before starting busy treatments for chats (i.e. in-queue messages). This significantly improves the accuracy of Estimated Wait Time

(EWT) and Position in Queue (PIQ) values that are typically used by these messages when providing updates to customers, but may also result in the application not sending busy treatment chat messages if routing completes almost immediately (i.e. within 100 ms).

- After a busy treatment has been executed at least 10 times, Designer exits the **Route Call** block and moves to the next block if the average duration of the treatment is less than 1000 ms (for example, due to a missing audio file). (However, this does not apply if the **Force Route** option is selected.)

Message

Click **Add Message** to add a Play Message child block underneath this **Route Call** block. The collection of audio plays repeatedly until the call is successfully routed or times out. For digital channels, you can specify a text message to send to the customer, and use the **Wait** setting to specify how long to wait before the message repeats.

Shared Module

Click **Add Module** to add a Shared Module child block underneath this **Route Call** block. In the child block, you can select a shared module to execute. For an example, see Example of a Shared Module treatment.

Routing Priority tab

Use Priority during Routing

Enable this check box to use priority-based routing, which prioritizes your calls depending on your business requirements.

To prioritize calls, you must segment calls and assign the name of that segment to a variable. You must select this variable in the **Lookup Priority table based on this variable** drop-down menu.

You can customize this table with your own segment definitions to fit your business needs. If the specific segment is not found, then the value specified for **Initial priority** is used. Enter a value in **Increment size** to increase the priority of a call that remains in a queue over time. The priority increment is defined for each segment, but a default increment is configurable with the **Increment Size** property.

Increment Priority every ___ seconds

Enable this check box to specify the time interval between priority increments. If you enable the other check box beside the field, you can select a variable that specifies the overall **Routing Timeout** and **Priority Increment Interval** properties.

Limit Priority to

If the **Increment Priority every ___ seconds** option is enabled, you can use this option to set a maximum priority value. For example, if the initial priority is 50, you can use this option to not let the priority value increase beyond 100, as shown here:

Example

Properties - Route Call



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- Priority Increment Size
- Limit Priority to

Lookup Priority table based on this variable

Define Priority segments in this table. The correct segment will be identified during the call and used.

[+ Add a Priority Segment](#)

Segment	Initial Priority	Increment Size	Maximum Priority	Delete
Gold	100	20	200	
Silver	80	15	160	
Bronze	60	10	120	

If you enable the other check box beside the field, you can select a variable for this option.

Advanced tab

Targeting section

Clear targets from queue if this block times out

Enable this check box to specify whether the pending request for a target should be kept active or not after exiting this block on timeout. When the request is kept active (check box is disabled), an agent may be selected after the block times out if, for example, an agent with the matching criteria is ready after the block was exited.

Early exit from this block if no agents are logged in

Enable this check box to exit the block if no agents are logged in for the selected routing target (such as Agent or Agent Group, skill expression based, or skill based routing with relaxing criteria).

Important

Designer performs periodic checks to determine if any agents are logged in. Therefore, it can take up to 60 seconds before the application actually exits the block.

Route only to local agents

If you have selected **Skill based routing with relaxing criteria** or **Skill expression based routing**, you can enable this option. When enabled, the call is routed to a local agent who matches the target skill.

Tip

If you want to route to local agents as the preferred option, but then route to all agents if there are no local agents available with the required skill, you can set up cascaded routing.

Here's a way you can do that:

- Set up the **Route Call** block with **Route only to local agents** enabled, a short **Overall timeout** property value, and **Clear targets from queue if this block times out** deselected.
- Then, set up any **Route Call** blocks that are further down the application flow with **Route only to local agents** not selected.

You can watch this video to see a short demonstration of how to set this up.

[Link to video](#)

You might also want to modify skill relaxing settings to run faster on routing blocks that target local agents.

Threshold Expression

This option enables you to use an ECMAScript (or JavaScript) expression to further refine a routing threshold for the specified target(s). Threshold expressions for the **Route Call** block can be used for the following routing types:

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- Skill
 - Skill Expression
 - Agent Group
 - Agent
 - Campaign Group
 - Direct Number

Threshold expressions can contain variables or reference queue-specific values, such as when used with the following functions:

- **sdata**(*target*, *statistic*) - This function applies additional routing criteria based on a statistic. You can use it to specify a target and a predefined statistic, such as **StatPositionInQueue**, **StatCallsWaiting**, or **StatCallsCompleted**. For example, this expression would route an interaction to a particular Agent Group when there are more than two agents ready and available:

```
sdata(Group2.GA, StatAgentsAvailable)>2
```

You can also combine multiple **sdata** functions using a pipe (|) as an **OR** operator or an ampersand (&) as an **AND** operator. For example:

```
sdata(VQ_1@.Q, StatServiceFactor)>30 & sdata(VQ_2@.Q, StatServiceFactor)>40
```

For a list of common statistic types used by Designer, see [Statistic Types](#). Note that when adding a statistic to your expressions, you must use the **Stat** prefix, such as **StatTimeInReadyState**, **StatAgentsAvailable**, **StatEstimatedWaitingTime**, and so on.

- **callage()** - This function returns the age of an interaction in seconds. You can use it when building an expression that specifies a time-based routing condition, such as routing an interaction if it is older than 60 seconds:

```
callage()>60
```

Important

- For expressions that reference a variable, the **callage** function is treated as a string. Therefore, you must enclose the function and its operator in single quotes (e.g. 'callage() variable').
- For routing types that have multiple targets (such as Agent Group or Agent), the script defined in **Threshold Expression** applies to all targets.

For more information about using ECMAScript in Designer, see [ECMAScript Expressions](#).

Greetings section

Important

The options in this section are for **Voice channels** only.

Enable the check box beside **Customer Greeting** and/or **Agent Greeting** to play an audio file to that person while the call is being connected.

For customers, you might use this feature to play a legal disclaimer, or to announce that the call might be recorded (if you use call recording in your contact center). For agents, you might use a variable to announce the customer name or other relevant information.

After you enable **Customer Greeting** and/or **Agent Greeting**, you can select an audio file to play by clicking the icon in the **Announcement** field. This is useful for customer greetings that play a static disclaimer audio file.

Optionally, enable the **Var?** check box to use a variable to dynamically select the audio file. This is useful for agent greetings that use a variable to provide call-specific information, such as the customer name.

Things to note:

- **Customer Greeting** and **Agent Greeting** are for voice calls only (not supported for chats).
- The **Customer Greeting** plays continuously until the **Agent Greeting** finishes playing.
- When the **Customer Greeting** and **Agent Greeting** contain different prompt values, each prompt is played to the customer and the agent as specified.
- When only one option contains a value, the same prompt is played to both the customer and the agent.
- If the **Customer Greeting** or **Agent Greeting** cannot be played, the customer is immediately connected to the agent. No greetings are played.

Extensions section

Use this section to add an extension as a key-value pair to this block.

Use JSON format

This option allows certain special characters to be used in extensions, such as full stops (.), single quotes ('), double-quotes ("), and At signs (@).

Add Extension Data

Click **Add Extension Data** to add an extension. The value type can be a string or integer.

If you want to use a variable for the **Key** or **Value**, select the **Variable** checkbox and then select a variable from the drop-down menu. If the **Value** is an integer, select the **Integer** checkbox.

You do not need to enclose extension values in quotes. However, if the quote is part of the value, you must escape the quote character by using a preceding backslash. For example:

- Incorrect: Joe's Pizza
- Correct: Joe\'s Pizza

Important

Designer displays an error message if Extension Data is added, but the **Key** and **Value** settings are not defined.

This example shows a few different ways that key-value pairs can be added as extensions:

Extensions

Specify the key/value pairs to be added as extensions

+ Add Extension Data

#		Variable?	Integer?	Value	Delete
1	Key	<input type="checkbox"/>		ExtenString	
	Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	welcome	
2	Key	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		varExampleKey	
	Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	varExampleValue	
3	Key	<input type="checkbox"/>		ExtenInteg	
	Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	123	

Post processing application section

Use this section to specify a Digital type application that will apply post-processing after the agent has marked the interaction as done. For example, you could specify an application that provides a survey.

Post processing application

Specify the Digital application to be used for post-processing logic.

This application will get executed after the agent marks the interaction done. Post-processing logic may include for instance HTTP REST or Chat Transcript blocks.

Post processing application : DoSurvey

Results tab

Select a variable in the **Store selected agent ID in this variable** drop-down menu to keep track in a specific variable the ID of the agent selected as a result of this **Route Call** block execution. The **SelectedAgent** system variable is transparently assigned this same agent ID value.

You can also select a variable in the **Store the outcome of the Route Call block in this variable** drop-down menu to store the result of this **Route Call** block execution.