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## Preface

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## Audience and Use

The *Cluster Configuration and Administration Guide for Cisco Unity Connection* is intended for installers, system administrators, and technicians who are installing and configuring, customizing, or administering Cisco Unity Connection clusters.

The guide contains instructions for configuring and using a Connection cluster, as well as information on how a Connection cluster works. You configure a Connection cluster after installing the publisher server according to instructions in the *Installation Guide for Cisco Unity Connection*.

(For information on making changes to the Connection system configuration, see the *Reconfiguration and Upgrade Guide for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x* at [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice\\_ip\\_comm/connection/8x/upgrade/guide/8xcucrux.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/connection/8x/upgrade/guide/8xcucrux.html).)

# Documentation Conventions

**Table 1** *Conventions in the Cluster Configuration and Administration Guide for Cisco Unity Connection*

Convention	Description
boldfaced text	Boldfaced text is used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key and button names. (Example: Select <b>OK</b>.)</li> <li>Information that you enter. (Example: Enter <b>Administrator</b> in the User Name box.)</li> </ul>
< > (angle brackets)	Angle brackets are used around parameters for which you supply a value. (Example: In your browser, go to <b>https://&lt;Cisco Unity Connection server IP address&gt;/cuadmin</b> .)
- (hyphen)	Hyphens separate keys that must be pressed simultaneously. (Example: Press <b>Ctrl-Alt-Delete</b> .)
> (right angle bracket)	A right angle bracket is used to separate selections that you make in the navigation bar of Cisco Unity Connection Administration. (Example: In Cisco Unity Connection Administration, go to <b>Contacts &gt; System Contacts</b> .)

The *Cluster Configuration and Administration Guide for Cisco Unity Connection* also uses the following conventions:



## Note

Means reader take note. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the document.



## Caution

Means reader be careful. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

## Cisco Unity Connection Documentation

For descriptions and URLs of Cisco Unity Connection documentation on Cisco.com, see the *Documentation Guide for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x*. The document is shipped with Connection and is available at [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice\\_ip\\_comm/connection/8x/roadmap/8xcucdg.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/connection/8x/roadmap/8xcucdg.html).

## Documentation References to Cisco Unified Communications Manager Business Edition

The name of the product known as Cisco Unified Communications Manager Business Edition in versions 8.0 and earlier has been changed to Cisco Unified Communications Manager Business Edition 5000 in versions 8.5 and later.

In the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x documentation set, references to “Cisco Unified Communications Manager Business Edition” and “Cisco Unified CMBE” apply to both Business Edition version 8.0 and to Business Edition 5000 versions 8.5 and later. The references do not apply to Business Edition 6000.

## Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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# CHAPTER 1

## Configuring a Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster

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## Task List for Configuring a Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster



### Caution

Configure a Cisco Unity Connection cluster only after you have installed the publisher server and set up administrator workstations according to instructions in the *Installation Guide for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x*.

Do the following tasks in the order listed to configure a Cisco Unity Connection cluster correctly:

1. On the publisher server, configure the Connection cluster by adding the host name or IP address of the subscriber server and enable access to alert logs for when the publisher server is not functioning. See the [“Configuring the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster” section on page 1-1](#).
2. Set up alert notification of server status changes. See the [“Setting Up Alert Notification of Server Status Changes in 8.x” section on page 1-2](#).
3. *Optional:* Adjust the cluster settings. See the [“Customizing Cluster Settings in 8.x” section on page 1-3](#).
4. Continue with the next task in [“Part 3: Configuring the Cluster, and Installing and Configuring the Subscriber Connection Server”](#) in the [“Task List for Installing a Cisco Unity Connection 8.x System with a Connection Cluster Configured”](#) in the *Installation Guide for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x*.

## Configuring the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster

You configure the cluster after you have installed the publisher server.

Do the two procedures in this section in the order listed.

**Note**

The Cisco Unity Connection cluster feature is not supported for use with Cisco Unified Communications Manager Business Edition.

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**To Configure the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster**


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- Step 1** On the publisher server, sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Administration.
  - Step 2** In Connection Administration, expand **System Settings**, then select **Cluster**.
  - Step 3** On the Find and List Servers page, select **Add New**.
  - Step 4** On the New Server Configuration page, in the Host Name/IP Address field, enter the host name or IP address of the second server in the cluster.
  - Step 5** *Optional:* In the MAC Address field, enter the MAC address of the second server.
  - Step 6** In the Description field, enter **Server 2** or another description for the second server.
  - Step 7** Select **Save**.
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**To Enable Access to Alert Logs for When the 8.x Publisher Server Is Not Functioning**


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- Step 1** In Connection Administration, expand **System Settings**, then select **Service Parameters**.
  - Step 2** On the Service Parameters page, in the Server field, select the publisher server.
  - Step 3** In the Service field, select **Cisco AMC Service**.
  - Step 4** In the Failover Collector field, select the subscriber server.
  - Step 5** Select **Save**.
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## Setting Up Alert Notification of Server Status Changes in 8.x

We recommend that you configure the Cisco Unified Real-Time Monitoring Tool to send notifications for the following Cisco Unity Connection alerts:

- AutoFailbackFailed
- AutoFailbackSucceeded
- AutoFailoverFailed
- AutoFailoverSucceeded
- NoConnectionToPeer
- SbrFailed

For instructions on setting up alert notification for Connection alerts, see the “Working with Alerts” chapter (in the “Alerts” part) of the *Cisco Unified Real-Time Monitoring Tool Administration Guide* at [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6509/prod\\_maintenance\\_guides\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6509/prod_maintenance_guides_list.html).

# Customizing Cluster Settings in 8.x

## To Customize Cluster Settings in 8.x

- Step 1** On the publisher server, sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Administration.
- Step 2** In Connection Administration, expand **System Settings > Advanced**, then select **Cluster Configuration**.
- Step 3** On the Cluster Configuration page, change the settings as applicable:

<b>Deactivate server with Secondary status when replication is backlogged</b>	<p>When this check box is checked, a replication backlog condition causes the server with Secondary status to change to Deactivated.</p> <p>When this check box is unchecked, a replication backlog condition does not cause the server with Secondary status to change status.</p> <p>The default is unchecked.</p>
<b>Automatically change server status when the publisher server fails</b>	<p>When this check box is checked, a failure of the publisher server causes the server with Secondary status to change automatically to Primary.</p> <p>When this check box is unchecked, a failure of the publisher server does not cause the server with Secondary status to change status. The status of the server must be changed manually.</p> <p>The default is checked.</p>

- Step 4** Select **Save**.





## CHAPTER 2

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### Note

For information and instructions on removing or replacing a server in a cluster, and on adding a server to create a cluster, see the *Reconfiguration and Upgrade Guide for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x* at [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice\\_ip\\_comm/connection/8x/upgrade/guide/8xcucrugx.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/connection/8x/upgrade/guide/8xcucrugx.html).

## Restarting the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Servers in Any Order

You can start clustered Cisco Unity Connection servers in any order. The necessary services will run on the servers with Primary status or Secondary status.

## Manually Changing 8.x Server Status

You can manually change the status of servers in the following ways:

- A server with Secondary status can be manually changed to Primary status. (For the server that originally had Primary status, this change automatically causes its status to change to Secondary.) See the [“To Manually Change an 8.x Server from Secondary Status to Primary Status” procedure on page 2-2](#).
- A server with Secondary status can be manually changed to Deactivated status. See the [“To Manually Change an 8.x Server from Secondary Status to Deactivated Status” procedure on page 2-2](#).
- A server with Deactivated status can be manually activated so that its status changes to Primary or Secondary, depending on the status of the other server. See the [“To Manually Activate an 8.x Server with Deactivated Status” section on page 2-2](#).

### To Manually Change an 8.x Server from Secondary Status to Primary Status

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- Step 1** Sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability.
- Step 2** From the Tools menu, select **Cluster Management**.
- Step 3** On the Cluster Management page, under Server Manager, in the Change Server Status column for the server with Secondary status, select **Make Primary**.
- Step 4** When prompted to confirm changing the server status, select **OK**.  
The Server Status column displays the changed status when the change is complete.



**Note** The server that originally had Primary status automatically changes to Secondary status.

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### To Manually Change an 8.x Server from Secondary Status to Deactivated Status

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- Step 1** Sign in to the Real-Time Monitoring Tool (RTMT).
- Step 2** From the Cisco Unity Connection menu, select **Port Monitor**. The Port Monitor tool appears in the right pane.
- Step 3** In the Node field, select the server with Secondary status.
- Step 4** In the right pane, select **Start Polling**.
- Step 5** Note whether any voice messaging ports are currently handling calls for the server.
- Step 6** Sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability.
- Step 7** From the Tools menu, select **Cluster Management**.
- Step 8** If no voice messaging ports are currently handling calls for the server, skip to [Step 9](#).  
If there are voice messaging ports that are currently handling calls for the server, on the Cluster Management page, under Change Port Status, select **Stop Taking Calls** for the server, then wait until RTMT shows that all ports for the server are idle.
- Step 9** On the Cluster Management page, under Server Manager, in the Change Server Status column for the server with Secondary status, select **Deactivate**.



**Caution** Deactivating a server will terminate all calls that the ports for the server are handling.

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- Step 10** When prompted to confirm changing the server status, select **OK**.  
The Server Status column displays the changed status when the change is complete.
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### To Manually Activate an 8.x Server with Deactivated Status

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- Step 1** Sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability.
- Step 2** From the Tools menu, select **Cluster Management**.
- Step 3** On the Cluster Management page, under Server Manager, in the Change Server Status column for the server with Deactivated status, select **Activate**.

- Step 4** When prompted to confirm changing the server status, select **OK**.  
The Server Status column displays the changed status when the change is complete.
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## Stopping All Ports on an 8.x Server from Taking New Calls

Do the procedure in this section to stop all ports on a server from taking any new calls. Calls in progress continue until the callers hang up.

**Tip**

Use the Port Monitor page in the Real-Time Monitoring Tool (RTMT) to determine whether any ports are currently handling calls for the server.

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### To Stop All Ports on an 8.x Server from Taking New Calls

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- Step 1** Sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability.
- Step 2** From the Tools menu, select **Cluster Management**.
- Step 3** On the Cluster Management page, under Port Manager, in the Ports in Service column, select **Stop Taking Calls** for the server.
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## Restarting All Ports on an 8.x Server to Take Calls

Do the procedure in this section to let ports on a server take calls again after they were stopped.

### To Restart All Ports on an 8.x Server to Take Calls

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- Step 1** Sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability.
- Step 2** From the Tools menu, select **Cluster Management**.
- Step 3** On the Cluster Management page, under Port Manager, in the Ports in Service column, select **Take Calls** for the server.
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## Shutting Down an 8.x Server

When a Cisco Unity Connection server has Primary or Secondary status, it is handling voice messaging traffic and cluster replication. We do not recommend shutting down a Connection server while it has Primary or Secondary status because calls in progress and replication may be abruptly terminated.

If you want to shut down a server (for example, to perform maintenance), we recommend that you do the procedure in this section during nonbusiness hours when voice messaging traffic will be light. Note that the remaining server, if it has Primary or Secondary status, handles all system voice messaging functions and maintains the Connection database.

**To Shut Down an 8.x Server**

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- Step 1** On the server that will not be shut down, sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability.
- Step 2** From the Tools menu, select **Cluster Management**.
- Step 3** On the Cluster Management page, locate the server that you want to shut down.
- Step 4** If the server that you want to shut down has Secondary status, skip to [Step 5](#).  
 If the server that you want to shut down has Primary status, change the status:
- In the Change Server Status column for the server with Secondary status, select **Make Primary**.
  - When prompted to confirm changing the server status, select **OK**.
  - Confirm that the Server Status column indicates that the server now has Primary status and that the server you want to shut down has Secondary status.
- Step 5** On the server with Secondary status (the one you want to shut down), change the status:
- Sign in to the Real-Time Monitoring Tool (RTMT).
  - From the Cisco Unity Connection menu, select **Port Monitor**. The Port Monitor tool appears in the right pane.
  - In the Node field, select the server with Secondary status.
  - In the right pane, select **Start Polling**.
  - Note whether any voice messaging ports are currently handling calls for the server.
  - If no voice messaging ports are currently handling calls for the server, skip to [Step 5g](#).  
 If there are voice messaging ports that are currently handling calls for the server, on the Cluster Management page, under Change Port Status, select **Stop Taking Calls** for the server, then wait until RTMT shows that all ports for the server are idle.
  - On the Cluster Management page, under Server Manager, in the Change Server Status column for the server with Secondary status, select **Deactivate**.
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-  **Caution** Deactivating a server will terminate all calls that the ports for the server are handling.
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- When prompted to confirm changing the server status, select **OK**.
  - Confirm that the Server Status column indicates that the server now has Deactivated status.
- Step 6** Shut down the server that you deactivated.
- In Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability on the server that is running, the Server Status column shows that the server you shut down has Not Functioning status.
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## CHAPTER 3

# About a Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster

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## How a Cluster Works in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x

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The Cisco Unity Connection cluster feature provides high availability voice messaging through two Connection servers that are configured in a cluster. Under normal conditions, the Connection servers are both active so that:

- The cluster can be assigned a DNS name that is shared by the Connection servers.
- Clients such as email applications and the web tools available through the Cisco Personal Communications Assistant (PCA) can connect to either Connection server.
- Phone systems can send calls to either Connection server.
- Incoming phone traffic load is balanced between the Connection servers by the phone system, PIMG/TIMG units, or other gateways that are required for the phone system integration.

Each server in the cluster is responsible for handling a share of the incoming calls for the cluster (answering phone calls and taking messages). The server with Primary status is responsible for the following functions:

- Homing and publishing the database and message store, which are both replicated to the other server.

- Sending message notifications and MWI requests (the Connection Notifier service is activated).
- Sending SMTP notifications and VPIM messages (the Connection Message Transfer Agent service is activated).
- Synchronizing voice messages in Connection and Exchange mailboxes, if the single-inbox feature is turned on in Connection 8.5 and later (the Connection Mailbox Sync service and Connection Exchange Notification Web Service are activated).

When one of the servers stops functioning (for example, when it is shut down for maintenance), the remaining server assumes responsibility for handling all incoming calls for the cluster. The remaining server also assumes responsibility for the database and message store, which are both replicated to the other server when the connection and its functionality are restored.

When the server that stopped functioning is able to resume its normal functions and is activated, it resumes responsibility for handling its share of incoming calls for the cluster.

To monitor the status of the servers, the Connection Server Role Manager service runs in Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability on both servers. This service performs the following functions:

- Starts the applicable services on each server, depending on server status.
- Determines whether critical processes (such as voice message processing, database replication, voice message synchronization with Exchange, and message store replication) are functioning normally.
- Initiates changes to server status when the server with Primary status is not functioning or when critical services are not running.

Note the following limitations when the publisher server is not functioning:

- If the Connection cluster is integrated with an LDAP directory, directory synchronization does not occur, although authentication continues to work when only the subscriber server is functioning. When the publisher server is functioning again, directory synchronization resumes.
- If a Digital Network includes the Connection cluster, directory updates do not occur, although messages continue to be sent to and from the cluster when only the subscriber server is functioning. When the publisher server is functioning again, directory updates resume.

The Connection Server Role Manager service sends a keep-alive events between the publisher and subscriber servers to confirm that the servers are functioning and connected. If one of the servers stops functioning or the connection between the servers is lost, the Connection Server Role Manager service waits for the keep-alive events and may require 30 to 60 seconds to detect that the other server is not available. While the Connection Server Role Manager service is waiting for the keep-alive events, users signing in to the server with Secondary status will not be able to access their mailbox or send messages, because the Connection Server Role Manager service has not yet detected that the server with Primary status (which has the active message store) is unavailable. In this situation, callers who attempt to leave a message may hear dead air or may not hear the recording beep.

## Licenses for an 8.x Cluster

A Cisco Unity Connection cluster requires a license for each Connection server. The license that has the MAC address of the publisher server must be installed on the publisher server. The license that has the MAC address of the subscriber server must be installed on the subscriber server.

For information on managing licenses, see the “[Managing Licenses in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/connection/8x/administration/guide/8xcucsagx.html)” chapter of the *System Administration Guide for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x* at [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice\\_ip\\_comm/connection/8x/administration/guide/8xcucsagx.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/connection/8x/administration/guide/8xcucsagx.html).

## About the 8.x Publisher Server

The first Cisco Unity Connection server that is configured in the cluster is the publisher server. The Cluster Management page in Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability identifies the publisher server.

The publisher server assumes responsibility for publishing the database and message store when the cluster is functioning normally.

When the publisher server does not have Primary status (for example, when the administrator manually changes the status of the other server to Primary, which automatically changes the status of the publisher server to Secondary), the other server assumes responsibility for publishing the database and message store.

The publisher server cannot be removed from the cluster.

## Server Status Functions in the 8.x Cluster

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Each server in the cluster has a status that appears on the Cluster Management page of Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability. The status indicates the functions that the server is currently performing in the cluster, as described in [Table 3-1](#).

**Table 3-1** *Server Status Functions in the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster*

Server Status	Functions in Connection Cluster
Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publishes the database and message store, which are both replicated to the other server in the cluster.</li> <li>• Receives replicated data from the other server when that server is able to share its data.</li> <li>• Displays and accepts changes to the administrative interfaces (such as Connection Administration). This data is replicated to the other server in the cluster.</li> <li>• Answers phone calls and takes messages.</li> <li>• Sends message notifications and MWI requests (the Connection Notifier service is activated).</li> <li>• Sends SMTP notifications and VPIM messages (the Connection Message Transfer Agent service is activated).</li> <li>• Synchronizes voice messages in Connection and Exchange mailboxes if single inbox is turned on in Connection 8.5 and later.</li> <li>• Connects with clients such as email applications and the web tools available through the Cisco PCA.</li> <li>• When the cluster is functioning normally, the publisher server has Primary status.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> A server with Primary status cannot be deactivated.</p>
Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receives replicated data from the server with Primary status. Data includes the database and message store.</li> <li>• Replicates data to the server with Primary status.</li> <li>• Displays and accepts changes to the administrative interfaces (such as Connection Administration). The data is replicated to the server with Primary status.</li> <li>• Answers phone calls and takes messages.</li> <li>• Connects with clients such as email applications and the web tools available through the Cisco PCA.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> Only a server with Secondary status can be deactivated.</p>
Deactivated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receives replicated data from the server with Primary status. Data includes the database and message store.</li> <li>• Displays and accepts changes to the administrative interfaces (such as Connection Administration). The data is replicated to the server with Primary status.</li> <li>• Does not answer phone calls or take messages.</li> <li>• Does not connect with clients such as email applications and the web tools available through the Cisco PCA.</li> </ul>
Not Functioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not receive replicated data from the server with Primary status.</li> <li>• Does not replicate data to the server with Primary status.</li> <li>• Does not display the administrative interfaces (such as Connection Administration).</li> <li>• Does not answer phone calls or take messages.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> A server with Not Functioning status usually is shut down.</p>

**Table 3-1**      **Server Status Functions in the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster (continued)**

Server Status	Functions in Connection Cluster
Starting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receives replicated data from the server with Primary status. Data includes the database and message store.</li> <li>Replicates data to the server with Primary status.</li> <li>Does not answer phone calls or take messages.</li> <li>Does not synchronize voice messages in Connection and Exchange mailboxes (single inbox).</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> This status lasts only a few minutes, after which the server takes the applicable status.</p>
Replicating Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sends and receives data from the cluster.</li> <li>Temporarily does not answer phone calls or take messages.</li> <li>Temporarily does not connect with clients such as email applications and the web tools available through the Cisco PCA.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> This status lasts only a few minutes, after which the previous status resumes for the server.</p>
Split Brain Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>After detecting two servers with Primary status:</i> Assigns Primary status to the publisher server.</li> <li>Updates the database and message store on the server that is determined to have Primary status.</li> <li>Replicates data to the other server.</li> <li>Temporarily does not answer phone calls or take messages.</li> <li>Temporarily does not synchronize voice messages in Connection and Exchange mailboxes if single inbox is turned on in Connection 8.5 and later.</li> <li>Temporarily does not connect with clients such as email applications and the web tools available through the Cisco PCA.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> This status lasts only a few minutes, after which the previous status resumes for the server.</p>

## Server Assignments and Usage of Voice Messaging Ports in 8.x

In a Cisco Unity Connection cluster, the servers share the same phone system integrations. Each server is responsible for handling a share of the incoming calls for the cluster (answering phone calls and taking messages).

Depending on the phone system integration, each voice messaging port is either assigned to a specific server or used by both servers. [Table 3-2](#) describes the port assignments.

**Table 3-2** *Server Assignments and Usage of Voice Messaging Ports in the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster*

Integration Type	Server Assignments and Usage of Voice Messaging Ports
Integration by Skinny Client Control Protocol (SCCP) with Cisco Unified Communications Manager or Cisco Unified Communications Manager Express	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The phone system is set up with twice the number of SCCP voicemail port devices that are needed to handle the voice messaging traffic. (For example, if 16 voicemail port devices are needed to handle all voice messaging traffic, 32 voicemail port devices must be set up on the phone system.)</li> <li>• In Cisco Unity Connection Administration, the voice messaging ports are configured so that half the number of the ports set up on the phone system are assigned to each server in the cluster. (For example, each server in the cluster has 16 voice messaging ports.)</li> <li>• On the phone system, a line group, hunt list, and hunt group are configured so that the subscriber server will answer most incoming calls for the cluster.</li> <li>• If one of the servers stops functioning (for example, when it is shut down for maintenance), the remaining server assumes responsibility for handling all incoming calls for the cluster.</li> <li>• When the server that stopped functioning is able to resume its normal functions and is activated, it resumes responsibility for handling its share of incoming calls for the cluster.</li> </ul>
Integration through a SIP Trunk with Cisco Unified Communications Manager or Cisco Unified Communications Manager Express	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Cisco Unity Connection Administration, half the number of voice messaging ports that are needed to handle voice messaging traffic are assigned to each server in the cluster. (For example, if 16 voice messaging ports are needed to handle all voice messaging traffic for the cluster, each server in the cluster is assigned 8 voice messaging ports.)</li> <li>• On the phone system, a route group, route list, and route pattern are configured to distribute calls equally to both servers in the cluster.</li> <li>• If one of the servers stops functioning (for example, when it is shut down for maintenance), the remaining server assumes responsibility for handling all incoming calls for the cluster.</li> <li>• When the server that stopped functioning is able to resume its normal functions and is activated, it resumes responsibility for handling its share of incoming calls for the cluster.</li> </ul>

**Table 3-2** Server Assignments and Usage of Voice Messaging Ports in the Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster

Integration Type	Server Assignments and Usage of Voice Messaging Ports
Integration through PIMG/TIMG units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of ports set up on the phone system is the same as the number of voice messaging ports on each server in the cluster so that the servers share all the voice messaging ports. (For example, if the phone system is set up with 16 voice messaging ports, each server in the cluster must have the same 16 voice messaging ports.)</li> <li>• On the phone system, a hunt group is configured to distribute calls equally to both servers in the cluster.</li> <li>• The PIMG/TIMG units are configured to balance the voice messaging traffic between the servers.</li> <li>• If one of the servers stops functioning (for example, when it is shut down for maintenance), the remaining server assumes responsibility for handling all incoming calls for the cluster.</li> <li>• When the server that stopped functioning is able to resume its normal functions and is activated, it resumes responsibility for handling its share of incoming calls for the cluster.</li> </ul>
Other integrations that use SIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Cisco Unity Connection Administration, half the number of voice messaging ports that are needed to handle voice messaging traffic are assigned to each server in the cluster. (For example, if 16 voice messaging ports are needed to handle all voice messaging traffic for the cluster, each server in the cluster has 8 voice messaging ports.)</li> <li>• On the phone system, a hunt group is configured to distribute calls equally to both servers in the cluster.</li> <li>• If one of the servers stops functioning (for example, when it is shut down for maintenance), the remaining server assumes responsibility for handling all incoming calls for the cluster.</li> <li>• When the server that stopped functioning is able to resume its normal functions, it resumes responsibility for handling its share of incoming calls for the cluster.</li> </ul>

## Requirements for a Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Cluster

For current Cisco Unity Connection cluster requirements, see *System Requirements for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x* at

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice\\_ip\\_comm/connection/8x/requirements/8xcucsysreqs.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/connection/8x/requirements/8xcucsysreqs.html).

## Effects on Calls in Progress When Server Status Changes in 8.x

When the status of a Cisco Unity Connection server changes, the effects on calls in progress depend on the final status of the server that is handling a call and on the condition of the network. [Table 3-3](#) describes the effects.

**Table 3-3** *Effects on Calls in Progress When Server Status Changes in 8.x*

Status Change	Effects
Primary to Secondary	When the status change is initiated manually, calls in progress are not affected.  When the status change is automatic, effects on calls in progress depend on the critical service that stopped.
Secondary to Primary	When the status change is initiated manually, calls in progress are not affected.  When the status change is automatic, effects on calls in progress depend on the critical service that stopped.
Secondary to Deactivated	Calls in progress are dropped.  To prevent dropped calls, on the Cluster Management page in Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability, select Stop Taking Calls for the server, wait until all calls have ended, and deactivate the server.
Primary or Secondary to Replicating Data	Calls in progress are not affected.
Primary or Secondary to Split Brain Recovery	Calls in progress are not affected.

If network connections are lost, then calls in progress may be dropped, depending on the nature of the network problem.

## Effects on Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Web Applications When Server Status Changes

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Normal functioning of the following web applications are not affected when the server status changes:

- Cisco Unity Connection Administration
- Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability
- Cisco Unity Connection web tools accessed through the Cisco PCA—the Messaging Assistant, Messaging Inbox (in Connection version 8.0), and Personal Call Transfer Rules web tools
- Cisco Web Inbox (in Connection version 8.5 and later)
- Representational state transfer (REST) API clients



## Effects of Stopping a Critical Service on an 8.x Server

Critical services are necessary for the normal functioning of the Cisco Unity Connection system. The effects of stopping a critical service depend on the server and its status. [Table 3-4](#) describes the effects.

**Table 3-4** *Effects of Stopping a Critical Service on an 8.x Server*

Server	Effects
Publisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the server has Primary status, stopping a critical service in Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability causes the server status to change to Secondary and degrades the ability of the server to function normally.</li> </ul> <p>The status of the subscriber server changes to Primary if it does not have the Disabled or Not Functioning status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the server has Secondary status, stopping a critical service in Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability degrades the ability of the server to function normally. The status of the servers does not change.</li> </ul>
Subscriber	<p>When the server has Primary status, stopping a critical service in Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability degrades the ability of the server to function normally. The status of the servers does not change.</p>

## Effects of a Split-Brain Condition in 8.x

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When the servers in a Cisco Unity Connection cluster have Primary status at the same time (for example, when the servers have lost their connection with each other), both servers handle incoming calls (answer phone calls and take messages), send message notifications, send MWI requests, accept changes to the administrative interfaces (such as Connection Administration), and synchronize voice messages in Connection and Exchange mailboxes if single inbox is turned on in Connection 8.5 and later. However, the servers do not replicate the database and message store to each other and do not receive replicated data from each other.

When the connection between the servers is restored, the status of the servers temporarily changes to Split Brain Recovery while the data is replicated between the servers and MWI settings are coordinated. During the time when the server status is Split Brain Recovery, the Connection Message Transfer Agent service and the Connection Notifier service (in Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability) are stopped on both servers, so Connection does not deliver any messages and does not send any message notifications. The Connection Mailbox Sync service and Connection Exchange Notification Web Service (in Connection 8.5 and later) are also stopped, so Connection does not synchronize voice messages with Exchange (single inbox). The message stores are also briefly dismounted, so that Connection tells users who are trying to retrieve their messages at this point that their mailboxes are temporarily unavailable.

When the recovery process is complete, the Connection Message Transfer Agent service and the Connection Notifier service are started on the publisher server. Delivery of the messages that arrived while during the recovery process may take additional time, depending on the number of messages to be delivered. The Connection Message Transfer Agent service and the Connection Notifier service are started on the subscriber server. Finally, the publisher server has Primary status and the subscriber server has Secondary status. At this point, in Connection 8.5 and later, the Connection Mailbox Sync service and Connection Exchange Notification Web Service are started on the server with Primary status, so that Connection can resume synchronizing voice messages with Exchange if single inbox is turned on.

## Events When Server Status Changes in 8.x

This section describes the events that take place when server status changes in the following situations:

- [Automatic Change of Server Status Initiated by an 8.x Server with Primary Status, page 3-10](#)
- [Automatic Change of Server Status Initiated by an 8.x Server with Secondary Status, page 3-10](#)
- [Manual Change of 8.x Server Status Initiated by Administrator, page 3-11](#)

### Automatic Change of Server Status Initiated by an 8.x Server with Primary Status

1. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Primary status detects an unrecoverable failure (for example, the database fails or a critical service is stopped).
2. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Primary status notifies the Connection Server Role Manager service on the other server to change its status.
3. The Connection Server Role Manager service on both servers posts alarms that it is initiating a change of status.
4. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Primary status sets its status in the database to Secondary.
5. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the other server (the server that originally had Secondary status) sets its status in the database to Primary.
6. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server that now has Primary status starts the critical services on that server.
7. The data connector detects the changed server status and sets the connections to use the database on the server that now has Primary status.
8. If possible, database and message store replication continues between the servers.
9. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server that now has Primary status posts an alarm that the change of status is complete.

### Automatic Change of Server Status Initiated by an 8.x Server with Secondary Status

1. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Secondary status does not receive contact from the Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Primary status.
2. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Secondary status confirms its network connection by pinging the local host and other known remote servers.
3. If the network connection is confirmed, the Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Secondary status posts an alarm that it is initiating a change of status.  
  
If the network connection is not available, the status does not change and the remaining events do not occur.
4. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Secondary status sets its status in the database to Primary.

5. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server that now has Primary status starts the critical services on that server.
6. The data connector detects the changed status and sets the connections to use the database on the server that now has Primary status.
7. If possible, database and message store replication continues between the servers.
8. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server that now has Primary status posts an alarm that the change of status is complete.

## Manual Change of 8.x Server Status Initiated by Administrator

1. In Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability, the administrator manually initiates a change of server status.
2. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Secondary status notifies the Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Primary status to initiate change of status.
3. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the both servers posts alarms that the change of status is being initiated.
4. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server with Primary status sets its status in the database to Secondary.
5. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the other server (the server that originally had Secondary status) sets its status in the database to Primary.
6. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server that now has Primary status starts the critical services on that server.
7. The data connector detects the changed status and sets the connections to use the database on the server that now has Primary status.
8. Database and file replication continues between the servers.
9. The Connection Server Role Manager service on the server that now has Primary status posts an alarm that the change of status is complete.





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