

NCID - Network Caller ID User Manual

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Introduction

NCID (Network Caller ID) is Caller ID (CID) distributed over a network to a variety of devices and computers.

The NCID server monitors either a modem, Caller ID device, or gateway (e.g., SIP, VoIP, smartphones) for the CID data. The data is collected and sent, via TCP, to one or more connected clients. The server supports multiple gateways which can be used with or without a modem or device. The server also supports one line text messages.

The [NCID project website](#) is the central place to go for the latest downloads, updated documentation and user/technical support for the official NCID package and its optional client packages.

This document contains information on how to get started with NCID, the hardware needed, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section and a TODO list. It also provides information on supported clients, gateways and optional server features. Troubleshooting information is also provided.

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NCID can be overwhelming for users who have never used it. Current users of NCID are probably not aware of all of its features, or how to use them properly. This document will try to help with those cases. The [FAQ](#) should also be of some help.

In this document:

- NCID is the package name

- *ncidd* is the server name
- *ncid* is the client name
- *Unix* is a generic term to mean any UNIX-like or Linux-like operating system, e.g., Fedora, FreeBSD, Mac OS X, Debian, etc.
- Uncommenting a line means to remove the #

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Install the NCID package

See the list of [Package Distributions](#).

SourceForge distributes NCID packages for several operating systems. In addition, operating system specific third parties distribute NCID. For example, there are Ubuntu and Fedora repositories that include NCID, making it easy to install with their package management applications; however, they are not always up-to-date with the latest version at SourceForge.

The first step is to download and install the NCID server, optional gateways and client. You can download the NCID packages from sourceforge or a repository for your operating system if it is up to date.

If you are using Fedora, Ubuntu, or raspios, be aware that NCID is split into multiple rpm and deb packages. The server package is required. The gateways package is needed if you are using a gateway instead of a modem. The client and default output modules package is needed if you want to use the [basic ncid client](#) instead of another supported client, or if you want to use an output module.

The Macintosh shell package and the FreeBSD shell package on sourceforge have the complete NCID system.

There are many Linux distributions based on Redhat or Ubuntu so the Fedora or Ubuntu packages may install just fine. (For example, Linux Mint is an operating system based on Ubuntu.) Refer to the **INSTALL-"operating system"** section for your "operating system".

If you cannot locate a package, you can download the source, compile and install it. Refer to the [INSTALL \(generic\)](#) section of this documentation.

Configure the ncidd server

Now that you have installed NCID, you need to set the country code to format the telephone number and configure the method used to obtain Caller ID:

- [set the country code to format the telephone number](#)
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Set the country code to format the telephone number

You need to set the country code for your country from the [country code list](#). Edit **ncid.conf** and uncomment one of the following lines. No need to uncomment the default but you need to replace **<CountryCode>** with your country code:

```
# set country = "US"           # Default: country is United States
# set country = "ZZ"           # No country code for country
# set country = "<CountryCode>" # use your country code
```

Using a modem connected to a Unix computer

Most modern modems support Caller ID but to determine if yours does follow the steps below and then refer to [Modem Caller ID Test](#).

The server needs to know which port the modem is on. The default port is different depending on the Operating System:

```
Unknown Operating System distribution: /dev/modem
Fedora, Redhat, Debian, raspios, Ubuntu: /dev/ttyACM0
FreeBSD:                               /dev/cuaU0
Mac OS X:                              /dev/cu.usbmodem24680241
Cygwin:                                 /dev/com1
```

If the default modem port is incorrect, you need to enter the correct port by editing **ncidd.conf** and either uncomment one of these lines, or add a line with the correct port:

```
# set ttyport = /dev/cu.modem # default Mac OS X internal modem
# set ttyport = /dev/cu.usbmodem24680241 # Mac OS X USB modem
# set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0 # Linux Serial Port 0
# set ttyport = /dev/ttyACM0 # Linux USB modem 0
```

If you wish to use the internal hangup feature, you need to uncomment one of these lines if not using the default:

```
# set hangup = 0 # Default: do not terminate a call
# set hangup = 1 # terminate the call
# set hangup = 2 # generate FAX tones, then terminate the call
# set hangup = 3 # play an announcement then terminate the call
```

If you wish to use the external hangup feature, you need to uncomment one of these lines if not using the default:

```
# hupmode = 0 # Default: do not execute the hangup extension
# hupmode = 1 # terminate the call
# hupmode = 2 # generate FAX tones, then terminate the call
# hupmode = 3 # play an announcement then terminate the call
```

After modifying **ncidd.conf**, start **ncidd**. If **ncidd** is already running, it must be restarted.

Using a serial NetCallerID device connected to a Unix computer

The serial [NetCallerID \(on the Wayback Machine\)](#) device is no longer manufactured by Ugotcall, but you can sometimes find it on eBay.

Even though it supports Caller ID, the NetCallerID device is not a modem and it does not support the NCID hangup feature. Start by hooking it up to a serial port and making the changes [above](#). Once that is completed, make these additional changes to **ncidd.conf**:

Uncomment this line:

```
# set cidinput = 1
```

Leave all hangup and hupmode set lines commented, for example:

```
# set hangup = 1
```

After modifying **ncidd.conf**, start ncidd. If ncidd is already running, it must be restarted.

Using the XDMF gateway

You would use the xdmf2ncid gateway if you are using the CTI Comet USB device or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module connected to a Linux based machine.

We have a complete section devoted to the XDMF gateway. See [xdmf2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) topic for more information.

Using a Caller ID modem on a Windows computer via the NCID YAC gateway

You would use the YAC gateway if you are using a YAC server on a Windows computer running Microsoft Windows 98 or later.

We have a complete section devoted to the YAC gateway. See [yac2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) topic for more information.

Using the SIP Gateway

You would use the sip2ncid gateway if your VoIP phone is using SIP.

We have a complete section devoted to the SIP gateway. See [sip2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) topic for more information.

Using the Whozz Calling (WC) gateway

You would use the wc2ncid gateway if you are using a Whozz Calling Ethernet Link device. Serial Whozz Calling units are not currently supported.

We have a complete section devoted to the WC gateway. See [wc2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) topic for more information.

Using the Android smartphone Remote Notifier (RN) gateway

You would use the rn2ncid gateway if you are using an Android smartphone.

We have a complete section devoted to the RN gateway. See [rn2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) topic document for more information.

Configure the ncid client

Normally the client does not need to be configured, but you should review **ncid.conf** to see if you want to change the defaults for displaying the number format, displaying the date format and ring options if using an output module. There are other changes you can also make.

After making any changes to **ncid.conf**, start the ncid client.

IMPORTANT: The ncidd server and any needed gateways should already be running.

Configure call log rotation

The `/etc/ncid/ncidrotate.conf` file controls how or if the call log is rotated:

- Set **RotateOff=0** and **Lines2keep=0** to backup and then empty the call log each month. This is the default and is required for the yearly call log.
- Set **RotateOff=1** to let the call log keep growing until the operating system decides it is too large.
- Set **Lines2keep=<NUMBER>** to backup and then keep **NUMBER** of lines in the call log at the start of the month.

The `/etc/ncid/rotatebysize.conf` file allows the call log to grow to a minimum size before it is rotated:

- Set **minsize=1** to rotate the call log monthly. This is the default and is required for the yearly call log.
- Set **minsize=<NUMBER>** to grow the call log to **NUMBER** before rotation.

Review [Log Files](#) for more information on log files.

Configure yearly call log

The yearly crontab file is built each month by **ncid-yearlog**. It is designed to be run by crontab on the first of each month. It creates the `$HOME/ncid/log` directory the first time it is run. On the first of any month, it creates

```
$HOME/ncid/log/cidcall-<year>
```

and continues to add months until the end of the year.

You need to add the crontab line in **REQUIREMENTS** by creating or modifying a crontab file using:

```
crontab -e
```

IMPORTANT:

- The **ncid-yearlog** script should only be run once on the first of any month.
- If it is run on any day other than the first, it will do nothing.

REQUIREMENTS:

- logrotate installed and used by the operating system

- `ncidrotate.conf` must have **Lines2keep=0** (default)
- `rotatebysize.conf` must have **minsize 1** (default)
- user crontab:

```
11 5 1 * * test -x bin/ncid-year log && bin/ncid-year log
```

NCID Startup

At this point you should have NCID functional. The [INSTALL](#) section for your operating system explains how to make sure NCID is working properly.

The [INSTALL](#) section also explains how to start NCID at boot and how to manually start the server, gateways and client.

If you are having any problems you can ask for assistance in the NCID [Help](#) or [Open Discussion](#) forums on SourceForge.

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Description

NCID supports the operating systems indicated here. These are install instructions for each of the operating systems. There is also a generic install with compile instructions.

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[INSTALL-DEB \(Debian, raspios or Ubuntu\)](#)

[INSTALL-Cygwin](#)

[INSTALL-Fedora](#)

[INSTALL-FreeBSD](#)

[INSTALL-Mac](#)

[INSTALL-Redhat](#)

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Review the [INSTALL](#) for your Operating System.

Generic INSTALL and Overview

If you're using a gateway, review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

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LAYOUT:

Programs, config files, modems, devices and log files

- The programs go into `$prefix/bin` and `$prefix/sbin` .
- The config file goes into `$prefix2/etc` .
- The modem device is expected in `$prefix3/dev` .
- The LOG file is expected in `$prefix3/var/log` .
- The man pages go into `$MAN` which is `$prefix/share/man` .
- The Makefile targets are determined by the defaults used
- To view the target list with the prefix settings, type: `make usage`

OS that uses systemd service files during boot

- The service files go into `$prefix/usr/lib/systemd/system` .

RPM based OS (Fedora, Redhat and CentOS) that uses init files during boot

- The init scripts go into `$prefix2/etc/rc.d/init.d` .

Debian based OS (Debian, raspios on Raspberry Pi and Ubuntu) that uses init files during boot

- The init scripts go into `$prefix2/etc/init.d` .

FreeBSD uses rc files during boot

- The rc scripts go into `$prefix2/etc/rc.d` .

Macintosh OSX

- The plist scripts go into `$(prefix3)/Library/LaunchDaemons` .

COMPILE:

Requirements

- `gmake` (GNU make)
- `gcc`, `g++` and `c++` compilers
- `libpcap` and header files are needed for
 - `sip2ncid`
- `libpcre2` and header files are needed for
 - `cidupdate`
 - `ncidd`
 - `ncidnumberinfo`
- `libhidapi` and header files are needed for

- `artech2ncid`
- `cideasy2ncid`
- *libphonenumbers and header files are needed for*
 - `cidupdate`
 - `ncidd`
 - `ncidnumberinfo`
- *protobuf and header files are needed for*
 - `cidupdate`
 - `ncidd`
 - `ncidnumberinfo`
- *libc and header files are needed for*
 - `cidupdate`
 - `ncidd`
 - `ncidnumberinfo`
- *python3-pytz, python3-phonenumbers, and python3-dialog are needed for*
 - `phonetz`, `us_number_info`, `message_dialog` - *ncid client plugins*
- *python3-phonenumbers is needed for*
 - `us_number_info` - *used by ncid*
- *tcl is needed for*
 - `ncid` *non-graphical client and all output modules*
- *tk is needed for*
 - `ncid` *GUI client*
- *bwidget is needed for*
 - `ncid` *GUI client*
- *Perl module Config::Simple is needed for*
 - `email2ncid.pl`
 - `obi2ncid`
 - `rn2ncid`
 - `wc2ncid`
 - `wct`

- `xdmf2ncid`

- Perl module `Data::HexDump` is needed for

- `wc2ncid`
- `wct`
- `xdmf2ncid`

Notes

- The Makefiles require GNU make.
- All of the supported OS distributions should have `libpcap` in their repositories. If it's missing, obtain it from [TCPDUMP & LIBPCAP](#).
- Each supported OS distribution can have a different package manager, and the package names can also be different. See [Installation](#) and look for an `INSTALL-<name>` appropriate for your OS.
- For the required Perl modules, if they are available for installation using the OS distribution package manager, do so. This results in the best experience in terms of updates and security fixes. However, if they are not available, they can be installed using Perl's native package manager called CPAN. There are a few different ways that CPAN might have been configured as to how it handles root or sudo access, and generally it is safe to assume it was configured for the simplest usage.

If you only need to install one of the packages:

```
cpan Config::Simple
```

or

```
cpan Data::HexDump
```

You can combine them on one line if you need both:

```
cpan Config::Simple Data::HexDump
```

Compile to your desired directory structure

See the top of the Makefile for more information on targets.

- To compile programs and config files for `/usr/local`:

```
make local
```

- To compile programs for `/usr` and the config file for `/etc`:

```
make package
```

INSTALL:

See the top of the Makefile for more information on targets.

- To install in `/usr/local` (man pages go into `/usr/local/share/man`):

```
sudo make install
```

- To install in `/usr/local` (man pages go into `/usr/local/man`):

```
sudo make install MAN=/usr/local/man
```

- To install programs in `/usr`: config file in `/etc`,
and man pages in `/usr/share/man`:

```
sudo make package-install
```

or

```
sudo make install prefix=/usr prefix2=
```

TEST USING a Modem:

- Start in this order (you may need `sudo ncidd` to access the modem):

```
ncidd  
ncid
```

- Call yourself.
- If you have problems, start `ncidd` in debug mode:

```
ncidd -D
```

- To get more information, add the verbose flag:

```
ncidd -Dv3
```

- To also look at the alias, blacklist and whitelist structure:

```
ncidd -Dv9
```

- The last three lines will be similar to:

```
Network Port: 3333  
Wrote pid 20996 in pidfile: /var/run/ncidd.pid  
End of startup: 04/01/2016 20:28:06
```

- If `ncidd` aborts when you call yourself with something like:

```
Modem set for CallerID.  
Modem Error Condition. (Phone rang here)  
/dev/ttyS1: No such file or directory
```

You need to set `ncidd` to ignore modem signals.

Uncomment the following line in `ncidd.conf` :

```
# set ttylocal = 1
```

- You should see the Caller ID lines between the first and second RING.
- If Caller ID is not received from the modem and if `gencid` is not set you will only see RING for each ring.
- If `gencid` is set (the default), you will get a CID at RING number 2:

```
07/13/2010 15:21 RING No Caller ID
```

This indicates one of three problems:

- The modem is not set for Caller ID.
 - The modem does not support Caller ID.
 - The Telco is not providing Caller ID.
- Once you solve the problems, restart `ncidd` normally.

TEST USING a Device (like the NetCallerID box):

- Start in this order:

```
ncidd  
ncid
```

- Call yourself.
- If you have problems, start `ncidd` in debug mode:

```
ncidd -D
```

- To get more information, add the verbose flag:

```
ncidd -Dv3
```

- To also look at the alias, blacklist and whitelist structure:

```
ncidd -Dv9
```

- The last three lines will be similar to:

```
Network Port: 3333
Wrote pid 20996 in pidfile: /var/run/ncidd.pid
End of startup: 04/01/2016 20:28:06
```

- Once you solve any problems, restart `ncidd` normally.

TEST USING a Gateway:

- You may need to configure options. Review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

- Start in this order:

```
ncidd
<name of gateway>
ncid
```

For example:

```
ncidd
sip2ncid
ncid
```

- Call yourself.
- If you have problems, start `ncidd` in debug mode:

```
ncidd -D
```

- To get more information, add the verbose flag:

```
ncidd -Dv3
```

- To also look at the alias, blacklist and whitelist structure:

```
ncidd -Dv9
```

- The last three lines will be similar to:

```
Network Port: 3333
Wrote pid 20996 in pidfile: /var/run/ncidd.pid
End of startup: 04/01/2016 20:28:06
```

- Once you solve any problems, restart `ncidd` normally.

Cygwin Package Install

NCID version 1.12 and later do not support Cygwin.

NCID version 1.12 and later requires libphonenumbers which is not part of the Cygwin distribution.

The Cygwin information below is provided as historical reference.

If NCID does not work, see [INSTALL](#) for some simple tests.

If you're using a gateway, review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

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NOTES:

The NCID server cannot directly control a modem under Cygwin. Use the supplied [yac2ncid](#) gateway to control a modem under Windows.

The sip2ncid gateway is not part of the NCID install package. It uses a network library not supported by Cygwin.

The server must be configured in `ncidd.conf` for either:

- `cidinput = 1` # Caller ID from a serial or USB device and optional gateways
- `cidinput = 2` # Caller ID from gateways with modem support
- `cidinput = 3` # Caller ID from gateways without modem support

In a normal Unix installation, the `ncid` client script will automatically run in GUI mode under X-Windows. However, X-Windows is not available for Cygwin. Two `ncid` client options are available:

- Use the `ncid` client script in character mode under Cygwin:

```
ncid --no-gui &
```

This also allows the use of output modules:

```
ncid --no-gui <module> &
```

- Download the `ncid` client Windows installer from SourceForge:

```
ncid-VERSION-client_windows_setup.exe
```

This does run in GUI mode but does not allow the use of output modules.

INSTALL:

Install Cygwin from <https://cygwin.com/>

- download `setup-x86.exe`
- run `setup-x86.exe`
- select cygwin download site (we used US site <https://cygwin.osuosl.org>)
- add the following to the default install setup

- `Devel/gcc-core`
- `Devel/gcc-g++`
- `Devel/make`
- `Editors/vim`
- `Interpreters/perl`
- `Interpreters/perl_pods`
- `Interpreters/tcl`
- `Net/openssh`
- `text/pcre2`
- `Libs/libpcre2-devel`
- `Libs/hidapi-devel`

- *it is strongly recommended you enable cut and paste in the Cygwin window*

- *Left click on the icon in upper left*
- *Select Properties*
- *Check QuickEdit Mode in Edit Options*

- *if compiling from source:*

- *Download WinPcap Developer's Pack from <https://www.winpcap.org/devel.htm>*
- *Unzip WpdPack_<version>.zip*
- *Rename to WpdPack and move it to *

Install or upgrade NCID:

The NCID package normally installs in `/usr/local` :

- *Install or upgrade using the tar archive, if available:*
- *Extracting the tar file will REPLACE the contents of all of the NCID configuration files. Be sure to back them up first. This includes all files in `/usr/local/etc/ncid/` .*
- *Copy `ncid-VERSION-cygwin.tgz` to your Cygwin home directory.*
- *Extract:*

```
sudo tar -xzvf ncid-VERSION-cygwin.tgz -C /
```

Example:

```
sudo tar -xzvf ncid-1.12-cygwin.tgz -C /
```

- Install or upgrade using the install script, if available.
- For an upgrade, the install script will preserve existing configurations and new ones installed will have *.new as the extension.
- Copy `ncid-VERSION-cygwin_install.sh` to your Cygwin home directory.
- Run install script: `sudo sh ncid-VERSION-cygwin_install.sh`

Example:

```
sudo sh ncid-1.12-cygwin_install.sh
```

- If there is no binary package, you need to compile from source:
- Copy `ncid-VERSION-src.tar.gz` to your Cygwin home directory.
- Extract and compile. It will be installed to `/usr/local` (see top of Makefile):

```
tar -xzvf ncid-VERSION-src.tar.gz

cd ncid

make cygwin

sudo make cygwin-install
```

If your phone system is VoIP and you want to use sip2ncid:

- nothing else to do

If you want to use a modem, you need YAC

- download and install [YAC \(on the Wayback Machine\)](#)
- configure the YAC server for a listener at localhost (127.0.0.1)

CONFIGURE:

The Makefile configures `ncidd.conf` for Cygwin, but you may want to change some of the defaults.

You need to configure sip2ncid to use the Network Interface. To find out the network interface name, you need to use the "-l" option to sip2ncid. You should see your Network interface names listed. Select the active one and use it with the "-i" option to sip2ncid.

START:

If this is your first time, you should first do the [Test Using a Gateway](#) and specify `sip2ncid` or `yac2ncid`.

Once testing is finished, run the processes in background:

```
ncidd &  
<name of gateway> &  
ncid --no-gui &
```

Call yourself and see if it works.

REBASE:

One of the idiosyncrasies of Cygwin is the need to rebase the dll's (set a base dll load address) so they don't conflict and create forking errors. The easiest way to do this is documented at [Rebaseall](#).

Just start an ash or dash prompt from `\\cygwin\\bin` and then type:

```
rebaseall -v  
exit
```

RUN AS A QUASI-SERVICE:

- Don't do this process until you have `ncidd` and `sip2ncid` or other processes running properly. Once you have things setup though, you can set `ncidd` and `sip2ncid` to (sort of) run as a service in Windows. I only say "sort of" because it's not technically a service, but is called from another Cygwin component that is a service.
- Re-run the `setup.exe` that you used to install Cygwin and install the `cygrunsrv` package. It's under Admin.
- Go to a cygwin command line and type the following to install `ncidd` as a service:

```
cygrunsrv -I ncidd -n -p /usr/local/bin/ncidd \  
-f "Network CallerID daemon(ncidd)" -a -D
```

Explaining these parameters:

```
-I indicates install  
  
-n indicates that the service never exits by itself (I don't  
recall why this has to be set, but it doesn't work otherwise)  
  
-p /usr/local/bin/ncidd:  
Application path which is run as a service.  
  
-f "Network CallerID daemon (ncidd)":  
Optional string which contains the service description  
(the desc you see in the Services listing)  
  
-a -D: passes the parameter "-D" to the ncidd program so it  
runs in debug mode. This keeps ncidd running in the  
"foreground" of the cygrunsrv process.
```


- Likewise, to remove the ncidd service:

```
cygrunsrv -R ncidd
```

- To install sip2ncid to run in the background, the command line is similar:

```
cygrunsrv -I sip2ncid -n -p /usr/local/bin/sip2ncid -y ncidd \
-a '-i "/Device/NPF_{XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX}" \
-D' -f "Service picks network SIP packets and sends to ncidd" \
--termsig KILL
```

Explaining these parameters:

-I indicates install

-n indicates that the service never exits by itself (I don't recall why this has to be set, but it doesn't work otherwise)

-p /usr/local/bin/sip2ncid: Application path which is run as a service.

-y ncidd: adds a service dependency with the ncidd service so that the ncidd service gets started automatically when you start sip2ncid

-a '-i "/Device/NPF_{XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX}" -D': note the single and double quotes in this section. You need to replace XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX in the above with NETWORK_INTERFACE from way above. To be clear, you want to replace /Device/NPF_{XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX} with NETWORK_INTERFACE from way above.

-f "Service to pick SIP packets from network and send to ncidd": Optional string which contains the service description (the desc you see in the Services listing)

--termsig KILL: termination signal to send. If you don't include this the service doesn't always get stopped.

- Likewise, to remove the sip2ncid service:

```
cygrunsrv -R sip2ncid
```

- To install ncid-notify to run in the background, the command line is similar: `cygrunsrv -I ncid-notify -p /bin/sh.exe -a \`
`'-c "/usr/local/bin/ncid --no-gui --module ncid-notify"'`
`-f "Service to use notify service to send ncid messages to iPad"`

Explaining these parameters:

-I indicates install

-p /bin/sh.exe: Application path to run, which in this case is just sh.exe because ncid-notify is a shell script

*-a '-c "/usr/local/bin/ncid --no-gui --module ncid-notify"'
these are the parameters that get sent to sh.exe:*

-c "/usr/local/bin/ncid: this is the path to the ncid script

--no-gui: tells ncid not to run as gui

--module ncid-notify: tells ncid to pass data to "ncid-notify"

*-f "Service to use notify service to send ncid messages to iPad":
Optional string which contains the service description
(the desc you see in the Services listing)*

-y ncid: you COULD also add this line to add a service dependency with the ncid service so that the ncid service gets started automatically when you start ncid-notify. I don't do this, because strictly speaking, you could be running ncid on a different computer

- Likewise, to remove the ncid-notify service:

```
cygrunsrv -R ncid-notify
```

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May be valid for other DEB Operating Systems

If NCID does not work, see [INSTALL](#) for some simple tests.

If you're using a gateway, review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

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COMPILE/INSTALL from Source:

- It's very important to update the latest package info before continuing. Don't skip these two steps!
(NOTE: The apt command is preferred over apt-get and apt-cache.)

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
```

If any packages were listed as "kept back" and "not upgraded", do:

```
sudo apt dist-upgrade
```

- The following packages are required:

```
sudo apt install build-essential fakeroot
sudo apt install libpcre2-dev libhidapi-dev
sudo apt install libphonenumbers-dev libicu-dev
sudo apt install libpcap-dev zstd rename
sudo apt install libconfig-simple-perl libdata-hexdump-perl
```

- The following python3 packages are required:

```
sudo apt install python3-pytz python3-phonenumbers python3-dialog
```

- These packages are required to run the ncid GUI:
(pkg tk also installs tcl)

```
sudo apt install tk bwidget
```

- The Perl package required for the email2ncid, obi2ncid, rn2ncid, wc2ncid, wct, and xdmf2ncid gateways:

```
sudo apt install libconfig-simple-perl
```

- This Perl additional package is required to run wc2ncid, wct and xdmf2ncid:

```
sudo apt install libdata-hexdumper-perl
```

- If the above Perl packages are not in the repository, you can try installing with the native Perl package manager called **cpan**:

```
cpan install Config::Simple
cpan install Data::HexDump
```

- Download the source from SourceForge:

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\
/files/ncid/<version>/ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz
```

Example:

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\
/files/ncid/1.12/ncid-1.12-src.tar.gz
```

- Copy `ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz` to any convenient directory, then type the following, where `<os>` is **debian**, **raspbian** or **ubuntu**:

```
tar -xzvf ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz

cd ncid

make <os>

sudo make <os>-install
```

INSTALL/UPGRADE from DEB Package:

NCID requires the server and client DEB packages to function. The server is required on one computer or device, but the client can be installed on as many computers as needed.

If available, the latest NCID can be installed from a Debian, raspbian or Ubuntu repository using `apt`.

If you cannot find a repository that contains NCID, or if the latest packages are not available, you can download them from SourceForge and install them using `gdebi` or `dpkg`.

In the sections below:

- `<version>` represents the NCID version number (e.g., 1.12)
- `<arch>` is the architecture
 - use `<armhf>` for raspbian 32 bit processors
 - use `<amd64>` for 64 bit processors
- `<module>` would be a module name like: `kpopup`, `mythtv`, `samba`

It's very important to update the latest package info before continuing. Don't skip these two steps! (NOTE: The `apt` command is preferred over `apt-get` and `apt-cache`.)

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
```

- **Install NCID from a repository**

- List the available packages:

```
sudo apt search ncid
```

- Install the server package (required):

```
sudo apt install ncid-<version>-1-<arch>.deb
```

- Install the client package (optional; includes most of the output modules):

```
sudo apt install ncid-client-<version>-1-all.deb
```

- Install any additional module packages wanted (optional):

```
sudo apt install ncid-<module>_<version>-1_all.deb
```

- *Install the gateways package if using a gateway instead of a modem (optional):*

```
sudo apt install ncid-gateways_<version>-1_<arch>.deb
```

- **Install NCID from DEB packages at SourceForge**

If the latest packages are not available at a repository, download them SourceForge.

Assuming the latest version is 1.12 and you're installing for a 64 bit processor, you would do the following:

- *Download the server package (required)*

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\  
/files/ncid/1.12/ncid_1.12-1_amd64.deb
```

- *If using the client, download ncid-client (optional; includes most of the output modules):*

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\  
/files/ncid/1.12/ncid-client_1.12-1_all.deb
```

- *Download any additional output modules (optional):*

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\  
/files/ncid/1.12/ncid-<module>_1.12-1_all.deb
```

- *If using a gateway instead of a modem, download ncid-gateways (optional):*

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\  
/files/ncid/1.12/ncid-gateways_1.12-1_amd64.deb
```

- *You can use apt, gdebi or dpkg to install the downloaded NCID packages and dependent packages.*

- Method 1: Install or Upgrade the packages using apt

- *Install the server (required):*

```
sudo apt install ./ncid_<version>-1_<arch>.deb  
(note: the dot-slash is required here)
```

- *Install the client (optional; includes most of the output modules):*

```
sudo apt install ./ncid-client_<version>-1_all.deb
```

- *Install any additional modules (optional):*

```
sudo apt install ./ncid-<module>_<version>-1_all.deb
```

- *Install any gateways (optional):*

```
sudo apt install ./ncid-gateways_<version>-1_<arch>.deb
```

- Method 2: *Install or Upgrade the packages using gdebi-gtk (GUI):*
 - *If needed, use the menu item "Add/Remove..." to install the GDebi Package Installer.*

- *Using the file viewer:*
 - *Open the file viewer to view the NCID DEB packages*
 - *Select the DEB packages*
 - *Double-click selections or right-click selections and select*

"Open with GDebi Package installer"

- Method 3: *Install or Upgrade the packages using gdebi (command line):*
 - *Install gdebi if needed:*

```
sudo apt install gdebi
```

- *Install the server (required):*

```
sudo gdebi ncid-<version>-1_<arch>.deb
```

- *Install the client (optional; includes most of the output modules):*

```
sudo gdebi ncid-client-<version>-1_all.deb
```

- *Install any additional modules (optional):*

```
sudo gdebi ncid-<module>-<version>-1_all.deb
```

- *Install any gateways (optional):*

```
sudo gdebi ncid-gateways_<version>-1_<arch>.deb
```

- Method 4: *Install or Upgrade the packages using dpkg (command line):*

- *Install the server (required):*

```
sudo dpkg -i ncid-<version>_<arch>.deb
```

- *Install the client (optional; includes most of the output modules):*

```
sudo dpkg -i ncid-client-<version>-1_all.deb
```

- *Install any additional modules (optional):*

```
sudo dpkg -i ncid-<module>-<version>-1_all.deb
```

- Install any gateways (optional):

```
sudo dpkg -i ncid-gateways_<version>-1_<arch>.deb
```

- Force install of all dependencies:

```
sudo apt-get install -f
```

CONFIGURE:

The `ncidd.conf` file is used to configure `ncidd`. A typical installation places the `ncid` configuration files in `/etc/ncid/`.

- The default modem port in `ncidd` is `/dev/ttyACM0`. If you need to change it, set your modem port in `ncidd.conf`. This assumes serial port 0:

```
set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0
```

- If you are using a Gateway to get the Caller ID instead of a local modem, you need to set `cidinput`:

```
set cidinput = 1 # Caller ID from a serial or USB device and optional gateways
set cidinput = 2 # Caller ID from gateways with modem support
set cidinput = 3 # Caller ID from gateways without modem support
```

- If you are using a local modem with or without a Gateway:

```
set cidinput = 0 (this is the default)
```

FIRST STARTUP:

- If you are running the server and client on the same computer and using a modem:

```
sudo systemctl start ncidd
```

```
ncid &
```

- If you are running the server and using a gateway:

```
sudo systemctl start ncidd <name of gateway>
```

```
ncid &
```

- Call yourself and see if it works, if not:

stop the server and gateway:

```
sudo systemctl stop mcid wc2ncid
```

and continue reading the test sections.

- If everything is OK, enable the NCID server, gateways and client modules you are using to autostart at boot. There are rc.init scripts for starting ncid with output modules, for example: ncid-page, ncid-kpopup, etc.

NOTE:

The ncid GUI client must be started after login, not boot. There is no ncid.init script to start or stop it.

START/STOP/RESTART/RELOAD/STATUS:

Use the systemctl command to control any of the daemons. The systemctl commands are: start, stop, restart, reload and status. The client using an output module can also be started using the **ncid-<module>** instead of **ncid**. All output modules can be run at the same time.

Here are some examples:

- Start the NCID server:

```
sudo systemctl start ncidd
```

- Stop the sip2ncid server:

```
sudo systemctl stop sip2ncid
```

- Restart the sip2ncid server:

```
sudo systemctl restart sip2ncid
```

- Reload the server alias file:

```
sudo systemctl reload ncidd
```

- Start ncid with ncid-page:

```
sudo systemctl start ncid-page
```

- Status of ncid with ncid-speak:

```
sudo systemctl status ncid-speak
```

Review the man page: **man systemctl**

AUTOSTART:

Use the systemctl command to enable/disable the service at boot.

Here are some examples:

- Start `ncidd` at boot:

```
sudo systemctl enable ncidd
```

- Start `ncid-page` at boot:

```
sudo systemctl enable ncid-page
```

- Disable `ncidd` startup at boot:

```
sudo systemctl disable ncidd
```

Review the man page: **`man systemctl`**

See also [this section about a known issue where ModemManager may hang NCID at boot time](#).

LIST PACKAGE FILES:

- To see all the files the package installed onto your system:

```
dpkg-query -L <package_name>
```

- To see the files a `.deb` file will install

```
dpkg-deb -c <package_name.deb>
```

- To work directly with package names rather than package files, you can use `apt-file`.
It lists contents for packages in your already-configured Apt repositories.
It is irrelevant whether any particular package is or is not installed.

You may need to install the `apt-file` package first:

```
sudo apt-file update  
apt-file list package_name
```

After installing `apt-file`:

```
apt-file list <package_name>
```

PACKAGE REMOVAL:

Use `apt` to remove any NCID package installed.

For example, to use `apt` to remove the `ncid` package:

- Normal removal without removing configuration files and dependencies:

```
sudo apt remove ncid
```

- Complete removal including configuration files:

```
sudo apt purge ncid
```

- Remove ncid dependencies no longer needed:

```
sudo apt autoremove
```

Review the man page: **man apt**

PACKAGE Dependencies:

Three ways to check package dependencies:

- `apt show <path_to_uninstalled_package>`
- `apt-cache depends <Installed_package>`
- `dpkg -I <path_to_uninstalled_package>`

KNOWN ISSUE - MODEMMANAGER MAY HANG NCID AT BOOT TIME:

Configurations known to have the issue:

- You are running Ubuntu 14.xx or later with the ModemManager installed and running.
- You are running Debian 9.xx or later and the ModemManager is not installed and/or is not running.
- You are running Ubuntu Mate on an Raspberry Pi model 3.
- You are running Raspbian Jessie on an Raspberry Pi model 3.
- It is a hardware modem mounted internally on a PCI card.
- It is a USB modem.

Symptoms:

- The NCID server is not sending caller ID to clients on your network.
- Clients are unable to connect to the NCID server.
- The NCID server log `/var/log/ncidd.log` indicates modem initialization did not complete and appears to be hung. This also prevents other processes after it from starting until the NCID server is killed.
- You may see very strange modem responses in the NCID server log.
- The NCID server problem is fixed by manually restarting it after the Operating System boots.
- The NCID server problem is fixed by manually unplugging and re-plugging in the USB modem.

Solution: If the ModemManager is installed

The ModemManager is searching for a mobile broadband (2G/3G/4G) capable devices, querying various Serial and USB connected devices at boot time, by sending "AT+GCAP" (the AT command for a modem to "Request Complete Capabilities List"). This can collide in terms of the devices initialization timing, with the NCID server and the XDMF to NCID gateway.

The solution is to create the udev rules that will exclude from probing, devices used by the NCID server and XDMF to NCID gateway.

Check out `/usr/share/doc/ncid/README-udev` for details.

Disabling the ModemManager should be used as a last resort, if for some reason the method of the udev rules fails.

Issue the following commands:

```
sudo systemctl disable ModemManager.service
sudo systemctl stop ModemManager.service
sudo systemctl status ModemManager.service
```

The **disable** line will prevent ModemManager from starting at boot.

The **stop** line will terminate the currently running instance of ModemManager.

The **status** lines should look like this:

```
• ModemManager.service - Modem Manager
  Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/ModemManager.service; disabled;
  vendor preset: enabled)
  Active: inactive (dead)
```

In the cases where the Operating System has no systemctl available, disable ModemManager completely by removing its execute permissions, with the following command:

```
sudo chmod ugo-x /usr/sbin/ModemManager
```

Fedora RPM Package Install

If NCID does not work, see [INSTALL](#) for some simple tests.

If you're using a gateway, review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

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COMPILE/INSTALL from Source:

Compile using the `ncid-<NCID version>-src.tar.gz` tar archive:

The following packages are required:

```
sudo dnf install libpcap-devel pcre2-devel hidapi-devel tcl
sudo dnf install libphonenumber-devel libicu-devel
sudo dnf install protobuf-devel
```

These packages are required to run the ncid GUI:
(note that package tk also installs package tcl)

```
sudo dnf install tk bwidget
```

The following Python3 packages are required:

```
sudo dnf install python3-pytz python3-phonenumbers python3-dialog
```

This Perl package is required to run `email2ncid`, `obi2ncid`, `rn2ncid`, `wc2ncid`, `wct`, and `xdmf2ncid`:

```
sudo dnf install perl-Config-Simple
```

This additional Perl package is required to run `wc2ncid`, `wct` and `xdmf2ncid`:

```
sudo dnf install perl-Data-HexDump
```

If the above Perl packages are not in the repository, you can try installing with the native Perl package manager called **cpan**:

```
cpan install Config::Simple
cpan install Data::HexDump
```

Finally, compile and install:

```
make fedora
sudo make fedora-install
```

Rebuild the rpm packages using `ncid-<NCID version>.fc<OS version>.src.rpm`

Install the required packages

```
dnf builddep ncid-<NCID version>.fc<OS version>.src.rpm
```

Rebuild the RPM packages

```
rpm --rebuild ncid-<NCID version>.fc<OS version>.src.rpm
```

INSTALL/UPGRADE from RPM Package:

NCID requires the server and client RPM packages to function. The server is required on one computer or device, but the client can be installed on as many computers as needed.

The client has most of the output modules in its RPM package, but there are optional output modules in their own RPM packages.

Download the server and client RPM packages using `dnf` from the Fedora repositories. You can also download any optional output modules you want.

- List the available packages:

```
sudo dnf list ncid\*
```

- The most recent versions may be here:

```
sudo dnf install fedora-release-rawhide
sudo dnf --enablerepo=rawhide list ncid\*
```

- *Install the server package (required):*

```
sudo dnf install ncid-< rpm package >
```

- *Install the client package (optional)*

```
sudo dnf install ncid-client-< rpm package >
```

- *Install the gateways package if using a gateway instead of a modem (optional):*

```
sudo dnf install ncid-gateways-< rpm package >
```

- *Install any optional module packages wanted (most modules are included with the client package):*

```
sudo dnf install ncid-< module rpm package >
```

If this is an upgrade and you changed any NCID configuration files, RPM creates new files with either `.rpmnew` (the new default config file), or `.rpmsave` (your old config file backed up). The `rpmconf` tool simplifies updating the configuration files from `.rpmnew` from `.rpmsave`.

- *Install `rpmconf`, if needed:*

```
sudo dnf install rpmconf
```

- *Update all configuration files that have `.rpmnew` or `.rpmsave` files:*

```
sudo rpmconf -a
```

If the current release is not in the Fedora repositories, download the RPM packages from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid/>

- *Download server, gateways and client RPM Packages from SourceForge:*

```
ncid RPM Package          (server - required)
ncid-client RPM Package   (client & default output modules - optional)
ncid-gateways RPM Package (gateways - optional)
```

- *Download any optional output modules wanted from SourceForge:*

```
ncid-MODULE RPM Package  (optional client output modules)
```

- *Install or Upgrade the packages:*

- *Using the file viewer:*

- Open the file viewer to view the NCID RPM packages
- Select the RPM packages
- Right click selections and select "Open with Package installer"

- Using dnf:

```
sudo dnf install ncid\*.rpm
```

CONFIGURE:

The `ncidd.conf` file is used to configure `ncidd`.

- The default modem port in `ncidd` is `/dev/ACMO`. If you need to change it, set your modem port in `ncidd.conf`. This assumes serial port 0:

```
set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0
```

- If you are using a Gateway to get the Caller ID instead of a local modem, you need to set `cidinput`:

```
set cidinput = 1 # Caller ID from a serial or USB device and optional
gateways
set cidinput = 2 # Caller ID from gateways with modem support
set cidinput = 3 # Caller ID from gateways without modem support
```

- If you are using a local modem with or without a Gateway:

```
set cidinput = 0 (this is the default)
```

FIRST STARTUP:

- If you are running the server and client on the same computer and using a modem:

```
sudo systemctl start ncidd

ncid &
```

- If you are running the server and using a gateway:

```
sudo systemctl start ncidd <name of gateway>

ncid &
```

- Call yourself and see if it works, if not,

stop the gateway and server:

```
sudo systemctl stop <name of gateway> ncidd
```

and continue reading the test sections.

- If everything is OK, enable the NCID server, gateways and client modules you are using to autostart at boot.

For example, to start `ncidd` and `sip2ncid` at boot:

```
sudo systemctl enable ncidd sip2ncid
```

The GUI `ncid` client must be started after login, not boot.

NOTE:

The `ncid` client normally starts in the GUI mode and there is no `ncid.service` script to start or stop it. There are service scripts for starting `ncid` with output modules, for example: `ncid-page`, `ncid-kpopup`, etc.

The `ncid` client can be started automatically from the **Auto Start** item in the **File** menu.

START/STOP/RESTART/RELOAD/STATUS:

Use the '`systemctl`' command to control any of the daemons. The service commands are: `start`, `stop`, `restart`, `reload`, `reload-or-restart` and `status`. The client can also be started using the output module name instead of `ncid`. All output modules can be run at the same time.

Here are some examples:

- Start the NCID server:

```
sudo systemctl start ncidd.service
```

- Stop the `sip2ncid` server:

```
sudo systemctl stop sip2ncid.service
```

- Reload the server alias file:

```
sudo systemctl reload-or-restart ncidd.service
```

- Restart `ncid` using `ncid-page`:

```
sudo systemctl start ncid-page.service
```

- Get the status of `ncid` using `ncid-speak`:

```
sudo systemctl status ncid-speak.service
```

Review the man page: **`man systemctl`**

AUTOSTART:

Use the 'systemctl' command to enable/disable a service to start at boot.

Here are some examples:

- Autostart ncidd at boot:

```
sudo systemctl enable ncidd
```

- Autostart ncidd and sip2ncid at boot:

```
sudo systemctl enable ncidd sip2ncid
```

- Disable ncid-speak from starting at boot:

```
sudo systemctl disable ncid-speak
```

Review the man page: **man systemctl**

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If NCID does not work, see [INSTALL](#) for some simple tests.

If you're using a gateway, review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

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INSTALL:

The NCID package installs in `/usr/local`.

Requirements

All packages can be installed from repositories or compiled from **ports**. Instructions assume the user **root** and use `pkg` to install from repositories. If the `sudo` command is installed, replace **pkg** with **sudo pkg**, if not root.

- update the repository data and upgrade:

```
pkg update
pkg upgrade
```

- Install sudo. The user needs to be in group **wheel**. A line in `/usr/local/etc/sudoers` needs to be uncommented to allow users in group wheel to run as root.

```
pkg install sudo
```

The NCID Makefile requires `gmake` and `bash`. To obtain the Makefile usage: `gmake`

```
pkg install bash gmake
```

- X-windows and Gnome (NCID default GUI environment)

```
pkg install xorg urwfonts gnome3
```

add to `/etc/rc.conf`

```
dbus_enable="YES"
hald_enable="YES"
gdm_enable="YES"
gnome_enable="YES"
```

add to `/etc/fstab` (required by Gnome)

proc	/proc	procfs	rw	0	0
------	-------	--------	----	---	---

- Compile `ncid`

```
pkg install libpcap pcre2 hidapi libphonenumbers gmake gcc bwidget python3
```

- install `python39` `py39-pytz` `py39-phonenumbers` `py39-dialog` (or newer versions)

```
sudo pkg python39 py39-pytz py39-phonenumbers py39-dialog
```

- install Perl `config-simple` and `Data-HexDump`

```
sudo pkg install p5-config-simple p5-Data-HexDump
```

- install `tk8.7` (tcl/tk version must be ≥ 8.6 ; `pkg tk` also installs tcl)

```
sudo pkg install tk87
```

- make sure `ncid` calls `tcl?.?` or `wish?.?`

For example: `tclsh8.7` and `wish8.7` otherwise modify the `TCLSH` and `WISH` variables in `ncid`

- install `logrotate`

```
pkg install logrotate
```

- install the vim editor (or another editor of your choice)

```
pkg install vim
```

Install or upgrade using the install script as root, if available:

GNU getopt is required when using the install script. See [this note](#).

For an upgrade, the install script will preserve existing configurations and new ones installed will have *.new as the extension.

```
Copy ncid-VERSION-freebsd_install.sh to the FreeBSD computer
```

```
sh ncid-VERSION-freebsd_install.sh
```

Example:

```
sh ncid-1.10-freebsd_install.sh
```

You will need to manually compare your current configuration files with the *.new ones and manually edit any differences.

If there is no binary package, you need to compile the source.

Gmake is required when compiling the source. See [this note](#).

Your existing configuration files will be preserved and new ones installed will have *.new as the extension.

```
Copy ncid-VERSION-src.tar.gz to the FreeBSD computer
```

```
tar -xzvf ncid-VERSION-src.tar.gz
```

```
gmake freebsd (compiles for /usr/local, see top of Makefile)
```

```
gmake freebsd-install
```

CONFIGURE:

The `ncidd.conf` file is used to configure `ncidd`.

- The default modem port in `ncidd` is a USB modem at `/dev/cuaU0`. There may also be `/dev/ttyACM0` in addition to `/dev/cuaU0`.
- You should set the modem in `ncidd.conf`, if you need to change it. Use one of `cuaa0`, `cuaa2`, `cuaa3`, `cuaa4` in `/dev` which corresponds to `COM1`, `COM2`, `COM3`, `COM4`

If you are using `COM1` then you would add this line to `ncidd.conf`:

```
set ttyport = /dev/cuaa0
```

- If you are using a gateway instead of a local modem, you need to set `cidinput`:

```
set cidinput = 1 # Caller ID from a serial or USB device and
optional gateways
set cidinput = 2 # Caller ID from gateways with modem support
set cidinput = 3 # Caller ID from gateways without modem support
```

- *If you are using a local modem with or without a gateway:*

```
set cidinput = 0 (this is the default)
```

STARTUP:

- *If you are running the server and client on the same computer and using a modem:*

```
/usr/local/etc/rc.d/ncidd onestart

ncid &
```

- *If you are running the server and using a gateway:*

```
/usr/local/etc/rc.d/rc.d/ncidd onestart

/usr/local/etc/rc.d/rc.d/<name of gateway> onestart

ncid &
```

- *Call yourself and see if it works, if not:*

stop the gateway used:

```
/usr/local/etc/rc.d/rc.d/<name of gateway> onestop
```

stop the server:

```
/usr/local/etc/rc.d/rc.d/ncidd onestop
```

and continue reading the test sections.

- *If everything is OK, enable the NCID server, gateways and client modules you are using to autostart at boot.*
- **NOTE:**
 - *The ncid client normally starts in the GUI mode and there is no ncid.rc script to start or stop it.*
 - *There are rc.d scripts for starting ncid with output modules, for example: ncid-page, ncid-kpopup, etc.*

START/STOP/STATUS:

- The `/usr/local/etc/rc.d/ncid*` scripts to control any of the daemons. The `rc.d` commands are: `start`, `stop`, `restart`, `reload` and `status`. The client can also be started using the output module name instead of `ncid`. All output modules can be run at the same time.

Here are examples:

```
sudo /usr/local/etc/rc.d/ncidd start
sudo /usr/local/etc/rc.d/ncidd reload
sudo /usr/local/etc/rc.d/sip2ncid restart
sudo /usr/local/etc/rc.d/ncid-speak stop
sudo /usr/local/etc/rc.d/ncid-page status
sudo /usr/local/etc/rc.d/ncid-kpopup rcvar
```

- If a service is not enabled, you must prefix 'one' to the commands; `start` becomes `onestart`, `stop` becomes `onestop` and so forth.

AUTOSTART:

- If you want NCID services to start automatically at boot, you need to add an enable line `/etc/rc.conf.local` for each service you want started. If `/etc/rc.conf.local` does not exist, create it.

- Here is the list of `rc` scripts and their enable lines:

<code>/usr/local/etc/rc.d/</code>	<code>/etc/rc.conf.local</code>
-----	-----
<code>ncidd</code>	<code>ncidd_enable="YES"</code>
<code>sip2ncid</code>	<code>sip2ncid_enable="YES"</code>
<code>yac2ncid</code>	<code>yac2ncid_enable="YES"</code>
<code>ncid-kpopup</code>	<code>ncidkpopup_enable="YES"</code>
<code>ncid-notify</code>	<code>ncidnotify_enable="YES"</code>
<code>ncid-page</code>	<code>ncidpage_enable="YES"</code>
<code>ncid-samba</code>	<code>ncidsamba_enable="YES"</code>
<code>ncid-skel</code>	<code>ncidskel_enable="YES"</code>
<code>ncid-speak</code>	<code>ncidspeak_enable="YES"</code>
<code>ncid-yac</code>	<code>ncidyack_enable="YES"</code>

TRIMMING LOG FILES:

- FreeBSD uses `newsyslog` by default to trim files. To trim the `cidcall.log` and the `ciddata.log` files, add this entry to `/etc/newsyslog.conf`:

```
/var/log/cid*.log  root:wheel 644 5 * $M1D0 GN
```

GMAKE NOTE:

- The NCID source package requires `gmake`.

- The NCID source package and, if available, the install script, require GNU getopt. It is installed from `/usr/ports/devel/libgnugetopt`:

```
cd /usr/ports/devel/gmake  
  
make all install
```

Macintosh Install

If NCID does not work, see [INSTALL](#) for some simple tests.

If you're using a gateway, review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

macOS:

- NCID should work on macOS 11.7 (Big Sur) and later versions. It requires an Intel 64bit processor.

Graphical User Interface (GUI):

- The native macOS GUI called **Aqua** is not compatible with the NCID GUI client. Instead, it needs **XQuartz**, a macOS specific version of **X Windows** (a.k.a. **X11**). **XQuartz** is installed as a separate application and runs alongside **Aqua**.
- In addition to **XQuartz**, a special version of TCL/TK is required that works with **XQuartz**. The steps to install these depend on which package manager is used and are incorporated below.

Package Manager:

Pick one of the following package managers (do not install both).

Homebrew:

- This is the preferred package manager because it appears to be more actively maintained, especially for the latest versions of macOS. Check [here](#) to see if you meet the minimum system requirements.
- Click [here](#) for instructions to download and install Homebrew.

- As of this writing for NCID 1.14, there is a bug in the Homebrew formula to install the special version of TCL/TK that is required to work with **XQuartz**: You cannot successfully install TCL/TK if the path to the Xcode Command Line Tools (CLT) contains an embedded space. This should only be an issue if you install the full Xcode application to a location other than the default, which is `/Applications/Xcode`. To determine if this issue applies to your macOS environment, examine the path emitted by the following command typed at a shell prompt:

```
xcode-select -p
```

MacPorts:

- You will likely use MacPorts for older versions of macOS that Homebrew no longer supports.
- File `/etc/paths` needs to be edited to put in directories for finding MacPorts. Use **sudo** to make a backup first, then edit the file with:

```
sudo vi /etc/paths
```

so that it looks like this:

```
/opt/local/libexec/gnubin  
/opt/local/bin  
/opt/local/sbin  
/usr/bin  
/bin  
/usr/sbin  
/sbin  
/usr/local/bin  
/usr/local/sbin
```

- Click [here](#) for instructions to download and install MacPorts.
- A minimum of MacPorts version 2.8.0 is required. However, as of this writing for NCID 1.14, there is a bug in version 2.8.0 and later where the `hidapi` package will not install header file `hidapi_darwin.h`; this causes the compile to fail. This has been reported to the MacPorts maintainers.

COMPILE/INSTALL/UPGRADE from Source:

Prerequisite:

- When building NCID from source, you must compile on a case-sensitive macOS filesystem. This requirement is **ONLY** for compiling NCID. Do not attempt to put other macOS applications on a case-sensitive filesystem because they will probably not work as expected.
- Use the **diskutil** command to determine the filesystem type. Assuming you will be installing to the Mac's startup volume, i.e., the root filesystem, type the following:

```
diskutil info / | fgrep -i "file system"
```

- Depending on the version of macOS, the default filesystem type is 'APFS' or 'Journaled HFS+' which are not case-sensitive.
- Look for 'Case-sensitive' in the output of the **diskutil** command above. If you don't see it, you can create a small, case-sensitive disk image just so you can compile NCID. Approximately 100 megabytes are required for each version of NCID you intend to compile. A minimum 200 megabyte disk image size is recommended.

```
hdiutil create -size 200m \
               -fs "Case-sensitive HFS+" \
               -volname NCID ~/NCID.dmg
```

- Next, mount the disk image:

```
hdiutil attach ~/NCID.dmg
```

- and change to its directory where you will place the source:

```
cd /Volumes/NCID
```

- Rebooting the Mac computer will normally unmount the disk image requiring the **hdiutil attach** command to be manually run each time. You can set it up to automount by doing the following:

1. Login as the user where you want to automount NCID.dmg.
2. From a Terminal prompt, mount the disk image:
hdiutil attach ~/NCID.dmg
3. There should now be an icon on the Desktop called NCID showing that it has been mounted.
4. Go to System Preferences->Users & Groups->Login Items. Drag the NCID icon from the right edge of the Desktop and drop it onto the Login Items (top/bottom/doesn't matter where in the list).
5. The Login Items window may not refresh automatically so click on the Password tab and then go back to the Login Items tab. You should then see NCID in the list of kind "Volume".

Homebrew:

- Do not use **sudo** when executing **brew install**.
- The following packages are required:

```
brew tap sethfore/homebrew-r-srf
brew install icu4c libpcap libphonenumbers pcre2 hidapi
brew install make wget sethfore/r-srf/tcl-tk-x11 bwidget
brew install xquartz
```

- Download the source from SourceForge:

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\
/files/ncid/<version>/ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz
```

Example:

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\
/files/ncid/1.14/ncid-1.14-src.tar.gz
```

- Copy `ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz` to the macOS case-sensitive filesystem and then type:

```
tar -xzvf ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz

cd ncid

make mac

sudo make mac-install
```

- Change the default symbolic links for the TCL/TK interpreter to point to the **XQuartz** version by typing the following (this normally only needs to be done once or if Homebrew updates TCL/TK):

```
ncid-setup mac-homebrew-tcl
```

- Go to Applications->Utilities and launch **XQuartz**. This will create its default Preference file. It can take a minute for **XQuartz** to finish running the first time. This only needs to be done once.
- Configure **XQuartz** to run the NCID GUI client when **XQuartz** starts by typing the following (only needs to be done once):

```
ncid-setup mac-xquartz-app-menu
```

MacPorts:

- You must use **sudo** when executing **port install**.
- The following packages are required:

```
sudo port install libpcap libphonenumbers-cpp pcre2 gmake
sudo port install dos2unix wget bwidget hidapi abseil
sudo port install tk +quartz
```

- Download the source from SourceForge:

```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\
/files/ncid/<version>/ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz
```

Example:


```
wget https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid\
/files/ncid/1.14/ncid-1.14-src.tar.gz
```

- Copy `ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz` to the macOS case-sensitive filesystem and then type:

```
tar -xzvf ncid-<version>-src.tar.gz

cd ncid

make mac

sudo make mac-install
```

- Go to Applications->Utilities and launch **XQuartz**. This will create its default Preference file. It can take a minute for **XQuartz** to finish running the first time. This only needs to be done once.
- Configure **XQuartz** to run the NCID GUI client when **XQuartz** starts by typing the following (only needs to be done once):

```
ncid-setup mac-xquartz-app-menu
```

Other Notes:

- For both an install and an upgrade, existing configurations are automatically preserved, but new ones installed will have `.new` as the extension. You will need to manually compare your current configuration files with the `.new` ones and manually edit any differences.
- Optional gateways will require additional Perl packages before they can be run. Installing these with the native Perl package manager called **cpan**.
- This package is required to run `email2ncid`, `obi2ncid`, `rn2ncid`, `wc2ncid`, `wct`, and `xdmf2ncid`:

```
cpan install Config::Simple
```

- This additional package is required to run `wc2ncid`, `wct` and `xdmf2ncid`:

```
cpan install Data::HexDump
```

CONFIGURE:

The Makefile preconfigures `ncidd.conf` for macOS, but you may want to change some of the defaults.

- If you are using a gateway instead of a local modem, you need to set `cidinput`:

```
set cidinput = 1 # Caller ID from a serial or USB device and optional gateways
set cidinput = 2 # Caller ID from gateways with modem support
set cidinput = 3 # Caller ID from gateways without modem support
```

- If you are using a local modem with or without a gateway:

```
set cidinput = 0 (this is the default)
```

FIRST STARTUP:

NCID requires the server and at least one client to function. The server is required on one computer or device, but the client can be installed on as many computers as needed.

- If you are running the server and client on the same computer and using a modem:

```
sudo /usr/local/sbin/ncidd
```

In Finder, navigate to Applications->Utilities and double-click on **XQuartz** (or **XQuartz.app**).

- If you are running the server and using a gateway:

```
sudo /usr/local/sbin/ncidd
```

```
sudo /usr/local/sbin/<name of gateway>
```

In Finder, navigate to Applications->Utilities and double-click on **XQuartz** (or **XQuartz.app**).

- Call yourself and see if it works. If not, stop the gateway first (if used) and then stop the server, using **sudo kill** and the appropriate process ID. Continue by reading the test sections.
- If everything is OK, enable the NCID server, gateways and client modules you are using to autostart at boot.

(AUTO)START/STOP:

SERVER:

Under macOS the mechanism used to start the NCID server processes is **launchd** and requires **.plist** files in `/Library/LaunchDaemons`. The naming convention used is as follows:

```
/Library/LaunchDaemons/net.sourceforge.ncid-{name}.plist
```

Appropriate **.plist** files for the NCID server processes are created automatically when NCID is installed, however, they must be manually activated.

Once activated, no action is typically required as the **.plist** files are configured to automatically start each time the system boots.

You do not interact with **launchd** directly, instead you use the **launchctl** command line utility.

You should only activate the NCID servers, gateways and client modules you need. Activating will also start the process immediately; there is no need to reboot.

The syntax for stopping the daemons is the same as starting them, except you use the **unload** subcommand instead of the **load** subcommand. Doing an **unload** stops the daemon immediately and prevents it from starting automatically the next time the system is booted.

Here are some examples:

- Start the NCID server:

```
sudo launchctl load -w \  
    /Library/LaunchDaemons/net.sourceforge.ncidd.plist
```

- Stop the sip2ncid server:

```
sudo launchctl unload -w \  
    /Library/LaunchDaemons/net.sourceforge.sip2ncid.plist
```

- Start ncid with ncid-page:

```
sudo launchctl load -w \  
    /Library/LaunchDaemons/net.sourceforge.ncid-page.plist
```

Review the man page: **man launchctl**

CLIENT:

For the NCID GUI client, no **.plist** is currently provided because of the requirement that NCID must be installed as root and the GUI preference file is specific to each user.

However, if you follow the steps described in this document, **XQuartz** will be configured to run the NCID GUI client when it launches. To have XQuartz launch when you automatically log in, drag **XQuartz** (or **XQuartz.app**) from Applications->Utilities to your account's Login Items: System Preferences->Users & Groups->Login Items tab.

You may optionally want to drag the **XQuartz** icon from Applications->Utilities and put it in the Dock.

CHECKING DAEMON STATUS:

Use the **launchctl list** subcommand to show the daemons currently loaded, optionally using **fgrep** to filter out only NCID related processes.

Daemons currently running will have a process id.

Daemons which were stopped without an error will not be listed at all.

If a daemon has stopped due to an error, it will have no process id but will have a numeric exit status. Examine the contents of the `/var/log/system.log` file to determine the problem. Once you fix the problem, use the **launchctl unload** subcommand followed by the **load** subcommand.

Example:

```
sudo launchctl list|fgrep net.sourceforge.ncid
```

PID	Status	Label
422	-	net.sourceforge.ncid-notify
419	-	net.sourceforge.ncidd

TRIMMING LOG FILES:

macOS uses **newsyslog** to trim files. To trim the `cidcall.log` and the `ciddata.log` files, add this entry to `/etc/newsyslog.conf`

```
/var/log/cid*.log  root:wheel 644 5 * $M1D0 GN
```

Redhat/Centos/Enterprise RPM Package Install

If NCID does not work, see [INSTALL](#) for some simple tests.

If you're using a gateway, review the appropriate section in [Gateways](#).

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COMPILE/INSTALL from Source:

Compile using the `ncid-<NCID version>-src.tar.gz` tar archive:

The following packages are required:

```
sudo dnf install libpcap-devel pcre2-devel hidapi-devel tcl
sudo dnf install libphonenumber-devel libicu-devel
sudo dnf install protobuf-devel
```

These packages are required to run the `ncid` GUI:
(note that package `tk` also installs package `tcl`)

```
sudo dnf install tk bwidget
```

Python3 modules required by `ncid` client plugins:

```
sudo dnf install python3-pytz python3-phonenumbers python3-dialog
```

This Perl package is required to run `email2ncid`, `obi2ncid`, `rn2ncid`, `wc2ncid`, `wct`, and `xdmf2ncid`:

```
sudo dnf install perl-Config-Simple
```

This additional Perl package is required to run `wc2ncid`, `wct` and `xdmf2ncid`:

```
sudo dnf install perl-Data-HexDump
```

If the above Perl packages are not in the repository, you can try installing with the native Perl package manager called **cpan**:

```
cpan install Config::Simple
cpan install Data::HexDump
```

Finally, compile and install:

```
make redhat>> This Python3 package is required to run us_number_info, used by
ncid:
```

```
sudo dnf install python3-phonenumbers
```

```
sudo make redhat-install
```

Rebuild the rpm packages using ncid-<NCID version>.fc<OS version>.src.rpm

Install the required packages

```
dnf builddep ncid-<NCID version>.fc<OS version>.src.rpm
```

Rebuild the RPM packages

```
rpm --rebuild ncid-<NCID version>.fc<OS version>.src.rpm
```

INSTALL/UPGRADE from RPM Package:

NCID requires the server and client RPM packages to function. The server is required on one computer or device, but the client can be installed on as many computers as needed.

The client has most of the output modules in its RPM package, but there are optional output modules in their own RPM packages.

Download the server and client RPM packages using dnf from the Fedora repositories. You can also download any optional output modules you want.

- List the available packages:

```
sudo dnf list ncid\*
```

- The most recent versions may be here:

```
sudo dnf install fedora-release-rawhide
sudo dnf --enablerepo=rawhide list ncid\*
```

- Install the server package (required):

```
sudo dnf install ncid-< rpm package >
```

- Install the client package (optional)

```
sudo dnf install ncid-client-< rpm package >
```

- *Install the gateways package if using a gateway instead of a modem (optional):*

```
sudo dnf install ncid-gateways-< rpm package >
```

- *Install any optional module packages wanted (most modules are included with the client package):*

```
sudo dnf install ncid-< module rpm package >
```

If this is an upgrade and you changed any NCID configuration files, RPM creates new files with either .rpmnew (the new default config file), or .rpmsave (your old config file backed up). The rpmconf tool simplifies updating the configuration files from .rpmnew from .rpmsave.

- *Install rpmconf, if needed:*

```
sudo dnf install rpmconf
```

- *Update all configuration files that have .rpmnew or .rpmsave files:*

```
sudo rpmconf -a
```

If the current release is not in the Fedora repositories, download the RPM packages from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/ncid/>

- *Download server, gateways and client RPM Packages from SourceForge:*

```
ncid RPM Package          (server - required)
ncid-client RPM Package   (client & default output modules - optional)
ncid-gateways RPM Package (gateways - optional)
```

- *Download any optional output modules wanted from SourceForge:*

```
ncid-MODULE RPM Package (optional client output modules)
```

- *Install or Upgrade the packages:*

- *Using the file viewer:*

- *Open the file viewer to view the NCID RPM packages*
- *Select the RPM packages*
- *Right click selections and select "Open with Package installer"*

- *Using dnf:*

```
sudo dnf install ncid\*.rpm
```

CONFIGURE:

The `ncidd.conf` file is used to configure `ncidd`.

- The default modem port in `ncidd` is `/dev/ACM0`. If you need to change it, set your modem port in `ncidd.conf`. This assumes serial port 0:

```
set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0
```

- If you are using a Gateway to get the Caller ID instead of a local modem, you need to set `cidinput`:

```
set cidinput = 1 # Caller ID from a serial or USB device and optional
gateways
set cidinput = 2 # Caller ID from gateways with modem support
set cidinput = 3 # Caller ID from gateways without modem support
```

- If you are using a local modem with or without a Gateway:

```
set cidinput = 0 (this is the default)
```

FIRST STARTUP:

- If you are running the server and client on the same computer and using a modem:

```
sudo service ncidd start

ncid &
```

- If you are running the server and using a gateway:

```
sudo service ncidd start

sudo service <name of gateway> start

ncid &
```

- Call yourself and see if it works, if not,

stop the gateway used:

```
sudo service <name of gateway> stop
```

stop the server:

```
sudo service ncidd stop
```

and continue reading the test sections.

- If everything is OK, enable the NCID server, gateways and client modules you are using, to autostart at boot.

The GUI ncid client must be started after login, not boot.

NOTE:

The ncid client normally starts in the GUI mode and there is no ncid.init script to start or stop it. There are rc.init scripts for starting ncid with output modules, for example: ncid-page, ncid-kpopup, etc.

START/STOP/RESTART/RELOAD/STATUS:

Use the 'service' command to control any of the daemons. The service commands are: start, stop, restart, reload and status. The client can also be started using the output module name instead of ncid. All output modules can be run at the same time.

Here are some examples:

- Start the NCID server:

```
sudo service ncidd start
```

- Stop the sip2ncid server:

```
sudo service sip2ncid stop
```

- Reload the server alias file:

```
sudo service ncidd reload
```

- Restart ncid using ncid-page:

```
sudo service ncid-page start
```

- Get the status of ncid using ncid-speak:

```
sudo service ncid-speak status
```

Review the man page: **man service**

AUTOSTART:

Use the 'chkconfig' command to turn the service on/off for starting at boot.

Here are some examples:

- Autostart ncidd at boot:

```
sudo chkconfig ncidd on
```


- Autostart *ncid-page* at boot:

```
sudo chkconfig ncid-page on
```

- Autostart *ncid-kpopup* at boot:

```
sudo chkconfig ncid-kpopup on
```

- List runlevels for *sip2ncid*:

```
sudo chkconfig --list sip2ncid
```

- Disable *ncid-speak* from starting at boot:

```
sudo chkconfig ncid-speak off
```

Review the manpage: **man chkconfig**

Windows Install

Install either the Windows client package or the complete package.

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WINDOWS CLIENT-ONLY INSTALL (NCID version 1.7 and newer):

Requirements

- Windows client version 1.7 and newer
- [NCID](#) server
- ActiveTcl-8.6.9 and newer

- Go to the [ActiveTcl download page](#)
- Download of the ActiveTcl installer requires a free account.
- Run the ActiveTcl installer and for **Choose Setup Type** you must select **Complete**. Accept all other defaults.
- Python3
 - Go to [Python Releases for Windows](#) and choose "Download Windows installer". Install the full package and check "Use admin privileges when installing py.exe" and "Add Python.exe to PATH". Do not use the Windows store to obtain the Python package because tcl will not be able to find Python.
 - After installing python, install the following using pip:


```
pip install pytz phonenumbers pydialog
```

Choose only ONE of the following to install:

- [Zenity for Windows version 3.20.0, dated August 11, 2016 \(on the Wayback Machine\)](#)

Even though this has an older date than WinZenity below, it is recommended because it has more features. Be sure to read this [reported issue](#) before installing; the NCID Developers did not experience this issue.

or

- [WinZenity \(Zenity version 3.6 Portable for Windows\), dated February 10, 2020](#)

There is no installer, simply unzip zenity.zip and put the extracted zenity.exe in a directory where it can be found. Suggest <drive>\ncid\zenity.exe.

Install NCID Client

- Download "ncid-VERSION-client_windows_setup.exe" from [SourceForge](#).
- Run the installer:
 - Decide if you want a desktop link (default).
 - Decide if you want a startup link (optional; can be added manually after installation).
 - Accept defaults for all other prompts until you get to the server address.
 - Change the server address if different from the default shown.

Examples:

```
192.168.22.10
```

```
ncid.sourceforge.net
```

- The default installation folder is:

```
C:\ncid
```

- File `ncid.conf` will be located in the same folder as `ncid.tcl`. Feel free to edit this file and change options as desired.
- To run the client from the Windows Command Prompt, simply type `ncid.tcl` followed by [command-line arguments and options](#). No Windows shortcut is needed.
- To run `ncid.tcl` from Windows Explorer, make sure `ncid.conf` has a correct "set Host" line, then double-click on `ncid.tcl`.

Upgrade

- Install the latest `ncid` client for windows and it will replace the old version.

If an existing `ncid.conf` is detected it will be preserved; the one for the new version will be called `ncid.newconf`.

- Install the latest ActiveTcl version, must be version 8.6.9 and newer.

Autostart at Login

These steps assume you have successfully completed the [Install NCID Client](#) steps.

You can make `ncid` autostart at login by simply copying the `ncid` shortcut from the desktop to your Startup folder. Follow these steps:

1. Find the newly-installed `ncid` shortcut (icon) on the desktop.
2. Right-click on it and choose Copy.
3. Click on Start and choose All Programs.
4. Scroll until you find the folder called Startup.
5. Right-click on Startup and choose Open.
6. Paste the shortcut with `ctrl-v`, or in the menu bar choose Edit->Paste.

Specifying command-line arguments and options

Command-line arguments and options can be added to a shortcut. The install package creates a desktop shortcut that contains the server address argument, for example:

```
C:\ncid\ncid.tcl 192.168.22.10
```

The default port number is 3333 but it can also be changed in the shortcut if it is different from the default of 3333. Right-click on the shortcut, choose Properties, then add a space followed by the port number, for example:

```
C:\ncid\ncid.tcl 192.168.22.10 3334
```

Adding options requires they be specified before the server's IP address or hostname.

You should add two hyphens (--) right after `ncid.tcl` so that the TCL/TK interpreter does not confuse options intended for itself and those intended for `ncid`.

You can mix short and long options.

Example:

```
C:\ncid\ncid.tcl -- -D 120 --ring 5 -X -H 192.168.22.10 3334
```

Supported options:

```
--alt-date,           -A
--delay <seconds>,   -D <seconds>
--hostname-flag,     -H
--noexit,            -X
--PopupTime <1-99 seconds>, -t <1-99 seconds>
--ring <0-9|-1|-2|-3|-4|-9>, -r <0-9|-1|-2|-3|-4|-9>
```

Unsupported options:

```
--no-gui
--pidfile,           -p <file>
--module,            -P <module name>
--verbose,           -v <1-9>
--version,           -V
--wakeup,            -W
```

WINDOWS CLIENT-ONLY INSTALL (NCID version 1.6 and older):

Requirements

- Windows client version 1.6 and older
- [NCID](#) server

Install `ncid.exe` (deprecated, uses `FreeWrap`)

The following steps have been deprecated but are being kept for historical purposes. This older Windows client is still available for download from SourceForge for NCID versions 1.6 and older.

The older version used [freeWrap](#) to bundle the `ncid` client script and the needed TCL/TK interpreter. This resulted in a simple, stand-alone executable. Unfortunately, it had a technical limitation where the `ncid.conf` file could not be edited. Although it was still possible to specify command line arguments via the Windows shortcut, not all `ncid.conf` settings had command line equivalents, which meant their default settings could not be changed. This issue has been eliminated in the current windows install.

Here then are the Windows client instructions for NCID version 1.6 and older...

- Execute the `ncid` installer:
- NCID Versions 1.4 and older:

```
ncid-VERSION-client_setup.exe
```

- *NCID Versions 1.5 and newer:*

```
ncid-VERSION-client_win10_x64_setup.exe
```

Examples:

```
ncid-1.0-client_setup.exe
```

```
ncid-1.6-client_win10_x64_setup.exe
```

- *You'll be asked for the NCID server address. The default is 127.0.0.1, so you will need to change it.*

Examples:

```
192.168.22.10
```

```
ncid.sourceforge.net
```

WINDOWS 10 and 11 COMPLETE INSTALL:

The Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) is a full compatibility layer for running Linux applications on Windows.

- *You must be running Windows 10 version 1607 (the Anniversary update) or Windows 11 22H2.*
- *WSL only runs on 64-bit versions; 32-bit versions are not supported.*

[Step-by-step screenshot guide to show you how to install bash on Windows 10 and 11.](#)

Be warned, you are trail blazing. The ncid packages were not tested.

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Description

NCID requires hardware to obtain Caller ID. It can be a supported modem, a supported device, or a gateway.

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Modems

Modems are normally used to obtain the Caller ID. They can also be used dial a number or hangup on a call. NCID supports up to 5 modems or serial devices.

Any Caller ID serial or USB modem supported by the operating system can be used. See [Incomplete list of working modems](#).

NCID can also use those rare modems that do not support Caller ID by configuring `gencid` in **`ncidd.conf`**, but such modems are limited to indicating the date and start time of the calls. If a [Gateway](#) is used to obtain the Caller ID these modems can be used to dial a number and hangup on a call.

See the modem [Configuration](#) section for information on configuring modems.

ATA (Analog Terminal Adapter)

The ATA hardware is for VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol).

VoIP telephone services use an Analog Terminal Adapter, sometimes called a VoIP gateway.

See also [Voip-info.org: A reference guide to all things VOIP](#).

In order to receive Caller ID from VoIP, the local network must be configured. Three configurations are considered here:

- [One device: Cable/DSL Modem with integrated ATA device](#)
- [Two devices: Cable/DSL Modem + Router Switch with integrated ATA device](#)
- [Three devices: Cable/DSL Modem + Router Switch + ATA device](#)

One device: Cable/DSL Modem with integrated ATA device

Many cable companies such as Comcast and Time Warner now offer bundled services, referred to in the industry as "triple play service." This delivers television, Internet service and digital phone service via a single device.

The protocol used for the digital phone service is usually proprietary.

NCID is not supported in this configuration.

Two devices: Cable/DSL Modem + Router Switch with integrated ATA device

These router and ATA combo devices may be configured to put the Caller ID on the built-in switch. If you have other routers working, please contribute to this list:

Router	Model	Settings	Configuration
Linksys	WRTP54G	-	(has "P" in model name) use Vonage Talk
Linksys	RT31P2	DMZ	put computer IP address in the DMZ

Three devices: Cable/DSL Modem + Router Switch + ATA device

A stand-alone ATA device connected to your network will make its Caller ID info (Session Initiation Protocol, or SIP) available to all the other network devices that are listening for it. A typical setup has the ATA connected to one physical port on the router/switch and the computer running NCID is connected to a different physical port. Most modern routers/switches isolate the network traffic on any one physical port from all the other physical ports. This is done on purpose to optimize network traffic throughput and provide better performance.

The problem is that having the network traffic isolated in this way does not allow the NCID computer to ever receive the Caller ID info from the ATA.

To circumvent this problem, you have several options:

A. Use an [Ethernet Tap](#).

This is the preferred method to obtain Caller ID. The [USB Powered 5-Port 10/100 Ethernet Switch TAP](#) by Dualcomm is a good choice and has been successfully used with NCID. The Dualcomm USB powered 5-port Ethernet Switch TAP mirrors all ethernet traffic on port 1 to port 5. Simply plug your ATA into port 1 and your NCID server into port 5.

- The NCID server and ATA need to be (relatively) close together in order to connect directly to the ethernet TAP.
- Requires no software configuration beyond the sip2ncid setup.
- Requires additional hardware.

B. Use [port mirroring](#).

Port mirroring is not port forwarding.

- Requires [DD-WRT](#), [OpenWRT](#), or similar Linux-based OS to be running on your home router.
- Requires manual configuration of the port mirror on your home router.
- Any modification to the firewall rules or QoS settings in DD-WRT will result in the port mirroring commands being discarded; you will either have to reboot DD-WRT or manually enter the commands via SSH to restart the port mirror.
- The NCID server and ATA can be located anywhere on your home network.
- No additional hardware needed.

STEPS TO CONFIGURE DD-WRT

1. Use ssh to connect to your router and enter the following port mirroring commands, substituting your values for ip-of-sip-ata and ip-of-ncid-server:

```
iptables -t mangle \  
-A POSTROUTING \  
-j MIRROR
```

```
-d ip-of-sip-ata \  
-j ROUTE \  
--tee --gw ip-of-ncid-server
```

```
iptables -t mangle \  
-A PREROUTING \  
-s ip-of-sip-ata \  
-j ROUTE \  
--tee --gw ip-of-ncid-server
```

2. To verify the port mirror is setup properly, use:

```
iptables -t mangle -L -v -n
```

which will provide output that should show something similar to:

```
Chain PREROUTING (policy ACCEPT 4510K packets, 2555M bytes)  
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source destination  
....  
219 152K ROUTE 0 -- * * ip-of-sip-ata 0.0.0.0/0 ROUTE gw:ip-of-ncid-  
server tee  
....  
  
Chain POSTROUTING (policy ACCEPT 17M packets, 7764M bytes)  
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source destination  
....  
206 82184 ROUTE 0 -- * * 0.0.0.0/0 ip-of-sip-ata ROUTE gw:ip-of-ncid-  
server tee  
....
```

3. Follow the sip2ncid setup instructions to make sure that SIP packets are being received.

4. When everything is working properly, add the port mirroring commands to the DD-WRT startup commands in the Management tab so that they will be run whenever DD-WRT is rebooted.

C. Use [Ettercap](#).

Convince your router to send all SIP packets to your NCID server and have your NCID server pass the packets on to your ATA. This is most easily and robustly accomplished through the use of [ettercap](#).

- If the NCID server or ettercap fails, your router and SIP ATA will automatically start communicating directly within a few minutes as the SIP ATA and router are not physically isolated.
- The NCID server and ATA can be located anywhere on your home network.
- No manual configuration of router is required.
- No additional hardware needed.

STEPS TO CONFIGURE ETTERCAP

Perform these steps from a command prompt on your NCID server.

1. To determine the proper interface for ettercap to use, `ifconfig` will show all available interfaces. For example, wired ethernet is `eth0` and wireless ethernet is `wlan0` on raspios.

2. Install ettercap.

- if on Ubuntu, raspios and other Debian-based systems:

```
sudo apt-get install ettercap-text-only
```

- if on Fedora and other Redhat-based systems:

```
sudo dnf install ettercap
```

3. Execute ettercap, substituting your values for interface, ip-of-sip-ata and ip-of-home-router. The forward slashes are mandatory.

- if using IPV4, surround each IP address with one leading slash and one trailing slash:

```
sudo ettercap -T -D -i interface -M arp:remote \  
/ip-of-sip-ata/ /ip-of-home-router/
```

- if using IPV6, surround each IP address with two leading slashes and one trailing slash:

```
sudo ettercap -T -D -i interface -M arp:remote \  
//ip-of-sip-ata/ //ip-of-home-router/
```

4. Follow the sip2ncid setup instructions to make sure that SIP packets are being received.

5. You will want to add ettercap to your operating system startup sequence. Steps to do this vary depending on distribution and even depending on the version of a specific distribution. Consult your operating system documentation on how to do this.

D. Install SIP client on NCID server.

If none of the above options are possible on your network, a SIP client can be installed on the NCID server to attract incoming call information to the NCID server. It is best practice to create a new extension number for the NCID server's SIP client and for access control to be configured on the voice gateway to prevent this extension from dialing out. Multiple command-line SIP clients are available, but it should be simple to install and use [Linphone](#).

STEPS TO CONFIGURE LINPHONE

Perform these steps from a command prompt on your NCID server.

1. Install linphone.

- if on Ubuntu, raspios and other Debian-based systems:

```
sudo apt-get install linphone
```

- if on Fedora and other Redhat-based systems:

```
sudo dnf install linphone
```

2. Execute linphone.

```
linphonecsh init
```

```
linphonecsh register \  
  --host <ip of gateway> \  
  --username <extension number/username> \  
  --password <password>
```

3. Follow the [sip2ncid](#) setup instructions to make sure that SIP packets are being received.

E. Use an [Ethernet hub](#).

(Historical, not recommended)

Ethernet hubs pre-date [Ethernet switches](#) and do not isolate network traffic between physical link ports. Ethernet switches have largely rendered Ethernet hubs obsolete. Some Ethernet hubs manufactured today are actually Ethernet switches in disguise. See the [hub reference](#) to determine if a hub is really a hub.

F. Use a router that supports SIP ALG ([Application-level gateway](#)).

(Historical, not recommended)

Unfortunately, not all routers implement ALG correctly. The following routers are known to use ALG properly with NCID. If you have other routers working, please contribute to this list:

Router	Model	Settings	Configuration
Linksys	WRT54G	-	(no "P" in model name) SIP packets on port 5060 may need a firmware update if the firmware version is below 1.00.6. See this link for firmware info.
Linksys	RVS4000	L2 Switch	Assuming gateway is port #1 and NCID SIP gateway is monitoring port #2: mirror port #1 to port #2

ARTECH AD102 USB device

The [ARTECH AD102](#) is a Caller ID device with USB connectivity. This product is powered entirely from the USB port. It is a hardware-only product and can be used with your NCID software to track incoming Caller ID (including Call Waiting Caller ID) and outgoing dialing detection.

This device is sensitive to the signal levels and timings present on a country's phone lines and will likely need adjusting via [artech2ncid.conf](#). Feel free to submit a [Support Request](#) and we'll do our best to help.

When connected to a computer, the device registers as a Human Interface Device (HID). No Linux software is provided by ARTECH to interface with the AD102 but fortunately an NCID developer was able to reverse engineer the complex protocol.

The ncidd server must be configured to use it. The server normally assumes a modem is going to be used so it must be configured to use a gateway instead.

Refer to the [artech2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) section to configure NCID to work with the ARTECH AD102.

CID Easy USB devices

The [CID Easy Model-E](#) supports up to two different analog lines and the [CID Easy Model-F](#) supports up to four. They detect incoming Caller ID only. Both are powered entirely from the USB port and both are a hardware-only product.

When connected to a computer, the device registers as a Human Interface Device (HID). The device manufacturer has documented the communications protocol used.

The `ncidd` server must be configured to use it. The server normally assumes a modem is going to be used so it must be configured to use a gateway instead.

Refer to the [cideas2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) section to configure NCID to work with the CID Easy devices.

CTI Comet USB device

The [CTI Comet USB](#) is a Caller ID device with USB connectivity. This product is powered entirely from the USB port. It is a hardware-only product and can be used with your NCID software to track incoming calls.

A traditional modem communicates with `ncidd` using ASCII text data, but the CTI Comet USB uses binary data so `ncidd` cannot monitor it directly. Instead, the CTI Comet USB is monitored by the `xdmf2ncid` gateway.

The `ncidd` server must be configured to use it. The server normally assumes a modem is going to be used so it must be configured to use a gateway instead.

Refer to the [xdmf2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) section to configure NCID to work with the CTI Comet USB.

Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module

The [Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module](#) is a Caller ID device with USB connectivity achieved by the [USB to UART TTL cable adapter](#). As such this product is powered entirely from the USB port. It can be used with your NCID software to track incoming calls.

A traditional modem communicates with `ncidd` using ASCII text data, but the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module uses binary data so `ncidd` cannot monitor it directly. Instead, the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module is monitored by the `xdmf2ncid` gateway.

The `ncidd` server must be configured to use it. The server normally assumes a modem is going to be used so it must be configured to use a gateway instead.

Refer to the [xdmf2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) section to configure NCID to work with the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module.

NetCallerID serial device

The NetCallerID device is used in place of a modem. It is no longer manufactured by Ugotcall (archived info [here](#) and [here](#)) but you can sometimes find it on eBay.

The `ncidd` server must be configured to use it. The server normally assumes a modem is going to be used so it must be configured to use a serial NetCallerID device that does not use AT commands.

Uncomment these lines in `ncidd.conf` (this assumes the device is connected to serial port 0):

```
# set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0      # Linux Serial Port 0
# set ttyspeed = 4800          # NetCallerID port speed
```

```
# set cidinput = 1
```

Here are the specifications of the NetCallerID device:

ttyport:

```
4800 8N1
```

Output Format:

```
###DATE08082225...NMBR14075551212...NAMEJOHN+++\\r  
###DATE...NMBR...NAME -MSG OFF-+++\\r
```

Obihai VoIP Telephone Adapters and IP Phone

[Obihai](#) sells the OBi1032 IP phone and the popular OBi100, OBi110, OBi200, OBi202 VoIP telephone adapters.

OBi devices equipped with a USB port also support the OBiLINE FXO to USB Phone Line Adapter. The OBiLINE provides PSTN (or POTS) connectivity to phones attached to the OBi device as well as to calls bridged from VoIP services to a land-line service via the OBi.

It appears that OBi devices require at least one third party VoIP service provider, even if you intend to use a POTS line as your primary incoming and outgoing service.

The OBi110 comes with an FXO port built-in.

Only the OBi100, OBi110, OBi200 with OBiLINE and OBi202 with OBiLINE, were available for development and testing. The other OBi products may work completely, partially, or not at all.

Refer to the [obi2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) section to configure NCID to work with the Obihai device.

Tel-Control, Inc. (TCI) serial devices

TCI caller ID units are used in place of one or more modems. The company is no longer in business, but you can sometimes find units on eBay or at telephone equipment liquidators. As an alternative, Whozz Calling serial devices are direct replacements for TC-1041, MLX-41, TC-1082 and MLX-42 units. NCID has been tested with a TC-1041.

Configure the TCI unit to use a baud rate of 9600. There are two banks of switches located on the front of the unit labeled S1 and S2. On bank S2 you want to set DIP switch 1 and 2 to both be ON for a 9600 baud rate.

The ncidd server must be configured to use it. The server normally assumes a modem is going to be used so it must be configured to use a serial device that does not use AT commands.

Uncomment these lines in **ncidd.conf** (this assumes the device is connected to serial port 0):

```
# set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0      # Linux Serial Port 0  
# set ttyspeed = 9600          # TCI serial device port speed  
# set cidinput = 1
```

TCI units supply their own line id to ncidd as a two-digit number. When a setting for lineid in **ncidd.conf** is not given, ncidd will automatically replace the default with this two-digit number.

You may, if you wish, prefix the two-digit number with a meaningful identifier, such as 'MLX-', by uncommenting this line in **ncidd.conf**

```
# set lineid = POTS
```

and changing it to

```
set lineid = MLX-
```

Here are the specifications of the TCI serial device:

ttyport:

```
9600 8N1
```

Output Format is fixed field with total length of 70 bytes:

01	9/05	11:17 AM	702-555-1145	CARD SERVICES
02	9/05	2:00 PM	PRIVATE	

Whozz Calling serial devices

Whozz Calling serial devices are used in place of one or more modems. They are currently supported by NCID only when the Output Format switch is set to TCI.

Set DIP switch 5 to OFF for a baud rate of 9600.

Set DIP switch 7 to ON for TCI output format.

The ncidd server must be configured to use it. The server normally assumes a modem is going to be used so it must be configured to use a serial device that does not use AT commands.

Uncomment these lines in **ncidd.conf** (this assumes the device is connected to serial port 0):

```
# set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0      # Linux Serial Port 0
# set ttyspeed = 9600           # TCI serial device port speed
# set cidinput = 1
```

The TCI output format supplies its own line id to ncidd as a two-digit number. When a setting for lineid in **ncidd.conf** is not given, ncidd will automatically replace the default with this two-digit number.

You may, if you wish, prefix the two-digit number with a meaningful identifier, such as 'WC-', by uncommenting this line in **ncidd.conf**

```
# set lineid = POTS
```

and changing it to

```
set lineid = WC-
```

Here are the specifications of the Whozz Calling serial device in TCI mode:

ttyport:

9600 8N1

Output Format is fixed field with total length of 70 bytes:

01	9/05	11:17 AM	702-555-1145	CARD SERVICES
02	9/05	2:00 PM	PRIVATE	

Whozz Calling Ethernet Link

A Whozz Calling (WC) Caller ID and Call monitoring unit is used in place of one or more modems. There are various models that all monitor incoming calls and some can monitor outbound as well.

See CallerID.com.

Refer to the [wc2ncid setup](#) in the [Gateways](#) section to configure NCID to work with the WC device.

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NCID Modem Requirements

The modem must be supported by the Operating System (Linux, FreeBSD, Macintosh, etc.) where NCID is running.

The absolute minimum modem feature that NCID requires is a modem that indicates RING, even if it does not support Caller ID. By default, if ncidd does not detect Caller ID by ring number two, it will generate a pseudo-Caller ID by setting the number to "RING" and the name to "No Caller ID". This default behavior can be disabled.

The ideal minimum is a modem that supports Caller ID.

A modem supporting FAX and/or VOICE modes is required for the optional FAX and ANNOUNCE hangup features respectively.

Some modems come configured for the US. If you live in a different country and your modem does not work, check the ncidd.log file for the country code. It will give either the bare code or the code and country, for example:

Modem country code: B5 United States

See the [Modem Country Codes](#) section for a list of country codes.

You can use **minicom** to set your country code. It only needs to be set once. Do not include it in `ncidd.conf`.

For example, if you live in the UK, you would issue this command using **minicom**:

```
AT+GCI=B4
```

Configuration

The tty port of the first modem is set in **ncidd.conf**. NCID packages for specific distributions (Fedora, Ubuntu, etc.) are usually pre-configured for an appropriate default port. You can change the default by editing **ncidd.conf** and simply uncommenting the appropriate ttyport line, or add a new port.

NCID supports up to 5 modems or serial devices. See the [Additional Modems](#) section.

The default tty ports:

```
FreeBSD:           /dev/cuaU0
Linux USB modem 0: /dev/ttyACM0
Mac OS X USB modem: /dev/cu.usbmodem24680241
```

The tty ports in ****ncidd.conf****

```
# Mac OS X internal modem:
set ttyport = /dev/cu.modem
```

```
# Mac OS X USB modem (Dualcomm, Zoom):
set ttyport = /dev/cu.usbmodem24680241
```

```
# Serial Port 0:
set ttyport = /dev/ttyS0
```

```
# Linux USB modem 0:
set ttyport = /dev/ttyACM0
```

Additional Modems

The first modem or serial device is configured by setting options in the **ncidd.conf** file. Additional modems and serial devices can be configured in additional config files, one per modem, with their file names listed in **ncidd.conf**. As many as 5 modems and/or serial devices can be configured.

```
set addedmodems = "modem2.conf modem3.conf modem4.conf modem5.conf"
```

NOTE: This list of file names must be in quotes.

Each modem config file will define options for one additional modem or serial device and should specify at least a unique ttyport and lineid.

```
set lineid = line2
set ttyport = /dev/ttyACM2
```

The lineid will be given to clients for incoming calls, and it can be specified by the client to choose an outgoing line for the DIAL feature.

Distinctive Ring (DR)

From: [DISTINCTIVE RING & MODEMS](#)

You can find out whether your modem supports DR by connecting to its COM port via Windows HyperTerminal (or using the Unix program **minicom**) and issuing the appropriate AT command; if it responds with an "OK", it does, otherwise it does not.

The AT command to enable DR depends on the modem chipset:

<u>Chipset</u>	<u>Command</u>
3Com/USR/TI	ATS41=1
Rockwell/Conexant	AT-SDR=7
Lucent/Agere	AT+VDR=1,0

Each chipset reports DR differently:

3Com reports ring codes:

```
RING A, RING B, RING C
```

Rockwell reports ring codes:

```
RING 1, RING 2, RING 3
```

Lucent reports the actual ring cadence (the duration of the ringing and the silent periods) with DROF/DRON messages.

As an example, one long ring usually indicates the main phone number and two short rings usually indicates the first DR phone number. Responses below were generated by two short rings:

3Com:

```
RING B
```

Rockwell:

```
RING 2
```

Lucent:

```
DRON=5  
DROF=11  
DRON=5  
DROF=34
```

Modem Caller ID Test

Start `ncidd` in debug mode with verbose level 3. You do not need to start any client.

```
ncidd -Dv3
```

You should get something similar to the following. The important part is the last line: `Modem is fd x` where `x` is usually a number less than 10

```
Started: 05/04/2011 21:48:14  
Server: ncidd (NCID) 0.81.15
```



```
logfile: /var/log/ncidd.log
Command line: ncidd
          -Dv3
Processed config file: /etc/ncid/ncidd.conf
Verbose level: 3
Configured to send 'cidlog' to clients.
Configured to send 'cidinfo' to clients.
Processed alias file: /etc/ncid/ncidd.alias
Leading 1 from a call required in an alias definition
CID logfile: /var/log/cidcall.log
CID logfile maximum size: 1000000 bytes
Data logfile: /var/log/ciddata.log
Telephone Line Identifier: -
TTY port opened: /dev/ttyACM0
TTY port speed: 19200
TTY lock file: /var/lock/lockdev/LCK..ttyACM0
TTY port control signals enabled
Caller ID from a modem and optional gateways
Handles modem calls without Caller ID
Sent Modem 20 of 20 characters:
AT Z S0=0 E1 V1 Q0
Modem response: 26 characters in 1 read:
AT Z S0=0 E1 V1 Q0
OK
Try 1 to init modem: return = 0.
Modem initialized.
Sent Modem 11 of 11 characters:
AT+VCID=1
Modem response: 17 characters in 1 read:
AT+VCID=1
OK
Modem set for CallerID.
Network Port: 3333
Debug Mode
Not using PID file, there was no '-P' option.
Modem is fd 4
```

If you did start a client, you will get a line something like:

```
Client 6 from 127.0.0.1 connected, sent call log: /var/log/cidcall.log
```

Next, call yourself and you should see something like:

```
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*1*TIME*21:49:49*
DATE = 0504
TIME = 2149
NMBR = 4075551212
NAME = Chmielewski Joh
CID: *DATE*05042011*TIME*2149*LINE*VOIP*NMBR*4075551212*MESG*NONE*NAME*John*
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*2*TIME*21:49:55*
```

Hang up the phone and a second or two later you should see:

```
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*0*TIME*21:50:02*
```

Do a <CTRL-C> to break out and end the test:

```
^CReceived Signal 2: Interrupt
Terminated: 05/04/2011 21:53:30
```

If your modem does not support CID, ncidd will generate a CID line on ring 2 to indicate "No Caller ID" by setting the number to "RING" and the name to "No Caller ID". You will get something like:

```
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*1*TIME*21:53:02*
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*2*TIME*21:53:08*
CID: *DATE*05042011*TIME*2153*LINE*VOIP*NMBR*RING*MESG*NONE*NAME*No Caller ID*
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*3*TIME*21:53:14*
```

If ncidd is configured to not generate a CID line for "No Caller ID" (**ncidd.conf** has gencid=0), you will get something like:

```
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*1*TIME*21:53:02*
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*2*TIME*21:53:08*
RING
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*3*TIME*21:53:14*
```

Hang up the phone and a second or two later you should see:

```
CIDINFO: *LINE*VOIP*RING*0*TIME*21:53:21*
```

Do a <CTRL-C> to break out and end the test:

```
^CReceived Signal 2: Interrupt
Terminated: 05/04/2011 21:53:30
```

Modem Commands that configure Caller ID

AT#CID=1

Enables Caller ID in USR, Texas Instruments, Rockwell compatible modems (excluding software modems and Rockwell HCF), Hayes, several Pace modems, PowerBit, GVC, PCTel, IDC (VR series) devices, Diamond Supra (Rockwell compatible).

AT+VCID=1

or

AT+FCLASS=8;+VCID=1

Enables Caller ID in all IS-101 modems, Lucent LT, Rockwell HCF (V.90 or K56FLEX, e.g. PCI modems from Creative), some Pace modems (IS-101 compatible), Multitude, IDC, Cirrus Logic, most IDC modems.

AT#CLS=8#CID=1

Enables Caller ID in voice mode on some 56K USR modems, some Rockwell compatible (Boca Research, Cardinal, voice Zoom).

AT#CC1

Enables Caller ID on older non-voice Aspen modems, older Cirrus Logic, Motorola Voice Surfer, Phoebe.

AT*ID1

Enables Caller ID on some Motorola modems.

AT%CCID=1

or

AT%CCID=3

Enables Caller ID on Practical Peripherals modems.

AT\$JSCID=4,1

or

AT\$JSCD=1,0

Enables Caller ID on ELSA ML 56k Internet II (Netherlands) modems.

AT#CID=1

or

AT+VCID=1

Enables Caller ID on most modems not listed above.

AT+FCLASS=8

or

AT+FCLASS=8;+VCID=1

or

AT-STE=1;+VCID=1

Generic commands to select Active Service Class (Voice Mode) on most voice modems.

AT+VRID=0

The other AT commands above enable Caller ID during an incoming call. This command reports the most recently received Caller ID after a call has completed. It can sometimes be useful in testing.

Modem Country Codes

[U.S. Robotics](#) Country Codes

This extended syntax command selects and indicates the country of operation for the modem. It determines the settings for any operational parameters that need to be adjusted for national regulations or telephone networks.

Syntax

+GCI=CountryCode

Defined values for supported countries are:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Code</u>
Austria	0A	Iceland	52	Poland	8A
Belgium	0F	Ireland	57	Portugal	8B
Cyprus	2D	Israel	58	Spain	A0
Czech Republic	2E	Italy	59	Slovakia	FB
Denmark	31	Latvia	F8	Slovenia	FC
Estonia	F9	Liechtenstein	68	Sweden	A5
Finland	3C	Lithuania	F7	Switzerland	A6
France	3D	Luxembourg	69	TBR-21(Default)	F6
Germany	42	Malta	B4	Turkey	AE
Greece	46	Netherlands	7B	United Kingdom	B4
Hungary	51	Norway	82	United States	B5

The factory default is F6 indicating TBR-21.

TBR-21 is a European telecommunications standard to which all telephone equipment must adhere to, to be allowed connection to Europe's public switched telephone network. It is the default even for U.S. Robotics modems sold in the United States.

Command to report current country code value

+GCI?

COMMAND RESPONSE:

```
+GCI: CountryCode
```

RESPONSE EXAMPLE FOR FRANCE:

```
+GCI: 3D
```

Command to report all supported country code values

+GCI=?

COMMAND RESPONSE:

```
+GCI: (CountryCode[,CountryCode][,CountryCode])
```

RESPONSE EXAMPLE:

This indicates the modem has been set for use in the United Kingdom, France or Germany.

```
+GCI: (B4,3D,42)
```

[ACM5003-M Modem](#) Country Code List (subset of the T.35 Country Code List used by most modems)

<u>Code</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Country</u>
00	Japan	53	India	9C	Singapore
07	Argentina	54	Indonesia	9F	South Africa
09	Australia	57	Ireland	A0	Spain
0A	Austria	58	Israel	A1	Sri Lanka
0F	Belgium	59	Italy	A5	Sweden
16	Brazil	61	Korea (Republic of)	A6	Switzerland
1B	Bulgaria	62	Kuwait	A9	Thailand

20	Canada	64	Lebanon	AD	Tunisia
25	Chile	69	Luxembourg	AE	Turkey
26	China	6C	Malaysia	B3	United Arab Emirates
27	Columbia	73	Mexico	B4	United Kingdom
2D	Cyprus	77	Morocco	B5	Unites States
2E	Czech Republic	7B	Netherlands	B7	Uruguay
31	Denmark	7E	New Zealand	B8	Russia
36	Egypt	82	Norway	F9	Estonia
3C	Finland	84	Pakistan	FA	US Virgin Islands
3D	France	89	Philippines	FB	Slovakia
42	Germany	8A	Poland	FC	Slovenia
46	Greece	8B	Portugal	FD	(Universal)
50	Hong Kong	8E	Romania	FE	Taiwan
51	Hungary	98	Saudi Arabia		
52	Iceland	99	Senegal		

Selecting Modem Country Codes

Not every country has a separate country code. Some countries share country codes. [Here](#) is a list of AT codes for some modems and a table of country codes to select for country locations.

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artech2ncid setup

How to setup one ARTECH AD102 USB device for Caller ID using artech2ncid.

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REQUIREMENTS:

The [ARTECH AD102 USB](#) device connects to a POTS (Plain Old Telephone System) line to provide Caller ID on incoming or outgoing calls. It can only handle one telephone line.

CONFIGURATION:

Connect the ARTECH AD102 USB device to the computer using a USB cable and then connect the ARTECH AD102 USB device to the telephone line.

The `ncidd` server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `artech2ncid` gateway to handle an additional POTS line. No need to configure `ncidd.conf`.

If you are not using a modem or serial device for Caller ID, you need to configure `ncidd` by changing this line in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

If you are using a modem for hangup or to dial calls, you must have a modem connected to the same telephone line as the device connected to the AD102, and you must configure `ncidd` by changing these lines in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 2
To:        set cidinput = 2
```

```
From:      # set lineid = POTS
To         set lineid = <device name>
```

Notes:

- the `artech2ncid lineid` is the device name
- see [Note 1](#) for an explanation of `cidinput`

Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

Normally you do not have to edit `artech2ncid.conf`.

You may need to change other settings in `artech2ncid.conf`. For instance, the configuration assumes `ncidd` is running on the same computer using its default port.

EXAMPLE:

This `ncidd.conf` example is for the ARTECH AD102 USB device:

- connected to `/dev/CometUSB0` or `/dev/HoltekUSB0`
- a modem connected to the same phone line connected to the Artech AD102 USB device
- automatic plain hangup on unwanted calls

```
# ARTECH AD102 USB device:
set cidinput = 2
set lineid = "ARTECH"
```

TESTING:

Once you connected the ARTECH AD102 USB device and modified `artech2ncid.conf`, if necessary, start `artech2ncid`:

```
artech2ncid [--test]
```

The `--test` parameter is optional, but it is a good idea to use it so that artech2ncid does not connect to the NCID server during the configuration process. You'll want to use this parameter if this is the first time you are setting artech2ncid up:

```
artech2ncid --test
```

The above command puts artech2ncid in test and debug modes at verbose level 3. It will display verbose statements on the terminal, ending with "Waiting for calls".

If artech2ncid terminates you should be able to see why and fix it.

You can get a detailed usage message by executing:

```
artech2ncid --help
```

or print out the manual page by executing:

```
man artech2ncid
```

Call yourself. You should see more verbose messages as the call is processed. If it looks OK, terminate artech2ncid with **<CTRL><C>**.

Next, restart artech2ncid in debug mode so it will connect to ncidd:

```
artech2ncid -D
```

The above command puts artech2ncid in debug mode at verbose level 3. It will display verbose statements on the terminal, ending with "Waiting for calls".

Call yourself. If you do not get a Caller ID message sent to ncidd, you should get an error message saying what is wrong.

If you had Caller ID sent to a client, setup is complete.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally artech2ncid is started using the provided init, service, rc, or plist script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start artech2ncid manually:

```
sudo artech2ncid
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with ncidd. If any options are needed, add them to **artech2ncid.conf**.

If artech2ncid does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

cideasy2ncid setup

How to setup one CID Easy Model-E or Model-F USB device. Only one CID Easy device can be connected at a time.

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REQUIREMENTS:

Connect the [CID Easy USB Model-E \(2 ports labeled A B\)](#) or the [CID Easy USB Model-F \(4 ports labeled A B C D\)](#) to one or more POTS (Plain Old Telephone System) lines to provide Caller ID on incoming calls.

CONFIGURATION:

Connect the CID Easy Model-E or Model-F USB device to the computer using a USB cable and then connect the CID Easy Model-E or Model-F USB device to the telephone line using the remaining cable.

The ncidd server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `cideasy2ncid` gateway to handle an additional POTS or line. No need to configure **ncidd.conf**.

If you are not using a modem or serial device for Caller ID, you need to configure ncidd by changing this line in **ncidd.conf**:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

If you are using a modem for hangup or to dial calls, you must have a modem connected to the same telephone line as the CID Easy device, and you must configure ncidd by changing these lines in **ncidd.conf**:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 2
To:        set cidinput = 2
```

```
From:      # set lineid = POTS
To         set lineid = CIDEASY
```

Notes:

- When the gateway is running, the **generated** lineid it transmits to ncidd uses the convention **<gatewayid>-<port letter>** where:
 - The **<gatewayid>** comes from **ncidd.conf** above.
 - The **<port letter>** is supplied automatically by the CID Easy device depending on the device model and which port detected the Caller ID.
The Model-E port letters would be A or B.
The Model-F port letters would be A or B or C or D.
- see [Note 1](#) for an explanation of `cidinput`

Once you change **ncidd.conf**, you must start/restart ncidd to read it.

Normally you do not have to edit **cideasy2ncid.conf**.

You may need to change settings in **cideasy2ncid.conf**. For instance, the configuration assumes **ncidd** is running on the same computer using its default port.

EXAMPLE:

This **ncidd.conf** example is for the CID Easy Model E or Model F USB device:

- a CID Easy USB device connected to USB and telephone line connected to port A
- a modem connected to the same phone line connected to the CID Easy USB device
- automatic plain hangup on unwanted calls

```
# ncidd.conf
set cidinput = 2
set lineid = "CIDEASY"
```

TESTING:

Once you connect the CID Easy device and configure **ncid.conf**, start **cideasy2ncid**:

```
sudo cideasy2ncid [--test]
```

The `--test` parameter is optional, but it is a good idea to use it so that **cideasy2ncid** does not connect to the NCID server during the configuration process. You'll want to use this parameter if this is the first time you are setting **cideasy2ncid** up:

```
sudo cideasy2ncid --test
```

The above command puts **cideasy2ncid** in test and debug modes at verbose level 3. It will display verbose statements on the terminal, ending with "Waiting for calls". It should show the USB port for the device.

If **cideasy2ncid** terminates you should be able to see why and fix it.

You can get a detailed usage message by executing:

```
cideasy2ncid --help
```

or print out the manual page by executing:

```
man cideasy2ncid
```

Call yourself. You should see more verbose messages as the call is processed. If it looks OK, terminate **cideasy2ncid** with **<CTRL><C>**.

Next, restart **cideasy2ncid** in debug mode so it will connect to **ncidd**:

```
sudo cideasy2ncid -Dv3
```

The above command puts **cideasy2ncid** in debug mode at verbose level 3. Call yourself. If you do not get a Caller ID message sent to **ncidd**, you should get an error message saying what is wrong.

If you had Caller ID sent to a client, setup is complete.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally `cideasy2ncid` is started using the provided `init`, `service`, `rc`, or `plist` script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start `cideasy2ncid` manually:

```
sudo cideasy2ncid
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with `ncidd`. If any options are needed, add them to `cideasy2ncid.conf`.

If `cideasy2ncid` does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

email2ncid setup

How to setup the email-to-NCID message gateway to convert an email into an NCID message and send it to the NCID server. If the `notify` option is used, it will only send the email subject line to the NCID server.

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REQUIREMENTS:

- A dynamic DNS service. Here are just a few examples:

Name	Basic Service	Website
ChangeIP	free	https://www.changeip.com/dns.php
DNSdynamic	free	https://www.dnsdynamic.org/
Dynu	free	https://www.dynu.com
DynDNS	paid	https://www.dyn.com

- A Mail Transport Agent (MTA):

`exim`, `postfix`, `sendmail`, etc

- `procmail`

CONFIGURATION:

- `firewall`:

Forward port 25 TCP/UDP to the computer running the MTA.

- `procmail`:

Run the following setup script to create or update `~/procmailrc`:

```
ncid-setup email2ncid
```

The `~/procmailrc` file is configured to pipe to **email2ncid** when the subject line is **NCID Message**. A commented out recipe will pipe to **email2ncid --notify** if the `From:` email address matches. A second commented out recipe will forward the email if the `From:` email address matches.

- `MTA`:
 - Accept mail for your dynamic DNS service host name.
 - Listen on all network interfaces, not just localhost.
 - Use `mbox` format.
 - Configure `smarthost` to your server provider email host if you want to send email.

TESTING:

You can test if `email2ncid` is configured for the email server and can connect to it. The test line and result should be similar to:

```
$ echo test | email2ncid -t3
```

```
test test=3 Configuration File: /etc/ncid/email2ncid.conf msg=0 start=0 plain=0 html=0 multi=0 meta=0
status=0 ncidserver: localhost:3334 200 Server: ncid (NCID) 1.5 210 API: 1.3 Feature Set 1 2 3 4 253 No Call log
```

Next, send an email to yourself at the host name you picked for the Dynamic DNS service. The subject line must be: **NCID Message**

If it does not work, save the email message. You can retest it by:

```
cat saved_email_message | email2ncid -t1
```

Review [email2ncid.1](#) for more information.

STEP-BY-STEP SETUP FOR RASPBERRY PI:

How to setup the **email2ncid** gateway on the Raspberry Pi for user **pi**.

- First go to the free dynamic IP service at <https://www.changeip.com/dns.php> and register a host name at their domain. For example: `foobar.freedyndnsmail.us`
- Configure your firewall to pass port 25 TCP and UDP to the Raspberry Pi IP address. The Raspberry Pi must have a fixed IP address or a static DHCP lease.
- Install programs (`mutt` is recommended for a mail reader):

```
sudo apt-get install procmail exim4 mutt
```

- Configure `exim4`:

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure exim4-config
```

with the following settings:

Configuration Parameter	Select or Type In
Mail Server Configuration info screen	ok
General type of mail configuration:	mail sent by smarthost; received via SMTP or fetchmail
System mail name: raspberrypi	Accept default
Mail Server Configuration info screen	ok
IP-addresses to listen on for incoming SMTP connections: 127.0.0.1 ; ::1	Replace with 0.0.0.0
Other destinations for which mail is accepted: raspberrypi	Add a semicolon and then your Internet host name: raspberrypi;foobar.freedyndnms.us
Machines to relay mail for:	Leave blank
IP address or host name of the outgoing smarthost:	Change to blanks if no outgoing mail or enter your service provider outgoing smarthost
Hide local mail name in outgoing mail?	No
Mail Server Configuration info screen	ok
Keep number of DNS-queries minimal (Dial-on-Demand)?	No
Delivery method for local mail:	mbox format in /var/mail/
Split configuration into small files?	No
Root and postmaster mail recipient:	Add user id, for Raspberry Pi it is usually pi

- Start exim4:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d exim4 start
```

- Enable exim4 at boot:

```
sudo update-rc.d exim4 defaults
```

- Run the following setup script to create or update \$HOME/.procmailrc:

```
ncid-setup email2ncid
```

- If the NCID server is **not** running on the Raspberry Pi, edit file email2ncid.conf, uncomment the line for variable NCIDSERVER and set it to the correct IP address (or hostname) and port. For example:

```
NCIDSERVER=192.168.10.55:3333
```

- Test with a 2 line mail message:

```
mail pi@foobar.freedyndynamicdns.us
Subject: NCID Message
My first
email message.
```

- The resulting NCID message that is broadcast to all clients should be one line: **My first email message.**

ncid2ncid setup

How to setup the ncid2ncid gateway to forward caller ID and messages from multiple NCID sending servers (four maximum) to a single NCID receiving server.

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REQUIREMENTS:

One NCID receiving server and at least one NCID sending server.

CONFIGURATION:

- Receiving Server

The ncid2ncid process connects to a receiving server as a gateway, that is, a device that is a source of caller ID and messages. Typically, ncid2ncid is running on the receiving server and for this reason the default receiving server is 127.0.0.1:3333. This can be changed by using the tohost and toport variables in file **ncid2ncid.conf**, or by using the `-t|--tohost [host][:port]` arguments on the command line.

A receiving server is required.

- Sending Servers

The ncid2ncid process connects to sending servers as if it is a client. You specify sending servers using the fromhostX and fromportX variables in file **ncid2ncid.conf**, where X is a digit 1-4. You can also configure the sending servers from the command line by using multiple `-f|--fromhost [host][:port]` arguments.

Note the subtle difference: Only specify a digit 1-4 for variables in file **ncid2ncid.conf**; do not use them on the command line. The following examples are equivalent:

ncid2ncid.conf:

```
set fromhost1 = 192.168.20.1
set fromport1 = 3334
set fromhost2 = 192.168.20.9:3335
```

command line:

```
ncid2ncid --fromhost 192.168.20.1:3334 --fromhost 192.168.20.9:3335
```

There are no default sending servers and at least one must be specified.

- The default port for all sending/receiving servers is 3333.

TESTING:

Start **ncid2ncid** in debug mode at verbose level 3:

```
sudo ncid2ncid -Dv3
```

Debug mode will give a reason if **ncid2ncid** dies and will show its processing data.

If **ncid2ncid** does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally **ncid2ncid** is started using the provided *init*, *service*, *rc*, or *plist* script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If no script is provided you need to start **ncid2ncid** manually:

```
sudo ncid2ncid
```

If any options are needed, add them to **ncid2ncid.conf**.

obi2ncid setup

How to setup an Obihai device to send Caller ID and messages via the **obi2ncid** gateway.

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REQUIREMENTS:

An [Obihai](#) OBi device is required. Only the OBi100, OBi110, OBi200 with and without OBILINE and OBi202 were available for development and testing. Other OBIHAI products may or may not work.

It is possible to configure multiple OBi devices to work with NCID. Each device must have a unique port configured and the [DEVICE CONFIGURATION](#) and [NCID CONFIGURATION](#) must use the same port. Ports 4335 through 4339 are normally used. Port 4339 is used by the **test-obi-gw** test script in the NCID source package.

You must install your OBi device on your local network, create a free [OBiTALK account](#) and link your OBi to your account so that it appears on your OBiTALK Dashboard. Then you need to set up your voice service provider(s) (there are "wizards" that make it easy to set up the most common ones).

Make sure you can successfully make and receive calls before continuing.

DEVICE CONFIGURATION:

The OBi device needs to be configured for NCID use. You can do this using either the "Advanced Configuration" (a.k.a. "Expert") mode accessible through the OBiTALK dashboard, or by using a browser to login directly to the OBi device using its IP address. The OBiTALK Dashboard is the simplest and easiest method and is what will be used below.

On the OBiTALK dashboard, find your OBi device and click on the dark gray gear icon with the red "E" (for "Expert" or Advanced Configuration).

Navigate to **System Management->Device Admin**.

- Find the **Syslog** section.
- Override the **Server** parameter by first UNCHECKING **OBiTALK Settings** and then immediately UNCHECK **Device Default**.
- Under the **Value** column for **Server**, type in the NCID server hostname or IP address.
- Override the **Port** parameter by first UNCHECKING **OBiTALK Settings** and then immediately UNCHECK **Device Default**.
- Under the **Value** column for **Port**, change the default of **514** to **4335**.
- Click on the **Submit** button to save the changes.
- The page will be redisplayed. At the top you should see the message *Successfully saved OBi Expert config to OBiTALK or something similar*.

Navigate to **Voice Service**.

- There will be a list that starts with "SP1 Service" and depending on the OBi model will go up to "SP4 Service." For any and all of these Services that is not configured for GTALK (a.k.a. Google Voice), scroll to where you see the parameter name of **X_SipDebugOption** (it is usually a few lines above the start of the **SIP Credentials** section).
- Override the **X_SipDebugOption** parameter by first UNCHECKING **OBiTALK Settings** and then immediately UNCHECK **Device Default**. Under the **Value** column, change the default of **Disable** to **Log All Except REGISTER Messages**.
- Click on the **Submit** button to save the changes.
- The page will be redisplayed. At the top you should see the message *Successfully saved OBi Expert config to OBiTALK or something similar*.

NCID CONFIGURATION:

The `ncidd` server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `obi2ncid` gateway to handle Caller ID from VoIP. No need to configure `ncidd.conf`.

If you are not using a modem for Caller ID, you need to configure `ncidd` by changing this line in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

If you are using a modem for hangup or to dial calls, you must have a modem connected to the same telephone line as the OBi device, and you must configure `ncidd` by changing these lines in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 2
To:        set cidinput = 2
```

```
From:      # set lineid = POTS
To:        set lineid = <OBi lineid>
```

Notes:

the **OBi lineid** depends on the service provider
see [Note 1](#) for an explanation of `cidinput`

Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

Normally `obi2ncid` does not need to be configured unless you set up the OBi device to use a syslog port other than 4335.

EXAMPLE:

This `ncidd.conf` example is for a OBi device:

- connected to the Google Voice service provider
- a modem connected to the same line input to the OBi device
- automatic plain hangup on unwanted calls:

```
set cidinput = 2
set lineid = "GTALK"
```

TESTING:

If this is the first time you set `obi2ncid` up, you should test `obi2ncid` without connecting it to `ncidd`. For example, if using a `obi200`:

```
obi2ncid -t -L obi200.log
```

The above command puts `obi2ncid` in test mode at verbose level 3. It will display verbose statements on the terminal, ending with "Listening at port 4335". Test mode prevents `obi2ncid` from connecting with `ncidd`.

If `obi2ncid` terminates you should be able to see why and fix it.

If you have a problem that requires debugging you should use verbose level 5 and create a data file. For example, if using a `obi200`:

```
obi2ncid -t -v5 -L obi200.log -R obi200.data
```

You can get a detailed usage message by executing:


```
obi2ncid --help
```

or print out the manual page by executing:

```
obi2ncid --man
```

If it looks OK, terminate `obi2ncid` with **<CTRL><C>**.

Next, restart `obi2ncid` in debug mode so it will connect to `ncid`:

```
obi2ncid -Dv3
```

Make a call and you should see the **CALL** and **CALLINFO** lines that are sent to the server. You should also see **CID** and **END** lines sent back from the server. If there is a problem an error message may be generated.

OUTPUT TESTING:

This is an advanced set of tests used when adding a new voice provider or device to the `obi2ncid`. It is also after fixing a problem with a voice provider, to make sure the fix did not break anything.

Suggested setup for easiest testing:

- If testing both the `OBi110` and `OBi200`, leave the `OBi110` at port 4335 and change the `OBi200` port to 4336.
- It's best to test at verbose 3 in test mode to just see **CALL** and **CALLINFO** lines:

```
perl obi2ncid.pl -t -L test.log -C obi2ncid.conf -o 4335
```

- If there is a problem with a test or tests, change to `v5`, then after each test move the `test.log` and `test.data` files to another name so there is one test call per log.

```
perl obi2ncid.pl -t -L test.log -R test.data -C obi2ncid.conf \  
-o 4335 -v5
```

Complete testing of the `OBi110` and `OBi200` requires checking that the name, number and line id are the same for the **CALL** and **CALLINFO** lines. In addition **CALLINFO** should show **CANCEL** if there was no pickup or **BYE** if there was a pickup.

To verify all is working correctly you need to test the following:

Incoming call:

```
originating caller hangup before answer  
originating caller hangup after answer  
receiving caller hangup after answer
```

Outgoing call:

```
originating caller hangup before answer  
originating caller hangup after answer  
receiving caller hangup after answer
```

Additional tests for POTS calls. On the OBi110, connect the house Telco line to the OBi110 Telco Line connector. The OBi200 requires the OBiLINE FXO to USB Phone Line Adapter; connect the house Telco line to the OBiLINE.

```
Incoming Telco Line
    hangup with no answer
    hangup after house phone answers
    hangup after answer on the OBi device
```

```
Outgoing Telco Line
    hangup with no answer
    hangup after house phone answers
    hangup after answer on the OBi device
```

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally `obi2ncid` is started using the provided `init`, `service`, `rc`, or `plist` script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start `obi2ncid` manually:

```
sudo obi2ncid &
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with `ncidd`. If any options are needed, add them to **`obi2ncid.conf`**.

If `obi2ncid` does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

rn2ncid setup

How to setup Remote Notifier on an Android smart phone to send Caller ID and messages via the `rn2ncid` gateway.

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REQUIREMENTS:

The smart phone needs to be running [Remote Notifier for Android from F-Droid](#).

Install it and configure it for the IP address of the computer running `ncidd`.

CONFIGURATION:

The `ncidd` server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `rn2ncid` gateway to handle Caller ID from smart phones. No need to configure **`ncidd.conf`**.

If you are not using a modem or serial device for Caller ID, you need to configure `ncidd` by changing this line in **`ncidd.conf`**:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

Hangup is not supported for Caller ID from the **rn2ncid** gateway.

Once you change **ncidd.conf**, you must start/restart **ncidd** to read it.

(Note: See [Note 1](#) for an explanation of **cidinput**)

Normally **rn2ncid** does not need to be configured unless you are using **ncid-page** to send calls and messages to your smart phone. In that case you need to edit the **reject** line at the end of **rn2ncid.conf** and specify the "from" of SMS/MMS messages to be rejected and not passed through to the NCID server. (If you do not do this, the result will be an endless loop which could result in excessively high data or text charges by your cell phone carrier.) The setting for **reject** is usually of the form **root@[hostname]** where **[hostname]** is the result of executing the Unix **hostname** command on the computer running **ncidd**.

For example:

```
$ hostname
smurfzoo.private
$
```

Edit **rn2ncid.conf**:

```
reject = root@smurfzoo.private
```

TESTING:

If this is the first time you set **rn2ncid** up, you should test **rn2ncid** without connecting it to **ncidd**.

```
rn2ncid --test
```

The above command puts **rn2ncid** in test and debug modes at verbose level 3. It will display verbose statements on the terminal, ending with "Listening at port 10600". It should show configured options. Test mode prevents **rn2ncid** from connecting with **ncidd**.

If **rn2ncid** terminates you should be able to see why and fix it.

You can get a detailed usage message by executing:

```
rn2ncid --help
```

or print out the manual page by executing:

```
rn2ncid --man
```

On your smart phone, launch Remote Notifier and choose "Send test notification". **rn2ncid** should show something like this:

```
NOT: PHONE 0123: PING Test notification
```

(Note: 0123 is the phone ID and will be different for your phone.)

If it looks OK, terminate **rn2ncid** with **<CTRL><C>**.

Next, restart `rn2ncid` in debug mode so it will connect to `ncidd`:

```
rn2ncid -Dv3
```

Do the "Send test notification" again and it should be sent to the server and its clients. If you do not get a "NOT" (short for "NOTIFY") message sent to the server, you should instead get an error message saying what is wrong.

If you had the PING "Test notification" sent to a client, setup is complete.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally `rn2ncid` is started using the provided `init`, `service`, `rc`, or `plist` script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start `rn2ncid` manually:

```
sudo rn2ncid &
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with `ncidd`. If any options are needed, add them to `rn2ncid.conf`.

If `rn2ncid` does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

sip2ncid setup

How to setup VoIP Caller ID using `sip2ncid`.

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REQUIREMENTS:

VoIP telephone service using SIP.

The `sip2ncid` gateway automatically monitors SIP packets that use either TCP or UDP protocols.

Configure your LAN for SIP. See [ATA \(Analog Terminal Adapter\)](#).

Special requirements for `sip2ncid` under Cygwin:

- Download latest WinPcap installer from <https://www.winpcap.org/>
- Run the WinPcap installer and allow to start on boot
- [WpdPack](#)

The last test by NCID Developers was using `WinPcap_4_1_3.exe` and `WpdPack_4_1_2.zip`.

Install WinPcap from windows if using the sip2ncid gateway:

- if compiling `ncid` from source you also need to:

- download the latest [WpdPack](#) zip file
- unzip the WpdPack zip file to create the WpdPack directory

CONFIGURATION:

The `ncidd` server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `sip2ncid` gateway to handle Caller ID from VoIP. No need to configure `ncidd.conf`.

If you are not using a modem or serial device for Caller ID, you need to configure `ncidd` by changing this line in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

If you are using a modem for hangup or to dial calls, you must have a modem connected to the same telephone line as the telephone used to receive and make SIP calls, and you must configure `ncidd` by changing these lines in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 2
To:        set cidinput = 2
```

```
From:      # set lineid = POTS
To         set lineid = <SIP lineid>
```

Notes:

the **SIP lineid** depends on the telephone line
see [Note 1](#) for an explanation of `cidinput`

Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

Use the `sip2ncid --listdevs` or `-l` option to see your network devices:

```
sudo sip2ncid --listdevs
```

EXAMPLE:

This `ncidd.conf` example is for SIP:

- configured for phone number 786-555-1212
- a modem connected to the same phone line as the telephone
- automatic plane hangup on unwanted calls:

```
set cidinput = 2
set lineid = "1212"
```

TESTING:

To determine if you can receive any network packets, use the `--testall` or `-T` option:

```
sudo sip2ncid --testall
```

This will display a packet count and a packet type. It does not know all packet types so you may get some UNKNOWN packet types. It also sets debug mode and verbose level 3. You can increase the verbose level to see more detail, but if you decrease it below 3, you will not see any packets.

To determine if you can receive SIP data packets, use the `--testsip` or `-t` option:

```
sudo sip2ncid --testsip
```

This will display SIP packets and what, if anything, it does. It also sets debug mode and verbose level 3. You can also change the verbose level. If you set verbose to 1, sip2ncid will display lines sent to the server instead of the packet contents:

```
sudo sip2ncid -tv1
```

If no packets are received in about 45 seconds:

```
No SIP packets at port XXXX in XX seconds
```

If sip2ncid terminates you should be able to see why and fix it.

You can get a detailed usage message by executing:

```
sip2ncid --help
```

Sometimes it picks the wrong default interface. If you are using eth0:

```
sudo sip2ncid -ti eth0
```

If you need to see what interfaces are present you can use the `--interface` or `-i` option:

```
sudo sip2ncid --listdevs
```

The display is:

```
<interface> : <description>
```

The interface name is everything up to the first space.

If you do not see any SIP packets, change to port 5061 and try again:

```
sudo sip2ncid --testsip --sip :5061
```

You should see something like:

```
Network Interface: eth0  
Filter: port 10000
```

Then about every 20 seconds you should see something like:

```
Packet number 1:  
Protocol: UDP
```

```
SIP/2.0 200 OK
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 70.119.157.214:10000;branch=z9hG4bK-22b185d1
From: 321-555-7722
<sip:13215551212@atlas2.atlas.vonage.net:10000>;tag=46f26356c0a3394b00
To: 321-555-7722 <sip:13215551212@atlas2.atlas.vonage.net:10000>
Call-ID: fa72d1c2-ead1bdcf@70.119.157.214
CSeq: 86785 REGISTER
Contact: 321-555-1212 <sip:13215551212@70.119.157.214:10000>;expires=20
Content-Length: 0

Registered Line Number: 13215551212
```

The Registered Line Number line will only appear in packet number 1.

If you do not get the above, you may need to specify an address and/or port for sip2ncid to listen for the SIP Invite. You cannot continue unless you get the above.

If you are using the Linksys RT31P2 Router, you will not see any packets unless the computer is in its DMZ (Demilitarized Zone). Port forwarding the UDP port will not work. You must set up the DMZ. If you are using a different VoIP router, try to put the computer in the DMZ and see if that works. If not, view the SIP tutorial:

[Configure your home network for SIP-based Caller ID \(on the Wayback Machine\).](#)

Once you receive the above packets, call yourself. If you do not get a Caller ID message sent to ncidd, you should get an error message saying what is wrong. This has been tested with Vonage and may need tweaking for other VoIP service providers.

If you had Caller ID sent to a client, setup is complete. You can then restart sip2ncid without the test option so it will not display anything. You can also set it up to start at boot, along with ncidd. If any options are needed at boot, add them to **sip2ncid.conf**.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally sip2ncid is started using the provided init, service, rc, or plist script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start sip2ncid manually:

```
sudo sip2ncid &
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with ncidd. If any options are needed, add them to **sip2ncid.conf**.

If sip2ncid does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

wc2ncid setup

How to setup one or more Whozz Calling Ethernet Link (WC) devices for Caller ID using wc2ncid.

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REQUIREMENTS:

A Whozz Calling Ethernet Link (WC) device (see: <https://callerid.com>) connects to POTS (Plain Old Telephone System) lines and can handle 2, 4, or 8 lines. Some models only handle incoming calls while others handle incoming and outgoing calls.

The Whozz Calling user manual tells how to hook up the device. You plug your POTS telephone lines into the device and you connect the device to your local network.

CONFIGURATION:

All WC devices must have an IP address within your network in order for them to be configured for use by `wc2ncid`. This limitation will be removed in a future release. When you try to configure a device with an address outside your network, `wc2ncid` will either give a warning or an error message and terminate. You can then use the `wct` script to change the IP address to one that is in your network. Use the `discover` option of `wct` to locate the device:

```
wct --discover
```

The `ncidd` server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `wc2ncid` gateway to handle Caller ID from additional POTS or VoIP lines. No need to configure `ncidd.conf`.

If you are not using a modem or serial device for Caller ID, you need to configure `ncidd` by changing this line in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

If you are using a modem for hangup or to dial calls, you must have a modem connected to the same telephone line as the WC device, and you must configure `ncidd` by changing these lines in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 2
To:        set cidinput = 2
```

```
From:      # set lineid = POTS
To         set lineid = <WC lineid>
```

Notes:

the **WC lineid** is WC followed by 2 digits indicating the line input to the device
see [Note 1](#) for an explanation of `cidinput`

Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

Next, edit `wc2ncid.conf` to configure one or more devices. Look for this line:

```
wcaddr = 192.168.0.90
```

If your network is on 192.168.0 and the above address is not used, you can leave it. If your network is on 192.168.1 you can set the IP address for WC device number 1 (WC-1), for example, by changing the line to be:

```
wcaddr = 192.168.1.90
```


If you have 2 devices and want to use addresses 192.168.2.90 and 192.168.2.91, WC device 1 is 192.168.2.90 and WC device 2 is 192.168.2.91.

```
wcaddr = 192.168.2.90, 192.168.2.91
```

EXAMPLE:

This `ncidd.conf` example is for a WC device:

- with a phone line connected to input 01
- a modem connected to the same line input to the WC device
- automatic plain hangup on unwanted calls

```
set cidinput = 2
set lineid = "WC01"
```

TESTING:

Once you set the IP address for the WC device in `wc2ncid.conf`, start `wc2ncid` and tell it to configure the WC device:

```
wc2ncid [--test] --set-wc
```

The `--test` parameter is optional, but it is a good idea to use it so `wc2ncid` does not connect to the NCID server during the configuration process.

If you have 2 or more WC devices and they are both set to the same address or the factory default of 192.168.0.90, you need to change both addresses in `wc2ncid.conf`. For example:

```
wcaddr = 192.168.0.91, 192.168.0.92
```

Turn on one device and execute:

```
wc2ncid [--test] --set-wc
```

Terminate `wc2ncid` with `<CTRL><C>`. Leave the first device turned on, then turn on the second device and execute:

```
wc2ncid [--test] --set-wc
```

Both devices should be configured and operational. Terminate `wc2ncid` with `<CTRL><C>`.

If this is the first time you set `wc2ncid` up, you should test `wc2ncid` without connecting it to the `ncidd` server:

```
wc2ncid --test
```

The above command puts `wc2ncid` in test and debug modes at verbose level 3. It will display verbose statements on the terminal, ending with "Waiting for calls". It should show the configured address for each device. Test mode prevents `wc2ncid` from connecting with `ncidd`.

If `wc2ncid` terminates you should be able to see why and fix it.

You can get a detailed usage message by executing:

```
wc2ncid --help
```

or print out the manual page by executing:

```
wc2ncid --man
```

Call yourself. You should see more verbose messages as the call is processed. If it looks OK, terminate `wc2ncid` with `<CTRL><C>`.

Next, restart `wc2ncid` in debug mode so it will connect to `ncidd`:

```
wc2ncid -Dv3
```

Call yourself. If you do not get a Caller ID message sent to `ncidd`, you should get an error message saying what is wrong.

If you had Caller ID sent to a client, setup is complete.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally `wc2ncid` is started using the provided `init`, `service`, `rc`, or `plist` script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start `wc2ncid` manually:

```
sudo wc2ncid &
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with `ncidd`. If any options are needed, add them to **`wc2ncid.conf`**.

If `wc2ncid` does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

xdmf2ncid setup

How to setup one or more CTI Comet USB devices or Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID modules for Caller ID using `xdmf2ncid`.

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REQUIREMENTS:

The [CTI Comet USB](#) device and the [Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module](#) connect to a POTS (Plain Old Telephone System) lines to provide Caller ID on incoming calls.

CONFIGURATION:

Connect the CTI Comet USB to the computer using the supplied USB cable or connect the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module to the computer using the USB to UART TTL cable adapter and then connect the CTI Comet USB or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module to the telephone line using the remaining cable.

The `ncidd` server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `xdmf2ncid` gateway to handle an additional POTS or VoIP line. No need to configure **`ncidd.conf`**.

If you are not using a modem or serial device for Caller ID, you need to configure `ncidd` by changing this line in **`ncidd.conf`**:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

If you are using a modem for hangup or to dial calls, you must have a modem connected to the same telephone line as the device connected to `xdmf2ncid`, and you must configure `ncidd` by changing these lines in **`ncidd.conf`**:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 2
To:        set cidinput = 2
```

```
From:      # set lineid = POTS
To:        set lineid = <device name>
```

Notes:

- the **`xdmf2ncid lineid`** is the device name
- see [Note 1](#) for an explanation of `cidinput`

Once you change **`ncidd.conf`**, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

Next, edit **`xdmf2ncid.conf`** to configure the USB port used by the CTI Comet USB or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module. Uncomment the line and change the USB port. For Linux systems, `ttyUSB?` is normally used where `USB?` is `USB0`, `USB1`, `USB2`, or `USB3`.

For example, to configure for `USB1` uncomment this line:

```
From:      #usbport = /dev/ttyUSB1
To:        usbport = /dev/ttyUSB1
```

You may need to change other settings in **`xdmf2ncid.conf`**. For instance, the configuration assumes `ncidd` is running on the same computer using its default port. If using the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module, set **`ht9032 = 1`**.

EXAMPLE:

This `ncidd.conf` example is for the CTI Comet USB or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module:

- connected to `/dev/CometUSB0` or `/dev/HoltekUSB0`
- a modem connected to the same phone line connected to the CTI Comet USB device or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module
- automatic plain hangup on unwanted calls

```
# CTI Comet USB:
set cidinput = 2
set lineid = "CometUSB0"
```

```
# Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module:
set cidinput = 2
set lineid = "HoltekUSB0"
```

TESTING:

Once you set the USB port for the CTI Comet USB device or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module in **xdmf2ncid.conf**, start xdmf2ncid:

```
xdmf2ncid [--test]
```

The `--test` parameter is optional, but it is a good idea to use it so that xdmf2ncid does not connect to the NCID server during the configuration process. You'll want to use the parameter if this is the first time you are setting xdmf2ncid up:

```
xdmf2ncid --test
```

The above command puts xdmf2ncid in test and debug modes at verbose level 3. It will display verbose statements on the terminal, ending with "Waiting for calls". It should show the USB port for the device.

If xdmf2ncid terminates you should be able to see why and fix it.

You can get a detailed usage message by executing:

```
xdmf2ncid --help
```

or print out the manual page by executing:

```
xdmf2ncid --man
```

Call yourself. You should see more verbose messages as the call is processed. If it looks OK, terminate xdmf2ncid with **<CTRL><C>**.

Next, restart xdmf2ncid in debug mode so it will connect to ncidd:

```
xdmf2ncid -Dv3
```

Call yourself. If you do not get a Caller ID message sent to ncidd, you should get an error message saying what is wrong.

If you had Caller ID sent to a client, setup is complete.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally xdmf2ncid is started using the provided `init`, `service`, `rc`, or `plist` script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start xdmf2ncid manually:

```
sudo xdmf2ncid &
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with `ncidd`. If any options are needed, add them to `xdmf2ncid.conf`.

If `xdmf2ncid` does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

yac2ncid setup

How to setup a YAC modem server for Caller ID using `yac2ncid`.

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REQUIREMENTS:

A YAC server on a Windows computer running Microsoft Windows 98 or later.

The YAC server has not been updated since approximately 2002. You can download it from a saved site copy at the [Internet Archive's Wayback Machine](#), or from any of several global download sites such as <https://yac.software.informer.com/>. Follow the installation instructions.

CONFIGURATION:

Configure the YAC server by giving it the IP address where `ncidd` is running. Do this by right-clicking the YAC icon in the System Tray and then select "Listeners...".

The `ncidd` server defaults to using a modem and optional gateways to get Caller ID. If you are using a modem for Caller ID on a POTS (standard telephone) line, you can use the `yac2ncid` gateway to handle an additional POTS line. No need to configure `ncidd.conf`.

If you do not use a modem or serial device for Caller ID, you need to configure `ncidd` by changing this line in `ncidd.conf`:

```
From:      # set cidinput = 3
To:        set cidinput = 3
```

Hangup is not supported for Caller ID from the `yac2ncid` gateway.

Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

(Note: See [Note 1](#) for an explanation of `cidinput`)

Normally `yac2ncid` does not need to be configured, but you should review `yac2ncid.conf` to see if you want to change any of its defaults.

After modifying `ncidd.conf` and `yac2ncid.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` first and then the `yac2ncid` gateway.

TESTING:

Make sure the YAC server is running on the Windows computer.

Run the `yac2ncid` gateway with the verbose option:

```
yac2ncid -v
```

Call yourself. If you do not get a Caller ID message sent to `ncidd`, you should get an error message saying what is wrong.

If you had Caller ID sent to a client, setup is complete. You can then restart `yac2ncid` without the verbose option so it will not display anything. You can also set it up to start at boot, along with `ncidd`.

START/STOP/RESTART/STATUS/AUTOSTART:

Normally `yac2ncid` is started using the provided `init`, `service`, `rc`, or `plist` script for your OS. For more information, refer to the [INSTALL](#) section for your OS. If none is provided you need to start `yac2ncid` manually:

```
sudo yac2ncid &
```

You can also set it up to start at boot, along with `ncidd`. If any options are needed, add them to **`yac2ncid.conf`**.

If `yac2ncid` does not work, you should have enough information to ask for help.

Note 1:

In **`ncidd.conf`** `cidinput` specifies the Caller ID input:

<i>cidinput value</i>	<i>description</i>
0	Caller ID from a modem and optional gateways
1	Caller ID from a serial or USB device and optional gateways
2	Caller ID from a gateway with modem support
3	Caller ID from gateways without modem support

- A list of serial devices working with NCID can be found in the [Devices Supported](#) section.

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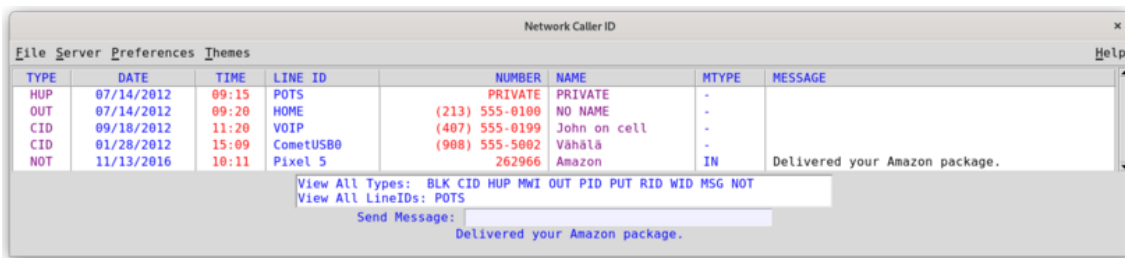
Overview

The primary NCID distribution includes one "universal" Graphical User Interface (GUI) client that runs under the Unix scripting language called Wish (Windowing Shell). In addition, there are four optional clients, available as separate downloads, all of which are actively maintained by the NCID Development Team.

There is a [3rd Party Addons](#) page that links to clients, gateways and related NCID projects by other developers and users. Contact us with a URL showing your project and we will provide a link to it.

The five clients are `ncid`, `NCIDpop`, `NCID Android`, `LCDncid` and `NCIDdisplay`.

ncid



The `ncid` client is cross-platform for Linux, Mac OSX and Windows. It is included with the NCID distribution. The Windows version can only run the client without output modules.

[Description, Features](#) and [Screenshots](#)

Basic steps for starting the client:

- Make sure a window manager is running (e.g., X-Windows).
- Launch a graphical Terminal application (e.g., **xterm**).
- Make sure `ncidd` is running.
- To run `ncid` on the **same** computer as `ncidd`, at the Unix shell prompt, type in:

```
ncid &
```

- To run `ncid` on a **different** computer, specify the hostname or IP address of the `ncidd` computer:

```
ncid 192.168.1.5 &
```

NCIDpop



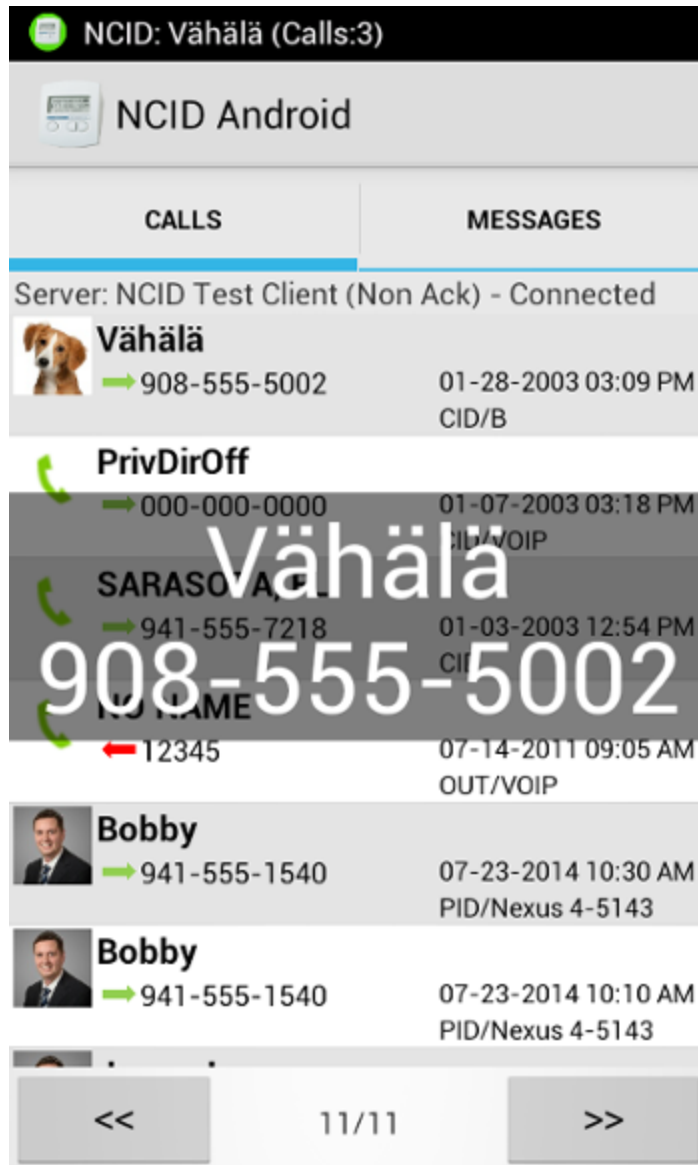
NCIDpop is an optional cross-platform popup client for Linux, Mac OSX and Windows.

[Description, Features and Screenshots](#)

Basic steps for starting the client:

- Click on the NCIDpop program icon.
- The first time NCIDpop runs it should take you to the General tab on the Preferences window.
- In the Server Settings box, type the hostname or IP address of the NCID server, e.g., 192.168.1.5.
- Click the Set button.

NCID Android



NCID Android is an optional client for Android running on smartphones, tablets and Android TV devices.

[Description, Features and Screenshots](#)

Basic steps for starting the client:

- Tap the NCID Android program icon.
- The first time NCID Android runs it should take you to the Preferences window.
- Tap Server Settings.
- Tap Hostname and type the hostname or IP address of the NCID server, e.g., 192.168.1.5.
- Tap the OK button.

- Click on the BACK button until you get back to the screen showing Calls and Messages.

LCDncid



LCDncid is an optional client that requires an LCD module connected to a Raspberry Pi or other computer.

[Description, Features and Screenshots](#)

Basic steps for starting the client:

- You can run the NCID server and LCDncid client on the same device; the configuration file **lcdncid.conf** should have suitable defaults already.
- If the LCDncid client is not running on the same device as the NCID server, you'll need to edit **lcdncid.conf** and set the ncidhost variable to the hostname or IP address, e.g.:

```
ncidhost = 192.168.1.5
```

NCIDdisplay



NCIDdisplay is an optional giant (3"x18"!) homebrew LED display made up of at least 4 LCD modules.

[Description, Features and Screenshots](#)

Basic steps for starting the client:

- *NCIDdisplay is more involved than the other clients listed above because it requires the completion of its build-it-yourself hardware project.*
- *When properly built, NCIDdisplay will run by simply powering it on.*

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Description

The ncid client supports output modules.

An output module receives the Caller ID information from the ncid client and gives the client new functionality. For example, one module sends the Caller ID or message to a smart phone as an SMS message or sends it as an email message. Another module speaks the Caller ID or message.

There are various output modules included with NCID. See the [ncid_modules](#) man page for a current list of the distributed modules. Each module is described in the [man pages](#).

There are also third party client modules. Some third party modules can be found at [NCID Addons](#).

Usage

Modules are called by the client using a command line of this form:

```
ncid --no-gui --module ncid-<name>
```

Most modules have a configuration file normally at /etc/ncid/conf.d:

```
/etc/ncid/conf.d/ncid-<name>.conf
```

*As an example, if the <name> is **page** and you want to run the command in the background, then the command line would be:*

```
ncid --no-gui --module ncid-page &
```

All distributed modules have a boot script that contains the proper command line to start and stop the module as well as giving its status. The boot scripts differ by operating systems. See the [INSTALL](#) document for more information on this for your operating system.

The boot script name is always the same name as the module name. Use the [AUTOSTART](#) link for your operating system on how to start the module at boot. Use the [START/STOP/RESTART/RELOAD/STATUS](#) link for how to start and stop the module. Normally you would enable the module to start at boot after you configure it.

Fedora: [AUTOSTART START/STOP/RESTART/RELOAD/STATUS](#)

FreeBSD: [AUTOSTART START/STOP/RESTART/RELOAD/STATUS](#)

Macintosh OSX: [\(AUTO\)START/STOP](#)

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Description

NCID's main job is to display the Caller ID on multiple devices, but it has advanced features.

NCID can send and receive one line messages. It can also forward a message through a gateway. Review the **Messages** section for more information.

NCID can give the caller a new name, called an alias. It can do the same with the caller's number or the line of the received call. Review the **Alias** section for more information.

NCID can automatically hang up on the caller if the number or name is entered into its blacklist. Review the **Hangup** section for more information.

NCID can execute a hangup extension as another way to determine if it should hangup on a call. Review the **Server Extensions** section for more information.

NCID provides the `ncidd.alias`, `ncidd.blacklist` and `ncidd.whitelist` configuration files. The [cidalias](#) tool views alias definitions in the NCID alias, blacklist and whitelist files. The [ncidutil](#) tool modifies the `ncidd.alias`, `ncidd.blacklist` and `ncidd.whitelist` files. The [cidupdate](#) tool updates the current call log file using entries found in the alias file. Review the **Command Line Tools** section for more information.

NCID provides a call log in the `/var/log/cidcall.log` file for calls and messages. It is processed each month if the operating system uses `logrotate` for the system log files. The [cidcall](#) tool is used to view the logfile.

If configured, NCID also provides yearly call logs in the `$HOME/NCID/log/cidcall-<year>.log` files. Use the [cidcall](#) tool to view a yearly log file. Review the **Log Files** section for more information.

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Description

NCID supports three different types of messages. All messages must be a single line. All messages must begin with either a **MSG:**, **NOT:**, or **RLY:** label.

MSG:

The server accepts a single line text message from a client and broadcasts it to all connected clients. All messages must begin with the **MSG:** label.

Gateways can send **MSG:** lines, too. For example, `ncid2ncid` will send **MSG:** lines to indicate the connection status as it passes caller ID data between two or more NCID servers.

Programs external to NCID, such as `netcat` (a.k.a. `nc` and `ncat`), can be used to send a message. Telnet is not recommended. If `netcat` is used, please note there are different versions with different options.

This shell script example creates a 10 minute food timer. The `-w1` is a one second idle timeout to wait before disconnect:

```
sleep 600; echo "MSG: Food Ready" | nc -w1 localhost 3333 > /dev/null
```

An equivalent batch file using `netcat` for Windows would be:

```
CHOICE /T 600 /C AB /N /D A > NUL echo MSG: Food Ready | nc -w1 192.168.1.100 3333 > NUL
```

Note: The recommended `netcat` version for Windows is the security-safe version by Jon Craton. It is available for download from his website [here](#). When extracting, use the password "nc" (without quotes).

You can send a **HELLO: CMD: no_log** line prior to a **MSG:** line. This can improve performance because it forces the server not to send the call log before processing the **MSG:**.

Unix:

```
sleep 600; echo -e "HELLO: IDENT: client food timer 1.1\nHELLO: CMD: no_log\nMSG: Food Ready" | nc -w1 localhost 3333 > /dev/null
```

Windows batch file:

```
CHOICE /T 600 /C AB /N /D A > NUL (echo HELLO: IDENT: client food timer 1.1&echo HELLO: CMD: no_log&echo MSG: Food Ready) | nc -w1 192.168.1.100 3333 > NUL
```

NOT:

Utilizing the same format as **MSG:**, when a smartphone gateway (e.g., NCID Android) sends a copy of an SMS text message received or sent by a smartphone, it uses the **NOT:** line label.

RLY:

When a client (e.g., NCIDpop) sends a message to be forwarded over the cellular network, it uses the **RLY:** label to send it to a smartphone gateway (e.g., NCID Android). It uses a very different format compared to **MSG:** and **NOT:**.

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Alias Overview

The name, number and telephone line of a call are checked for an alias. If a match is found it will be replaced by its alias before the call is added to the call log and before the call information is sent to the clients.

There are two types of aliases; **built-in alias** and **user defined alias**.

The built-in alias only converts the letter A to ANONYMOUS, the letter O to OUT_OF_AREA and the letter P to PRIVATE. The built-in aliases can not be modified but a built-in alias can be changed with a user defined alias.

The user defined aliases are defined in the **ncidd.alias** file.

A leading # is allowed in a name or number provided it is enclosed in double quotes. Sometimes a spoofed number starts with one or more # to prevent it from being blacklisted.

Alias names can be a maximum of 50 characters.

You can manually edit the **ncidd.alias** file to create, edit, or remove entries using an editor.

When the alias file is modified, **ncidd** needs to be informed. It will reload the alias table when it receives a SIGHUP signal.

One way to send the reload signal to **ncidd**:

```
pkill --signal SIGHUP ncidd
```

You can also just restart **ncidd**.

Aliases can also be created, edited, or removed by these NCID clients. They provide ways to force the server to reload the alias table.

- [ncid](#)
- [NCIDpop](#)
- ~~NCID-Android~~ Alias maintenance not available

In addition, when running the NCID server in the US or Canada, the **ignore1** option can be set in **ncidd.conf** to ignore a leading 1 in the Caller ID number or the alias number.

Alias Types

The three general formats for entries in **ncidd.alias** are:

- alias "**received data**" = "**replacement data**"

- alias **"TYPE" "received data" = "replacement data"**
- alias **"TYPE" "*" = "replacement data" if "depends"**

Where:

- **TYPE** is NAME, NMBR, or LINE
- **received data** or **depends** is the name or number to change to an alias
- **replacement data** is the alias

When **TYPE** is NAME and **depends** is present:

- **depends** is the received number to match against when setting the alias to be **replacement name**. The position normally used for **received data** must be an *****.

When **TYPE** is NMBR and **depends** is present:

- **depends** is the received name to match against when changing **received number** to **replacement number**. The position normally used for **received data** must be an *****.

When **TYPE** is missing, the NMBRNAME rule applies:

- if **received number** matches received data, it will be changed to **replacement data**

...and/or...

- if **received name** matches received data, it will be changed to **replacement data**

The three general formats allow for six types of aliases:

Type	Format
number	alias NMBR "received number" = "replacement number"
name	alias NAME "received name" = "replacement name"
number & name	alias "received data" = "replacement data"
number if name	alias NMBR = "*" = "replacement number" if "depends"
name if number	alias NAME = "*" = "replacement name" if "depends"
lineid	alias LINE = "received call lineid" = "replacement lineid"

Number Alias

The **number alias** changes the number of the caller to an alias. The number can be a word.

Format: **alias NMBR "received number" = "replacement number"**

Example: **alias NMBR "4075550000" = "4075551212"**

Name Alias

The **name alias** changes the name of the caller to an alias.

Format: **alias NAME "received name" = "replacement name"**

Example: alias NAME "John Bright" = "Big Bad John"

Number and Name Alias

The **number and name alias** checks both the caller number and caller name for a match. If either matches, it is replaced by the alias.

This alias type is useful when both the name and number are the same. For example, if the name and number are both "OUT-OF-AREA".

Another use is if you do not care if the string you are looking for is a name or number. You want it replaced if it is either a name or number.

Format: **alias "received data" = "replacement data"**

Example: **alias "OUT-OF-AREA" = "UNAVAILABLE"**

Number if Name Alias

The **number if name alias** changes the number of the caller if the name matches **depends**. Quotes around the "*" are optional.

Format **alias NMBR "*" = "replacement number" if "depends"**

Example: **alias NMBR * = "secret" if "Bond James"**

Name if Number Alias

The **name if number alias** is the most popular alias. It changes the name of the caller if the number matches **depends**. Quotes around the "*" are optional.

Format **alias NAME "*" = "replacement name" if "depends"**

Example: **alias NAME * = "john on cell" if "4075556767"**

Line Alias

The **line alias** changes the telephone line tag to an alias.

Format **alias LINE "received call lineid" = "replacement lineid"**

Example: **alias LINE "-" = "POTS"**

Alias Expressions

Simple expressions (**set regex = 0** in **ncidd.conf**)

These are permitted in either:

the **depends** section of an alias line

...or...

the **received data** section, if the alias line does not contain **depends**

The allowed expressions are:

- **received data** and **depends** can contain a ^ or * or 1? at the beginning:

`^` = partial match from beginning
`*` = partial match after the `*`
`^1?` = optional leading 1 for US/Canada numbers

- **received data** and **depends** can contain an `*` at the end:

`*` = partial match from beginning to before the `*`

- **received data** and **depends** can contain an `$` at the end:

`$` = partial match tied to the end e.g. `"* FL$"` will match `"MIAMI FL"`

- **received data** can contain a single `*` to match anything

Regular Expressions (**set regex = 1** in **ncidd.conf**)

They are used in place of Simple Expressions. The syntax for Simple Expressions is not compatible with Regular Expressions except for `^`, `^1?` and `1?`.

The [POSIX Extended Regular Expression syntax](#) is used. It is a section in [Regular Expression](#).

If you are new to Regular Expressions, see [Regular-Expressions info](#) for an introduction.

Perl-compatible Regular Expressions (**set regex = 2** in **ncidd.conf**)

They are used in place of Simple Expressions. The syntax for Simple Expressions is not compatible with Perl-compatible Regular Expressions except for `^`, `^1?` and `1?`.

This [PCRE Regex Cheatsheet](#) may be helpful.

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Hangup Overview

Hangup (a.k.a. call termination) is disabled/enabled by settings in the server configuration file **ncidd.conf**. It requires a modem to be connected to the phone line so it can pickup and hangup the line.

At a high-level, there are two sets of procedures available to hangup calls. Both are optional and one or both can be enabled at the same time. They are:

- *Internal Hangup.* This is built in to the NCID server and uses the **ncidd.blacklist** and **ncidd.whitelist** files.
- [Hangup Extension](#). This lets you use an external script or program. The **ncidd.whitelist** file is used to determine if the hangup script is called.

When Caller ID is received from a modem, the following steps take place and in this order:

- The server looks for matching data in the optional [alias](#) file. This can result in the Caller ID name and/or number being changed.
- The server looks for matching data in the optional [whitelist](#) file. The data must be an alias, or if there is no alias for the call, it must be from the Caller ID. If there is a match then no hangup takes place.
- The server looks for matching data in the [blacklist](#) file. The data must be an alias, or if there is no alias for the call, it must be from the Caller ID. If there is a match, hangup is automatic.
- With the `hupmode` option, the server calls the external hangup extension. If the extension returns "hangup", hangup is automatic.

You can manually edit the blacklist and whitelist files to create, edit, or remove entries using an editor.

When either file is modified, **ncidd** needs to be informed. It will reload the blacklist and whitelist tables when it receives a `SIGHUP` signal.

One way to send the reload signal to **ncidd**:

```
sudo pkill --signal SIGHUP ncidd
```

You can also just restart **ncidd**.

The blacklist and whitelist entries can also be created or removed by the following NCID clients. They provide ways to force the server to reload the tables:

- [ncid](#)
- [NCIDpop](#)
- [NCID Android](#)

In addition, when running the NCID server in the US or Canada, the **ignore1** option can be set in **ncidd.conf** to ignore a leading 1 in the Caller ID, alias, blacklist, or whitelist.

Modem Configuration

A modem is required to hangup the line. Hangup is enabled and configured in **ncidd.conf** by the **hangup** variable.

Hangup is disabled by default, with and without a configuration file. Hangup can also be disabled by the line:

```
set hangup = 0
```

You may also need to set the **ttyport** variable if the correct one is not set in **ncidd.conf**. For example, using Linux:

```
set ttyport = /dev/ttyACM0
```

The location of **ncidd.conf** will vary depending on the operating system. It is typically found in either **/etc/ncid/** or **/usr/local/etc/ncid/**. The **ncidd.conf** file location is also shown in **/var/log/ncidd.log** when **ncidd** starts. If **ncidd.conf** is missing, **ncidd.log** will have an appropriate message.

Announce Hangup has some [additional requirements](#) for modem configuration.

Hangup Choices

If enabled, there are three types of hangups:

- **Normal Hangup** - requires a modem that supports Caller ID
- **FAX Hangup** - requires a modem that supports Caller ID and FAX
- **Announce Hangup** - requires a modem that supports Caller ID, VOICE and hardware flow control

If the type of hangup is not supported by the modem, **ncidd** will change the hangup to **Normal Hangup**.

Normal Hangup

A normal hangup is configured in **ncidd.conf** by the line:

```
set hangup = 1
```

When **ncidd** receives a blacklisted Caller ID, it will immediately hangup.

FAX Hangup

A FAX hangup will generate a FAX tone for 10 seconds and then hangup. It is configured in **ncidd.conf** by the line:

```
set hangup = 2
```

Not all FAX modems are supported. If no FAX tones are generated, set **pickup** to 0 in **ncidd.conf**. It is usually needed for older modems.

```
set pickup = 0
```

After changing the pickup value, if it still does not work then the modem is not supported for **FAX Hangup** by **ncidd**.

Announce Hangup

Announce Hangup will play a recorded message and then hangup.

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Configuration

Modem

Make sure the modem supports hardware flow control and that it is enabled. Look for the line **Modem ACTIVE PROFILE:** in **ncidd.log**. For most modems, hardware flow control is indicated by the presence of **&K3** in the profile. You may need to set **&K3** in the active profile. If **&K** (or whatever is appropriate for your modem) is not returned, then the modem is not supported by NCID.

ncidd.conf

Announce Hangup is configured by the line:

```
set hangup = 3
```

In addition, two other variables, **announce** and **audiofmt**, are used to configure the announcement file. For example:

```
set announce = DisconnectedNotInService.rmd set audiofmt = "AT+VSM=130"
```

If the announcement file is missing, **ncidd** will change **Announce Hangup** to **Normal Hangup**. This will be indicated in **ncidd.log**.

The default voice file is for 8-bit unsigned PCM at an 8000 Hz sample rate. It also seems to work for 8-bit LINEAR at an 8000 Hz sample rate.

The **audiofmt** variable determines the voice file's compression method and sampling rate. The shorthand for this is **Voice Sampling Method** or **VSM**.

Voice Files

CX93001 Chipset Voice Files

The default voice file supplied, **DisconnectedNotInService.rmd**, works for modems that use the **CX93001** chipset. See the [Incomplete list of working modems](#) for known modems that use this chipset.

Variable **audiofmt** defaults to **AT+VSM=130** to work with this chipset.

US Robotics USR5637 Voice Files

The default voice file will also work with the US Robotics USR5637 modem, but it must have firmware 1.2.23 or newer and **audiofmt** must be changed.

To check the firmware level, examine **ncidd.log** for this line:

```
Modem Identifier: U.S. Robotics 56K FAX USB V1.2.23
```

If you need to upgrade the firmware, download it from the [US Robotics USR5637 support page](#).

The VSM line used is

```
128,"8-BIT LINEAR",(7200,8000,11025)
```

It has () around the supported voice sampling rates with three choices. You need to select 8000 for use with the default **DisconnectedNotInService.rmd** file. Make the following change in **ncidd.conf**:

```
set audiofmt = "AT+VSM=128,8000"
```

Creating a Voice File from Scratch

This is a rather lengthy procedure so we have dedicated [Hangup Appendix B: Creating a Voice File from Scratch](#) to this topic.

Blacklist and Alias Files Usage

File **ncidd.blacklist** is a list of names and/or numbers that will be terminated using one of the Hangup Choices above. By making use of expressions and wildcards, you can achieve more complex matching logic with even fewer entries in the blacklist. See the [ncidd.blacklist.5](#) man page for more info.

Comments are supported and must begin with a #. Comments can be an entire line, or a comment can be at the end of an entry line.

A leading # is allowed in a name or number provided it is enclosed in double quotes. Sometimes a spoofed number starts with one or more # to prevent it from being blacklisted.

Beginning with NCID version 1.3, a **match name** is a special kind of comment that replaces the caller name or alias when it matches an entry in either the blacklist or whitelist. It can only be at the end of an entry line and must begin with #=.

All phone numbers below are intended to be fictitious.

- Method 1: Using only blacklist file entries

ncidd.blacklist	Optional Comment
2125550163	# Free home security system
2265196565	
2145559648	# Win a free cruise
3402090504	
8772954057	# Acme Market Research
9792201894	# Political survey
"#####8"	# The quotes are required

- Method 2: Using multiple alias entries and one blacklist entry

When a call comes in, NCID will apply any [alias](#) transformations before checking the blacklist file. You can use this to your advantage to simplify the number of entries needed in **ncidd.blacklist**. Another advantage this gives you is that NCID clients (e.g., NCIDpop) will show the caller name as TELEMARKETER to indicate the reason for the hangup.

ncidd.alias	Matching phone#
alias NAME * = "TELEMARKETER"	if 2125550163
alias NAME * = "TELEMARKETER"	if 2265196565
alias NAME * = "TELEMARKETER"	if 2145559648
alias NAME * = "TELEMARKETER"	if 3402090504

alias NAME * = "TELEMARKETER"	if 8772954057
alias NAME * = "TELEMARKETER"	if 9792201894

ncidd.blacklist
"TELEMARKETER"

- Method 3: Using only blacklist file entries with a **match name**

Beginning with NCID version 1.3, Method 2 can be simplified further by using the blacklist line comment field to be a match name. This behaves like an alias but you don't need to make entries in **ncidd.alias**. The trick is to use the two characters **#=** as a special comment line. Spaces are optional between **#=** and the match name.

The blacklist match name overrides the incoming caller ID name and any **ncidd.alias** match that might exist.

ncidd.blacklist	Match Name in Comment
2125550163	#= Free home security system
2265196565	#= TELEMARKETER
2145559648	#= Win a free cruise
3402090504	#= TELEMARKETER
8772954057	#= Acme Market Research
9792201894	#= Political survey
"#####8"	#= Tried to avoid the blacklist

Whitelist File Usage

File **ncidd.whitelist** is a list of names and/or numbers that will prevent a blacklist entry from causing a hangup. By making use of expressions and wildcards, you can achieve more complex matching logic with even fewer entries in the whitelist. See the [ncidd.whitelist.5](#) man page for more info.

Comments are supported and must begin with a **#**. Comments can be an entire line, or a comment can be at the end of an entry line.

A leading **#** is allowed in a name or number provided it is enclosed in double quotes, just like in the blacklist.

The whitelist match name is entered the same way as a blacklist match name, using **#=**.

The whitelist match name overrides the incoming Caller ID name and any **ncidd.alias** match that might exist.

This example shows how to blacklist an entire area code while allowing specific numbers. It also shows how to indicate when there is a match in the whitelist.

--	--

ncidd.blacklist	Match Name in Comment
^999	#= Blacklist area code 999
^998	#= Blacklist area code 998

ncidd.whitelist	Match Name in Comment
9995556732	#= WHT 999-555-6732
9985550000	#= WHT James Bond

Alias, Blacklist and Whitelist Simple Expressions

The Blacklist and Whitelist can have either Simple Expressions or Regular Expressions (but not both) for an entry.

In addition, when running the NCID server in the US or Canada, the **ignore1** option can be set in **ncidd.conf** to ignore a leading 1 in the Caller ID, alias, blacklist, or whitelist.

Simple Expressions (**set regex = 0** in **ncidd.conf**):

- ^ = partial match from beginning
- 1? = optional leading 1 (for US/Canada numbers)

Alias, Blacklist and Whitelist Regular Expressions

Regular Expressions are used in place of Simple Expressions. The syntax for Simple Expressions is not compatible with Regular Expressions except for **^**, **^1?** and **1?**.

If you are new to Regular Expressions, see [Regular-Expressions.info](#) for an introduction or a [Regular Expressions Tutorial](#).

Posix Regular Expressions (**set regex = 1** in **ncidd.conf**):

- The [POSIX Extended Regular Expression syntax](#) is used. It is a section in [Regular Expression](#).

You can also refer to the [Quick-Start: Regex Cheat Sheet](#)

Perl-compatible Regular Expressions (**set regex = 2** in **ncidd.conf**):

- The [Perl-compatible regular expression syntax](#) is used.

You can also refer to the [PCRE Regex Cheatsheet](#)

Hangup Appendix A: Server Log File Sample

The **ncidd.log** is useful for indicating **ncidd** configuration settings, modem features, modem settings and debugging information.

This is a portion of the output for a tty port and an LB LINK USB Modem. The output is at the default verbose 1 level. It is useful for reviewing the tty port parameters, the modem identifier, country code, **Voice Sampling Methods** supported, the VSM selected and the setting of the hangup option:

TTY port opened: /dev/ttyACM0
TTY port speed: 115200
TTY lock file: /var/lock/lockdev/LCK..ttyACM0
TTY port control signals enabled
Caller ID from a modem and optional gateways
Handles modem calls without Caller ID
Modem initialized.
Modem Identifier: CX93001-EIS_V0.2013-V92
Modem country code: B5 United States
Modem ACTIVE PROFILE:
B1 E1 L2 M1 N0 Q0 T V1 W0 X4 Y0 &C1 &D2 &G0 &J0 &K3 &Q5 &R1 &S0 &T5 &X0
S00:0 S01:0 S02:43 S03:13 S04:10 S05:8 S06:2 S07:50 S08:1 S09:6
S10:14 S11:85 S12:50 S18:0 S25:5 S26:1 S36:7 S38:20 S46:138 S48:7
S95:0
Modem supports Data Mode
Modem supports FAX Mode 1
Modem supports FAX Mode 2
Modem supports VOICE Mode
Hangup option = 3 - play an announcement then hangup on a blacklisted call
Internal Hangup recording file: /usr/share/ncid/recordings/DisconnectedNotInService.rmd
Manufacturer: CONEXANT
Modem Voice Sampling Methods:
0,"SIGNED PCM",8,0,8000,0,0
1,"UNSIGNED PCM",8,0,8000,0,0
129,"IMA ADPCM",4,0,8000,0,0
130,"UNSIGNED PCM",8,0,8000,0,0
131,"Mu-Law",8,0,8000,0,0
132,"A-Law",8,0,8000,0,0
133,"14 bit PCM",14,0,8000,0,0
Modem Voice Sampling Method selected: AT+VSM=130

Hangup Appendix B: Creating a Voice File from Scratch

You may wish to check the [Network Caller ID page at Wikipedia](#) to see if someone has already documented the steps for your modem.

Prerequisites

This procedure uses Linux to convert the files.

The **sox** and **mgetty-voice** packages need to be installed.

An audio file, preferably one channel (mono), a sample rate of 8000 Hz (8 kHz) and a sample size of 8 bits.
This file can be either of the following:

- An audio file in a format that **sox** supports. A .wav file is the most common. **Sox** does not support .mp3 files.
- A Portable Voice Format (.pvf) file. A few are supplied with NCID.

The chipset identifier returned by the modem's **ATI3** response.

- This will be in the startup section of `/var/log/ncidd.log` with the line, "Modem Identifier: ...".

The **Voice Sampling Methods** returned by the modem's **AT+VSM=?** response and the directory to store the Raw Modem Data (.rmd) file.

- These are both in the startup section of `/var/log/ncidd.log` where the lines start with, "Modem Voice Sampling Methods: ..." and "Internal Hangup voice file: ...".
- If you don't see these in the log file, you probably don't have Announce Hangup configured yet in `ncidd.conf`. You can temporarily enable it by typing the following commands and then examine `ncidd.log`:

```
sudo pkill ncidd
sudo ncidd -Dv1 -p 3334 -N1 -H3
```

Examine the Modem's Voice Sampling Methods (VSM)

Your ultimate goal in creating a custom voice file is to take a Portable Voice File (.pvf) and use the **pvftormd** command line program to convert it to a Raw Modem Data (.rmd) file that is specific to your modem type (chipset).

The tricky part is in trying find a compression method for **pvftormd** that is comparable to one of the **Voice Sampling Methods** and codecs returned by the modem's (often cryptic) **AT+VSM=?** response. Compounding the challenge are the facts that:

- Different modem manufacturers often have their own codec naming convention when listing the VSMs.
- Determining which **pvftormd** modem type is a match for your modem is sometimes not obvious.

In the discussion below, we'll see examples of this challenge as we use one of the .pvf files supplied with NCID to create the .rmd file that works on two different modem chipsets: Conexant CX93001 and USR5637.

Conexant CX93001

The **pvftormd** tool requires a modem type. The supported modem types and raw modem data formats are listed with the **-L** option:

```
pvftormd -L
```

Refer to [Hangup Appendix C: Raw Modem Data Formats](#). You'll notice that there's nothing listed in Column 1 that has "Conexant" as part of its name.

So what modem type was used to create the .rmd files supplied with NCID and why/how was it chosen? The answer to the first part of the question is "V253modem" and the answer to the second part is "by experimenting" (or perhaps, "luck").

If your modem isn't listed, which is highly likely, you have to start somewhere so try something for an 8 bit PCM format:

- **V253modem 8** for linear unsigned PCM, or
- **V253modem 9** for linear signed PCM.

Next, you want to look at the modem's VSM info to see if you can find a match on 8 bit, linear, PCM, signed or unsigned.

Here's the VSM info from `ncidd.log` for a modem with a Conexant CX93001 chipset:

```
0, "SIGNED PCM", 8, 0, 8000, 0, 0
1, "UNSIGNED PCM", 8, 0, 8000, 0, 0
129, "IMA ADPCM", 4, 0, 8000, 0, 0
130, "UNSIGNED PCM", 8, 0, 8000, 0, 0
131, "Mu-Law", 8, 0, 8000, 0, 0
132, "A-Law", 8, 0, 8000, 0, 0
133, "14 bit PCM", 14, 0, 8000, 0, 0
```

The line for 130 looks promising so we'll try that first. The line for 1 might also work since it "looks" the same as line 130. Probably the only reason 130 was chosen is that users seem to have better luck with values 100 and greater.

In conclusion, we've decided to try these settings for the Conexant CX93001 chipset:

- "V253modem 8" for the **pvftormd** tool to create the `.rmd`
- "AT+VSM=130" as the **audiofmt** setting in `ncidd.conf`

USR5637

For the USR5637 chipset, it just so happens that trying the `.rmd` for the Conexant CX93001 chipset works just fine, but it does require a different VSM setting. Looking at `ncidd.log` for this modem we see:

```
128, "8-BIT LINEAR", (7200, 8000, 11025)
129, "16-BIT LINEAR", (7200, 8000, 11025)
130, "8-BIT ALAW", (8000)
131, "8-BIT ULAW", (8000)
132, "IMA ADPCM", (7200, 8000, 11025)
```

The Conexant CX93001 codec we picked to try was "UNSIGNED PCM" but as you can see, that's not an option for the USR5637. We'll pick line 128, "8-BIT LINEAR" and hope it'll work.

A little more work needs to be done, though. The presence of the `()` for line 128 means we have to specify one of the three sampling rates, but which one? Recall the line we used for the Conexant CX93001:

```
130, "UNSIGNED PCM", 8, 0, 8000, 0, 0
```

The sampling rate is fixed at 8000 so we'll try that for the USR5637.

In conclusion, we've decided to try these settings for the USR5637 chipset:

- "V253modem 8" for the **pvftormd** tool to create the `.rmd`
- "AT+VSM=128,8000" as the **audiofmt** setting in `ncidd.conf`

Creating a Portable Voice File (.pvf)

You would do the steps here if you want to use a `.wav` file or other audio file format supported by **sox**.

You can either record an announcement or download a .wav file from the internet. A good place to start is [This Is a Recording](#).

Once you have the .wav file, you need to convert it to a .pvf. We'll use the parameters listed under Prerequisites: one channel (mono), a sample rate of 8000 Hz (8 kHz) and a sample size of 8 bits.

Assuming the file is called **custom.wav**:

```
sox custom.wav -t pvf -c 1 -r 8000 -b 8 custom.pvf
```

You can use the **play** command to listen to it:

```
play custom.pvf
```

Make sure the playback is clear and no spoken words get dropped. If the playback doesn't sound good as a .pvf, it is probably not going to sound good when you convert it to an .rmd for playback through the modem. You may need to use a different source .wav file and/or you'll need to experiment with the **sox** parameters.

Note: It is probably not going to work very well if you try the **play** command on a virtual Linux machine because playing back audio can cause a performance hit on the virtual machine's CPU and other resources. Instead, you will want to **play** it on a physical machine. As an alternative to the **play** command, you could play it back using cross-platform versions of [Audacity](#) or [VideoLAN](#).

Generally speaking, you only need to create a .pvf file once. It can then be used to create .rmd files for multiple modem chipsets.

If you need to examine the properties of a .pvf file, use the **soxi** tool:

```
$ soxi CallingDeposit.pvf
Input File : 'CallingDeposit.pvf'
Channels : 1
Sample Rate : 8000
Precision : 8-bit
Duration : 00:00:09.90 = 79203 samples ~ 742.528 CDDA sectors
File Size : 79.2k
Bit Rate : 64.0k
Sample Encoding: 8-bit Signed Integer PCM
$
```

Creating a Raw Modem Data (.rmd) File

Once you have a .pvf file, you must convert it to an .rmd that is specific for your modem's chipset.

Assuming the file is called **custom.wav**:

```
pvf2rmd V253modem 8 custom.pvf custom.rmd
```

The **DisconnectedNotInService.pvf** voice file was used to create **DisconnectedNotInService.rmd**. The .pvf files for the distribution are in the documentation directory which is usually:

```
/usr/share/doc/ncid/recordings
```

or

```
||| /usr/local/share/doc/ncid/recordings
```

Use **DisconnectedNotInService.pvf** to create a **raw modem data (.rmd)** file for your modem if the default one, **DisconnectedNotInService.rmd**, is not usable.

Convert it to .rmd:

```
||| pvftormd V253modem 8 DisconnectedNotInService.pvf  
||| DisconnectedNotInService.rmd
```

If you need to examine the properties of an .rmd file, use the **rmdfile** tool:

```
||| $ rmdfile CallingDeposit.rmd  
||| CallingDeposit.rmd: RMD1  
||| modem type is: "V253modem"  
||| compression method: 0x0008  
||| sample speed: 8000  
||| bits per sample: 8  
||| $
```

Configuring NCID to use a Custom Voice File

Copy the custom .rmd file to the directory to store the Raw Modem Data (.rmd) file (see [Prerequisites](#)).

Edit **ncidd.conf** to enable Announce Hangup, indicate the name of the custom .rmd file and the AT+VSM command to use.

Example:

```
||| set hangup = 3  
||| set announce = custom.rmd  
||| set audiofmt = "AT+VSM=128,8000"
```

Testing a Custom Voice File

The best way to test a custom voice file is to temporarily add your phone number to the blacklist file and call yourself. Use a handset or headset to listen to the call and not speakerphone or handsfree mode.

If you experience any of the following, you will need to experiment with different parameters when running **pvftormd** and/or different AT+VSM settings:

- dropped spoken words or words that are completely unrecognizable
- play back is too fast or too slow
- you hear static noise

Hangup Appendix C: Raw Modem Data Formats

You would probably refer to this appendix only if you're using the Announce Hangup option.

The **pvftormd** command line program requires a modem type. The supported raw modem data formats are listed with the **-L** option:

```
||| pvftormd -L
```

Column headings added to chart for readability:

1. Modem type or manufacturer.
2. One or more numbers representing different compression methods (these values are unique to **pvftormd** and have no relation to a modem's compression number in its **AT+VSM=?** response).
3. Description of the compression method and usually lists the bit levels supported by **pvftormd**.

Output of **pvftormd -L** follows:

```
pvftormd experimental test release 0.9.32 / with duplex patch
```

```
supported raw modem data formats:
```

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Digi	4	G.711u PCM
Digi	5	G.711A PCM
Elsa	2, 3, 4	2/3/4-bit Rockwell ADPCM
ISDN4Linux	2, 3, 4	2/3/4-bit ZyXEL ADPCM
ISDN4Linux	5	G.711A PCM
ISDN4Linux	6	G.711u PCM
Lucent	1	8 bit linear PCM
Lucent	2	16 bit linear PCM
Lucent	3	G.711A PCM
Lucent	4	G.711u PCM
Lucent	5	4 bit IMA ADPCM
MT_2834	4	4 bit IMA ADPCM
MT_5634	4	bit IMA ADPCM
Rockwell	2, 3, 4	2/3/4-bit Rockwell ADPCM
Rockwell	8	8-bit Rockwell PCM
UMC	4	G.721 ADPCM
US_Robotics	1	USR-GSM
US_Robotics	4	G.721 ADPCM
V253modem	2, 4	2/4-bit Rockwell ADPCM
V253modem	5	4-bit IMA ADPCM
V253modem	6	G.711u PCM
V253modem	7	G.711A PCM

V253modem	8	8-bit linear unsigned PCM
V253modem	9	8-bit linear signed PCM
V253modem	12	16-bit linear signed PCM Intel Order
V253modem	13	16-bit linear unsigned PCM Intel Order
ZyXEL_1496	2, 3, 4	2/3/4-bit ZyXEL ADPCM
ZyXEL_2864	2, 3, 4	2/3/4-bit ZyXEL ADPCM
ZyXEL_2864	81	8-bit Rockwell PCM
ZyXEL_Omni56K	4	4-bit Digispeech ADPCM (?)

example:

```
pvftormd Rockwell 4 infile.pvf outfile.rmd
```

Hangup Appendix C: Modem AT+VSM Command Explained

Here is a breakdown of what each parameter means in the AT+VSM command:

Command: AT+VSM=?

Response: <cml>, <cmid>, <bps>, <tm>, <vsr>, <sds>, <sel>

<cml> Decimal number identifying the compression method (1, 129, 130, 140, or 141).

<cmid> Alphanumeric string describing the compression method (UNSIGNED PCM, IMA ADPCM, UNSIGNED PCM, 2 Bit ADPCM, or 4 Bit ADPCM).

<bps> Decimal number defining the average number of bits in the compressed sample not including silence compression (2, 4 or 8).

<tm> Decimal number (0) reporting the time interval, in units of 0.1 second, between timing marks. A value of 0 reports that timing marks are not supported.

<vsr> <range of values> containing the supported range of voice samples per second of the analog signal (8000).

<sds> <range of values> containing the supported range of sensitivity settings for voice receives (0). A 0 indicates not supported.

<sel> <range of values> containing the supported range of expansion values for voice transmits (0). A 0 indicates not supported.

Server Extensions

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Description

The ncidd server supports **Server Extensions**. A Server Extension is an external script or program that is called by ncidd to perform a function and return a result. Server Extensions are a way for users to add functionality to NCID without requiring changes to NCID itself. Server Extensions are isolated from the main NCID distribution and because of this they do not normally require any changes when NCID is upgraded to a later version.

You can use any scripting or programming language desired.

Hangup Extension

The first Server Extension distributed with NCID is the **Hangup Extension**.

A Hangup Extension can be used with and without [Internal Hangup](#). (Internal Hangup is defined as call termination using the `ncidd.blacklist` and `ncidd.whitelist` files.)

It works like this:

When Caller ID is received from a modem and it is not terminated by the Internal Hangup logic and is not in 'ncidd.whitelist', the server will check to see if a Hangup Extension has been enabled. If so, the server will pass the current call info to the Hangup Extension, execute it and wait for a response. If the Hangup Extension results in a positive match by returning the word **hangup**, call termination will take place automatically.

The Hangup Extension can also change the "announce" file name to give a different message to some callers, and can return a hangup reason that will be added to the displayed caller name.

Hangup Extensions use all of the same Internal Hangup modes (normal, fax, announce). Be sure to review the required [Modem Configuration](#) parameters.

Three settings in `ncidd.conf` control Hangup Extensions:

Setting	Values
<code>set hupmode</code>	<p>0 = disabled 1 = Normal Hangup 2 = Fax Hangup 3 = Announce Hangup</p> <p>default: 0</p>
<code>set hupname</code>	<p>the name of the hangup script or program</p>

	default: <i>hangup-nohangup</i>
set <i>huprmd</i>	optional voice file to be played if <i>hupmode</i> = 3 default: "announce" file used by Internal Hangup (usually DisconnectedNotInService.rmd)

When you enable a Hangup Extension, you also need to indicate the hangup script to use. The default is **hangup-nohangup** which will run, but it will never trigger a hangup. When testing your script you can give the full path name to where it is located. When it's working OK, copy it to the path appropriate for your operating system:

`/usr/share/ncid/extensions`

or

`/usr/local/share/ncid/extensions`

Once the file is there you give the name of the script in *ncidd.conf*:

set *hupname* = *hangup-custom*

You create your own Hangup Extension script/program external to NCID in whatever language you would like. It can have whatever logic you wish for terminating a call. You can even have it return the name of a customized voice message file for individual phone numbers. It is not necessary for your Hangup Extension to check *ncidd.whitelist* because the NCID server already does this for you and will have automatically applied any Simple Expressions or Regular Expressions to the incoming call.

The technical details of creating a Hangup Extension are outside the scope of this document (see [NCID-API](#)).

However, several ready-to-use Hangup Extensions and template Hangup Extensions are included with NCID. Template Hangup Extensions have a file name ending in '-skel' (short for "skeleton"). These will always be replaced when NCID is updated. Before customizing a template, it is essential that you copy or rename the template script so that it does not end in '-skel'.

Below is a summary of the Hangup Extensions included with NCID:

- The [hangup-calls](#) extension hangs up on every call not in the whitelist.
- The [hangup-closed-skel](#) script is a template for playing a recorded "we are closed" message prior to hanging up on calls within a specific time period. You need to customize the start and end times and record a message. It is recommended that your recorded message include the name of your business so callers can be sure they dialed the correct number.
- The [hangup-combo-skel](#) script is a template for calling two extension scripts. By default, it calls *hangup-fakenum* and *hangup-fcc*. Rename it to *hangup-combo* after you have customized it.
- The [hangup-fakenum](#) extension hangs up on calls where the number is absent or not allowed in the North American numbering plan, or where the name is mostly numeric. Optionally, it will also check a list of valid area codes brought in with the [get-areacodes-list](#) script. Read more at [Enforcing the North American Numbering Plan](#).

- The [hangup-fcc](#) extension hangs up on calls where the number can be found in the FCC's open data list of "Unwanted Calls". The blacklist is stored locally in `/etc/ncid/fcc.blacklist` and is typically updated daily by a cron job (or Mac OS X launchd daemon) that calls [get-fcc-list](#) to fetch the latest version from a web site. Read more at [CallerID Blacklist from FCC Data](#).
- The [hangup-message-skel](#) script is a template that contains a sample list of phone numbers with their corresponding name of a recorded message (voice) file that is played before terminating the call. There are no provisions to record a message from the caller; NCID is not an answering machine.
- The [hangup-nohangup](#) script does not hangup on any calls. This is the default script in case the user forgets to change the hupmode setting in `ncidd.conf`.
- The [hangup-postal-code](#) extension scrip hangs up of calls if a search of the US postal codes for a state, commonwealth or territory abbreviation at the end of a Caller ID name if found.
- The [hangup-skel](#) extension is a very basic template to determine if the number or name received should tell ncidd to hangup. You might use this as a starting point, for example, to query an Internet site to determine if the call should be terminated. Or perhaps you have a local relational database with names or numbers of blacklisted callers.

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Requirement

- **logrotate**

NCID uses **logrotate** to prune its log files each month. When it prunes the log, it saves a backup. Up to five backups are saved.

Another system log rotation program can be used but it must be configured to zero (empty) the log each month in order to use the **ncid-yearlog** program.

Description

Here is an alphabetical list of NCID log files stored in `/var/log`:

Log file name	Log type	Description
<code>cidcall.log</code>	server	Calls and messages
<code>ciddata.log</code>	server	Raw data received by ncidd server as captured from modems and gateways*
<code>lcdnid.log</code>	client	LCDproc client activity
<code>ncid2ncid.log</code>	gateway	NCID-to-NCID gateway activity

<code>ncidd.log</code>	<code>server</code>	Server activity
<code>obi2ncid.log</code>	<code>gateway</code>	OBihai gateway activity
<code>rn2ncid.log</code>	<code>gateway</code>	Remote Notifier gateway activity
<code>sip2ncid.log</code>	<code>gateway</code>	SIP gateway activity
<code>wc2ncid.log</code>	<code>gateway</code>	Whozz Calling gateway activity
<code>xdmf2ncid.log</code>	<code>gateway</code>	XDMF gateway activity
<code>yac2ncid.log</code>	<code>gateway</code>	YAC gateway activity

*Note: If `/var/log/ciddata.log` exists, `ncidd` will write to it. It must be manually created prior to launching `ncidd`:

```
sudo touch /var/log/ciddata.log
```

Each month **logrotate** uses `/etc/logrotate.d/ncid` to prune files as required in `/etc/ncid/ncidrotate.conf`. Only two variables are expected to change: `RotateOff` and `Lines2keep`.

If the user does not want a log rotated, set `RotateOff=1`. This will let the log keep growing until the operating system decides it is too large.

The default for `Lines2keep` is 0. Some users like to keep some lines in the log when it is pruned. If you would like to keep the last 10 lines at the start of the month, set `Lines2keep=10`

If you turned rotation off or do not prune a log to zero each month, you should backup the log to someplace that is not `/var`.

Yearly Logs

NCID can keep yearly logs automatically in `$HOME/ncid/log/` by running `/usr/share/ncid/sys/ncid-yearlog` on the first of every month from the user's crontab.

If `ncidrotate.conf` has `Lines2keep=0` and `rotatebysize.conf` has `minsize 1`, you can enable **ncid-yearlog** by creating or editing a crontab and adding this line (NOTE: `/usr/share` can be `/usr/local/share` on some operating systems):

```
11 5 1 * * /usr/share/ncid/sys/ncid-year log
```

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[update-cidcall](#)

Overview

NCID has command line Perl scripts (also called tools) that can list or modify the `ncidd.alias`, `ncidd.blacklist`, `ncidd.whitelist` and `cidcall.log` files.

There are four tools for dealing with the alias, blacklist and whitelist files:

`cidalias`, `cidcall`, `cidupdate` and `ncidutil`.

If you edit and modify `ncidd.alias`, `ncidd.blacklist`, or `ncidd.whitelist` with an editor:

- (optional) Run `cidupdate` after modifying `ncidd.alias` to update the `cidcall.log` file with the new aliases
- Force the server to reload `ncidd.alias`, `ncidd.blacklist` and `ncidd.whitelist`:

```
sudo pkill --signal SIGHUP ncidd
```

NCID has a tool for creating a yearly call log from the monthly call logs. The yearly call log is updated each month. The monthly call logs are only kept for a specific period of time but yearly call logs are kept until deleted.

cidalias

The **cidalias** tool displays aliases in the alias file in one of three different formats: raw, human readable and delimited.

See the [cidalias.1](#) man page for a complete description and all options.

cidcall

The **cidcall** tool is used to view either the `cidcall.log` file or the `cidcall-.log` in one of two different formats: raw and human readable. The default is to display BLK, CID, HUP, OUT, PID and WID lines from the `cidcall.log` file in a human readable format. Messages and Smartphone Notes will be viewed when their option is selected.

See the [cidcall.1](#) man page for a complete description and all options.

EXAMPLES:

View all call types, but not message types:

```
cidcall
```

View messages and notes:

```
cidcall --MSG --NOT
```

View all call types from the 2018 call log:

```
cidcall --yearlog 2018
```

Assuming the current year is 2019, view all call types from up to but not including the current month in the `cidcall.log`:

```
cidcall --year 2019
```

cidnumber-info

The **cidnumber-info** tool looks up a phonenummer and shows the number formatted for the country of the number along with the following name and data fields in the `ncidd` call log format

cidupdate

The **cidupdate** tool is used to update the `cidcall.log` file with newly created aliases. It is also used by the server whenever clients want the call logfile updated.

Command Line Usage:

- Add one of more aliases to `ncidd.alias`
- Run **cidupdate** to update `cidcall.log` for any calls that require the new alias or aliases.
- Reload `ncidd.alias`, `ncidd.blacklist` and `ncidd.whitelist`:

```
sudo pkill --signal SIGHUP ncidd
```

See the [cidupdate.1](#) man page for a complete description and all options.

get-fcc-list

The **get-fcc-list** script is usually called daily from a crontab to fetch the `fcc.blacklist` from a server for use by `hangup-fcc` or to be added to the `ncidd.blacklist`.

It is more completely described in its own section about using the [CallerID Blacklist from FCC Data](#)

get-areacodes-list

The **get-areacodes-list** script only needs to be called every six months or less to fetch a newer list of valid area codes for `hangup-fakenum`. It can be added the a crontab if desired.

It is more completely described in its own section about using the [CallerID Blacklist from FCC Data](#)

ncid-yearlog

The **ncid-yearlog** tool automatically creates a yearly call log from the monthly call logs. It is called from the user's crontab on the first of the month. Review [Yearly Logs](#) and [ncid-yearlog.1](#)

ncidutil

The **ncidutil** tool is only used by the server to add, modify, or remove entries from `ncid.alias`. It is also used by the server to add or remove entries from `ncidd.blacklist` and `ncidd.whitelist`.

See the [ncidutil.1](#) man page for a complete description and all options.

update-cidcall

The **update-cidcall** tool adds the new name and data fields from **cidnumber-info** to the lines from the `cidcall.log` file. The output is sent to `STDOUT`.

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Description

The FCC gets many complaints about unwanted callers and makes a summary available to the public. We refer to this summary as the FCC Data.

When used with a modem ([see the Hangup Overview](#)), **ncidd** can use this information as a blacklist to hang up on unwanted North American callers.

A **get-fcc-list** script, run periodically, fetches this data from an intermediate web server.

The FCC Data can be used with the NCID server's Internal Hangup and Hangup Extensions.

Requirements

- [NCID](#) release 1.7 or newer
- a modem to do the hangup
- internet connection
- **wget** - fetches files using http
- **pkill** - send signal to all running ncidd servers to reload alias, blacklist and whitelist

Background

On Oct 21, 2015, the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [announced](#) (archived [here](#) or [here](#)) they would be releasing weekly data to support robocall blocking technologies.

On May 23, 2016, the FCC [announced](#) (archived [here](#) or [here](#)) a new method for us to obtain the information. It appears to be updated in either real time or daily.

You may also [go to the FCC's site and add your own complaints.](#)

The FCC Data is a huge spreadsheet available from the FCC's Open Data project. It has a row for each complaint received about annoying phone callers going back to October 2014.

The spreadsheet is growing larger as complaints arrive at a rate of around 500 per day. There is a lot of information that we don't care about and some complaint types that don't involve phone calls.

You can find the CGB - Consumer Complaints Data at <https://opendata.fcc.gov/Consumer/CGB-Consumer-Complaints-Data/3xyp-aqkj>.

The original NCID script to fetch and analyze the complaints data was written by Mike Stember. It was named **FCC2ncid**.

A change in the FCC's data caused **FCC2ncid** to stop finding new numbers after October 2016, so it has been replaced by **get-fcc-list**.

How FCC Data Retrieval Works

Every day at around 7:11AM EST, an intermediate web server downloads the FCC's large dataset. By performing the following processing, the intermediate web server reduces a 22 megabyte download to a more manageable 195,000 bytes:

- duplicates are merged together and counted
- only numbers reported three or more times are included
- numbers which have been inactive for 600 days are excluded
- the resulting list is sorted and stored as `fcc.blacklist`

Each installation of NCID can run a local copy of the **get-fcc-list** script to fetch `fcc.blacklist`.

If the script is configured for use with NCID Hangup Extensions (usually **hangup-fcc**), no further processing is needed.

If the script is configured for use with the NCID server's Internal Hangup, it performs the following additional steps:

- backs up the existing `ncidd.blacklist` into `/var/backups/ncid/`
- deletes the old FCC data from `ncidd.blacklist`
- appends the latest FCC data to `ncidd.blacklist`
- signals **ncidd** to reread the alias, blacklist and whitelist files

Configure NCID

Choose one of the following:

- Internal Hangup

File `fcc.blacklist` is appended to `ncidd.blacklist`. This method allows NCID clients (e.g., NCIDpop, NCID Android) to query the blacklist.

1. Configure the NCID server to use [Internal Hangup](#) as explained in the [User Manual](#).
2. Configure **get-fcc-list** for periodic update with the `-a` (append) option.

- Hangup Extension

File `fcc.blacklist` is used as-is by the Hangup Extension. This method has a smaller memory footprint and is more modular.

1. Configure the NCID server to use [Hangup Extensions](#) as explained in the [User Manual](#). Specify **hangup-fcc** as the name of the extension.
2. Configure **get-fcc-list** for periodic update with the `-n` (no append) option.

If you wish to transition from using the FCC Data with Internal Hangup to using Hangup Extensions:

- Run **get-fcc-list** as root, just once, from the command line, using the `-r` option.

This will backup the current `ncidd.blacklist`, remove old FCC Data lines and force the server to reread the modified `ncidd.blacklist`.

- You must specify the full path to the script.

```
sudo /usr/share/ncid/sys/get-fcc-list -r
```

or

```
sudo /usr/local/share/ncid/sys/get-fcc-list -r
```

Configure get-fcc-list for Periodic Update

You likely want to run **get-fcc-list** as a daily background task. It is suggested that it be run at 08:15AM local time.

- Linux/UNIX - use **cron** and log activity to `/tmp/get-fcc-list.log`

1. Run the **crontab** editor as root:

```
sudo crontab -e
```

2. Add two new lines at the end depending on the hangup method:

- Internal Hangup - append (`-a`) FCC Data to `ncidd.blacklist`

```
# run 1x each day at 08:15
15 08 * * * /usr/share/ncid/sys/get-fcc-list -a \
> /tmp/get-fcc-list.log 2>&1
```

- Hangup Extension - do not append (`-n`), use `fcc.blacklist` as-is

```
# run 1x each day at 08:15
15 08 * * * /usr/share/ncid/sys/get-fcc-list -n \
> /tmp/get-fcc-list.log 2>&1
```

Enforcing the North American Numbering Plan

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Description

The North American Numbering Plan has some rules which many spam callers have not figured out, or can not duplicate.

When used with a modem ([see the Hangup Overview](#)), **ncidd** can use this to hang up on unwanted callers.

optionally, a **get-areacodes-list** script, run periodically, updates a list of valid area codes.

Requirements

- [NCID](#) release 1.7 or newer
- a modem to do the hangup
- ten digit caller ID

Creating and updating the list of valid area codes requires:

- internet connection
- **wget** - fetches files using http

Background

Many calling phone numbers do not exist in North America. Spam callers from distant places don't seem to know this and call with area codes like 000 or exchange codes like 111.

In addition, spam callers appear to have difficulty filling in the caller ID name field. This will show up as something like V1234567890 or be the same as the calling number. Phone companies supply text like A SMITH for the name, so **hangup-fakenum** disallows numeric names.

The **hangup-fakenum** extension runs after the built-in aliases, and the configured aliases in **ncidd.alias** have been applied. The whitelist is checked, then (if hangup is enabled) the blacklist, then (if hupmode is enabled) the extension script.

Configure NCID

Hangup Extension

1. Configure the NCID server to use [Hangup Extensions](#) as explained in the [User Manual](#). Specify **hangup-fakenum** as the name of the extension (or chain some extensions together with hangup-combo).
2. Add a list of valid area codes by running **get-areacodes-list** once and then schedule it for periodic update.

```
sudo /usr/share/ncid/sys/get-areacodes-list
```

or


```
sudo /usr/local/share/ncid/sys/get-areacodes-list
```

Configure get-areacodes-list for Periodic Update

You might want to run **get-areacodes-list** as a repeated background task. The area codes do not change very often.

- Linux/UNIX - use **cron** and log activity to `/tmp/get-areacodes-list.log`

1. Run the **crontab** editor as root:

```
sudo crontab -e
```

2. Add two new lines at the end:

```
# run 2x yearly at 08:15  
  
15 08 3 6,12 * /usr/share/ncid/sys/get-areacodes-list \  
                > /tmp/get-areacodes-list.log 2>&1
```

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General

- **What is Caller ID?**

This is best explained in this [Caller ID](#) article on Wikipedia.

- **What is NCID?**

NCID is a Network Caller ID package that distributes Caller ID over a network to a variety of devices and computers.

NCID consists of:

- A server (`ncidd`) that normally uses a device to monitor a telephone line for CID information.
- A Universal Client (`ncid`) that obtains the CID information from the NCID server and displays it.
- Multiple gateways that obtain the Caller ID information and send it to the NCID server as a CID message.
- Command line tools that deal with the Whozz Calling (WC) Ethernet Link device and edit or list the **`cidcall.log`**, **`ncidd.alias`**, **`ncidd.blacklist`** and **`ncidd.whitelist`** files.

The Universal Client has output modules that can be used to push CID to other computers and devices. Here is a partial list:

- MythTV
- pager
- cell phone, using the email-to-SMS gateway of the carrier
- smartphones and tablets running Android or iOS
- "speak", using a text-to-speech converter
- LCD displays

- **Does NCID only support one client?**

The NCID package only comes with one client, but other clients are available such as `NCIDPop` and `LCDncid` .

[Third party clients](#) are also available for various platforms:

- OSX Pop-Up
- NCIDStatusBarMenu
- Yet Another Caller ID Program

- *TWNCid*
- *NCID client for GNOME*
- *ncid-sqlite*
- *googletv_ncid*
- *SmartCallMonitor*
- *CIDTracker*
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- *ncidhitta*
- *ncidmon*
- *node-ncid-client*
- *etc.*

- **Can I have multiple servers and clients?**

There should only be one server per phone line.

NCID is designed to have multiple clients. For example: a client on a cell phone, a client on each computer in your network and a client to handle your cell phone.

- **Can I run the NCID client under Windows?**

The GUI client is the only part of NCID that runs directly under Windows. Output modules are not supported.

If you want to run the complete NCID distribution, you need to install [Cygwin](#). You need to configure the NCID server so it will only use its gateways to obtain the Caller ID. If you want to use a modem, you need to also install a YAC server.

- **How do I determine if my modem supports Caller ID?**

*The modem documentation should tell you if the modem supports Caller ID and how to set it up. NCID will try two ways to configure a modem for Caller ID and the configuration file (**ncidd.conf**) has other methods you can try.*

NCID documentation has a section called [Modems](#) that gives some information on configuring a modem for Caller ID and there is also a section called [Modem Caller ID Test](#) that tells how to use ncidd to test the modem.

- **What is an NCID gateway?**

An NCID gateway obtains the Caller ID information and sends it to the NCID server as a CID message. Currently included gateways are:

- *An XDMF Gateway that obtains the CID information as messages from an SDMF or MDMF USB device, such as the [CTI Comet USB](#) or the [Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module](#) and sends it to the NCID server. Some modems can also be configured to output in SDMF/MDMF format.*
- *A SIP Gateway that obtains the CID information using VoIP SIP packets and sends it to the NCID server.*
- *A YAC (Yet Another Caller ID) Gateway that obtains the CID information from a YAC modem server.*

- A [Whozz Calling](#) (WC) Ethernet Link device gateway that obtains the CID information from multiple POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) lines.
- A gateway for the Android app "Remote Notifier" that obtains smart phone CID and text messages.
- An NCID-to-NCID Gateway that sends the CID information from one or more NCID servers to a selected NCID server.

- **Can NCID be used with YAC (Yet Another Caller ID)?**

Yes. NCID has a YAC output module and a YAC Gateway.

The YAC output module is used with the NCID client to obtain the CID information from the NCID server and send it to YAC listeners.

The YAC gateway receives the CID information from a YAC modem server, formats it and sends it to the NCID server as a CID message. If your windows PC has a modem, you can install YAC and configure it to send the CID to the YAC Gateway.

- **Does NCID support more than one phone line?**

Yes, NCID supports any/all of the following:

- Up to 5 modems or serial devices
- Multiple SIP Gateways
- Multiple YAC Gateways
- Multiple [Whozz Calling](#) (WC) devices using the WC gateway
- Multiple XDMF Gateways on different, network-connected remote machines, or on the same, local machine, provided a separate configuration file or the `--usbport|-u` command line option are used for each gateway.

It should be noted that multiple XDMF Gateway setups are not tested due to lack of hardware units, therefore neither officially supported.

Each SIP Gateway can support multiple VoIP telephone connections.

Each WC device can support either 2, 4, or 8 POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) lines.

A single XDMF Gateway supports only one POTS line, however, you can have multiple XDMF Gateways each connected to a separate POTS line.

- **What packages are distributed?**

- NCID: Package includes a server, client and gateways.
- LCDncid: An NCID client that outputs to a LCD display using LCDproc.
- NCIDPop: An NCID popup client for Linux based distros, Mac OS X and Windows.

Server

- **What is an "alias" and how do I configure one?**

An "alias" allows you to replace a generic Caller ID name with a custom one that is more meaningful. You can configure several hundred aliases if you want. Aliases are stored in the `ncidd.alias` file.

For example, if an incoming call has the name "WIRELESS CALLER" you can use an alias to change it to the real name of the caller. You would use this form of alias:

```
alias NAME "FROM" = "TO" if "TELEPHONE_NUMBER"
```

Since we do not care what name is there, we will use '*' in the FROM field. The TO field can contain spaces so in our case we want it to say: "John on cell". The most important field is the TELEPHONE_NUMBER; this must match the number ncidd receives and in most cases, it includes a '1', even though it is not displayed. Putting in the values, our alias looks like this:

```
alias NAME * = "John on cell" if 14075551212
```

The complete documentation for aliases is in the **ncidd.alias** man page and as comments in the **ncidd.alias** file.

- **What is a "blacklisted" caller and how do I configure one?**

The blacklist is a list of names or numbers that NCID will automatically hangup. The blacklisted names and numbers are stored in the **ncidd.blacklist** file.

The blacklist supports simple expressions (the default) or extended [Posix Regular Expressions](#) (an option).

Using Simple Expressions:

The name or number in the blacklist is treated as a substring of the caller name or number. For example, using a 10 digit US number:

```
3215551212 - will only match 3215551212
321555      - will match any number with 321555 in it
^321555     - will match any number beginning with 321555
```

Using Posix Extended Regular Expressions:

```
^3215551212$ - will only match 3215551212
.*321555.*   - will match any number with 321555 in it
^321555      - will match any number beginning with 321555
```

The **ncidd.blacklist** file comes preconfigured for PRIVATE names, a spoofing area code and a few expensive area codes.

The complete documentation for the blacklist is in the **ncidd.blacklist** man page and as comments in the **ncidd.blacklist** file.

- **What is a "whitelisted" caller and how do I configure one?**

The whitelist is a list of names or numbers in the **ncidd.whitelist** file. If a call matches a name or number in the **ncidd.blacklist** file, the whitelist file is consulted to see if the call should be allowed.

The whitelist file uses the same expressions as the blacklist file.

As an example, the blacklist file comes preconfigured to blacklist the entire 999 unused area code. If you want to allow a specific number from area code 999, you would add it to **ncidd.whitelist**:

Using Simple Expressions: 9995551212

Using Posix Extended Regular Expressions: 9995551212 or ^9995551212\$

You might notice there are 2 entries in the blacklist file for each of the blacklisted area codes. This is because in the US some systems send a leading **1** and some do not. Not knowing which system a user might have, two entries are made to work with both types. Thus the above example using simple expressions becomes:

```
9995551212 19995551212
```

The complete documentation for the whitelist is in the **ncidd.whitelist** man page and as comments in the **ncidd.whitelist** file.

- **How do I configure NCID to auto hangup on specific calls?**

The server hangup feature is configured in the "Automatic Call Hangup" section of the **ncidd.conf** file. Just remove the '#' from the line:

```
# set hangup = 1
```

Once you change **ncidd.conf**, you must start/restart **ncidd** to read it.

You need to enter the caller name or telephone number in the **ncidd.blacklist** file, usually one name or number per line.

If there is a match on the name or number when a call comes in, it will immediately be terminated. When a call is terminated, an "HUP" entry is made in the **ncidd.log** file.

Gateways

- **How do I configure NCID to use the XDMF Gateway?**

You need an SDMF or MDMF USB device, such as the [CTI Comet USB](#) or the [Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module](#). Or, if your modem supports it, you can use the XDMF Gateway with a modem configured to output Caller ID in SDMF or MDMF hexadecimal format using ASCII text. The most typical setup uses the CTI Comet USB or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module and is described below.

You need to configure **ncidd** and the **xdmf2ncid** gateway.

Because the POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) lines are connected directly to the CTI Comet USB device or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module, you need to set **cidinput** to 2 or 3 in **ncidd.conf**. Once you change **ncidd.conf**, you must start/restart **ncidd** to read it.

Then you need to modify **xdmf2ncid.conf** to set the USB port used by the CTI Comet USB or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module, uncomment the line and change the USB port. For Linux systems, **ttyUSB?** is normally used where **USB?** is **USB0**, **USB1**, **USB2**, or **USB3**.

```
Edit xdmf2ncid.conf:
```

```
change the line: #usbport = /dev/ttyUSB1
                 to: usbport = /dev/ttyUSB1
```

If using the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module, set **ht9032 = 1**.

```
Edit xdmf2ncid.conf:
```

```
change the line: # ht9032 = 1
                 to: ht9032 = 1
```

Make sure the CTI Comet USB device or the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module are setup properly. Start **xdmf2ncid** in test mode:

```
xdmf2ncid -t
```

- **How do I configure NCID to use the SIP gateway?**

You need to configure your network, `ncidd` and the `sip2ncid` gateway for the ports that SIP Invite uses.

The `sip2ncid` gateway automatically monitors both TCP and UDP protocol packets.

You can test for network packets in general, or SIP packets for a particular port, using `sip2ncid`. You would need to use the `-T|--testall` or the `-t|--testsip` option. Once you determine the ports being used, enter them in `sip2ncid.conf`.

If you have SIP packets on your home network, your network is already configured and ready to use. However, a home network may need to be configured to receive SIP packets. For a router/phone device you may need to put your computer in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to see SIP packets; usually port forwarding will not work. You should also review this tutorial: [Configuring your home network for SIP-based callerID \(on the Wayback Machine\)](#)

If you are using a POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) line and SIP, no additional `ncidd` configuration is necessary. If you are only using SIP you need to set `cidinput` to 2 or 3 in `ncidd.conf`. Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

- **How do I configure NCID to use the YAC (Yet Another Caller ID) Gateway?**

You need to configure `ncidd`, `yac2ncid` and your YAC server.

If you are using a POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) line and YAC, no additional `ncidd` configuration is necessary. If you are only using YAC, or SIP and YAC, you need to set `cidinput` to 2 or 3 in `ncidd.conf`. Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

If the YAC server is on the same computer as `ncidd`, no configuration is necessary. If it is on a different computer, the IP address of NCID needs to be inserted into the `yac2ncid.conf` file.

The NCID YAC Gateway is a YAC Listener, so the YAC server needs the address IP address of the computer running `yac2ncid`.

- **How do I configure NCID to use the Whozz Calling (WC) Gateway?**

You need a [Whozz Calling](#) Ethernet Link device. You can get either a basic or a deluxe 2, 4, or 8 port model. You can configure as many as you would like, in any combination of 2, 4, or 8 port units.

You need to configure `ncidd`, `wc2ncid` and the Whozz Calling device.

Because the POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) lines are connected directly to the Whozz Calling device, you need to set `cidinput` to 2 or 3 in `ncidd.conf`. Once you change `ncidd.conf`, you must start/restart `ncidd` to read it.

If your local network uses 192.168.0.x you do not need to configure `wc2ncid.conf`. If you have a different network, say 192.168.1.x, then you need to modify `wc2ncid.conf`:

```
Edit wc2ncid.conf:
```

```
change the line: wcaddr = 192.168.0.90  
to: wcaddr = 192.168.1.90
```

The `wc2ncid` gateway script needs to be run at least once before using it with NCID. It also needs to be run whenever you change `wcaddr` in `wc2ncid.conf`.

```
wc2ncid --set-wc
```

Make sure the Whozz Calling device is setup properly. Start `wc2ncid` in test mode:

```
wc2ncid -t
```

- **How do I configure NCID to use the Remote Notifier Gateway?**

You need to install the free [Remote Notifier for Android](#) app from F-Droid.

You need to configure the Remote Notifier app, ncidd and rn2ncid.

Launch Remote Notifier configure the IP address of the computer running the NCID server.

If you are using a POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) line and Remote Notifier, no additional ncidd configuration is necessary. If you are only using Remote Notifier, set cidinput to 2 or 3 in **ncidd.conf**. Once you change **ncidd.conf**, you must start/restart ncidd to read it.

Normally rn2ncid does not need to be configured unless you are using ncid-page to send calls and messages to your smart phone. In that case you need to edit the reject line at the end of the **rn2ncid.conf** file: Specify the "from" of SMS/MMS messages to be rejected and not passed through to the NCID server. This is usually an email address dedicated to the SMS-to-email service of your carrier.

Test rn2ncid without connecting it to the ncidd server.

```
rn2ncid --test
```

Choose the Remote Notifier "Send test notification" option.

Client

- **How many ways does the client display the Caller ID?**

The client receives the Caller ID from the server and displays it in one of three ways:

- Its GUI Window
- A Terminal Window
- Using a Output Module

An output module can also send the information to a smart phone, pager, email address and more.

Client Output Modules

- **What is an output module?**

An output module receives the Caller ID information from the ncid client and gives the client new functionality.

There are various output modules than come with NCID and there are also third party ones.

- **What output modules are available?**

The following output modules are distributed:

- *ncid-alert*: Send NCID call or message desktop notifications.
- *ncid-initmodem*: Reinitialize the modem when "RING" is received as the number.
- *ncid-kpopup*: Uses KDE to create a popup for the Caller ID.
- *ncid-mythtv*: Displays the Caller ID on MythTV.
- *ncid-notify*: Sends the Caller ID on an iOS device or an Android device.
- *ncid-page*: Sends the Caller ID to a cell phone or pager.
- *ncid-samba*: Creates a popup for the Caller ID on windows using Samba.
- *ncid-skel*: Just echos the Caller ID. Modify it to write new modules.

- *ncid-speak*: Sends the Caller ID to a text-to-speech program.
- *ncid-yac*: Sends the Caller ID to YAC clients.
- *ncid-wakeup*: Wakeup X-Windows.

- **Can output modules be configured?**

Output modules are configured using files in the `conf.d/` directory. There will be a separate file for each module that needs one, for example, `conf.d/ncid-page.conf`.

For more information, see the comments in the individual files in the `conf.d/` directory and the man page for each module.

- **How are output modules started?**

If you are using Debian, Fedora, Ubuntu, FreeBSD, OSX, or raspios you would use the OS specific `ncid` service script to activate the service.

For distributions not based on Debian, Fedora, or BSD the modules need to be started manually, Here are three examples:

```
ncid --no-gui --module ncid-page &
ncid --no-gui --module ncid-notify &
ncid --no-gui --module ncid-speak &
```

Each of the above commands start `ncid` using an output module and puts it in the background. The first line starts `ncid` using the page output module. The second line starts `ncid` using the notify output module. The third line starts `ncid` using the speak output module.

- **How do I configure the page module to send the CID information to my cell phone?**

You need to modify one line in `ncid-page.conf` and maybe one line in `ncid.conf`.

Find this line in `ncid.conf`:

```
PageTo=
```

`PageTo` needs to be set to your mobile provider SMS e-mail address. Here are addresses for the major ones in the US:

```
Sprint: phonenumber@messaging.sprintpcs.com
Verizon: phonenumber@vtext.com
T-Mobile: phonenumber@tmomail.com
AT&T: phonenumber@txt.att.net
```

For example, if your provider is AT&T and your cell number is 1-321-555-1212, then your `PageTo` line becomes:

```
PageTo=13215551212@txt.att.net
```

If you want a page anytime the phone rings, you are finished.

if you only want a page if the phone call is unanswered or is at a certain ring count, you need to uncomment the `ncid_page` line in `ncid.conf`, then change the ring count as desired.

Be careful, all Caller ID devices do not indicate rings. If `RING` is not sent by the modem, a ring count will not work and the page will never be sent.

If you are using a modem, there is no indication of whether the the phone was answered or not. The modem sends RING to ncidd each time it gets the ringing signal. When RING is not sent anymore ncidd will indicate the end of ringing. A ring count of 4 is a good value to assume the phone was not answered. Remove the '#' so you have this line:

```
set ncid_page {set Ring 4}
```

If you are using SIP, you can configure it to send the page on hangup without an answer by modifying the above line to:

```
set ncid_page {set Ring -1}
```

See the comments in the **ncid.conf** file for more information on configuring the ring option line.

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artech2ncid verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

```
hid_write , X55_counter monitoring ,Ring monitoring
```

LEVEL8:

```
CID detection and decoding , Hook flash detection
```

LEVEL7:

```
file and network management (link to ncidd, log file , etc )
```

LEVEL6:

```
signal handling
```

LEVEL5: dial parsing , Hook flash processing , CID processing

LEVEL4:

incoming/outgoing calls timing (start time ,pickup time, end_time)

LEVEL3:

line state : ON_LINE ,OFF_LINE ,ON_HOOK,Off_HOOK ,Beep_BEEP , RING

LEVEL2:

communication with ncidd

LEVEL1:

log command line
display variable values
log errors, cleanup, and termination

cideasy2ncid verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

not used

LEVEL8:

not used

LEVEL7:

not used

LEVEL6:

not used

LEVEL5:

hex dump

LEVEL4:

received from the cideasy device
sent to the cideasy device

LEVEL3:

indicate ring, on/off hook,
show Caller ID

LEVEL2:

show devices

LEVEL1:

log command line
display variable values
log errors, cleanup, and termination

cidupdate verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVELR:

indicate if failed to open call log
show rename from and to if asking for Y/n
show result of attempted rename

LEVELE:

indicate if no config file
indicate if there is a config error
show system error
show internal program error
show Terminated on non-option errors

LEVEL9:

not used

LEVEL8:

exit normally when position in code reached

LEVEL7:

not used

LEVEL6:

show line fields created

LEVEL5:

not used

LEVEL4:

```
changed blacklist #= name
changed whitelist #= name
show old cid line
```

LEVEL3:

```
show write entry to new call log
```

LEVEL2:

```
not used
```

LEVEL1:

```
show start time
show program name and version
show command line options
show config file name
show alias file name
show blacklist file name
show whitelist file name
show simple expressions or posix or perl regular expressions used
    for alias/blacklist/whitelist entries
indicate alias file messages
show if ignoring leading 1 in alias definition and calling number
indicate blacklist and whitelist file messages
show if ignoring leading 1 in alias definition and calling number
show if updating current log or current and previous call logs
show if skipping interactive prompt
show end line
show output call log name
show terminated [by LEVEL8] with date and time
```

ncid verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

```
not used
```

LEVEL8:

```
not used
```

LEVEL7:

```
show getField Default clause
show inserting row in table list
show DisplayContextMenu mouse clicks
show $noteFiles tail of contents, and name
show country code and NTYPE
```

show putFlag messages
show tooltip messages

LEVEL6:

show \$dataBlock for "CID" when sendCID not called
show label type for \$dataBlock

LEVEL5:

show show Assigned numbers for data received from ncidd
show status of host and port at after each config file and command line

LEVEL4:

shows fixed font family detected
shows fixed font skipped
shows history window font
shows message window and display font
shows help text font
shows top level window geometry
display history entries in milliseconds
clock cannot scan start of call time
clock cannot scan end of call time
gateway limitations prevent calculation of duration for a CANCEL CALLINFO

LEVEL3:

show all discovered lineids
show attempting to connect
show server option received
indicate if no call array label for phone line label

LEVEL2:

display history entries in milliseconds
indicate rcfile and variable changed
show all server options received
indicate saved note to \$notefile

LEVEL1:

indicate if using PID file or not
display about
indicate if a output module is being used and which one
indicate if optional module variable is not being used
indicate if optional module variable is being used and ring count
indicate width of name, number, line type and history window
display received data if in raw mode
indicate when call log is completely received
indicate WRK ACCEPTED or REJECTED to server
show "GOODBYE"

```
show RELOAD, UPDATE, UPDATES, and REREAD server requests
show "REQ: PAUSE ..." server requests
show CIDINFO line on ring count match
show data sent to module
show message sent to module
show CID data sent to module
show unsupported line labels
show unsupported alias types
display popup message
show discovered lineid's
show current font
show number of fixed and total fonts
show calculated history text field length of message window
show history text field rows
indicate window geometry previously not saved or show saved window geometry
show window geometry
show window minimum size
show length of all visible columns in history window
show number of visible columns out of total number columns
show resized history field length of message window
indicate if ncid-alert started in ncid.conf file when autostart is turned on*
indicate rcfile and variable changed
indicate unable to save note
indicate unable to save data in $rcdir because it is a file
indicate history message and help fonts saved
```

ncidd server verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVELR

```
indicated received connected signal with date and time
    when a client connects
    if no clients are connected
```

LEVELE

```
indicate if no config file
indicate if there is a config error
indicate if there is no alias file
indicate if there is a uname system call error
indicate if open of ncidd log file failed
indicate if open of call log failed
indicate warning using noserial and nomodem in config file
indicate if there is a set TTY error
indicate warning if no modem or modem busy
indicate if open TTY port failed
indicate if TTY port fcntl error
indicate if TTY port flush error
indicate warning using normal hangup if using Announce Hangup
    and there is no recording file
```

```
indicate what the hangup extension must start with "hangup-"
indicate if hangup extension not found
indicate if hangup extension must be executable
indicate warning using normal mode if modem does not support FAX Hangup
indicate warning using normal hangup if modem does not support
    Announce Hangup
indicate warning using normal hangup if unknown hangup mode
indicate if unable to parse ifaddress
indicate if popen failed for cidupdate
indicate if pclose failed for cidupdate
indicate if popen failed for ncidutil
indicate if pclose failed for ncidutil
indicate if "sh -c" fails to start hangup script
indicate if hangup script failed to return hangup or OK
indicate if pclose failed for hangup script
indicate status of hangup script after trying to run it
indicate if TTY port lockfile failed to open
indicate if failed to remove lockfile
indicate if signal terminated program
indicate if if received unexpected signal
indicate if system error
indicate Failed to remove stale lockfile
indicate if internal program error
show Terminated with date and time
```

LEVEL9:

(can only be set by the command line)

```
show poll() events flag
show individual tests in strmatch()
skips LEVEL8
```

LEVEL8:

(can only be set by the command line)

```
show alias, blacklist and whitelist tables
normal exit
```

LEVEL7:

```
show alias, blacklist and whitelist tables
```

LEVEL6:

```
indicate client sent empty line
show optional files failed to open
indicate sending data to each client
show progress messages while formatting the phone number
show progress messages while interpreting the MESG
```


LEVEL5:

```
display data as a hexdump
show modem command return codes for hangup
show lastring and ring count if ring detected
show processing hangup request
show reason for not sending to serial device in initModem
```

LEVEL4:

```
indicate if name and nmbr received but no date or time
indicate date, time, nmbr received
indicate date, time, name or date, time, name, mesg received
indicate date, time, nmbr, mesg received
indicate date, time, nmbr, name or date, time, nmbr, name, mesg received
detected TCI serial device format
detected NetCallerID or gateway format
indicate number without RING is Call Waiting (WID)
show alias matching Begin: and End: with time and result
show open, Begin, End and exit status for external cidupdate, ncidutil, and hangup
scripts
```

LEVEL3:

```
show number of tries to init modem
show modem responses
show modem query commands for software version, country code, operation modes
indicate Non 7-bit ASCII message deleted
indicate Gateway sent CALL data
indicate Gateway sent CALLINFO data
indicate client sent text message
indicate client sent unknown data
show call data input
show CID line
show ACK line
show calltype, hangup, hupmode, cidline and lineid
if true, indicate cidline == lineid: check whitelist
if true, indicate name of number on whitelist: skip hangup check
if true, show cidline != lineid: skip hangup check
show checked whitelist and blacklist for match or whitelist empty
indicate match in blacklist or whitelist with values
show hangup extension and arguments
show default mode for hangup extension
show using hangup mode
show using recording
show hangup extension return code
show meaning of MESH code if known and discarded
indicate Removed stale lockfile
show unavailable modems during hangup processing
```

LEVEL2:

```
show lines that start with a 3 digit number
show client connect/disconnect
indicate if client sent a HELLO Identification line
indicate if client sent a HELLO Command line
indicate if client command accepted
indicate end of client hello lines
indicate status of call log
indicate if LineIDS sent to client
indicate if server options sent to client
indicate end of cobnnection startup
indicate hangup pause, hangup not paused, or hangup enabled
show number of times socket was zero in sequence when trying to remove client from
poll
show client removed on write error
show client not found in poll table
indicate network client hung up
indicate device or modem returned no data
indicate end of call log or call log empty or no call log sent
indicate end of connection startup
show line sent to cidupdate
show line sent to ncidutil
show OPT lines
show REQ: lines
show INFO: lines
show WRK: lines
show RESP: lines
indicate case where finishCID did not receive full call info
```

LEVEL1:

```
show started with date and time
show server version
indicate if could not create ncidd logfile
indicate name and location of ncidd logfile
indicate if no config file or config file processed
indicate set command skipped in config file
indicate error in opening ncidd log file
indicate what is configured to send to the clients
show verbose level
indicate data type sent to clients
indicate alias file messages
indicate if leading 1 needed for aliases
indicate blacklist and whitelist file messages
indicate alias, blacklist and whitelist total/maximum entries, if any
indicate cid logfile messages
indicate of no call logfile
indicate name and location of call logfile
indicate if no data logfile
indicate name and location of data logfile
show Telephone Line Identifier
show TTY port opened
show TTY port speed
```

show name and location of TTY lockfile
show modem query results
indicate TTY port control signals enabled or disabled
indicate Caller ID from a serial or USB device and optional gateways
indicate Caller ID from a modem and optional gateways
indicate Handles modem calls without Caller ID
indicate Does not handle modem calls without Caller ID
indicate Caller ID from gateways without modem support
indicate hangup option
show network port
indicate not using PID file if no '-P' option
indicate pid file already exists
indicate found stale pidfile
indicate cannot write pidfile
indicate wrote pid in pidfile
indicate end of startup
indicate TTY in use with date and time
indicate TTY free with date and time
indicate cannot init TTY and terminated with date and time
indicate Modem initialized.
indicate Initialization string for modem is null.
indicate Modem Chipset version
indicate Modem set for CallerID.
indicate Modem set for CallerID and Call Waiting.
indicate Modem does or does not support FAX
indicate Modem supports Snooping for call waiting
indicate CallerID initialization string for modem is null.
indicate CallerID TTY port initialized
indicate serial device hung up and terminated with date and time
indicate device error and terminated with date and time
indicate serial device error and terminated with date and time
indicate poll error
indicate invalid request from serial device, terminated with date and time
indicate Invalid Request, removed client
indicate Write event not configured, removed client
indicate device or modem read error
indicate Device returns no data, Terminated with date and time
indicate network connect error
indicate network NOBLOCK error
indicate too many network clients
indicate network client read error
indicate cid log is too large
indicate sending log to client
indicate removed pidfile
indicate signal received and terminate program with date and time
indicate SIGHUP received and reload alias files
indicate SIGPIPE received and ignored with date and time
indicate success or failure to parse ifaddr to set the interface
indicate which country code is set for number formatting
show number display format selected if country is NANPA
show error in starting external cidupdate, ncidutil, and hangup scripts
indicate hangup script did not return hangup or OK

indicate unable to go off hook to do the hangup
indicate trouble in going on hook to finish the hangup
indicate no modem found for cidline - skipped hangup
show the message text sent to clients by sysMesg

ncid2ncid gateway verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL:

indicate if no config file
indicate if there is a config error
show gethostname error

LEVEL9:

(can only be set by the command line)
not used

LEVEL8:

(can only be set by the command line)
not used

LEVEL7:

not used

LEVEL6:

not used

LEVEL5:

not used

LEVEL4:

indicate reading socket
show call log lines received

LEVEL3:

show all data received from all servers

LEVEL2:

indicate line sent to receiving NCID server
indicate line from receiving NCID server

LEVEL1:

```
indicate cannot create or open existing logfile
show start date and time
show server version
show command line
indicate Debug mode
indicate no config file or config file processed
indicate set command skipped in config file
show HELLO: IDENT:
show HELLO: CMD:
show error line in config file
show verbose level
indicate not using PID file, there was no '-P' option
indicate found stale pidfile
indicate wrote pid in pidfile
show Receiving Host host:port
show server greeting line
show configured Sending Hosts host:port
show configured servers greeting line
indicate client disconnected
indicate client reconnected
indicate Hung Up
indicate Poll Error
indicate Removed client, invalid request
indicate Removed client, write event not configured
indicate line cannot be sent to receiving NCID server
indicate removed pidfile
show terminated with date and time
```

ncidnumberinfo verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL6:

```
indicate if a phone number must be given
show usage for adding a phonenumber
show system error
show internal program error
show Terminated on non-option errors
```

LEVEL9:

not used

LEVEL8:

exit normally when position in code reached

LEVEL7:

not used

LEVEL6:

not used

LEVEL5:

not used

LEVEL4:

not used

LEVEL3:

show raw telephone number

LEVEL2:

not used

LEVEL1:

show start time
show program name and version
show command line options
show verbose level
indicate NANP country format used
show terminated [by LEVEL8] with date and time

obi2ncid gateway verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

not used

LEVEL8:

not used

LEVEL7:

show call log from ncidd, if received

LEVEL6:

indicate start and end of received packets
filter received packets

LEVEL5:

```
show call or message line from ncidd
show log lines received from the obi
```

LEVEL4:

```
show what matched on a log line from the obi
show variables set by the match
```

LEVEL3:

```
show CALL: line generated
show CALLINFO: line generated
indicate Outgoing call not completed
```

LEVEL2:

```
not used
```

LEVEL1:

```
show Started
show command line and any options on separate lines
show logfile name and opened as append or overwrite or could not open
show processed config file or config file not found
show name and version
show verbose level
show Hostname flag
show IDENT
show Command
show Line ID
show NCID address:port
show delay time between retrying failed connection
show debug mode if in debug mode
show test mode if in test mode
show PID or some PID problem or not using PID file
show connected to NCID <address:port> or error exit
show greeting line from NCID
show listening port or error exit
show exit on error
show signals ingnored
show NCID server disconnected if it goes away and trying to reconnect
show terminated and signal that caused it
```

rn2ncid gateway verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

```
not used
```

LEVEL8:

not used

LEVEL7:

not used

LEVEL6:

not used

LEVEL5:

show call log from ncidd, if received
show call or message line from ncidd
show message line from remote notification

LEVEL4:

not used

LEVEL3:

show notification type
show Call: line generated if type RING
show NOT: line generated if type PING, Battery, SMS, MMS, or VOICEMAIL
show notice of a SMS or MMS message
show unknown notification type
show notification type was rejected

LEVEL2:

not used

LEVEL1:

show Started
show command line and any options on separate lines
show logfile name and opened as append or overwrite or could not open
show processed config file or config file not found
show name and version
show verbose level
show HELLO: IDENT:
show HELLO: CMD:
show Line ID
show debug mode if in debug mode
show test mode if in test mode
show reject option values or none
show pid or some PID problem
show connected to NCID <address:port> or error exit
show greeting line from NCID
show delay between each try to reconnect to server


```
show listening port or error exit
show NCID server disconnected if it goes away and trying to reconnect
```

sip2ncid gateway verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

```
(can only be set by the command line)

show lines received from the NCID server
```

LEVEL8:

```
not used
```

LEVEL7:

```
not used
```

LEVEL6:

```
not used
```

LEVEL5:

```
not used (reserved for hex dumps)
```

LEVEL4:

```
show startup lines from server
show packet from and to addresses
show packet source and destination ports
show packet data size in bytes
show linenum array and contact as they are compared for an INVITE
indicate checked for outgoing call
show INVITE contact was not registered for out call
indicate Alarm Timeout and msgsent flag
show call log if sent
show Loopback encapsulation type
```

LEVEL3:

```
show SIP packets
give character count of lines received from the NCID server
show protocol information for the packet
show warning SIP packet truncated
indicate examining packet for line label
indicate number, or name and number, in packet
show alarm timeout, pcap\_loop() return value and msgsent flags
show calls table search, additions and deletions
```

LEVEL2:

```
show CALL and CALLINFO lines
show packet number received and date
show request line
show outgoing call
show cidmsg log line generated
show trying responses
show Warning: could not connect to the NCID server
```

LEVEL1:

```
indicate cannot create or open existing logfile
show start date and time
show server and API versions
indicate test mode
indicate Debug mode
indicate no config file
indicate config file processed
indicate set command skipped in config file
show error line in config file
indicate Reading from dumpfile
indicate Writing to dumpfile
show verbose level
show HELLO: IDENT:
show HELLO: CMD:
show Line ID
show status: Warn clients: 'No SIP packets' & 'SIP packets returned'
show NCID status
show network interface used
show applied filter
indicate no filter applied
indicate No SIP packets received
indicate SIP packets returned
indicate not using PID file, there was no '-P' option
indicate pid file already exists
indicate found stale pidfile
indicate wrote pid in pidfile
alarm SIP packets returned
Warning: SIP Packet truncated
Warning: simultaneous calls exceeded
invalid IP header length
show registered line number
indicate Number of telephone lines exceeded
show CID line sent to NCID
indicate packet parse problems
indicate caller hangup before answer
indicate hangup after answer
Warning: cannot get CallID
Warning: Warning no SIP packets
indicate pcap_loop error
indicate removed pidfile
```

```
indicate program terminated with date and time
show extension size
show pcap linktype for the device
```

wc2ncid gateway verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

```
not used
```

LEVEL8:

```
not used
```

LEVEL7:

```
not used
```

LEVEL6:

```
not used
```

LEVEL5:

```
show call log from ncidd, if received
show Caller ID line from ncidd
```

LEVEL4:

```
show hex dump of received packet
```

LEVEL3:

```
show unit and serial numbers from Whozz Calling device
show Call line from Whozz Calling device
```

LEVEL2:

```
show CALL and CALLINFO lines sent to ncidd
show Phone Off Hook
show Phone On Hook
```

LEVEL1:

```
show Started
show command line and any options on separate lines
show name and version
show verbose level
show debug mode if in debug mode
show test mode if in test mode
show logfile name and whether opened as append or overwrite
```

```
show logfile could not be opened
show processed config file or config file not found
show Trying to connect to <ipaddr>:<port>
show Connected to NCID server at <ipaddr>:<port>
show Hostname flag
show IDENT
show discovered WV devices if more than 1
show Device WC-<number> at address
show Sent ^^Id-Z<mmddhhmm>" to <IPaddress>:<port> to set internal clock
show Command
show connected to NCID <address:port> or error exit
show greeting line from NCID
show opened broadcast port
show closed broadcast port
show opened WC device port
show closed WC device port
show commands sent
show Pause after sending ^^Id-V
show checking and setting required flags
indicate command data received or timeout in seconds
show data from some commands
show Waiting for calls from <server:port>
```

xdmf2ncid gateway verbose levels

Higher levels include lower levels.

LEVEL9:

not used

LEVEL8:

not used

LEVEL7:

not used

LEVEL6:

indicate start and end of received packets
filter received packets

LEVEL5:

show call log from ncidd, if received
show call or message line from ncidd

LEVEL4:

```
indicate U counts from Holtek HT9032D
show Hex Dump of Message
indicate <SDMF|XDMF> packet and bytes to checksum
show Message Length
show Calculated Checksum Good
show Got Call Type
show Got Date & Time
show Got Caller Number
show Got Why No Number
show Got Caller Name
show Got Why No Name
show Got unknown
show Detected Call type
```

LEVEL3:

```
indicate data received from Holtek HT9032D
indicate Ignored Holtek HT9032D noise packet
indicate detected Comet device
indicate ASCII Hex detected
indicate Detected XDMF Hex message
show Received Message
show Calculated Checksum Bad, if bad
show Call line sent to server
indicate ERROR - not an XDMF packet
```

LEVEL2:

```
not used
```

LEVEL1:

```
show Started
show command line and any options on separate lines
show logfile name and opened as append or overwrite or could not open
show processed config file or config file not found
show name and version
indicate configured for Holtek HT9032D
indicate configured for a Comet or modem
show verbose level
show Hostname Flag
show HELLO: IDENT:
show HELLO: CMD:
show Line ID
show NCID <address:port>
show delay time between retrying failed connection
show <ttyport>
show debug mode if in debug mode
show test mode if in test mode
show PID or some PID problem or not using PID file
show connected to NCID <address:port> or error exit
show greeting line from NCID
```

```
show Connected to USB port <ttyport>
show Waiting for calls from <ttyport>
show exit on error
show signals ingnored
show NCID server disconnected if it goes away and trying to reconnect
show terminated and signal that caused it
```

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- Designed, developed and wrote most of the programs.

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- Ported `ncidd` to BSD and Macintosh.
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- Contributed the Mac OS X portion of `ncid-speak`.

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- Contributed information on [freewrap](#) for `ncid` client on Windows.

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- Helped fix `termios` settings to work with FreeBSD.
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- Developed `ncid-samba` to send CID info to Samba for a Windows popup.

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- Wrote the first version of `ncidrotate` in python.

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- Helps maintain the `ncid-mythtv` module.
- Provided an NSIS script as a basic installer for the `ncid` Windows client.

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- Added the ability to inject CID from clients.
- Contributed the `ncid-sipinject` program which was renamed `ncidsip`.

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- Improved `ncidsip` to work with a missing name.
- Improved `ncidsip` to detect outgoing calls containing a SIP REGISTER packet so they are not treated as incoming calls.

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- `ncid-yac` was developed from a module he wrote.
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- Hacked `ncid` to provide ring indication when Caller ID not available. (His hack was not used, but his feature was added to `ncidd`.)

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- Provided the Mac OS X modem init string for the iMac.

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- Contributed `ncid` client code to format numbers for Sweden. The client can now format numbers for "US" and "SE".

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- Converted `testclient` from using `netcat` to using sockets.
- Maintained the Windows version of `NCIDPop`.
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- Corrected problems in the INSTALL document.

- Helped with server testing and fixing various Mac OS X problems.
- Provided a server fix for the hangup configuration/option problem on Mac OS X.
- Developed `ncid-nma` output module which became part of `ncid-notify`.
- Developed `wc2ncid` gateway.
- Helped improve various NCID documentation.
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- In general, helps with various NCID programs and documentation.
- provided help with various NCID issues through the years

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- Helped with the `ncidd` hangup option by testing, reviewing documentation, suggesting improvements and providing patches.
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- Added country code HR (Croatia) to `ncid` and `ncid.conf`.
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- Introduced and tested the CTI Comet USB Caller ID device.
- Introduced and tested the udev rules.
- Added CallLog option to the NCID client for the NoGUI mode.
- Added NightMode option to the NCID client for the GUI mode.
- Wrote NCID Alert Autostart file that became the basis for a modified version that is generated from the `ncid.desktop` file when needed.
- Added `udev-action` auxiliary script.
- Introduced and edited the documentation in PDF format.
- Added `alert_call` and `alert_message` options to `ncid-alert`, makes Caller ID and Integral Message or Notice data shown in Alert messages configurable.
- Added YearDot option to the NCID client.
- Introduced and tested the Holtek HT9032D based PSTN Caller ID module.
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- Modified `ncidd` to output CID information quickly if a name is not part of the Caller ID received.
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- Improved the `ncid` GUI, by adding multiple features such as window resizing and the ability to change font names and font sizes.
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- In general, helps with various NCID programs.

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- donated modem recording files:
CallingDeposit.pvf CallingDeposit.rmd
CannotBeCompleted.pvf CannotBeCompleted.rmd
NotInService.pvf NotInService.rmd

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- Developed a way to process the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) robocaller/telemarketer data file in Excel, filter out the most likely candidates and create a text file that is NCID-friendly.
- Volunteered to monitor the FCC site for updates and continues to maintain the NCID-friendly text file as a download on the NCID Wiki.

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- created ncid-mysql output module to log call data to MySQL database

Reece

- fixed voice hangup to work with USB modems
- see [bug #25](#)

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- wrote [hangup-fakenum](#)
- updated [FCC Data on Unwanted Calls](FCC2ncid at <https://sourceforge.net/p/ncid/wiki/FCC%20Data%20on%20Unwanted%20Calls/>)
- rewrote saveSend() in ncidd.c
- cleaned up ncidd.c

Jason Trinklein

- provided steps to use Linphone as a SIP client

Jon Tulk

- created the hangup-greylist extension and its man pages

Bruno Grasland

- submitted bug reports and fixes for ncidd, ncid-mythtv and ncidutil
- implemented WID (call waiting) for modems that support it

- Proposed and implemented integration of libphonenumber in ncid for international number formatting and displaying of phone numbers geographical data.
- wrote libcarrier (c++ derivative of libgeocoding) in order to be able to display phone number carriers in ncid
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The TODO list (in no particular order)

- *Add ncid.exe to the Windows tray*
- *Add a GUI configuration program for the server, client, modules and gateways*
- *Create a Mac OS X installer*
- *Allow wc2ncid/wct to configure devices out-of-subnet*

- *Add hangup support to gateways that can hangup a call*
- *post a NEWS item for INSTALL-Mac when MacPorts fixes hidapi package that currently does not install hidapi_darwin.h*
- *Make line terminator usage consistent between server, clients, gateways (<CR>, <LF>, <NL>)*

The Maybe list (in no particular order)

- *Add blacklist/whitelist support to wc2ncid gateway to block calls*
- *Add support for PBX*
- *Add an iax2 gateway*
- *Add ability for client to get name from address book.*
- *Add ringtone support (NCIDpop and ncid-applet have ringtone support)*
- *Add a Firefox module*
- *Add SSL between server and client for secure use over Internet*
- *Use separate ports for clients and gateways*
- *Add SIP blocking and recording capability*
- *Add a Modem On Hold feature or at least display the Caller ID during a modem data call*
- *Add XBMC support*
- *Add graphics to view image of who is calling*
- *Allow Android gateway to tell an Android phone to hangup*
- *Redimensionable columns in NCID client*
- *Display voicemail state (# of mesg) in separate widget in NCID client*

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