

How To Configure Hot Desking?

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Hot Desking Overview

Hot Desking allows a phone user to log out of the phone and allow another user to login or allow that user to log in to any other phone that is configured for Hot Desking. In the example shown here this Business Group has 3 users but only 2 phones.

In this Hot Desking example Henry and James work full time at the office and Jane is only used to cover in Henry or James absence. To make this clear we will be using the subscriber names throughout this example :

1. Henry: (01132991002) Phone Yealink T46S
2. James: (01132991001) Phone Polycom VVX 411
3. Jane: (01132991000) No phone

Before continuing you must make sure that your phones have been provisioned correctly by the provisioning server. You can check which phone have been provisioned from the BG Admin Portal. Once logged in click on Phones on the left hand side. Here you will see a list of all your phones that have been provisioned.

INFO: If you are missing phones from this list then they will not have been provisioned and this process will not Please contact you Service Provider for assistance.

There are 2 ways in which Hot Desking can be enabled:

1. The easiest way is by creating a **Business Group Phone Profile**, in this example we have 2 different phones Yealink T46S and Polycom VVX 411. By using the **manage your phone profiles** option you can create a Business Group profile for the Polycom VVX 411 and another for Yealink T46S. All settings configured in this profile will be passed down to all devices of the same make and model that the profile was created for.
2. Enabling Hot Desking on **Subscriber Phone Profiles** (not recommended) this would take longer to configure as each phone profile would need to be configured. As with this example Jane does not have a phone therefore if Henry or James logout of the phone when Jane logs in Jane would not see a logout button, this is because Jane does not have a phone profile with Hot Desking enabled for the device that she has logged into. You would now need to edit Janes phone profile to enable Hot Desking.

Creating a Business Group Phone Profile

From the the BG Admin portal click on **Phones** then **manage your phone profiles**.

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Next we now need to create a phone profile for the make and model of the phones that you are using, in this example it will be for the Yealink T46S and Polycom VVX 411. Click on **Create new Profile**.

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From the list of phones select the exact make and model of your device, in this example we will have selected the Yealink T46S

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When a phone is selected it will add the phone to the **Manage Your Phones** page, here you can see we have also added the the Polycom VVX 411

[hotdesk005.png](#)

You will need to repeat this each phone model you wish to use.

INFO: You must always select the exact model of your phone. Selecting a Polycom VVX 311 phone profile WILL with a Polycom VVX 411 phone.

Now we can configure the profiles, click on one of manufactures below to get started.

- [Yealink](#)
- [Polycom](#)
- [Snom](#)

Once the profiles have been saved and your phones have restarted you should now see the the Log Out option on the soft key that you specified.

Here we have the Yealink T46S Henrys phone

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Polycom VVX 411 James phone

[hotdesk007.png](#)

INFO: With the Polycom phones you can **ONLY** use the bottom row of soft keys to configure the **Log Out** button. Depending on your configuration you may need to press the **More** button first in order to view the Log Out button.

In this example James is going to Log Out of the Polycom VVX 411 and Jane will Login. When pressing the Log Out button you will be asked to confirm that want to log out. Press **OK/YES** you will then be logged out and the phone will reboot.

Once the phone has rebooted you will see the following screen this will allow another user to login, or in this case Jane. Press **Login**

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On the next screen enter the **Username** (subscriber phone number) and the **Password** (CommPortal password) then press **Submit**

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If the Username and Password are correct the configuration will update and the phone will reboot. When the phone comes back on the user will be logged in.

INFO: If you had enable Hot Desking from **Subscriber Phone Profiles** when a new user logs in they will NOT see the Log Out option in this case Jane. This is because Jane only has a default phone profile which was created the first time she logged in.

As the user Jane has never logged into a phone before this user has no **Subscriber Phone Profiles** set, it will automatically create a default profile for that make and model for that user when they first log in.

You can change **Subscriber Phone Profiles** from the **Phones** list click on **Actions**

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Now click on **Configure phone**

[hotdesk011.png](#)

You will now be able to edit the phone profile for this user and make and model of phone the user is using. The picture below shows 2 Subscriber phone profiles Polycom VVX 411 and Yealink T46S this is because this user has already logged into the Yealink T46S at another time.

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INFO: Every time user logs into a new phone a default profile is created. Configuring settings from **Subscriber Profiles** will only affect this user when they are logged into that make and model of phone. This phone will stay even after they log out. When they log back into the same make and model of phone it will continue using that profile.

Hot Desking Polycom




INFO: This guide is showing the configuration of a Polycom VVX 411. Depending on your model of Polycom you options may differ slightly but the process should be the same.

Continuing from the [Hot Desking Overview](#) page from the Phones page click on **Manage Your Phones** then click on **Edit** on the phone model you would like to configure, in this case it is the **Polycom VVX 411**


Phone selectionforDemo Business Groupasadmin

Manage your phones



Polycom VVX 411

Edit



Yealink SIP-T46S

Edit

Create new profile



INFO: With the Polycom VVX phones you can only configure Hot Desking on the bottom row of soft keys

Click on the bottom row of keys to expand the key options

Polycom VVX 411 - Edit settingsforDemo Business Groupasadmin



The bottom row of soft keys on the phone is highlighted with a red box.

- Programable Keys - Line
- Programable Keys - Bottom
- User
- Network Settings
- Paging Groups
- Push-To-Talk
- Advanced
- LDAP

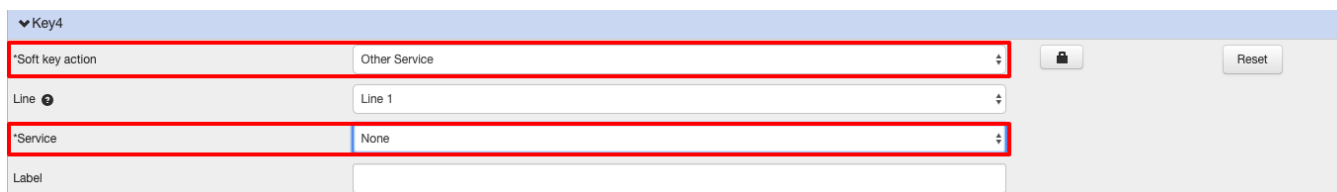
+ Show more softkeys

You should leave the Key Capabilities as default unless you know what you are doing. Scroll down until you get to the

Keys, in this example we are going to be using **Key 4** for Hot Desking which is currently set to **None**



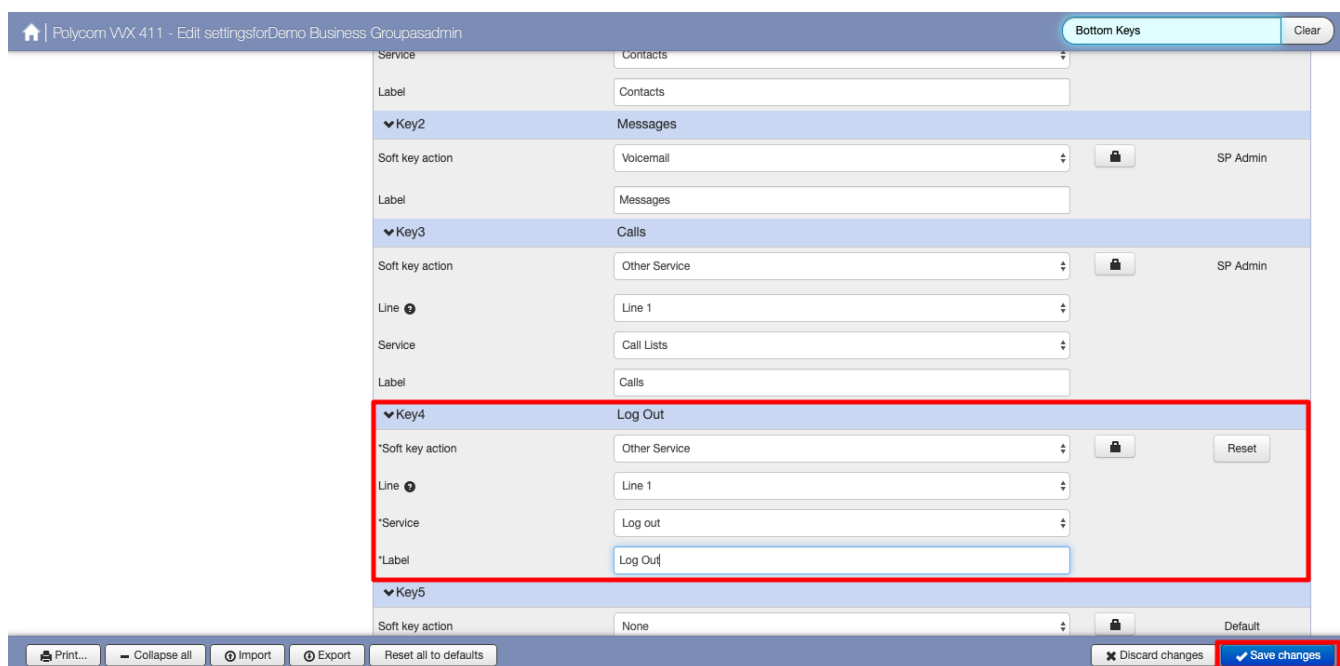
From the **Soft key action** drop down menu select **Other Service**. Unless less you have multiple lines on this phone leave **Line 1** as it is.



From the **Service** drop down menu select **Log out**, You can now add a **Label** for this soft key. We have used **Log Out**



Next click on **Save changes** in the lower right corner.



Once saved you will now need to reboot your phone for the changes to take effect. Once rebooted you should see the Log Out key that you created. View the [Hot Desking Overview](#) page more information.



INFO: Depending how the Polycom is configured you may see **Key 4** as **More** this normal. When you press **M** see more key options depending on configuration. One of these will show as Log Out.

Please note it can take up to 15 minutes for Hot Desking to be configured. If you press Log Out and after the phone reboots the user is automatically logged back in please wait until 15 minutes has passed before trying again.

Hot Desking Yealink



INFO: This guide is showing the configuration of a **Yealink T46S**. Depending on your model of **Yealink** your options may differ slightly but the process should be the same.

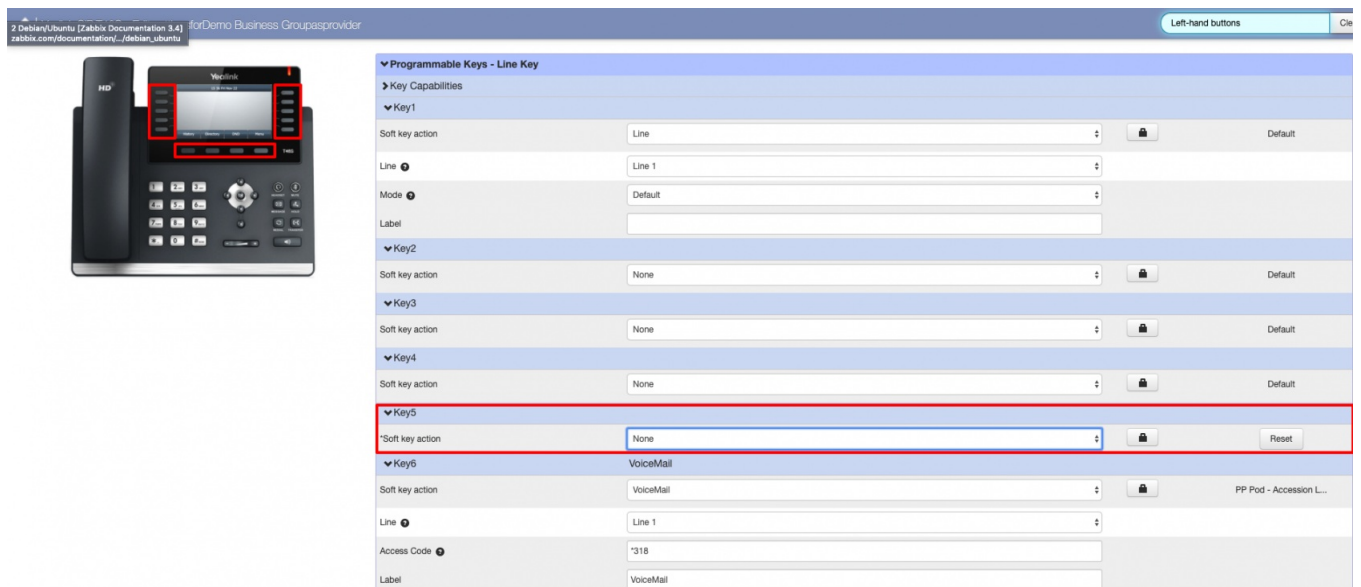
Continuing from the [Hot Desking Overview](#) page from the Phones page click on **Manage Your Phones** then click on **Edit** on the phone model you would like to configure, in this case it is the **Yealink T46S**



With Yealink phones we have 2 sections to configure

1. The Log Out Key - This can be any soft key
2. Enable Hot Desking

First we will select the soft key we want to use for the **Log Out** button, in this example we will use **Soft Key 5** by clicking on the left hand side buttons on the phone picture.

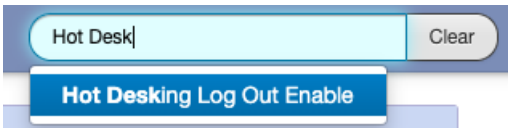


On the **Soft key action** drop down menu select **Log Out**. Then enter a **Label** for this soft Key we have used **Log Out** in this case.



Now we need to **Enable Hot Desking**

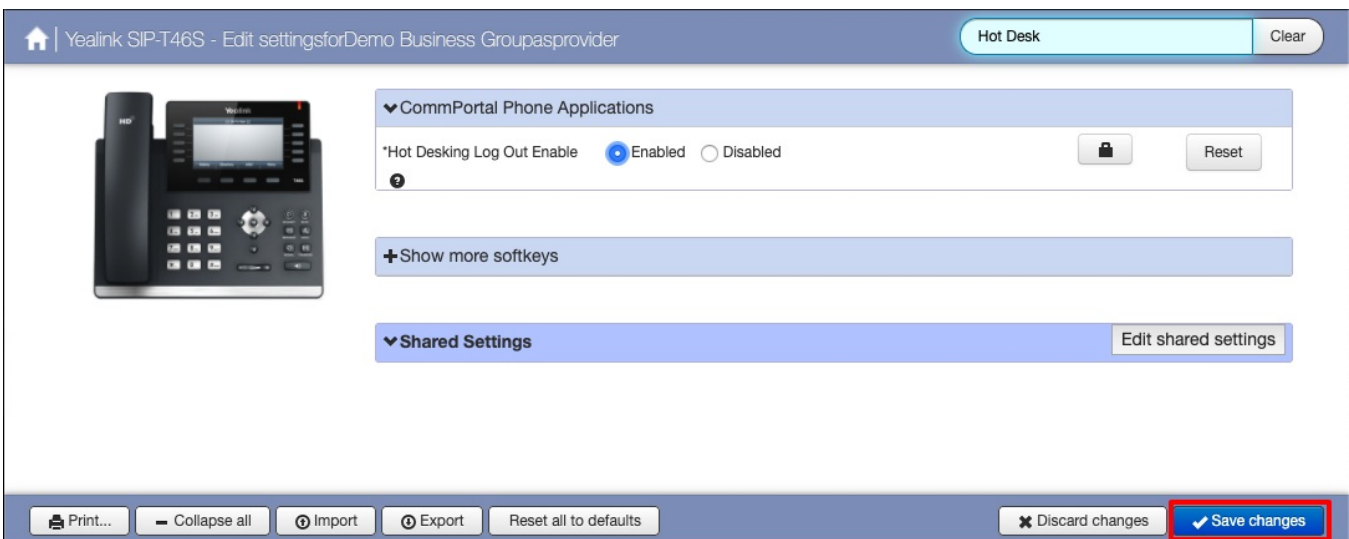
In the **Search** box in the top right this will probably say Left-hand buttons (if you have been following this guide). In the search type hot desk and select **Hot Desking Log Out Enable**



Select the **Enabled** button.



You should now have set the **Log Out soft key** and **enabled Hot Desking**. Now we need to save the changes. Click on **Save changes** in the lower right corner.



Once saved you will now need to reboot your phone for the changes to take effect. Once rebooted you should see the Log Out key that you created. View the [Hot Desking Overview](#) page more information.



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Hot Desking Snom



INFO: This guide is showing the configuration of a **Snom D785**. Depending on your model of **Snom** your options may differ slightly but the process should be the same.

Continuing from the [Hot Desking Overview](#) page from the Phones page click on **Manage Your Phones** then click on **Edit** on the phone model you would like to configure, in this case it is the **Snom D785**

Phone selection for Demo Business Group as provider

Version Set: Base

Manage your phones

Edit shared settings

Polycom VVX 411

Edit ▼

Snom D785

Edit ▼

Yealink SIP-T46S

Edit ▼

Create new profile

INFO: With the Snom DXXX phones you can only configure Hot Desking on the Lower right soft keys.


With Snom phones we have 2 sections to configure

1. The Log Out Key
2. Enable Hot Desking

Click on the lower right keys to expand the key options, in this example we are going to configure **Key 6** for the Log Out key.

Snom D785 - Edit settings for Demo Business Group as provider

Right-hand buttons Clear



▼ Programmable keys

▶ Key Capabilities

▼ Key1

Soft key action Line / Shared Line Default

Line Line 1

Label

▼ Key2

*Soft key action None Reset

▼ Key3

*Soft key action None Reset

▼ Key4

*Soft key action None Reset

▼ Key5

Soft key action None Default

▼ Key6

Soft key action None Default

▼ Key7

Print... Collapse all Import Export Reset all to defaults Discard changes Save changes

On the **Soft key action** drop down menu select **Log Out**. Then enter a **Label** for this soft Key we have used **Log Out** in this case.

▼ Key6

*Soft key action Log Out Reset

Label Log Out

Now we need to **Enable Hot Desking**

In the **Search** box in the top right this will probably say Left-hand buttons (if you have been following this guide). In the search type hot desk and select **Enable Hot Desking**

Hot Desk Clear

Hot Desking logout screen title

Hot Desking logout screen message

Hot Desking login screen title


Hot Desking login screen message

Enable Hot Desking

Select **Yes** on **Enable Hot Desking**

The other settings are optional:

- Hot Desking logout screen title
- Hot Desking logout screen message
- Hot Desking login screen title
- Hot Desking login screen message



Snom D785 - Edit settingsforDemo Business Groupasprovider

Enable Hot Desking
Clear

Applications

Enable Hot Desking ⓘ
☒ Yes
☐ No


*Hot Desking logout screen title ⓘ
Log Out

*Hot Desking logout screen message ⓘ
Do you want to log out ?

Hot Desking login screen title ⓘ
Log In

Hot Desking login screen message ⓘ
Login Successful, confirm to continue

You should now have set the **Log Out** soft key and **enabled Hot Desking**. Now we need to save the changes. Click on **Save changes** in the lower right corner.



Snom D785 - Edit settingsforDemo Business Groupasprovider

Enable Hot Desking
Clear

Applications

Enable Hot Desking ⓘ
☒ Yes
☐ No

*Hot Desking logout screen title ⓘ
Log Out

*Hot Desking logout screen message ⓘ
Do you want to log out ?

Hot Desking login screen title ⓘ
Log In

Hot Desking login screen message ⓘ
Login Successful, confirm to continue

+ Show more softkeys

Shared Settings

Edit shared settings

Print...
Collapse all
Import
Export
Reset all to defaults

Discard changes

Save changes

Once saved you will now need to reboot your phone for the changes to take effect. Once rebooted you should see the Log Out key that you created. View the [Hot Desking Overview](#) page more information.



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