

# Kamailio as building block for Voice and AI platforms

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# Agenda

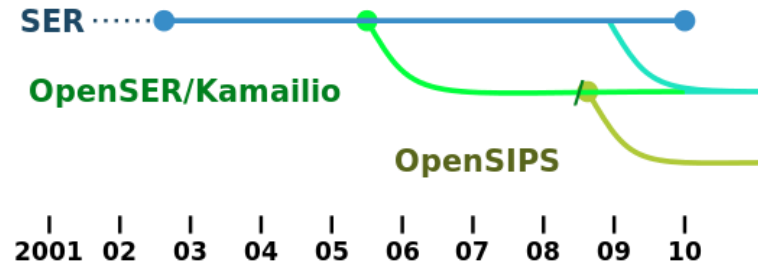
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# About GILAWA



- ▶ We offer services for Real-Time Communication platforms
  - ▶ Consulting and Management
  - ▶ Administration/Developer trainings
  - ▶ Development and IT Operations
- ▶ Kamailio experience since 2007
- ▶ Independent and neutral service provider
  - ▶ No own end-user products
  - ▶ No vendor contracts
- ▶ Our customer are Internet Service Providers and Telephone Provider
- ▶ Germany, Europe, North-America, Asia and Middle-East

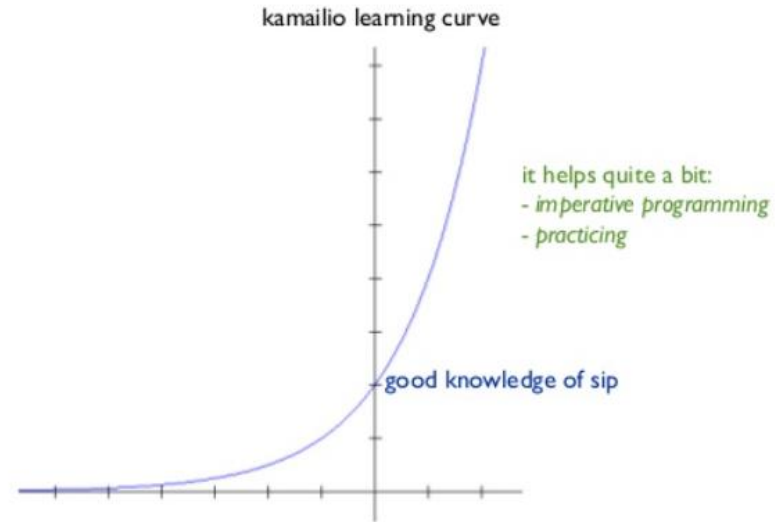
# About Kamailio (1/2)



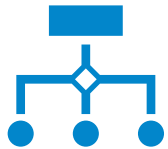
- ▶ Kamailio®
  - ▶ Carrier grade SIP-Server published under GPL license, in development since 2001
  - ▶ For the implementation of medium to large VoIP/Real-time Communications Platforms
  - ▶ Usual first use-case to scale existing PBX systems or to implement SBC functions
- ▶ Active and diverse developer team
  - ▶ Several core developers, different packager and frequent pull request
  - ▶ Regular maintenance releases
- ▶ Extensive core functions and over 200 extension modules

# About Kamailio (2/2)

- ▶ Kamailio was designed as a SIP proxy
  - ▶ It is not PBX as for example Asterisk
  - ▶ It is no „B2BUA“, therefore no complete separation of incoming and outgoing traffic
- ▶ Learning Kamailio might be more difficult as learning other telephony software
  - ▶ Kamailio is not configured, but programmed
  - ▶ Solid SIP knowledge not only suggested but required
- ▶ Kamailio can be usually easily operated and maintained
  - ▶ Stable, good performance
  - ▶ Low dependencies from core and main modules



# Kamailio for voice infrastructure (1/2)



## “SBC” functions

- Load-balancing and security checks
- Topology hiding
- Network address translation for SIP and media
- Transcoding



## Application services

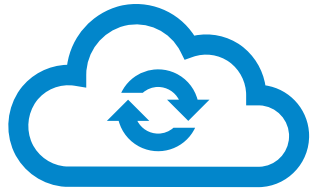
- Device/Phone registration
- Call routing
- Authentication Authorization and Accounting



## Presence services

- Dialog-info
- Message-waiting Indication
- Other

# Kamailio for voice infrastructure (2/2)



## Translation functions

- WebRTC gateway scaling
- Adapting proprietary voice components
- Interfacing with public commercial cloud services (like MS Teams or other)



## IMS/NGN functions

- Providing different IMS applications/functions for mobile networks
- Interfacing with different IMS protocols or commercial components

# Deployment models

- ▶ Kamailio can be deployed in different ways, with Linux packages or container
- ▶ If you use docker for deployment, you usually end up doing your own docker packages as you need a specific configuration for your service
- ▶ Kamailio supports many pre-processing as command line parameter
- ▶ Recent Kamailio version also support “modparamx” for dynamic variable parameter evaluation
- ▶ With Kubernetes you usually will end up using environment variables for this information
- ▶ It’s possible to to use ansible or saltstack to build the docker container, but usually a CI/CD infrastructure is used



# Kamailio inside docker or kubernetes

CI/CD e.g. jenkins

docker compose or k8s

base docker image

Kamailio docker image

e.g. Debian or alpine

Kamailio configuration

Environment variables

Data volumes, database  
sidecar, etc..

Routing logic

IP addresses, defines  
etc..

# Interacting with APIs

- ▶ Kamailio provides a wide variety of API interfaces
- ▶ Kamailio as API client
  - ▶ Recommendation to use a HTTP REST API, for example with JSON data fields
  - ▶ Both synchronous and asynchronous API calls are supported
  - ▶ Multiple API calls can be chained together in the configuration
  - ▶ Can be easily scaled depending on the requirements
- ▶ Kamailio as API server
  - ▶ Recommendation to use the JSONRPC for a REST HTTP API with JSON data fields
  - ▶ Kamailio provides embedded HTTP support, no external API server necessary
  - ▶ Can be easily scaled depending on the requirements

# Using ML and AI tools

- ▶ Remember, Kamailio does not care about media (much), as usually this is the interesting information, we need to feed the data to external consumers
  - ▶ One option is to use the rtpengine-recording daemon, use storage for processing
  - ▶ Another option with less latency is the proc interface for one the fly processing
- ▶ Kamailio can of course provide all sorts of interesting events
  - ▶ Call data for getting information about caller or callee, duration, call quality etc..
  - ▶ Billing related data for detection of fraud or other malicious usage
  - ▶ IP addresses, User names, Password (hashes) etc..
- ▶ You could also interact a custom API by using the KEMI interface, for example with python scripts

# Thank you

- ▶ Thank you - any questions?
- ▶ Hope to see you at other conferences!



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