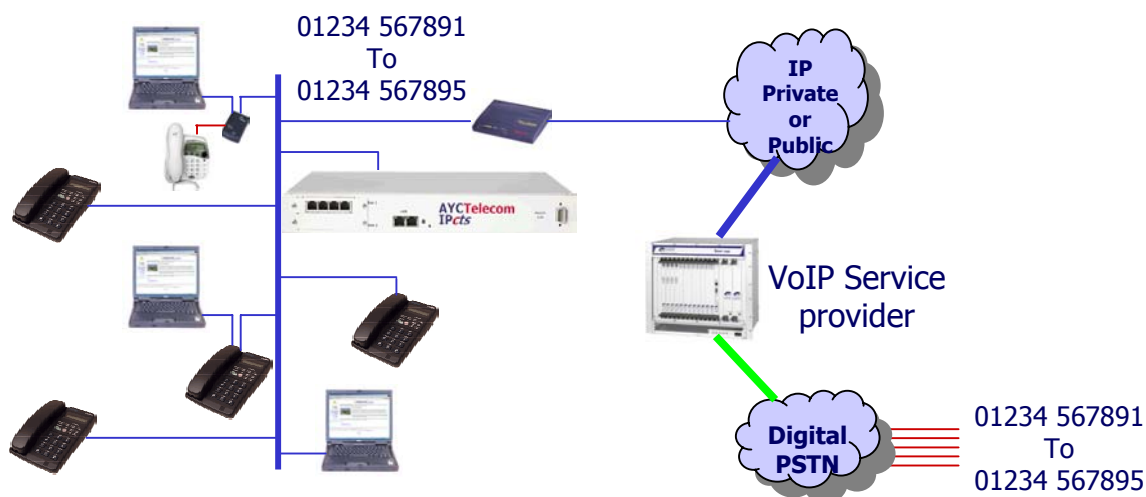


IP*cts* IP Trunks Application



The IPcts can connect to the 'outside world' using traditional PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) connections like Analogue or Digital ISDN Trunk lines however, the IPcts can also use IP Trunks.

IP trunks can be provided by alternate carriers like MC or Energis and many others. Also, British Telecom are investigating the supply of telephone lines over an IP connection. Using IP trunk lines has a number of advantages from a cost and flexibility point of view.

IP trunks are delivered to the premises via a Broadband or IP Internet access. This means that multiple lines can be presented over a single physical connection and so reducing the cost or multiple line rental. In addition there is flexibility in that, if an end user were to move location from one area code to another, they could keep their existing numbers and not have the expense and additional work of changing company information and contact details to their customers.

IP trunks can be used in addition to Analogue & ISDN Digital trunk lines to provide a solution, when using the IPcts' built in LCR can ensure selection of the most cost effective call route for calls.

0800, 0845, 0870, 0908, etc... numbers can also be delivered using IP Trunks.