

Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for configuring Ascom DECT Handsets and Ascom IPBS Access Point with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R7.0 and Avaya Aura® Session Manager R7.0 – Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps for provisioning Ascom's IP DECT Base Station and Handsets to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager and Avaya Aura® Session Manager.

Readers should pay particular attention to the scope of testing as outlined in Section 2.1, as well as observations noted in Section 2.2 to ensure that their own use cases are adequately covered by this scope and results.

Information in these Application Notes has been obtained through DevConnect compliance testing and additional technical discussions. Testing was conducted via the DevConnect Program at the Avaya Solution and Interoperability Test Lab.

1. Introduction

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps for provisioning Ascom's IP DECT base station and DECT handsets to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R7.0 and Avaya Aura® Session Manager R7.0. Ascom's DECT handsets are configured to register with Session Manager via SIP and are also subscribed to the base station via DECT. Each handset is configured as a SIP user on Avaya Aura® Communication Manager as Avaya 9620 SIP endpoints. The Ascom DECT handsets then behave as third-party SIP extensions on Communication Manager able to make/receive internal calls and have full voicemail and other telephony facilities available on Communication Manager.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The interoperability compliance testing evaluates the ability of Ascom DECT sets to make and receive calls to and from Avaya H.323 and SIP deskphones. Avaya Aura® Messaging (messaging) was used to allow users to leave voicemail messages and to demonstrate Message Waiting Indication was working on the Ascom handsets.

Ascom can use both UDP and TCP as the SIP transport protocol; however, if TCP is chosen as the transport protocol for the Ascom DECT then a SIP Entity and an Entity Link are required for the Ascom DECT master and standby base stations. The setup of a SIP Entity must use the "Endpoint Concentrator Connection Policy".

Starting with Session Manager Release 6.3.9, an "Endpoint Concentrator" can be selected as a SIP Entity type. This Endpoint Concentrator type, allows up to 1000 connections from a single IP address. The single IP address can be shared by multiple Windows instances running on a Virtualized server or multiple DECT handsets sharing the same base station IP address.

A new connection policy, Endpoint Concentrator, can be assigned to a SIP entity link. The Session Manager (ASSET) allows up to 1000 connections on that SIP entity link. The Endpoint Concentrator policy is an untrusted policy based on the current Default (endpoint) policy. That is, the requests arriving over the SIP entity link with the connection policy Endpoint Concentrator are challenged as for any other endpoint. To identify and administer the SIP entities hosting multiple endpoints, this release introduces a new entity type, Endpoint Concentrator.

Note: SIP Link Monitoring is not available for SIP entities of type Endpoint Concentrator.

DevConnect Compliance Testing is conducted jointly by Avaya and DevConnect members. The jointly-defined test plan focuses on exercising APIs and/or standards-based interfaces pertinent to the interoperability of the tested products and their functionalities. DevConnect Compliance Testing is not intended to substitute full product performance or feature testing performed by DevConnect members, nor is it to be construed as an endorsement by Avaya of the suitability or completeness of a DevConnect member's solution.

2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The compliance testing included the test scenarios shown below. Note that when applicable, all tests were performed with Avaya SIP deskphones, Avaya H.323 deskphones, Ascom DECT endpoints and PSTN endpoints.

- Basic Calls
- Hold and Retrieve
- Attended and Blind Transfer
- Call Forwarding Unconditional, No Reply and Busy (Controlled on PBX)
- Call Waiting
- Call Park/Pickup
- EC500
- Conference
- Do Not Disturb
- Calling Line Name/Identification
- Codec Support
- DTMF Support
- Message Waiting Indication

2.2. Test Results

The following observations were noted during testing.

1. A SIP Entity with "Endpoint Concentrator" assigned was setup for both the Master and Standby Base Stations, the corresponding TCP entity links need to be of type "untrusted".

2.3. Support

Support from Avaya is available by visiting the website http://support.avaya.com and a list of product documentation can be found in **Section 11** of these Application Notes. Technical support for the Ascom IP DECT product can be obtained through a local Ascom supplier. Ascom global technical support:

Email: support@ascom.seHelp desk: +46 31 559450

3. Reference Configuration

Figure 1 shows the network topology during compliance testing. The Ascom DECT handsets connect to the Ascom DECT base station which is placed on the LAN. The DECT handsets register with Session Manager in order to be able to make/receive calls to and from the Avaya H.323 and SIP deskphones on Communication Manager.

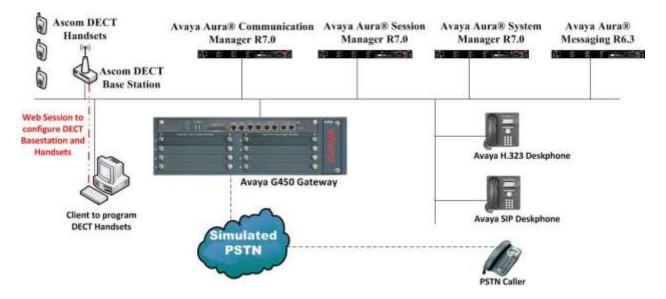


Figure 1: Network Solution of Ascom DECT Handsets with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R7.0 and Avaya Aura® Session Manager R7.0

4. Equipment and Software Validated

The following equipment and software was used for the compliance test.

Equipment/Software	Release/Version	
Avaya Aura® System Manager running on Virtual Server	R7.0.0.0.0 Build 7.0.0.0.16266-7.0.9.9.902 SW Update Revision No. 7.0.0.0.3873	
Avaya Aura® Session Manager running on Virtual Server	R7.0.0.0.700007	
Avaya Aura® Communication Manager running on Virtual Server	R7.0 Build 017x.00.0.441.0	
Avaya Aura® Messaging running on Virtual Server	R6.3 Build No – 6.3.3	
Avaya G450 Gateway	37.19.0 /1	
Avaya 96xxH323 Deskphone	96xx H.323 Release 3.1 SP2	
Avaya 9641 SIP Deskphone Avaya 9608 SIP Deskphone	96x1-IPT-SIP-R6_4_1-081114	
Ascom DECT Master Base Station Ascom DECT Standby Base Station	IPBS2 V8.0.8	
	Mixture of 4 D41, D62, D81 handsets	
	D62-Talker 4.3.17	
Ascom DECT Handsets	D41-Advanced 4.3.17	
	D81-Messenger 4.3.17	

5. Configure Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

It is assumed that a fully functioning Communication Manager is in place with the necessary licensing with a SIP Trunk in place to Session Manager. For further information on the configuration of Communication Manager please see **Section 11** of these Application Notes. The following sections go through the following.

- Dial Plan Analysis.
- Feature Access Codes.
- Network Region.
- IP Codec.
- Coverage Path/Hunt Group.

5.1. Configure Dial Plan Analysis

Use the **change dialplan analysis** command to configure the dial plan using the parameters shown below. Extension numbers (**ext**) are those beginning with **6** and **7**. Feature Access Codes (**fac**) use digits **8** and **9** or #.

change dialplan analysis Page 1 of 12		
		DIAL PLAN ANALYSIS TABLE
		Location: all Percent Full: 1
Dialed String 2 3 4 5 5 5 9 9 9 6 7 8 9 * #	Total Call Length Type 4 udp 4 udp 4 udp 4 udp 4 ext 4 ext 1 fac 1 fac 3 dac 3 fac	Dialed Total Call Dialed Total Call String Length Type String Length Type

5.2. Configure Feature Access Codes

Use the **change feature-access-codes** command to configure access codes which can be entered from Ascom handsets to initiate Communication Manager call features. These access codes must be compatible with the dial plan described in **Section 5.1**. The following access codes need to be setup.

Answer Back Access Code : #21
Auto Alternate Routing (AAR) Access Code : 8
Auto Route Selection (ARS) - Access Code 1 : 9
Call Park Access Code : #20

```
change feature-access-codes
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                               FEATURE ACCESS CODE (FAC)
        Abbreviated Dialing List1 Access Code:
         Abbreviated Dialing List2 Access Code:
        Abbreviated Dialing List3 Access Code:
Abbreviated Dial - Prgm Group List Access Code:
                      Announcement Access Code:
                       Answer Back Access Code: #21
                         Attendant Access Code:
     Auto Alternate Routing (AAR) Access Code: 8
   Auto Route Selection (ARS) - Access Code 1: 9
                                                      Access Code 2:
                 Automatic Callback Activation:
                                                       Deactivation:
Call Forwarding Activation Busy/DA:#31
                                          All:#30
                                                       Deactivation:#32
   Call Forwarding Enhanced Status:
                                          Act:
                                                       Deactivation:
                         Call Park Access Code: #20
                       Call Pickup Access Code: #22
CAS Remote Hold/Answer Hold-Unhold Access Code:
                  CDR Account Code Access Code:
                        Change COR Access Code:
                   Change Coverage Access Code:
            Conditional Call Extend Activation:
                                                       Deactivation:
                   Contact Closure Open Code:
                                                         Close Code: CDR
Account Code Access Code:
                        Change COR Access Code:
                   Change Coverage Access Code:
            Conditional Call Extend Activation:
                                                       Deactivation:
                   Contact Closure Open Code:
                                                         Close Code:
```

5.3. Configure Network Region

Use the **change ip-network-region x** (where x is the network region to be configured) command to assign an appropriate domain name to be used by Communication Manager, in the example below **devconnect.local** is used. Note this domain is also configured in **Section 6.1** of these Application Notes.

```
change ip-network-region 1
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                              IP NETWORK REGION
  Region: 1
Location: 1
                 Authoritative Domain: devconnect.local
   Name: default NR
MEDIA PARAMETERS
                               Intra-region IP-IP Direct Audio: yes
     Codec Set: 1
                               Inter-region IP-IP Direct Audio: yes
  UDP Port Min: 2048
                                          IP Audio Hairpinning? y
  UDP Port Max: 3329
DIFFSERV/TOS PARAMETERS
Call Control PHB Value: 46
       Audio PHB Value: 46
       Video PHB Value: 26
802.1P/Q PARAMETERS
Call Control 802.1p Priority: 6
       Audio 802.1p Priority: 6
       Video 802.1p Priority: 5
                                     AUDIO RESOURCE RESERVATION PARAMETERS
H.323 IP ENDPOINTS
                                                         RSVP Enabled? n
 H.323 Link Bounce Recovery? y
 Idle Traffic Interval (sec): 20
  Keep-Alive Interval (sec): 5
           Keep-Alive Count: 5
```

5.4. Configure IP-Codec

Use the **change ip-codec-set** x (where x is the ip-codec set used) command to designate a codec set compatible with the Ascom Handsets, which support both G.711A and G.729A.

```
change change ip-codec-set 1
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                                                                        2
                         IP Codec Set
   Codec Set: 1
   Audio
                Silence
                             Frames
                                      Packet
   Codec
                Suppression Per Pkt Size(ms)
1: G.711A
                                       20
                              2
                    n
                               2
2: G.729A
                                        20
                     n
```

5.5. Configuration of Coverage Path and Hunt Group for voicemail

The coverage path setup used for compliance testing is illustrated below. Note the following:

Don't' Answer is set to y

The coverage path will be used in the event the phone set

is not answered.

Number of Rings is set to 4 The coverage path will be used after 4 rings.

Point 1: is set to h59 Hunt Group 59 is utilised by this coverage path.

```
display coverage path 1
                            COVERAGE PATH
               Coverage Path Number: 1
                                      Hunt after Coverage? n
    Cvg Enabled for VDN Route-To Party? n
                   Next Path Number:
                                         Linkage
COVERAGE CRITERIA
   Station/Group Status Inside Call Outside Call
                      n
          Active?
                                       n
                          y
y
n
            Busy?
     Don't Answer?
                                                Number of Rings: 4
                                        У
All?
DND/SAC/Goto Cover?
                                        n
                           У
                                        У
  Holiday Coverage?
COVERAGE POINTS
  Terminate to Coverage Pts. with Bridged Appearances? n
 Point1: h59 Rng: Point2:
                           Point4:
 Point3:
                         Point6:
 Point5:
```

The hunt group used for compliance testing is shown below. Note on **Page 1** the **Group Extension** is **5999** which is the voicemail number for Messaging and on **Page 2 Message Center** is set to **sip-adjunct**.

```
display hunt-group 59

HUNT GROUP

Group Number: 59

Group Name: Voicemail

Group Extension: 5999

Group Type: ucd-mia

TN: 1

Night Service Destination:

COR: 1

Security Code:

Local Agent Preference? n

ISDN/SIP Caller Display: mbr-name
```

```
display hunt-group 59

HUNT GROUP

Message Center: sip-adjunct

Voice Mail Number

Voice Mail Handle

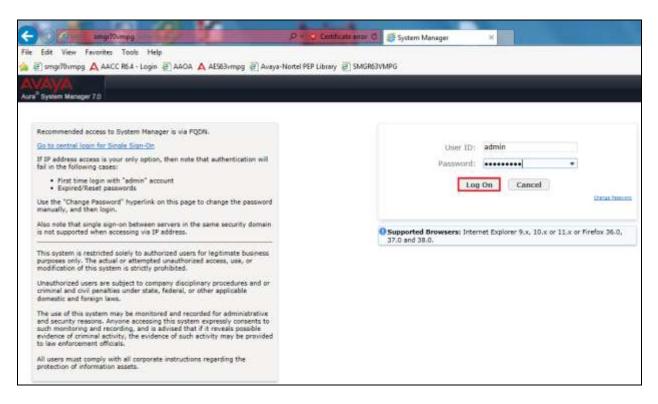
(e.g., AAR/ARS Access Code)

5999

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```

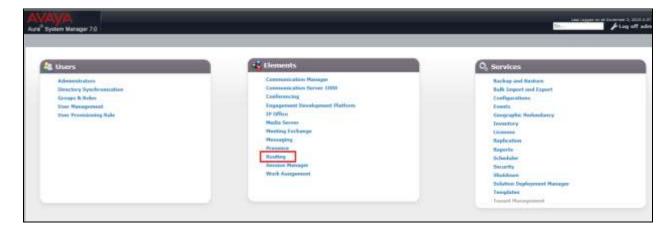
6. Configure Avaya Aura® Session Manager

The Ascom DECT Handsets are added to Session Manager as SIP Users. In order to make changes in Session Manager, a web session to System Manager is opened. Navigate to http://<System Manager IP Address>/SMGR, enter the appropriate credentials and click on **Log On** as shown below.



6.1. Configuration of a Domain

Click on **Routing** highlighted below.



Click on **Domains** in the left window. If there is not a domain already configured click on **New**. In the example below there exists a domain called devconnect.local which has been already configured.

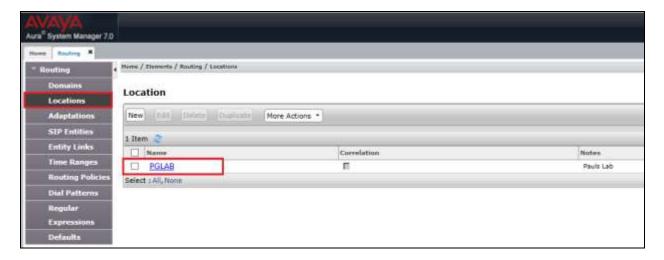


Clicking on the domain name above will open the following window; this is simply to show an example of such a domain. When entering a new domain the following should be entered, once the domain name is entered click on **Commit** to save this.

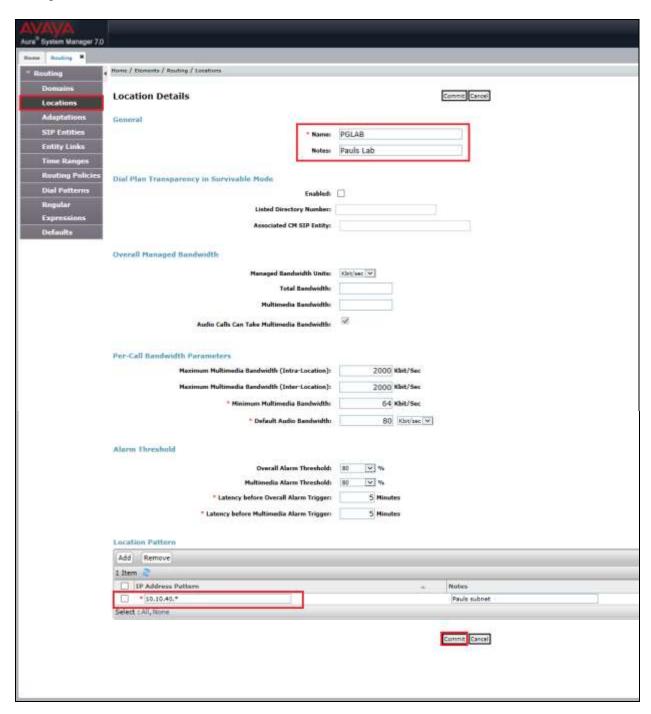


6.2. Configuration of a Location

Click on **Locations** in the left window and if there is no Location already configured then click on **New**, however in the screen below a location called **PGLAB** is already setup and configured and clicking into this will show its contents.



The Location below shows a suitable **Name** with a **Location Pattern** of **10.10.40.***. Once this is configured, click on **Commit**.



6.3. Configuration of SIP Entities

Clicking on **SIP Entities** in the left window shows what SIP Entities have been added to the system and allows the addition of any new SIP Entity that may be required. Please note the SIP Entities already present for the Compliance Testing of Ascom DECT Handsets.

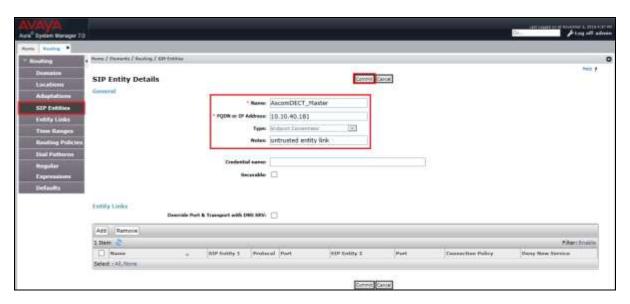
- Communication Manager SIP Entity.
- Session Manager SIP Entity.
- Messaging SIP Entity.

There is no SIP Entity required if UDP is chosen for the transport protocol in **Section 8.3**, however if TCP is chosen as the transport protocol for the Ascom DECT then a SIP Entity and an Entity Link are required for the Ascom IPBS. Select **SIP Entities** in the left window and click on **New** in the main window.

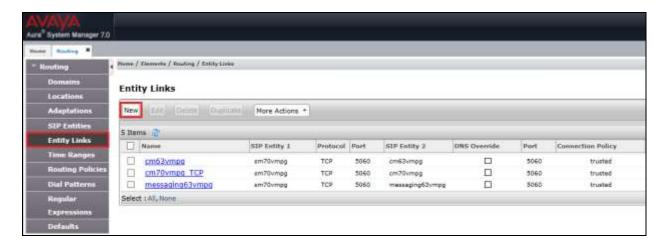
Note: A SIP Entity and Entity link are required for both the Master and Standby base stations.



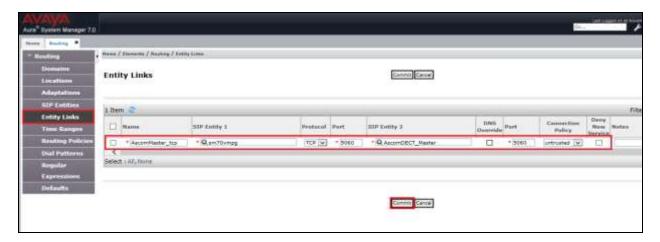
Enter a suitable **Name** and enter the **IP Address** of the DECT Base Station. Select **Endpoint Concentrator** as the **Type**. Click on **Commit** once completed.



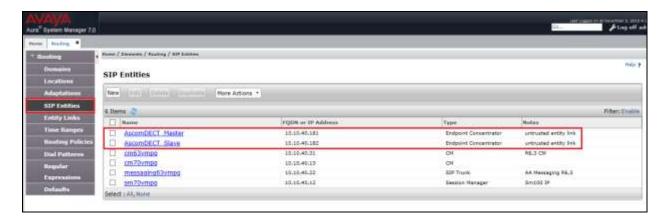
Select **Entity Links** from the left window and select **New** from the right window in order to add the new Ascom Entity Link.



Ensure that **TCP** is selected for the **Protocol** and **5060** for the **Port**. The **Connection Policy** must be set to **untrusted**. Click on **Commit** once completed.

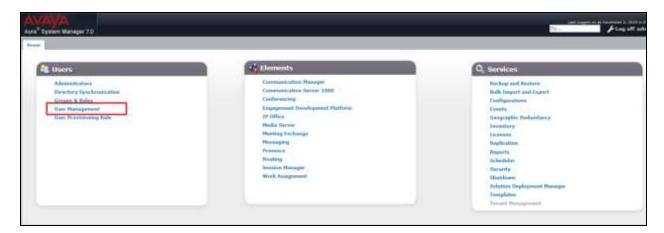


A SIP Entity and Entity link must be added for both the Ascom Master base station and the Ascom Slave base station.

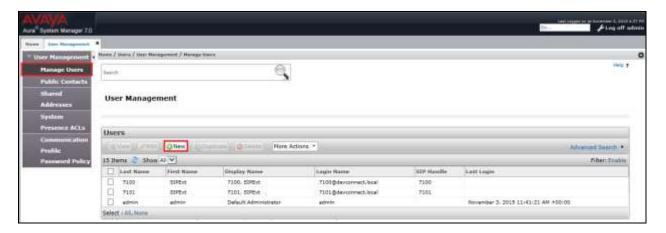


6.4. Adding Ascom SIP Users

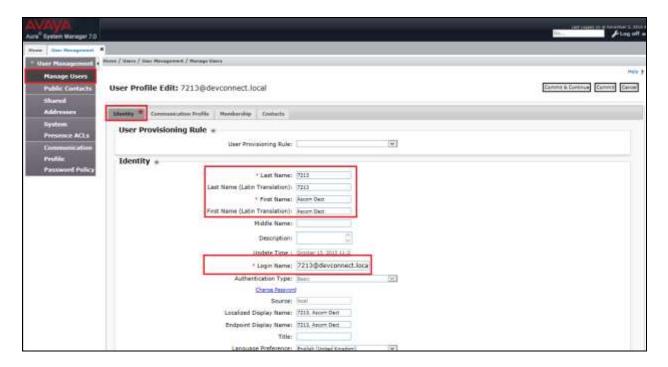
From the home page click on **User Management** highlighted below.



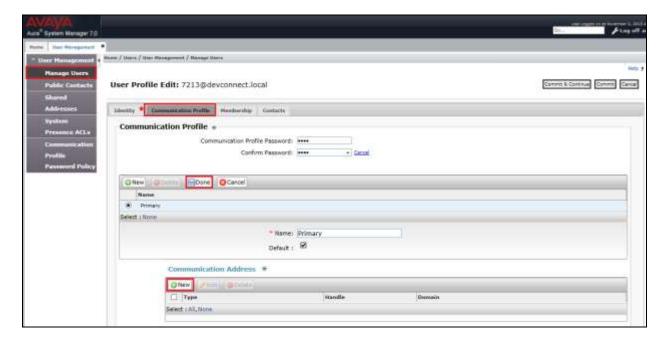
Click on New highlighted to add a new SIP user.



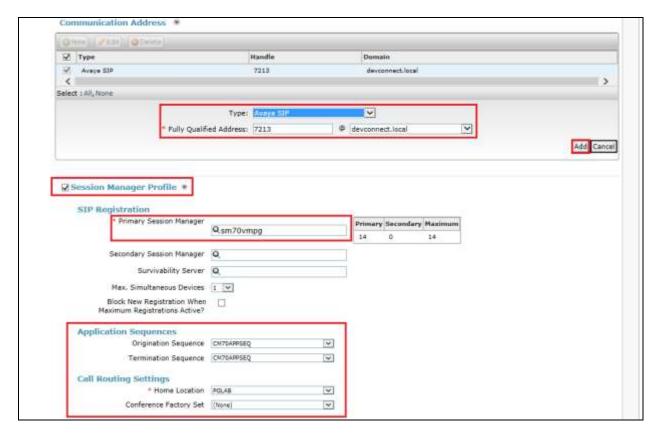
Under the **Identity** tab fill in the user's **Last Name** and **First Name** as shown below. Enter the **Login Name**. The remaining fields can be left as default.



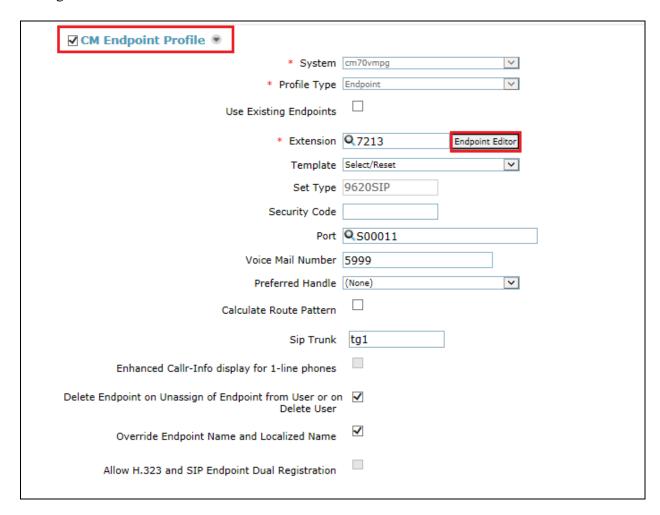
Under the **Communication Profile** tab enter a suitable **Communication Profile Password** and click on **Done** when added; note that this password is required when configuring the Ascom handset in **Section 8.4**. Click on **New** to add a new **Communication Address**.



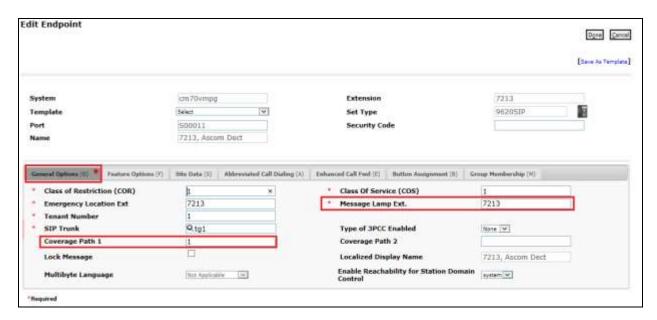
Enter the extension number and the domain for the Fully Qualified Address and click on Add once finished. Ensure Session Manager Profile is checked and enter the Primary Session Manager details, enter the Origination Application Sequence and the Termination Application Sequence and the Home Location as highlighted below.



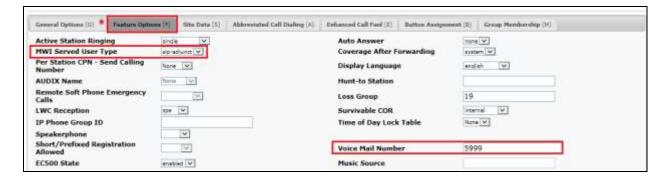
Ensure that **CM Endpoint Profile** is selected and choose the **9620SIP** as the **Template**. Click on **Endpoint Editor** to configure the buttons and features for that handset on Communication Manager.



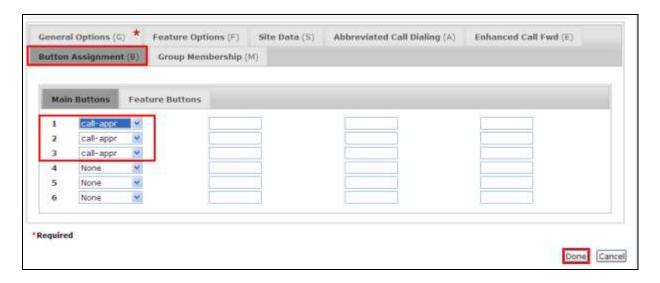
Under the **General Options** tab ensure that **Coverage Path 1** is set to that configured in **Section 5.5**. Also ensure that **Message Lamp Ext.** is showing the correct extension number.



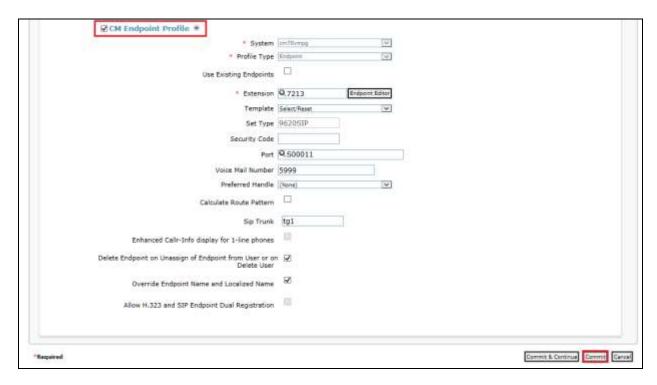
Under the tab **Feature Options** ensure that **MWI Served User Type** is set to **sip-adjunct**. Ensure the **Voice Mail Number** is set to that configured in **Section 5.5**.



There must be 3 call appearances setup for the DECT sets for Call Waiting to work. However, the number of call appearances must be changed from 3 to 2 in order to allow the call forward when busy to work properly. Once the **Button Assignment** is completed, click on **Done** to finish.



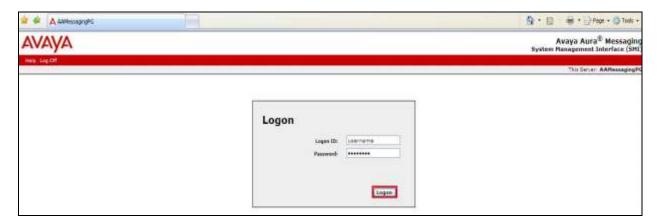
Once the **CM Endpoint Profile** is completed correctly, click on **Commit** to save the new user.



7. Configure Avaya Aura® Messaging

It is assumed that a fully working messaging system is in place and the necessary configuration for Communication Manager and Session Manager has already been done. For further information on the installation and configuration of Messaging please refer to **Section 11** of these Application Notes.

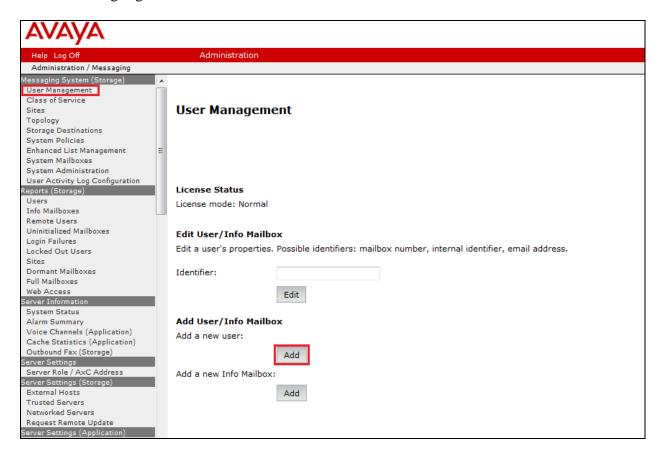
Navigate to http://<Messaging IP Address>. Enter the appropriate credentials and click on **Logon** highlighted below.



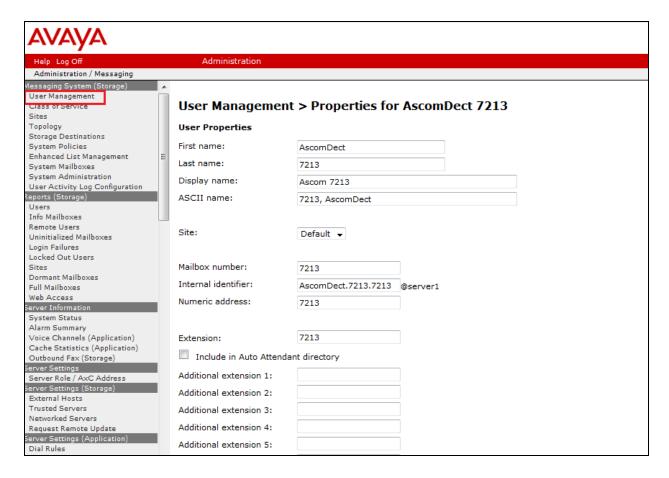
Once logged on select **Messaging** under **Administration** as shown below.



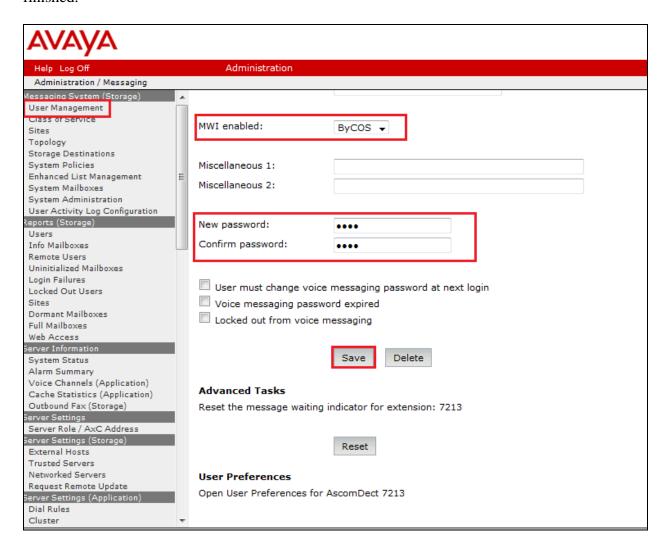
Click on **User Management** in the left hand column and click on **Add** under **Add User/Info Mailbox** as highlighted below.



Enter a suitable **First Name** and **Last Name**. Select the appropriate **Site** from the drop down box. Enter the correct **Mailbox number** and **Extension**.



Ensure that **MWI Enabled** is set to **ByCOS**. Enter a suitable **password** and click on **Save** once finished.

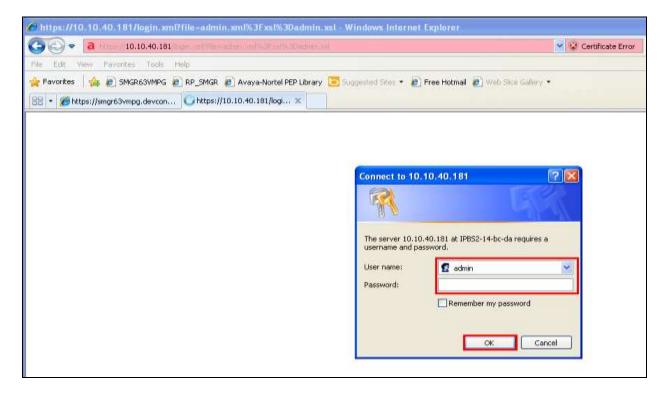


8. Configure Ascom DECT Base Station and Handsets

The configuration of the DECT base station and the DECT handsets are both achieved through a http session to the web interface of the DECT base station. Open a web session to the IP address of the DECT base station and click on **System administration** as shown below.

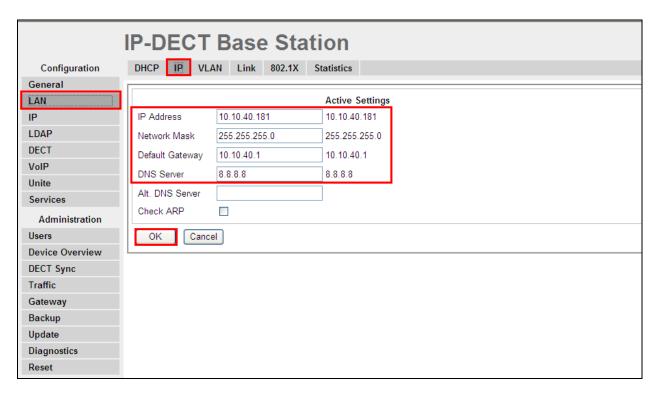


Enter the proper credentials and click on **OK** to log in.



8.1. Configure DECT Base Station IP address

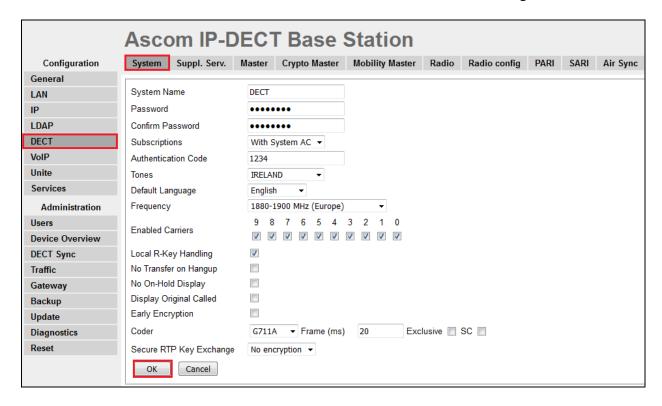
In order to change the IP Address of the DECT Base Station in order to connect to the local LAN select **LAN** in the left column and click on the **IP** tab. Enter the **IP Address** information of the DECT Base Station and click on **OK**. Ensure also that DCHP mode is set to disabled under the **DHCP** tab (not shown).



Please refer to Ascom's documentation listed in **Section 11** of these Application Notes for further information about DECT configuration. The following sections cover specific settings concerning SIP and the connection to Session Manager.

8.2. Configure IP-DECT Base Station System Information

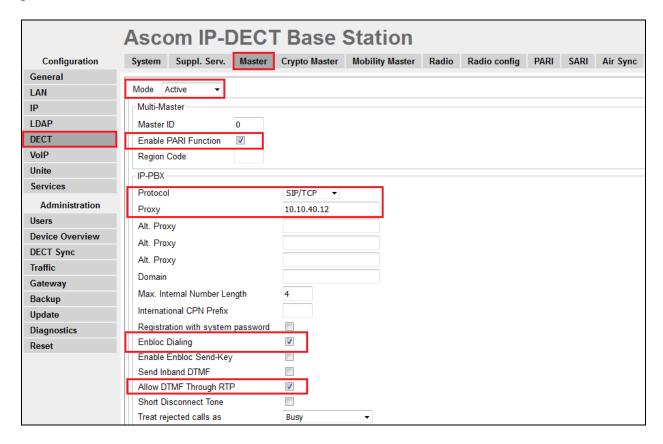
Select **DECT** in the left column and click on the **System** tab in the main window. Ensure that **Subscriptions** is set to **With System AC** and enter an appropriate **Authentication Code**. Note this is not the password for the SIP users on Session Manager; this is a password used to subscribe to the DECT system itself. Select the appropriate country for **Tones**, note for these compliance tests **IRELAND** was selected. Select **Europe** for the **Frequency** and ensure that **Local R-Key Handling** is ticked. For **Coder** select **G711A** from the drop-down box; note that this will be the same codec used in **Section 5.5**. Click on **OK** to save the changes.



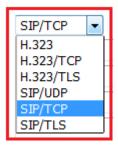
8.3. Configure Session Manager Information

Select **DECT** in the left column and select the **Master** tab. Ensure the **Protocol** is set to **SIP/TCP** if TCP is the chosen transport protocol and **SIP/UDP** if UDP is the chosen transport protocol and enter the Session Manager IP address for **Proxy**. Enter the length of digits used for internal numbers. Note, for compliance testing **Enbloc Dialing** and **Allow DTMF through RTP** were ticked but these settings will depend on the customer site and how the Communication Manger is configured. All other values can be accepted as default.

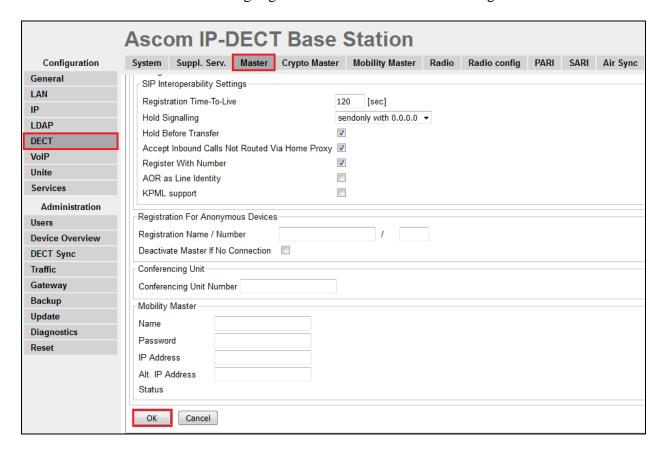
Note: If SIP/TCP is selected below a SIP Entity must be added for the Ascom IP Base Station as per **Section 6.3**.



Note that these are the choices available to set for **Protocol** above.

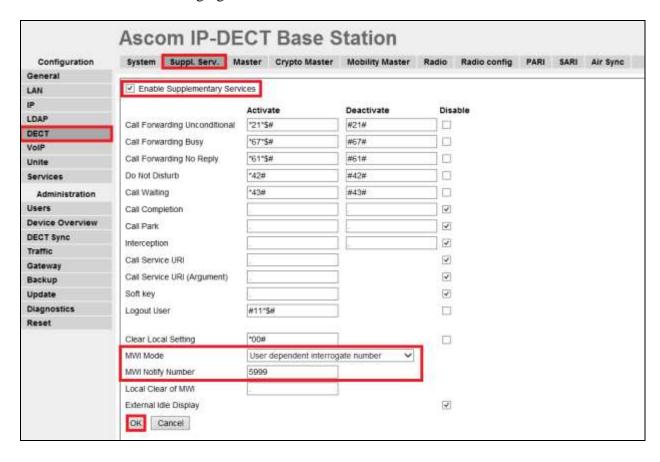


Scroll down and click on **OK** as highlighted below to save the new configuration.



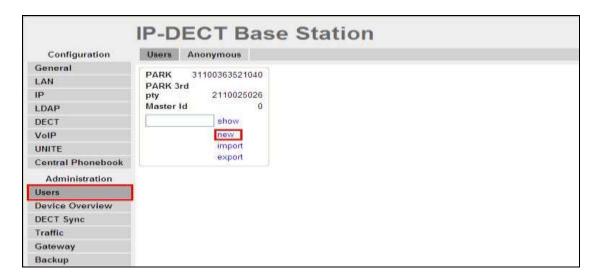
Click on the **Suppl. Serv.** tab and ensure that **Enable Supplementary Services** is checked. Take note of the activation and deactivation codes for services such as **Call Forwarding**, **Call Waiting** and **Do Not Disturb**. Click on **OK** when finished. These codes are unique to the Ascom DECT system.

Note that **MWI Mode** is set to **User dependent interrogate number** and the **MWI Notify Number** is set to the messaging voicemail number for the solution which is **5999**.

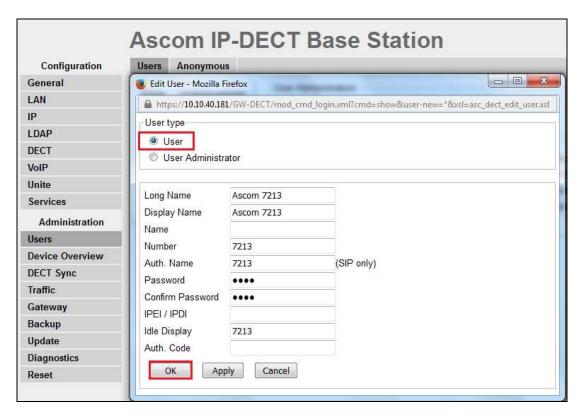


8.4. Adding DECT Users

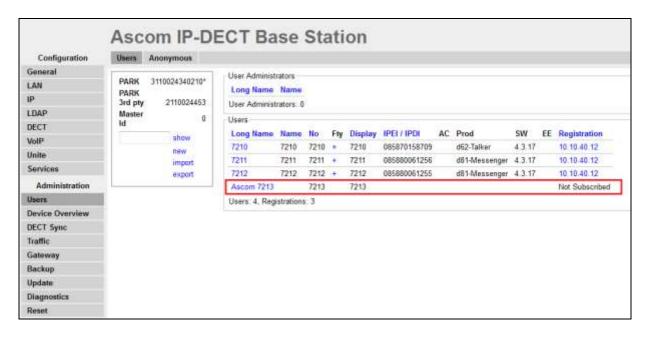
Click on **Users** in the left column and click **new** to add a new DECT user.



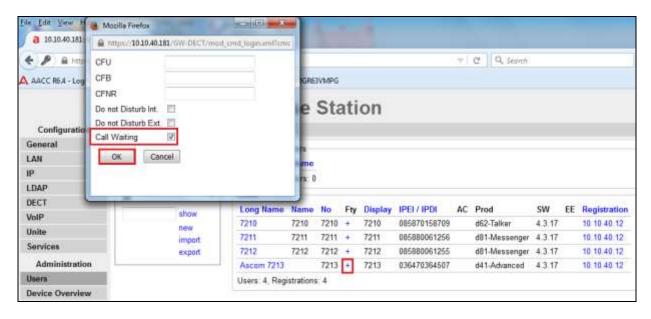
Enter the appropriate information for the new DECT user and once all the information has been correctly filled in click on **OK** as highlighted. The Handset is registered with the DECT system, according to Ascom's documentation. The Password entered should be the same as that configured in **Section 6.4**.



At this point the handset is **Not Subscribed** to the DECT base station; please refer to the DECT Handset user guide (see **Section 11**) in order to correctly subscribe to the base station. Note that every handset may be slightly different to setup but typically navigate to Menu \rightarrow Settings \rightarrow System \rightarrow Subscribe. The park number must be entered correctly, note that the password configured in **Section 8.2** is required here.



To change features such as **Call Waiting** or **Do not Disturb** click on the + icon under **Fty** as highlighted below. This opens a new window where these services can be selected or deselected. Click on **OK** once the appropriate services are selected.



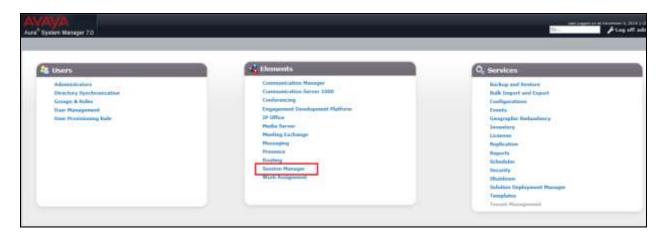
Telephony features, such as Call Waiting and Call Forwarding, can be programmed by entering feature codes on the handset. Please refer to the **Suppl. Serv**. tab in **Section 8.3**.

9. Verification Steps

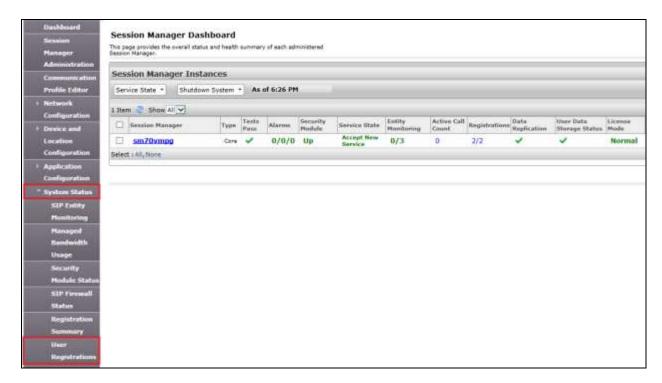
The following steps can be taken to ensure that connections between Ascom DECT handsets and Session Manager and Communication Manager are up.

9.1. Session Manager Registration

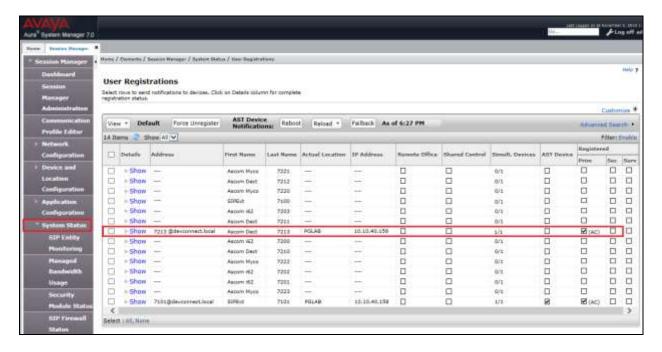
Log into System Manager as done previously in **Section 6.1**, select **Session Manager** as highlighted below.



Under **System Status** in the left window, select **User Registrations** to display all the SIP users that are currently registered with Session Manager.

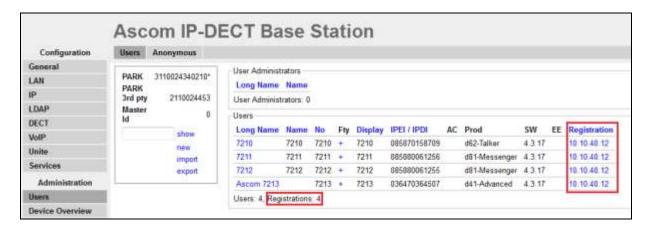


The DECT user 7213 should show as being registered as highlighted.

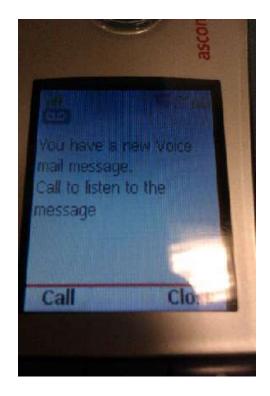


9.2. Ascom DECT Registration

To verify that Ascom DECT Handsets are registered to the Ascom Base Station correctly, click on **Users** in the left column and select the **Users** tab in the displayed window. Select **show**, this displays the DECT handsets that are registered. In the example below, four extensions **7210** to **7213** are registered correctly.



Check that MWI is working by leaving a voicemail for the DECT user. Once a voicemail message has been left, the following message should appear on the DECT handset.



10. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Ascom's DECT IP Base Station and DECT Handsets to successfully interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R7.0 and Avaya Aura® Session Manager R7.0 by registering the Ascom Handsets with Session Manager as third-party SIP phones. Please refer to **Section 2.2** for test results and observations.

11. Additional References

This section references documentation relevant to these Application Notes. The Avaya product documentation is available at http://support.avaya.com where the following documents can be obtained.

- [1] Administering Avaya Aura® Communication Manager, Document ID 03-300509
- [2] Avaya Aura® Communication Manager Feature Description and Implementation, Document ID 555-245-205
- [3] Implementing Avaya Aura® Session Manager Document ID 03-603473
- [4] Administering Avaya Aura® Session Manager, Doc ID 03-603324

Ascom's technical documentation is available through a local supplier. Please see a list of the documentation used for these Application Notes.

- [6] Installation and Operation Manual IP-DECT Base Station and IP-DECT Gateway (software version 7.0.x) (TD 92579EN)
- [7] System Description Ascom IP-DECT System (TD 92375EN)
- [8] System Planning Ascom IP-DECT System (TD 92422EN)
- [9] DECT handset user manual

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