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Application Notes for Interactorm Customer Experience Platform (ICX) Contact Center with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services – Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Interactorm Customer Experience Platform (ICX) Contact Center to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services. ICX Contact Center is a desktop CTI application.

In the compliance testing, ICX Contact Center used the Java Telephony Application Programming Interface from Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services to monitor contact center agents on Avaya Aura® Communication Manager, to provide screen pop and call control from the web-based agent desktops.

Readers should pay attention to **Section 2**, in particular the scope of testing as outlined in **Section 2.1** as well as any 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 required for Interactorm Customer Experience Platform (ICX) Contact Center to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services. Contact Center is a desktop CTI application, and an optional component of ICX.

In the compliance testing, Contact Center used the Java Telephony Application Programming Interface (JTAPI) from Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services to monitor contact center agents on Avaya Aura® Communication Manager, to provide screen pop and call control from web-based agent desktops.

JTAPI is a client-side interface to the Telephony Services Application Programmer Interface (TSAPI) on Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services. As such, these Application Notes will describe the required configurations for creation and connectivity to the TSAPI service.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The feature test cases were performed manually. Incoming calls were placed to the VDNs on Communication Manager with available agents. Manual call controls from the agent desktops with web-based connection to Contact Center were exercised to verify proper call handling such as transfer and conference.

The serviceability test cases were performed manually by disconnecting and reconnecting the Ethernet connection to the Contact Center server.

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 interoperability compliance test included feature and serviceability testing.

The feature testing focused on verifying the following on Contact Center:

- Handling of JTAPI/TSAPI messages in the areas of event notifications, value queries, and set agent states.
- Use of JTAPI/TSAPI call control services to support call control actions such as answer and transfer from the agent desktops.
- Proper handling of call scenarios involving inbound, outbound, internal, external, ACD, non-ACD, screen pop, drop, hold/resume, multiple calls, multiple agents, conference, transfer, long duration, pending work mode, and reason codes.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of Contact Center to recover from adverse conditions, such as disconnecting/reconnecting the Ethernet connection to the Contact Center server.

2.2. Test Results

All test cases were executed, and the following were observations on Contact Center:

- In general, mixed use of agent desktop and telephone to perform call control actions are supported. For the transfer and conference features, however, all actions need to start and complete from the same source.
- The application does not support TSAPI user credentials that contained the special character semicolon.
- In the conference scenario, after one of the other parties drop from the conference, the conference-from agent desktop will continue to show the Outgoing Conference dialog box until the end of the call.
- Toggling between two calls is not supported by the desktop by design, and the workaround is to use the telephone instead.
- When an active call stayed up at an agent during a brief disruption to the server or desktop LAN connection, the desktop browser window will disappear upon recovery, and the agent needs to log back into Contact Center after manually dropping the active call.
- Upon terminating a personal or internal call, the Wrap Up tab automatic comes to the foreground as in the case with ACD calls.

2.3. Support

Technical support on Contact Center can be obtained through the following:

• **Phone:** (510) 795-7645

• Email: usa@interactcrm.com

3. Reference Configuration

Contact Center can be configured on a single server or with components distributed across multiple servers. The compliance test configuration used a single server configuration, as shown in **Figure 1**.

The detailed administration of basic connectivity between Communication Manager and Application Enablement Services, and of contact center devices are not the focus of these Application Notes and will not be described. The contact center devices used in the compliance testing are shown in the table below.

Device Type	Extension
VDN	60001, 60002
Skill Group	61001, 61002
Supervisor	65000
Agent Station	65001, 66002
Agent ID	65881, 65882
Agent Password	65881, 65882

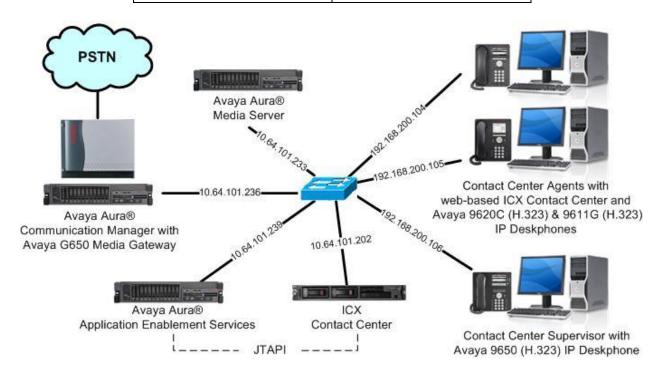


Figure 1: Compliance Testing Configuration

4. Equipment and Software Validated

The following equipment and software were used for the sample configuration provided:

Equipment/Software	Release/Version				
Avaya Aura® Communication Manager in Virtual Environment	7.0.1 (7.0.1.0.0.441.23012)				
Avaya G650 Media Gateway	NA				
Avaya Aura® Media Server in Virtual Environment	7.7.0.334				
Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services in Virtual Environment	7.0.1 (7.0.1.0.1.15)				
Avaya 9620C & 9650 IP Deskphones (H.323)	C & 9650 IP Deskphones (H.323) 3.260A				
Avaya 9611G IP Deskphone (H.323)	G IP Deskphone (H.323) 6.6115				
ICX on Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard • Interaction Manager • Avaya JTAPI Windows Client (ecsjtapia.jar)	3.0.16 (Build 118) NA 6.3.0.3 (Build 46) 6.2.9200				

5. Configure Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

This section provides the procedures for configuring Communication Manager. The procedures include the following areas:

- Verify license
- Administer CTI link
- Administer system parameters features
- Obtain VDN names
- Obtain reason codes

5.1. Verify License

Log in to the System Access Terminal to verify that the Communication Manager license has proper permissions for features illustrated in these Application Notes. Use the "display system-parameters customer-options" command to verify that the **Computer Telephony Adjunct Links** customer option is set to "y" on **Page 4**. If this option is not set to "y", then contact the Avaya sales team or business partner for a proper license file.

```
display system-parameters customer-options
                                                                                        4 of 12
                                       OPTIONAL FEATURES
    Abbreviated Dialing Enhanced List? y
Access Security Gateway (ASG)? n
Analog Trunk Incoming Call ID? y
D Grp/Sys List Dialing Start at 01? y
Wer Supervision by Call Classifier? y

Audible Message Waiting? y
Authorization Codes? y
CAS Branch? n
CAS Main? n
Change COR by FAC? n
A/D Grp/Sys List Dialing Start at 01? y
Answer Supervision by Call Classifier? y
                                                                     Change COR by FAC? n
                                         ARS? y Computer Telephony Adjunct Links? y
                    ARS/AAR Partitioning? y Cvg Of Calls Redirected Off-net? y
                                                      DCS Call Coverage? y
            ARS/AAR Dialing without FAC? n
           ASAI Link Core Capabilities? y
           ASAI Link Plus Capabilities? y
                                                                   DCS with Rerouting? y
       Async. Transfer Mode (ATM) PNC? n
  Async. Transfer Mode (ATM) Trunking? n Digital Loss Plan Modification? y
                ATM WAN Spare Processor? n
                                                                DS1 Echo Cancellation? y
                                        ATMS? y
                      Attendant Vectoring? y
```

5.2. Administer CTI Link

Add a CTI link using the "add cti-link n" command, where "n" is an available CTI link number. Enter an available extension number in the **Extension** field. Note that the CTI link number and extension number may vary. Enter "ADJ-IP" in the **Type** field, and a descriptive name in the **Name** field. Default values may be used in the remaining fields.

```
add cti-link 1

CTI LINK

CTI Link: 1

Extension: 60111

Type: ADJ-IP

COR: 1

Name: AES CTI Link
```

5.3. Administer System Parameters Features

Use the "change system-parameters features" command to enable **Create Universal Call ID** (**UCID**), which is located on **Page 5**. For **UCID Network Node ID**, enter an available node ID.

```
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change system-parameters features
                                                               Page
                       FEATURE-RELATED SYSTEM PARAMETERS
SYSTEM PRINTER PARAMETERS
 Endpoint:
                        Lines Per Page: 60
SYSTEM-WIDE PARAMETERS
                                     Switch Name:
           Emergency Extension Forwarding (min): 10
         Enable Inter-Gateway Alternate Routing? n
Enable Dial Plan Transparency in Survivable Mode? n
                             COR to Use for DPT: station
               EC500 Routing in Survivable Mode: dpt-then-ec500
MALICIOUS CALL TRACE PARAMETERS
              Apply MCT Warning Tone? n MCT Voice Recorder Trunk Group:
     Delay Sending RELease (seconds): 0
SEND ALL CALLS OPTIONS
    Send All Calls Applies to: station
                                          Auto Inspect on Send All Calls? n
             Preserve previous AUX Work button states after deactivation? n
UNIVERSAL CALL ID
    Create Universal Call ID (UCID)? y
                                          UCID Network Node ID: 27
```

Navigate to **Page 13**, and enable **Send UCID to ASAI**. This parameter allows for the universal call ID to be sent to Contact Center.

```
change system-parameters features
                                                               Page 13 of 19
                       FEATURE-RELATED SYSTEM PARAMETERS
CALL CENTER MISCELLANEOUS
          Callr-info Display Timer (sec): 10
                        Clear Callr-info: next-call
       Allow Ringer-off with Auto-Answer? n
   Reporting for PC Non-Predictive Calls? n
           Agent/Caller Disconnect Tones? n
         Interruptible Aux Notification Timer (sec): 3
             Zip Tone Burst for Callmaster Endpoints: double
 ASAI
                   Copy ASAI UUI During Conference/Transfer? y
              Call Classification After Answer Supervision? y
                                          Send UCID to ASAI? y
                For ASAI Send DTMF Tone to Call Originator? y
        Send Connect Event to ASAI For Announcement Answer? n
 Prefer H.323 Over SIP For Dual-Reg Station 3PCC Make Call? n
```

5.4. Obtain VDN Names

Use the "list vdn" command to display a list of pre-configured VDNs. Make a note of the **Name** for each VDNs from **Section 3**, which will be used later to configure Contact Center. In the compliance testing, the two VDNs shown below were used.

list vdn								Page	1
	VECTOR DIRE	ECTOR	Y NUI	MBER	.S				
Name (22 characters)	Ext/Skills	VDN Ovr	COR	TN	Vec PRT	Num	Orig Meas Annc	Evnt Noti Adj	
ICX Sales	60001	n	1	1	V	1	none		
ICX Support	60002	n	1	1	V	2	none		

5.5. Obtain Reason Codes

For contact centers that use reason codes for aux work, enter the "display reason-code-names" command to display the configured reason codes. Make a note of the reason codes for aux work, which will be used later to configure Contact Center.

display reason-code-names				Page	1 of	1	
		R	EASON CODE N	AMES			
		Aux Wo Interrupt		Logout			
Reason Co	de 1:	Meeting	/n				
Reason Co	de 2:	Lunch	/n				
Reason Co	de 3:		/n				
Reason Co	de 4:		/n				
Reason Co	de 5:		/n				
Reason Co	de 6:		/n				
Reason Co	de 7:		/n				
Reason Co	de 8:		/n				
Reason Co	de 9:		/n				
Default Reason	Code:						

6. Configure Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services

This section provides the procedures for configuring Application Enablement Services. The procedures include the following areas:

- Launch OAM interface
- Verify license
- Administer TSAPI link
- Administer ICX user
- Administer security database
- Restart TSAPI service
- Obtain Tlink name

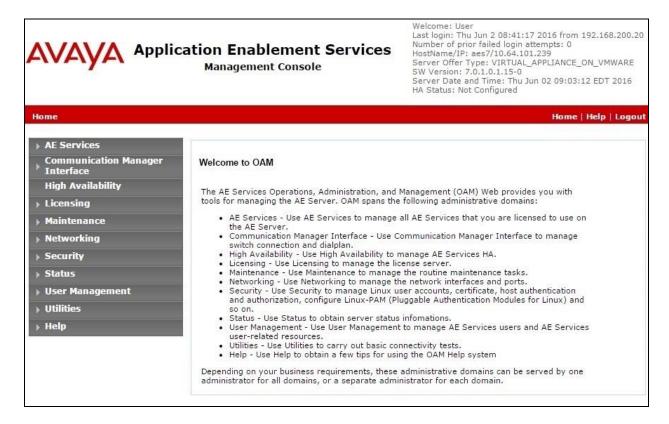
6.1. Launch OAM Interface

Access the OAM web-based interface by using the URL "https://ip-address" in an Internet browser window, where "ip-address" is the IP address of the Application Enablement Services server.

The **Please login here** screen is displayed. Log in using the appropriate credentials.



The **Welcome to OAM** screen is displayed next.



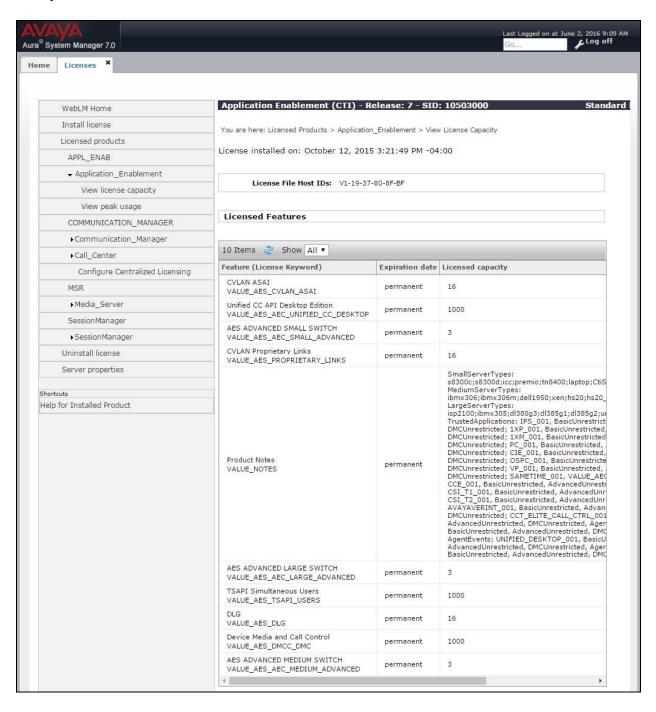
6.2. Verify License

Select **Licensing WebLM Server Access** in the left pane, to display the applicable WebLM server log in screen (not shown). Log in using the appropriate credentials, and navigate to display installed licenses (not shown).



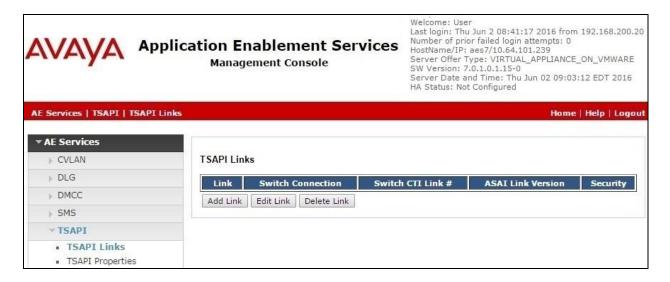
Select Licensed products \rightarrow APPL_ENAB \rightarrow Application_Enablement in the left pane, to display the Application Enablement (CTI) screen in the right pane.

Verify that there are sufficient licenses for **TSAPI Simultaneous Users**, as shown below.



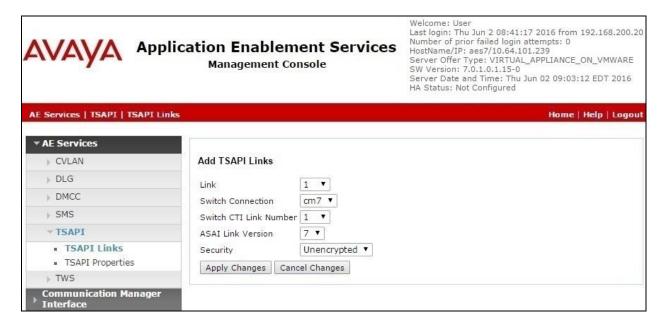
6.3. Administer TSAPI Link

Select **AE Services** → **TSAPI** → **TSAPI Links** from the left pane of the **Management Console**, to administer a TSAPI link. The **TSAPI Links** screen is displayed, as shown below. Click **Add Link**.



The **Add TSAPI Links** screen is displayed next.

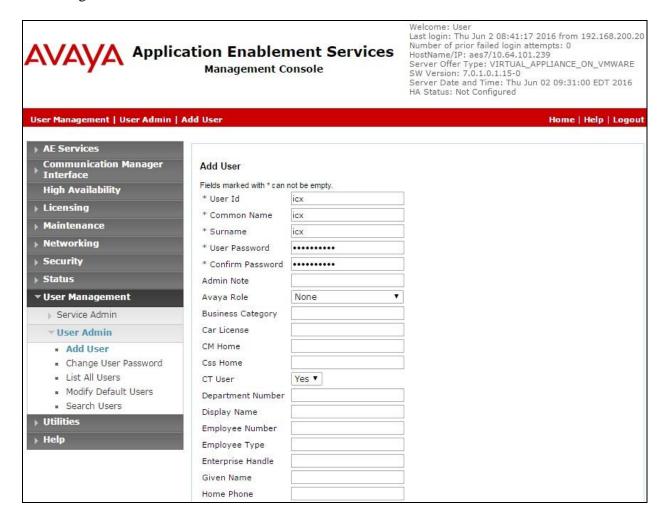
The **Link** field is only local to the Application Enablement Services server, and may be set to any available number. For **Switch Connection**, select the relevant switch connection from the drop-down list. In this case, the existing switch connection "cm7" is selected. For **Switch CTI Link Number**, select the CTI link number from **Section 5.2**. Retain the default values in the remaining fields.



6.4. Administer ICX User

Select User Management → User Admin → Add User from the left pane, to display the Add User screen in the right pane.

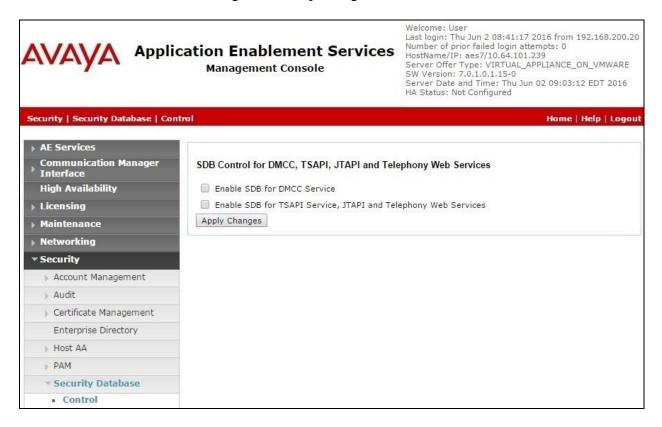
Enter desired values for **User Id**, **Common Name**, **Surname**, **User Password**, and **Confirm Password**. For **CT User**, select "Yes" from the drop-down list. Retain the default value in the remaining fields.



6.5. Administer Security Database

Select Security → Security Database → Control from the left pane, to display the SDB Control for DMCC, TSAPI, JTAPI and Telephony Web Services screen in the right pane. Make certain Enable SDB for TSAPI Service, JTAPI and Telephony Web Services is unchecked, as shown below.

In the event that the security database is used by the customer with parameter already enabled, then follow reference [2] to configure access privileges for the ICX user from **Section 6.4**.



6.6. Restart TSAPI Service

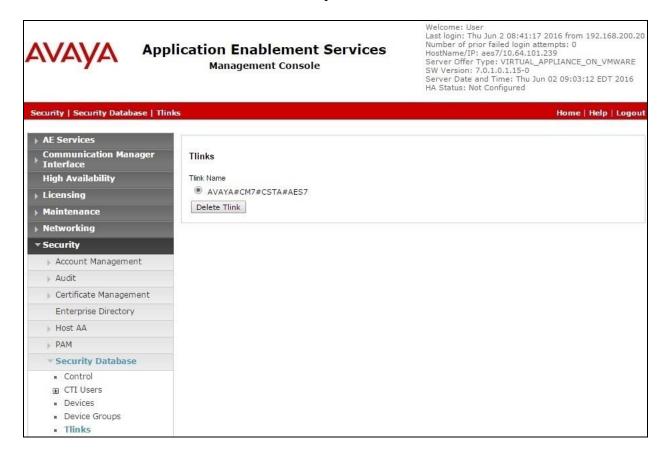
Select Maintenance \rightarrow Service Controller from the left pane, to display the Service Controller screen in the right pane. Check TSAPI Service, and click Restart Service.



6.7. Obtain Tlink Name

Select Security Security Database Tlinks from the left pane. The Tlinks screen shows a listing of the Tlink names. A new Tlink name is automatically generated for the TSAPI service. Locate the Tlink name associated with the relevant switch connection, which would use the name of the switch connection as part of the Tlink name. Make a note of the associated Tlink name, to be used later for configuring Contact Center.

In this case, the associated Tlink name is "AVAYA#CM7#CSTA#AES7". Note the use of the switch connection "CM7" from **Section 6.3** as part of the Tlink name.



7. Configure ICX Contact Center

This section provides the procedures for configuring Contact Center. The procedures include the following areas:

- Launch web interface
- Administer server
- Administer agents
- Administer queues
- Administer aux codes

The configuration of Contact Center is performed by Interactorm implementation specialists. The procedural steps are presented in these Application Notes for informational purposes.

7.1. Launch Web Interface

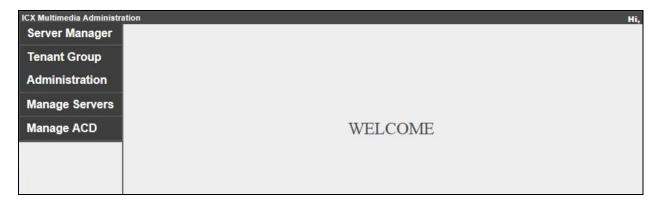
Launch the web interface by using the URL "http://ip-address:15050/ContactCenterManager" in an Internet Explorer browser window, where "ip-address" is the IP address of the ICX server running the Contact Center Manager component.

The **ThinConnect Contact Center Manager** screen below is displayed. Log in using the appropriate credentials.

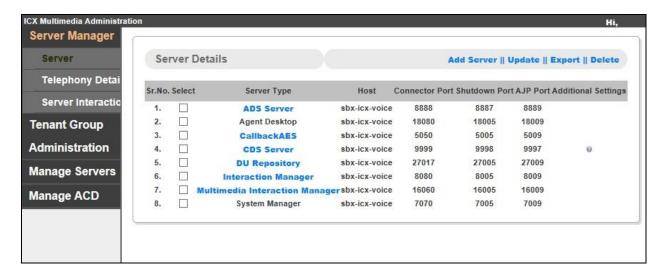


7.2. Administer Server

The WELCOME screen below is displayed



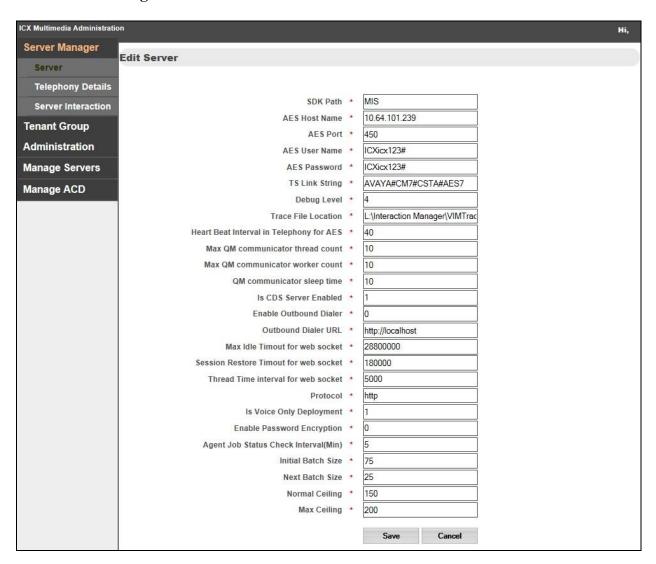
Select **Server Manager** → **Server** from the left pane, to display the **Server Details** screen. Click on the **Interaction Manager** entry.



The **Edit Server** screen is displayed. Enter the following values for the specified fields, and retain the default values for the remaining fields.

AES Host Name: IP address of Application Enablement Services.
 AES User Name: The ICX user credentials from Section 6.4.
 AES Password: The ICX user credentials from Section 6.4.

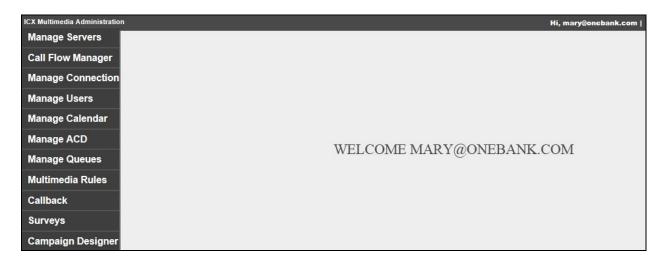
• TS Link String: The Tlink name from Section 6.7.



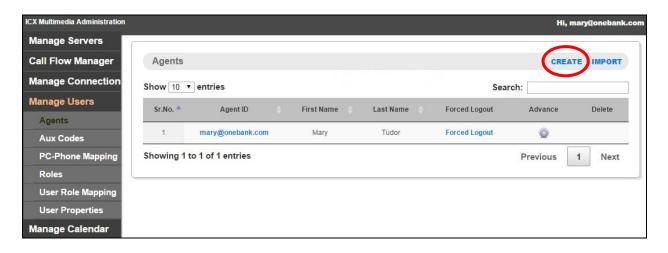
7.3. Administer Agents

Follow reference [3] to create a tenant group and an administrative user for the tenant group.

Use the procedures in **Section 7.1** to launch the web interface, and log in using an administrative account, in this case mary@onebank.com.



Select Manage Users → Agents from the left pane, to display the Agents screen. Click on CREATE.

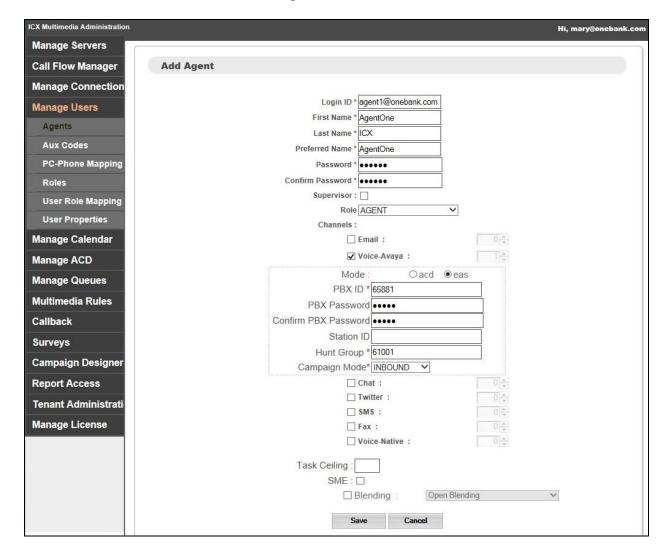


The Add Agent screen is displayed. Enter desired values for Login ID, First Name, Last Name, Preferred Name, Password, and Confirm Password.

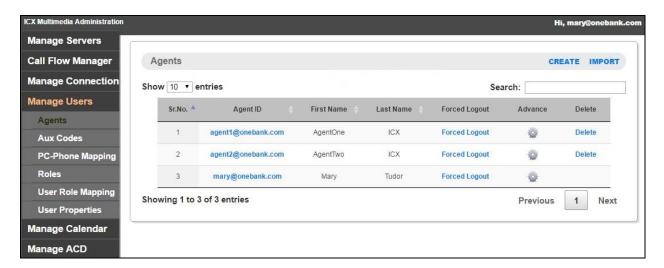
For Role, select AGENT. For Channels, check Voice-Avaya.

For **PBX ID**, **PBX Password**, and **Confirm PBX Password**, enter the first agent ID and agent password from **Section 3**. For **Hunt Group**, enter the first skill group extension that the agent belongs to from **Section 3**.

Retain the default values for the remaining fields.

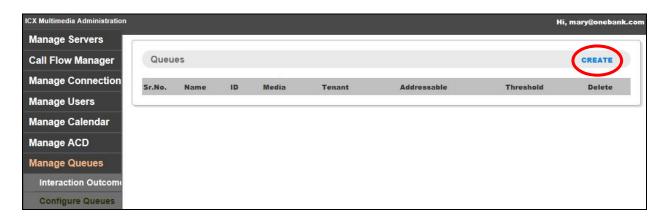


Repeat this section to add an agent for every agent in **Section 3**. In the compliance testing, two agents were created, as shown below.



7.4. Administer Queues

Select Manage Queues \rightarrow Configure Queues from the left pane, to display the Queues screen. Click on CREATE.



The **Add Queue** screen is displayed. Enter the following values for the specified fields, and retain the default values for the remaining fields.

• Media Type: "Voice-Avaya"

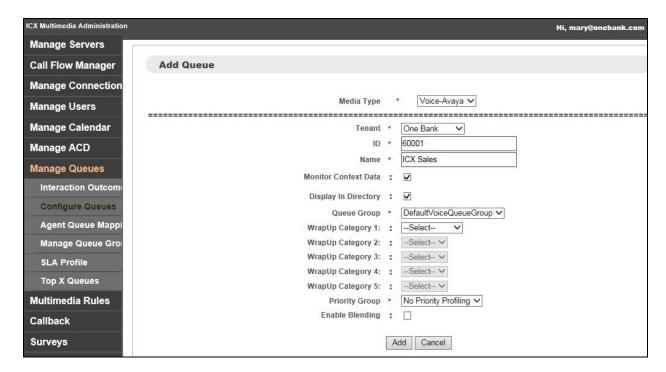
• **Tenant:** Select the applicable tenant, in this case "One Bank".

• **ID:** The first VDN extension from **Section 3**.

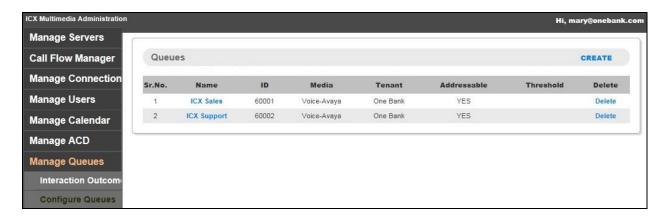
• Name: The corresponding VDN name from Section 5.4.

Monitor Context Data: Check this field.
Display In Directory: Check this field.

• Queue Group: "DefaultVoiceQueueGroup"



Repeat this section to add a queue for each VDN in **Section 3**. In the compliance testing, two queues were created, as shown below.



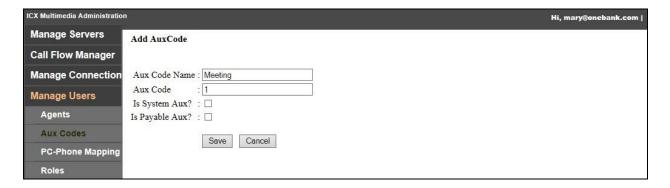
7.5. Administer Aux Codes

Select Manage Users \rightarrow Aux Codes from the left pane, to display the Manage Aux Codes screen. Click on Create.

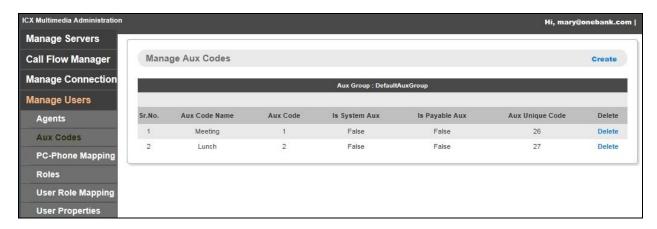


The **Add AuxCode** screen is displayed. Enter the following values for the specified fields, and retain the default values for the remaining fields.

- Aux Code Name: The first aux work reason code name in Section 5.5.
- **Tenant:** The first aux work reason code number in **Section 5.5**.



Repeat this section to create an aux code for each aux work reason code in **Section 5.5**. In the compliance testing, two aux codes were created, as shown below. Note that the **Aux Unique Code** values were automatically generated by ICX.



8. Verification Steps

This section provides the tests that can be performed to verify proper configuration of Communication Manager, Application Enablement Services, and Contact Center.

8.1. Verify Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

On Communication Manager, verify the status of the administered CTI link by using the "status aesvcs cti-link" command. Verify that the **Service State** is "established" for the CTI link number administered in **Section 5.2**, as shown below.

statu	s aesvcs	cti-li	nk				
			AE SERVICES	CTI LINK STAT	rus		
CTI Link	Version	Mnt Busy	AE Services Server	Service State	Msgs Sent	Msgs Rcvd	
1	7	no	aes7	established	6	8	

8.2. Verify Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services

On Application Enablement Services, verify the status of the TSAPI link by selecting **Status Status and Control TSAPI Service Summary** from the left pane (not shown below). The **TSAPI Link Details** screen is displayed.

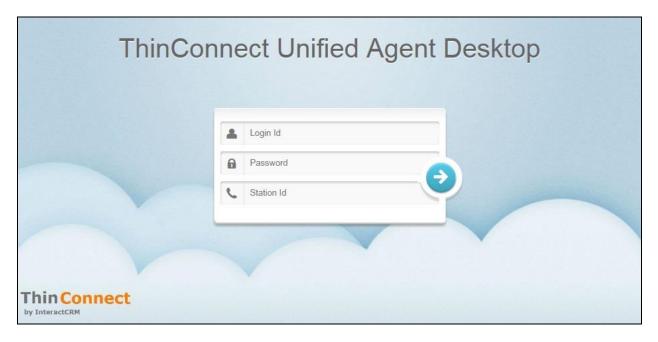
Verify the **Status** is "Talking" for the TSAPI link administered in **Section 6.3**, and that the **Associations** column reflects the number of agents from **Section 3** that are currently logged into Contact Center and therefore monitored, in this case "2".



8.3. Verify ICX Contact Center

From the agent PC, launch the Internet Explorer browser and enter the URL"http://ip-address:18080/AgentDesktop/html/AgentDesktop.jsp", where "ip-address" is the IP address of the ICX server running the Interaction Manager component.

The **ThinConnect Unified Agent Desktop** screen is displayed. For **Login Id** and **Password**, enter the relevant user credentials from **Section 7.3**. For **Station Id**, enter the applicable agent station extension from **Section 3**.



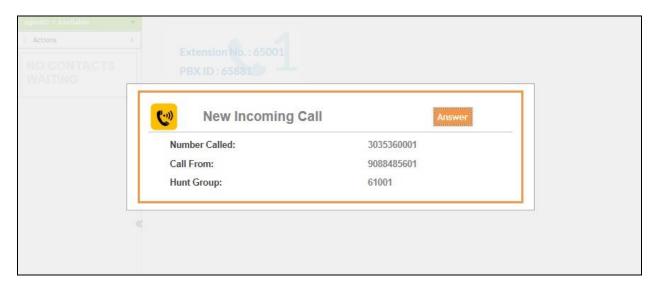
The screen below is displayed next. In the left pane, click on the **AgentO>Aux on Login** drop-down list and select **Become Available**.



The left pane is updated, showing the agent in the **Available** mode, as shown below.



Make an incoming ACD call. Verify that the screen of the available agent is updated to reflect **New Incoming Call**, along with proper call information, as shown below. Click **Answer**.



Verify that the agent is connected to the PSTN caller with two-way talk paths, and that the screen is updated to reflect call **In Progress** in the left pane, as shown below.



9. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for ICX Contact Center to successfully interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services. All feature and serviceability test cases were completed with an observation noted in **Section 2.2**.

10. Additional References

This section references the product documentation relevant to these Application Notes.

- **1.** *Administering Avaya Aura*® *Communication Manager*, Release 7.0, Issue 1, August 2015, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **2.** Administering and Maintaining Aura® Application Enablement Services, Release 7.0, Issue 1, August 2015, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **3.** *Interactorm Customer Experience Platform Voice Installation Manual*, ICX Version 3.0.16, available upon request to InteractormSupport.

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