

Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for Carina Recorder R6.5 with Avaya IP Office R11.1 – Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps for Carina Recorder R6.5 with Avaya IP Office R11.1 by sniffing a dedicated network span port. Carina Recorder is a voice recording solution which can be used to record voice streams for Avaya telephony.

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

The purpose of this document is to describe the compliance testing carried out using sniffing method on Carina Recorder solution with Avaya IP Office. It includes a description of the configuration of both the Avaya and the Carina solutions, a description of the tests that were performed and a summary of the results of those tests.

Carina Recorder used the Telephony Application Programming Interface (TAPI) from Avaya IP Office to monitor agent users and used the port mirroring method to capture media associated with the monitored users for call recording. The TAPI link will then notify the Carina whenever the monitored extensions have initiated or received a call, the call is on hold or transferred or the call has been terminated.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The feature test cases were performed manually. Each call was placed and handled manually from the agent phones with generation of unique audio content for the recordings. Necessary user actions such as hold and resume were performed from the agent phones to test various call scenarios.

The serviceability test cases were performed manually by disconnecting/reconnecting the Ethernet connection to Carina server.

The verification of tests included use of the Carina logs for proper message exchanges and use of the Carina web playback interface for proper logging and playback of calls.

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Support for these security and encryption capabilities in any non-Avaya solution component is the responsibility of each individual vendor. Readers should consult the appropriate vendor-supplied product documentation for more information regarding those products.

For the testing associated with these Application Notes, the interface between Avaya systems and Carina did not include use of any specific encryption features as requested by ComputerTel (subsidiary of Fournet).

2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance test included both feature functionality and serviceability testing.

The feature functionality testing focused on verifying the following on Carina:

- Handling of TAPI events.
- Proper recording, logging, and playback of calls for scenarios involving inbound, outbound, internal, external, group calls, local hot desking, hold, resume, transfer, conference, multiple calls, multiple agents, long duration, call park/unpark, call forwarding, shuffling, mute/unmute, G.711 Alaw and G.729.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of Carina recorder server to recover from LAN disconnection and reconnection.

2.2. Test Results

All test cases were executed and verified. The following are observations on Carina from the compliance testing.

- 1. Inbound PSTN call with attended conference with one agent and non-monitored supervisor was not recording after the call is conferenced. This was subsequently fixed with patches of Carina software.
- 2. There are no call recordings between PSTN to Agent-1 after Agent-2 drops off from conference (blind or attended) for inbound PSTN call. This was fixed subsequently with patches of Carina software.
- 3. Agent using Hot-Desking from another IP Phone whose port is supposed to be recorded is not showing any call recordings. This was corrected with configuration changes.

2.3. Support

Technical support on Carina Recorder can be obtained through the following:

Phone: +44 (0) 1474 565749

Email: engineering@computertel.co.uk

Web: https://computertel.co.uk/

^{*}For additional details of the patches, contact Carina support as shown in **Section 2.3**.

3. Reference Configuration

As shown in **Figure 1**, the RTP stream for agents with H.323 IP Deskphones were mirrored from the layer 2 switch and replicated over to the local Carina server.

The detailed administration of call center devices is not the focus of these Application Notes and will not be described. In addition, the port mirroring of the layer 2 switches is also outside the scope of these Application Notes and will not be described.

In the compliance testing, Carina monitored the local phone extensions used by the agents.

Device Type	Extension
Phone Extensions	301, 302, 306
Agent Users	301, 302
Supervisor	306

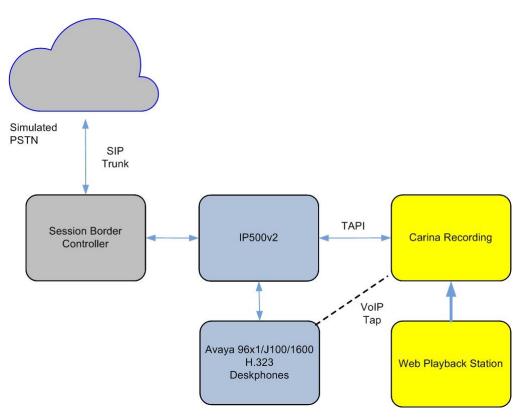


Figure 1: Carina Recorder Server Configuration with Avaya IP Office

4. Equipment and Software Validated

The following equipment and software were used for the sample configuration as shown in **Figure 1**.

Equipment/Software	Release/Version
IP Office 500 V2	11.1
Carina Recorder	6.5
Carina Web Playback	3.5
Avaya 9621G (H.323)	9.8511
Avaya J179 IP Deskphone (H.323)	9.8511
Avaya 1608-I IP Deskphone (H.323)	1.312

Note: Compliance Testing is applicable when the tested solution is deployed with a standalone IP Office 500 V2 only.

5. Configure Avaya IP Office

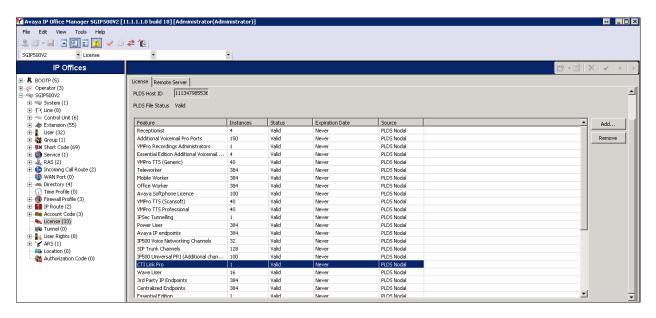
This section provides the procedures for configuring the IP Office systems. The procedures include the following area:

- Verify licenses
- Administer extensions
- · Administer security settings
- Create new Service User for TAPI
- Obtain phone IP address

5.1. Verify Licenses

From a PC running the IP Office Manager application, select **Start** \rightarrow **All Programs** \rightarrow **IP Office** \rightarrow **Manager** to launch the application. Select the proper IP Office system, and log in using the appropriate credentials. The **Avaya IP Office Manager** screen is displayed.

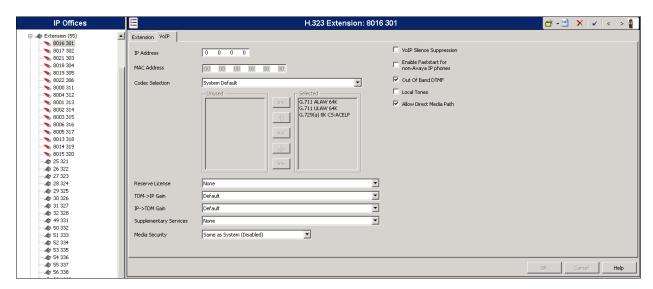
From the configuration tree in the left pane, select **License** under the IP Office system, in this case "SGIP500V2", and a list of licenses is displayed in the right pane. Verify that there is a license for **CTI Link Pro**, and with license **Status** being "Valid", as shown below.



5.2. Administer Extensions

From the configuration tree in the left pane, under **Extension**, select the first extension under the IP Office system from **Section 3** that will be used by agents, in this case "301". Select the **VoIP** tab. For **Media Security**, select "Disabled" as shown below.

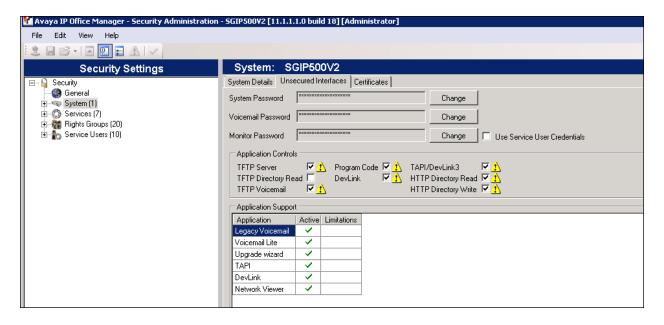
Repeat this section to disable media security for all extensions that be used by agents and supervisor. In the compliance testing, three extensions on IP Office system from **Section 3** were configured.



5.3. Administer Security Settings

From the configuration tree in the left pane, select the IP Office system, followed by **File Advanced Security Settings** from the top menu.

The Avaya IP Office Manager – Security Administration screen is displayed. Select Security → System to display the System screen in the right pane. Select the Unsecured Interfaces tab, and check TAPI/DevLink3 as shown below.

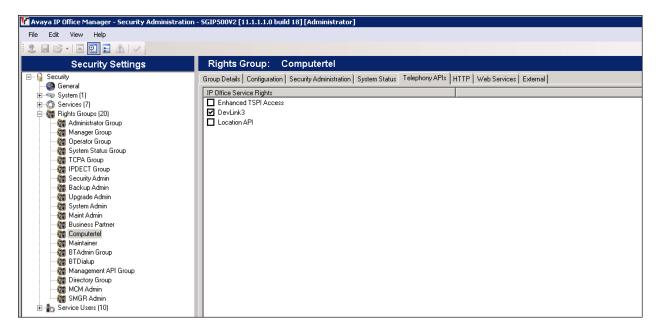


5.4. Create new Service User for TAPI

Continue from previous screen, select Security → Rights Groups and right click New. Enter appropriate Group Name.



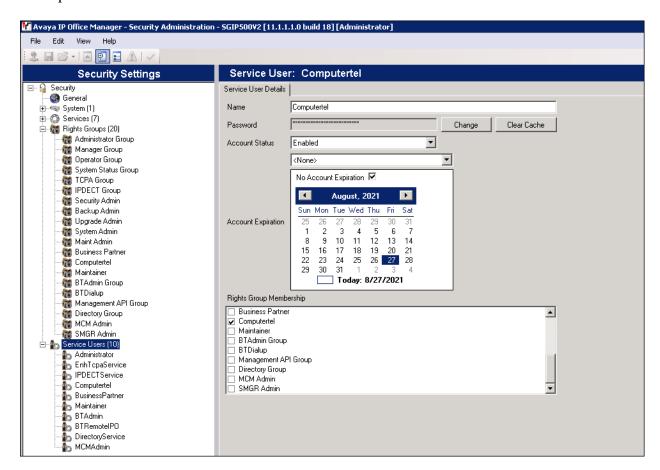
Here **Computertel** Rights Groups is created as below. Click on **Telephony APIs** tab on the right pane. Check **DevLink3**.



Next, select Security → Service Users and right click New. Enter appropriate New User Name, New User Password and Re-enter New User Password.

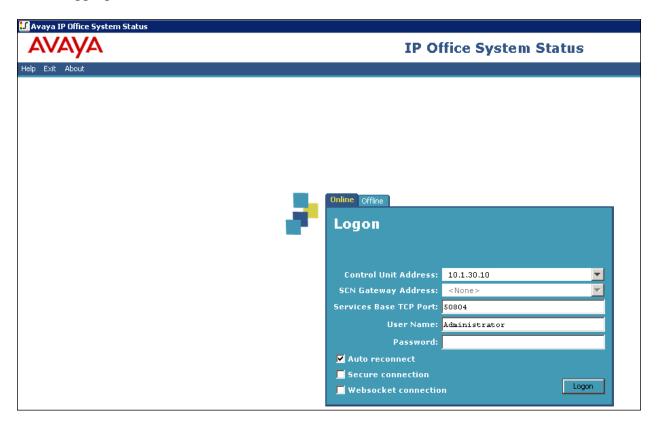


Under the **Rights Group Membership**, ensure the **Rights Groups** created previously, "Computertel" is checked.

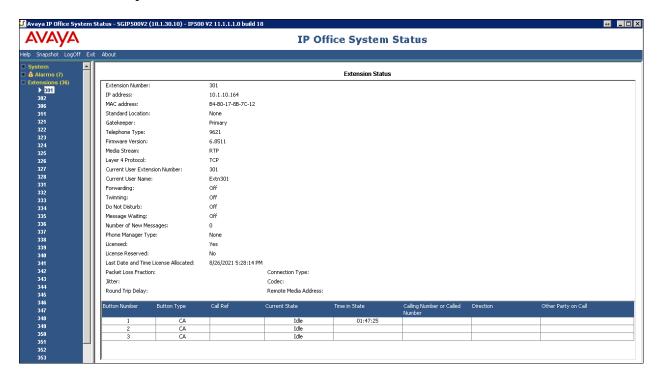


5.5. Obtain Phone IP Address

From a PC running the IP Office System Status application, select $Start \rightarrow All \ Programs \rightarrow IP$ Office $\rightarrow System \ Status$ to launch the application and connect to the IP Office system. Log in with an appropriate credentials.



The Avaya IP Office System Status screen is displayed, as shown below. Select Extensions \rightarrow 301 from the side pane.



Make a note of the IP addresses associated with each phone extension used by agents and Supervisor on the IP Office system from **Section 3**, which will be used later to configure Carina.

6. Configuration of Carina Recorder

The configuration of Carina is typically performed by ComputerTel installation technicians. The procedural steps are presented in these Application Notes for informational purposes.

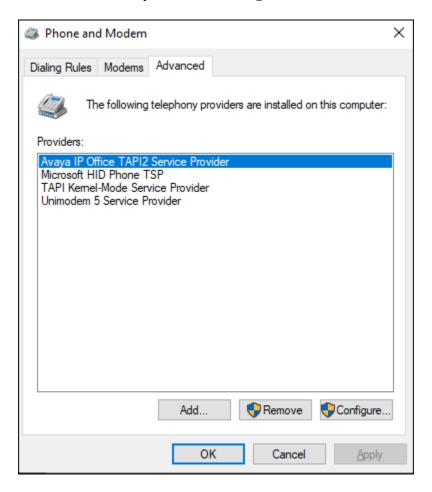
This section provides procedures for the following on configurating Carina Recorder server. The procedures include the following:

- Administer TAPI driver
- Launch Carina Web Playback
- Verify the server configuration
- Verify stations, agents and hunt groups extensions administered

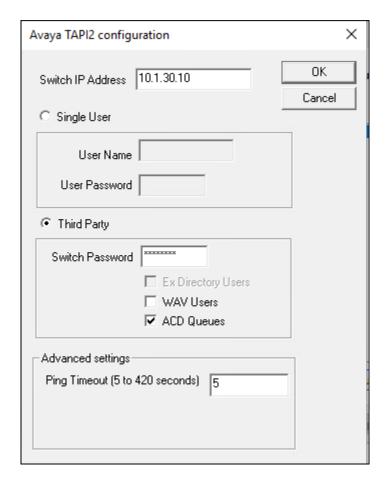
6.1. Administer TAPI driver

From the Carina server, select **Start > Control Panel**, and click on the **Phone and Modem** icon (not shown).

In the displayed **Phone and Modem** screen, select the **Advanced** tab. Select the **Avaya IP Office TAPI2 Service Provider** entry and click **Configure**.

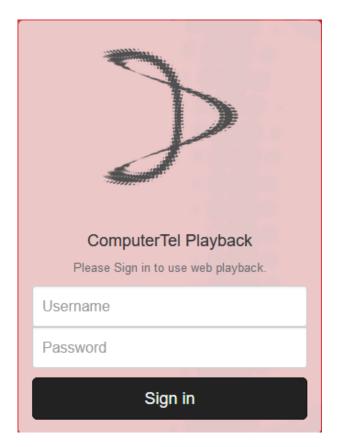


The **Avaya TAPI2 configuration** screen is displayed in the screenshot below. For **Switch IP Address**, enter the IP address of the IP Office system. Select the radio button for **Third Party** and **ACD Queues** enter the ComputerTel password of the IP Office system provisioned in IP Office **Section 5.4** into the **Switch Password** field. Reboot the Carina server.



6.2. Launch Carina Web Playback

The web interface is used to configure the extensions. Use https://<server IP>/webav3/login.html to access the ComputerTel Playback Sign In screen as shown below. Log in with an appropriate credentials.



The following screen is displayed with the **Playback** tab selected as default.

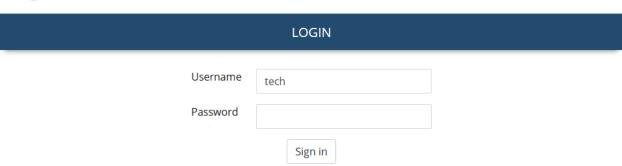


6.3. Launch the Carina Web Configurator

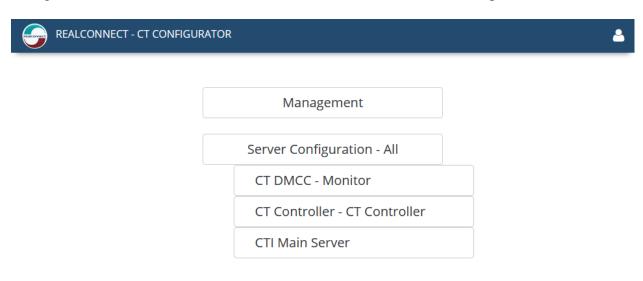
The web interface is a GUI that can be used as an alternative to editing the configuration files of the Main Server and Recording Controller manually. Use **https://<server**

IP>:8084/ct_web/app/ctconfigurator/login.html to access the Carina **CT Config Login screen** as shown below. Login with the appropriate credentials.





The CT Configurator screen shown below is loaded and the user can select to edit the configuration of the **CT Controller** or **CTI Main Server** from the menu options as shown.



6.4. Verify the Server Configuration

6.4.1. Main Server Configuration

The Main Server connects to the TAPI Driver to receive TAPI events.

Locate the configuration file "Config.cfg" at "C:\Program Files (x86)\RealConnect\CT Main Server IP Office\" on the Windows server. Verify the parameters below:

Under **CTI**:

• **ServerIP** – IP address of the server running the TAPI Driver, i.e., 127.0.0.1.

[CTI]
ServerIP=127.0.0.1
ServerPort=8800
CTIMode=CTI_TAPI_F
CTISimulateTrunks=YES

The Carina Configurator can also be used to set the same settings in **CTI Main Server > General** below.



6.4.2. H.323 Protocol Processor

The H323 Protocol Processor decodes the spanned H323 messages for hot desking events.

Locate the configuration file "Voip.ini" at "C:\Program Files (x86)\RealConnect\HDVoIPProcessor" on the Windows server.

Under **H323**:

- UseIP Set to "YES" to report IP Addresses instead of MAC addresses of the extensions
- **Ip** IP Address of the SWITCH IP Address i.e., 10.1.30.10.
- **Port** H.323 protocol port as default.
- UseInfoLevel Sets the decoding mode for IP Office H.323 extensions

[H323] UseIP=YES ip=10.1.30.10 port=1720 UseInfoLevel=2

6.4.3. Recording Controller Configuration

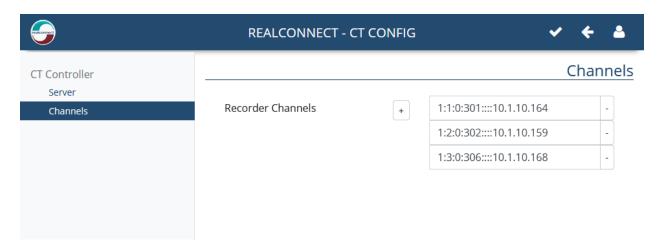
The Recording Controller receives the processed TAPI events from the Main Server and the H323 events from the H323 Protocol Processor and controls and tags recordings accordingly.

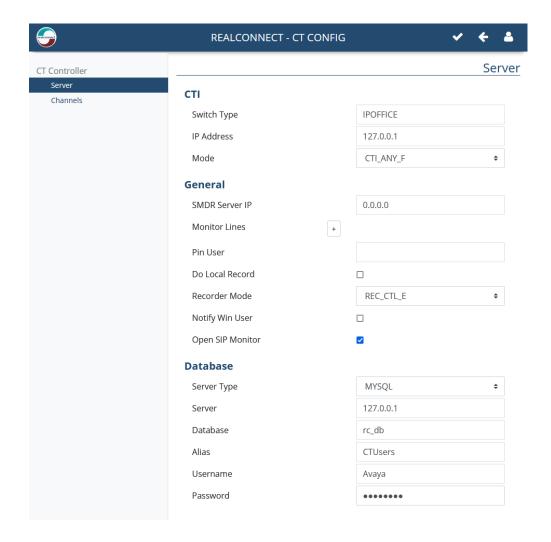
Locate the configuration file "Configp_newController.cfg" at "C:\Program Files (x86)\RealConnect\CT RCController IP Office\" on the Windows server. Under **CHANNEL MAPPING TO TRUNKS**, note the extensions and IP address entered below.

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; CHANNEL MAPPING TO TRUNKS
;
; Format is RecorderID:RecChannel:PABXTrunk:Extension:USER:SMDRTrunk:DefaultMacAddress:DefaultIPAddress
;

RecorderChannel=1:1:0:301::::10.1.10.164
RecorderChannel=1:2:0:302::::10.1.10.159
RecorderChannel=1:3:0:306::::10.1.10.168
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The Carina Configurator can also be used to change the channel mapping to trunks as described in CT Controller → Channels below.

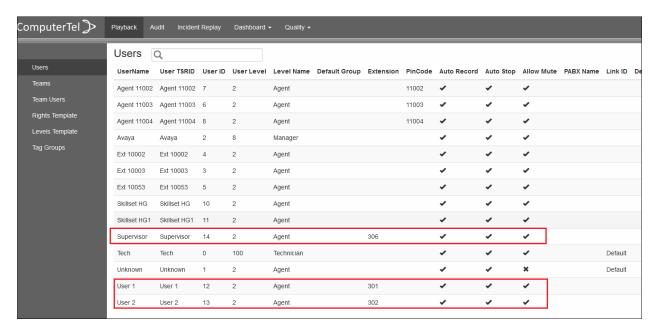




6.5. Verify the Agents and Supervisor Extensions

From **Section 6.2** web playback screen, click on the **Settings** cog wheel on the top right corner. It shows the agents and supervisor extensions in **Section 3** that are administered for monitoring.

Configurations of these extensions on Carina Recorder will not be detailed here and can be found in the reference [2].



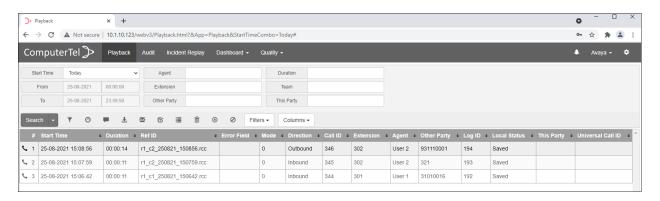
7. Verification Steps

The following steps can be performed to verify the basic operation of the system components. Make an inbound call to one of the recorded stations.

Complete a call from the PSTN to a distributed group with answering agent user on the IP Office system. From the Carina web playback interface, select the **Playback** tab from the top menu and enter the **Start Time**, **From** and **To** parameters to begin search.

In the record #3 below, verify that there is an entry in the pane below reflecting the incoming PSTN call, with proper values in the relevant fields. In this case, **Extension** contained the agent user number "302", and **Other Party** contained the PSTN number "31010016" used by the answering agent on the IP Office system.

Repeat to check the outbound and internal call with the records similar to display #1 and #2 below.



8. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for the Carina Recorder R6.5 to successfully interoperate with Avaya IP Office R11.1. All feature and serviceability test cases were completed with observations noted in **Section 2.2**.

9. Additional References

Product documentation for Avaya products may be found at http://support.avaya.com
[1] Administering Avaya IP Office TM Platform with Manager, Release 11.1.1, Issue 28.1.1, June 2021.

Product documentation for Carina recorder can be obtained from ComputerTel from information provide in **Section 2.3**.

[2] Carina User Manual for version 6.5.0.3.

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