

Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for BBX Technologies Vuesion Multimedia Contact Center with Avaya IP Office 9.0 – Issue 1.0

Abstract

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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

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The SIP User interface was used by Vuesion to register virtual SIP users and to route incoming calls via an available SIP user in a group to Vuesion, and to provide announcements where applicable. The TAPI 2 in third party mode was used by Vuesion to monitor and control the virtual SIP and physical agent and supervisor users, and to provide screen pop and call control via the agent and supervisor desktops. The DevLink interface was used by Vuesion to obtain real-time call events for call reporting purposes.

The Vuesion solution consisted of the Vuesion server, Vuesion Client, and the Vuesion Reports client application.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The feature test cases were performed both automatically and manually. Upon start of the Vuesion application, the application automatically registered the virtual SIP users to IP Office.

For the manual part of the testing, incoming calls were made to the main routing group. The Vuesion server used the TAPI event messages to track agent states, and redirected calls to available agents. Manual call controls from both the agent desktops and agent telephones were exercised to verify remaining features such as answering and transferring of calls.

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

The verification of tests included use of Vuesion server trace for proper message exchanges, and use of Vuesion Client application for proper call controls. A sanity test of Vuesion Reports was performed to verify proper reporting of basic calls in the Call Detail Activity report.

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 Vuesion:

- Proper registration of virtual SIP users.
- Use of TAPI functions to monitor users and groups, route incoming calls, support call control via agent desktops, and set call forwarding.
- Proper handling of call scenarios including incoming calls to the main group, answer, hold/reconnect, drop, blind/attended transfer, blind/attended conference, queue, park/unpark, call forwarding, supervisor monitor, outgoing call, multiple agents, and simultaneous calls.
- Use of real-time DevLink events for proper reporting of calls.
- Proper reporting of basic call scenarios including incoming calls to the main group, hold/reconnect, blind/attended transfer, blind/attended conference, and outgoing call.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of Vuesion to recover from adverse conditions, such as disconnecting and reconnecting the Ethernet connection to the Vuesion server and to the Vuesion Client.

2.2. Test Results

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

- This release does not support conference actions from the Vuesion Client application. In the compliance testing, all conference actions were initiated from the agent telephones.
- In the conference scenarios, the conference-from agent desktop showed two call entries, and continued to show the same two entries even after the PSTN has dropped from the conference.
- In a blind conference scenario involving a non-Vuesion user, after the conference-from agent released the call using the desktop, the remaining connection between the PSTN and the conference-to destination was dropped by the application. Blind conference is not a high runner scenario for contact centers, and the workaround is to use attended conference.
- In the outgoing trunk scenario, agent desktop displayed CONNECTED before the call was answered at the PSTN.
- In the case of a client having an active call that stayed up during an Ethernet disruption, upon recovery a dialog box popped up indicating extension in use, and the client application automatically exited after user clicked on Ok in the dialog box.
- Input of DTMF for voicemail and authorization codes is not supported from Vuesion Client, and therefore needs to be entered from the agent telephone.

Below were observations on Vuesion Reports from the compliance testing:

- When agent performed blind transfer by clicking on the icon associated with the transfer-to agent, Call Detail Activity included two identical entries with call type of Start Hold.
- For an attended transfer scenario involving two agents, Call Detail Activity included an entry for the transfer-from agent with call type of Start Hold, and an entry for the transfer-to agent with call type of Unhold.
- For an attended transfer to a non-Vuesion monitored destination, Call Detail Activity did not reflect the transfer-to destination in the reported entries.
- For conference scenarios involving two agents, when the PSTN is the first party to drop from the conference followed by the conference-from agent, none of the reported entries in Call Detail Activity reflected conference-to agent being a party of the conference.
- For outgoing trunk calls involving authorization codes, the Dialed Number parameter in the Call Detail Activity contained blank.

2.3. Support

Technical support on Vuesion can be obtained through the following:

Phone: (800) 930-4229, option 4
Email: bbxservice@bbxtech.com
Web: www.bbxtech.com

3. Reference Configuration

The configuration used for the compliance testing is shown below.

The detailed administration of general contact center devices such agent and supervisor users are assumed to be in place, and are not covered in these Application Notes.

In the compliance testing, the Vuesion Reports application was running on the supervisor PC, and the Vuesion Client application was running on the supervisor and agent desktops.

Device Type	Extension
Supervisor User	20035
Agent Users	20031, 20032

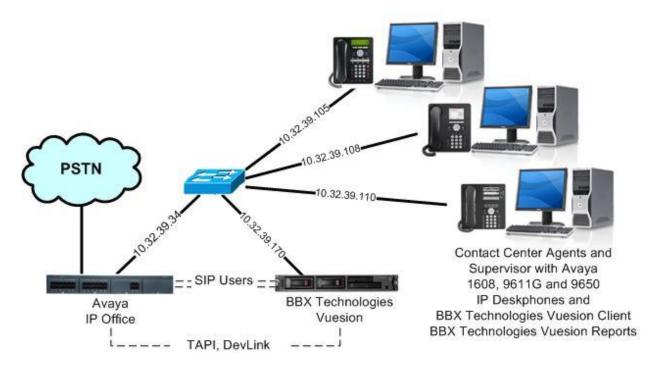


Figure 1: Compliance Testing Configuration

4. Equipment and Software Validated

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

Equipment/Software	Release/Version
Avaya IP Office on IP500V2	9.0 SP1 (9.0.100.845)
Avaya 1616 IP Deskphone (H.323)	1.343A
Avaya 9611G IP Deskphone (H.323)	6.3037
Avaya 9650 IP Deskphone (H.323)	3.212A
BBX Technologies Vuesion on Windows 2012 R2 Standard	V9.0
Avaya DevLink (devlink.dll)Avaya IP Office TAPI2 Driver (tspi2w_64)	1.0.0.5 3.2.29
BBX Technologies Vuesion Client	V9.0
BBX Technologies Vuesion Reports	V8.3

Testing was performed with IP Office 500 V2 R9.0, but it also applies to IP Office Server Edition R9.0. Note that IP Office Server Edition requires an Expansion IP Office 500 V2 R9.0 to support analog or digital endpoints or trunks. IP Office Server Edition does not support TAPI Wave or Group Voicemail.

5. Configure Avaya IP Office

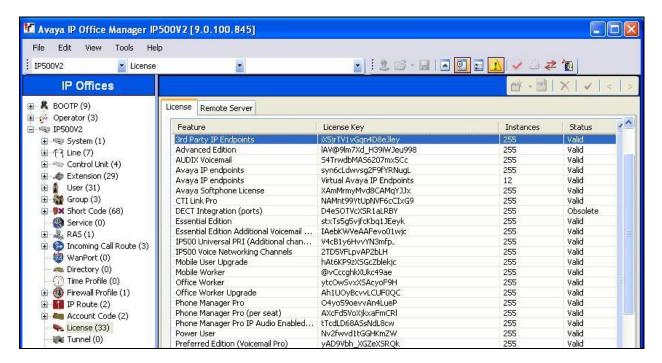
This section provides the procedures for configuring IP Office. The procedures include the following areas:

- Verify license
- Obtain LAN IP address
- Administer SIP Registrar
- Administer SIP extensions
- Administer SIP users
- Administer groups
- Administer agents and supervisors
- Administer incoming call route

5.1. Verify License

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 with the appropriate credentials.

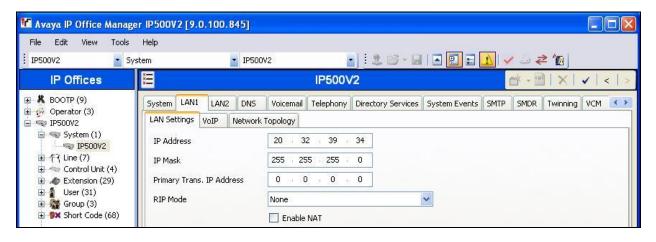
The **Avaya IP Office Manager** screen is displayed. From the configuration tree in the left pane, select **License** to display the licenses in the right pane. Verify that the **License Status** for 3rd **Party IP Endpoints** and **CTI Link Pro** are "Valid", as shown below.



5.2. Obtain LAN IP Address

From the configuration tree in the left pane, select **System** to display the **IP500V2** screen in the right pane. Select the **LAN1** tab, followed by the **LAN Settings** sub-tab in the right pane.

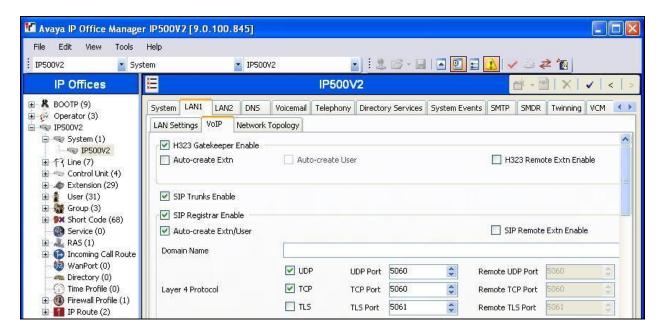
Make a note of the **IP Address**, which will be used later to configure Vuesion. Note that IP Office can support SIP on the LAN1 and/or LAN2 interfaces, and the compliance testing used the LAN1 interface.



5.3. Administer SIP Registrar

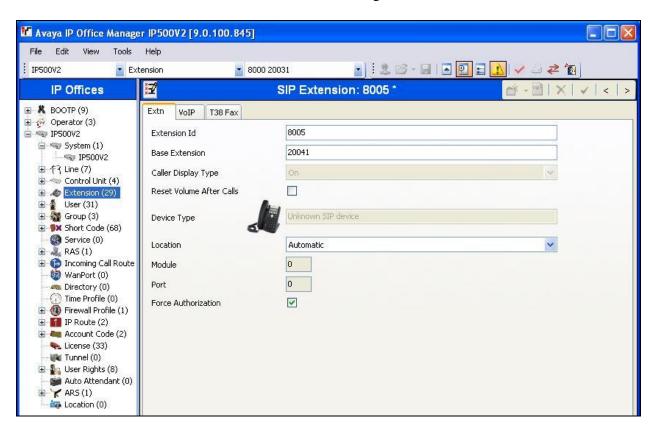
Select the **VoIP** sub-tab. Make certain that **SIP Registrar Enable** is checked. A **Domain Name** can be entered for SIP endpoints to use for registration with IP Office.

In the compliance testing, the **Domain Name** was left blank, so the LAN IP address was used for registration.



5.4. Administer SIP Extensions

From the configuration tree in the left pane, right-click on **Extension**, and select **New > SIP Extension** from the pop-up list to add a new SIP extension. Enter the desired digits for **Base Extension**, and retain the default values in the remaining fields.



Select the **VoIP** tab. Enter the following values for the specified fields, and retain the default values for the remaining fields.

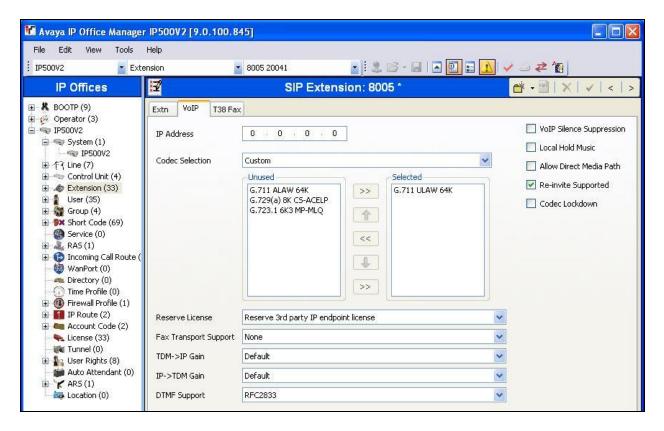
• Codec Selection: "Custom"

• **Selected:** Retain only the applicable G.711 codec variation.

• Allow Direct Media Path: Uncheck this field.

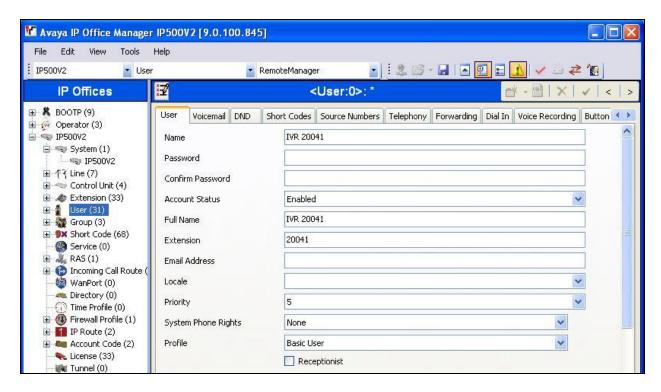
• **Reserve License:** "Reserve 3rd party IP endpoint license"

Repeat this section to add the desired number of SIP extensions. In the compliance testing, four SIP extensions with base extensions of 20041-20044 were created.

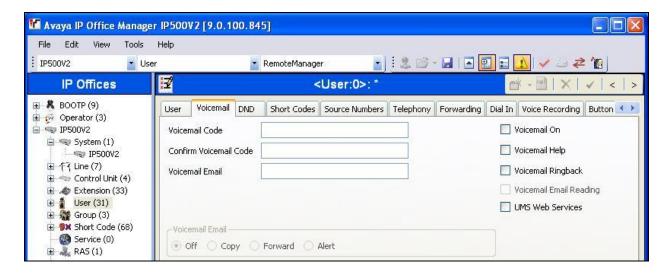


5.5. Administer SIP Users

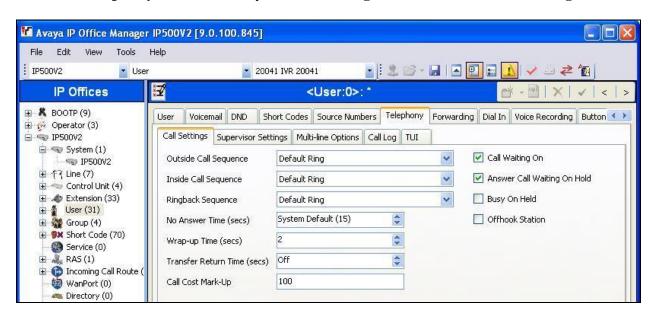
From the configuration tree in the left pane, right-click on **User**, and select **New** from the pop-up list. For **Name** and **Full Name**, enter the same desired value prefixed with "IVR", as required by Vuesion. For **Extension**, enter the first SIP base extension from **Section 5.4**.



Select the Voicemail tab, and uncheck Voicemail On, as shown below.

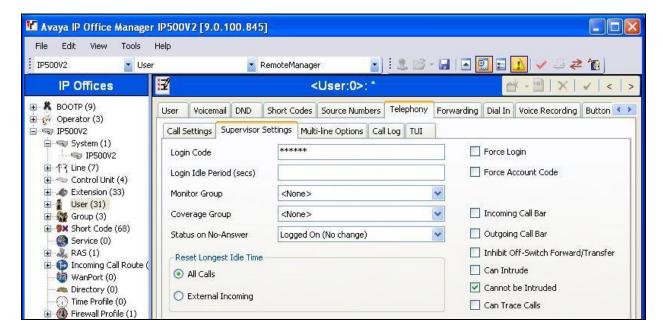


Select the **Telephony** tab, followed by the **Call Settings** sub-tab. Check **Call Waiting On**.



Select the **Supervisor Settings** sub-tab, and enter a desired **Login Code**.

Repeat this section to add a new user for each SIP extension from **Section 5.4**. In the compliance testing, four users with extensions 20041-20044 were created.



5.6. Administer Groups

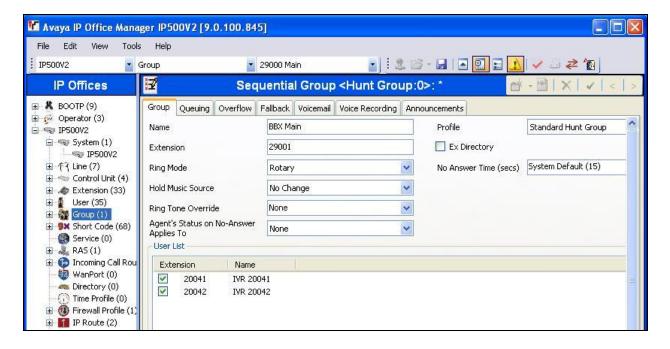
Administer three groups for the following purposes:

- Main group for delivering of incoming trunk calls to Vuesion.
- Monitor group for supervisor monitoring of agents.
- Tenant group for applying call treatments such as announcements and auto attendant.

From the configuration tree in the left pane, right-click on **Group** and select **New** from the popup list to add a new group. This group will be used to deliver incoming trunk calls to Vuesion.

Enter desired values for **Name** and **Extension**. For **Ring Mode**, select "Rotary" from the drop-down list. Retain the default values in the remaining fields

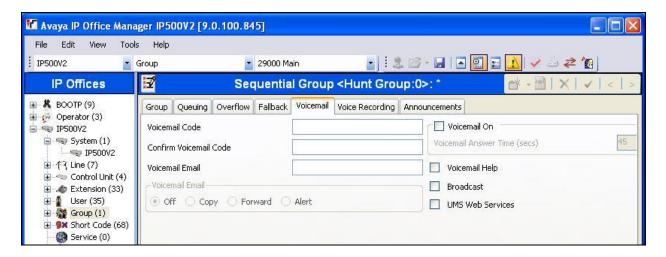
In the **User List** section, add the desired subset of virtual SIP users from **Section 5.5** as members. In the compliance testing, 20041 and 20042 were added as members.



Select the **Voicemail** tab, and uncheck **Voicemail On**, as shown below.

Repeat this section to add the two remaining groups. For the monitor group, the assigned **Name** was "BBX Monitor", **Extension** was "29002", and the **User List** consisted of agent users 20031 and 20032 from **Section 3**. Default values were retained for the remaining fields.

For the tenant group, the assigned **Name** was "BBX Tenant", **Extension** was "29003", **Ring Mode** was "Rotary", **Voicemail On** was unchecked, and the **User List** consisted of the same SIP users 20041 and 20042 as in the main group. Default values were retained for the remaining fields.



5.7. Administer Agents and Supervisors

From the configuration tree in the left pane, select the first agent user, in this case "20031". Select the **Telephony** tab, followed by the **Supervisor Settings** sub-tab. Uncheck **Cannot be Intruded** and configure **Can Intrude** as desired.

Repeat this for all agent users from **Section 3**. In the compliance testing, two agent users with extensions 20031-20032 were configured.



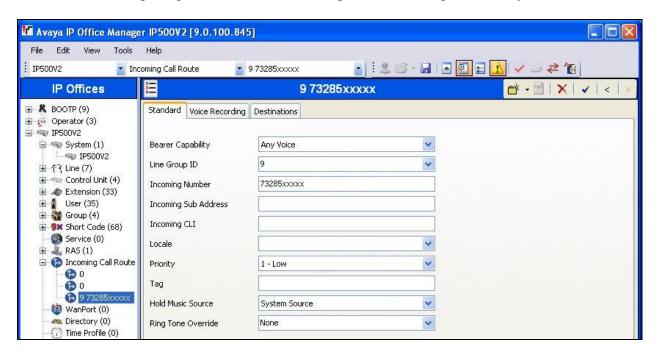
For each supervisor user, check **Can Intrude** and **Cannot be Intruded**. For **Monitor Group**, select the monitor group from **Section 5.6**. Repeat this for all supervisor users from **Section 3**.



5.8. Administer Incoming Call Route

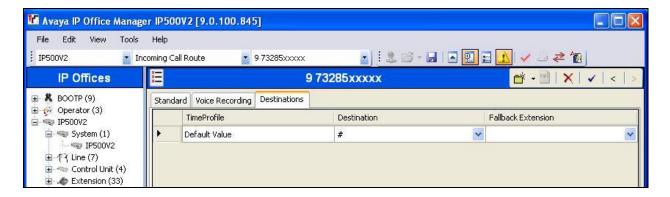
If necessary, create an incoming call route to route incoming calls to the main group. In the compliance testing, the existing incoming call route for an ISDN PRI line can route to any five digit extensions on IP Office.

As shown in screen below, the **Incoming Number** for the ISDN PRI line "9" is "73285xxxxx", which uses five single digit wildcards "x" allowing the last five digits to be any number.



In the **Destinations** tab, the use of "#" in the **Destination** field enabled routing to base on "xxxxx" from the **Incoming Number** field from above. Therefore, incoming calls to "7328529001" will be routed to the main group configured in **Section 5.6**.

If desired, the main group can be selected from the **Destination** drop-down to route all incoming trunk calls to Vuesion.



6. Configure BBX Technologies Vuesion Multimedia Contact Center

This section provides the procedures for configuring the Vuesion server. The procedures include the following areas:

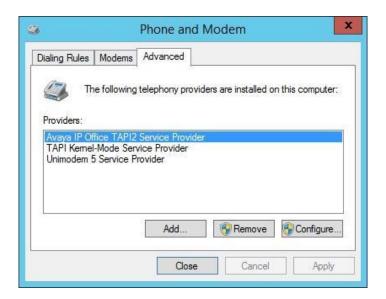
- Administer TAPI driver
- Launch Vuesion Manager
- Administer communication setup
- Administer ACD groups
- Administer ACD members
- Administer local extensions
- Administer tenants
- Start services
- Administer VMAIL extensions
- Administer queue bandwidth
- Administer park orbits

The configuration of Vuesion server is typically performed by BBX Technologies technicians. The procedural steps are presented in these Application Notes for informational purposes.

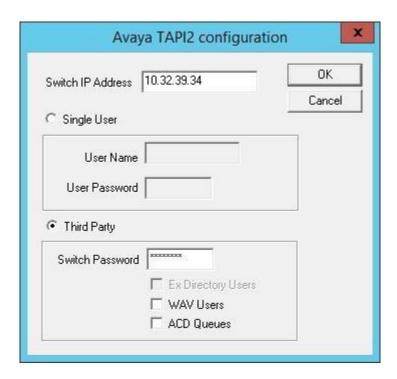
In addition to the shown procedural steps, the application also requires the auto attendant, and class of service for agents and supervisors be configured by following reference [2].

6.1. Administer TAPI Driver

From the Vuesion server, select **Start** → **Control Panel** → **Phone and Modem**, to display the **Phone and Modem** screen below. Select the **Advanced** tab, followed by **Avaya IP Office TAPI2 Service Provider**, and click **Configure**.



The **Avaya TAPI2 configuration** screen is displayed. For **Switch IP Address**, enter the IP address of IP Office. Select the radio button for **Third Party**, and enter the IP Office password into the **Switch Password** field. Reboot the Vuesion server.



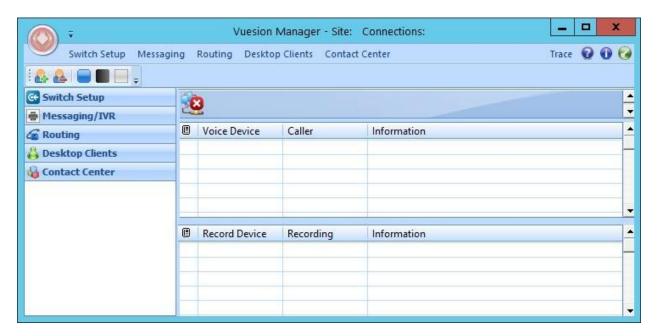
6.2. Launch Vuesion Manager

From the Vuesion server, double-click the **VuesionManager.exe** icon, which was created as part of installation.



6.3. Administer Communication Setup

The Vuesion Manager screen is displayed. Select Switch Setup \rightarrow Communication Setup from the top menu.



The **COMMUNICATION SETTINGS** screen is displayed next. Enter the following values for the specified fields, and retain the default values for the remaining fields.

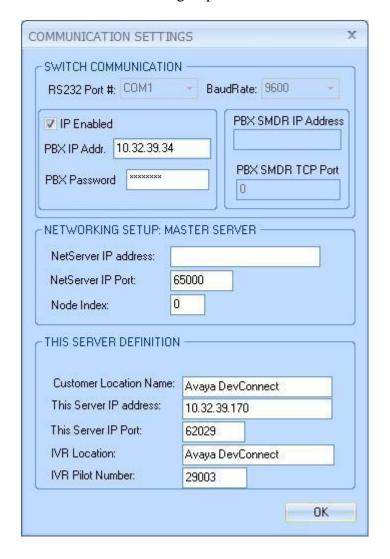
• **IP Enabled:** Check this field.

PBX IP Addr: IP address of IP Office.
 PBX Password: Password of IP Office.
 Customer Location Name: A descriptive name.

• This Server IP Address: IP address of the Vuesion server.

• **IVR Location:** Same descriptive name.

• **IVR Pilot Number:** The tenant group extension from **Section 5.6**.

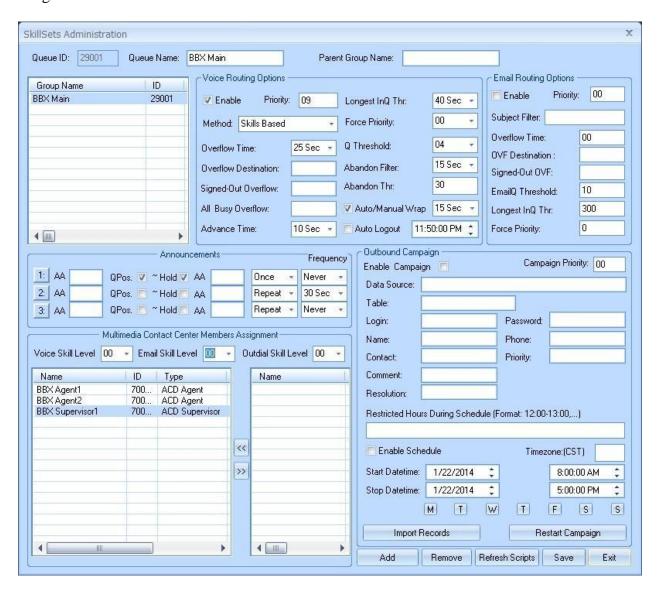


6.4. Administer ACD Groups

From the Vuesion Manager screen shown in Section 6.3, select Contact Center → ACD Groups from the top menu, to display the SkillSets Administration screen. Follow reference [2] to create an entry for the main group from Section 5.6, as shown below. Note that the Queue ID and Queue Name must match the main group extension and name exactly from Section 5.6.

The **Voice Routing Options** sub-section defines parameters used for routing of ACD calls. The **Multimedia Contact Center Members Assignment** sub-section defines the members and their skills level. The **Announcements** sub-section defines the announcement treatments.

The screenshot below shows the values used in the compliance testing. Note that the ACD group was created initially without any member assignments, and subsequently updated to include assignments after the ACD members were administered in the next section.

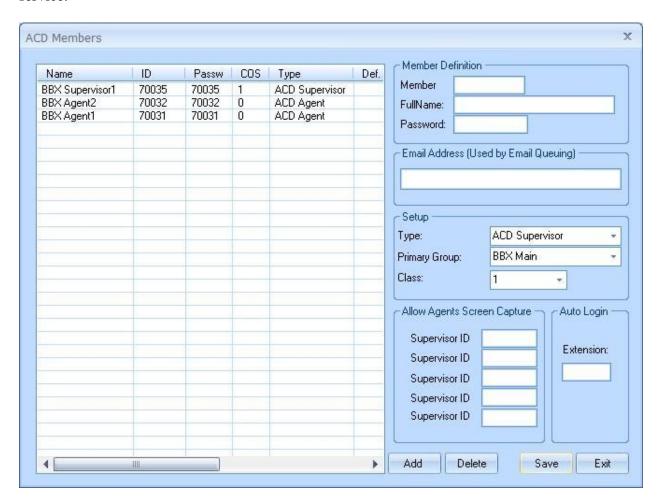


6.5. Administer ACD Members

From the **Vuesion Manager** screen shown in **Section 6.3**, select **Contact Center** \rightarrow **ACD Members** from the top menu, to display the **ACD Members** screen. Follow reference [2] to create an entry for each agent and supervisor user from **Section 3**.

Enter the desired **FullName**. For **Member**, enter a unique value for each agent and supervisor. The recommendation is to use an available extension number on IP Office. For **Password**, enter desired values. In the compliance testing, the same values were used for **Member** and **Password** for simplicity.

For **Type**, select "ACD Agent" for agents and "ACD Supervisor" for supervisors. For **Primary Group**, select the ACD group from **Section 6.4**. For **Class**, select the appropriate class of service.

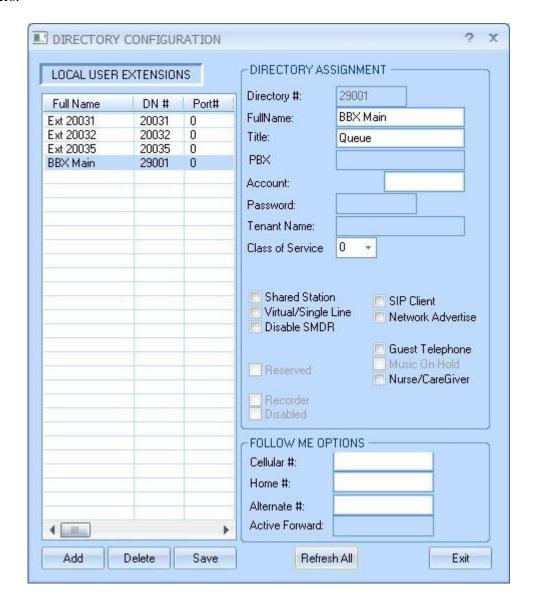


6.6. Administer Local Extensions

From the **Vuesion Manager** screen shown in **Section 6.3**, select **Switch Setup** → **Local Extensions** from the top menu, to display the **DIRECTORY CONFIGURATION** screen below.

Follow reference [2] to create an entry for each ACD group from **Section 6.4**, and for each ACD group member from **Section 6.5**, as shown below.

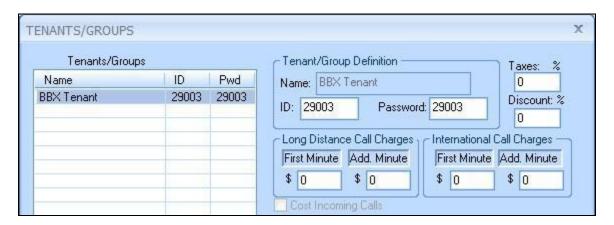
For **Title**, use "Queue" for the ACD group entry, and configure as desired for the ACD members.



6.7. Administer Tenants

From the **Vuesion Manager** screen shown in **Section 6.3**, select **Messaging Tenants** from the top menu, to display the **TENANTS/GROUPS** screen.

Follow reference [2] to create an entry for the tenant group from **Section 5.6**. For **Name**, enter the tenant group name from **Section 5.6**. For **ID** and **Password**, enter the tenant group extension from **Section 5.6**. Retain the default values in the remaining fields, and click **Edit Members** toward the bottom of the screen (not shown below).

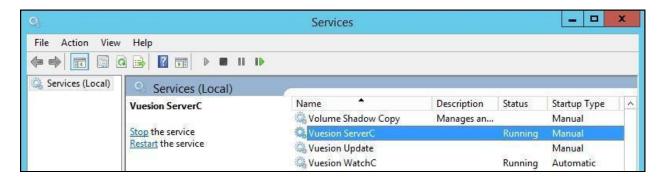


The **Selected Tenant** screen is displayed next. Select entries associated with agents and supervisors from the **Available User List** and move to the **Tenant/Group Members List**, as shown below.



6.8. Start Services

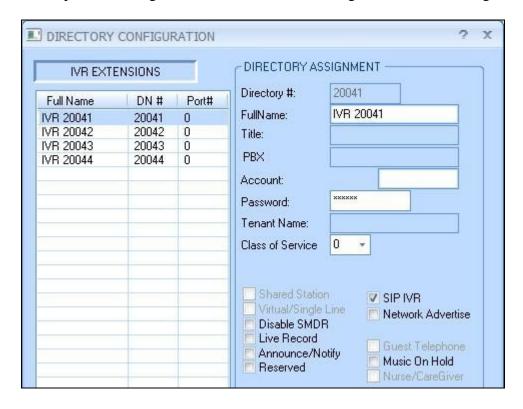
Select Start → Control Panel → Administrative Tools → Services, to display the Services screen. Navigate to the Vuesion ServerC entry, right-click on the entry and select Start.



6.9. Administer VMAIL Extensions

Follow procedures in **Section 6.2** to launch Vuesion Manager. From the **Vuesion Manager** screen shown in **Section 6.3**, select **Messaging** → **VMAIL Extensions** from the top menu, to display the **DIRECTORY CONFIGURATION** screen below.

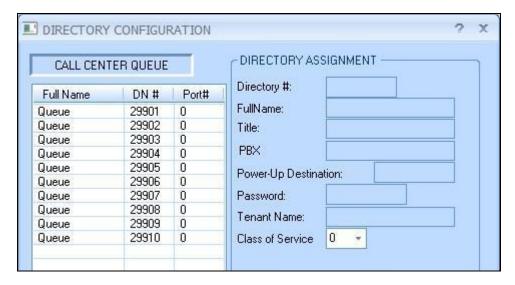
Follow reference [2] to create an entry for each virtual SIP user from **Section 5.5**. For **Full Name**, enter the SIP user name from **Section 5.5**. For **Password**, enter the SIP user login code from **Section 5.5**. Check **SIP IVR**. Check **Announce/Notify** for a subset of the virtual SIP users. In the compliance testing, 20043 and 20044 were configured with this setting.



6.10. Administer Queue Bandwidth

From the Vuesion Manager screen shown in Section 6.3, select Contact Center → Queue Bandwidth from the top menu, to display the DIRECTORY CONFIGURATION screen below.

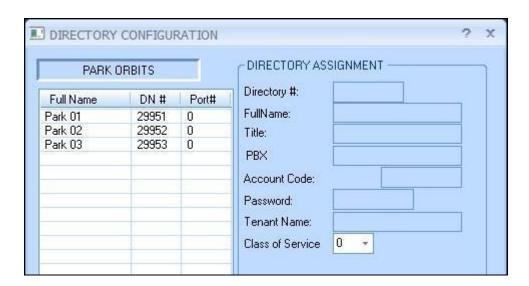
Follow reference [2] to create desired number of entries for queuing of incoming calls. For **Directory** #, use available extension numbers on IP Office.



6.11. Administer Park Orbits

From the Vuesion Manager screen shown in Section 6.3, select Switch Setup \rightarrow Park Orbits from the top menu, to display the DIRECTORY CONFIGURATION screen below.

Follow reference [2] to create desired number of entries for parking of calls. The **Directory** # are used by Vuesion to park and unpark queued calls on IP Office, therefore use available extension numbers on IP Office.



7. Verification Steps

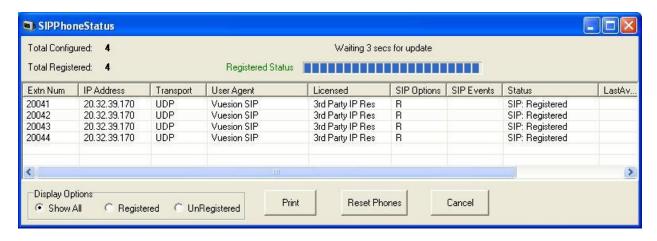
This section provides the tests that can be performed to verify proper configuration of IP Office and Vuesion.

7.1. Verify Avaya IP Office

From a PC running the Avaya IP Office Monitor application, select **Start** → **Programs** → **IP Office** → **Monitor** to launch the application. The **Avaya IP Office SysMonitor** screen is displayed, as shown below. Select **Status** → **SIP Phone Status** from the top menu.



The **SIPPhoneStatus** screen is displayed. Verify that there is an entry for each virtual SIP user from **Section 5.5**, that the **User Agent** contains "Vuesion SIP", and that the **Status** is "SIP: Registered", as shown below.



7.2. Verify BBX Technologies Vuesion Multimedia Contact Center

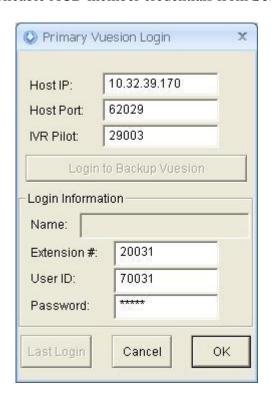
From the agent user PC running Vuesion Client, double-click on the **VuesionClient.exe** icon shown on the desktop, which was created as part of installation.



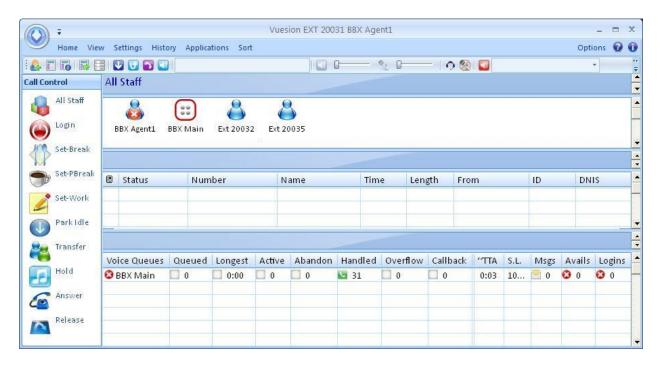
The **Vuesion User Login** screen is displayed. Enter the following values for the specified fields, and retain the default values for the remaining fields.

Host IP: The server IP address from Section 6.3.
Host Port: The default server IP port from Section 6.3.
IVR Pilot: The IVR pilot number from Section 6.3.

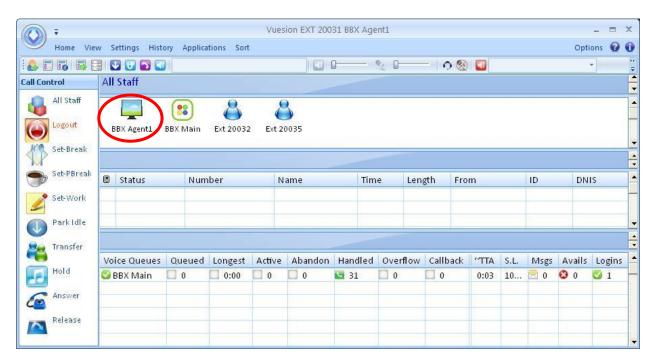
Extension #: The applicable tenant extension number from Section 6.7.
 User ID: The applicable ACD member credentials from Section 6.5.
 Password: The applicable ACD member credentials from Section 6.5.



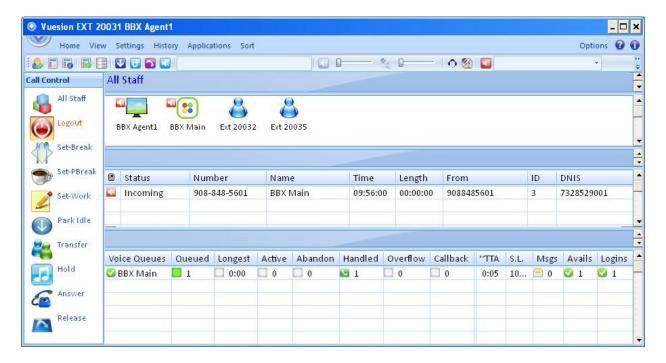
The **Vuesion** screen below is displayed. Click on the **Login** icon from the left pane.



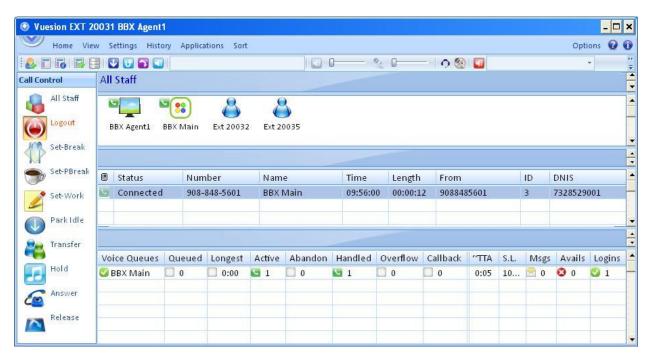
The applicable agent icon is updated in the right pane, as shown below.



Make an incoming trunk call to the main group, and verify that the screen is updated to reflect a ringing call. Also verify that the entry shown in the middle right pane reflects proper information for the call. Click on the **Answer** icon in the left pane to answer the call.



Verify the agent telephone is connected to the caller with two-way talk paths, and that the agent screen is updated to reflect the call being connected, as shown below. Click on the **Release** icon in the left pane to complete the call.



From the PC running Vuesion Reports, double-click on the **VuesionReports.exe** icon shown on the desktop, which was created as part of installation. In the compliance testing, Vuesion Reports was running on the supervisor PC.

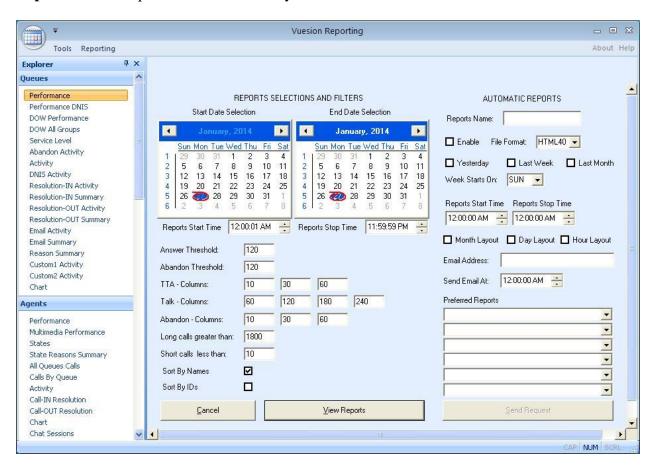


The **Vuesion Reporting** screen is displayed. For **Server IP/Name**, enter the server IP address from **Section 6.3**. For **TCP/Port**, enter the default server IP port from **Section 6.3**

For **Supervisor ID** and **Password**, enter the applicable credentials for the supervisor from **Section 6.5**, as shown below.



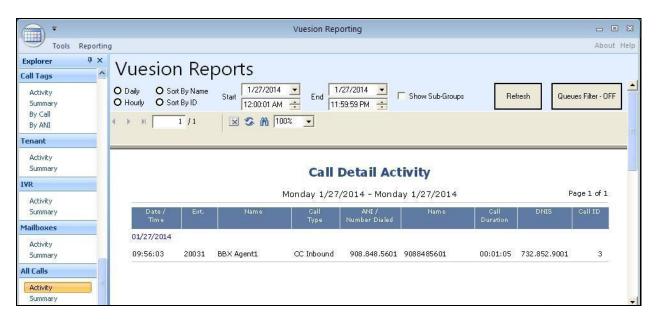
The **Vuesion Reporting** screen below is displayed. Retain the default values, and click **View Reports** to view reports for the current day.



The **Vuesion Reporting** screen is updated. Select **All Calls** \rightarrow **Activity** from the left pane.



The **Vuesion Reporting** screen is updated with the **Call Detail Activity** report. Verify that there is an entry reflecting the last call with proper information, as shown below.



8. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for BBX Technologies Vuesion Multimedia Contact Center to successfully interoperate with Avaya IP Office 9.0. All feature and serviceability test cases were completed with observation noted in **Section 2.2**.

9. Additional References

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

- **1.** *Avaya IP Office Manager*, Release 9.0, Issue 9.01, September 2013, Document Number 15-601011, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **2.** *Vuesion Application Server Contact Center Configuration Guide*, 01/2014 Release V9, available upon request to BBX Technologies Support.

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