



Application Notes for Configuring Libatel SharpDial with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R6.3 using Avaya H.323 Deskphones -Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps for provisioning Libatel's SharpDial Call Detail Recording Solution to successfully interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R6.3 using Avaya H.323 deskphones. The SharpDial solution consists of a Call Detail Recording server based on the logging of outgoing, incoming and internal calls data reported by the PBX, to manage captured data and generate reports. The monitoring of Call Detail Recording using SharpDial, a web-SQL based call accounting solution, gives a detailed account of all calls made and received by the Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R6.3.

Readers should pay attention to **Section 2**, in particular the scope of testing as outlined in **Section 2.1** as well as the 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

SharpDial is a web-SQL based call accounting solution used to log outgoing, incoming and internal calls data sent by the PBX, to manage captured data and generate reports. SharpDial connects to any PBX configured to send call detail record (CDR) on a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port (client or server), serial connector, through ftp or web services operations. When connected to Avaya Aura® Communication Manager (Communication Manager) no parser is needed. SharpDial Components are:

1. **Monitor Service:** SharpDial Monitoring service is responsible for starting and stopping all SharpDial services, also responsible for sending heartbeat and notification emails at configurable intervals to configured email addresses.
2. **Process0 Service:** Responsible for establishing connection with multi-site PBX and logging data in the process0 databases table.
3. **Engine Service:** Engine application, responsible for pricing all incoming, outgoing and internal calls.
4. **Parser (optional):** Acting as a bridge, responsible for converting CDR data into standard format, recognized by the SharpDial engine.
5. **License service:** Manage solution license.
6. **Administration and reporting interface:** Web based interface used for updating the software's database and generating reports.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The test environment comprises of a Communication Manager connect to a simulated PSTN in order to generate Call Detail Recording (CDR) information for incoming, outgoing and internal calls. The information captured consists of call information originating and terminating on Avaya 96x1 Series and Avaya 16xx deskphones with H.323 firmware. The information on calls made and received is presented in a reporting structure by a web interface on the SharpDial 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

This section contains a summary of test cases carried out to validate the various capabilities of the solution and to show the interoperability of the SharpDial and the Communication Manager.

2.1.1. Avaya feature Interaction Verification

This consists of the verification of the response of the SharpDial solution to the Communication Manager.

- **Connection between SharpDial Process0 service and Communication Manager:** The Communication Manager should connect to the SharpDial Process0 Service (TCP Server) via TCP/IP Socket. Process0 log files should be checked.
- **CDR Captured by the SharpDial Process0 Service:** Captured CDR could be saved to backup files. Process0 log files and backup files should be checked.
- **Captured CDR logged to Process0 table in the database:** Captured CDR should be stored in Process0 Table before being parsed and billed.
- **Incoming, outgoing and internal calls tests should be performed:** Associated CDR should be captured in the backup files.

2.1.2. SharpDial Application functionality Verification

This consists of verification of features of the SharpDial Solution to ensure they function in an Avaya solution.

- **Parsing Validation:** Parsing should be validated. Engine Log files should be checked.
- **Billing Validation:** Billing should be validated with the applied billing schema. Engine Log files should be checked.
- **Report Testing:** Testing authorization_all, Extension_all, Incoming, and Internal reports.

2.1.3. Failover and Serviceability Tests

This consists of verification of the response of the SharpDial solution to various failures.

- SharpDial Process0 Service Stopped.
- SharpDial Server restarted.
- Communication Manager rebooted.

2.2. Test Results

All tests passed successfully.

2.3. Support

Support from Avaya is available at <http://support.avaya.com>. Technical support for Libatel SharpDial can be obtained as shown below.

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3. Reference Configuration

Figure 1 shows the network topology during compliance testing. The SharpDial server was placed on the LAN. The SharpDial server collects CDR records from the Communication Manager and presents the information obtained to users on the LAN via a http web session.

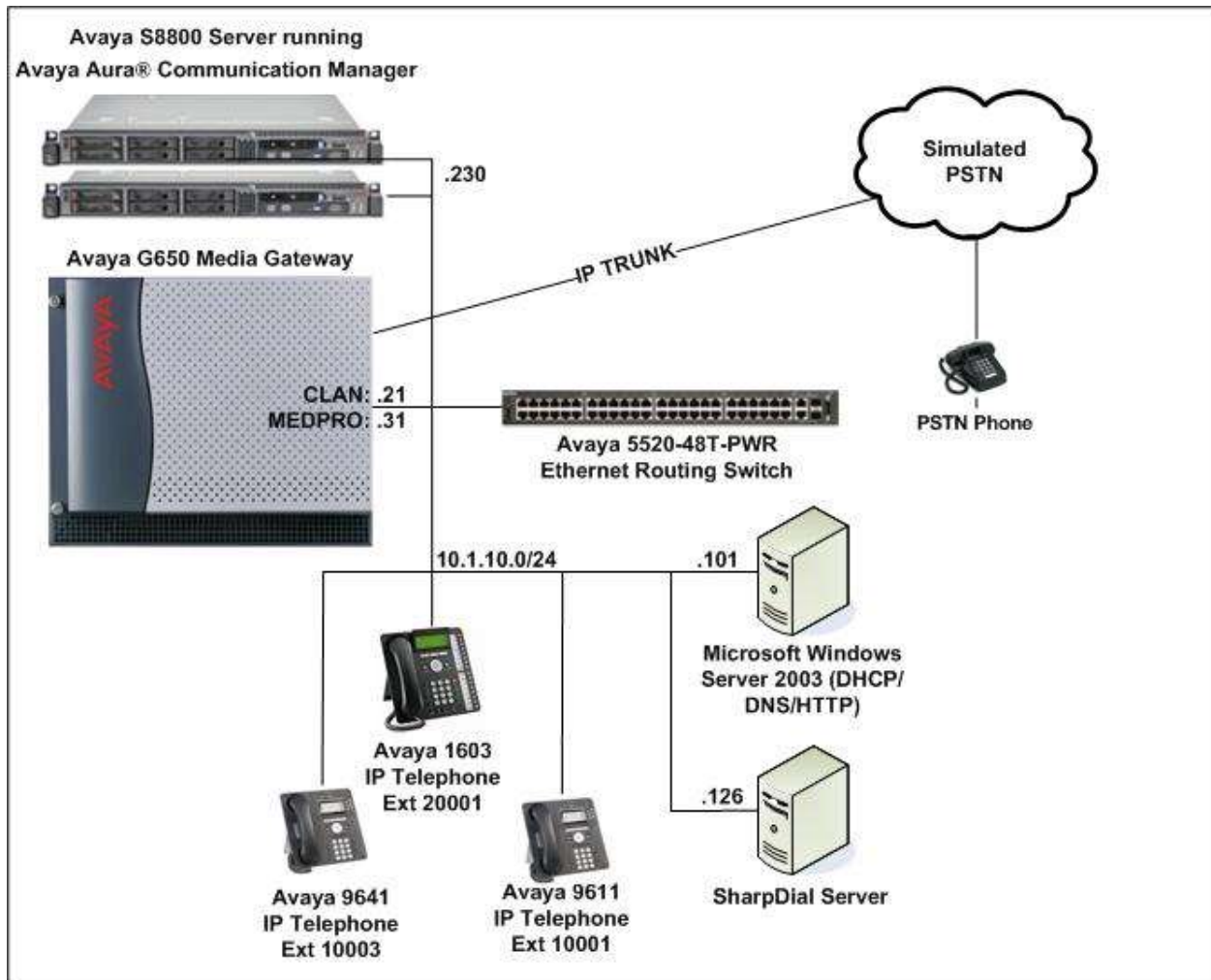


Figure 1: Configuration Diagram

4. Equipment and Software Validated

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

Equipment Description	Software Release
Avaya S8800 Duplex Server with Avaya G650 Media Gateway	Communication Manager 6.3.9.1 (Build R016x.03.0.124.0-22098)
Avaya H323 IP Telephones (96x1)	6.4014
Avaya H323 IP Telephones (16XX)	1.360A
SharpDial Server installed on Windows 2008 R2 running on VMware 5.5u2	Libatel SharpDial Package 4.6.7

5. Configuration of Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

Configuration of the Communication Manager is performed through Avaya Site Administration supporting System Administration Terminal (SAT). An SSH session to the IP address of the Communication Manager initiates the console connection.

Note: The configuration of Communication Manager for call routing is outside the scope of this document. It is assumed that a full working system is already installed. Included below are the changes necessary in order to ensure CDR records are being produced correctly by the Communication Manager.

5.1. Add CDR Server to Node Names IP

Add the IP address of the CDR server into the **IP NODE NAMES** form. Type **change node-names ip** to access the node names and add the server **Name** and **IP Address** as shown below.

change node-names ip		Page 1 of 2
IP NODE NAMES		
Name	IP Address	
CLAN2a02	10.1.50.21	
CLAN2a03	10.1.50.22	
ESS	10.1.10.239	
Gateway001	10.1.10.1	
Gateway002	10.1.50.1	
IPOffice	10.1.30.10	
Medpro2a07	10.1.50.23	
Medpro2a08	10.1.50.24	
PC1	10.1.10.151	
PC2	10.1.10.152	
RDTT	10.1.10.153	
SharpDial	10.1.10.126	
VAL2a11	10.1.50.26	

5.2. Add CDR Service as an IP Service

Add the CDR service into IP Services by typing **change ip-services**. Note the following as this information may be needed when setting up the SharpDial Server.

- **Service Type** is **CDR1**
- **Local Node** is **procr**
- **Remote Node** is that of the **SharpDial** entered as it was configured above
- **Remote Port** number in this example shown as **5555** but can be any free port number

change ip-services					Page 1 of 4
IP SERVICES					
Service Type	Enabled	Local Node	Local Port	Remote Node	Remote Port
AESVCS	y	procr	8765		
CDR1		procr	0	SharpDial	5555

5.3. Configure CDR parameters

Type **change system-parameters cdr**. Ensure all the fields are as shown below on **Page 1** of **system-parameters cdr** form. Note the **Primary Output Endpoint** is that of the service type added in **Section 5.2**.

change system-parameters cdr		Page 1 of 2
CDR SYSTEM PARAMETERS		
Node Number (Local PBX ID): 1	CDR Date Format: month/day	
Primary Output Format: customized	Primary Output Endpoint: CDR1	
Secondary Output Format:		
Use ISDN Layouts? n	Enable CDR Storage on Disk? n	
Use Enhanced Formats? n	Condition Code 'T' For Redirected Calls? y	
Use Legacy CDR Formats? y	Remove # From Called Number? n	
Modified Circuit ID Display? n	Intra-switch CDR? y	
Record Outgoing Calls Only? n	Outg Trk Call Splitting? y	
Suppress CDR for Ineffective Call Attempts? n	Outg Attd Call Record? y	
Disconnect Information in Place of FRL? n	Interworking Feat-flag? n	
Force Entry of Acct Code for Calls Marked on Toll Analysis Form? n		
Calls to Hunt Group - Record: member-ext		
Record Called Vector Directory Number Instead of Group or Member? n		
Record Agent ID on Incoming? n	Record Agent ID on Outgoing? y	
Inc Trk Call Splitting? n		
Record Non-Call-Assoc TSC? n	Call Record Handling Option: warning	
Record Call-Assoc TSC? n	Digits to Record for Outgoing Calls: dialed	
Privacy - Digits to Hide: 0	CDR Account Code Length: 15	
Remove '+' from SIP Numbers? y		

Ensure that all **Data Item Length** entries are the same as outlined below on **Page 2** of **system-parameters cdr**.

change system-parameters cdr		Page 2 of 2
CDR SYSTEM PARAMETERS		
Data Item - Length	Data Item - Length	Data Item - Length
1: date - 6	17: calling-num - 15	33: -
2: space - 1	18: space - 1	34: -
3: time - 4	19: auth-code - 7	35: -
4: space - 1	20: space - 1	36: -
5: duration - 4	21: vdn - 6	37: -
6: space - 1	22: return - 1	38: -
7: cond-code - 1	23: line-feed - 1	39: -
8: space - 1	24: -	40: -
9: code-dial - 4	25: -	41: -
10: space - 1	26: -	42: -
11: code-used - 4	27: -	43: -
12: space - 1	28: -	44: -
13: in-trk-code - 4	29: -	45: -
14: space - 1	30: -	46: -
15: dialed-num - 23	31: -	47: -
16: space - 1	32: -	48: -
Record length = 90		

5.4. Enable Missed and Internal Calls

To allow calls to appear on the CDR reports, set **CDR Reports** to **y** in the trunk group used for outgoing/incoming calls. Type **change trunk-group x** where **x** is the number of the incoming/outgoing trunk group.

change trunk-group 10		Page 1 of 21	
TRUNK GROUP			
Group Number: 10	Group Type: isdn	CDR Reports: y	
Group Name: IP Trunk to Site 6	COR: 1	TN: 1	TAC: #10
Direction: two-way	Outgoing Display? y	Carrier Medium: H.323	
Dial Access? y	Busy Threshold: 255	Night Service:	
Queue Length: 0			
Service Type: tie	Auth Code? n		
Member Assignment Method: manual			

To enable intra-switch calls be recorded type **change intra-switch-cdr** and add the **Extension** numbers of the sets that are to be recorded for internal calls.

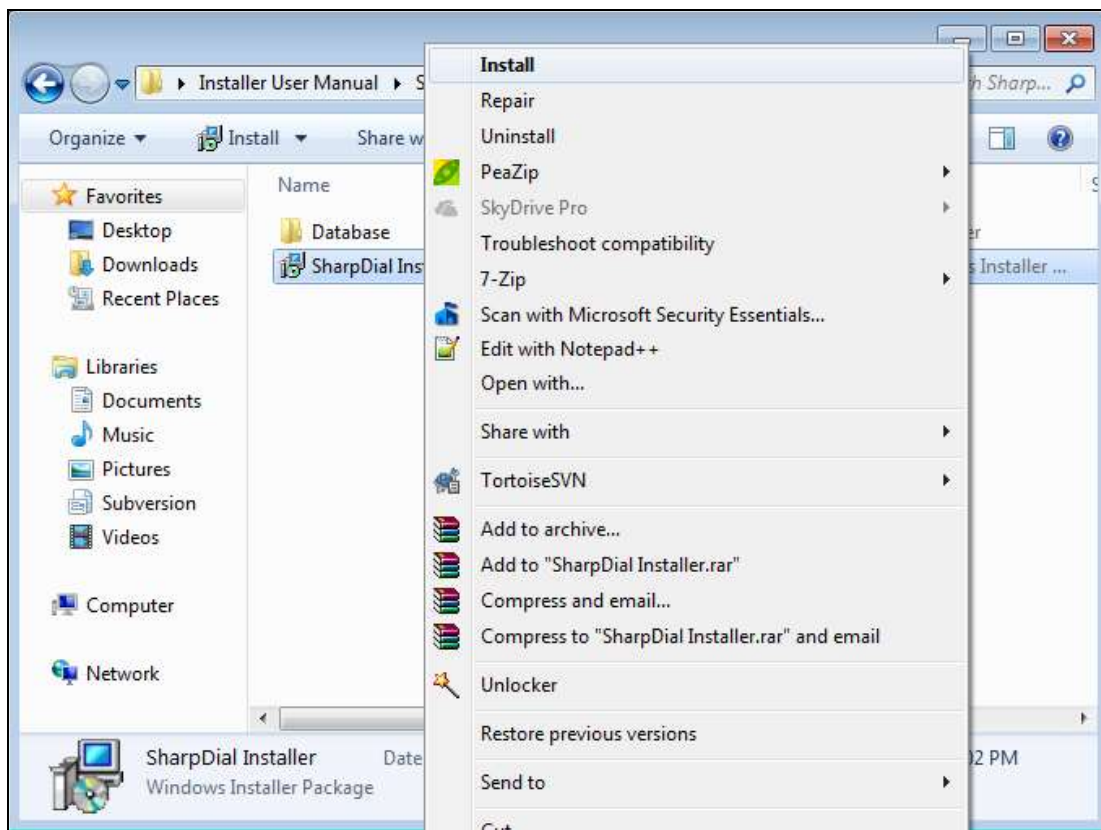
change intra-switch-cdr		Page 1 of 3	
INTRA-SWITCH CDR			
		Assigned Members: 7	of 5000 administered
Extension	Extension	Extension	Extension
10001			
10002			
10003			
10005			
10016			
10017			
20001			

6. Configuration of the Libatel SharpDial Server

The configuration of Windows 2008 and the installation of any prerequisite software on the SharpDial server are outside the scope of these Application Notes. It is assumed that the server is prepared for installation. Refer to the product documentation in **Section 10** for further details.

6.1. Libatel SharpDial Components Installation

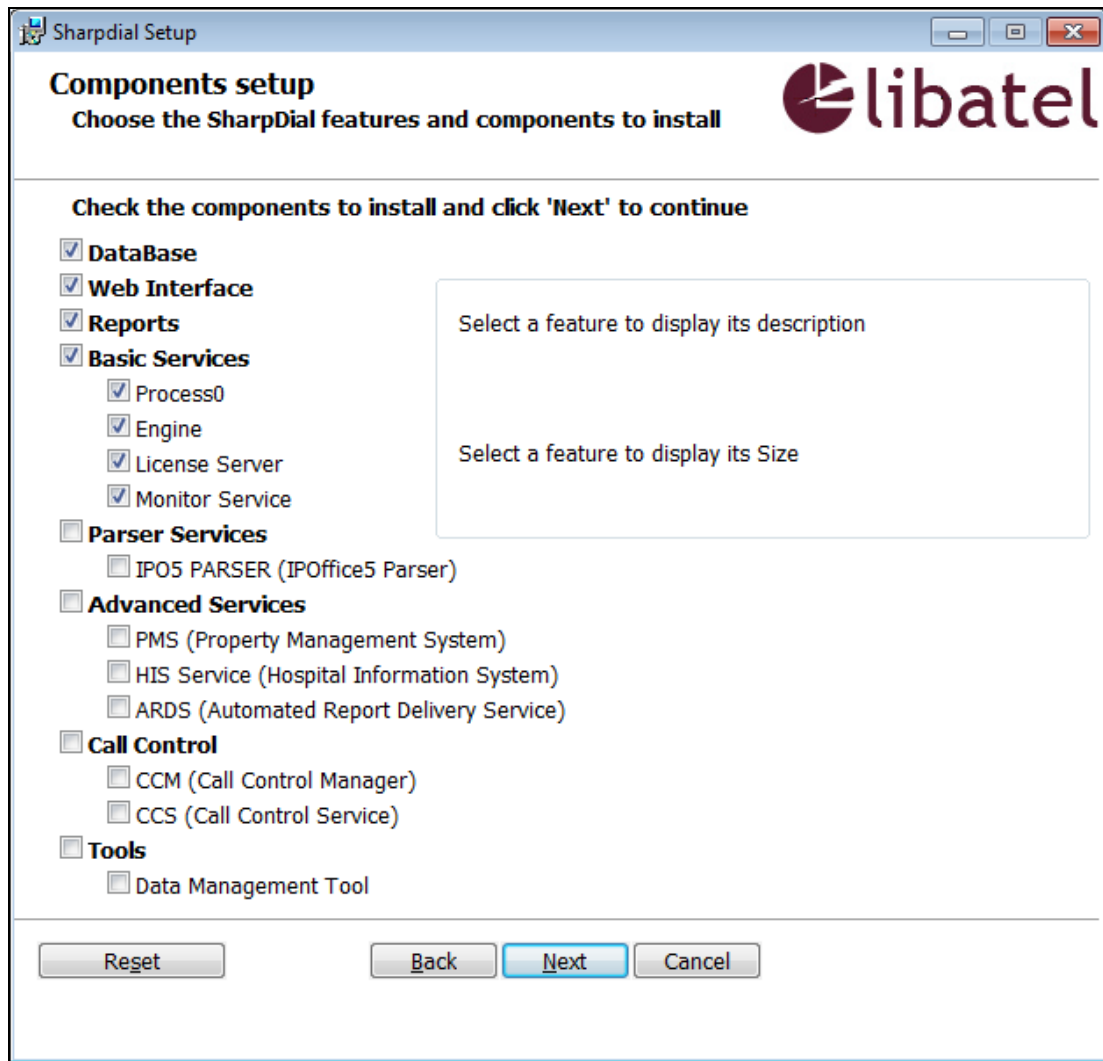
The installation of SharpDial includes connection requirements specific to the Communication Manager and will be outlined in this section. To manually install the SharpDial call accounting software, run the **SharpDial Installer.msi** file. Right click on SharpDial Installer.msi setup icon and click **Install** as shown below.



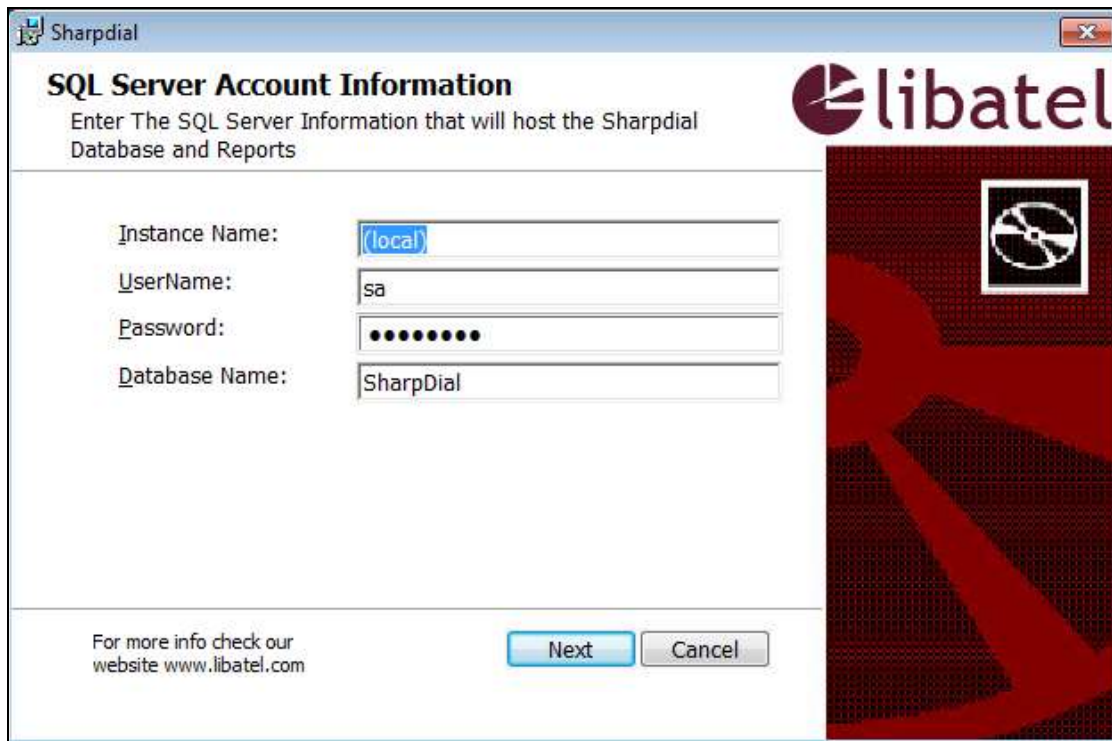
The system displays a welcome screen. Press **Next** to continue.



The system displays the components selection screen. Keep the default selection and click **Next** to continue.



The SQL Server Account Information Screen appears. Enter the proper information as for the administrator **Username** “sa” of the SQL Server account, the **Password** and the **Database Name** that the installer will create.



The screenshot shows a Windows-style window titled "Sharpdial". The main heading is "SQL Server Account Information". Below this, a subtitle reads "Enter The SQL Server Information that will host the Sharpdial Database and Reports". The window contains four input fields: "Instance Name:" with the value "(local)", "UserName:" with the value "sa", "Password:" with masked characters (dots), and "Database Name:" with the value "SharpDial". At the bottom left, there is a link to "www.libatel.com". At the bottom right, there are "Next" and "Cancel" buttons. On the right side of the window, there is a vertical banner with the "libatel" logo and a red background featuring a white icon of a dial with a slash through it.

Sharpdial

SQL Server Account Information

Enter The SQL Server Information that will host the Sharpdial Database and Reports

Instance Name: (local)

UserName: sa

Password:

Database Name: SharpDial

For more info check our website www.libatel.com

Next Cancel

Configure the **Report server** login/domain credentials. If no domain configuration is required, keep the default **localhost** value.



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Sharpdial" with a standard Windows icon in the top-left corner. The main heading is "Enter an Administrator Account" in bold. Below it, a subtitle reads "Enter an Account details with administrator access rights to the Report Server". In the top-right corner, there is a "libatel" logo and a large red graphic of a hand holding a CD-ROM. The central area is titled "Report Server Windows Account Details:" and contains four input fields: "Report Server:" with the value "http://localhost/ReportServer", "Domain:" with "localhost", "Account:" with "Administrator", and "Password:" with masked characters (dots). At the bottom left, a note says "For more info check our website www.libatel.com". At the bottom right, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next" (which is highlighted in blue), and "Cancel".

Enter an Administrator Account
Enter an Account details with administrator access rights to the Report Server

Report Server Windows Account Details:

Report Server:

Domain:

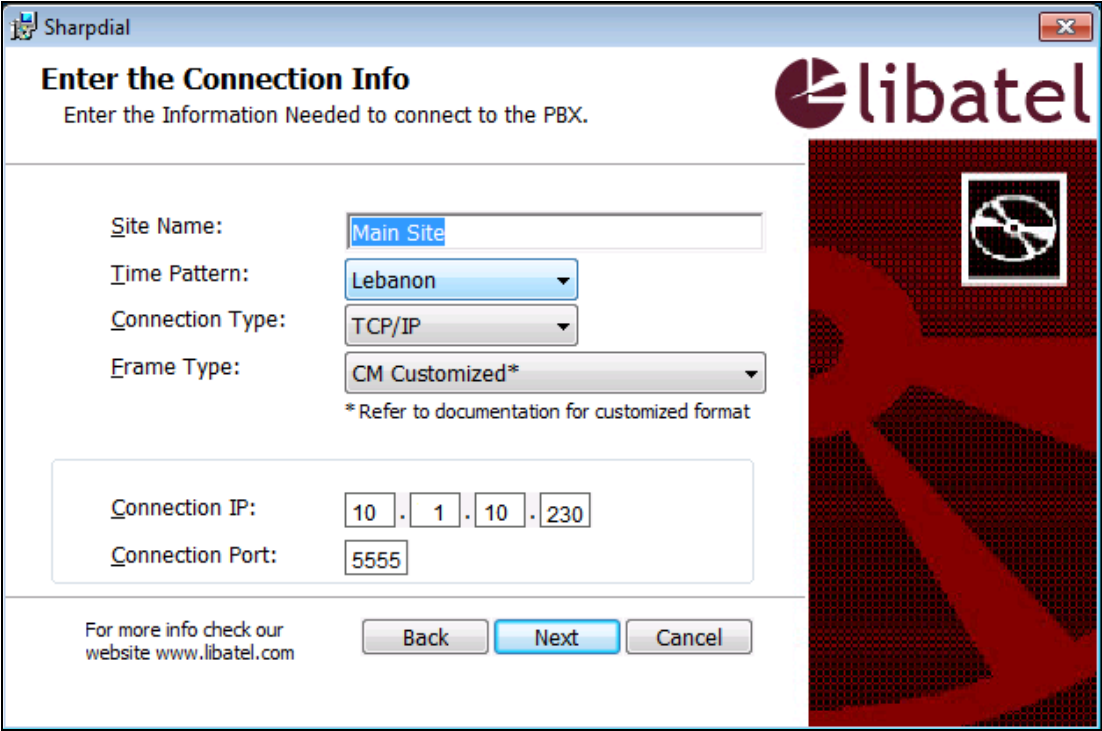
Account:

Password:

For more info check our website www.libatel.com

Configure the PBX site information as described below:

- i. **Site name:** Description of the PBX site's name. Choose the PBX branch name, or keep the default value "Main site". This can be changed later on from the SharpDial Administration interface.
- ii. **Time Pattern:** Displays the different call pricing protocols according to different countries and states
- iii. **Connection type:** TCP/IP
- iv. **Frame Type:** CM Customized for Avaya communication manager
- v. **Connection IP:** PBX configured IP address
- vi. **Connection port:** Socket port number matching the configured CDR port on the PBX (see Section 5.2).



Sharpdial

Enter the Connection Info
Enter the Information Needed to connect to the PBX.

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Site Name:

Time Pattern:

Connection Type:

Frame Type:

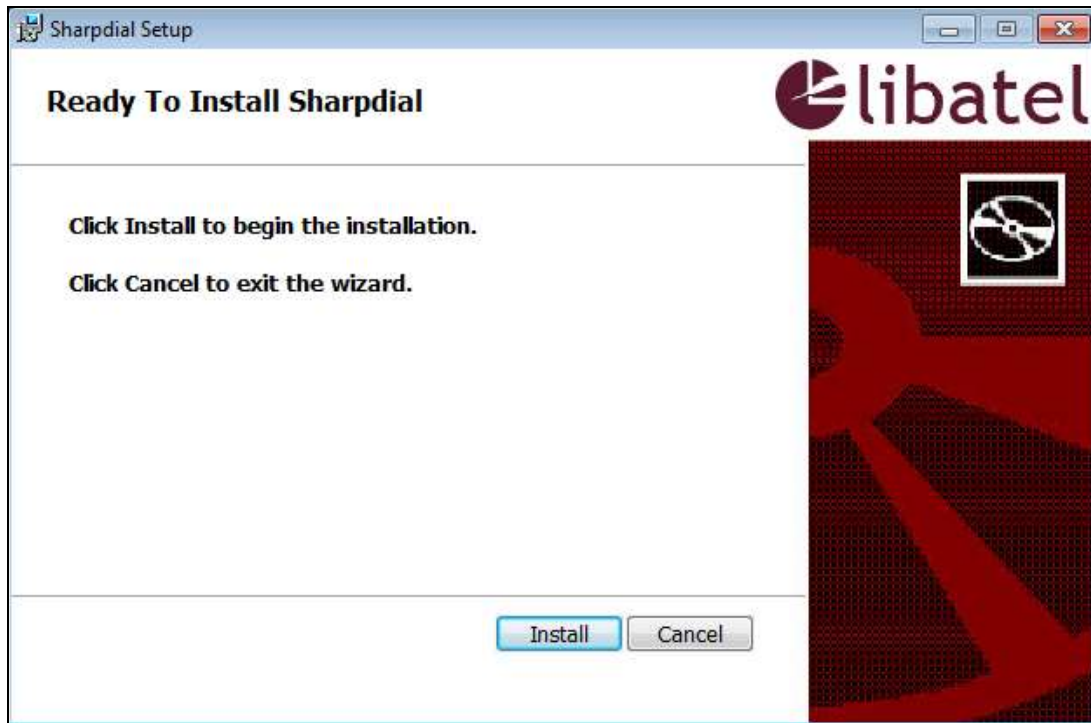
*Refer to documentation for customized format

Connection IP: . . .

Connection Port:

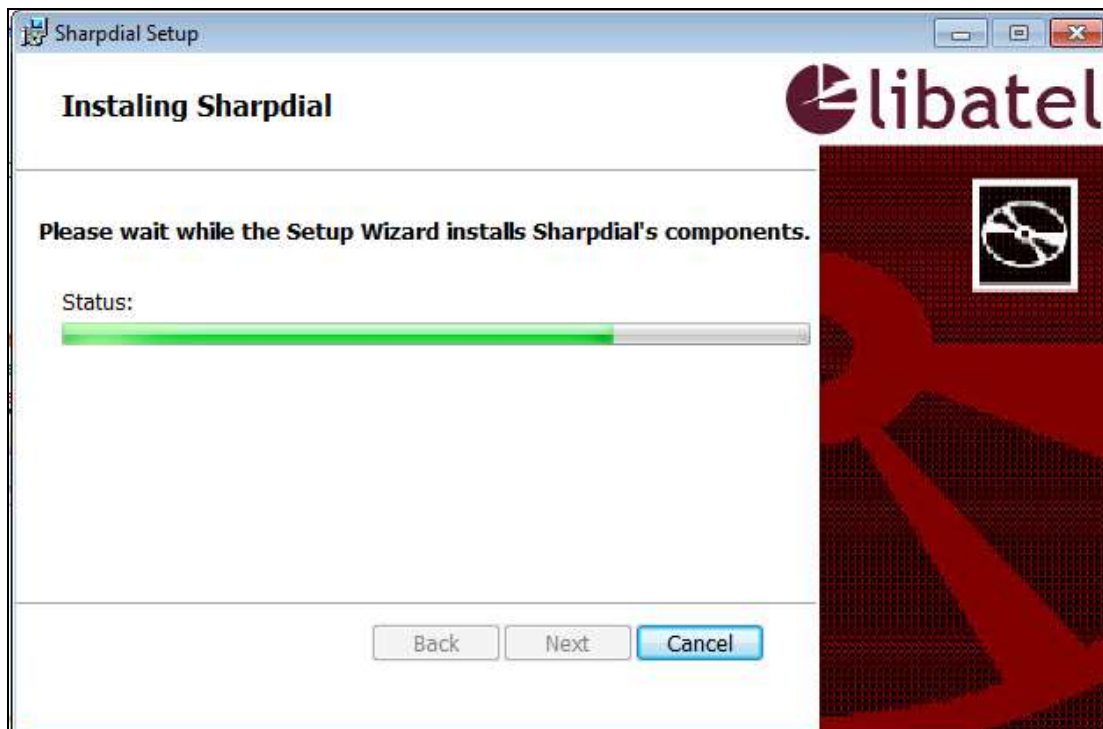
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Click **Next** and the **Ready To Install SharpDial** screen will appear.



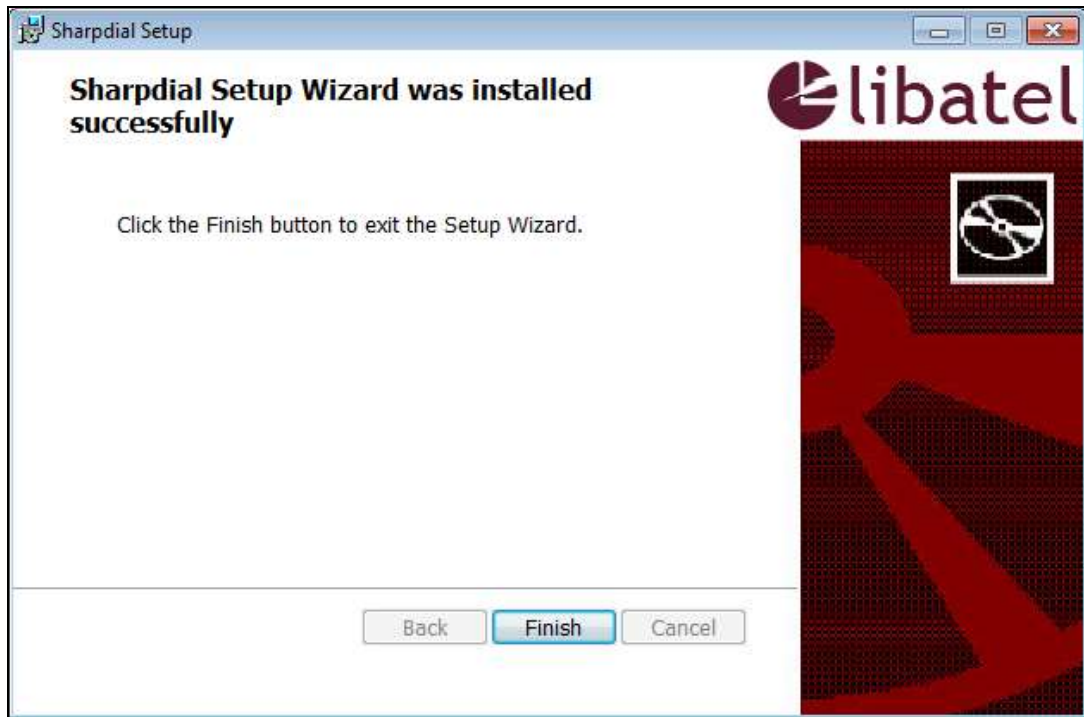
Click on **Install**. SharpDial installs by default in the following directories:

```
<c:\> client hard drive
Program Files
  SharpDial
    Engine
      Sharpdial_X.X.exe
      SharpDial_X_X.config
    Email Service
      SharpDial_ES_X.X.exe
      SharpDial_ES_X_X.config
    Parser Service
      SharpDial_Parser_PBXTYPE_X.X.exe
      SharpDial_Parser_PBXTYPE_X_X.config
    Process 0 Service
      SharpDial_P0_X.X.exe
      SharpDial_P0_X_X.config
    Monitor Service
      SharpDial_MS_X.X.exe
      SharpDial_MS_X_X.config
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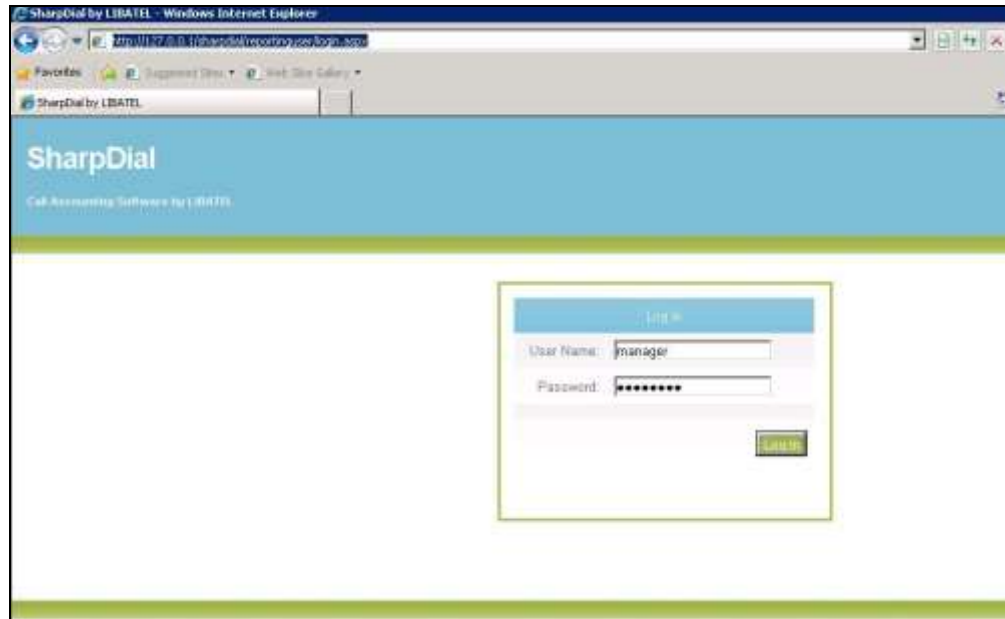
This stage might take several minutes since it installs Sharpdial website and deploys its reports on the report server.

The installation is done. Click **Finish** to complete.



7. Configuring Libatel SharpDial through Web Interface

Open <http://<SharpDial Server IP Address>/sharpdial/reportinguser/login.aspx>. Log into the SharpDial web interface with security manager role using the default **User Name** and **Password**.



Under **Administration** on the left hand pane click on **Sites**, this displays all connection information on the current site. Any changes that need to be made on the connection to this site can be made from here by clicking **Edit**. The information highlighted below is automatically populated as was configured in **Section 6.1**.

Home > Administration > Sites

Manage Sites

Filter By Site Name:

Site Name	Connection Type	IP	Port	IP	Baudrate	Port	Serial	Edit/Delete	Ext and codes
Main Site	IP Connection	10.3.10.330	5555					Edit Delete Details	
	IP Connection							Add	

[Add connection type](#)
[Add line type](#)

Right sidebar: Welcome manager! Last Login Date: 15/03/2015 21:08:30 Last Activity Date: 15/03/2015 21:08:49 [Logout](#) Last Generated Reports Report: Internal Date: 15/03/2015 16:00:49 [Home](#) Favorite Reports extension_all

8. Verification Steps

The following steps can be taken to ensure that the Communication Manager is sending CDR data and to show that the SharpDial server is receiving this data and processing it properly.

8.1. Verify that CDR data is being sent by the Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

Type **status cdr-link** this brings up a page showing the **Link State** as either up or down. Observe as shown below the **Link State** should be **up** for the **Primary**.

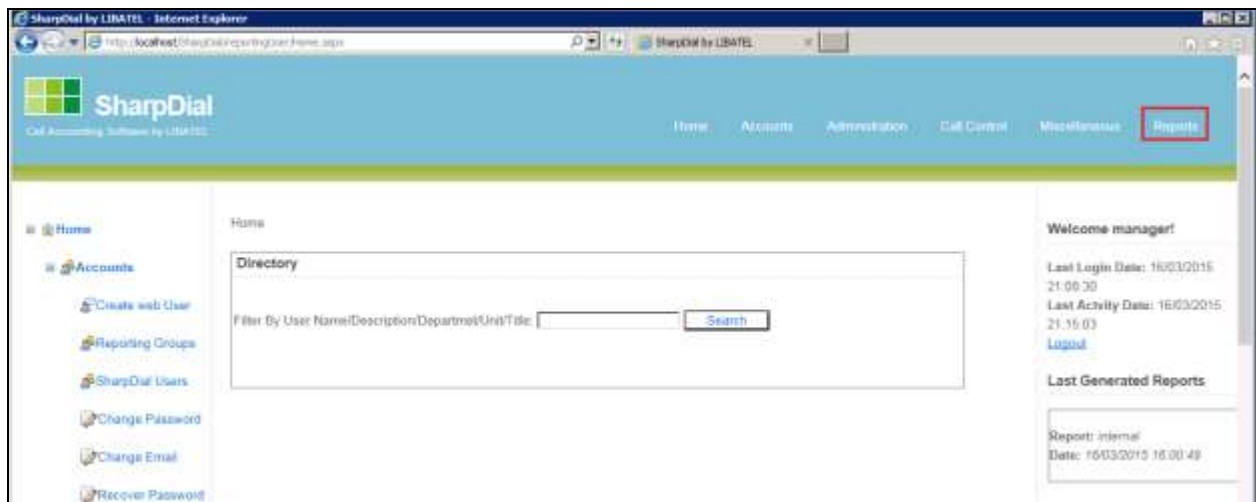
status cdr-link	
CDR LINK STATUS	
Primary	Secondary
Link State: up	CDR not administered
Date & Time: 2015/03/16 13:19:33	0000/00/00 00:00:00
Forward Seq. No: 0	0
Backward Seq. No: 0	0
CDR Buffer % Full: 0.00	0.00
Reason Code: OK	

Log onto the SharpDial server and check that raw CDR data is being received into the CDR backup files. Open the CDR backup file located in **C:/ProgramFiles(x86)/SharpDial/Process0/CDRBackup**. The information on recent calls should be visible as shown below.



8.3. Verify that Libatel's SharpDial is producing reports on CDR information correctly

Using the reporting tool on the Web Interface create a CDR report by logging onto <http://<sharpdial Server IP>/sharpdial/reportinguser/login.aspx> and click on **Reports** at top right of page as shown below.



There are a number of reports that can be run. In the example below **extension_all** is picked as highlighted. Click **Next** to continue.



Select the start date and end date that this report is to run from and click **Next** (not shown). If there are multiple sites select which sites are to be reported on and click **Next** (not shown).

In this example there is only one site called **Main Site** and a list of **Extensions** available are displayed on the left hand pane. Each extension that is to be reported on is added into the right hand pane called **Selected Extensions** as shown in the example below for extensions **10005**. Click **Next** to continue.

The screenshot shows a web application interface titled "My Reports" with a breadcrumb "Home > Reports". Below the title is a blue bar labeled "Generate Reports". The interface is divided into two main panes: "Extensions:" on the left and "Selected Extensions:" on the right. The "Extensions:" pane contains a list of items: "10001-Main Site", "10016-Main Site", and "N/A-Main Site". The "Selected Extensions:" pane contains a single item: "10005-Main Site", which is highlighted with a red box. Between the two panes are four buttons: ">>>", ">", "<", and "<<<". At the bottom right of the interface, there are three buttons: "Previous", "Next", and "Cancel". The "Next" button is highlighted with a red box.

See the displayed example of an **Extension_All_Report** below.

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Find | Next

Date:16/03/2015 9:21:29 p.m.

9. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration to successfully interoperate Libatel's SharpDial Call Detail Recording Solution with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager R6.3 using Avaya H.323 deskphones. All test cases were completed successfully.

10. 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, Issue 10, June 2014.
- [2] *Avaya Aura® Communication Manager Feature Description and Implementation*, Document ID 555-245-205, Issue 14, December 2014.

All information on the product installation and configuration of SharpDial can be requested from Libatel.

- [3] *SharpDial – Prerequisites Installation guide*, Version 1.0, 2014
- [4] *SharpDial Installation Checklist*, Version 2.0
- [5] *SharpDial Step By Step Installation guide*, Version 3.1

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