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Application Notes for Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System with Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones - 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.

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1. Introduction

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2. General Test Approach and Test Results

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.

Avaya's formal testing and Declaration of Conformity is provided only on the headsets/handsets that carry the Avaya brand or logo. Avaya may conduct testing of non-Avaya headset/handset to determine interoperability with Avaya phones. However, Avaya does not conduct the testing of non-Avaya headsets/handsets for: Acoustic Pressure, Safety, Hearing Aid Compliance, EMC regulations, or any other tests to ensure conformity with safety, audio quality, long-term reliability or any regulation requirements. As a result, Avaya makes no representations whether a particular non-Avaya headset will work with Avaya's telephones or with a different generation of the same Avaya telephone.

Since there is no industry standard for handset interfaces, different manufacturers utilize different handset/headset interfaces with their telephones. Therefore, any claim made by a headset vendor that its product is compatible with Avaya telephones does not equate to a guarantee that the headset will provide adequate safety protection or audio quality.

The interoperability compliance test included feature and serviceability testing. The feature testing focused on placing calls to and from the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones with the Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS wireless headset and verifying two-way audio. The call types included calls to voicemail, to local extensions, and to the PSTN.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the usability of the Plantronics wireless headset after restarting the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones and re-connecting the Plantronics headset.

2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

All test cases were performed manually. The following features were verified:

- Placing calls to the voicemail system. Voice messages were recorded and played back to verify that the playback volume and recording level were good.
- Placing calls to internal extensions to verify two-way audio.
- Placing calls to the PSTN to verify two-way audio.
- Hearing incoming call notification.
- Hearing ring back tone for outgoing calls.
- Answering and ending calls using the call control button on the headset.
- Toggling between handset, speakerphone, and headset.
- Using the volume control buttons on the Plantronics headset to adjust the audio volume.
- Using the mute control button on the Plantronics headset to mute and un-mute the audio.
- Using the headset with 9620 H.323 and SIP telephones.

For the serviceability testing, a 9620 IP telephone and headset were restarted to verify proper operation of the headset after the reboot was completed.

2.2. Test Results

All test cases passed. See **Section 3.1** for instructions on answering, ending, and placing calls with the headset.

2.3. Support

For technical support and information on Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System, contact Plantronics at:

- Phone: 800-544-4660 (toll free)
        +1 831-426-5858 (International)
- Website: http://www.plantronics.com/north_america/en_US/support/

3. Reference Configuration

Figure 1 illustrates the test configuration used to verify the Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System with Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones. The configuration consists of an Avaya S8300 Server running Avaya Aura® Communication Manager with an Avaya G450 Media Gateway providing connectivity to the PSTN via an ISDN-PRI trunk (not shown). Avaya Aura® Messaging was used as the voicemail system.
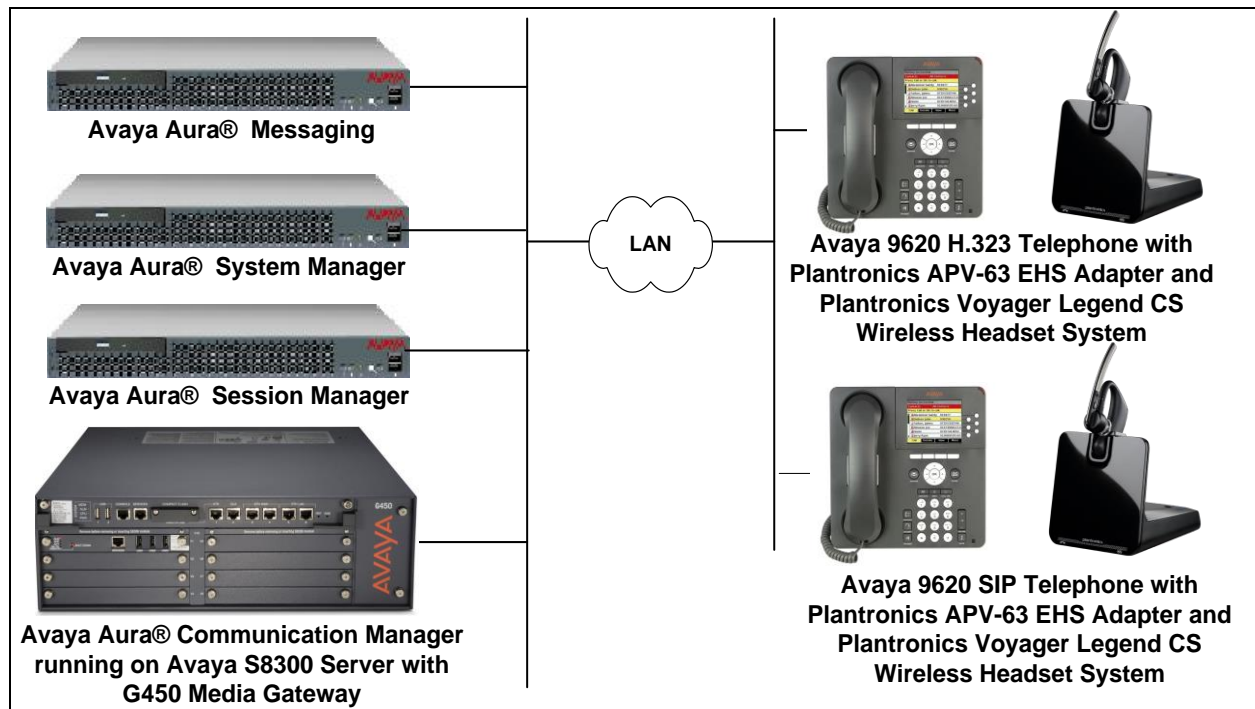

Figure 1: Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones with Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System

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3.1. Answering, Ending, and Placing Calls

To answer, end, or place a call using the Plantronics headset follow the instructions below.

To Answer a Call
- Press the call control button on the headset to answer an incoming call. This would automatically activate the headset button on the IP telephone.

  Alternatively, if the headset button on the IP telephone is pressed first, then press the call control button on the headset, if it isn't already activated, to answer an incoming call. Note that pressing the headset button on the IP telephone does not automatically activate the call control button on the headset.

- If auto-answer is enabled and the headset button on the IP telephone *and* the call control button on the headset are activated, subsequent incoming calls will be answered automatically and a two-way audio path will be established to the headset.

To End a Call
- Press the call control button on the headset to terminate a call. This automatically deactivates the headset button on the IP telephone.

  Alternatively, if the call is terminated by pressing the headset button on the IP telephone, the call control button on the headset remains activated. Note that pressing the headset button on the IP telephone does not automatically deactivate the call control button on the headset.

To Place a Call
- Press the call control button on the headset to get dial tone and dial the number. This would automatically activate the headset button on the IP telephone.

  Alternatively, if the headset button on the IP telephone is pressed first, the call control button on the headset needs to be pressed manually. Pressing the headset button on the IP telephone does not automatically activate the call control button on the headset.

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 running Avaya S8300D Server with a G450 Media Gateway	6.3 SP 3 (R016x.03.0.124.0 w/Patch 21172)
Avaya Aura® System Manager running on an Avaya S8800 Server	6.3.5 Build No. – 6.3.0.8.5682-6.3.8.2826 Software Update Revision No: 6.3.5.5.2017
Avaya Aura® Session Manager running on an Avaya S8800 Server	6.3 (6.3.5.0.635005)
Avaya Aura® Messaging	6.2 SP 2
Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones	S3.2.10A (H.323) 2.6.10.1 (SIP)
Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter	P/N 38734-11
Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System	FW Version 99 Base Date: Dec-13

5. Configure Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

This section covers the station configuration for the Avaya 9620 IP Telephone using H.323 and SIP protocols. The configuration is performed via the System Access Terminal (SAT) on Communication Manager or via System Manager for SIP stations.

5.1. Configure a Station for Avaya 9600 Series H.323 Telephone

Use the **add station** command to create a station for the 9620 IP telephone. Set the **Type** field to the station type to be emulated. In this example, *9620* was used. Set the **Port** field to *IP* and configure a **Security Code** as that password to be used by the Avaya telephone to log in.

Note: To enable Auto Answer on the IP telephone set the **Auto Answer** field on **Page 2** (not shown) to the appropriate value, such as *all*.

```
add station 40000                                       Page   1 of   5
                                   STATION

Extension: 40000                       Lock Messages? n           BCC: 0
     Type: 9620                        Security Code: 40000         TN: 1
     Port: IP                          Coverage Path 1:           COR: 1
     Name: Plantronics                 Coverage Path 2:           COS: 1
                                       Hunt-to Station:
STATION OPTIONS
                                       Time of Day Lock Table:
           Loss Group: 19      Personalized Ringing Pattern: 1
                                          Message Lamp Ext: 40000
        Speakerphone: 2-way            Mute Button Enabled? y
    Display Language: english
 Survivable GK Node Name:
       Survivable COR: internal           Media Complex Ext:
  Survivable Trunk Dest? y                     IP SoftPhone? n

                                               IP Video? n
                      Short/Prefixed Registration Allowed: default
```

5.2. Configure a Station for Avaya 9600 Series SIP Telephone

The SIP station was configured automatically through System Manager. Use the **display station** command to view the station for the 9620 IP telephone. The **Station Type** was set to *9620SIP* and a descriptive **Name** was also provided. Use the default values for the other fields on **Page 1**.

The SIP station was configured through System Manager as described in *Chapter 6: Managing Users* of **[2]**.

Note: To enable Auto Answer on the IP telephone set the **Auto Answer** field on **Page 2** (not shown) to the appropriate value, such as *all*.

```
display station 46020                                         Page   1 of   6
                                  STATION

Extension: 46020                      Lock Messages? n              BCC: 0
     Type: 9620SIP                     Security Code:                TN: 1
     Port: IP                       Coverage Path 1: 50             COR: 1
     Name: Plantronics              Coverage Path 2:                COS: 1
                                    Hunt-to Station:
STATION OPTIONS
                                         Time of Day Lock Table:
           Loss Group: 19
                                           Message Lamp Ext: 46020

       Display Language: english

         Survivable COR: internal
  Survivable Trunk Dest? y                        IP SoftPhone? n

                                                    IP Video? n
```

6. Configure Plantronics APV-63 EHS and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System

To connect the Voyager Legend CS wireless headset to the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone, use the APV-63 EHS adapter to connect the wireless base of the headset to the headset port of the 9620 IP telephone. In addition, an external ring detect cable, provided by Plantronics, is required to hear incoming call notifications (i.e., beeps) through the headset. Connect the adhesive end of the cable to the speakerphone grill of the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone and the other end to the mic port of the EHS adapter. All other default settings on the wireless base were used.

7. Verification Steps

Verify that the Plantronics APV-63 EHS and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS have been connected to the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone. Once the headset is connected to the phone, verify that incoming and outgoing calls are established with two-way audio to the headset and that the headset can get dial tone and end an active call.

8. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required to integrate the Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System with Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones configured for H.323 and SIP. All test cases were completed successfully with observations noted in **Section 2.2**.

9. Additional References

This section references the Avaya and Plantronics documentation that are relevant to these Application Notes.

The following Avaya product documentation can be found at http://support.avaya.com.

[1] *Administering Avaya Aura® Communication Manager*, Release 6.3, Issue 9, October 2013, Document Number 03-300509.
[2] *Administering Avaya Aura® Session Manager*, Release 6.3, Issue 3, October 2013.
[3] *Administering Avaya one-X® Deskphone SIP for 9620/9620C/9620L/9630/9630G/9640/9640G/9650/9650C IPDeskphones*, Release 2.6.10, Issue 5, May 2013, Document Number 16-604083.
[4] *Avaya one-X® Deskphone Edition for 9600 Series IP Telephones Administrator Guide Release 3.2*, Issue 9, January 2013, Document Number 16-300698.

The following Plantronics documentation can be found at http://www.plantronics.com.

[5] *Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter Quick Reference Guide.*
[6] *Plantronics Voyager Legend CS Wireless Headset System Quick Start Guide.*