

Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for Nectar Converged Management Platform with Avaya Communication Manager - Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration procedures required for the Nectar Converged Management Platform (CMP) to interoperate with Avaya Communication Manager. Nectar CMP is an intelligent platform that converges monitoring and management of the different layers of your network and system's infrastructure to provide a unified business service view of an entire application or its delivery system.

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 procedures required for Nectar CMP to interoperate with Avaya Communication Manager. The purpose of the testing was to verify that Nectar CMP recorded each phone call's performance metrics, and these performance metrics match those from the endpoints. In addition, it was verified that Nectar CMP could discover and properly identify the devices in the lab, including making a determination of which phones were registered to which call server.

Nectar CMP is a Network Management Platform that is delivered as a service. In a converged architecture, the interoperable framework is designed with many individual parts working together for overall network functionality. Nectar CMP is an intelligent platform that converges monitoring and management of the different layers of a network and system's infrastructure to provide a unified business service view of an entire application or its delivery system, regardless of how many parts it is composed of.

Figure 1 illustrates the network configuration used to verify the Nectar CMP solution. The figure shows two separate communication systems, each running Avaya Communication Manager on separate Avaya servers. Site A is comprised of Avaya S8720 Servers and an Avaya G650 Media Gateway, which has connections to the following: Avaya 4600 Series IP Telephones, and an Avaya 6400 Series Digital Telephone. Site B is comprised of an Avaya S8300 Server with an Avaya G700 Media Gateway, which has connections to Avaya 4600 Series IP Telephones, an Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone, and an Avaya 6400 Series Digital Telephone. Site C is comprised of an Avaya S8300 Server with an Avaya G350 Media Gateway, which has connections to an Avaya 4600 Series IP Telephone and an Avaya 6400 Series Digital Telephone. Site C is setup as a Local Survivable Processor (LSP) to Site A. An IP trunk connects the two Avaya Communication Manager systems in Site A and Site B. Nectar CMP was located in Site D, and has IP connectivity to all devices.

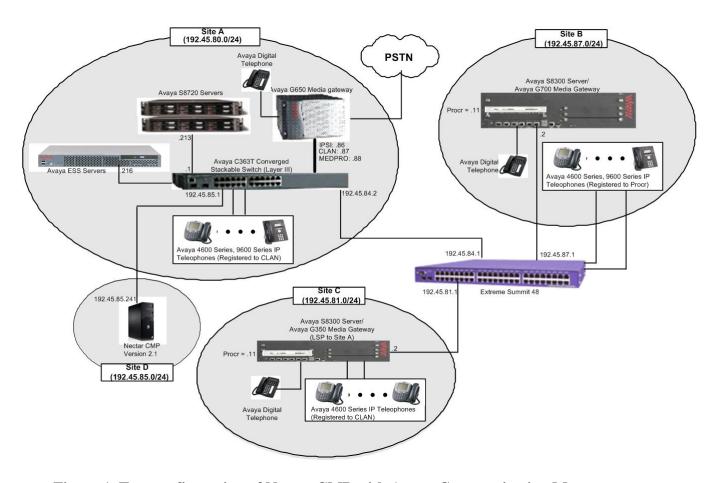


Figure 1. Test configuration of Nectar CMP with Avaya Communication Manager

2. Equipment and Software Validated

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

Equipment	Software/Firmware			
Avaya S8720 Servers	Avaya Communication Manager 5.1			
	(01.0.414.3) with SP # 15842			
Avaya G650 Media Gateway				
TN2312BP IP Server Interface	HW11 FW030			
TN799DP C-LAN Interface	HW20 FW017			
TN2302AP IP Media Processor	HW01 FW108			
Avaya S8300 Server with Avaya G700 Media	Avaya Communication Manager 5.1			
Gateway	(01.0.414.3) with SP # 15842			
Avaya S8500 Server (ESS Mode)	Avaya Communication Manager 5.1			
	(01.0.414.3) with SP # 15842			
Avaya S8300 Server with Avaya G350 Media	Avaya Communication Manager 5.1			
Gateway (LSP Mode)	(01.0.414.3) with SP # 15842			
Avaya 4600 Series IP Telephones				
4620 (H.323)	2.8			
4625 (H.323)	2.8			
Avaya 4600 Series IP Telephones				
9630 (H.323)	1.5			
9650 (H.323)	1.5			
Avaya 6400 Series Digital Telephones	-			
Analog Telephones	-			
Avaya C363T-PWR Converged Stackable	4.5.14			
Switch				
Extreme Summit 48	4.1.21			
Nectar CMP	2.1			
OS –Windows 2003 Server with SP 2				

3. Configuring Avaya Communication Manager

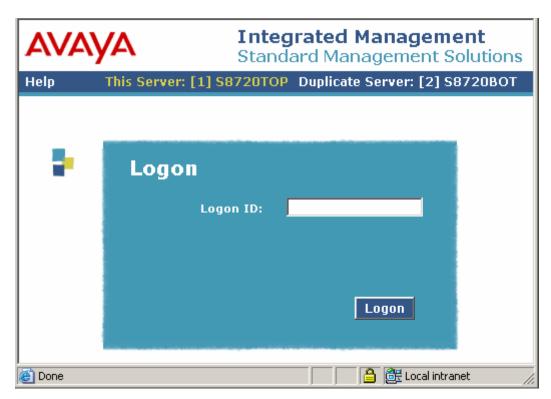
Nectar CMP utilizes a combination of the following three methods to collect data for generating a report on VoIP devices.

- System Access Terminal (SAT) Nectar CMP utilize SAT to collect resource information in Avaya Communication Manager. In order for Nectar CMP to perform the resource collection, credentials should be provided.
- RTCP Monitor Server Nectar CMP receives RTCP reports from the endpoints or the media processor (medpro) board to provide the VoIP path and call quality information.
- SNMP/TRAP Nectar CMP queries Avaya Communication Manager and other Avaya VoIP devices, utilizing SNMPwalk, to collect status information. Nectar CMP is set up as a trap receiver, and thus receives alarms from Avaya Communication Manager and other Avaya VoIP devices.

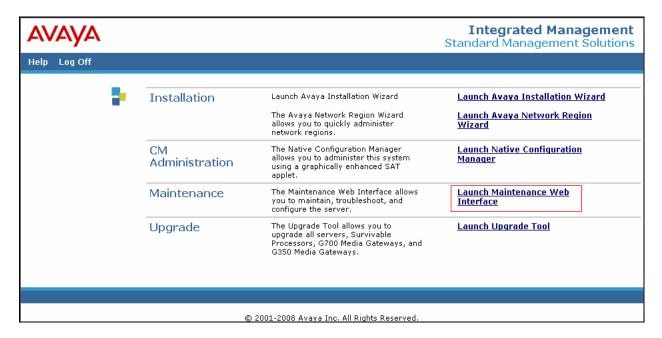
This section provides the procedures for configuring the above mentioned methods in Avaya Communication Manager.

3.1. Creating Nectar CMP credentials

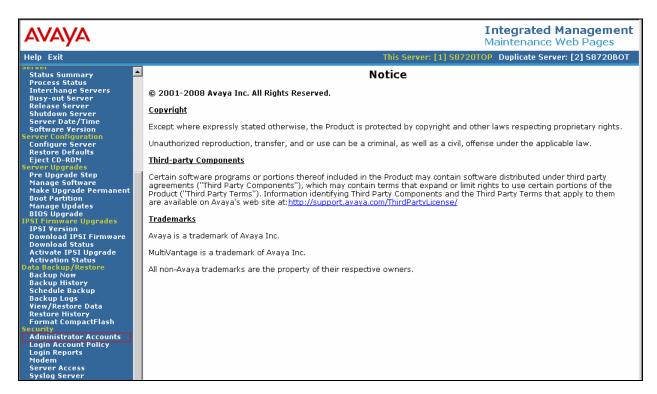
This section describes how to create credentials for Nectar CMP to log in to an Avaya Communication Manager. Launch a web browser and connect to the media server by entering <a href="https://<media server IP address">https://<media server IP address. Supply proper credentials to access the Integrated Management Standard Management Solutions page.



Click on the Launch Maintenance Web Interface link.

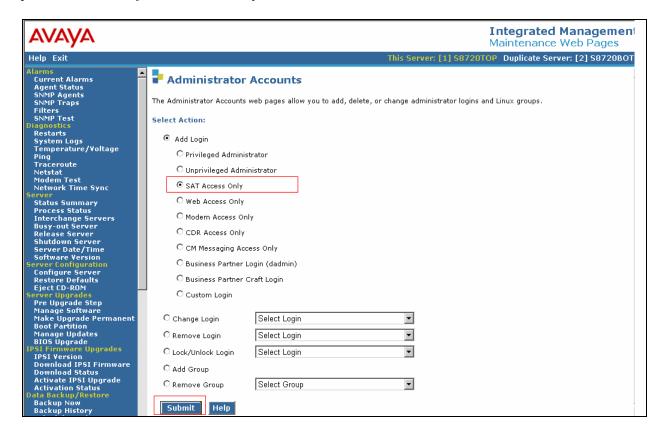


Click on the **Administrator Accounts** link under the Security section on the left pane.

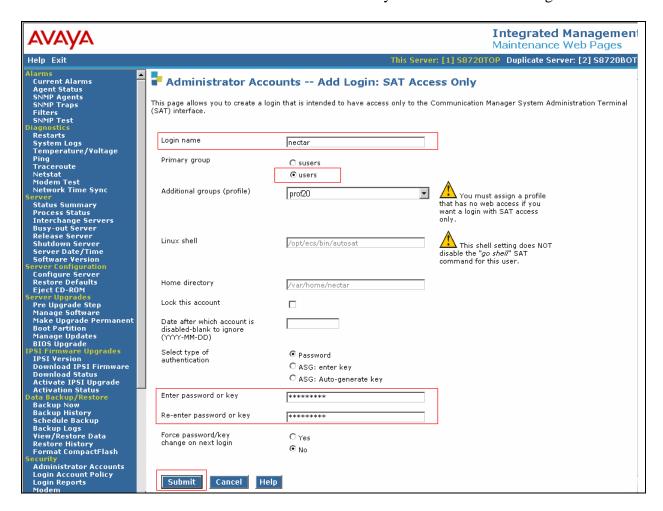


On the Administrator Accounts page, select the **SAT Access Only** radio button under Add Login section. Click on the **Submit** button.

Note: For Nectar CMP to perform the resource collection, the login account only need to be a permission level of **SAT Access Only**.



Provide Login name and password, and select the **users** radio button under the Primary group section. Click on the **Submit** button. Default values may be used in the remaining fields.



3.2. Creating RTCP Monitor Server

Since Nectar CMP utilizes RTCP packets to calculate and report the call path and quality of the call stream, a RTCP monitor server needs to be created in Avaya Communication Manager. The following screen describes the setting of the RTCP monitor server. All the configuration changes in Avaya Communication Manager are performed through the System Access Terminal (SAT). Log into the SAT and use the **change system-parameters ip-options** command to configure the RTCP monitor server. Provide the following information:

- Default Server IP Address IP address of the Nectar CMP server
- **Default Server Port** 5005 [This port number must match with the Nectar CMP RTCP Listening Port. The default value for the Default Server Port field is 5005]
- **Default RTCP Report Period (secs)** 5 [The report period indicates Avaya endpoints forward RTCP packet to the RTCP monitor server, which is the Nectar CMP server. The default value for the Default RTCP Report Period(secs) field is 5]

Default values may be used in the remaining fields.

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change system-parameters ip-options
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                          IP-OPTIONS SYSTEM PARAMETERS
IP MEDIA PACKET PERFORMANCE THRESHOLDS
   Roundtrip Propagation Delay (ms) High: 800 Packet Loss (%) High: 40
                                                     Low: 400
                                                     Low: 15
                   Ping Test Interval (sec): 20
   Number of Pings Per Measurement Interval: 10
RTCP MONITOR SERVER
        Default Server IP Address: 192.45 .85 .241
         Default Server Port: 5005
 Default RTCP Report Period(secs): 5
AUTOMATIC TRACE ROUTE ON
          Link Failure? y
                                   H.323 IP ENDPOINT
H.248 MEDIA GATEWAY
 Link Loss Delay Timer (min): 5 Link Loss Delay Timer (min): 5
                                       Primary Search Time (sec): 75
                                Periodic Registration Timer (min): 20
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3.3. Enabling SNMP / TRAP Service

For Nectar CMP to query the status information on Avaya Communication Manager, the SNMP and TRAP services need to be enabled on the Avaya S8720 and S8300 Media Servers. Once SNMP is enabled, Nectar CMP utilizes SNMPwalk to extract information from Avaya Communication Manager. Enabling the SNMP service for the Avaya S8720 and S8300 Media Servers can be configured through the server's web interface. Launch a web browser and connect to the media server by entering <a href="https://<media server IP address">https://<media server IP address. Supply the login and password for an account with super-user privileges. For an S8720 Media Server pair, the SNMP trap destinations need to be configured on each media server. Select Launch Maintenance Web Interface from the screen.

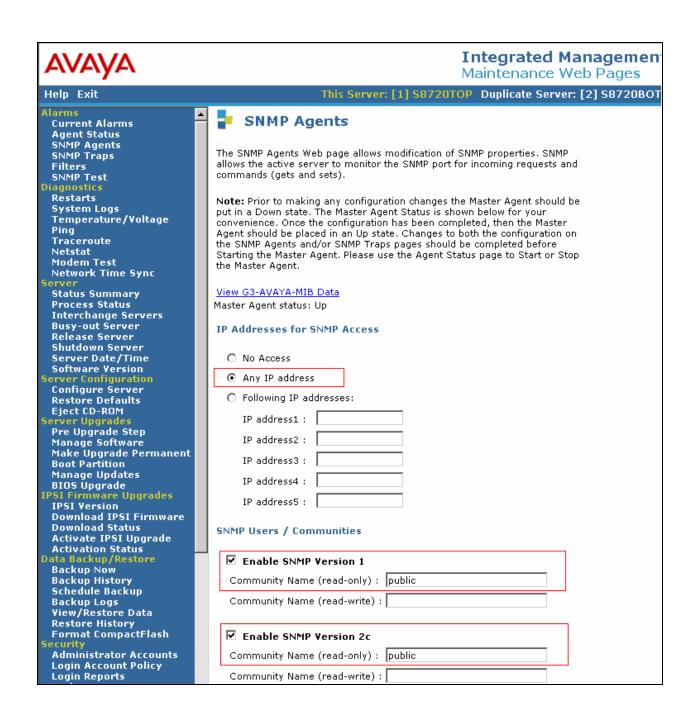
AV	ΆΥΑ			Integrated Management Standard Management Solutions
Help	Log Off			
		Installation	Launch Avaya Installation Wizard	Launch Avaya Installation Wizard
			The Avaya Network Region Wizard allows you to quickly administer network regions.	<u>Launch Avaya Network Region</u> <u>Wizard</u>
		CM Administration	The Native Configuration Manager allows you to administer this system using a graphically enhanced SAT applet.	<u>Launch Native Configuration</u> <u>Manager</u>
		Maintenance	The Maintenance Web Interface allows you to maintain, troubleshoot, and configure the server.	<u>Launch Maintenance Web</u> <u>Interface</u>
		Upgrade	The Upgrade Tool allows you to upgrade all servers, Survivable Processors, G700 Media Gateways, and G350 Media Gateways.	<u>Launch Upgrade Tool</u>

Click on the **SNMP Agents** link under the Alarms section, on the left pane, to display the SNMP Agent page.

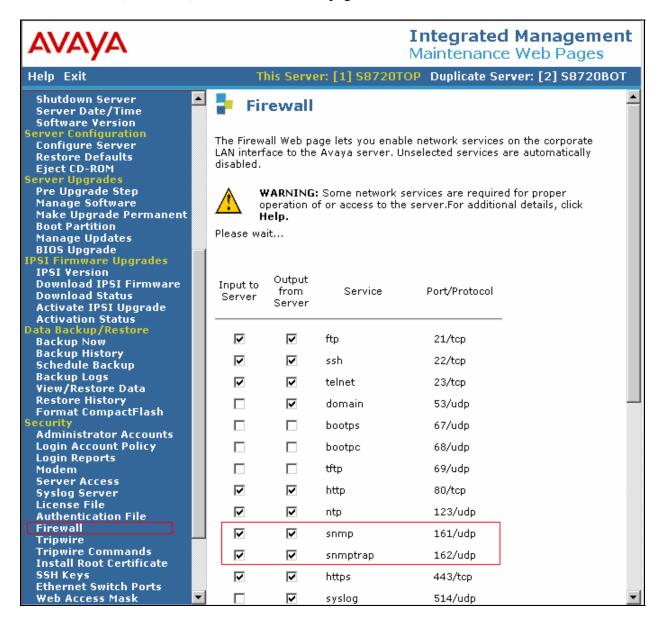


In the SNMP Agent page, select the **Any IP Address** radio button under the **IP Addresses for SNMP Access** section. This implies that any device can perform a SNMP request to the Avaya media servers. For the security purpose, an administrator may restrict the access by specifying IP address(s) under the **Following IP addresses** field for the SNMP access section. Enable SNMP version 1 and version 2c by checking on the check boxes. Provide the Community Name (read-only) field to **public** on both versions of SNMP. The community name configured in the Avaya media server has to match with Nectar CMP.

Click on the **Submit** button (not shown) at the bottom of the page to submit the form.



The firewall in the Avaya server must allow SNMP on UDP port 161 and SNMPTRAP on UDP port 162. Click on the **Firewall** link under the Security section to display the Firewall page. Make sure that **snmp** (Input to Server 161/udp) and **snmptrap** (Output from Server 162/udp) are selected (the example below shows, both inbound and outbound are enabled on both ports). SNMP allows for operating system and host queries to be made against Avaya Communication Manager from an external system. Nectar CMP utilizes this service to obtain health statistics about the S8720 hardware that hosts the Avaya Communication Manager software. Click on the **Submit** button (not shown) at the bottom of the page to submit the form.

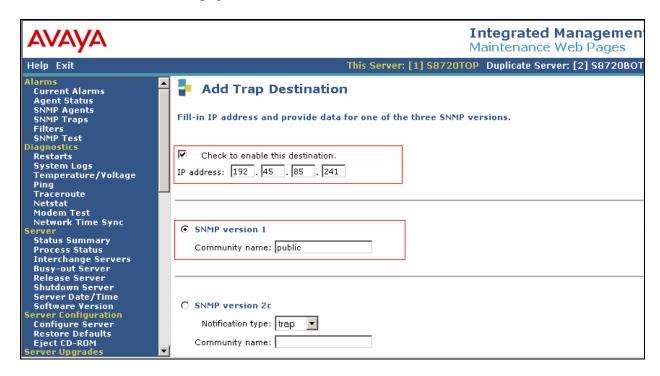


3.4. Configure SNMP TRAP Destination

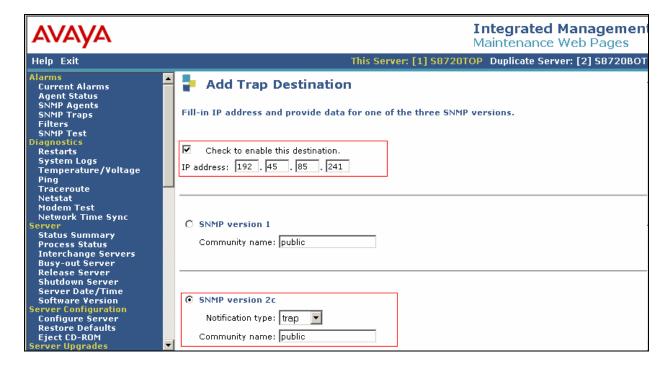
This section describes how to create a trap destination. Navigate to the **SNMP Traps** link under the Alarms section. Click on the **Add** button to start configuring a trap destination.



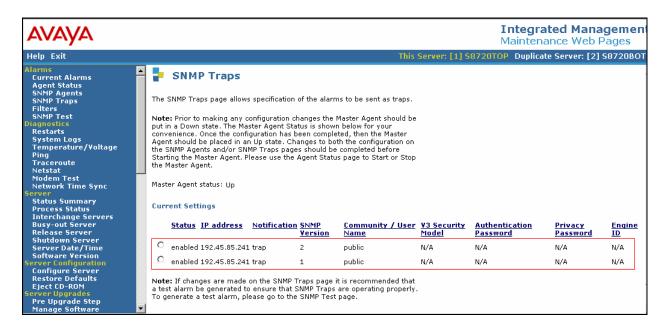
From the Add Trap Destination page, check the trap destination check box to enable the trap service, and provide the trap destination IP address (Nectar CMP IP address). Click on the SNMP version 1 radio button, and provide the community name. Click on the **Add** button (not shown) at the bottom of the page to submit the form



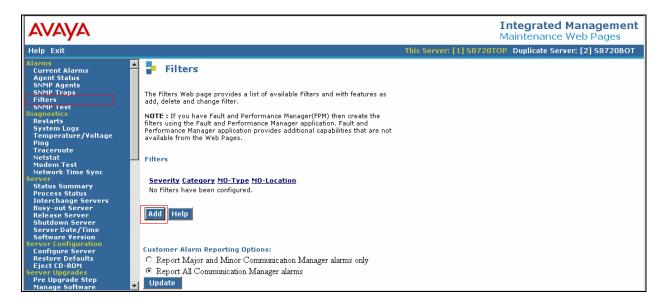
Using the previous steps in **Section 3.4**, add trap destination for the SNMP version 2c. Set Notification type to **trap**, using the drop-down menu.



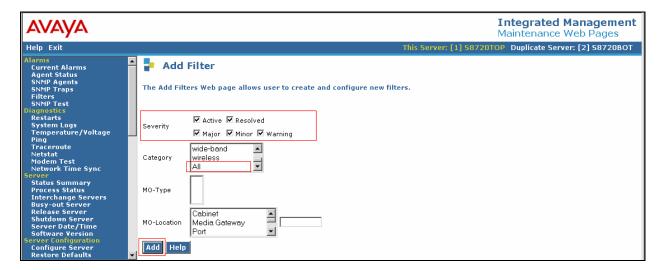
The following screen shows the completion of the trap destination setup for SNMP version 1 and 2.



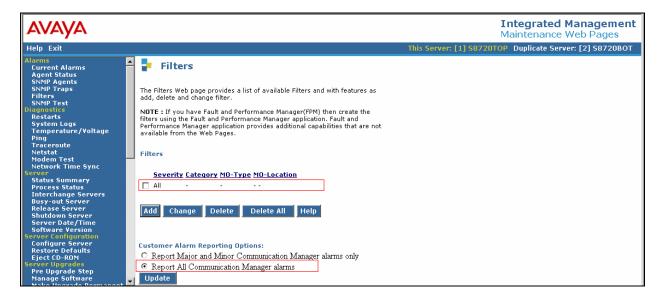
Navigate to the **Filters** link under the Alarms section. Click on the **Add** button to add filter associated to the trap message. By default, the Customer Alarm Reporting Options field is set to Report All Communication Manager alarms.



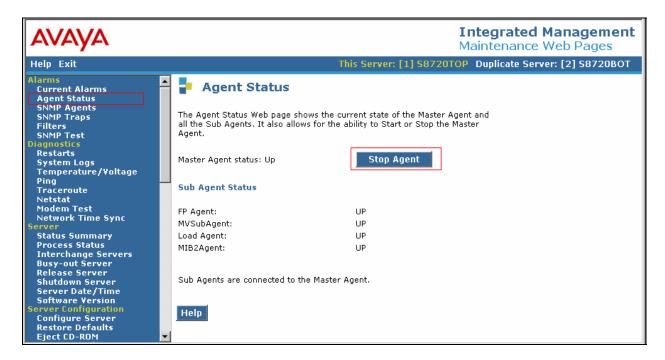
On the Add Filter page, all severity check boxes were checked during the compliance test. Using the drop-down menu, select **All** for the Category field. Click on the **Add** button.



The following screen shows the filters page after the completion of the filter settings.



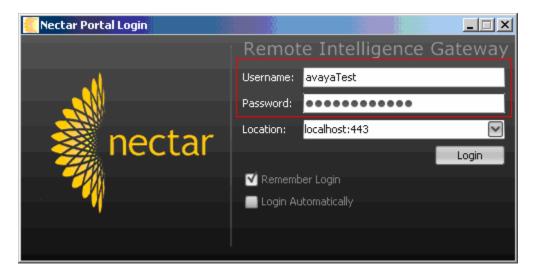
Click on the **Agent Status** link under the Alarms section, on the left pane, stop the SNMP Master Agent by clicking the **Stop Agent** button. After the Master Agent status shows **down**, click on the **Start Agent** button to start the Master Agent.



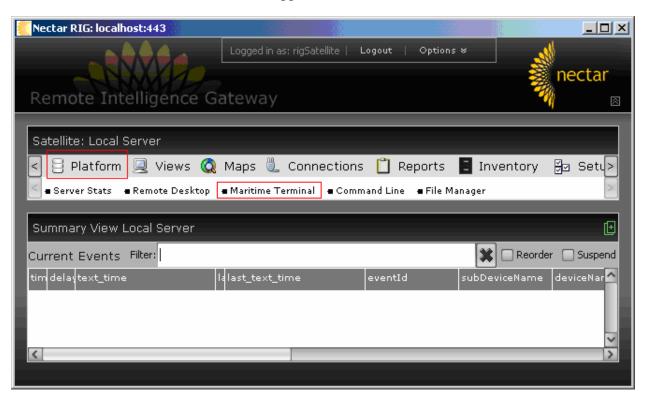
4. Configuring the CMP

The steps in this section describe the configuration of Nectar CMP that receives RTCP packets from the VoIP endpoint, and record performance metrics. For additional information on configuring Nectar CMP, refer to [3] and [4].

Launch a web browser and connect to Nectar CMP by entering <a href="http://<Nectar CMP IP address">http://<Nectar CMP IP address to log in to the Nectar Portal Login page. Provide credentials.



Select **Platform** \rightarrow **Maritime Terminal**. Once the operation is completed, the **Telnet Maritime Terminal Local Server** window will be appeared.



To configure a RTCP receiver, type the following commands in the Telnet Maritime Terminal Local Server window:

- avayaphone rtcp setreceiverip 192.45.85.241
- avayaphone rtcp setport 5005
- avayaphone rtcp enable



5. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance testing included feature and serviceability testing. The feature testing evaluated the ability of Nectar CMP to provide quality of calls placed to and from stations. The serviceability testing introduced failure scenarios to see if Nectar CMP can resume monitoring and recording after failure recovery.

5.1. General Test Approach

The general approach was to place various types of calls to and from stations, collect VoIP call quality data from Nectar CMP, and compare collected values with Avaya IP telephone's Network Audio Quality values. For feature testing, the types of calls included internal calls, inbound trunk calls, outbound trunk calls, transferred calls, conferenced calls. During the compliance test, a VoIP impairment tool was utilized to simulate VoIP delay and packet drop. For serviceability testing, failures such as cable pulls and resets were applied. Verification of each call was made by performing queries into the Nectar CMP meta data, and looking at the results recorded in the Nectar CMP internal logs.

5.2. Test Results

Nectar CMP successfully provided VoIP call quality data on various types of calls discussed in Section 5.1. For serviceability testing, Nectar CMP was able to resume collecting VoIP call quality data after restoration of connectivity to the CLAN, and after resets of Nectar CMP and Avaya S8720 Servers.

6. Verification Steps

The following steps were used to verify the configuration.

- Use the **ping** command to verify connectivity from Nectar CMP to all devices.
- Verify that calls can be successfully completed between the IP and Digital telephones.
- Compare VoIP quality data from the following sources:
 - o A VoIP impairment tool
 - o Avaya IP telephone's Network Audio Quality data
 - o Nectar CMP

7. Support

Technical support for the CMP can be obtained by contacting Nectar Support via the support link at http://www.nectarcorp.com/support or by calling the support telephone number at (888) 8-N-E-C-T-A-R.

8. Conclusion

These Application Notes illustrate the procedures for configuring Nectar CMP to monitor and correctly provide VoIP call quality statistics on the various types of calls placed to and from stations. In the configuration described in these Application Notes, Nectar CMP employs a combination of the following three methods to collect data for generating a report on VoIP devices:

- System Access Terminal (SAT)
- RTCP Monitor Server
- SNMP/TRAP

During compliance testing, CMP successfully monitored call streams, correctly provided VoIP call quality data, and received traps from VoIP devices.

9. References

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

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

- [1] Administration for Network Connectivity for Avaya Communication Manager, Issue 10, June 2005, Document Number 555-233-504.
- [2] Administrator Guide for Avaya Communication Manager, Issue 1, June 2005, Document Number 03-300509

Nectar provided the following documentation. For additional product and company information, visit http://www.nectarcorp.com.

- [3] Nectar CMP V2.1 Vendor Knowledge Module (VKM) for Avaya Communication Manager (IP Enabled), August 2008, Document Version 1.5
- [4] Nectar CMP V2.1 Technical Overview Briefing, August 2008, Document Version 1.5

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