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Application Notes for Magnetic North Optimise and Avaya Proactive Contact with Avaya PG230 Gateway - Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe a solution-tested configuration comprised of Magnetic North Optimise, Avaya Proactive Contact with Avaya PG230 Gateway and Avaya AuraTM Communication Manager. Magnetic North Optimise delivers call recording and quality monitoring for Outbound calls made with Proactive Contact in a typical Call Centre VoIP environment. These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Magnetic North Optimise to successfully interoperate with Avaya Proactive Contact and Avaya PG230 Gateway.

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 steps required for Magnetic North Optimise using VoIP call recording to interoperate with Avaya Proactive Contact and Avaya AuraTM Communication Manager.

The integration of Magnetic North Optimise with Avaya Proactive Contact enables Optimise to capture, package up and deliver recorded calls through a standard internet browser. Magnetic North Optimise provides a driver that integrates with the Avaya Proactive Contact to monitor agent activity which will be used to capture and record the audio for outbound calls.

Magnetic North Optimise provides recording based on packet mirroring of voice over IP (VoIP) data across an IP network. The Event Services API is used by Magnetic North Optimise to monitor Avaya Proactive Contact Agents, Magnetic North Optimise uses Event Services to determine when to start and stop recording. VoIP call recording is performed using network packet mirroring of the Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) traffic transmitted by the Media Processor (MedPro) card that is used by the telephone sets to be recorded. The Magnetic North Optimise server must be equipped with dedicated Gigabit network interface cards (NIC) to receive, analyze & subsequently de-code the RTP traffic. There are several options as to how the RTP traffic is presented to the NIC cards. For the compliance testing the network port of the MedPro card was mirrored to the Network port being used by Magnetic North Optimise. This configuration is shown in the following diagram.

It is assumed that Avaya AuraTM Communication Manager, Avaya AuraTM Application Enablement Services and Avaya Proactive Contact dialer have been installed and are operational. The detailed administration and basic connectivity amongst the Avaya products is not the focus of these Application Notes and will not be described.

1.1 Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability solution test included both feature functionality and serviceability testing The general test approach entailed:

- Establishing connectivity between Magnetic North Optimise and Avaya Proactive Contact
- Verifying outbound call and agent events could be monitored by Magnetic North
 Optimise through Event services API using the CORBA connection provided by Avaya
 Proactive Contact.
- Verifying calls by dialer agents could be recorded in a VoIP environment using the mirrored Med-Pro port on a network switch.
- Verifying call recording using basic telephony operations such as answer, hold/retrieve, transfer, consult, conference, and disconnect.
- Verifying serviceability events such as disconnect, reboot, network failure, restarting processes etc.

The feature functionality testing focused on the ability of Magnetic North Optimise to record calls during the operation of various Avaya Proactive Contact Jobs including

- Outbound jobs
- Blended Agent jobs
- Inbound jobs
- Managed jobs

For each job type various scenarios were tested such as job linking, managed job acceptance and rejection and call failures to busy or unobtainable.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of Magnetic North Optimise to recover from adverse conditions, such as disconnecting/reconnecting the Ethernet cable to the Magnetic North Optimise server.

1.2 Support

Technical support for the Avaya products can be obtained from Avaya. See the support link at support.avaya.com for contact information.

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2 Reference Configuration

Figure 1 illustrates the test configuration used during interoperability testing to verify the Magnetic North solution. Avaya Proactive Contact has two main components, Avaya Proactive Contact server and PG230 Gateway, they are connected via cross-over cable and the Ayaya Proactive Contact server is housed in the PG230 rack represented towards the left of the diagram. Avava AuraTM Communication Manager consists of Avaya S8730 Server running Communication Manager and an Avaya G650 Media Gateway as the PBX, PG230 Gateway is connected to G650 Media Gateway by an E1-PRI trunk which is used both to reserve dialer agents residing on the Communication Manager and make outbound calls to the simulated PSTN. The Proactive Contact Agent application is installed on desktop computers and the associated IP telephone is connected to the Communication Manager. Magnetic North Optimise is connected to the IP switch on the specific port which is mirroring the port the Med-Pro is connected to. Magnetic North Optimise also has a CORBA connection to Avaya Proactive Contact to monitor Agent events through Event Services API. Although not the focus of these Application Notes Optimise is able to record inbound as well as out bound calls, on initialization Optimise requires that it can authenticate a CTI user to Avaya AuraTM Application Enablement Services. Although the AES will not be used beyond this, it has been shown in the reference configuration below as it is a requirement for Optimise to function.

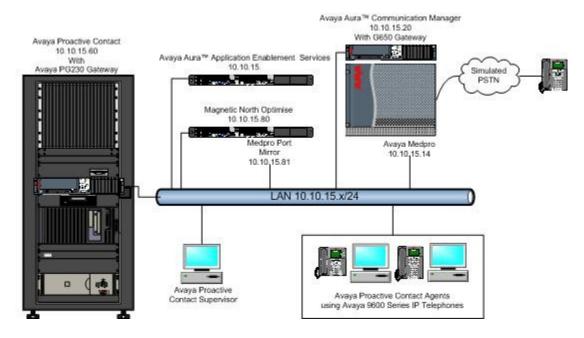


Figure 1: Network Topology

3 Equipment and Software Validated

All the hardware and associated software used in the compliance testing is listed below.

Equipment	Software Version
HP ProLiant DL 385 G2 Server	Avaya Proactive Contact 4.1.2, Super Patch 189
Avaya PG230	Digital Switch Version 15.3.1
PC Desktop Running Avaya Proactive Contact Agent	Avaya Proactive Contact Agent 4.1.2
PC Desktop Running Avaya	Avaya Proactive Contact Supervisor 4.1.2
Proactive Contact Supervisor	(Patch 205-207)
Avaya S8730 Server	Avaya Aura TM Communication Manager 5.2.1 (R015x.02.1.016.4) Service Pack 3
Avaya G650 Media Gateway	
- CLAN TN799DP	HW16, FW038
- IP Media Processor TN2602AP	HW08, FW055
Avaya S8800 server	Avaya Aura TM Application Enablement
	Services 5.2.2
Magnetic North Optimise Server	v4.1.5 Hot Fix 98
	Mosaix Driver 2.1.5.105

Table 1: Hardware and Software Version Numbers

4 Configuration of Avaya Aura[™] Communication Manager

These Application Notes assume that Communication Manager is configured and operational and the basic connectivity to Proactive Contact is in place. This section focuses only on the configuration required to enable Optimise to record calls and that of the station that will be used by the Proactive Contact Agent and recorded by Magnetic North Optimise. The configuration is performed via the System Access Terminal (SAT) on Communication Manager.

4.1 Configure Proactive Contact Agent Station

Use the **add station n** command to add a station that will be used by Proactive Contact Agent. Set the **Type** field to the handset type being used. Enter a descriptive name in the **Name** field and specify a **Security Code** that will be used for the phone to log in.

```
add station 6620
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                                      STATION
Extension: 6620
                                          Lock Messages? n
                                                                          BCC: 0
                                          Security Code: 6620
Overage Path 1:
    Type: 9620
                                                                           TN: 1
                                        Coverage Path 1:
     Port: IP
                                                                           COR: 1
    Name: IP Station
                                        Coverage Path 2:
                                                                           cos: 1
                                        Hunt-to Station:
```

As Optimise uses a mirrored network port of the Med-Pro card, the station must not use IP to IP direct media or 'shuffling'. To ensure that the voice path always uses a Med-Pro resource, on **Page 2** of the station set the **Direct IP-IP Audio Connections** and **IP Audio Hairpinning** to **n**.

Note: The station settings will prevent direct IP to IP connections on a station by station basis. The same effect can be achieved for multiple stations by setting the **Intra-region IP-IP Direct Audio** and **Inter-region IP-IP Direct Audio** fields on the relevant IP network region to **no**. if this behavior is required for every station connected to Communication Manager then the **Direct IP-IP Audio Connections** and **IP Audio Hairpinning** fields can be set to **n** on page 18 of the system-parameters features screen.

```
add station 6620
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                                                          Page
                                   STATION
FEATURE OPTIONS
         LWC Reception: spe
                               Auto Select Any Idle Appearance? n
      LWC Activation? y
                                                 Coverage Msg Retrieval? y
 LWC Log External Calls? n
                                                       Auto Answer: none
           CDR Privacy? n
                                                      Data Restriction? n
  Redirect Notification? y
                                            Idle Appearance Preference? n
Per Button Ring Control? n
                                           Bridged Idle Line Preference? n
  Bridged Call Alerting? y
                                              Restrict Last Appearance? n
 Active Station Ringing: single
                                                      EMU Login Allowed? n
       H.320 Conversion? n
                                 Per Station CPN - Send Calling Number? y
      Service Link Mode: as-needed
                                                     EC500 State: enabled
       Multimedia Mode: enhanced
   MWI Served User Type: qsig-mwi
                                             Display Client Redirection? n
                                            Select Last Used Appearance? n
                                              Coverage After Forwarding? s
                                                Multimedia Early Answer? n
 Emergency Location Ext: 6620
                                         Direct IP-IP Audio Connections? n
    Precedence Call Waiting? Y
                                     Always Use? n IP Audio Hairpinning? n
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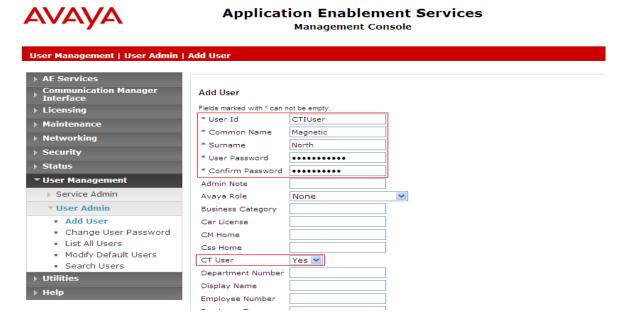
5 Configuration of Avaya Aura™ Application Enablement Services

This section covers the administration of a CTI user on AES (Application Enablement Services) that Optimise requires upon initialization. AES is configured via an Internet browser to access the administration web interface enter https://<ip-addr>/ as the URL in an Internet browser, where <ip-addr> is the active IP address of AES. The login screen is displayed, log in with the appropriate credentials and then select the Login button

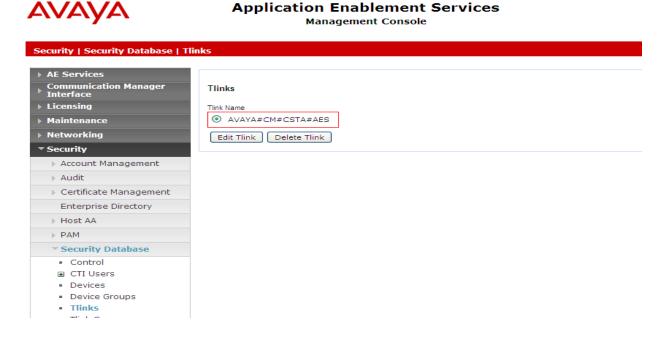


5.1 Configure CTI User

From the left pane of the Administration web interface, navigate to **User Management** → **User Admin** → **Add User**. From the **Add User** screen enter values for all of the compulsory fields marked with *. The **User ID** and **User Password** are used in the configuration of Optimise. In addition to the compulsory fields the **CT User** field should be set to **Yes**. When finished select the **Apply** button (not shown) towards the bottom of the screen.



Along with the CTI user a Tlink must also be specified within Optimise, to view the Tlink name navigate to **Security Security Database Tlinks** to view the administered Tlink.



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6 Configure Avaya Proactive Contact

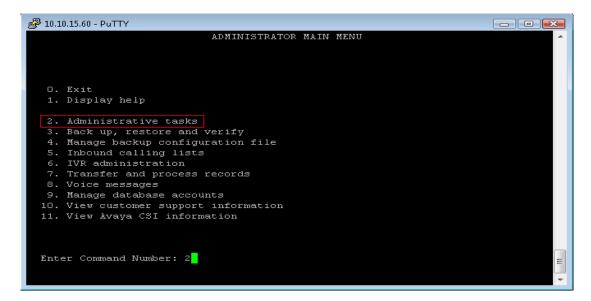
This section describes the configuration required on the Proactive Contact Server to allow Optimise to monitor the Proactive Contact Agent activity. The commands run in this section are Linux commands executed using an SSH client to connect to the Proactive Contact server

6.1 Configure Avaya Proactive Contact Host File

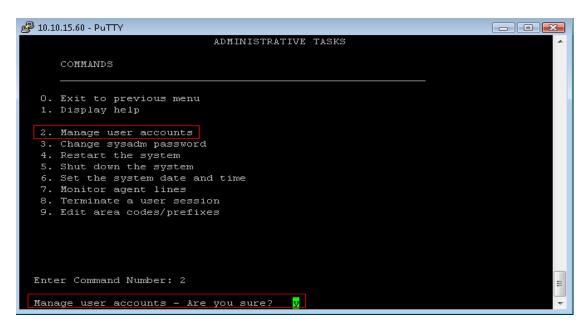
Log in to Proactive contact with administrative privileges and type the command **vi** /**etc/hosts** and add the hostnames and IP addresses of Magnetic North Optimise. Confirm an entry exists for the Proactive Contact server itself. As highlighted in the screen below. This is required so that Proactive Contact can resolve the IP address associated with either host name.

6.2 Configure Avaya Proactive Contact Agents

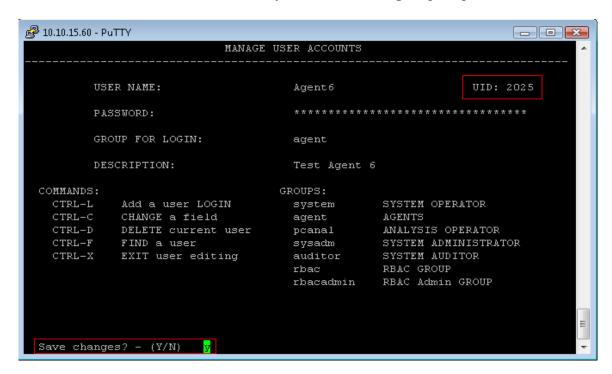
A user account needs to be setup for each agent that will log in to Proactive Contact. One of the ways to setup an agent user account is to use the Linux administration menus. Log in to Proactive Contact with system administrative privileges. To add an agent account, from the **ADMINISTATOR MAIN MENU** screen. Select **Administrative tasks** by entering **2** at the **Enter Command Number** prompt.



In the resulting menu select Manage user accounts by entering 2 in the Enter Command Number prompt, and enter y in the Manager use accounts – Are you sure? prompt.

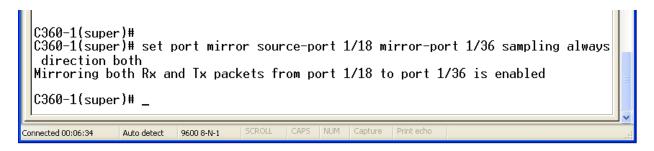


In the resulting screen press **CTRL-L** to add a new agent login. Enter values in the **USER NAME**, **PASSWORD**, **GROUP FOR LOGIN** and **DESCRIPTION** fields, and press **Enter**. This will assign the agent a **UID** which can be seen in the top right corner of the screen. The UID should be noted for each agent as it is used in the administration of Optimise when adding users to be recorded in **Section 8.2.2**. Repeat this for each agent that will log in to Proactive Contact. Press **CTRL-X** to exit the screen and enter **y** at the **Save changes?** prompt.



7 Configure Network Port Mirror on Avaya C364T-PWR

A port mirror must be set up on the C364T PWR IP network switch that is providing IP network connectivity for the solution to enable Optimise to record VoIP calls. For the solution test an Avaya C364T PWR IP switch was used. The network switch port that Optimise is connected to is configured to mirror the network switch port that the Med-Pro card is connected to. This means that all of the IP traffic that is sent to and from the network switch port that the Med-Pro card is connected to, will be duplicated and sent to the mirroring network switch port that Optimise is connected to, thus allowing Optimise to record calls. The Med-Pro card is connected to port 1/18 and Optimise is connected to Port 1/36. To set the port mirror, login to the console of the C364T PWR switch with the appropriate administrative credentials and run the command set port mirror source-port 1/18 mirror-port 1/36 sampling always direction both confirmation that the port mirror has been enabled is then received.



8 Configure Magnetic North Optimise

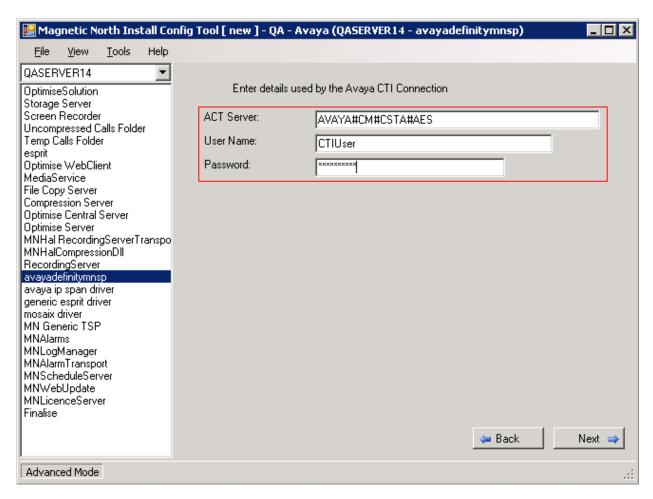
This section covers the installation and configuration steps to allow Optimise to interoperate with Avaya.

8.1 Optimise Installation Information

For Optimise to be able to work with Avaya products, some information is required at the time of install. Magnetic North uses an installation configuration tool to administer the required settings for Optimise. This section describes the parts of the Optimise installation that require Avaya information. To access the installation configuration tool, from the Optimise server click start and navigate to Programs → Magnetic North → Optimise → InstallConfigTool.

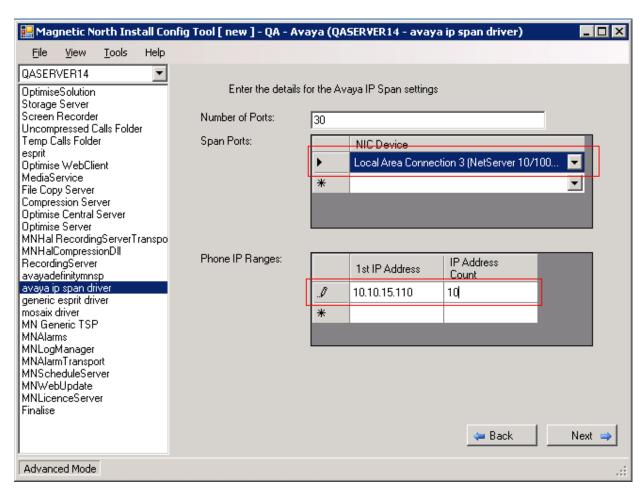
8.1.1 TSAPI Connection

Select the **avayadefinitymnsp** option from the left panel of the configuration tool and enter the Tlink name shown in **Section 5** in the **ACT Server** field. For the **User Name** and **Password** fields enter the CTI user name and password set up in **Section 5** respectively.



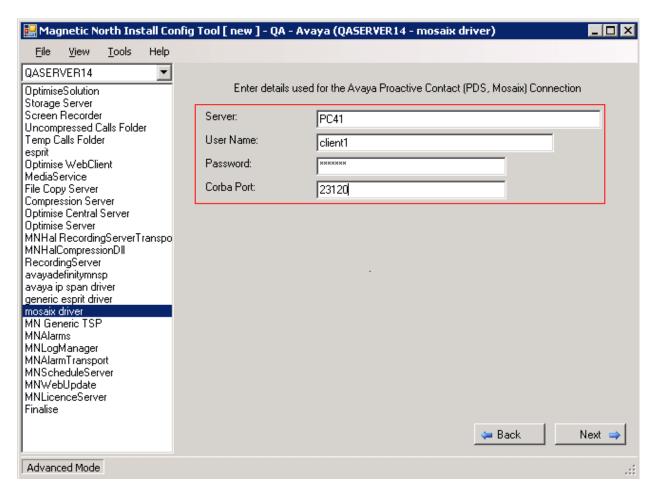
8.1.2 IP Phone Address Range

The IP address range that will be used by the Avaya IP phones is declared during the Optimise installation. The IP telephones used in this testing have IP addresses range from 10.10.15.110 to 10.10.15.119. Select the **avaya ip span driver** option from the left panel of the configuration tool, for **Span Ports** select the relevant NIC from the drop down menu under **NIC Device**. For **Phone IP Ranges** specify the **1st IP Address** in the range and enter an **IP Address Count** to equal the number of IP addresses in the range.



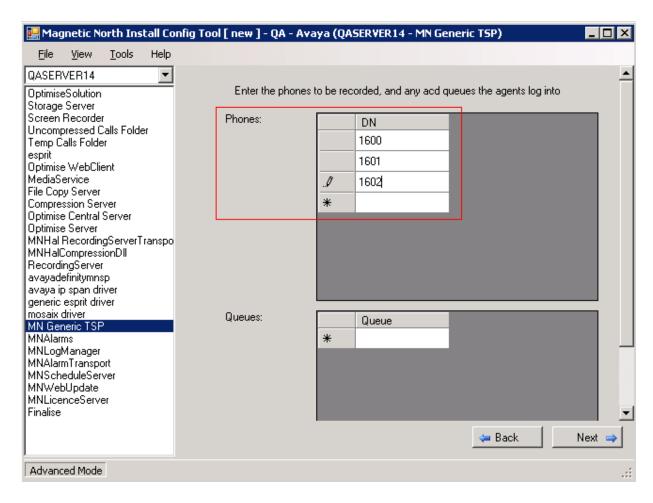
8.1.3 Event Services Connection

For Optimise to receive events from Proactive Contact Event Services some connection details are required. Select the **mosaix driver** option from the left panel of the configuration tool. Set the **Server** field to the host name of the Proactive Contact Server. Enter a valid username and password in the **User Name** and **Password** fields respectively. The default user name and password provided by Avaya Proactive Contact were used during testing. Set **Corba Port** to **23120** which is the default Corba Connection port provided by Avaya Proactive Contact.



8.1.4 Extensions to be Recorded

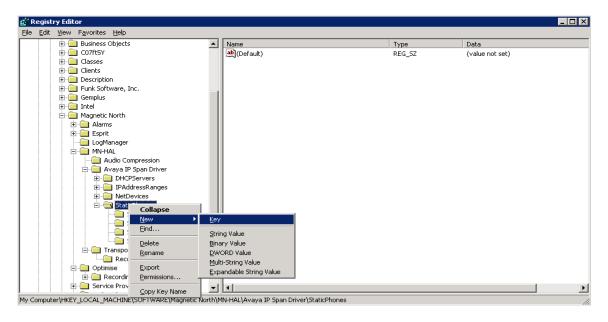
The extension number for each station that is to be recorded should be specified during the install although is is possible to add stations by editing the server registry. In the screen below stations **1600** to **1602** have been defined.



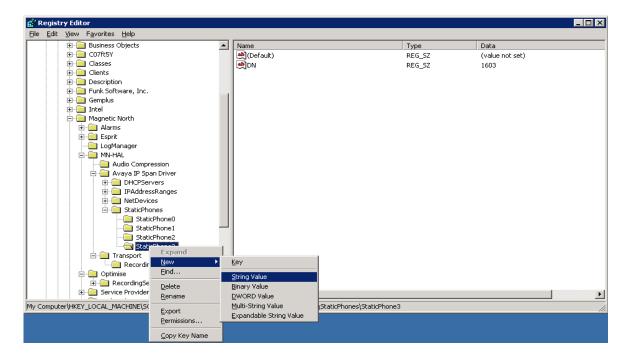
8.1.5 Declare Static Phones Using Registry

To declare static phone within the registry navigate to My

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Magnetic North\MN-HAL\Avaya IP Span Driver- Right click on StaticPhones and select New → Key. Name the new key StaticPhone<x> where <x> is the next available number in sequence to the previously configured StaticPhones sub keys.

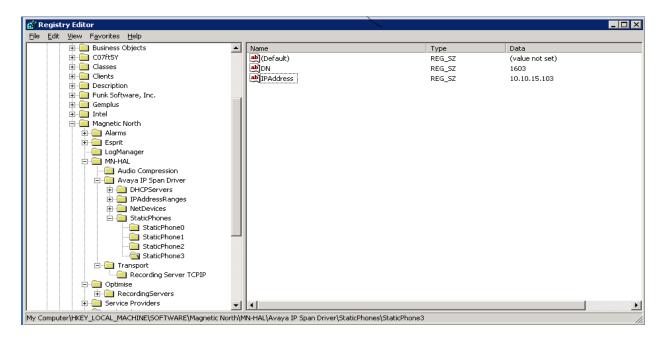


Two values must be added to the new key. Right click on the new key and select New → String Value. The values DN and IPAddress should be created.



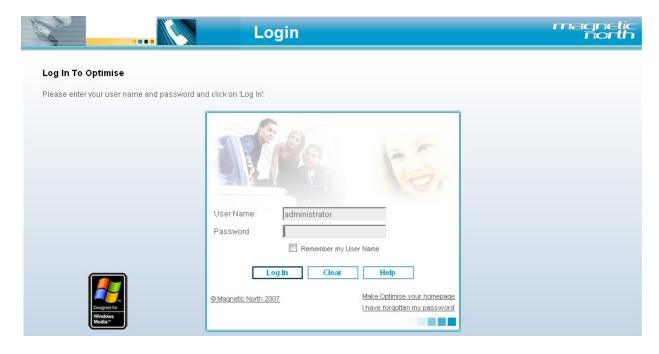
A Sub key and relevant registry values must be set up for each static phone. In the screen below **StaticPhone3** is shown as a sample phone. There are two entries within **StaticPhone3** that need to be set. **DN** should be set to the extension number to be recorded and **IPAddress** should be set to the IP address of the configured DN.

Note: The **StaticPhones** sub keys must start at 0 and be consecutive.



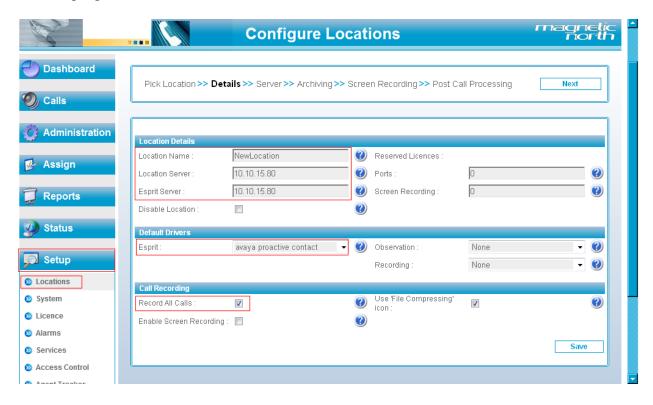
8.2 Optimise Administration

This section covers the administration of Optimise. Optimise is administered via an Internet browser. To access the administration web interface enter http://<ip-addr>/Optimise as the URL in an Internet browser, where <ip-addr> is the IP address of the Optimise server. The login screen is displayed, log in with the appropriate administrator user credentials.



8.2.1 Administer Location

Click the **Setup** option on the left side of the screen and select **Location** from the resulting sub menu. On the right hand side of the screen click **Add New** (not Shown). Under the **Location Details** section specify a **Location Name**. Set the **Location Server** and **Esprit Server** fields to the hostname or IP address of the Optimise server, the IP address was used during the compliance test. Under the **Default Drivers** section, for the **Espirit** field select **avaya proactive contact** from the drop down menu and under the **Call Recording** section check the **Record All Calls** check box. All other field can retain their default values. When finished click **Next**, located on the top right of the screen.



In the resulting screen under the **Configure General Optimise Settings** section, set **Operating Mode** to **Agent** by clicking the **Agent** radio button as Optimise will be used to record Proactive Cantact Agents. All other field can retain their default values. When finished click **Save**, located on the bottom right of the screen (not shown) to save the location entries.



8.2.2 Administer Users to be Recorded

Each Proactive Contact agent that is to be recorded should be configured as a user within Optimise. Select the **Administration** option on the left side of the screen and select **Users/Passwords** from the resulting sub menu. Under the **Add User** section, enter a **User Name** and **Full Name** for the agent to be recorded. Provide an email address of a valid format for the **Email Address** field, the email address provided in this example is not an active account and was not used during testing. Set **Agent Id** according to the Agent ID identified in **Section 6.2**. Set the agent to be monitored by selecting the **Yes** radio button next to **Monitor Agent**. Under the **Security** section set a pssword for the agent being configured by filling in the **Password** and **Password Again** fields. Under the **Access Profile** section set the **Agent** field to **Agent**. Under the **Esprit Drivers** section set the **Primary Driver** to **avaya proactive contact** so that Optimise is aware that this agent is a Proactive Contact agent. Set **Secondary Driver** to **None** as there is no other driver involved in this testing. When finished click **Update User** located toward the bottom right of the screen. The screen below shows a user that was previously administered in Optimise. Repeat these steps for each Proactive Contact Agent/User that will be recorded by Optimise.

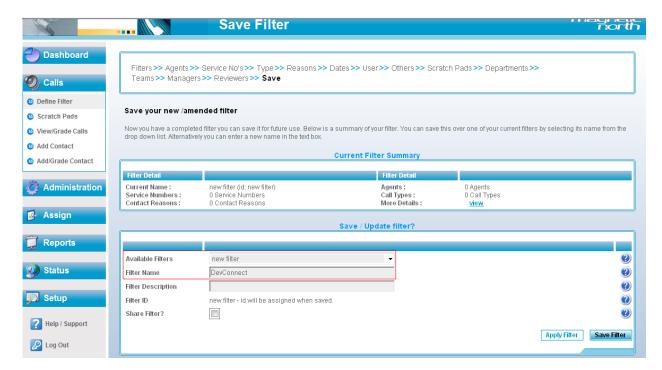


8.2.3 Define Search Filter

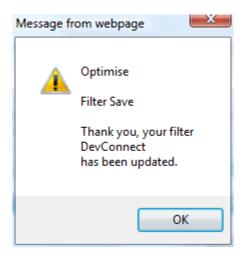
A number of options to refine the search filters are available to Optimise users. The filter refinement options are out of scope for these Application Notes and will not be discussed. No filter refinements were used during the testing. To define a search filter select the **Calls** button on left side of the screen and select **Define Filter** from the resulting submenu. Click **New** located towards the right of the screen.



In the **Save Filter** screen select **new filter** from the drop down menu for **Available Filters**. Enter a name for the filter in the **Filter Name** field and click **Save Filter** located towards the bottom right of the screen.

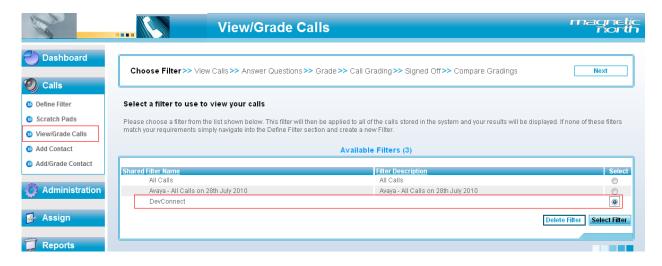


Confirmation that the filter has been saved is displayed



8.2.4 View Recorded Calls

To view recorded calls select the Calls button on left side of the screen and then select View/Grade Calls from the resulting submenu. In the Choose Filter screen select the radio button relating to the filter defined in Section 8.2.3 and click Select Filter.



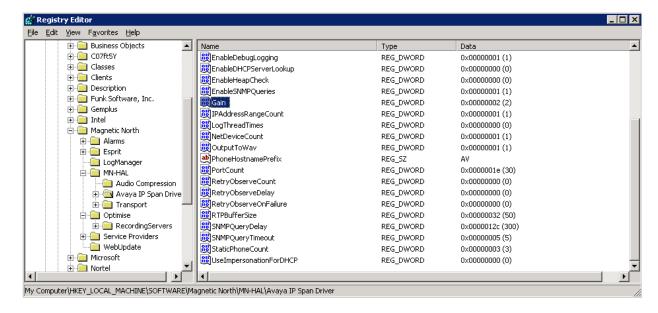
The resulting screen will list the recorded calls that match the selected filter. To listen to a call, scroll to the right hand side of the screen and click the speaker icon (not shown). A graphical representation of the call is then displayed towards the top left of the screen and the audio will be played back.



8.2.5 Adjusting Recorded Volume

If the play back of recorded calls seems faint then the playback audio gain can be adjusted. Navigate to My Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Magnetic North\MN-HAL\Avaya IP Span Driver and edit Gain to achieve the required playback level. For the compliance tests a Gain level of 2 was used.

Note: Magnetic North should be consulted before any Gain alteration is made.



9 General Test Approach and Test Results

The compliance testing focused on the ability of magnetic North Optimise to record and replay calls handled by Proactive Contact agents. All feature functionality test cases were performed manually to verify proper operation. The general test approach entailed:

- Verifying outbound agent events could be monitored by Optimise through Event services API using the CORBA connection provided by Avaya Proactive Contact.
- Verifying calls by dialer agents could be recorded in a VoIP environment using the mirrored Med-Pro port on a network switch and a range of Avaya Proactive Contact Jobs including
 - Outbound jobs
 - o Blended Agent jobs
 - Inbound jobs
 - Managed jobs
- Verifying call recording using basic telephony operations such as answer, hold/retrieve, transfer, consult, conference, and disconnect.
- Verifying Proactive Contact specific tasks such as job linking, managed job acceptance and rejection and call failures to busy or unobtainable.

The serviceability tests were performed by disconnecting and reconnecting Optimise from the network and restarting the server based components used in the testing including Proactive Contact and Optimise servers. Dialer processes were also stopped and re-started.

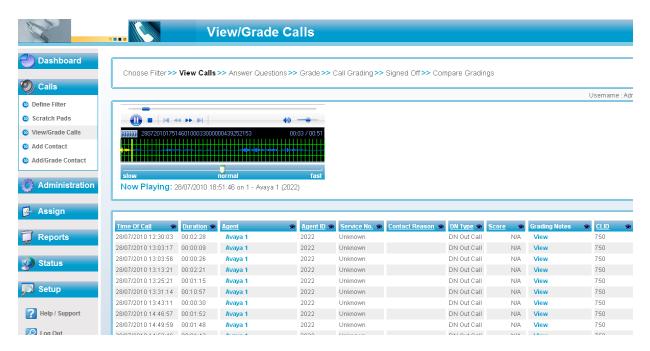
All feature and serviceability tests passed. Magnetic North Optimise successfully recorded, displayed and replayed the record calls of Proactive Contact agents. For serviceability testing, Optimise was able to resume call recording after restoration of connectivity to the Proactive Contact server, from network disconnect/re-connect, and Optimise resets. The following observations are noted from testing:

• Following a simulated network failure (disconnection and reconnection to the network) at either Optimise or Proactive Contact server components, Magnetic North services needed to be restarted on Optimise for any connections to be re-established.

10 Verification Steps

The 'netstat –an | grep 23120 | more' command can be used from the command prompt on the Proactive Contact server to verify the communication between Proactive Contact and Optimise. The above command should show an established **Event Server** connection between Proactive Contact (10.10.15.60) and Optimise (10.10.15.80).

To verify Optimise, check calls are being recorded and can be played back from Optimise web interface. Navigate to Calls → View/Grade Calls and select the radio button relating to the filter defined in Section 8.2.3 and click Select Filter (not shown), the View Calls page will be displayed. Click the speaker icon and the call will automatically be played back.



11 Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the required configuration steps for Magnetic North Optimise to successfully interoperate with Avaya Proactive Contact by recording Proactive Contact Agents in a VoIP environment. All feature functionality and serviceability test cases were completed successfully.

12 Additional References

This section references the Avaya and Magnetic North product documentation that is relevant to these Application Notes.

Product documentation for Avaya products may be found at http://support.avaya.com

- 1. Administering Avaya Proactive Contact (Linux-based Interface); Mar 2009
- 2. Administering Avaya Proactive Contact 4.; April-2009
- 3. Using Avaya Proactive Contact Supervisor 4.1; April 2009
- 4. Administering Avaya AuraTM Communication Manager; Doc No 03-300509, May-2009

Product documentation for Magnetic North products may be found at: http://support.magneticnorth.com by accessing the Online Help Documents section and selecting the appropriate link.

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