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Application Notes for Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics CS500XD Series Wireless Headset System with Avaya 96x1 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 96x1 Series IP Telephones with the Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics CS540XD 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 96x1 Series IP Telephones.

2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

All test cases were performed manually using H.323 and SIP telephones. Additionally, use of the external ring detect cable was required. 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 ring back tone for incoming and outgoing calls.
- Answering and ending calls using the call control button on the 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.

For the serviceability testing, an Avaya 9611G IP Telephone was restarted to verify proper operation of the headset after the reboot was completed.

2.2. Test Results

All test cases passed.

2.3. Support

For technical support and information on Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics CS500XD Series 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 CS540XD Wireless Headset System with Avaya 96x1 Series IP Telephones. The configuration consists of an Avaya Aura® System Manager, Avaya Aura® Session Manager, Avaya S8300 Server running Avaya Aura® Communication Manager and Avaya Aura® Communication Manager Messaging with an Avaya G450 Media Gateway providing connectivity to the PSTN via an ISDN-PRI trunk.
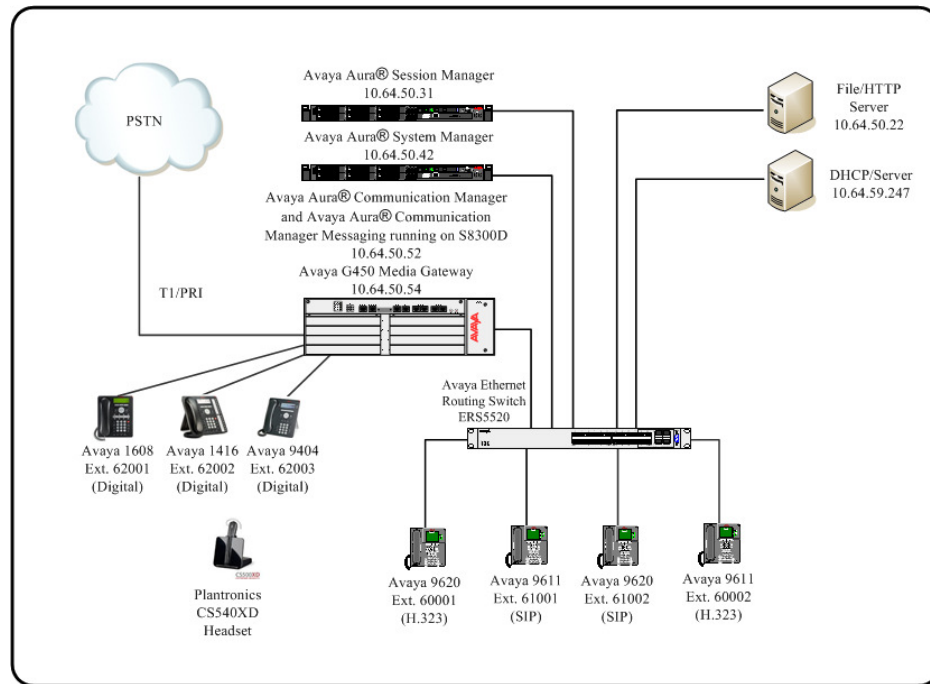
Figure 1: Avaya 96x1 Series IP Telephone with Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics CS540XD Wireless Headset System

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	6.3.0 (R016x.03.0.124.0)
Avaya Aura® Communication Manager Messaging	6.3.0 (N6.326.0)
Avaya Aura® System Manager	6.3.2.4.1399
Avaya Aura® Session Manager	6.3.2.632023
Avaya 96x1 Series IP Telephones	6.2.2.17 (SIP) 6.2.4 (H.323)
Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter	10/13 A 17.09
Plantronics CS540XD Wireless Headset System	V 19.43

5. Configure Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

This section covers the station configuration for the Avaya 9611G IP Telephone. The configuration is performed via the System Access Terminal (SAT) on Communication Manager.

5.1. Configure a Station for Avaya 96x1 Series IP Telephone

Use the **add station** command to create a station for the 9611G IP telephone. Set the **Type** field to the station type to be emulated. In this example, *9611* was used. Set the **Port** field to *IP* and configure a **Security Code** as the 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 60002                                              Page   1 of   5
                              STATION

Extension: 60002                       Lock Messages? n              BCC: 0
     Type: 9611                        Security Code: 123456          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: 123456
          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. Modify `46xxsettings.txt` File (H.323 Only)

In the `46xxsettings.txt` file, the HEADSETBIDIR parameter needs to be set to '1' so that incoming call notification (i.e., beeps) is heard on the headset. Below is an example for setting the parameter.

```
#############  HEADSET SETTINGS (H.323 ONLY)  ##############
##
## HEADSETBIDIR specifies whether bidirectional signaling is supported on the headset
## interface.
##  Value  Operation
##    0    Disabled (default)
##    1    Enabled
##  This parameter is supported by:
##      96x1 H.323 R6.2 SP1 and later software releases.
##      Note that 96x1 H.323 R6.2 only supported generation of an alerting tone.
##
SET HEADSETBIDIR 1
```

6. Configure Plantronics APV-63 EHS and Plantronics CS540XD Wireless Headset System

To connect the CS540XD wireless headset to the Avaya 96x1 Series IP Telephone, use the APV-63 EHS adapter to connect the wireless base of the headset to the headset port of the 9611G IP telephone. All other default settings on the wireless base were used. Note that an external ring detect cable is required for the headset to hear incoming call notification (i.e., beeps).
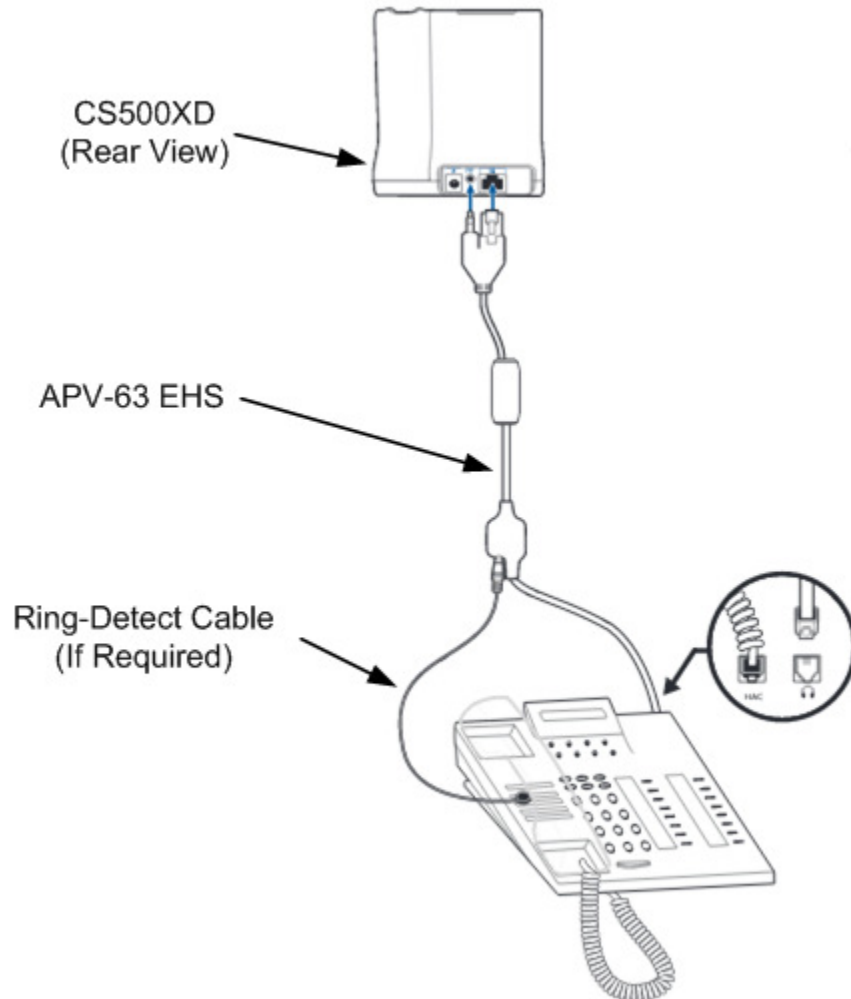
6.1. Answering, Ending, and Placing Calls

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.

7. Verification Steps

Verify that the Plantronics APV-63 EHS and Plantronics CS540XD have been connected to the Avaya 96x1 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 CS500XD Series Wireless Headset System with Avaya 96x1 Series IP Telephones. All test cases were completed successfully.

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*, Document Number 03-300509.
[2] *Avaya one-X® Deskphone H.323 9608, 9611G, 9621G, and 9641G Installation and Maintenance Guide*, Document Number 16-603603.
[3] *Installing and maintaining Avaya one-X® Deskphone SIP for 9601, 9608, 9611G, 9621G, and 9641G*, Document Number 16-603504.

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

[4] *Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter Quick Reference Guide.*
[5] *Plantronics CS540XD Wireless Headset System Quick Start Guide.*

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