

Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for Cyara Platform Virtual Agent with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services – Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Cyara Platform Virtual Agent 20.1 to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager 8.1 and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services (AES) 8.1.

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

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Cyara Platform Virtual Agent 20.1 to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager 8.1 and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services (AES) 8.1. Virtual Agent registered to Communication Manager through Cyara Virtual Endpoint that use H.323 Endpoints emulation which will be covered in Application Notes reference [4].

The Cyara Platform is an automated testing products and services platform that provides scripting, reporting, administration, collaboration, and management portal for contact center testing. The Cyara Platform Virtual Agent Service is one of the components of the Cyara Platform that interacts with Telephony Services Application Programming Interface (TSAPI) service on AES to automate agent activities in order to simulate contact center operations. Cyara Platform Virtual Agent Service logs the required agents into the CTI environment and performs the activities specified by the designated behaviors assigned to the agents. The Cyara Virtual Agent also interfaces with the Cyara Database and Web Portal.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The feature test cases were performed manually. Campaigns are run from the Cyara Web Portal to handle inbound calls routed to the Virtual Agent. In this testing, voice is answered by Virtual Endpoint registered to Communication Manager as generic H.323 endpoint which will be covered in Application Notes reference [4].

The serviceability test cases were also performed manually by restarting the Telephony Services Application Programming Interface (TSAPI) service on AES server as well as the CTI link on Communication Manager. It also includes disrupting the Ethernet connectivity to the Cyara Platform 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.

Avaya recommends our customers implement Avaya solutions using appropriate security and encryption capabilities enabled by our products. The testing referenced in these DevConnect Application Notes included the enablement of supported encryption capabilities in the Avaya products. Readers should consult the appropriate Avaya product documentation for further information regarding security and encryption capabilities supported by those Avaya products.

Support for these security and encryption capabilities in any non-Avaya solution component is the responsibility of each individual vendor. Readers should consult the appropriate vendor-supplied product documentation for more information regarding those products.

For the testing associated with these Application Notes, the interface between Avaya systems and the Cyara Platform did not include use of any specific encryption features as requested by Cyara.

This test was conducted in a lab environment simulating a basic customer enterprise network environment. The testing focused on the standards-based interface between the Avaya solution and the third party solution. The results of testing are therefore considered to be applicable to either a premise-based deployment or to a hosted or cloud deployment where some elements of the third party solution may reside beyond the boundaries of the enterprise network, or at a different physical location from the Avaya components.

Readers should be aware that network behaviors (e.g., jitter, packet loss, delay, speed, etc.) can vary significantly from one location to another, and may affect the reliability or performance of the overall solution. Different network elements (e.g., session border controllers, soft switches, firewalls, NAT appliances, etc.) can also affect how the solution performs.

If a customer is considering implementation of this solution in a cloud environment, the customer should evaluate and discuss the network characteristics with their cloud service provider and network organizations, and evaluate if the solution is viable to be deployed in the cloud.

The network characteristics required to support this solution are outside the scope of these Application Notes. Readers should consult the appropriate Avaya and third party documentation for the product network requirements. Avaya makes no guarantee that this solution will work in all potential deployment configurations.

2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance test included feature and serviceability testing.

The feature testing focused on verifying Cyara Virtual Agent which includes the following:

- Agent in login mode, logout scenarios.
- Agent work mode changes and reason codes.
- Handling of incoming ACD calls.
- Holding and resuming of calls.
- Consult and single step transfers including cancellation.
- Consult and single step conference including cancellation.
- Correct status of agent reflected on the test user interface.
- Proper termination of calls including call hold, transfer and conference.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of Cyara Virtual Agent to recover from adverse conditions such as restarting of the TSAPI service on the Avaya AES server and CTI link on the Communication Manager. It also includes disrupting the ethernet connectivity to the Cyara Platform server.

2.2. Test Results

All feature test cases were successfully completed with the following observation:

• Active Campaigns that are running have to be restarted if the CTI link is restarted on Communication Manager.

2.3. Support

Technical support on Cyara Platform can be obtained through the following:

• Phone: +61-3-9093-0815 (Australia), +44-203-786-5070 (Europe/Middle East/Africa), +1-650-549-8522 (North America/Latin America)

Email: support@cyara.com/Web: http://support.cyara.com/

3. Reference Configuration

An on-premises solution is conducted in this compliance testing. **Figure 1** illustrates a sample configuration consisting of Communication Manager, Avaya G430 Media Gateway, AES, Avaya Media Server, Session Manager and System Manager. The System Manager is the administration and management tool for the Avaya Aura® products. Avaya one-X® Communicator is used as utility softphone for initiating calls. Cyara Platform Server is installed on Microsoft Windows 2016 which communicates with the TSAPI Service on the Avaya AES Server. Microsoft SQL 2016 was installed as the database on the same server. Cyara Virtual Endpoint server also installed on Microsoft Windows 2016 provides the virtual H.323 endpoints which will be detailed in another Application Notes reference [4]. A personal computer was used for Cyara Web Portal access. Avaya Session Border Controller for Enterprise was used to complete a SIP trunk connection to simulate a PSTN connection to the Enterprise solution.

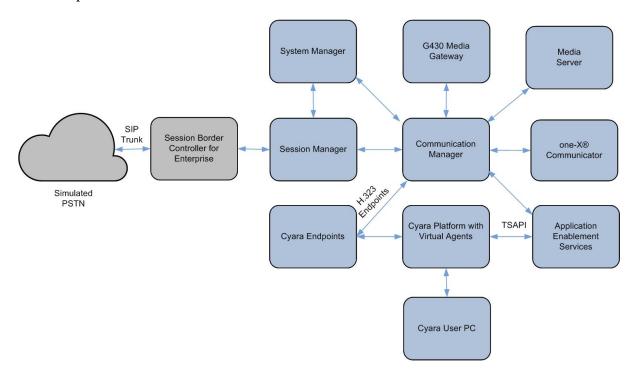


Figure 1: Test Configuration

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 Servers	8.1.2.0.0.890.26095			
Avaya G430 Media Gateway				
• MGP	41.16.0			
Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services	8.1.2.0.0.9-0			
Avaya Aura® Media Server	8.0.2.93			
Avaya Aura® System Manager	8.1.2.0.0611167			
Avaya Aura® Session Manager	8.1.2.0.812033			
Avaya one-X® Communicator	6.2.14.4-SP14			
Cyara Platform running on Microsoft Windows	20.1.0			
2016				
Avaya TSAPI Client	8.0.1-132			
Cyara Endpoint running on Microsoft Windows	20.1.0			
2016				
Dell PC	Microsoft Windows 10 Pro			

Table 1: Equipment/Software Validated

5. Configure Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

This section provides the procedures for configuring Communication Manager. The procedures include the following areas.

- Verify license
- Administer CTI link
- Configure agent IDs

All the configuration changes in Communication Manager are performed through the System Access Terminal (SAT) interface. The highlights in the following screens indicate the values used during the compliance test.

Setup of VDNs, Hunt Groups and Trunks are assumed to be configured and will not be detailed here. Setup of virtual stations registered to Communication Manager as generic H.323 endpoints will be covered in Application Notes reference [4].

5.1. Verify License

Enter the **display system-parameters customer-options** command. On **Page 4**, verify that **Computer Telephony Adjunct Links** is set to **y**. If not, contact an authorized Avaya account representative to obtain the license.

```
display system-parameters customer-options
                                                               Page 4 of 12
                               OPTIONAL FEATURES
   Abbreviated Dialing Enhanced List? y
                                                 Audible Message Waiting? y
       Access Security Gateway (ASG)? y
                                                    Authorization Codes? y
       Analog Trunk Incoming Call ID? y
                                                              CAS Branch? n
A/D Grp/Sys List Dialing Start at 01? y
                                                                CAS Main? n
                                                       Change COR by FAC? n
Answer Supervision by Call Classifier? y
                                 ARS? y Computer Telephony Adjunct Links? y
                ARS/AAR Partitioning? y
                                         Cvg Of Calls Redirected Off-net? y
                                                             DCS (Basic)? y
         ARS/AAR Dialing without FAC? n
         ASAI Link Core Capabilities? y
                                                       DCS Call Coverage? y
         ASAI Link Plus Capabilities? y
                                                      DCS with Rerouting? y
      Async. Transfer Mode (ATM) PNC? n
 Async. Transfer Mode (ATM) Trunking? n
                                         Digital Loss Plan Modification? y
             ATM WAN Spare Processor? n
                                                                 DS1 MSP? y
                               ATMS? y
                                                    DS1 Echo Cancellation? y
                 Attendant Vectoring? y
```

5.2. Administer CTI Link

Enter the **add cti-link m** command, where **m** is a number between 1 and 64, inclusive. Enter a valid **Extension** under the provisioned dial plan in Communication Manager, set the **Type** field to **ADJ-IP**, and assign a descriptive **Name** to the CTI link.

```
add cti-link 3

CTI LINK

CTI Link: 3

Extension: 10093

Type: ADJ-IP

COR: 1

Name: TSAPI Service - AES 8x

Unicode Name? n
```

5.3. Configure Agent IDs

Enter the **add agent-loginID** x command where x is a valid agent login ID. On **Page 1**, enter an appropriate **Name** and configure the **Security Code** to desired value.

```
add agent-loginID 11201
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                                 AGENT LOGINID
                Login ID: 11201
                                                                 AAS? n
                   Name: Agent #1
                                                               AUDIX? n
                     TN: 1 Check skill TNs to match agent TN? n
                    COR: 1
          COR: I
Coverage Path:
Security Code: ****
                                                      LWC Reception: spe
                                             LWC Log External Calls? n
           Attribute:
                                            AUDIX Name for Messaging:
                                        LoginID for ISDN/SIP Display? n
                                                           Password:
                                              Password (enter again):
                                                        Auto Answer: none
                                                   MIA Across Skills: system
AUX Agent Considered Idle (MIA)? system ACW Agent Considered Idle: system
                                          Aux Work Reason Code Type: system
                                            Logout Reason Code Type: system
                       Maximum time agent in ACW before logout (sec): system
                                            Forced Agent Logout Time:
   WARNING: Agent must log in again before changes take effect
```

On **Page 2**, configure appropriate Skill **SN** and Skill Level **SL** for testing purpose. Repeat to configure the rest of the agent login IDs required.

In this testing, agent login ID **11201** to **11210** were created which will logon using Virtual Endpoints **10401** to **10410** which are generic H.323 stations where configurations will be covered in Application Notes reference [4].

change agent-loginID 11201		Page 2 of	3				
AGENT LOGINID							
Direct Agent Skill:		Service Objective? n					
Call Handling Preference:	skill-level	vel Local Call Preference? n					
SN RL SL SN	I RL SL SN	RL SL SN RL SL					
1: 1 1 16:	31:	46:					
2: 17:	32:	47:					
3: 18:	33:	48:					
4: 19:	34:	49:					
5: 20:	35:	50:					
6: 21:	36:	51:					
7: 22:	37:	52 :					
8: 23:	38:	53:					
9: 24:	39:	54:					
10: 25:	40:	55 :					
11: 26:	41:	56:					
12: 27:	42:	57:					
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6. Configure Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services

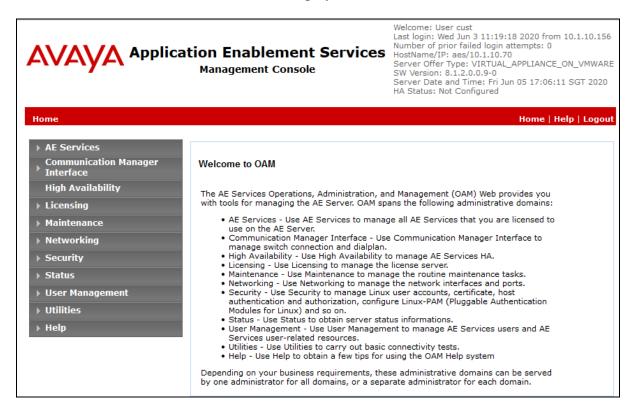
This section provides the procedures for configuring AES. The procedures fall into the following areas:

- Launch OAM interface
- Verify license
- Administer TSAPI link
- Administer Cyara user
- Administer security database
- Administer TSAPI ports
- Restart TSAPI service
- Obtain Tlink name

6.1. Launch OAM Interface

Launch a web browser and enter https://<IP address of Avaya AES server> to access the AES Management Console web based interface.

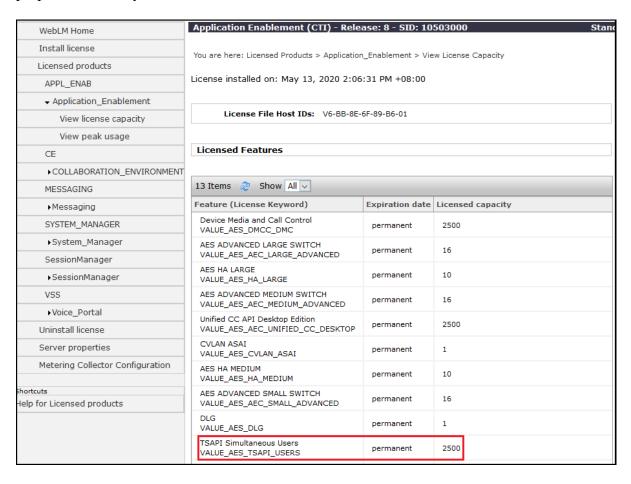
Log in to AES Management Console using an administrative login and password (not shown) and the **Welcome to OAM** screen will be displayed.



6.2. Verify License

Access the Web License Manager used by the AES server. The **Web License Manager** screen below is displayed. Select **Licensed products** \rightarrow **APPL_ENAB** \rightarrow

Application_Enablement in the left pane, to display the **Licensed Features** screen in the right pane. Verify that there are sufficient licenses for **TSAPI Simultaneous Users**, as shown below. If not, consult with your Avaya Account Manager or Business Partner to acquire the proper license for your solution.



6.3. Administer TSAPI Link

To administer a TSAPI link on AES, select **AE Services** → **TSAPI** → **TSAPI Links**. Click **Add Link**.

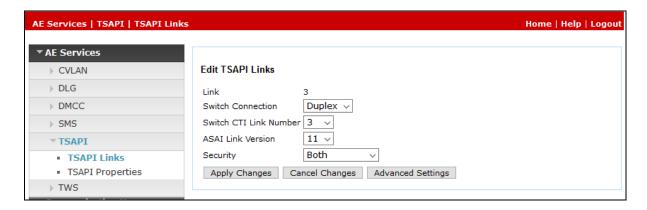


In the **Add TSAPI Links** screen (not shown), select the following values:

- Link Select an available Link number from 1 to 16.
- **Switch Connection** Select appropriate switch connection.
- Switch CTI Link Number Corresponding CTI link number in Section 5.2.
- **ASAI Link Version** Set to the latest version.
- **Security** Select **Both** to allow for encrypted or unencrypted link.

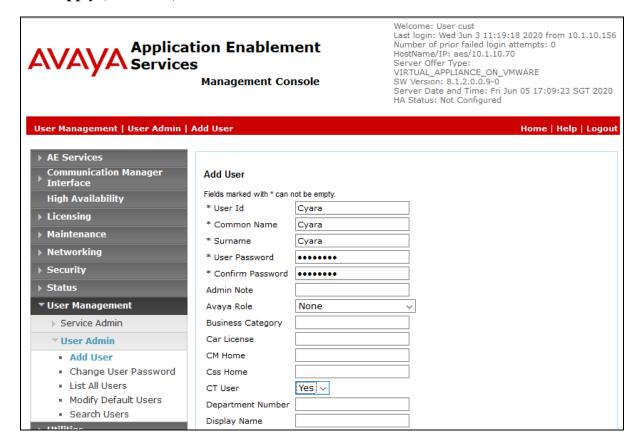
Click **Apply Changes**.

The screenshots below show the settings after changes applied.



6.4. Administer Cyara User

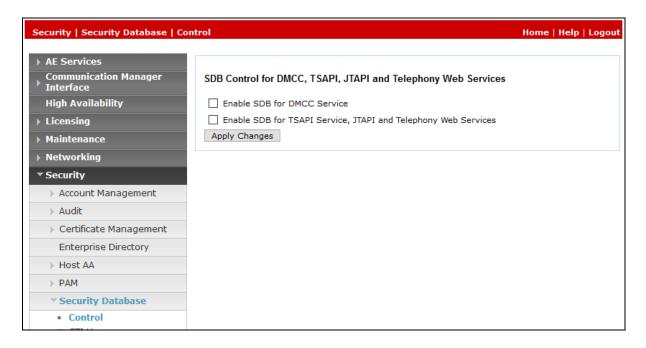
Select User Management → User Admin → Add User in the left pane. Specify a value for User Id, Common Name, Surname, User Password and Confirm Password. Set CT User to Yes. Use the values for User Id and User Password to configure Cyara Platform in Section 7 to access the TSAPI Service on AES. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click Apply (not shown).



6.5. Verify Security Database

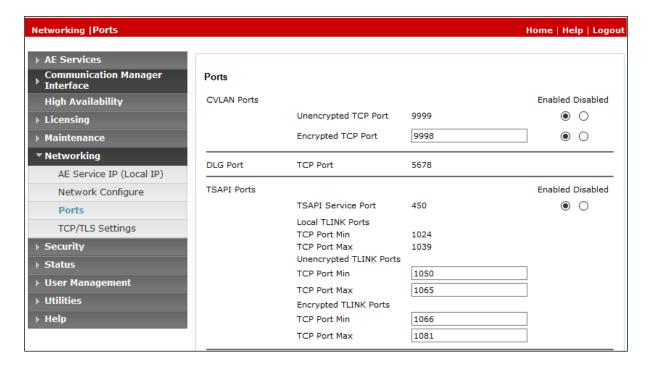
Select Security \rightarrow Security Database \rightarrow Control from the left pane, to display the SDB Control for DMCC, TSAPI, JTAPI and Telephony Web Services screen in the right pane. Make certain both parameters are unchecked, as shown below.

In the event that the security database is used by the customer with parameters already enabled, then follow reference [2] to configure access privileges for the Cyara user from **Section 6.4**.



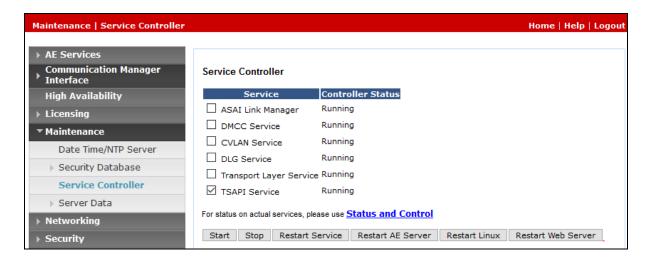
6.6. Administer TSAPI Ports

Navigate to the networking ports by **Networking** → **Ports**. Verify that the default **TSAPI Service Port 450** is **Enabled**.



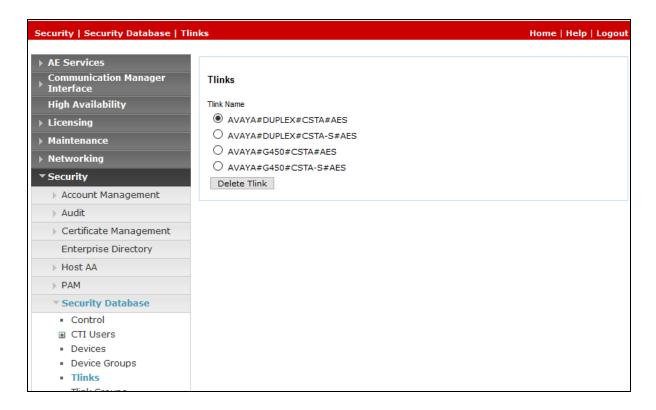
6.7. Restart TSAPI Service

To restart the TSAPI service, select **Maintenance** → **Service Controller** from the Home menu. Check the **TSAPI Service** checkbox and click **Restart Service**.



6.8. Obtain Tlink Name

Navigate to the **Tlinks** screen by selecting **Security → Security Database → Tlinks** from the left pane. Note the string of the **Tlink Name**, as this will be needed to configure the Cyara Platform in **Section 7**. In this configuration, the unencrypted string is **AVAYA#DUPLEX#CSTA#AES**, which is automatically assigned by the AES server, is used.



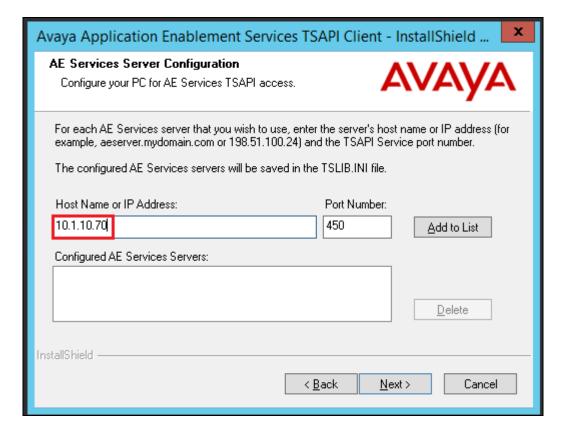
7. Configure Cyara Platform

An on-premises solution is setup for testing. Setup of the Cyara Platform server and Cyara Endpoint Server on Microsoft® Windows 2016 will be done by Cyara engineers and will not be detailed here. Refer to Cyara Deployment Guide reference [5] for details. This section highlights the configuration of Cyara Platform server that interface with AES and it includes the following areas:

- Setup TSAPI Client
- Verify Subcription Plans
- Configure Sites and Environment
- Configure Agents and Agents/Server Relationship
- On Test Cases, Behaviors and Campaigns

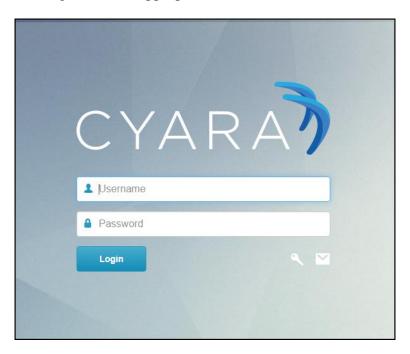
7.1. Setup TSAPI Client

The TSAPI client is installed with the Avaya AES ip address and Port Number in are configured under **Host Name or IP Address** and **Port Number** during installation.



7.2. Verify Subscription Plans

Enter on a web browser http://<IP address of Cyara Platform Server>/CyaraWebPortal to access the system. Log in with an appropriate Username and Password.



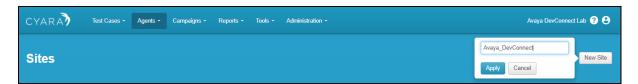
In this compliance testing, **Virtual Agent** and **Outbound** under **Plan Type** are required (not shown). With **Virtual Agent** plan, users can create agent details, define behaviors and assign them to agents, run simulations for teams of agents or entire contact center, and access reports on the outcome of the simulations. **Outbound** plan is simply allowing the dialer to make calls to a simulated environment. The dialer is either using the Call Engine component of the Cyara Platform that makes calls to the Call Center or a separate Outbound dialer system but in our case, this is done manually for testing. If the subscription plans are not available, then contact the Cyara for a proper activation.

7.3. Configure Sites and Environment

The Cyara Platform server provides the test and monitoring platform where Cyara Portal users log into the platform to configure Test cases and campaigns. In this compliance test, the inbound ACD calls were placed manually. Administration, scripting, monitoring and reporting are done via the Cyara Web Portal.

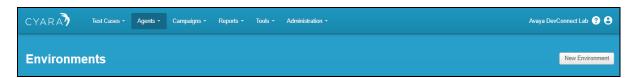
7.3.1. Add Sites

Select **Agents** Tab and from the dropdown menu, click **Sites** (not shown) → **New Site** on the right of the screen. Enter appropriate site name. In this case, **Avaya_DevConnect** is used.



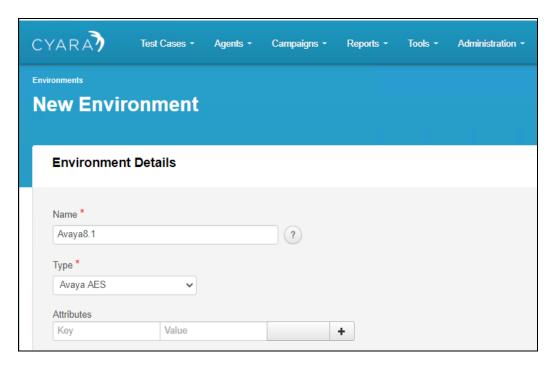
7.3.2. Create Environment

Select **Agent** Tab and from the drop down menu, click **Environments** (not shown). Select **New Environment** on the right of the screen.



Enter the following details:

- Name Enter appropriate name.
- Type Select Avaya AES from the drop down menu.



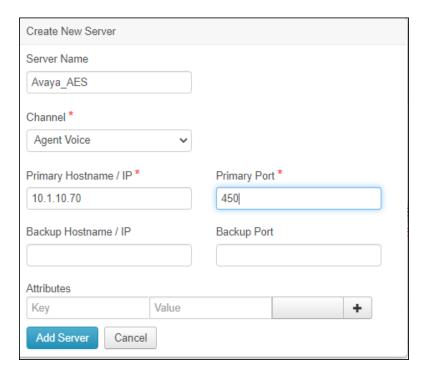
Under header Environment Servers below (not shown), click New Server.

Enter the following details:

Server Name
 Channel
 Enter appropriate name as blanks are not allowed.
 Select "Agent Voice" from the drop down menu.

• **Primary Hostname/IP** Enter IP address of AES i.e., **10.1.10.70**.

• **Primary Port** Enter default port as configured in **Section 6.6**.



Under Attributes in Create New Server page, input the following values:

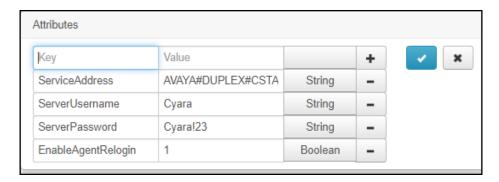
• **ServiceAddress** Enter the Tlink Name as in **Section 6.8**.

• ServiceUserName Enter user name created in Section 6.4.

• **ServicePassword** Enter user password created in **Section 6.4**.

• EnableAgentRelogin Enter "1" to enable.

Click **Add Server** and after all details are entered for the new Environment, click **Save Details** (not shown).



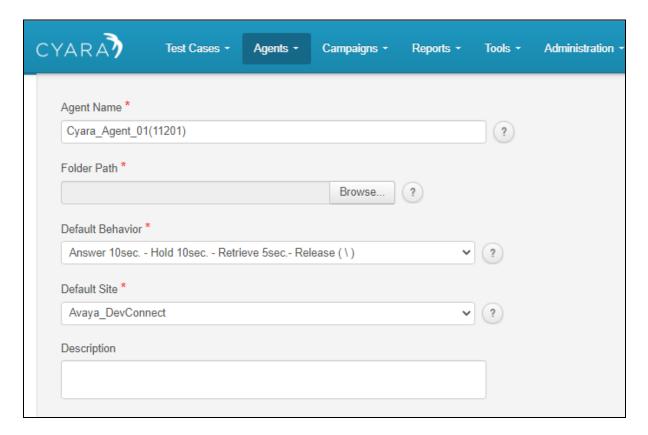
7.4. Configure Agents and Agents/Server Relationship

Select **Agent** Tab and from the drop down menu, click **New Agent** (not shown). Complete the following:

• **Agent Name** Enter appropriate agent name.

• **Default Behavior** Select from a pre-created list of behaviors to be tested.

Default Site Select site created in Section 7.3.1.



Scroll down below, under **Agent Servers** click **Add Agent / Server Relationship** (not shown) which will pop up. Complete the following:

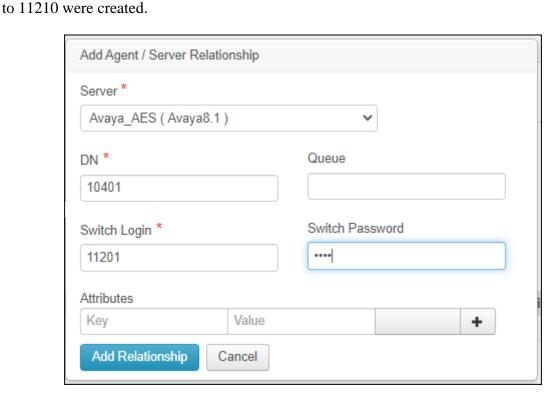
• **Server** Select the server created in **Section 7.3.2**.

• **DN** Enter the first Virtual Endpoint extension. This is assumed to be created which is detailed in another Application Notes

reference [4].

Switch Login Enter first agent loginID created in Section 5.3.
 Switch Password Enter first agent password created in Section 5.3.

Leave the rest as default and click **Add Relationship**. On completion, click **Save Details** (not shown). Repeat this for agents to be created. In this compliance test, agent logins 11201



7.5. Test Cases, Agent Behaviors and Campaigns

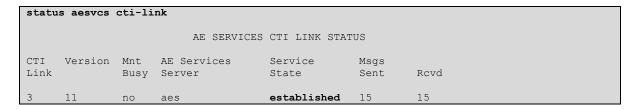
Test cases, Agent Behaviors and Campaigns created for this testing will not be elaborated here as it depends on the desired agent behaviors and test scenarios. User guide can be obtained from Cyara engineers.

8. Verification Steps

This section provides the tests that can be performed to verify proper configuration of Communication Manager, AES and Cyara Platform Virtual Agent.

8.1. Verify Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

Verify the status of the administered TSAPI CTI link by using the **status aesvcs cti-link** command. The **Service State** field should display **established**.



8.2. Verify Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services

From the Welcome to OAM web pages (not shown), verify the status of the TSAPI service by selecting **Status**. The **State** field for the **TSAPI Service** should display **ONLINE**.



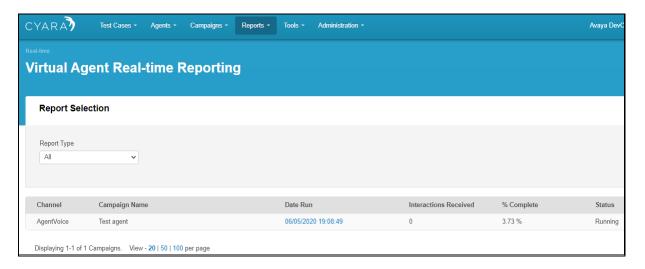
8.3. Verify Agent States

From Communication Manager SAT login, the **monitor bcms** command can be used to verify the agent current state under **STATE** when calls are made, and agent campaigns are run.

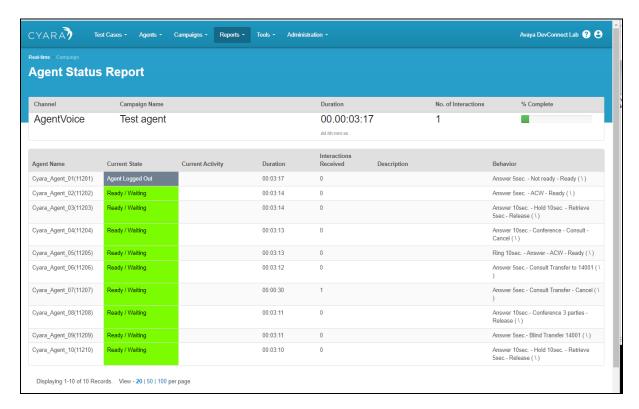
monitor bcms s	skıll l				P	age 1	of 2		
BCMS SKILL (AGENT) STATUS									
Skill Skill Name			Date:	17:08	B WED JU	IN 3 202	Θ		
Calls Waiting Oldest Call	: Θ	Acceptable Service Level: 20							
Staffed: 10	Avail: 10 AC	D: 0 ACW: 0	0 AUX: 0 Extn Calls: 0 Other: 0				: 0		
AGENT NAME	LOGIN ID	EXT	STATE	TIME	ACD CALLS	EXT IN	EXT OUT CALLS		
Agent #1	11201	10401	Avail	17:06	1	Θ	Θ		
Agent #10	11210	10410	Avail	17:00	Θ	Θ	Θ		
Agent #2	11202	10402	Avail		Θ	Θ	Θ		
Agent #3	11203	10403	Avail	17:00	Θ	Θ	Θ		
Agent #4	11204	10404	Avail		Θ	Θ	Θ		
Agent #5	11205	10405	Avail		0	Θ	Θ		
Agent #6	11206	10406	Avail	17:00	0	0	Θ		
Agent #7	11207	10407	Avail	17:02	1	Θ	1		
NOTE: Calls Waiting include Calls Ringing and in Queue									
ESC-x=Cancel [Esc-e=Submit	Esc-p=Prev Pg	Esc-n=Next	Pg Esc	-h=Help	Esc-r=R	efresh		

8.4. Verify Cyara Virtual Agents

When campaigns are running for the Virtual Agent to be active to answer incoming calls, select **Reports** Tab and from the drop down menu, click under **Agent**, **Real Time**. Below shows the campaign running for the Virtual Agent. Click on the highlighted for the campaign **Date Run** column for the **Test Agent**.



Below shows a list of 10 Virtual Agents associated with different behaviors under **Behavior** column. Manually make inbound calls to the VDN. From here, agents' activities can be monitored to verify correct behavior.



9. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Cyara Platform Virtual Agent 20.1 to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager 8.1 and Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services 8.1 using TSAPI. All feature test cases were completed successfully with observations in **Section 2.2**.

10. Additional References

This section references the Avaya and Cyara documentations that are relevant to these Application Notes.

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

- [1] Deploying Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services in Virtualized Environment, Release 8.1.x, Issue 3, Mar 2020.
- [2] Administering Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services, Release 8.1.x, Issue 5, Apr 2020.
- [3] Avaya Aura® Avaya Communication Manager Feature Description and Implementation, Release 8.1.x, Issue 8, May 2020.
- [4] Application Notes for Cyara Platform with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager using H.323 Endpoints Emulation.

The following Cyara product documentation is obtained is either obtained directly from member or available online.

- [5] Cyara Platform Deployment Guide.
- [6] Cyara User Guide.
- [7] Cyara Platform 20.1.0 Release Notes

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