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# Application Notes for Cacti FocusRecord with Avaya Aura<sup>TM</sup> Communication Manager and Avaya Aura<sup>TM</sup> Application Enablement Services – Issue 1.0

#### **Abstract**

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Cacti's FocusRecord to interoperate with Avaya Aura TM Communication Manager and Avaya Aura TM Application Enablement Services (AES). The objective of the test was to evaluate the ability of FocusRecord to issue a Single-Step Conference Request through events acquired from the Telephony Services Application Programming Interface (TSAPI). In the configuration discussed in these Application Notes, Cacti FocusRecord employs Device, Media and Call Control (DMCC) API (formally known as CMAPI) virtual stations as recording ports. During compliance testing, Cacti FocusRecord successfully recorded contact center calls placed to and from stations, as well as calls placed to a hunt group and then redirected to agents.

Information in these Application Notes has been obtained through compliance testing and additional technical discussions. Testing was conducted via the Developer Connection Program at the Avaya Solution and Interoperability Test Lab.

#### 1. Introduction

The Cacti FocusRecord Application monitors, records, stores, and plays back phone calls for verification. FocusRecord uses TSAPI with an Application Enablement Services (AES) server to monitor stations, agents, and/or VDNs, i.e. to obtain recording triggers and call information. FocusRecord also uses the Device, Media and Call Control (DMCC) API (formally known as CMAPI) with the AES server to register DMCC softphones that FocusRecord uses as recording ports. When recording of a call is desired, FocusRecord issues a Single Step Conference request through events acquired from TSAPI.

The interoperability of FocusRecord Version 2.45 with Avaya Aura<sup>TM</sup> Communication Manager is accomplished through Avaya Aura<sup>TM</sup> Application Enablement Services. These Application Notes describe the compliance test configuration used to test Cacti's FocusRecord Version 2.45, with Communication Manager running on an Avaya S8300 Server and an Avaya G350 Media Gateway.

## 1.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The Compliance testing focused on the following areas, covered in the DevConnect Test Plan for Communication Manager and Application Enablement Services and Cacti's FocusRecord:

Phase 1 Installation & Configuration

Phase 2 Focus Record/Avaya Feature Functionality Verification

Phase 3 Failover and Serviceability Tests

The installation and configuration testing focused on the setup of all components and the ability to interoperate. It also covered the ability to remove the application from the system.

The functionality testing focused on verifying FocusRecord's ability to use real-time data from Communication Manager and Application Enablement Services to record contact center calls.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of FocusRecord to recover from and report on adverse conditions.

## 1.2. Support

For technical support on FocusRecord, contact Cacti at +1 866 34CACTI or put in a service request at <a href="http://support.cacti-inc.com">http://support.cacti-inc.com</a>.

# 2. Reference Configuration

The interoperability of FocusRecord with Communication Manager is accomplished through Application Enablement Services. The compliance test configuration used to test FocusRecord includes the Avaya S8300 Server, the Avaya G350 Media Gateway, Application Enablement Services, Windows 2003 Server running FocusRecord, and telephones. The solution described herein is also extensible to other Avaya Servers and Media Gateways. **Figure 1** provides a high level topology for the configuration used in the compliance test.

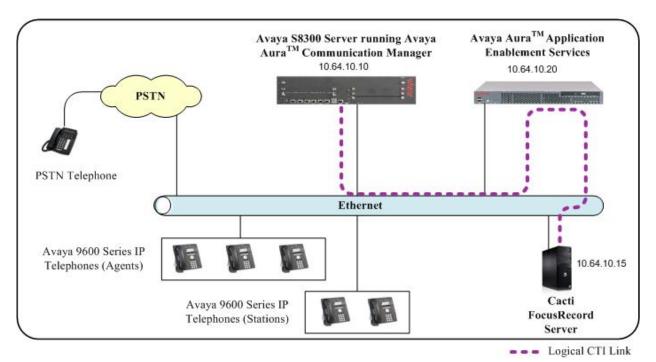


Figure 1: Test Configuration for the Cacti FocusRecord Solution

# 3. Equipment and Software Validated

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

Hardware/Software Component	Version/Description
Avaya S8300 Server and G350 Media Gateway	Avaya Aura <sup>TM</sup> Communication Manager 5.2.1 (R015x.02.1.016.4) with Service Pack 17774
Avaya Aura <sup>™</sup> Application Enablement Services	Release 5.2
Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones	9620, 9630, 9640 Terminals R2.0 (H.323)
Avaya IP Agent, Avaya one-X <sup>TM</sup> Agent	R7.0, R1
Cacti FocusRecord running on Windows 2003 Standard Edition Server	Version 2.45

# 4. Configure Avaya Aura<sup>™</sup> Communication Manager

All the configuration changes in this section for Communication Manager are performed through the System Access Terminal (SAT) interface. For more information on configuring Communication Manager, refer to the Avaya product documentation, Reference [1].

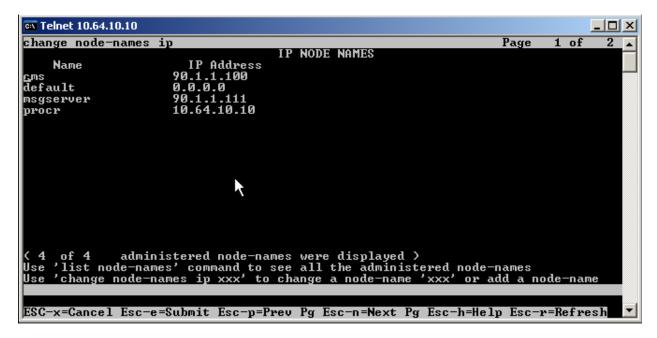
This section provides the procedures for configuring Communication Manager. The procedures fall into the following areas:

- Administer Processor Ethernet Interface for Application Enablement Services Connectivity
- Configure Hunt/Skill Groups, Agent Logins, and Call Vectoring
- Create Recording Stations
- Create Recorded (Monitored) Stations
- Administer CTI Link

#### 4.1. Administer Processor Ethernet Interface for AES Connectivity

Verify the entry for the Processor Ethernet Interface in the node-names form.

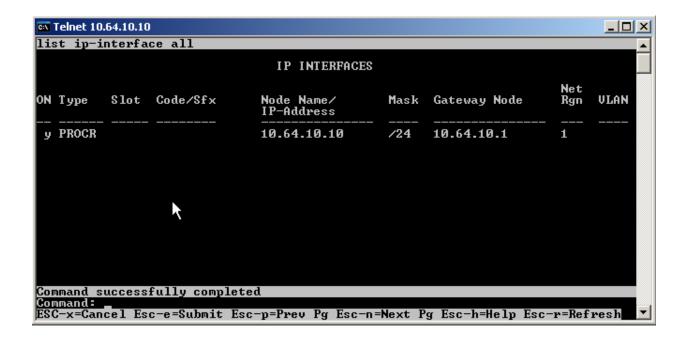
• Enter the **change node-names ip** command. In this case, **procr** and **10.64.10.10** are already populated as Name and IP Address for the Processor Ethernet Interface that is used for connectivity to the AES server. The actual IP address may vary. Submit changes.



On an S8300, the Processor Ethernet Interface should already be in the ip-interface list.

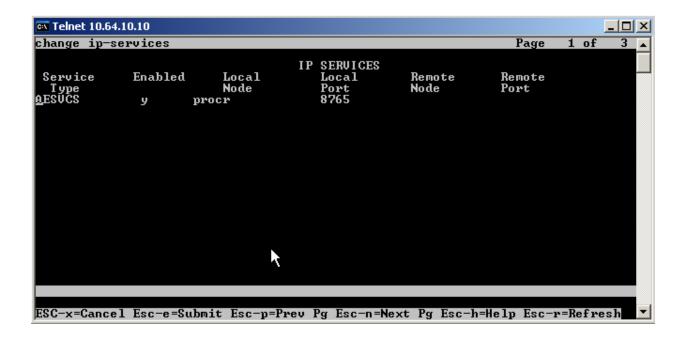
• Either the **display ip-interface procr** command or the **list ip-interface all** command will display the parameters of the Processor Ethernet Interface on the S8300.





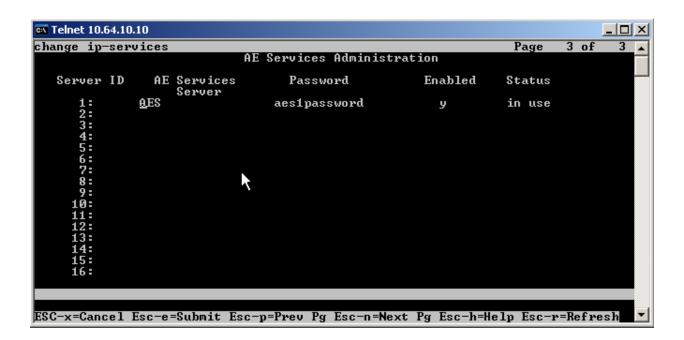
Add an entry for IP Services with the following values for fields on Page 1, as displayed below:

- Enter the **change ip-services** command.
- In the Service Type field, type AESVCS.
- In the **Enabled** field, type y.
- In the **Local Node** field, type the Node name **procr** for the Processor Ethernet Interface.
- In the **Local Port** field, retain the default of 8765.



Go to Page 3 of the IP Services form, and enter the following values:

- In the **AE Services Server** field, type the name obtained from the AES server, in this case **AES**.
- In the **Password** field, type the same password to be administered on the AES server, in this case **aes1password**.
- In the **Enabled** field, type y.

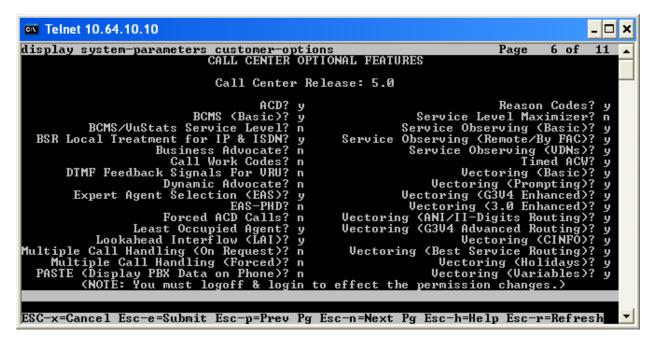


Note that the name and password entered for the **AE Services Server** and **Password** fields must match the hostname and password on the AES server. The administered name for the AES server is created as part of the AES installation, and can be obtained from the AES server by typing **uname –n** at the Linux command prompt. The same password entered above will need to be set on the AES server using **Administration -> Switch Connections -> Edit Connection -> Set Password**. For detailed information on AES, see Section 5 Configure Application Enablement Services.

#### 4.2. Configure Hunt/Skill Groups, Agent Logins, and Call Vectoring

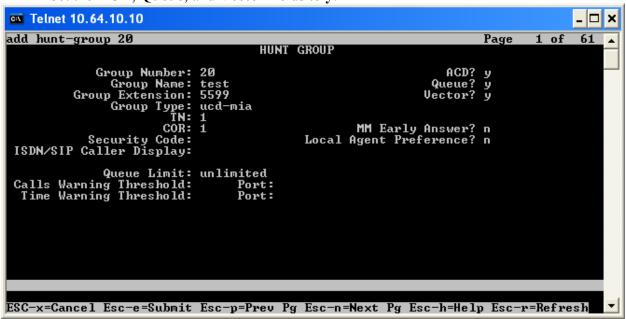
Go to **Page 6** of the system-parameters customer-options form, and verify the following values:

- Enter the display system-parameters customer-options command.
- Verify that the **ACD** and **Vectoring (Basic)** fields are set to **y**. If not, contact an authorized Avaya account representative to obtain these licenses.

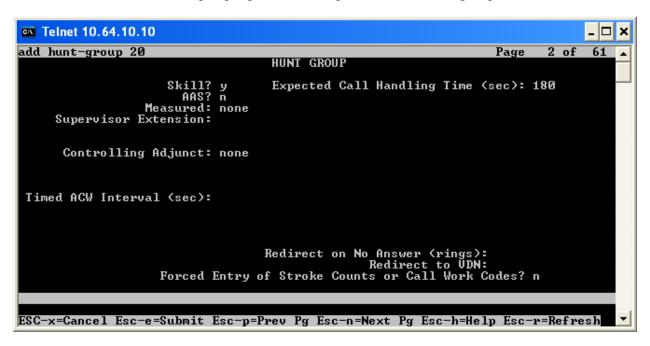


Add an entry for a hunt group with the following values as displayed below:

- Enter the **add hunt-group** x command, where x is an unused hunt group number.
- On Page 1, assign a descriptive Group Name and an available Group Extension.
- Set the ACD, Queue, and Vector fields to y.

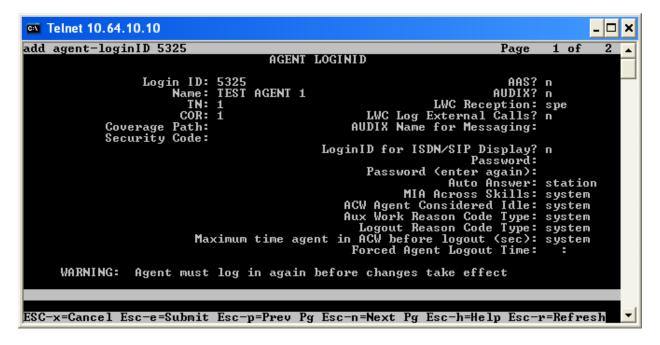


On **Page 2**, set the **Skill** field to **y**, which means that agent membership in the hunt group is based on skills, rather than a pre-programmed assignment to the hunt group.



Add entries for agents with the following values as displayed below:

- Enter the add agent-loginID x command, where x is a valid extension in the dial plan.
- On Page 1 of the agent-loginID form, enter a descriptive Name and Password.

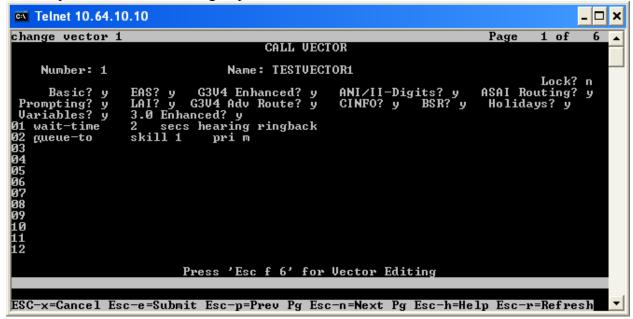


On **Page 2**, set the **Skill Number (SN)** to the hunt group number previously created. The **Skill Level (SL)** may be set according to customer requirements. Repeat this step as necessary to configure additional agent extensions.

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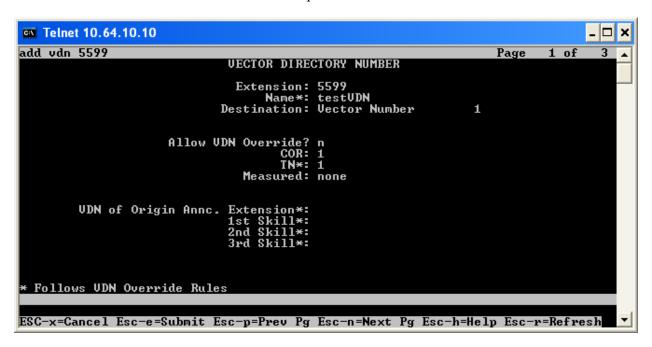
Add entries for vectors with the following values as displayed below:

- Enter the **change vector x** command, where **x** is a vector number in the list to be modified.
- Enter a descriptive **Name**, and program the vector to deliver calls to the hunt/skill group number. Agents that are logged into the hunt/skill group will be able to answer calls queued to the hunt/skill group.



Add entries for vdns with the following values as displayed below:

- Enter the add vdn x command, where x is an extension valid in the dial plan.
- Specify a descriptive **Name** for the VDN and specify the **Destination** as the Vector Number configured in the previous step.
- In the example below, incoming calls to the extension 5599 will be routed to testVDN, which in turn will invoke the actions specified in Vector 1.

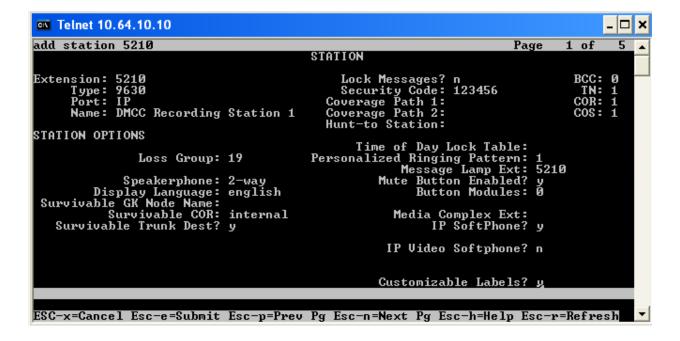


#### 4.3. Create Recording Stations

The recording ports in this configuration are DMCC stations that essentially appear as IP Softphones to Communication Manager.

Add entries for recording ports with the following values as displayed below:

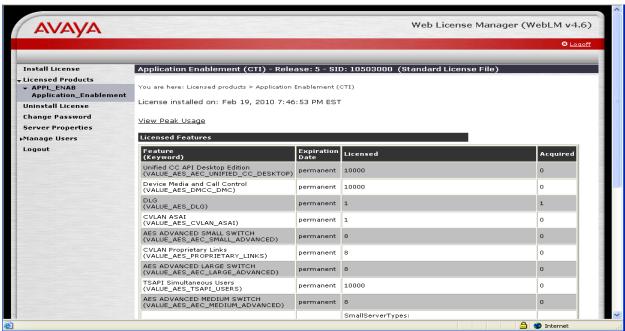
- Enter the add station x command, where x is a station valid in the dial plan.
- On **Page 1** of the station form, set the **Type** field to an IP telephone set type, enter a descriptive **Name**, and specify the **Security Code**. The security code for all recording stations **MUST** have the same value.
- Set the value for the **IP SoftPhone** to y. This value is required for the recording stations.
- Additional default values can be used for these recording stations.
- Repeat this procedure as necessary with the same Security Code to configure additional DMCC stations.



Each DMCC station requires either IP\_API\_A licenses on Communication Manager or DMCC\_DMC licenses through AES.

On Communication Manager, enter the display system-parameters customer-options command and verify that there are sufficient IP\_API\_A licenses. If not, contact an authorized Avaya account representative to obtain these licenses. For the compliance test, recording stations from 5210 to 5219 were created. Ensure the number of licenses Used (needed) does not exceed the Limit.

Through AES, licensing can be reviewed after login: Welcome to OAM -> Licensing -> Licensed Products -> APPL\_ENAB -> Application\_Enablement - Device Media and Call Control (Value\_AES\_DMCC\_DMC). If there are not sufficient licenses, contact an authorized Avaya account representative to obtain them. See Section 5 for additional information on AES.



#### 4.4. Create Recorded (Monitored) Stations

During the compliance test, stations were utilized as monitored and recorded stations.

- Enter the **add station x** command, where **x** is a station valid in the dial plan.
- On **Page 1** of the station form, set the **Type** field to an IP telephone set type, enter a descriptive **Name**, and specify the **Security Code**. For the compliance test, recorded stations from 5200 to 5209 were created.
- Repeat this procedure as necessary to configure additional monitored stations.

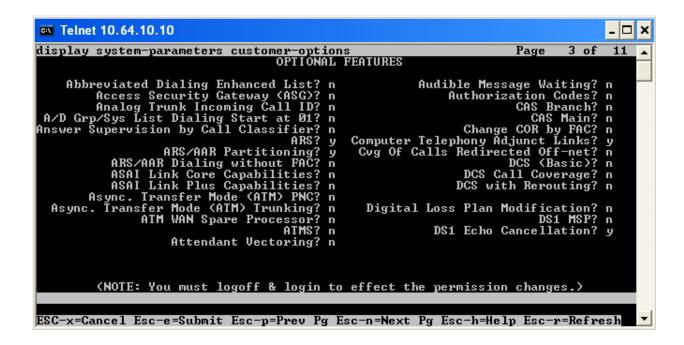


#### 4.5. Administer Computer Telephony Integration (CTI) Link

It is assumed that Communication Manager is enabled with feature licenses for Vectoring and Computer Telephony Adjunct Links. This section provides the steps required for configuring a CTI Link.

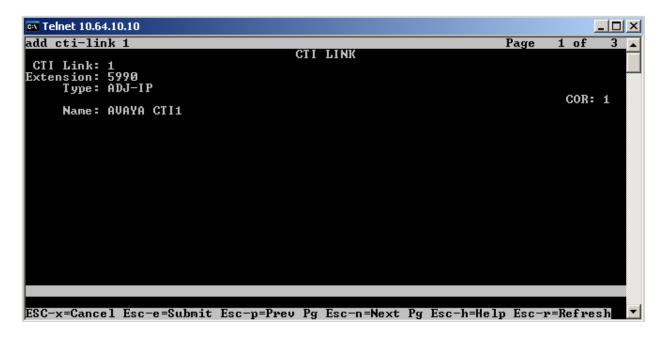
Enter the display system-parameters customer-options command.

• On Page 3, verify that the Computer Telephony Adjunct Links field is set to y. If not, contact an authorized Avaya account representative to obtain the license.

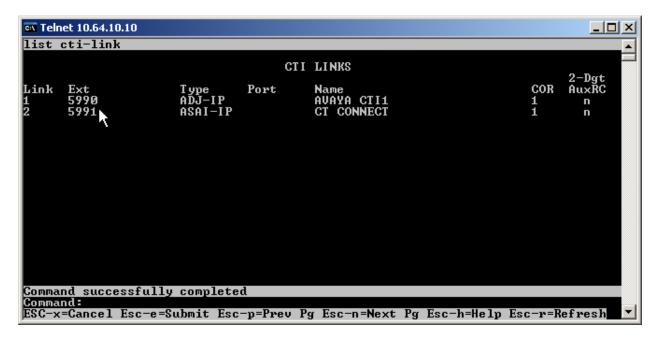


Enter the **add cti-link <link number>** command, where **<link number>** is an available CTI link number.

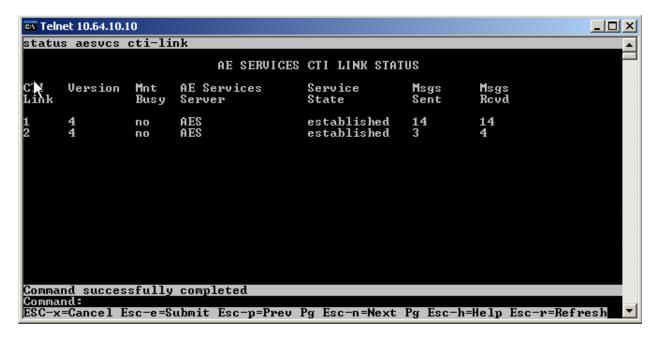
- In the Extension field, type **<station extension>**, where **<station extension>** is a valid station extension.
- In the **Type** field, type **ADJ-IP**.
- In the **Name** field, type a descriptive name.



Enter the **list cti-link** command to verify that the CTI Link is correctly configured. In this case, **Link 1** is the link of interest.



Check the service state of the link by entering the **status aesvcs cti-link** command. The service state should show **no** for maintenance busy and the Service State should indicate **established**.

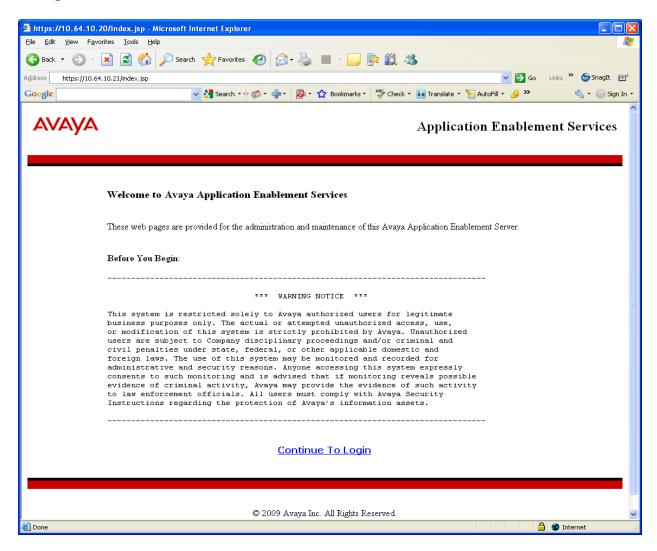


# 5. Configure Application Enablement Services

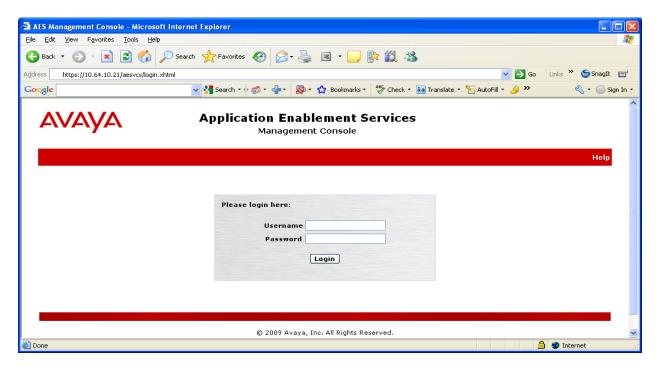
The Application Enablement Services (AES) server enables Computer Telephony Interface (CTI) applications to monitor and control telephony resources on Communication Manager. The Application Enablement Services server receives requests from CTI applications and forwards them to Communication Manager. Conversely, the Application Enablement Services server receives responses and events from Communication Manager and forwards them to the appropriate CTI applications.

This section assumes that the installation and basic administration of the Application Enablement Services server has already been performed. For more information on administering Application Enablement Services, refer to the Avaya product documentation, Reference [2].

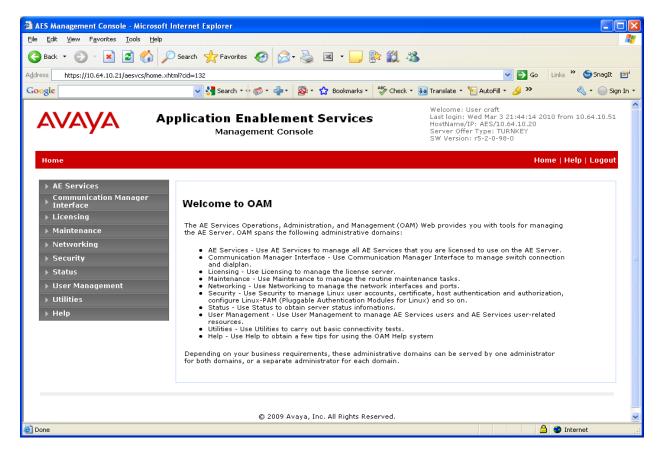
Access the AES OAM web-based interface by using the URL https://ip-address in an Internet browser window, where ip-address is the IP address of the AES server. Click on the Continue to Login link.



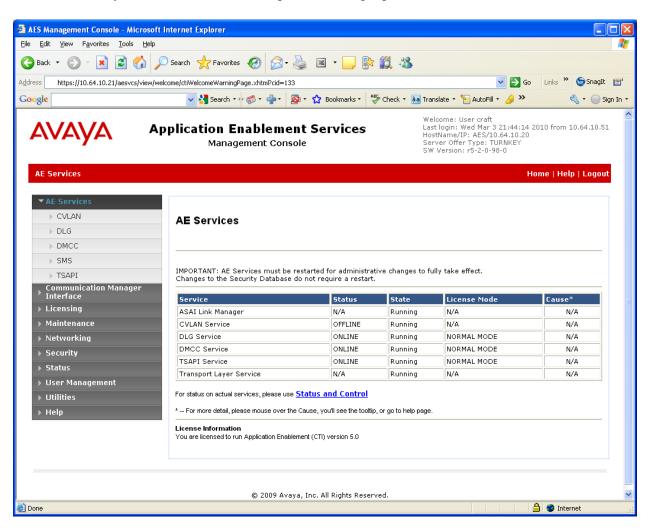
The **Login** screen is displayed as shown below. Log in with the appropriate credentials.



The Welcome to OAM screen is displayed next. Select AE Services.



The **AE Services** screen is displayed. Verify that AES is licensed for the TSAPI and DMCC Services, as shown in the screen below. If the TSAPI and DMCC Services are not licensed, contact the Avaya sales team or business partner for a proper license file.



Navigate to the **AE Services -> TSAPI -> TSAPI Links** page to add the TSAPI CTI Link. Click **Add Link**.



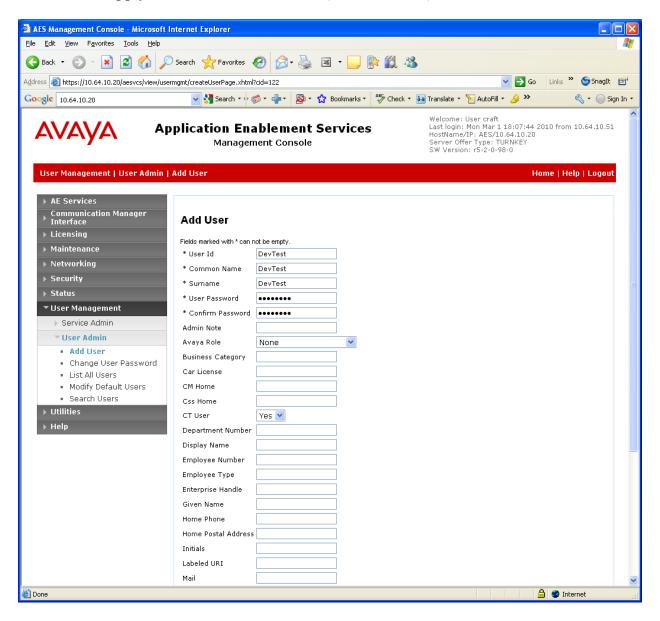
Select a Switch Connection using the drop down menu. The Switch Connection is configured in **Section 4.1**. Select the Switch CTI Link Number using the drop down menu. The CTI link number should match the number configured in the cti-link form in **Section 4.5**. Click **Apply Changes**. Default values may be used in the remaining fields.



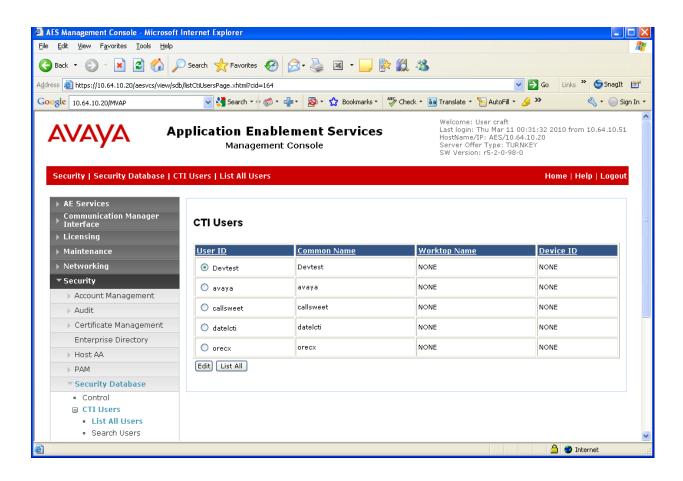
Next, add a CTI User, as FocusRecord requires a CTI user to access AES. Select **User Management -> User Admin -> Add User** from the left pane.

In the **Add User** screen, enter the following values:

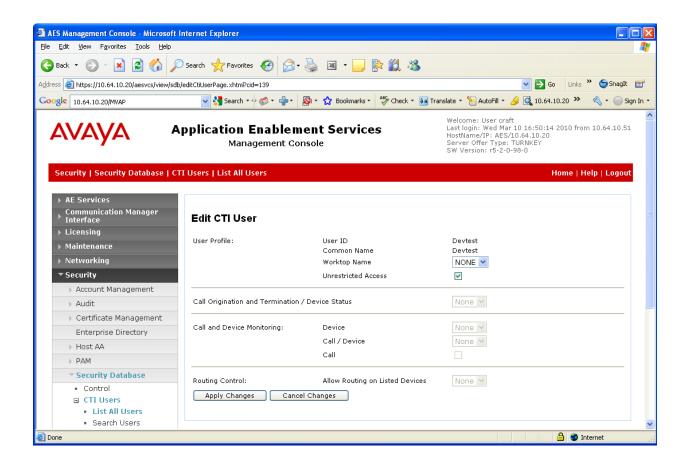
- In the User Id field, type a meaningful user id.
- In the **Common Name** field, type a descriptive name.
- In the **Surname** field, type a descriptive surname.
- In the User Password field, type a password for the user.
- In the **Confirm Password** field, re-enter the same password for the user.
- In the Avaya Role field, retain the default of None.
- In the **CT User** field, select **Yes** from the dropdown menu.
- Click **Apply** at the bottom of the screen (not shown here).



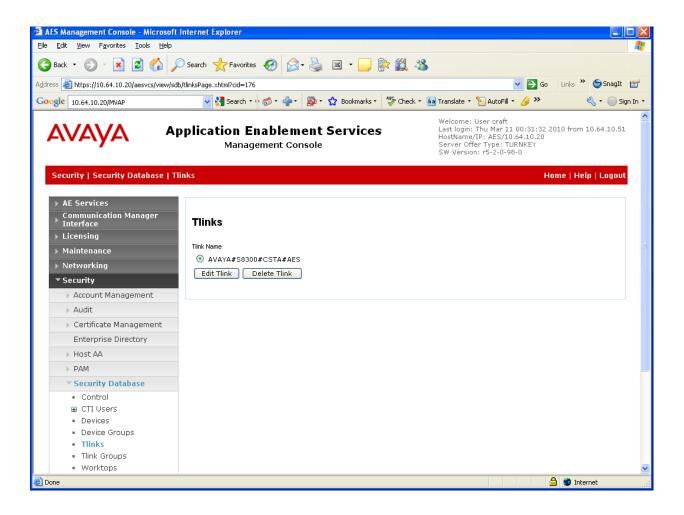
Next, change the security level for the CTI User as it needs to have unrestricted access privileges. Select **Security -> Security Database -> CTI Users -> List All Users** from the left pane. Choose the CTI user, and click **Edit**.



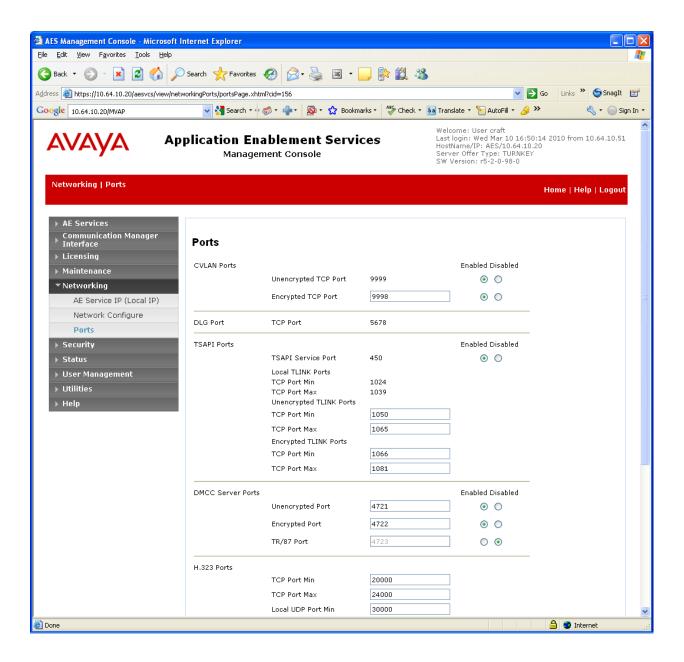
Provide the user with unrestricted access privileges by clicking the **Unrestricted Access** check box. Click **Apply Changes**.



Select **Security -> Security Database -> Tlinks** from the left pane. The **Tlinks** screen shows a listing of the Tlink names. A new Tlink name is automatically generated by the Application Enablement Services server upon creation of a new switch connection. Locate the Tlink name associated with the relevant switch connection, which would use the name of the switch connection as part of the Tlink name. Make a note of the associated Tlink name, to be used later for configuring the FocusRecord.



Navigate to the **Networking -> Ports** page to set the DMCC server port. During the compliance test, the default port values were utilized. The following screen displays the default port values. Since the unencrypted port was utilized during the compliance test, set the Unencrypted Port field to **Enabled**. Click **Apply Changes** (not shown) at the bottom of the screen to complete the process. Default values may be used in the remaining fields.



# 6. Configure FocusRecord

Cacti installs, configures, and customizes the FocusRecord application for their end customers. This section only describes the interface configuration for the FocusRecord application to communicates with AES and Communication Manager.

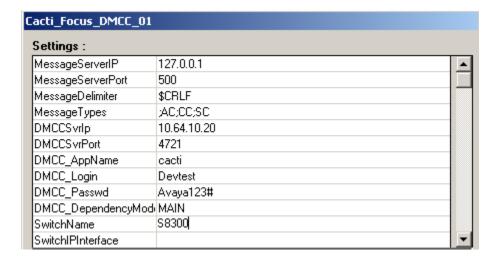
Refer to [3] for configuring the Cacti FocusRecord application.

Navigate to **Start** -> **Programs** -> **CAppMan** to access the Cacti\_Application\_Manager page. In the Cacti\_Application\_Manager page, select **Cacti\_Focus\_DMCC\_01** and click the **Settings** button.

The following screen shows the Cacti\_Focus\_DMCC\_01 Settings page. Provide the following information:

- **DMCCSvrIp** Enter the IP address of AES.
- **DMCCSvrPort** Enter the DMCC port utilized. During the compliance test, the unencrypted, default DMCC port was utilized.
- **DMCC\_AppName** Enter the application name.
- **DMCC** Login Enter the user name created in Section 5.
- **DMCC\_Passwd** Enter the password created in **Section 5**.
- SwitchName Enter the switch connection name created in Section 5

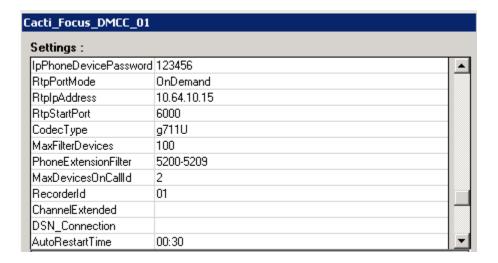
Click on **Save** to save the changes at the bottom of the screen (not shown here).



The following screen shows the second part of DMCC Configuration.

- **IpPhoneDevicePasswd** Enter the recording (DMCC stations) extension Security Code, created in **Section 4.3**. This should be identical for all recording stations.
- **RtpIpAddress** Enter the IP address of the recording device server, in this case, FocusRecord on the Windows 2003 server.
- **RtpStartPort** Choose an appropriate starting port, in this case, 6000.
- CodecType Enter the audio codec type. This must match the value in the IP Codec Set form used in the IP Network Region form.
- MaxFilterDevices Set this value to cover the number of devices.
- **PhoneExtensionFilter** Set this range for monitored stations previously created.

Click on **Save** to save the changes at the bottom of the screen (not shown here).

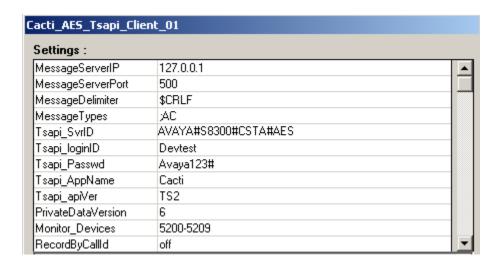


To configure for the TSAPI service, navigate to **Start -> Programs -> CAppMan** to access the Cacti\_Application\_Manager page. In the Cacti\_Application\_Manager page, select **Cacti\_AES\_Tsapi\_Client\_01** and click the **Settings** button.

The following screen shows the Cacti\_AES\_Tsapi\_Client\_01 Settings page. Provide the following information:

- Tsapi\_SvrID Enter the Tlink name used. The Tlink name can be obtained by accessing AES through the web, and navigate to Administration -> Security Database -> Tlinks as described in Section 5.
- Tsapi loginID Enter the user name created in Section 5.
- Tsapi Passwd Enter the password created in Section 5.
- **Tsapi\_AppName** Enter the switch, application, or company name. This is used for logging purposes, and does not have a pairing in AES.
- **Monitor\_Devices** Enter the monitored (recorded) extension range created in **Section** 4.4.

Click on **Save** to save the changes at the bottom of the screen (not shown here).



# 7. General Test Approach and Test Results

All feature functionality test cases were performed manually to verify proper operation. The following scenarios were tested using the test configuration diagram shown in **Figure 1**.

The installation test cases were covered with the setup of Communication Manager, Application Enablement Services, and FocusRecord. The clean removal of the application was also covered in this section

The functionality test cases were performed manually. Various calls were placed including incoming PSTN calls to the hunt groups, and incoming and outgoing personal calls from the agents. Recordings were verified, per the test cases.

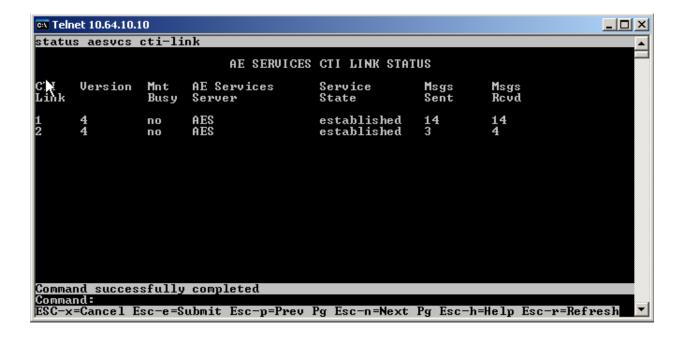
The serviceability test cases were performed manually by disconnecting and reconnecting the Ethernet cable to the FocusRecord server and Communication Manager, stopping the CTI service, and pulling power from Communication Manager.

All test cases passed. No errors were detected.

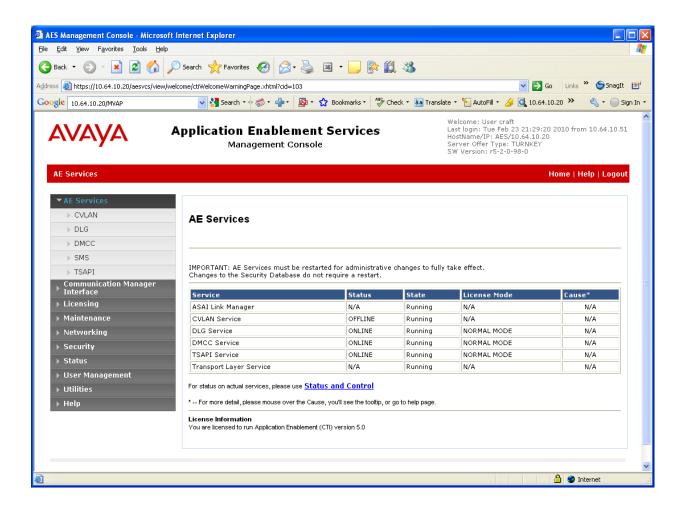
# 8. Verification Steps

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

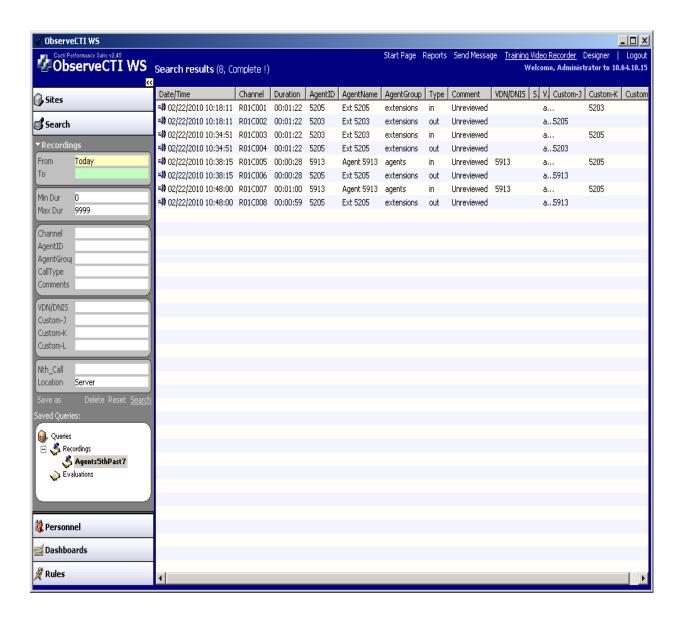
For Communication Manager, check the CTI Link status with the **status aesvcs cti-link** command (Link 1 for this configuration). The service state should show **no** for maintenance busy and the Service State should indicate **established**.



For AES, the TSAPI and DMCC Services should show as **ONLINE**, **Running**, and **NORMAL MODE**.



For FocusRecord, after a few calls are made, the client page will show recordings that can be listened to and verified.



#### 9. Conclusion

FocusRecord was compliance tested with Communication Manager and Application Enablement Services. FocusRecord successfully recorded calls for agents and hunt groups. All test cases completed successfully.

#### 10. Additional References

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

The following Avaya product documentation can be found at <a href="http://support.avaya.com">http://support.avaya.com</a>:

- [1] Administering Avaya Aura  $^{TM}$  Communication Manager, Doc ID: 03-300509, May 4, 2009
- [2] Avaya Aura<sup>TM</sup> Application Enablement Services Administration and Maintenance Guide, Doc ID: 02-300357, November 20, 2009
- [3] Cacti FocusRecord Workstation Users Guide v2.45

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