



Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for Configuring Avaya IP Office 9.0 with TigerTMS iCharge - Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Avaya IP Office 9.0 with TigerTMS iCharge 50.0.0.1

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

TigerTMS iCharge (iCharge) is a graphical hospitality user interface. It is commonly used in hotels to provide a means of controlling usage of room facilities. iCharge utilizes XML based communication for hospitality control of the IP Office. Hospitality features are translated into a set of XML commands which are passed via a secure IP port to the IP Office.

The following main features provided by iCharge interface with Avaya IP Office:

- **Check-In** - This function is used to assign a new guest to a particular room with a telephone. The credentials of the guest are used to update the station configuration within Avaya IP Office. This includes the display name of the phone as well as calling restrictions and Message Waiting Indicator (MWI) updates.
- **Direct Dialling in (DDI)** - This function is used to allocate a DDI to a room telephone extension. When DDI is allocated to a checked-in room, the room can be accessed externally, by making an inbound external call to a DDI number.
- **Update** - A facility that updates the display name of the station in Avaya IP Office.
- **Room Transfer** - This allows a guest to transfer to a different unoccupied room and it results in transfer of the guest's extension configuration.
- **Telephone Service Class** - Tiger allows two telephone service classes: "Barred" and "Unbarred" which refer to barring or permitting external calls. On check-in, user rights are set to "Unbarred" in IP Office, however this can be overridden to "Barred" if guest wishes so through Update facility. On check-out, the user-rights are set to "Barred".
- **Message Waiting** - Tiger iCharge allows messages to be left for guests. The Message Waiting Indication (MWI) phone feature alerts the guest to a voice message.
- **Check-out** - Once a guest has vacated a room, this function resets the telephone to default configuration and sets call barring of external calls.
- **Maid Status** – Maid Status is a mechanism allowing the room status to be updated in iCharge by minimal telephone interaction. This is often used to indicate room ready status following cleaning.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The general test approach was to configure the iCharge to communicate with the Avaya IP Office (IP Office) as implemented on a customer's premises. Feature functionality testing was performed manually.

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2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance testing included feature and serviceability testing. The feature testing evaluated the ability of TigerTMS iCharge to carry out hospitality functions through XML based communication with IP Office. The serviceability testing introduced failure scenarios to see if Tiger iCharge could resume after a link failure with IP Office.

The testing included:

- Check-In
- DDI
- Update Name
- Room Transfer
- Telephone Service Class
- Message Waiting
- Check-out
- Room Status
- Link Failure/Recovery
- Test Results

2.2. Test Results

Tests were performed to insure full interoperability between TigerTMS iCharge and IP Office. The tests were all functional in nature and performance testing was not included. All the test cases passed successfully.

2.3. Support

Technical support from TigerTMS can be obtained through the following:

Phone: Technical Support Department
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E-mail: support@tigertms.com

3. Reference Configuration

Figure 1 illustrates the network topology used during compliance testing. The Avaya solution consists of an IP Office which has a TCP/IP link established to the TigerTMS iCharge server. From the iCharge server, XML commands were passed via secure IP port on the IP Office for replication of the hospitality features. Digital, H323 and Softphones were configured on the IP Office to generate outbound/inbound calls to/from the PSTN and also simulate Hotel room phones. A QSIG trunk was configured to connect to the PSTN.

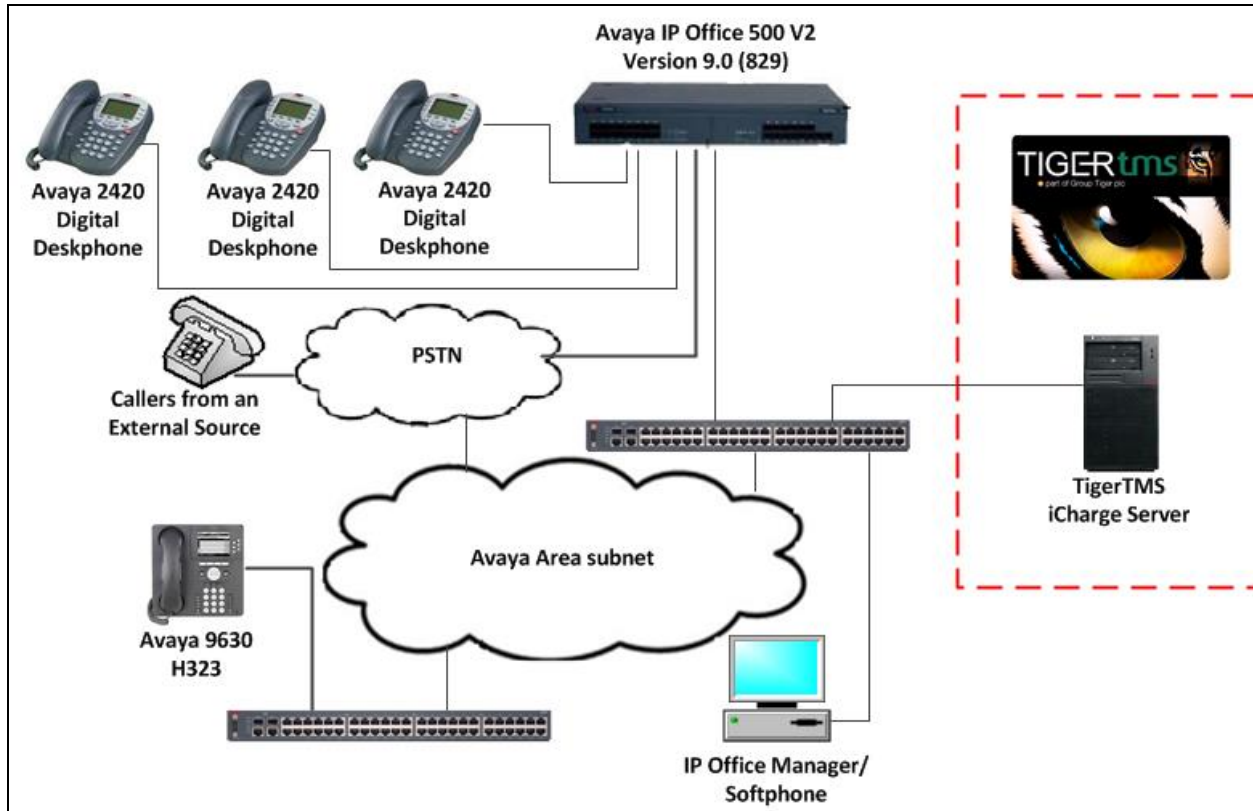


Figure 1: Avaya IP Office and TigerTMS iCharge Reference Configuration

4. Equipment and Software Validated

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

| Avaya Equipment | Software / Firmware Version |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Avaya IP Office 500 v2 | 9.0 (829) |
| Avaya IP Office Manager | 9.0 (829) |
| Avaya 9630 H323 Telephone | Ha96xxua3_2_0_s.bin |
| Avaya 2420 Digital Telephones | -- |
| Avaya IP Office softphone | 3.2.3.49 |
| TigerTMS Equipment | Software / Firmware Version |
| Generic Server running Windows 7 SP1 | TigerTMS iCharge 50.0.0.1 |

Note: Testing was performed with IP Office 500 v2 R9.0, but it also applies to IP Office Server Edition R9.0. Note that IP Office Server Edition requires an Expansion IP Office 500 v2 R9.0 to support analog or digital endpoints or trunks. IP Office Server Edition does not support TAPI Wave or Group Voicemail.

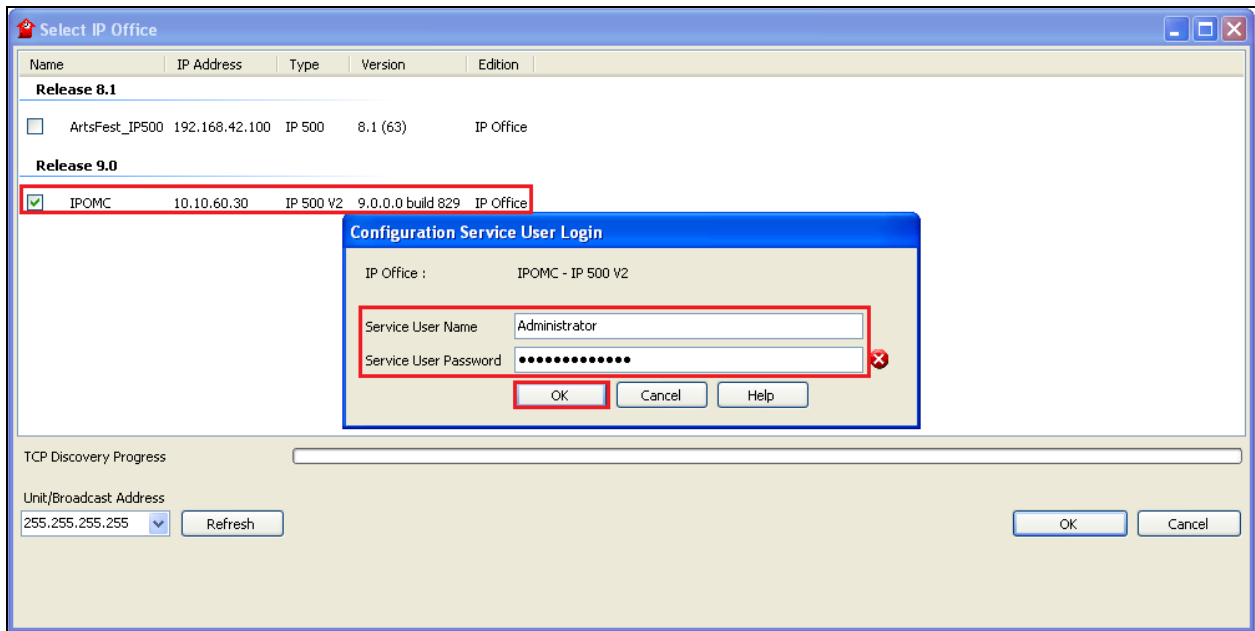
5. Avaya IP Office Configuration

Configuration and verification operations on the Avaya IP Office illustrated in this section were all performed using Avaya IP Office Manager. The information provided in this section describes the configuration of the Avaya IP Office for this solution. It is implied a working system is already in place and all Users/Extensions are configured including DDI, and Room Status. For all other provisioning information such as initial installation and configuration, please refer to the product documentation in **Section 9**. The configuration operations described in this section can be summarized as follows:

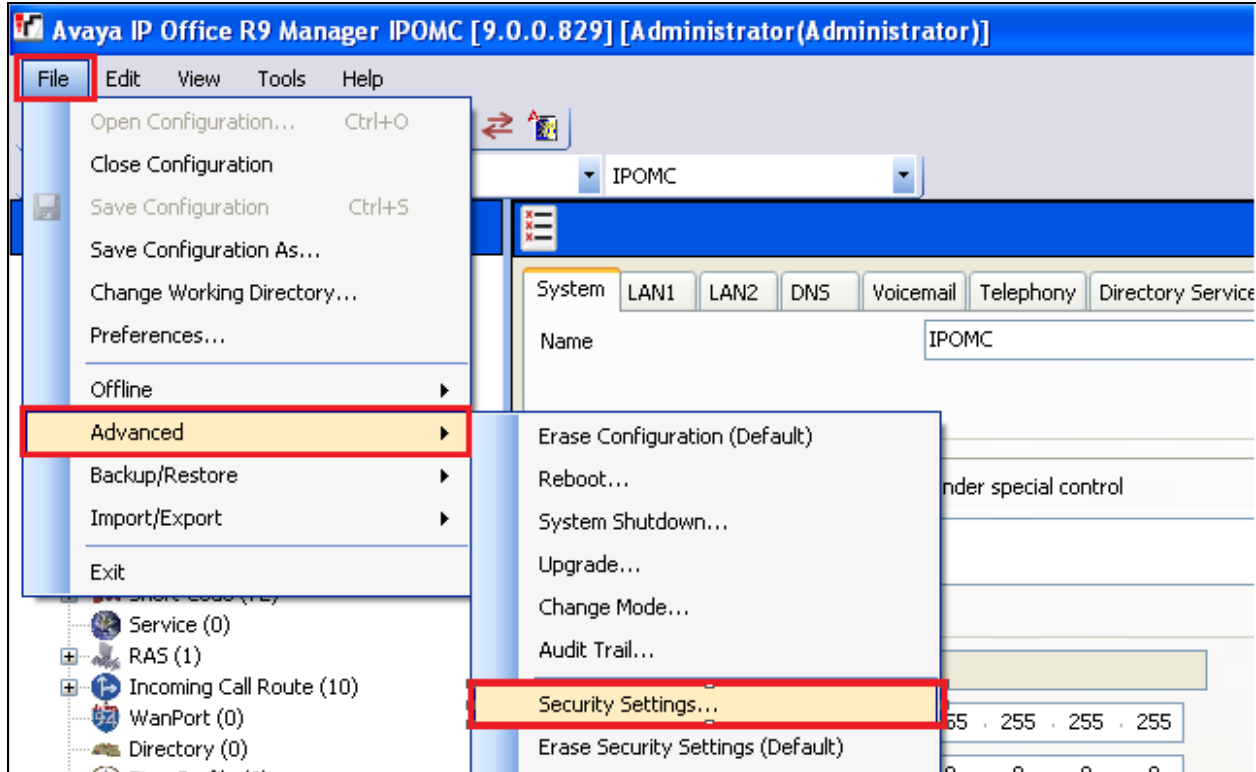
- Launch Avaya IP Office Manager (Security)
- Security Level
- Launch Avaya IP Office Manager (Administration)
- Modify User Rights (Barred)
- Modify User Rights (Unbarred)
- Create DDI Hunt Groups
- Save Configuration

5.1. Launch Avaya IP Office Manager (Security)

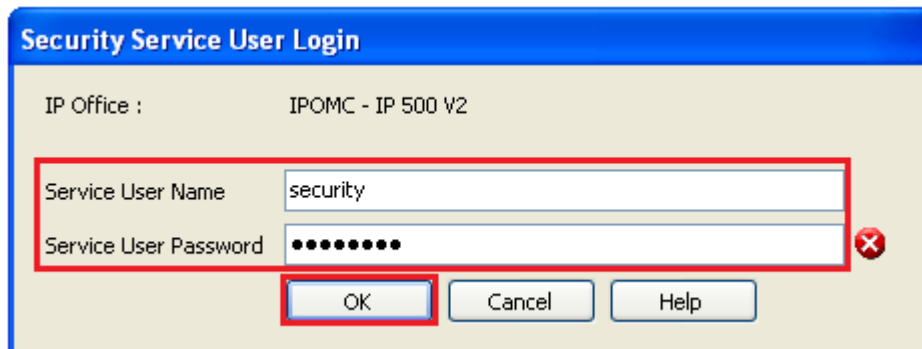
To Log in as a Security administrator first Log in as Administrator. From the IP Office Manager PC, go to **Start→Programs→IP Office→Manager** to launch the Manager application. Select **File →Open Configuration** then select the appropriate IP Office. Log in to IP Office using the **Service User Name** of **Administrator** and the appropriate **Service User Password** and click on the **OK** button. During compliance testing the System was called **IPOMC**.




Once the Configuration is opened select **File → Advanced → Security Settings**.

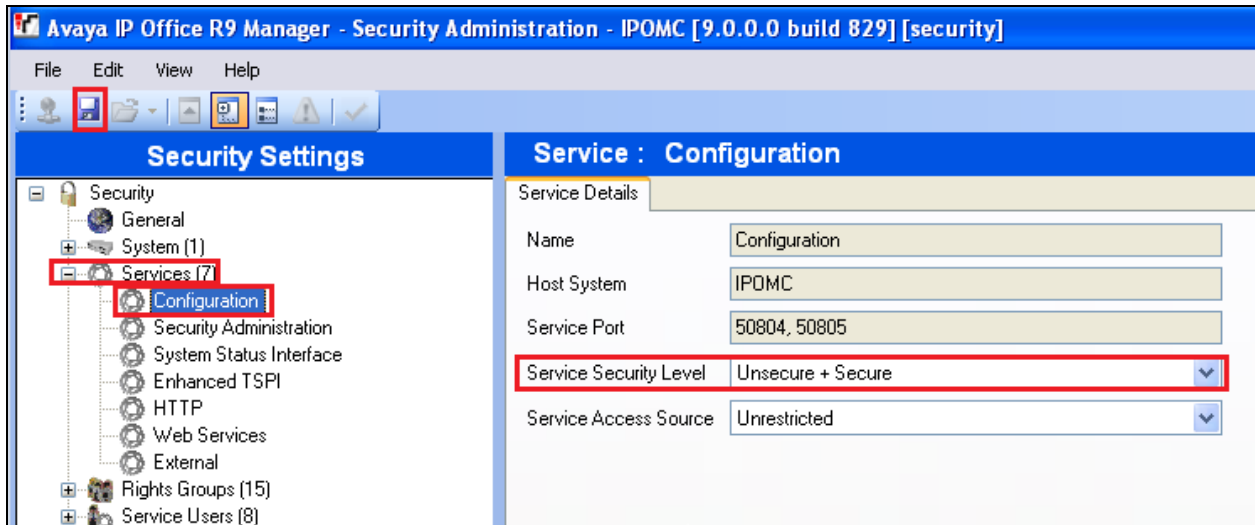


In the **Security Service User Login** window Log in using the **Service User Name** of security and the appropriate **Service User Password** and click **OK**.

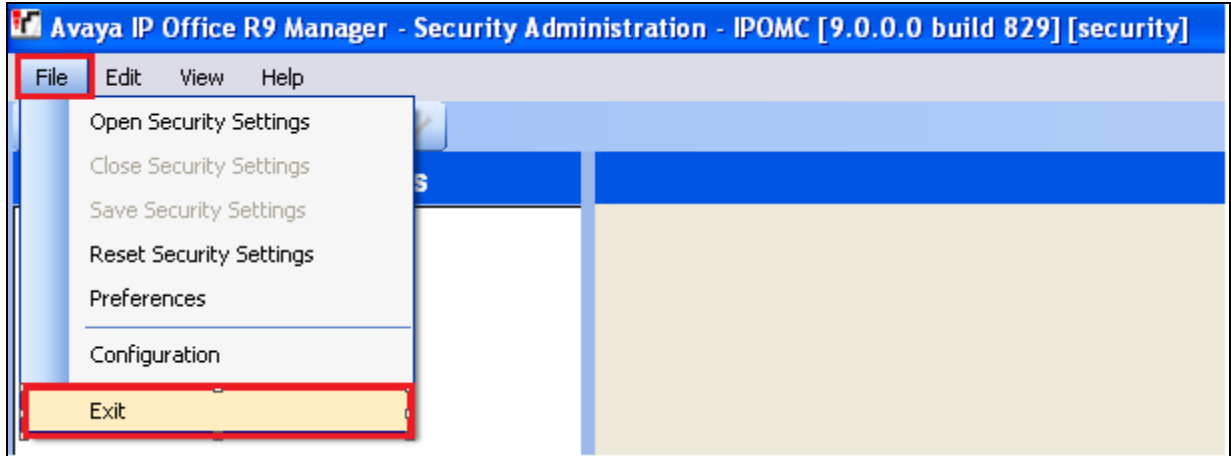


5.2. Security Level

Once the **Security Administration** page opens, select **Services** → **Configuration** and select **Unsecure + Secure** from the **Service Security Level** drop-down box and click on the **OK** button (not shown). Click on the **Save** icon  on the top of the window to save the new setting. Enter the appropriate **Service User Name** and **Service User Password** and click on **OK** button to complete (not shown).

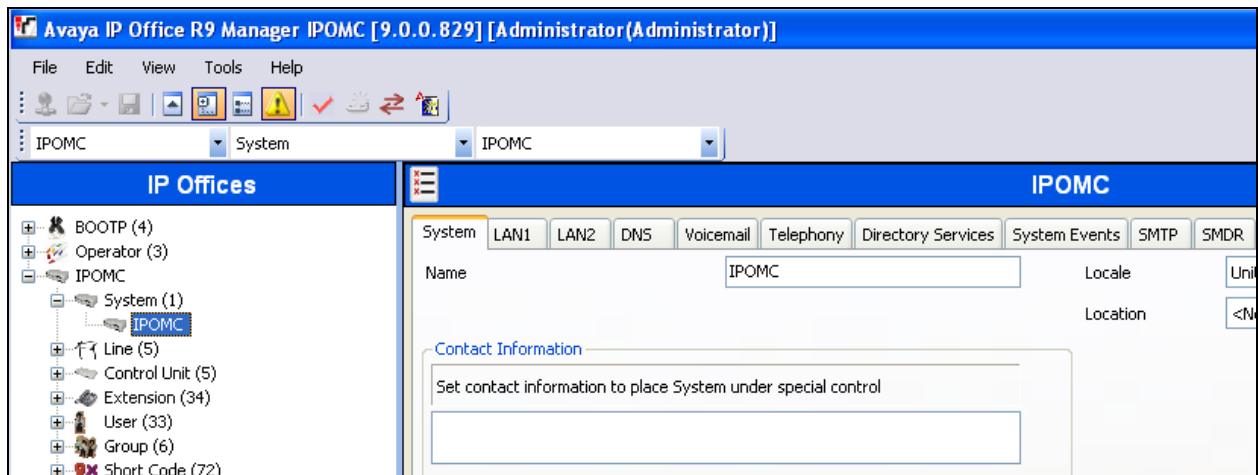


To log out of the **Security Administration** click **File → Exit**.



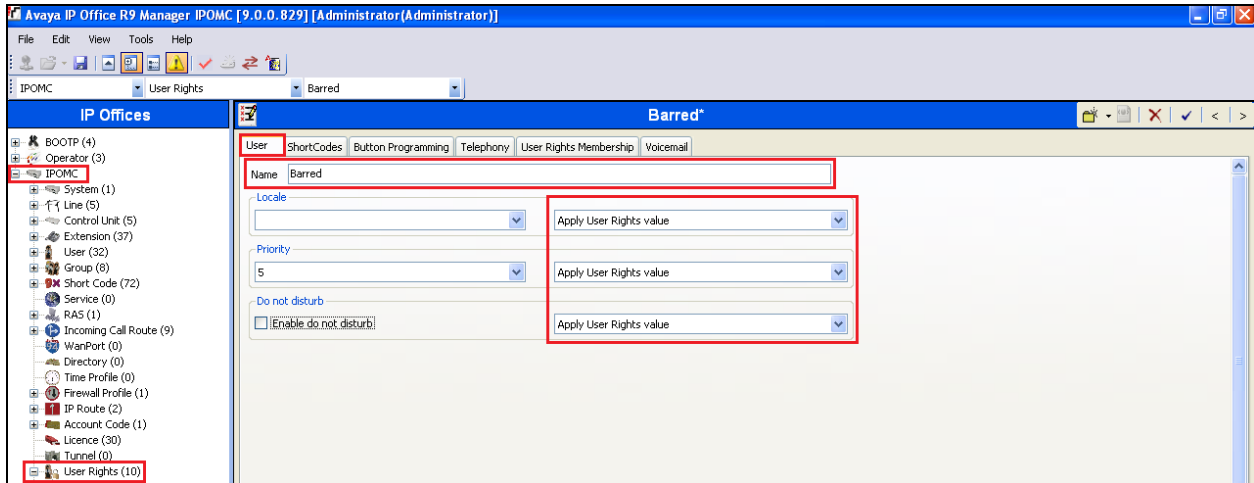
5.3. Launch Avaya IP Office Manager (Administration)

From the IP Office Manager PC, click **Start→Programs→IP Office→Manager** to launch the Manager application. Log in to IP Office using the appropriate credentials (not shown) to receive the IP Office configuration.

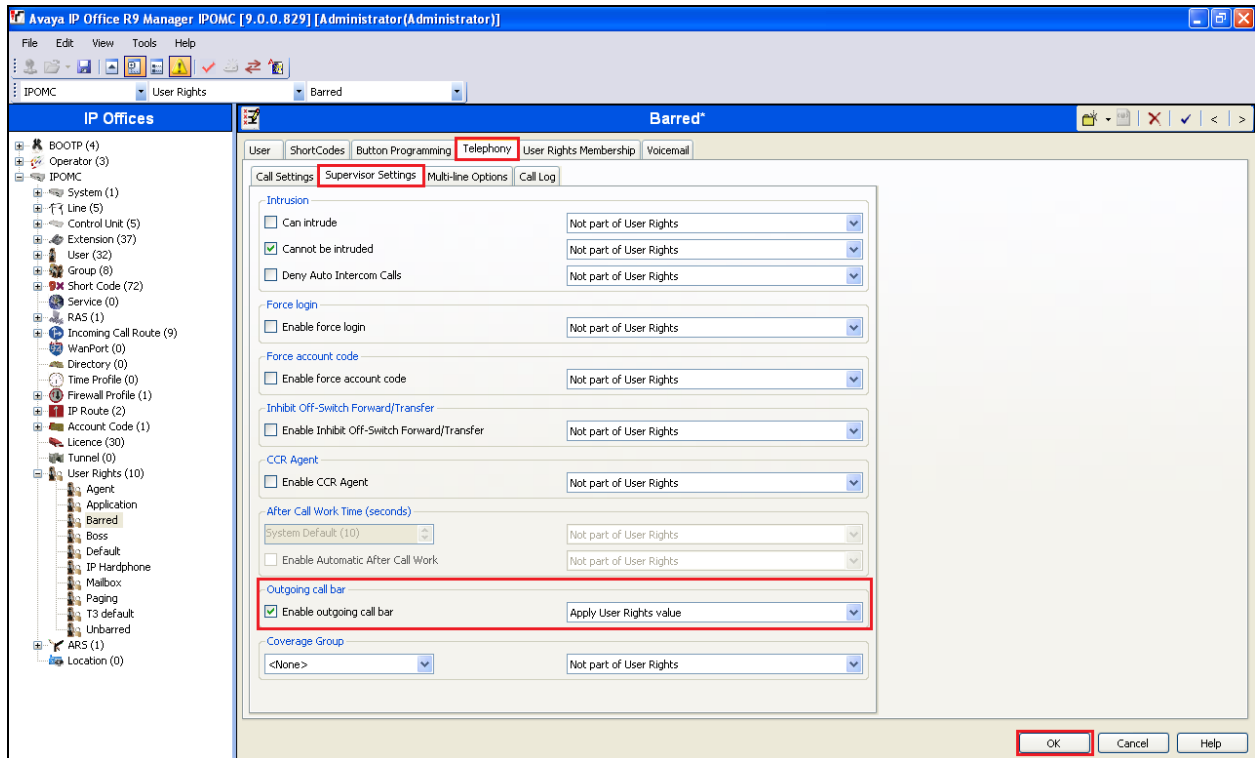


5.4. Modify User Rights (Barred)

In the Manager window, expand the Configuration Tree. Right click on **User Rights**, and select the **New** option (not shown). When the New User Rights window appears, click on the **User** tab. In the **Name** field set value **Barred**. Select **Apply User Rights value** from the appropriate drop-down boxes.

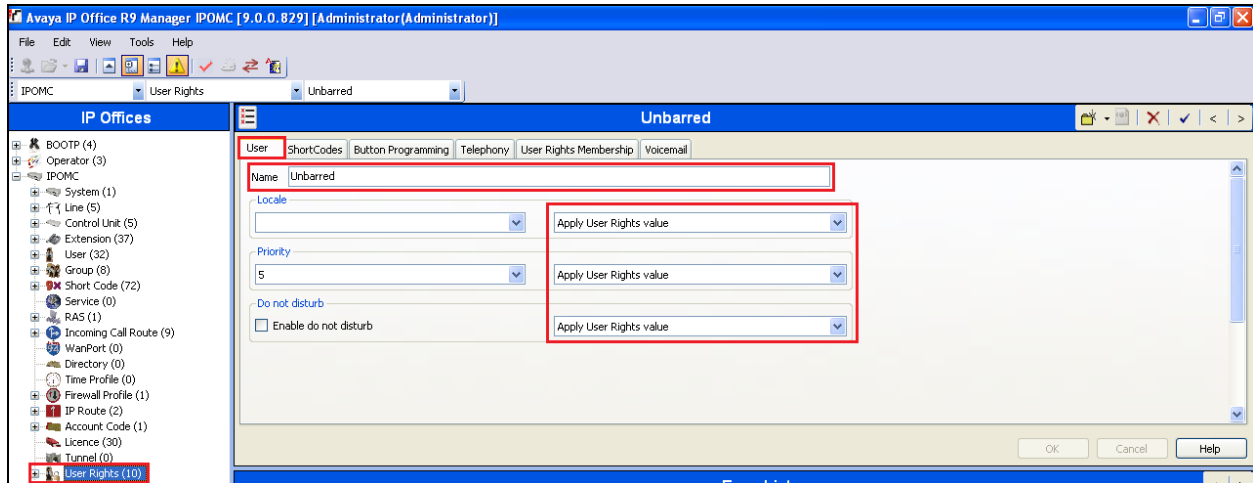


Click on the **Telephony** tab followed by the **Supervisor Settings** tab. In the **Outgoing call bar** section check the **Enable outgoing call bar** check box and select **Apply User Rights** value from the drop-down box. Click the **OK** button.

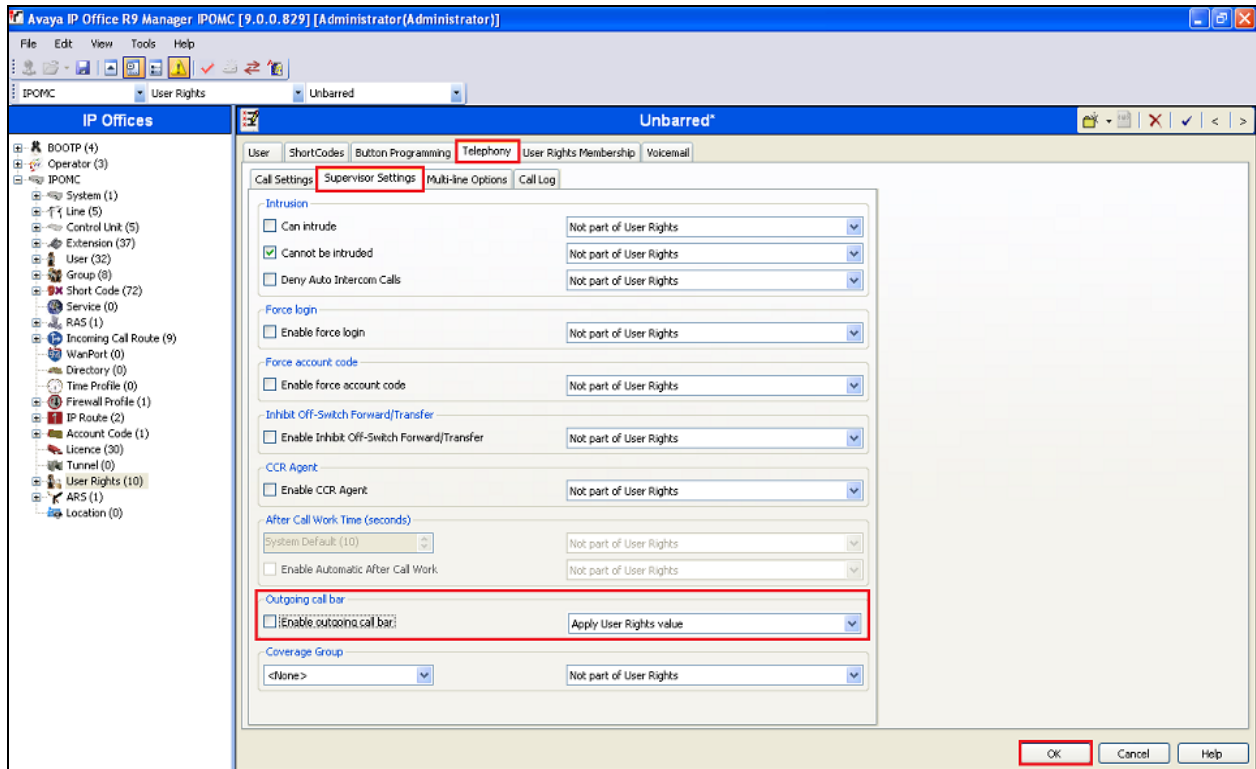


5.5. Modify User Rights (Unbarred)

In the Manager window, expand the Configuration Tree. Right click on **User Rights**, and select the **New** option (not shown). When the New User Rights window appears click on the **User** tab. In the **Name** field set value **Unbarred**. Select **Apply User Rights value** from the appropriate drop-down boxes.

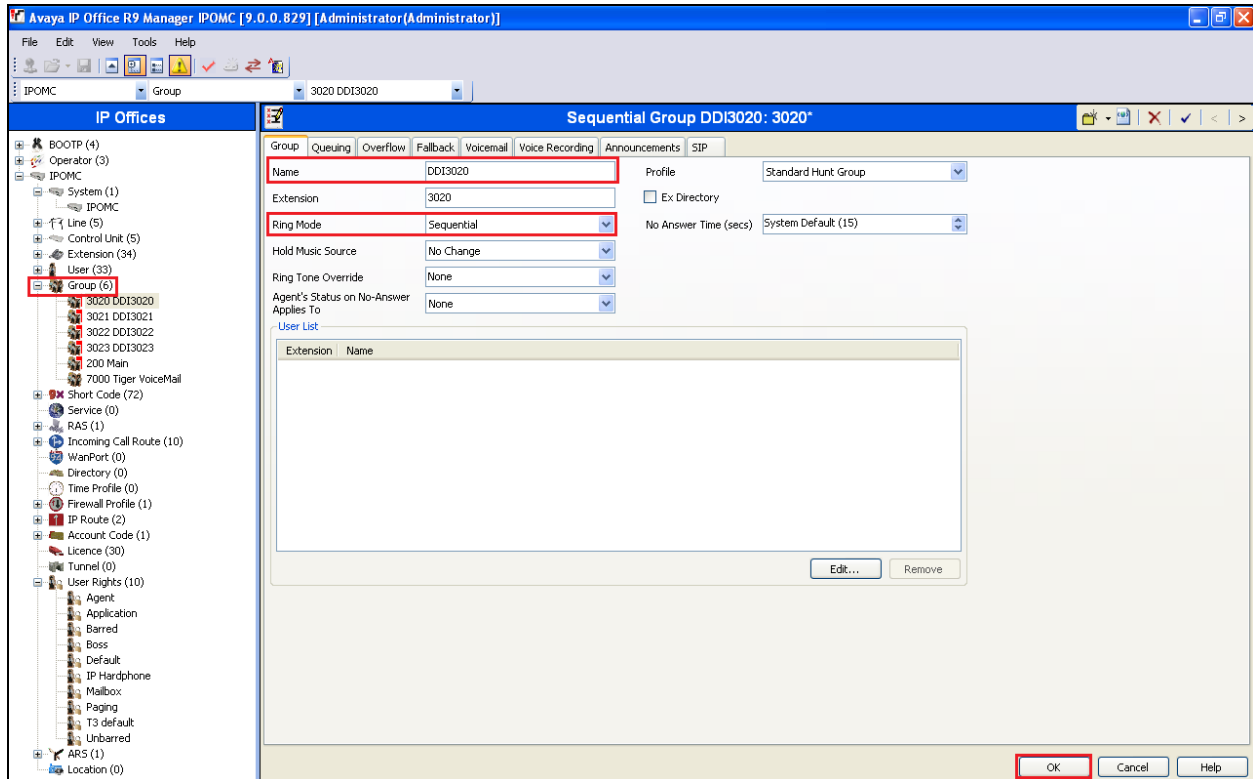


Click on the **Telephony** tab followed by the **Supervisor Settings** tab. In the **Outgoing call bar** section uncheck the **Enable outgoing call bar** check box and Select **Apply User Rights** value from the drop-down box. Click the **OK** button.




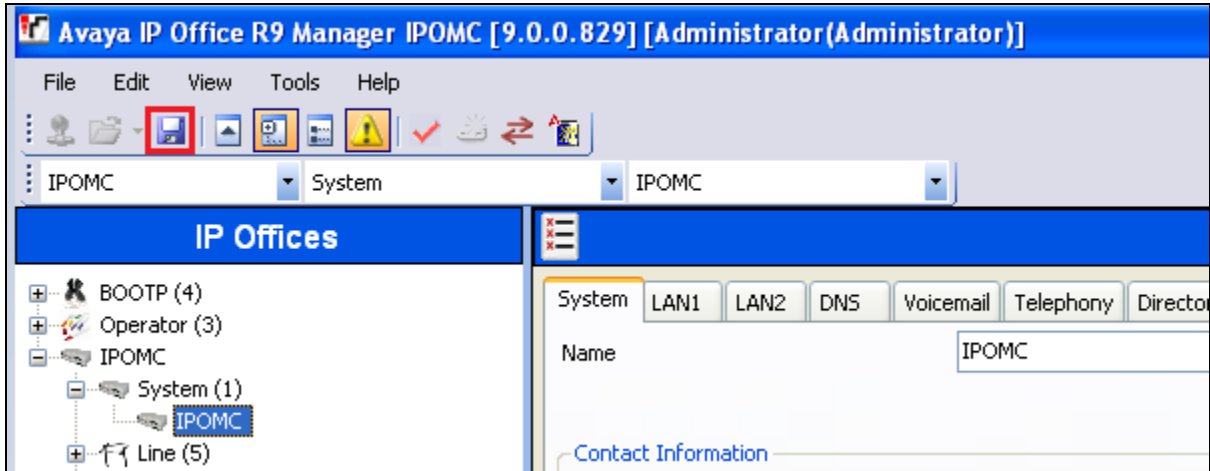
5.6. Create DDI Hunt Groups

In the Manager window, go to the Configuration Tree, right-click **Group** and select **New** in the popup that appears (not shown). In the subsequent Hunt Group window, set **Name** to something appropriate (e.g. **DDI3020**). Enter an **Extension** (e.g. **3020**) and for **Ring Mode** select **Sequential** from drop-down box. Ensure that no extensions are added to the **User List** as they will be automatically added by the Tiger iCharge once a DDI is allocated to an extension. Click the **OK** button. **Note:** Repeat this for each DDI required.

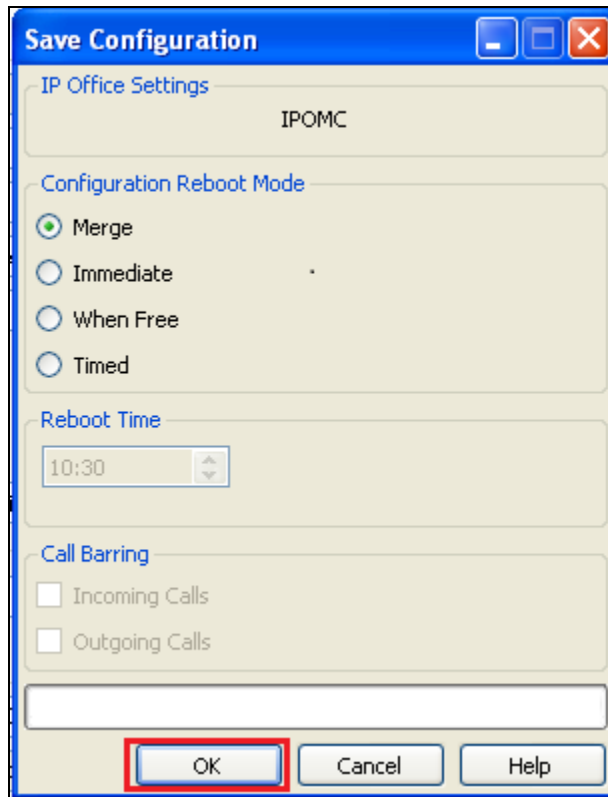


5.7. Save Configuration

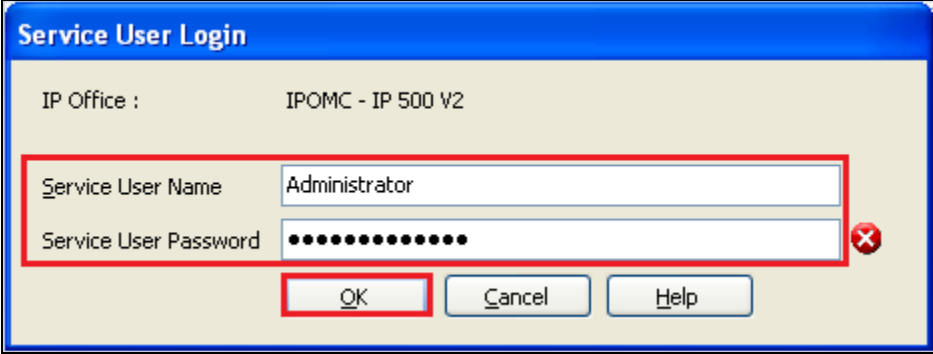
Once all the configurations have been made it must be sent to the IP Office. Click on the **Save** icon  as shown below.



Once the **Save Configuration** window opens, click on the **OK** button.



Once the **Service User Login** Window opens, enter the appropriate credentials, and then click the **OK** button.



6. Configure TigerTMS iCharge

This section describes the steps performed to configure the TigerTMS iCharge to connect to the IP Office. It is implied that the iCharge Server software is already installed. For all other provisioning information such as initial installation and configuration, please refer to the product documentation in **Section 9**. The configuration operations described in this section can be summarized as follows:

- Modify Avaya Service Configuration File
- Restart AvayaIPOfficeClientService

Note: The configuration of Guest rooms, and Room Status etc. is outside the scope of this Application note.

6.1. Modify Avaya Service Configuration File

After installation and basic configuration, open the **AvayaService.INI** file located in the <drive letter>:\tig2020\Avaya and enter the following: (During compliance testing, the following were used)

- **ipofficeunitip:** The IP address of Avaya IP Office
- **ipofficeunitport:** The Port used to talk to Avaya IP Office (in this case secure)
- **ipofficeusername:** Login user name for Avaya IP Office
- **ipofficepassword:** Login password for Avaya IP Office

Save and close the file.

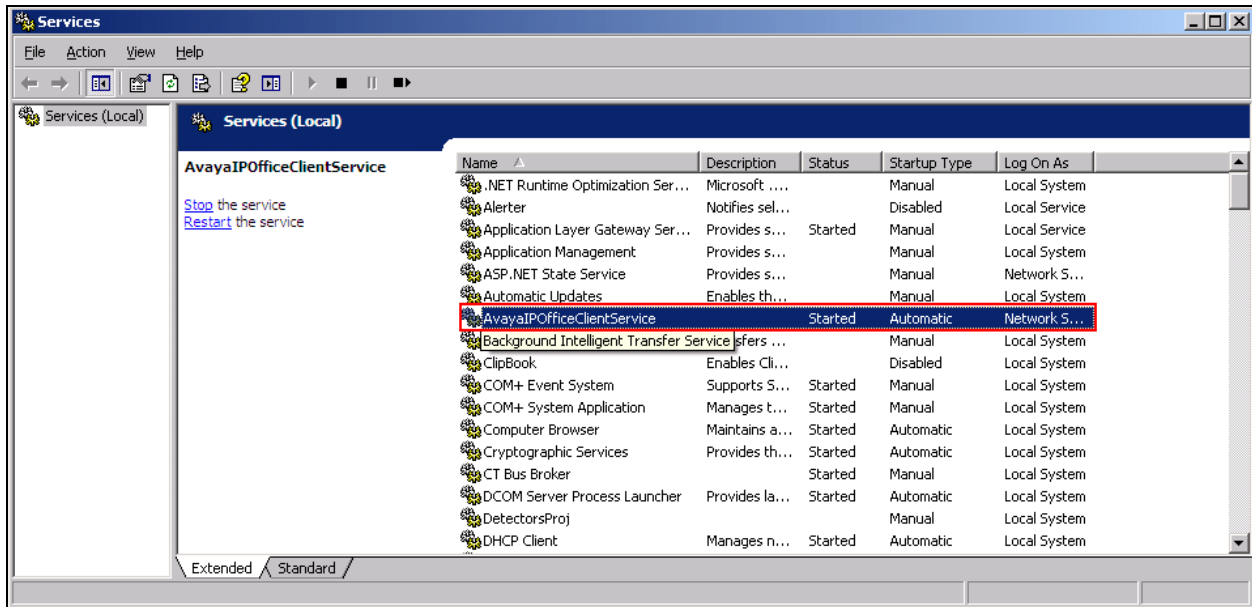
After the configuration changes a server reboot is required.

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  <section name="avayadebug">
    <item key="port" value="8000" />
    <item key="hostname" value="localhost" />
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    <item key="fileloggingon" value="True" />
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  <section name="avayaipoffice">
    <item key="serviceurl"
value="http://localhost:80/AvayaIPOffice/service.svc" />
    <item key="serviceport" value="80" />
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6.2. Restart AvayaIPOfficeClientService

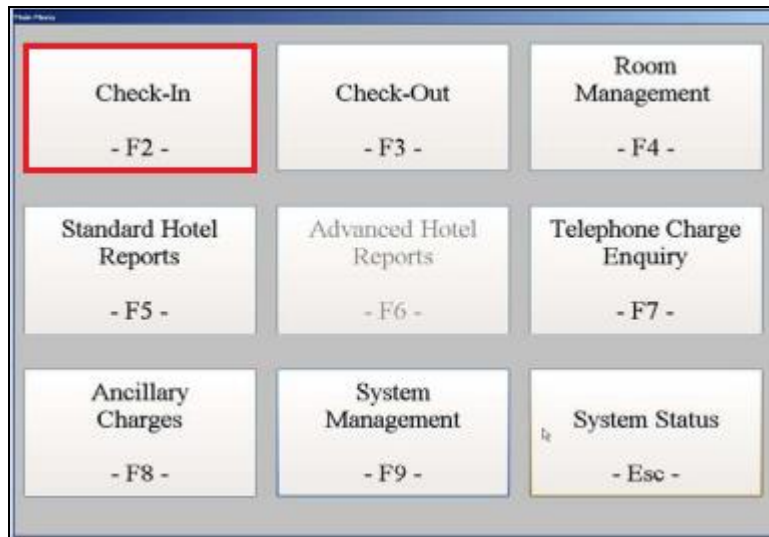
Once the configuration changes are made the AvayaIPOfficeClientService needs to be restarted. To restart the AvayaIPOfficeClientService go to **Start** → **Run** and enter **services.msc** (not shown). Once the services window opens, right click on **AvayaIPOfficeClientService** and select **Restart**.

Note: The **Startup** type for AvayaIPOfficeClientService should be set to **Automatic**.



7. Verification Steps

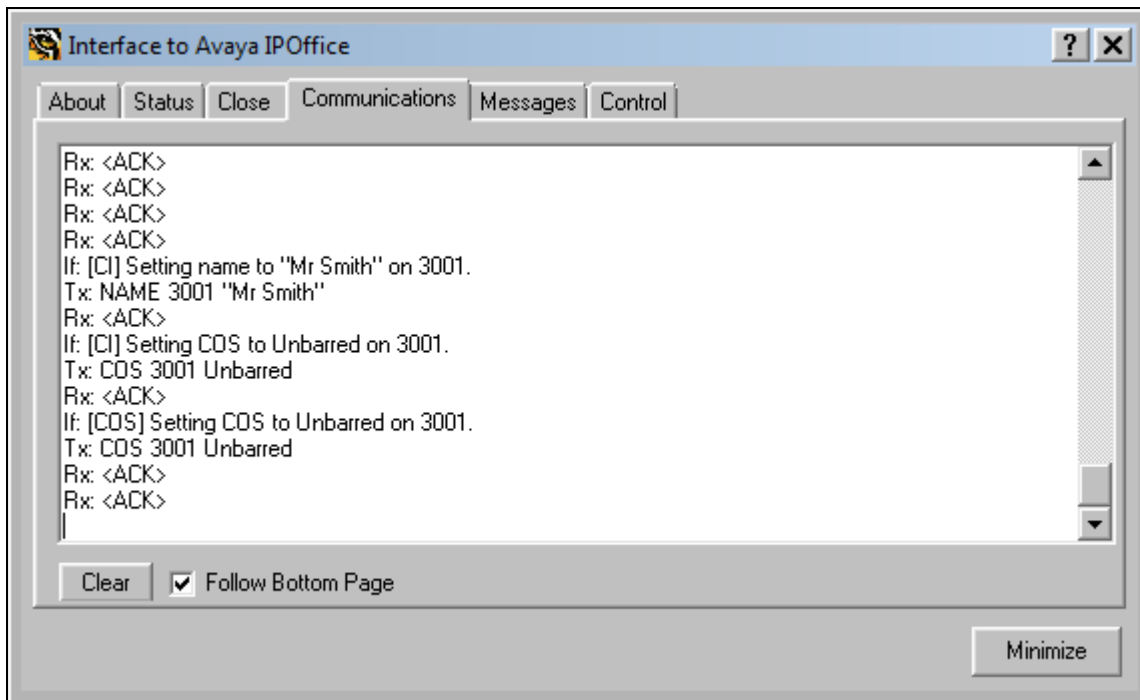
This section provides the tests that can be performed to verify correct configuration of the IP Office and TigerTMS solution. Using the TigerTMS iCharge Check-in hospitality function, assign a room to a guest. In the Main Menu screen, click on **Check-In (F2)**.



From the Room drop-down box, select room 3001. Enter a descriptive name for the Guest Details **Name** field and then click on the **Check-In (F10)** button.

The screenshot shows the TigerTMS Check-In screen. The 'Room' drop-down box in the 'Room Details' section is highlighted with a red border and contains the value '3001'. In the 'Guest Details' section, the 'Name' field is highlighted with a red border and contains the text 'Mr Smith'. The 'Check-In' button, labeled '- F10 -', is also highlighted with a red border. Other fields include 'Reservation', 'Room Category', 'Default Rate', 'New Rate', 'PIN', 'Intervals', 'Total Rate Charge', 'Extension Attributes', 'Additional Guests', 'Message Waiting', 'Budget Limits', 'Wake-Up Calls', 'PIN Attributes', 'DDI Attributes', and 'Account Details'.

Using the **Interface to Avaya IPOffice** click on the **Communications** tab and verify that TigerTMS iCharge has passed the correct details onto the IP office.



The Room phone should now reflect the name entered in the check-in form and it should be possible to make outgoing calls.

8. Conclusion

A full and comprehensive set of feature and functional test cases were performed during Compliance testing. TigerTMS iCharge 50.0.0.1 is considered compliant with Avaya IP Office 9.0. All test cases have passed and met the objectives outlined in **Section 2.2**.

9. Additional References

These documents form part of the Avaya official technical reference documentation suite. Further information may be had from <http://support.avaya.com> or from your Avaya representative.

[1] *Avaya IP Office Manager 9.0, Document 15-601011, Issue 9.01, September 2013*

Product Documentation for Tiger Communications products can be obtained at: <http://www.tigertms.com>

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