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Application Notes for TelStrat Engage with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager Using Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services 6.2 with TSAPI – Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for TelStrat Engage to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager using Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services 6.2 with Telephony Services Application Programming Interface (TSAPI).

TelStrat Engage is a call recording solution. In the compliance testing, TelStrat Engage used TSAPI from Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services to monitor skill groups and agent station extensions on Avaya Aura® Communication Manager, and used the port mirroring method to capture the media associated with the monitored agents for call recording.

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 TelStrat Engage to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager using Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services 6.2 with TSAPI.

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The TSAPI interface is used by TelStrat Engage to monitor the skill groups and agent station extensions. When there is an active call on the monitored agent, TelStrat Engage is informed of the call via event reports from the TSAPI interface. TelStrat Engage starts the call recording by using the replicated media from the port mirroring method. The TSAPI event reports are also used to determine when to stop the call recordings.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The feature test cases were performed both automatically and manually. Upon start of the Engage application, the application automatically uses TSAPI to query on the skill group and agent station extensions and request monitoring.

For the manual part of the testing, each call was handled manually on the agent telephone with generation of unique audio content for the recordings. Necessary user actions such as hold and reconnect were performed from the agent telephones to test the different call scenarios. The serviceability test cases were performed manually by disconnecting/reconnecting the Ethernet connection to Engage.

The verification of tests included using the TelStrat Engage logs for proper message exchanges, and using the Engage Client application for proper logging and playback of the calls.

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2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance test included feature and serviceability testing.

The feature testing focused on verifying the following on Engage:

- Handling of TSAPI messages in the areas of event notification and value queries.
- Proper recording, logging, and playback of calls for scenarios involving inbound, outbound, internal, external, ACD, non-ACD, hold, reconnect, simultaneous, conference, and transfer.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of Engage to recover from adverse conditions, such as disconnecting/reconnecting the Ethernet connection to the Engage server.

2.2. Test Results

All test cases were executed and passed. The following were observations on Engage from the compliance testing:

- In the attended conference scenarios, the first recording for the conference-from agent included silence for the period that the conference-from agent was conversing with the conference-to agent, and the second recording for the conference-from agent contained the conversation with the conference-to agent.
- After a 60 seconds link disruption, the Engage Client application may become stuck and need a manually restart.

2.3. Support

Technical support on Engage can be obtained through the following:

• **Phone:** (972) 633-4548

• Email: support@telstrat.com

3. Reference Configuration

Engage has an Engage Client application that can be used to review and playback the call recordings. In the compliance testing, the Engage Client application was installed on the supervisor PC. The RTP streams for agents with Avaya IP Deskphones were mirrored from the layer 2 switch, and replicated over to Engage.

The detailed administration of basic connectivity between Communication Manager and Application Enablement Services, and of contact center devices are not the focus of these Application Notes and will not be described. In addition, the port mirroring of the layer 2 switch is also outside the scope of these Application Notes and will not be described.

In the compliance testing, the contact center devices consisted of two VDNs, two skill groups, one supervisor, and two agents shown in the table below. Engage requested monitoring on the skill group and agent station extensions.

Device Type	Extension
VDN	48001, 48002
Skill Group	48101, 48102
Supervisor	45000
Agent ID	45881, 45882
Agent Station	45001, 45002

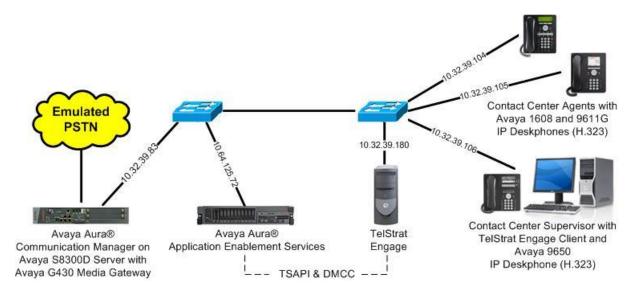


Figure 1: Compliance Testing Configuration

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 on Avaya S8300D Server with Avaya G430 Media Gateway	6.2 SP3 (R016x.02.0.823.0-20001)
Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services	6.2 (r6-2-0-18-0)
Avaya 1608 IP Deskphone (H.323)	1.302S
Avaya 9611G IP Deskphone (H.323)	6.020S
Avaya 9650 IP Deskphone (H.323)	3.1000
TelStrat Engage on Windows 2008 Server Standard • Microsoft SQL Server 2008 • Avaya TSAPI Windows Client (csta32.dll)	3.6.1.11 SP 2 R2 6.2.0.257
TelStrat Engage Client on Windows XP Professional	3.6.1.11 2002 SP3

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

5.1. Verify License

Log in to the System Access Terminal (SAT) to verify that the Communication Manager license has proper permissions for features illustrated in these Application Notes. Use the "display system-parameters customer-options" command to verify that the **Computer Telephony Adjunct Links** customer option is set to "y" on **Page 3**. If this option is not set to "y", then contact the Avaya sales team or business partner for a proper license file.

```
display system-parameters customer-options
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                                   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
        Analog Trunk Incoming Call ID? y
                                                                      CAS Branch? n
A/D Grp/Sys List Dialing Start at 01? y
                                                                        CAS Main? n
Answer Supervision by Call Classifier? y
                                                              Change COR by FAC? n
                                    ARS? y Computer Telephony Adjunct Links? y
                  ARS/AAR Partitioning? y Cvg Of Calls Redirected Off-net? y
          ARS/AAR Dialing without FAC? y
                                                                    DCS (Basic)? y
          ASAI Link Core Capabilities? y
                                                             DCS Call Coverage? y
          ASAI Link Plus Capabilities? y
                                                             DCS with Rerouting? y
       Async. Transfer Mode (ATM) PNC? n
```

5.2. Administer CTI Link

Add a CTI link using the "add cti-link n" command, where "n" is an available CTI link number. Enter an available extension number in the **Extension** field. Note that the CTI link number and extension number may vary. Enter "ADJ-IP" in the **Type** field, and a descriptive name in the **Name** field. Default values may be used in the remaining fields.

```
add cti-link 1

CTI LINK

CTI Link: 1

Extension: 40001

Type: ADJ-IP

COR: 1

Name: TSAPI Link
```

6. Configure Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services

This section provides the procedures for configuring Application Enablement Services. The procedures include the following areas:

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

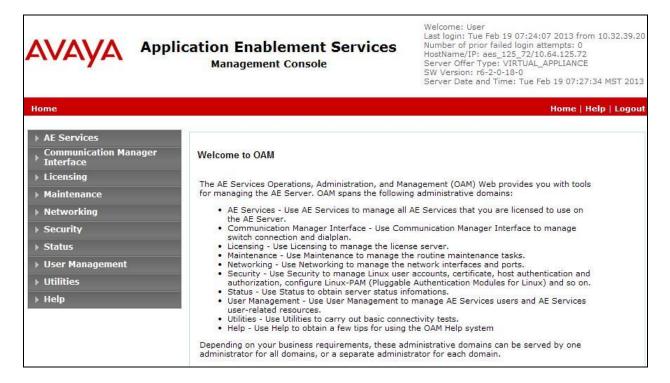
6.1. Launch OAM Interface

Access the 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 Application Enablement Services server.

The **Please login here** screen is displayed. Log in using the appropriate credentials.

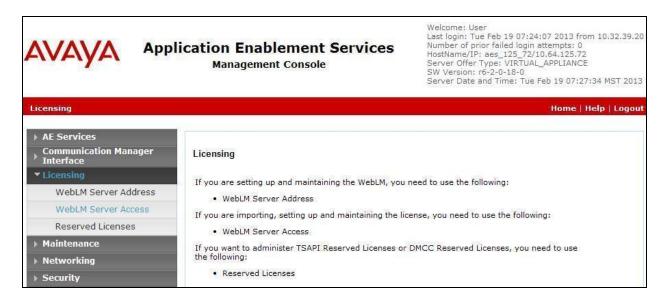


The **Welcome to OAM** screen is displayed next.



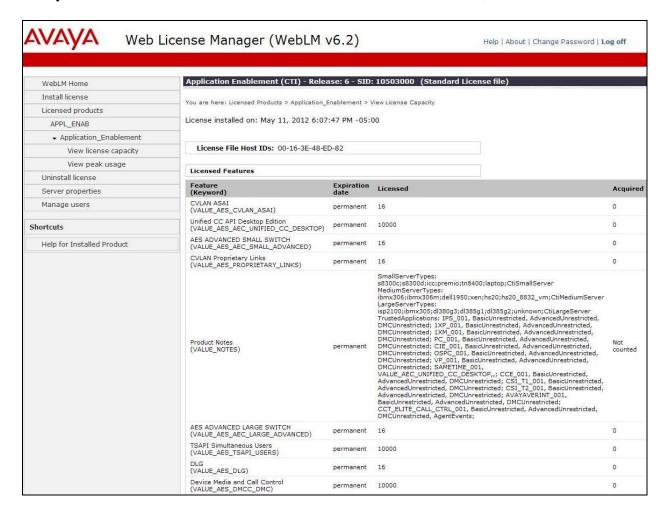
6.2. Verify License

Select Licensing \rightarrow WebLM Server Access in the left pane, to display the Web License Manager pop-up screen (not shown), and log in using the appropriate credentials.



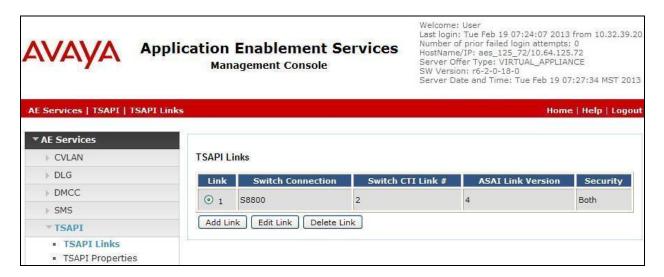
The Web License Manager screen below is displayed. Select Licensed products \rightarrow APPL_ENAB \rightarrow Application_Enablement in the left pane, to display the Licensed Features in the right pane.

Verify that there are sufficient licenses for **TSAPI Simultaneous Users**, as shown below.



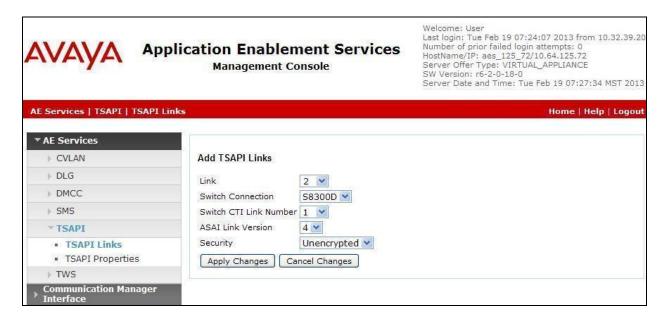
6.3. Administer TSAPI Link

To administer a TSAPI link, select **AE Services** → **TSAPI** → **TSAPI Links** from the left pane. The **TSAPI Links** screen is displayed, as shown below. Click **Add Link**.



The **Add TSAPI Links** screen is displayed next.

The **Link** field is only local to the Application Enablement Services server, and may be set to any available number. For **Switch Connection**, select the relevant switch connection from the drop-down list. In this case, the existing switch connection "S8300D" is selected. For **Switch CTI Link Number**, select the CTI link number from **Section 5.2**. Retain the default values in the remaining fields, and click **Apply Changes**.



6.4. Disable Security Database

Select Security Security Database Control from the left pane, to display the SDB Control for DMCC, TSAPI, JTAPI and Telephony Web Services screen in the right pane. Uncheck both fields below, and click Apply Changes.



6.5. Restart TSAPI Service

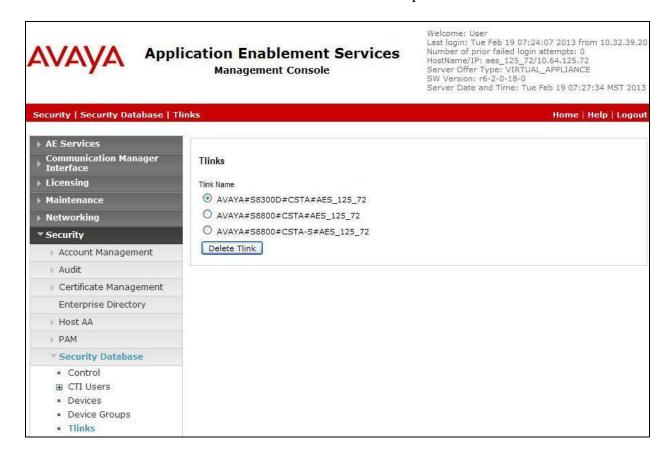
Select Maintenance \rightarrow Service Controller from the left pane, to display the Service Controller screen in the right pane. Check the TSAPI Service, and click Restart Service.



6.6. Obtain Tlink Name

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 for the TSAPI service. 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 Engage.

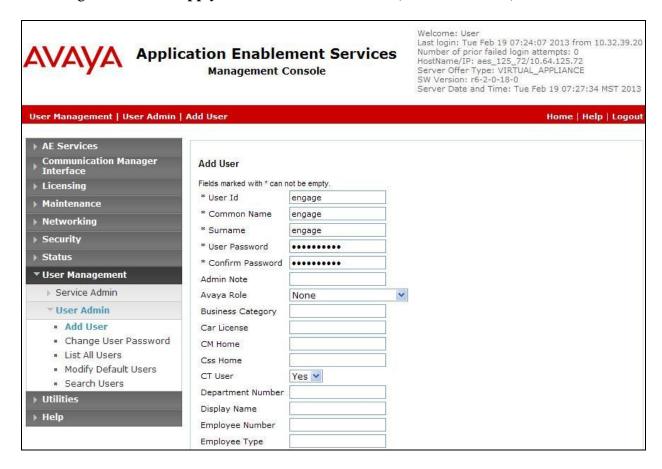
In this case, the associated Tlink name is "AVAYA#S8300D#CSTA#AES2-S8800". Note the use of the switch connection "S8300D" from Section 6.3 as part of the Tlink name.



6.7. Administer Engage User

Select User Management \rightarrow User Admin \rightarrow Add User from the left pane, to display the Add User screen in the right pane.

Enter desired values for **User Id**, **Common Name**, **Surname**, **User Password**, and **Confirm Password**. For **CT User**, select "Yes" from the drop-down list. Retain the default value in the remaining fields. Click **Apply** at the bottom of the screen (not shown below).



7. Configure Avaya IP Deskphones

This section provides the procedures for obtaining the MAC addresses from the Avaya IP Deskphones.

7.1. Obtain MAC Address

From the Avaya IP Deskphone, press the **MENU** or **HOME** button to display the **Menu** or **Home** screen (not shown).

From the **Menu** or **Home** screen, navigate to **Network Information** → **Miscellaneous** to display the **Miscellaneous** screen (not shown).

From the **Miscellaneous** screen, page down as necessary to display the **MAC** parameter (not shown). Make a note of the **MAC** address, which will be used later to configure Engage.

Repeat this section for all Avaya IP Deskphones used by the agents in **Section 3**. In the compliance testing, the MAC addresses associated with the two agent telephones were "00073B9363F3" and "7038EEC9D518".

8. Configure TelStrat Engage

This section provides the procedures for configuring Engage. The procedures include the following areas:

- Administer VoIP engine
- Administer ACD groups
- Administer device port mappings

8.1. Launch VolP Engine

From the Engage server, select Start \rightarrow All Programs \rightarrow TelStrat Engage \rightarrow VOIP Engine Configuration, to display the Engage VoIPEngine Config Console screen below. Select Config.



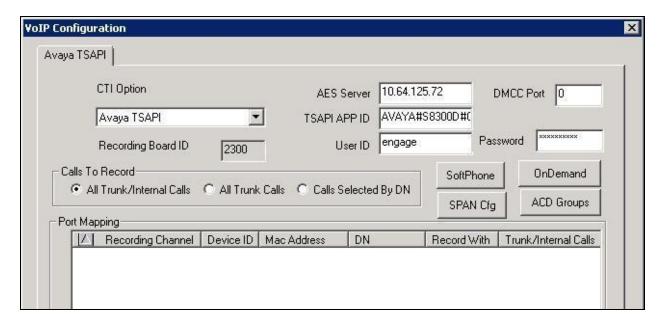
The **VoIP Configuration** screen is displayed. Enter the following values for the specified fields, and retain the default values for the remaining fields.

• CTI Option: "Avaya TSAPI"

• **AES Server:** The IP address of the Application Enablement Services server.

• TSAPI APP ID: The Tlink name from Section 6.6.

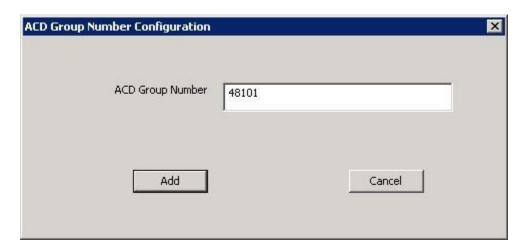
User ID: The Engage user credentials from Section 6.7.
 Password: The Engage user credentials from Section 6.7.



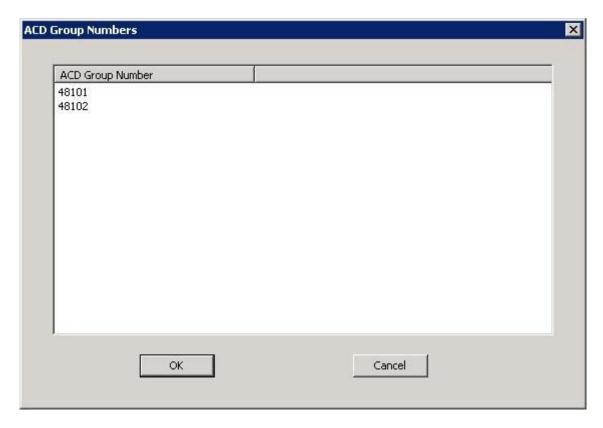
8.2. Administer ACD Groups

From the **VoIP Configuration** screen shown in **Section 8.1**, click on **ACD Groups** to display the **ACD Group Numbers** screen (not shown). Right click in the empty pane and select **Add**.

The **ACD Group Number Configuration** screen is displayed next. Enter the first skill group extension from **Section 3**.



Repeat this section to add all remaining skill groups. In the compliance testing, two skill groups were configured as shown below.



8.3. Administer Device Port Mappings

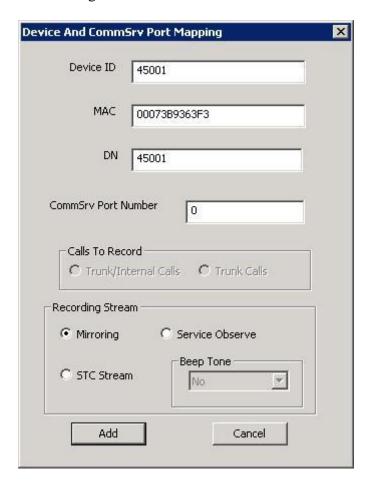
From the **VoIP Configuration** screen shown in **Section 8.1**, right-click in the empty pane and select **ADD**. The **Device And CommSrv Port Mapping** screen is displayed.

For **Device ID**, enter the first agent station extension from **Section 3**. Select the **Mirroring** radio button to enable the **MAC** field. For **MAC**, enter the MAC address of the first agent telephone from **Section 7.1**.

For **DN**, enter the dialed number to reach the agent directly for personal calls (non-ACD). For calls originated within Communication Manager, this is usually the agent station extension, depending on the switch configuration. For calls originated outside of Communication Manager, the dialed number usually contains the dial plan prefix. Note that a device port mapping needs to be created for every possible number that can be dialed to reach the agent directly.

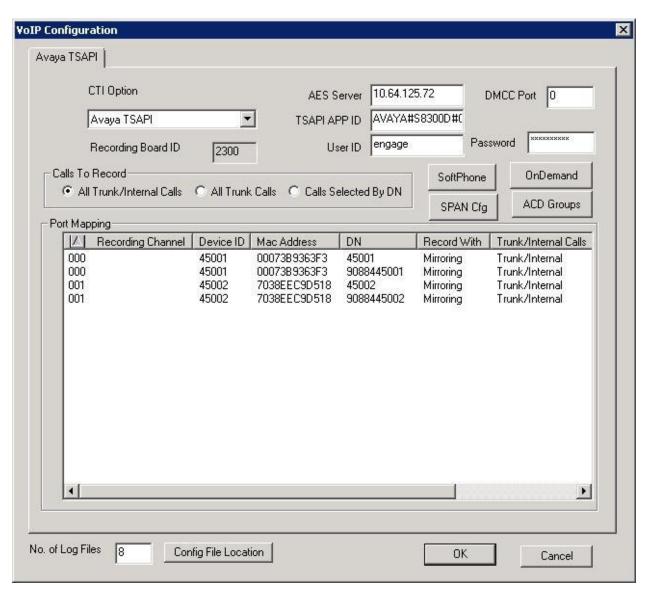
For **CommSrv Port Number**, enter an available port, which begins with "0".

Retain the default in the remaining fields.



Repeat this section to create device port mappings for all agents in **Section 3**.

In the compliance testing, two entries were created for each agent. The incoming non-ACD trunk calls to reach the agent directly will have a prefix of "90884", as shown below.



9. Verification Steps

This section provides the tests that can be performed to verify proper configuration of Communication Manager, Application Enablement Services, and Engage.

9.1. Verify Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

On Communication Manager, verify the status of the administered CTI link by using the "status aesvcs cti-link" command. Verify that the **Service State** is "established" for the CTI link number administered in **Section 5.2**, as shown below.

```
status aesvcs cti-link

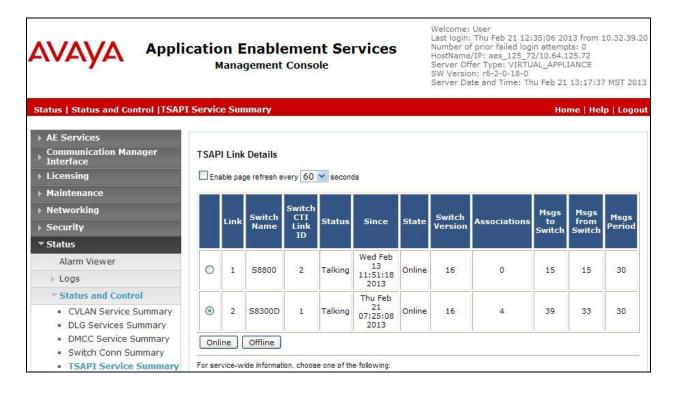
AE SERVICES CTI LINK STATUS

CTI Version Mnt AE Services Service Msgs Msgs
Link Busy Server State Sent Rcvd

1 4 no aes_125_72 established 33 39
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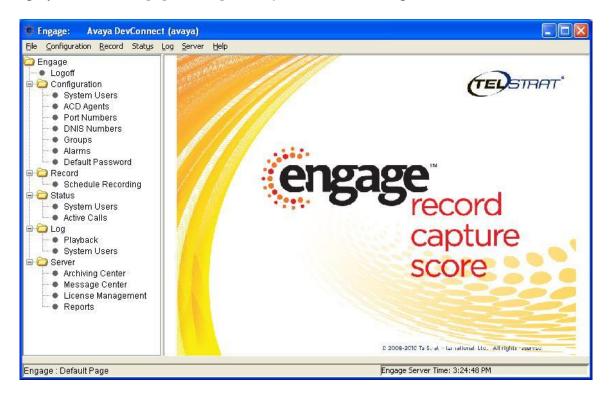
9.2. Verify Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services

On Application Enablement Services, verify the status of the TSAPI link by selecting Status > Status and Control > TSAPI Service Summary from the left pane. The TSAPI Link Details screen is displayed. Verify the Status is "Talking" for the TSAPI link administered in Section 6.3, and that the Associations column reflects the number of skill groups and agent station extensions from Section 3.



9.3. Verify TelStrat Engage

Log an agent in to the skill group to handle and complete an ACD call. From the PC running the Engage Client application, select **Start** \rightarrow **All Programs** \rightarrow **TelStrat Engage** \rightarrow **Engage Client** to launch the application, and log in using the appropriate credentials. The **Engage** screen below is displayed. Select **Engage** \rightarrow **Log** \rightarrow **Playback** from the left pane.



The **Engage** screen is updated with a list of the call recordings. Verify that there is an entry reflecting the last call, with proper values in the relevant fields. Double click on the entry and verify that the call recording can be played back.



10. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for TelStrat Engage to successfully interoperate with Avaya Aura® Communication Manager using Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services 6.2 with TSAPI. All feature and serviceability test cases were completed with observations noted in **Section 2.2**.

11. Additional References

This section references the product documentation relevant to these Application Notes.

- **1.** *Administering Avaya Aura*® *Communication Manager*, Document 03-300509, Issue 7.0, Release 6.2, July 2012, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **2.** Avaya Aura® Application Enablement Services Administration and Maintenance Guide, Release 6.2, Issue 1, July 2012, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **3.** Engage Server Installation and Administration Guide, Product Release 3.6, Standard 1.2, June 2012, available on the installation CD.
- **4.** *Engage Contact Center Suite System Administration Guide*, Product Release 3.6, Standard 3.4, June 2012, available on the installation CD.
- **5.** Engage Contact Center Suite Configuring Engage with Avaya Aura Communication Manager, Product Release 3.6.1, Standard 1.3, October 2012, available on the installation CD.

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