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Application Notes for the Amcom AnswerPro with Avaya AuraTM Communication Manager and Avaya AuraTM Application Enablement Services - Issue 1.0

Abstract

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

1. Introduction

These Application Notes describe a compliance-tested configuration comprised of Avaya AuraTM Communication Manager, Avaya AuraTM Application Enablement Services, Avaya IP and Digital Telephones, and Amcom AnswerPro applications.

Amcom AnswerPro is a Windows-based attendant console application for a corporate attendant group, and enables call center staff to respond more quickly, be more productive, reduce expenses, and improve a caller's overall experience. Amcom AnswerPro allows a user to operate a physical telephone and view call and telephone display information through a graphical user interface (GUI). Amcom AnswerPro integrates with Amcom CTI Layer, which is a middleware between Amcom AnswerPro and Application Enablement Services, to control and monitor phone states.

It is the Amcom CTI Layer service that actually uses the Application Enablement Services Device and Media Control Application Programming Interface (API) to share control of and monitor a physical telephone and receive the same terminal and first party call information received by the physical telephone. Amcom AnswerPro in turn uses the Amcom CTI Layer service to control and monitor a physical telephone. The AnswerPro applications regularly provide the Database server with call and lamp state information concerning the controlled telephones.

1.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance test included features and serviceability. The focus of the compliance testing was primarily on verifying the interoperability between Amcom AnswerPro, Application Enablement Services, and Communication Manager.

1.2. Support

Technical support for the Amcom AnswerPro solution can be obtained by contacting Amcom:

- URL https://secure5.inet7.com/amcomsoftware-com/Support/online.aspx
- Phone (888) 797-7487

2. Reference Configuration

Figure 1 illustrates the configuration used in these Application Notes. The sample configuration shows an enterprise with an Application Enablement Services server and Avaya S8720 Servers with G650 Media Gateway. The AnswerPro was located in a different VLAN. Endpoints include Avaya 9600 Series H.323 IP Telephones, Avaya 4625 H.323 IP Telephone, and an Avaya 6408D Digital Telephone. An Avaya S8300 Server with an Avaya G450 Media Gateway was included in the test to provide an inter-switch scenario.

Note: Basic administration of Application Enablement Services server is assumed. For details, see [2].

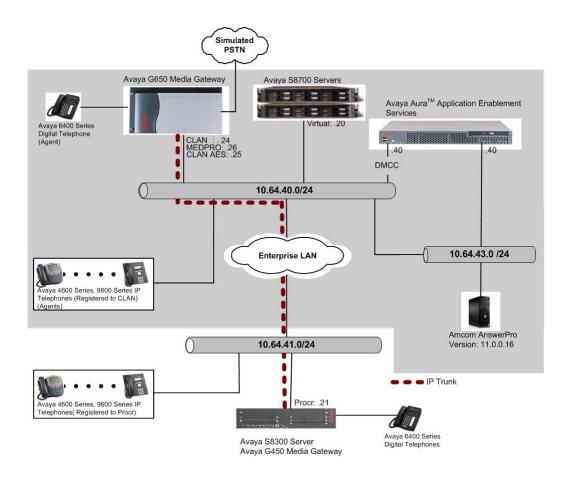


Figure 1: Amcom AnswerPro Test Configuration.

3. Equipment and Software Validated

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

Equipment	Software/Firmware				
Avaya S8720 Servers	Avaya Aura TM Communication Manager				
	5.2.1 (R015x.02.1.016.4)				
Avaya G650 Media Gateway					
TN2312BP IP Server Interface	HW12 FW22				
TN799DP C-LAN Interface	HW1 FW16				
TN2302AP IP Media Processor	HW11 FW107				
Avaya S8300 Server with Avaya G450 Media	Avaya Aura TM Communication Manager				
Gateway	5.2.1 (R015x.02.1.016.4)				
Avaya Aura TM Application Enablement	5.2 (r5-2-0-98-0)				
Services Server					
Avaya 4625SW IP Telephone	2.5				
Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones					
9620 (H.323)	3.1				
9630 (H.323)	3.1				
9650 (H.323)	3.1				
Avaya 6424D+ Digital Telephone					
Amcom AnswerPro	11.0.0.16				

4. Configure Communication Manager

This section describes the procedure for setting up a Feature Access Codes. Abbreviated dialing, and controlled telephones.

4.1. Configure IP Services

Enter the **change node-names ip** command. In the compliance-tested configuration, the CLAN IP address was used for registering H.323 endpoints, and the CLAN-AES IP address was used for connectivity to Application Enablement Services.

change node-names	ip			Page	1 of	1
	IP N	ODE NAMES				
Name	IP Address	Name	IP	Address	5	
CDR_buffer	192.45 .80 .250					
CLAN	10.64.40.24					
CLAN-AES	10.64.40.25					
G350	10.64.42.21					
MEDPRO	10.64.40.26					
S8300	10.64.41.21					
default	0 .0 .0 .0					

Enter the **change ip-services** command. On **Page 1**, configure the Service Type field to **AESVCS** and the Enabled field to **y**. The Local Node field should be pointed to the **CLAN-AES** board that was configured previously in the IP NODE NAMES form in this section. During the compliance test, the default port was used for the Local Port field.

change ip-s	ervices				Page	1 of	4	
Service Type	Enabled	Local Node	IP SERVICES Local Port	Remote Node	Remote Port			
AESVCS	У	CLAN-AES	8765					

On **Page 4**, enter the hostname of the Application Enablement Services server for the AE Services Server field. The server name may be obtained by logging in to the Application Enablement Services server using ssh, and running the command **uname –a**. Enter an alphanumeric password for the Password field. Set the Enabled field to **y**. The same password will be configured on the Application Enablement Services server in **Section 5.2**.

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	1	AE Services Administra	tion				
Server ID	AE Services Server	Password	Enabled	Status			
1:	server1	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	У	idle			
2:							
3:							
4:							
5:							

4.2. Configure Feature Access Codes (FAC)

Enter the **display feature-access-codes** command. On Page 5 of the **feature-access-codes** form, configure and enable the following access codes:

- After Call Work Access Code
- Auto-In Access Code
- Aux Work Access Code
- Login Access Code
- Logout Access Code

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display feature-access-codes
                                                                   Page
                               FEATURE ACCESS CODE (FAC)
                         Automatic Call Distribution Features
                    After Call Work Access Code: 120
                             Assist Access Code: 121
                            Auto-In Access Code: 122
                           Aux Work Access Code: 123
                              Login Access Code: 124
                             Logout Access Code: 125
                          Manual-in Access Code: 126
      Service Observing Listen Only Access Code: 127
      Service Observing Listen/Talk Access Code: 128
          Service Observing No Talk Access Code:
                    Add Agent Skill Access Code: 130
                 Remove Agent Skill Access Code: 131
             Remote Logout of Agent Access Code: 132
```

4.3. Configure Abbreviated Dialing

Enter the **add abbreviated-dialing group g** command, where **g** is the number of an available abbreviated dialing group. In the **DIAL CODE** list, enter the Feature Access Codes for ACD Login and Logout from **Section 4.2**.

```
add abbreviated-dialing group 1

ABBREVIATED DIALING LIST

Group List: 1 Group Name: Call Center
Size (multiple of 5): 5 Program Ext: Privileged? n

DIAL CODE

11: 124
12: 125
13:
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4.4. Configure Controlled Telephones

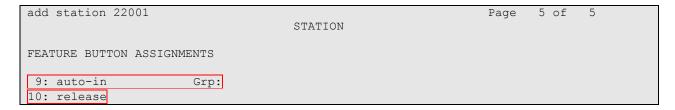
Enter the **change station r** command, where **r** is the extension of a registered, physical Avaya IP or Digital telephone. On **Page 1** of the **station** form, enter a phone Type, descriptive name, Security Code and set IP SoftPhone field to **y** to allow the physical station to be controlled by a softphone such as the Amcom AnswerPro application.

```
add station 22001
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                                    STATION
Extension: 22001
                                       Lock Messages? n
                                                                    BCC: 0
                                       Security Code: *
    Type: 4625
                                                                     TN: 1
                                     Coverage Path 1:
    Port: S00416
                                                                    COR: 1
    Name: DMCC-1
                                     Coverage Path 2:
                                                                    cos: 1
                                     Hunt-to Station:
STATION OPTIONS
                                         Time of Day Lock Table:
             Loss Group: 19 Personalized Ringing Pattern: 1
                                              Message Lamp Ext: 22001
       Speakerphone: 2-way
Display Language: english
                                            Mute Button Enabled? y
                                             Expansion Module? n
Survivable GK Node Name:
         Survivable COR: internal
                                             Media Complex Ext:
  Survivable Trunk Dest? y
                                                   IP SoftPhone? y
                                             IP Video Softphone? n
```

On **Page 4** of the station form, for **ABBREVIATED DIALING List 1**, enter the abbreviated dialing group configured in **Section 4.2**. On **Pages 4** and **5** of the station forms, configure the following BUTTON ASSIGNMENTS in addition to the call-appr (call appearance) buttons:

- aux-work
- abrv-dial configure two of these buttons, one for Login and one for Logout, along with the Dial Codes from Abbreviated Dialing **List1** for ACD Login and Logout, respectively.
- after-call
- auto-in (On Page 5)
- release (On Page 5)

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add station 22001
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                                   STATION
 SITE DATA
                                                     Headset? n
     Room:
     Jack:
                                                     Speaker? n
                                                    Mounting: d
     Cable:
                                                 Cord Length: 0
     Floor:
  Building:
                                                   Set Color:
ABBREVIATED DIALING
    List1: personal 1
                            List2: group
                                            1
BUTTON ASSIGNMENTS
                                                     RC:
1: call-appr
                                       5: aux-work
                                       6: abrv-dial List: 2 DC: 11
2: call-appr
3: brdg-appr B:1 E:22101
                                       7: abrv-dial List: 2 DC: 12
4: brdg-appr B:2 E:22101
                                       8: after-call Grp:
```



Repeat the instructions provided in this section for each physical station that is to be controlled / monitored by an Amcom CTI Layer.

5. Configure Application Enablement Services

The Application Enablement Services server enables Computer Telephony Interface (CTI) applications to control and monitor telephony resources on Communication Manager.

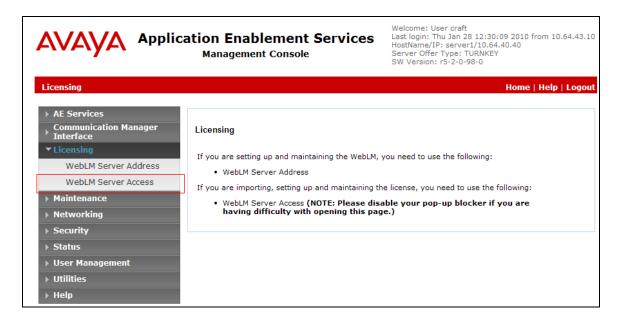
This section assumes that installation and basic administration of the Application Enablement Services server has been performed. The steps in this section describe the configuration of a Switch Connection, a CTI user, a CMAPI port.

5.1. Device and Media Control API Station Licenses

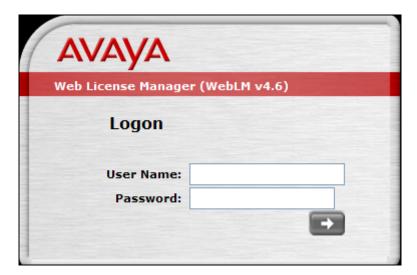
The Amcom AnswerPro Service instances appear as "virtual" stations/softphones to Communication Manager. Each of these virtual stations, hereafter called Device and Media Control API station, requires a license. Note that this is separate and independent of Avaya IP Softphone licenses, which are required for Avaya IP Softphones but not required for Device and Media Control API stations. To check and verify that there are sufficient DMCC licenses, log in to <a href="https://<IP address of the Application Enablement Services server>/index.jsp">https://<IP address of the Application Enablement Services Management Console page.

Select the Licensing

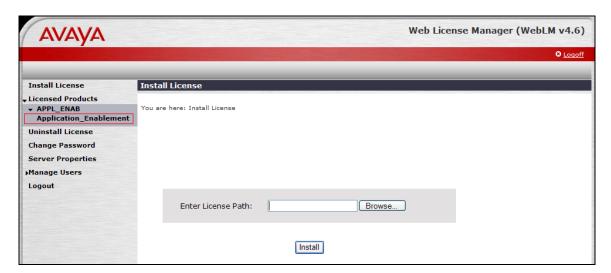
WebLM Server Access link from the left pane of the window.



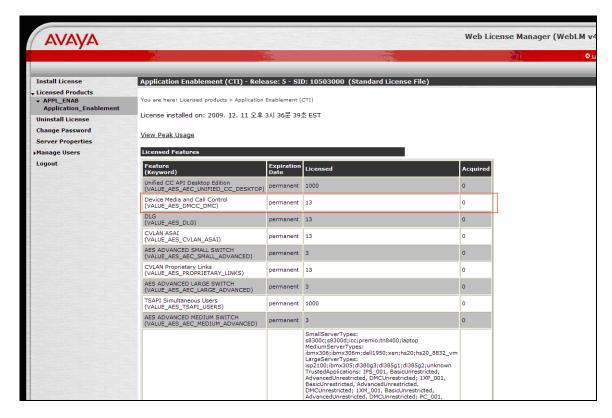
Provide appropriate login credentials to access the Web License Manager page.



On the Install License page, select License Products
Application_Enablement link from the left pane of the window.

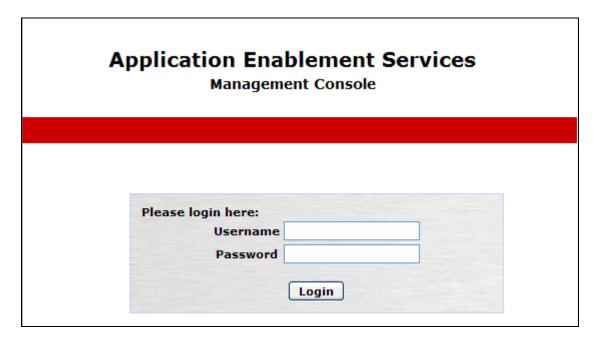


On the Licensed Features page, verify that there are sufficient DMCC licenses.

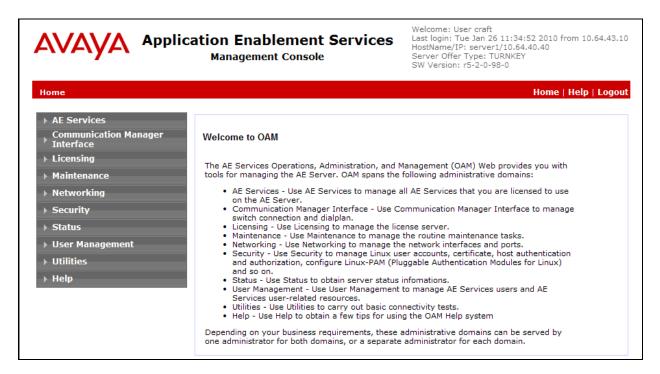


5.2. Configure Switch Connection

Launch a web browser, enter <a href="https://<IP address of the Application Enablement Services server">https://<IP address of the Application Enablement Services Management Console pages.



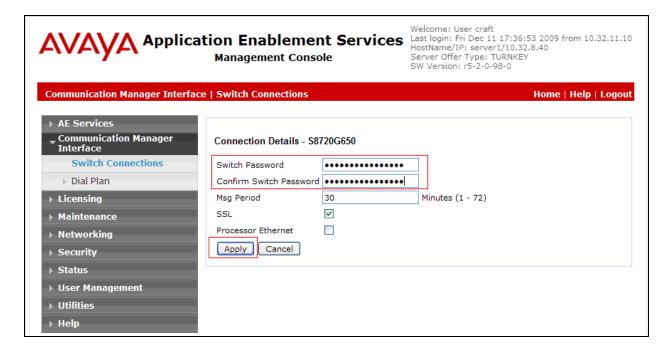
Click on Communication Manager Interface \rightarrow Switch Connection in the left pane to invoke the Switch Connections page.



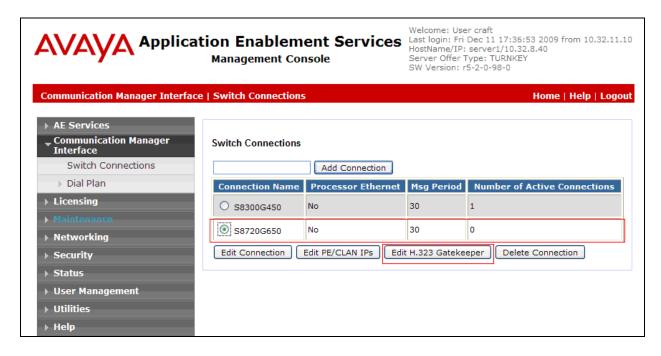
A Switch Connection defines a connection between the Application Enablement Services server and Communication Manager. Enter a descriptive name for the switch connection and click on **Add Connection**.



The next window that appears prompts for the Switch Connection password. Enter the same password that was administered in Communication Manager in **Section 4.1**. Click on **Apply**.

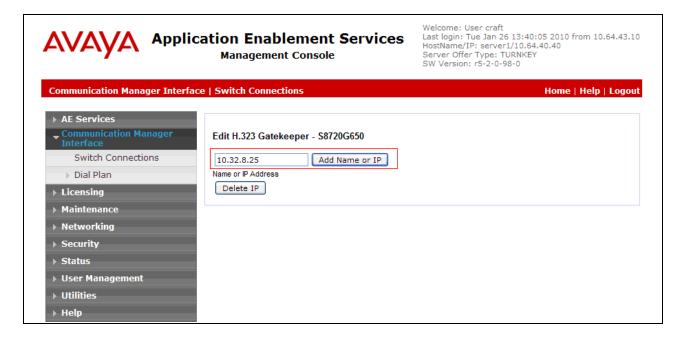


After returning to the Switch Connections page, select the radio button corresponding to the switch connection added previously, and click on the **Edit H.323 Gatekeeper** button for DMCC call control and monitor.



On the **Edit H.323 Gatekeeper – \$8720G650** page, enter the C-LAN IP address which will be used for the DMCC service. Click on **Add Name or IP**. Repeat this step as necessary to add other C-LAN boards enabled with Application Enablement Services.

Note: Avaya recommends using a CLAN board for phone registration, and another CLAN board for H.323 Gatekeeper.



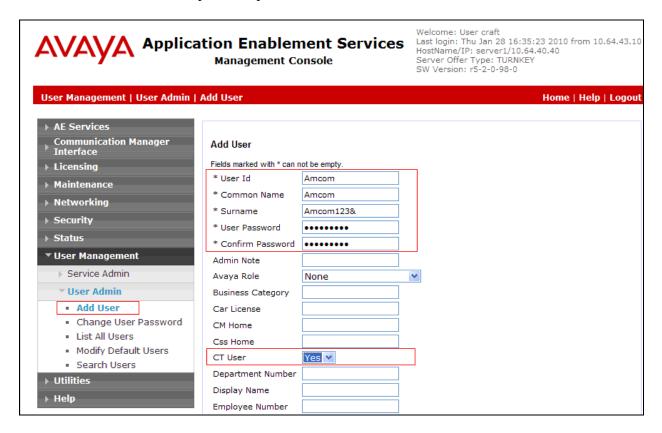
5.3. Configure the CTI Users

Navigate to **User Management** → **User Admin** → **Add User** link from the left pane of the window. On the Add User page, provide the following information:

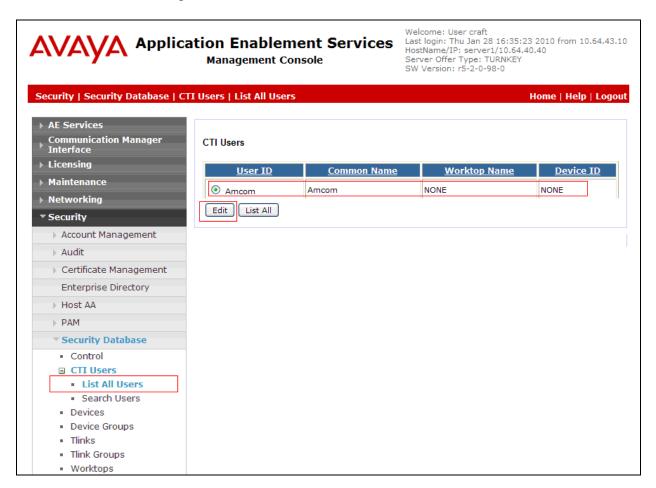
- User Id
- Common Name
- Surname
- User Password
- Confirm Password

The above information (User ID and User Password) must match with the information configured in the Amcom AnswerPro Configuration page in **Section 6**.

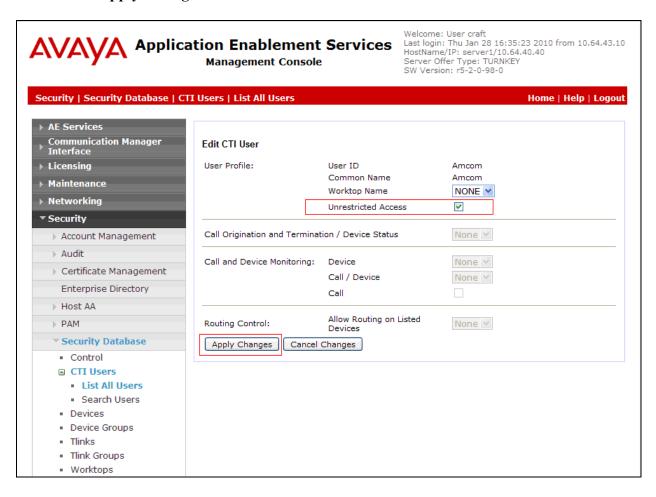
Select **Yes** using the drop down menu on the CT User field. This enables the user as a CTI user. Default values may be used in the remaining fields. Click the **Apply** button (not shown) at the bottom of the screen to complete the process.



Once the user is created, navigate to the **Security \rightarrow Security Database \rightarrow CTI Users \rightarrow List All Users** link from the left pane of the window. Select the User ID created previously, and click the **Edit** button to set the permission of the user.

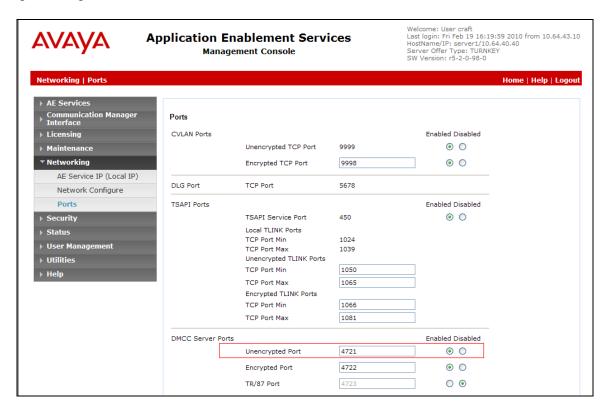


Provide the user with unrestricted access privileges by checking the **Unrestricted Access** button. Click on the **Apply Changes** button.



5.4. Configure the CTI Port

Navigate to the **Networking** → **Ports** link, from the left pane of the window, 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**. Default values may be used in the remaining fields. Click the **Apply Changes** button (not shown) at the bottom of the screen to complete the process.



6. Configure Amcom AnswerPro

Amcom installs, configures, and customizes the AnswerPro applications for their end customers. In this section

7. General Test Approach and Test Results

The general approach was to exercise basic telephone and call operations on Avaya IP and Digital telephones using the aforementioned Amcom desktop application. The main objectives were to verify that:

- The user may successfully use AnswerPro to perform off-hook, on-hook, dial, answer, hold, retrieve, transfer, conference, and release operations on the physical telephone.
- The agent user may successfully use AnswerPro to log into and out of an ACD, and move between agent work modes.

- Manual operations performed on the physical telephone are correctly reflected in the AnswerPro GUI.
- AnswerPro and manual telephone operations may be used interchangeably; for example, go off-hook using AnswerPro and manually dial digits.
- Display and call information on the physical telephone is accurately reflected in the AnswerPro GUI
- Call states are consistent between AnswerPro and the physical telephone.

The objectives of **Section 7** were verified. For serviceability testing, the Amcom AnswerPro was able to regain control of the physical telephone after restarts of Amcom AnswerPro, the computer on which it runs, and the Application Enablement Services server. In addition, after Amcom AnswerPro lost network connectivity to the Application Enablement Services server, it was able to recover the existing session to the Application Enablement Services server when network connectivity was restored before the session expired, and establish a new session when network connectivity was restored after the previous session expired.

8. Verification Steps

The following steps may be used to verify the configuration:

- From the Amcom client computers, ping IP interfaces, in particular the Application Enablement Services server, and verify connectivity.
- For the physical IP telephones, verify that the physical telephones are registered by using the **list registered-ip-stations** command on the SAT. For the physical Digital telephones, verify that the telephones are attached to the correct ports.
- Go off-hook and on-hook on the controlled telephones manually and using AnswerPro, and verify consistency.
- Place and answer calls from the controlled telephones manually and using AnswerPro, and verify consistency.

9. Conclusion

These Application Notes described a compliance-tested configuration comprised of Communication Manager, Application Enablement Services, Avaya IP and Digital Telephones, and the Amcom AnswerPro application. Amcom AnswerPro allows a user to operate a physical telephone and view call and telephone display information through a graphical user interface (GUI). During compliance testing, calls were successfully placed to and from Avaya IP and Digital Telephones that were controlled and monitored by the Amcom AnswerPro application.

10. Additional References

Product documentation for Avaya products may be found at http://support.avaya.com. [1] *Administering Avaya Aura* TM *Communication Manager*, Issue 5.0, May 2009, Document Number 03-300509

[2] Avaya AuraTM Application Enablement Services Administration and Maintenance Guide, Issue 11, November 2009, Document Number 02-300357

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