

Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for Fresche N-Focus Plus 3.8 with Avaya Call Management System 19.2 Using ODBC – Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Fresche N-Focus Plus 3.8 to interoperate with Avaya Call Management System 19.2 via the standard Open Database Connectivity interface. Fresche N-Focus Plus is a web-based analysis and reporting application.

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 Fresche N-Focus Plus 3.8 to interoperate with Avaya Call Management System 19.2 via the standard Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) interface. N-Focus Plus is a web-based analysis and reporting application.

In the compliance testing, N-Focus Plus used the ODBC interface from Call Management System to query dictionary names and obtain historical data for call center devices such as trunks, VDNs, splits/skills, and agents. The obtained historical data are analyzed by N-Focus Plus to produce various historical reports.

The N-Focus Plus server included the MariaDB Connector/J component, which is a Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) driver utilized by N-Focus Plus for ODBC connectivity with Call Management System.

At start of the N-Focus Plus application and subsequently at regular scheduled intervals, N-Focus Plus obtains the dictionary names from Call Management System and provides these values to customers for configuring customized reports. In addition, N-Focus Plus queries Call Management System to obtain historical data from the following ODBC-accessible tables:

• htkgrp: Intra-hour data for trunk groups.

• hvdn: Intra-hour data for VDNs.

• **hsplit:** Intra-hour data for splits/skills.

• hagent: Intra-hour data for agents.

• haglog: Intra-hour data for agent logins and logouts.

The intra-hour interval is a configurable parameter on Call Management System, which can contain the value of 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or 60 minutes.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The feature test cases were performed both automatically and manually. N-Focus Plus automatically queries for dictionary names and obtains historical data from Call Management System at scheduled intervals.

For manual part of testing, calls were launched and handled manually on the originating calling party and/or on the terminating agent stations to generate data for various table parameters such as hold and abandon call counts.

The serviceability test cases were performed manually by disconnecting/reconnecting the Ethernet connection to N-Focus Plus.

The verification of test cases included comparison of historical reports generated by N-Focus Plus with historical reports from Call Management System.

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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 testing associated with these Application Notes, the ODBC interface between Avaya systems and N-Focus Plus did not include use of any specific encryption features as requested by Fresche.

2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance test included feature and serviceability testing.

The feature testing focused on verifying the following on N-Focus Plus:

- Proper obtainment of dictionary names at scheduled intervals for switches/ACDs, trunk groups, VDNs, splits/skills, and agent logins/logouts.
- Proper obtainment of historical data at scheduled intervals for trunk groups, VDNs, splits/skills, agents, and agent logins/logouts.
- Proper reporting of historical data for agents, agent logins/logouts, splits/skills, VDNs, and trunk groups. The call scenarios included inbound, outbound, ACD, non-ACD, hold, abandon, queued, forced busy, forced disconnect, and various agent work modes.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the ability of N-Focus Plus to recover from adverse conditions, such as disconnecting/reconnecting the Ethernet connection to N-Focus Plus.

2.2. Test Results

All test cases were executed and verified.

2.3. Support

Technical support on N-Focus Plus can be obtained through the following:

• **Phone:** (828) 418-0023

• **Email:** netlertsupport@freschesolutions.com

3. Reference Configuration

The configuration used for the compliance testing is shown in **Figure 1**. The detailed administration of connectivity between Communication Manager, Call Management System, and of call center devices are not the focus of these Application Notes and will not be described.

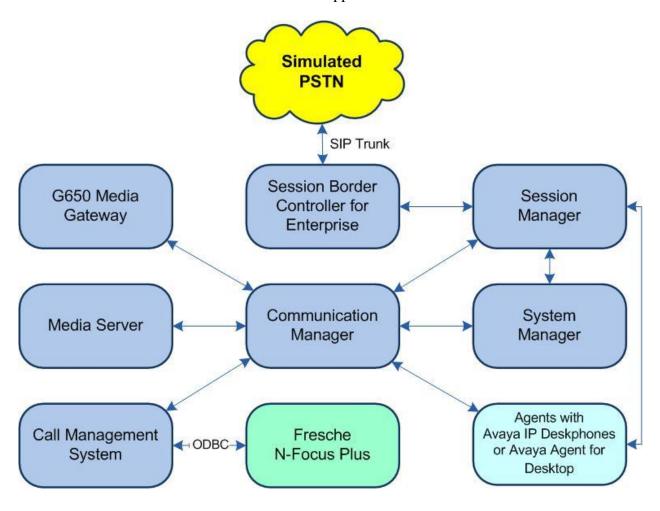


Figure 1: Compliance Testing Configuration

4. Equipment and Software Validated

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

Equipment/Software	Release/Version				
Avaya Call Management System in Virtual Environment	19.2 (19.2.0.1)				
Avaya Aura® Communication Manager in Virtual Environment	8.1.3 (8.1.3.0.1.890.26685)				
Avaya G650 Media Gateway	NA				
Avaya Aura® Media Server in Virtual Environment	8.0.2.138				
Avaya Aura® Session Manager in Virtual Environment	8.1.3 (8.1.3.0.813014)				
Avaya Aura® System Manager in Virtual Environment	8.1.3 (8.1.3.0.1012091)				
Avaya Session Border Controller for Enterprise in Virtual Environment	8.1.2 (8.1.2.0-31-19809)				
Avaya Agent for Desktop (H.323 and SIP)	2.0.6.0.10				
Avaya 9611G IP Deskphone (H.323)	6.8502				
Avaya J169 IP Deskphone (SIP)	4.0.7.1.5				
Fresche N-Focus Plus on Microsoft Windows Server 2019 • MariaDB Connector/J	3.8 Standard 2.6.0				

5. Configure Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

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

- Administer measured trunk groups
- Administer measured VDNs
- Administer measured splits/skills
- Obtain associated agent login IDs

5.1. Administer Measured Trunk Groups

Log in to the System Access Terminal of Communication Manager. Use the "**change trunk n**" command, where "**n**" is the number of a trunk group to be measured by Call Management System.

Navigate to **Page 3** and set **Measured** to "**external**" to enable measurement data on the trunk group to be sent to Call Management System.

```
change trunk-group 13

TRUNK FEATURES

ACA Assignment? n

Measured: external Wideband Support? n

Maintenance Tests? y

Data Restriction? n NCA-TSC Trunk Member: 1

Send Name: y Send Calling Number: y

Used for DCS? n

Suppress # Outpulsing? n

Outgoing Channel ID Encoding: preferred

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Measured: external Wideband Support? n

Maintenance Tests? y

Send Calling Number: 1

Send Name: y Send Calling Number: y

Send EMU Visitor CPN? n

UUI IE Treatment: service-provider
```

Repeat this section for all trunk groups that will be measured by Call Management System. In the compliance testing, two trunk groups with **Grp No** of "13" and "212" were configured to be measured as shown below.

```
list trunk-group
                                                                                                                      1
                                                                                                             Page
                                                 TRUNK GROUPS
Grp
                                                                                                               Out Que
No. TAC Group Type Group Name
                                                                            Mem TN COR CDR Meas Dsp Len
13

        1013 isdn
        PRI PSTN Trunk

        1066 sip
        SIP Trunks to SM

        1012 sip
        SIP Trunk to SBC

                                                                            23 1 1 y ext n
                                 PRI PSTN Trunk
SIP Trunks to SM7
SIP Trunk to SBCE
                                                                            10 1 1 n none n

10 1 1 y ext n
66
                                                                                                                     0
212 1012 sip
```

5.2. Administer Measured VDNs

Use the "**change vdn n**" command, where "**n**" is the extension of a VDN to be measured by Call Management System.

Set **Measured** to "**external**" to enable measurement data on the VDN to be sent to Call Management System.

```
change vdn 60001
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                                                                            3
                           VECTOR DIRECTORY NUMBER
                            Extension: 60001
                                                               Unicode Name? n
                               Name*: CM Sales
                          Destination: Vector Number 1
                  Attendant Vectoring? n
                 Meet-me Conferencing? n
                   Allow VDN Override? y
                                 COR: 1
                                  TN*: 1
                             Measured: external Report Adjunct Calls as ACD*? y
       VDN of Origin Annc. Extension*:
                          1st Skill*:
                           2nd Skill*:
                           3rd Skill*:
SIP URI:
* Follows VDN Override Rules
```

Repeat this section for all VDNs that will be measured by Call Management System. In the compliance testing, two VDNs with **Ext** of "60001" and "60002" were configured to be measured as shown below.

list vdn									Page	1
VECTOR DIRECTORY NUMBERS										
Name (22 characters)	Ext/Skills	VDN Ovr	COR		Vec PRT	Num	Meas	Orig Annc	Evnt Noti Adj	
CM Sales	60001	У	1	1	v	1	ext			
CM Support	60002	У	1	1	v	2	ext			

5.3. Administer Measured Splits/Skills

Use the "**change hunt-group n**" command, where "**n**" is the number of a split/skill group to be measured by Call Management System.

Navigate to **Page 2** and set **Measured** to "**external**" to enable measurement data on the split/skill group and associated agents to be sent to Call Management System.

```
change hunt-group 1

Building Hunt GROUP

Skill? y Expected Call Handling Time (sec): 30

AAS? n Service Level Target (% in sec): 80 in 20

Measured: external

Supervisor Extension:
```

Repeat this section for all split/skill groups that will be measured by Call Management System. In the compliance testing, two split/skill groups with **Grp No** of "1" and "2" were configured to be measured as shown below.

```
HUNT GROUPS

Grp Grp

No. Name/ Grp ACD/ No. Cov Notif/ Dom Message
Ext Type MEAS Vec MCH Que Mem Path Ctg Adj Ctrl Center

1 CM Sales Skill
61001 ucd-mia y/E SK none y 0 n n
2 CM Support Skill
61002 ucd-mia y/E SK none y 0 n n
```

5.4. Obtain Associated Agent Login IDs

Use the "list agent-loginID" command to display a list of administered agent IDs.

Make a note of the agent login IDs that are associated with the measured split/skill groups from **Section 5.3**. In the compliance testing, two entries with **Login ID** of "65881" and "65882" were associated with the measured split/skill groups as shown below.

list agent-logi	nID					I	Page 1	
AGENT LOGINID								
Login ID	Name		Extension		AAS/AUI		_	
	Skil/Lv Skil/1	Lv Skil/Lv	Skil/Lv	Skil/Lv	Skil/Lv	Skil/Lv	Skil/Lv	
						_		
65881	CM Agent 1					1	lvl	
	1/01 2/0:	L /	/	/	/	/	/	
65882	CM Agent 2					1	lvl	
	1/01 2/0:	L /	/	/	/	/	/	

6. Configure Avaya Call Management System

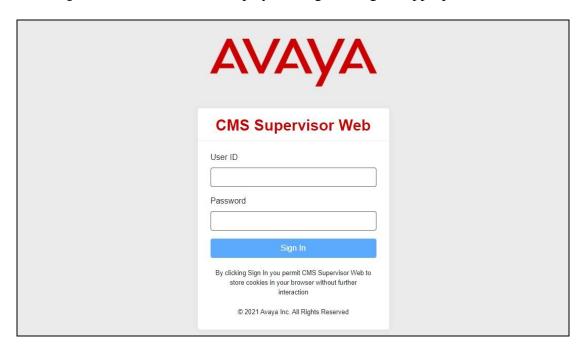
This section provides the procedures for configuring Call Management System. The procedures include the following areas:

- Launch CMS Supervisor Web interface
- Administer dictionary names
- Administer intra-hour interval
- Administer ODBC user
- Assign ODBC user to group

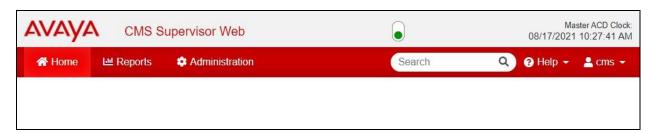
6.1. Launch CMS Supervisor Web Interface

Access the CMS Supervisor Web interface by using the URL "https://ip-address:8443/CMSWeb" in an Internet browser window, where "ip-address" is the IP address of the Call Management System server.

The **CMS Supervisor Web** screen is displayed. Log in using the appropriate credentials.



The **CMS Supervisor Web** screen below is displayed, as shown below.



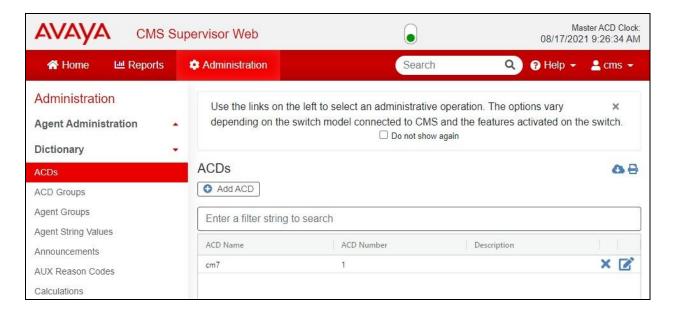
6.2. Administer Dictionary Names

Dictionary names need to be configured for the relevant switch/ACD and for all measured trunk groups, VDNs, splits/skills, and associated agent login IDs from **Section 5**.

6.2.1. ACDs

Select **Administration** from the top menu, followed by **Dictionary** \rightarrow **ACDs** in the left pane to display the **ACDs** screen in the right pane.

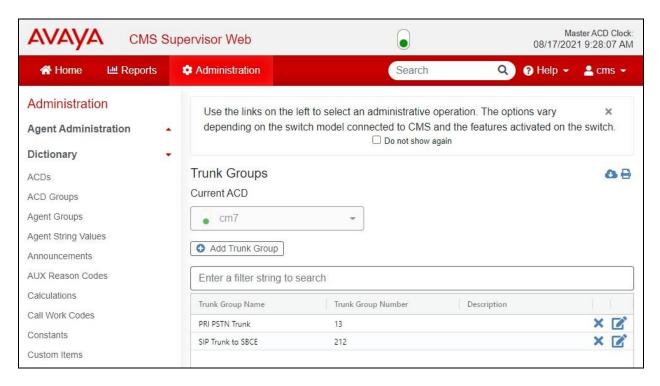
Click on **Add ACD** and add an entry for each pertinent switch/ACD pre-configured on Call Management System. In the compliance testing, dictionary name for one switch/ACD was added as shown below.



6.2.2. Trunk Groups

Select **Dictionary Trunk Groups** (not shown) from the left pane to display the **Trunk Groups** screen in the right pane.

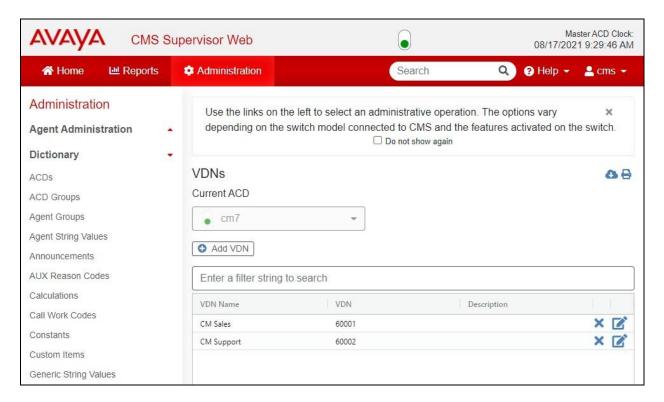
Click on **Add Trunk Group** and add an entry for each measured trunk group from **Section 5.1**. In the compliance testing, dictionary names for two trunk groups were added as shown below.



6.2.3. VDNs

Select **Dictionary > VDNs** (not shown) from the left pane to display the **VDNs** screen in the right pane.

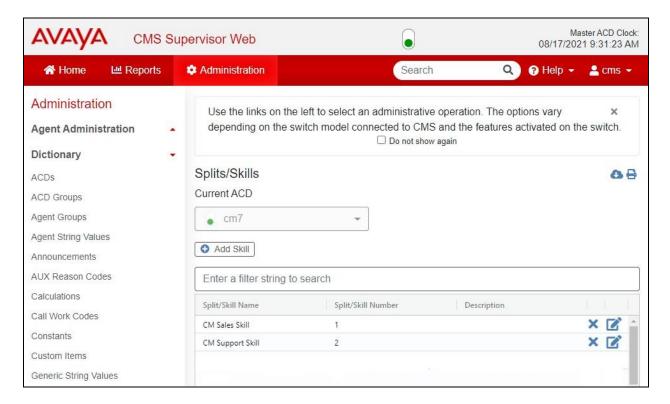
Click on **Add VDN** and add an entry for each measured VDN from **Section 5.2**. In the compliance testing, dictionary names for two VDNs were added as shown below.



6.2.4. Splits/Skills

Select **Dictionary** → **Splits/Skills** (not shown) in the left pane to display the **Splits/Skills** screen in the right pane.

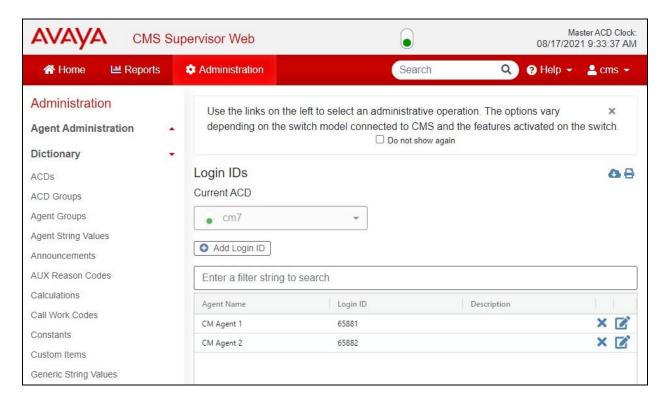
Click on **Add Skill** and add an entry for each measured split/skill from **Section 5.3**. In the compliance testing, dictionary names for two splits/skills were added as shown below.



6.2.5. Agent Login IDs

Select **Dictionary \rightarrow Login IDs** (not shown) in the left pane to display the **Login IDs** screen in the right pane.

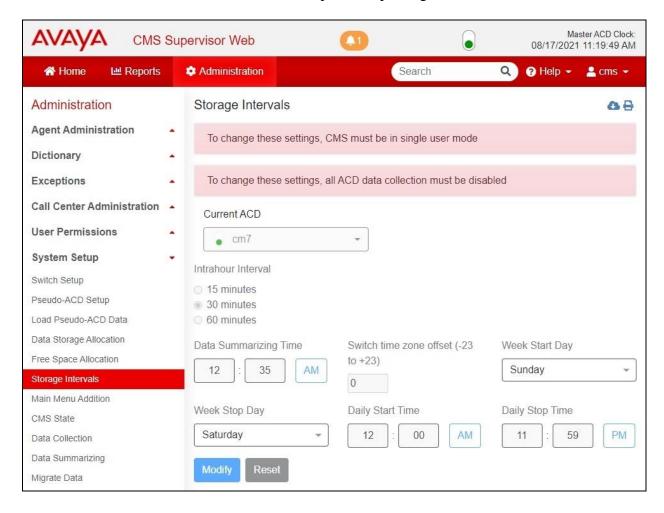
Click on **Add Login ID** and add an entry for each associated agent login ID from **Section 5.4**. In the compliance testing, dictionary names for two login IDs were added as shown below.



6.3. Administer Intra-Hour Interval

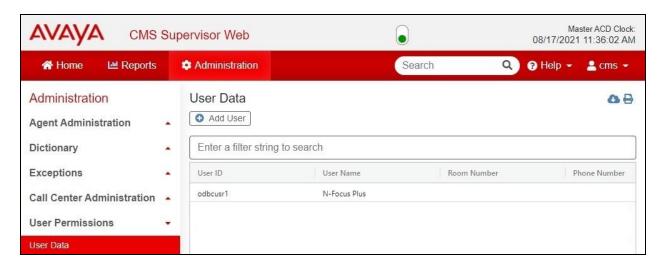
Select System Setup \rightarrow Storage Intervals from the left pane to display the Storage Intervals screen in the right pane.

Make certain that the **Intrahour Interval** is set to the desired interval, in this case "30 minutes". In the event that the interval needs to be changed, then follow reference [2] to switch to single user mode and to disable ACD data collection prior to updating the interval.



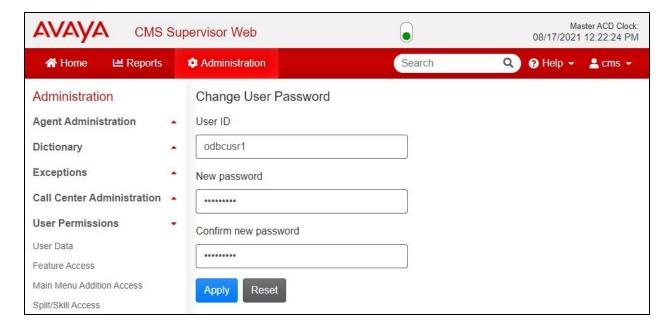
6.4. Administer ODBC User

Select User Permissions → User Data from the left pane to display the User Data screen in the right pane. Click on Add User and add a user for N-Focus Plus for ODBC access, in this case "odbcusr1" as shown below.



Select Other \rightarrow Change User Password (not shown) from the left pane to display the Change User Password screen in the right pane.

For **User ID**, enter the newly created user ID from above, in this case "**odbcusr1**". Enter the desired password for **New password** and **Confirm new password** as shown below.



6.5. Assign ODBC User to Group

Log in to the Linux shell of Call Management System. Enter the command " $\mathbf{su} - \mathbf{xxx}$ " where " \mathbf{xxx} " is the super user ID and enter the appropriate credentials.

Next, enter the command "usermod –G dbaccess odbcusr1" where "odbcusr1" is the newly created user ID from above. This will add the user to the dbaccess group, which is a required membership for ODBC access.

```
$ su - xxx
Password:
(dr-cms)-(xxx)=# usermod -G dbaccess odbcusr1
```

7. Configure Fresche N-Focus Plus

This section provides the procedures for configuring N-Focus Plus. The procedures include the following areas:

- Launch web interface
- Administer PBX
- Administer DB connection
- Administer reports
- Administer report data

The configuration of N-Focus Plus is performed by the Fresche Support team. The procedural steps are presented in these Application Notes for informational purposes.

7.1. Launch Web Interface

Access the N-Focus Plus web interface by using the URL "http://ip-address:8080" in an Internet browser window, where "ip-address" is the IP address of the N-Focus Plus server.

The screen below is displayed, where "**DevConnect Compliance Testing**" is the company name picked up from the N-Focus Plus license key. Log in using the appropriate credentials.

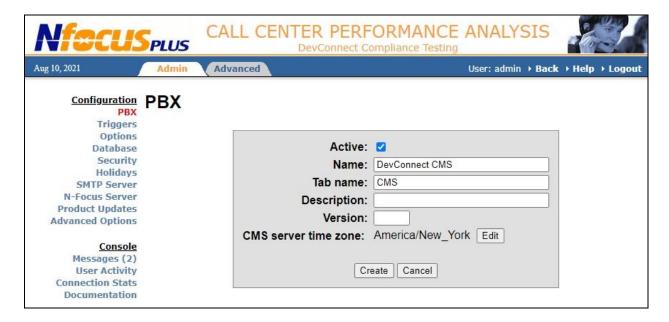


7.2. Administer PBX

The **Messages** screen below is displayed. Click on **PBX / Add a PBX** in the right pane upon initial access.



The **PBX** screen is displayed next. Check **Active** and enter desired values for **Name** and **Tab name** as shown below.



7.3. Administer DB Connection

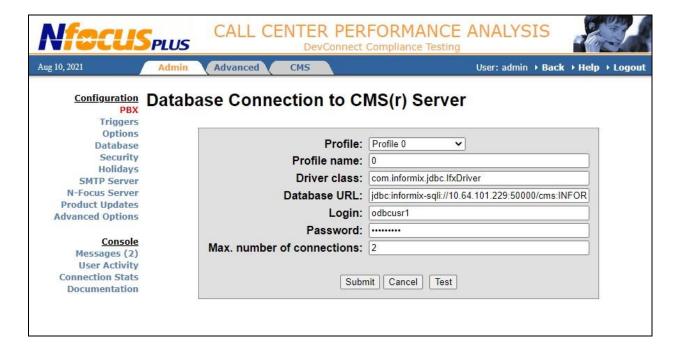
The **PBX List** screen below is displayed. Click **DB Connection** in the right pane.



The **Database Connection to CMS(r) Server** screen is displayed next. For **Database URL**, replace the "**CmsServerIpAddressHere**" (not shown) string with the IP address of the Call Management System server as shown below, in this case "**10.64.101.229**".

For Login and Password, enter the ODBC user credentials from Section 6.4.

For **Max. number of connections**, enter the appropriate number of connections. Note that the number of connections is determined by Fresche and is based on the size of the customer call center.

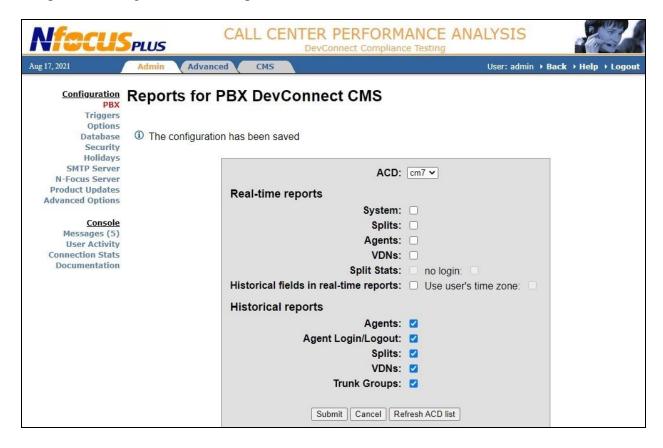


7.4. Administer Reports

The **PBX List** screen is displayed again. Click **Reports** in the right pane.

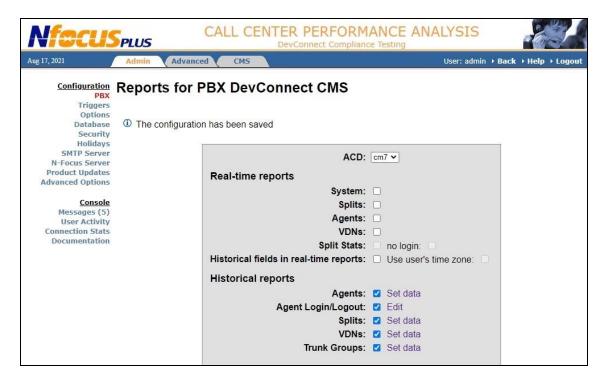


The **Reports for PBX DevConnect CMS** screen is displayed next, where "**DevConnect CMS**" is the PBX name from **Section 7.2**. Under **Historical reports**, check the desired reports. In the compliance testing, all historical reports were selected.



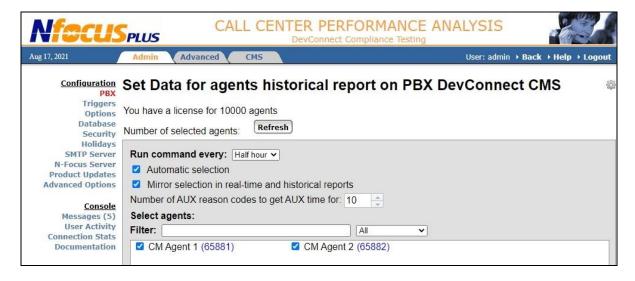
7.5. Administer Report Data

The **Reports for PBX DevConnect CMS** screen is updated with **Set data** or **Edit** next to each selected historical report as shown below. Click on the value associated with the first historical report, in this case **Set data** next to **Agents**.



The **Set Data** screen below is displayed next. Set each screen parameter as desired. The screen below shows the settings used in the compliance testing with all parameters checked and with **Run command every** set to the same intra-hour interval from **Section 6.3**.

Repeat this section to administer report data for all remaining historical reports.



8. Verification Steps

This section provides the tests that can be performed to verify proper configuration of Communication Manager, Call Management System, and N-Focus Plus.

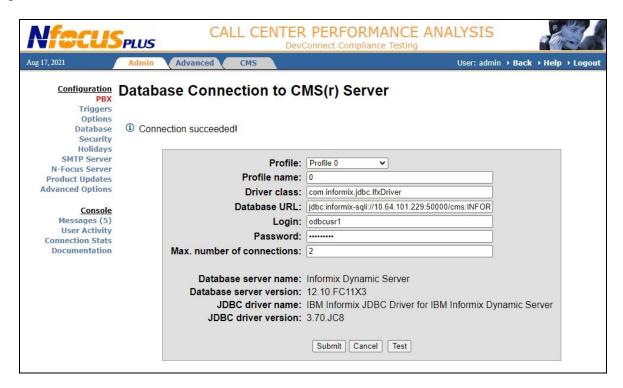
Prior to verifying N-Focus Plus historical reports, make several calls to measured devices on Communication Manager to enable measurement data to be created.

8.1. Verify ODBC Connection

From the N-Focus Plus web interface, select **PBX** from the left pane to display the **PBX List** screen. Click **DB Connection** in the right pane.



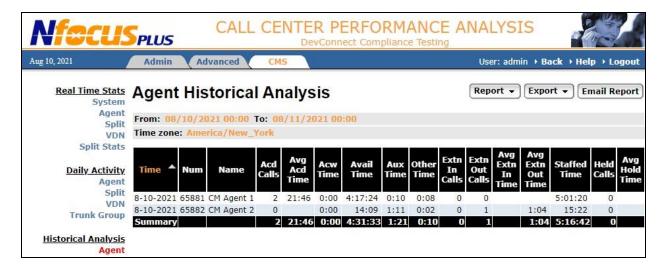
In the subsequent screen, click **Test** toward the bottom of the screen. Verify that the screen is updated with result of "**Connection succeeded!**" as shown below.



8.2. Verify Historical Agent

From the N-Focus Plus web interface, select the **CMS** tab, where "**CMS**" is the PBX tab name from **Section 7.2**.

Select **Historical Analysis** \rightarrow **Agent** from the left pane and verify that the **Agent Historical Analysis** report displays the agent historical measurement data as shown below.



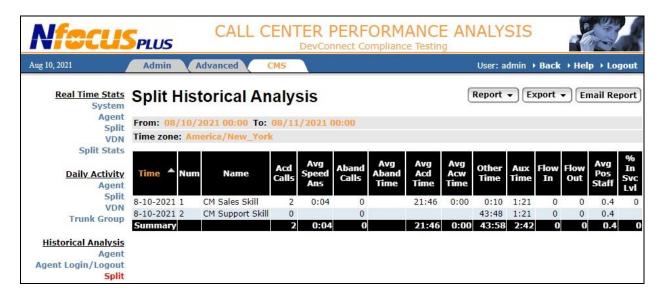
8.3. Verify Historical Agent Login/Logout

Select **Historical Analysis** → **Agent Login/Logout** from the left pane and verify that the **Agent Login/Logout Historical Analysis** report displays the agent historical login and logout measurement data as shown below.



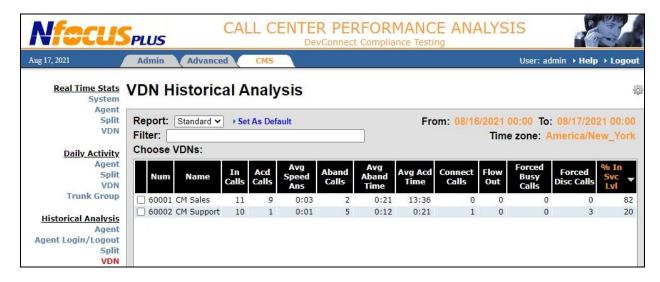
8.4. Verify Historical Split

Select **Historical Analysis** → **Split** from the left pane and verify that the **Split Historical Analysis** report displays the split/skill historical measurement data as shown below.



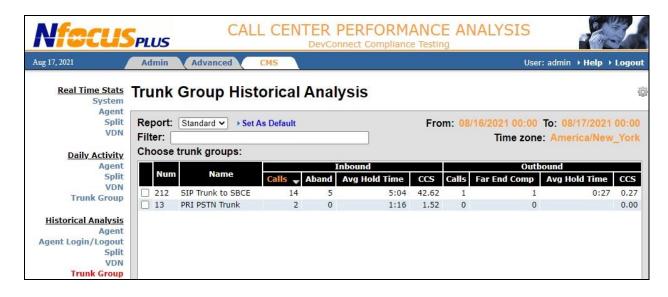
8.5. Verify Historical VDN

Select **Historical Analysis** \rightarrow **VDN** from the left pane and verify that the **VDN Historical Analysis** report displays the VDN historical measurement data as shown below.



8.6. Verify Historical Trunk Group

Select **Historical Analysis Trunk Group** from the left pane and verify that the **Trunk Group Historical Analysis** report displays the trunk group historical measurement data as shown below.



9. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required for Fresche N-Focus Plus 3.8 to interoperate with Avaya Call Management System 19.2 using the ODBC interface. All feature and serviceability test cases were completed successfully.

10. Additional References

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

- **1.** *Administering Avaya Aura*® *Communication Manager*, Release 8.1.x, Issue 8, November 2020, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **2.** Administering Avaya Call Management System, Release 19.2, Issue 1, March 2021, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **3.** *Using ODBC and JDBC with Avaya Call Management System*, Release 19.2, Issue 1, March 2021, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **4.** Avaya Call Management System Database Items and Calculations, Release 19.2, Issue 1, March 2021, available at http://support.avaya.com.
- **5.** *N-Focus Plus Administrator Guide*, Release 3.8, March 2021, available at http://softbase.com/netlert/login.php.
- **6.** *N-Focus Plus User Guide*, Release 3.8, March 2021, available at http://softbase.com/netlert/login.php.

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