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OVERVIEW

Aiphone Intercom Integration is a 3rd Party Intercom Integration with Integriti. Allowing for key functionality from Aiphone Intercom Systems, users can monitor and control IX/IXG devices directly from the Integriti Software. This integration provides the ability to pull intercom events, have direct control of calls and display the status of all configured Aiphone intercoms. For additional information on supported features, refer to Intercom Capabilities.

PREREQUISITES

- Integriti Edition: Business or Corporate
- Integriti Version: V24 or higher
- Integriti Aiphone Intercom Plugin V1.7
- Integriti Intercom Integration License is required (996932 : Intercom Integration)

TESTED AGAINST

Aiphone Hardware / Software

The Integriti Aiphone Intercom plugin was built and tested against the following versions of software:

- Aiphone IX-MV7 Firmware v8.00
- Aiphone IXG-DM7 Firmware v4.00
- Aiphone IX-DV Firmware v5.60
- Aiphone IX-SS-2G Firmware v5.60
- Aiphone IX-DA Firmware v2.13
- Aiphone IXG Support Tool Firmware v6.0.0.0
- Installation and Configuration

Installation

Install the Aiphone Intercom v1.7 Plugin on the Integriti Server running V24 or higher.

Configuring Aiphone environment

Term: a Peer – an intercom device which the plugin is configured to connect to.

IX / IXG considerations

The plugin can be used with 'pure' IX systems, 'pure' IXG systems, and with systems containing a mix of IX and IXG devices.

- For a mixed set up, we expect that customers will use an IX Master Station terminal (IX-MV7 or similar) as a peer device.
- Depending on specific needs, customers may configure their system so that IXG
 Mobile Application appears as an Intercom device in address book. Those APP

devices will be always shown as offline on Integriti IntercomDevices UI.

- IXG-2C7 devices do not support CGI, preventing the integration from retrieving their status. If a Peer is an IX device, 2C7 devices will be always shown as Offline; if a peer is an IXG device, 2C7 devices will be always shown as Online/Idle.
- Due to complicated nature of mixing IX and IXG devices in one ecosystem, a
 customer may experience problems initiating calls from Integriti. The easiest way to
 avoid this problem is to set every device's StationNumber and UnitNumber to the
 same value.
 - Note: this may not be always possible if multiple 2C7 devices must share same
 UnitNo. Discuss with your Aiphone representative.

Device discovery

It is important to understand the internal logic of the plugin's device discovery (Refresh) operation, as it sets certain expectations for system configuration. During Refresh, the plugin sends CGI GetConfig command to the Peer. The received configuration data contains peer's Type, Name, and StationNumber. The Peer is added to the list of discovered devices. Then, the plugin parses the peer's AddressBook entries and adds every listed device to the list.

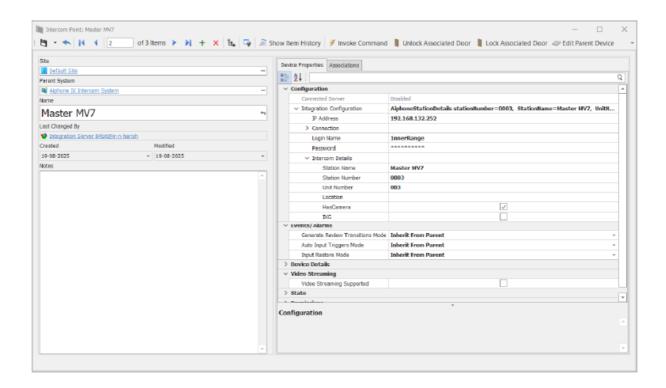
For every discovered IX device, the logic attempts to figure out its UnitNumber, which is needed for initiating a call to an IX device. The UnitNumber information is available when a peer is an IX device (a technical limitation by Aiphone) – in this case the plugin sets a device's UnitNumber same as its StationNumber. To make the integration work with minimum configuration efforts, we recommend setting IX device's StationNumber and UnitNumber to the same value.

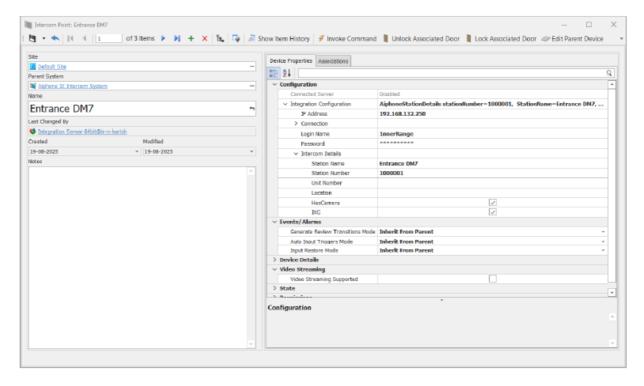
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Important: a customer must use Aiphone IX Support Tool to configure IX devices; the IXG Support Tool will not let you have identical StationNumbers and UnitNumbers, it will complain about duplicates. In mixed environments, where there are IX and IXG devices, the IXs must be configured first. Then, the configuration should be exported from IX Support Tool and imported into IXG Support Tool to continue configuring IXG terminals.

After successful discovery, a child device's configuration details can be viewed. The below screenshot presents configuration details of a discovered IX-MV7 and IXG-DM7

devices:





Configuring intercom devices

- Download and install the Aiphone IX/IXG Support Tool software. Contact your
 Aiphone representative for more information on installation and use of this software.
- Ensure all intercoms to configure are shown in the Support Tool. If some intercoms are not shown, it may be necessary to load the Support Tool configuration from when the intercoms were initially configured.

In order to use the Integriti Aiphone Integration:

 enable the CGI interface on the Peer device and on each intercom station that will need to have commands invoked on them (Create Call, End Call, Restart Intercom, etc.).

From the top left of the screen select Table View.

Select Function Settings → CGI from the tree on the left.



- configure the peer station to send events via SIF to the Integriti Integration Server. In addition, configure SIF parameters for every terminal which can trigger events of interest for the integration.
 - In the Aiphone IX Support Tool software, select Function Settings → SIF from the tree on the left.

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• SIF Functionality: Enable

No. 01 Program Type: 0100

No. 01 IPv4: IP address of the Integration Server

• No. 01 Destination Port: 10000 (may be changed; see Configuration)

• No. 01 SSL: Disable

No. 01 Connection: Socket

No. 01 Transmission Trigger: Select events that should be sent here.

When finished configuring, do not forget to save and upload configuration to the affected devices. Contact your Aiphone support channel if you need help using the Support Tool.

Plugin Configuration

Please refer to the 'Integriti Integrations – Intercom' manual for a detailed description on how to fully configure and use Intercom integrations in Integriti/Infiniti. C:\Program Files\Inner Range\Integriti Pro\doc\Integrations.

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- Central Master Station IP Address The IP Address of the Master Station (the Peer) to connect to.
- Login Name The Username of the Aiphone IX User to connect to the Server with.
 This User should have sufficient permissions configured in Aiphone IX to allow all the features of the plugin to be used
- Password The Password of the Aiphone IX User to connect to the Server with.
- Port The Port to listen for events from the Aiphone intercoms on. This is 10000 by default. Use HTTPS – Whether to use HTTPS when connecting to the stations.

Certificate Validation Mode – When using HTTPS, how to validate the remote certificate:

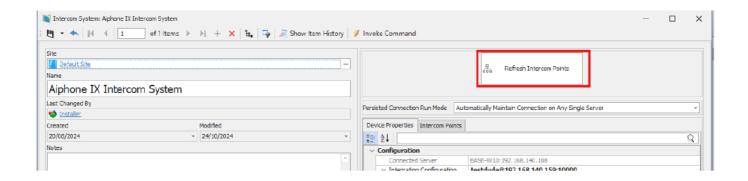
- Default Accept only a valid certificate. In place of the IP address, a hostname matching the certificate must be specified.
- Accept All Accept any valid or invalid certificate.
- Specified Thumbprint Accept a valid certificate or a certificate with the specified SHA-1 thumbprint.
- Certificate Thumbprint When the Certificate Validation Mode is 'Specified Thumbprint', the SHA-1 thumbprint of the certificate. Example:
 5CD2BFCF0B5DD06ABEB9F66400FAD96A11802E65
- Log Verbosity Only logs of the specified level or higher will be logged. If Warning is selected, only Warning, Error and Fatal logs will be written to the log

Station Connection Configuration – The following properties for individual intercom devices:

- IP Address The IP Address of the station. Will be filled by Refresh Child Devices.
- Connection See Connection Configuration above.
- Login Name The Username of the Aiphone IX User to connect to the station with.
- Password The Password of the Aiphone IX User to connect to the station with.

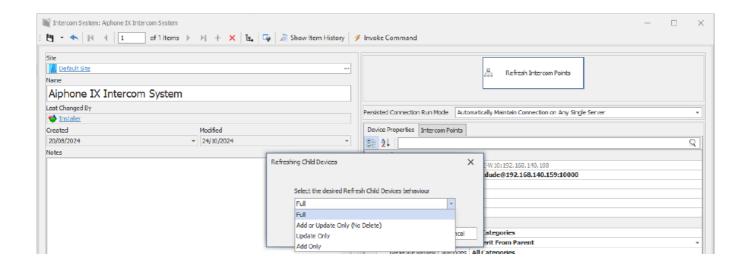
Once Configured SAVE.

Then click Refresh Intercom Points.



Refreshing Intercoms List

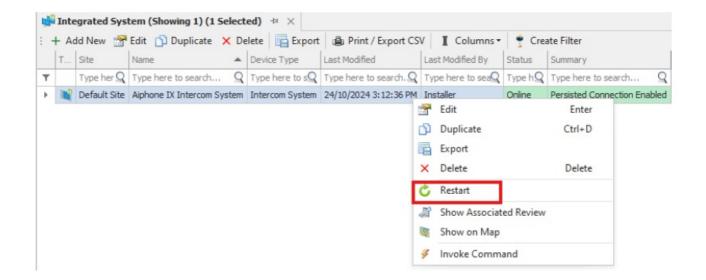
An operator can update the Intercoms list available within Integriti using the "Refresh Intercom Points"



- Full Full Refresh Warning this will repopulate the Integriti intercorm list within Integriti. Any programmed intercorms i.e. Schematics will need repopulating.
- Add Or Update Only (No Delete) Additional intercoms added on the system will be
 populated within Integriti, however, any removed intercorms on the system will still
 remain within Integriti. This method is used for newly added intercorms on the system
 wanting to be added to Integriti but not remove any temporary disconnected intercoms
 on the system. Names will also be updated.
- Update Only Adds and Removes intercoms based on what's currently connected to the system. Names will also be updated.
- Add Only Only adds new intercoms to Integriti

Connection Restart

An operator can force a restart of the connection which will reinitiate connection between the two systems. This can be used after the initial setup or where there have been changes to the configuration. See Screen shot below:



COMMANDS

Intercom Commands

The following commands can be performed on an Intercom Master Station:

- Call Intercom Creates a call from the selected Intercom Point to the Station Number given in 'Destination Station Number' of the priority given in 'Call Priority'. To call the Intercom's default Master Station (the same behaviour as pressing the call button on the selected Intercom) leave 'Destination Intercom Id' blank.
- Call Workstation Invokes a call from the selected Intercom Point to the Station Number mapped to the given 'Workstation Host Name' (If a mapping is correctly configured). For this command to work the 'Workstation To Station Number Map' property of the Intercom System must be correctly configured.
- Answer Call Answers the currently connected call on the selected intercom.
- Enable/Disable Door Release Ability Allows the ability of the selected Intercom Master Station to remotely unlock doors on connected Intercom Door Stations to be enabled or disabled. If Enabled is set to false, the selected Intercom Master Station will be unable to use the door unlock button to remotely unlock the door of a connected Intercom Door Station. To re-enable this ability, set Enabled to true. Set Contact Input/Output State Changes the state of the contact input/output on the selected Intercom Point identified by 'Contact Number' to the state set in 'Contact Status'. For example, setting 'Kind' to 'Output', 'Contact Number' to 1 and 'Contact Status' to 'Make' will set the state of output one on the selected Intercom Station to

'Make'.

- Restart Intercom Restarts the selected intercom.
- Change Sound Sets the sound used for 'Sound Type' to the specified 'Sound Source Number' for the selected Intercom Point. 'Sound Source Number' must be between 1 and 100 and indicates the source number of the sound to use. A sound must be configured at the specified source number for this command to work. For a 'Sound Type' of 'Ring' or 'Contact Ring' the 'Station Number' must be set to identify which calls the ringtone will be changed for.
- Advanced Command Sends a custom Aiphone CGI command to the selected Intercom Point. See the Aiphone CGI interface documentation for more details on sending CGI commands.

The following commands can be performed on an Intercom Point:

- Call Intercom Creates a call from the selected Intercom Point to the Station Number given in 'Destination Station Number' of the priority given in 'Call Priority'. To call the Intercom's default Master Station (the same behaviour as pressing the call button on the selected Intercom) leave 'Destination Intercom Id' blank.
- Call Workstation Invokes a call from the selected Intercom Point to the Station Number mapped to the given 'Workstation Host Name' (If a mapping is correctly configured). For this command to work the 'Workstation To Station Number Map' property of the Intercom System must be correctly configured.
- Answer Call Answers the currently connected call on the selected intercom.
- Set Contact Input/Output State Changes the state of the contact input/output on the selected Intercom Point identified by 'Contact Number' to the state set in 'Contact Status'. For example, setting 'Kind' to 'Output', 'Contact Number' to 1 and 'Contact Status' to 'Make' will set the state of output one on the selected Intercom Station to 'Make'.
- Restart Intercom Restarts the selected intercom.
- Change Sound Sets the sound used for 'Sound Type' to the specified 'Sound Source Number' for the selected Intercom Point. 'Sound Source Number' must be between 1 and 100 and indicates the source number of the sound to use. A sound must be configured at the specified source number for this command to work. For a 'Sound Type' of 'Ring' or 'Contact Ring' the 'Station Number' must be set to identify

which calls the ringtone will be changed for.

Advanced Command – Sends a custom Aiphone CGI command to the selected Intercom Point. See the Aiphone CGI interface documentation for more details on sending CGI commands.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION for production

Events monitoring and automation

- The plugin listens to and processes all events sent to it by devices. To generate
 events, a device must be explicitly configured, with SIF enabled and relevant event
 types selected.
- Every received event is logged in Integriti Review and can be used for automation.
 This is common to all Integriti Intercom integrations.
- The Door Unlocking feature
- The door unlocking feature with the Entrance Station is outlined in page 9 of the Integriti Intercom Integrations. For Aiphone integration, the review categories should be set to Intercom Zone Trigger instead of Intercom Door Unlock Request since the IXG-DM7 does not support sending door release events.

Intercom device online/offline status monitoring

 The plugin queries status of every child device every 60 seconds. The frequency is hardcoded.

Initiating a call to an Intercom device by its StationNumber

- The CallIntercom command prompts an operator to enter the destination device's address (0030, for example).
- The plugin attempts to find a device with matching StationNumber.
- If a match is an IXG device, the call's destination is set to the entered ID. If a match is an IX device, the call's destination is set to the device's UnitNumber (which, in practice, should be set to the same as the StationNumber).
- If no match, the call's destination is set to the entered ID, with no extra care taken.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Connection Failure

- Check correct IP Address Refer to Configuration
 - Test via CMD and Ping test
- Check Username and Password of all intercoms
- Refer to Configuration
- Restart Connection, refer to Connection Restart

General

For diagnostics and troubleshooting purposes, Integriti logs can be a useful source of information. As well, the plugin generates special for-internal-consumption logs which can be viewed and captured with Microsoft DebugViewer (www.sysinternals.com). Inner Range support may request this data when analysing run-time issues.

INTERCOM CAPABILITIES

Core Intercom Capabilities

Feature	Feature Description	Version	Y/N
Receive Events/Ala rms from the Interco m System	Log events/alarms occurring on the Interco m system to Integriti's Review	20	V
Trigger Integriti Acti ons on Intercom Ev ents/Alarms	Trigger actions to automatically occur in Int egriti whenever specific events/alarms are received from the Intercom system.	20	$\sqrt{}$
Generate Alerts fro m Intercom Events/ Alarms	Automatically generate and restore Alerts ti ed to a specific Intercom in Integriti whenever specific events/alarms are receiv ed from the Intercom system.	20	V

Automatically Show Footage from Assoc iated Cameras	Associated CCTV Footage can be directly viewed from Intercoms, or Intercom events/alarms (with an associated Intercom) where the Intercom has an associated Camera.	20	√
Display Connection Status to Intercom System	Display whether Integriti is currently connected to the Intercom system or not.	20	V
Show Intercom Stat us- Online/Offline/A larm/ Call State	The current online, offline, alarm and call st atus of configured Intercoms will be visible directly through Integriti.	20	V
Log Calls Occurring in the Intercom Syst em	Calls occurring in the Intercom system will be logged to Integriti's Review.	20	V
Categorised Review Records	Review generated by the integration will have a different category for different event types, allowing for easy filtering of specific CCTV events	20	√
Trigger Inputs on Int ercom Event	Inputs in Integriti can be automatically trigg ered and restored when specified types of events are received from the CCTV system .	20	√
Trigger Actions in the	Trigger actions or commands in the Interco m system directly from Integriti.	20	1
Unlock Associated Door	Unlock associated Integriti Door/s directly from an associated Intercom Point	20	V

Feature Feature	Description Version	Y/N
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Associate Intercoms With Entit ies	Intercoms loaded from the CCTV system c an be associated with Integriti Entities to all ow direct control of one from the other.	20	V
Create Child Device s From Intercom Co nfiguration	Child Intercom Points will be created based on the Intercom configuration on Refreshin g Child Devices.	20	V
View and Control I ntercoms on Schem atics	Intercoms can be added to Schematics Ma ps in Integriti and directly viewed and contr olled directly from the Schematic. Each intercom's state is immediately visible on the Schematic where available	20	√
Sync Time (via NT P)	Sync the time of the Intercom system and I ntegriti to match via an NTP.	20	V
Automatically Contr ol Integriti Entities o n Intercom Events	Automatically control Integriti Entities on Int ercom Events. For example automatically u nlocking an associated Door on a Door Unlock event being received from an Intercom	20	V

Advanced Intercom Capabilities

Feature	Feature Description	Version	Y/N
Automatically Load Intercom Configuration	Refreshing Child Devices will automatically populate all cameras configured in the Inter com System into Integriti when run. If not s upported, intercom configuration will need t o be manually entered into Integriti.	20	V
Create Intercom C alls	Create calls between Intercoms in the Intercom system either manually or automatically (from an event) using Integriti.	20	1

Terminate Intercom Calls	Terminate pending or active calls in the Int ercom system either manually or automatic ally (from an event) using Integriti.	20	V
Answer Intercom C alls	Answer pending calls in the Intercom syste m either manually or automatically (from an event) using Integriti	20	V
Forward Intercom Calls	Forward active calls in the Intercom syste m from one Intercom to another either man ually or automatically (from an event) using Integriti.	20	√

Feature	Feature Description	Version	Y/N
Place Intercom Call s On Hold	Place active calls in the Intercom system on hold either manually or automatically (from and event) using Integriti.	20	V
Specify Call Urgenc y When Creating C alls	When creating calls between Intercoms in the Intercom system, the urgency of the call can be specified from Integriti.	20	V
Make/Terminate PA Calls	Create Announcements in the Intercom Sy stem to specified Intercoms from Integriti.	20	1
Adjust Intercom Call Volume	Change the call and/or audio volume of Int ercoms from Integriti	20	1
Restart Intercoms R emotely	Restart Intercoms either manually or automatically (from an event) using Integriti	20	V
Activate Intercom Relay	Control the On/Off state of a Relay on an I ntercom.	20	V

Control Intercom Au dio Streaming Funct ionality	Start streaming music or audio on selected Intercoms in the Intercom System in Integri ti.	20	V
Initiate Covert Moni toring of Intercoms	Initiate covert monitoring of a specified Inte rcom in the Intercom system from Integriti. Intercoms can be monitored either via a sp ecified Intercom or directly through the inte rcom's video viewer (Where supported).	20	√
Simulate Button Pre ss on Intercom	Simulate the behaviour of pressing a butto n on a specified Intercom in the Intercom s ystem from Integriti.	20	V
Soft Button Push To Talk	Simulate a Push-To-Talk button on a select ed integration from Integriti – Either as a command or through the call queue interface.	20	V
Stream Live Footag e From Intercom	Stream live video footage directly from an I ntercom into Integriti's video viewer.	20	V
Select Custom Asp ect Ratio	Select a Custom Aspect Ratio for video foo tage streamed from an Intercom.	20	V
Digital PTZ	Digitally zoom the Intercom Video stream's image.	20	V

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can the plugin be used with systems containing a mix of IX and IXG devices?

Yes, the plugin can be used with systems containing a mix of IX and IXG devices. Ensure proper configuration steps are followed as mentioned in the manual.

What should be done if multiple 2C7 devices must share the same UnitNo?

Discuss this requirement with your Aiphone representative to find a suitable solution based on your specific setup.

Documents / Resources



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