**Subject**: Call Ahead® Server XML Messages

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#### TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

## Introduction

The current Call Ahead system supports the Motorola Call Ahead protocol that was introduced in 1987. It uses the RS-232 serial interface with different parameters to communicate with the host computer. The system receives a transaction from the host computer to dial out a phone number and deliver a prerecord message to the called party. After the call session, the Call Ahead system sends a transaction to the host computer and provides the status of the call and the response. The status may be Busy, No Answer, Answering Machine, or DTMF response.

The current system has served the industry well for the past twenty years. However the current Call Ahead system can not be easily connected to newer host computers and can not be shared by multiple host computers. The software for the current Call Ahead system was written twenty years ago and does not support the digital telephony and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) connections and has no provision for a live back up system.

Since the installed base of current Call Ahead system is very large, we can not abandon the current protocol, instead the new system has been designed to support the current legacy RS-232 serial and the TCP/IP interfaces. However, all the new features and capabilities are offered through the TCP/IP interface.

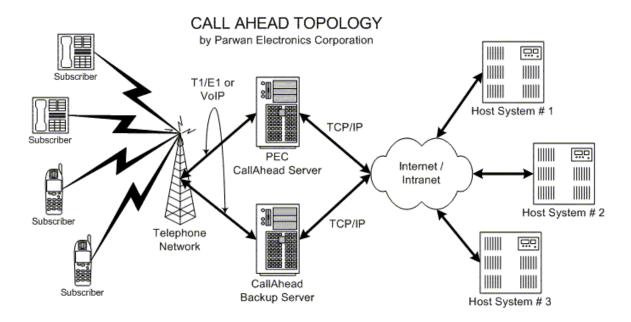
This document sets the framework for the new Call Ahead Server design. The host computer applications software has the ability control the operation of the Call Ahead Server functionality. The initial design of the software has the legacy Call Ahead features and the other features:

- Ethernet TCP/IP interface
- Serve multiple host computers
- Support Analog, digital T1, E1, VoIP telephone links
- Integration with many PBX switches
- Call transfers and digital patching
- Two B Channel Transfer (TBCT)
- Touch tone generation and detection
- Dynamic ANI delivery
- Support incoming calls
- Bulk calling and message delivery

The future release of Call Ahead Server will include:

- Speech recognition
- Text to speech
- Two way recording of the voice conversation
- Internet Client phone support
- Call conferencing

The diagram below depicts the Call Ahead Server topology that will be implemented:



## **Call Ahead Server XML Protocol**

The Call Ahead Server Extensible Markup Language (XML) protocol allows an external applications program to communicate with Call Ahead Server through TCP/IP using the XML format. The external program may instruct Call Ahead Server to perform Administrative, call control and switching, voice processing, and other functions.

For example, the external program could connect to Call Ahead Server and instruct it to dial a phone number and play a message file to the called party.

#### TCP/IP Port

Call Ahead Server listens to TCP/IP messages on port 700. You may set the port to another address by setting the **eee51** parameter. The applications program must first establish a connection with Call Ahead Server and then communicate with it afterwards.

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## **Call Ahead Server Parameters**

The following Call Ahead Server parameters must be set:

Parameter	Value	Description
xxx77	1	Enable XML Messaging
xxx77	8	Enable XML Receive Call
eee51	0	Socket port address offset from 700

## **XML Message**

Call Ahead Server supports the following four classes of XML messages:

- Administrative Messages
- Outbound Call Control and Switching Messages
- Inbound Call Control and Switching Messages
- Voice Processing Messages

## **Administrative Messages**

The Call Ahead Server Administrative XML messages are used to initialize the link and terminate the link.

## Link Initialization and Termination Messages

#### Initialize Link - <INIT\_LINK><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server and instructs it to start accepting calls for the application.

#### Format:

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Min	Max	Opt	Description
MSGID	4	20	N	Message ID
NAME	3	30	Υ	Name to identify the application or customer
DNIS	3	14	Y	Maximum 14 digits – report the received call with this DNIS to the application. Make sure the xxx77&8 is true.
PASS_CODE	4	4	Υ	Pass code for setting the DNIS mailbox

#### Example 1:

In the above example, Call Ahead Server receives the message from the applications program and sets the mailbox 7322901900 to receive calls for the application. The pass code 2424 is the pass code for the mailbox. The mailbox name is set to PEC. When a caller dials 7322901900, Call Ahead Server sends the <RECEIVE\_CALL> message to the applications program.

In order for Call Ahead Server to process inbound calls, the xxx77 must be set to 9. If the application program needs to handle more than one DNIS number, it must send one <INIT\_LINK> message per DNIS. The applications program must have the correct pass codes for the mailboxes.

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#### Example 2:

In the above example, Call Ahead Server receives the message from the applications program and only establishes the link for making outbound calls.

#### Response - <INIT\_LINK><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program in response to the <INIT\_LINK><INFO> message.

#### Terminate Link - <TERMINATE\_LINK><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server and instructs it to disconnect all the calls and stop accepting news calls for the application.

#### Format:

#### Terminate Response - <TERMINATE\_LINK><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program in response to the <TERMINATE\_LINK><INFO> message.

#### Pause Link Message - <PAUSE\_LINK><INFO>

The applications program send this message to Call Ahead Server to finish processing the current calls in progress, but do not allow new calls for the application.

#### Format:

#### Pause Response - <PAUSE\_LINK><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program in response to the <PAUSE\_LINK><INFO> message.

#### Exit Message - <EXIT\_LINK><INFO>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the Application program after the operator enters the exit command from the Call Ahead Server menu.

#### Format:

#### Exit Response - <EXIT\_LINK><RESPONSE>

The applications program must send this message to Call Ahead Server in response to the <EXIT\_LINK><INFO> message.

## **Outbound Call Control and Switching Messages**

## **Dial-out Messages**

The applications program sends this data to Call Ahead Server to initiate an outbound call activity. The first response message Call Ahead Server sends is the immediate message and the second response message is the result of the call progress after the call has been made.

#### Required Attributes for All Elements and Responses within <DIALOUT>

Attribute	Description				
MSGID	Minimum length 4, maximum length 50, THIS IS AN ARBITRARY				
	TRANSACTION ID USED FOR IDENTIFICATION				

#### Outbound Dial-out - <DIALOUT><DIAL>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to initiate an outbound call and performs other activities after the called party answers the call.

#### Format:

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Min	Max	Opt	Description
CAMPID	Е	20	Υ	Optional - minimum length 4, Maximum length 20 –
DNIIC	0	4.4	N.I	Campaign ID
DNIS	3	14	N	Maximum 14 digits, number to dial.
ANI	3	14	Υ	Optional - Calling Party ID, Maximum 10 digits.
LIVEMESSAGE	4	60	Υ	Optional - voice message to play upon detecting live hello.
ANSMESSAGE	4	60	~	Optional – voice message to play upon detecting
ANSIVILSSAGE	ANSIMESSAGE 4 00 1		ſ	answering machine.
MODE	5	10	Ν	BLIND or SUPERVISED

### **Example:**

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#### **Example:**

#### Immediate Response - <DIALOUT> <RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server checks the data received and sends the message immediately to the applications program.

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Description
STATUS	SUCCESS, NUMBER_ TOO LONG, FAILED, BUSY

#### **Example:**

#### Call Progress Status - <DIALOUT><TERMINATION>

After dialing the number, Call Ahead Server returns the status of the call progress to the applications program.

#### **Format:**

#### **Attributes**:

Attribute	Description
DNIS	The phone number that was dialed
MESSAGE	File that was played
EVENT	CONNECT, BUSY, NOANS, INTERCEPT, ANSMACHINE, FAX, DTMF, or NODIALTONE
TRUNK_PORT	Port number Call Ahead Server used to dial out the number.
DTMF	The DTMF digit that was entered

#### Example 1:

In the example above the phone number 718-523-1234 was dialed and after connect, it played the file METER\_READ.VOX. The called party listened to the message and pressed the DTMF key.

In general the message file script must have instructions for the called party to press a DTMF key for approving the message.

#### Example 2:

In the example above the phone number 920-523-1236 was dialed and it detected a BUSY.

## **Disconnect Messages**

Call Ahead Server handles the network generated and applications generate disconnects, in each case the signaling must be handled appropriately.

#### Application Disconnect - <APP\_TRUNK\_DISCONNECT><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to disconnect and a port. After Call Ahead Server receives this message, it sends the disconnect signal to the telephone network.

#### Format:

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Description				
TRUNK_PORT	Port number Call Ahead Server used to dial out the number.				

#### **Example:**

#### Response - <APP\_TRUNK\_DISCONNECT><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after sending the disconnect signal to the network. This message is send in response to the <a href="https://www.ahead.com/ahead.co

#### Format:

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Description				
STATUS	SUCCESS, INVALID_TRUNKPORT				

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## **Example:**

#### Network Initiated Disconnect - <NETWORK\_TRUNK\_DISCONNECT><INFO>

Call Ahead Server informs the application program when the Network sends a disconnect signal.

#### Format:

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Description
TRUNK PORT	The port number from where the disconnect signal was received.

#### **Example:**

## Application Disconnect Response - <NETWORK\_TRUNK\_DISCONNECT><RESPONSE>

#### **Example:**

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Description
STATUS	SUCCESS, INVALID_TRUNKPORT

#### **Example:**

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## Initiate Digital Transfer and Patching

#### Dial and Patch - <DIAL\_PATCH><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server and instructs it to grab a free port and dial a phone number. After the called party answers, then patch the call to the trunk port specified in the message.

#### **Format:**

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Min	Max	Opt	Description
MSGID	4	20	N	Message ID
TRUNK_PORT1	2	4	N	Trunk port to patched the called party to
DNIS	3	14	N	Maximum 14 digits, number to dial.
ANI	3	14	Υ	Number to display on the called party's telephone
				set

#### **Example:**

In the above example, Call Ahead Server receives the message from the applications program and finds an available trunk port to dial out on. It sets the ANI to 2126793400 and dials the called party's number 17322901900. After the called party answers the call on the available trunk port, Call Ahead Server patches the trunk port 5 to the called party's trunk port.

#### Dial and Patch Response - <DIAL\_PATCH><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program if there are errors in the value of attributes.

#### Format:

#### Dial and Patch Done - < DIAL PATCH>< TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it dials the number and receives the call progress information from the hardware.

#### Patch Ports - <PATCH PORTS><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to patch two digital ports unconditionally.

#### **Format:**

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Min	Max	Opt	Description
MSGID	4	20	N	Message ID
TRUNK_PORT1	2	4	N	First trunk digital port
TRUNK_PORT2	2	4	N	Second trunk digital port

#### **Example:**

#### Response Patch Ports - <PATCH\_PORTS><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server immediately sends this message to the applications program if it can not patch the ports specified in the <PORT\_PATCH><INFO> message.

#### **Example:**

#### Patching of Ports Done - <PATCH\_PORTS><TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it has successfully patched the ports specified in the <PATCH\_PORTS><INFO> message. Call Ahead Server performs a full duplex patch, i.e., the receive side of one port is patched to the transmit side of the other port. If the patching failed, Call Ahead Server sends the FAILED message.

#### Tearing Down a Patch - <TEAR\_PATCH><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server and instructs it to tear down a patch that was previously established.

#### Format:

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Min	Max	Opt	Description
MSGID	4	20	N	Message ID
TRUNK_PORT1	2	4	N	First trunk digital port
TRUNK PORT2	2	4	N	Second trunk digital port

#### **Example:**

```
<TEAR_PATCH>
<INFO MSGID="786512" TRUNK_PORT1="06" TRUNK_PORT2="23"
</INFO>
</TEAR_PATCH>
```

In the above example, Call Ahead Server tears down the connection between trunk port 6 and trunk port 23. The trunk ports are not connected to each other, Call Ahead Server sends a error message to the applications program.

#### Tear Down Patch Response - <TEAR\_PATCH><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it has torn down the patch connection between two ports.

#### Tear Down Patch Done - <TEAR\_PATCH><TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it has torn down the patch connection between two ports.

#### **Format:**

#### **Example:**

```
<TEAR_PATCH>
< TERMINATION MSGID="786512" EVENT="SUCCESS" TRUNK_PORT1="06"
TRUNK_PORT2="23"
</ TERMINATION >
</TEAR_PATCH>
```

In the above example, Call Ahead Server successfully tore down the connection between trunk port 6 and trunk port 23.

## **Inbound Call Control and Switching Messages**

#### **Inbound Call**

#### Receive Call - <RECEIVE\_CALL><INFO>

When Call Ahead Server receives a call from the Network it informs the application program and passes the DNIS number received from the Network. The mailbox corresponding to the DNIS number be set up with the <INIT\_LINK> message. Generally this is an X type mailbox with the name containing the socket id of the applications program link.

#### Format:

#### Response Receive Call - <RECEIVE\_CALL><RESPONSE>

The applications program must respond back to Call Ahead Server and instruct it in what actions to take.

## **Voice Processing Messages**

## Playing and Stopping of Voice Message Files

#### Play Voice File - < PLAY VOICE FILE > < INFO >

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to initiate the playing of a voice message file.

#### **Format:**

#### **Attributes:**

Attribute	Min	Max	Opt	Description
MSGID	4	20	N	Message ID
TRUNK_PORT	2	4	N	Trunk port to play the message file.
FILE1	3	40	N	The first message file path.
FILE2	3	40	Y	Optional second message file path
MODE	13	15	N	Allow play to be interrupted by DTMF or not

#### **Example:**

Call Ahead Server will play the voice message file c:\prompts\hello.vox. If the listener pressed a DTMF key, then Call Ahead Server will stop playing.

#### Response Play File - <PLAY\_VOICE\_FILE><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message immediately to the applications program after it has determined that it will be able to play the file or it is unable to proceed.

#### **Format:**

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#### **Termination Status Play File - <PLAY\_VOICE\_FILE><TERMINATION>**

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it has played the voice file, or if the play gets interrupted by the called party when he pressed a DTMF key.

#### **Format:**

#### Example 1:

In the example 1, the listener pressed DTMF key and interrupted the playing of the message file.

#### Example 2:

In the example 2, the listener listened to the entire message..

#### Stop Playing of Voice File - <STOP\_PLAY\_VOICE\_FILE><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to stop the playing of a voice file in progress.

#### Format:

#### Response Play File - <STOP\_PLAY\_VOICE\_FILE><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message immediately to the applications program if for any reason it can not stop the playing.

#### Format:

#### Termination Status Play File - <STOP\_PLAY\_VOICE\_FILE><TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it has successfully sopped the playing of the voice file.

## **Play Number**

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to initiate a voice number play.

#### Play Number - <PLAY\_NUMBER><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server and instructs it to play a number in different formats.

#### Format:

#### Play Number Response - <PLAY\_NUMBER><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message immediately to the applications program with information related to the validity of the message.

#### Format:

#### Play Number Termination Status - <PLAY\_NUMBER><TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after the number has been played to the caller or called party.

## Recording and Stopping Voice Messages

#### Record Voice File - <RECORD\_VOICE\_FILE><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to initiate a voice record function.

#### Format:

#### Response Record Voice File - <RECORD\_VOICE\_FILE><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message immediately to the applications program after verifying the date sent by through the <INFO> message.

#### Format:

#### Termination Record Voice File - < RECORD VOICE FILE>< TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after the recording of the voice file has been completed.

#### Stop Recording Voice - <STOP\_RECORD\_VOICE\_FILE><INFO>

The applications program sends this message to Call Ahead Server to stop a recording session in progress.

#### Format:

#### Response Stop Recording - <STOP\_RECORD\_VOICE\_FILE><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message immediately to the applications program after verifying the date sent by through the <INFO> message.

#### Format:

#### Termination Stop Record - <STOP\_RECORD\_VOICE\_FILE><TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after the recording of the voice file has been stopped.

#### Receive or Generate DTMF

#### Receive DTMF Digits - <DTMF\_RECEIVE><INFO>

The applications program instructs Call Ahead Server to receive DTMF digits.

Format:

#### Response Receive DTMF Digits - <DTMF\_RECEIVE><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after verifying the data in the <INFO> message.

#### Format:

#### Termination Receive DTMF Digits - <DTMF\_RECEIVE><TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it has receive all the DTMF digits.

#### Generate DTMF Digits - <DTMF\_GENERATE><INFO>

The applications program instructs Call Ahead Server to generate DTMF digits.

#### Format:

#### Generate DTMF Digits Response - <DTMF\_GENERATE><RESPONSE>

Call Ahead Server sends this message immediately to the application program after determining the validity of the data.

#### Format:

#### Generate DTMF Digits Done - <DTMF\_GENERATE><TERMINATION>

Call Ahead Server sends this message to the applications program after it has completed generating the DTMF digits.

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