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Quick Guide: How to Setup Multi-cell in SME VoIP Network

Adding Multiple Base Stations to Network (Multi-cell System)

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Introduction: Base station Installation

This document seeks to describe how to install, add and synchronize one or multiple base stations to the network. There are two main procedures involved:

- 1) Proper placement of the base stations (which is usually called network dimensioning). The present document does not address this issue. Please refer to accompanying document
- 2) Creating and adding base station profiles to the network via the SME Configuration Tool (to form a multi-cell system).

This document describes the second procedure.

NOTE This documentation is valid for Base station firmware version 00.49 and above.

Abbreviations

For the purpose of this document, the following abbreviations hold:

DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

DNS: Domain Name Server

HTTP: Hyper Text Transfer Protocol

IOS: Internet-working Operating System

NAT: Network Address Translator
PCMA: A-law Pulse Code Modulation
PCMU: Mu-law Pulse Code Modulation
SME: Small and Medium scale Enterprise
STUN: Session Traversal Utilities for NAT

Multi-cell System

A multi-cell system has a coordinated installation of intra-system synchronized base stations, which enables seamless inter-cell handover for moving handsets.

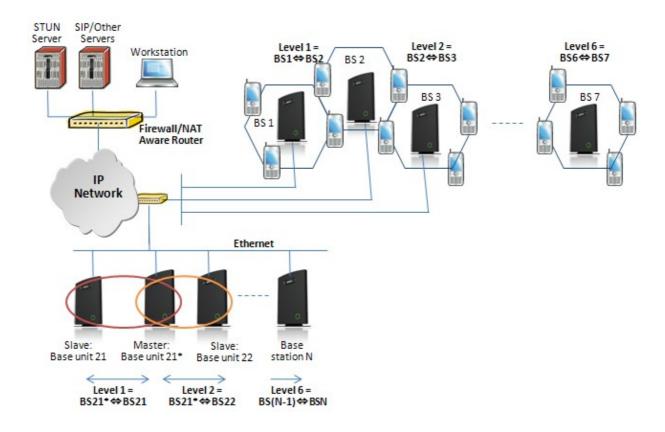
It provides increased mobility, higher total capacity and higher quality than a corresponding number of standalone base stations.

All handsets subscribed to a multi-cell system will benefit from high voice quality, and full coverage over the whole multi-cell system coverage area.

Multi-cell Configuration

A total of 40 Base stations can be hosted in a typical SME multi-cell system. At each time, a maximum of 6 levels can be formed in a multi-cell chain.

Level 1 is when Base unit 1 synchronises to Master Base unit, and Level 2 is when Base unit 2 uses Base unit 1 as its synchronization source, in that order. We can illustrate the configuration with the figure below (Refer to STEP 13 to STEP 15 for details on how to actually set it up via SME HTTP web interface):



SME Configuration Interface

The IQ8600 offers a HTTP interface in the base station that can be used as HTTP Web Server. The SME Configuration Interface can be retrieved from this HTTP Web Server in each Base station.

The HTTP Web Server is enabled in the base station by default.

This procedure is valid for Base station firmware version 00.49 and above. The system administrator must update the relevant Base station(s) to the latest firmware before proceeding to the next section. Refer to accompanied document [1].

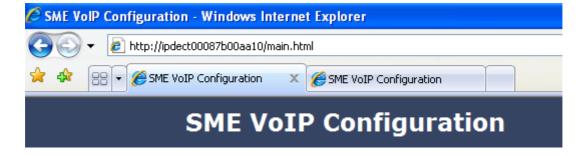
Adding Base stations via SME Configuration Interface

Here are the recommended steps to add Base stations to network:

- **STEP 1** Connect the Base station to a private network via standard Ethernet cable (CAT-5).
- STEP 2 Open any standard browser and enter the address:

 <a href="http://ipdect<MAC-Address-Base-Station">http://ipdect<MAC-Address-Base-Station

 for e.g. http://ipdect00087B00AA10. This will retrieve the HTTP Web Server page from the base station with hardware address 00087B00AA10.



STEP 3 Skip this step if you were successful with STEP 2. If the MAC-address method as described above does not work, then use a standard network protocol analyser (for e.g. Wireshark) to eavesdrop the IP address allocated to the base unit by the DHCP server. You can download Wireshark follow its documentation to know how it is done.

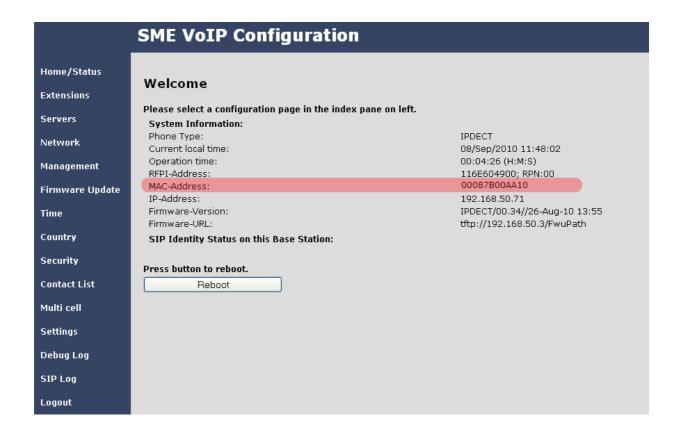
Enter the IP address into the address bar of the browser to retrieve base station HTTP Web Server Page.



STEP 4 On the Login page, enter your authenticating credentials (i.e. username and password is default "admin"). Click **OK** button.



STEP 5 Once you have authenticated, the browser will display front end of the SME Configuration Interface. The front end will show relevant information of the base station (in this case MAC-Addr: **00087B00AA10** as highlighted in the snap-shot below).

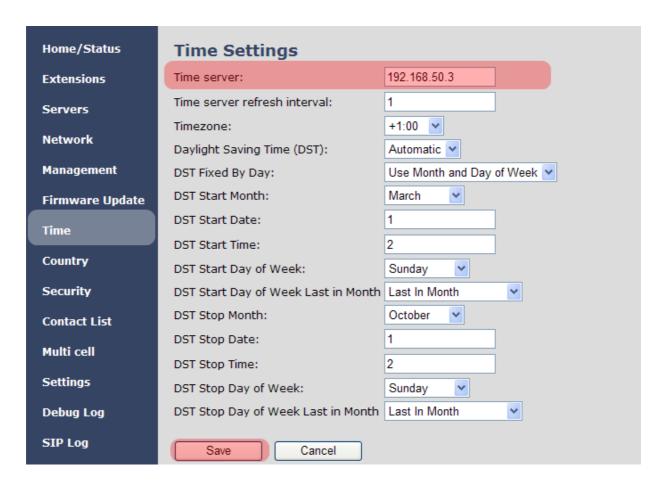


TIME SERVER SETUP

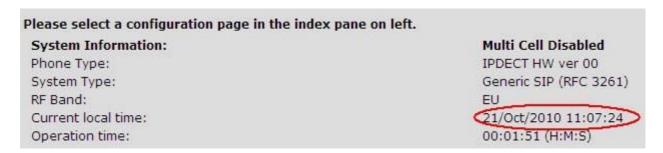
STEP 6 Navigate to the Time settings and configure it. Scroll on the left column and click on Time url link to Open the Time Settings Page. Enter the relevant parameters on this page and press the Save button.

Make sure there is contact to the "Time server" otherwise the Multi-cell feature will not work.

Set this Time Settings to synchronize the base station(s) time to the NTP server time. Next Save the settings and reboot the base station.



A successful reboot will reset the time in the base station.



SIP SERVER (OR PBX SERVER) SETUP

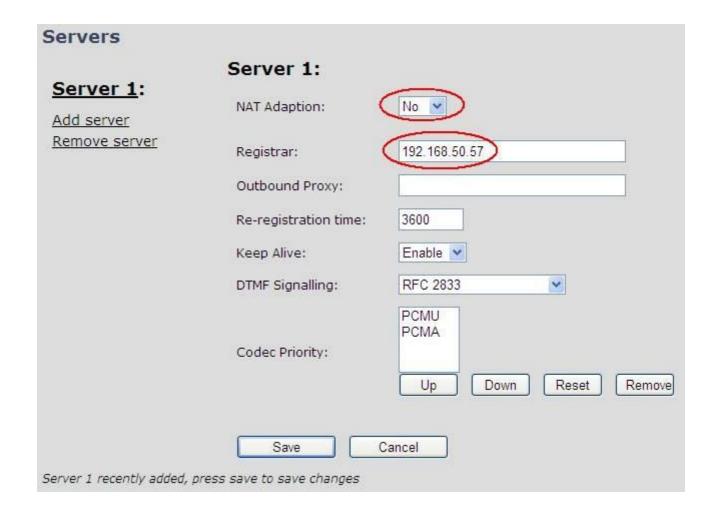
STEP 7 Create the relevant SIP server (or PBX Server) information in the system. Each service provider/customer should refer SIP server vendor on how to setup SIP servers.

Click the link "Server" at the left hand column of home page, you can add your SIP server for base station use.

Next, from the Server page, click on the **Add Server** URL and enter the relevant SIP server information (an example is shown below).

Choose "No" on NAT adaption parameter if NAT function of the SIP aware router is not enabled. Enter the relevant parameters based on the description in the table below. Select **Save** button.

Parameter	Description
NAT Adaption	To ensure all SIP messages go directly to the NAT gateway in the SIP aware
	router. NAT Adaption option should be "No" or otherwise choose "Yes"
	Possible value(s): Yes, No.
Registrar	SIP Server proxy DNS or IP address
	Permitted value(s): AAA.BBB.CCC.DDD: <port-number></port-number>
	Note: Specifying the Port Number is optional.
Outbound Proxy	This is usually Session Border Controller DNS or IP address (OR SIP server
	outbound proxy address).
	Set the Outbound proxy to the address and port of private NAT gateway so that
	SIP messages are sent via the NAT gateway.
	Permitted value(s): AAA.BBB.CCC.DDD
	Examples: "192.168.0.1", "192.168.0.1:5062",
	"nat.company.com" and "sip:nat@company.com:5065".
Re-registration	The window period (in seconds) when base station's SIP registers with SIP server.
time	Permitted value(s): Positive integer.
Keep Alive	This directive defines the window period (usually 30 secs.) to re-open port of
	relevant NAT-aware router(s), etc.
	Valid Input(s): Enable, Disable.
DTMF Signalling	Conversion of decimal digits (and '*' and '#') into sounds that share similar
	characteristics with voice to easily traverse networks designed for voice.
	Valid Option(s)
	In band: Meta-data (for e.g.: tone digits) and control information sent in the
	same voice band, using the same VoIP codec as the human voice (for e.g. G.711, G.729, etc.).
	SIP INFO: Carries application level data along SIP signalling path (for e.g.: Carries
	DTMF digits generated during SIP session OR sending of DTMF tones via data
	packets in the same internet layer as the Voice Stream, etc.).
	RFC 2833: DTMF handling for gateways, end systems and RTP trunks (for e.g.:
	Sending DTMF tones via data packets in <u>different</u> internet layer as the voice
	Stream).
	Both: Enables SIP INFO and RFC 2833 modes.
Codec Priority	Defines the codec priority that base stations use for audio compression and
	transmission.
	Possible Option(s): PCMU, PCMA, iLBC, etc.

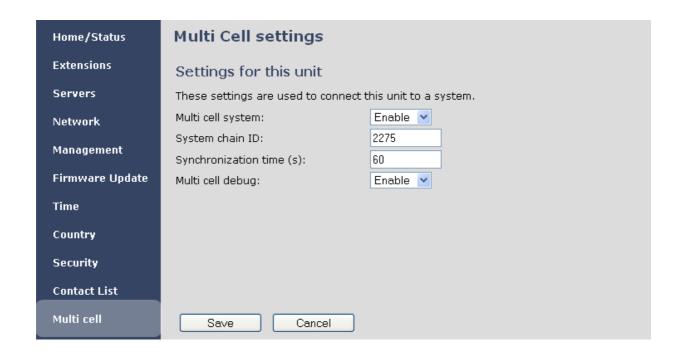


MULTI-CELL SETUP

STEP 8 Scroll down and Click on **Multi Cell** url link in the **SME VoIP Configuration** to view the current **Multi cell settings** status of the current base station. Normally, most brand new base stations have **Multi cell system** feature disabled by default.

Description of Settings for Specific Base units is as follows:

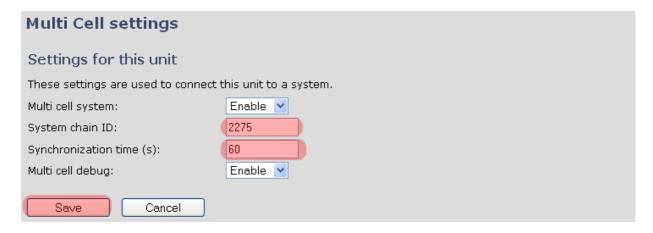
Parameter	Description
Multi cell system	Enable this option to allow the Base unit to be set in multi-cell mode (can be set as master or slave in the multi-cell chain system). Valid Inputs: Enable, Disable
System chain ID	This is an identifier (usually in string format for e.g. 2275) that is unique for a specific multi-cell system. Note: There can be several multi-cell systems in SME network. Valid Input: 8 bit String.
Synchronisation time (s)	This specifies the period or window in seconds that elements/nodes (e.g. Base units) in a specific multi-cell system should synchrozise to each other.
Multi cell debug	Enable this feature, if you want the system to catalogue low level multi-cell debug information or traces.



STEP 9 Next, the system administrator needs to create and Enable Multi Cell settings profile for the current base station. On the **Multi Cell settings** Page, choose **Enable** option from the drop down menu of the **Multi cell system** parameter. Enable the **Multi cell debug** option if the system administrator wants some Multi-cell related logs to be catalogued by the system.

Multi Cell settings		
Settings for this unit		
These settings are used to connect this unit to a system.		
Multi cell system:	Disable 💌	
System chain ID:	Disable ——	
Synchronization time (s):	60	

STEP 10 On the same Multi Cell Settings page > Enter the relevant values for System chain ID and Synchronization time (s) respectively. The System chain ID is a geographically unique DECT cell identity allocated to bridge several base stations together in a chain. An example is 2275. The Synchronization time (s) parameter is defined as window/period of time in seconds a specific base station synchronizes to the master base station unit (by default 60).



Click on **Save** button to keep modified changes of multi cell settings into the base station.

The parameters are successfully saved

You will be redirected after 3 seconds

The Multi Cell data synchronisation ONLY works when the relevant **Time Server** is set in the system before Server/Subscriber profile is added or created. Refer to **STEP 6**.

IMPORTANT:

Base stations must be rebooted after the time server has been set.

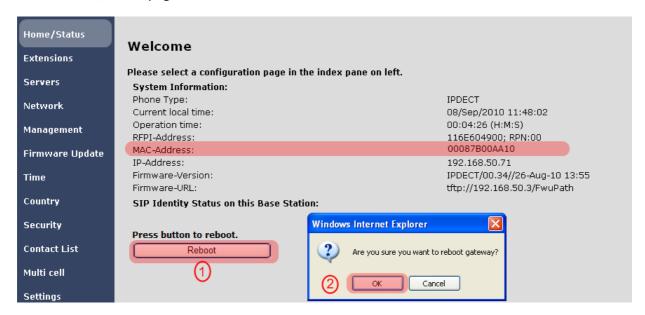
STEP 11 Repeat **STEP 1-10** as explained above for N number of base stations.

IMPORTANT:

It takes up to 5 minutes (synchronization time) to add a new base station to a Multi Cell System.

Synchronising the Base stations

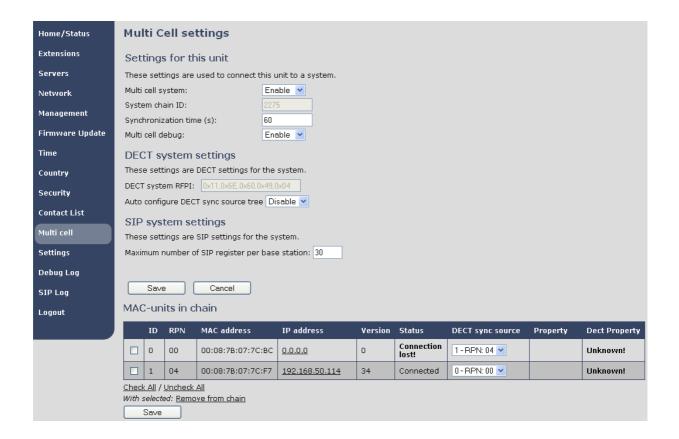
STEP 12 On each **SME VoIP Configuration** interface for the base station(s) navigate to the Home/Status page and Click the Reboot button.



This will trigger **Are you sure you want to reboot gateway?** window. Click **OK** button on this window. A successful restart of the base stations will lead to a display of the page: **Gateway has been reset**.



STEP 13 Navigate back to the **Multi cell settings** page by clicking **Multi-cell** url link at the left column. The revised **Multi cell settings** page shows the relevant base stations synchronized together. By default, the system uses the first registered base station as the master base unit.



STEP 14 On the Multi-cell settings page, scroll to the **DECT system settings** and Enable or Disable the "**Auto configure DECT sync option source tree**" (See description in the table below). Usually the DECT system RFPI parameter is computed by the system (it's often greyed in a multi-cell system configuration).

Parameter	Description
DECT system RFPI	This is a radio network identity accessed by all Base units in a specific multi-cell system. It is composed of 5 octets. It is actually 5 different variables combined together. RFPI Format: XX XX XX XX XX (where XX are HEX values). Access Rights Class (ARC): Defines network identity structure used by terminals especially in multi-cell environment. Fixed/default Value=1 (Private multi-cell system). RFPI: 1X XX XX XX XX XX Equipment Installer's code (EIC): Code that allows terminals to distinguish between separate DECT networks. Min: 0x00000, Max: 0xFFFF; RTX_EIC: 0x16E6 (May change).
	RFPI: 11 6E 6X XX XX Fixed Part Number(FPN): Is a geographically unique identity transmitted to DECT networks to help PP distinguish between base station communications in different cells/multi-cell systems. Min: 0x001, Max: 0xFFF; E.g. FPN: 0x049 RFPI: 11 6E 60 49 XX Location Area Length (Lal): A unique code sent to the terminal during location registration to determine the size of the location or cell area. Type: 8-bit value (from 0x00 to 0xFF). E.g Lal=0x04 RFPI: 11 6E 60 49 04

Auto configure DECT sync	Enable this to allow the network to automatically synchronize the multi-cell chain/tree. Permitted Inputs: Enable, Disable.
source tree	Note: This parameter is not available to all base unit firmware.

DECT system settings		
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ECT system RFPI: 0x11,0x6E,0x60,0x49,0x04		
uto configure DECT sync source tree Disable 🕶		

STEP 15 Scroll to the **SIP system settings** section, configure and save the parameter based on the description below:

Parameter	Description
Number of SIP accounts before distributed load	The maximum number of handsets or SIP end nodes that are permitted to perform location registration on a specific Base unit. Note: A maximum of 8 simultaneous can be routed through each Base units. Permitted Input: Positive Integers (for e.g. 30).
SIP Server support for multiple registrations per account	Enable this feature if you want multiple location registrations support for each SIP account. Permitted value: Yes, No.

SIP system settings	
These settings are SIP settings for the system.	
Number of SIP accounts before distributed load: 8	
SIP Server support for multiple registrations per account: No 💌 (used for roaming signalling)	

STEP 16 Next, on the MAC-units in chains section, you can manually configure the synchronization source tree of the multi-cell system. Multi-cell settings page, scroll to the DECT system settings and Enable or Disable the "Auto configure DECT sync option source tree" (See description in the table below). Usually the DECT system RFPI parameter is computed by the system (Its often greyed in a multi-cell system).

Parameters	Description
ID	Base unit identity in the chained network. Permitted Output: Positive Integers
RPN	The Radio Fixed Part Number, is an 8-bit DECT cell identity allocated by the installer. The allocated RPN within the SME must be geographically unique. Base stations' and repeater's RPN must only differ on least significant bits that are masked out by the handover mask. Permitted Output: 0 to 255 (DEC) OR 0x00 to 0xFF (HEX)
MAC Address	Contains the hardware Ethernet MAC address on the base station. It varies from Base station to Base stations. Min. Value: 0 (i.e. last 4 HEX digits of 0x00087B070000, may change in the future). Max. value: 65535 (i.e. last 4 HEX digits of 0x00087B07FFFF, may change in the future).
Version	Base station current firmware version.

	Permitted Output: positive Integers (for e.g. 34)
Status	Current Base station behaviour in the SME network.
	Possible Outputs
	Connected: The relevant Base station(s) is online in the network.
	Connection Loss: Base station unexpectedly lost connection to network.
	This Unit: Current Base station whose http Web Interface is currently being accessed.
DECT Sync	The administrator should choose the relevant "multi cell chain" level it wants a specific
source	Base unit to be placed. Maximum number of "multi-cell chain" levels is 6.
Dect Property	Base station characteristics in connection to the current multi cell network.
	Possible Output(s)
	Master: Main Base station unto which all other nodes in the chain synchronizes to.
	Locked: The Base unit is currently synchronized and locked to the master Base unit.
	Searching: Base unit in the process of locating to a Master/slave as specified in Dect sync
	Source.
	Free Running: A locked Base unit that suddenly lost synchronization to the Master.
	Unknown: No current connection information from specific Base unit.

	ID	RPN	MAC address	IP address	Version	Status	DECT sync source	Dect Property
	0	00	00:08:7B:07:7C:BC	192.168.50.71	34	Connected	0-RPN: 00 💌	Master
	1	04	00:08:7B:07:7C:F7	192.168.50.114	34	Connected	0-RPN: 00 💌	Unknown!
Check All / Uncheck All With selected: Remove from chain Save								

Summary of Procedure - Creating a Chain

We enumerate the short version of how to add 3 base stations units in a multi-cell setup. This can be applied for up to N number of base units. The procedure below is valid ONLY for base station firmware version 00.36 and above.

This procedure is divided into four (4) main stages. Apply this procedure if all base unit are straight from production.

Stage 1

Skip this stage if relevant base stations are already in the network.

- a) Add 3 base stations i.e. RFP1, RFP2, RFP3 > Disable the "Multi cell system" option and "Save"
- b) RFP1, RFP2, RFP3: Reboot from the HTTP SME Configuration Main Page
- c) RFP1, RFP2, RFP3: Default by pressing reset button 12-sec.

Stage 2

Choosing 1st base unit i.e. RFP1 as Master

- a) RFP1: Define Time server and "Save" from the **Time** page
- b) RFP1: Reboot
- c) RFP1: Press "Add server" and define SIP server IP and "Save" from the Servers page
- d) RFP1: Multi cell system = enable and "Save" from the **Multi-cell** page
- e) RFP1: Reboot (Verify from Debug log "SYNCMGR: This base is ready to be master in a Chain").

Stage 3

Choose another base unit, RFP2 as Slave1

- a) RFP2: Multi cell system = enable and "Save"
- b) RFP2: Reboot (Verify from Debug log "SYNCMGR: This base is ready to join into another Chain")
- c) RFP1, RFP2: Wait 2min for stable Master-Slave chain (check for the message: **SYNCMGR: Socket#10 creation success**).

Stage 4

Choose the 3rd base unit, RFP3 as Slave2

- d) RFP3: Multi cell system = enable and "Save"
- e) RFP3: Reboot (Verify Debug log "SYNCMGR: This base is ready to join into another Chain")
- f) RFP1, RFP3: Wait 2min for stable Master-Slave chain (SYNCMGR: Socket#10 creation success)
- g) RFP3: Check mark ID2/RPN08 and select dropdown "1 RPN: 04" and "Save"
- h) RFP3: Reboot (SYNCMGR: Socket#8 creation success).

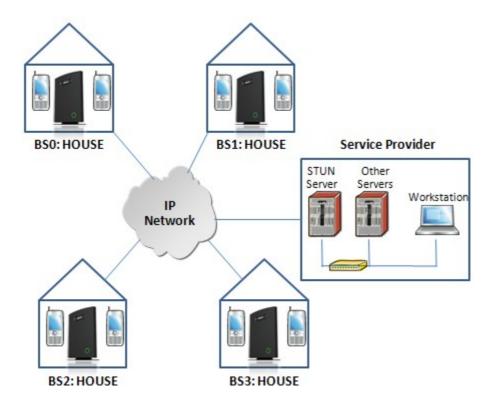
Multi-cell chain of 3 base stations have been created successfully. Next step involves adding extensions to the system.

Practical Configuration of Multi-Cell System

Case ##1: Isolated Buildings

Example includes Branch or small office, Retail outlet or store, etc.

The optimal configuration for isolated buildings is standalone base stations setting. In this setting, you must disable the Multi-cell parameter of each base station.



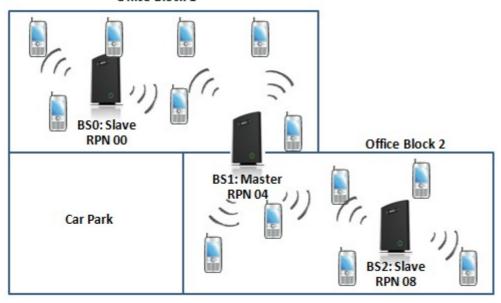
Disable Multi Cell option of Base Stations

Settings for this unit					
These settings are used to connect t	his unit to a system.				
Multi cell system:	Disable V				
System chain ID:	2275				
Synchronization time (s):	60				
Multi cell debug:	Disable V				

Case ##2: Location with co-located partners

Example includes Department shops, Retail location with co-located photo kiosk or pharmacy, etc. Here is diagram to illustrate Case ##2.

Office Block 1



Multi Cell Page of Base Stations

Recommended settings of MAC-units in Chain section of page (Other different settings exist):

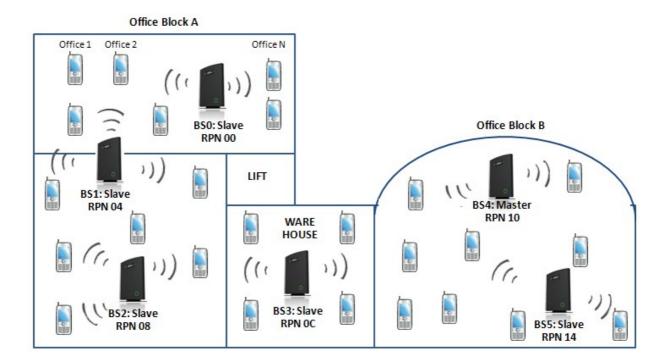
RPN	Ver	MAC Addr	IP Addr	IP Status	DECT sync source	DECT Property
00	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	1: RPN:04	
04	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	1: RPN:04	Master
08	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	1: RPN:04	

Note:

It is not necessary to deploy a dedicated Base unit at the car park area because it is likely no telephony traffic or call will be placed at the area.

Case ##3: Large to Medium Sized Enterprises

Example: Corporate headquarters, Harbour areas, Campus.



Multi Cell Page of Base Stations

Recommended settings of MAC-units in Chain section of page (Other valid setting exists):

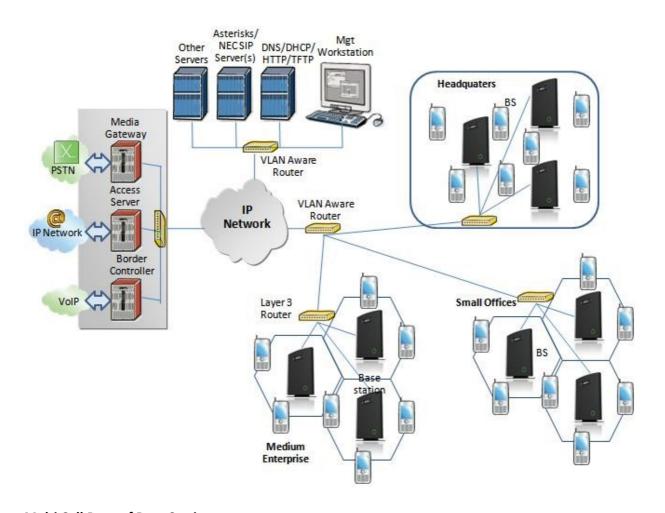
RPN	Ver	MAC Addr	IP Addr	IP Status	DECT sync source	DECT Property
00	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	1: RPN:04	
04	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	2: RPN:08	
08	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	3: RPN:0C	
ОС	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	4: RPN:10	
10	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	4: RPN:10	Master
14	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	4: RPN:10	

Note:

The number of chains cannot exceed 7 levels.

Case ##4: Large Enterprises at Different Locations

Government departments/agencies geographically separated from each other, University campus, Hospital etc.



Multi Cell Page of Base Stations

Recommended settings of MAC-units in Chain section of page (Other valid setting exists):

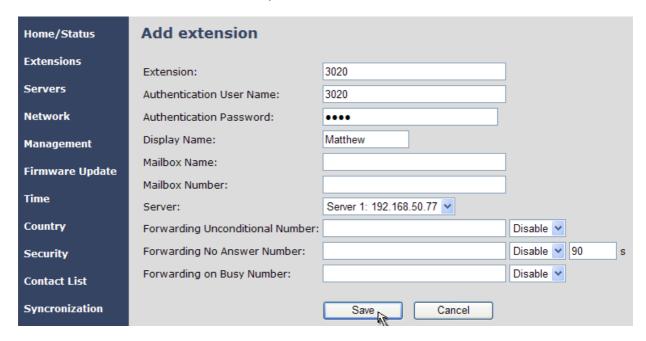
RPN	Ver	MAC Addr	IP Addr	IP Status	DECT sync source	DECT Property
00	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	0: RPN:00	Master for HQ
04	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	0: RPN:00	
08	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	1: RPN:04	
ОС	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	3: RPN:0C	Master for Offices
10	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	3: RPN:0C	
14	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	4: RPN:10	
18	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	6: RPN:18	Master for Enterprises
1 C	XX	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	6: RPN:18	·
20	xx	XX:XX:XX	XXX.XXX	Connected	7: RPN:1C	

Adding Extension/Handset Registration

Here is the recommended procedure of adding extension(s) and registering one or more handsets to the Multi-cell system which was just created.

ADDING EXTENSIONS TO SYSTEM

- **STEP 17** Choose the "Extensions" URL at the left hand column of home page.
- **STEP 18** Select the **Add Extension** URL and enter the relevant entries (an example is shown below with 3020 as the extension). Click on the **Save** button.



HANDSET REGISTRATION

STEP 19 The extension page will show the figure below, if you save successfully the entries safely. Enable the check option and choose the option "Register Handset" URL.



STEP 20 Next, take the handset you would like to register > power it up > In the idle mode navigate to the Menu > Choose **Connectivity** > Select **Register**.



STEP 21 On the Connectivity dialog and after choosing Register option > Enter the **Access code** (by default is 0000) > Press **OK** > Successful registration displays Extension(s) registered.



STEP 22 Open the HTTP interface of relevant base unit > On the **Home/Status** page, you can check the current status of the SIP end node (which is the same as the handset). (In the example below you can check the status of an extension 8000).



Example: Creating Multi-Cell Using 2 Bases/Handsets

In this chapter, we assume a user has a single functioning standalone Base unit and would like to add another base unit. Here is the procedure:

The multi-cell system contains one Master and can have more than one Slave. The Slave will have the information synchronized with the Master.

BEFORE CONFIGURING THE BASE STATIONS

STEP 1 Reset the relevant bases (BS1 and BS2) to the default state.

STEP 2 Take each base station and long press the small button on the side (after the bases restart or power up) until the LED in front turns RED for 5 sec (continue pressing even when you see





-> Long press reset button ->

-> Wait until LED stays



RED for 5 secs (no flashing) -> finish.

-> Power down and up the BS again to

CONFIGURATION OF BASE STATIONS

STEP 3 For each base station [BS 1 and BS 2] navigate to multi-cell configuration page by clicking "**Multi-cell**" > On this page select the "**Enable**" option for Multi cell system parameter and fill in a number for System chain ID, press Save. Press reboot button on the "Home" page to reboot BS 1 and BS 2 and wait for 1 to 3 mins.



STEP 4 After a successful restart, on each base [BS 1 and BS 2] Multi-cell page you will find the other base connected and synchronized (the IP status shows **This Unit** or **Connected**) to the system as illustrated below.



STEP 5 For [BS 1] Add server and extension to BS 1 similar to earlier sections.

STEP 6 [BS 1] Register HS to the extension and verify whether its successful from the "Home" page and Handset UI.

Welcome

Please select a configuration page in the index pane on left.

System Information:

Phone Type: System Type: RF Band:

Current local time: Operation time: RFPI-Address: MAC-Address: IP-Address: Firmware-Version:

Firmware-URL: SIP Identity Status on this Base Station:

4001 4001@192.168.50.95 4002 4002@192.168.50.95

Multi Cell Ready(Keep-alive) Master

IPDECT HW ver 00 Generic SIP (RFC 3261)

01/Jan/1970 00:10:15 00:10:10 (H:M:S) 116E60FD00; RPN:00 00087bd7915c

192.168.50.96

IPDECT/00.44//01-Oct-10 14:47

Identity 1 Status:

OK OK Identity 2 Status: