

INTEROPERABILITY REPORT

Ascom i63
Ruckus Wireless

Ruckus SmartZone

Ruckus SZ v. 6.1.2.0.404

Ascom i63 v. 5.0.2

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Introduction

This document describes a summary of the interoperability verification results of the Ascom's and Ruckus Wireless platform, necessary steps and guidelines to optimally configure the platforms and support contact details. The report should be used in conjunction with both Ruckus Wireless and Ascom's platform configuration guides.

About Ascom

Ascom is a global solutions provider focused on healthcare ICT and mobile workflow solutions. The vision of Ascom is to close digital information gaps allowing for the best possible decisions – anytime and anywhere. Ascom's mission is to provide mission-critical, real-time solutions for highly mobile, ad hoc, and time-sensitive environments. Ascom uses its unique product and solutions portfolio and software architecture capabilities to devise integration and mobilization solutions that provide truly smooth, complete and efficient workflows for healthcare as well as for industry, security and retail sectors.

Ascom is headquartered in Baar (Switzerland), has operating businesses in 18 countries and employs around 1,300 people worldwide. Ascom registered shares (ASCN) are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange in Zurich.

About Ruckus Networks

Ruckus Networks is redefining connectivity around the globe. With our partners, we build secure wired and wireless access networks for organizations that place a premium on connectivity experiences for end users as well as simplicity. Follow Ruckus on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube and subscribe to our blog.

About CommScope & Ruckus

CommScope (NASDAQ: COMM) and the recently acquired ARRIS and Ruckus Networks are redefining tomorrow by shaping the future of wired and wireless communications. Our combined global team of employees, innovators and technologists have empowered customers in all regions of the world to anticipate what's next and push the boundaries of what's possible. Discover more at www.commscope.com. Site Information

Site Information

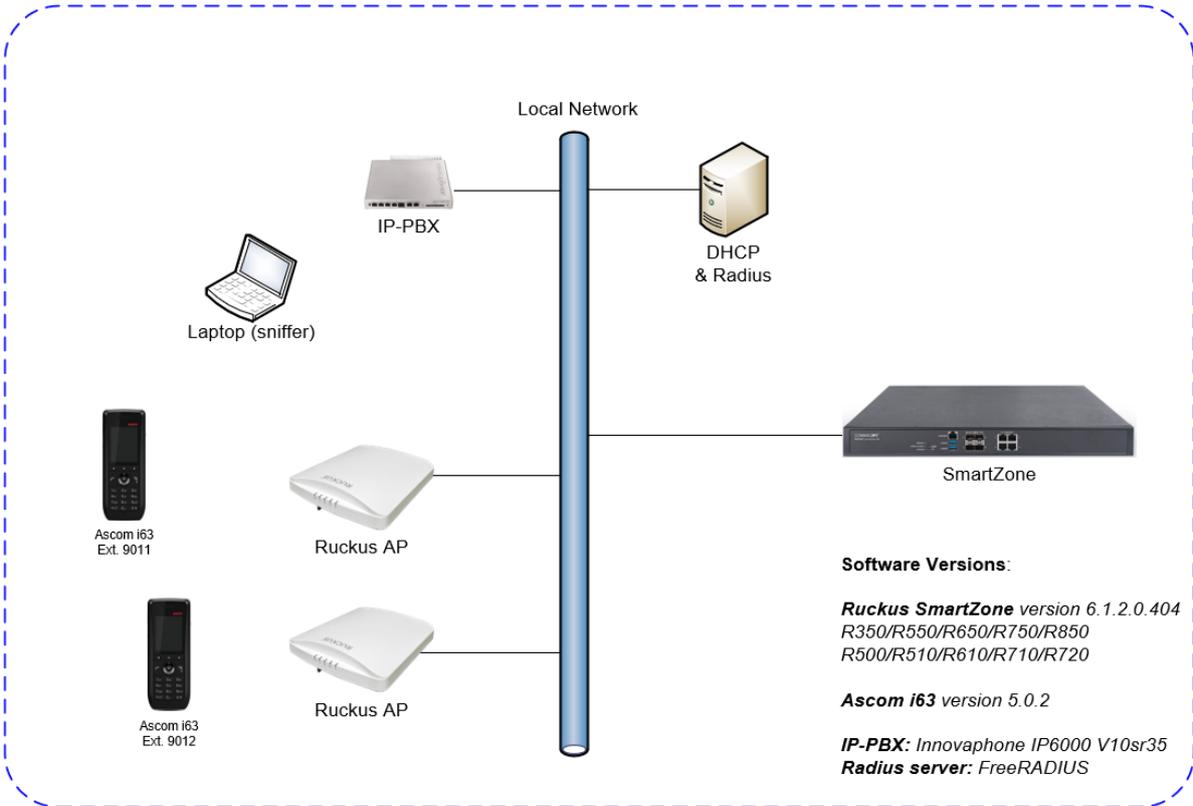
Verification site

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Verification topology



Summary

General conclusions

This Ascom interoperability validation produced good results with regards to the tested areas of authentication, stability, roaming, QoS and power save.

Roaming times were in general very good with all Authentication methods. Observed times were typically around 40-70ms. Using 11r/FT typically produced the best results and is therefore recommended.

Compatibility information

All test were performed using a Virtual SmartZone E. We ensure compatibility/interoperability with all the access points and controllers listed below given that they run the software tested.

Supported Partner Access Points with Ruckus Wireless version SmartZone 6.1.2.0.404:

R350, R350e, T350, R550, R650, R750, T750, R850

R500, R510, R610, R710, R720

Supported controller platforms with Ruckus Wireless version SmartZone 6.1.2.0.404:

Virtual SmartZone H (vSZ-H)

Virtual SmartZone E (vSZ-E)

Virtual SmartZone D (vSZ-D)

SmartZone 144 & 300

Verification overview

WLAN Compatibility and Performance

High Level Functionality	Result	Comments
Association, Open with No Encryption	OK	
Association, WPA2-PSK / AES Encryption	OK	
Association, WPA2-PSK, AES Encryption, 802.11r/FT	OK	
Association, PEAP-MSCHAPv2 Auth, AES Encryption	OK	
Association, PEAP-MSCHAPv2 Auth, AES Encryption, 802.11r/FT	OK	
Association with EAP-TLS authentication	OK	
Association, Multiple ESSIDs	OK	
Association with Protected Management Frames 802.11w	OK	
Beacon Interval and DTIM Period	OK	
PMKSA Caching	OK	
WPA2-opportunistic/proactive Key Caching	OK	
WMM Prioritization	OK	
802.11 Power-save mode	OK	
802.11e U-APSD	OK	
Roaming, WPA2-PSK, AES Encryption	OK	Avg. typical roaming time 60-65 ms
Roaming, WPA2-PSK, AES Encryption, 802.11r/FT	OK	Avg. typical roaming time 25-30 ms
Roaming, PEAP-MSCHAPv2 Auth, AES Encryption	OK *	Avg. typical roaming time 75-80 ms
Roaming, PEAP-MSCHAPv2 Auth, AES Encryption, 802.11r/FT	OK	Avg. typical roaming time 25-35 ms
Channel usage controlled by 802.11k	OK	

Average roaming times are measured on the 5GHz band. Refer to Appendix B for detailed test results

*) Measured times is with opportunistic/proactive Key Caching enabled (default enabled)

Known limitations

Description and Consequence	Workaround	Ticket(s) raised

For additional information regarding the known limitations please contact interop@ascom.com or support@ascom.com.

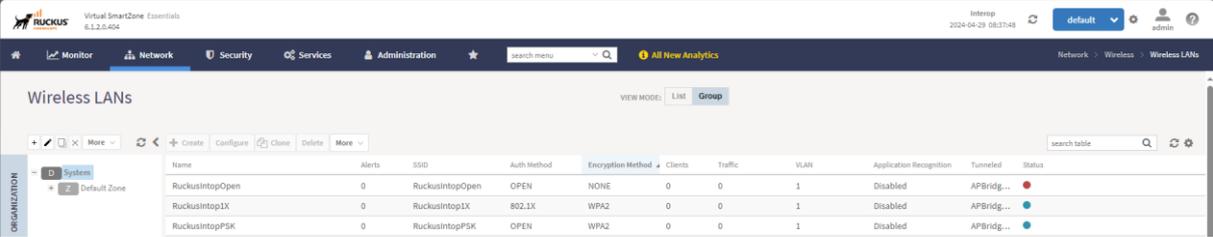
For detailed verification results, refer to Appendix B: Detailed Verification Records.

Appendix A: Verification Configurations

Ruckus Wireless SmartZone version 6.1.2.0.404

In the following chapter you will find screenshots and explanations of basic settings to get a Ruckus Smartzone WLAN system to operate with an Ascom i63. Please note that security settings were modified according to requirements in individual test cases.

Wireless LAN overview



Security settings (WPA2-PSK)

Edit WLAN Config: [RuckusIntopPSK]

The screenshot displays the configuration page for a WLAN named 'RuckusIntopPSK'. The interface is divided into three main sections: General Options, Authentication Options, and Encryption Options. In the General Options section, the Name, SSID, and Description are all set to 'RuckusIntopPSK', and the WLAN Group is set to 'default'. The Network Segmentation toggle is turned off. In the Authentication Options section, the Authentication Type is set to 'Standard usage (For most regular wireless networks)', and the Method is set to 'Open'. In the Encryption Options section, the Method is set to 'WPA2', the Algorithm is set to 'AES', and the Passphrase is masked with dots. The 802.11r Fast Roaming toggle is turned on. Other options like 802.11w MFP, Dynamic PSK, Reserve SSID, and Transition Disable indication are also visible.

Example of how to configure the system for PSK security (WPA2-AES)

- Select open Authentication
- Select WPA2 and AES
- It is recommended to use Fast Transition (802.11r) for enhanced roaming performance.

Edit WLAN Config: [RuckusIntopPSK]

Advanced Options

[?] BSS Priority: High Low

Wi-Fi Calling: OFF

Client Fingerprinting: ON

[?] Access VLAN: VLAN ID

OFF Enable VLAN Pooling

If DHCP/NAT is enabled on an AP, the VLANs configured should be aligned with the VLANs in the DHCP Profile(s). Clients will have connectivity issues if the client resolves a VLAN other than those in the DHCP profile(s).

Broadcast SSID: ON

Client Load Balancing: OFF

Proxy ARP: ON

ND Proxy: OFF OFF Suppress NS

RA Proxy: OFF OFF RS/RA Guard OFF RA Throttling

* Max Allowed RA:

* Interval (in Minutes):

Advanced WLAN configuration

- Make sure Client Load Balancing is disabled
- Enable Proxy ARP

Edit WLAN Config: [RuckusIntopPSK]

* Max Clients: Allow up to 100 clients per AP radio to associate with this WLAN

802.11d: ON

[?] AMB(Agile Multi Band): OFF

802.11k Neighbor Report: ON

Anti-spoofing: OFF

OFF ARP request rate limit 15 ppm

OFF DHCP request rate limit 15 ppm

Force DHCP: OFF Disconnect client if it does not obtain a valid IP address after 10 seconds

DHCP Option 82: OFF

DTIM Interval: 2 (1-255) Defines the frequency of beacons that will include a DTIM

[?] Directed MC/BC Threshold: 5 (0-128) Defines the per radio client count at which an AP will stop converting group addressed data traffic to unicast.

Client TX/RX Statistics: ON Collect statistics from unauthorized clients 11ax series AP models do not support this feature.

* Inactivity Timeout: Terminate user sessions that are idle for 3600 seconds (60-86400) of inactivity

[?] GTK Rekey: OFF

Long timeout value can significantly reduce AP capacity to serve clients in a dynamic environment.

[?] WIFI 6: ON

OFDM Only: OFF

[?] BSS Min Rate: 12 mbps

Mgmt Tx Rate: 12 mbps

Time Schedule: Always On Always Off Specific

Allow Band Balancing: OFF

QoS Map Set: OFF

Multicast Filter: OFF Drop the broadcast/multicast packets from associated clients.

Advanced WLAN configuration (Continued)

- Enable 802.11d
- Enable 802.11k Neighbor report.
Note for i63 to use 802.11k neighbor list needs to be set to on handset side.
See i63 configuration section below.
- Ascom recommends a DTIM period of at least 2 but no higher than 5.
- Set BSS Min Rate to 12mbps
- Make sure Allow Band Balancing is disabled

Note. Ascom i62 and Myco 1 & 2 do not support 11k but have no problem operating on an SSID were these settings are enabled. (Assuming i62 version 6.0.0 and later)

Security settings (Radius configuration)

The screenshot shows the Ruckus Virtual SmartZone Essentials interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Monitor', 'Network', 'Security', 'Services', and 'Administration'. The 'Security' tab is active, and the 'Non-Proxy (AP Authenticator)' sub-tab is selected. A table lists the configured Radius servers:

Name	Type	Description	Last Modified On	Last Modified By
FreeRadius	RADIUS	FreeRadius	2023/04/19 14:29:48	admin

RADIUS server configuration overview.

Edit AAA Server: [FreeRadius]

The screenshot shows the configuration page for the 'FreeRadius' AAA server. The 'General Options' section includes:

- Name: FreeRadius
- Description: FreeRadius
- Type: RADIUS, Active Directory, LDAP
- Backup RADIUS: OFF, Enable Secondary Server

The 'Primary Server' section includes:

- IP Address: 10.30.174.5
- Port: 1812
- Shared Secret: [Redacted]
- Confirm Secret: [Redacted]

The 'User Role Mapping' section is currently empty.

Example of how to configure the system for .1X authentication.

The IP Address and Shared Secret must correspond to the IP and the credential used by the Radius server.

Security settings (WPA2-802.1X / PEAP-MSCHAPv2)

Edit WLAN Config: [RuckusIntop1X]

General Options

Name: RuckusIntop1X
SSID: RuckusIntop1X
Description: RuckusIntop1X
WLAN Group: default

Network Segmentation: OFF Enable Network Segmentation role configuration

Authentication Options

Authentication Type: Standard usage (For most regular wireless networks) Hotspot (WISP) Guest Access Web Authentication
 Hotspot 2.0 Access Hotspot 2.0 Onboarding WeChat

Method: Open 802.1X EAP MAC Address 802.1X EAP & MAC

Encryption Options

Method: WPA2 WPA3 WPA2/WPA3-Mixed OWE OWE-Transition WPA-Mixed WEP-64 (40 bits) WEP-128 (104 bits) None

Encryption methods other than WPA3 and OWE will not be supported on 6GHz radio.

Algorithm: AES AUTO AES-GCMP-256

802.11r Fast Roaming: ON OFF

Mobility Domain ID: 1 (1-65535)

802.11w MFP: Disabled Capable Required

Transition Disable indication: OFF

Data Plane Options

Access Network: OFF Tunnel WLAN traffic through Ruckus GRE

Authentication & Accounting Server

Authentication Server: OFF Use the Controller as Proxy
FreeRadius

Accounting Server: OFF Use the Controller as Proxy
Disable

Configuration of ESS profile for utilization of 802.1X authentication.

- Select 802.1X EAP
- Select WPA2 and AES
- It is recommended to use Fast Transition (802.11r) for enhanced roaming performance.
- Authentication server "FreeRadius" corresponds to the server configured in previous step.

Note. 802.11r is not supported by Ascom i62 and Myco 1 & 2 but the devices have no problem operating on a SSIDs were 802.11r (FT) is advertised in conjunction with a legacy method.

Edit WLAN Config: [RuckusIntop1X]

Advanced Options

[?] BSS Priority: High Low

Wi-Fi Calling: OFF

Client Fingerprinting: ON

[?] Access VLAN: VLAN ID

OFF Enable VLAN Pooling
If DHCP/NAT is enabled on an AP, the VLANs configured should be aligned with the VLANs in the DHCP Profile(s). Clients will have connectivity issues if the client resolves a VLAN other than those in the DHCP profile(s).

ON Enable Dynamic VLAN (AAA Override)

Broadcast SSID: ON

Client Load Balancing: OFF

Proxy ARP: ON

ND Proxy: ON
 OFF Suppress NS

RA Proxy: ON
 OFF RS/RA Guard
 OFF RA Throttling

* Max Allowed RA:

* Interval (in Minutes):

Advanced WLAN configuration

- Make sure Client Load Balancing is disabled.
- Enable Proxy ARP.

Edit WLAN Config: [RuckusIntop1X]

* Max Clients: Allow up to 100 clients per AP radio to associate with this WLAN

802.11d: ON

[?] AMB(Agile Multi Band): OFF

802.11k Neighbor Report: ON

Anti-spoofing: OFF

ARP request rate limit: 15 ppm

DHCP request rate limit: 15 ppm

Force DHCP: OFF Disconnect client if it does not obtain a valid IP address after 10 seconds

DHCP Option 82: OFF

DTIM Interval: 2 (1-255) Defines the frequency of beacons that will include a DTIM

[?] Directed MQ/BC Threshold: 5 (0-128) Defines the per radio client count at which an AP will stop converting group addressed data traffic to unicast.

Client TX/RX Statistics: ON Collect statistics from unauthorized clients 11ax series AP models do not support this feature.

* Inactivity Timeout: Terminate user sessions that are idle for 800 seconds (60-86400) of inactivity

[?] GTK Rekey: OFF

* User Session Timeout: Terminate user sessions after 172800 seconds (120-864000). The authentication service can override the session timeout.

[?] WiFi 6: ON

OFDM Only: OFF

[?] BSS Min Rate: 12 mbps

Mgmt Tx Rate: 12 mbps

PMK Caching support: ON

OKC support: ON

Time Schedule: Always On Always Off Specific

Allow Band Balancing: OFF

QoS Map Set: OFF

Multicast Filter: OFF Drop the broadcast/multicast packets from associated clients.

Advanced WLAN configuration (Continued)

- Enable 802.11d
- Enable 802.11k Neighbor report.
Note for i63 to use 802.11k neighbor list needs to be set to on handset side.
See i63 configuration section below.
- Ascom recommends a DTIM period of at least 2 but no higher than 5.
- Set BSS Min Rate to 12mbps
- Make sure Allow Band Balancing is disabled

General settings (QoS, Radio)

Edit Zone: Default Zone

Band/Spectrum Configuration

2.4 GHz
5 GHz
6 GHz

Channelization:

Channel:

[?] Auto Cell Sizing: OFF Enable

[?] TX Power Adjustment:

Protection Mode: NONE RTS / CTS CTS ONLY

[?] Background Scan: Run background scan on this radio every seconds (1-65535)

[?] Auto Channel Selection: Automatically adjust channel using

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2412	2417	2422	2427	2432	2437	2442	2447	2452	2457	2462	2467	2472

Edit Zone: Default Zone

Band/Spectrum Configuration

2.4 GHz
5 GHz
6 GHz

Channelization:

Channel: Indoor:
Outdoor:

Allow DFS Channels: OFF Allow APs to use DFS channels

Allow Indoor Channels: OFF Allow outdoor APs to use channels regulated as for indoor use only

[?] Auto Cell Sizing: OFF Enable

[?] TX Power Adjustment:

Indoor

Lower 5G	
U-NII-1	U-NII-2a
5180	5200
5220	5240
5280	5300
5320	5320
36	40
44	48
52	56
60	64

DFS Channels

Upper 5G

U-NII-2c (extended)		U-NII-3	U-NII-4
5500	5520	5745	5805
5540	5560	5785	5825
5600	5620	5845	5865
5640	5660		
5680	5700		
5720	5740		
5760	5780		
5800	5840		
5880	5920		
5960	6000		
6040	6080		
6160	6200		
6240	6280		
6320	6360		
100	104	149	153
108	112	157	161
116	120	165	169
124	128	173	
132	136		
140	144		

DFS Channels

Weather

Outdoor

Lower 5G	
U-NII-1	U-NII-2a
5180	5200
5220	5240
5280	5300
5320	5320
36	40
44	48
52	56
60	64

DFS Channels

Upper 5G

U-NII-2c (extended)		U-NII-3	U-NII-4
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5680	5700		
5720	5740		
5760	5780		
5800	5840		
5880	5920		
5960	6000		
6040	6080		
6160	6200		
6240	6280		
6320	6360		
100	104	149	153
108	112	157	161
116	120	165	169
124	128	173	
132	136		
140	144		

DFS Channels

Weather

U-NII-4 is not supported on R760 APs.

[?] Background Scan: Run background scan on this radio every seconds (1-65535)

[?] Auto Channel Selection: Automatically adjust channel using

Access Points Common Settings per AP group.

Ascom recommended settings for 802.11b/g/n are to only use channel 1, 6 and 11. For 802.11a/n/ac use channels according to the infrastructure manufacturer and country regulations.

Note that Tx power level and channel was manually set for test purpose.

General guidelines when deploying Ascom i63 handsets in 802.11a/n/ac environments:

1. For environments not utilizing 802.11k Neighbor Report - Enabling more than 8 channels will degrade roaming performance. (In situations where UNII1 and UNII3 are used, a maximum of 9 enabled channels can be allowed) Ascom does not recommend exceeding this limit unless 802.11k is in use.

2. Ascom do support and can coexist in 80MHz channel bonding environments. The recommendations is however to avoid 80 MHz channel bonding as it severely reduces the number of available non overlapping channels.
3. Make sure that all non-DFS channel are taken before resorting to DFS channels. The handset can cope in mixed non-DFS and DFS environments; however, due to “unpredictability” introduced by radar detection protocols, voice quality may become distorted and roaming delayed. Hence Ascom recommends if possible avoiding the use of DFS channels in VoWiFi deployments.

Edit AP: [28:B3:71:2F:8F:20]

AP Configuration Swap Configuration

Radio Options

2-Radio AP: 2.4 GHz 5 GHz

Band/Spectrum Configuration

2.4 GHz 5 GHz

Channelization: ON Override 20

Channel: ON Override 11

[?] Auto Cell Sizing: ON Override OFF Enable

[?] TX Power Adjustment: ON Override -7dB

Protection Mode: ON Override NONE RTS / CTS CTS ONLY

WLAN Group: OFF Override default + -

WLAN Service: ON OFF

[?] Auto Channel Selection: OFF Override ON Automatically adjust channel using Background Scanning

ON Override

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2412	2417	2422	2427	2432	2437	2442	2447	2452	2457	2462	2467	2472

Individual AP configuration 2.4Ghz

Edit AP: [28:B3:71:2F:8F:20]

AP Configuration Swap Configuration

Radio Options

2-Radio AP: 2.4 GHz 5 GHz

Band/Spectrum Configuration

2.4 GHz 5 GHz

Channelization: ON Override 20

Channel: ON Override 36

[?] Auto Cell Sizing: ON Override OFF Enable

[?] TX Power Adjustment: ON Override -6dB(1/4)

WLAN Group: OFF Override default + -

WLAN Service: ON OFF

[?] Auto Channel Selection: OFF Override ON Automatically adjust channel using Background Scanning

ON Override

Lower 5G							
U-NII-1				U-NII-2a			
5180	5200	5220	5240	5260	5280	5300	5320
36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64
DFS Channels							

Upper 5G															
U-NII-2c (extended)								U-NII-3				U-NII-4			
5600	5620	5640	5660	5680	5700	5720	5740	5765	5785	5805	5825	5845	5865		
100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132	136	140	144	149	153		
DFS Channels															
Weather															

Individual AP configuration 5GHz.

Channel and Tx power override was used to create suitable cell overlap for test purposes.

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Device type:

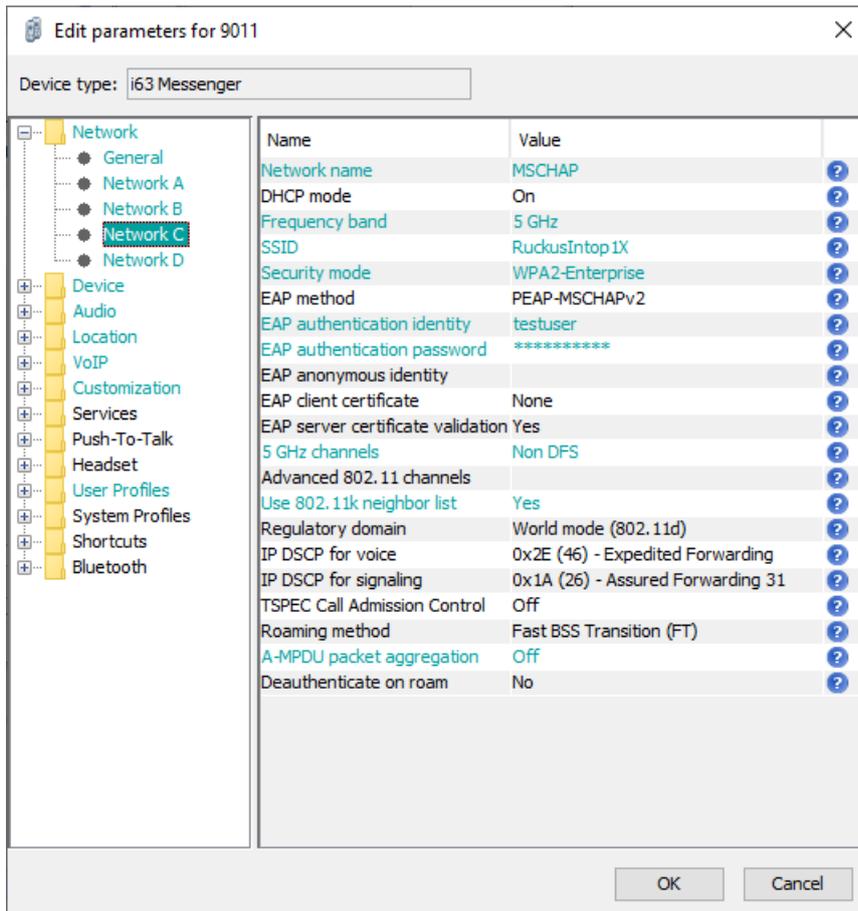
Name	Value	
Network name	PSK	?
DHCP mode	On	?
Frequency band	5 GHz	?
SSID	RuckusIntopPSK	?
Security mode	WPA/WPA2-Personal	?
Passphrase	*****	?
5 GHz channels	Non DFS	?
Advanced 802.11 channels		?
Use 802.11k neighbor list	Yes	?
Regulatory domain	World mode (802.11d)	?
IP DSCP for voice	0x2E (46) - Expedited Forwarding	?
IP DSCP for signaling	0x1A (26) - Assured Forwarding 31	?
TSPEC Call Admission Control	Off	?
Roaming method	Fast BSS Transition (FT)	?
A-MPDU packet aggregation	Off	?
Deauthenticate on roam	No	?

OK Cancel

Network settings for WPA2-PSK

- Select frequency band according to system setup (here 5GHz)
- Select only the channels used in the system or set parameter "Use 802.11k neighbor list" to "Yes" to utilize the system provided channels list.
- Set A-MPDU packet aggregation to off. This is a compatibility setting to minimize network disconnects.

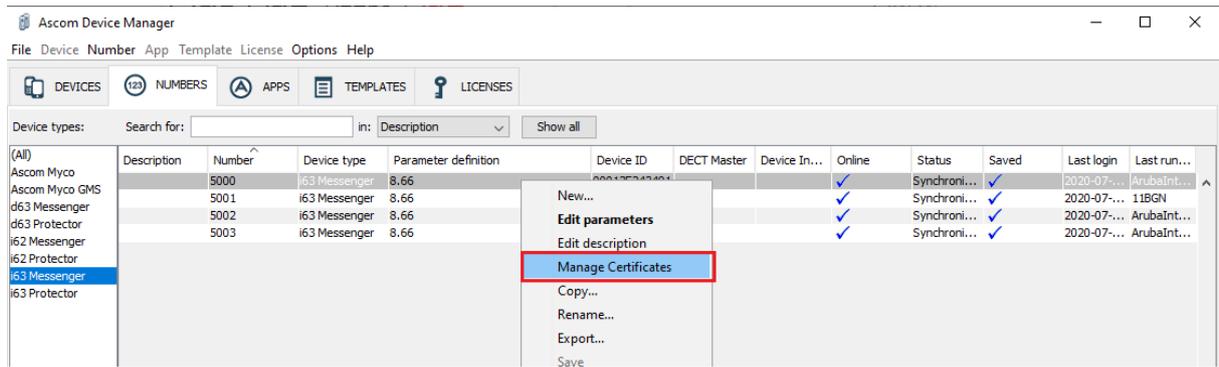
Note. FCC is no longer allowing 802.11d to determine regulatory domain. Devices deployed in USA must set Regulatory domain to "USA".



Network settings for .1X authentication (PEAP-MSCHAPv2)

- Select frequency band according to system setup (here 5GHz)
- Select only the channels used in the system or set parameter "Use 802.11k neighbor list" to "Yes" to utilize the system provided channels list.
- Set A-MPDU packet aggregation to off. This is a compatibility setting to minimize network disconnects.

Note. FCC is no longer allowing 802.11d to determine regulatory domain. Devices deployed in USA must set Regulatory domain to "USA".



802.1X Authentication requires a root certificate to be uploaded to the phone by “right clicking” -> Edit certificates. EAP-TLS will require both a CA and a client certificate.

Appendix B: Detailed Verification Records

Pass	16
Fail	0
Comments	6
Not verified	6
Total	28

Refer to the attached file for detailed verification results.

Document History

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