

TheLinkBox

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It is possible to interface an app_rpt installation with TheLinkBox Program (by Skip, WB6YMH), using the chan_tlb channel driver.

The connection(s) are accessed and referred to by a locally-assigned (private) node number, starting with '1' (generally 1000-1999, as are any nodes not in the 'public' numbering space). Since the interface is unique to the app_rpt installation, other app_rpt stations must first connect to the app_rpt node(s) configured to connect with the desired TheLinkBox station(s).

Both TheLinkBox and app_rpt sides of the connection must choose a consecutive pair of UDP port numbers on which to communicate (ports 44966/44967 typically) and also must both be on static IP addresses.

TheLinkBox supports the codecs ULAW, G726 and GSM. The app_rpt side of the connection dictates which codec is to be used.

To enable TheLinkBox connectivity, there must be a file /etc/asterisk/tlb.conf specified as follows:

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[tlb0] call=WB6NIL-R ; Call of the app_rpt station port=44966 ; Start of UDP port range (this port, port + 1)
astnode=2008 ; app_rpt node associated with this instance (for incoming connections) context=radio-secure ;
Asterisk context for incoming connections codec=ULAW ; Default CODEC to be used
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[nodes] 1001 = W6ABC,12.34.56.78,44966 ; This one is for W6ABC at ip 12.34.56.78:44966 default CODEC
1002 = W1XYZ,11.22.33.44,1234,G726 ; This one is for W1XYZ at ip 11.22.33.44:1234 with G726 CODEC
You can, if you wish, have multiple instances under different sections (such as [tlb1], etc) as long as they are on
different UDP port pairs.
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NOTE: The UDP port pair must start with an even port number. The even port is for the RTP (audio) and the odd port is for the RTCP (control/supervisory).

On TheLinkBox side, you must specify the following in the main configuration file (generally tlb.conf):

RTP_Port = 44966 And you must have an entry in your ACL file (generally tlb.acl) for each app_rpt node as follows:

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allow WB6NIL 99.88.77.66 - -R This particular example would allow station WB6NIL-R access from ip
99.88.77.66.
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NOTE: You must be running at least version 0.47 of TheLinkBox to use this feature.

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