VISuite – Milestone Proxy Integration

Integrating VISuite with the Milestone XProtect 2020 R2 Corporate via Ipsotek Proxy Service

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Acronym	Description	
Al	Artificial Intelligence	
AIVA	Artificial Intelligence Video Analytics	
MDDB	Meta-Data Data-Base	
GUI	Graphical User Interface	
VMS	Video Management System	
SDK	Software Development Kit	
VIS	Visual Intelligence Server	
ONVIF	Open Network Video Interface Forum	
VCA	Video Content Analysis	

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1. Introduction

This document contains the configuration details for the VISuite Milestone integration. Wherever necessary, references with other documents and material are made throughout the document. This document is categorized into 3 sections based on the context and functionality.

- a) Camera Configuration & Video Streaming Video from Milestone XProtect server or directly from the camera will be analysed by Ipsotek's hardware & software.
- b) Alarm Configuration & Alarm Linking One of the integration's aims is to notify alarms in Milestone Management client interface. To achieve these alarms in both systems, Milestone and VISuite must be linked.
- c) Plugins Software components developed by Ipsotek which can be hosted in Milestone's Management client interface.

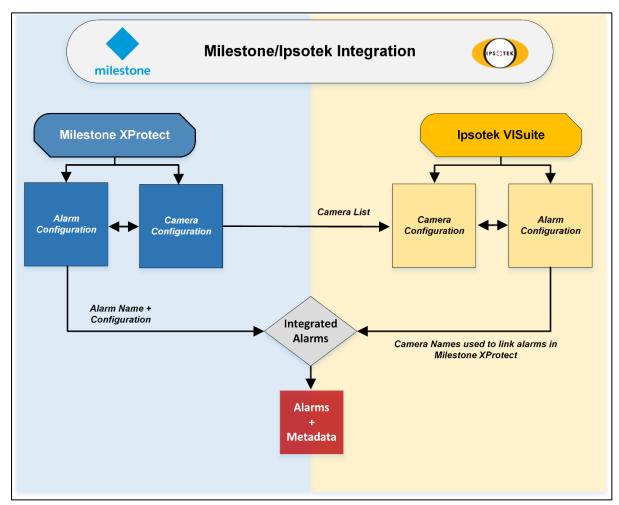


Figure 1: Block Diagram Describing Integration



1.1 Integration Features

Integration with Milestone XProtect supports the following functionality:

- Decode and analyse the IP Video in real-time.
- Raise alarms in XProtect viewing client.
- Display real time tracking and event metadata in viewing client.

1.2 **Prerequisites**

This integration requires the following components from both the systems.

- ¹Milestone XProtect Corporate 2019/2020 Server.
- ¹Milestone XProtect Management Client 2019/2020.
- ¹Milestone XProtect Smart Client 2019/2020.
- AIVA server. Ipsotek's AIVA hardware server.
- Ipsotek VISuite AIVA 11.4 software, or above.
- Milestone Proxy IpsotekMilestoneProxy11.0.0.2.
- Milestone device pack 8.4 or later
- Administrator privileged windows account

1.3 Video Streaming

It is assumed that both Milestone server, AIVA server and IP cameras are on the same network. It is recommended that the network guarantees a consistent frame rate without any packet drops.

1.4 Feature Compatibility

The table below depicts the supported Ipsotek features on the various Milestone editions.

Integration Features	XProtect Corporate	XProtect Expert	XProtect Enterprise	XProtect Smart Client (32-bit)	XProtect Smart Client (64-bit)
VMS Video Streaming	✓	√	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Raise XProtect Alarms	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓
Display Metadata	✓	✓		✓	\checkmark

¹ Versions tested within QA test environment. Earlier versions may work but have not been fully validated.



2. Milestone Licensing

2.1 Required Licences

There is a simple method of integration supported by the Ipsotek platform as described below. The Milestone licencing model requires the procurement of device license keys (DLK) to support individual devices. The licenses that are required are as follows:

Method: AIVA (Ipsotek) server to receive video streams from Milestone.

Licences Required: One Milestone DLK per metadata channel

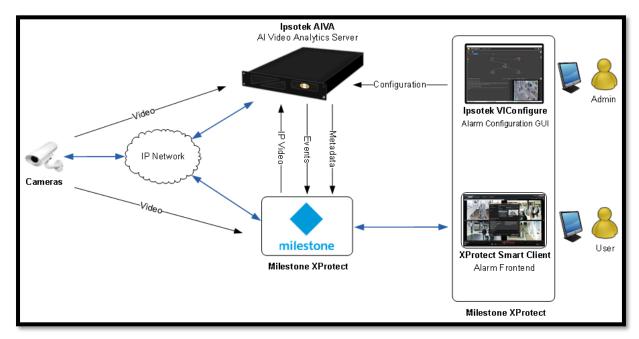


Figure 2: Milestone Metadata Integration System Diagram



2.2 Checking Milestone Licensing

The correct licenses should be acquired prior to any installation/configuration. Licenses and their quantities can be checked in the Milestone XProtect management client by navigating to the "License Information" under "Basics" on the left hand side tree menu and clicking on the "License Overview" button as shown below:

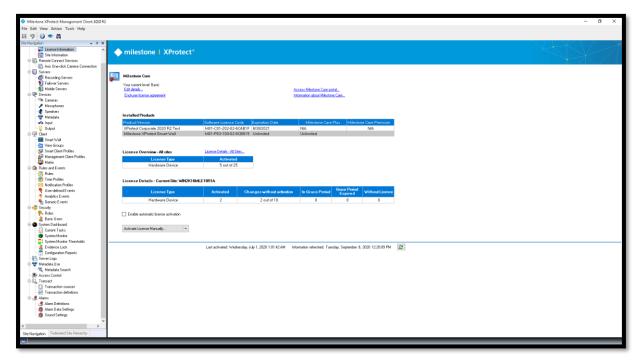


Figure 3: Milestone Licensing



3. Milestone Cameras

In order to perform event detection and overlay metadata, it is assumed that both Milestone server and VIS server are on the same network. It is recommended that the network guarantees a consistent frame rate without any packet drops.

3.1 Camera Name Limitations

Character Limit (Ipsotek Limitation)	250	
Allowed Characters	0123456789	
	abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz	
	ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ	
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3.2 Camera Setup

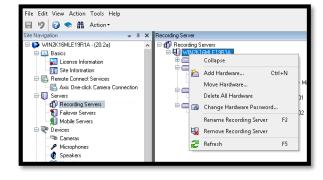
This section provides the steps required for setting up a camera in the Milestone XProtect Corporate/Enterprise Management Client. Cameras should be added to the Milestone platform before seeking to create connections to the Ipsotek AIVA server. Follow the steps below

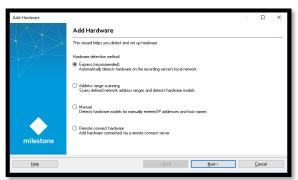
Step 1:

Add camera by selecting Recording Servers from the left-hand tree. Right click on the required/displayed server and select "Add Hardware" from the drop-down menu.

Step 2:

From the wizard select "Manual"







Step 3:

Add camera authentication credentials and enable via the check box.

Step 4:

Select camera manufacturer and model.

Please Note: Selecting a manufacturer will select all subsequent models. You may select the specific model number if known.

Step 5:

Enter IP address of camera.

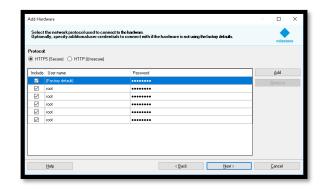
Please Note: You may add multiple device IP's by clicking on "Add".

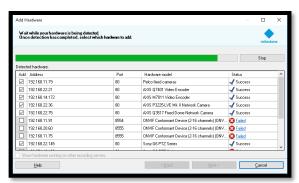
Step 6:

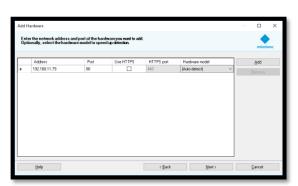
Acknowledge addition of camera to system.

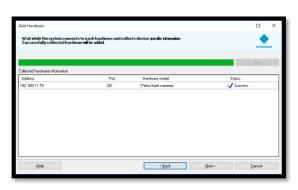
Step 7A:

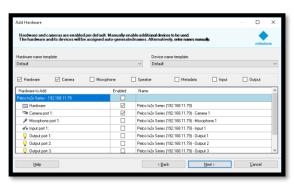
Select any additional hardware functions required.









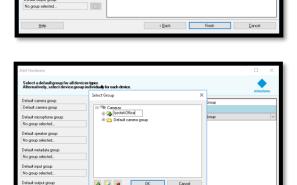




Step 7B:

Select camera group by clicking on the highlighted folder. You may also create new groups through this dialogue.

Please Note: It is highly recommended that groups are used to keep cameras in a manageable order.



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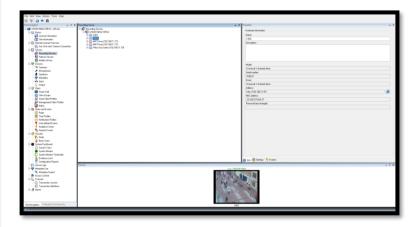
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Step 8:

Confirm camera feed via preview pane as shown.



Step 9:

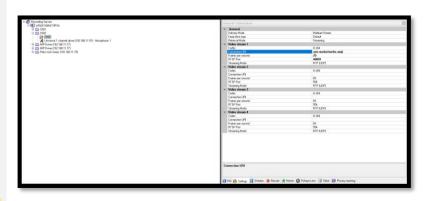
Select supported camera stream from the options by expanding the camera tree and selecting the camera hardware. Navigate to the streams tab in the righthand pane and select the required stream from the dropdown menu.

Supported Streams:

H.263

H.264

MPEG





3.3 **Ipsotek Camera Configuration**

The final step in the camera configuration is to name the cameras in VIConfigure to match the camera names configured in Milestone. Refer to the *VIConfigure manual* for configuration of rules setup in VISuite.



4. Milestone Users

4.1 Create Basic User

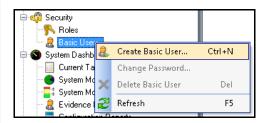
In order for the integrated alarms to be viewed at the end of the integration, a basic user must be created and assigned to a corresponding group.



This step can be skipped if a Windows based account is being used for authentication. The correct permissions are required for Windows based accounts.

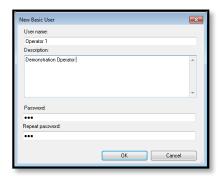
Step 1:

Create a new user by navigating to **Security** from the left hand menu tree. Right click on the "**Basic Users**" item and "**Create Basic Users**" from the drop down menu.



Step 2:

Create a new user by filling out the form provided.

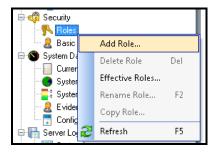


4.2 Create Basic User Roles

In order for the integrated alarms to be viewed at the end of the integration, roles must be created and assigned to a corresponding user.

Step 1:

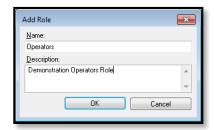
Create a new role by navigating to **Security** from the left hand menu tree. Right click on the **"Roles"** item and **"Add Role"** from the drop down menu.





Step 2:

Create a new role by filling out the form provided.



4.3 Assign Basic User to Role

Basic users must be assigned to a corresponding role.

Step 1:

Navigate to **Security** from the left hand menu tree. Select **"Roles"** and the corresponding role **"Operators"** from the list in the middle tree.

Navigate to "Users and Groups" located in the bottom tabs as shown in the diagram.

Step 2:

Select "Add" and "Basic User".

Step 3:

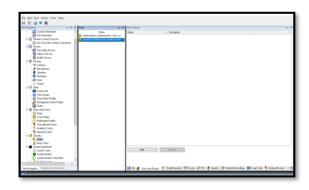
Select created basic user.

Step 4:

Navigate to the Alarms tab and select "Alarms"

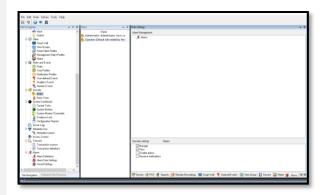
Select and Tick the following items:

- Manage
- View







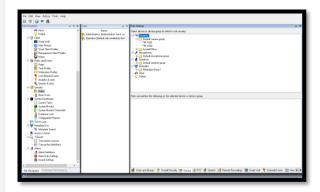




Step 5:

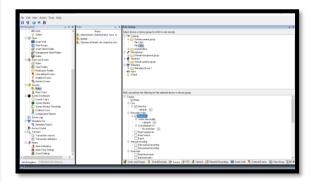
Navigate to the Device tab and select Cameras.

Select the associated cameras which will display analytic events.



Step 6:

Enable Camera "Read" on the corresponding cameras to receive analytic events.

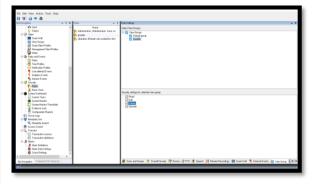


Step 7:

Navigate to the View Group tab.

Select View Groups in which the operators will be able to see the AIVA alarms in the **"View Group"** tab.

Set security constraints for view groups as shown.





5. Video Streaming Options

The integration between Milestone XProtect and Ipsotek VISuite 11.4 can operate as follows:

- AIVA (Ipsotek) server to receive unicast or multicast video stream directly from IP cameras
- Upon the receipt of video, analysis in real time occurs and events will be raised into Milestone XProtect Smart Client as live analytics events.
- Metadata is provided by Ipsotek to Milestone via the proxy as a MIP's Stream. This can then
 be used as an overlay within milestone that highlights the cause of the alarm via bounding
 boxes drawn on the image.

5.1 System Schematic

The proxy integration has been improved to only send metadata overlay information to Milestone Management server. The Milestone Proxy Server uses the concept of a centralized proxy where the Ipsotek's VIS servers will connect to Milestone VMS. Milestone Proxy then will be responsible to maintain the communication to the Milestone VMS, trigger alarms and transmitting metadata through the MIP Message communication service.

It is assumed that both Milestone, VIS server and cameras are on the same network. It is recommended that the network guarantees a consistent frame rate without any packet drops. It is also assumed that all servers and cameras are **synchronised** to the same **NTP time source**.

Events and metadata are handled by the Ipsotek XProtect Proxy Service. The proxy provides the integration with the Milestone system through the MIP Message Communication driver.

This proxy is a centralised service that can receive analytic metadata from several Video Analytics severs and parsed it to Milestone Management Server for event detections and metadata overlay to be consumed by Milestone Smart Client.

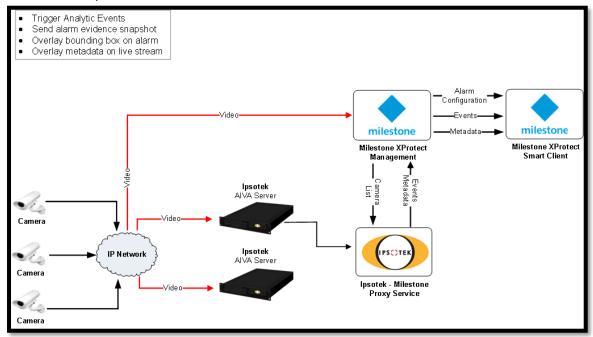


Figure 4: System Schematic Page 14 of 31



6. Ipsotek Server Configuration

6.1 Camera Setup

Before getting started with any configuration within VISuite, an entry to the windows "hosts" file must be made to send alarm data to the named milestone server(s).

The file is located at: C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc

Figure 5: Addition of Milestone IP Address



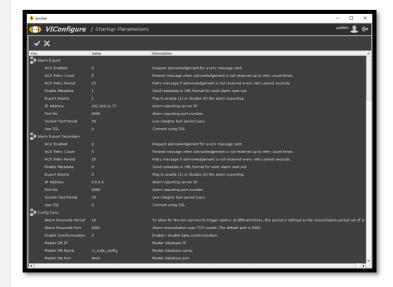
6.2 **Enabling XML Export**

To establish a connection where alarms are sent with metadata overlay to Milestone Management, an XML connection is required to be initiated from the AIVA server to the Milestone proxy. To create this type of connection, follow the steps described below:

Step 1:

In the VIConfigure interface navigate to:

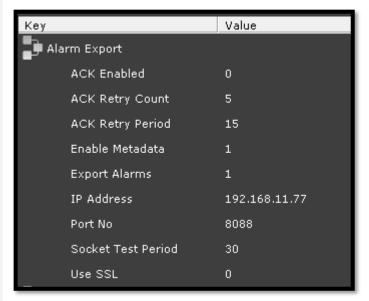
Server Settings > Startup
Parameters > Alarm Export



Step 2:

Enter the relevant connection details within the Alarm Export Settings.

Ensure that the IP address is pointing towards where the proxy is installed and not to the VMS.





6.2.1 Alarm export parameters

Export Alarms via a primary and/or secondary XML source to a third party system.

Parameter	Description	
ExportAlarms	Export alarms via TCP.	
	Set to 1 to enable exporting of alarms to export via specified IP	
	address and port number. Alarm will be sent with XML data.	
IPAddress	Defines export IP address, this is to be set to the IP of the server	
	running the Milestone Proxy. It is recommended to use absolute	
	addresses.	
PortNo	Defines export port number. Default 8088.	
UseSSL	Force SSL connection if required. Default 0.	
SocketTestPeriod	Interval period (seconds) used to send test message to every socket to	
	guarantee a stable connection to the server. Default 30.	
ACK Enabled	Enable XML acknowledgment feedback. Default 0.	
ACK Retry Count	XML acknowledgment feedback message retry count. Default 5.	
ACK Retry Period	XML acknowledgment feedback message retry interval period. Default	
	15.	
Enable Metadata	Include metadata information with XML export message. Set to 1 to	
	enable metadata export.	



6.3 Milestone Proxy Installation

Step 1:

Install MilestoneProxy.exe

The installer will install to

"C:\Program Files\Ipsotek\MilestoneProxy"

Step 2:

Edit MilestoneProxy.ini

Run "Notepad" as Administrator

Navigate to my computer and press the alt key.

At the top of the window you will see a toolbar open.

Go onto Tools -> Folder options

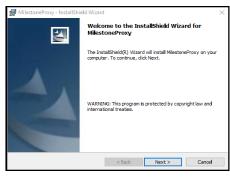
xy.ini" for editing.

the relevant login details.

A new window will open, navigate to the **view tab** and ensure **"Show hidden files, folders and drives"** is selected.

Then Open file "C:\ProgramData\Ipsotek\MilestoneProxy\MilestonePro

Under [Server] input the IP address of the VMS server with







6.3.1 MilestoneProxy.ini parameters

The following settings are available in the **ini file**, only the one highlighted green are required.

Parameter	Description	
[Proxy]		
ServerPort	The server port opened by the proxy. The alarm export port configured in VIConfig should match this port number.	
LogPath	Log storage path, if left blank defaults to	
	"C:\ProgramData\Ipsotek\MilestoneProxy"	
EnableDebugMode	1 = Debug mode for verbose logging	
	0 = Normal mode for error logging	
EnableAlarms	1 = Alarm Handling Enabled	
	0 = Alarm Handling Disabled	
EnableMetadata	1 = Metadata Handling Enabled	
	0 = Metadata Handling Disabled	
[Server]		
lp	IP Address of the Milestone server	
Port	Control port of the Milestone server, default 80.	
User	r Milestone username	
Password Milestone password (Note: Password will be automatically en after first successful connection)		
Trigger Mode	0 for Analytics event by default; 1 for Alarm event.	
MIP Port 1	MIP port used	
MIP Port 2	MIP port used	



7. Metadata Integration

7.1 Milestone Metadata Streaming Setup

This integration now includes the ability to display metadata on live camera streams and recorded alarm footage. Metadata streams are required to be configured in order to enable this functionality. Follow the steps below:

Step 1:

Add metadata stream by right clicking on the server and selecting **Add Hardware**

Step 2:

From the wizard select Manual

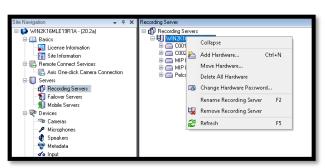
Step 3:

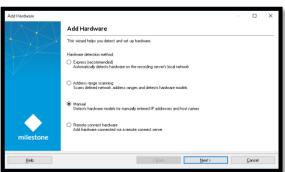
Add server authentication credentials and enable via the check box.

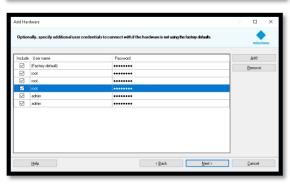
Username: **root**Password: **password**

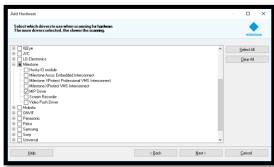
Step 4:

Under the Milestone category select **MIP Driver**











Step 5:

Enter IP address of server and specify Port number. Select MIP Driver from drop down list.

Please Note: Port is required to match specified number set in VIConfigure. Each camera will require its own port number.

Step 6:

Acknowledge addition of metadata stream to system

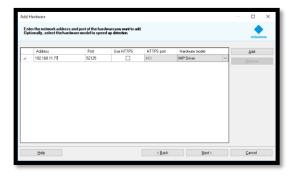
Step 7:

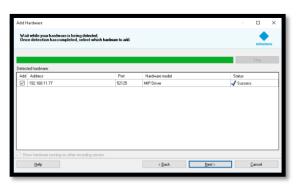
Select additional metadata port as shown.

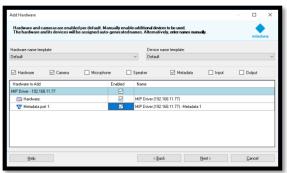
Step 8:

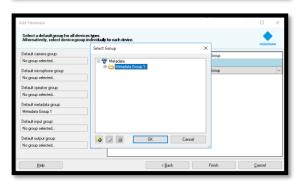
Select metadata group by clicking on the highlighted folder. You may also create new groups through this dialogue.

Please Note: It is highly recommended that groups are used to keep metadata feeds in a manageable order.











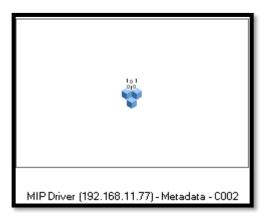
Step 9:

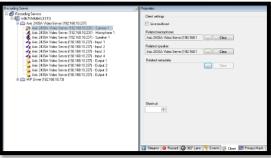
Check metadata stream by observing the icon in the preview pane. The icon should be seen to receive the 0's and 1's to confirm receipt of metadata information

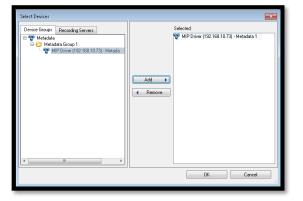
Step 10:

Assign metadata channel to camera Select supported camera stream from the options by expanding the camera tree and selecting the camera hardware. Navigate to the Client tab in the right hand pane and click on the highlighted button to reveal the allocation options.

Save settings by clicking on the icor or pressing ctrl+s.







The screenshot below shows the completed Ipsotek metadata integration in Milestone Smart Client.



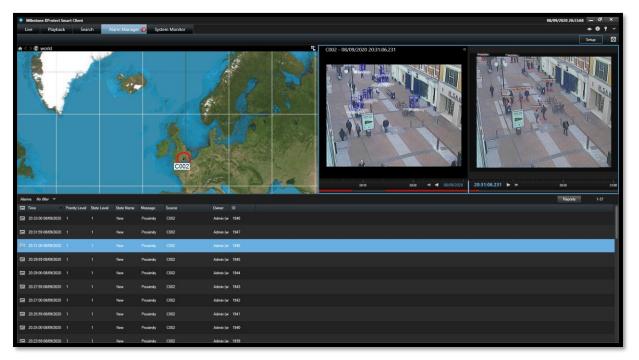


Figure 6: Metadata in Smart Client



8. Alarm Integration

With the input video source correctly set up, VISuite now analyses the video, generates alarms and triggers the corresponding alarms in the Milestone system. The following section details the steps required for creating alarms on both platforms.

8.1 Alarm Name Limitations

Character Limit (Milestone Limitation)	31	
Allowed Characters	0123456789	
	abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz	
	ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ	
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8.2 Enable Analytic and Generic Alarms

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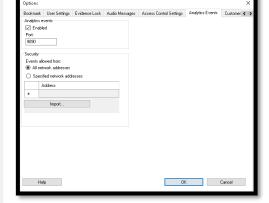
Open Milestone Management Server

Navigate to Tools > Options

Step 2:

Navigate to Analytics Events

Enable Analytic Events



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Site Navigation

Basics

Registered Services...

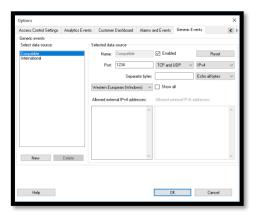
Seffective Roles...

4 Options...

Step 3:

Navigate to Generic Events

Enable Generic Events



Step 4:

Select "International" from data sources

Enable International Events





8.3 Milestone Alarm Configuration

Step 1:

Navigate to **User-defined Event** under the **Rules and Events** menu in the left hand tree.

Right click to reveal the menu Add a new User-defined Event

Step 2:

Create event

Step 3:

Navigate to **Analytic Events** under the **Rules and Events** menu in the left hand tree.

Right click to reveal the menu Add a new Analytic Event

Step 4:

Create event in the right hand pane

Save settings by clicking on the icon or pressing ctrl+s

Step 5:

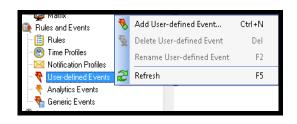
Navigate to **Alarm Definitions** under the **Alarms menu** in the left hand tree.

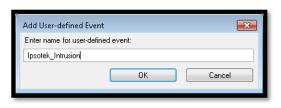
Right click to reveal the menu Add a new Alarm Definition

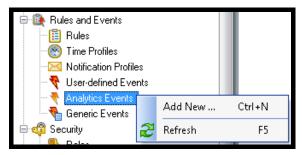
Step 6:

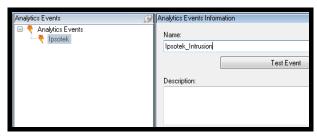
Complete alarm definition information.

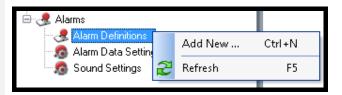
Please Note: Alarm definitions should be matched to their corresponding triggering event camera as previously set.

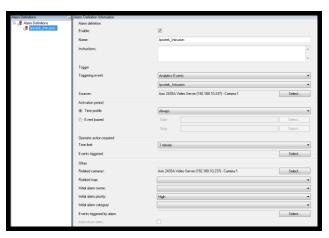














8.3.1 Creating Milestone Alarm Events for Multiple Cameras

In the earlier integration stages with Milestone Management server in which **Analytics Events**, **User-defined Events** & **Alarm Definition** were defined for each camera by a **unique name** for the triggering of alarms pushed from IPSOTEK servers to the Milestone Smart Client. Now Milestone have updated this feature in the Analytical and Alarm events since Milestone Management 2016, in which the alarm type can be created once and linked to several cameras. This feature will be shown in the steps below.

But before entering to new integration features, the requirements recommended for the integration are:

- Ipsotek VISuite 11.4.0 or later
- Milestone Management Server 2020 R2
- Milestone Smart Client 2020 R2 (64-bit)

8.3.1.1 Milestone User Defined Events

In the **User-defined Events**, an event can be created once instead of creating the same events multiple times for different cameras as shown in the **Figure 7** below:

- Yellow highlight One Abandoned Object event has been created.
- No highlight Abandoned Object events created for specific cameras.

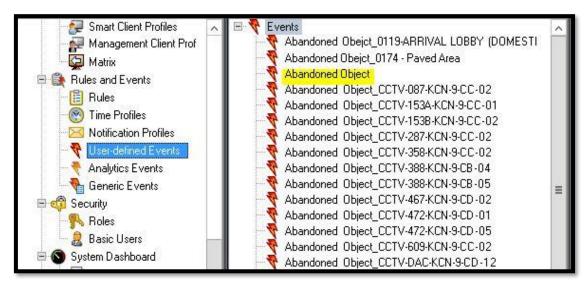


Figure 7: Milestone User Defined Event



8.3.1.2 Milestone Analytic Events

In the **Analytics Events**, an event can be created once instead of creating the same events multiple times for different cameras as shown in the **Figure 8** below:

- Yellow highlight One Abandoned Object event has been created.
- No highlight Abandoned Object event created for specific cameras.

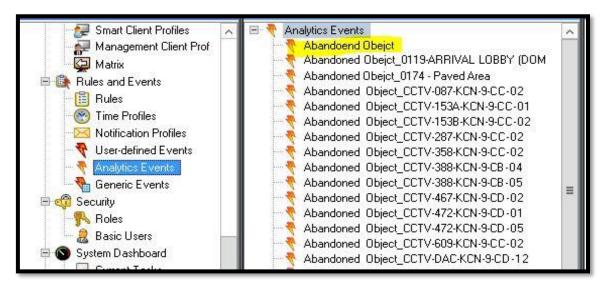


Figure 8: Milestone Analytic Events

8.3.1.3 Milestone Alarm Definition

In the **Alarm Definition**, an alarm can be created once instead of creating the same alarm 14 times for the 14 cameras as shown in the **Figure 9** below in **Yellow highlight**.

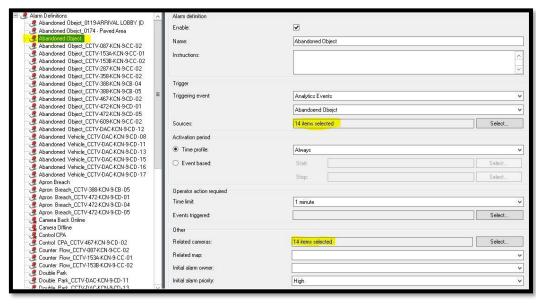


Figure 9: Milestone Alarm Definition



8.4 **Ipsotek Alarm Configuration**

The final step in the alarm configuration is linking the created alarm in VIConfigure to the alarms configured in Milestone XProtect Management Client. Refer to the *VIConfigure manual* for configuration of rules and actions in VISuite.

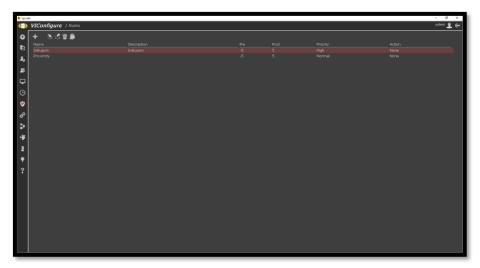


Figure 10: Rules page in VIConfigure with configured intrusion alarm

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Cameras and Alarms must have the same name in both the AIVA Server and Milestone
 Server.
- It is recommended that the Camera and Alarm names on the AIVA Server are reviewed to check consistency with the Milestone Server.



9. Example Interface Screenshots

9.1 Ipsotek Video Content Analysis Alarm in Smart Client

The images below show an Ipostek Video Content Analysis alarm being raised in Milesone XProtect Corporate Smart Client 2020 R2.



Figure 11: Ipsotek Alarm in Smart Client 2020 R2 with Metadata



Figure 12: Close up of alarm video – left and snapshot – right.



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