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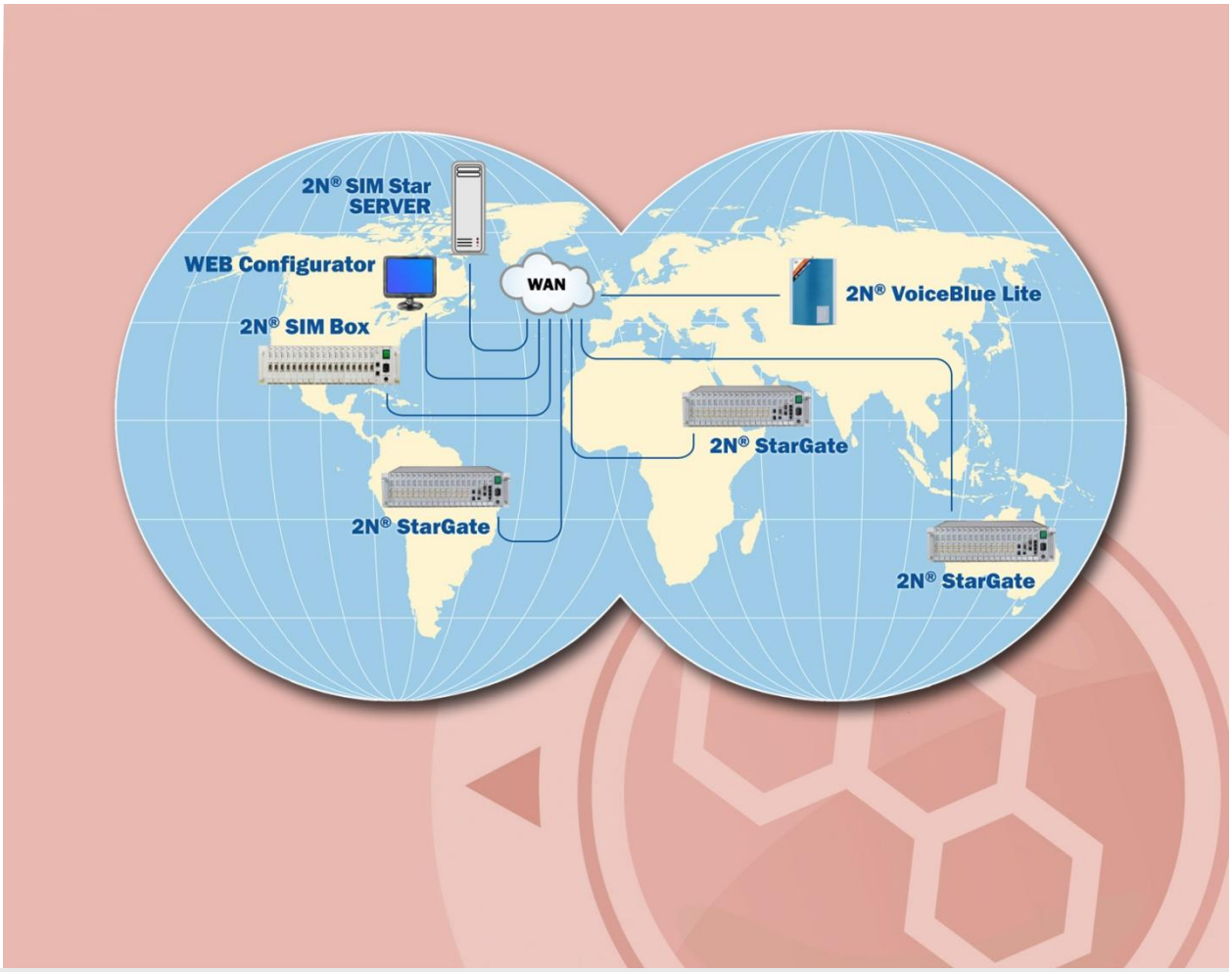

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1 Product Overview

This section introduces the **2N® SIM Star** product, outlines its application options and highlights the advantages following from its use. It also includes safety precautions.

Here is what you can find in this section:

- Product Overview
- 2N® SIM Star Components and Associated Products
- Upgrade
- Terms and Symbols Used

1.1 Product Overview

The 2N® SIM Star system is used for remote administration of the 2N GSM/UMTS gateway SIM cards. This solution helps you switch SIM cards in all of your gateways regardless of their locations comfortably from your office without travelling. It is because your distant 2N GSM/UMTS gateways do not contain SIM cards. Their SIM cards are installed on one site, thus avoiding potential misuse.

2N® SIM Star Features

- Financial and time cost efficiency due to elimination of physical exchange and credit recharge for your gateway SIM cards;
- Comfortable full SIM card control from your office;
- Central SIM card administration and location;
- SIM card misuse risk minimisation;
- Easy SIM card availability;
- Easy web interface based configuration;
- Up to 25,000 SIM card control.

2N® SIM Star is primarily designed for:

- SIM card and voice channel leasing companies;
- Network providers and alternative operators;
- Multiple GSM gateway (SIM card) administering companies.

Safety Precautions

It is prohibited to use any transmitters, including the UMTS/GSM devices connected to 2N® SIM Star, in areas where explosives are used, such as quarries.

It is prohibited to use the GSM gateways connected to 2N® SIM Star at petrol stations where mobile telephones are also prohibited.

GSM phones may affect sensitive life-saving devices in medical centres. Therefore, it is forbidden to use GSM/UMTS devices, including the GSM gateways connected to 2N® SIM Star, in such facilities.

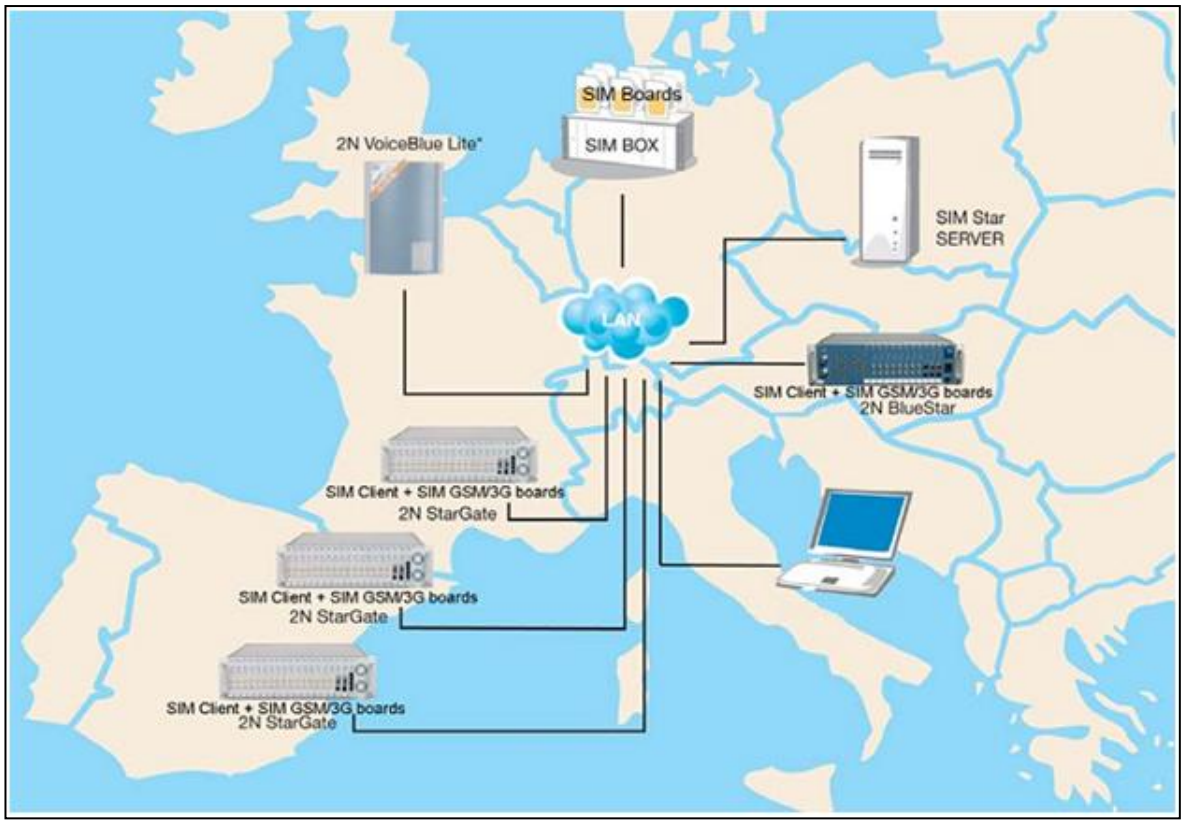
In general, any prohibition regarding mobile phones based on RF energy radiation applies to GSM/UMTS devices too.

If necessary, the GSM gateways connected to 2N® SIM Star may be installed at a safe distance from the prohibited area and connected with the original place through an Ethernet cable.

Although GSM gateways are not intended for cars or aeroplanes, all relevant prohibitions and regulations regarding mobile phones apply to them too.

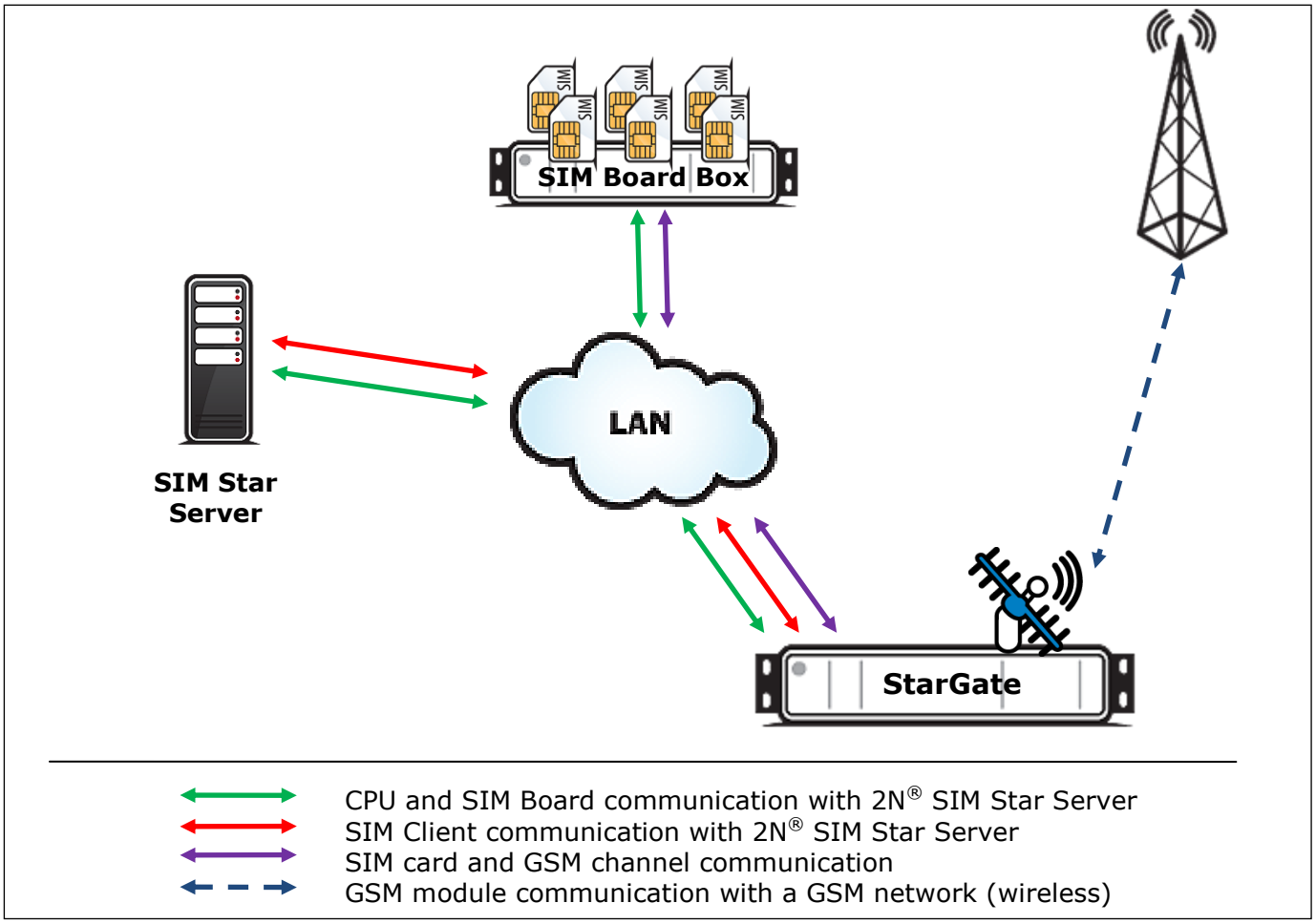
Use Studies

The figure below shows the basic components of the 2N® SIM Star system and indicates the independence of their installation sites. The solution includes a 2N® SIM Star Server unit, a SIM Board Box with one SIM Board at least and compatible GSM/UMTS gateways. Such gateways include 2N® StarGate, 2N® BlueStar, 2N® BlueTower and 2N® VoiceBlue Lite.



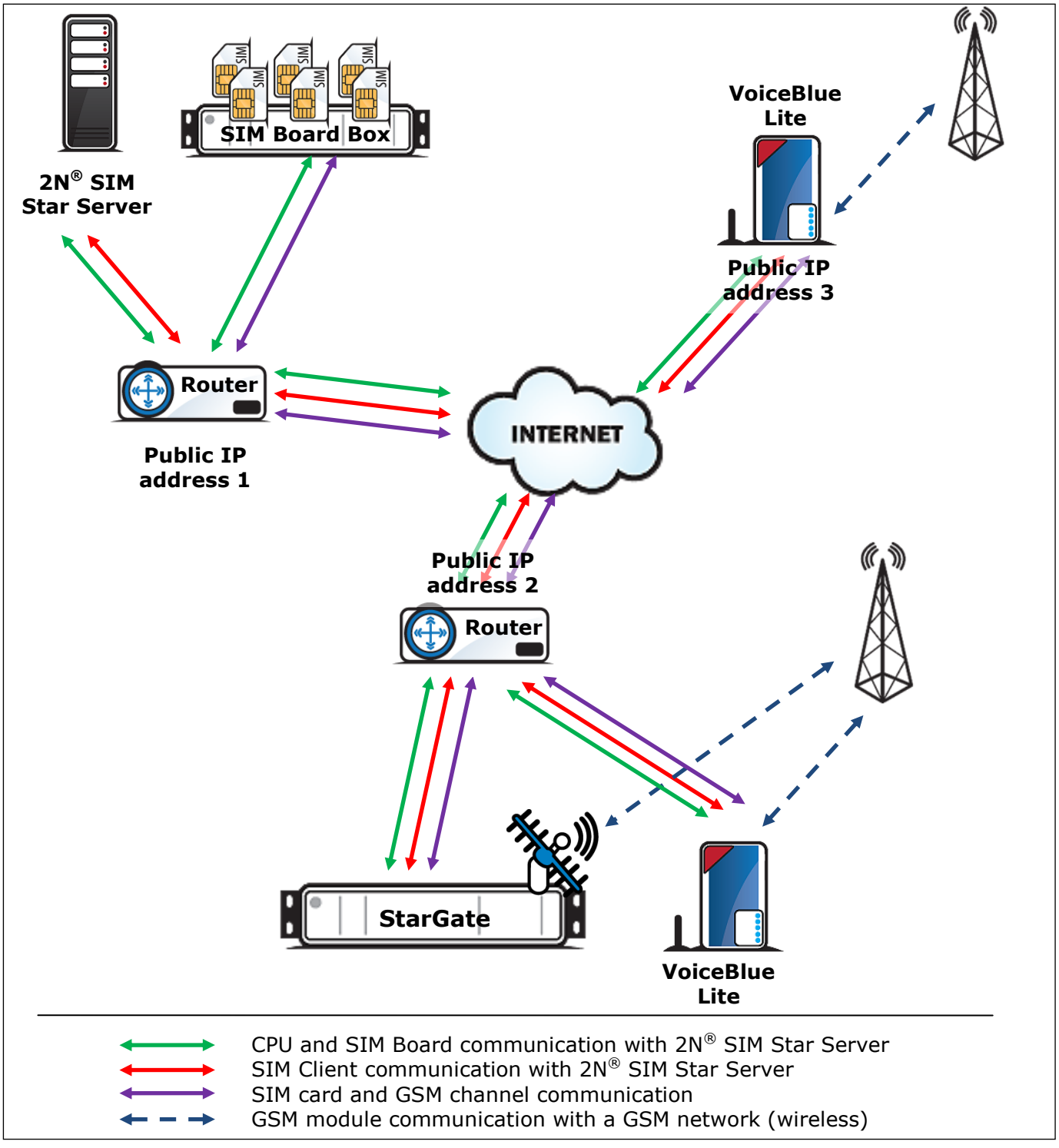
LAN Configuration

The installation version shown in the figure below concentrates all the solution components in a single LAN. Investigating the figure more closely, you will find the communication signalling flows between the system components. The communication path between 2N® SIM Star Server, the SIM Board and the GSM gateway (via the CPU card) is marked green. The communication path between 2N® SIM Star Server and the SIM Client (i.e. a process running in the GSM gateway through the eCPU) is marked red. The communication channel between the SIM card and the gateway GSM module is violet. This solution represents the simplest version. Practically, however, the components are installed in more distant locations.



WAN Configuration

The solution in the figure below shows a configuration within an extensive WAN. The Internet is a good example. Together with the SIM Board, 2N® SIM Star Server is located in one LAN behind a router with the public IP address 1. Another LAN is in another location, including two GSM gateways supporting the 2N® SIM Star solution. The LAN router has the public IP address 2. A GSM gateway with the public IP address 3 is in another location. The two routers and the GSM gateway are connected to the Internet. The figure shows the communication channels between the components. This configuration requires a correct setting of the router and 2N® SIM Star Server for successful communication. Within the Internet, communication is routed to the public IP addresses and selected ports that are adapted to the corresponding IP addresses and component ports in the LAN.


2N® SIM
Star Server
SIM Board Box
VoiceBlue
Lite
Public IP
address 3
Router
Public IP
address 1
INTERNET
Public IP
address 2
Router
StarGate
VoiceBlue
Lite
CPU and SIM Board communication with 2N® SIM Star Server
SIM Client communication with 2N® SIM Star Server
SIM card and GSM channel communication
GSM module communication with a GSM network (wireless)

1.2 2N® SIM Star Components and Associated Products

The solution consists of the following five components: 2N® SIM Star Server, SIM Board Box, SIM Board, SIM Star GSM/UMTS Board a SIM Client.

2N® SIM Star SIM Board

The SIM Board is a card designed for mounting in a SIM Board Box. Each of these cards is capable of accepting up to 32 SIM cards.

2N® SIM Star SIM Board Box

The SIM Board Box is a chassis that contains the SIM Boards. Communication with 2N® SIM Star Server is ensured via a two-port Ethernet interface.

2N® SIM Star SIM Client

The SIM Client transfers the information obtained from the 2N® SIM Star GSM/UMTS cards onto an Ethernet interface towards 2N® SIM Star Server. The SIM Client is part of the eCPU in the 2N® StarGate, 2N® BlueStar and 2N® BlueTower gateways and part of the gateway in 2N® VoiceBlue Lite.

2N® SIM Star GSM/UMTS Board

The 2N® SIM Star GSM/UMTS Board is a card designed for 2N PRI and VoIP gateways. It replaces the existing GSM/UMTS boards in the gateways. This new solution provides interconnection with the SIM Client.

2N® SIM Star Server

2N® SIM Star Server is the core of the system. It communicates with all the key components and, as preconfigured, assigns SIM cards to the respective GSM gateway channels.

Note

- For more information on the 2N® SIM Star components refer to the Description and Installation section.

Associated Products

2N® StarGate

2N® StarGate is the biggest of the 2N PRI GSM gateway family, enabling you to make up to 30 calls at the same time. In addition to ISDN PRI communication, the gateway also supports VoIP with SIP signalling. To use it within the 2N® SIM Star solution, use the enhanced CPU (eCPU) and make sure that the eCPU licence is valid. For detailed information on this product refer to the User Manual available on the 2N web sites.

2N® BlueStar

2N® BlueStar is another member of the 2N PRI GSM gateway family, enabling you to make up to 16 calls at the same time. In addition to ISDN PRI communication, the gateway also supports VoIP with SIP signalling. To use it within the 2N® SIM Star solution, use the enhanced CPU (eCPU) and make sure that the eCPU licence is valid. For detailed information on this product refer to the User Manual available on the 2N web sites.

2N® BlueTower

2N® BlueTower is the smallest of the 2N PRI GSM gateway family, enabling you to make up to 8 calls at the same time. In addition to ISDN PRI communication, the gateway also supports VoIP with SIP signalling. To use it within the 2N® SIM Star solution, use the enhanced CPU (eCPU) and make sure that the eCPU licence is valid. For detailed information on this product refer to the User Manual available on the 2N web sites.

2N® VoiceBlue Lite

2N® VoiceBlue Lite is a member of the small VoIP GSM gateway family, enabling you to make up to 4 calls at the same time. The gateway supports SIP signalling. To use it within the 2N® SIM Star solution, purchase a gateway with a special part number, which supports the 2N® SIM Star Server communication.

Note

- For more information on the GSM gateways refer to their respective manuals available on the 2N web sites.

1.3 Upgrade and Innovations

The manufacturer reserves the right to modify the product in order to improve its qualities.

In response to the customers' requirements, the manufacturer constantly improves the software contained in the product (firmware). For the latest 2N® SIM Star Server firmware version and the User Manual refer to the 2N web sites.

For a detailed description of the 2N® SIM Star firmware upgrade see the section devoted to the system installation.

Manual Version	Upgrade
3.0	■ The User Manual relates to the 2N® SIM Star Server firmware version **1.3.12-2616.**
4.0	■ The User Manual relates to the 2N® SIM Star Server firmware version **1.4.0**

1.4 Terms and Symbols Used

Symbols Used in Manual

Accident hazard

- **Always** abide by this information to prevent personal accident.

Warning

- **Always** abide by this information to prevent damage to the device.

Caution

- **Important information.** Disobedience may result in a malfunction.

Tip

- **Useful information** for easy and quick use and programming.

Note

- Routines and advice for efficient use of the device.

Future Functions

The grey-marked text in this document designates the functions that are under preparation or development at present.

2 Description and Installation

This section describes the **2N® SIM Star** product and its installation.

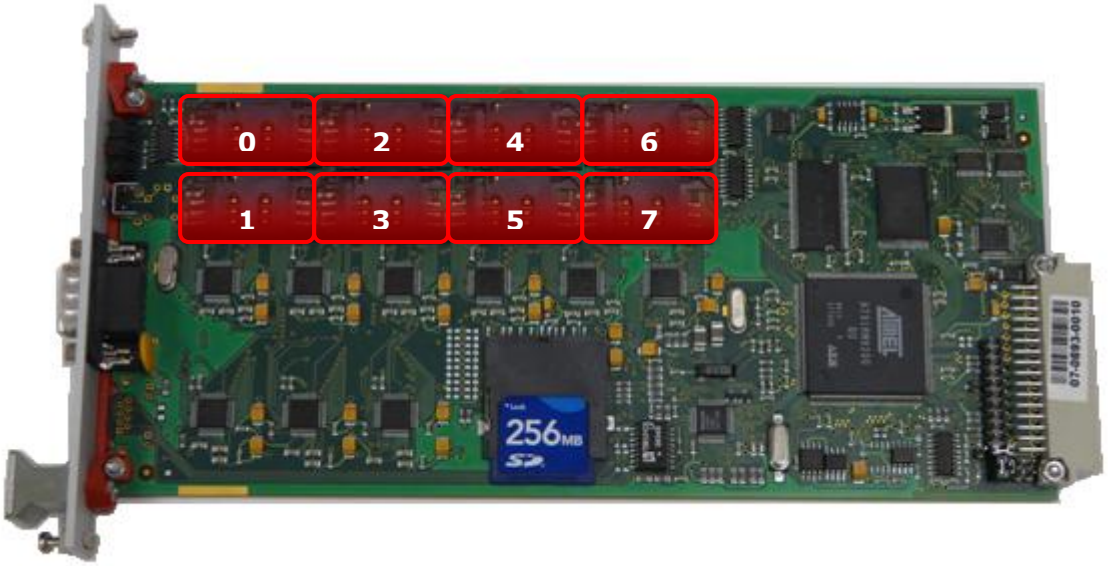
Here is what you can find in this section:

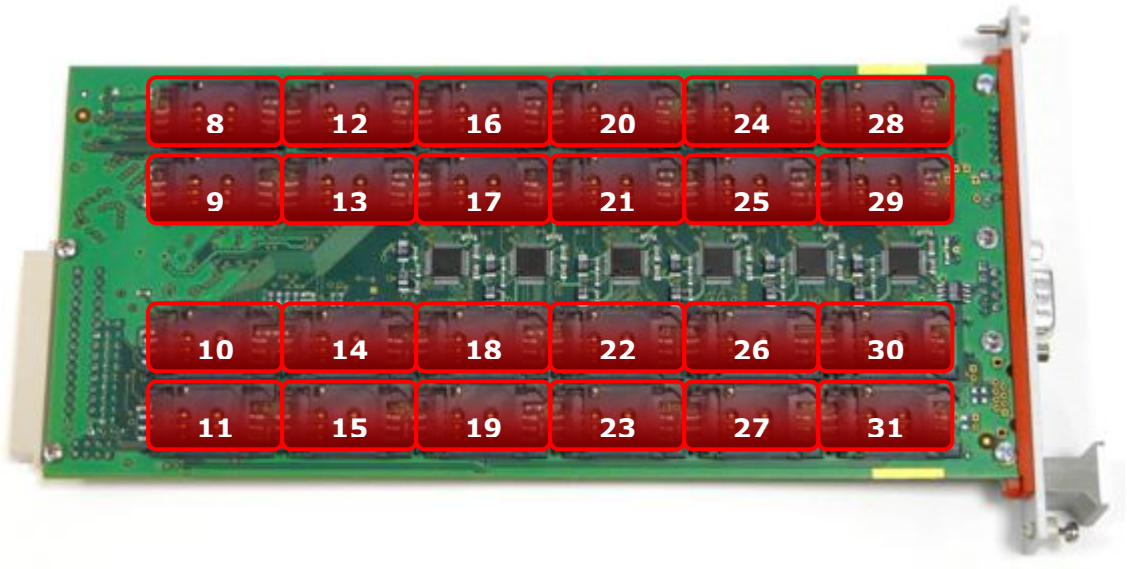
- System Component Description
- Before You Start
- System Component Installation

2.1 System Component Description

2N® SIM Star SIM Board

The SIM Board represents the main board for inserting SIM cards. Each SIM Board can accept up to 32 SIM cards. The card processor transfers the data obtained from the SIM cards onto an Ethernet interface. The SIM cards are used for communication via the IP ports ranging from **10000** to **10031** depending on their positions (can be reconfigured). IP port **1500** is used for the 2N® SIM Star Server communication. SSH port **22** provides direct access to the SIM Board. It is very important that all the ports are available to all the SIM Clients involved and 2N® SIM Star Server. Otherwise the system would be unstable or inoperative. The SIM Board is equipped with a CAN9-terminated serial interface, which is used for the basic board IP settings. The card supports the 'hot swap' function and can thus be removed and replaced if necessary without the SIM Board Box switch-off.





Front Panel

The front panel includes three status LED indicators and a SIM Board default (factory) setting button.

To restore the factory settings:

1) Remove the SIM Board.
2) Push the front panel button gently using a slim and blunt object.
3) Keeping the button pushed replace the SIM Board into the switched-on SIM Board Box.
4) Keep pushing the button for at least 20 seconds and then remove and replace the Board.

SIM Board status indicators:

- **PWR**
  Indicates the SIM Board power supply.
- **INIT**
  Indicates the SIM Board initialisation. No light indicates a running SIM Board process.
- **STAT**
  Flashing indicates a running system.

2N® SIM Star SIM Board Box

The SIM Board Box is a chassis that contains the SIM Boards. Each SIM Board Box can accept 1 to 18 SIM Boards with the maximum of 576 SIM cards. A front panel with two RJ45 ports is available for communication with 2N® SIM Star Server. The SIM Board Box works as an Ethernet switch and the cards are connected to it through a 10BaseT Ethernet interface. The two front panel ports help scale the SIM Board Boxes more easily. Each SIM Board has a unique IP address within the SIM Board Box.

2N® SIM Star SIM Client

The SIM Client transfers information obtained from the GSM/UMTS cards onto an Ethernet interface towards 2N® SIM Star Server and vice versa. The SIM Client is an independent process running on the eCPU in the 2N® StarGate, 2N® BlueStar and 2N® BlueTower gateways and part of the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite gateway available under a special part number.

SIM Client in eCPU

The enhanced CPU (eCPU) card is an independent processor board for the 2N® StarGate/BlueStar/BlueTower gateways, extending the capabilities of the basic CPU. Its main advantages include a web configuration interface, SMS server, simulated calls and SMS messages as well as the SIM Client process, providing communication with the other 2N® SIM Star components. The SIM Client - 2N® SIM Star Server communication runs through port **1500**. The SIM Client communication with the GSM gateway cards runs on the gateway main bus using the RS485 protocol. It is necessary for a successful eCPU – CPU communication that the IP addresses of the two interfaces are properly set and the interfaces are connected to the network. The modules communicate with the SIM Board SIM cards via ports **10000** to **10031**, according to their positions in the gateway.

Note

- For more information refer to the 2N® StarGate/ BlueStar/ BlueTower User Manual available on the 2N web sites.

SIM Client in VoiceBlue Lite

The SIM Client is an integral part of the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite gateway. Enter the IP address and port **23** for communication with the CPU. Use the same IP address and port **1500** for communication with the SIM Client. The gateway modules communicate via ports **10000** through **10003**. Set the processes that are necessary for a correct function of the SIM Client using the gateway configuration tool.

Note

- For more information refer to the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite User Manual available on the 2N web sites.

2N® SIM Star GSM/UMTS Board

Board Description

The GSM/UMTS board includes two GSM or UMTS wireless modules, PCM bus connection circuits, a DTMF receiver and, if the boards support 2N® SIM Star, a processor. The board is designed on a four-layer PCB of the size of 160x100mm. Pins 1 and 32 on the board system connector are approximately 1 mm longer and are used for the 'hot swap' board function, which enables you to remove and replace the board under operation. This feature is particularly useful for the SIM card installation or exchange. The front panel is equipped with two SMA antenna connectors and five system LED indicators.

Module Types

The 2N® StarGate/BlueStar/BlueTower GSM/UMTS gateways can use variable types of GSM or UMTS modules. The modules differ in the type of the wireless module used, the count of SIM card holders per module and also the 2N® SIM Star support (not all

boards support this solution). The GSM/UMTS board types below can be used for the 2N® SIM Star solution.

- GSM card with 2 Cinterion MC55i engines, 1 SIM/channel;
- GSM card with 2 Wavecom Q55 (WPM100) engines, 1 SIM/channel;
- GSM card with 2 Wavecom Q55 (WPM100) engines, 4 SIM/channel;
- UMTS card with 2 SierraWireless MC8790V engines, 1 SIM/channel.

Note

- The GSM/UMTS boards can be blocked for specific networks. For more information refer to the 2N® StarGate/ BlueStar/BlueTower gateway User Manual.

2N® SIM Star Server

2N®SIM Star Server is the core of the system. It is composed of a Linux-based PC and web and database systems. It checks the channel statuses of the gateways connected with the main CPU (or VBL SS) via Telnet. 2N® SIM Star Server is connected to the eCPU SIM Client and the SIM Boards.

The SIM card assignment obeys the predefined 2N® SIM Star Server rules and obtained status data on the main CPU GSM channels and SIM cards. Before a SIM card is assigned to a GSM/UMTS module, the SIM Client is notified and gets connected with the specific SIM card on one of the SIM Boards connected. The SIM Board is a passive component of the 2N® SIM Star system.

2N®SIM Star Server also synchronises all functional units integrated into the system and so set its time correctly to avoid any SIM card switching error.

2N®SIM Star Server can also assume control of module assignment to outgoing and incoming GSM groups, thus eliminating the need to make assignments in the gateways.

2N®SIM Star Server is also able to change the IMEI for some module types. This is particularly important for login of the SIM cards that are bound to a specific GSM module (are available together with the telephones).

The following table sums up the main 2N® SIM Star Server functions for easy orientation.

1.	**Module SIM card switching;**
2.	**Gateway time synchronisation;**
3.	**PIN entering for SIM cards;**
4.	**Incoming/outgoing GSM group control option;**
5.	**IMEI change option for certain modules.**

The control communication between 2N® SIM Star Server, the SIM Client and the SIM Board runs on port **1500** through the Telnet protocol. The CPU communication also

uses the Telnet protocol and runs through port **23**. The SIM Client - SIM Board communication runs directly (without the participation of 2N® SIM Star Server) on ports **10000** through **10031**. The port number determines the SIM card position in the SIM Board.

2N®SIM Star Server also uses the Telnet protocol for event log reports (port 12346) and for a specific interface for remote Call and SMS simulators on the eCPU (port 12349). An external API interface for 2N® SIM Star Server management is also available. For information on this interface refer to the SIM Server Management – Licence menu. The menu is available only if a licence supporting the external configuration is installed in the gateway.

A web configuration interface is available for easy system communication. For details refer to the 2N® SIM Star Server Configuration section.

2.2 Before You Start

Product Completeness Check

Before installing this product, check whether the SIM Board Box delivery is complete according to the following packing list:

Package	Pieces
SIM Board Box	1
Two RJ45 port front panel	1
Power supply cable	1
Ethernet cable, 3m	1
SIM Board	As ordered

Installation Conditions

The following conditions must be met for a successful system installation:

- Ensure a suitable location and enough free rack space.
- Allow free access to network elements.
- Provide a sufficient number of IP addresses, an appropriate bandwidth, an adequate response level and a minimum packet loss rate in the Ethernet network used.
- Use the recommended power supply with overvoltage protection and UPS back-up for all system components.
- Use 3V supplied SIM cards in the whole 2N® SIM Star system to avoid malfunction.
- Set one and the same PIN code for all the SIM cards in one SIM Board (or disable the PIN request) and make sure that the SIM cards are activated by the GSM/UMTS provider.
- You are recommended to install the system components in an air conditioned room.

Note

- For more information on the GSM gateway installation conditions refer to the respective manuals available on the 2N web sites.

Warning

- Do not cover the top, bottom and rear sides of the gateway to avoid overheating and gateway error!
- Protection against humidity and extreme temperatures: The appliance may never be placed close to heat sources (radiators) or places exposed to direct sunshine. Also places with high humidity (such as bathrooms and cellars), places with significant temperature fluctuation (next to doors, windows), dusty places (workshops) and places exposed to aggressive gases (accumulator rooms, boiler rooms) as well as places with intensive vibrations and places exposed to shocks (compressor rooms, heavy industrial operations) should be avoided.
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Caution

- If possible, place all the 2N® SIM Star components into one and the same network segment (without using the NAT). This version requires no profound knowledge of networks and active network element configuration.

Licences

All the 2N® SIM Star parts and functions are subject to licence. For an overview of the licences see below.

GSM Gateways

- Relevant licences have to be installed for the gateways to work properly. To install a licence use the gateway configuration program.
- An active SIM Client licence has to be installed in the 2N® StarGate/ BlueStar/ BlueTower gateways for communication with 2N® SIM Star Server. Install the licence on the eCPU web interface.
- The SIM Client licence is part of the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite licence and installed through the gateway configuration interface.

Note

- For more information on the GSM gateway licence conditions refer to the respective manuals available on the 2N web sites.

SIM Star Server

- A licence including the CPU serial numbers (M11x-xxxxxxxxxx) of all the gateways connected has to be installed in 2N® SIM Star Server. Otherwise the server will not succeed in connecting to the gateway.
- In addition to a web interface, an external API interface can be used for the 2N® SIM Star Server communication too. This function is subject to licence.

- 2N® SIM Star Server allows for a change of the IMEI in the GSM modules that support this function. This function is subject to licence.

Tip

- To install the 2N® SIM Star Server licence use the **SIM Server Management – Licence file** menu.

2.3 System Component Installation

2N® SIM Star Step-by-Step Installation Guide

1. Set the required configuration for all the GSM gateways to be connected to 2N® SIM Star.
2. Set the Ethernet interface for the eCPU board and the SIM Client accordingly. Remember to install the relevant licence into the eCPU.
3. Connect all the CPUs and SIM Clients to the Ethernet network. It is recommended that all the components should be part of a single network segment. This version requires no profound knowledge of networks and active network element configuration.

Note

- For more information on the GSM gateway configuration refer to the respective manuals available on the 2N web sites.

4. Put the SIM Board Box in operation. Insert the required SIM cards into the SIM Board, disabling the PIN request or enabling an identical PIN request for all the SIM cards in the 2N® SIM Star Server communication. If you fail to do so, your SIM card will not log in to the provider's network. Finally, insert the SIM Boards into the SIM Board Box positions.
5. Set unique IP addresses for the SIM Boards using a serial console and connect the SIM Board Box into the Ethernet network by connecting the network cable into the card front panel ports.
6. Install 2N® SIM Star Server as instructed in the **2N® SIM Star Server** section.
7. Set the time and time zone for the 2N® SIM Star Server installation site. The time zone setting procedure is part of the installation process.
8. Set the 2N® SIM Star Server network interface. The DHCP is enabled by default. Connect 2N® SIM Star Server to the Ethernet network.
9. Use the web interface to log in to 2N® SIM Star Server as the administrator with the highest 2N® SIM Star Server configuration rights. For the login data refer to the **Login** section.
10. Set the appropriate IP addresses and communication for the GSM gateways, SIM Clients and SIM Boards. An automatic detection of the system components is available for easier setting as described in the **Component Detection** subsection.
11. Review the 2N® SIM Star Server date and modify it if necessary using the **Date** command.
12. Upload the relevant licence to 2N® SIM Star Server, including all GSM gateway serial numbers and providing the IMEI change and external API interface administration if necessary.
13. Set the SIM card switching rules as described in the **Rules** subsection.

2N® SIM Star SIM Board Installation

First, insert the SIM cards with the PIN request disable or identical PIN enable in the SIM Board. For the SIM card holder positions refer to the **System Component Description** subsection. Now insert the SIM Board in one of the eighteen SIM Board Box slots (positions). Each SIM Board must have a unique IP address. To view the IP address, use the console menu. Use a serial interface for connection to the SIM Board. For the connection parameters see below.

Serial Console Access

The console system is arranged as a set of nested menus. By selecting a menu item you either get into a submenu, or have the required operation executed, or set the selected parameter.

Serial Link Settings

Default parameters of the SIM Board serial connection:

Item	Value
Baud rate	115,200bps
Bits	8
Parity	None
Stop-bits	1
Flow control	None

Serial Console

If the SIM Board is working properly, the main console menu gets displayed after the terminal is connected. To enter the main menu, push Enter.

```
Sim Star                          Main Menu                    SB-0712950001

    Option              Value          Description

1 - Configuration   [    menu    ]   - General configuration
2 - Privilege       [   write    ]   - Set privilege level
3 - Help                             - Display help for console settings
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If you select a submenu, the submenu gets displayed. Now you can select items from the selected submenu or push Esc for return.

The console menu is arranged as follows:

- **Main menu**
  The main menu is displayed after the cable is connected to the serial interface of the board. The main menu includes the following items:
- **Configuration menu**
  A menu for Ethernet interface, serial console and other parameter settings:

- **Network** – use this item to configure the SIM Board Ethernet interface. Set a static IP address or enable the DHCP support.
- **Date and Time** – set the date, time and NTP server address for the selected SIM Board.
- **SIM Star** – set the username and password for the SIM Board login, the AT port for the 2N®SIM Star Server communication and the basic port for the SIM card communication ports.
- **Console** – define the basic serial interface parameters.
- **Reset settings** – reset the SIM Board default values.
- **Update password** – set the SIM Board firmware update password.

- **Privilege**
  Use this option to define the user rights (Write/Read only).
- **Help**
  This item displays the Help.

2N® SIM Star SIM Board Box Installation

The SIM Board Box requires no special installation. All you have to do is connect the power supply and Ethernet network cable to the front panel. The remaining positions are designed for the SIM Boards.

2N® SIM Star SIM Client Installation

2N PRI Gateway (eCPU) Solution

A proper eCPU web interface configuration is necessary for connection to the eCPU web interface. For the steps refer to the 2N® StarGate / BlueStar / BlueTower User Manual.

After the basic configuration, enable the SIM Client process in the **Management** menu if licensed. Complete the **Settings** for the SIM Client configuration.

- **Username and Password**
  Enter the username and password to be used by 2N® SIM Star Server for the SIM Client communication. The default value is **2n** in either case.
- **AT port**
  Set the AT port to be used for the 2N® SIM Star Server - SIM Client communication. The default value is **1500**.

VoiceBlue Lite Solution

Set the gateway IP address for connection to the gateway configuration interface. For the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite configuration steps refer to the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite User Manual. The GSM gateway SIM Client is part of the gateway firmware and is always active.

Note

- For more information on the GSM gateway configuration refer to the respective manuals available on the 2N web sites.

2N® SIM Star GSM/UMTS Board Installation

One or four SIM cards can be assigned to each module and used whenever the 2N® SIM Star Server connection gets lost. Disable the PIN request or enable an identical PIN for the SIM cards as configured in the gateway. Each module is equipped with an SMA connector for antenna connection. The antenna should be connected before the SIM card is inserted.

Warning

- Do not operate the module without connecting an antenna to avoid the module damage.

Tip

- You are recommended to use an antenna splitter while connecting multiple antennas under good signal conditions (refer to the 2N® StarGate / BlueStar / BlueTower User Manual).

2N® SIM Star Server Installation

PC Requirements

2N® SIM Star Server can be operated through a rack-mounted (or standard) PC with the minimum configuration requirements as shown in the **Server Requirements** table. The hardware requirements depend on the projected count of the SIM cards and GSM gateways. A 2GB R/W operational memory is required for 10 or more GSM gateways.

A monitor and a keyboard have to be connected to the PC for primary installation. Before installing the system (inserting the CD), set the CD booting option in the PC BIOS (change the sequence of the devices from which the system boots data). After installation, re-enable hard disk booting as the primary booting method to accelerate the system booting process.

Tip

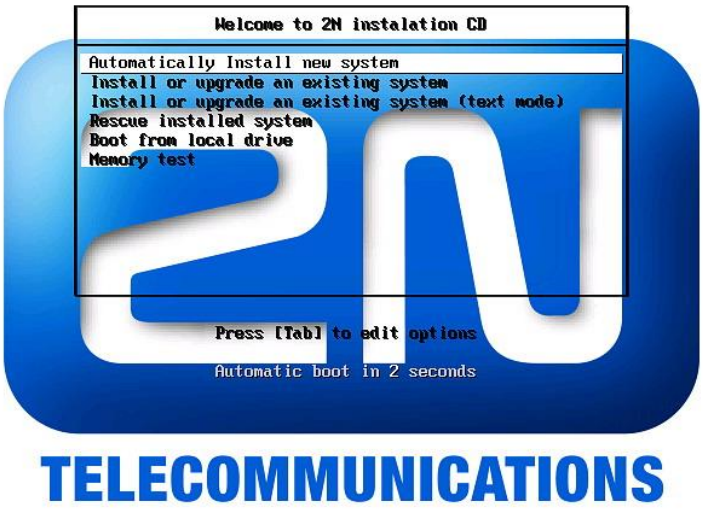
- You can enter the BIOS during the POST detection within a few seconds after the PC power on. To do so, use the Del or F2 key, or a combination of the Ctrl + Alt + Esc keys.

Linux Installation

Warning

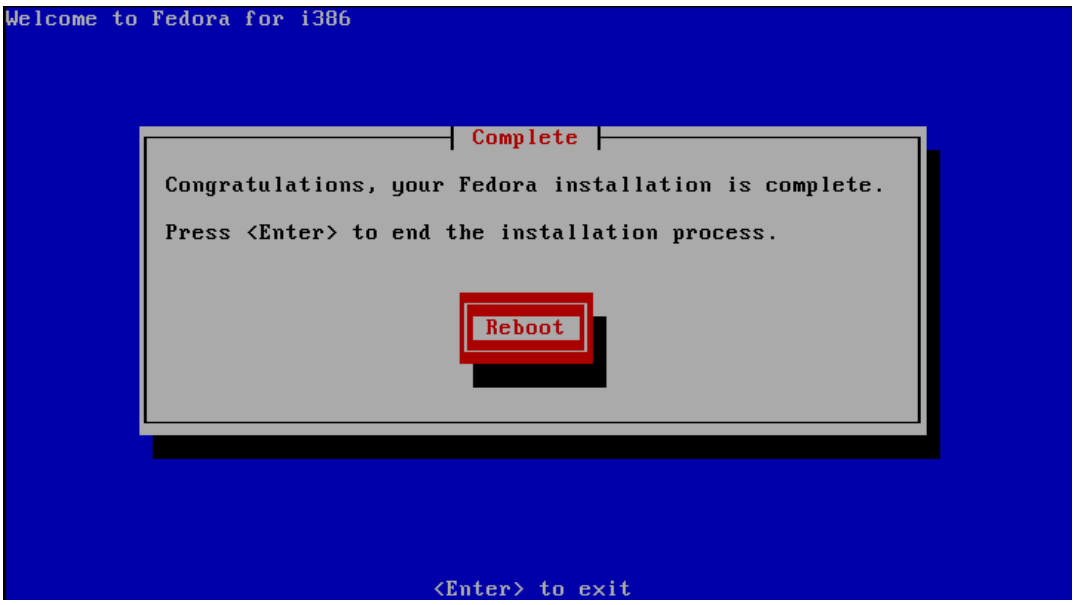
- By using the 2N installation CD you remove all data from the PC hard disk!

You are advised to download the latest CD image from the 2N web sites before installation, which, in addition to the 2N® SIM Star Server RPM package, includes a complete Linux installation program. Burn out the CD image onto a suitable disk. If you have set the CD booting method, insert the CD into the drive and power on/restart the PC to launch the process automatically. You will get the following screen:



Now you can choose one of the available options. Automatic installation is listed first and, unless you choose another option within three seconds, will be launched automatically. After the basic system detections you will be asked whether you want to check the installation data CD data before installation. Select **OK** to confirm or **Skip** to continue.

Now the hard disk is formatted automatically, a corresponding system of files is created and all necessary system components are installed.



The automatic installation of all the system components takes about 30 minutes (according to the communication HW configuration). After installation, the installator awaits the system **Reboot** confirmation. Press Enter to continue and then remove the CD from the drive. Now you have installed the Linux 32bit OS and associated 2N® SIM Star Server installation scripts and packages. Upon the system start, you will be invited to enter the login data.

Local host login	**Admin**
Password	**Admin**

After login, the system setting wizard is launched as described below.

System Settings

Upon the primary login, you can set the time zone and 2N® SIM Star Server network interface using the wizard. Assign the static IP address including the network mask and the default gateway to the selected network interface, or enable the IP address obtaining from your network DHCP (default setting). If necessary, you can also use the wizard for setting the DNS parameters for your network. Having set all the required parameters, click on **Save&Quit** to quit the wizard.

Now the network interface setting and database initialising processes follow. Do not interrupt the database initialising process to avoid database error and potential re-installation.

2N® SIM Star Server Installation

The installation process is launched automatically after the system setting and database initialisation processes are completed. The system will offer you the following three options:

1. 2N® SIM Star Server
2. 2N® External Routing Machine
3. 2N® SIM Star Server and ERM

Note

- For more information on 2N® External Routing Machine refer to the 2N® StarGate / BlueStar / BlueTower User Manual available on the 2N web sites.

Before entering a digit, make sure that the keyboard is active (the NumLock LED is shining) and, if not, activate it. Enter the **digits** and press Enter. You will be asked for confirmation. Enter Y and press Enter. The installation package is opened and the installation script is executed. After completion, the 2N® SIM Star Server process is launched. To check the process, enter the **top** command into the console. If the process is running, you will see the **simserver** process in the list of processes.

Now you can enter the 2N® SIM Star Server IP address into your web browser and display the web configuration login dialogue. For more information on the system configuration refer to the **2N® SIM Star Server Configuration** section.

2N® SIM Star Server Firmware Upgrade

You are advised to upgrade your system periodically to make the most of its capabilities. For the 2N® SIM Star Server firmware upgrade procedure see below.

Caution

- For the latest 2N® SIM Star Server firmware and User Manual versions refer to the 2N web sites.

Upgrade Procedure

Upload the new firmware package to 2N® SIM Star Server using the WinSCP or a similar SFTP-based program. The transfer takes place through the SSH protocol. Run the program on your PC and log in to 2N® SIM Star Server through its IP address and port 22 using the following login data:

Username	**admin**
Password	**admin**

Copy the firmware package into the /home/admin directory. Now move to 2N® SIM Star Server or get connected to it using the PuTTY or some other SSH client software. Enter the **ls** command to write out the current directory files, including your new firmware package. If the firmware package is not available, check whether you are in the correct directory and, if not, move to the correct one using the following command:

cd /home/admin

Enter the following command to open the package:

rpm –Uvh file_name

Now find the directory where the package has been opened. To do so, enter the following command:

whereis simserver-install

You will get the name of the file location and move to the directory using:

cd /path_to_directory

Enter the installation launching command (the file name) in this directory:

simserver-install

Now confirm the installation. Enter Y and click on Enter. After the first firmware installation part, you will be asked whether you want to re-initialise the database. Think twice before doing so, because re-initialisation deletes the database completely. On the other hand, some system parts may be inoperative without database re-initialisation. After the whole installation process is completed, you will be asked whether or not to launch 2N® SIM Star Server. Enter Y and click on Enter. A new firmware version has been installed successfully and you can get connected to 2N® SIM Star Server from your web browser again.

Caution

- The database structure may be modified or configuration deleted during the 2N® SIM Star Server firmware upgrade and so re-create the database including all settings.
- The firmware upgrade results in a restart of all current SIM card – GSM module connections and may lead to a temporary system malfunction!

3 2N® SIM Star Server Configuration

This section describes the **2N® SIM Star Server** configuration.

Here is what you find in this section:

- Web Interface
- Step-by-Step Basic Configuration
- 2N® SIM Star Server Management
- Gateways
- GSM Groups
- GSM
- SIM Boards
- SIM Groups
- SIM
- IMEI Menu
- Rules

3.1 Web Interface

Essentials

The 2N® SIM Star Server web interface supports the following web browsers:

MS Internet Explorer v7.0
Mozilla Firefox v3.5 and higher

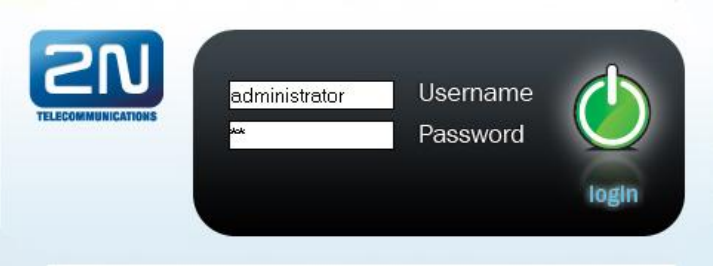
Other web browsers may cause troubles. The recommended screen resolution is 1280x1024 and the colour quality 32bit or higher. The configuration interface is available in the English language only at present.

Tip

- For better viewing, use the F11 key to launch the full screen mode.

Login

To log in to the 2N® SIM Star Server web configuration interface enter the 2N® SIM Star Server IP address into your web browser. The following login dialogue gets displayed:



The users may log in to the system with the following three types of privileges:

- **Privileges**
  - **Admin –** a user with the highest rights, authorised to manage configuration and the user accounts.
  - **Edit –** a user with the limited 2N® SIM Star Server configuration rights.
  - **View –** a user with the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration and log viewing rights.

By default, one login name is created for each privilege:

Login name	Password
Admin	2n
editor	p2
visitor	p1

Caution

- You are recommended to change the default settings upon the first login to improve your system security.
- The system allows for concurrent logins of users with the configuration privileges. However, we do not recommend this because of a risk of erroneous saving of configuration data into the system database.

Home Page

Upon your login, you get onto the Home page as shown below. There is a vertical list of menus on the left –hand side of the screen, which will be available to you in the horizontal format in every web configuration menu. You can see the user login name (administrator, editor, visitor) and privilege (Admin, Edit, View) in the right-hand upper corner.

The Home page is the only screen where you can find the **Logout** button for user logout. After logout, you will be notified of your successful system logout and invited to close the browser window to avoid re-use of your login data.

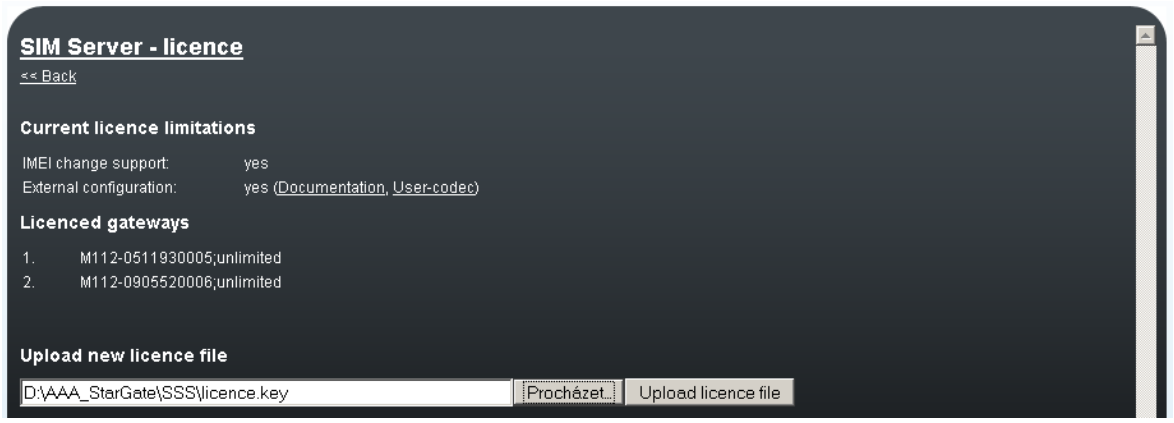
The main Home page field provides horizontally arranged icons representing the configuration menus. The links are logically grouped and have the same functions as the vertical menu items on the left.

3.2 Step-by-Step Basic Configuration

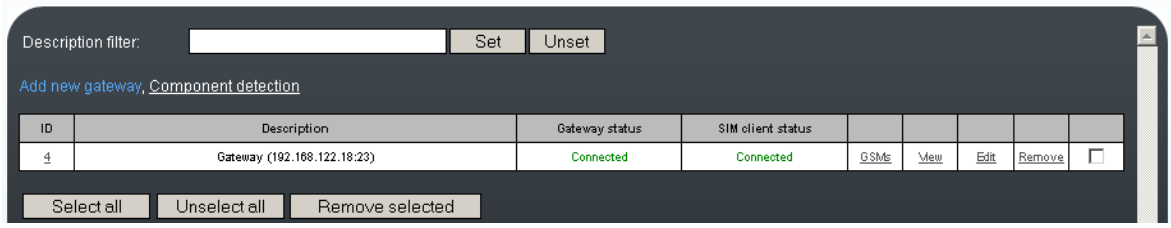
The subsection provides detailed 2N® SIM Star Server configuration steps. The aim of the procedure is to log in one SIM Board SIM card to the network through a GSM module of the selected gateway. The procedure assumes that the other system components have been configured properly and deals with the 2N® SIM Star Server part only.

1. Log in to the web configuration interface as described in the **Login** subsection.

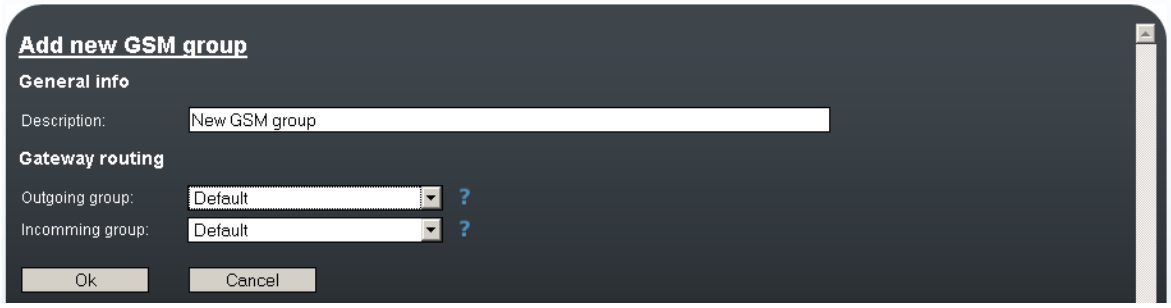
2. Upload the licence including the selected gateway serial number into 2N® SIM Star Server. To do so, use the **SIM Server Management – Licence file** menu.



3. Move to the **Gateways** menu and add a gateway using the **Add new gateway** item. Fill in all necessary data. Refer to the **Add New Gateway** subsection for description of the items in the case of doubts. Once you have installed the licence and filled in the IP addresses, ports and login data, the GSM gateway will be marked as connected in the overview table.

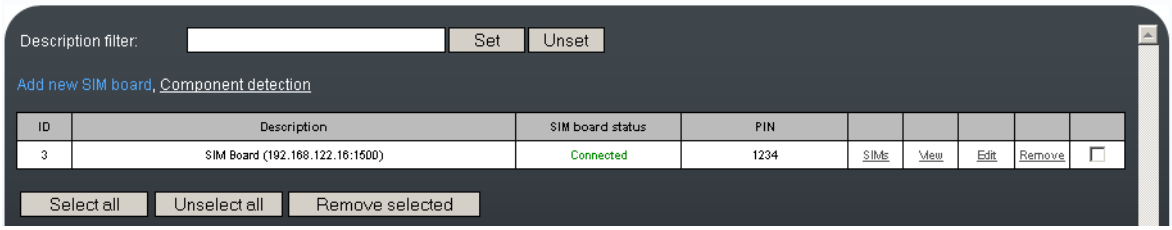


4. Proceed to the **GSM groups** menu and add a group using the **Add new GSM group** item.



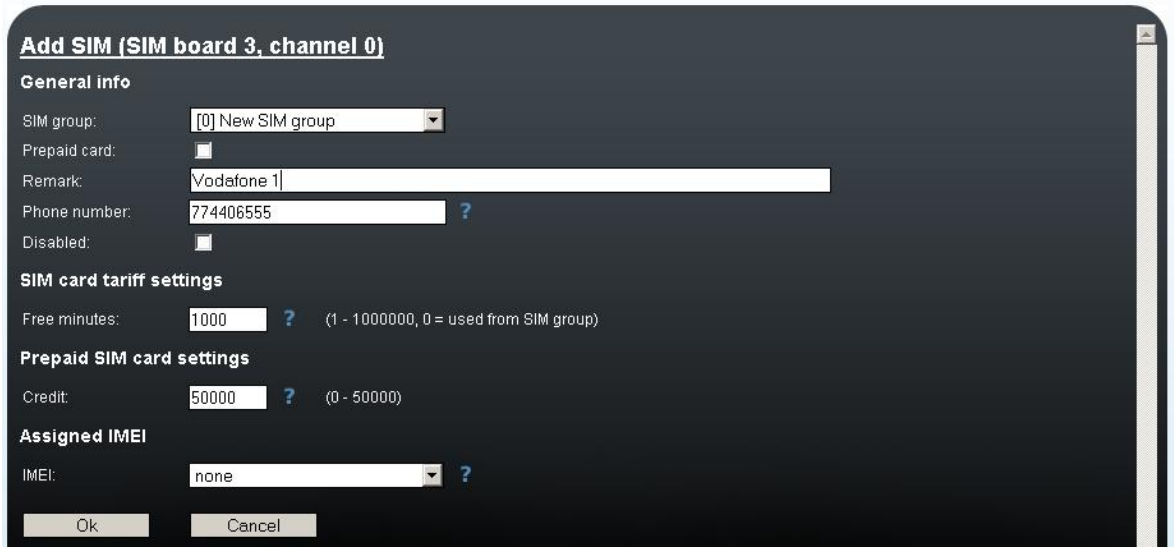
5. Proceed to the **GSM** menu. Select your gateway in the filter. An overview of all gateway channels gets displayed. Click on **Add** in the last but one column in the row corresponding to the suitable position in the GSM gateway. Set a group for the GSM channel, fill in the other parameters if applicable and push **Ok**.

6. Proceed to the **SIM Boards** and add a SIM Board using the **Add new SIM Board** link. Complete all necessary data. Refer to the **Add New Gateway** subsection for description of the items in the case of doubts. If you have installed all parameters correctly, the SIM Board will be marked as connected.

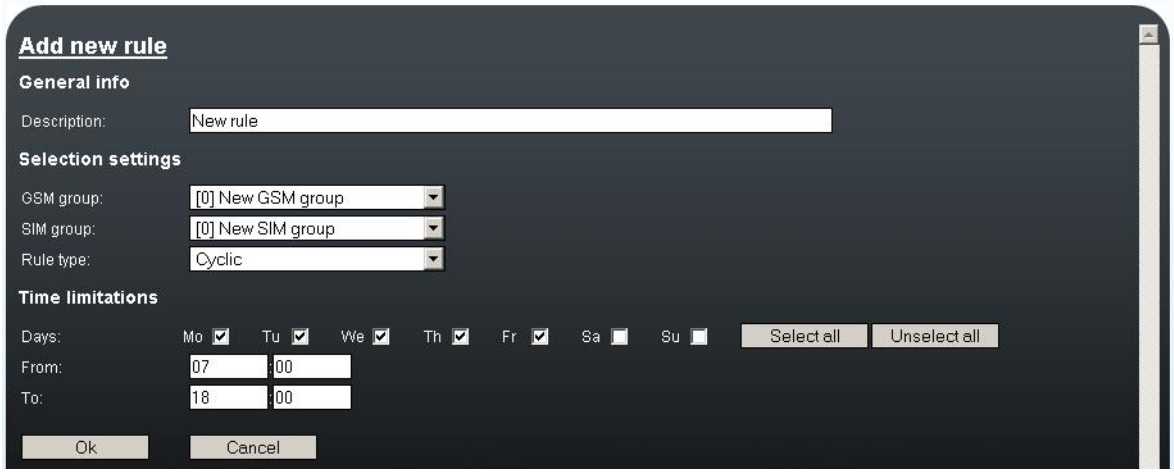


7. Proceed to the **SIM groups** menu and add a group using the **Add new SIM group** link. Complete all necessary data. Refer to the **Add New Gateway** subsection for description of the items in the case of doubts.

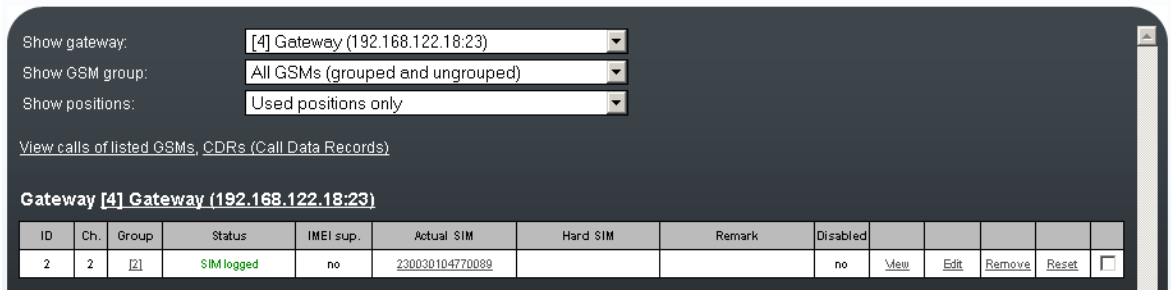
8. Proceed to the **SIM** menu. Select the added SIM Board in the filter and view the SIM cards in the corresponding SIM Board positions. However, these SIM cards have not been added yet. Click on **Add** in the SIM card row. Assign the SIM card to the SIM group created in the preceding step and set the required count of free minutes for the SIM card (or the available credit in the case of a prepaid SIM card).



9. Proceed to the **Rules** menu and add a rule using the **Add new rule** link. Select your GSM group and the SIM group. Set the selection method for the SIM card to be assigned. Define the days and times for the rule.



10. Now the SIM card should start logging in to the network through the GSM module. View the login process in the **Status** column of the **GSM** menu after filtering the added GSM gateway.



3.3 2N® SIM Star Server Management

This menu can be divided into two parts. On the left-hand side there are nine links to the menus described in the subsections below. The right-hand part offers overviews of the versions, times and database usage. For a view of the menu see the figure below.

- **Versions**
  This section provides information on the firmware versions:
  - **Version** – gives information on the firmware version.
  - **Build** – gives information on the firmware build version.
  - **Database version** – gives information on the database version, which defines the database structure.
- **Times**
  This section provides information on the on the 2N® SIM Star Server times.
  - **Server local time** – gives the 2N® SIM Star Server local time derived from the time zone defined.
  - **Server GMT** – gives the 2N® SIM Star Server time without time shift. GMT stands for the Greenwich Mean Time and is taken over directly from the BIOS.
  - **Uptime** – gives the 2N® SIM Star Server running time from the last power up.

- **Database usage**
  This section helps monitor the use of the database, which limited to a certain extent. The first column includes the items to be monitored. The second column shows the currently used items of the maximum count of the database items concerned. The third column shows the percentage of use and the last column expresses the use graphically.

SIM Server About

The menu provides essential contact information on 2N TELEKOMUNIKACE a.s. You will find here the address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Sales Department and Technical Support as well as a link to the 2N web sites.

SIM Server Load

The menu uses a diagram to show the server load in time. The load can cover the past 300 seconds, 300 minutes or 300 hours, or a combination of these values. Press F5 to refresh the screen data. Furthermore, the ASR and ACD diagrams for the whole 2N® SIM Star Server system are displayed including the three days/two weeks/six months history. The display data are for information only!

Use the **Settings** tag to set the types of records to be saved periodically for display in the diagrams.

Licence File

Some 2N® SIM Star Server functions and GSM gateway connections are subject to licences. To manage the licences use this menu.

- **Current licence limitations**
  Check whether your current licence includes the following two system functions:
  - **IMEI change support** – some GSM board types are able to change their IMEIs according to the 2N® SIM Star Server requirements. This function is subject to licence.
  - **External configuration** – this function is used for the external 2N® SIM Star Server configuration via the API interface. If enabled, the menu provides a link to the documentation.
  - **BTS lock support** – moduly Wacecom Q55, Q24CL a Q2400 podporují uživatelské zablokování GSM modulu na konkrétní BTS základnu. Tato funkce je licencována
- **Licenced gateways**
  The section displays a list of serial numbers of all the GSM gateways that may be used with 2N® SIM Star Server. 2N® SIM Star Server cannot be connected to gateway types other than those listed here. Every record also includes information on the licence expiry.
- **Upload new licence file**
  The section helps you upload a new licence file. Select the file location using the **Browse** button and push **Upload licence file**.

GW & SB/SC Firmware

Since 2N® SIM Star Server communicates with all the system components, the components may be upgraded remotely by 2N® SIM Star Server. 2N® SIM Star Server automatically distributes the latest firmware upgrades to all the required devices, thus eliminating the need to modify the components separately.

Use the **Component version review** link to move to a page showing the current software status in each system component.

- **Current firmware**
  The section provides a full survey of the current software versions for the selected components. You can replace or delete the firmware data.
  - **SB/SC card** – gives the current software version for the SIM Board and SIM Client.
  - **SB/SC root** – gives the current Linux version for the SIM Board and SIM Client.
  - **PGW firmware** – gives the current firmware version for the eCPU.
  - **GW firmware (SG/BS/BT)** – gives the current firmware version for the 2N® StarGate/BlueStar/BlueTower gateway CPUs.
  - **GW firmware (VB)** – gives the current firmware version for the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite gateways.
- **Upload new firmware file**
  This section helps you upload the current firmware to 2N® SIM Star Server for automatic distribution to all available components of the given type.

  You can save the firmware versions and auxiliary SW tools available in the **Support files** tag for later system component upgrades.

Caution

- The firmware upgrade results in a restart of some devices on which the remote firmware restarting process is taking place. This process has a temporary effect on the system function.

User Accounts

This menu helps you edit the 2N® SIM Star Server user accounts, change the privileges and access passwords.

- **Logged user**
  Use this section to change the data related to the currently logged-in 2N® SIM Star Server user.
  - **Change password** – change the user password. The random password generating function is also available.
  - **Settings** – change the user e-mail address and enable/disable sending alerts.
  - **User name** – the currently logged-in user's name is displayed.
  - **Privileges** – the currently logged-in user's privilege is displayed.
- **User table**
  The table provides a list of the current 2N® SIM Star Server users.

- **User name** – displays the username.
- **Privileges** – displays the user's privilege in the system.
- **E-mail** – displays the user's currently available e-mail. This item is necessary to sending automatics e-mail alerts
- **Alerts*** – displays whether sending of e-mail alerts is enabled for the selected user.
- **Add new user** – use this item to add a new system user with a specific privilege.
- **Change password** – use this item to change the selected user's password.
- **Settings** – use this item to change the user's e-mail address and enable/disable sending of alerts.
- **Remove** – use this item to remove a user from the system.

Note

- Make sure that the SendMail component has been set properly in the Linux OS to send e-mail alerts correctly.

Logger

Logger

The menu provides a view of the last 100 log records in 2N® SIM Star Server. The records are marked with a timestamp.

Use the **Log settings** tag to select the type of events to be recorded in 2N® SIM Star Server automatically. The **Log list** tag lists the log records according to the date of origin.

Tip

- To view the log on-line, get connected to the 2N® SIM Star Server IP address on port 12346 using the Telnet protocol. The login data are identical with the web interface login data.

CDR (Call Data Records)

Use the **CDR (Call Data Records)** link to proceed to a page for downloading call records from the gateways connected.

- **Download CDR from gateways**
  Use this parameter to enable downloading and saving call records from all the gateways connected. To change the setting click on **Apply.**
- **Save downloaded CDR to file**
  Use this option to save the call records available on the 2N® SIM Star Server

disk into a local disk file. Push the **Save** button to create a *cdr.zip* package to be saved.

- **Clean downloaded CDR**
  Use this option to delete all current call records on the 2N® SIM Star Server disk. After pushing the **Clean** button you will be asked for confirmation and the records will not be deleted until you confirm the operation.

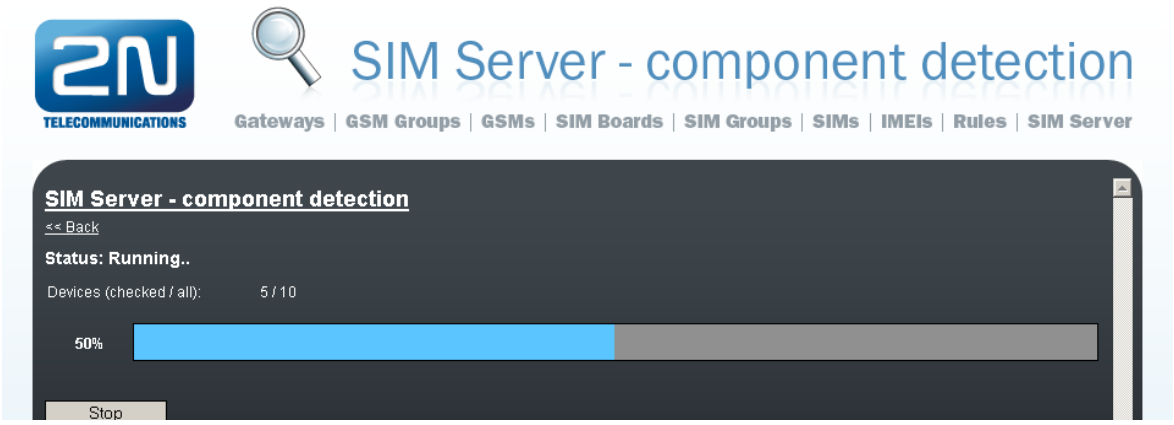
Component Detection

Use the menu for an easy detection of devices within one network segment. Upon your primary entering (and upon every deletion of the detection results), the **Start>>** button is only available for proceeding to the detection setting page.

- **Component selection**
  In this section specify the devices to be detected in the selected network segment. Choose GSM gateways, SIM Boards or both.
- **Network range**
  The maximum possible count of IP address and port combinations for searching is 10,000.
  - **IP range** – set the IP address range to be searched in the selected network segment. By leaving the last field blank you initiate searching on a specific IP address with variable ports.
  - **Ports** – set the ports or port range for network segment searching. The ports are separated with a comma, the port range is entered with a dash (e.g. 23,1500-1502). Ports 23 and 1500 are entered by default.
- **GW setting**
  You have to log in to a gateway to verify whether the gateway is connected on the selected IP address. To do so, fill in the username and password here. This searching method is ineffective if the gateways to be detected have different login data. (default username/password = Admin/2n)
- **SB & SC setting**
  You have to log in to a SIM Board to verify whether the SIM Board is connected on the selected IP address. To do so, fill in the username and password here. This searching method is ineffective if the SIM Boards to be detected have different login data. (default username/password = 2n/2n)

Detection Results

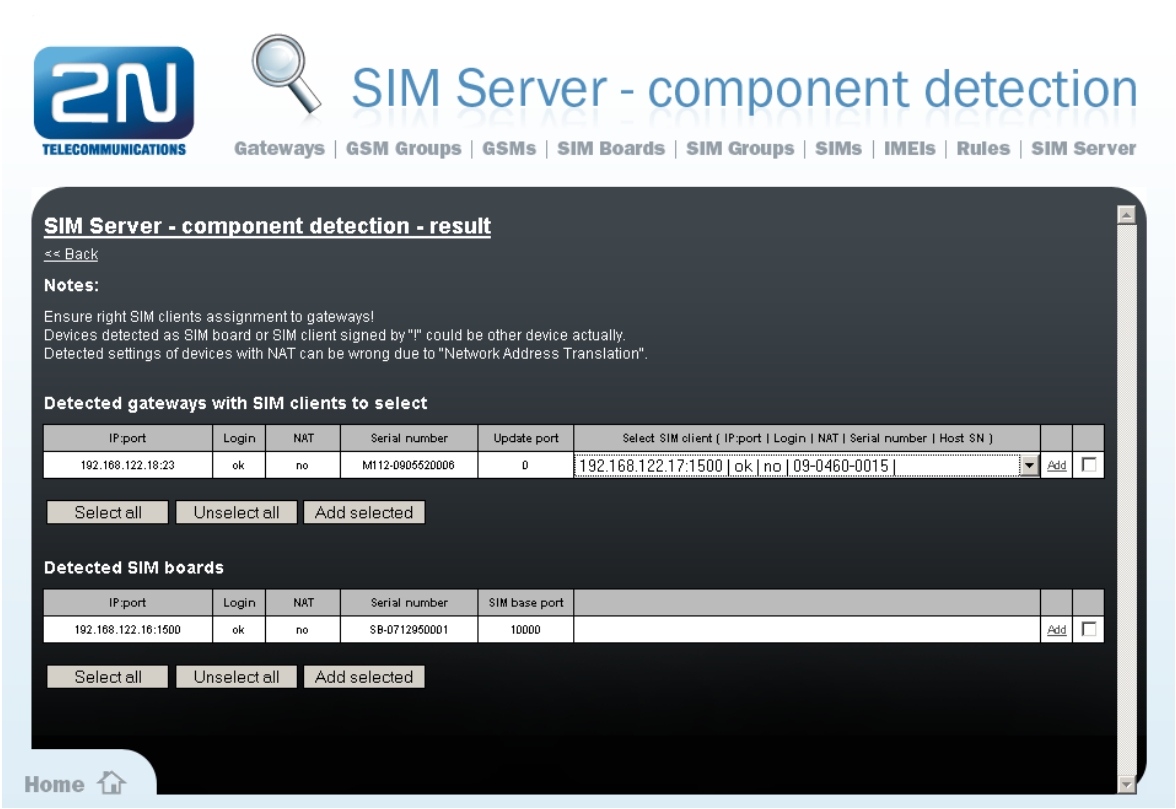
Network segment searching combinations are compiled according to the settings. The course of detection is signalled graphically and numerically.



To discontinue detection any time push the **Stop** button. Three buttons are available after the detection is completed:

- **Start>>**
  Push the button to return to the detection setting page.
- **Clean**
  Push the button to delete all the existing detection results.
- **Result>>**
  Push the button to display the detection results.

Now you can add the detected system components to the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration. Before doing so, assign the SIM Clients to the corresponding GSM gateways as they are detected as independent components and their links cannot be defined by 2N® SIM Star Server alone. You can assign them individually or collectively. The GSM gateways with the SIM Clients and the SIM Boards are added separately. The figure below shows a potential detection result where one gateway, one SIM Client and one SIM Board have been found. This solution represents the simplest available configuration.



The detected setting of a device behind the NAT server may be wrong due to the Network Address Translation. Such records are included in the NAT column and should be verified.

Some detected SIM Boards or SIM Clients are indicated with an exclamation mark. It means that 2N® SIM Star cannot verify whether the device is a SIM Client or a SIM Board or any other component.

Restart

Use this option to restart 2N® SIM Star Server. After pressing the button, you will be asked for confirmation and only then the system will be restarted.

Here you can also initiate automatic upgrade of the 2N® SIM Star Server system. Remember to insert a new 2N® SIM Star Server installation file (*.rpm) before restarting the system.

Caution

- Restarting 2N® SIM Star Server may discontinue the currently running calls and result in a temporary system malfunction!
- Make sure that automatic upgrade is possible before execution! For example, upon transition from version 1.3.x to 1.4.0, automatic upgrade via the web interface is impossible and upgrade via the command line using the SSH connection must be used!

Connections

- **Auto logout (min)**
  This is an automatic logout timeout for an active session if the user is inactive.

- **IMSI/Phone distribution**
  The links defined between the SIM card IMSI (International Module Subscriber Identity) codes and the phone numbers used by 2N® SIM Star Server can be shared by other applications too. By activating this parameter you make the linking information available on UDP port 12349 on the 2N® SIM Star Server IP address. To confirm the setting changes click on **Apply**.

- **Use Telnet Router**
  This item enables connection of JAVA applet terminals via IP port **12352**. This function is necessary for a device installed behind the NAT.

Caution

- Enabling this function you lower the security level of the whole system!

- **Simple login form**
  If this item is active, the anonymous style is used for the 2N® SIM Star Server login page.

- **Admin**
  This section helps you monitor the currently logged-in web configuration interface users through a login table with the following columns:
  - **Status** – shows the current login status.
  - **Remote address** – gives the address from which the user logs in to 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **User** – gives the user login name.
  - **Privileges** – specifies the logged-in user privilege (Admin, Edit, View).

Caution

- A single user should edit 2N® SIM Star Server at one moment (administrator or editor) to avoid unintentional configuration rewriting.

- **External Admin**
  This section helps you monitor the currently logged-in API users through a login table with the following columns:
  - **Status** – shows the current login status.
  - **Remote address** – gives the IP address and port from which the user logs in to 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **User** – gives the user login name.
  - **Privileges** – specifies the privilege of the logged-in user (Admin, Edit, View).

- **Logger**
  This section helps you monitor the currently logged-in users viewing the 2N® SIM Star Server log. All created users may view the log independently of their rights. The login table includes the following columns and functions:
  - **Status** – shows the current login status.
  - **Remote address** – gives the IP address and port from which the user logs in to the 2N® SIM Star Server log interface.
  - **User** – shows the user login name.
  - **Disconnect** – is used for forced termination of the current log interface connection. The Admin user is the only to terminate such connection.

- **Session lock**
  The **Lock** button enables an Admin user to lock the other users' access. The lock is valid for the user's login time. As soon as the user logs out or the user's login timeout expires (due to inactivity), the connection is released for other users. If multiple Admin or Edit users log in to 2N® SIM Star, they are notified of this fact and should not make any changes in the configuration.

3.4 Gateways Menu

The menu enables you to get an overview of the GSM gateways, add new gateways and modify the gateway settings.

Add New Gateway

Use this function to add new GSM gateways to the configuration manually. You can use the following parameters for adding:

- **General info**
  Here set the essential data on the gateway to be added.
  - **Description** – the text facilitates gateway identification only (GW Prague, e.g.).
  - **GSM count** – the count of channels or the type of the gateway to be added.
  - **Timezone** – the time zone for the gateway location. 2N® SIM Star Server automatically sets time for all the gateways connected and so this setting influences the time-dependent SIM card switching.
- **GW network info**
  Here fill in the information related to the gateway CPU network interface and login data.
  - **IP** – enter the CPU Ethernet interface IP address of the GSM gateway to be added. This IP address is included in the **System parameters** menu in the gateway.
  - **AT port** – define the port to be used for the 2N® SIM Star Server – gateway CPU communication. By default, this port is 23 (TCP), but the value can be changed if the NAT is used.
  - **Username** and **Password** – enter the username and password for the gateway login and update. These settings can be changed in the **Login account** menu in the gateway only if a serial interface is used for connection.
  - **Update port** – define the port to be used for automatic gateway firmware update. Port 2222 is used by default. The setting can be changed in the **System parameters** menu in the gateway. While using the NAT or firewall, remember that the UCMD protocol based on the UDP transfer is used for update.
- **SC network info**
  Here fill in the information related to login to the gateway SIM Client.
  - **IP** – enter the IP address on which the gateway SIM Client is running. The address is the eCPU address for the 2N® StarGate/BlueStar/BlueTower gateways and the CPU address for the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite gateway.

- **AT port** – define the port to be used for the 2N® SIM Star Server – gateway SIM Client communication. The default port is 1500 (TCP), but the value can be changed if the NAT is used.
- **Username** and **Password** – enter the username and password for the SIM Client login. These settings can be changed in the eCPU web configuration interface.
- **Update/web port** – define the port to be used for automatic eCPU firmware update through the web interface using the http protocol. Port 80 is thus used by default. This option is inapplicable in the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite gateway as the SIM Client is part of the gateway firmware.
- **Update password** – enter the simstar user password for the eCPU. This option is inapplicable in the 2N® VoiceBlue Lite gateway as the SIM Client is part of the gateway firmware.

- **New GSM default settings**
  This section enables you to make basic pre-settings for the gateway GSM channels automatically.
  - **Use default settings for new GSM** – enable the use of the following three GSM channel adding parameters. If this option is not selected, the parameters are not applied. Nevertheless, if any of the following parameters is enabled, this option is selected automatically.
  - **GSM Group** – automatic assignment of GSM channels to the selected GSM group.
  - **Remark** – a note for easier orientation in the configuration.
  - **Disabled** – disable the use of the selected gateway channel.
- **Add GSM now**
  - **Add all GSM** – select this option to automatically add all the detected gateway GSM channels to the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration.

The following tags are available in the GSM gateway overview window:

- **ASR, ACD diagram** – 2N® SIM Star Server can save and then display the ASR and ACD data on the whole GSM gateway connected. If the data are incontinuous, the GSM gateway has been disconnected. The display data are for information only!
- **Open PRI gateway configuration in new window** – Web link to eCPU web interface.

Overview Table

The section provides a table overview of all the gateways connected.

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each gateway in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **Description** – describes the gateway for easier identification. The descriptions may be identical for variable gateways.

- **Gateway status** – displays the current gateway connection (CPU) status.
- **SIM Client status** – displays the current SIM Client (eCPU) connection status.

Tip

- If a working gateway is designated as disconnected, check the IP address, port and password settings in the **GW** and **SC network info** sections.
- **JTA** icons help open the JAVA applet, which enables direct connection with the GSM gateway via the Telnet protocol, or SC to be achieved.

- **Functions**
  - **GSM** – works as a link to the GSM menu with a pre-defined filter for displaying on the selected GSM gateway.
  - **View** – displays current information on the selected GSM gateway. In addition to the basic gateway connection settings, this item provides information on the firmware versions, connection statuses, serial numbers and the gateway time.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the parameters mentioned in the **Add New Gateway** section.
  - **Remove** – deletes a gateway from the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the GSM gateways at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Remove selected** – push the button to remove the gateways from configuration that are selected in the last overview table row.

Other Controls

- **Description filter**
  The filter is used for searching GSM gateways according to the data included in the **Description** field. Any part of the string can be used for searching. To cancel the filter click on **Unset**.
- **Component detection**
  This is a link to the system component detecting menu. For the menu function refer to the **Component Detection** section.

3.5 GSM Groups Menu

The menu helps you add, edit and view the GSM groups.

Add New GSM Group

Use this function to add new GSM groups to the configuration manually.

- **General info**
  - **Description** – type a text to be used for easier orientation in the configuration.
- **Gateway routing**
  - **Outgoing group** – 2N® SIM Star Server enables you to set an outgoing GSM group for all the modules that will be assigned to the group. This setting has a higher priority than the GSM gateway setting. It can only be overridden by the group assignment on the SIM group level.
  - **Incoming group** – 2N® SIM Star Server enables you to set an incoming GSM group for all the modules that will be assigned to the group. This setting has a higher priority than the GSM gateway setting. It can only be overridden by the group assignment on the SIM group level.
- **BTS lock** – in case the GSM modules in the given GSM group support **BTS lock** and the function is properly licensed, 2N® SIM Star Server will send information on the required BTS station to the 2N® StarGate system connected upon every GSM module login to the network.
  - **MCC+MNC –** network code for the particular BTS Id.
  - **BCCH Freq –** BTS identification code.

Caution

- The GSM group assignment settings affect the call routing process in the GSM gateway connected. Therefore, leave the default parameters unchanged if in doubts.
- If the BTS is set incorrectly, the GSM module will be blocked and unable to login to GSM / UMTS!

Tip

- To find the BTS Id, you are recommended to use the **2N BTS Lock** software. Connect the SW remotely to a remote 2N® StarGate system via Telnet and display graphically the available BTS stations.

Overview Table

The section provides a table overview of all available GSM groups.

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each GSM group in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **Description** – describes the GSM group for easier identification. The descriptions may be identical for variable GSM groups.
- **Functions**
  - **View** – displays current information on the selected GSM group.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the parameters mentioned in the **Add New GSM Group** section.
  - **Remove** – deletes a GSM group from the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the GSM groups at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Remove selected** – push the button to remove the GSM groups from configuration that are selected in the last overview table row.

3.6 GSM Menu

The menu is used for GSM channel administration. You can add, remove and edit the GSM modules and view the SIM cards assigned to them.

Add GSM

The GSM channel is always associated with a gateway and its GSM module. To add a GSM channel use the **Add** item in the overview table, which is available to unassigned modules only.

- **General info**
  - **GSM group** – defines a GSM group for the GSM channel to be assigned to. It is unnecessary to select a GSM group.
  - **Remark** – description of the GSM channel for easier orientation in the configuration.
  - **Disabled** – here you can temporarily disable the module use.
  - **SIM card testing** – use this option to switch the GSM channel into the SIM card testing mode. In this mode, no restrictions apply to the SIM card. The testing modules are marked green in the listing.
- **Hard linked SIM**
  The section enables fixed assignment of a SIM card to the selected gateway GSM module.
  - **Select SIM Board** – select the SIM Board where the selected SIM card is located.
  - **Select SIM card** – select a SIM card from the selected SIM Board.

Overview Table

The section provides a table overview of all available GSM channels.

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each GSM channel in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **Channel** – shows the number of the GSM gateway channel for easier identification.
  - **Group** – shows assignment to a GSM group.
  - **Status** – displays the current GSM channel status.
  - **IMEI sup.** – shows whether the selected channel supports IMEI change or not.
  - **Current SIM** – displays the SIM card currently assigned to the GSM module.
  - **Hard SIM** – provides information on hard SIM card assignment to the GSM module.

- **Remark** – a note related to the selected GSM module.
- **Disabled** – disables the GSM module use temporarily.

- **Functions**
  - **View** – displays current information on the selected GSM channel.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the parameters mentioned in the **Add New** GSM Group section.
  - **Remove** – deletes the selected GSM channel. After removal, the channel will be marked as unused.
  - **Reset** – restarts the selected gateway GSM channel.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the GSM channels at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Select GSM with given status** – an extended option for mass marking of GSM channels in a specific status. The status is selected in the field next to this item.
  - **Unselect GSMs with given status** – an extended option for cancelling of mass marking of GSM channels in a specific status. The status is selected in the field next to this item.
  - **Edit selected** – push the button to edit the selected GSM modules.
  - **Remove selected** – push the button to delete the assignments of the selected GSM channels.
  - **Reset selected** – push the button to restart the selected GSM channels.
  - **Add selected with default settings** – push the button to add all the selected GSM channels with default settings.
  - **Add selected ignoring default settings** – push the button to set the basic parameters as described in the **Add GSM** section before mass adding.

Other Controls

Filter Views

- **Show gateway**
  Filter the GSM channels according to their assignments to a GSM gateway.
- **Show GSM group**
  Filter the GSM channels according to their assignments to a GSM channel group.
- **Show positions**
  Filter the GSM channels according to the used/unused positions in the GSM gateway.

View Calls of Listed GSM

With this option proceed to a menu where you can view the current calls and call lengths for the listed GSM channels.

- **Columns**
  The meanings of the first five table columns correspond to those included in the **Overview Table.** The other five columns are as follows:
  - **Call status** – the current call status of the GSM channel.
  - **Channel from** – the channel through which the call comes into the GSM gateway.
  - **Channel to** – the channel through which the call goes out of the GSM gateway.
  - **Dial** – the number dialled.
  - **Duration** – the duration of a call through the given GSM channel.

CDR (Call Data Records)

Transition to the **CDR (Call Data Records)** menu in the **Logger** menu in the **2N® SIM Star Server Management Menu** section. For details refer to the **Logger** menu above.

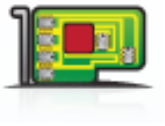
ASR, ACD of Listed GSM

The ASR and ACD values are saved in automatically generated diagrams. If the displayed data are incontinuous, the GSM gateway has been disconnected. The display data are for information only!

Information on Logged SIM Cards

A table on logged SIM cards including current details on ASR/ACD, minutes, SMS and credits of SIM cards.

3.7 SIM Boards Menu



The menu enables you to get an overview of the SIM Boards, add new SIM Boards and modify the SIM Board settings.

Add New SIM Board

Use this option to add another SIM Board manually.

- **General info**
  - **Description** – the text is for easier identification of a SIM Board only.
- **SB network info**
  - **IP** – defines the IP address used for communication with the SIM Board.
  - **IP 2** – this item should be the public IP address of the router if the NAT is used. If set so, the SIM Client uses this alternative IP address for communication in case the SIM Client has the public IP address and the first IP address is local, or in case the SIM Client IP address is identical with the first SIM Board IP address.
  - **AT port** – the port to be used by 2N® SIM Star Server for communication with the SIM Board. The port is set to 1500 (TCP) by default but can be changed in the SIM Board console menu when a serial link is used.
  - **SIM base port** – the port of the first virtual SIM card channel that is used together with the first IP address. This information is essential for a correct SIM Board - SIM Client communication. To change the port range for the virtual channels use the SIM Board console menu when a serial link is used.
  - **SIM base port 2** – the port of the first virtual SIM card channel that is used together with the alternative IP address.
  - **User name** and **Password** – the login data used for the SIM Board access. You can change them in the SIM Board console menu when a serial link is used.
  - **Update port** – the port for automatic SIM Board firmware update. The SSH protocol with default port 22 is used for update.
  - **Update password** – the password for automatic SIM Board firmware update, which can be changed in the SIM Board console menu when a serial link is used. The password default value is update.
- **SIM cards info**

  PIN – the SIM Board can also work with the SIM cards that request the PIN code. In this case, an identical PIN must be set for all the SIM cards before their module login. Such SIM cards are then assigned to the GSM gateway with a disabled PIN request.

- **New SIM default settings**

- **Use default settings for new SIMs** – use this option to enable the following default parameters for adding SIM cards into the configuration.
- **SIM Group** – the group of SIM cards to which the SIM card to be added will be assigned. The setting can be changed any time in the future.
- **Prepaid card** – if this option is selected, the SIM card is marked as prepaid. If not, it is regarded as a tariff SIM card.
- **Free minutes** – the default count of free minutes for a SIM card. When the limit is exhausted, the SIM card is unable to log in. The default free minutes can be set manually any time or automatically in the **Refresh day** parameter in the SIM group configuration. If the parameter is set to 0, the value defined in the SIM group should be used.
- **Free SMS** – the count of free text messages to be sent.
- **Credit** – the default SIM card credit. If the credit value is equal to or lower than the defined SIM group limit, the SIM card will not be allowed to log in. The credit value is refreshed during every network login and upon every call end.
- **Remark** – this parameter facilitates orientation in the SIM cards.
- **Disabled** – disables the use of a specific SIM card temporarily.

Overview Table

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each SIM Board in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **Description** – the text is for easier SIM Board identification only. The descriptions may be identical for variable SIM Boards.
  - **SIM Board status** – the current SIM Board connection status.

Tip

- If a working gateway is designated as disconnected, check the IP address, port and password settings in the **SB network info** sections.

  - **PIN** – the PIN code to be used for SIM card login within a SIM Board.

- **Functions**
  - **SIM** – a link to the **SIM** menu with the pre-set SIM card filter for the selected SIM Board.
  - **View** – displays current information on the selected SIM Board. In addition to the basic SIM Board login settings, it provides a survey of software versions.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the parameters mentioned in the **Add New GSM Group** section.
  - **Remove** – removes a SIM Board from the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the SIM Boards at once.

- **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
- **Remove selected** – push the button to remove all the SIM Boards selected in the last overview table row.

Other Controls

Description Filter

The filter is used for searching SIM Boards according to the data included in the **Description** field. Any part of the string can be used for searching. To cancel the filter, click on **Unset**.

Component Detection

This is a link to the system component detecting menu. For details refer to the **Component Detection** section.

Tip

JTA icons help open the JAVA applet, which enables direct connection with the GSM gateway via the Telnet protocol, or SC to be achieved.

3.8 SIM Groups Menu

The menu helps you add, edit and view the SIM groups.

Add New SIM Group

Use this function to add new SIM groups to the configuration manually.

- **General info**
  - **Description** – type a text to be used for easier orientation later in the configuration.
- **SIM card common settings**
  - **CLIR** – enable/disable the Calling Line Identification Restriction. The function must be supported by the mobile network provider. If **Default** is selected, the network setting is used.
  - **Idle time (min)** – set the SIM card idle time after the last use. To select a random range, enter a higher value into the second field than into the first one.
  - **One use limit (min)** – set the maximum time for the SIM card login to one module. After the expiry, the SIM card is logged out automatically. To select a random range, enter a higher value into the second field than into the first one.
  - **Call count limit** – set the maximum count of calls during one SIM card login to one GSM module. To select a random range, enter a higher value into the second field than into the first one.
  - **SMS count limit** - set the maximum count of sent SMS during one SIM card login to one GSM module. To select a random range, enter a higher value into the second field than into the first one
  - **One call limit (min)** – set the maximum call duration. An excessively long call may be terminated by the provider.
  - **Roaming** – set the GSM/UMTS code for the GSM module to log in if roaming is enabled.
  - **AoC internal** – set the time between two AoC messages sent to the ISDN interface in the case of a connected outgoing call to GSM / UMTS.
  - **Wait for call end** – enable non-termination of a call after the defined limit expiry. If this option is not ticked off, calls are terminated immediately, which prevents overdrawing of free minutes.
  - **ALERTING required** – set a terminating option for outgoing calls to GSM / UMTS networks in case the call is connected without prior ringing.

Note

- You can set ranges instead of exact values for some parameters to improve the GSM gateway masking in the providers' networks. The SIM cards that log out periodically can thus be detected more easily.

- **SIM card tariff settings**
  This section helps you set the basic parameters for tariff SIM cards.
  - **Free minutes** – the default count of free minutes for a SIM card. When the limit is exhausted, the SIM card is unable to log in. The free minutes can be refreshed manually any time or automatically using the **Refresh day** parameter below. Each SIM card has a count of free minutes of its own, which is preferred.
  - **Refresh day** – set a day in the month on which the free minutes are to be refreshed as set above. A '0' means never and '32' means every day.
  - **Free minutes req**. – set whether or not to use the SIM card where no more free minutes are available.
  - **Free SMS** - the default count of free SMS messages for a SIM card. When the limit is exhausted, the SIM card is unable to log in. The free minutes can be refreshed manually any time or automatically using the **Refresh day** parameter below. Each SIM card has a count of free minutes of its own, which is preferred
  - **Free SMS req**. - set whether or not to use the SIM card where no more text messages are available.
  - **First count (sec)** – set the minimum call length to define the minimum call cost upon answering. The typical value is 60s.
  - **Next count (sec)** – set the interval after which the call is billed differently. Typically, calls are billed per second after the first minute.
  - **Free count (sec)** – set the call duration not to be billed. This means that if you hang up before the end of this timeout, the call cost will be zero.

Caution

- The above mentioned settings relate to the internal pseudo-tariff metering scheme and should meet the network provider's settings. Otherwise the available amount of free minutes may be overdrawn and the manufacturer shall not be held responsible for that.

- **Prepaid SIM card settings**
  This section helps you set the basic parameters for prepaid SIM cards.
  - **Credit check** – set the SIM card credit checking method. The **USSD** method is based on sending the USSD code into the network and readout from the USSD reply. The **Simulated** method is based on the known initial state and proper setting of the internal pseudo-tariff metering rules.
  - **Prepaid check code** – the USSD code to be used or the SIM card credit state identification. Used for the USSD method only.
  - **Credit position** – define the position of the first credit digit in the USSD reply. A wrong setting may lead to a malfunction. Used for the USSD method only.
  - **Credit recheck (min)** – by default (0), the credit is checked by the USSD command upon every call end. In some networks, however, credit

state requesting is subject to charge and may lead to unintentional additional costs. This credit reading parameter thus cannot be used until a certain count of free minutes is exhausted. Used for the USSD method only.

- **First count (sec)** – set the minimum call length to define the minimum call cost upon answering. The typical value is 60s. Used for the Simulated method only.
- **Next count (sec)** – set the interval after which the call is billed differently. Typically, calls are billed per second after the first minute. Used for the Simulated method only.
- **Free count (sec)** – set the call duration not to be billed. This means that if you hang up before the end of this timeout, the call cost will be zero. Used for the Simulated method only.
- **Cost of 1 minute** – set the 1 minute call cost. Used for the Simulated method only.
- **Cost of 1 SMS** - set the one sent SMS cost. Used for the Simulated method only.
- **Recharged value** – set the credit value to be added to the current SIM card credit value after recharging. Used for the Simulated method only.
- **Max recharge count** – set the maximum automatic credit recharging requests before the manual check is required. Used for the Simulated method only.
- **Low credit** – set the minimum acceptable SIM card credit value. When this limit is achieved, the SIM card is disallowed to log in.

- **Prepaid SIM card recharge settings**
  This section helps you set the recharge parameters for prepaid SIM cards.
  - **Type** – define the recharging method for your prepaid SIM cards:
    - **USSD** – send the USSD code including the recharge code.
    - **SMS** – send an SMS including the recharge code.
    - **IVR** – dial a DTMF code including the recharge code (the provider's IVR line call).
    - **CALL** – dial the defined number including the recharge code to recharge the SIM card.
  - **Number** – define the number to be used for recharge of prepaid SIM cards for the variable recharging methods:
    - **USSD** – is inapplicable.
    - **SMS** – enter the SMS destination.
    - **IVR** – enter the number to be dialled.
  - **String** – enter a prepaid SIM card recharge string for each recharging method:
    - **USSD** – enter the sending code.
    - **SMS** – enter the recharging SMS text.
    - **IVR** – enter the tone sequence to be dialled and delay as follows:

String	Meaning
%%	char %
%c	Assigned recharge code
%n	SIM card number
p	1s delay
P	2s delay
w	5s delay
W	10s delay
*#0123456789	DTMF codes

- **Recharge idle time (min) –** set the time after which the SIM card relogs in for credit recharge.
- **Timeout (min) –** set the waiting time for credit recharge after sending the recharge request before the credit value identifying attempt is made. Typically, providers need one minute or even more to process the request. If it is find out that your credit has not been recharged, the recharge code is marked as erroneous and removed.
- **Auto recharging** – enable automatic assignment of the recharge codes of this group to the SIM cards of this group whenever the credit value falls under the defined limit.
- **Recharge day** – set a day in the month for automatic SIM card recharging.

■ **Blocked SIM card detection**
This section helps you set the parameters related to identification of blocked or inoperative SIM cards.

- **Failed calls** – set the count of unsuccessful calls in a sequence. When this limit is achieved, the SIM card will be blocked by 2N® SIM Star Server.
- **Failed logins** – set the count of unsuccessful logins. When this limit is achieved, the SIM card will be blocked by 2N® SIM Star Server.
- **Registration error** – block the SIM card whenever a registration error is detected.
- **Incorrect plan** – if the simulated and actual SIM card credit values are different by more than as defined at the moment of check, the SIM card will be blocked automatically.

■ **Gateway routing**
The section helps you assign the outgoing and incoming GSM groups. This setting level has the highest priority.

- **Outgoing group** – an outgoing group can be set for all the modules that are members of a group in 2N® SIM Star Server. This setting has a higher priority than those on the GSM gateway/GSM group levels.
- **Incoming group** – an incoming group can be set for all the modules that are members of a group in 2N® SIM Star Server. This setting has a higher priority than those on the GSM gateway/GSM group levels.

Overview Table

The section provides a table overview of the SIM groups.

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each SIM group in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **Description** – a text for easier SIM group identification. The descriptions may be identical for variable SIM groups.
- **Functions**
  - **Recharge** – a link to the recharge code administration menu with the defined filter for the selected SIM group. For details see below.
  - **View** – displays current information on the selected SIM group.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the parameters mentioned in the **Add New GSM Group** section.
  - **Remove** – removes a SIM card from the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the SIM groups at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Remove selected** – push the button to remove all the SIM groups from configuration that are selected in the last overview table row.

Manage Recharge Codes

- **Show SIM group**
  Use this option to display the recharge codes for the selected SIM groups.
- **Add new recharge code**
  Use this option to manually add a new recharge code. To do so, enter the following parameters:
  - **SIM group** – define the SIM groups to use the recharge code.
  - **Recharge code** – enter the recharge code.
  - **Remark** – a note on the recharge codes.
- **Import recharge codes from file**
  You can import the recharge codes from any text file, where they are separated with one or more characters (excluding digits). For example, *csv* or *txt* are suitable formats.
  - **SIM group** – define the SIM group to use the recharge codes imported.
  - **Remark** – a note on the recharge codes.
  - **File** – a section for the recharge code file location. To confirm the import, click on **Ok**. If a recharge code was added before (regardless of the group), it will not be added to the configuration.

Overview Table

The section provides a table overview of all the recharge codes.

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each recharge code in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **Recharge code** – the recharge code.
  - **Remark** – a note on the recharge code.
  - **Status** – the recharge code status (new, used, ...).
  - **Assigned to SIM** – the SIM card for which the recharge code was used. The column is completed after the recharge code is used.

- **Functions**
  - **View** – displays complete information on the recharge code including the last recharge time.
  - **Edit** – helps edit the recharge code items as described in the recharge code adding section. Moreover, an option is available to re-designate a recharge code as new (**Set as new**).
  - **Remove** – removes a selected recharge code from configuration.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the displayed recharge codes at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Select codes with given status** – an extended option for mass marking of the recharge codes that are in the status selected in the field next to this item.
  - **Unselect codes with given status** – an extended option for cancelling mass marking of the recharge codes that are in the status selected in the field next to this item.
  - **Edit selected** – push the button to edit all the recharge codes that are selected in the last overview table row. You can edit assignment to group, add a note and set the recharge code as new only.
  - **Remove selected** – push the button to remove all the recharge codes from configuration that are selected in the last overview table row.

3.9 SIM Menu

The menu is used for SIM card administration. You can add, remove and edit the SIM cards and view the SIM card assignments.

Overview Table

The section provides a table overview of the SIM cards.

- **Columns**
  - **IMSI** – displays the SIM card IMSI. IMSI is a unique SIM card identifier not only within 2N® SIM Star Server but also within the GSM provider's network.
  - **Channel** – determines a channel in the SIM Board and corresponds to the position in which the SIM card is mounted.
  - **Group** – determines the SIM group to which the SIM card is assigned.
  - **Status** – displays the current SIM card status.
  - **Assigned to** – displays the Id of the GSM gateway and GSM channel to which the SIM card is assigned.
  - **Hard linked** – displays information on the fixed assignment to a GSM channel.
  - **IMEI** – specifies whether or not the SIM card is linked with an IMEI.
  - **Type** – defines the SIM card type (tariff or prepaid).
  - **Remark** – adds a note to the SIM card.
  - **Disabled** – specifies whether or not the SIM card is removed from use.
- **Functions**
  - **View** – displays complete information on the SIM card.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the SIM card parameters.
  - **Remove** – removes the assignment of the selected SIM card.
  - **Reset –** launches initialisation of a SIM card on the SIM Board.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the SIM cards at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Select SIM with given status** – an extended option for mass marking of SIM cards in a specific status. The status is selected in the field next to this item.
  - **Unselect SIM with given status** – an extended option for cancellation of mass marking of SIM cards in a specific status. The status is selected in the field next to this item.
  - **Edit selected** – push the button to edit the selected SIM cards.

- **Remove selected** – push the button to cancel assignments of the selected SIM cards.
- **Reset selected** – push the button to launch initialisation of all the selected SIM cards.
- **Recharge selected** – push the button to recharge the selected SIM cards manually.
- **Add selected with default settings** – push the button to add all the selected SIM cards with the default settings.
- **Add selected ignoring default settings** – push the button to set the basic parameters before adding the selected SIM cards.

Table Menu

- **Basic table –** a standard view of the SIM card table.
- **Tariff details of listed SIMs –** a table showing details on the SIM card last login/logout to/from GSM network and current free minutes and SMS.
- **Prepaid detail of listed SIMs -** a table showing details on the SIM card last login/logout to/from GSM network and current SIM card credit.
- **Lookup info and phone numbers of listed SIMs –** a table showing SIM card telephone numbers and current states.
- **ASR, ACD of SIM –** a table showing current ASR and ACD values of SIM cards.

Action Menu

- **Import IMSI/SCID from file**
- **Export IMSI/SCID to file**

Other Controls

Filter View

- **Show SIM Board**
  Filter the SIM cards according to their assignments to a SIM Board.
- **Show SIM group**
  Filter the SIM cards according to their assignments to a SIM group.
- **Show position**
  Filter the SIM cards according to the used/unused positions in the SIM Board.

View Details of Listed SIM

The section provides a table overview of the SIM card details.

- **Columns**
  The meanings of the first five table columns correspond to those included in the **Overview Table.** The other six columns are as follows:
  - **Last login** – displays the last SIM card login time.
  - **Last logout** – displays the last SIM card logout time.
  - **Type** – specifies the SIM card type (tariff or prepaid).
  - **Free mins** – displays the count of free minutes for the given period.
  - **Current free mins** – displays the count of remaining free minutes. Clearing obeys the **Refresh day** parameter.
  - **Current credit** – displays the remaining credit for the prepaid SIM cards. Set the **USSD** or **Simulated** credit finding method to make this parameter work properly.

View Lookup Info and Phone Numbers of Listed SIM

The section provides a table overview of the SIM card details.

- **Columns**
  The meanings of the first five table columns correspond to those included in the **Overview Table.** The other six columns are as follows:
  - **Phone number** – is the SIM card phone number.
  - **Lookup info** – provides current information on the SIM card status: whether the SIM card is ready to use, used by a module or unavailable for some reason.

View ASR and Block Listed SIM

The section helps you monitor the call traffic via each SIM card. The information is updated upon every SIM card login.

The menu provides an overview table for SIM cards with the filtering option according to the SIM Board and SIM group assignments and positions. The meanings of the first five table columns correspond to those included in the **Overview Table.** The other columns are as follows:

- **Total SIM usage ASR**
  Displays the total Answer Seizure Ratio for the given SIM card.
- **Last SIM usage ASR**
  Displays the Answer Seizure Ratio for the given SIM card during its last login.

The ASR viewing columns are divided into two parts. The first part displays the ASR percentage plus the counts of all and successful calls. The other column expresses the ASR graphically. Successful calls are green and unsuccessful ones are red. For a view of these statistical data see the figure below.

IMSI	Ch.	Group	Status	Assigned to	Total SIM usage ASR		Last SIM usage ASR		Blocked
230030115729533	0	[2]	Ok		no calls		no calls		no
230030115729530	1	[2]	Ok		no calls		no calls		no
230014200091290	2	[2]	Removed		no calls		no calls		no
230014200091288	3	[2]	Ok	gw 4 ch 4	62 % (5/8)		100 % (1/1)		no

- **Blocked**
  Defines whether or not the SIM card is blocked against use. The blocking function depends on the **Blocked SIM card detection** settings in the **SIM Groups** menu. The SIM card gets blocked the moment you fill in all the required conditions (a certain count of unsuccessful calls, e.g.).

Tip

- To unblock an ASR-blocked SIM card use the **SIM** menu. Enter the blocked SIM card configuration and select **Unblock**.
- To delete the ASR statistics use the **Clear ASR** option in the SIM card configuration.

Import IMSI/Phone Assignments from File

The links between the IMSI codes and SIM card phone numbers can be imported from any text file where the IMSIs are followed by the corresponding phone number. A new row must be created for every pair in the file. For example, *csv* or *txt* are suitable formats. The maximum count of assignments per file is 320.

Export IMSI/Phone Assignments to File

The function is used for exporting the existing links between the SIM IMSIs and phone numbers to a *csv* file. One such file is created for each SIM Board for exporting purposes and all the files are subsequently compressed into a zip file.

3.10 IMEI Menu

IMEI stands for the International Mobile Equipment Identity. It is a unique code assigned to each GSM/UMTS module by the manufacturer. It is a fifteen-digit number of a precisely defined format. GSM providers use this code for verifying module identities and blocking modules if necessary.

You can change the IMEI in some module types.

Caution

- This function is subject to licence!
- The IMEI change in GSM modules may be prohibited by law in some countries!

Add New IMEI

Use this option to manually add an IMEI code to the 2N® SIM Star Server database.

- **IMEI**
  Enter the IMEI. The correctness of the IMEI to be added is checked according to the Luhn algorithm. If wrong, the IMEI is not added.
- **Remark**
  Type a note to facilitate orientation in the IMEI system.

Overview Table

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each IMEI in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **IMEI** – the IMEI code.
  - **Assigned to SIM** – specifies the SIM card to which the IMEI is assigned.
- **Functions**
  - **View** – displays complete information on the IMEI code including the SIM card assignment.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the parameters mentioned in the **Add New GSM** Group section.
  - **Remove** – removes a selected IMEI from configuration.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the displayed IMEI codes at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Remove selected** – push the button to remove all the IMEI codes selected in the last overview table row.

Other Controls

Import IMEI from File

The IMEI codes can be imported from any text file where they are separated with one or more characters (excluding digits). For example, *csv* or *txt* files are suitable formats. Those IMEI codes are only saved into the 2N® SIM Star Server configuration that have the correct format and have not been introduced to the system yet.

- **Remark**
  Type a note to be added to all the IMEI codes added. The note is intended for easier orientation in the IMEI system.
- **File**
  Select a file for the IMEI code added. To start file importing into 2N® SIM Star Server, click on **Ok**.

Export IMEI to File

This function is used for exporting the current list of IMEI codes into a *csv* file.

3.11 Rules Menu

The menu is used for administration of the rules linking the GSM groups with the SIM groups. You can add, remove and edit the rules in this menu.

Add New Rule

- **General info**
  - **Description** – a text used for easier rule identification.
- **Selection settings**
  - **GSM groups** – defines the assignment of a rule to up to four GSM groups.
  - **SIM group** – defines the assignment of a rule to a SIM group.
  - **Rule type** – defines the SIM card assigning method:
    - **Cyclic** – the SIM cards are selected cyclically.
    - **Most free minutes** – the SIM cards with the highest counts of free minutes are preferred.
    - **Most credit** – the SIM cards with the highest credits are preferred.
    - **Least used** – the least used SIM cards are preferred.
    - **Random** – the SIM cards are selected randomly.
  - **Prefer recharging –** the SIM cards that need recharging will be preferred while assigning SIM cards to GSM modules.
  - **Prefer activation** – the SIM cards that need activating will be preferred while assigning SIM cards to GSM modules.
- **Time limitations**
  In this section set the time intervals for the rule.
  - **Days** – select the days on which the rule shall be applied. The **Select all** and **Unselect all** buttons are available for easier selection.
  - **From** – set the time at which the rule shall be applied on the selected days.
  - **To** – set the time at which the rule shall cease to be applied on the selected days.
- **Force SIM switch timing**
  - **Use timing point –** set the time intervals for replacement of SIM cards assigned to GSM modules.
  - **Random range –** set the time interval for random and sequential changing of SIM cards assigned to GSM modules.

Overview Table

- **Columns**
  - **Id** – shows a unique identification number for each IMEI code in 2N® SIM Star Server.
  - **GSM grp** – displays the used GSM group Id. Move the cursor above the code to display the group describing hint.
  - **SIM grp** – displays the used SIM group Id. Move the cursor above the code to display the group describing hint.
  - **Type** – displays the SIM card selection method for the GSM module assignment.
  - **Description** – shows a text for easier orientation in the rules.
- **Functions**
  - **View** – displays complete information on the rule including a clearly arranged rule application table.
  - **Edit** – helps modify all the parameters mentioned in the **Add New GSM** Group section.
  - **Remove** – removes the selected rule from configuration.
- **Buttons**
  - **Select all** – push the button to mark all the displayed IMSI codes at once.
  - **Unselect all** – push the button to cancel the **Select all** function.
  - **Edit selected** – push the button to edit all the IMSI codes selected in the last overview table row.
  - **Remove selected** – push the button to remove from configuration all the IMSI codes that are selected in the last overview table row.

Other Controls

Filter View

- **Show GSM group**
  Filter the rules according to their assignments to a GSM group.
- **Show SIM group**
  Filter the rules according to their assignments to a SIM group.

4 Function and Use

This section provides the basic and extended functions of the **2N® SIM Star** product.

Here is what you can find in this section:

- SIM Card to GSM Modul Assignment
- 2N® SIM Star Server
- How to Link Module IMEI and SIM Card IMSI
- Prepaid SIM Card Credit Recharge

4.1 SIM Card to GSM Module Assignment

Basically, there are two types of SIM card assignment to a GSM module in a GSM gateway.

Hard SIM Card Assignment

Go to the **GSM** menu and select a GSM module in the selected GSM gateway. Click on **Edit** in the module row. Select the required SIM Board in the **Hard linked SIM** section and then the required SIM card. Now the SIM card IMSI code should be displayed in the **Hard SIM** column in the SIM card overview. The **Hard linked** column of the **SIM** menu in the SIM card overview displays information on the GSM gateway and the GSM module to which the SIM card is assigned (gw4 ch12, e.g.).

Assignment According to Rules

Move to the **Rules** menu and click on **Add new rule**. In the submenu select the GSM group to which the required GSM module is assigned. Now select the SIM group to which the required SIM card is assigned. Choose the SIM card selection method for the group. Refer to the **Add New Rule** subsection for details on the rule types if necessary. Finally, select the days and time intervals for the rule to be applied.

Caution

- Remember that one SIM card may be assigned to one GSM module only at a time. If the GSM gateway is disconnected temporarily from 2N®SIM Star Server, the SIM cards assigned to the disconnected GSM gateway modules shall remain assigned to these GSM modules until the gateway is reconnected to 2N® SIM Star Server!

4.2 2N® SIM Star Server Hot Swap

2N® SIM Star Server provides the so-called hot swap function. Hot swap includes two running 2N® SIM Star Server units, which mirror the configuration databases. Upon a failure of one server (Master), the other server (Slave) assumes control automatically.

Installation Guide

Installing 2N® SIM Star Server with the hot swap support, meet the below listed instructions to avoid system error.

1) Install 2N® SIM Star Server on two independent PCs. Do not launch or manually disable (service simstar stop) the 2N® SIM Star Server processes.
2) Activate the hot swap support on both the 2N® SIM Star Server units using the following command:
   /usr/simstar/utils/ss_mirror_on
   and enter your IP address, the other server's IP address, the mirroring password (identical for both the 2N® SIM Star Server units) and the e-mail address for alerting e-mail messages.
3) Launch the two the 2N® SIM Star Server units (service simstar start).
4) Open the 2N® SIM Star Server interfaces; both the units will inform of a back-up 2N® SIM Star Server unit failure.
5) Enter the mirroring password on one of the units to launch the system.
6) The other 2N® SIM Star Server unit is connected automatically in a short time and starts mirroring the configuration data.

If the first 2N® SIM Star Server is restarted/powered off, the other server is started immediately.

To deactivate the hot swap support:

1) Deactivate the SIM server process (service simstar stop) on both the PCs.
2) Run the /usr/simstar/utils/ss_mirror_off utility.
3) Re-launch the SIM server process (service simstar start).

4.3 How to Link Module IMEI and SIM Card IMSI

This function is necessary for cases where the SIM cards are bound to specific mobile phones. In this relation, the SIM card is represented by the IMSI code and the mobile phone by the IMEI code. To link the codes see below:

First enter the required IMEI code in the **IMEI** menu either manually or through file import. Now click on the **Edit** item at the selected SIM card in the **SIM** overview table and select an IMEI from the list for the selected SIM card in the available **Assigned IMEI** menu. 'Yes' should be set in the **IMEI** column of the overview table for the SIM cards to be linked with a specific IMEI card.

Caution

- An IMEI-assigned SIM card may be used for IMEI change supporting modules only.
- The IMEI change function is subject to licence.

4.4 Prepaid SIM Card Credit Recharge

As already mentioned in the **Add New SIM Group** section, credit can be recharged in variable ways. Below are details on each credit recharging method.

USSD

To recharge via USSD you have to know the USSD code (may vary depending on the network provider) and the prepaid voucher code. Suppose that the USSD recharge code is ***102*recharge_code#** and the recharge voucher code entered in 2N® SIM Star Server is assigned to the SIM card. To recharge the SIM card credit using the USSD method, take the following steps:

1) Set the **Type** parameter to **USSD** in the **Prepaid SIM card recharge settings** section of the **SIM Groups** menu for the given SIM group.
2) In the same section, enter ***102*%c#** in the **String** parameter, where **%c** represents the assigned recharge voucher code to be added by 2N® SIM Star Server and **#** signals the end of command.
3) The recharging process starts by logging in the SIM card to the GSM module (unless already logged in) and dialling the USSD code in the format: ***102*recharge_code#**. The rest of the process takes place automatically in the provider's network.

SMS

To recharge via an SMS you have to know the SMS format and destination number as well as the prepaid recharge voucher code. Suppose that the recharging SMS format is **RECHARGE_voucher_code**, the phone number is **606 352 125** and the voucher code entered in 2N® SIM Star Server is assigned to the SIM card. To recharge the SIM card credit via an SMS, take the following steps:

1) Set the **Type** parameter to **SMS** in the **Prepaid SIM card recharge settings** section of the **SIM Groups** menu for the given SIM group.
2) In the same section, enter the phone number to which the SMS shall be sent into the **Number** parameter. It is **606 352 125** in our example.
3) Enter **RECHARGE_%c** in the **String** parameter, where **%c** represents the assigned recharge voucher code to be added by 2N® SIM Star Server.
4) The recharging process starts by logging in the SIM card to the GSM module (unless already logged in) and sending an SMS in the format **RECHARGE_voucher_code** to phone number **606 352 125**. The rest of the process takes place automatically in the provider's network.

IVR

To recharge via an IVR you have to know the recharge line number and the provider's IVR tree structure as well as the prepaid recharge voucher code. Suppose that the recharging IVR line number is **606 456 789** and a recharge code has to be entered for a successful IVR tree passage. Thus, dial **1**, **3** and **2** sequentially. The recharge

voucher code entered in 2N® SIM Star Server is assigned to the SIM card. To recharge the SIM card credit via the IVR, take the following steps:

1) Set the **Type** parameter to **IVR** in the **Prepaid SIM card recharge settings** section of the **SIM Groups** menu for the given SIM group.
2) In the same section, enter the provider's credit recharging IVR line number into the **Number** parameter. It is **606 456 789** in our example.
3) Enter **p1p3P2W%c#WW#** in the **String** parameter, where **%c** represents the assigned recharge voucher code to be added by 2N® SIM Star Server and **p, P** and **W** represent the waiting time of one, two or ten seconds.
4) The recharging process starts by logging in the SIM card login to the GSM module (unless already logged in) and dialling the number included in the **Number** parameter. On the provider's side, the DISA service answers the call and **digit 1** is DTMF-dialled into the IVR tree after a 1-second timeout (corresponds to p1). **Digit 3** (corresponds to p3) is dialled after another 1-second timeout and **digit 2** (corresponds to P2) is dialled after another two seconds. The IVR is playing a message and no DTMF detector is connected. Therefore, wait about 10 seconds until the message is completed (corresponds to W) and DTMF-dial the **recharge code** that has been assigned by 2N® SIM Star Server (corresponds to %c). The **#** char terminates the recharge code entering sequence. Finally, a 20-second long waiting for the recharge code playing (corresponds to WW), dialling confirmation with **#** and call end take place.

Note

- The credit recharging IVR tree structure depends on the network provider. You are recommended to recharge manually first and, according to the system structure and responses, set the above mentioned 2N® SIM Star Server parameters.

5 Technical Parameters

This section describes the technical parameters of the **2N® SIM Star** product.

Here is what you can find in this section:

- Server Requirements
- SIM Board Box Dimensions and Interfaces

5.1 Technical Parameters

Server Requirements

CPU	**2.4GHz or more** **Intel i386 compatible**
RAM	1GB or more
HDD	60GB or more
HDD Type	SATA100 or SATA133
CDROM	required
LAN	Ethernet 100BaseT
UPS	recommended

SIM Board Box Dimensions and Interfaces

Dimensions (w x h x d)	482 x 133 x 360 mm (84HP x 3U x 360mm)
Weight (full configuration)	9,800g
Power supply	100-240V AC / 50-60Hz
Power input	Up to 230VA
Interface	2 10BaseT (RJ45 connectors)
Capacity	18 SIM Boards (576 SIM cards)

6 Supplementary Information

This section provides supplementary information on the **2N® SIM Star** product.

Here is what you can find in this section:

- Regulations and Directives
- General Instructions and Cautions
- Troubleshooting
- List of Abbreviations

6.1 Regulations and Directives

2N® SIM Star conforms to the following directives and regulations:

- Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 9 March 1999 – on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity
- Directive 2006/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits
- Directive 2004/108/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2004 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility and repealing Directive 89/336/EEC
- Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on waste electrical and electronic equipment
- Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC
- Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment

6.2 General Instructions and Cautions

Please read this User Manual carefully before using the product. Follow all instructions and recommendations included herein.

Any use of the product that is in contradiction with the instructions provided herein may result in malfunction, damage or destruction of the product.

The manufacturer shall not be liable and responsible for any damage incurred as a result of a use of the product other than that included herein, namely undue application and disobedience of the recommendations and warnings in contradiction herewith.

Any use or connection of the product other than those included herein shall be considered undue and the manufacturer shall not be liable for any consequences arisen as a result of such misconduct.

Moreover, the manufacturer shall not be liable for any damage or destruction of the product incurred as a result of misplacement, incompetent installation and/or undue operation and use of the product in contradiction herewith.

The manufacturer assumes no responsibility for any malfunction, damage or destruction of the product caused by incompetent replacement of parts or due to the use of reproduction parts or components.

The manufacturer shall not be liable and responsible for any loss or damage incurred as a result of a natural disaster or any other unfavourable natural condition.

The manufacturer shall not be held liable for any damage of the product arising during the shipping thereof.

The manufacturer shall not make any warrant with regard to data loss or damage.

The manufacturer shall not be liable and responsible for any direct or indirect damage incurred as a result of a use of the product in contradiction herewith or a failure of the product due to a use in contradiction herewith.

All applicable legal regulations concerning the product’s installation and use as well as provisions of technical standards on electric installations have to be obeyed. The manufacturer shall not be liable and responsible for damage or destruction of the product or damage incurred by the consumer in case the product is used and handled contrary to the said regulations and provisions.

The consumer shall, at its own expense, obtain software protection of the product. The manufacturer shall not be held liable and responsible for any damage incurred as a result of the use of deficient or substandard security software.

The consumer shall, without delay, change the access password for the product after installation. The manufacturer shall not be held liable or responsible for any damage incurred by the consumer in connection with the use of the original password.

The manufacturer also assumes no responsibility for additional costs incurred by the consumer as a result of making calls using a line with an increased tariff.

Electric Waste and Used Battery Pack Handling

Do not place used electric devices and battery packs into municipal waste containers. An undue disposal thereof might impair the environment!

Deliver your expired electric appliances and battery packs removed from them to dedicated dumpsites or containers or give them back to the dealer or manufacturer for environmental-friendly disposal. The dealer or manufacturer shall take the product back free of charge and without requiring another purchase. Make sure that the devices to be disposed of are complete.

Do not throw battery packs into fire. Battery packs may not be taken into parts or shirt-circuited either.

6.3 Troubleshooting

FAQ

For tips concerning solutions of other potential problems see faq.2n.cz.

6.4 List of Abbreviations

- **API** (Application Programming Interface)
- **ASR** (Answer Seizure Ratio)
- **ACD** (Average Call Duration)
- **BIOS** (Basic Input-Output System)
- **CD** (Compact Disc)
- **CDR** (Call Data Record)
- **CLIR** (Calling Line Identification Restriction)
- **COM** (PC serial interface)
- **CPU** (Central Processor Unit)
- **DHCP** (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)
- **DNS** (Domain Name Server)
- **DTMF (**Dual Tone Multifrequency)
- **eCPU** (enhanced CPU)
- **FW (**Firmware)
- **GMT** (Greenwich Mean Time)
- **GSM** (Group Switched Mobile system)
- **GPRS** (General Packet Radio Service)
- **GW** (Gateway)
- **HW** (Hardware)
- **IMEI** (International Mobile Equipment Identity)
- **IMSI** (International Mobile Subscriber Identity)
- **IP** (Internet Protocol)
- **IVR** (Interactive Voice Response)
- **LAN** (Local Area Network)
- **LED** (Light Emitting Diode)
- **NAT** (Network Address Translation)
- **PC** (Personal Computer)
- **PCB** (Printed Circuit Board)
- **PCM** (Pulse-code modulation)
- **PIN** (Personal Identification Number)
- **PRI** (Primary Rate Interface)
- **PUK** (Personal Unblocking Key)
- **SB** (SIM Board)
- **SC** (SIM Client)

- **SIM** (Subscriber Identity Module)
- **SIP** (Session Initiation Protocol)
- **SMS (**Short Message Service)
- **SSH** (Secure Shell)
- **SW** (Software)
- **TCP** (Transmission Control Protocol)
- **UCMD** (UDP commands)
- **UDP** (User Datagram Protocol)
- **UMTS** (Universal Mobile Telecommunication System)
- **UPS** (Uninterruptible Power Supply)
- **USSD** (Unstructured Supplementary Service Data)
- **VoIP** (Voice over Internet Protocol)
- **WAN** (Wide Area Network)

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