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Introduction



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About Smoke Documentation

Smoke® 2009.1 includes documentation that helps you install, configure, and use your product.

For a list of all the documentation available to you, visit
<http://www.autodesk.com/smoke-documentation>.

Refer to the Release Notes for all late-breaking release information.

Smoke and Smoke 2K

The following features are available in Smoke 2K only:

- Batch FX
- Keycode

To upgrade to Smoke 2K, contact your sales representative. For contact information, visit <http://www.autodesk.com/smoke> and click How to Buy.

Using the New Features Guide

This New Features Guide describes the new and updated features for this release of Smoke. For a quick look at the New Features, see [What's New](#) on page 5. Some of the major features also have more information in this guide — just follow the links from the What's New chapter.

Viewing Tooltips

Your application includes tooltips that describe objects on the user interface (such as buttons and fields). The tooltips also display the hot key for the object, if one is configured.

To view tooltips:

- 1 Move the cursor over the object.
After a few seconds, the tooltip displays.

You can turn on and off the display of tooltips. You can also change the amount of time your cursor must rest on an object before the tooltip displays.

Viewing the Help

Included with Smoke is a Help system that you can view in a Web browser. The Help is installed automatically and is accessible anywhere within Smoke.

The Help is best viewed using Firefox® 2 or Internet Explorer 7.

To view the Help from Smoke:

- 1 Start Smoke.
- 2 On the bottom-right of the screen, click Help.
You can also click Preferences to display the Preferences menu and click Help.

TIP Press **Ctrl+=** to open the Help from anywhere in Smoke.

A browser launches displaying the Help.

TIP To view the Help without interrupting a client session, copy the *documentation/help* folder from the product DVD to another system, such as your laptop. To view the Help, open the *help/index.html* file.

Viewing PDF Documentation

The documentation set is available in PDF for online viewing or printing. They are installed in the Smoke *documentation* directory. You can view any of the PDF files in that directory from Smoke.

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To view the PDF files from Smoke:

- 1 Click Preferences to display the Preferences menu.
- 2 Select a document from the PDF Documentation box.
The document opens automatically in Xpdf on Linux workstations.

TIP You can access other PDF documents from your application by copying them to the directory.

Notation Conventions

A number of style conventions are used throughout your documentation. These conventions and examples of their use are shown as follows.

Convention	Example
Text that you enter in a command line or shell appears in Courier bold. Press the Enter key after each command.	install rpm -qa
Variable names appear in Courier, enclosed in angle brackets.	<filename>
Feedback from the command line or shell appears in Courier.	limit coredumpsize
Directory names, filenames, URLs, and command line utilities appear in italics.	<i>/usr/discreet</i>

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What's New

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About This Guide

This New Features Guide describes the new and updated features for this release of Smoke. For a quick look at the new features, see the following sections. Some

major features also have more information in this guide — just follow the links in this chapter.

New Features Overview

This table provides a quick overview of the main new features for this release. Follow the links for more information about the features.

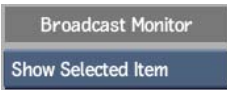
Inputting and Outputting Media New features include enhancements for media import and export to provide better support for MXF, QuickTime, DPX, and Cineon files. See [What's New in Inputting and Outputting Media](#) on page 8.



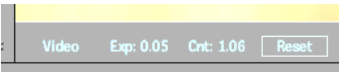
Real-time Deliverables Use this new time-saving feature to output to many output formats without rendering. See [What's New in Real-Time Deliverables](#) on page 10.



Clip Workflow Improvements Work more efficiently with updates to keycode, Resize, and for viewing clips in modules or your broadcast monitor. See [What's New in Clip Workflow Improvements](#) on page 11.



Colour Management Enhancements include improvements with working with LUTs and viewing images. See [What's New in Colour Management](#) on page 13.



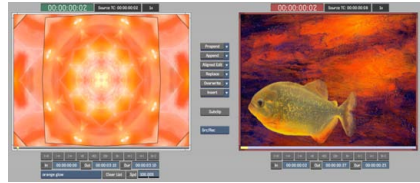
Batch Nodes New features include floating point (OpenEXR) support for more Batch nodes. See [What's New in Batch Nodes](#) on page 14.



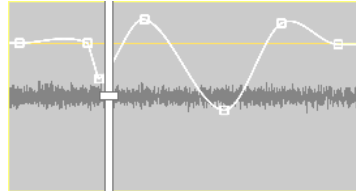
Batch Setups New features include improvements to displaying head and tail frames, committing Batch FX, and copying BFX clips. See [What's New in Batch Setups](#) on page 15.



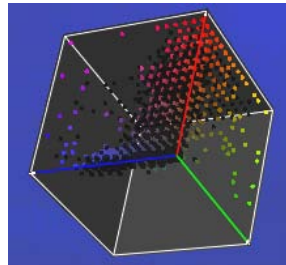
Editing Enhancements include the new Source/Record Player. See [What's New in Editing](#) on page 17.



Audio Workflow improvements have been made to editing gain curves, and setting interpolation on audio animations. See [What's New in Audio](#) on page 18.



Effects New features include floating point (OpenEXR) support for the Colour Corrector and Colour Warper. See [What's New in Effects](#) on page 18.



Action Enhancements include soloing objects in the schematic. See [What's New in Action](#) on page 19.



Infrastructure Support has been added for Burn background rendering of floating point jobs on GPU-equipped Render Nodes. See [What's New in Infrastructure](#) on page 20.

Plugin	
Command Line Tool	Command Line Tool
P2Gen	Stone+Wire Background Movie IO 2009.1
burn gpu 2009.1	Burn GPU 2009.1.0
Wire	Stone+Wire Background Wire 2009.1
burn 2009.1	Burn 2009.1.0

Image courtesy of Technicolor (formerly Toybox)

What's New in Inputting and Outputting Media

The following changes apply to inputting and outputting media.

New QuickTime Features

QuickTime support has been enhanced with the following features.

- You can now apply a gamma correction when you export and recapture QuickTime files, in addition to when you import them. See [Gamma Correction for QuickTime](#) on page 25.
- You can now import and export QuickTime files using the Motion JPEG-A codec. Note that on export of Motion JPEG-A, only progressive frames are exported.
- Importing QuickTime Apple Animation files with Alpha channel is now supported. Ensure that the QuickTime is exported with a depth of Millions of Colors+.
- When importing QuickTime files, the tape name and timecode are now read directly from the file header.
- When exporting QuickTime files using the MPEG4 codec, you now have a choice of three new sample Video Codec Presets to choose from: MPEG4_LOW_QUALITY, MPEG4_MID_QUALITY, and MPEG4_HIGH_QUALITY.

New LZW Compression when Exporting Tiff

When exporting Tiff files, enabling Compress will now activate LZW compression. LZW is a lossless compression algorithm that is faster than the previous RLE algorithm and creates a smaller output file.

Field Dominance upon Import

Field dominance can now be read from the file upon import. This can be enabled, in the Processing group, by setting Scan Mode to File Header. See [Field Dominance upon Import](#) on page 26.

Importing Proxies for DPX and Cineon

For DPX and Cineon images, a film scanner generates full-resolution scans that are often complemented by lower resolution proxy scans. You now have the choice of importing these existing proxies, or generating new proxies, when recapturing or importing DPX or Cineon images. See [About the Proxy Import Settings](#) on page 27.

New Supported MXF File Codecs

When importing P2 MXF media, the AVC-Intra 50 and AVC-Intra 100 codecs at 10 bits are now supported.

When importing XDCAM MXF media, the MPEG-2 IMX 30, MPEG-2 IMX 40, MPEG-2 IMX 50 (for XDCAM), and MPEG-2 long-GOP (for XDCAM HD) codecs are now supported.

Importing MXF Media

When importing MXF media, the browser can now read the P2 and XDCAM content structure and display the assembled clips, which include the XML, video, and audio files combined. See [Importing and Soft-Importing Video Files](#) on page 29.

Clip Input/Output

You can now access the Input Clip and Output Clip menus using new buttons in Smoke. The new buttons are available by selecting I/O from the A/V Tools box.

When outputting multiple clips, you are prompted to select the timing to use from a list of the available clip timings. See [Outputting Multiple Clips](#) on page 32.

Also, the following changes apply to the Output Clip menu:

- A list of clips allows you to select the clips and layers to output, resolve timecode conflicts, and activate and deactivate logo overlay. See [Output Clip Menu Controls](#) on page 34.
- You can overlay logos on clips during output. You can also preview the logo in the Output Clip menu Player. This feature is available only on

workstations with the NVIDIA FX 5600 SDI graphics card. See [Outputting Clips with a Logo Overlay](#) on page 38.

- When using Real-Time Deliverables, you can edit the Deliverables settings directly from the Output Clip menu. See [Clip Output Using Real-Time Deliverables](#) on page 53.
- The Player sports a jog area and controls, available when the Deliverables tab or the Logo tab is selected. In this case, the Player displays the clip to output, not the content of the tape.

Publishing Media

The Publishing menu has been improved. Buttons are now grouped so that commands are easier to locate. You can now control the name of output files with shot padding, and the name of published clips with an editable extension. See [Publishing](#) on page 45.

What's New in Real-Time Deliverables

Real-Time Deliverables allows you to output from one master source format to many output formats directly to tape, without rendering.

The Real-Time Deliverables feature is only available on workstations using the NVIDIA FX 5600 SDI graphics card. Users working with clips with Deliverables on platforms without the required graphics card cannot view the Deliverables, but can still work with the original clip.

The following are some characteristics of Real-Time Deliverables:

- The Deliverables menu, available from the Player, is used to set timing, resize, and LUT settings for real time output.
- A Deliverable is a virtual clip that can be output like any other clip.
- A Deliverable can be processed to create a new clip.
- Deliverable settings can be edited from the Output Clip menu.
- A Deliverable can be previewed in the Player and in the Deliverables tab of the Output Clip menu.
- Deliverables can be copied, pasted, deleted, loaded, and saved as Deliverable templates.

- You can search for Deliverables in the library.

See [Clip Output Using Real-Time Deliverables](#) on page 53.

What's New in Clip Workflow Improvements

The following clip workflow improvements apply to Smoke.

New Features in Resize

A number of improvements have been made to Resize to improve the workflow and consistency across the application.

- The crop box is now handled as a single object (rather than four lines) with parameters for horizontal and vertical positioning and scaling.
- Resize filter options are improved and expanded to include a number of new methods.
- Resize is now available from Player on the Deliverables tab.
- The arrangement of the Resize parameters has been improved to allow for more consistency and ease of use, including the addition of some new options. See [Resize Settings](#) on page 75.

New Keycode Support

When working with clips that contain embedded keycode, a number of new keycode emulsions are supported, including Eastman 5219/7219 Vision3 500T and a number of Fuji ETERNA film stocks.

The 8-perf VistaVision format in keycode is also supported.

Broadcast Monitor Output

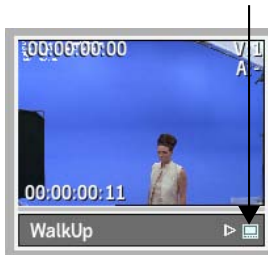
In the Preferences menu, you can select the Show Selected Item option in the Broadcast Monitor box to display the current clip selection in the broadcast monitor. You can also set the broadcast monitor to display the Result view of a selected item. Additional preferences are displayed for image data type and broadcast LUTs.

See [Broadcast Settings Preferences](#) on page 83.

In modules with multiple viewports, the Monitor symbol now appears in each viewport. The blue Monitor symbol indicates that the graphics signal is sent to the broadcast monitor. You can send any viewport to the broadcast monitor by clicking its Monitor symbol.



In the clip library, the monitor indicator appears on clips when you select Show Selected Item in the Broadcast Monitor box. Click the indicator to send the clip to the broadcast monitor.



Clip Library Expand Options

You can hide and display selected clips, and expand or collapse selected clips with real-time settings, history, or soft edits using the Expand Options group of dropdown lists. You can also toggle the display of clips with an associated deliverable, history, or source clip by clicking an indicator on a clip.

See [Expanding and Collapsing the Contents of a Clip](#) on page 87.

Updated Default Preferences and Setup Options

A number of default preferences and setup options have been updated to better meet user needs. The following table summarizes these new defaults.

Area/Module	Option	Default
Action	Regen button	Enabled
Action	Play Lock button	Disabled

Area/Module	Option	Default
Action	Camera Motion Path button	Disabled
Batch FX	Set to BFX In/Out button and Set to Media Range button	Previous selection within the session
Garbage Mask	Regen button	Enabled
RGB Blur	Regen button	Enabled
Resize	Regen button	Enabled

New Project Copy Feature

There is a new script that you can use to copy projects from a previous release to Smoke 2009.1. This simplifies the steps necessary to upgrade your projects from a previous release.

See the Compatibility chapter of your user guide for more information.

What's New in Colour Management

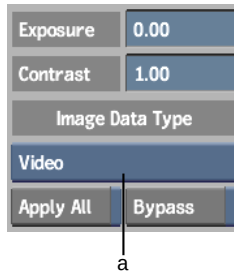
The following enhancements have been made to managing LUTs:

- All LUT types are now configured in the LUT Preferences menu. The entries in the 1D LUT list and 3D LUT list correspond to hot keys that can be used to apply a specific gamma or 1D LUT to the display monitor, or 3D LUT to the image window. See [LUT Preferences](#) on page 89.
- 1D LUTs can now be applied to the graphics monitor from the View menu. See [Applying 1D LUTs to the Monitor](#) on page 92.
- When the LUT Editor is accessed from the Import Image menu, you must export the 1D LUT file upon exit. See [Exporting LUTs](#) on page 93.
- You can apply a 3D LUT to a clip in the Import Image and Export Image menus. See [Applying a LUT on Import or Export](#) on page 94.

Image Display Viewer

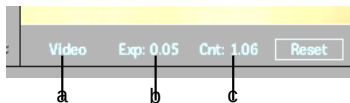
You can now change the display of an image in a viewport or the Player, based on the type of image data you are working with. By default, all images are displayed with a transformation for video images. You can apply transformations to the image to display an optimal view of logarithmic and linear images.

You can set image display settings in a module's View menu or Player Options tab.



(a) Image Data Type box in the View menu

The lower left corner of each viewport displays image data type, exposure, and black level settings. When you are not in the View menu, settings can be adjusted interactively in a module viewport or the Player image window.



(a) Image Data Type (b) Exposure (c) Contrast

See [Controlling Image Display using Exposure and Image Data Type](#) on page 96.

What's New in Batch Nodes

The following enhancements apply to working with Batch nodes.

Floating Point Support

The following nodes have been added to the list of nodes that accept floating point (OpenEXR) data as input. This file format has advantages over other formats, such as a high dynamic range and high-quality colour resolution.

- Average
- Burn-in Letterbox
- Burn-in Timecode
- Combine
- Compound
- Filter
- Flip
- GMask
- Monochrome
- Optics
- Text

For a list of all modules that support floating point images, see the [Floating Point Support Table](#) on page 20.

GMask Node

The GMask node supports 16-bit floating-point (OpenEXR) data as input. The Stabilizer and pickers are not available when this type of input is attached to the node in Batch.

For more information, see the Batch: Node Reference chapter in your user guide.

What's New in Batch Setups

The following workflow enhancements have been made to Batch setups.

Clip and Timecode Display

Several improvements have been made to clip and timecode display in Batch.

- You can now change the timecode of a clip brought into Batch so that it corresponds to Batch time.
- You can display or hide negative frames that result from offsetting the starting frame of a clip in main Batch.
- When you load a clip into a BFX level, you can now display head and tail frames in the BFX timebar. Previously you could only display head frames.

See [BFX Timecode and Clip Frame Length](#) on page 99.

Committing Results

You can now commit BFX or BFXa results while preserving soft effects. See [Committing Batch FX](#) on page 102.

Copying Clips

You can now send copies of BFX clips to the EditDesk. See [Managing Clips in a BFX Level](#) on page 102.

Split Option Renamed

With the introduction of the new dropdown list, the Split options for creating one clip per layer have been renamed. To activate an option, select it from the dropdown list.



New Name:	Replaces:
Split Tracks and Layers	Split Layers

New Name:	Replaces:
Split and Convert to Action Layers	Split+Action
Split and Convert to Batch Tree	Split&Extract

For information about each option, see [Creating One Clip Per Timeline Layer](#) on page 104.

What's New in Editing

The following changes apply to editing.

- You can now display the timeline of a clip by double-clicking the clip in the Source Area or in any Player except the fullscreen Player.
- When you gesturally copy a clip from a Player, you must press **F** and then drag the clip.

Source/Record Player

Use the new Source/Record Player to view both the source clip and record clip at the same time. This player is accessible from the EditDesk and Import EDL menu. It is not available from module players.

From the Source/Record Player, you can edit Source Area clips to Record Area clips using interface items. Previously, you could only edit to a record clip gesturally or using hot keys. Edits that you can now perform with the Source/Record Player include replace, ripple replace, replace all, replace source only, overwrite, insert, aligned, prepend, and append edits. With some of these edits, you have the option of keeping source gaps and of deleting the sources after the edit has been performed.

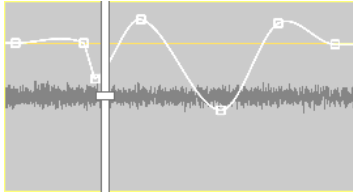
You can create subclips from the Source/Record Player, as well as generate a subclip using the original clip filename and a numerical increment (by **Alt-clicking** the Sub-clip button).

See [Viewing Clips in the Source/Record Player](#) on page 109.

What's New in Audio

The following changes apply to audio.

- You can now animate the gain for individual segments (and view their animation curves) in the timeline, using a simplified version of the Channel Editor.



You can also edit the gain curves of two or more audio segments simultaneously, provided that you select all segments before you begin adjusting the curve. The segments must start at the same frame.

See [Gain](#) on page 113.

- All keyframe animation applied to audio segments uses linear interpolation by default. You can change the default in the Preferences menu.

What's New in Effects

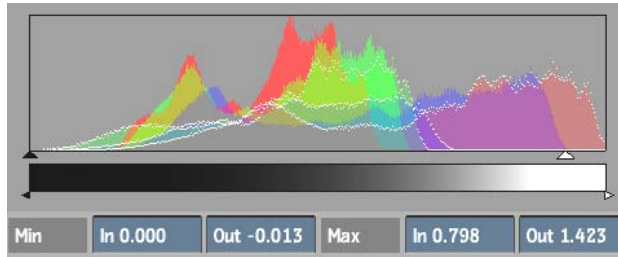
This section describes enhancements made to various effects modules.

Floating Point Support in the Colour Corrector and Colour Warper

16-bit floating point OpenEXR clips are now supported in the Colour Corrector and Colour Warper. This file format has advantages over other formats, such as a high dynamic range and high-quality colour resolution.

Some of the menus and controls in the Colour Corrector have been updated to accommodate the new capabilities of floating-point images. See [Adjusting the Colour Balance](#) on page 115, [Adjusting the Colour Range](#) on page 118, and [Remapping Colour Values](#) on page 124.

Similarly, there are some differences in the Colour Warper menus to accommodate floating-point images. See [Generating Mattes](#) on page 126.



Overlay User Interface in the Colour Corrector and Colour Warper

When changing the opacity of the Overlay user interface buttons in the Colour Corrector or Colour Warper, an opacity of 1.0 displays the buttons as they look in the regular user interface.

Filter Module and Node

The Filter module and Batch node feature a new menu layout tailored to a widescreen interface.

What's New in Action

The following enhancements have been made in Action.

Setting Action Resolution to Background

In the Resolution Presets box of the Action Setup menu, you can now select Background Resolution to set the resolution to that of the background clip. The settings in the Resolution section change automatically to reflect the background clip resolution. If there is no background clip, the settings revert to the project resolution.

Automatic Crop Softness

Cropping a clip in the Media list automatically enables crop softness, saving you time by not having to enable the softness separately.

Soloing Objects in the Schematic

You can now solo an object or branch in the schematic and temporarily hide all other objects in the schematic. This saves time by not having to hide multiple objects one by one. See [Soloing Objects](#) on page 133.

What's New in Infrastructure

The following enhancements apply to infrastructure.

GPU-Accelerated Burn Nodes

On Render Nodes equipped with GPU-accelerated graphics cards, Burn now supports background rendering of complex jobs, such as floating point jobs (for example, unclamped colours in Action, directional RGB blur, or radial RGB blur).

You can use Backburner Monitor or Backburner Web Monitor to see the hardware capabilities of each node in your rendering network.

Plugin	
Command Line Tool	Command Line Tool
P2Gen	Stone+Wire Background Movie IO 2009.1
burn gpu 2009.1	Burn GPU 2009.1.0
Wire	Stone+Wire Background Wire 2009.1
burn 2009.1	Burn 2009.1.0

For information about the supported GPU-accelerated graphics cards, as well as installation and configuration instructions, see the Autodesk *Burn 2009 Extension 1 Installation and User Guide*.

Floating Point Support Table

The following table summarizes the features and nodes which support 16-bit floating point OpenEXR images for all Autodesk Visual Effects and Finishing products.

Action	GMask node
Add Pulldown	Import
Archive	Interlace

Auto Stabilize	Interleave
Average	Lens Distort
Burn-In	Library
Burn-In Letterbox	LUT Editor
Colour Correct	Monochrome
Colour Warper	Motif
Coloured Frame	Motion Analysis
Combine	MUX
Compound	Motion Blur
Deal	Negative
Deinterlace	Optics
Difference Matte	Output
Dominance	Posterise
Export	Remove Pulldown
Exposure	Resize
Field Merge	RGB Blur
Filter	Sparks
Flip	Text
Glow	Vector Viewer

New Hot Keys For This Release

The following table summarizes new or updated hot keys for this release.

Area/Module:	Press:	To:
Any numeric field	spacebar-drag	Change the value of the field slower than by dragging alone

Area/Module:	Press:	To:
Any numeric field	Alt+spacebar-drag	Change the value of the field faster than by dragging alone
Action	Q	Select hidden bicubic vertex
Action	spacebar+O	Switch to Orbit mode
Batch FX	Ctrl+Alt+1 This hot key combination replaces Alt+Shift+1	Display C:Main level context view (the result of the current Batch FX in context of the final output)
Batch FX	Ctrl+Alt+2 This hot key combination replaces Alt+Shift+2	Display C:Level-up context view (the result of the current Batch FX in context of the vertical editing one level up in the pipeline)
Batch FX	Ctrl+ ' (on the tilde key)	Exit BFX to the previous level
Batch FX	' (on the tilde key)	Exit BFX to the EditDesk
Colour Corrector	Alt+Z-drag	Adjust Shadows colour balance directly in the image window
Colour Corrector	Alt+C-drag	Adjust Highlights colour balance directly in the image window
Colour Corrector	Alt+X-drag	Adjust Midtones colour balance directly in the image window
Colour Corrector	Alt+V-drag	Adjust Master colour balance directly in the image window
Colour Warper	Alt+V-drag	Use trackball appearing in Trackball option box
EditDesk	Shift+V-click This hot key combination replaces Ctrl+spacebar-click	Open the Notepad text editor.
LUTs	Alt+Shift+(1-0)	Apply a gamma correction or 1D LUT based on its position in the 1D LUT list

Area/Module:	Press:	To:
LUTs	Alt+Shift+' (on the tilde key)	Toggle ID LUT display mode
LUTs	Ctrl+Shift+(1-0)	Apply a the 3D LUT based on its position in the 3D LUT list
LUTs	Ctrl+Shift+' (on the tilde key)	Toggle 3D LUT display mode
Module View-port/Player	Shift+C+drag	Modify the contrast of the image display
Module View-port/Player	Shift+E+drag	Modify the exposure of the image display
Player	Ctrl+F	Create a subclip from any Player
Player	Ctrl+Alt+F	Create a subclip from any Player and add a numerical increment after the name
Source/Record Player	Alt+click Subclip button	Create a subclip and add a numerical increment after the name
Source/Record Clips	Ctrl+Shift+drag	Scroll through both the source and record clips at the same time
Soft Effects	' (on the tilde key)	Exit the Soft Effect Editor
		NOTE To exit the Text Editor, press Ctrl+'

New Tooltips For This Release

We have added tooltips for all new features in this release. In addition, we have added tooltips to the following:

- Batch nodes
- Colour Corrector
- Colour Warper
- Clip Library Tools menu

- Filters
- LUTs
- Resize and Resize soft effects
- Stabilizer
- Text and Text soft effects

Inputting and Outputting Media

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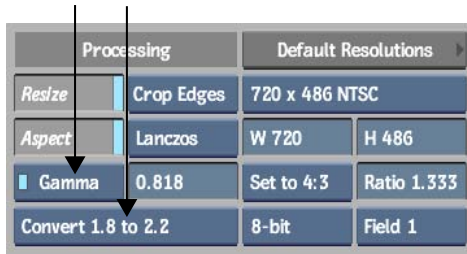
Topics in this chapter:

- [Gamma Correction for QuickTime](#) on page 25
- [Field Dominance upon Import](#) on page 26
- [About the Proxy Import Settings](#) on page 27
- [Importing and Soft-Importing Video Files](#) on page 29
- [Outputting Multiple Clips](#) on page 32
- [Output Clip Menu Controls](#) on page 34
- [Outputting Clips with a Logo Overlay](#) on page 38

Gamma Correction for QuickTime

You can now apply gamma correction when you import, export, or recapture QuickTime files.

If you are importing QuickTime files originating from a Mac® computer, apply gamma correction to bring the brightness of the image in line with the rest of your project. From the Colour Correction Type box, select Gamma, then from the Gamma Presets box, select Convert 1.8 to 2.2.



The Gamma Correction field displays the gamma correction value to be applied. It can be modified to a custom value.

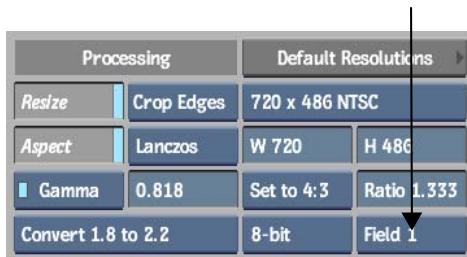
To apply gamma correction on export, load it from Export Image, using the Colour Correction Type box.



For exporting files to a Mac, set Gamma Presets to Convert 2.2 to 1.8.

Field Dominance upon Import

Field Dominance can now be read from the file upon import. This can be enabled, in the Processing group, by setting Scan Mode to File Header.



Use the Scan Mode box to select an option to set the order in which the fields of interlaced material is scanned.

Select:	To:
Progressive	Scan a frame-based clip with no interlacing.

Select:	To:
Field 1	Scan Field 1 first, followed by Field 2.
Field 2	Scan Field 2 first, followed by Field 1.
File Header	Read the field dominance from the file.

About the Proxy Import Settings

For DPX and Cineon images, a film scanner generates full-resolution scans that are often complemented by lower resolution proxy scans. You now have the choice of importing these existing proxies, or generating new proxies, when recapturing or importing DPX or Cineon images.

Use the Proxy Import settings to configure where the proxy scans are found for the selected Cineon or DPX full-resolution scans. The Proxy Import settings appear when, in the Clip Media Group, you enable the Proxy Import button and click Settings. The options are divided into three functional groups:

- Full Resolution Root Path Group
- Proxy Root Path Group
- Proxy Search Criteria Group

Full Resolution Root Path Group

Use these options to determine the directory location of the full-resolution scans.



(a) Full Resolution Root Path field

Set Current button Sets the Full Resolution Root Path field to the path displayed in the browser.

Clear button Clears the Full Resolution Root Path field.

Full Resolution Root Path field Displays the path location of the selected full resolution images. This is set using the browser and the Set Current button.

Proxy Root Path Group

Use these options to determine the directory location of the proxy scans.



(a) Proxy Path Selection box (b) Proxy Root Path field

Proxy Path Selection box Choose how the proxy path is determined. When set to Same as Full Res, the path is taken from the Full Resolution Root Path field. When set to Other Mount Point, the Proxy Root Path can be determined using the browser.

Set Current button Sets the Proxy Root Path field to the path displayed in the browser. Active when Proxy Path Selection is set to Other Mount Point.

Clear button Clears the Proxy Root Path field. Active when Proxy Path Selection is set to Other Mount Point.

Proxy Root Path field Displays the path location of the selected proxy images. This is set using the browser and the Set Current button.

Proxy Search Criteria Group

Use these options to specify the search criteria for finding proxies, including the relative directory location and file name.

(a) Directory Location box (b) File Name Match box (c) Relative Directory Level field

Directory Location box Select whether the proxies can be found in a directory location that mirrors that of the full-resolution scans or in another directory location that is relative using the Relative Directory Level field.

Relative Directory Level field Drag left or right or click to enter the level difference between the directory location of the proxy scans, relative to the directory location of the full-resolution scans. Active when Directory Location is set to Relative to Full Res Files.

File Name Match box Select whether the proxy file names use the same name as the full-resolution files or if they use names that are appended with a prefix/suffix, in which case the File Name Search field appears.

File Name Search field Enter a prefix/suffix that differentiates the proxy file name from the full-resolution scan file name. Use any characters that are legal in Unix file names. Use the asterisk (*) as a placeholder for the current full-resolution scan file name.

Proxy Scan Active button Enable to start the proxy scan using the proxy search criteria entered.

Reset All button Restores all proxy import settings to default.

Importing and Soft-Importing Video Files

Use the Import Image menu to import or soft-import one or more QuickTime movies or MXF media files to the current clip library. Both video and audio tracks are supported.

Audio files that are not 48 KHz are automatically resampled to 48 KHz on import. For video files that contain an alpha channel, you can maintain the alpha channel in the imported clip for use in compositing.

Before importing any P2 MXF content, ensure that the P2 recording devices that are used are set to record clip metadata in Type 2. This allows important metadata, such as timecode and the User Clip Name, to be assigned properly in the MXF file.

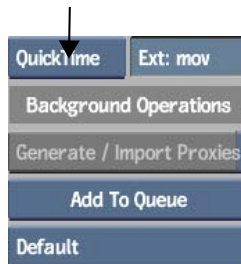
Note that you cannot import or soft-import P2 MXF content that contain 2:3 or 2:3:3:2 pulldown, or variable framerates (such as from Varicam cameras).

You can scan and import P2 MXF clips whose directory names are either all uppercase or all lowercase.

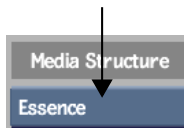
NOTE To import files created using unsupported video file formats or codecs, you can use Cleaner® XL to encode the files into a supported format. For example, use Cleaner XL to import video as a sequence of compatible still images. See the guide, *Using Cleaner XL with Autodesk Visual Effects and Finishing Applications*.

To import or soft-import a QuickTime movie or MXF media file:

- 1 From the clip library, click Import Image.
- 2 From the File Format box, select the format of the clip that you want to import.

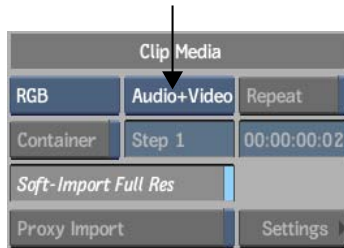


- 3 If you chose MXF, then select an option from the MXF Options box. Select P2 or XDCAM to import the timeline and all of the associated video and audio files (which are embedded in the timeline). Select Essence to import only specific audio or video files.



You can also import the entire MXF content and include only the audio files or only the video files. This allows you to preserve the clip timeline

while having the option of leaving out unwanted media. From the Clip Media group, select an option from the Media Stream box.



- 4 Browse to the directory containing the files that you want to import. If you are importing MXF content, then browse to the root directory containing the contents of the P2 card or Professional Disc.
- 5 Enable Scan Subdirectories to display all the subdirectories and their contents.
For MXF content, the available clip names appear in the browser.
- 6 Select the files.
- 7 Enable Soft-Import Full Res if you want to import a reference to the media, but you do not want to store the media on the local storage.



NOTE Certain options are disabled if you choose to soft-import the media.

- 8 Set the tape name for the imported clips and adjust any other Clip Metadata properties.
For QuickTime files, you can read the tape name and timecode from the file header, or enter the tape name and timecode manually.

Clip Metadata		
Tape From File Header	File Header Timecode	Enter Keycode
	Start 00:00:00:00	No KC
Up 1 level	29.97 NDF	16/S16 mm / 1perf
Name:		Scan First File

NOTE A clip that is imported using an unsupported frame rate is converted to the frame rate specified for the current project. This causes the clip to appear out of sync with its audio. A comment specifying the original frame rate is added to the clip notes, providing the ratio needed if you choose to re-time the video.

- 9 If you are importing QuickTime files originating from a Mac® computer, apply gamma correction to bring the brightness of the image in line with the rest of your project. From the Colour Correction Type box, select Gamma, then from the Gamma Presets box, select Convert 1.8 to 2.2.

Processing		Default Resolutions	
Resize	Crop Edges	720 x 486 NTSC	
Aspect	Lanczos	W 720	H 486
Gamma	0.818	Set to 4:3	Ratio 1.333
Convert 1.8 to 2.2	8-bit	Field 1	

- 10 In the Movie attributes area, ensure that the codecs used in the video file are displayed.
- 11 Click Load.
The media files are imported to the clip library.

Outputting Multiple Clips

You can output more than one clip to a VTR in a single pass. When you load multiple clips into the Output Clip menu, you must define in and out points (and any other output clip options) for each clip before starting the clip output process.

When multiple clips in the same session are selected for output, the application performs a validation check to determine if certain parameters match the project settings and whether or not the video device is capable of outputting these clips. The following outcomes are possible:

- If the clips have mixed timing settings, you are prompted to select which timing you want to use. Clips having timings different from the one you select are discarded.
- Clips with field dominance mismatch are discarded or kept, depending on your selection.
- Clips exceeding the maximum bit depth are discarded from the selection. A selection containing 8- and 10-bit clips can be output.
- If all the clips are discarded from the selection after the validation check, a message appears allowing you to confirm.

If some of the clips have overlapping timecodes, their timecodes are highlighted in red in the clip list. To fix overlapping timecodes, edit the timecodes in the clip list, or use the timecode fields in the Output tab.

To output multiple clips with the large Output Clip menu:

- 1 Load multiple clips into the Output Clip menu.
- 2 If the clips have conflicting timings, you are prompted to select the timing you want to use. Clips that do not match this timing are discarded.
- 3 To output a clip, its status field must have the *selected* indicator. Click the Status field to alternate between the *selected* indicator and an empty field.
- 4 Set output options for each clip. See Outputting a Single Clip in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter.
- 5 Optional: Click the column headers to sort the list. This changes the order of the output sequence.
- 6 To output the clip to the VTR, select Insert from the Output box.
The clips with Status selected are output to tape. During output, the Status column is updated to reflect the status of each clip:
 - Pending: the clip is waiting to be output to tape.
 - Output: the clip is being output to tape.
 - Done: the clip has been output to tape.

- 7 After the transfer is complete, verify that it was successful by playing the transferred clips: cue to the in timecodes and click the Play button in the VTR Transport controls. Clips that have been output are highlighted in the clip list of the large Output Clip menu.
- 8 When finished, click EXIT Output Clip.

When outputting multiple clips with the small Output Clip menu, note the following differences:

- Use the Previous and Next buttons to navigate the clip list.
- Once output options have been set for each clip, make sure you are viewing the first clip you want to output.
- When you select Insert in the Output box, the clip you are viewing, and all subsequent clips, are output to tape. Clips that precede the clip you are viewing are not output to tape.

Output Clip Menu Controls

You can view the Output Clip menu in large or small form depending on which tab is selected.

When the Output, Audio, or Engineering tab is selected, both the large and small forms are available. To toggle between the large and small forms, **Ctrl**-swipe the bottom of the screen.

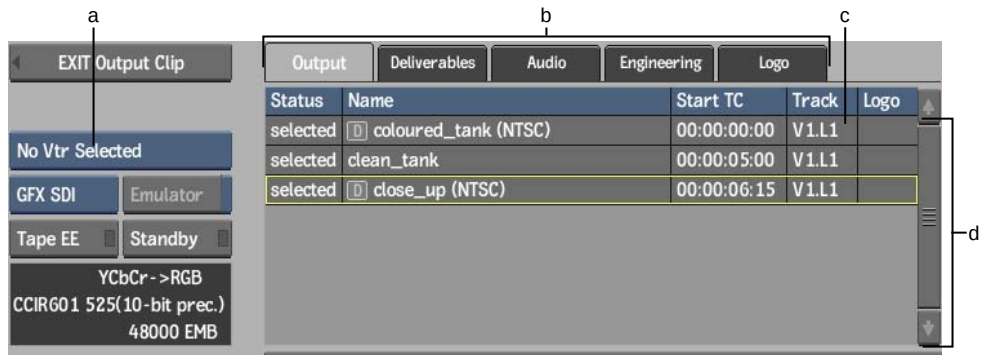
When the Deliverables or Logo tab is selected, only the large form is available, but additional Pan and Zoom controls are available.

If you are using the large Output menu with an HD clip, the menu automatically switches to the smaller form during clip output, and then switches back when output is complete. This gives you an unobstructed view of the clip during output.

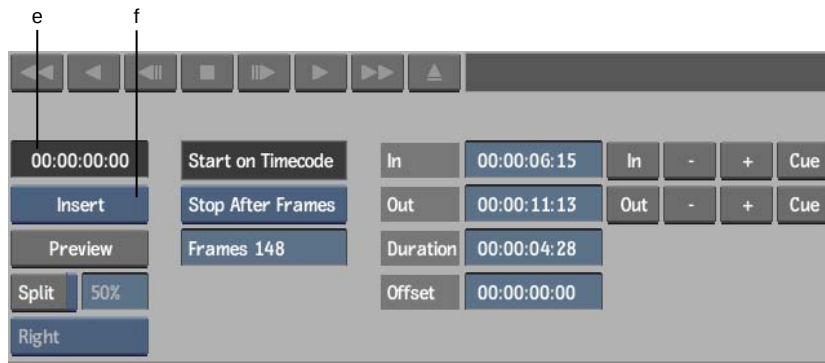
Small Output Clip menu (left portion):



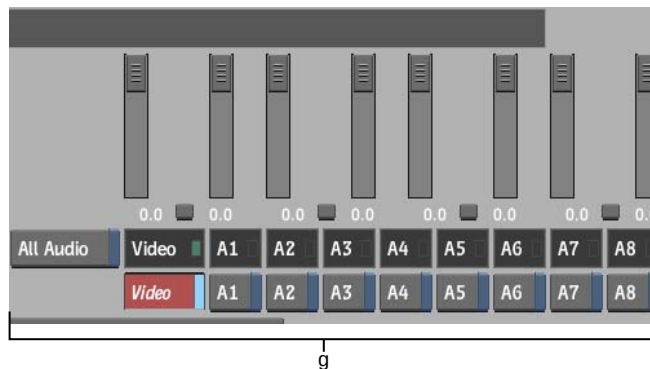
Large Output Clip menu (broken into three parts):



(a) Device Name box (b) Navigation tabs (c) Video Layer field (d) Output Clip list



(e) Current Timecode field (f) Output box



(g) Audio controls

In this documentation, the large menu is described. Differences present in the small menu are noted where applicable.

Device Name box Displays the options for each uncommented VTR keyword line in the software initialisation configuration file. Select the option corresponding to the VTR to which you want to output clips. See [Selecting a VTR Device For Output in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter](#).

Navigation tabs Switch between different Output Clip menus.

Select:	To:
Output	Configure the output settings described in this section. This is the default menu.
Deliverables	Set up Real-Time Deliverables on output, such as Letterboxes or LUTs. See Outputting Clips With a Letterbox Overlay in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter , and Clip Output Using Real-Time Deliverables on page 53.
Audio	Set Audio preferences. Changes are reflected in the Audio section of the Preferences menu, and vice versa.
Engineering	View the output clip Engineering menu. See Setting Video Input and Output Engineering Menu Controls in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter .
Logo	Set up a logo on output. See Outputting Clips with a Logo Overlay on page 38.

NOTE The Deliverables and Logo tabs are only available if the workstation uses an NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600 SDI graphics card. See [Hardware Requirements for Real-Time Deliverables](#) on page 55.

Output Clip list Displays information about the clip selected for output. If there are multiple clips, you can sort them by clicking the column headings. This changes the output sequence order. You can also edit the Timecode field in this list. See [Outputting Multiple Clips](#) on page 32. If the list includes Deliverables and you do not have the hardware required by Real-Time Deliverables, the Deliverables are greyed out. See [Outputting Deliverables](#) on page 63.

Video Layer field Indicates the track to output in a multi-track clip. Drag the field to browse through the video tracks and video layers. This field is red when the selected layer is not the top layer of the selected video track; this does not prevent output.

Graphics Card box If you have the NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600 SDI graphics card for using Real-Time Deliverables, switch between it and the standard AJA_OEM2K card using this box. See [Hardware Requirements for Real-Time Deliverables](#) on page 55.

Emulator button Enable to use a VTR emulator. See VTR Emulation in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter.

Tape EE button When lit, indicates that the VTR is in E-to-E mode (electronic to electronic). This means that the VTR output is showing its input signal. When E-to-E is off, the VTR shows the contents of the tape it contains. Click this button to toggle E-to-E on and off.

Standby button When lit, indicates that the VTR is in standby mode. Click this button to toggle between on and off.

VTR Status display Indicates the current status of the VTR. See Verifying the VTR Status in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter of your user guide.

Current Timecode field Indicates the current timecode of the tape in the VTR.

Output box Switch between insert or assemble mode. Click to perform the selected action.

Preview button Triggers a simulation of the output process. The VTR behaves as if it is inserting material, however no material is recorded to tape.

Split View button Enable to simultaneously monitor the clip selected for output and the contents of the tape. See Monitoring Video During Clip Input and Output Operations in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter of your user guide.

Start On Timecode field A locked field indicating that clip output begins at the timecode entered in the In Timecode field.

Stop Mode box Determines the stop mode for clip output.

Select:	To output the current clip until:
Stop On Time-code	A timecode on the tape is reached (indicated in the Out Timecode field).
Stop After Frames	A specified number of frames is output. When you select this option, a field appears in which you enter the number of frames to output.

In Timecode field Indicates the timecode on the tape at which point the clip output process begins.

Out Timecode field Indicates the timecode on the tape at which point the clip output process ends.

Duration field Indicates the duration, in timecode, between the clip output in and out points.

Offset field Indicates the offset, in timecode, by which the selected clip is output. For example, an offset of 00:00:00:05 indicates that the first five frames of the clip to be output are skipped. The first frame to be output is frame 5 of the clip (counting frames from 0).

In/Out Point controls Use to enter, adjust, and cue the in and out points. See Setting Input and Output In and Out Points in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter.

All Audio button Enable to output all audio channels for monitoring, even if only some audio channels are enabled for recording to tape.

Audio Channel buttons Enable and control audio output signals. See Adjusting Audio Gain on Clip Output in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter in your user guide.

Outputting Clips with a Logo Overlay

You can add a logo overlay on output, in real time. This feature is available only if your workstation is equipped with an NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600 SDI graphics card. The configuration for using this card is described in the following documents:

- *Autodesk Visual Effects, Finishing, and Colour Grading HP xw8600 Workstation Hardware Setup Guide*
- *Autodesk Visual Effects and Finishing 2009 HP xw9400 Workstation Hardware Setup Guide*

To add a logo, make sure the FX 5600 SDI card is selected in the Output Clip engineering menu. If AJA_OEM2K is selected, you cannot use the Logo Overlay feature.

To select the FX 5600 SDI card in the Output Clip menu:

- 1 Open the Output Clip menu.
- 2 From the Graphics Card box, select GFX SDI.

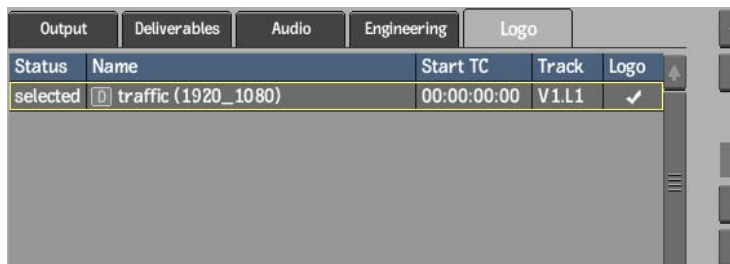


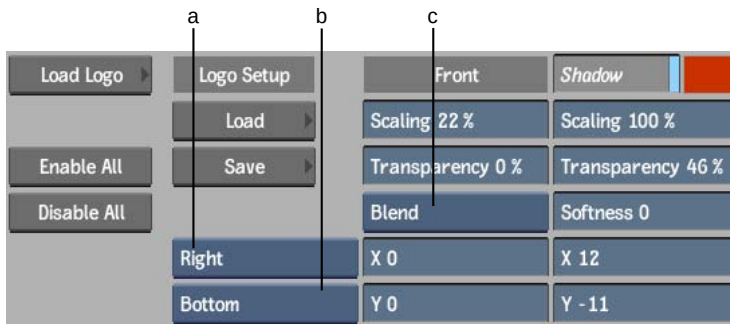
If you do not see GFX SDI as an available option in the Graphics Card box, it is either not installed, or it is not set up or configured properly. See one of the hardware guides previously cited.

About the Logo Controls

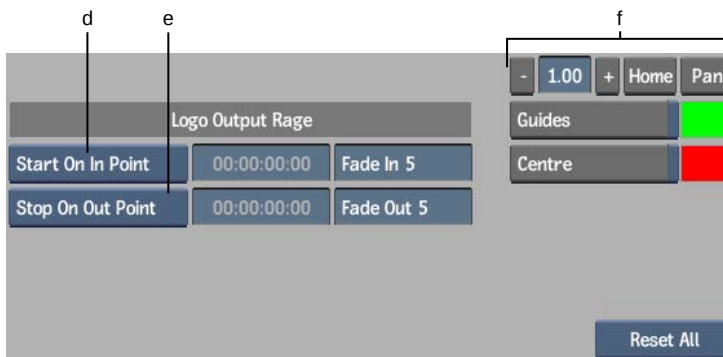
The logo controls are found in the Output Clip menu, under the Logo tab.

NOTE When you select the Logo tab, you see the clip selected in the Output Clip list instead of the VTR feedback.





(a) Horizontal alignment button (b) Vertical alignment button (c) Blend Mode box



(d) In point (e) Out point (f) Zoom controls

Logo Enables or disables burning of the selected logo on output.

Load Logo Opens the Clip Select menu where you can select logo clips. See [Inserting Logos for Real-Time Output](#) on page 43.

Enable All Use to display the logo on all clips to output.

Disable All Use to remove the logo from all clips to output.

Scaling (Front) Changes the size of the Logo clip. The range of values is 0 to 100, with 100 being the actual size of the Logo clip.

Transparency (Front) Changes the transparency of the Logo (front clip). 0% is Opaque. 100% is Transparent.

Position controls (X and Y fields) Moves the logo along the X and Y axes.

Blend Mode box Selects how the front and matte clips or the front and back clips are combined:

Select:	To:
Add Trans	Compensate for the soft or anti-aliased edge on an object in a front and matte clip media, with transparency.
Blend	Punch the matte through the front. This blends the edge of the front clip and adds additional softness to the media.

Shadow Uses the Matte clip to add a Shadow. The default position is set to X:-5 and Y:-5. A colour pot on the right allows for the shadow colour to be changed.

Scaling (Shadow) Changes the size of the shadow. The range of values is 0 to 100, with 100 being the actual size of the shadow.

Transparency (Shadow) Changes the transparency of the Shadow. 0% is Opaque. 100% is Transparent.

Softness Softness can be added to the Shadow. The range of values is 0 to 200.

Horizontal alignment Positions the logo along the X-axis using one of the following options:

Select:	To:
Horizontal Centre	Center the logo on the X-axis.
Left	Snap the left edge of the clip to the Safe Title guide on the left.
Right	Snap the right edge of the clip to the Safe Title guide on the right.

Vertical alignment Positions the logo along the Y-axis using one of the following options:

Select:	To:
Vertical Centre	Center the logo on the Y-axis.
Top	Snap the top edge of the logo to the Safe Title guide at the top.
Bottom	Snap the bottom edge of the clip to the Safe Title guide at the bottom.

Guides Enables the display of the Safe Action and Safe Title guides within the Clip Preview window. Use the colour pot to change the colour of the guides.

Centre Enables the display of the Centre guide within the Clip Preview window. Use the colour pot to change the colour of the Centre guide.

In point Select an option to specify when the logo appears on the clip:

Select:	To:
Start On In Point	Have the logo appear at the in point of the clip.
Start After Frames	Specify after how many frames the logo appears. Enter the number of frames in the adjacent field.

Out point Select an option to specify when the logo disappears from the clip:

Select:	To:
Stop on Out Point	Have the logo disappear at the out point of the clip.
Duration	Specify how long the logo remains on screen. Enter the duration in the adjacent field.
Stop Before Frames	Hide the logo before the end of the clip, by the number of frames specified in the adjacent field. For example, selecting this option and entering a value of 5 makes the the logo disappear by frame 15 in a 20-frame clip.

Fade In Defines the length of the logo fade in. A value of 0 indicates there is no fade in.

Fade Out Defines the length of the logo fade out. A value of 0 indicates there is no fade out.

Zoom controls The small output clip menu is not available from the Logo tab. Use the Zoom controls to view oversized clips.

Reset All Use to reset the Logo controls to default:

Select:	To:
Reset All	Reset every field, and delete the logo.
Reset	Reset every field, but keep the logo.

Inserting Logos for Real-Time Output

Keep in mind the following when selecting clips to use as logos:

- If the clip has more than one frame, only the first frame is used.
- A clip that is Burn pending, unlinked or unlinked HiRes, cannot be used.
- The higher the resolution for the clip, the more impact it has on the capacity of the application to output in real time.

Logo settings are persistent, and are reloaded the next time you open the Output Clip menu.

NOTE The same logo, with its settings, is applied to all clips for which you have checked the Logo column in the Output Clip list.

To insert a logo in real time:

- 1 Access the Output Clip menu.
- 2 In the Output Clip menu, use the Logo column to indicate the clips on which to overlay the logo.
- 3 Click the Logo tab to access the logo controls.
- 4 Select one or two clips to be used as your logo:
 - If you select one clip, it is used as the front clip and a luminance key is applied to it. If the clip has multiple frames, only the first frame is used.
 - If you select two clips, the first is used as the front and the second as the matte.
- 5 Use the logo controls to position and configure the appearance of your logo, and to define in and out points. See [About the Logo Controls](#) on page 39.
- 6 Output the clip.

Publishing

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About Publishing

Publishing allows you to share media with other applications and users.

There are a number of updates in the Publishing menu that improve the workflow of this feature.

Accessing the Publish Menu

Access the Publish menu from the clip library.

To access the Publish menu:

- 1 In the clip library, click Tools.

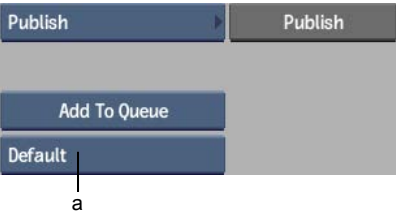
- 2 From the Tools box, select Publish.
The Publish options appear.

About the Publish Menu Options

Use the options in the Publish menu to specify the attributes for the published file.

File Operations Group

Use the File Operation options to publish your media.



(a) Destination Library option box

Publish button Writes media to shared storage.

Add To Queue box Select a method to publish in the background.

Select:	To:
Add To Queue	Add the job to the queue.
Add To Queue & Execute	Add the job to the queue and execute it automatically. If there are any jobs in progress, this job (and any others already added with the Add to Queue & Execute option) is triggered upon the completion of its predecessor.

Destination Library option box Select the library where the clips are published.

Type Group

Use the Type Group options to control the output of the Publish tool.



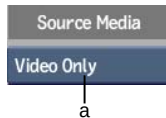
(a) Publish Type option box (b) EDL button

Publish Type option box Select the type of publishing.

EDL button Enable to publish only an EDL file, or EDL and media. This allows you to regenerate the EDL file of a clip that has been published and later modified without republishing all the media. The EDL button is available only when Publish Type is set to Flatten.

Source Media Group

Use the Source Media Group options to control whether you want to publish video or audio.

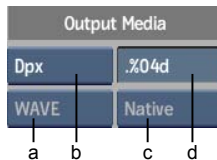


(a) Media Type option box

Media Type option box Select the media type to publish. Video Only is enabled when you publish a flattened clip.

Output Media Group

Use the Output Media options to control the format of the published media.



(a) Audio File Format option box (b) Image File Format option box (c) Audio Sample Bit Depth option box (d) File Name Padding field

Image File Format option box Select the type of video file to publish.

File Name Padding field Edit the padding format string that adds leading zeros before the number in the published file name. Use file name padding to ensure the images are listed and stored in the correct order. The default padding format scheme is %04d, where the “0” indicates that leading zeros are added to the filename for each frame when there are fewer than four digits in the sequence number. The “4d” indicates that four digits are maintained. Choose a value according to the duration of your clips before publishing.

Audio File Format option box Select a format for the published audio file. The Audio File Format box is enabled when Media Type is set to Video/Audio or Audio Only.

Audio Sample Bit Depth option box Select an audio sample bit depth. The Audio Sample Bit Depth box is enabled when Media Type is set to Video/Audio or Audio Only.

File Naming Group

Use the File Naming options to control the naming of published media.



(a) File Name option box (b) Shot Name Padding field (c) Handles option box (d) Handles field

File Name option box Select how the name of the published clip is created.

Select:	To:
Use None	Use only a number to name the published files.
Use Both	Use timecode, clip name, and shot name to name the published files.
Use Clip Timecode	Use only the timecode’s corresponding frame count to name the published files.
Use Clip Name	Use the name of the clip and the shot to name the published files.

Shot Name Padding field Edit the padding format string that adds leading zeros before the shot number in the published filename. The default padding format scheme is %01d, where the “0” indicates that leading zeros are added to the filename for each frame, and the “1d” indicates that one digit is maintained. You can add the shot name to the published file when you have a Complex or Flatten Publish Type and you select Clip Name or Both from the File Name option box.

Handles option box Select an option for handling head and tail frames.

Select:	To:
Keep All Heads/Tails	Include all heads and tails of every element in the published clip.
Consolidate	Limit heads and tails to a specific number of frames. When selected, the Handles field becomes active.
No Heads/Tails	Include no heads or tails in the published clip.

Handles field Enter a value for the number of head and tail frames added to the published clip. The Handles field is active when you select Consolidate from the Handles option box.

Output File Management Group

Use the Output File Management options to control the destination of published media.

Output File Management

Create Subdirectory

Published Clip Name Extension

_published

Destination

/usr/tmp

Link

Create Subdirectory button Enable to create subdirectories in the following format: */basedirectory/clipname/tapename/resolution*. The Create Subdirectory button is available when Publish Type is set to Complex or Flatten.

Published Clip Name Extension field The value in this field is appended to the name of the published clip in the library. The default is *_published*.

Destination field Enter the destination path of the file, which is usually the location of the shared storage. By default, the destination path is */usr/tmp*.

Link button Enable to link the published clips to the original file, located on the same filesystem. A link at the filesystem level is created to the media

already on the destination filesystem, which saves space because the media is not duplicated.

When you publish media from one filesystem to another, the media is copied even if the Link option is enabled. If you are publishing some media from the same filesystem and some from a different filesystem with the Link option enabled, any media that is on the same filesystem is linked to the original media. Media that is on a different filesystem is duplicated.

Naming Published Files

The Publish Type and File Naming options you select determine how exported files are named.

The following tables show how a published clip is named based on the options you select. The example is based on a simple, single-layer, 2-shot timeline.

Simple Publish with File Naming Option:	Generated File Name:
Use None	<nnnn>.dpx
Use Both	<clipname>.<timecode>.dpx
Use Clip Timecode	<timecode>.dpx
Use Clip Name	<clipname>.<nnnn>.dpx
Complex Publish with File Naming Option:	Generated File Name:
Use Both	<clipname>_shot<0001,0002>.<shot_timecode>s<1,2>.dpx
Use Clip Timecode	<timecode>s<1,2>.dpx
Use Clip Name	<clipname>_s<0001,0002>.<nnnn>.dpx
Flatten Publish with File Naming Option:	Generated File Name:
Use Both	<clipname>_shot<0001,0002>.<shot_timecode>s<1,2>.dpx
Use Clip Timecode	<timecode>s<1,2>.dpx

Flatten Publish with File Naming Option:

Generated File Name:

Use Clip Name

<clipname>_s<0001,0002>.<nnnn>.dpx

Publishing a Clip Using the Publish Tool

Publish a clip so that you can collaborate with others on the same media.

When you publish a clip, the media is written to the destination on the shared storage. Another clip is generated that soft-imports the newly created media on the shared storage.

You see changes in the published clip when other users in other applications change the published media. For example, if a user uses a paint program to modify the content of one of the files in the shared storage and replaces the file with the modifications, you see these changes in your clip. If you are using proxies, regenerate the proxies to see the changes made in other applications.

If you change the clip in Smoke, users outside of Smoke are not be able to see these changes. Republish the clip for users to see changes you make.

NOTE If published media contains source files that are deleted or moved, the frames of the missing files are replaced with a checkerboard.

To publish a clip:

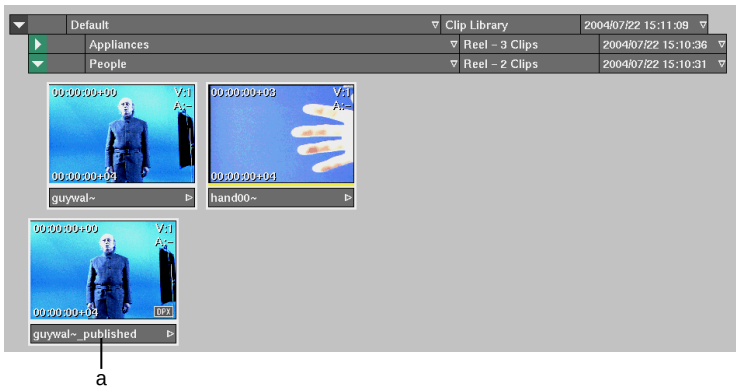
- 1 Access the Publish menu from the clip library. See [Accessing the Publish Menu](#) on page 45.
- 2 In the clip library, select the clips that you want to publish.
- 3 From the Publish Type box, select the publish type.
- 4 Set any other Publish options using the corresponding controls. See [About the Publish Menu Options](#) on page 46.
- 5 In the Destination field, enter the location for the published files.
- 6 From the Destination Library box, select a library for the published clip.

NOTE If your clips are not rendered, do not press **Alt+Tab** after you click Publish. Your application uses the output of your graphics card to render the final image file. If there are any other application windows on top of your Smoke window, undesired artefacts may appear in your rendered image files.

7 Click Publish.

A new clip is published in the clip library, which references the published image sequence. This clip is also identified by a soft-imported icon in the lower-right corner, indicating that its media resides outside the framestore.

Each frame of the clip is published to the destination directory. See [Naming Published Files](#) on page 50.



(a) Published clip

Images courtesy of Behavior Communications Inc.

NOTE A published clip does not have history.

Clip Output Using Real-Time Deliverables

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About Real-Time Deliverables

The Real-Time Deliverables mastering solution allows you to perform certain types of operations on material during clip output without having to first render the clips. For example, you can output from a master source format to many output formats directly to tape without rendering. Using the concept of the Deliverable—a virtual clip containing real-time operations and linked to its original source clip—you can create and manage multiple real-time output formats from one clip.

Supported operations include:

- Resize
- Pan and Scan
- Application of 3D and 1D LUTs
- Framerate change with deceleration or acceleration with 2:3 insertion
- Audio timewarp
- Letterbox overlay

The Real-Time Deliverables feature supports source material up to 2K (10-bit) depending on the hardware setup. Good performance may be achieved beyond 2K (10-bit), but is not guaranteed. Soft effects are not supported for real-time output, unless processed before output. Embedded audio is also not supported.

Real-Time Deliverables sections explain important concepts and workflows for how to manage, preview, and output real-time operations, and references other sections of the user guide for more details, where appropriate.

Make sure to follow the hardware requirements described in [Hardware Requirements for Real-Time Deliverables](#) on page 55.

What Is a Deliverable?

The settings created in the Deliverables menu are saved as a Deliverable, which is central to the Real-Time Deliverables workflow.

A Deliverable is a virtual clip that is associated with the source clip from that point on, in the library or on the EditDesk. A clip can have multiple Deliverables, and each Deliverable that you create is itself treated like a clip—a modified version of the original clip. As with clips, you can enter the Output Clip menu and output a Deliverable to tape. See [Managing Deliverables](#) on page 65.

Hardware Requirements for Real-Time Deliverables

To follow the Real-Time Deliverables procedures, you must be using an NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600 SDI graphics card. The configuration for using this card is described in the following documents:

- *Autodesk Visual Effects, Finishing, and Colour Grading HP xw8600 Workstation Hardware Setup Guide*
- *Autodesk Visual Effects and Finishing 2009 HP xw9400 Workstation Hardware Setup Guide*

When installing this release of the application for use with Real-Time Deliverables, it is important to use the settings in the new version of the *init.cfg* file. These settings specify the new hardware to be used as your preview device. For example:

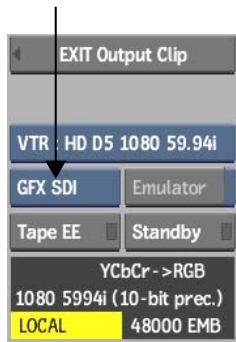
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VideoPreviewDevice 1280x720@599 nvidia, 1, 1280, 720, 5994p, DTV
sync
```

If there are settings in your previous *init.cfg* file that you want to keep, port them to the new version during installation.

To use Real-Time Deliverables, make sure the FX 5600 SDI card is selected in the Output Clip menu.

To select the FX 5600 SDI in the Output Clip menu:

- 1 Open the Output Clip menu as described in the Outputting Clips To a VTR chapter.
- 2 From the Graphics Card box, select GFX SDI.



When GFX SDI is selected, the FX 5600 SDI is used for video output.

When AJA_OEM2K is selected, the AJA OEM-2K is used for video output. The AJA OEM-2K does not support Real-Time Deliverables, and the corresponding options are not displayed when it is selected.

The AJA OEM-2K is always used for clip input, and the FX 5600 SDI (if it is installed) is always used for broadcast monitor display.

GFX SDI is not an available option in the Graphics Card box if:

- The FX 5600 SDI is not installed.
- The FX 5600 SDI is not set up or configured properly.

To install or configure an FX 5600 SDI, see one of the hardware guides previously cited in this topic.

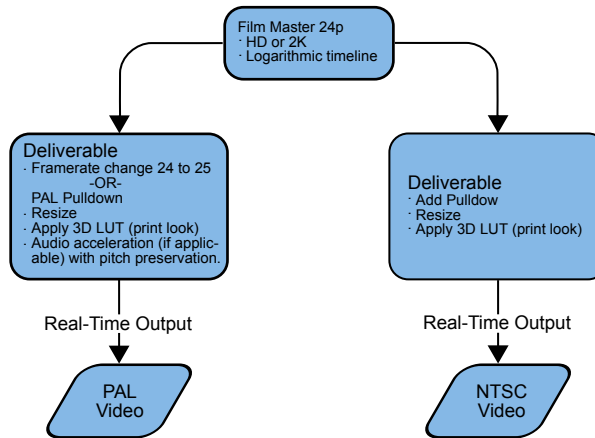
Real-Time Deliverables Use Cases

This section provides two examples of how Real-Time Deliverables can be applied.

Film Master 24p, HD, or 2K Logarithmic Timeline, to Video

An important case addressed by Real-Time Deliverables is when an organization wants to take a 24p film master with an HD or 2K logarithmic timeline, and create real-time output to PAL and NTSC video format.

Use Case 1
Film master 24p, HD or 2K logarithmic timeline, to Video



To output to PAL video, you would create a Deliverable that does the following:

- Increases the framerate from 24 to 25, or uses PAL Pulldown
- Resizes the clip
- Applies a print-look 3D LUT
- Accelerates the audio while preserving the pitch, if necessary

To output to NTSC video, you would create a Deliverable that does the following:

- Adds 2:3 pulldown
- Resizes the clip
- Applies a print-look 3D LUT

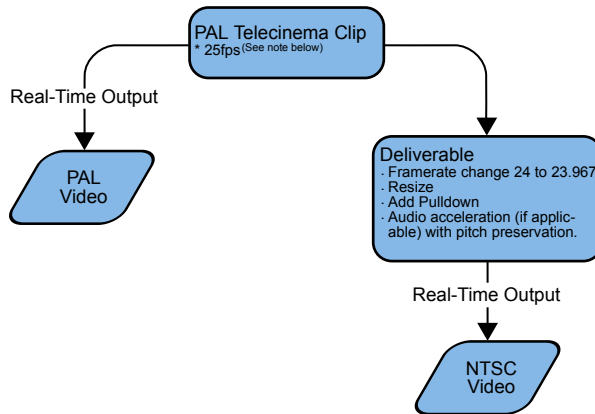
From the Clip Output menu, the clip is output to tape with no need to render the preceding settings.

PAL Telecinema to Video

In this example, NTSC and PAL video are output, but the source material is a PAL Telecinema clip. Because a PAL Telecinema clip is not field-based, the

resulting video can be treated as progressive. Its video fields are spatially complementary.

Use Case 2 - PAL Telecinema to Video



Note: A PAL Telecinema clip is not field-based, so the resulting video can be treated as progressive. Video fields are spatially complimentary (correlated).

To output to PAL video, you would not need to create a Deliverable. You can output the clip directly to tape from the Output Clip menu.

To output to NTSC video, you would create a Deliverable that does the following:

- Decreases the framerate from 25 to 23.967
- Resizes the clip
- Adds 2:3 pulldown
- Accelerates the audio while preserving the pitch, if necessary

From the Clip Output menu, the clip is output to tape with no need to render the preceding settings.

Accessing the Deliverables Menu

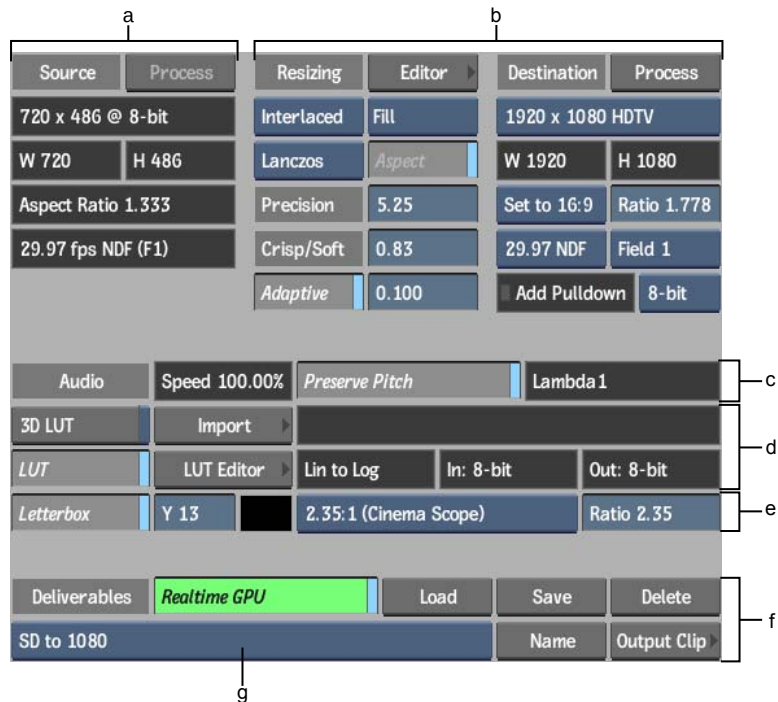
Use the Deliverables menu to manage Real-Time Deliverables, and to configure real-time operations such as resize, pulldown, and so on. Many of these settings can also be altered in the Output Clip menu.

To access the Deliverables menu:

- 1 Select the clip you want to work on and open the Player.
- 2 Click the Deliverables tab.



The Deliverables menu appears.



(a) Source clip information (b) Resize and framerate controls (c) Audio controls (d) LUT controls (e) Letterbox controls (f) Deliverable controls (g) Deliverable box

Most of the controls in the Deliverables menu are common to various parts of the software, and their functions are explained in their respective sections. The following does not describe how to use the controls, but rather how to manage the results using Deliverables and output them to tape in real time. The settings you create in the Deliverables menu can be previewed in the Player and are applied in real time during clip output.

To configure real-time operations, see [Managing Deliverables](#) on page 65.

NOTE Settings in the Deliverables menu override clip settings from other modules. These settings are overridden, not discarded. For example, if a Deliverable has LUTs set, the LUTs from the source clip are not used.

Source clip information Displays information about the source clip before real-time operations are applied.

Resize controls Displays values set in the Resize editor, accessible with the Editor button. See the Resize and 2:3 Pulldown chapters in your user guide. You can edit the values directly in the Deliverables menu. The available destination resolutions and timings depend on the format of the source material.

Audio controls Displays the audio speed. To preserve audio pitch, enable Preserve Pitch. See the Audio chapter in your user guide.

LUT controls (3D and 1D) Enables or disables the use of LUTs. You can specify a 3D LUT to use, and access the LUT editor. See the Colour Management with LUTs chapter in your user guide.

Letterbox controls Enables or disables a letterbox overlay. See Outputting Clips to a VTR chapter in your user guide.

Previewing and Processing Material for Real-Time Output

Preview Deliverables to verify your settings. If necessary, process source clips or Deliverables before outputting in real time.

Previewing Deliverables

The real-time operations you create in the Deliverables menu can be previewed in the Player.

To preview the result of a Deliverable in the Player:

- 1 From the Playback Resolution box, select the Deliverable option.



With this option selected, your real-time settings are displayed during playback or when you jog or scrub through the clip. This option is available to the following players: Record Viewer, Fullscreen, and Triptych.

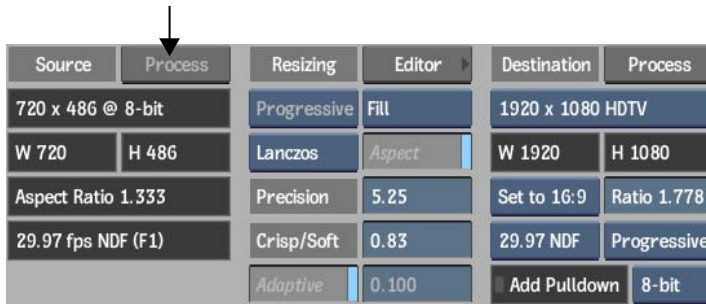
You can also preview real-time operations in the Clip Output menu. See [Outputting Deliverables](#) on page 63.

Processing Source Clips and Deliverables

The purpose of Real-Time Deliverables is to be able to output material without having to process first. However, there are exceptions where, before outputting, you must process:

- Source material that has an unrendered soft effect applied to it.
- A Deliverable whose settings place unusually high demands on hardware and cannot be output in real time.

If you open the Deliverables menu with a clip that has an unprocessed soft effect applied to it, you can configure Deliverable settings for it, but you cannot output the Deliverable until the effect is processed. To do so, click Process in the source clip information section of the Deliverables menu.



Clicking Process here is the same as clicking Process on the EditDesk. See Processing Soft Effects and Batch FX in the Processing and Finishing chapter.

Once you set up your Deliverable, it is possible that your hardware cannot output the Deliverable to tape in real time. The status of the GPU Benchmark button helps you decide whether to process the Deliverable:

Status: Processing status:

Green You can output the Deliverable in real time, without first rendering.

Yellow You should process the Deliverable before going to Output Clip, as real-time output might not be possible.

Red Real-time output is not possible: you must process the Deliverable before going to Output Clip.

If the GPU Benchmark button indicates that real-time output is impossible, click Process in the resize and framerate group of the Deliverables menu.



A new clip is created with “_<Deliverable Name>” appended to the clip name. Any settings from the Deliverables menu are burned into the clip. Because it is a new clip, it does not have any associated Deliverables associated. Enter the Output Clip menu with the clip and output it to tape.

Outputting Deliverables

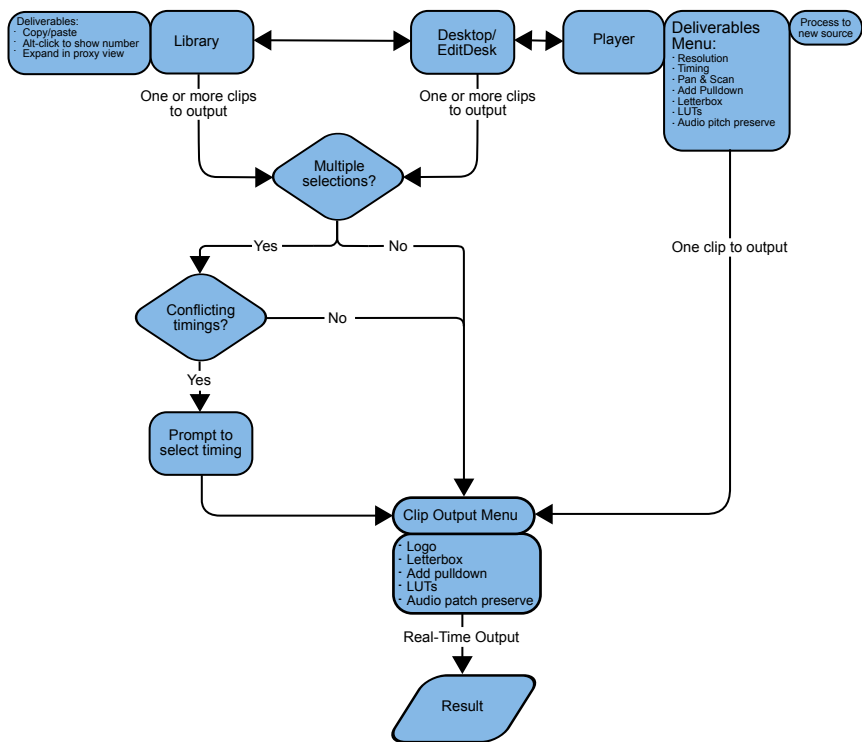
The workflow for outputting Deliverables is like the standard clip output workflow described in the Outputting Clips to a VTR section of the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter.

Each Deliverable that you create is treated like a clip. You can enter the Output Clip menu from the library with a Deliverable and output it to tape as you would any clip.

From the Deliverables menu, click the Output Clip button to enter the Output Clip menu with the current Deliverable.

If you enter the Output Clip menu from the library with multiple items (clips, Deliverables, or both), the resulting behaviour is the same as when outputting multiple clips. If there are conflicting timings, you are prompted to select the timing you want to use, and items that do not match this timing are discarded. See Outputting Clips to a VTR in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter.

If you select a clip in the library to bring it into the Output Clip menu, all its Deliverables are also selected. If there are conflicting timings, you are prompted to select the timing to use. This can result in the exclusion of the original clip.



Once in the Output Clip menu, you can alter Letterbox and LUT settings in the Deliverables tab, as well as preserve audio pitch. You can also add a logo in the Logo tab, although it does not require a Deliverable.

These changes are saved to the Deliverable. The next time you work with that Deliverable in the library or Player, the changes you made in the Output Clip menu are loaded.

NOTE When you select the Deliverables tab, you do not see the VTR feedback; instead you see the clip selected in the Output Clip list.

To create real-time settings for a clip and output to tape in real time:

- 1 From the Player, create a Deliverable. See [Accessing the Deliverables Menu](#) on page 59.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - From the Deliverables menu, access the Output Clip menu

- From the library or EditDesk, select the Deliverable or multiple clips and Deliverables, and access the Output Clip menu. If you selected multiple items and they have conflicting timings, you are prompted to select which timing you want to use.
- 3 In the Output Clip menu, make adjustments to real-time settings if necessary.
 - 4 To preview real-time operations before outputting, use the Player controls in the Deliverables or Logo tabs. (In the Output tab, the Player controls display VTR material.)
 - 5 Output the material to tape as described in the section Outputting a Single Clip and the section Outputting Multiple Clips in the Clip Input/Output Using a VTR chapter.

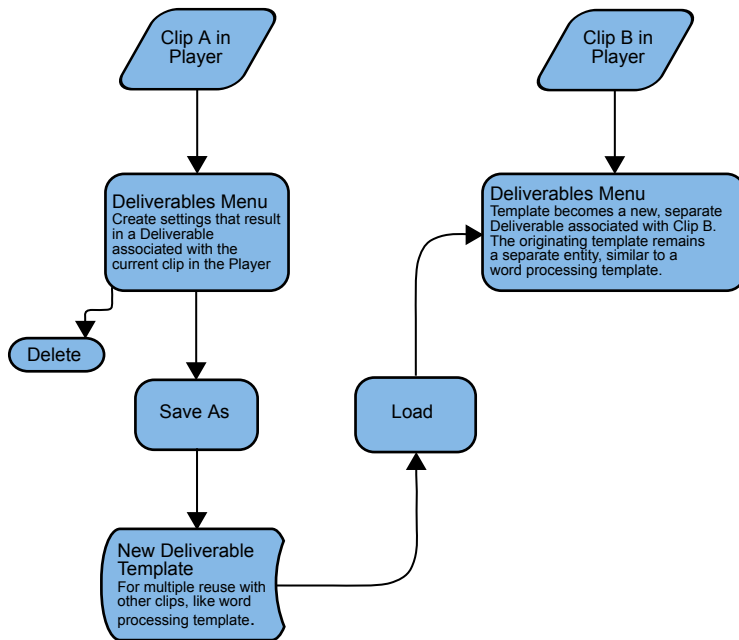
Managing Deliverables

A Deliverable results when you create real-time settings for a clip, in the Deliverables menu. Deliverables are virtual clips associated with the original clip. You can:

- Rename or delete a Deliverable.
- Create multiple Deliverables for one clip, so that you can output many different formats of that clip.
- Save a Deliverable as a reusable Deliverable template.
- Load a Deliverable template onto another clip to apply the settings of that Deliverable to the clip.
- View information about Deliverables in the EditDesk and library.
- Copy and paste deliverables between clips in the library.
- Transfer clips and their Deliverables to other systems.

NOTE Any change to the framerate (timing) or resolution of the clip deletes all Deliverables attached to that clip.

The following illustrates how Deliverables can be used.



In the illustration, the Deliverable for Clip A is saved as a Deliverable template. Think of this template as an independent, reusable instance of the real-time settings that were created for Clip A (like how a word-processing template stores styles and formats).

When the template is applied to Clip B, it becomes a new Deliverable for clip B. This new Deliverable has the same real-time settings as Clip A, until you start changing it. For this operation to work, Clip A and B must have the same resolution, framerate, and aspect ratio.

Creating and Modifying Deliverables

From the Deliverables menu, you can create, rename, and delete Deliverables.

To create a Deliverable:

- 1 Access the Deliverables menu, as described in [Accessing the Deliverables Menu](#) on page 59.
- 2 From the Deliverable box, select <New Deliverable>.
- 3 Type a name for the Deliverable and press **Enter**.

Once the Deliverable is created, set up real-time operations in the Deliverables menu. The operations you set up are automatically stored in the Deliverable you created.

You can create multiple Deliverables for a clip. If you create another Deliverable:

- The settings of the previous Deliverable are cleared from the Deliverables menu.
- The new Deliverable name is appended to the list in the Deliverables box.

To rename a Deliverable:

- 1 With the Deliverable loaded in the Deliverables menu, click Name.
- 2 Type a new name for the Deliverable and press **Enter**.

To delete a Deliverable:

- 1 With the Deliverable loaded in the Deliverables menu, click Delete.
- 2 Click Confirm.

The Deliverable is deleted, and the previously-loaded Deliverable (if there was one) is reloaded.

Exporting and Loading Deliverables as Templates

Use the Save and Load buttons in the Deliverables menu to export a Deliverable as a template and load it on another clip.

You can only load a Deliverable on clips that have identical resolutions and timings with the original clip.

When you load a Deliverable template:

- Its settings are loaded to the Deliverables menu.
- A new Deliverable is appended to the list in the Deliverables box.

Viewing Deliverables in the EditDesk and Library

Clips with Deliverables are indicated by a “D” overlay on their proxies.

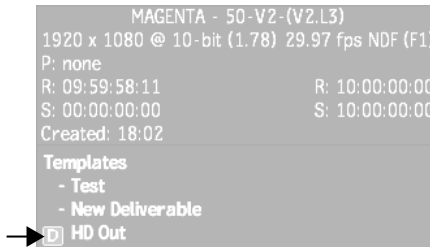


There are two types of “D” overlays, each indicating the selection in the Playback Resolution box:

- **Grey “D”** The Player displays the Deliverable. See [Previewing Deliverables](#) on page 60.
- **Black “D”** The Player displays Proxies or Full Res.

To open the Deliverables menu from the clip proxy on the EditDesk, double-click the “D” overlay.

To see quickly a list of Deliverables for a clip, **Alt**-click the clip proxy on the EditDesk.



The list of Deliverables is included in the clip information. A “D” appears beside the active Deliverable (the Deliverable most recently selected in the Deliverables menu).

In the library, to expand Deliverable proxies for a clip, do one of the following:

- Double-click the “D” overlay.
- Click Deliverables at the upper right of the screen, and select Show Deliverables.

Copying and Loading Deliverables from the Library

You can copy, load, save, and delete Deliverables from clips in the library. This is useful for rapidly assigning and removing Deliverables just before loading them to the EditDesk, or before accessing Output Clip.

To manage deliverables in the clip library:

- 1 Click Tools to display the Tools menu, and then select Deliverables.
- 2 In the clip library, select either a clip or a Deliverable.
- 3 Select an operation to perform.

Select:	To (with a clip selected):	To (with a Deliverable selected):
Load	Load a Deliverable to attach it to the selected clip.	N/A
Save	Save the Deliverable attached to the clip. If there is more than one Deliverable attached, select the one to save in the Deliverables selection box.	Save the selected Deliverable.
Delete	Delete the Deliverable attached to the clip. If there is more than one Deliverable attached, select the one to delete in the Deliverables selection box.	Delete the selected Deliverable.
Copy	Copy the Deliverable attached to the clip. If there is more than one Deliverable attached, select the one to copy in the Deliverables selection box.	Copy the selected Deliverable.
Paste	Paste the copied Deliverable to the selected clip.	N/A

Searching for Clips with Deliverables

You can search for clips with Deliverables on the EditDesk or in the clip library. The Search tool provides an easy way to find and manage Deliverables.

To search for clips with Deliverables on the EditDesk:

- 1 In the Source Area menu, click Search.



The Search controls appear.



(a) Search Criteria box (b) Argument option box

- 2 Select Deliverables from the Search Criteria box.
- 3 Use the Argument option box and field to supply the necessary arguments. Select one of the following options.

Select:	To search for:
Contains	Clips that contain deliverables.
Does Not Contain	Clips that do not contain deliverables.

- 4 Click Search.
If a match is found, the clip is selected.

To search for clips with deliverables in the clip library:

- 1 Click Search.
The Search menu appears.



(a) Search option box (b) Argument option box

- 2 Select Deliverables from the Search option box.
- 3 Use the Argument option box and field to supply the necessary arguments. Select one of the following options.

Select:	To:
Contains	Search for clips that contain deliverables.
Does Not Contain	Search for clips that do not contain deliverables.

- 4 Click Search.
A message appears in the message bar indicating if any matches were found and the matches are displayed in the library.

Transferring Deliverables to Other Systems

When a clip is transferred to another system using Wire, its Deliverables are moved as well.

If the other system does not have the hardware needed for Real-Time Deliverables, users of that system will see that the clip has Deliverables, but will not be able to edit or preview them. The Deliverables will be greyed out in the Output Clip menu.

Users on such systems will be able to work with the original clip and transfer it back to the original system, with its Deliverables intact. Any change to the framerate (timing) or resolution of the clip deletes all Deliverables attached to that clip.

You cannot export Deliverables to other file formats. You cannot use Deliverables with EDLs.

Real-Time Deliverables Timing Specifications

When you set up a Deliverable to modify the timing of a clip during real-time output, the timing is changed according to the following tables.

NOTE In the following tables, N/A stands for *not applicable* and NC stands for *no change in timing*.

Destination timings 23.967psf through 25p:

Source	Destination							
	23.967psf	23.967p	24psf	24p	PAL	50i	25psf	25p
23.967psf	N/A	NC	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up to 25 or speed up to 24 + PAL Pulldown	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up
23.967p	NC	N/A	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up to 25 or speed up to 24 + PAL Pulldown	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up
24psf	Slow down	Slow down	N/A	NC	Speed up to 25 or apply PAL Pulldown	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up
24p	Slow down	Slow down	NC	N/A	Speed up to 25 or apply PAL Pulldown	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up
PAL	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	N/A	NC	NC	NC
50i	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	NC	N/A	NC	NC
25psf	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	NC	NC	N/A	NC
25p	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	Slow down	NC	NC	NC	N/A

NOTE When going from 23.967 to PAL, you can choose between increasing the framerate to 25 or increasing to 24 and adding PAL Pulldown. When going from 24 to PAL, you can choose between increasing the framerate to 25 or adding PAL Pulldown.

Destination timings NTSC through 60p:

Source	Destination						
	NTSC	29.97p	30 psf	30p	60i	59.94p	60p
23.967psf	Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Speed up to 24 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported
23.967p	Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Speed up to 24 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported
24psf	Slow Down to 23.976 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Add Pulldown	Not supported	Not supported
24p	Slow Down to 23.976 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Add Pulldown	Not supported	Not supported
PAL	Slow Down to 23.976 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Slow Down to 24 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported
50i	Slow Down to 23.976 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Slow Down to 24 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported
25psf	Slow Down to 23.976 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Slow Down to 24 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported
25p	Slow Down to 23.976 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Slow Down to 24 + Add Pull-down	Not supported	Not supported
NTSC	N/A	NC	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up	Not supported	Not supported

Source		Destination					
	NTSC	29.97p	30 psf	30p	60i	59.94p	60p
29.97p	NC	N/A	Speed up	Speed up	Speed up	Not supported	Not supported
30 psf	Slow down	Slow down	N/A	NC	NC	Not supported	Not supported
30p	Slow down	Slow down	NC	N/A	NC	Not supported	Not supported
60i	Slow down	Slow down	NC	Field merge	N/A	Not supported	Not supported
59.94p	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	N/A	Speed up
60p	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Slow down	N/A

A destination of 50p is not supported.

Clip Workflow Improvements

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Topics in this chapter:

- [Resize Settings](#) on page 75
- [Broadcast Settings Preferences](#) on page 83
- [Expanding and Collapsing the Contents of a Clip](#) on page 87

Resize Settings

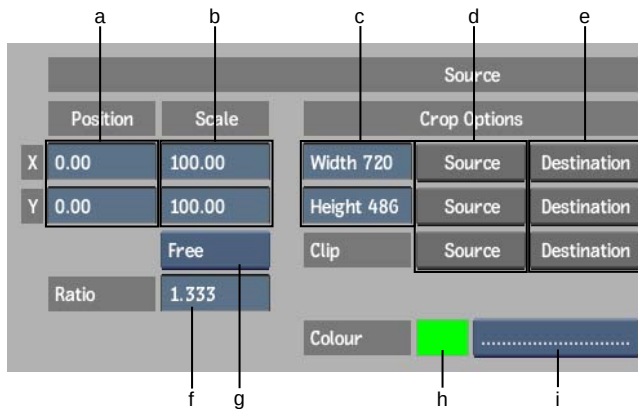
New for this release, the arrangement of the Resize parameters has been improved to allow for more consistency and ease of use, including the addition of some new options. The new options include improved and expanded resize filter options, and a crop box that is now handled as a single object (rather than four lines) with parameters for horizontal and vertical positioning and scaling.

The following sections show the resize source and destination settings available in the Resize menu or in functions that support Resize.

The Source, Resizing, and Destination settings are available in all resize procedures; however, the layout of these controls may change and some options are not available in some cases.

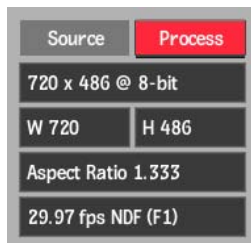
Source Settings

Use the Source settings to set or animate the position and size of the crop box.



(a) X and Y Position fields (b) X and Y Scale fields (c) Crop Box Width/Height fields (d) Source Frame Crop Box buttons (e) Destination Frame Crop Box buttons (f) Source Ratio field (g) Crop Box Mode box (h) Crop Box colour pot (i) Crop Box Line Type box

The Source settings displayed in the Deliverables tab are not editable, since the crop box is not available. In this case, use the Resize button to access the full set of resize settings.



X Position field Displays the horizontal position from the centre of the crop box relative to the centre of the source frame. Drag left or right, or click to enter a new X Position value.

Y Position field Displays the vertical position from the centre of the crop box relative to the centre of the source frame. Drag left or right, or click to enter a new Y Position value.

X Scale field Displays the horizontal scale of the crop box relative to the Crop Box Width field value, as a percentage. Drag left or right, or click to enter a new X Scale value.

Y Scale field Displays the vertical scale of the crop box relative to the Crop Box Height field value, as a percentage. Drag left or right, or click to enter a new Y Scale value.

Crop Box Width field Displays the currently set width of the crop box, in pixels. Drag left or right, or click to enter a new width value.

Crop Box Height field Displays the currently set height of the crop box, in pixels. Drag left or right, or click to enter a new height value.

Source buttons Click to fit the crop box width, height, or both to the source frame.

Destination buttons Click to fit the crop box width, height, or both to the destination frame.

Crop Mode box Select a mode to determine the scaling behaviour of the crop box while repositioning or rescaling.

Select:	To:
Free	Adjust the crop box freely, with no constraints on position or scale.
Prop	Use the current Crop Box Width and Crop Box Height settings. When adjusting the crop box, these proportions are maintained.
Source	Use the source clip aspect ratio for the crop box. When adjusting the crop box, this aspect ratio is maintained.
Destination	Use the destination clip aspect ratio for the crop box. When adjusting the crop box, this aspect ratio is maintained.

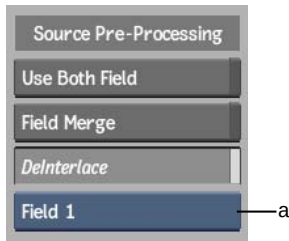
Source Ratio box Displays the aspect ratio of the crop box in the source frame. Editable.

Crop Box Border colour pot Displays the current colour of the crop box border. Editable.

Crop Box Line Style box Select the line style for the crop box.

Source Pre-Processing

Use the Source Pre-Processing settings to determine whether resize is performed on full progressive frames, or on either (or both) of the interlaced fields.



(a) Source Fields Toggle button

Use Both Field button Enable to use both fields of an interlaced clip to process the resizing. Disabled when Field Merge or Deinterlace are enabled.

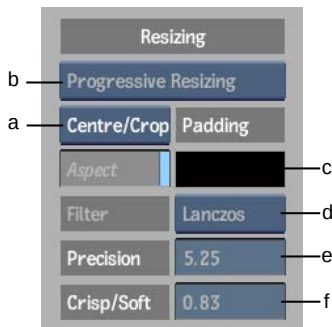
Field Merge button Enable to merge the two fields of an interlaced clip to process the resizing. Disabled when Use Both Field or Deinterlace are enabled.

Deinterlace button Enable to select one of the two fields in an interlaced clip to process the resizing. Disabled when Use Both Field or Field Merge are enabled.

Source Fields Toggle button Select Field 1 or Field 2 when processing the resizing on only one field of an interlaced clip. Active when Deinterlace is enabled.

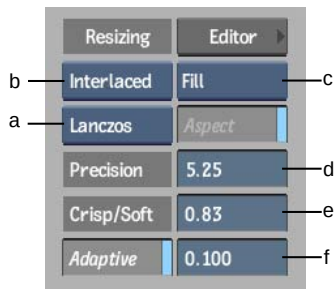
Resizing Settings

The following settings are displayed for resizing in Batch, the Resize menu, and soft effects.



(a) Fit Method box (b) Field Format box (c) Padding colour pot (d) Filter box
(e) Precision field (f) Crisp/Soft field

The following settings are displayed for Resizing in Real-Time Deliverables.



(a) Filter box (b) Field Format box (c) Fit Method box (d) Precision field (e) Crisp/Soft field (f) Adaptive field

Fit Method box Select a fit method to be applied to the selected clip.

Select:	To fit:
Centre/Crop	The source image, centred, over the destination resolution frame. If the source is larger than the destination, it is cropped. If the source is smaller than the destination, it is surrounded by a black border.
Crop Edges	One edge of the source into the destination resolution frame without stretching or squashing the frame. Excess parts of the source frame after resizing are cropped. If the source—after the one edge is resized—is wider than the destination, its overhanging left and right edges are cropped. If the source is taller than the destination, the upper and lower edges are cropped.
Fill	The source, width, and height, into the destination resolution frame. This process, if the source and destination resolutions do not have the same aspect ratio, can distort the image.
Letterbox	The source to the destination resolution frame without squashing or stretching it, and without cropping the source. If the source is wider than the destination, black bars fill the top and bottom of the destination frame. If the source is narrower than the destination, black bars fill the right and left sides of the frame. In all cases, the entire source frame is fit into the destination frame.

Filter box Provides eight resizing filters. This box does not appear if you selected the Centre/Crop Fit method.

Select:	To get:
Impulse	Quick, low-quality results.

Select:	To get:
Triangle	Moderate results with little processing overhead.
Mitchell	Best results when resizing a clip to a higher resolution.
Bicubic	Very good results for resizing soft-looking images. Use to sharpen the image.
Quadratic	Good results for resizing simple images with straight edges. Similar to Gaussian but with more blurring. Use to soften the image.
Gaussian	Excellent results when resizing a clip with no patterns and a lot of straight edges to a lower resolution. Useful for softening some detail.
Shannon	Excellent results when resizing a clip to a lower resolution. Very similar to Lanczos, but results are a little softer.
Lanczos	Best results when resizing a clip containing a variety of patterns and elements to a lower resolution. It is the most complex with the longest processing time.

NOTE Defining a filter method in a Resize menu will override the default setting specified in the Preferences menu.

Keep Aspect button Enable to maintain non-square pixel formats. This button only appears if you selected the Crop Edges or Letterbox methods.

Padding colour pot Select a colour to use for padding out the frame when centre-cropping, cropping edges, or letterboxing. The default padding colour is black.

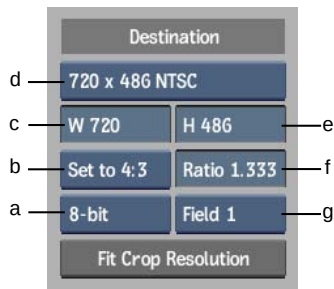
Adaptive button Enable to use adaptive de-interlacing to minimize the creation of artifacts associated with resizing interlaced material.

Adaptive field Displays the Adaptive de-interlacing setting.

Destination Settings

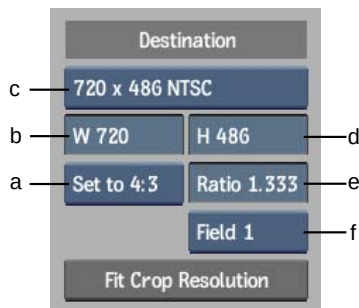
These settings define the destination format into which the source sample is fit.

The following settings are displayed for resizing in the Resize menu.



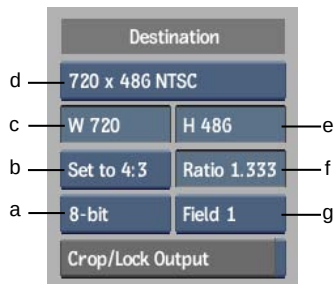
(a) Frame Depth box (b) Aspect Ratio Presets box (c) Frame Width field (d) Resolution Presets box (e) Frame Height field (f) Aspect Ratio field (g) Scan Mode box

The following settings are displayed for resizing in the Batch FX Output node.



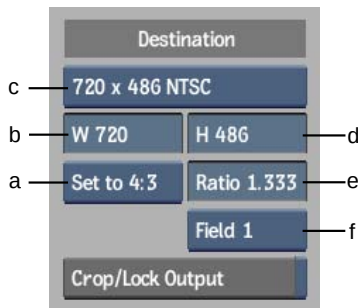
(a) Aspect Ratio Presets box (b) Frame Width field (c) Resolution Presets box (d) Frame Height field (e) Aspect Ratio field (f) Scan Mode box

The following settings are displayed for resizing in the Resize Batch node.



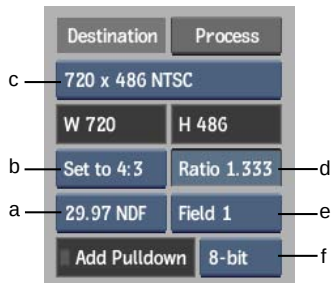
(a) Frame Depth box (b) Aspect Ratio Presets box (c) Frame Width field (d) Resolution Presets box (e) Frame Height field (f) Aspect Ratio field (g) Scan Mode box

The following settings are displayed for resizing from clips in Batch.



(a) Aspect Ratio Presets box (b) Frame Width field (c) Resolution Presets box (d) Frame Height field (e) Aspect Ratio field (f) Scan Mode box

The following settings are displayed for resizing in Real Time Deliverables.



(a) Frame Rate box (b) Aspect Ratio Presets box (c) Resolution Presets box (d) Aspect Ratio field (e) Scan Mode box (f) Frame Depth box

The following settings are displayed for resizing in soft effects.



Fit Crop Resolution button Adjusts the destination resolution to fit the current crop box.

Crop/Lock Output button Enable to have the destination resolution per frame match the crop box. Use this option to animate the resolution of a clip. This option is only available when you access Resize settings from Batch nodes.

Frame Depth box Provides five frame depth options.

Resolution Presets box Provides options for many standard resolutions, as well as a Custom option that you can use to specify non-standard resolutions.

Width/Height fields Display the frame width and height of the selected resolution preset. If you select Custom from the Resolution Presets box, use these fields to enter the frame width and height values you want to use.

Aspect Ratio Presets box Provides standard frame aspect ratio options as well as a w:h option to set the clip to use square pixels. Also provides a Custom option so you can enter a custom frame aspect ratio in the Ratio field.

Scan Mode box Select an option to set the order in which the fields of interlaced material are scanned.

Select:	To resize:
Progressive	A frame-based clip to another frame-based clip.
Field 1	A clip by drawing Field 1 followed by Field 2.
Field 2	A clip by drawing Field 2 followed by Field 1.

For interlaced material, you can specify whether the resize needs to be done from both fields or just from one of the two. In the latter case, the result is a progressive clip made from the same two fields.

Ratio field Enter a custom frame aspect ratio in this field, if necessary.

Broadcast Settings Preferences

Broadcast monitor settings can be applied globally for Smoke in modules that support multiple viewports. Settings can be changed on-the-fly while you are working. These preferences are stored in the project directory.

Broadcast Monitor Preferences

The broadcast monitor outputs a complete image or selected viewport. View output in different contexts, to suit multiple types of workflow.



(a) **Broadcast Monitor box**

Broadcast Monitor box Select what to preview on your broadcast monitor.

Select:	To display:
Show Selected Item	The proxy or full-resolution version of the selected clip.
Screen Grab	The contents of a selected image viewport or the Player.
Off	Nothing on the broadcast monitor.

Always Send to Grab Area button Enable to display the Player or viewport. This button is active when the Screen Grab option is selected.

Scale Clip To Fit Monitor button Enable to resize the clip to fit the broadcast monitor. This button is active when the Show Selected Item option is selected.

Use Ratio button Enable to maintain the original proportions of the clip. Disable to use the monitor ratio. This button is active when the Show Selected Item option is selected.

Displaying a Clip in the Broadcast Monitor

Use the Show Selected Item option in the Broadcast Monitor box to display the clip you selected in the broadcast monitor. Use the Broadcast Monitor buttons to resize and set the proportions of the clip. If the clip is zoomed in on the application monitor, the clip is still displayed in its entirety on the broadcast monitor.

When you select multiple clips, the broadcast monitor displays the first clip in a selection. When the Triptych Player is in use, the broadcast monitor displays the output of the current view.

When the Show Selected Item option is selected, you can manage additional preferences. See [Broadcast Multiview Preferences](#) on page 85, and [Image Data Type Preferences](#) on page 85.

Displaying the User Interface in the Broadcast Monitor

Use the Screen Grab option in the Broadcast Monitor box to display content you select in the Player or module viewport in the broadcast monitor. The content is only displayed in the broadcast monitor when a module viewport or the Player are displayed in the application monitor.

If the output is zoomed in or panned in on the application monitor, the broadcast monitor displays the output in the same state.

When this broadcast option is selected, the Always Send Grab Area button appears. Enable this button to display Player or viewport output, including times when neither is in use.

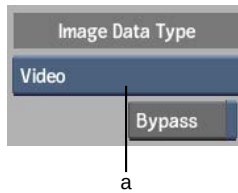
Broadcast Multiview Preferences

This preference is active when Show Selected Item is selected in the Broadcast Monitor box. See [Broadcast Monitor Preferences](#) on page 83.

Always Display Result Enable this button when working in modules with multiple views to display an image of the Result viewport in the broadcast monitor, including when a different view is selected in the application monitor. When a view without clips is selected, the Always Display Result button is enabled by default.

Image Data Type Preferences

These preferences are active when Show Selected Item is selected in the Broadcast Monitor box and the Always Display Result button disabled. See [Broadcast Monitor Preferences](#) on page 83 and [Broadcast Multiview Preferences](#) on page 85.



(a) Image Data Type box

Image Data Type box Select the type of image data you are displaying in the broadcast monitor. Your selection determines the type of transformation that is applied to the clip to modify the contrast.

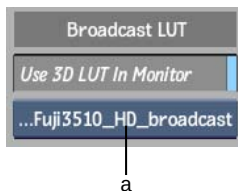
Select:	To:
Logarithmic	Apply a transformation to a logarithmic film scan.
Video	Apply a transformation to a video clip.
Linear	Apply a transformation to a 16-bit floating point image, with a high dynamic range.

Bypass button Enable to deactivate the image data type display settings in the broadcast monitor.

Broadcast LUT Preferences

These preferences appear when Show Selected Item is selected in the Broadcast Monitor box. See [Displaying a Clip in the Broadcast Monitor](#) on page 84.

Use the Broadcast LUT preferences to apply and select a 3D LUT you can use in the broadcast monitor. This selection does not affect the LUT settings in the application monitor.



(a) 3D LUT List box

Use 3D LUT In Monitor button Enable to apply a 3D LUT from the 3D LUT list in the broadcast monitor.

3D LUT List box Displays the list of 3D LUTs that you imported in the LUT menu.

Expanding and Collapsing the Contents of a Clip

You can expand or collapse selected clips with real-time settings, history, or soft edits from a clip library. You can also display or hide selected clips. Select options from the Expand Options group of dropdown lists or click a clip indicator to toggle the display of the associated deliverable, history, or source clip display for the clip.



In Proxies mode, the expanded portion of a clip is slightly smaller in order to distinguish it at a glance from other types of clips. In Titles View mode, these entries are indented.

To expand or collapse a clip:

- 1 Select the clip you want to expand or collapse.
- 2 Do one of the following:

Select an option from:	To:
All	Display all hidden clips or hide selected clips.
Deliverables	Display or hide the deliverables associated with the selected clips.
History	Display or hide the clip history associated with the selected clips.
Edits	Display or hide source clips associated with the selected clips.

NOTE Double-click a Deliverable, History or Soft Edits indicator on a clip to toggle its display/hide settings.

Colour Management

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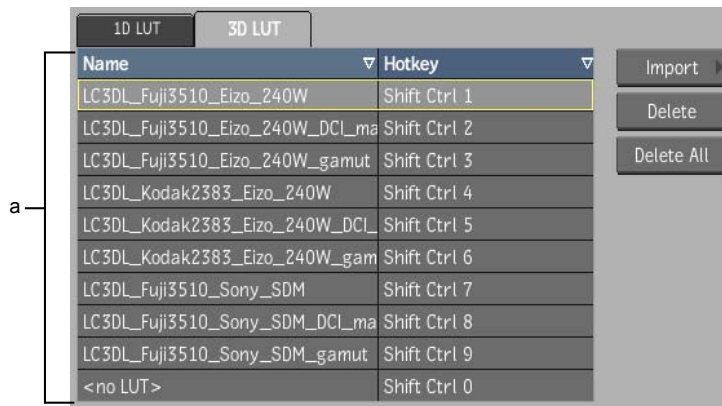
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LUT Preferences

Use the LUT preferences to import and list the 1D and 3D LUTs you can use in Smoke.

You can use a hot key to switch between the first ten LUTs in a 1D LUT list. Press **Alt+Shift+1** for the first LUT, **Alt+Shift+2** for the second LUT, and **Alt+Shift+0** for the tenth LUT in the list.

You can use a hot key to switch between the first ten LUTs in a 3D LUT list. Press **Ctrl+Shift+1** for the first LUT, **Ctrl+Shift+2** for the second LUT, and **Ctrl+Shift+0** for the tenth LUT in the list.



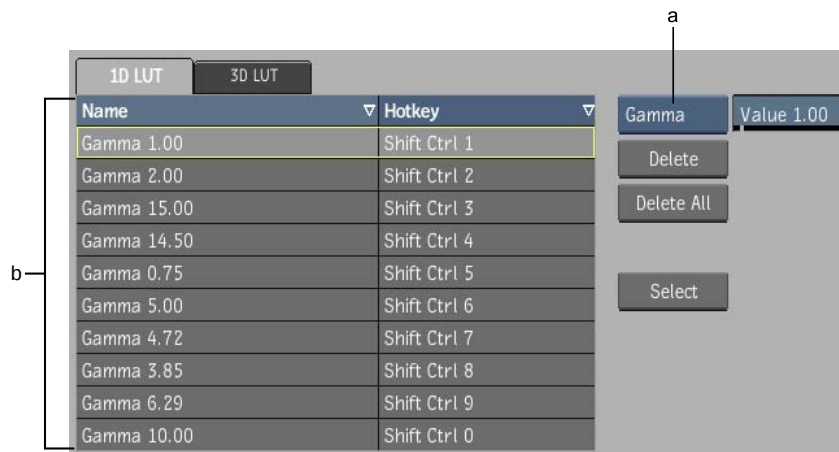
(a) 3D LUT list

3D LUT List box Displays the list of 3D LUTs that you imported for use in Smoke.

Import button Opens the Import LUT browser. Navigate to the 3D LUT file you want to use, and select it to load it to the 3D LUT list.

Delete button Deletes the selected LUT from the 3D LUT list.

Delete All button Deletes all LUTs from the 3D LUT list.



(a) LUT Type box (b) 3D LUT list

1D LUT List tab Displays the list of gamma LUTs that you defined and 1D LUTs that you imported for use in Smoke.

LUT Type box Select whether you want to define a gamma LUT or import a 1D LUT file in the current row and assign the selected hot key.

Import button Opens the Import LUT browser. Navigate to the file you want to use, and select it to load it to the 1D LUT list. This button is active when the LUT Type box is set to LUT file.

Value field Displays the gamma value. This field is active when the LUT Type box is set to Gamma.

Delete button Deletes the selected gamma or 1D LUTs from the list.

Delete All button Deletes all LUTs from the 1D LUT list.

Select button Apply the selected gamma or 1D LUT.

To define a gamma LUT:

- 1 Click the 1D LUT tab to display the 1D LUT list.
- 2 Select the row with the hot key you want to assign to the gamma LUT.
- 3 Enter a gamma value in the Value field.

To apply a LUT from the 1D LUT list:

- 1 Click the 1D LUT tab.
- 2 Select the row with LUT you want to apply to the display.
- 3 Click Select.

The filename of the applied LUT and its assigned hot key display in blue.

NOTE When a 1D or gamma LUT is applied it cannot be deleted, unless you click the Delete All button to clear the entire 1D LUT list.

To import a 1D or 3D LUT:

- 1 Click a tab to display the list for the type of LUT you want to import.
- 2 Select the row with the hot key you want to assign to the LUT.
- 3 If the 1D LUT list is displayed, in the LUT file box, select LUT file.
- 4 Click the Import button.
- 5 In the file browser, navigate to the file you want to import.
- 6 Select the LUT file.

The LUT file appears in the LUT list in the selected row.

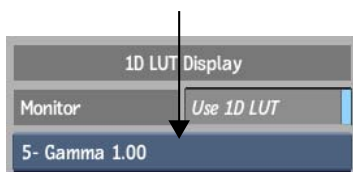
Applying 1D LUTs to the Monitor

Gamma and 1D LUTs configured in the Preferences can be applied to the monitor. See [LUT Preferences](#) on page 89. They can also be applied from the View menu.

3D LUT display mode is disabled when 1D LUT display mode is activated.

To apply a 1D LUT to the monitor:

- 1 Enable Use 1D LUT (**Alt+Shift+~**) to enable 1D LUT display mode.
The 1D LUT displayed in the 1D LUT List box is applied to the display.
- 2 To change 1D LUTs, do one of the following:
 - In the View menu, select the 1D LUT from the list in the Monitor LUT List box.



- Use hot keys to switch between 1D LUTs defined in the 1D LUT list.

Press:	To apply:
Alt+Shift+1	The first 1D LUT defined in the 1D LUT list.
Alt+Shift+[2-9]	The second through ninth 1D LUT defined in the 3D LUT list.
Alt+Shift+0	The tenth 3D LUT defined in the 1D LUT list.

- 3 To toggle the current 1D LUT on and off, press its associated hot key (**Alt+Shift+[1-0]**).
- 4 To disable 1D LUT display mode, press **Alt+Shift+~**.

Exporting LUTs

Once you complete your custom LUT, you can use it to convert images. To do so, you must first save or export it. Saving a LUT preserves its menu settings and automatically creates an invert LUT. A LUT's menu settings include values for its basic curves, as well as its advanced editing curves. Exporting combines the basic curves and the advanced editing curves into a single set of curves. However, exporting provides the opportunity to change the bit depth of the LUT. Both saved and exported LUTs are applied to an image sequence or a clip in Batch in the same manner.

When you export a LUT, the settings that correlate with the basic curves and the advanced editing curves are merged to create a single set of RGB conversion curves and the independence of these settings is lost. Whether you load or import the LUT afterwards, it appears as a basic conversion curve only. However, like all basic LUT types, you can then alter it, for example, by using the advanced editing curves.

Exported LUTs serve as a good interchange format for colour consistency between Autodesk and non-Autodesk products.

Exporting is useful when you want to change a LUT's bit depth. If you develop a LUT for importing 10-bit logarithmic film data, for example, you can easily convert it to work for 12-bit logarithmic data. When exporting a LUT, you can scale both the input and output bit depths.

NOTE If you accessed the LUT Editor from the Import Image menu, you must export the LUT when you exit.

To export a LUT:

- 1 Access the LUT Editor.

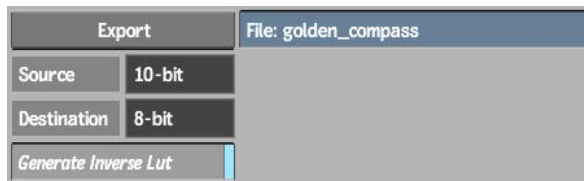
If you accessed the LUT Editor from a node in Batch, select the node and display the LUT editing menu with which you created the LUT.

- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Click Export.



- If you are using LUT Editor in the Import Image menu, click Exit.

The Export LUT menu appears.



- 3 Set a location for the LUT.
- 4 Select the source and destination bit depths for the exported LUT.
- 5 Enable Generate Inverse LUT to create an inverse LUT along with the normal lut. You can apply an Inverse LUT to restore original LUT settings.
- 6 Click Export.

The LUT is exported to the specified location.

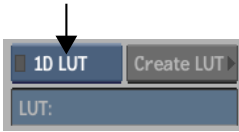
Applying a LUT on Import or Export

Applying a LUT to a film clip on import or export converts the clip's images according to the contents of the LUT.

To apply a LUT on image import or export from the EditDesk:

- 1 Open the clip library in which you want to store the images you are importing, or from which you want to export images.
- 2 Click Import Image, or select an image and click Export Image.

3 In the LUT Type box, select an option.



Select:	To:
Gamma	Apply gamma correction to a clip. This option only appears when a QuickTime movie is selected.
1D LUT	Apply a 1D LUT to a clip.
3D LUT	Apply a 3D LUT to a clip.

4 If the LUT field is inactive, click the LED indicator to enable it.



5 Click the LUT field.

The file browser appears. The Files list contains the LUTs currently residing in your project's *~/lut* directory. These include the samples provided with Smoke, as well as any LUTs you may have saved or exported to this directory. By default, Lustre Color Management LUTs are stored in the */usr/discreet/Lustre_Color/lut/Lustre_Color_3DLUTs* directory.

Sample 1D LUTs include the following.

LUT File Name	Conversion Process
10logto12	Converts a 10-bit logarithmic image to a 12-bit linear image.
10logto8	Converts a 10-bit logarithmic image to an 8-bit linear image.
8to10log	Converts an 8-bit linear image to a 10-bit logarithmic image.
12to10log	Converts a 12-bit linear image to a 10-bit logarithmic image.
invertRGB	Inverts the RGB values of the image.

- 6 If you want to switch to a different LUT type without exiting the file browser, use the LUT Type box.



- 7 Select a LUT in the Files list or navigate to the file you want to use.
The Import Image or Export Image menu reappears. The LUT field displays the name of the new LUT. It will be applied to the clip you import or export when the LUT is enabled.

Controlling Image Display using Exposure and Image Data Type

When you are working in the Player or a module that supports multiple viewports, you can change the display of an image based on the type of image data you are working with. By default, an image is displayed with a transformation for a video image. You can apply transformations to the image to display an optimal view of logarithmic and linear images.

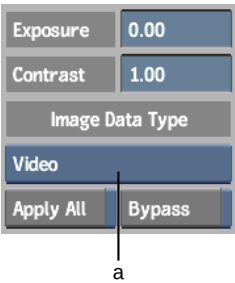
All transformations applied to images are for display purposes only. As you work with your transformed image, you will be able to better determine the decisions required to achieve a desired effect. For example, you can set an image window to display more realistic contrast values for a logarithmic image. If you apply an RGB blur or perform a colour correction, you will see the results on the transformed image, but when the clip is processed, only the RGB blur or colour correction information will be processed.

NOTE If you apply a 3D LUT that expects logarithmic input, you can apply it to any image data type, and still display a plausible result. This includes all print stock LUTs, including Lustre Color 3D LUTs. If you work with a different type of LUT, enable the Bypass button to work with the image with no transformation.

To access the exposure and image data type settings:

- 1 Do one of the following:
 - In the Player, click the Player Options tab.
 - In a module with multiple viewports, display the View menu.

- To access settings for the broadcast monitor, open the Preferences menu.



(a) Image Data Type box in the View menu

Exposure field Displays the exposure that is used to transform image display in the current image window.

Contrast field Displays the contrast that is used to transform image display in the current image window.

Image Data Type box Select the type of image data you are displaying in the current image window. Your selection determines the type of transformation that that is applied to the clip to modify the contrast.

Select:	To:
Logarithmic	Apply a transformation to a logarithmic film scan.
Video	Apply a transformation to a video clip.
Linear	Apply a transformation to a 16-bit floating-point image, with a high dynamic range.

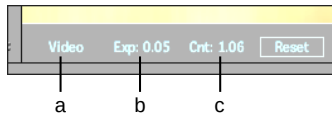
Apply All button In modules with multiple viewports, enable to apply the transformation for the current viewport to all viewports.

Bypass button Enable to deactivate display settings in the current image window.

Controlling Image Display Gesturally

You can adjust exposure and black level settings directly in the image window of the Player or a module viewport. You can adjust the image data type in a

module viewport. The lower left corner of the image in the Player and each viewport display these settings. The Player only displays these settings as you make changes.



(a) Image Data Type (b) Exposure (c) Contrast

To adjust exposure and image display settings directly in an image window:

- 1 If you are working in a module, select the viewport.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - If you are in a module, click the image data type to cycle through video, logarithmic, and linear settings.
 - Press **Shift+E** and drag left or right in the viewport to decrease or increase the exposure.
 - Press **Shift+C** and drag left or right in the viewport to decrease or increase the contrast.

NOTE Click Reset to restore default exposure and contrast settings.

Batch Setups

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BFX Timecode and Clip Frame Length

When you load a clip into a BFX level, its timecode automatically keeps the timecode of the EditDesk record timeline. Head frames are loaded as negative frames. You can use these extra frames to offset the starting frame of a clip. All subsequent clips brought into the same BFX level are loaded with head and tail frames intact.

Both the BFX timebar positioner and the clip timeline positioner represent the EditDesk record timecode for the current frame. If you set record and source clips to edit material from one clip to another, the current time position of the source clip serves as an implicit in point.

You can set the BFX timebar to display or hide head and tail frames. Display head and tail frames if you need the extra frames for editing or if you load subsequent clips that are longer in length. If you use the extra frames, you will have to trim out the clip when you exit back to the EditDesk record timeline.

If you offset a clip using the extra frames, the EditDesk record timeline will reflect the new offset.

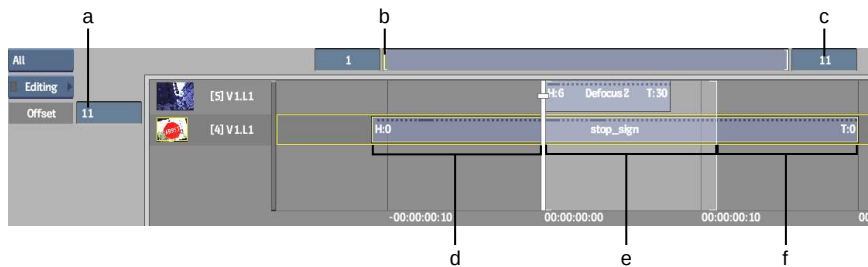
To set the BFX timebar to display the frames defined by a clip's in and out points:

- 1 From the Timebar Range area of the BFX Setup menu, click Set to BFX In/Out.

The BFX timebar displays the range of frames of the clip as defined by the in and out points set on the EditDesk record timeline.

NOTE Set to BFX In/Out is the default setting.

In the following example, a clip (stop_sign) with head and tail frames is loaded into a BFX level from the EditDesk record timeline at timecode 00:00:00:00. The head frames are loaded into the Offset field. The BFX timebar positioner is set at the beginning of the clip—frame 1. The BFX timebar does not show the head and tail frames.



(a) Head frame number (b) BFX timebar positioner (c) Clip length without head and tail frames (d) Head frames (e) Frames between in and out points (f) Tail frames

NOTE In Timing view, shown in the previous illustration, select the layer or clip proxy to load the head frames into the Offset field.

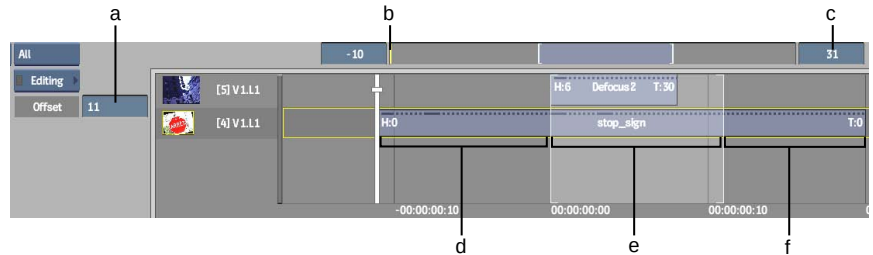
To set the BFX timebar to display a clip's entire range of frames:

- 1 From the Timebar Range area of the BFX Setup menu, click Set to Media Range.

The BFX timebar displays all the frames of the clip brought in from the EditDesk record timeline, including head and tail frames.

NOTE This setting remains persistent throughout the Smoke session.

In the following example, a clip (stop_sign) with head and tail frames is loaded into a BFX level from the EditDesk record timeline at timecode 00:00:00:00. The head frames are loaded into the Offset field. The BFX timebar includes both the head and tail frames. The BFX timebar positioner is set at the first head frame—negative frame 10.



(a) Head frame number (b) BFX timebar positioner (c) Clip length including head and tail frames (d) Head frames (e) Frames between in and out points (f) Tail frames

NOTE In Timing view, shown in the previous illustration, select the layer or clip proxy to load the negative frames into the Offset field.

The first clip loaded into a BFX level from the EditDesk record timeline determines the duration of that BFX level. If you load another clip, you can change the BFX duration to that of the new clip. The new duration applies only to that BFX level. Back on the EditDesk record timeline, you must trim the clip to display its new length.

To set the BFX duration:

- 1 Select a clip in the schematic.
- 2 Press **T** and click the clip in the schematic.
The Duration field updates to reflect the new length.

NOTE You can also click the Set to Media Range preference after loading the new clip.

Committing Batch FX

When you output from a Batch FX output node to the timeline, you can commit the RGB results (BFX) or the matte results (BFXa). Any soft effects on the timeline are preserved when you commit the Batch setups.

To commit Batch FX:

- 1 Select the timeline element with the BFX or BFXa setup that you want to commit.
- 2 Select Commit BFX from the Effect Operations box.



If you committed RGB results, the BFX element is committed. If you committed matte results, the BFXa element is committed into a container.

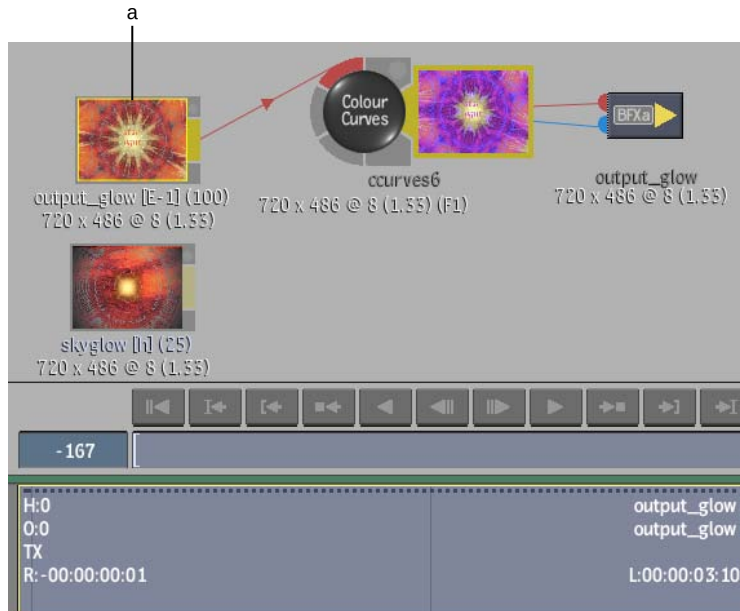
Managing Clips in a BFX Level

From a BFX level, you can send a copy of any clip to the EditDesk. If the clip contains soft effects, the soft effects are preserved with the clip.

To save a BFX setup, you must save it separately. If you want to save a setup with the clip copied back to the EditDesk, make sure you save the setup after copying the clip.

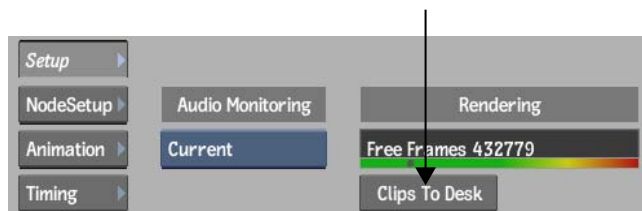
To copy a clip in a BFX level to the EditDesk:

- 1 Select the clips to copy in the BFX schematic.
In the following example, the selected clip has a Text soft effect.



(a) Selected clip with Text soft effect

- 2 From the Setup menu, click Clips to Desk.



If you loaded the clips from the library, the clip names turn from blue to white indicating the clips are EditDesk clips.

- 3 Exit to the EditDesk.

A copy of the selected clip appears on the EditDesk. Note that the Text soft effect in the clip is preserved.



To save a BFX setup:

- 1 Inside a BFX level, click Save, name the setup, and click Save again.

NOTE If you sent a copy of the clips in a BFX level back to the EditDesk using Clips to Desk, make sure you save the setup after sending the copy so that the links from the setup will be to the copied clips.

The BFX setup is saved. The clips are not saved with the setup; however, the links to the original clips are saved. When you load the BFX setup, the EditDesk is searched first for the clips and then the library is searched. If the clips are not found, the setup is loaded with black proxies for the missing clips, and the clip name appears in red.

Creating One Clip Per Timeline Layer

If you bring multiple layers into a BFX setup and want to apply a separate flow graph to each layer, you can split the layers and create one clip per layer. Soft effects and transitions from the original timeline layers are kept with each clip.

If you want to work with the clips in an Action setup, and they are not affected by vertical compositing from the original timeline, you can have each split layer automatically converted to an indirect layer of an Action node.

If the clips are affected by vertical compositing from the original timeline, you can have the applicable soft effects automatically extracted and converted to the corresponding Batch nodes. This extraction process attempts to preserve the same visual result as the original timeline. The same rules of conversion apply to soft effects whether they are extracted automatically or manually.

You can split both layers and tracks into individual clips.

To create one clip per layer:

- 1 Load a multi-layer clip into a BFX level and display its timeline.

In the following example, a three-layer clip is loaded with all soft effects preserved. The Axis soft effects on the top two layers create the vertical compositing.

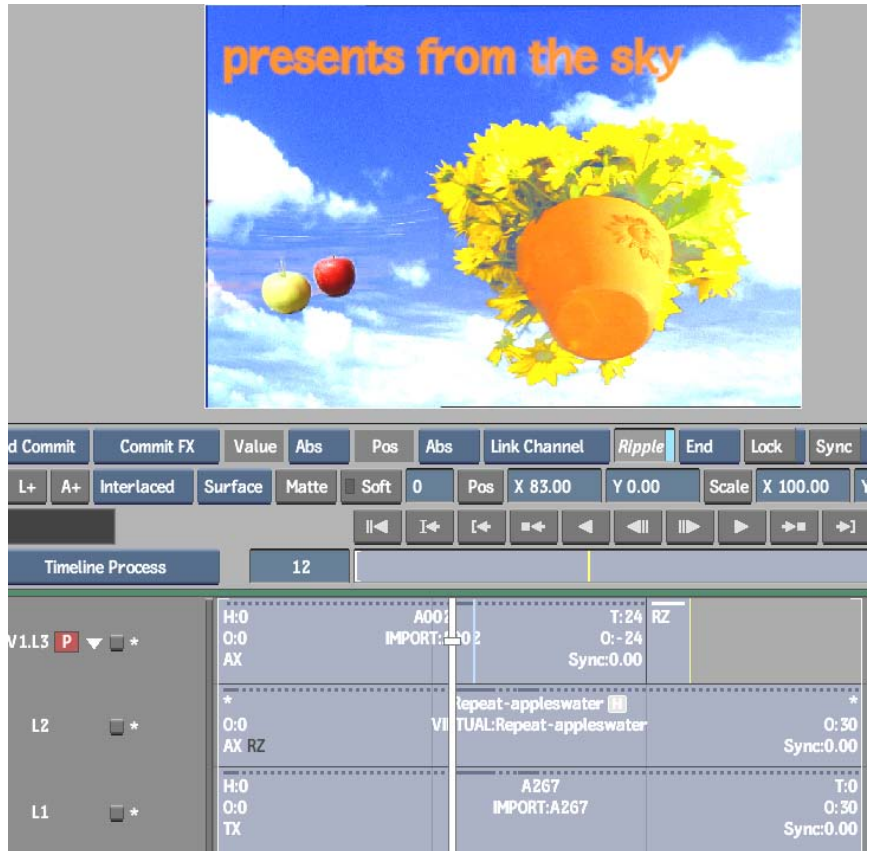


Image courtesy of Topix / MadDog

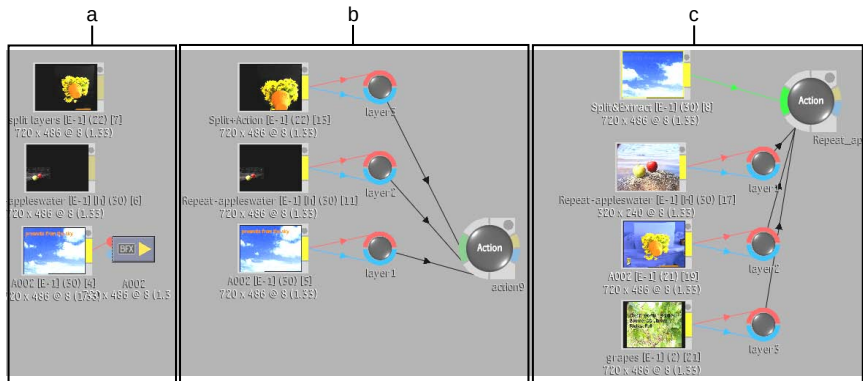
- 2 Select the clip in the schematic, and then select an option from the Split dropdown list.



Select:	To:
Split Tracks and Layers	Create one clip for each timeline layer and track.
Split and Convert to Action Layers	Create one clip for each timeline layer and track and have each clip connected to an indirect layer of an Action node. Visual results from soft effects may be lost in this operation.
Split and Convert to Batch Tree	Create one clip for each segment and have soft effects that affect the vertical editing of the original timeline converted to corresponding Batch nodes.

Clips are created for each layer and are connected in the BFX flow graph as illustrated in the following examples.

In example a, separate clips are created for each layer of the original timeline. In example b, an indirect Action layer is created for each clip. In example c, separate clips are created for each segment of the original timeline. The Action indirect layers are converted from the Axis soft effects so as to maintain the same visual result as the original timeline. The Text soft effect is not extracted since it is not affected by vertical compositing.



(a) Result from Split Tracks and Layers option (b) Result from Split and Convert to Action Layers option (c) Result from Split and Convert to Batch Tree option

NOTE The timeline of the original clip loaded into the BFX level is replaced by a separate timeline for each clip. To see the timelines of all clips at once, use Timing view.

- 3 Add or modify nodes to create your process tree.

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Viewing Clips in the Source/Record Player

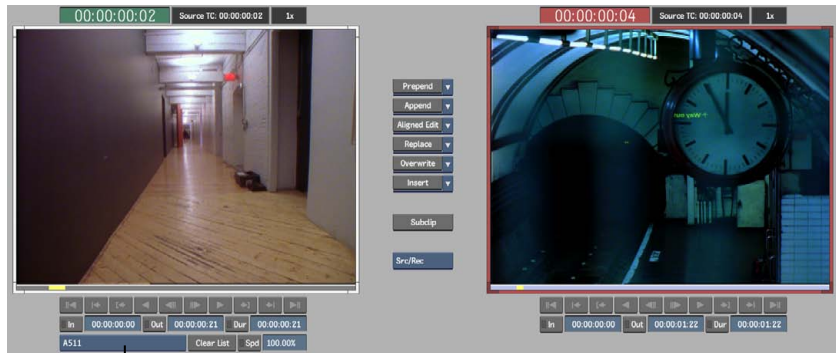
Use the Source/Record Player to view the source clip and record clip in the same view. The Source/Record Player is only accessible from the EditDesk, and it does not exist in module players.

The EditDesk Library appears when the Source/Record Player is active. Each view window has an aspect ratio appropriate for the selected clip.

The timecode, source timecode and playback speed are displayed above each Player. Controls for playback and in and out marks are displayed below each Player.

To display the Source/Record Player:

- 1 In the Player, click the Player Options tab.
- 2 From the Player box, select Src/Rec (**Shift+Esc**).



(a) Source History box

Image courtesy of Behavior Communications Inc.

Inactive image windows have a grey border, while the active image window has a red (record clip), green (source clip), or purple (container clip) border.

Select a source clip to display it in the Source Player. Use the Source History box to select or keep track of the list of source clips you have already worked with. Use the Clear List box to delete the list, and display the name of the current clip.

Use the editing controls to perform editing operations between clips and create subclips.

To generate a subclip:

- 1 Select the Player with the clip you want to use.
- 2 Insert in and out marks to determine the beginning and end of the subclip.
- 3 Click Subclip or press **Ctrl+F**.
- 4 Enter the name of the subclip.
- 5 Press **Enter** to create the new clip.

When you generate a subclip, you can automatically name the new clip using the name of the original clip and a numerical increment, beginning with the suffix **_001** (or the next available number).

To generate a subclip with a numerical increment:

- 1** Select the Player with the clip you want to use.
- 2** Insert in and out marks to determine the beginning and end of the subclip.
- 3** Do one of the following:
 - Press **Ctrl+Alt+F** to create a new subclip.
 - Hold down the **Alt** key and click Subclip.

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Gain

Use the Gain soft effect to adjust the gain for individual segments in an audio track. Gain is the measure, in decibels, of how much a circuit amplifies a signal. You can set the segment gain to any value from -96.0 dB to +24.0 dB. The segment gain is combined with the input strip gain in the AudioDesk.

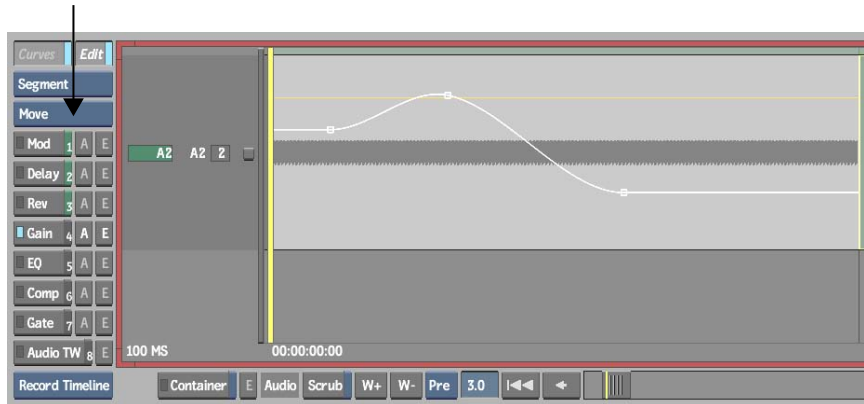
New for this release, you can also animate the segment gain in the timeline, using a simplified version of the Channel Editor.

To adjust the segment gain:

- 1 From the Record T/L, select the audio segment that you want to adjust.
- 2 From the Audio Soft-Effects menu, enable Gain.
- 3 Enter the new gain level (from -96.0 dB to +24.0 dB) in the Segment Gain field that appears.

To animate the segment gain in the timeline:

- 1 From the Record T/L, select the audio segment that you want to adjust.
You can also change the segment gain curve of two (or more) audio segments simultaneously. Simply select all segments before tweaking the curve. The segments must all start at the same frame to do this.
- 2 From the Audio Soft-Effects menu, enable Gain.
The Edit button becomes active.
- 3 Enable Edit.
The segment turns grey. The segment gain level is represented by a white line, which you can modify just like in the Channel Editor, but with a limited set of functionality.
- 4 From the Edit Mode box, use the available options to edit keyframes on your segment gain level.



Effects



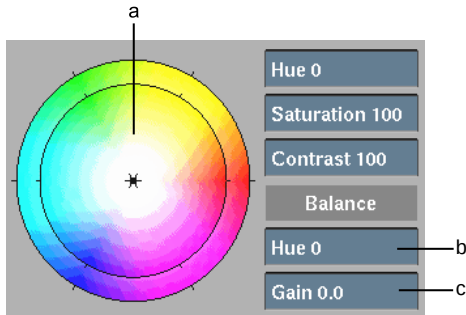
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Adjusting the Colour Balance

New for this release: When working with 16-bit floating point images in the Colour Corrector, you can add values outside of the colour wheel.

You can adjust the colour balance in an image using the colour wheel or the Balance Tools Hue and Gain fields. The value of Hue determines the colour to add and the value of Gain specifies the amount of colour to use.



(a) Colour wheel (b) Hue field (c) Gain field

Pure red is the 0-degree point for hue on the colour wheel. When you increase the Hue value, you move counterclockwise on the colour wheel. When you decrease the Hue, you move clockwise on the colour wheel.

The centre of the colour wheel represents 0 Gain. As you increase the value of Gain, you move towards the edge of the colour wheel and add more of the selected colour to the image.

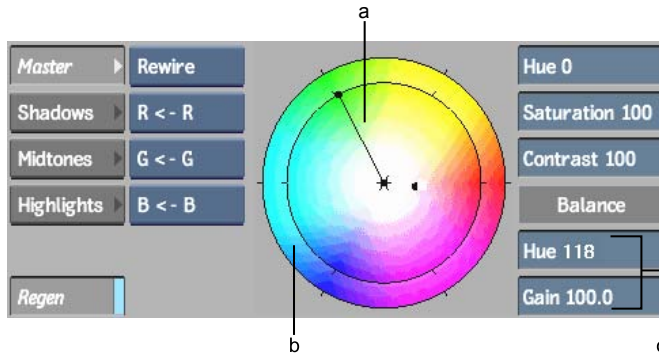
NOTE If Saturation is set to 0, no colour balancing is performed, regardless of the Gain value. In the Channel Editor, Balance channels are labelled `hue_balance` and `gain_balance`, respectively.

Creating and Modifying a Colour Balance Point

You can make colour balance points for each range (highlights, midtones, and shadows) or for all ranges simultaneously (master). Click inside the colour wheel to create a balance point for the current tonal range.

The current range's colour balance point is connected to the hub of the colour wheel by a line. You can constrain how the point is modified according to how you select it. If you select the line, the radius of the line Strength is constrained. If you select the point, the direction of the line Tint is constrained. You can make unconstrained modifications by clicking anywhere in the wheel, or by entering values in the Balance fields.

NOTE As you move the colour balance point on the colour wheel, the values in the Balance Tools Hue and Gain fields update automatically. You can also set the values for Tint and Strength directly in these fields.



(a) Current colour balance point (b) Hue shift/saturation comparison (outside ring is Result; inside ring is Source) (c) Balance tools

Colour balancing is performed in RGB colour space. The luma of the image is not changed. For example, if Hue (tint) is set to 0 and Gain (strength) is set to 100%, pure red is added to the image. However, a black pixel remains black since it keeps the same luma value.

To change the colour balance in the image:

- 1 Enable Regen so that the image will update as you change the colour balance.
- 2 Select the range you want to modify.
- 3 On the colour wheel, click and drag toward the colour you want to use.

As you drag the cursor, a colour balance point follows the cursor. Depending on the range you are modifying, the colour balance points are shaded to make for easier identification (from light grey to black, in this order: Highlights, Shadows, Midtones, Master).

You can continue dragging outside of the colour wheel. The colour balance point is replaced by a triangle in the outer circle of the colour wheel. The triangles are also shaded depending on the range selected (from white to grey, in this order: Master, Highlights, Shadows, Midtones).

The image dynamically updates as you drag.

TIP You can interact directly in the image window to change the colour balance. While holding **Alt** and the range hot key (**V** for Master; **Z** for Shadows; **X** for Midtones; or **C** for Highlights), drag directly in the image window. The colour wheel and Balance Tools fields update accordingly.

- 4 If you are not satisfied with the resulting image, click and drag the colour balance point or triangle again. You can continue to move the colour balance point or triangle until the desired effect is achieved.
- 5 Click Process to apply the changes to the clip.

Adjusting the Colour Range

New for this release: With the support of 16-bit floating point images in the Colour Corrector, the Histogram, Curves, and Ranges menus have been redesigned, and some new options have been added.

You can use the Histogram menu to adjust the range of values used for the red, green, blue, or luminance channels of an image. The histogram shows the colour distribution of pixels in the front and result image for the selected channel. The horizontal axis represents the values of pixels, from black at the left to white at the right. The vertical axis represents the number of pixels with these colour values.

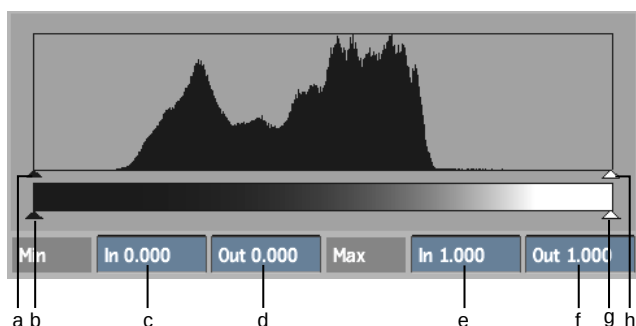
When working with 16-bit floating point images, the values of the histogram are represented on a logarithmic scale. When working with integer images (8, 10, or 12-bit), the values of the histogram are represented on a linear scale.

To access the Histogram menu:

- 1 Click the Histogram tab.



The Histogram menu options are described as follows.



(a) Minimum Input slider (b) Minimum Output slider (c) Minimum Input field box (d) Minimum Output field (e) Maximum Input field (f) Maximum Output field (g) Maximum Output slider (h) Maximum Input slider

Input controls Use the minimum and maximum input sliders or fields to set the input levels of your image.

Output controls Use the minimum and maximum output sliders or fields to set the output levels of your image.

Channel	Luminance	a
Out Range	No Clamp	b
Frame	Min / Max	c
Source	Mono	d
Destination	Mono	e
Reset	Zoom 1.0	

(a) Channel Selection box (b) Out Range Option box (c) Frame Selection box (d) Source View Option box (e) Destination View Option box

Channel Selection box Select which channel you want to work with in the histogram: Luminance, Red, Green, or Blue.

Out Range Option box When using 16-bit floating point images, you can select Clamp to clamp colour and luminance values, or No Clamp to allow pixel floating point values to be less the 0 or more than 1.

Frame Selection box Choose how you want to frame the histogram.

Select	To Frame:
Min / Max	Based on the minimum and maximum slider values.

Select	To Frame:
Full Range	The complete range of histogram values.
Plot Colour	The plot and reference colours.
Home	Based on a [0:1] horizontal and vertical range.

Source button Enable to show a histogram of the colour values in the front, or source clip. The source colour values are obtained from the current frame. If you input both front and matte clips, the colour values in the front clip that are defined by the white part of the matte are displayed.

Source View Option box Select whether to display all RGB Source histograms or only the histogram you are working on (Mono).

Destination button Enable to show a histogram of the colour values in the result, or destination clip. The destination colour values are obtained from the current frame. If you input both front and matte clips, the colour values in the front clip that are defined by the white part of the matte are displayed.

Destination View Option box Select whether to display all RGB Destination histograms or only the histogram you are working on (Mono). When viewing the Source and Destination histograms at the same time in Mono mode, the Destination histograms are lighter; in RGB mode, the Destination histograms are displayed with a white outline.

Reset button Click to reset the settings defined by the Histogram. The Basic properties of the Colour Corrector are unaffected.

Zoom field Select a vertical zoom value for the histogram display. You can also zoom horizontally by pressing **Ctrl+spacebar** and dragging left or right in the histogram. To pan horizontally, click **spacebar** and drag left or right in the histogram.

Increasing Image Contrast

The slider controls directly below the histogram are the Input Level controls. These controls are used to set the range of colour values used in the image:

- The white triangle on the right sets the maximum value for the range.
- The black triangle on the left sets the minimum value for the range.

You can use the Input Level controls to increase the contrast in the image. For example, if you set the minimum value to 50, pixels with colour values less than 50 are remapped to 0 (black). Pixels with colour values greater than 50 are remapped to the appropriate values. This darkens the image and increases the contrast in the shadow areas.

You can also set the maximum and minimum limits for the colour range by entering the values directly in the Minimum and Maximum Input fields on either side of the histogram.

To increase the contrast in an image:

- 1 Display the Histogram menu.
- 2 Click the Master, Shadows, Midtones, or Highlights button to select the parts of the image you want to modify.
- 3 From the Channel Selection box, select Luminance, Red, Green, or Blue as the channel you want to work with.
- 4 Position the cursor on the black triangle below the histogram. Drag right to darken the shadow areas in the image.
The value of the lower limit for the colour range appears in the Minimum Input field.
- 5 Position the cursor on the white triangle below the histogram. Drag left to brighten in the highlight areas in the image.
The value of the upper limit for the colour range appears in the Maximum Input field.

NOTE If you are in Luminance, you can invert the image by reversing the order of the black and white triangles.

- 6 Click Process to apply the changes to the clip. To cancel the changes, click Reset Basics.

Reducing Image Contrast

The slider controls on the gradient bar below the histogram are the Output Level controls. These controls are used to set the range of colours used in the image:

- The white triangle on the right sets the maximum value for the range.

- The black triangle on the left sets the minimum value for the range.

You can use the Output Level controls to decrease the contrast in the image. For example, suppose that you set the minimum value to 100. A pixel with a colour value of 0 is remapped to 100. Pixels with colour values greater than 0 are remapped to the appropriate values. This has the effect of lightening the image and decreasing the contrast in the shadow areas.

Suppose that you set the maximum value for the range to 200. A pixel with a colour value of 255 is remapped to 200. Pixels with colour values less than 255 are remapped to the corresponding values. This has the effect of darkening the image and decreasing the contrast in the highlight areas.

You can also set the maximum and minimum limits for the colour range by setting the values directly in the Minimum and Maximum Output fields.

To reduce the contrast in an image:

- 1 Display the Histogram menu.
- 2 Click the Master, Shadows, Midtones, or Highlights button to select the parts of the image you want to modify.
- 3 From the Channel Selection box, select Luminance, Red, Green, or Blue as the channel you want to work with.
- 4 Position the cursor on the black triangle below the Output Level bar. Drag right to lighten the shadow areas in the image.
The value of the lower limit for the colour range appears in the Minimum Output field.
- 5 Position the cursor on the white triangle below the gradient bar. Drag left to decrease the brightness in the highlight areas.
The value of the upper limit appears in the Maximum Output field.

Defining Luma Ranges

Use the histogram in the Ranges menu to modify the shadow, midtone, or highlight ranges.

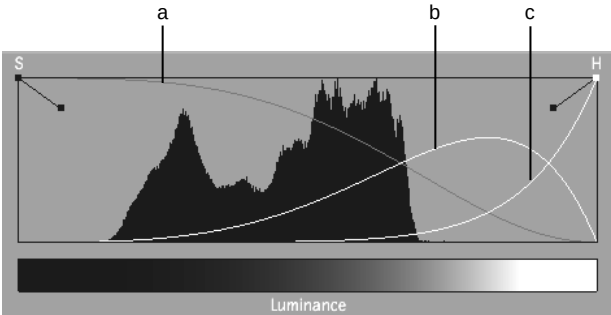
When working with 16-bit floating point images, the values of the histogram are represented on a logarithmic scale. When working with integer images (8, 10, or 12-bit), the values of the histogram are represented on a linear scale.

To access the Ranges menu:

- 1 Click the Ranges tab.



The Ranges menu options are described as follows.



(a) Shadows curve (b) Midtones curve (c) Highlights curve

The X-axis is luma and the Y-axis is weight. The Shadow curve is labelled “S”, the Highlight curve is labelled “H”, and the Midtones curve is not labelled.



(a) Frame Selection box (b) Source View option box (c) Destination View option box

Frame Selection box Choose how you want to frame the Ranges Histogram.

Select	To Frame:
Min / Max	Based on the minimum and maximum slider values.
Full Range	The complete range of histogram values.
Plot Colour	The plot and reference colours.

Select	To Frame:
Home	Based on a [0:1] horizontal and vertical range.

Source button Enable to show a histogram of the colour values in the front, or source clip. The source colour values are obtained from the current frame. If you input both front and matte clips, the colour values in the front clip that are defined by the white part of the matte are displayed.

Source View Option box Select whether to display all RGB Source histograms or only the histogram you are working on (Mono).

Destination button Enable to show a histogram of the colour values in the result, or destination clip. The destination colour values are obtained from the current frame. If you input both front and matte clips, the colour values in the front clip that are defined by the white part of the matte are displayed.

Destination View Option box Select whether to display all RGB Source histograms or only the histogram you are working on (Mono). When viewing the Source and Destination histograms at the same time in Mono mode, the Destination histograms are lighter; in RGB mode, the Destination histograms are displayed with a white outline.

Reset button Click to reset the settings defined by the Ranges Histogram. The Basic properties of the Colour Corrector are unaffected.

Zoom button Select a vertical zoom value for the histogram display.

To see the effect of adjusting these curves:

- 1 Adjust the colour balance for each of the Shadows, Midtones, and Highlights channels. Note the effect that this setup has on the image.
- 2 Display the Ranges menu. Adjust the curves using the tangent handles. You should see that the resulting image is different from that in step 1. The difference is the result of the changes you made to the luma curves for the shadows, midtones, and highlights.

Remapping Colour Values

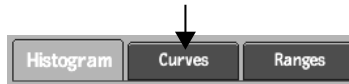
New for this release: With the support of 16-bit floating point images in the Colour Corrector, the Curves menu has been redesigned.

Like the Histogram menu, the Curves menu allows you to remap the colour values for the individual red, green, blue, and luminance channels of the image. However, instead of adjusting the colour values by resetting just the maximum and minimum values for the colour range, the Curves menu allows you to remap any value in the colour range precisely.

To reset any changes to the Curves chart, click Reset. To reset all the changes in the Colour Corrector, click Reset All. The Curves menu also has its own Undo button that is separate from the overall Colour Corrector Undo.

To access the Curves menu:

- 1 Click the Curves tab.



There is one colour curve for each of the red, green, blue, and luminance channels of an image. The colour curves are generated by plotting the input values for the source image versus the output values for the resulting image.

For integer images, the input values range from 0 to 255, and are plotted along the horizontal axis. The output values range from 0 to 255, and are plotted along the vertical axis. The range for both the input values and the output values is from 0 to 255 in 8-bit mode, and from 0 to 4095 in 12-bit mode.

For 16-bit floating point images, the input values range from 0 to 1, and are plotted along the horizontal axis. The output values range from 0 to 1, and are plotted along the vertical axis. By default, there are 2 points on the curve, mapping 0 to 0 and 1 to 1. Use the Out Range option box to define whether the curves are constant (select Clamp) or linear (select No Clamp) before the first point of the curve and after the last point of the curve.

The default curve for each channel is a diagonal line that extends from the lower-left corner to the upper-right corner of the graph. The default curve represents the initial state in which the colour values for the pixels of the source image are equal to the values for the corresponding pixels of the resulting image. For example, all pixels that have a value of 100 in the source image also have a value of 100 in the resulting image.

The colour values of an image are remapped when you change the shape of a colour curve. Use the Curves Editor to add, delete, or move vertices on the curve. For example, move the end vertices on the curve to change the maximum and minimum values for the colour range. Add a vertex anywhere on the curve to remap a particular colour value.

The Curves Editor behaves in much the same way as an animation curve in the Channel Editor. To edit colour curves, select Add, Delete, or Move from the Edit Mode box.

Generating Mattes

New for this release: With the introduction of 16 bit floating-point support in the Colour Warper, some of the controls in the hue cube and gradient have been updated. See step 7 in the following procedure.

Mattes can be used for several purposes. For instance, use a matte to remove colour spill, hue shift an object in an image for artistic effect, or match colours in a specific range. You can also output a matte for use in other modules such as Action or the Keyer. Use mattes to define the range of colour you want to modify in the result clip.

You can generate up to three mattes using the Selective menu.

TIP To get the best key, make sure you have enough processing speed to see the result in real time while interacting with the Tolerance and Softness boundary handles.

To generate a matte for selective colour correction:

- 1 Enable Plot and then sample the image.
A black dot representing the sample appears on the hue cube. A red line also appears in the luma range and the sample is outlined in the 2D or 3D vectorscope. When you create the matte, you can modify the softness and tolerance boundaries to include or exclude the plotted colour.
- 2 From the Work On box, select a selective (Sel 1, Sel 2, or Sel 3). With each selective, you define a range for a matte by selecting colours in the front clip.
- 3 From the Selective View box that appears, select Sel.



The front clip is displayed as a greyscale image.

- 4 Click one of the Define controls to set the initial softness and tolerance for the matte.



Click:	To define:
Pick Custom	The tolerance range based on a sample from the image. You must drag the cursor over the image to define initial tolerance.
R, G, B, C, M, or Yw	The tolerance range based on the selected colour channel. For example, click Yw to use the yellow channel to set the tolerance. The luma range is set to default tolerance and softness values.
Shadows, Midtones, Highlights	The tolerance range based on the selected luma range. These buttons expand the tolerance and softness boundaries to include all ranges of colours in the image.

The initial softness and tolerance is set for the matte. The range you use to define the matte becomes visible through the greyscale image. The unselected colours remain greyscale.



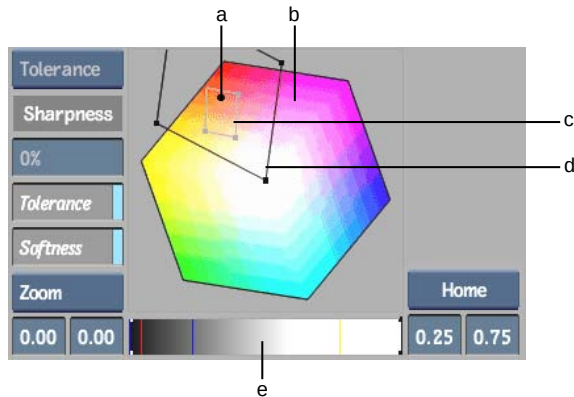
(a) Original colour visible through the greyscale display.

The Active button associated with the selective is enabled when you set the initial softness and tolerance. When an Active button is enabled, the selective's matte will be applied to the result clip. You can disable the Active button at any time if you do not want to apply this matte to the result clip.

TIP To redefine a matte based on a different Define control, click the control you want to use. The matte is reset according to your selection.

5 Enable Tolerance and Softness.

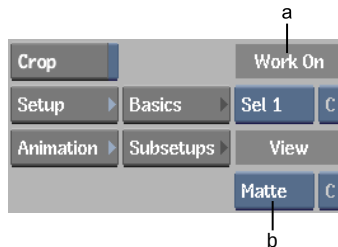
The range of colour used to define the matte is shown on the hue cube with tolerance and softness indicators. The light grey outline shows tolerance and the black outline shows softness. When you define a matte with a luma range, it is shown in the luma range—the white line indicates the tolerance and the yellow line indicates softness.



(a) Plotted colour (black dot) (b) Hue cube (c) Tolerance range (d) Softness range (e) Luma range

TIP Select Home from the Frame Options box to reset the hue cube to its original size and position.

- 6 To view the matte while you refine it, select Matte from the Selective View box.



(a) Work On box (b) Selective View box

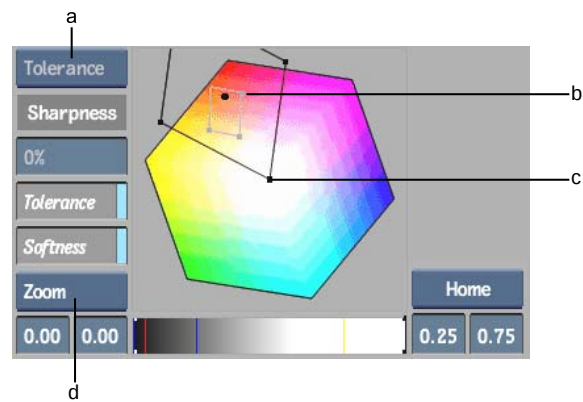
The matte appears in the image window. The black and grey areas of the matte can be colour corrected. The white areas will remain unaffected.

TIP Select Matte view to output a matte for use in another module in Batch. The selective must also be selected in the Work On box.

- 7 To refine the matte, do any of the following:
- Adjust softness and tolerance by selecting options from the Adjusting box and then sampling the result clip.

Select:	To:
Tolerance	Add tolerance to the matte.
+Softness	Add softness to the matte.
-Softness	Remove softness from the matte.

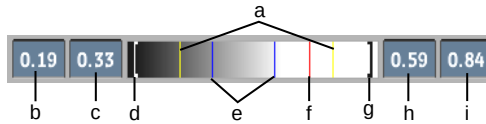
- Adjust softness and tolerance by selecting Move from the Move/Zoom box and then moving the handles of the tolerance or softness outlines on the hue cube. The Tolerance and Softness buttons must also be enabled.



(a) Adjusting box (b) Tolerance handle (c) Softness handle (d) Move/Zoom box

TIP You can zoom the hue cube by selecting Zoom in the Move/Zoom box and then dragging the cube. Alternatively, **Ctrl+spacebar**-drag to zoom. You can pan the hue cube by pressing **spacebar** and dragging.

- Adjust the softness and tolerance in the luma range by dragging the Softness and Tolerance fields.



(a) Softness range (b) Low Softness field (c) Low Tolerance field (d) Low bracket (e) Tolerance range (f) Plot line (g) High bracket (h) High Tolerance field (i) High Softness field

When working with 16-bit floating point images, you can press **spacebar** to pan the gradient bar, and **Ctrl+spacebar** to zoom the gradient. Select Home from the Frame Options box to reset the gradient to the default 0:1 position. If you have softness or tolerance values out of the 0:1 range, select Autoframe from the Frame Options box to view the complete gradient range. Select Plot Colour from the Frame Options box to enlarge the gradient to include the plot and reference colours.

- If the matte appears grainy, drag the Sharpness field to adjust softness and reduce noise.
- 8 To apply a Gaussian blur, enable G. To apply a box blur, disable G and set the width and height of the blur with the X and Y fields.
- 9 To invert the matte, enable Inv Selection.
- 10 Continue fine-tuning the matte until you are satisfied.

You can select the selective in the Work On box from any menu in the Colour Warper to perform advanced colour corrections on the range defined by the matte. You can also change the view in the Selective View box.

TIP When you switch from the Selective menu to any other menu in the Colour Warper, Result appears in the Selective View box. Select Result to view the result clip.

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Soloing Objects

In Action, you can now easily isolate an object while hiding all other objects.

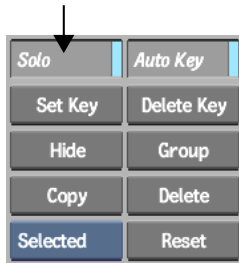
Use the Solo button to hide all other objects except the selected object. Using Solo is useful for identifying an object in a scene with many objects, without having to hide all of the other objects .

To solo an object:

- 1 In the schematic, select the object that you want to solo.
- 2 From the Selection box, choose Selected.



- 3 Enable Solo.

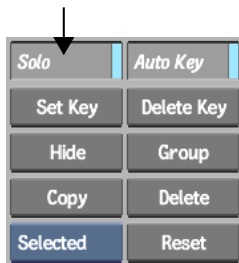


All other objects in the scene are hidden, regardless of whether they are set to Hide or not. When Solo is disabled, the Hide settings are restored.

TIP You can leave Solo enabled and select different objects in the schematic to view each object separately.

To solo a branch:

- 1 In the schematic, select the parent of the branch that you want to solo.
- 2 From the Selection box, choose Branch.
- 3 Enable Solo.



All other objects in the scene are hidden, regardless of whether they are set to Hide or not. When Solo is disabled, the Hide settings are restored.

