

# Evolution Administrator Overview

MediaStar Evolution Administrator

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### Administration Software

The Administration Software allows you to conveniently “drag and drop” different types of media, including PowerPoint presentations converted to HTML, live JPEG-2/4 streams, SD/HD MPEG-2/4 files, PNGs, JPEGs, and Webpages onto a unit’s playlist for easy manipulation and editing. It allows you to control the output of each device, media source, playlists and synchronisation, and experience user friendly and efficient content updating.

#### Set up Playlist

Deploy co-located or geographically dispersed Digital Media Devices DMD units throughout an IP network and deliver tailored TV, multimedia and web content. Tailor a playlist of content to specific groups or individual DMD units and distribute to any screen or plasma connected to the IP network.

#### Schedule Content

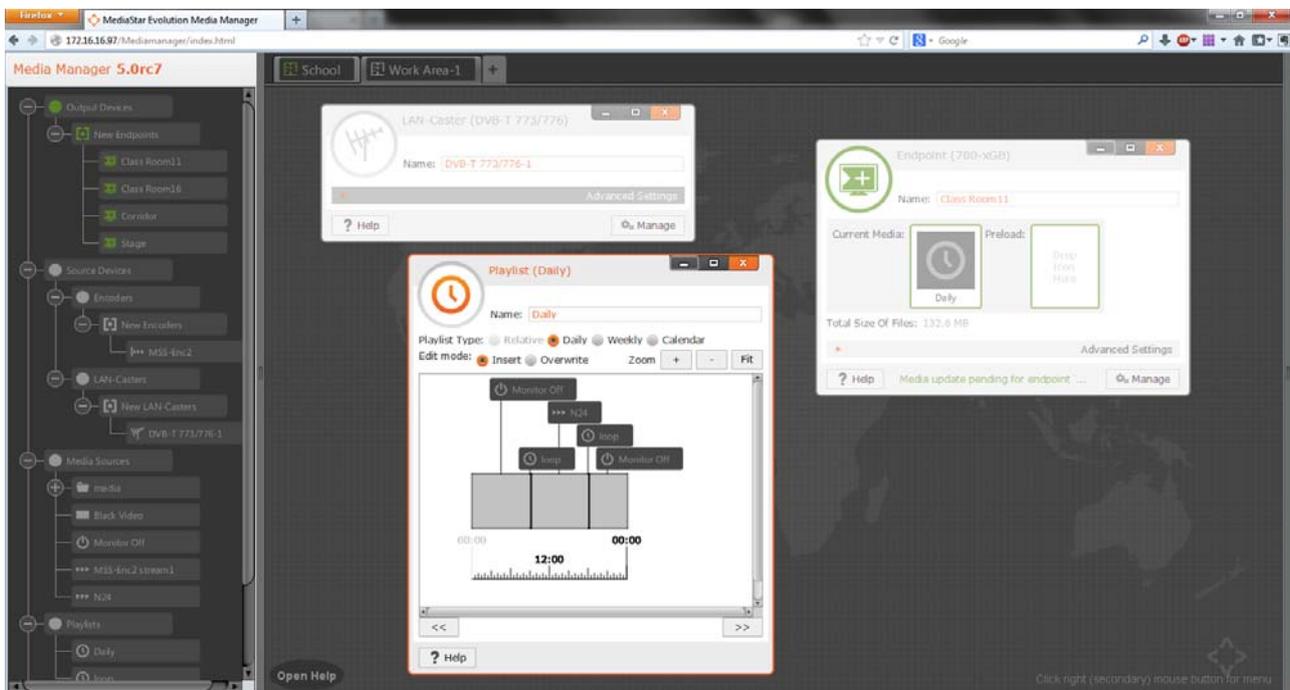
Setup a series of timed events, show streamed TV, HTML pages and webpages. Respond to key presses and initiate MPEG-2/4 video clips stored locally on the DMD unit, direct to a webpage or start a PowerPoint saved as an HTML file. With the Drag and Drop administration software, central control is now simple.

- ‘Drag and Drop’ different types of media
- PowerPoint (converted to HTML), live MPEG-2/4 streams, SD/HD MPEG-2/4 file JPEGs and Webpages
- Easy manipulation, editing and control
- Control the output of each DMD device from any location
- Issue Playlist or Selection List to schedule DMD content
- Position DMD on Campus Map or building floor plans

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The Evolution Administrator allows you to configure your MediaStar Evolution system. It runs as a web browser page in any java enabled web browser. The page is divided into three main areas: an icon menu on the left, a central work area, and (when open) the help pane on the right.

Icons represent entities within the system such as an evolution endpoint, a playlist or an individual media source. Icons are listed on the menu at the left of the screen. A window showing the configuration of an entity can be opened using the **Open** option on the popup menu for the icon or by double clicking on the icon with the mouse. This will work whether the icon is on the icon menu, on the work area, or on another window.



The configuration of the entities is set within their window. Relationships between entities are usually defined by placing the icon for one entity on the window for another. For example you can specify that an evolution DMD a particular playlist by dragging the icon for the playlist onto the **Current Media** box on the endpoint's window, or that a particular media source be included at a point in a playlist by dragging and dropping the media source icon onto the timeline in the playlist's window.

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Icons are sometimes displayed on a constant or flashing coloured rectangle to show the status of the entity that they represent.

Some actions require that one or more icons are selected - for example to drag several icons at once. An icon can be selected by clicking on it with the mouse. Hold down the CTRL key to select another icon without deselecting the first or in general to toggle the selection of an icon clicked. Hold down the SHIFT key and select another icon to select the icons between two clicked. You can also select multiple icons at the same time by dragging a rubber banded box around them, and toggle the selection of multiple icons by holding down the CTRL key while dragging a rubber banded box.



Each entity has a unique name shown on its window and icon. This can be changed in the "Name" field of its window. Alternatively you can click with the mouse over the name on the icon while the icon is active to edit it here, in which case editing finishes when the text area loses focus or if you press RETURN, and can be aborted by pressing ESCAPE. The type of the entity, e.g. endpoint or media source, is also shown on the title bar of an entity window, and where there is one the subtype, e.g. video file or browser media source.