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# Episode 7.4 User Guide

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# Preface

To obtain product information, technical support, or provide comments on this guide, contact us using our web site, email, or phone number as listed in .

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# About Episode

## About This Guide

This guide describes how to use Episode. Both the Windows and Mac versions are included in the same guide for the convenience of users who deploy Episode on both platforms. Most screen shots and other illustrations include both versions, Windows on the left or the top, and Mac on the right or the bottom. Differences in the text are noted with the operating system in parentheses: (Win) or (Mac). Any text not labeled with the OS applies to both versions, which is the case for most of the text.

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**Note:** This guide is intended for users of the Episode graphical user interface. Users of the command line interface (CLI) or XML/RPC/JSON interface should refer to the *Episode Advanced User's Guide*.

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## About Episode

Episode is a powerful application for transcoding video and audio files. It supports a wide variety of media formats (both input and output), and enables you to modify frame rate, audio levels, and other metrics, and perform many quality-improvement operations.

Episode can ingest media files for transcoding directly from local disks, as well as network file servers and hardware-based media systems. Episode can save transcoded media files locally or on network file servers.

Episode is scalable: It can be installed on multiple computers to form a transcoding cluster for parallel transcoding power and maximum speed via Telestream's unique Split-and-Stitch™ distributed encoding technology.

- [Episode's Major Features](#)
- [Three Episode Editions](#)
- [Episode Components](#)
- [Extended Media Format Support](#)

## Episode's Major Features

Telestream Episode is an all-in-one, multi-format, cross-platform video and audio encoding application for post-production and new media workflows. The following list summarizes the most essential Episode features:

- Transcodes many compressed and HD formats:  
AVC-Intra • Blackmagic • D-10/IMX • Discard • DNxHD • DNxHR • DV • DVCProHD • H.263 • H.264 (MainConcept) • H.264 (x264) • HDV • HEVC • Image Sequences (DPX/JPEG/TGA/TIFF) • JPEG2000 • MJPEG-1/2/4 • Pass Through • RGB Levels • Targa Cine YUV • VP9 • Windows RGB • WMA • WMV • XAVC • XDCAM HD • YCbCr Codec, and many other formats. ProRes is available for MacOS X and also Windows Server 2012, for Episode Engine.
- Now includes 2K and 4K image resizing.
- Both Mac and Windows support 64-bit processing.
- Allows advanced conversions such as NTSC-PAL standards conversion and telecine insertion and removal.
- Includes full 4:4:4:4 pro format support for optimum picture quality.
- Provides an easy-to-use graphical workflow builder with pre-made templates that monitors Watch Folders, automatically transcodes files as they are dropped in, and delivers them to specified output folders.
- Supports Adobe Premiere Pro with a plug-in panel that allows you to import and select Episode encode and deployment tasks from within Premiere.
- Includes one-click clustering with built-in file sharing and parallel batch processing so you can assign multiple Episode instances on networked computers to work on transcoding tasks simultaneously, enhancing transcoding speed.
- Provides Split-and-Stitch distributed and segmented encoding that you can use to split up a large video file into smaller, segmented encoding tasks that operate in parallel. The video segments can be worked on by several nodes in a cluster and then stitched back together to more quickly provide finished output.
- Includes fully configurable advanced preprocessing filters, such as black and white restoration, HSV and gamma correction, noise removal, image sharpening, as well as audio normalization, balance, fade in/out, and others.
- Allows previewing a brief sample of the video output with current settings.
- Allows adding bumper and trailer intro and outro movies to content.
- Permits adding picture-in-picture animation or movie watermarks.
- Greatly improved audio channel mapping with automatic and preconfigured selections. Supports 5.1 and 7.1 channel surround sound encoding and easy up/down conversion.
- Optional, licensed Pro Audio option adds support for Dolby AC-3.
- AAC (HE and LC) audio codec is supported in Episode without Pro Audio.
- Improved closed caption support.

## Three Episode Editions

Episode is offered in three editions, plus an enhanced audio option, to better meet your encoding requirements:

**Episode**—encodes your video files one file at a time and includes many workflow options, clustering capabilities, and codecs. For details on supported input and output media formats, see [Media Containers/Formats](#).

**Episode Pro**—adds support for encoding files in parallel, provides the VC-1 codec, image sequences, multi-bit rate (MBR) streaming file support and additional output formats: GXF, MPEG-2 Transport Streams, and MXF.

**Episode Engine**—includes all the formats of Episode Pro and adds maximum parallel encoding, plus Split-and-Stitch encoding to fully utilize the power of high-performance, multi-core computers.

**Pro Audio Option**—enhances any edition of Episode by adding support for AMR, Dolby AC-3, and ATSC A/52.

## Episode Components

Generally, you can think of Episode as a desktop program with a graphical user interface used to configure workflows and encode media. However, Episode also consists of several underlying services—a set of several independent, cooperative processes (programs without a user interface):

- **Episode Assistant Service** performs various user interface support tasks, such as processing workflow changes, exporting files, and so on.
- **Episode IOserver Service** makes files available to other nodes in the cluster.
- **Episode Node Service** communicates with other nodes in the cluster and starts EpisodeWorker processes to perform encoding tasks.
- **Episode Client Proxy Service** provides the interface between client programs including Episode (the graphic user interface program), programs utilizing the XML-RPC interface, and the command line interface (*episodectl*).
- **Episode XML-RPC and JSON Services** interface between client programs which implement the XML-RPC or JSON interface and communicate with Episode Engine.

## Extended Media Format Support

Support for media formats (input and output) can also be extended by installing other Telestream components, such as Flip4Mac Windows Media Components.

Episode can also ingest files from Telestream's Pipeline—a powerful, network-based, real-time media processing—appliance. For more details, see the Pipeline topic on our Web site: [www.telestream.net](http://www.telestream.net).

## QuickTime Reference File Support

Editing systems, such as Avid and Final Cut Pro, can export clips or sequences as QuickTime Reference files instead of fully self-contained movies. Generally, the reference files are considered intermediate files used to save space and speed up processing time.

QuickTime Reference files include audio, but they do not contain video. Instead, they contain pointers and metadata describing the locations and characteristics of video and other files. Video editing, processing, and playback systems can process QuickTime Reference files as long as the media files they point to remain in the locations specified by the reference files and those locations are accessible by the processing systems.

Episode accepts and processes QuickTime Reference files, subject to the following requirements:

- All files referred to by the QuickTime Reference files must remain in their specified locations and those locations must be accessible by Episode
- Flatten Video Tracks must be enabled
- Fill Spaces with Black must be enabled
- Render All Video Effects must be enabled
- Premix Audio Tracks must be enabled
- Clips and sequences must contain a single video or audio essence type—mixed codec sequences are not supported.
- The timeline must not contain long-GOP media, such as XDCAM clips.
- Data tracks are not exported

# Installing Episode

Use this chapter to install, upgrade, or uninstall Episode, Episode Pro, or Episode Engine for Windows or for MacOS X.

During installation and upgrade, it is important to review and perform the tasks in each topic in order:

- [Platform Requirements](#)
- [Pre-requisite Subsystems \(Windows only\)](#)
- [Downloading and Installing Episode](#)
- [Installing an Episode Cluster](#)
- [Installing the Episode Premiere Plug-in](#)
- [Configuring Episode](#)
- [Licensing Episode](#)
- [Upgrading Episode](#)
- [Downgrading Episode](#)
- [Removing Episode from your Computer](#)

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**Note:** Be sure to review and meet platform requirements before installation. Telestream recommends that you *do not install* Episode on a computer that is currently hosting FlipFactory, Vantage, or other media processing applications: intense disk and CPU consumption can interfere with proper operation of both programs.

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## Platform Requirements

Episode supports the following Windows and Mac platforms. Make sure that your computer meets these minimum requirements before installing Episode.

### Windows

All Episode editions for Windows have the following minimum system requirements:

- Windows 7, 8.1, 10, or Server 2012 R2: 1.5 GHz, 64-bit, 8 GB RAM
- 256 GB hard drive, 300 MB minimum for program installation
- Bonjour Print Services for Windows v2.0.2
- .NET Framework 3.5 SP1
- .NET Framework 4.5.2
- Online Help Browser Requirements
  - Internet Explorer: Version 8 or later
  - Firefox: Version 6 or later

### Mac

All Episode editions for Mac have the following minimum system requirements:

- Intel-based Mac
- Mac OS X 10.10 and higher
- Minimum 8 GB RAM
- 256 GB hard drive, 300 MB minimum for program installation
- Online Help Browser Requirements: Safari

## Cluster Platform Requirements

When running Episode in a mixed-platform cluster, jobs requiring QuickTime are only submitted to nodes running on the same platform as the submitting node because QuickTime does not support the same codecs across platforms.

All computers in an Episode cluster must be on the same subnet.

# Pre-requisite Subsystems (Windows only)

The following subsystems are required before installing Episode for Windows:

## Bonjour for Windows

Episode requires Bonjour for Windows. Before installing/updating Bonjour, stop Episode installation if it is in process (if Bonjour is not installed, the Episode installer will not complete). Obtain Bonjour Print Services for Windows v2.0.2 or later from Apple's Web site ([support.apple.com/kb/dl999](http://support.apple.com/kb/dl999)), and install it.

## .Net Framework

Episode for Windows requires .Net Framework 3.5 Service Pack 1 and .NET Framework 4.5.2. Before installing/updating .Net, stop Episode installation if in process. Obtain .Net from Microsoft's Web site ([microsoft.com](http://microsoft.com)).

Next, proceed to [Downloading and Installing Episode](#).

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**Note:** If you stopped installation to install a subsystem, restart the installer.

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## Desktop Experience

Episode uses the Media Foundation Libraries, which require Windows Desktop Experience to be installed. If your operating system is Windows Server 2008 or 2012 (any revision), enable Desktop Experience in Server Manager. The following procedure describes Server 2012. For a more detailed procedure or for the Server 2008 procedure, search Server Manager Help for *Install Desktop Experience*.

1. Start the Server Manager and click *Add roles and features*.
2. In the left panel select *Local Server*.
3. In the right panel, scroll down to ROLES AND FEATURES, click the TASKS drop-down, and choose *Add Roles and Features*.
4. Click *Next* at the wizard information panel, and then select *Role-based or feature-based installation*.
5. Click *Next* twice to select the local server and bypass the Server Roles page.
6. In the left panel, select *Features*, expand *User Interfaces and Infrastructure*, and check the *Desktop Experience* checkbox.
7. Click the *Add Features* button, if necessary, to install the Desktop Experience features. Then click *Next*.
8. Check *Restart Destination Server automatically if required*, and click *Install*. The Desktop Experience features will install, and the server will restart.

## Downloading and Installing Episode

The following topics separately describe Windows and Mac procedures for downloading Episode installers:

- [Downloading the Installer for Windows](#)
- [Downloading the Installer for Mac](#)

### Downloading the Installer for Windows

The Episode installer is located on Telestream's Web site ([www.telestream.net/episode/overview.htm](http://www.telestream.net/episode/overview.htm)) as a zip file.

When you install Episode, it installs the program and related software, then creates a program entry in All Programs > Telestream > Episode. It also places an Episode shortcut on the desktop.

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**Note:** If your computer is not connected to the Internet, download the installer using an Internet-connected computer and move the installer to the target computer.

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To download and install Episode (after verifying that you have met the platform requirements and installed the required subsystems), follow these steps:

9. Download the installer zip file (*Episode\_V\_MM\_DD\_YYYY.zip*) to your desktop or other folder.
10. Right-click on the folder and select Extract All to run the Extraction Wizard and follow the steps to extract the installer files.
11. When extraction completes, Windows displays the extracted files in the new folder (*Episode\_V\_MM\_DD\_YYYY*).
12. Open and read the Release Notes text file.
13. Double-click the installer file (*Episode<Version>setup.exe*) to run the Episode Setup Wizard.
14. Follow the steps in the Episode installer to install Episode for Windows.

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**Note:** Be sure to read the entire End-User License Agreement, and only click the I accept the terms in the License agreement button and continue if you do agree with the entire terms of the agreement.

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If installation is interrupted because of a missing or obsolete subsystem, install/update the subsystem and then restart the installer.



## Downloading the Installer for Mac

Episode for MacOS X is available from [www.telestream.net](http://www.telestream.net) as a disk image (dmg) file.

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**Note:** If your computer is not connected to the Internet, download the installer using an Internet-connected computer and move the installer to the target computer. You may be asked for an administrator name and password during installation. If you don't have an administrative account, you'll need to obtain one.

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Episode installers are located on Telestream's Web site ([www.telestream.net/episode/overview.htm](http://www.telestream.net/episode/overview.htm)).

To download and install Episode after verifying that you have met the platform requirements and installed the required subsystems, follow these steps:

1. Download the installer dmg file (*EpisodeX.X.X.XX.dmg*) to your computer. (X.X.X.XX = 3 digit version and 2 digit build number—for example, 7.1.0.26 is version 7.1.0, build 26).
2. When you download or open the .dmg file with Safari, MacOS X automatically mounts the dmg (if necessary) and runs the installer. When you download a dmg file using another Web browser, mount the file yourself.
3. Double-click the dmg to open it.
4. To install Episode, drag the Episode icon onto the Applications icon. When installation is complete, close the dmg.

The first time you launch Episode, it displays the license agreement, which you must agree to before using Episode.

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**Note:** Be sure to read the entire End-User License Agreement, and only click on / *accept the terms in the License agreement* if you agree with the entire terms of the agreement.

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## Installing an Episode Cluster

Installing multiple copies of Episode (where each installation is referred to as a *node*) as a cluster requires that all computers in the cluster must be part of the same subnet or reachable by IP address or DNS host name of the cluster master.

Follow the steps for installing Episode on each computer that comprises the cluster.

During operation, each node automatically identifies and communicates with each other instance in the cluster.

Each node that you intend to use as an encoder (rather than editing workflows and submitting them to other nodes) must be registered.

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**Note:** If you have multiple computers running on an XSAN or other shared storage system, Episode may invoke its IO Server and send the media over a slower network connection. To prevent this behavior, make sure the shared storages have the same mount points on all computers. For more information, see [Episode clustering and file sharing don't work](#).

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## Installing the Episode Premiere Plug-in

Follow these steps to install the Episode Exporter 2.0 for Premiere Pro CC:

1. Install Premiere Pro CC on your computer according to Adobe's instructions.
2. Install Episode on the same computer according to the instruction guide.
3. Install the Episode Exporter 2.0 on the same computer.

Once installation is complete, the Episode Exporter is ready to use with Premiere Pro CC and should simply be present and functioning when you open Premiere Pro CC the next time.

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**Note:** The local Episode instance can be a non-licensed copy working in demo mode joined to a licensed cluster which performs the encoding. The local Episode can join a cluster as a node on the same subnet or join via IP address or host name on a different subnet. Submitting a job to a cluster from a local Episode instance that is not a member of the cluster does not work; all jobs submitted to a cluster must be submitted by a member of the cluster.

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## Uninstalling the Episode Premiere Plug-in

On Windows, if you need to uninstall the plug-in, use Control Panel > Programs and Features, select the Episode Premiere Pro Plug-in, and select Uninstall.

On the Macintosh, you need to run a special uninstaller program:

1. Open a Terminal window.
2. Type the following to access and run the uninstaller program:
  - a. `cd Library/Application Support/Adobe/Episode/`
  - b. `sh uninstall.sh`

The plug-in will be removed, but any epitasks you've created will remain.

## Configuring Episode

In most cases, no special setup is required after you install Episode on either a Windows or a Mac system. However, some versions of Windows may require the following additional setup steps.

### Windows Server 2012 DEP Setup

When using Windows Server 2012, you may encounter an issue in which the Episode application does not have permission to run. To resolve this, you can set the Windows Data Execution Prevention (DEP) option to allow Episode to run.

1. Open the Windows System control panel.
2. Select Advanced System Settings. The System Properties panel opens.
3. In the System Properties panel, select the Advanced tab and click Settings. The Performance Options panel opens.
4. In the Performance Options panel, select the Data Execution Prevention tab.
5. In the Data Execution Prevention tab, select the top option: Turn on DEP for essential Windows programs and services only. This allows programs that are not part of the Windows operating system, including Episode, to run without DEP monitoring.

Alternatively, if you need the extra security provided by DEP for your other programs, you can leave DEP on but enter Episode as an exception that gets excluded from DEP monitoring:

6. Follow the steps above, but select the bottom option in the DEP tab: Turn on DEP for all programs and services, except those I select.
7. Click Add, browse for Episode, and double-click on Episode.exe. The default path for Episode is C:/Program Files/Telestream/Episode 7/bin/Episode.exe. When properly selected, Episode appears with a check mark in the DEP panel list.
8. Click OK to save the new setting and close the Performance Options panel, and also click OK to save and close the System Properties panel.

## Running Episode as an Administrator

In order for Episode Windows services to run correctly, the Episode user usually needs to have Local Administrator or Administrator privileges. If you already have these privileges, no further action is required. If you are unsure and need to check or change your privileges, follow these steps:

1. In the Windows User Accounts control panel, click Manage User Accounts.
2. In the User Accounts panel, click your user name and then Properties. The Group Membership panel opens. If you cannot display this panel, your system administrator may need to make this change for you.
3. In the Group Membership panel, select the Administrator button. This assigns administrator privileges to your user account.

## Running Episode as a Non-Administrator User

For security purposes, your organization may not allow your user account to have administrator privileges.

If Episode is not running under a user with administrator privileges, you cannot make changes in Preferences.

When not running Episode as an administrator, an administrator can set Windows to run only the Episode services as an administrator from a non-administrator user account, although this method of accessing Episode is not recommended and may produce unexpected results.

To set up non-administrator access, an administrator can specify the administrator user directly in Episode > [Using the Named Storage Tab](#), or outside of Episode, using the Windows Services control panel. The user should now be able to run Episode without being an administrator, and Episode itself will log in with administrative rights.

## Licensing Episode

An unlicensed copy of Episode is fully functional and allows you to build workflows and submit media for transcoding testing. In a cluster, you can also use unlicensed copies of Episode to build workflows and submit media to other nodes which are licensed, for transcoding.

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**Note:** Copies of Episode in a cluster that are only used to edit workflows and submit jobs do not require that you purchase a license.

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However, when encoding without a registered license, Episode places a watermark on the video in the output file, and video pass through is not allowed. Episode encodes audio files for up to 30 seconds or one half of the duration if less than 30 seconds.

If you need an Episode license, you can get it by contacting Telestream and following this procedure: [Entering a License Key in Episode](#).

## Entering a License Key in Episode

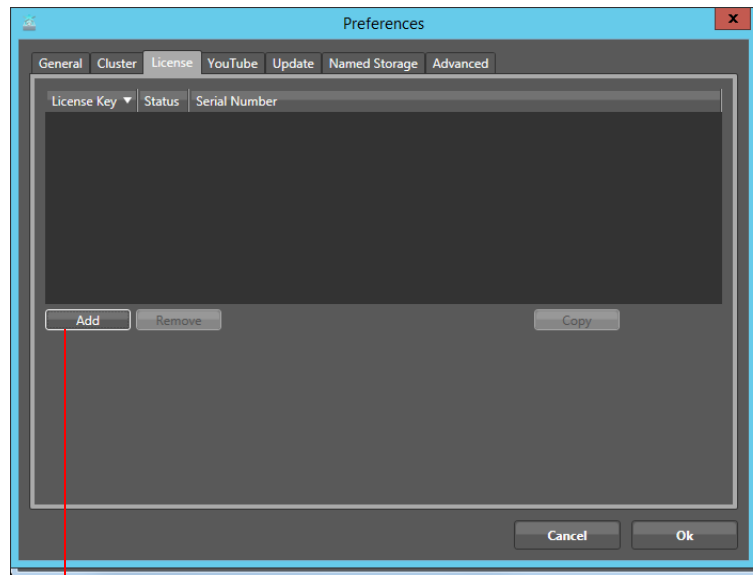
These procedures describe entering a license key in Episode:

- [Entering a License Key in Episode for Windows](#)
- [Entering a License Key in Episode for Mac](#)

### Entering a License Key in Episode for Windows

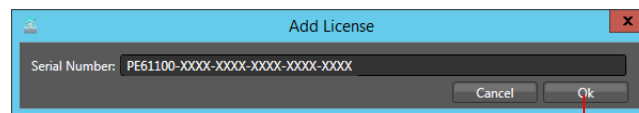
Use this section to enter a license Episode for Windows.

1. Select Tools > Preferences and click on the License tab.



Click Add to enter a license.

2. Click Add to display the Add License panel.



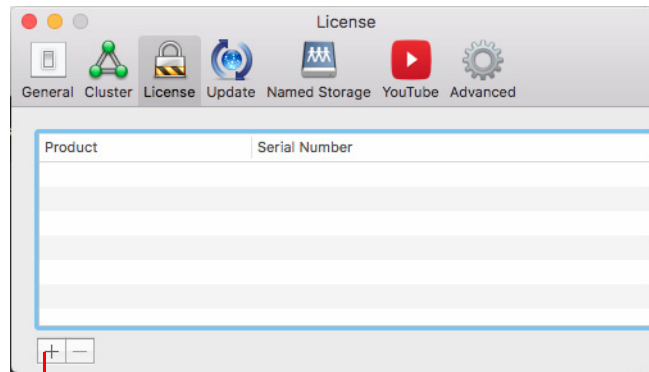
Click OK after entering the license.

3. Enter the serial number into the Serial Number field.
4. Click OK to activate the license for this copy of Episode, and close the dialog. Then, click OK to close the Preferences window.
5. Quit Episode (File > Exit) and re-start it to use it in activated mode.

## Entering a License Key in Episode for Mac

1. Select Episode > Preferences and click on the License tab.

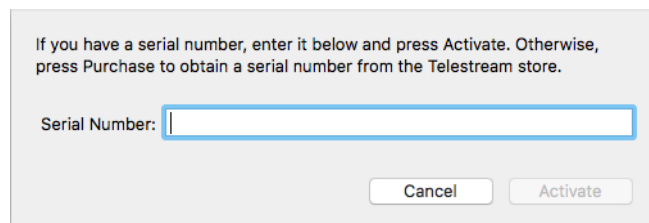
### License Tab



Click Add (+) to enter a license.

2. Click Add (+) to display the Add License panel.

### Add License Panel



3. Enter the serial number into the Serial Number field.
4. Click Activate to activate the license for this copy of Episode, and close the dialog. Then close the Preferences window.
5. Quit Episode (Episode > Quit Episode) and re-start it to use it in activated mode.

## Upgrading Episode

Until Episode support ends on January 31, 2018, upgrades to the latest version may be available from Episode Support: <http://www.telestream.net/telestream-support/episode/support.htm>. Discounted upgrades from Episode to Vantage may also be available. Visit the Telestream site at [www.telestream.net/episode/overview.htm](http://www.telestream.net/episode/overview.htm) and click Learn More.

## Downgrading Episode

When you upgrade Episode, the license for the old version remains installed even after the upgrade. This makes downgrading relatively easy.

To downgrade Episode to the previous version:

1. Uninstall the upgraded version.
2. Re-install the previous version.
3. The license for the previous version should now be operational. If you later choose to upgrade again, the upgrade license is still present and usable; just install the upgrade.

To summarize, after an upgrade, both the old and new licenses remain present on your computer, but only the currently operational license is shown. This allows you to easily downgrade and upgrade at will by simply uninstalling and re-installing the version you need. Licenses are not deactivated or removed until you do so explicitly.

## Troubleshooting

If you are unable to activate the older license after downgrading from the current Episode to the previous version, follow these procedures:

**On Windows** delete the following new license file, and restart the app to activate the old license again:

C:\Users\%currentuser%\AppData\Roaming\Telestream\Episode [new version]\AppState\ActivatedLicenses.osl

**On Mac OS X** delete the following new license file, and restart the services to activate the old license again:

~/Library/Application Support/Episode/NodeLicenses

Alternatively, you can uninstall the old Episode version, re-install the new Episode version, and deactivate the new version serial number. With the new version deactivated, you can uninstall the new version, and then install the old version and its license should be operational.



# Removing Episode from your Computer

These procedures describe uninstalling Episode:

- [Removing Episode from Windows](#)
- [Removing Episode from Mac](#)

## Removing Episode from Windows

To uninstall Episode from your Windows computer, display Control Panel > Add/Remove programs. Select Episode and click Remove.

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**Note:** If uninstalling Episode fails, open the Services control panel and manually stop each Episode service, then retry.

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If you have installed an Episode cluster (individual copies of Episode on more than one Windows computer), perform this task on each computer where Episode is installed.

For details about removing Episode for MacOS X nodes, see the topic below ([Removing Episode from Mac](#)).

Removing the Episode program from a computer does not remove any workflows you've made, or any media you've saved on the computer.

## Removing Episode from Mac

To uninstall Episode from your Macintosh, follow [Automatically Deleting Episode](#) or [Manually Deleting Episode](#).

### Automatically Deleting Episode

To delete Episode, and automatically delete associated files and folders, follow these steps (the EpisodeCleanup.command script is located in the Episode.app. package).

1. To display the package contents, control-click on the Episode.app file (/Applications/Episode) and select Show Package Contents from the menu.
2. In the new Finder window, navigate to /Contents/Resources and double click on Episode.Cleanup.command script to run it.
3. Follow the text instructions in the Terminal window to run the script.
4. Open a Finder window, and navigate to and delete the /Applications/Episode.app file.

## Manually Deleting Episode

To manually delete Episode and associated files and folders, open a Finder window and delete the following folders and files:

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**Note:** The ~ character (tilde) in front of a path indicates that this path is in your active user's folder.

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/Applications/Episode.app
~/Library/Caches/net.telestream.episode7
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/Assistant.plist
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/Assistant.xml
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/IOServer.plist
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/IOServer.xml
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/Node.plist
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~/Library/Preferences/net.telestream.Episode.Workspace.episubmission
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~/Library/Application Support/Episode 7
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~/Library/Logs/Episode
~/Library/Preferences/net.telestream.episode7.plist
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~/Library/Preferences/net.telestream.episode7.plist
~/Library/Application Support/MindVision
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/*.plist
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/*.xml
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/*-Cluster
~/Library/Application Support/Episode/*-Private
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If you have installed an Episode cluster (individual copies of Episode on more than one MacOS X computer), perform this task on each computer where Episode is installed.

For details about removing Episode from Windows nodes, see the previous topic ([Removing Episode from Windows](#)).

Removing the Episode program from a computer does not remove any workflows you've made, or any media you've saved on the computer.

# Getting Started

The more you know about Episode, the better it can meet your encoding requirements.

The best way to get up and running quickly is to jump right in. In these short guided tours, you'll learn how Episode is designed to work.

When you've completed the tours, you'll be ready to design and implement workflows for the kinds of encoding work you want to perform.

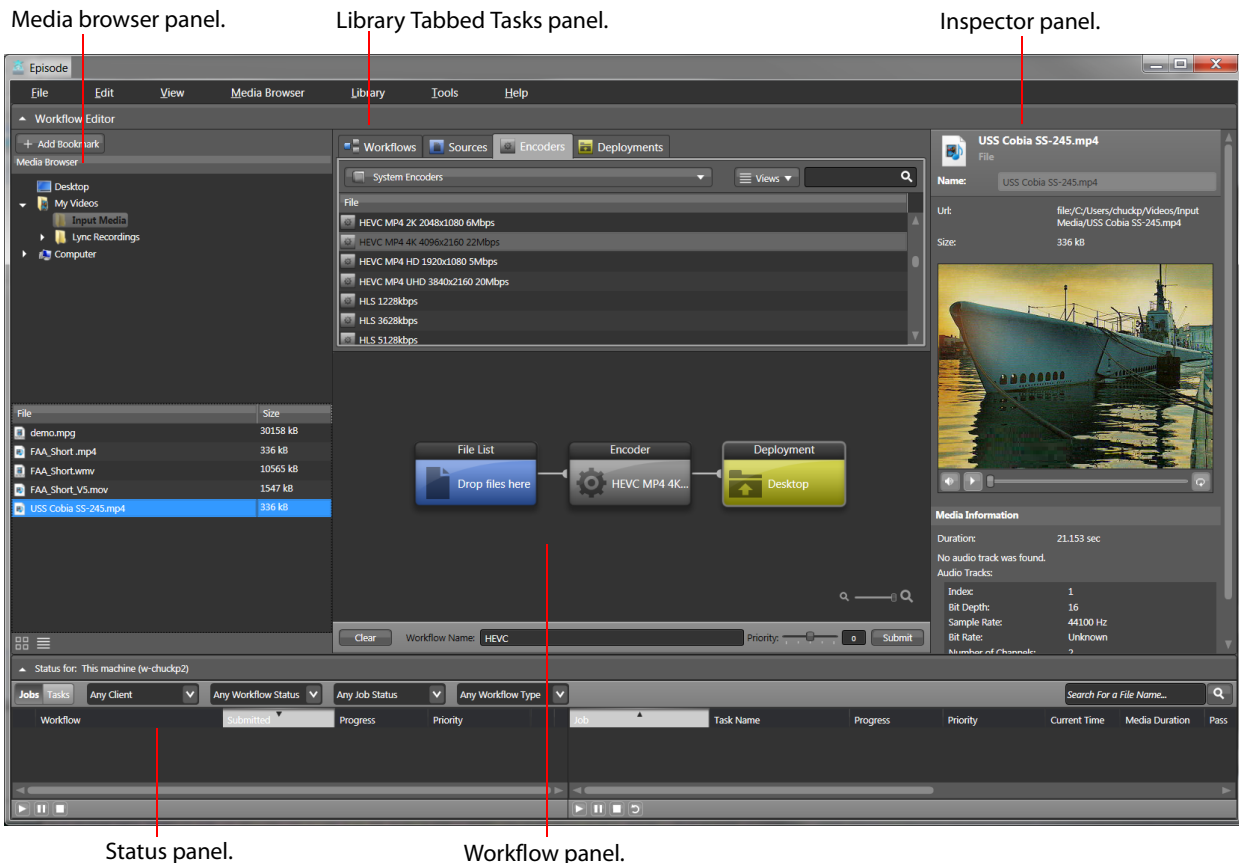
You'll be able to submit media manually and automatically, and Episode goes to work—transcoding and delivering your media—in the right format, to the right place, at the right time.

- [Tour 1: Episode Concepts](#)
- [Tour 2: Encoding Your First Media File](#)
- [Tour 3: Editing Workflows](#)
- [Tour 4: Automating Workflows with Watch Folders](#)
- [Tour 5: Cluster Encoding](#)

## Tour 1: Episode Concepts

This tour introduces the main components of Episode. If you haven't yet done so, start Episode and take a minute to explore the panels of Episode's main window.

### Main Episode Windows Display



Episode's main window includes five main panels:

The *Media Browser* on the left is a two-level panel where you can create and browse bookmarks of key directories on your local computer and network servers. These bookmarks allow you to gain quick access to the media files and folders you use in your encoding workflows.

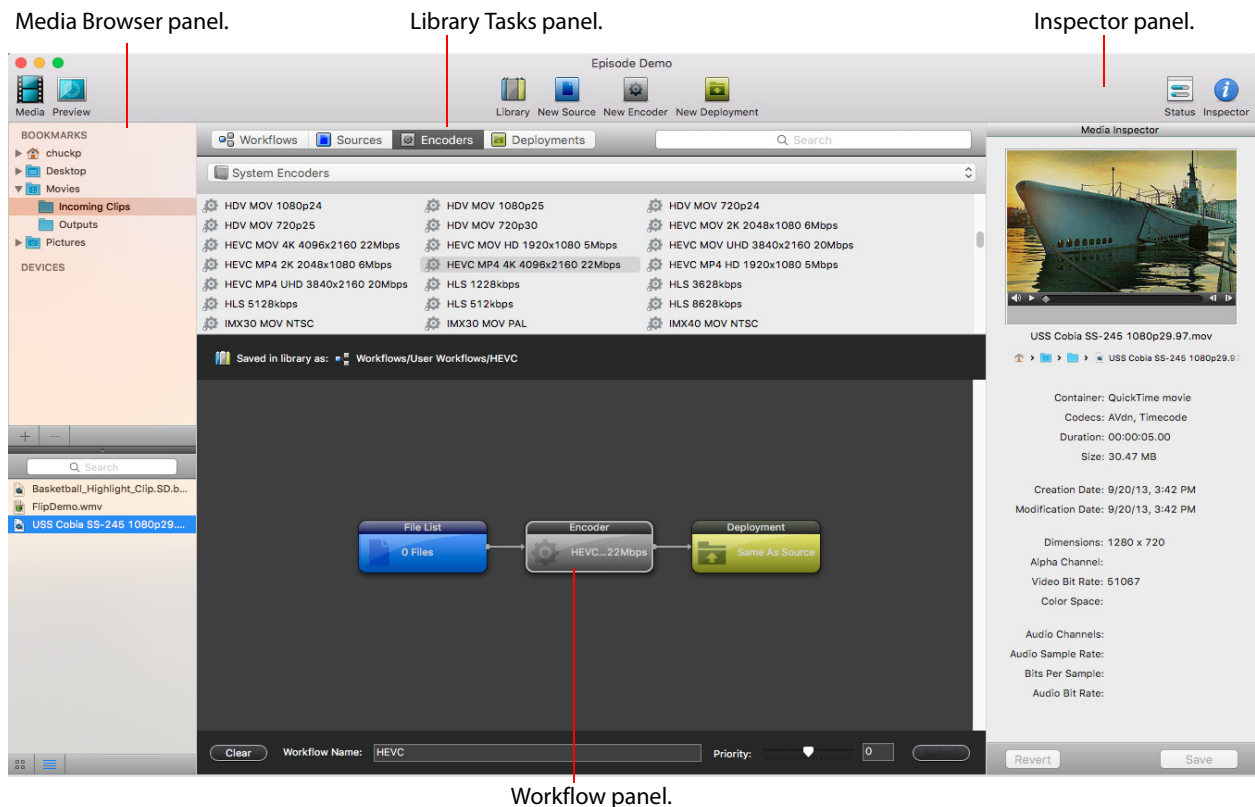
The top center *Library Tasks* panel provides tabs for *Workflows*, *Sources*, *Encoders*, and *Deployments* (you'll be introduced to these in Tour 2).

Directly below the *Library Tasks* panel is the *Workflow* panel, where you can view, create and edit workflows—combining tasks into a *workflow*, which specifies (among other things) how to encode a source file and where to save the output file or files.

The right panel is the *Inspector* panel, where you review and configure the settings of the currently-selected task to customize your workflow.

The *Status* panel displays all of your jobs and their details. On the Mac, the Status panel opens in a separate window when you click Submit or select Window > Show Status.

## Main Episode Mac Display

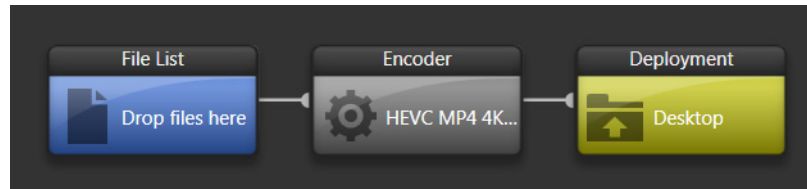


## Workflows

The way you specify how you want to encode your media in Episode is the *workflow*. A workflow describes where new source files to encode are located, how files are encoded, and where the newly-encoded file or files are saved. When a new file is identified, a job is created for each source file, containing all the tasks in the workflow. Then Episode goes to work - decoding the source file, encoding it per your Encode task configuration, and deploying the file to the location you've specified.

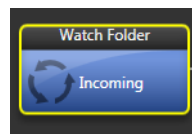
At a minimum, a useful workflow consists of three tasks: a source, an encoder, and a deployment. You can customize all three types of tasks to accomplish your specific transcoding purposes.

### Typical Three-task Workflow



A source task may consist of a single file or a list of files. It may also use a Watch Folder on local disk, an FTP server, or a network server. New media files placed in this directory are retrieved (localized) and encoded.

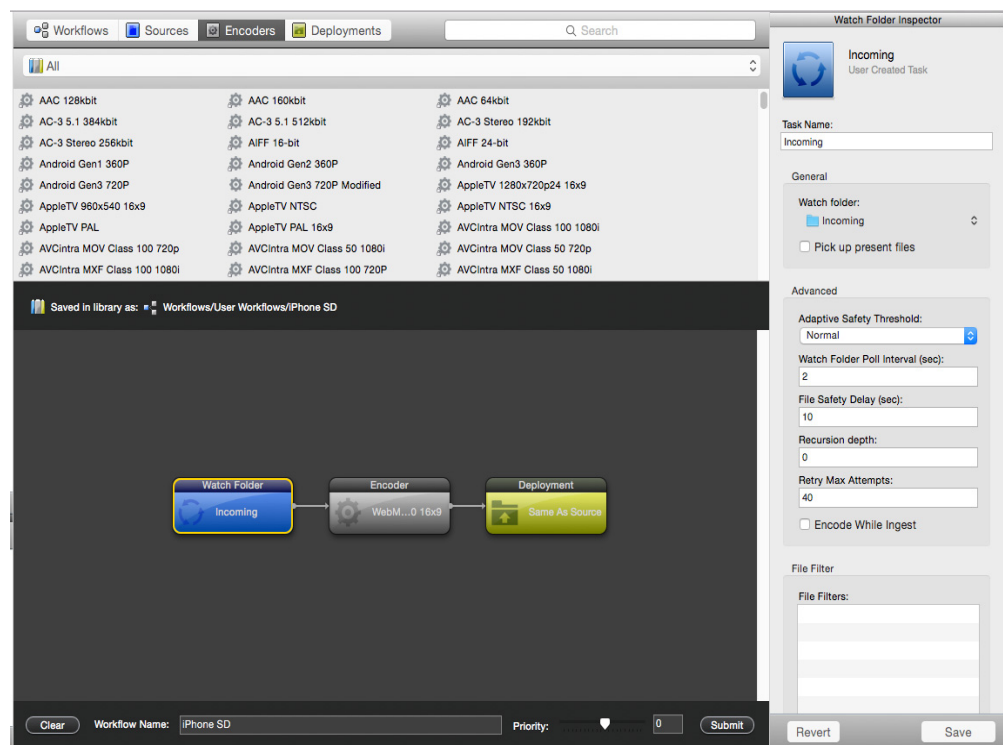
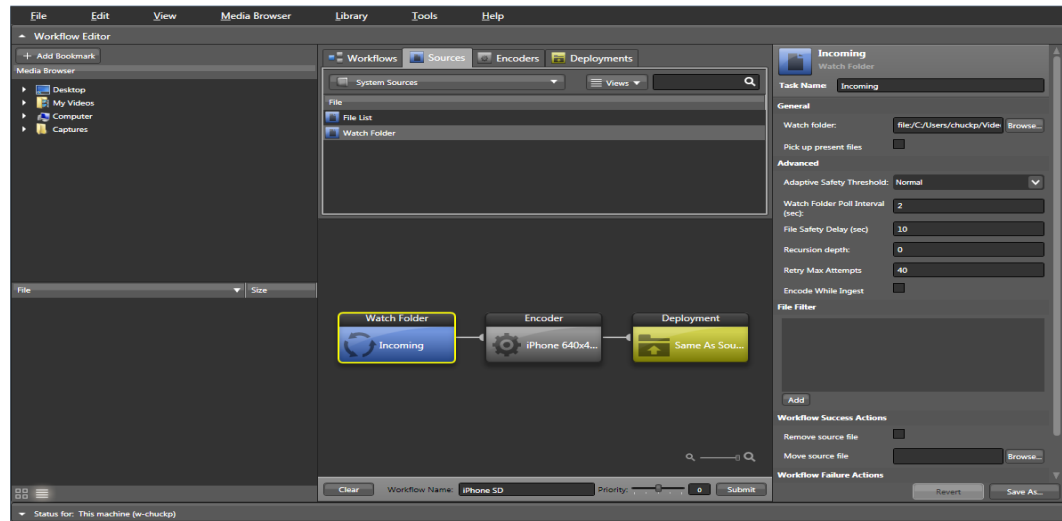
### Typical Watch Folder Source Task



A Watch Folder (named “Incoming” in the figures) is checked at regular (user-settable) intervals for new files. When a file is saved in the Watch Folder, it is identified and a job is scheduled for encoding. However, writing the entire media file to the folder takes time and the file cannot be encoded until the file transfer is complete, so Episode polls the file to see when it has been completely written and released. Only then is the encoding job submitted.

While it is possible to set up multiple Watch Folders to watch the same folder, this is both inefficient and error-prone. It is better to set up a single Watch Folder for the folder you want to watch and connect multiple encoders to that Watch Folder in one workflow.

## Watch Folder with Default Settings



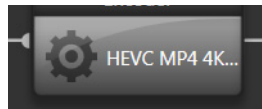
## Encoder Tasks

Each encoder task contains a specification of how a source file should be encoded, providing the output file format, which codecs should be used for encoding video and/or audio data, what filtering operations should be applied to the data and whether or not encoding should be performed as a Split-and-Stitch job.

While a workflow always contains a single source task (which may contain multiple files), the source can be connected to an arbitrary number of encoder tasks, so that each source file is transcoded into multiple output files.

Settings files from earlier Episode versions can be used, but you should always verify that they have been correctly imported. For example, if the settings specify the use of AAC audio and you don't have the Pro Audio Option, you must adjust the encoder accordingly. You should also save legacy settings files to the Library and then drag them from the Library to use them; this upgrades the files to the current settings file format and changes any discontinued settings to the closest available alternative.

Typical Encoder Task



## Split-and-Stitch Encoding

In Split-and-Stitch jobs, the source media is split into several segments, which are encoded in parallel utilizing all available nodes in your cluster. The resulting output segments are then stitched back together to form the output file, using all available resources to reduce total transcoding time. Formats that have the hinted streaming option checked cannot be processed using Split-and-Stitch. These formats are automatically encoded as a regular job even if you specify Split-and-Stitch.

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**Note:** In Split-and-Stitch jobs, deployment tasks execute on the same server as the stitch task. This is done to minimize network file transfer inefficiencies. The only way to disable this feature is to use the XML/RPC interface.

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The decision to use Split-and-Stitch depends on what kind of jobs you typically encounter. If you have a steady influx of many files, the files will be encoded in parallel anyway, so you can make the best use of resources by avoiding the overhead of Split-and-Stitch. Additionally, if your source files are relatively small, little time will be gained from employing Split-and-Stitch.

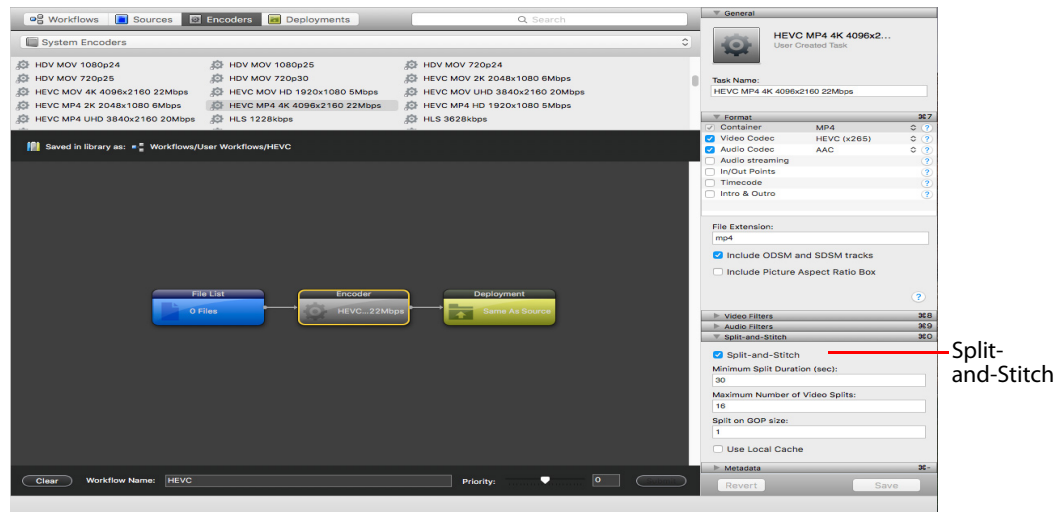
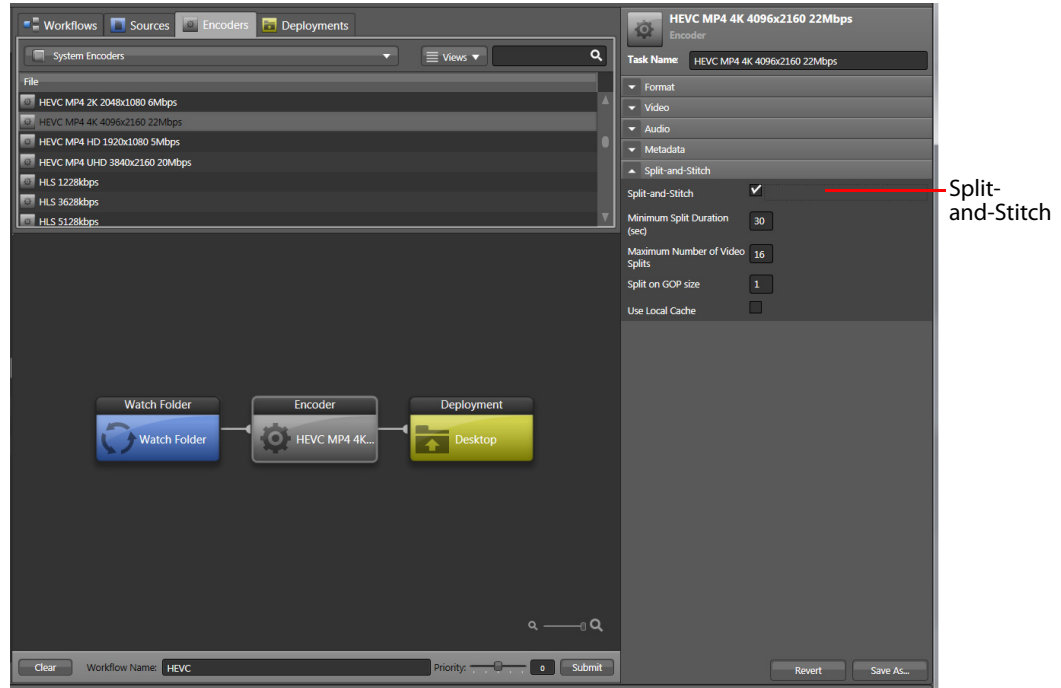
However, if you have many Episode nodes and you often process single large files, or process a few large files simultaneously, and you need them encoded as quickly as possible, then Split-and-Stitch is the right choice.

Jobs that shouldn't be held up by long-running Split-and-Stitch jobs can be run at a higher priority, enabling these jobs to go to the head of the queue.



If you have several Episode installations, you can divide your computers into two or more Episode clusters, and dedicate one cluster to high-priority jobs.

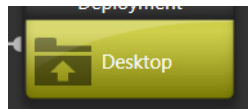
## Split-and-Stitch Example



## Deployments

A deployment specifies where the output file from an encoder task is stored. The store may be a directory on local disk or a network server, or it may be an FTP-based Internet media service. Each encoder task may be connected to multiple deployment tasks, so that each output file can be stored in several different places.

### Typical Deployment Task



## Tasks

*Task* is the general term for the activities in a workflow and generally refers to source tasks, encoder tasks, and deployment tasks. Episode offers a variety of predefined tasks, but you can always modify these tasks (or create your own) and then store these as *user tasks*. Tasks are stored as XML files and can be easily sent to other users.

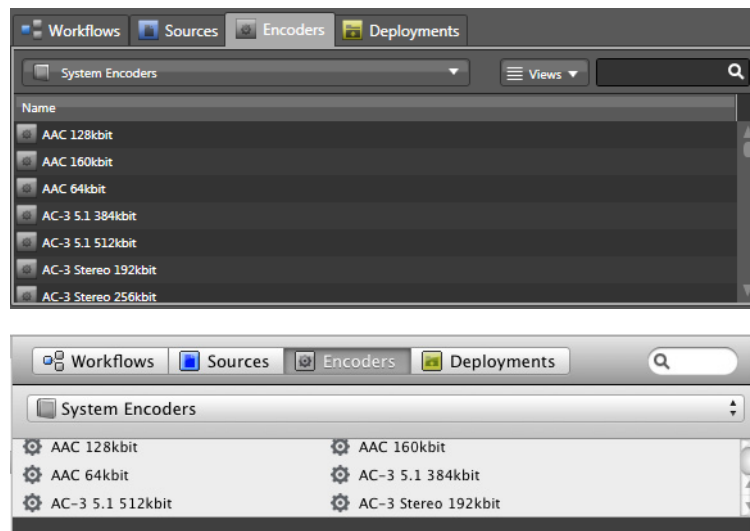
System tasks are located on your system drive:

- Windows: \Program Files\Telestream\Episode 7\bin\resources\templates\tasks\
- Mac: /Applications/Episode.app/Contents/Resources/templates/tasks/

User tasks are located in:

- Windows: \Documents and Settings\<User>\My Documents\Episode 7\Tasks\.
- Mac: ~/Library/Application Support/Episode/User Tasks/

### Predefined System Encoder Tasks

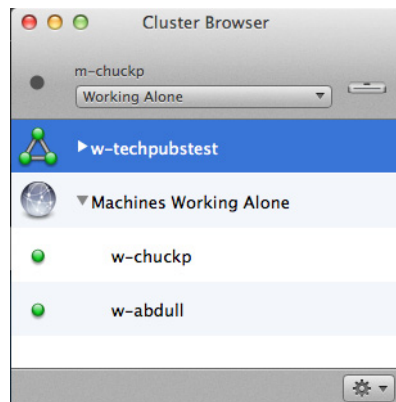
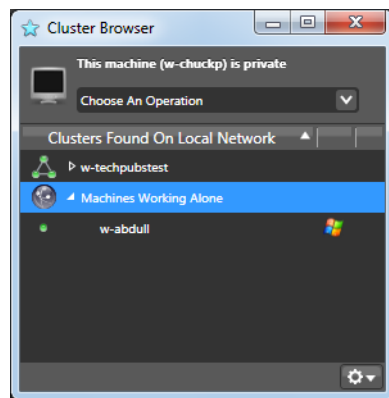


## Nodes

A *node* is an instance of Episode running on a computer. A node can either run alone or it can be associated with a *cluster*. Any node can create a new cluster, and become the *master* for that cluster. Other nodes joining that cluster become *participants*. Clusters can be accessed on the local subnet or via IP or DNS host name. Jobs submitted at a cluster node are routed via the master, which then sends them to a suitable node for encoding.

If a master node leaves a cluster, no additional jobs can be submitted to that cluster until the master rejoins the cluster. Also, when the master rejoins, it may not be the master, depending on the cause of its leaving the cluster; be sure to check its status before submitting jobs.

### Cluster Browser Showing Episode Nodes



Nodes in a cluster can run on both MacOS X and Windows computers. Submitted jobs are processed on any available machine according to the job scheduling policy—see [Setting Preferences](#).

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**Note:** MacOS X and Windows computers that share a SAN cannot directly share files over that SAN because the path structures are different on the two operating systems. However, the Named Storage feature of Episode allows files on SANs to be accessed by both platforms. Please refer to [Using Named Storage](#) on [page 134](#) for details.

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## Summary

In this tour, you learned about the main Episode window panels and components: workflows, sources and Watched Folders, encoders, deployments, tasks, and nodes.

## Tour 2: Encoding Your First Media File

This tour takes less than 10 minutes and introduces you to using Episode.

Episode provides a wide variety of pre-configured workflows in its workflow library. These pre-configured workflows are an easy way to get started, a convenient way to encode most media, and allow you to modify the workflow to meet your needs.

Let's encode your first media file, using one of these pre-configured workflows.

1. Select the Workflows tab.
2. In the menu directly below, select System Workflows > Apple Devices.

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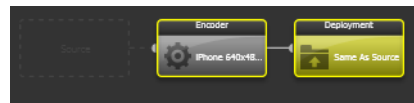
**Note:** If you don't have enough room to view the list easily, make the main window larger or resize your panels to suit your needs.

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3. Click and drag the iPhone SD workflow onto the Workflow panel below.

The iPhone SD workflow converts a source file into a format for playback on the iPhone and saves the output in the same folder as the source file, with the proper extension. This workflow contains a blank source task (far left) and two predefined tasks: an encoder task (center) and a deployment task (right).

Typical Episode Workflow

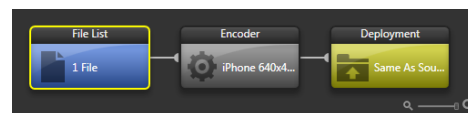


4. Now, let's add a file to be encoded by this workflow—select it from the Media Browser—the panel on the left.

The top part of the browser displays *bookmarks*, directories that contain your media files. Episode by default includes bookmarks for some common media directories (and you can add your own). To select a file, open a bookmark to display its directories and files in the bottom panel. Select the file you want to submit by dragging it onto the File List task in the workflow.

5. Open the Computer bookmark and navigate to a short file of your choice on your computer.
6. Drag and drop the file onto the source box at the far left.

Adding Video to Workflow



Notice that when you drop a media file onto the blank source task, Episode assumes you want this workflow to be used for manual submission, so it automatically adds a File List task.

7. Click the Submit button (located at the bottom right corner of the center panel) to start the encoding job.

Episode displays the details of all currently-active encoding jobs in the Status panel. In the absence of other jobs, your job quickly activates.

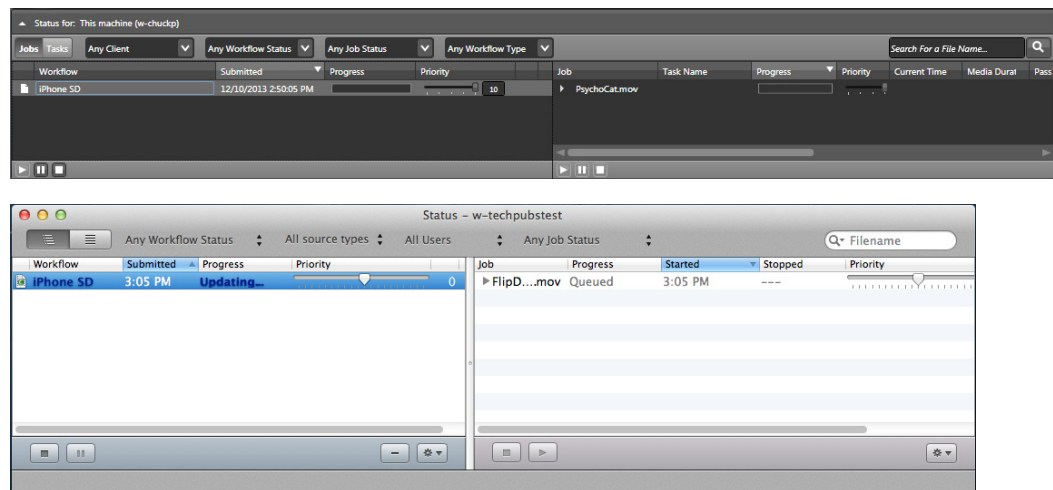
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**Note:** If you're using Episode without a license, Episode displays a License Issue window, notifying you that you do not have a license to encode media, and it applies a watermark to the video. Click Yes to continue. The Status window opens automatically.

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8. Select your job to display its progress (you can also display further details by clicking on the triangle).

### Status of Jobs



When the job is finished, you can find the output file with an *m4v* suffix, in the same folder as the source file you submitted.

9. Double-click the new output file to play it in QuickTime Player.

## Encoding Multiple Files in the Same Workflow

To encode several files at the same time in the same workflow, select and drag all of the source files onto the Workflow Editor (not the source task) panel. Episode adds the new file references to the file list (which still includes the existing file), and you can click **Submit** (as before) to encode all files.

If you want to remove an existing file from the list, click the file list—the file names are listed in the far right panel. On Windows, you can click the **Delete** button next to the file name, or right-click on the name and click *Remove*. On a Mac, you can select a file and press **Delete** or click the minus icon in the bottom right corner of the panel.

## Summary

You just learned how to start Episode, how to review a workflow in the Workflow Editor, and how to submit a file for transcoding—and transcoded your first file.

## Tour 3: Editing Workflows

As easy as it is to select a pre-configured workflow and encode media, most workflows must be modified to meet your particular encoding requirements—adding new tasks, making changes to encoding settings, delivering media to a specific directory, etc.

In this tour, which takes less than 15 minutes, you'll learn how to modify workflows by adding tasks and changing their settings.

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**Note:** When you make changes to a workflow, Episode displays a diagonal Changed banner in the upper right corner of the panel, to indicate that you should save your changes.

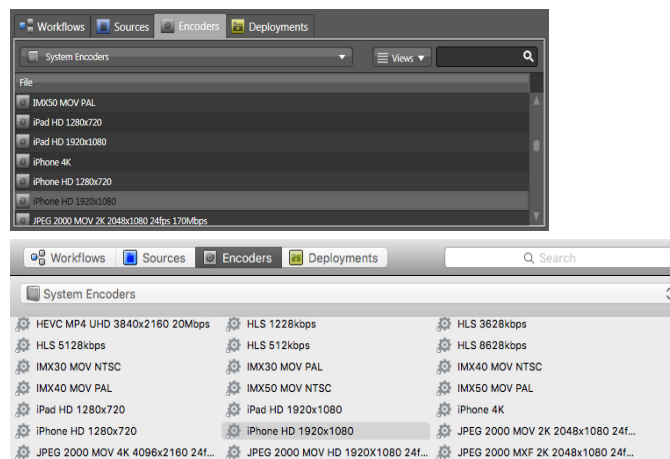
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In addition to encoding one or more files using the same encoder, you can encode files with multiple encoders in the same workflow. For example, you can create or modify a workflow that simultaneously encodes the same file for iphone and the web.

### Adding Encoder Tasks to a Workflow

1. Select the Workflows tab at the top and display the Apple platforms workflows—select System Workflows > Apple Devices.
2. Drag the iPhone HD workflow to the *workflow editor*.
3. Select the Encoders tab.
4. From the dropdown menu, select System Encoders, then scroll down and open folders, if necessary, to display the encoder you want.

#### Encoders



5. Drag an encoder task to the workflow editor just below the original iPhone encoder. When you drop the encoder template, the new encoder task connects to the File List task.



## Adding Encoders to Workflow



6. Now navigate to another encoder (select System Encoders > Web Formats > H264 MP4 640x360, for example).
7. Drag the *H264* task to the workflow editor below the bottom encoder. When you drop it, the new encoder also connects to the File List task.  
Notice that the new encoder tasks you just added don't yet have output destinations. Instead of outputting your encoded files back to the source directory, let's place the output in another directory.
8. Click and drag the Desktop directory from the Media Browser panel (at the far left) and drop it directly onto the deployment task outline to the right of each new encoder task to replace it.  
If the encoder already has a destination and you want to add another, drop it below the current destination. The new one is added to make the encoder send its output to both destinations.

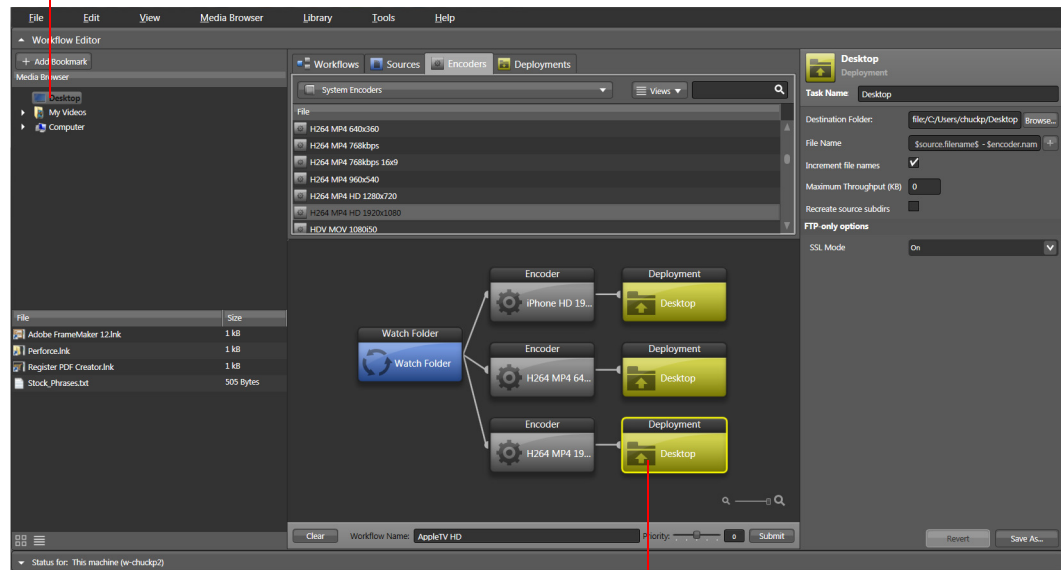
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**Note:** You can also drop tasks on an existing task to replace it with the new one.

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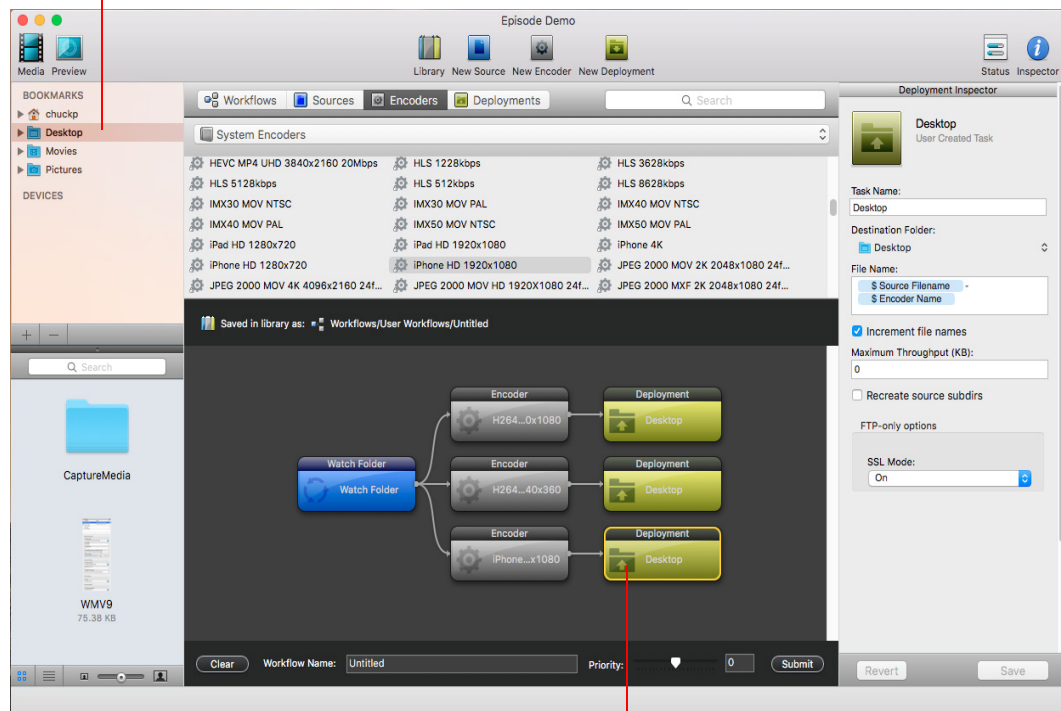
## Adding Destinations to a Workflow

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... to here to add it to your workflow.

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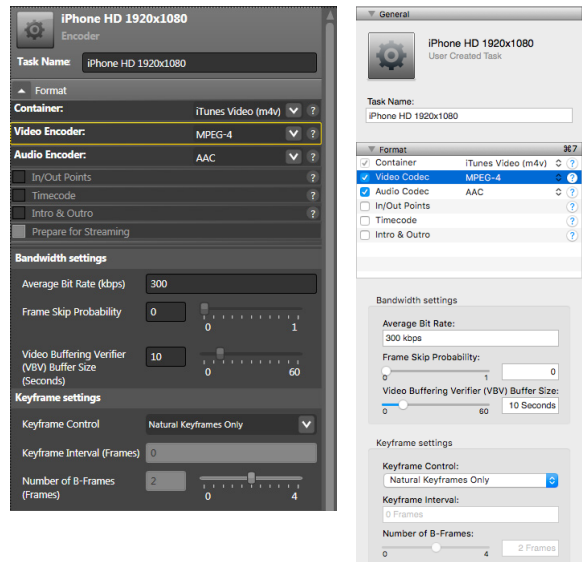
... to here to add it to your workflow.

## Editing Encoders

Several pre-configured encoder templates are supplied with Episode, but usually you need to adjust their settings to suit your particular application or problem.

9. Select an iPhone HD encoder in the workflow editor. The *inspector* on the right displays the current settings.

### Inspector Panel for Encoders



10. Select Video Encoder (Win) or Codec (Mac) in the Output subpanel to display the codec parameters in the bottom panel.
11. Change the codec to MPEG-4 using the small (drop-down) arrow at the right of the video codec selection.
12. Change the Average Bit Rate to 1600Kbps.

## Saving Encoders

When you change an encoder's settings, the change is immediately effective in the current workflow, but the settings in the original encoder template have not changed. The next time you add the *iPhone HD* encoder to another workflow, it has its original settings.

This is an easy way to make changes for testing or one-time usage, but if you've made extensive changes that you want to re-use, you should save the encoder task with its new settings to the Library as a different template.

Lets start by renaming the encoder template.

**13.** Click on the Task Name field at the top of the inspector, and enter a new name. For example, *iPhone\_1600*.

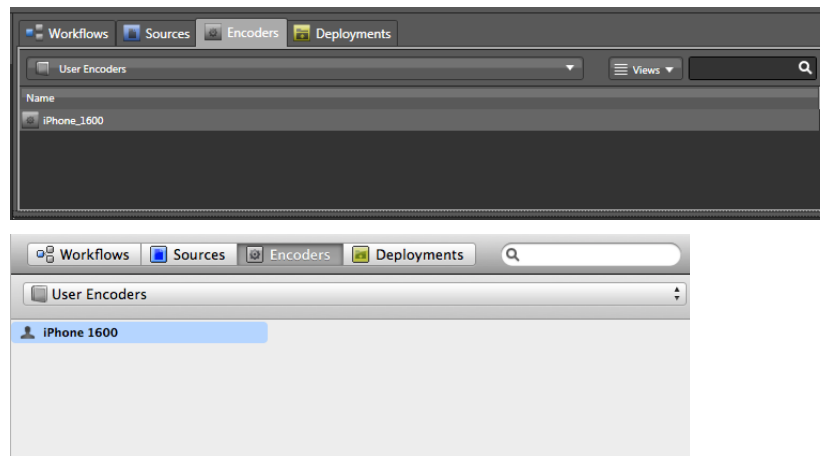
**14.** Click the Save button at the bottom. Episode displays a dialog.

On Windows, the dialog asks if you want to save the entire workflow, or just the encoder task. Click Save Task, confirm the encoder name, and click Save. Episode saves the encoder task in User Encoders. **Note:** if you save any changes to a task *other* than the name, the original task template is modified and saved.

On a Mac, you can determine where to save the encoder (by default, it is saved in User Encoders), and also change the name. Click OK to save it.

It may be difficult to find your modified encoder templates among all the others, so you can choose User Encoders in the filter menu to display only the encoders you have created yourself.

### User-modified Encoder Templates



## Saving Workflows

When you make changes to a workflow, you need to save it. When you save a workflow (even with the same name as the system template workflow), it is saved in User Workflows. To save the workflow using another name, enter the new workflow's name in the Name field at the bottom of the workflow panel.

**15.** Save your workflow:

- Windows: File > Save Workflow As or Control-Shift-S

Episode asks if you want to save the entire workflow, or just the encoder task. Choose Save Workflow.

- Mac: Save button at the bottom right.

**16.** Enter a name, and confirm.

Episode saves your new workflow in Workflows > User Workflows.

## Summary

In this tour, you learned how to add new tasks, and learned how to configure them using the inspector. You also learned how to save encoders as templates, and how to save workflows.

If you want to continue, just jump right into the next tour.

## Tour 4: Automating Workflows with Watch Folders

Manually submitting a file or list of files as input is useful for one-shot encodings, but in a production environment you can automatically process source files arriving from other users or systems. You can achieve this by using *Watch Folders*. A Watch Folder on local or remote storage is monitored by an Episode workflow. When a file is saved in the folder, Episode retrieves the file for processing in the workflow.

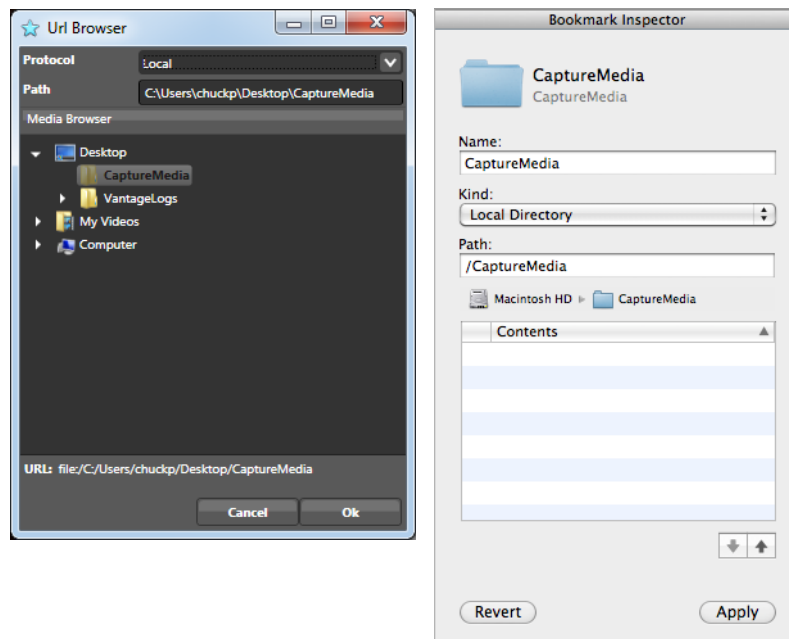
Let's configure a workflow with a Watch Folder.

1. Start Episode if it is not already running.
2. Open Workflows > System Workflows > (choose a workflow).
3. Create a new folder named *CaptureMedia* on your computer desktop.
4. In the Episode Media Browser panel, click Add Bookmark (+). This creates a new, untitled bookmark for a local folder. (You can also create bookmarks for FTP servers and network servers).
5. Use the URL Browser (Windows) or the Bookmark Inspector (Mac) Path menu to navigate to the *CaptureMedia* folder. You can also use the drop-down menu to create bookmarks on other servers, including an FTP server or network share (and SMB server—MacOS X only).

To connect to other servers, you will need to include your user credentials and a port number (default 21).

If you wish to you use Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption for FTP data transfers, select an option from the SSL Mode drop-down menu. Off does not use SSL. On enables SSL but drops back to unencrypted mode if SSL fails. Force Control uses SSL encryption and fails to connect if SSL fails. Force All uses SSL encryption for all traffic.

### Adding a Bookmark



6. To change the name of the bookmark, enter *CaptureMedia* in the Name field and confirm.
7. Drag the *CaptureMedia* bookmark from the Media Browser panel to the File List task in the workflow editor. Because a folder was dragged in as a source task, Episode knows you intend to create a Watch Folder.
8. Press Submit to start the workflow polling the Watch Folder for new files. Episode displays the Status panel, and your new task is running.

Files that are added to the target directory are automatically submitted to a workflow.

## Summary

In this tour, you've learned some advanced tasks—how to make and use bookmarks, and how to implement Watch Folders to automate workflow processing.

## Tour 5: Cluster Encoding

If you have multiple copies of Episode running on different computers (*nodes*) on the same network, they can form encoding *clusters*. In a cluster, encoding jobs are distributed to maximize the throughput of the cluster to scale your processing power and increase throughput.

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**Note:** When operating as part of a cluster, deployment tasks always execute on the same server as the encode task in the job. In Split-and-Stitch jobs, deployment tasks execute on the same server as the stitch task. This is done to minimize network file transfer inefficiencies. The only way to disable this feature is to use the XML/RPC interface.

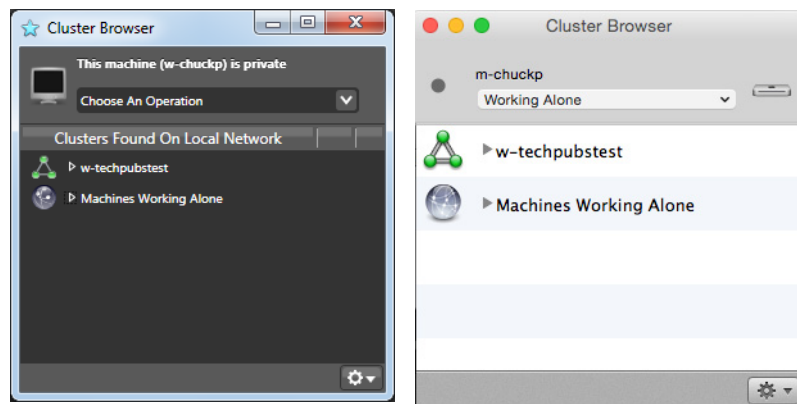
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You can have different editions of Episode in the same cluster, and each one can encode as many parallel jobs as its edition allows.

### Joining a Cluster

1. If Episode is not running, start it again.
2. Display the Cluster Browser window to view the clusters on your network:
  - Windows: select View > Cluster Browser
  - Mac: select Window > Show Cluster Browser

Cluster Browser Window



Notice that your node is identified as currently Working Alone (Mac)/private (Win).

To join a cluster, first make sure you don't have any jobs running.

3. Select the cluster you want to join, and choose Join <cluster name> from the drop-down menu.  
Episode displays a warning: Any jobs currently underway will be stopped.
4. Click Yes to continue.

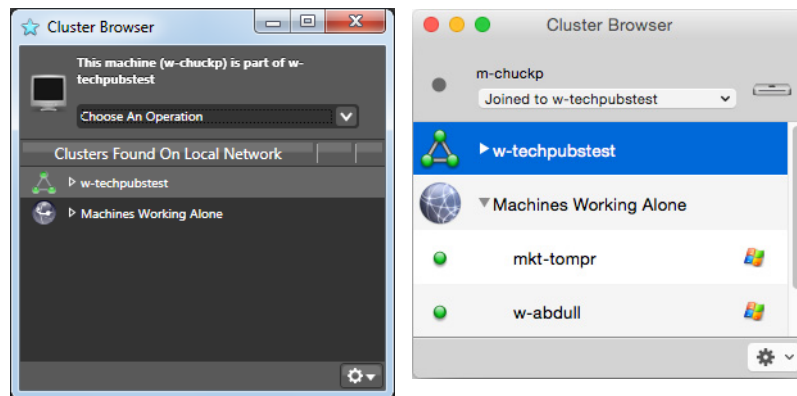


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**Note:** If the cluster you want to access is not on your local subnet, you can access it by IP address or DNS host name. Use the gear drop-down menu in the lower right corner of the Cluster Browser to select Join or Submit, and enter the address or host name of the cluster master.

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### Joined Cluster



Your computer has been added to the cluster you selected. You can now submit jobs to the cluster, and other machines on the cluster can submit jobs to your machine. The jobs are encoded by the best available computer.

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**Note:** If you want to submit jobs from your machine to the cluster for processing, but you do not want to receive jobs from other machines in the cluster, choose Submit instead of Join from the drop-down menu.

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## Summary

In this tour, you learned about scaling up Episode to include several Episode nodes on different computers, creating a cluster, and joining each node to the cluster to perform large-scale parallel encoding.



# Using Episode

Use this chapter to learn about using the main Episode window and its panels, plus the Preview and Cluster windows, setting preferences, and using online help. These topics are presented:

- [Episode's Workflow Window](#)
- [Using the Media Browser Panel](#)
- [Using the Library Panel](#)
- [Using the Workflow Editor Panel](#)
- [Using the Inspector Panel](#)
- [Using the Status Panel](#)
- [Using the Cluster Window](#)
- [Setting Preferences](#)
- [Using the Episode Premiere Plug-in](#)
- [Creating an MBR Streaming Media Project](#)

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**Note:** If you haven't yet taken the tours in [Getting Started](#), we encourage you to do so. It's a great way to learn the basics of Episode and quickly gain hands-on experience using the application. After completing the tours, use these topics as reference, for detailed instructions when using Episode.

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## Episode's Workflow Window

The Workflow window () is Episode's main window, where you perform most of your work. You use the Workflow window to create and edit workflows, submit jobs, monitor jobs in progress, and manage your source files and output deployments.

The Workflow window is composed of five panels:

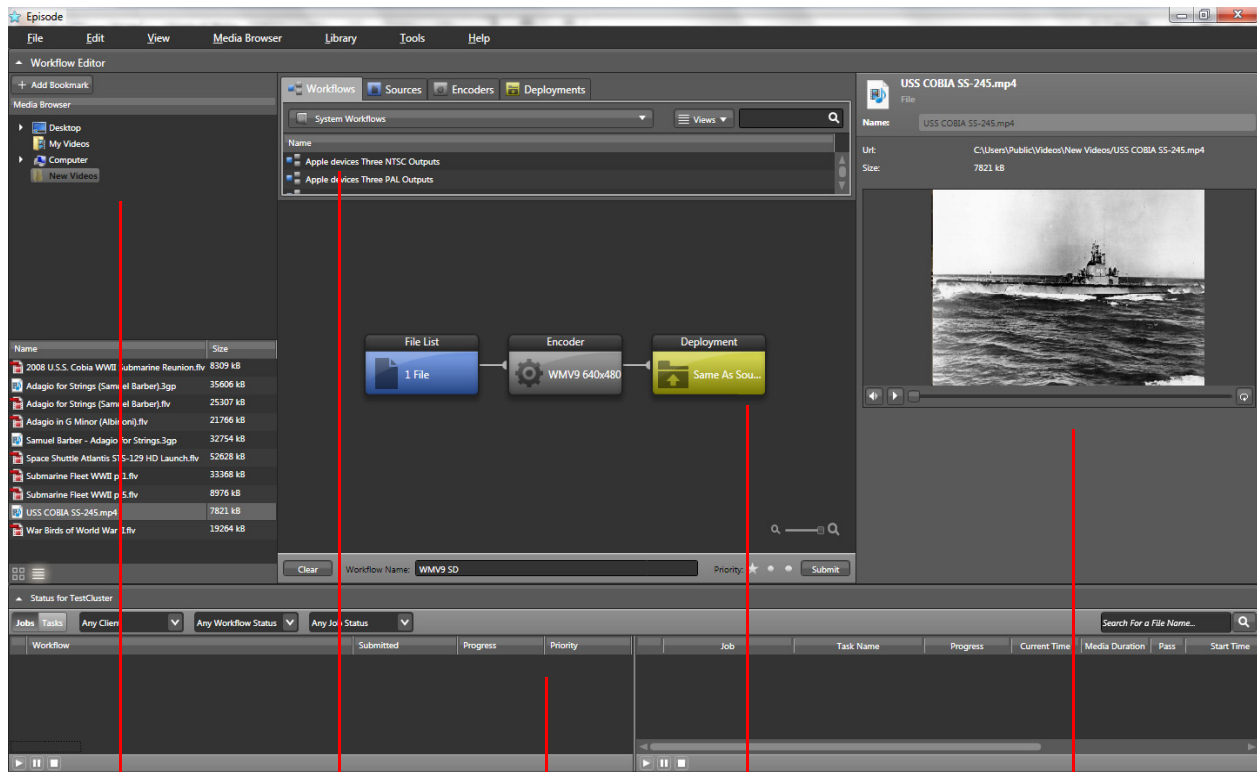
- Media Browser
- Library
- Workflow
- Inspector
- Status

You can adjust the size and layout of each of panel by grabbing and dragging its border handles to suit your needs (or on the Mac, you can show and hide panels using the show/hide icons at the top of the window).

On the Mac, the Status panel is a separate window that opens when you submit a workflow.

The main window also includes a menu bar at the top, which is discussed in the next chapter.

## Workflow window



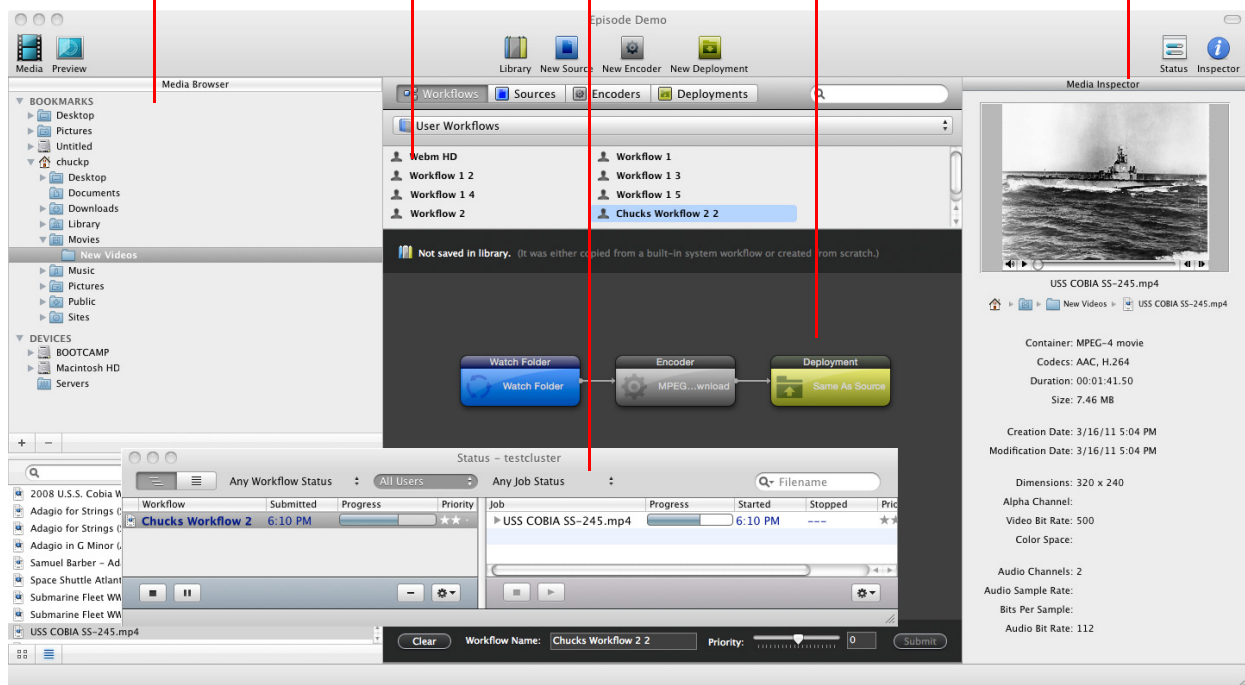
Media Browser panel

Library panel

Status panel

Workflow panel

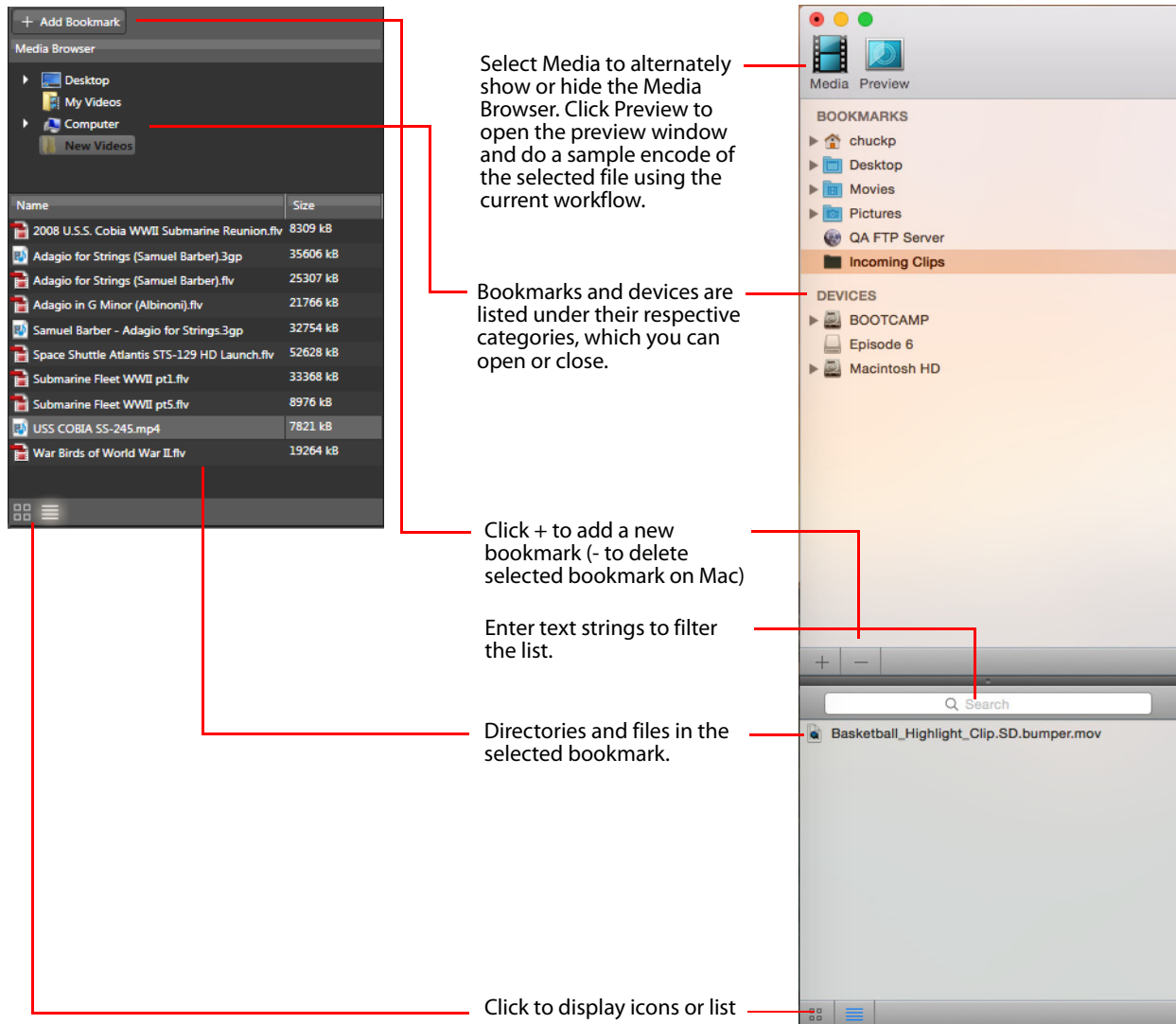
Inspector panel



## Using the Media Browser Panel

The left-most panel is the *Media Browser panel*, a two-level panel where you can browse directories and files on your local computer and network servers, and create bookmarks for the directories you use most. These bookmarks provide quick access to media files and folders to use when creating your workflows.

### Media Browser—Easy Access to Your Media



You can use the Media Browser panel in the same way you use the Windows Explorer or the Mac Finder.

You can create bookmarks that identify folders on local drives, FTP sites, Wiretap servers. You can also create bookmarks for shares and using SMB (MacOS X only) to identify network-based media folders. (If the server is not available, of course the media files in those directories are not available either.)

Storage devices such as internal and external hard drives, USB storage devices, and browsable storage on digital cameras are also displayed in the Media browser.

Bookmarks make it easy to submit media for processing. Bookmarks also make it easy to configure monitored folders for source tasks and destination directories for deployment tasks. Just add the bookmark, configure it with your target directory, and drag and drop it in place in your workflow.

You select a bookmark or device to display its files and folders in the bottom half of the Media Browser. If the bookmark points to an FTP site, Wiretap server, or network share/SMB server, it may take a moment to connect.

You can drag media from any bookmark in the Media Browser directly onto the Workflow Editor, and then submit it for processing.

On a Mac, you can search for a particular file within a selected bookmark by entering part of the name in the search field above the file list.

You can optionally use the arrows (or on a Mac, the show/hide command in the Media menu) to expand or collapse the Media Browser panel, which displays on the left side of the Workflow window. These topics explain the Media Browser panel:

- [Hiding and Displaying the Media Browser \(Mac only\)](#)
- [Working with Bookmarks](#)
- [Configuring FTP, Wiretap, and Share/SMB Bookmarks](#)
- [Changing File Views](#)
- [Manually Submitting Files to a Workflow](#)
- [Configuring Source and Deployment Tasks with Bookmarks](#)

## Hiding and Displaying the Media Browser (Mac only)

If you need more room to edit a workflow or you're not using the Media Browser panel, you can hide it until you need it again:

- Select Media > Show | Hide Media Browser
- Use the shortcut Option-Command-M
- Click the media icon at the top left of the Workflow window.

## Working with Bookmarks

The Media Browser panel includes buttons and context menus for various bookmark functions. You can also access some of these functions in the Media Browser menu at the top of the Episode main window.

In Episode, you can bookmark a local folder, FTP, shared, or SMB directory (for network and Internet-based locations), and an Autodesk Wiretap directory. These topics explain how to work with Bookmarks:

- [Adding a Bookmark](#)
- [Configuring a Bookmark](#)
- [Deleting a Bookmark](#)
- [Working with Bookmark Folders](#)
- [Working with Files in the Media Browser](#)

### Adding a Bookmark

To add a bookmark, use one of the following methods:

- Select Media Browser > Add Bookmark
- Click the + *Add Bookmark* button
- Right-click (Win) or Control-click (Mac) in the Media Browser open area and select *Add Bookmark*.
- Click and drag a folder from Windows Explorer into the top pane of the Media Browser (Windows only)

### Configuring a Bookmark

Select the bookmark to display its details in the URL Browser (Windows)/Bookmark Inspector (Mac) for editing.

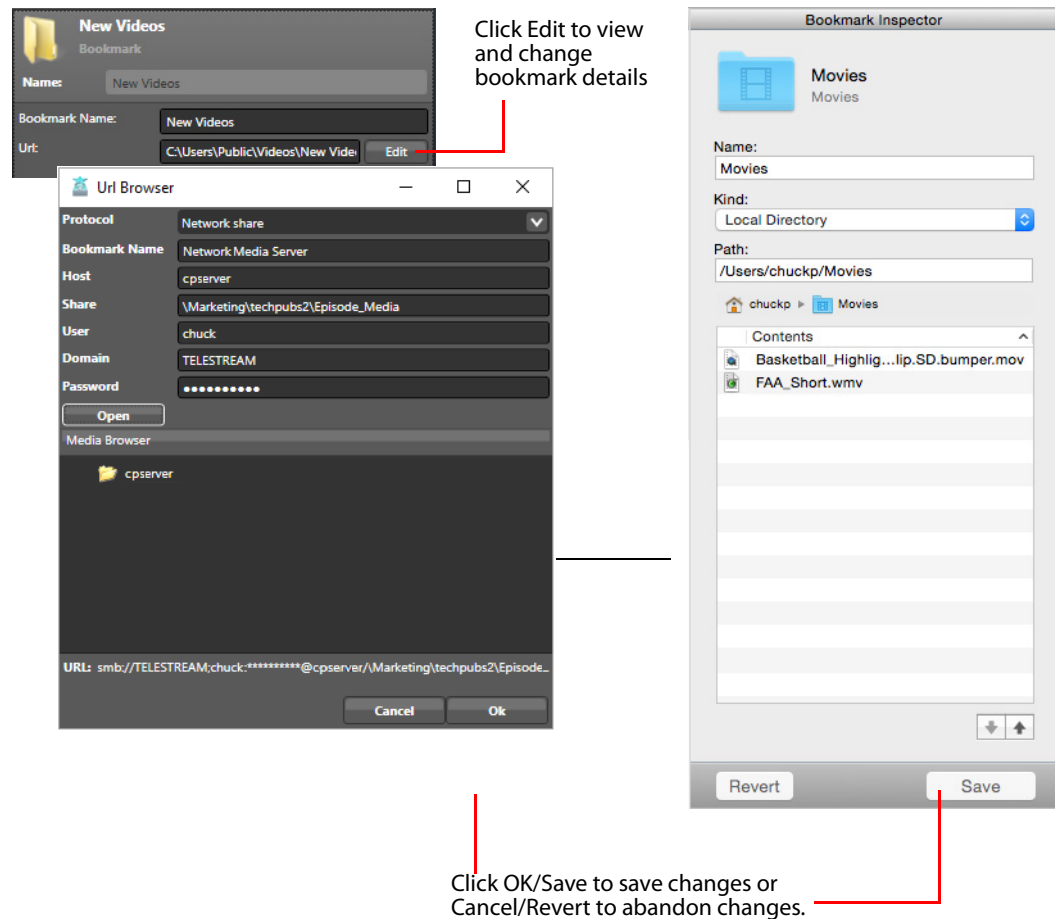
When you update a bookmark's settings, click OK/Save to save the changes or Cancel/Revert to abandon your changes.

Configuring a Local Directory bookmark is simple: optionally, change the name, and change the location by entering or navigating to and selecting the proper path to the directory.

Configuring FTP, share/SMB and Autodesk Wiretap bookmarks is more complex. For details, see [Configuring FTP, Wiretap, and Share/SMB Bookmarks](#).



## URL Browser (Windows) and Bookmark Inspector (Mac)



## Deleting a Bookmark

To delete a bookmark, use one of these methods:

- Select the bookmark and press the Delete key.
- Click the *Remove Bookmark* (-) button (Mac).
- Select *Delete (Del-)* from the Edit menu (Win), or select *Remove Bookmark* from the *Media* menu (Mac).
- Right-click the bookmark and select Delete (Win), or Control-click and select Remove Bookmark (Mac).

Deleting a bookmark does not delete files or folders. It just removes the shortcut in Episode that identifies the source of the bookmark.

## Working with Bookmark Folders

Right-click (Win) or Control-click (Mac) a bookmark to display a context menu.

### Windows Context Menu:

**Add as Watch Folder.** Add as a Watched Folder source to the current workflow

**Add as Deployment.** Add the folder as a deployment to the current workflow

**Delete Bookmark.** Delete the selected bookmark

**Refresh.** Update the selected bookmark's folder contents list

**Open in Explorer.** Open the bookmark in Explorer

### Mac Context Menu:

**Refresh.** Update the selected bookmark's folder contents list

**Reveal.** Open the bookmark (if local) in the Finder

**Add Bookmark.** Add a new, untitled bookmark

**Remove.** Delete the selected bookmark

**Save Bookmark.** Save the selected bookmark

**Save Bookmark As.** Save the selected bookmark under another name

**Revert Bookmark.** Undo the changes you just made.

When you highlight a bookmark, information about it and additional options display in the Bookmark Inspector panel.

FTP, Wiretap servers, and network share (SMB) servers require configuration in the URL Browser to make bookmarks for them (see [Configuring FTP, Wiretap, and Share/SMB Bookmarks](#)). When these servers are mounted, they are treated as local folders. However, the connection is not automatically reinstated if lost or unmounted. For this reason, it is better to make bookmarks that connect directly to the remote location.

## Working with Files in the Media Browser

When you click a file in the Media Browser to highlight it, information and additional options appear in the Inspector panel, including the option to preview the file in the Inspector panel video player for some file types.

To work with a file in the Media Browser bottom panel, right-click the file to view the following context menu. (On a Mac only *Reveal in Finder* appears in the context menu. The *Preview* option is a button above Bookmarks panel.)

**Add to Workflow (Win).** Adds the file as an input file list to the current workflow.

**Preview.** Initiates a preview encode of the selected file using the current workflow, and places the output file in the default folder specified in *Tools/Preferences* (Win) or *Episode Preferences* (Mac).

A Preview window shows an encoding progress bar and presents these controls:

- *Cancel* stops the preview encode and closes the Preview window.
- *Close when finished* automatically closes the window when encoding finishes.
- *Close* closes the Preview window.
- *Open* opens the finished encoded file in your computer's default video player.
- *Show file in explorer* (Win) or *Reveal in Finder* (Mac) opens the desktop folder and highlights the file.

See [Previewing Workflow Outputs](#) for a more detailed procedure.

**Open in Explorer (Win)/Reveal in Finder (Mac).** Opens the folder containing the file.

**Open With Associated Program (Win).** Opens the file using the program assigned to that file type by the operating system.

## Configuring FTP, Wiretap, and Share/SMB Bookmarks

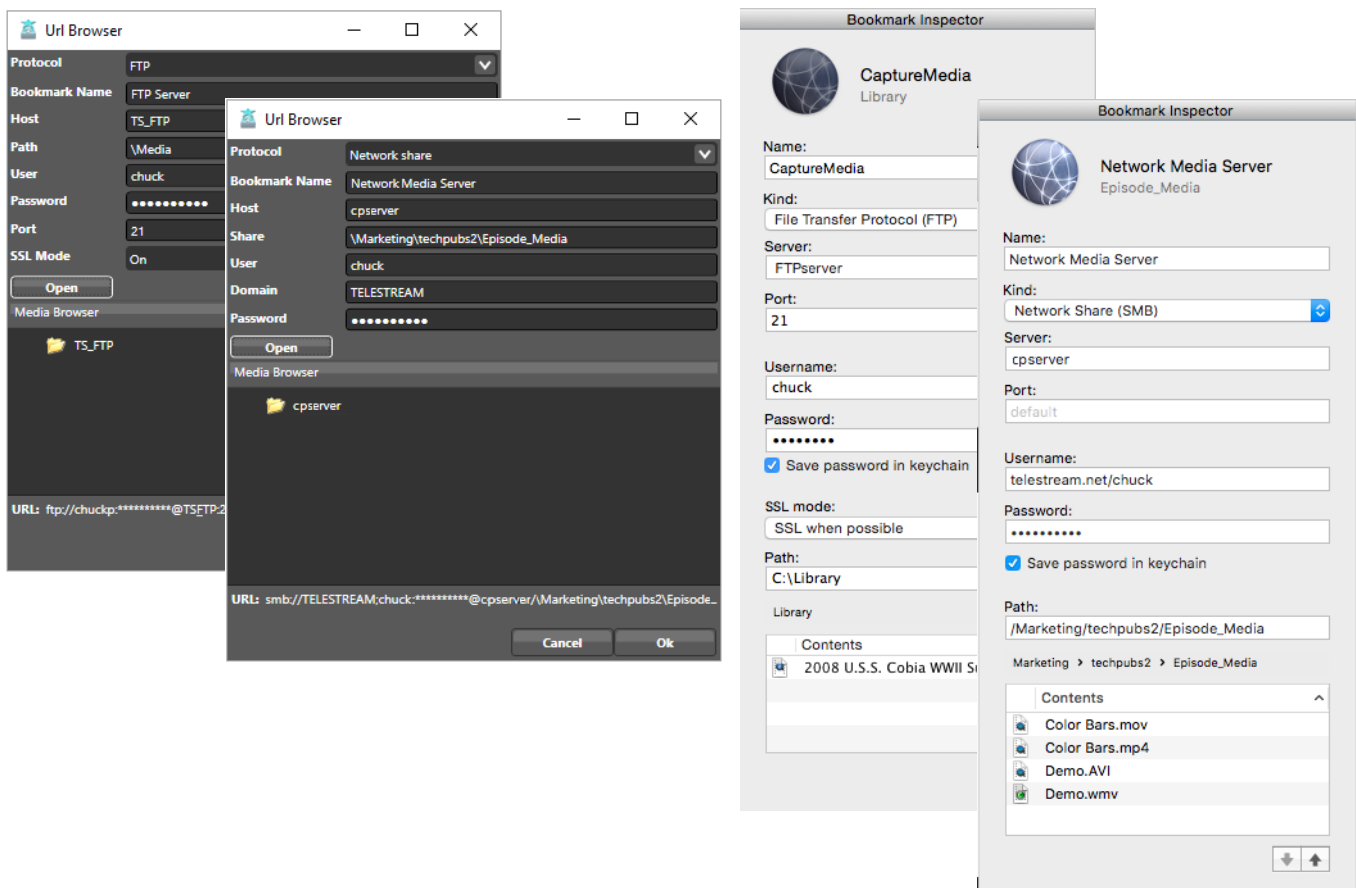
FTP, Wiretap, and SMB/network share bookmarks require more configuration than bookmarks for local files systems. (Note that directories on an FTP or SMB/network share server running directly on your computer can be configured using a local bookmark.)

Episode supports FTPS (encrypted FTP over SSL/TLS) for FTP servers and includes an SSL Mode selection controlling how SSL is used.

**To configure one of these bookmarks, follow these steps:**

1. Click *Add Bookmark (+)* to create a new bookmark and display it in the URL Browser (Win) or Bookmark Inspector (Mac).
2. In the Inspector/Browser, select the Protocol (Win)/Kind (Mac) menu and select Local, FTP, Network Share (SMB), or Autodesk Wiretap.
3. Configure the settings listed below and click Open/Apply to update the bookmark and test your connectivity.

URL Browser (Win)/Bookmark Inspector (Mac) for FTP and Share/SMB



## FTP, Wiretap, and Share/SMB Field Descriptions

**Name (Mac).** Enter a meaningful name in the text field.

**Host (Win)/Server (Mac).** Enter the host name or IP address of the server, in the form *192.168.1.1 | myftpserverdomain.com | myServername*.

Don't add the *smb://*, *ftp://*, or *wiretap://* prefix to the server name or IP address.

**Share (Win)/Path(Mac).** Manually enter the path or navigate to the target folder and select it. A network share, for example, *C:\folder1\folder2\shared* could be named *Shared* assuming Shared is the share name. You can also double-click the folder if it appears in the contents box, to add it to the path.

**User.** Enter the authorized user name to log in to the server. (On a Mac, you should include the domain name, for example, *AcmeVideo.com/myusername*.)

**Domain (Win).** Enter the domain name for the target share (such as TELESTREAM for telestream.net).

**Password.** Enter password for the user name you supply.

**Port.** The TCP/IP port number used to connect to the server. Default for SMB: 445, for FTP: 21, for Wiretap: 7549.

**SSL Mode** (FTP only). Controls FTP Secure Socket Layer (SSL) for secure data transfer:

**Off.** Disables SSL. All transmissions occur using an unencrypted FTP connection.

**On.** Enables SSL encryption and falls back to a clear connection if SSL fails.

**Force Control.** enables SSL encryption and fails to connect if SSL fails.

**Force All.** Enables SSL encryption and ensures that all traffic is encrypted.

**Open (Win).** Click Open to attempt to connect. If connection is successful, Episode displays the directories in the contents pane.

**OK (Win)/Save (Mac).** Click OK/Save to update and save the bookmark, or click Cancel/Revert to cancel the bookmark.

A yellow exclamation icon (below) indicates incorrect server information. If you can connect, the Contents list displays the server's folders. If not, correct the configuration and try again. **Note:** Proxy servers are not supported for FTP.



## Changing File Views

Use the Media Browser Views buttons (in the bottom left corner) to change views in the file list.

**Icons.** Select to view files as icons on a grid. 

**List.** Select to view files as a list. 

**Filtering File Views (Mac).** Enter a text string in the search field at the top of the folder or file list to filter the list.

## Manually Submitting Files to a Workflow

To manually submit a file to a workflow:

1. Use the Media Browser to open the folder containing the media.
2. Drag and drop the media files from the Media Browser folder to the Source task, which becomes a File List. (You can also drag and drop from an operating system folder to the Source.)
3. Click Submit to start processing your workflow.

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**Note:** To add files or a directory from a network location, it is best to create a bookmark for that location as described in the next section. Bookmarks completely define all information required to access a network location. If you drag a file or folder, the location information might be incomplete and the location unavailable.

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## Configuring Source and Deployment Tasks with Bookmarks

You can easily configure your source and deployment tasks using a bookmark. You can add a local, FTP or network share (SMB) directory to a source. You can add a local, FTP, Network Share (SMB), or Wiretap directory as a deployment.

Drag and drop the selected bookmark from the Media Browser directly on the source or deployment task placeholder. (You can also drag and drop files directly from an operating system folder to create local file lists.)

After you add the bookmark to your workflow, you need to configure it for use. For configuring source monitors, see [Configuring a Watch Folder Source Task](#). For configuring deployment tasks, see [Configuring a Deployment Task](#).

For information on creating and configuring bookmarks, see [Configuring FTP, Wiretap, and Share/SMB Bookmarks](#).

# Using the Library Panel

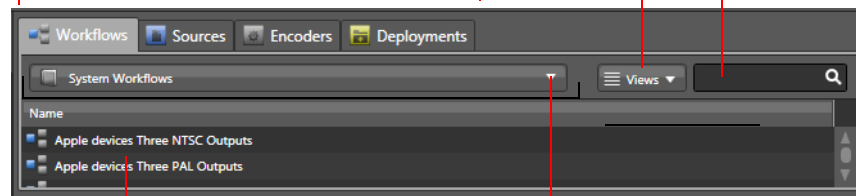
The top center **Library panel** is tabbed. All of Episode's workflow resources are stored in the library, and organized by *Workflows*, *Sources*, *Encoders*, and *Deployments* tabs.

## Library Panel

Resources are itemized by workflows, sources, encoders, and deployments.

Enter text to filter the library items that display.

Display as list or icons



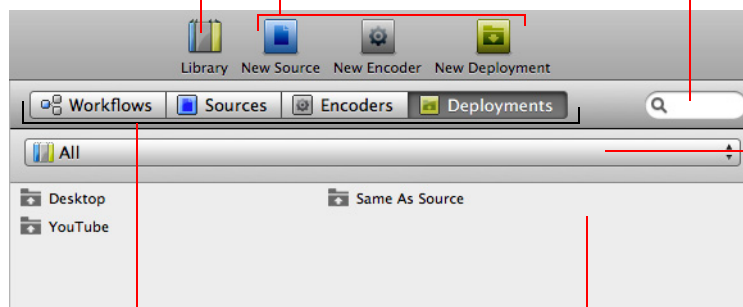
Items in the selected category display here.

Select the category to display: System or User

Click to display/Hide the Library panel.

Click to create new, untitled source/encoder/deployment tasks in the library.

Enter text to filter the library items that display.



Resources are itemized by workflows, sources, encoders, and deployments.

Items in the selected category display here.

Click a tab to see the corresponding lists of system and user resources for each task type. For example, to see available encoders, click the Encoders tab, and then click the drop-down menu below the tab for a list of system and user Encoder resources.

The *Library panel* is where you save your configured workflows, and your source, encoder, and deployment tasks for use in other workflows. The library is also where you browse and display your workflows and individual tasks, making it much easier to create and assemble new workflows from predefined tasks without the effort of configuring them.

When you see the resource you want to use, click and drag it to a task box in the Workflow panel, and the task will use that resource. You can also deploy entire workflows (system or user-defined) by dragging and dropping them from the Library to the Workflow panel.

Episode also provides a wide variety of predefined resources in its library. Episode provides over 250 predefined encoder tasks for use in your workflows. For a list of all library commands, see [Library Menu](#).

The following topics describe library management tasks and topics.

- [Browsing the Library](#)
- [Adding Items to a Workflow](#)
- [Saving Changed Workflows and Tasks to the Library](#)
- [Adding a New Workflow or Task to the Library](#)
- [Removing an Item from the Library](#)
- [Modifying Library Items](#)
- [Renaming Library Items](#)
- [Duplicating Library Items](#)
- [Exporting and Importing Workflows and Tasks](#)
- [Library Context Menu](#)

## Browsing the Library

On the Mac only, you can hide or display the Library panel by alternately clicking the Library icon (or use the Command-L shortcut, or the Library > Show | Hide menu).

Items in the library are organized by type:

- Workflows
- Source tasks
- Encoder tasks
- Deployment tasks

### To view a given type of library item:

Click the tab or select Library > Browse Workflows | Sources | Encoders | Deployments.

Items of each type are further organized by category. Episode displays the items of the selected type, based on the category selected in the Category popup menu, which is located directly below the tabs.

All items are categorized as System and User. Items in the System category are provided by Episode, and can't be modified. User items are resources that you've created yourself. Tasks and workflows are displayed in alphabetical order.

Workflow and Encoder library items are further organized by special categories. For example, workflow items have a special Web Formats category. Encoder items are subcategorized by file format, usage, and media formats: for example, AAC, XDCAMHD, Mobile and Devices, and Streaming.

You can restrict the items that display by using the category menu or entering a search term in the search box at top right.



## Adding Items to a Workflow

To add any item in the library to the current workflow, drag the item into the Workflow panel (or on Windows, select the item and select the Library > Add to Workflow menu). If you drag another workflow from the Library to the Workflow Editor, the previous workflow is replaced with the new one.

### Changed Banner

Workflows containing unsaved changes display a diagonal *Changed* banner.

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**CAUTION:** Changes to workflows are remembered in the workflow editor but are not saved until you explicitly save them.

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## Saving Changed Workflows and Tasks to the Library

To save a changed workflow to the Library, use one of these methods:

- Select File > Save Workflow As, and select a Library file to replace.
- Right-click the workflow, select Save Workflow As, and select a library file to replace.

To save a changed task to the Library, use one of these methods:

- Click the task to highlight it, and click Save at the bottom of the Inspector panel.
- Right-click the task, click Save Task As, and select the library task to replace.
- Click the task to highlight it, and select File > Save Task As and select the library task to replace.
- In Windows, you can click and drag a task to a Library tab to save the task. If you drag a task to the Workflows tab, the whole workflow is saved.

If you do not save while working, when you quit Episode, a dialog box displays unsaved workflows and offers you the chance to save them.

### Locations of Saved Workflows

System workflows are stored in these locations:

- Windows: \Program Files\Telestream\Episode 7\bin\resources\templates\workflows\systemworkflows
- Mac: /Applications/Episode.app/Contents/Resources/templates/workflows/

User workflows are stored in these locations

- Windows: \Documents and Settings\User\My Documents\Episode 7\Workflows\
- Mac: ~/Library/Application Support/Episode/User Workflows/userworkflows

## Adding a New Workflow or Task to the Library

To add a new item to the library from an edited workflow:

1. Select Library > New Source | Encoder | Deployment

Episode creates a new, untitled item of the type selected, and displays its configuration in the Inspector.

2. Configure the item in the Inspector (for details, see the Inspector topic for the selected item) and click Save to save the item in the library.

## Removing an Item from the Library

To delete an item from the library:

1. Select the item.
2. Select Library > Remove Item (Control-Delete/Command-Delete).
3. Click Remove to confirm.

You cannot delete System items; you can only delete user-created items.

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**CAUTION:** Library items are permanently deleted and cannot be retrieved.

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## Modifying Library Items

To modify a library item:

1. Select the library item you want to reconfigure.
2. Configure the item in the Inspector.
3. Click Save or Save As to save the item in the library.

System items cannot be saved, but you can modify them and use Save As to save them as user items.

## Renaming Library Items

To rename a library item:

1. Double-click the item's name in the library or select the item.
2. Select Library > Rename <Item Type> to edit the name.

You can also rename an item in the inspector. System items cannot be renamed but must be duplicated and saved as a user item under a new name.

## Duplicating Library Items

To duplicate a library item:

1. Select the item.
2. Select Library > Duplicate <item> (Control-D/Command-D) to create a new item with the same name and an incrementing numeric suffix.
3. Now, modify the item and rename it.

## Exporting and Importing Workflows and Tasks

To export a workflow or an individual task within a workflow as a file, right-click and select Export Workflow or Export Task (or select File > Export Workflow or Export Task). Workflow files are saved as “episubmission” files, and task files are saved as “epitask” files.

You can also import a workflow or task from a previously exported file using the File > Import menu.

## Library Context Menu

Right-click (or Mac Control-click) a Library panel item to access these commands:

**Add to Workflow/+**. Adds the selected library task/workflow to the currently edited workflow.

**Save As <item>**. Save the selected library item as a new item.

**Duplicate <item>**. Create another instance of the selected library item.

**Rename <item>**. Rename the selected library item.

**Remove <item>**. Remove the selected library item from the library.

**Delete <item>**. (Win) Delete the selected library item.

**Save/Save as <item>..** Saves the currently selected item.

**Revert <item>**. (Mac) Revert to the last saved version, abandoning all changes since the last save.

## Using the Workflow Editor Panel

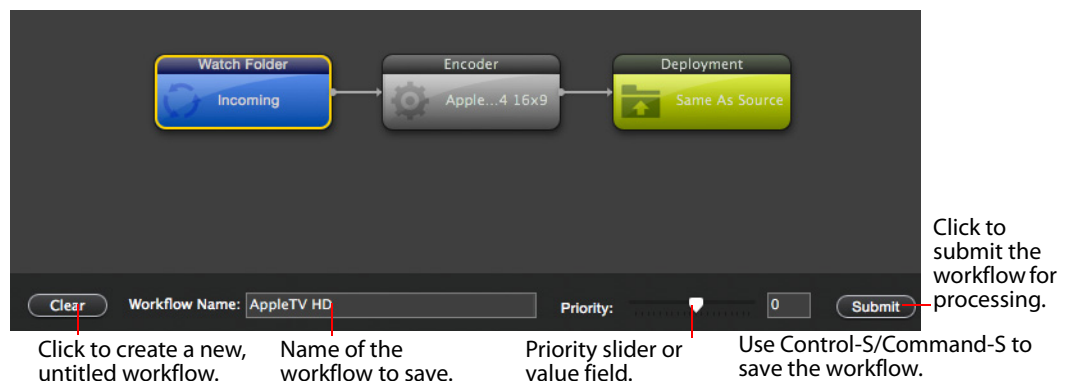
Directly below the Library panel is the *Workflow panel*, where you create, edit, and view workflows. These topics explain the Workflow Editor Panel:

- [Overview](#)
- [Workflow Panel Context Menu](#)
- [Creating a New Workflow](#)
- [Creating Source Tasks](#)
- [Configuring a File List Source Task](#)
- [Configuring a Watch Folder Source Task](#)
- [Configuring Image Sequences](#)
- [Configuring an Encoder Task](#)
- [Configuring a Deployment Task](#)
- [Setting Workflow Priority](#)
- [Previewing Workflow Outputs](#)
- [Submitting Workflows](#)
- [Using the Cluster Window](#)
- [Passing Through Captions Embedded in the Source](#)

### Overview

A *workflow* in Episode is a series of tasks you assemble in a specific order and configure to specify how you want Episode to encode a file and where to save the output. As you create workflows, you can name and save them using the File > Save Workflow/As menu.

#### Workflow Editor with Typical Workflow



Each *workflow* is a connected set of tasks—encoders and deployments—with an optional source. You can configure a workflow to determine how your source files are submitted, how to encode them, and where to save the output files.

Workflows are organized left to right with three columns—the sources (clips) to encode on the left, the encoders in the middle, and the deployments (destinations) on the right. Each box in the workflow is called a *task*.

For each workflow, a single source task is permitted. Often it is convenient to save workflows without a source task. In this way, standard workflows can be reused, simply by placing them in the workflow editor and dragging in a new source. Workflows can have multiple encoders and multiple deployments for the output files from the encoder.

You can drag and drop local media files from an OS folder, the Media Browser panel, or the Library to the source task in the Workflow panel. When you click on a task, its detailed information is shown in the Inspector panel.

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**Note:** To add files or a directory from a network location, it is best to create a bookmark for that location as described in [Configuring FTP, Wiretap, and Share/SMB Bookmarks](#). Bookmarks completely define all information required to access a network location. If you drag a file or folder from the OS, the location information might be incomplete and the location unavailable.

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After creating a workflow, you should provide it a meaningful name using the name field at the bottom of the panel, and select File > Save As (Control-Shift-S) or Save (Command-S) to save it in the library. Workflows you create are saved in the library's User Workflows category.

You also use the workflow editor to submit media to a workflow for transcoding. You can submit media in two ways: manually, by adding it to the source task's file list, or automatically by dragging and dropping files into a directory being monitored by a running workflow. (The automatic method works only if the workflow has been submitted and is currently running.)

The workflow name you provide displays in the Status window when you submit media to it for processing.

## Workflow Panel Context Menu

The workflow context menu offers quick access to workflow options.

### To display the workflow context menu:

Right-click (Win) or Control-click (Mac) in the Workflow panel to access these commands:

**Preview.** Displays the Preview window and performs a sample encode of a file. If two or more files are in the file list, the latest one added is encoded. See [Previewing Workflow Outputs](#) for details.

**Save Task As.** When a task which has unsaved changes is selected, saves the task in the library.

**Save Workflow (Mac).** Saves the existing workflow to the Library, replacing the previous version.

**Save Workflow As.** Saves a workflow to the Library (User Workflows) using the name you specify in the save as dialog.

**Revert Workflow (Mac).** Reverts to the version of the workflow currently saved in the Library. All changes made since the last save are lost.

**Export Task.** When a task is selected, displays the Save As dialog. Enter a name for this task or use the existing name, select a location, and click Save to save the task as a \*.epitask file.

You can save these files as archives, or move them to another Episode installation and add them into the library for use in that copy of Episode.

- **Export Workflow.** Displays the Save dialog. Enter a name for this workflow or use the existing name, select a location, and click Save to save the workflow as a \*.epi-submission file.

You can save these files as archives, or move them to another Episode installation and import them into the library for use in that copy of Episode.

- **Delete** (Win). Deletes the selected workflow or task.
- **Select All** (Win). Selects all tasks in the workflow.
- **Set as Deployment for All Encoders** (Win). When a workflow has multiple encoders, select to add the selected deployment to all encoder tasks.
- **Submit Workflow.** Submits the workflow for processing, and displays it as a job in the Status panel.
- **Submit as MBR.** Submits the workflow for processing as multi-bit-rate jobs and displays them in the status panel.

## Creating a New Workflow

To create a new workflow:

1. If you're working with another workflow, click Clear. If you are working on a changed workflow, Episode reminds you to save your changes. Episode clears the workspace and creates a new, untitled workflow.
2. Name the workflow using the name field at the bottom, and click File > Save As (Win) or File > Save (Mac) to save it in the library (User Workflows category).

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**Note:** From now on, to save changes to your workflow, you can right-click (Win) or Control-click (Mac) and select Save Workflow As from the context menu. This allows you to save over the existing saved workflow or save the workflow under a new name.

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Each workflow has three task placeholders: Source, Encoder, and Deployment.

3. Configure your source task by dragging files from an OS folder, from bookmarks, from the media browser, or from the library's Sources tab onto the source task template.
4. Configure your encoder tasks by dragging an encoder from the library's encoder tab onto the Encoder task.
5. Configure your deployment tasks by dragging bookmarks from the media browser or deployments from library's Deployment tab onto the deployment task template.

To remove an object from the workflow, select the object, and press Delete.

After configuring your workflow (or even during the design process if you choose), you should configure each task. You configure each task by selecting it and updating its settings in the Inspector.

## Creating Source Tasks

You can create file list source tasks by adding files from the OS or adding bookmarks from the Media Browser—dragging and dropping them onto the source task box in the Workflow Editor. When the workflow is submitted for processing, the files are processed in a queue. Files in a file list can remain in a processing queue for up to 7 days, after which, they time out.

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**Note:** You can only drag and drop files from the OS if they are on local storage. If you are using a network volume, you should create and configure a network watch folder to accept files from this location.

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You can also create *watch folder source tasks* to continually monitor watch folders and submit files in real time, as they are written into the target folder. You can configure a watch folder to poll a local directory, or an FTP, network share/SMB, or Autodesk Wiretap server location.

Folders are continually monitored for activity for one year, with the timer restarting each time a new file is added; if there is no activity after a year, monitoring stops.

### To create a watch folder:

1. First add a bookmark.
2. Then select Media Browser > Add Bookmark (+).
3. Select the new, untitled bookmark to display it in the Inspector panel on the right. You can name the bookmark, specify the type of watch folder (Local Directory, FTP, Network Share (SMB), or Autodesk Wiretap), and manage its files in the Inspector panel. Naming is necessary only if you plan to save it in the Library. Just click the task to see its Inspector panel.
4. Once the bookmark is created and specified, drag it to the source task in a workflow to make it a watch folder.

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**Note:** Episode replaces the existing source when you drag and drop a new source folder onto the source task. If you drag and drop a file onto a file source, the new file is added to the file list. If you drag and drop a folder, a Watch Folder is created, replacing the previous source, if any.

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In summary, to encode multiple files using one workflow, you have two options. You can place all the files in a single watch folder where Episode will automatically pick them up and encode them. Or you can keep all the files in separate (non-monitored) folders and drag the individual files you want encoded into a source file list and manually submit them for processing.

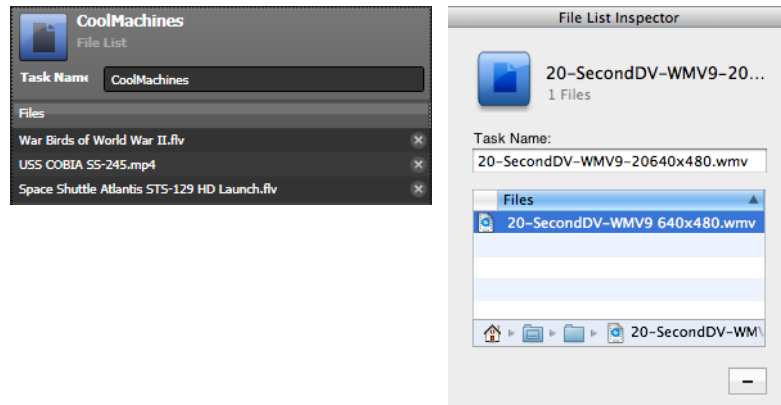


## Configuring a File List Source Task

To view/edit the details of a file list task:

1. Click the task in the workflow to select it and view its details in the Inspector panel.
2. Make changes in the Inspector. Changes are saved automatically as they are made.

File List Inspector Panel



The following options are available:

- **Task Name.** Enter a meaningful name in the text field.
- **Files.** To add files, you can drag and drop files from your bookmarks or the OS directly onto a file list task. You delete files from the task by selecting the file in the inspector's File list and clicking the delete (Minus/X) button.

## Configuring a Watch Folder Source Task

To configure or view a Watch Folder task in the inspector, click the source task in the workflow to display it in the Inspector panel.

Episode provides the following types of watch folders:

- [Local Watch Folder](#)
- [FTP, Network Share/SMB/Autodesk Wiretap Watch Folder](#)

## Local Watch Folder

**Task Name.** Enter a meaningful name in the text field.

### Local Watch Folder Inspector

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of the 'Watch Folder Inspector' interface, showing different task configurations.

**Left Screenshot (CaptureMedia Task):**

- Task Name:** CaptureMedia
- General:**
  - Watch folder: file://C:/Users/chuckp/Videos/C (with a 'Browse...' button)
  - Pick up present files: ☐
- Advanced:**
  - Adaptive Safety Threshold: Normal (dropdown menu)
  - Watch Folder Poll Interval (sec): 2
  - File Safety Delay (sec): 10
  - Recursion depth: 0
  - Retry Max Attempts: 40
  - Encode While Ingest: ☐
- File Filter:** (Empty text area)
- Workflow Success Actions:**
  - Remove source file: ☐
  - Move source file: (Empty text field with 'Browse...' button)
- Workflow Failure Actions:**
  - Move source file: (Empty text field with 'Browse...' button)
  - Stop other encodes: ☐
- Buttons:** Revert, Save As...

**Right Screenshot (Incoming Task):**

- Task Name:** Incoming
- General:**
  - Watch folder: Incoming (dropdown menu)
  - Pick up present files: ☐
- Advanced:**
  - Adaptive Safety Threshold: Normal (dropdown menu)
  - Watch Folder Poll Interval (sec): 2
  - File Safety Delay (sec): 10
  - Recursion depth: 0
  - Retry Max Attempts: (Empty text field)
  - Encode While Ingest: ☐
- File Filter:** (Empty text area with '+' and '-' buttons)
- Workflow Success Actions:**
  - Remove source file: ☐
  - Move source file: None (dropdown menu)
- Workflow Failure Actions:**
  - Move source file: None (dropdown menu)
  - Stop other encodes: ☐

## General

**Watch Folder.** Click to display the Media Browser dialog, and navigate and select a directory to monitor. Folders are monitored for activity for one year, with the timer restarting each time a new file is added; if there is no activity after a year, monitoring stops.

**Pickup Present Files.** Check to specify that files already present in the directory when the workflow is submitted for execution are encoded. If unchecked, only files added after starting the workflow are encoded.

## Advanced

**Adaptive Safety Threshold.** Select the threshold setting to adapt to the update behavior of the file system. Off: the Safe delay is strictly used. Normal and Double: Episode dynamically adapts the delay to the detected intervals between file updates. Use Double if the watch folder often submits unfinished files.

**Watch Folder Poll Interval.** Specify in seconds how often to check for new files in the watch folder.

**File Safety Delay.** Specify in seconds how long a file has to remain unchanged (file transfer is complete) before being submitted.

**Recursion Depth.** Set how many folder levels directly below the monitored directory to poll when searching for files to encode.

**Retry Max Attempts.** Set how many times to try to monitor the watch folder before failing. For example, your computer might be monitoring a Windows share, or an SMB folder, but your computer is disconnected from the network.

**Encode while ingest.** Check to encode TIFO streams from Telestream Pipeline.

**File Filter.** Click Add to add sets of filter criteria. Use the filter criteria drop-down menu and the text entry field to select a term to filter directories, files, or extensions in or out.

**Workflow Success Actions.** Set actions following a successful encode.

**Remove source file.** Check to delete the source files after encoding

**Move source file.** Set a directory where the source files are moved after encoding. Click to display the file system browser, and navigate and select a directory. If none is specified, the source files are not moved.

**Workflow Failure Actions.** Set actions following an unsuccessful encode.

**Move source file.** Set a directory where the source files are moved after failing to encode. Click to display the file system browser, and navigate and select a directory. If none is specified, the source files are not moved.

**Stop other encodes.** Stops all other encodes in this workflow.

## FTP, Network Share/SMB/Autodesk Wiretap Watch Folder

Add a bookmark pointing to a folder on an FTP server, network share, SMB, or Autodesk Wiretap location as follows:

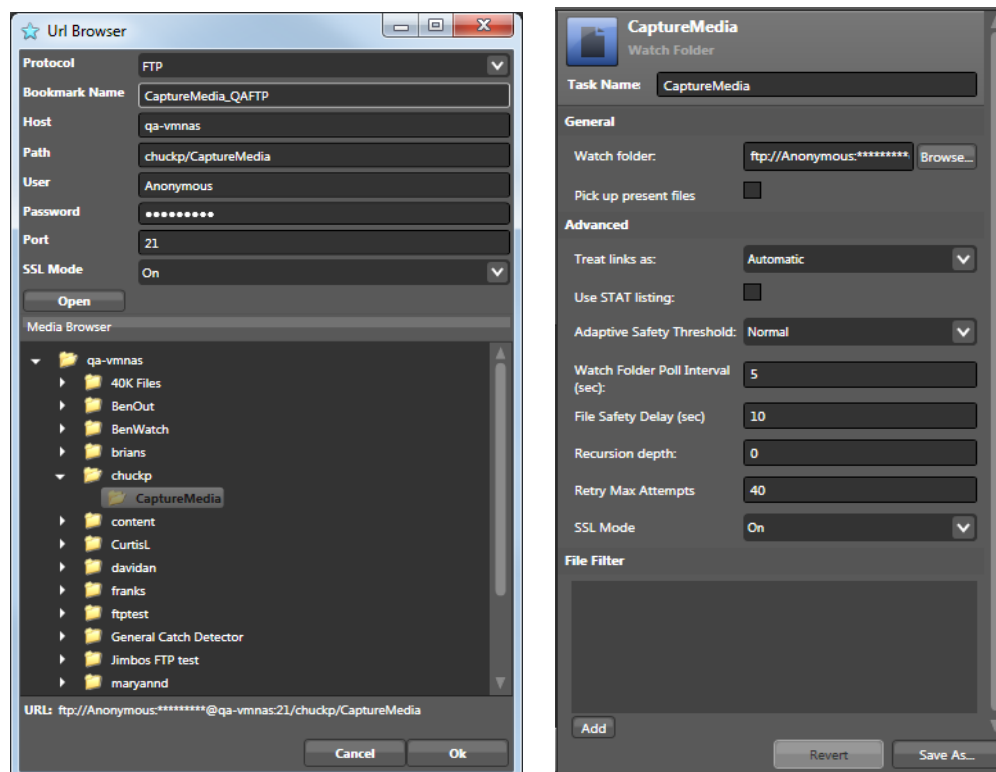
1. In the Bookmarks panel, right-click and select Add Bookmark.
2. In the URL Browser (Win) or Bookmark Inspector (Mac), make settings to access the bookmark location. Setting details are described below.
3. Click Save at the bottom of the inspector.

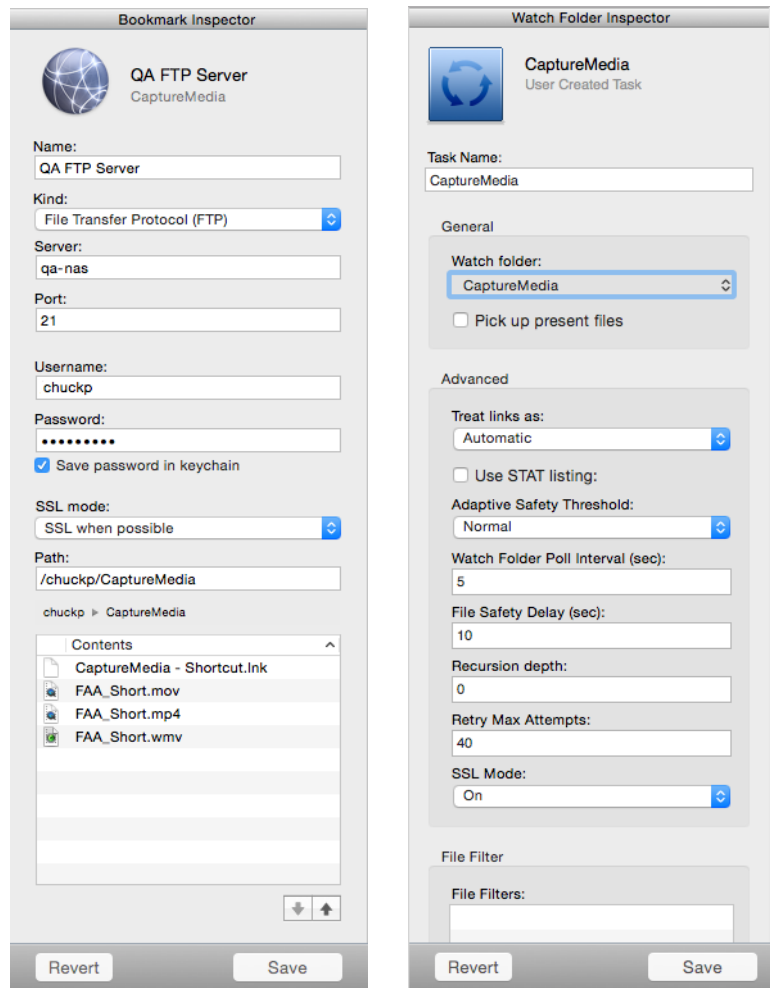
When you make the above settings and save them, you are saving the connection details for the bookmark. Episode can then access the remote folder when it runs a workflow that contains the bookmark as a Watch Folder.

### To add the bookmark as a Watch Folder follow these steps:

1. Drag the new bookmark to the Source icon in a workflow to create a Watch Folder for the bookmarked location.
2. Edit the settings in the Watch Folder Inspector for the new Watch Folder.

### FTP/Network Share (SMB)/Wiretap Server Watch Folder Setup





**Name.** Enter a meaningful name in the text field.

**Kind.** Select File Transfer Protocol (FTP) | Network Share (SMB) | Autodesk (Wiretap) from the popup menu.

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**Note:** When you select Wiretap, the Username, Password, and Save password controls are hidden.

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**Server.** Enter the name of the server. (or *localhost* if running on this computer.) Do not use slashes—just enter the server name. For example: *ftp.telestream.net*

**Port.** Enter the port number for the server. In most cases the default port is correct.

**Username (FTP/SMB only).** Enter the username of the FTP account you're using

**Password (FTP/SMB only).** Enter the password for this account, if any.

**Save Password in Keychain (Mac FTP/SMB only).** Check if you want Episode to save the password.

**Path.** Enter the path to the folder you want to watch. Start the path with a back slash (\).

**Save.** Click Save to save the bookmark settings. Once you click save, other settings display in the panel.

## General

**Watch folder**—use the browse button or directly edit the path to select the folder you want to watch.

**Pickup present files**—check this option if you want to pick up and process files already in the watch folder.

## Advanced

**Adaptive Safety Threshold.** This is an amount of time Episode automatically adds to the Safe Delay wait time to ensure that a file has been completely written to the watch location before encoding. Set to *Off* if you have a fast network or are working locally on a fast machine. Set to *Normal* for a typical network, and set to *Double* if the network tends to be slow or you have trouble with files being picked up and encoding attempted before the files are done being written.

**Watch Poll Interval (sec).** Enter the number of seconds Episode should wait between checks of the watch folder to detect new or updated files. The default is 2 seconds.

**File Safety Delay (sec).** Enter the number of seconds Episode should delay after detecting no changes in a new or updated file before encoding the file. This ensures the file is done being written before encoding.

**Recursion depth.** Set how many folder levels directly below the watched folder to poll when searching for files to encode.

**Retry Max Attempts.** Enter the successive number of times Episode should attempt to connect and properly process the folder before stopping.

**SSL Mode.** Enables or disables FTP Secure Socket Layer (SSL) for secure data transfer:

- Off—Disables SSL. All transmissions occur using an unencrypted FTP connection.
- On—Enables SSL encryption and falls back to a clear connection if SSL fails.
- Force Control—Enables SSL encryption and fails to connect if SSL fails.
- Force All—Enables SSL encryption and ensures that all traffic is encrypted.

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**Note:** Displaying network-accessible folders, and local folders containing significant volumes of files (for example, 100 or more) can take considerable time and network bandwidth. To prevent problems including failed jobs, consider setting the Watch Poll Interval to 10 seconds (or more as necessary), and increasing the File Safety Delay to 3 times the watch poll interval: In this example, 30 seconds.

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## Configuring Image Sequences

Episode Pro and Engine include the ability to encode numbered image sequences, such as those produced in compositing or animation, into a movie in virtually any video format available in Episode. This feature has been present in the command line for quite some time, and now it is available in the user interface as well.

These are the accepted image input file formats: DPX, TGA, TIFF, and JPEG. Formats cannot be mixed in the same job.

There are two methods for creating an image sequence workflow: (1) drag and drop a file in an existing sequence on the Source task in a workflow, or (2) set up a Watch Source task on a folder that will receive the sequence input files.

### To drag and drop an image sequence:

1. **Windows:** Select File > New > Source > Image Sequence.

**Mac:** Select File > New Task > New Source, and drag the Image Sequence from the Sources list to the Source task.

**Both:** Click Sources and drag the Image Sequence from the Sources list onto the Source task.

The Source task changes to Image Sequence and an untitled Image Sequence inspector panel opens.

2. Give the image sequence a Task Name and fill in the other inspector fields (see [Image Sequence Selections](#) below for details).
3. Drop an image from the sequence onto the workflow Source task.
4. Select and configure a video encoder in the workflow Encoder task.
5. Select and configure the workflow Deployment task for the output location.
6. Submit the workflow to start encoding the image sequence.  
Episode recognizes all the images in the sequence based on the numbering (all must be in the same folder) and processes them in the workflow.

### To create an image sequence Watch on a folder:

1. **Windows:** Select File > New > Source > Watch folder.

**Mac:** Select File > New Task > New Source > and drag the Watch Folder from the Sources list to the Source task.

**Both:** Click Sources and drag the Watch Folder source onto the Source task.

2. Check the Image Sequence option in the inspector panel, give the Watch Folder a Task Name, select the watch folder, and fill in the other inspector fields.
3. Select and configure a video encoder in the workflow Encoder task.
4. Select and configure the workflow Deployment task for the output location.
5. Submit the workflow to start watching the folder for image sequences.  
When image sequence files are dropped into the source folder, Episode processes them.

## Image Sequence Selections

**Task Name.** Names the task.

**Max sequence number increase.** Enables gaps in the sequence numbers. The default value is 1, meaning that one missing number in a sequence is treated as the end of the sequence. If set to another number, that number of sequence numbers must be missing to be considered the end of a sequence.

**Safety files.** Controls how many files after any given file need to be present in the sequence before processing of the file begins. This does not apply to the first file in a sequence. This only has practical implications if *Encode While Ingest* is enabled. Setting this to 0 (zero) may significantly decrease the time the encoder has to wait when the end of the sequence is reached, but depending on file system and file format, may result in errors. Default is 0.

**Frame rate.** Sets the video frame rate of the output media file.

**Encode while ingest.** Encodes files as they are ingested from a scanner or other device that produces an image sequence over time. Wait times between received files can be specified in the following wait fields.

**Encode while ingest waits (sec).** Specifies the number of seconds to wait before checking for a newly arrived file during encode while ingest. The default is 5 seconds.

**Encode while ingest number of waits.** Specifies the maximum number of times to wait for files during encode while ingest. The default is 5 times. If no files are received for 5 wait times, the sequence is ended. Assuming the defaults are used, the maximum is 5 waits times 5 seconds each for a total of 25 seconds.

**Images.** Lists the images selected for processing by the Image Sequence task.

**Revert.** Restores the Image Sequence settings to what they were before they were changed.

**Save As.** Saves the Image Sequence configuration to a file.



## Configuring an Encoder Task

The encoders task box only accepts encoders. An encoder defines how the source is to be transformed (encoded) by the codec using the settings you choose. You drag and drop preset encoders from the Encoders tab or from folder. In Windows, you can also create a new default encoder with the File > New > Encoder menu.

### To add encoders to a workflow:

You can drag and drop multiple encoders into a workflow. As you drag and drop them, they all connect to the source task. All files in the source are encoded with each encoder in the workflow.

You can also add a new, untitled encoder task to your workflow by selecting File > New (Task) > (New) Encoder (Mac: Command-N).

Because of the complexity of configuring an encoder task, it may be simpler and faster to select a similar encoder from the library and make changes in the Inspector.

### To view and change encoder settings:

Select the encoder and view its settings in the Inspector panel. In the Inspector, you can set Format options, including Container, Video Encoder, Audio Encoder, In/Out points (on your source file), Timecode to use, Intro and Outro, etc. When you're done, click Save As to save the encoder under a new name.

## Configuring a Deployment Task

*Deployment* tasks are similar to watch folders in that they reference directories, locally or on a server. Episode supports multiple deployments per encoder.

If you have several encoders, each of them has its own set of deployment tasks. Therefore, if you want all new files in the workflow to be saved in the same directory, you should add the same deployment to each encoder. Add the deployment task to one encoder, and then right-click (Win) or Control-click (Mac) on the deployment task and select Set as Deployment for All Encoders from the context menu.

### To deploy the output from a single encoder to multiple locations:

Drag and drop the appropriate deployment from the library near the right edge of the target encoder to connect it to the encoder.

### To view and change deployment settings:

Select the deployment and display the Inspector panel.

## Setting Workflow Priority

You can set workflow processing priorities so some workflows process ahead of others.

### To set workflow processing priority (-10 to 10):

Use the slider, or enter the value in the field to the left of the Submit button. (Currently-executing jobs are not affected.)

## Previewing Workflow Outputs

The Preview feature takes a sample from the middle of your input media file and encodes a small portion of the file using the current workflow to give you a quickly encoded output sample. You can examine the sample to ensure the workflow is producing the results you desire.

To generate a preview sample file, follow these steps:

1. Completely configure your workflow as desired, including all filters.
2. On Windows, click the workflow Encoder to set it as the focus.
3. Select *View > Preview (Win)* or *Window > Generate Preview File (Mac)*.

A Preview window () opens and shows progress as Episode produces a workflow output sample file. The output file is placed in the default folder specified in your *Preferences > General* settings. Repeated previews cause incrementing of the preview file name to prevent overwriting the file.

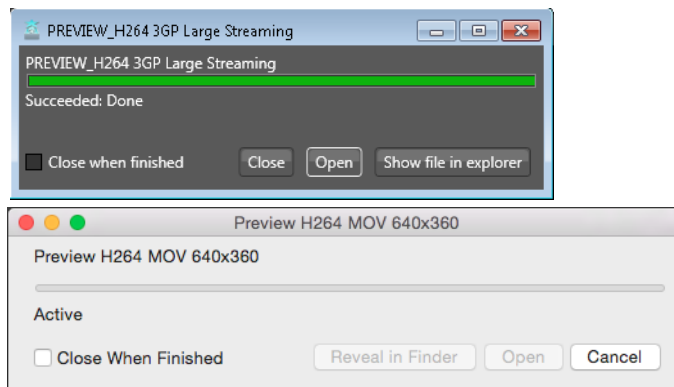
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**Note:** Preview jobs are submitted with the highest priority. However, if existing jobs are already in process, preview jobs may be delayed until the processing jobs finish.

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4. Click the *Open* button to open the output file in your default video player, or click *Show File in Explorer (Win)* or *Reveal in Finder (Mac)* to see the file in its folder.

### Preview Window

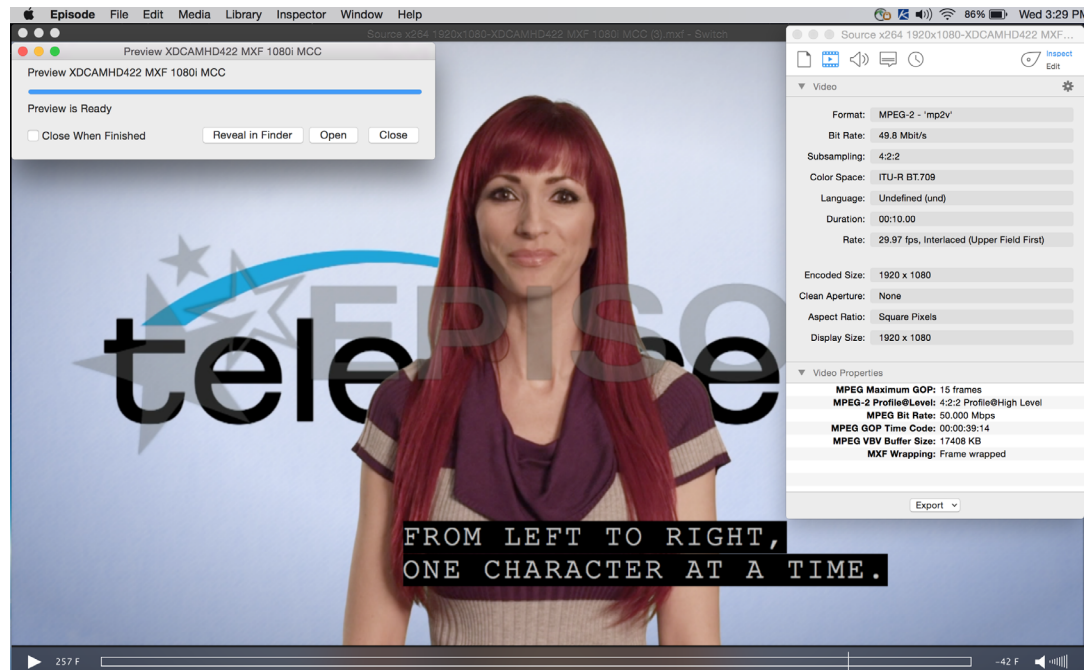


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**Note:** Episode uses your computer's default video player for viewing Preview outputs. To preview outputs, download and install a video player of your choice and set it up in your OS to open the video file types you need to view.

Telestream's Switch player (<http://www.telestream.net/switch/overview.htm>) integrates smoothly with Episode, as shown in the following figure where Switch is used to preview captions processed using Episode.

### Preview of Captions Processed in Episode, Displayed in Switch



## Submitting Workflows

Workflows do not begin encoding media until they are submitted for processing.

### To submit media for processing:

1. Display the workflow you want to use in the Workflow panel. (Make sure it is saved).
2. Click Submit to submit it for processing. You can also select (Win) Tools > Submit Workflow or (Mac) select File > Submit Workflow (Command-R).

If this workflow has a file list as a source, the files are queued and each is encoded as soon as other jobs ahead of it are complete, or there is a free slot in the cluster you are attached to. If the source is an watch folder, the job is activated, and encoding is performed whenever there are files to be processed in the watched folder.

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**Note:** You may notice the Submit As MBR selection in the Tools, File, and context menus. This submits a job to produce a streaming multi-bit-rate output. However, workflows for streaming outputs must follow certain configuration requirements. For a complete procedure to create a streaming media workflow and submit it, see this topic at the end of this chapter: [Creating an MBR Streaming Media Project](#).

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# Using the Inspector Panel

The right-most panel is the *Inspector panel*. The *Inspector* displays configuration details about selected items and enables you to change their settings.

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**Note:** You can only change user items, not system-defined items.

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The Inspector panel's title and contents change as you select different objects, allowing you to review and configure the settings of the selected object—a bookmark, a library resource, or a task in your workflow. For example, when you select a bookmark, the Inspector displays details for the bookmark, including its name and file path. When you select an encoder in the library or the workflow, the Inspector displays the details about the selected encoder, such as specifics and selections regarding the format, video, and audio. You can also enter metadata, or set up a Split-and-Stitch job.

Split-and-Stitch (at the bottom of the Inspector panel when an encoder is selected) allows you to distribute processing of a long source clip to multiple computers in your Episode computer cluster. By allowing multiple computers to work simultaneously on a piece of the clip and then stitch it back together into a single clip when they are done, processing time can be sped up greatly.

The Split-and-Stitch subpanel allows you to set the minimum duration of a clip before Split-and-Stitch will be used and also set the maximum number of video splits or pieces to divide the clip into.

## To use the Inspector:

Select the workflow task, bookmark, or file you want to inspect, and the display automatically changes to show the appropriate Inspector view in the right panel. On the Mac, the Inspector panel can be hidden or revealed by clicking the Inspector icon (top right) or by selecting Inspector > Show/Hide Inspector (Command-I).

## To save an edited item in the Inspector:

After you edit an item, you can save changes by clicking the Save/Save As button at the bottom of the panel or selecting the Save Task As context menu—right-click (Win) or Control-click (Mac). On the Mac you can also use the File > Save All menu. If you change your mind before saving it, just click the Revert button—this restores the item to the last saved version (if the workflow or task was previously saved).

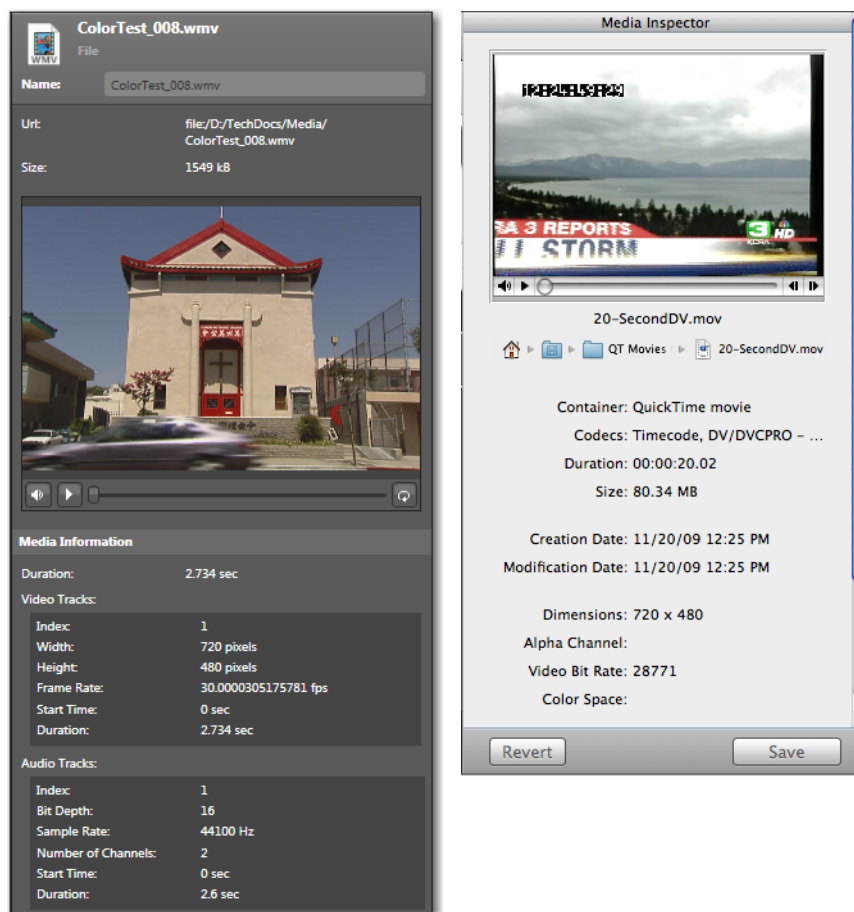
These topics describe the Inspector panels

- [Using the Media Inspector](#)
- [Configuring Source Tasks](#)
- [Configuring Encoder Tasks](#)
- [Configuring Deployment Tasks](#)
- [Configuring Closed Captions](#)

## Using the Media Inspector

The Media Inspector displays when you navigate to and select a media file in the Media Browser. The Media Inspector provides a preview player, and displays an icon when you are previewing media with only an audio track, along with file details. If Episode cannot load the selected file, it displays an error message.

### Media Inspector Panel



The Media Inspector provides the following fields and controls:

### File Information

The name, path or URL, size, duration, and other details about the file you're inspecting are displayed.


Video and audio track details are also displayed. This information can assist you in applying filters, and setting up encoding configurations.


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**Note:** FTP and Wiretap sources are not analyzed.


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## Player Controls

**Audio Volume** . Hover over the speaker icon to the left of the scrubber to display the audio volume control. Drag the volume control button to decrease or increase volume. On Windows, you can mute the volume by clicking the speaker icon (a red icon appears over the speaker); click the speaker again to turn the audio back on (red disappears).

**Play/Pause** . Click the Play button to preview the file at normal speed; click it again to pause it.

**Scrub**  . Drag the scrubber button to move forward and backward in the file.

**Loopback (Win)** . Click the Loopback button (to the right of the play bar) to loop the file back to the beginning at the end of the preview; click it again to disable loopback.

**Forward/Reverse (Mac)** . Click or hold down the forward or reverse button to advance or reverse the video for as long as the button is held down.

## Configuring Source Tasks

Source task configuration for file lists consists only of setting the name and saving the task in the Inspector. For local and network watch folder source tasks, more options are available.

To configure source tasks, click the source task in the Workflow window. The Inspector displays the available options:

**Task Name.** Enter a name for the task before saving.

### General

**Watch Folder.** Use the browse button or directly edit the path to select the folder you want to watch.

**Pickup present files.** Check this option if you want to pick up and process files already in the watch folder.

### Advanced

**Adaptive Safety Threshold.** This is an amount of time Episode automatically adds to the Safe Delay wait time to ensure that a file has been completely written to the watched location before encoding. Set to *Off* if you have a fast network or are working locally on a fast machine. Set to *Normal* for a typical network, and set to *Double* if the network tends to be slow or you have trouble with files being picked up and encoding attempted before the files are done being written.

**Watch Poll Interval (sec).** Enter the number of seconds Episode should wait between checks of the monitor source folder to detect new or updated files. The default is 2 seconds.

**File Safety Delay (sec).** Enter the number of seconds Episode should delay after detecting no changes in a new or updated file before encoding the file. This ensures the file is done being written before encoding.

**Recursion depth.** Set how many folder levels directly below the monitored directory to poll when searching for files to encode.

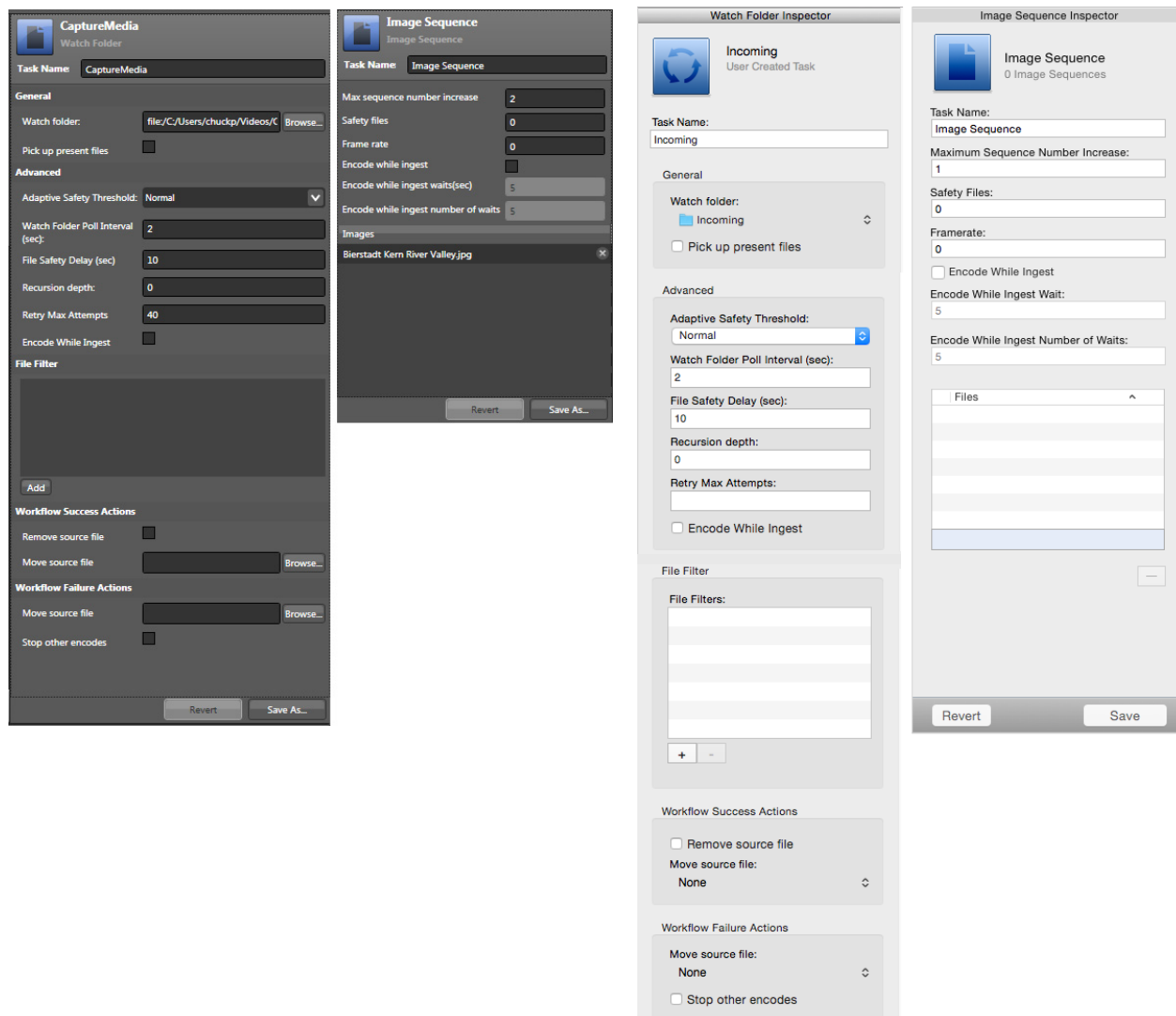
**Retry Max Attempts.** Enter the successive number of times Episode should attempt to connect and properly process the folder before stopping.

**Encode While Ingest.** Use this option with Telestream Pipeline to encode TIFO files as they are being written to disk. To use this feature, you must have your Pipeline delivering its content in a TIFO container to the same location being monitored by Episode.

**File Filter.** Click Add/+ to add sets of filter criteria. Use the filter criteria drop-down menu and the text entry field to select a term to filter directories, files, or extensions in or out. Many filter terms are available, including *contains*, *is equal to*, *begins with*, *ends with*, the converse of each of those terms, and so on.



## Source/Watch Folder and Image Sequence Inspector Panels



### Workflow Success Actions

Configure these options to specify how to operate on the source file after the workflow completes successfully:

**Remove Source File.** Check to delete the source file.

**Move Source File.** Use Browse to specify a location for copying the source file.

### Workflow Failure Actions

Configure these options to specify how to operate on the source file if the workflow fails on any action:

**Move Source File.** Use the popup menu to specify an optional location for copying the source file.

**Stop Other Encodes.** Check to stop other encodes in the same workflow.

**Delete picked up source files (Mac).** Choose this option if you want Episode to delete the source files after encoding completes.

**Move picked up files to (Mac).** Choose this option if you want Episode to move files to a new location after encoding. This can be very handy if you want to ensure you keep already-encoded files separate from files waiting for encoding.

**Revert.** Select this option before saving to restore the selections in this panel to the last saved state before the most recent changes.

**Save/Save As.** Select to save changes. On Windows, a dialog allows you to save only the task or the entire workflow.

## Image Sequence

If the source task is an image sequence, the following selections are presented:

**Task Name.** Names the task.

**Max sequence number increase.** Enables gaps in the sequence numbers. The default value is 1, meaning that one missing number in a sequence is treated as the end of the sequence. If set to another number, that number of sequence numbers must be missing to be considered the end of a sequence.

**Safety files.** Controls how many files after any given file need to be present in the sequence before processing of the file begins. This does not apply to the first file in a sequence. This only has practical implications if *Encode While Ingest* is enabled. Setting this to 0 (zero) may significantly decrease the time the encoder has to wait when the end of the sequence is reached, but depending on file system and file format, may result in errors. Default is 0.

**Frame rate.** Sets the video frame rate of the output media file.

**Encode while ingest.** Encodes files as they are ingested from a scanner or other device that produces an image sequence over time. Wait times between received files can be specified in the following wait fields.

**Encode while ingest waits (sec).** Specifies the number of seconds to wait before checking for a newly arrived file during encode while ingest. The default is 5 seconds.

**Encode while ingest number of waits.** Specifies the maximum number of times to wait for files during encode while ingest. The default is 5 times. If no files are received for 5 wait times, the sequence is ended. Assuming the defaults are used, the maximum is 5 waits times 5 seconds each for a total of 25 seconds.

**Images.** Lists the images selected for processing by the Image Sequence task.

**Revert.** Restores the Image Sequence settings to what they were before a change.

**Save As.** Saves the Image Sequence configuration to a file.

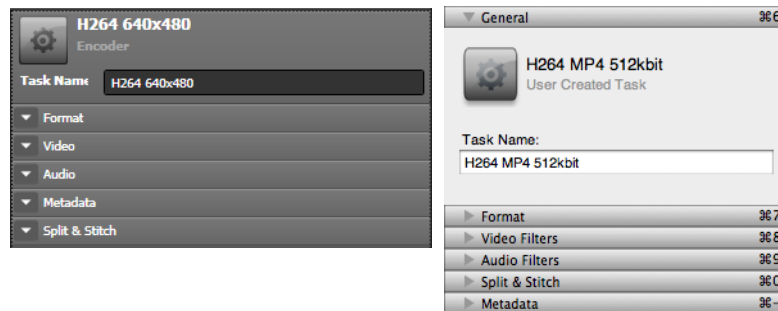
## Configuring Encoder Tasks

Encoder tasks include five main categories of configuration that you can edit in the Inspector panel: Format, Video Filters, Audio Filters, Split-and-Stitch, and Metadata. These categories are presented in expandable subpanels.

To view a subpanel:

Click the triangle next to it. To close an expanded subpanel, click the triangle again.

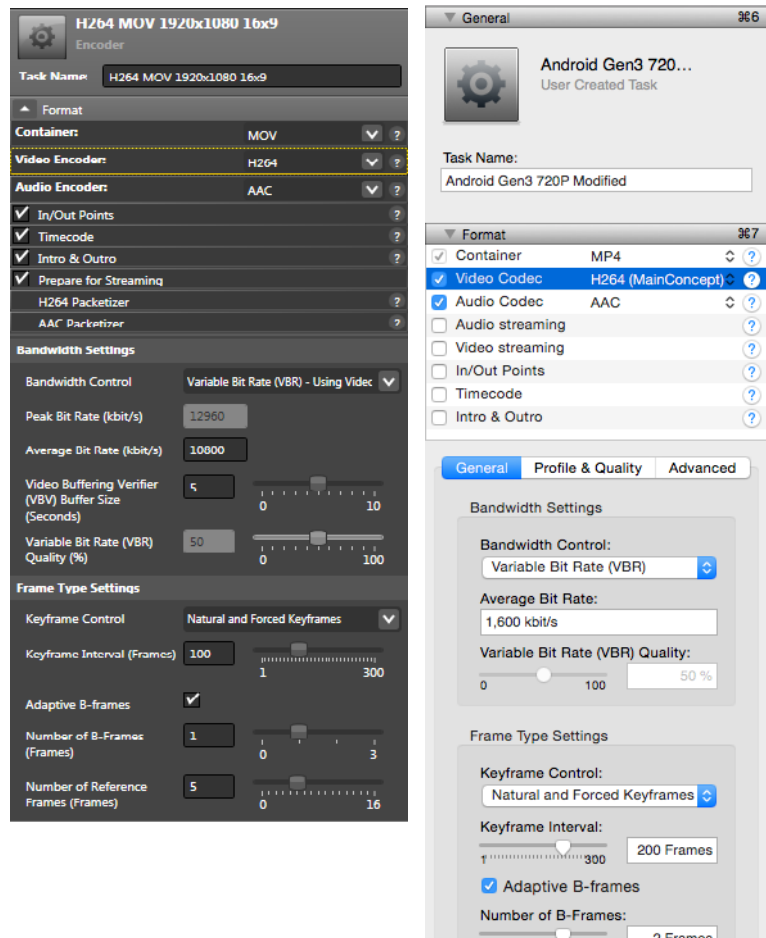
### Encoder Inspector Panel



Each subpanel includes extensive selections, including check boxes and data entry fields that provide comprehensive control over the encoding process. Some of the subpanels contain additional subpanels that can be expanded further to provide access to more configuration selections and adjustments.

For details explaining the details of each selection for each encoder, refer to the file formats, video and audio codec, and filter chapters later in this guide. The following figure provides an example of a partially expanded Encoder Inspector panel, and the following topics present a summary description of each panel.

## Partially Expanded Encoder Inspector Panel



The following topics describe Encoder task configuration:

- [General Panel](#)
- [Format Panel](#)
- [Setting In/Out Points](#)
- [Configuring Timecode](#)
- [Adding Intro & Outro Clips](#)
- [Using Video Filters](#)
- [Using Audio Filters](#)
- [Enabling Split-and-Stitch](#)
- [Adding Metadata](#)

## General Panel

The General panel at the top only includes the encoder's name, which you can change and then save using the Save/Save As button at the bottom of the Inspector to create another variation of an item.

## Format Panel

The format panel organizes and displays the following categories:

### Container.

Select the container format of the output file from the dropdown list. The container format you select determines which video and audio are available. Container settings are listed and described in detail in [Media Containers/Formats](#).

**Video Encoder (Codec).** Select the video codec for any video tracks in the output file. If you uncheck the box, even if video is present in the input file, no video tracks are added to the output file.

When you choose the Pass Through option, the video stream is inserted into the output file untouched, provided that the format is supported in the output container format you selected. For video codec settings, see [Video Codecs](#).

**Audio Encoder (Codec).** Select the codec for any audio tracks in the output file. If you uncheck the box, no audio tracks are added to the output file.

When you choose the Pass Through option, the audio stream is inserted into the output file untouched, provided that the format is supported in the output container format you selected. For audio codec settings, see [Audio Codecs](#).

**Prepare for Streaming (Win), Audio/Video Streaming (Mac).** These selections display only when streaming is supported. For media formats (with video/audio codecs) that can be streamed (sent out in real time from a server), check these selections to enable the output file from Episode to be streamable.

MOV and MPEG-4 streaming media require special *hint tracks* that tell the streaming server how to packetize the media for transmission.

Streaming settings are listed by container in [Media Containers/Formats](#).

Container and codec combinations that can be streamed:

Supported Streaming Containers and Codecs

Container	Video and Audio Codecs
3GPP	H.263, H.264, MPEG-4, AAC, AMR
3GPP2	H.263, H.264, MPEG-4, AAC, AMR
MPEG-4	H.264, MPEG-4, AAC
MOV	H.263, H.264, MPEG-4, AAC, AMR

## Setting In/Out Points

Check the In/Out Points option to set the encoding in and out times when you only want to encode a segment of the source into the output file.

### In/Out Points Settings



**In/Out Points.** Set the in and out times to only encode a segment of the source. Timecode is specified as follows:

- Windows: <hours>:<minutes>:<seconds>:<hundredths sec>
- Mac: <hours>:<minutes>:<seconds>;<frames>

In Windows, nondrop-frame notation is the default (indicated by a colon between seconds and hundredths of seconds fields). Click the colon to change it to a semicolon, and use drop-frame notation. Click again to change it back.

On the Mac, drop-frame notation is the default (indicated by a semicolon between seconds and frames fields). Click the semicolon to change it to a colon, and use non-drop-frame notation. Click again to change it back.

### To enter the entire In/Out point timecode:

Click once to select it and type in the timecode without colons. You can enter each value segment manually by clicking directly on a segment to select it and type in the numbers. Or you can adjust the number using the up/down arrows to the right of the field. Note that you can set in/out points only if the source files contain valid timecode.

If you provide a value without colons, the number is parsed as if there were a colon between each pair. For example, 125 is interpreted as 00:00:01;25 because it is treated as one second and 25 frames; 175 is interpreted as 00:00:03;15 because it is treated as one second and 75 frames, which overflows the frames segment twice over, resulting in 1 second plus 2 seconds and 15 frames or three seconds and 15 frames total.

On a Mac, you can specify the frames per second, or leave the default, which is 29.97.

## Configuring Timecode

If the source file has a timecode track, the timecode track is automatically added to the output file (providing the selected container format supports timecode).

If you want a different timecode track starting value than is in the source or the source has no timecode track and you want a timecode track in the output (providing the selected container format supports timecode), check *Timecode* and set the starting timecode value. (If you are adding QuickTime timecode to the MOV format, you also need to check *Add QuickTime Timecode Track* in the MOV container settings.)

## Timecode Settings



**Time Code.** Enter a time code in the format HH:MM:SS:HS/FF to set the starting time for the timecode track. Windows uses hundredths of a second (HS) in the last position, and Mac uses frames per second (FF).

For formats that do not support a timecode track, you can combine the timecode filter with the burn timecode filter to add the timecode directly to the video track, rather than as a separate timecode track. This enables you to use timecodes in *any* file format. See [Burn Timecode Filter](#).

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**CAUTION:** The burn timecode filter permanently changes the video. Once the timecode has been added to the video it cannot be removed.

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## Adding Intro & Outro Clips

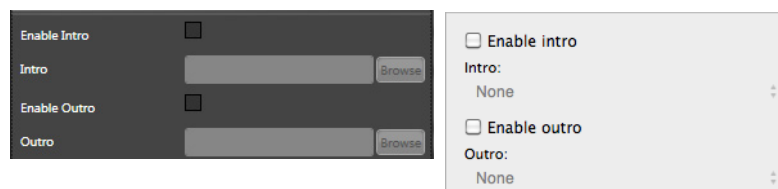
To add Intro and Outro clips to your output file:

Check the intro and outro selection and choose from the revealed settings.

Intro and outro clips (bumpers and trailers) are added before and after the main source media. They are set to the same format, size and frame rate as the output file but are not otherwise transformed. In particular, they are not de-interlaced if the output is progressive and vice versa.

These clips must have video and audio tracks corresponding to the video and audio tracks of the output. For example, output with both video and audio requires clips with both video and audio, but video-only output does not require audio tracks in the clips.

## Intro & Outro Settings



## Using Video Filters

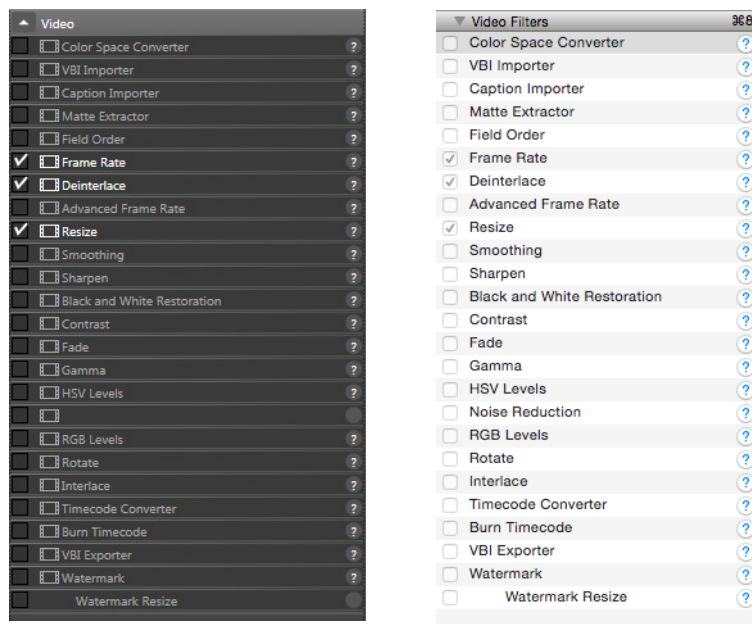
You can implement video filters to affect the video in various ways: changing its size, frame rate, color, or other metrics. Video filters are applied to baseband video after decoding.

The video codec encodes the video after all video filters have been applied, and may entail additional changes.

You can apply one or more video filters to your video. However, be certain that you understand when and how to use a filter; some filters are not appropriate for certain video formats, and some video filter combinations are not appropriate.

Video filters (when enabled) are applied in the order they are listed in the inspector.

### Video Filters Panel



Check a video filter to apply it. Next, click on it to select it and display its settings in the edit panel at the bottom, and configure the settings to meet your needs. Episode automatically saves your settings.

You can undo and redo changes to a setting by selecting Edit > Undo | Redo.

For details about video filters, see [Video Filters](#).

## Using Audio Filters

You can implement audio filters to affect the audio track in various ways: changing its volume, speed, sample rate, or other metrics. Like video filters, audio filters are also applied in the order they are listed in the inspector. Audio filters are applied to baseband audio after decoding.

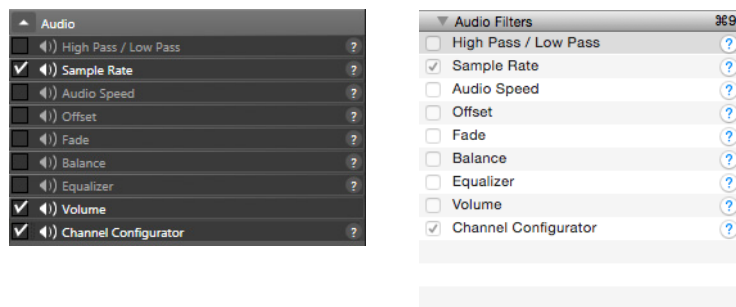
The audio codec encodes the audio after all video filters have been applied, and may entail additional changes.

You can apply one or more filters to your audio. However, be certain that you understand when and how to use a filter; some filters are not appropriate for certain audio, and some audio filter combinations are not appropriate. On the Mac, audio filters are applied in the order in which they are listed in the inspector.

For details about audio filters, see [Audio Filters](#).



## Audio Filters Panel



## Enabling Split-and-Stitch

This feature is available when you have a license for Episode Engine. In a Split-and-Stitch job, the source is split into a number of segments that are encoded in parallel on all available nodes in your cluster. The resulting output segments from multiple computers are then stitched back together to form a single final output file. This method spreads the processing load and greatly reduces the total transcoding time.

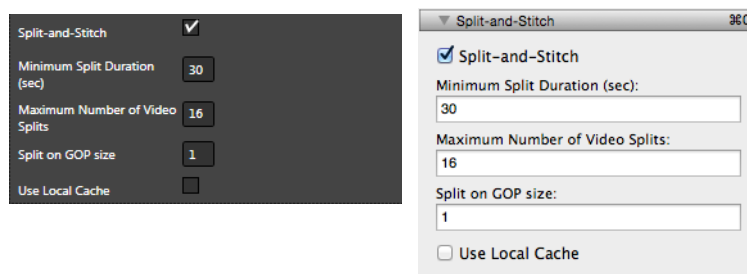
**Note:** Some video formats cannot be processed using Split-and-Stitch. These formats are automatically encoded as a regular job even if you specify Split-and-Stitch. Also, 3GP, MP4, and MOV files cannot be processed using Split-and-Stitch when audio or video streaming is enabled.

In Split-and-Stitch jobs, deployment tasks execute on the same server as the stitch task. This is done to minimize network file transfer inefficiencies. The only way to disable this feature is to use the XML/RPC interface.

### To enable Split-and-Stitch jobs:

Expand the panel and check the Split-And-Stitch option. For details, see [Getting Started](#).

## Split-and-Stitch Panel



**Minimum Split Duration.** Enter an integer value (in seconds) to specify the minimum size of split segments (default: 30). The minimum allowed duration is 9 seconds; the maximum is 3600.

**Maximum Number of Video Splits.** Enter an integer value to specify the maximum number of video split segments (default: 16). The minimum number of video splits is 2; the maximum is 32.

**Split on GOP Size.** Enter a number that evenly divides the number of frames in a Group of Pictures (GOP) for the media you are processing. This will produce a clean split between GOPs rather than in the middle of a GOP for media that is sensitive to where a split occurs. For example, if each GOP in your media contains 12 frames, set this number to 12. The default setting is 1, which allows a split to occur at any position.

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**Note:** This feature does not work with the Advanced Frame Rate Filter. Also note that this feature does not control the GOP size, which is set using settings in the codec. Codec settings are made separately when you select an encoder for your workflow.

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### **Limitations of Split-and-Stitch**

Split-and-Stitch does not support video and audio streaming. If video or audio streaming is activated, Episode ignores Split-and-Stitch (if selected) and performs a regular encode. Similarly, Split-and-Stitch requires files to have timestamps or durations specified; if not, Split-and-Stitch is ignored and a regular encode is done.

## Adding Metadata

Metadata is information *about* a file, such as copyright information, source file names, creation date, etc. Many media formats have data fields for metadata. Each format supports different metadata fields. The inspector automatically identifies the available fields for the output format and displays them.

### Metadata Panel

Key	Value
Album:	
Artist:	
Author:	
Comment:	
Copyright:	2010
Creation Date:	
Description:	
Director:	
Disclaimer:	
Edit Date:	
Genre:	
Host:	
Information:	
Original Source:	
Performers:	
Producer:	
Software:	
Time Code Frame:	0
Time Code Hour:	0
Time Code Keep Source:	1
Time Code Minute:	0
Time Code Second:	0
Title:	
Writer:	

The edit panel displays a Key column (left) and a Value column (right). The Key column displays available metadata tags. They are disabled until you enter a value in the corresponding Value field. Double-click to activate the text field and enter your value. Fields for which you have not entered a value are not added to the output file.

## Configuring Deployment Tasks

You can configure Deployment tasks to write your output files to local directories, FTP servers, or network share/SMB servers.

In addition to user-created deployments, Episode provides three different system deployments you can use in your workflows.

- [User Deployments](#)
- [System Deployments](#)
- [Configuring User and System Source/Desktop Deployments](#)

### User Deployments

You can configure your user deployments to set their names, set their destinations, and determine whether to increment file names with an added numeral as new deployments with the same name are created or allow new deployments to overwrite existing deployment files.

### System Deployments

Episode provides several predefined (or system) deployments.

#### Same As Source and Desktop Deployments

A Same As Source deployment uses the source directory as the output directory for a workflow, hence, the name, Same As Source. A desktop deployment places workflow outputs on the desktop.

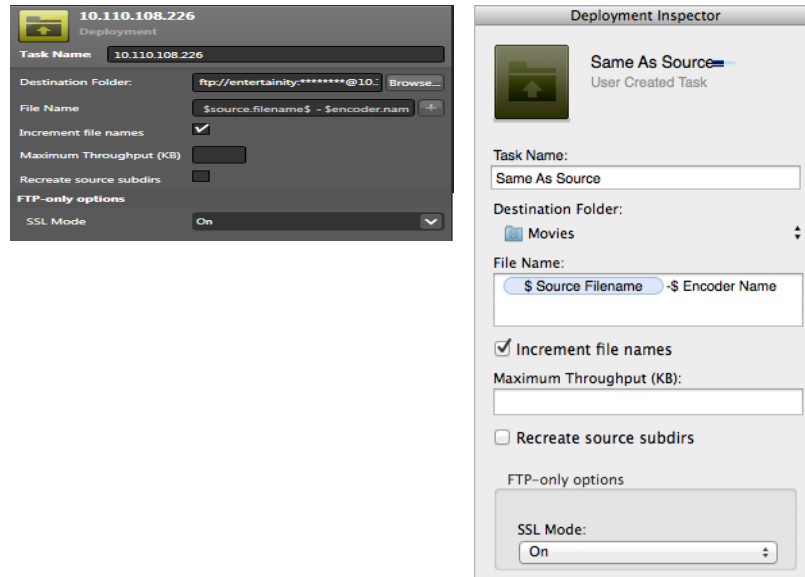
#### To implement a Same As Source or Desktop deployment task:

Display the Library panel, select the Deployments tab and navigate to System Deployments. Drag and drop the desired deployment resource onto the Deployment task template to create a new copy of the task so you can configure it.

## Configuring User and System Source/Desktop Deployments

To configure a deployment, select it in the workflow or in the library. If you select a deployment from the library, you must save it as a new task before you can edit it.

### Example Deployment Task



**Task Name.** Enter a meaningful task name.

**Destination Folder.** You can navigate to select the location where you want output files saved. By default this is the same as the source, or the desktop, depending on which deployment you use.

**File Name.** Use this field to enter text (and optionally, variables) to define how the output file name is to be constructed.

- **Windows:** To display a menu of variables, click the + icon. Click a variable to select it. To delete a variable, click to the right or left and use Delete or Backspace.
- **Mac:** To display a menu of variables, enter \$ in the File Name text field. Double-click a variable or use the arrow keys plus Tab or Return to select a variable. To delete a variable, select it and press Delete.

If you don't provide any text or variables, Episode generates the file name in this format: *source file base name + Workflow ID*. For example, *Original\_File\_Name-9045-3AA6-4FAD-A1BC-29DA158082*. If you only enter text, the file name is the name you enter.

File Name variables and dynamic file name variables are listed in the tables below in red for Windows, blue for Mac, and black for both.

#### File Name Variables (Win and Mac)

Variable	Description
<b>\$source.filename\$</b> \$ Source File Name	Base name of the source file submitted to the job.
<b>\$source.extension\$</b> \$ Source File Extension	Extension of the source file submitted to the job.
<b>\$workflow.submission-name\$</b> \$ Submission Name	Workflow that processed the job.
<b>\$workflow.submission- client\$</b> \$ Submission Client	Computer from which job was submitted.
<b>\$workflow.submission- host\$</b> \$ Submission Host	Master node in the cluster.
<b>\$encoder.name\$</b> \$ Encoder Name	Name of encoder that processed the job.
<b>\$encoder.input-duration-s\$</b> \$ Input Media Duration(s)	Input file length, expressed as seconds.
<b>\$encoder.input-duration-hms\$</b> \$ Input Media Duration(hh-mm-ss)	Input file length, expressed in timecode format.
<b>\$encoder.input-pixel-dimensions\$</b> \$ Input Media Dimensions(pixel)	Input file frame size, expressed in pixels.
<b>\$encoder.input-samplerate\$</b> \$ Input Media Samplerate	Input file sample rate, in frames per second.
<b>\$encoder.output-bitrate-kbps\$</b> \$ Output Bitrate(kbit/s)	Output file bitrate, expressed in kbits/second.
<b>\$encoder.output-bitrate-mbps\$</b> \$ Output Bitrate(Mbit/s)	Output file bitrate, expressed in Mbits/second.
<b>\$encoder.output-duration-s\$</b> \$ Output Media Duration(s)	Output file length, expressed as seconds.
<b>\$encoder.output-duration-hms\$</b> \$ Output Media Duration(hh-mm-ss)	Output file length, expressed in timecode format.
<b>\$encoder.output-pixel-dimensions\$</b> \$ Output Media Dimensions(pixel)	Output file frame size, expressed in pixels.
<b>\$encoder.output-samplerate\$</b> \$ Output Media Samplerate	Output file sample rate, expressed in frames per second.

## File Name Variables (Win and Mac)

Variable	Description
<code>\$deployment.name\$</code> \$ Deployment Name	Name of deployment action that processed the job.
<code>\$source.name\$</code>	The root of the source filename.
<code>\$source.type\$</code>	The suffix of the source filename.
<code>\$source.parent-dir-name\$</code>	The directory of the source file.
<code>\$source.grandparent-dir-name\$</code>	The second-level directory of the source file.
<code>\$uuid\$</code>	The UUID of the job.
<code>\$uuid.uppercase\$</code>	The UUID, converted to all upper-case letters.
<code>\$uuid.lowercase\$</code>	The UUID, converted to all lower-case letters.
<code>\$workflow.id\$</code>	The ID of this workflow.
<code>\$workflow.name\$</code>	The name of this workflow.
<code>\$workflow.spawn-time\$</code>	The time this workflow job started.
<code>\$workflow.submission-time\$</code>	The time this workflow job was submitted.
<code>\$workflow.template-id\$</code>	The ID of the template for this workflow.

## Dynamic File Name Variables

Variable
<code>\$dynamic.time\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.hr-time\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.year.YY\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.year.YYYY\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.month.name\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.month.short-name\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.month.MM\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.day.name\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.day.short-name\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.day.DD\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.hours.HH\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.minutes.MM\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.seconds.SS\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.hostname\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.node-id\$</code>
<code>\$dynamic.platform\$</code>

**Increment File Names.** When checked, output files with the same filename are suffixed by an incrementing integer. For example, if the first file is *File-encoder.mov*, the 2nd is *File-encoder (1).mov*, the 3rd is *File-encoder (2).mov*, etc. If unchecked, files encoded with the same output filename overwrite the existing file without warning.

**Maximum Throughput (KB).** When throttling is required, enter the value in kilobytes, for the maximum amount of data to transmit per second. Some FTP sites require a maximum throughput, for example.

**Recreate Source Sub-directories.** When checked, output files are written to the output directory in the same path as the source, including any intervening subdirectories, thus, retaining the source subdirectory structure in the output directory as well.

### **FTP-only options**

**SSL Mode.** Enables or disables FTP Secure Socket Layer (SSL) for secure data transfer:

- Off—Disables SSL. All transmissions occur using an unencrypted FTP connection.
- On—Enables SSL encryption and falls back to a clear connection if SSL fails.
- Force Control—Enables SSL encryption and fails to connect if SSL fails.
- Force All—Enables SSL encryption and ensures that all traffic is encrypted.



## Configuring Closed Captions

The Inspector is used to configure closed captioning. Closed captioning works with ordinary workflows as well as Split-and-Stitch. Captions may be passed through if they are already embedded, or they may be embedded during encoding from an scc or mcc file.

These output formats and video codecs support closed captioning:

- MXF (AS-11, Op1a, XDCAM) container
- MPEG-2 codec
- H.264 (MainConcept) and H.264 (x264) codecs

The following topics explain how to configure closed captioning.

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**Note:** Closed caption configuration is done in four places: the Container, the Video Encoder, the VBI Importer Video Filter, and the Caption Importer Video Filter. Take care to set each one correctly in order to produce a successfully captioned output.

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### Adding Captions from a File (.scc or .mcc)

Episode can import .scc or .mcc caption files and embed their closed captioning data in the transcoded output. Caption files of the .scc type will add EIA-608 SD captions. MacCaption or CaptionMaker files of the .mcc type will add both EIA-608 SD and EIA-708 HD captions. Ideally, the source media file and .scc or .mcc files should both include QuickTime timecode starting at 00:00:00:00, but even if timecode is not present, Episode assumes the 00:00:00:00 starting point and processes the job anyway. (To add timecode starting at 00 to the source, you can pre-process it in Episode and use the Timecode selection in the Format menu.)

The caption data from the .scc or .mcc file is inserted into the user data of the MPEG-2 or H.264 output files.

#### To import a .scc or .mcc caption file:

1. Create a workflow to encode a media file into one of the formats supporting captions: MXF Container, MPEG-2 Video Encoder, or H.264 Video Encoder.
2. Select *Video Filters* in the Inspector.
3. Select the [Caption Importer Filter](#).
4. Use the *File* menu in the Caption Importer to browse, select, and import a .scc or .mcc caption file. Captions from the file will be embedded during encoding.

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**Note:** Because you must explicitly specify a file (and not a file variable), you must select the file in the filter each time you run the caption import workflow.

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5. Enable captions in the encoded output by making one or both of these selections:
  - To add the captions to an MXF container file, select the container, and check *Add Ancillary Closed Caption Track*.
  - To add the captions to an MPEG-2 or H.264 video bitstream, select the Video Codec and ensure Closed Captioning is set to *Same As Source*. (Since this is the default setting, you won't actually have to change anything.)

## Passing Through Captions Embedded in the Source

Episode allows EIA-608, EIA-708, or SCTE-20 captions already embedded in the source media vertical blanking interval (VBI) or user data to be passed-through to the transcoded output. Settings depend on the source format:

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**Note:** Episode cannot pass through embedded closed captions from MOV sources.

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### To pass captions embedded in an MXF or MPEG-2 source:

1. Create a workflow to encode the source file containing captions into a format supporting captions: MXF Container, MPEG-2 Video Encoder, or H.264 Video Encoder.
2. No input Video Filter settings are required. The captions will automatically pass through to the output.
3. Enable captions in the encoded output by making one or both of these selections:
  - To add the captions to an MXF container file, select the container, and check *Add Ancillary Closed Caption Track*.
  - To add the captions to an MPEG-2 or H.264 video bitstream, select the Video Codec and ensure Closed Captioning is set to *Same As Source*. (Since this is the default setting, you won't actually have to change anything.)

### To pass captions embedded in a source *other than* MXF or MPEG-2:

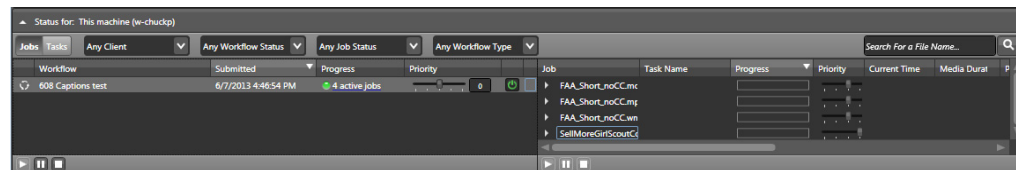
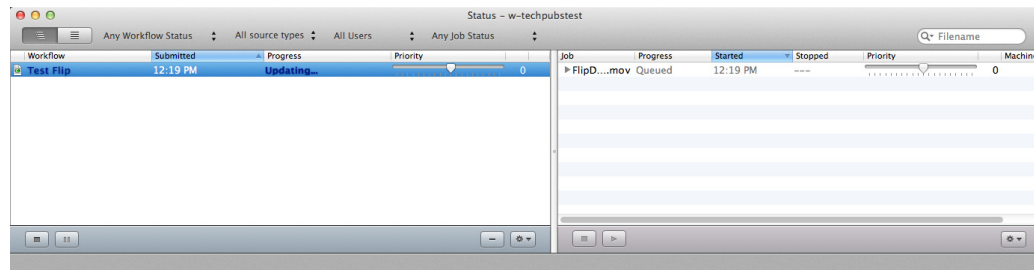
1. Create a workflow to encode the source file containing captions into a format supporting captions: MXF Container, MPEG-2 Video Encoder, or H.264 Video Encoder.
2. Select the VBI Importer Video Filter, and check *Decode Captions*. When set to *Automatic* (the default), this will detect and extract the caption data on the input for embedding in the output. Instead of using *Automatic*, you have the option of setting decoding to *Manual* and selecting the vertical blanking line number that contains the caption data.
3. Enable captions in the encoded output by making one or both of these selections:
  - To add the extracted captions to an MXF container file, select the container, and check *Add Ancillary Closed Caption Track*.
  - To add the captions to an MPEG-2 or H.264 video bitstream, select the Video Codec and ensure Closed Captioning is set to *Same As Source*. (Since this is the default setting, you won't actually have to change anything.)

For details about caption outputs, see these format and codec descriptions: [MXF AS-11 \(.mxf\)](#), [MXF Op1a \(.mxf\)](#), [MXF XDCAM \(.mxf\)](#), [MPEG-2 Codec](#) or [H.264 \(x264\) Codec](#).

# Using the Status Panel

The Status panel displays the status of jobs in queue and in execution on the current cluster. Depending on your preferences settings, the status of previously executed jobs may also be displayed, optionally subject to an age limit. See [Setting Preferences](#).

## Status Panel



The Status panel opens automatically whenever you submit a workflow for processing. To open the Status panel, (Win) click the Status menu icon in the lower left corner of the Workflow Editor, or (Mac) select Show Status (Command-3) from the Window menu.

The Status panel includes a job/task list on the left, and the status of the specific selected job on the right. Each side includes multiple information columns that can be rearranged by clicking and dragging.

Using controls at the bottom of the panel, you can start, stop, or pause workflows and resubmit the selected job. You can also delete workflows, copy workflows to the Workflow Editor, or expand and collapse job details.

## Left Side Status Display

The left half of the Status panel lists workflows being processed and displays their status. The Status panel includes buttons and menus along the top of the panel that allow you to organize and filter the workflows and jobs you want to see.

### To change the status view:

Using the *Jobs* and *Tasks* buttons in the upper left corner, you can select between showing a hierarchical view with workflows on the left and their job details on the right, or a full-width listing of all individual tasks.

**To filter what is displayed:**

Using the top drop-down menus, you can filter the display to only display jobs with a given submitter, workflow status, or job status. In a hierarchical view you can expand the detail view to display the component tasks of each job in the workflow and their status.

The order of jobs or tasks can be sorted by clicking any of the column headings. Click once to reverse the order and again to restore the original order. Note that if you have specified two-pass encoding, Episode cycles the progress bar twice—once for each pass.

**To stop, pause, resume:**

The Status panel lets you control encoding on the node. In the lower left corner there are *Stop* and *Pause* buttons. They only affect the currently selected workflow/job. You can also use the context menu (right click) to pause, resume, or stop the selected workflow/job (or delete the selected workflow).

Note that when you pause a queued workflow to postpone its execution, it still occupies a slot on the cluster, and blocks execution of other jobs in that slot. (Slots in general correspond to a CPU core on a node, so you typically have multiple slots on each node.)

You can change workflow execution priority by selecting the workflow in the list on the left and adjusting the Priority slider. (On Windows, you can also enter a new priority number in the field next to the slider.) If you want to leave a workflow running but stop it from picking up any more files for processing, click the Stop button next to the Priority slider.

To open the selected workflow in the Workflow Editor on Windows, right-click and select *Open/Recall* (Command-O). On a Mac, select the gear-shaped icon in the lower right corner, and select Copy to Workflow Editor.

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**CAUTION:** If jobs are currently processing, do not change the system date and time, as this can cause the job to fail.

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**Left Panel Status Selections**

The following selections are available in the left jobs panel. Each column label can be clicked to sort the jobs list.

**Jobs/Tasks.** Selects between a split display, showing a list of jobs on the left and tasks on the right, or a single display showing everything.

**Client/Machine.** Selects whether to show jobs running only on this machine or on all visible client machines.

**Workflow Status.** Filters the job display based on workflow status—any (all) workflows, running workflows, successful workflows, failed workflows, or pending workflows.

**Job Status.** Filters the job display based on job status—any (all) jobs, running (active) jobs, successful (completed) jobs, failed jobs, or pending/idle jobs.

**Workflow Type.** Filters the job display to show watch folder workflows, manually submitted workflows, or any workflows.

**Workflow column.** Lists workflow names.

**Submitted column.** Lists date and time submitted for each job.

**Progress column.** Shows a progress description for each job.

**Priority column.** Shows a priority setting for each workflow, ranging from -10 to +10. Adjust the slider or enter a number to change the priority.

**Start/Stop button column.** Click to start or stop the selected (highlighted) job.

**Resume/Pause/Stop (bottom buttons).** Use these player-like controls to restart, pause, or stop activity on the selected (highlighted) job.

## Right Side Status Display

The right side displays the detailed job status of the workflow you select on the left. Column headings and bottom panel start, stop, and pause controls work the same as they do for the left side display with the addition of a Requeue Job button for resubmitting jobs to the queue.

The right side status panel includes a search field for entering specific file names whose status you want to find and view.

### To view status details:

The right side columns display the Job and Task Name and show processing Progress and Priority, as well as helpful information about Current Time spent processing, when the job started (Start time), when it ended (End time) if it has ended, the length of the output media file (Media Duration), how many times the job has attempted to run (Attempt), the machine the job ran on, who submitted the job, and how long the encoding task took to run (Task Duration).

### Right Panel Status Selections

The following selections are available in the right tasks panel. Each column label can be clicked to sort the tasks list.

**Search.** Allows entering and searching for a task by file name.

**Job.** Lists tasks based on task file name and task type.

**Task Name.** Lists the names of tasks

**Progress.** Shows the current progress for each task.

**Priority.** Shows the priority of each task.

**Current Time.** Shows how much time has been spent so far processing each task.

**Pass.** Indicates whether each task has passed or failed.

**Start time.** Shows the time each task was started.

**End (Stop) time.** Shows the time that each completed task was finished.

**Media Duration.** Shows the length of the transcoded output file for each task.

**Attempt.** Shows how many times the task has attempted to complete.

**Machine.** Shows which machine the task is running on or has run on.

**Submitter.** Lists who submitted the associated workflow.

**Task Duration.** Shows how long the task took to complete.

**Resume/Pause/Stop/Requeue Job (bottom buttons).** Use these player-like controls to restart, pause, or stop activity on the selected (highlighted) job. The Requeue Job button resubmits the job to the queue to repeat processing.

## Using the Cluster Window

The Cluster Browser is a window that displays all Episode nodes on the network, and their relationship (if any) with each other. The Cluster Browser window allows you to view, create, and join Episode clusters to take advantage of multiple computers for features such as Split-and-Stitch.

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**Note:** You can set cluster processing behavior in Preferences. See [Setting Preferences](#).

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The Cluster Browser displays all Episode clusters and nodes visible on the network.

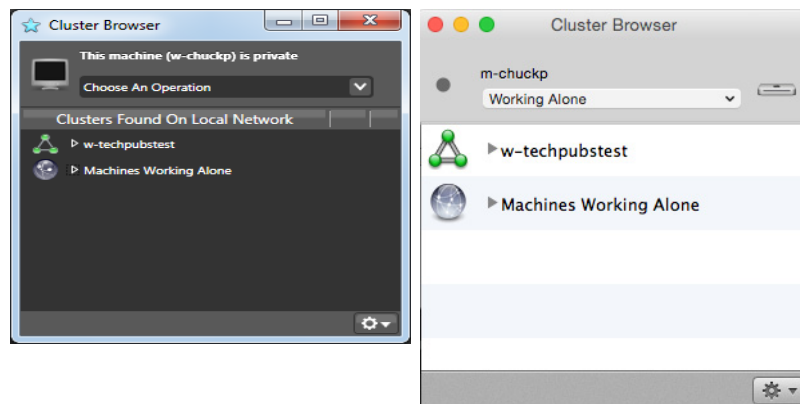
To display the cluster browser:

- Windows: Open the cluster browser with View > Cluster Window (Control-2).
- Mac: Select Windows > Show Cluster Browser (Command-4).

To display the Cluster Browser window:

- Windows: View > Cluster Browser
- Mac: Window > Cluster Browser

### Cluster Browser



A cluster is a named collection of computers with Episode installed that work together to process Episode workflows. Each instance of Episode running on a computer is called a node. You can define a cluster temporarily to process a specific large job, or you can create clusters and leave them in operation for long periods.

Use the drop-down menu to create clusters, join existing clusters, specify the master of a cluster (the I/O server), or specify that your machine is working alone. The Cluster Browser displays the existing clusters, and clicking their popup menus displays the machines in the cluster.

Each cluster item can be expanded to display the nodes in that cluster.

A list of Machines Working Alone, indicates nodes that are not members of any cluster.

To manage clusters using the drop-down menu:

**Operate Alone.** Handle all jobs locally.

**Create Cluster.** Create a new cluster with the current node as master.

**Submit to selected cluster.** Submit to a cluster, but do not receive submissions.

**Join Cluster.** Join the selected cluster to submit to and receive from a cluster.

## Join or Submit by IP or Host Name

To join or submit to clusters by IP address or DNS host name (for hosts not on your local subnet), click the gear menu in the lower right corner and select Join or Submit:

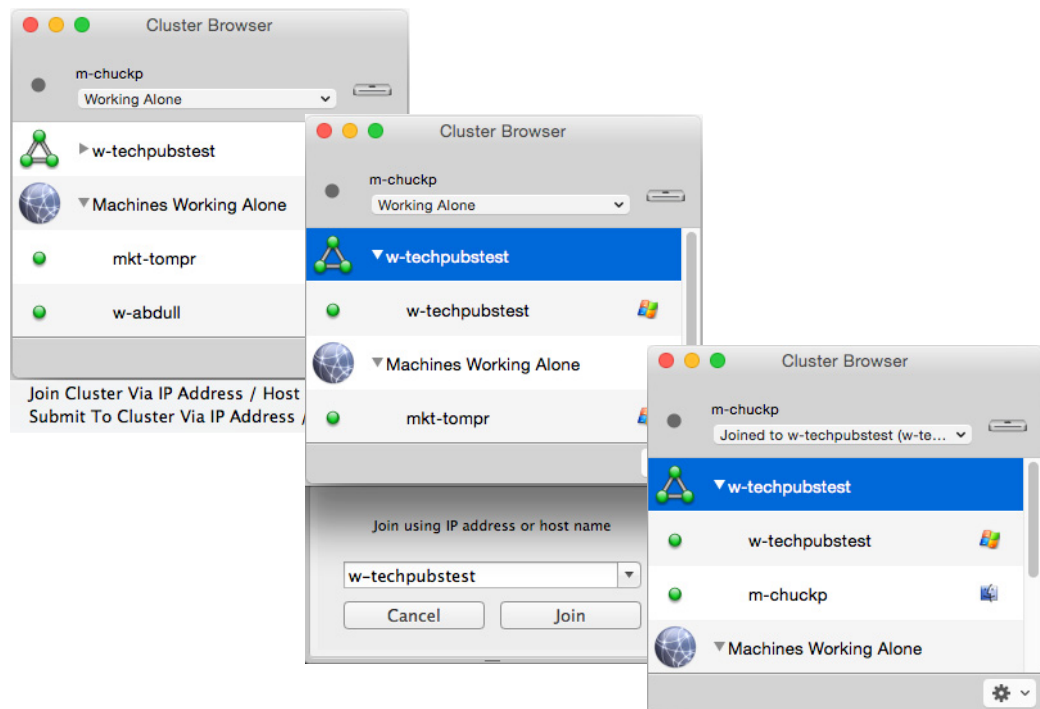
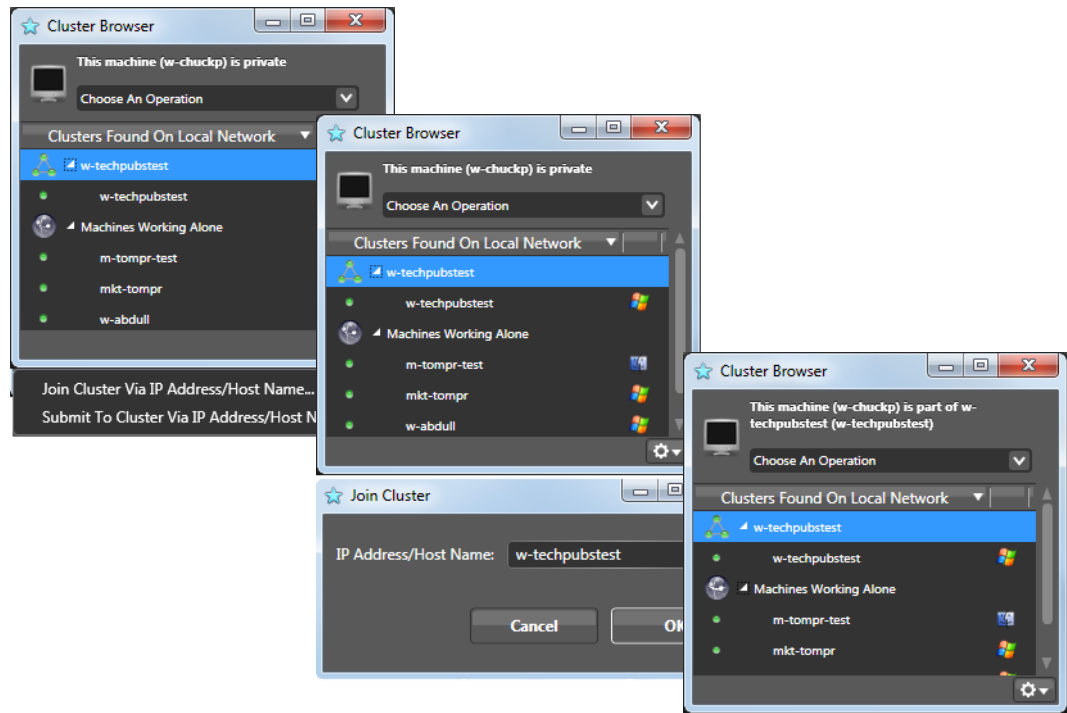
**Join Cluster Via IP Address/Host Name.** Select this option and enter an IP address or a DNS host name to join the specified cluster, allowing you to submit jobs to or receive jobs from the cluster.

**Submit To Cluster Via IP Address/Host Name.** Select this option and enter an IP address or DNS host name for the master of the cluster. This will allow you to submit jobs to the specified cluster, but you will not receive any jobs from the cluster.

After you join or submit, the Cluster Browser window indicates that you are joined to or submitting to a cluster. To return to working alone, use the top drop-down menu to select Operate Alone (Win)/Work Alone (Mac). The Cluster Browser window indicates working alone/privately.



## Cluster Browser Join by IP or Name (Submit is similar)



## Using Named Storage

The Named Storage feature allows you to define a storage location, such as a SAN, with a user-configurable name so that the same physical location can be used across Mac and Windows platforms even though the local path to that storage is different on each machine. Named Storage can be used within a cluster to permit access to files by multiple machines of either platform belonging to the cluster. Named Storage is a more efficient way to access storage because it is a direct path and bypasses the IO Server in a cluster, helping to prevent the IO Server from becoming a bottleneck.

You can implement Named Storage using the Episode menus, or the command line interface (CLI) commands. This guide describes the menus in the Episode window. For detailed instructions on using the CLI, please refer to the *Episode Advanced User's Guide*.

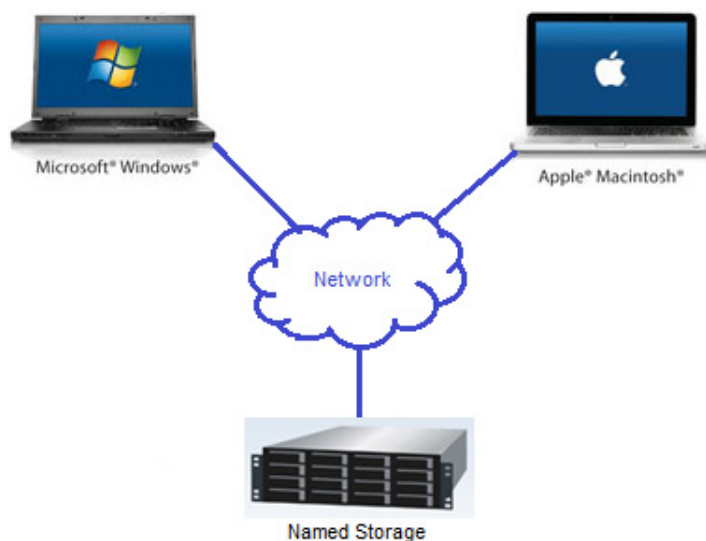
### Named Storage Simple Example

Windows Machine1 accesses a media location on a SAN using a windows path S:\

Mac Machine2 accesses the same location using a mac path /Volumes/MediaSAN/

In order for Episode to recognize both locations as the same physical storage, the Named Storage feature can be used. You specify a common storage name, that is, the same storage name to be used on each machine. The common name corresponds to the same physical storage location, but each machine reaches that location using a different path.

When the common name is used to access storage from a particular machine, the system matches the common storage name with the actual path to the storage for that machine so that the files can be moved to or from storage using that path.

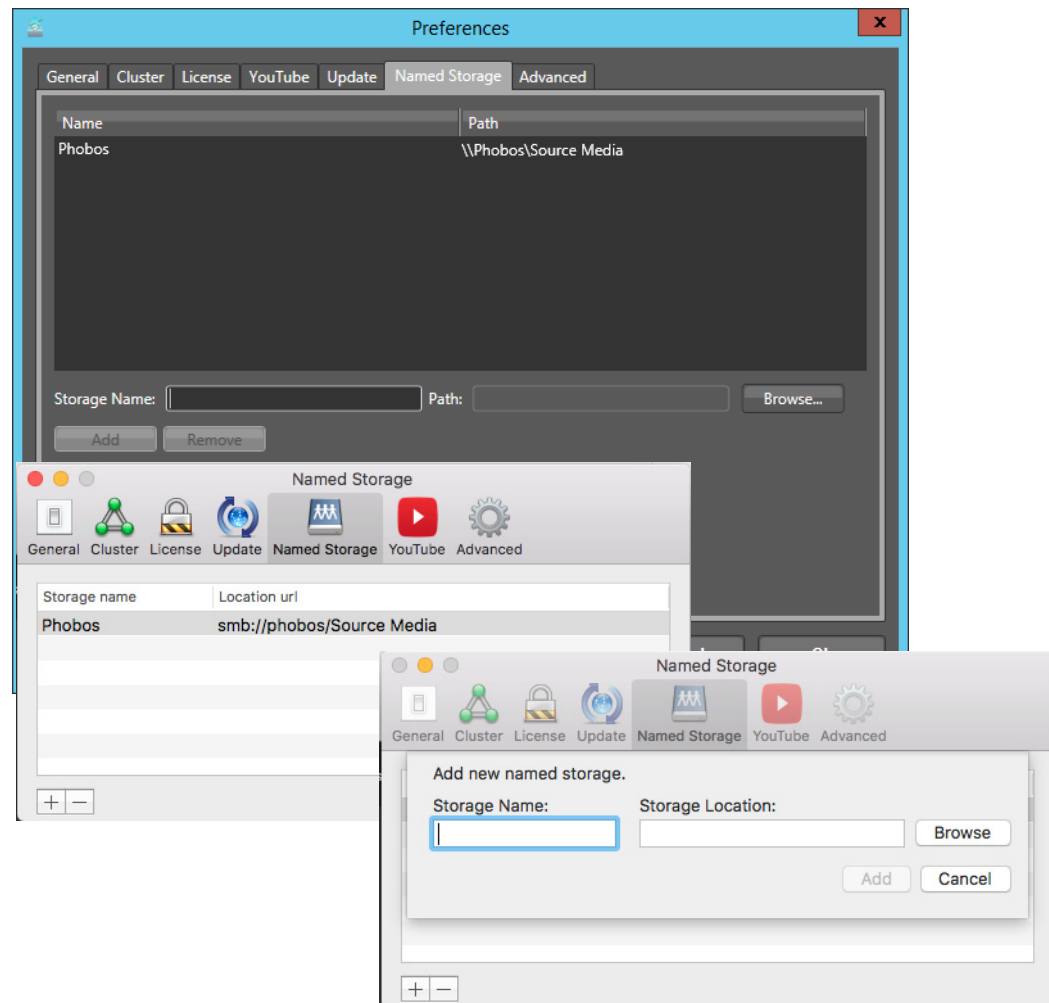


The following steps explain how to implement Named Storage for your Episode computers. The steps assume that there are two example machines, one Windows and one Mac. You can use the same steps for any number of machines. Just change the example storage name to the storage name of your choosing, and change the example paths to the paths your machines use to access the storage. Even if all machines use the same path, Named Storage ensures faster access to the common storage location.

To configure Named Storage:

1. Open the Preferences window (in the Win Tools menu or the Mac Episode menu).
2. Select Named Storage.
3. On Windows, just start typing in the fields.  
On a Mac, click + to open a window for adding new named storage.
4. Enter the common name in the Storage Name field, and enter or browse for the path to the storage for this machine in the Storage Location field.
5. Click Add to add the new Named Storage (or Cancel to abandon the add).

### Named Storage Addition



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**Note:** Make sure Episode is launched and running on each affected computer. If you need to add new named storage to an existing cluster, you must take down the cluster first and ensure that all machines are working alone. Then you can add new named storage to each machine, create a new cluster, and join or submit to cluster all the machines that you want to include in the cluster.

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That's all you need to do. Episode on both machines will now be able to access the SAN using the different paths that each requires.

You can apply this same process to as many Episode machines as you may have in your facility to enable all of them to directly access the Named Storage device.

To remove Named Storage:

1. Click the storage you want to remove to highlight it in the list.
2. Click Remove (-). The selected storage is immediately removed.

# Setting Preferences

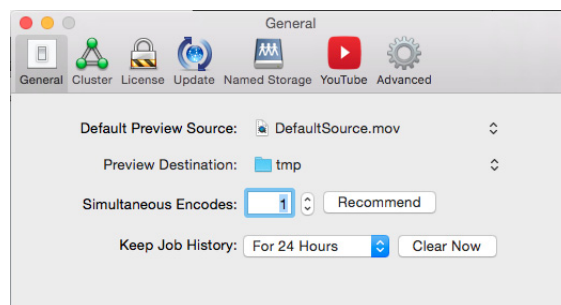
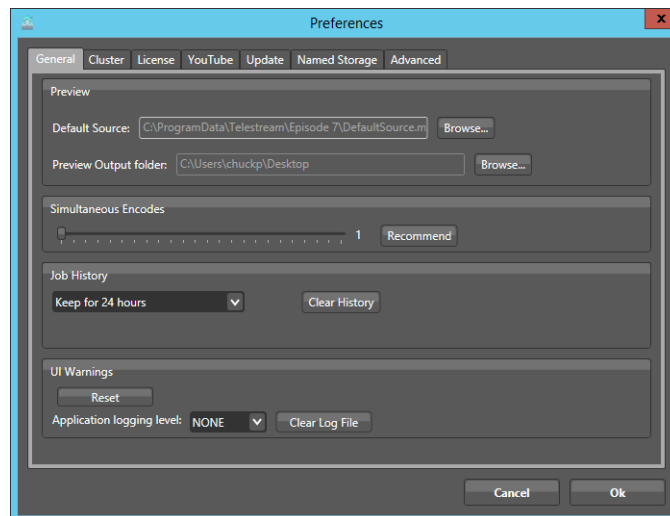
Select Tools > Preferences (Win) or Episode > Preferences (Mac) to display the Preferences window. The Preferences window has several tabs: General, Cluster, License, Update, and Advanced.

- [Using the General Tab](#)
- [Using the Cluster Tab](#)
- [Using the License Tab](#)
- [Using the Update Tab](#)
- [Using the Named Storage Tab](#)
- [Using the YouTube Tab](#)
- [Using the Advanced Tab](#)

## Using the General Tab

Use the general tab to set up preview options, specify the number of simultaneous encodes, specify job history retention, and reset user interface warnings.

### Preferences—General Tab



**Preview—Default Preview Source.** Click Browse to navigate and select the source to display in the Preview window.

**Preview Output/Destination Folder.** Enter or browse to the location where you want preview output files placed.

**Simultaneous Encodes.** Use the slider to set the number of jobs that can execute in parallel on this platform (node). Higher license levels can encode more simultaneous jobs. With the Engine license, Episode can encode up to 32 simultaneous jobs.

The number of jobs you can run efficiently in parallel is independent of the number of cores available in the host machine. In a transcode, each component (file parser, decoder, filter, encoder and exporter) runs separately and can use separate cores. Consequently, a typical HD ProRes transcode to H.264 can use 4 or 5 cores or more.

Calculating the optimal number of jobs to run in parallel depends on several factors:

- **Cores:** Always run fewer jobs than you have hardware cores.
- **Memory:** For HD jobs you need at least 2GB of memory per job.
- **Resolution:** If you are coding smaller (lower resolution) files, you can run more jobs in parallel than if you run HD or 4K jobs.

To determine the optimum number of parallel jobs to specify for a typical batch, see how long the batch takes using the number recommended by Episode. Then first increase and then decrease the number of parallel jobs to pinpoint the best setting.

**Recommend.** Click to allow Episode to set the number of simultaneous encodes to the volume considered best for this platform. The maximum number of simultaneous encodes are also controlled by your license level.

**Keep Job History.** The Status window displays submitted jobs in queue, executing, and also for a given period after they have finished. See [Using the Status Panel](#).

Select how long you want to keep job history information from the options in the dropdown menu:

- Keep for 1 hour (Win)
- Never (Mac)
- Keep for 24 hours
- Keep for 1 week
- Forever (Mac)—retains history until manually deleted
- Clear Manually (Win)—retains history until manually deleted

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**Note:** On the Mac, when *Keep Job History* is set to *Never*, sometimes users are allowed to recall invalid workflows because episode retains the workflow entry in the status window after the workflow finishes. Attempting to recall a workflow will cause the workspace to become blank, since the workflow information no longer exists. To avoid this problem, follow these steps:

1. Set *Keep Job History* to *Never* in Preferences.

2. Change *history-keep-time* from 3600 to 0 in the ClientProxy xml, located at:  
/Users/[user name]/Library/Application Support/Episode/.
  3. Restart services.
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Job history is cached locally on each node. When you connect to a cluster the master node of that cluster transfers the job history to you.

**Clear History/Now.** Click to permanently remove the job history information. Deleting the job history on a cluster's master node makes the earlier history unavailable to new nodes, but existing local history caches are retained until purged on those nodes.

The following are Windows-only controls:

**UI Warnings—Reset.** Click to reset the user interface warnings to the factory default settings, so that they start displaying again.

**Application Logging Level.** Select the level at which you want logging to be active. When a level is selected, all events at that level and above will be logged.

None—Nothing logged.

Fatal—Only errors that cause Episode to crash.

Error —Standard errors, such as workflows failing etc.

Warn—Any warnings that workflows generate.

Info—General events, minor errors, and state changes pertaining to normal operation of Episode and workflows.

Debug—All levels of errors, warnings, and events are logged.

**Clear Log File.** Click to permanently delete the entries in the log file. The log file is located at `C:\Users<user name>\AppData\Local\Telestream\episode_log.txt`.

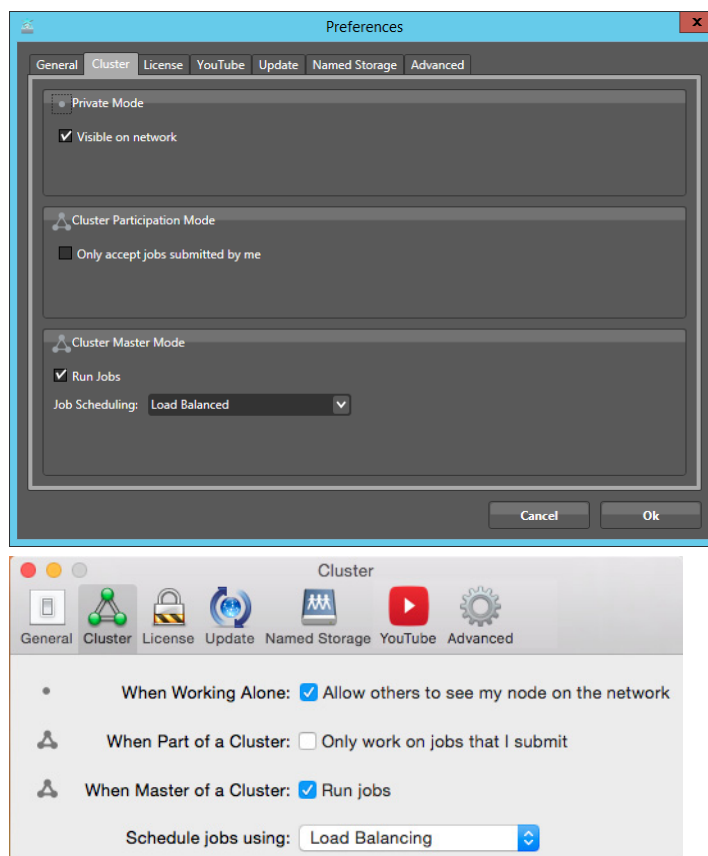
For more information see [Edit Menu](#), Technical Support Information.

## Using the Cluster Tab

Use the Cluster tab to set up cluster operational preferences.

**Note:** When operating as part of a cluster, deployment tasks always execute on the same server as the encode task in the job. In Split-and-Stitch jobs, deployment tasks execute on the same server as the stitch task. This is done to minimize network file transfer inefficiencies. The only way to disable this feature is to use the XML/RPC interface.

### Preferences Window—Cluster Tab



#### Private Mode—Visible on network (Win)

#### When Working Alone—Allow others to see my node on the network (Mac).

When your node is not part of a cluster, check to make this node visible in the cluster browsers of other nodes.

#### Cluster participation mode—Only Accept Jobs Submitted By Me (Win)

#### When Part of a Cluster—Only work on jobs that I submit (Mac).

When your node is part of a cluster, check to enable this node to submit jobs to other nodes in the cluster, but only accept submissions from itself.



**Run Jobs (Win)****When Master of a Cluster—Run Jobs (Mac).**

When this node is the master node of a cluster, check to determine specify that this node can also run jobs, or uncheck to just assign them to the other nodes in the cluster. You can thus use a low-end machine as cluster master, sending jobs to more powerful nodes.

**Job Scheduling [Select from dropdown] (Win)****Schedule Jobs Using [Select from dropdown] (Mac).**

Select to assign jobs to cluster members and select how to schedule jobs:

*Round Robin* simply sends jobs to each node in order.

*Hardware Balanced* is more likely to send jobs to more powerful nodes, as determined by processor number, speed, and memory size.

*Load Balanced* uses the same capacity computation as Hardware Balanced but in addition considers the current CPU load on all nodes.

## Using the License Tab

Use the License tab to add, remove, or deactivate a license on this computer.

If you are purchasing additional licenses for use of Episode on other computers, Telestream recommends that you purchase them directly from the Telestream Web store at <http://www.telestream.net/purchase/store.htm>.

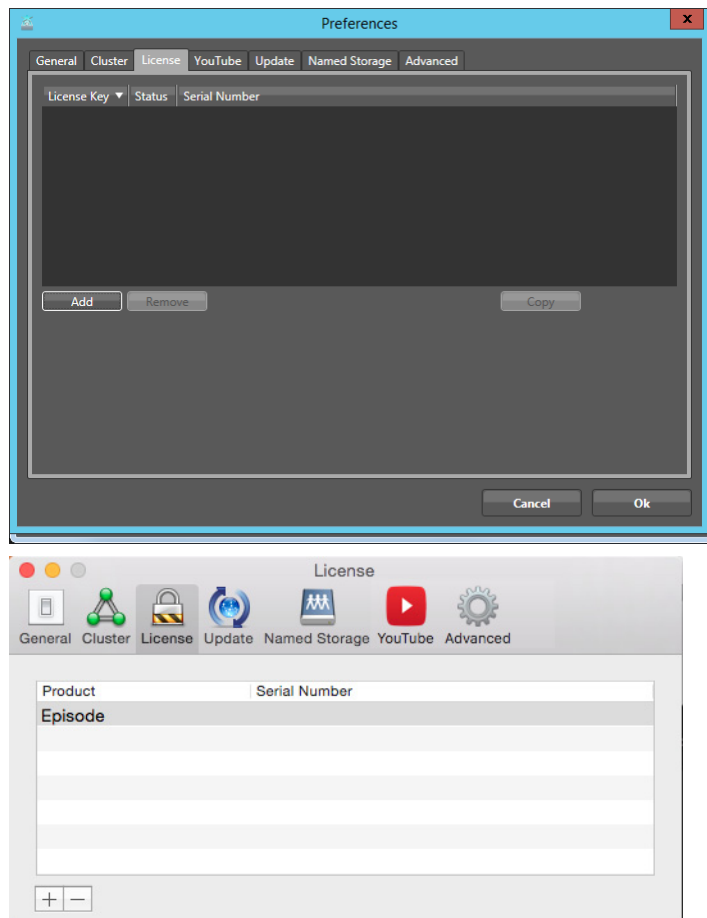
When a license is selected in the list, you can copy it or click the Copy button to place the license on the clipboard.

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**Note:** If your Episode Engine is connected to a cluster, you must remove it from the cluster (see [Using the Cluster Window](#)) before making license changes. Make the changes, then add it back to the cluster.

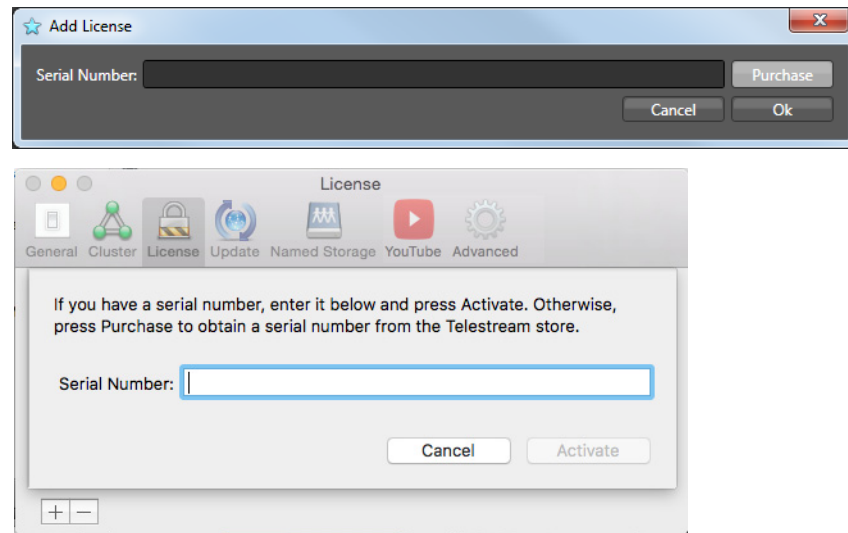
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### Preferences—License Tab



**Add.** Click *Add* (+) to open a window where you can enter or purchase a license. Enter the license serial number in the *Serial Number* field. If you don't have one, click *Purchase* to enter our online store where you can purchase a license and enter it here.

## Adding a License



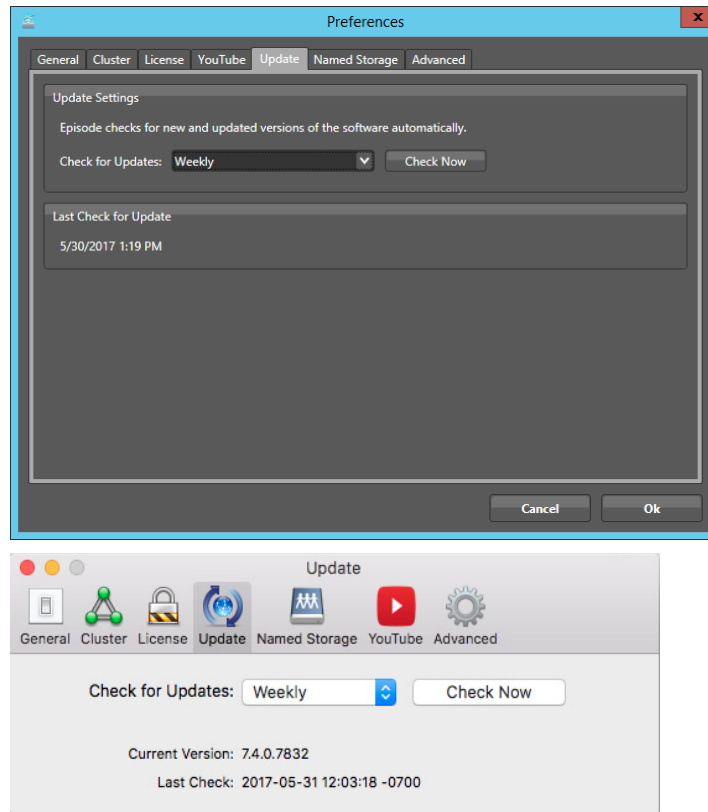
**Remove.** Select a serial number and click *Remove* (-) to remove it. You should do this if you intend to move your license to some other computer. It is suggested that you save the serial number in a text file, so as not to lose it.

**Deactivate (Win).** Select a serial number and click to deactivate it but leave it available in this window for later use.

## Using the Update Tab

Use the Update tab to check for and install Episode software updates.

### Preferences—Update Tab



**Update Settings—Check for Updates.** Click the popup menu to set how often Episode checks for new software versions. You can choose Daily, Weekly, Monthly, or Never.

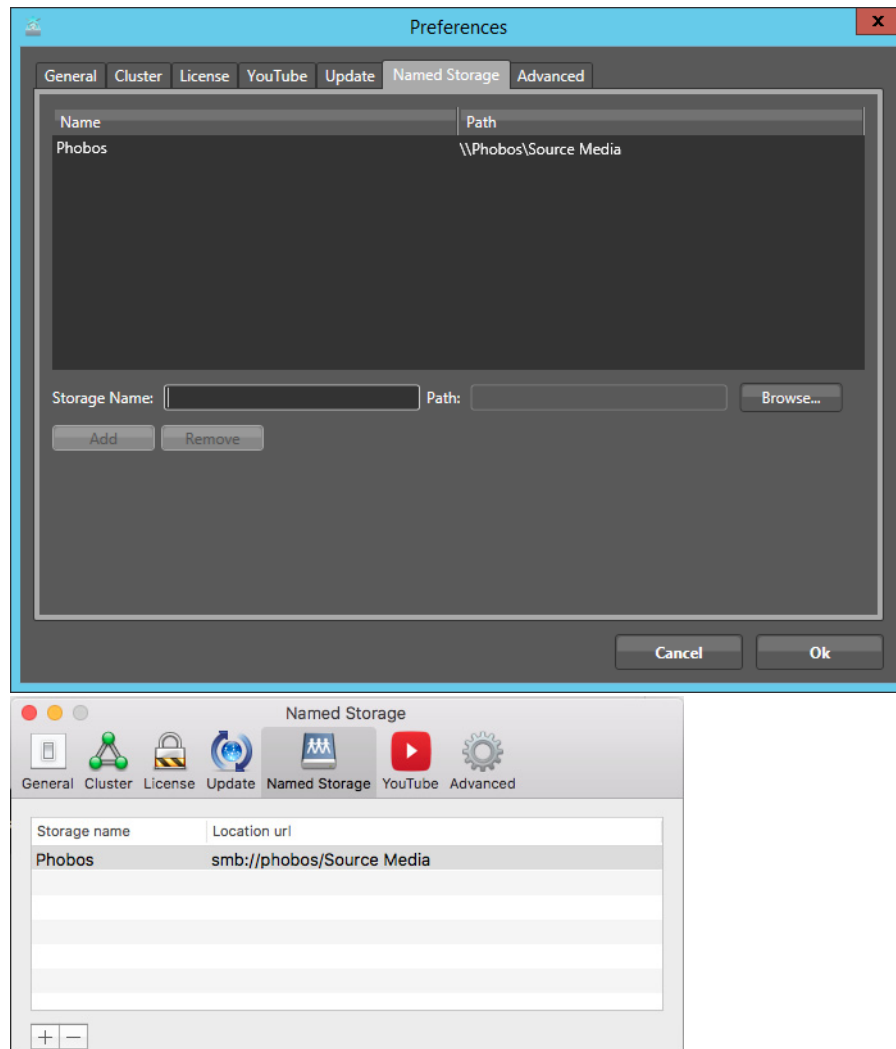
**Check Now.** Check immediately for new versions.

The *Last Check for Update* field indicates when the last check was made.

## Using the Named Storage Tab

Use the Named Storage tab to set a common name for networked storage and enable access to it from the unique path required by each Episode machine.

### Preferences—Named Storage Tab



**Storage Name.** Enter the name you want to give the networked storage device

**Path/Location URL.** Enter or browse the path to the storage from this machine.

**Add.** Adds the storage name and path to the Named Storage list.

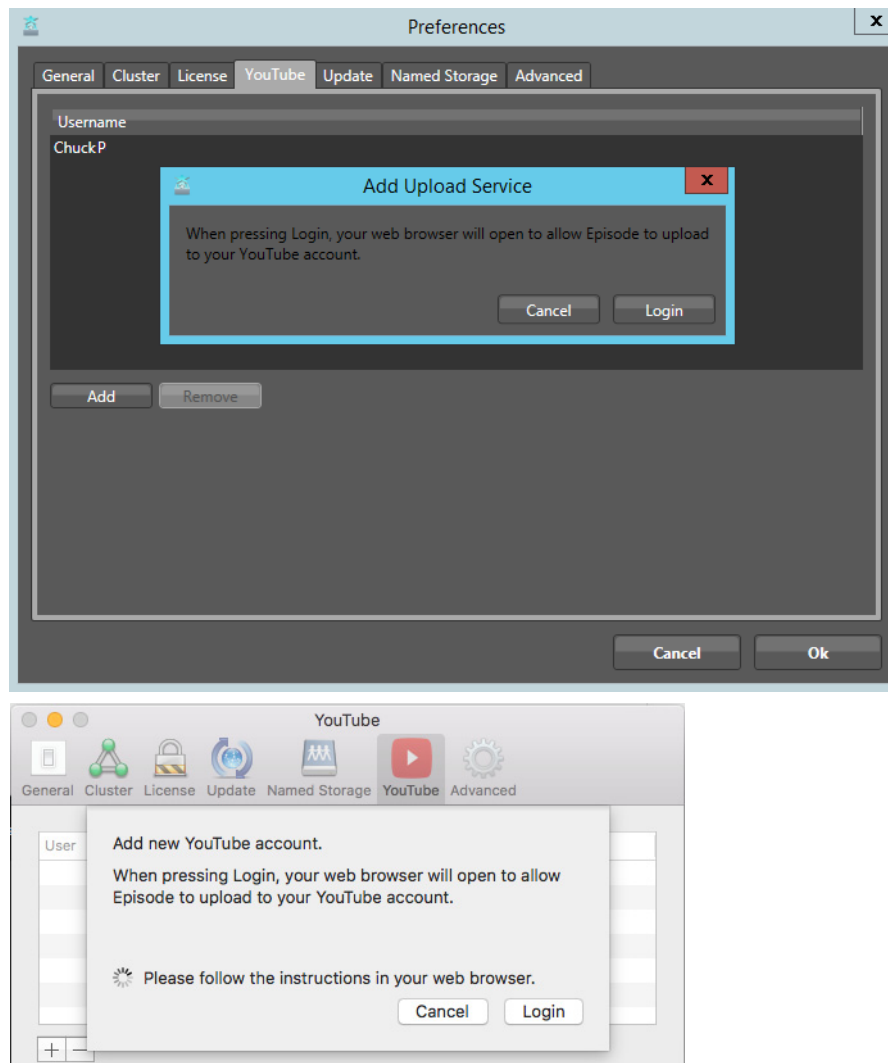
**+/-.** On a Mac, click + to open a window for adding storage. Click - to delete selected storage from the list.

**Remove.** On Windows, click Remove to delete selected storage from the list.

**Cancel/OK.** Click OK to save and close the named storage window or click Cancel to abandon a named storage entry.

## Using the YouTube Tab

Use the YouTube tab to store your login to the YouTube web site. This login can be selected in the Inspector when creating a deployment to YouTube.



**Add.** Click to open a window for adding a login. The new login is added to the User list.









**+/-.** On a Mac, click + to open a window for adding a login. Click - to delete the selected user from the list.

**Remove.** On Windows, click Remove to delete the selected user from the list.

**Login/Cancel.** Click Login to open a browser window that allows you to log into Google, which can also log you into YouTube.

**Allow/Deny.** When you log into Google, you are presented a list of features Episode will access, including your YouTube account.

▼ Episode would like to:

	View your email address	
	View your basic profile info	
	Manage your YouTube account	
	Manage your YouTube videos	

By clicking Allow, you allow this app and Google to use your information in accordance with their respective [privacy policies](#). You can change this and other [Account Permissions](#) at any time.


Click Allow to allow access and add the user to the User list in Episode. Click Deny if you do not want to grant Episode access to your Google/YouTube account.


If you click Allow, the browser confirms with “Authorization complete.”

Now when you deploy to YouTube, you can select this account in the deployment inspector so that Episode can automatically log on and deploy to YouTube.

## Deploying to YouTube

To deploy to YouTube, you can select one of the pre-made YouTube workflows or create your own workflow and use a YouTube deployment. In the deployment inspector, select the User account you created in Preferences and fill in all the other metadata, such as the title, description, category, and privacy. When you submit the workflow, it will automatically encode the video and post it to your YouTube account.

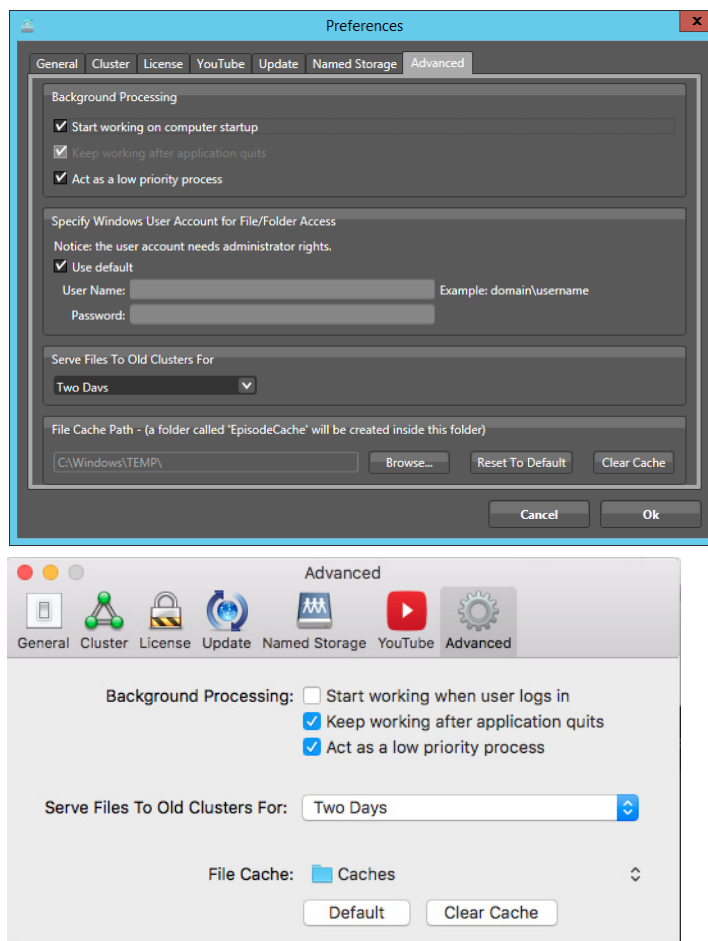
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User:	ChuckP
Video Info: Title:	<code>\$\$source.filename\$</code>
Video Info: Description:	<code>\$\$source.type\$</code>
Video Info: Keywords:	
<b>YouTube</b>	
Category:	People & Blogs
Privacy:	private

	<b>YouTube</b> User Created Task
Task Name:	YouTube
User:	ChuckP
Video Info: Title:	No Title
Video Info: Description:	No Description

## Using the Advanced Tab

Use the Advanced tab to set background processing and other processing options.

### Preferences—Advanced Tab



**Background Processing.** You can specify whether or not the Episode services run in the absence of the Episode desktop application. This can be useful if you need to run Episode interactively as part of an encoding cluster and you want it to keep working when you are not logged in. See [Episode Components](#).

**Start working on computer startup (Win)/when user logs in (Mac).** Check to start and run all Episode processes, whether a user is logged in or the Episode application is running or not.

**Keep working after application quits.** Check this to allow Episode to keep processing workflow tasks even after the user closes the application.

**Act as a low priority process.** Choosing this option allows Episode to run as a lower priority process so that it does not draw excessive processing power away from foreground applications that need to be responsive to user input.



**Specify Windows User Account for File/Folder Access (Win).** Since Episode services can run even if a user is not logged in or when running Episode as a non-administrator, you must specify what access rights should be assumed for the processes. The account that you specify must be an administrator with a password.

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**Note:** Since all processes run in their own context, they only have access to the UNC volumes (in the form \\Server\Volume\File) the user has in their password cache.

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**Use default (Win).** Use the access rights of the SYSTEM user (which must be an administrator with password).

To use Episode to give a non-administrative user administrative access to Episode Services, start Episode using an administrator account.

Deselect (uncheck) Use Default in the Specify Windows User Account for File/Folder Access and enter a username and password (administrator account) that will access Episode services for the user.

**User Name (Win).** Enter the name of the administrator account to use, in the form <domain>\<username>.

**Password (Win).** Enter the password of the selected account.

Close Episode, restart Windows as the Episode non-administrative user, and open Episode again. The user should now be able to run Episode without being an administrator, and Episode itself will log in with administrative rights.

**Serve files to old clusters for.** Use the popup menu to specify how long Episode will continue to have access to files on machines that have resigned from a cluster. During that access time period, the machine that has resigned will continue to supply any files that are part of a job being processed by the cluster, but the machine will not participate in processing the jobs.

If you often create ad-hoc clusters for encoding several jobs and then break the cluster up into machines working alone, this setting will ensure that if a machine serving files leaves the cluster, those files will still be accessible to the rest of the encoding cluster even after it has resigned.

**File Cache Path.** Some encoders write temporary files during encoding, and Split-and-Stitch jobs write temporary files during processing. If you have a faster disk somewhere else than the default location you can use a cache directory on that disk.

If you have an Episode cluster, and you are using shared storage (SAN, NAS, etc.) then you should set the file cache path to the same location on all nodes in the cluster.

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**Note:** You should not change the cache directory, nor clear the cache while jobs are executing, because it is likely to cause the jobs to fail.

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**Browse.** Set the cache directory.

**Clear Cache.** Delete all cache files. You should normally never need to do this, unless for some reason large cache files have not been automatically purged.

**Set Default.** Set the cache folder to (Win) C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\ (Mac) ~/Library/Caches.

## Using the Episode Premiere Plug-in

Telestream provides an application note with details about how to use Episode and Premiere together. Refer to this URL address in your web browser: [http://www.telestream.net/pdfs/app-notes/app\\_Episode\\_Premiere\\_Plugin.pdf](http://www.telestream.net/pdfs/app-notes/app_Episode_Premiere_Plugin.pdf). Information in the application note supersedes the information presented here.

The Episode Exporter 2.0 for Adobe® Premiere Pro CC allows you to select a clip, timeline, or portion of a timeline in Premiere Pro CC and submit the selected content to Episode or an Episode cluster for encoding and deployment.

The following topics provide a basic overview of using the Episode Exporter:

- [Preliminary Steps](#)
- [Exporting and Encoding a Media File](#)
- [Encoding Media Files in a Timeline Sequence](#)

### Preliminary Steps

Before using the Episode Exporter for Premiere Pro CC, complete these steps:

- Make sure Episode is running on your machine.
- In Episode, create and export Episode encoder epitasks and deployment epitasks configured to perform the encoding and deploy the outputs you desire. These epitasks will be used in the following Premiere Pro CC workflows.
- If you want to include any effects or transitions, add those to your clips in Premiere Pro CC prior to exporting.

### Exporting and Encoding a Media File

The following example demonstrates how to use Episode Exporter for Premiere Pro CC:

1. Start Premiere Pro CC and create a new project or open an existing one.
2. In the Media Browser, double-click a media clip. The file opens in Source Monitor.
3. From the main menu, select File > Export > Media. The Export Settings window opens.
4. In the Export Settings window, select the following:
  - Format: Episode Exporter
  - Video tab > Configure Settings button

The Configure Episode Exporter window opens so you can select encoding and deployment epitasks.

5. In the Configure Episode Export window, make the following selections:
  - a. At Choose encoding, click Add and select an encoder epitask that you have exported from Episode.
  - b. Click the Target drop-down menu, and select either a Target folder to specify a destination for the encoded file, or select Deployment Task to use a deployment epitask.
  - c. Click Browse for a Target folder, or click Add for a Deployment Task, and browse to select the folder or epitask.
  - d. Make any other Premiere Pro CC export settings that you desire. See Premiere Pro CC Help for information about available settings.
  - e. Click OK to save and close the configuration.
  - f. Click the Export button at the bottom of the Export Settings window when you are ready to export the file for transcoding in Episode.

Premiere Pro CC shows an export progress bar, and you can also watch progress and view status information in the Status window on the Episode system.

When encoding is complete, the encoded file appears in the target folder you specified.

## Encoding Media Files in a Timeline Sequence

You can also use Episode and the Episode Exporter 2.0 for Premiere Pro CC to encode multiple files on a Premiere Pro CC Timeline:

1. Import or drag and drop a media clip onto the timeline to create a sequence.
2. Play the clip in the timeline and edit as desired, including marking in and out points.
3. Repeat the steps of the previous procedure—[Exporting and Encoding a Media File](#)—to encode the media file used in the sequence.

Export progress is displayed in Premiere Pro CC, and encoding progress can be viewed in the Episode Status window. Your encoded outputs will be placed in the specified target folder.

## Creating an MBR Streaming Media Project

MBR is an abbreviation of Multi-Bit-Rate which is a technology currently used by DASH Streaming, Apple's HTTP Live Streaming, and Microsoft's Smooth Streaming. MBR workflows consist of at least one Encode task (with a deployment) that gets submitted to at least one MBR task. To utilize the streaming technologies fully, at least three different Encode tasks with different bit rates should be used. Encode tasks are created in the Episode GUI application and configured to produce a TIFO (Telestream Intermediate Format) output. TIFO is a format that the MBR task can take as input.

Apple's HTTP Live Streaming can be produced on both Mac OS X and Microsoft Windows platforms, while Microsoft's Smooth Streaming can be produced only on the Windows platform. *Produced*, in this context, means that the MBR task configured to output Smooth Streaming must run on a Windows computer. The individual Encode tasks can run on either platform.

The following topics explain how to create MBR streaming outputs using the Mac and Windows user interfaces (UI).

- [Create MBR Tasks](#)
- [Configure Encode Tasks](#)
- [Submit Workflow](#)
- [Output Results](#)

### Create MBR Tasks

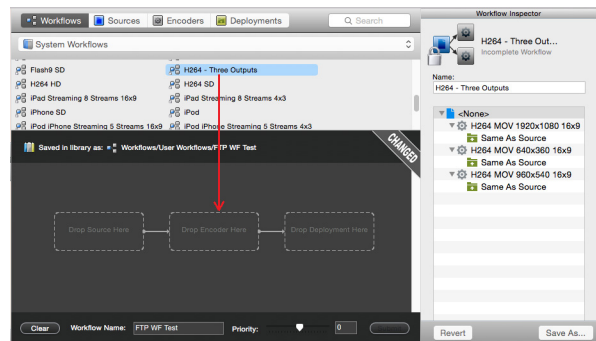
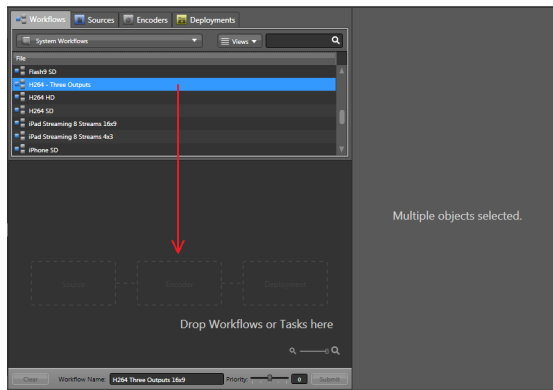
To begin, create an MBR task for each streaming output you want to produce. In this example, three parallel encoder tasks are created to produce HTTP Live Streaming (HLS), SmoothStreaming, and DASH outputs.

#### Creating Tasks in the User Interface

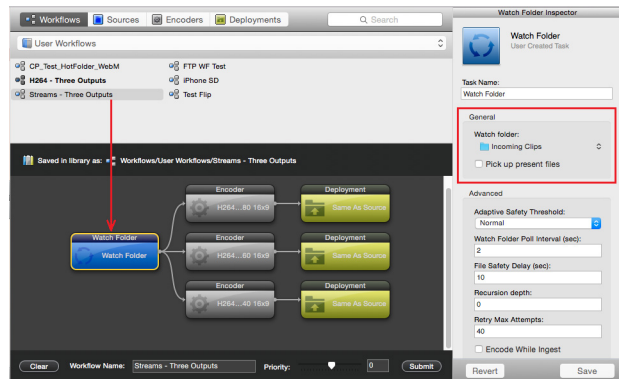
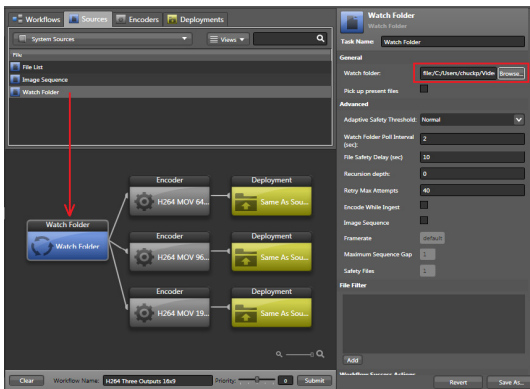
Create a workflow as shown in the following figure.

1. Drag a workflow from the Workflows tab into the Workflow panel. There are multiple output workflows you can use as a starting point and modify, such as *H264 - Three Outputs* or *iPad Streaming 8 Streams*. These workflows give you multiple parallel encoders.

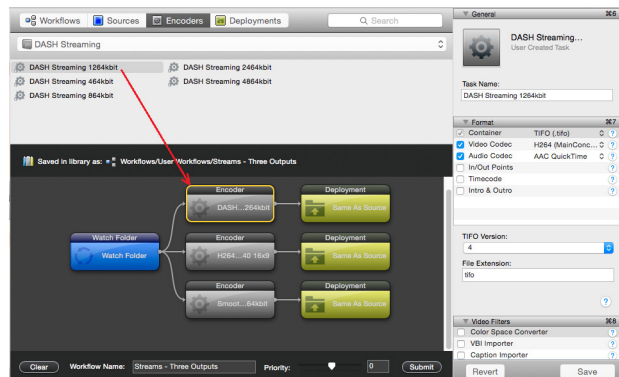
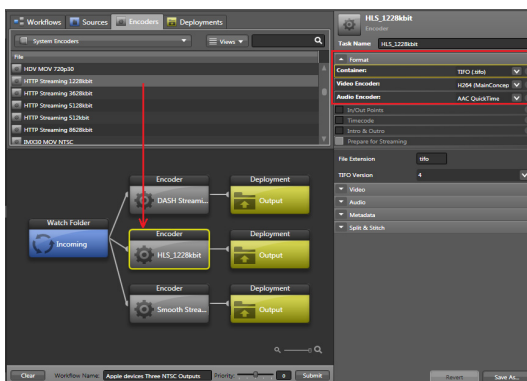
Alternatively, if you intend to produce only one live streaming output, such as DASH, you can select a DASH workflow from the System Workflows Library and drag that to the Workflows area. You will have only one encoder and deployment in the workflow instead of the multiples shown in the following steps.



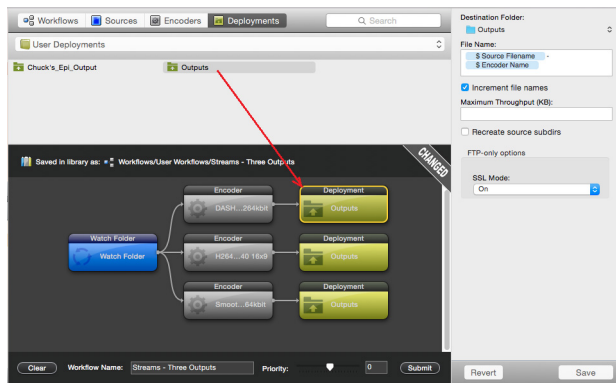
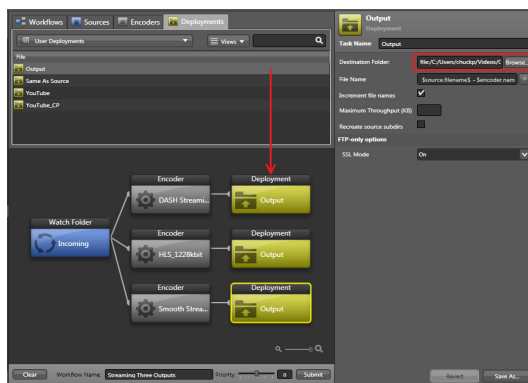
2. Drag a Watch Folder or File List from the Sources tab to the Source Task in the workflow. Click on the Source Task and browse for a folder location in the Inspector.



3. Drag encoders from the Encoders tab to the Encoders Tasks in the workflow to replace the default encoders. You will find encoders for HTTP Streaming, SmoothStreaming, and DASH Streaming at different bit rates. You can encode different stream formats, or you can encode one stream format at different bit rates.



4. Drag output locations from the Deployments tab to the Deployment Tasks in the workflow. Click on the Deployment Task and browse for a folder location for the output.

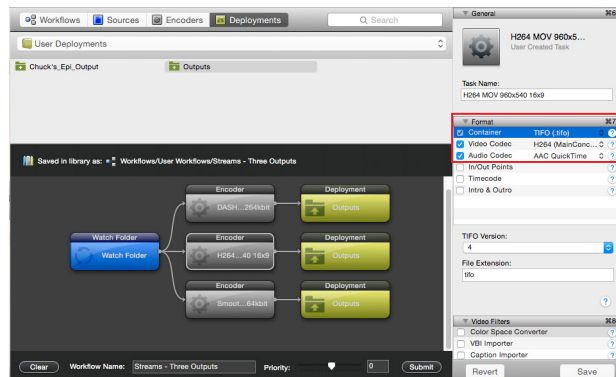
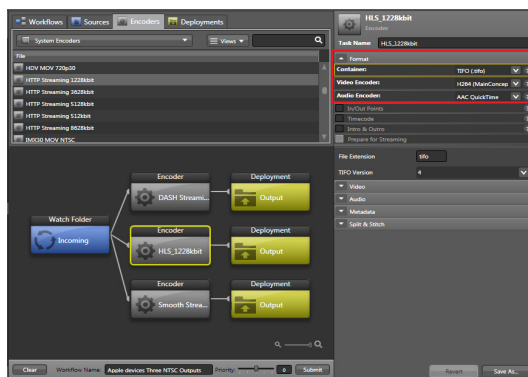


## Configure Encode Tasks

Next, configure Encode tasks to output TIFO files as input for the MBR tasks.

### Configuring Encoders in the UI

Click on each of the three encoder tasks and configure them in the Inspector. The container is TIFO, and the video and audio encoders can be set as you prefer.



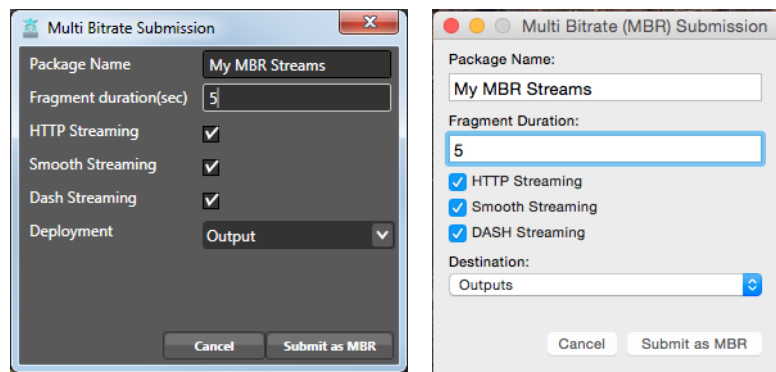
You're now finished creating the workflow, so you may want to save it as a User Workflow. To do so, right-click in the workflow area and select *Save Workflow As...* Enter a name and save the workflow.

## Submit Workflow

Next, submit the workflow as multi-bit-rate jobs.

### Submit Workflow as MBR in the UI

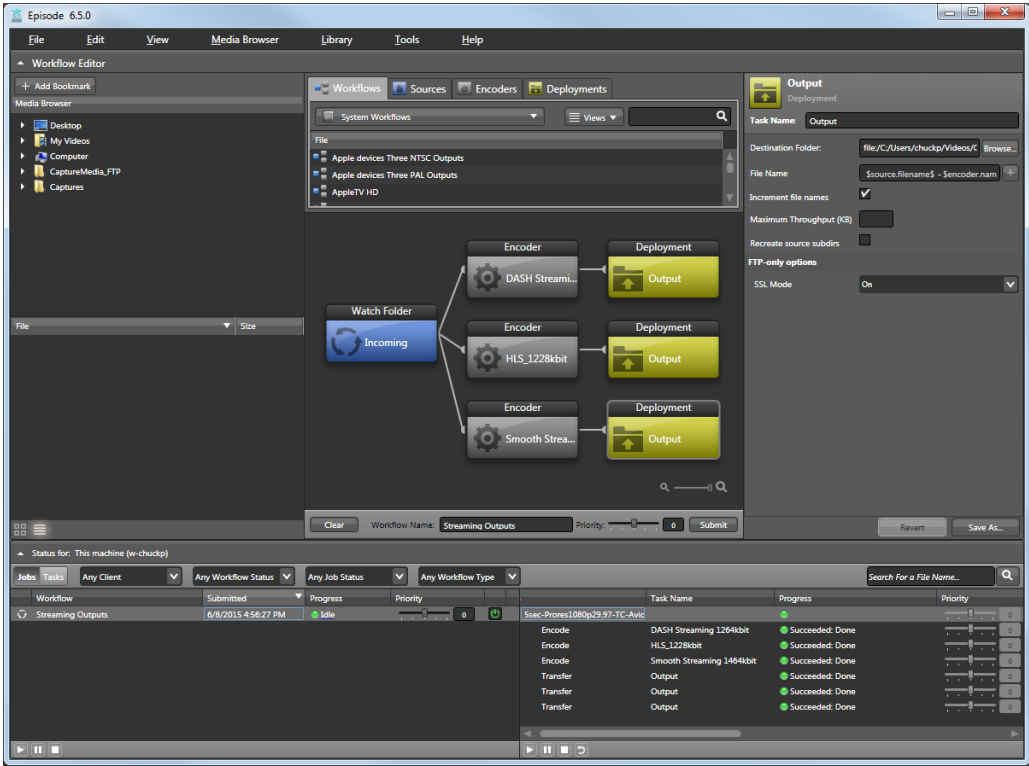
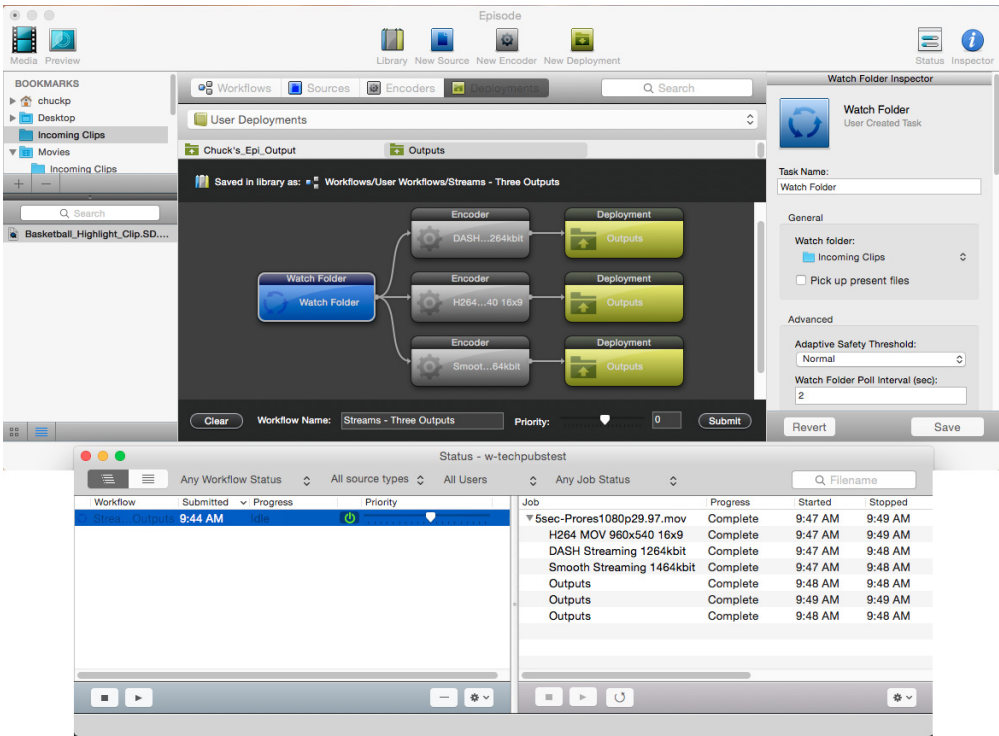
1. Select the Window menu on a Mac or the Tools menu in Windows.
2. Select Submit Workflow as MBR. You can also right-click in the workflow panel and select Submit as MBR. The MBR configuration window shown below opens.
3. Enter a name for the stream package, enter the number of seconds duration for each stream segment, check the streaming formats you want to output, and select the Deployment folder from the drop-down menu.



## Output Results

The following screen shot shows the Status panel displaying the completed job with the three streaming outputs (HLS, DASH, and SmoothStreaming) available in the deployment location. If you chose to encode only one multi-bitrate format, such as DASH, you'll have only one output.

Completed Streaming Media Project





# Episode Menus

This chapter provides details about the Episode menus displayed across the top of the window and describes their menu items.

- [Episode Menu \(Mac\)](#)
- [File Menu](#)
- [Edit Menu](#)
- [View Menu \(Win\)](#)
- [Media Browser Menu](#)
- [Library Menu](#)
- [Tools Menu \(Win\)](#)
- [Inspector Menu \(Mac\)](#)
- [Window Menu \(Mac\)](#)
- [Help Menu](#)
- [Shortcuts By Menu](#)

## Episode Menu (Mac)

**About Episode.** Select to display the version of Episode.

**Preferences.** (Command-Comma) Select to display the Preferences panel.

**Quit Episode.** (Command-Q) Select to stop the application—you are reminded to save unsaved files.

## File Menu

**New Workflow.** (Control-N (Win)/Command-N (Mac)) Select to display a new, unnamed workflow in the Workflow panel, with three empty tasks: source, encoder, and deployment. On a Mac, this menu item is disabled when the Workflow window is closed.

**New (Win)/New Task (Mac) > New Source.** (Mac: Option-Command-N) Select to create a new, untitled source task in your current workflow. Specific source selections: **File List**, **Watch Folder**, and **Image Sequence**. You can only have one source in a workflow.

**New (Win)/New Task (Mac) > New Encoder.** (Mac: Control-Command-N) Select to add a new, untitled encoder task to your current workflow.

**New (Win)/New Task (Mac) > New Deployment.** (Mac: Shift-Command-N) Select to add a new, deployment task to your current workflow. Windows systems include specific deployment selections.

**Use Selected Deployment for All Encoders (Mac).** (Option-Command-A) When a deployment is selected, select to apply the selected deployment to all of the encoders in the workflow.

**Save <item> (Mac).** (Command-S) Saves the selected workflow, source, encoder, or deployment. Saving changes overwrites the existing item. If items are unsaved at quit, Episode asks if you want to save and allows you to Save All. (This may be confusing if there are many unsaved changes; to prevent confusion, save often while you work.)

**Save Workflow As.** (Win: Control-Shift-S/Mac: Command-Shift-S) Select to save the current workflow as a new item or use the same name to overwrite.

**Save Task As (Win)/Save <item> As (Mac).** (Win: Control-Alt-Shift-S/Mac: Shift-Command-S) Select to save the highlighted item as a new item with a new name or use the same name to overwrite. Enter a name in the Inspector's Name field. Workflows and tasks are saved in the Library.

If the item has already been saved as a user task, you can right-click on the name in the library and select Rename <item>, or on a Mac, you can double-click the name field in the library, enter a new name, and press Enter to save it. System tasks cannot be renamed.

**Save All (Mac).** (Option-Command-S) Allows you to save all unsaved items at once.

**Revert <item>.** Reverts the selected workflow, source, encoder, or deployment to the last saved version, discarding changes since the last save.

**Import.** (Win: Control-O/Mac: Option-Command-I) Select to import tasks or workflows. Episode displays the Open dialog, where you can navigate and select the task or workflow to open.

**Export Task.** (Mac: Option-Command-E) When a task is selected, select to display a file system dialog, where you can navigate to your target directory and save the task. Episode task files are saved with an epitask suffix. You can archive these files, move them to other servers, and import them in other Episode instances.

**Export Workflow.** (Win: Control-Shift-S/Mac: Control-Command-E) Select to display the file system dialog, where you can navigate to your target directory and save the workflow. Episode workflows files are saved with an episubmission suffix. You can archive these files, move them to other servers, and import them in other Episode instances.

**Submit Workflow (Mac).** (Command-R) Select when the active workflow is ready to submit for processing. This may be a workflow with one or more files in its file list, which submits these files for processing, or it may be a workflow with a monitor, which activates the monitor to poll for new files to process. You can also use the Submit button at the bottom of the Workflow window to submit a workflow for processing.

**Submit Workflow as MBR (Mac).** (Command-5) Select to open the Multi-Bitrate window to submit an MBR workflow for processing.

## Edit Menu

Most Edit menu commands function the same as they do in other applications. A few are unique to Episode.

**Undo.** (Win: Control-Z/Mac: Command-Z) Roll back to the state before your last action.

**Redo.** (Win: Control-Y/Mac: Shift-Command-Z) Restore the state you just used Undo to roll back.

**Copy.** (Win: Control-C/Mac: Command-C) Copy the highlighted text or selected object to memory.

**Cut.** (Win: Control-X/Mac: Command-X) Remove the highlighted text or selected object and store it in memory.

**Paste.** (Win: Control-V/Mac: Command-V) Place the previously copied or cut text or selected object from memory into the target component.

**Delete.** Remove the highlighted object.

**Select All.** (Win: Control-A/Mac: Command-A) Select all objects in the selected panel.

**Set as Deployment for All Encoders (Win).** When a Deployment is highlighted, select to automatically use this Deployment for all encoders.

## View Menu (Win)

**Preview.** (Control-1) Performs a preview encode of the selected file using the current workflow, and places the output file in the default folder specified in *Tools/Preferences*.

A Preview window shows an encoding progress bar and presents these controls:

- *Cancel* stops the preview encode and closes the Preview window.
- *Close when finished* automatically closes the window when encoding finishes.
- *Close* closes the Preview window.
- *Open* opens the finished encoded file in your computer's default video player.
- *Show file in explorer* opens the desktop folder and highlights the file.

**Cluster Browser.** (Control-2) Select to open the Cluster Browser window.

# Media Browser Menu

**Show | Hide Media Browser (Mac).** (Option-Command-M) When the Media Browser is displayed, select to hide it. Select it again to display it.

**Add Bookmark.** (Mac: Command-B) Open the Inspector panel and select to create a new, unnamed bookmark. Configure the bookmark and click Save to create the bookmark and display it in the Media Browser.

**Remove Bookmark (Mac).** When a bookmark is selected in the Media Browser, select to delete it. Confirm by clicking Remove.

**Add As Watch Folder (Win).** (Control- +) Add the selected folder as a watch folder.

**Add As Deployment (Win).** (Alt- +) Add the selected object as a deployment.

**Add to Workflow (Win).** (+) Add the selected object as a workflow.

**View as Icons (Mac).** (Option-Command-L) When the Media Browser is displayed, select to display the selected folder's files as icons.

**View as List (Mac).** (Option-Command-L) When the Media Browser is displayed, select to display the files as a list.

**Refresh (Mac).** (Shift-Command-R) Refreshes the media list.

**Reveal in Finder (Mac).** (Option-Command-R) Opens the folder containing the selected media file.

## Library Menu

On the Mac, the menu items in the Library menu are enabled only when the Workflow window is open.

**Show | Hide Library (Mac).** (Command-L) When hidden, select to display the Library panel. When displayed, hides the library panel.

**Browse Workflows.** (Win: Control-Alt-W/Mac: Option-Command-1) Select to display the Workflows tab in the library.

**Browse Sources.** (Win: Control-Alt-S/Mac: Option-Command-2) Select to display the Sources tab in the library.

**Browse Encoders.** (Win: Control-Alt-E/Mac: Option-Command-3) Select to display the Encoders tab in the library.

**Browse Deployments.** (Win: Control-Alt-D/Mac: Option-Command-4) Select to display the Deployments tab in the library.

**New Source.** (Mac: Command-U) Select to create a new, unnamed source task in the library. This command can create a watch folder or a file list, depending on what you select in the menu.

**New Encoder.** (Mac: Command-K) Select to create a new, unnamed encoder task in the library.

**New Deployment.** Select to create a new, unnamed deployment task in the library. On Windows, selections are available directly in this menu.

**Rename <item>.** (Mac: Delete) Select to highlight the name text of the selected item (in any of the sections) in the library, so you can edit it.

**Duplicate <item>.** (Win: Control-D/Mac: Command-D) Select to duplicate the item in the library. Episode creates a new item identical to the selected item, adding a numeric suffix to its name. Edit the name of the duplicated item as appropriate.

**Remove <item>.** (Delete) Select to permanently remove the selected workflow in the library.

**Add/Copy to Workflow/Workspace.** (Win: +/Mac: Command-Down Arrow) Select to add the selected library task to the current workflow. In the case of a source task, the current task (if any) is replaced by the new task, because only one source per workflow is permitted.

**Copy to Library (Mac).** (Command-Up Arrow) Select to add the current workflow task to the Library.

## Tools Menu (Win)

**Submit Workflow.** (Control-R) Select to activate a workflow and begin monitoring, encoding, and deploying.

**Submit Workflow As MBR.** (Control-B) Select to activate a workflow and begin monitoring, encoding, and deploying a multi-bit-rate workflow. (MBR is available only with Pro and Engine licenses.)

**Preferences.** Select to open the Preferences panel and set preference options.

## Inspector Menu (Mac)

**Show | Hide Inspector.** (Command-I) Display the Inspector panel. Hide the Inspector panel if it is currently displayed.

**Expand All Panes.** (Shift-Command=) Display all panes for the selected item for viewing and editing.

**Collapse All Panes.** (Command=) Close all panes for the selected item.

**Format (Command-7) | Video Filters (Command-8) | Audio Filters (Command-9) | Split-and-Stitch (Command-0) | Metadata (Command-Minus) Pane.** When an encoder task is selected, use these menu items to hide or show individual Inspector panels.

## Window Menu (Mac)

The top half of this menu displays the standard application minimize, close, and zoom functions. The bottom of the menu displays all open windows so you can click an item in the list to bring that window to the front. The frontmost window has a check beside its menu item.

The middle menu items described below allow you to display the various Episode freestanding windows and panels.

**Show Workflow Editor.** (Command-1) Select to display the Workflow window.

**Generate Preview File.** (Command-2) Select to initiate a preview encode of the selected file using the current workflow, and places the output file in the default folder specified in *Episode Preferences*.

A Preview window shows an encoding progress bar and presents these controls:

- *Cancel* stops the preview encode and closes the Preview window.
- *Close when finished* automatically closes the window when encoding finishes.
- *Close* closes the Preview window.
- *Open* opens the finished encoded file in your computer's default video player.

**Show Status.** (Command-3) Select to display the Status window.

**Show Cluster Browser.** (Command-4) Select to display the Cluster Browser window.

**Show MBR Submission.** (Command-5) Select to show Multi-Bitrate window.

**Show Error History.** (Command-6) Select to display the Error History window.

## Help Menu

**Episode Help.** Displays the Episode User's Guide (the document you're currently reading) and support information.

**Technical Support Information (Win)/Gather Support Documents (Mac).** Displays a tabbed window with information beneficial to assisting user's with problems using Episode. Click OK to save all of this information in a zip file, which you can send to Telestream Customer Service for analysis.

**About (Win).** Displays the About Episode window, where you can view the version of Episode you're using.



## Shortcuts By Menu

Episode provides shortcuts for many menu items. These tables list Episode menu items with shortcuts, organized by menu. Common operating system shortcuts, such as in the Edit menu, are not listed.

### Episode Menu Item Shortcuts (Mac)

Menu Item	Shortcut
Preferences	Command-Comma

### File Menu Item Shortcuts

Menu Item	Shortcut
New Workflow	Win: Control-N Mac: Command-N
New Source (Mac)	Option-Command-N
New Encoder (Mac)	Control-Command-N
New Deployment (Mac)	Shift-Command-N
Use Selected Deployment for All Encoders (Mac)	Option-Command-A
Save Task As (Win)	Control-Alt-Shift-S
Save Workflow (Mac)	Command-S
Save Workflow As	Win: Control-Shift-S Mac: Shift-Command-S
Save All (Mac)	Option-Command-S
Import	Win: Control-O Mac: Option-Command-I
Export Task (Mac)	Option-Command-E
Export Workflow (Mac)	Control-Command-E
Submit Workflow (Mac)	Command-R
Submit Workflow as MBR (Mac)	Command-5

### Edit Menu Item Shortcuts

Menu Item	Shortcut
Select All	Command-Comma

#### View Menu Item Shortcuts (Win)

Menu Item	Shortcut
Preview	Control-1
Cluster Browser	Control-2

#### Media Browser/Media Menu Item Shortcuts

Menu Item	Shortcut
Show   Hide Media Browser (Mac)	Option-Command-M
View as List/Icons (Mac)	Option-Command-L
Add Bookmark (Mac)	Command-B
Add As Watch Folder	Control - +
Add As Deployment	Alt - +
Add to Workflow	+
Refresh (media view)	Shift-Command-R
Reveal in Finder	Option-Command-R

#### Library Menu Item Shortcuts

Menu Item	Shortcut
Show   Hide Library (Mac)	Command-L
Browse Workflows	Win: Control-Alt-W Mac: Option-Command-1
Browse Sources	Win: Control-Alt-S Mac: Option-Command-2
Browse Encoders	Win: Control-Alt-E Mac: Option-Command-3
Browse Deployments	Control-Alt-D Option-Command-4
New Source (Mac)	Command-U
New Encoder (Mac)	Command-K

### Library Menu Item Shortcuts

New Deployment	
Rename Item	
Duplicate Item	Control-D Command-D
Remove Item	
Remove Item (Mac)	Delete
Add to Workflow	Win: + Mac: Command-Down Arrow
Copy to Workspace	Command-Down Arrow
Copy to Library (Mac)	Command-Up Arrow

### Tools Menu Item Shortcuts (Win)

Menu Item	Shortcut
Submit Workflow	Control-R
Submit Workflow as MBR	Control-B
Preferences	

### Inspector Menu Item Shortcuts (Mac)

Menu Item	Shortcut
Show   Hide Inspector	Command-I
Expand All Panes	Shift-Command-=
Collapse All Panes	Command-=
Format Pane	Command-7
Video Filters Pane	Command-8
Audio Filters Pane	Command-9
Split-and-Stitch Pane	Command-0
Metadata Pane	Command-Minus

#### Window Menu Item Shortcuts (Mac)

Menu Item	Shortcut
Minimize	Command-M
Minimize All	
Close	Command-W
Zoom	
Bring All to Front	
Show Workflow Editor	Command-1
Generate Preview File	Command-2
Show Status	Command-3
Show Cluster Browser	Command-4
Show MBR Submission	Command-5
Show Error History	Command-6

# Video Encoding Concepts

This chapter discusses encoding concepts and how they apply to Episode transcoding.

- [File \(Container\) Formats And Codecs](#)
- [Color Formats](#)
- [Video Scan](#)
- [Frame Types and I, P, and B Frames](#)
- [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#)
- [CBR, VBR, and Quality-Based VBR](#)
- [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#)
- [Frame Skip Probability Smooth Motion Vs. Crisp Image](#)

## File (Container) Formats And Codecs

Many media file/container formats are actually wrappers—they contain video and/or audio data encoded with one of a number of codecs—each with their own format.

While many media files contain a single audio track, or a single video (with audio) track, some media file formats (QuickTime MOV format for example) contain multiple media tracks.

Each track may have a different resolution, bandwidth, language, etc. Consequently, even though a file may be in a format supported by Episode, the media contained inside the file may be encoded with a codec that is not supported, leading to an error during transcoding.

For details on the encoders and codecs supported by Episode, see [Media Containers/Formats](#).

## Color Formats

The most basic way to represent color in both still and moving digital images is to use the RGB color space. In RGB each pixel has three values: red, green and blue, which are mixed to generate the intended color. This is the way most computers store and display color.

However, the RGB color space is not represented in most video codecs, due to the way television emerged, at first with only black and white images and later with color images.

The color format for television was designed to contain all the black and white information in one channel, and the color information in two additional channels. The black and white channel is called luma (light), and the two color channels are called chroma (color). The separation of luma and chroma make it possible for older, black and white televisions to still work, only processing the black and white image, while color televisions can benefit from the color information.

This color space is called YUV, or YCbCr. Y is the luma and U (Cb) and V (Cr) are color differences—the luma subtracted from a transformed blue and red, respectively. (The green values are not passed in the signal—they are computed from these values.) This encoding has several advantages over RGB in terms of video compression, since most of the image information ends up in the luma channel and the chroma channels hold much less information for most video material. This, in combination with the fact that human visual perception is less sensitive to color than to brightness, makes it possible to sample the chroma more sparsely, thereby reducing the amount of data required to store (and transmit) an image.

The subsampling pattern is commonly given in the notation (a):(b):(c), which is interpreted in the following manner: In a block of size (ax2) there are (ax2) luma samples. (b) is the number of chroma samples along the top row and (c) is the number of chroma samples along the bottom row. In other words, 4:4:4 means there is a chroma sample for each luma sample—no subsampling. 4:4:0 means every second row has full chroma samples and every second is skipped. 4:2:2 means every second column has full chroma samples and every second is skipped. These two therefore have (2/3) the number of total samples, compared to 4:4:4. 4:2:0 means every second row has chroma samples for every second column, thus halving the number of total samples compared to 4:4:4.

Luma and chroma samples are not necessarily taken at the same positions relative to image pixels, but that is beyond the scope of this manual. For more information, refer to an article by Doug Kerr: *Chrominance Subsampling in Digital Images (The Pumpkin, November 2005)*.

# Video Scan

Video material (de-interlaced or interlaced) can be rendered either a full frame at a time, a progressive scan, or with every other line of the frame at a time—interlaced scan.

The two half-frames in interlaced video are referred to as the top and the bottom fields. One of the fields is the dominant field and should always be played back first.

When encoding material to be recorded on DVD and played back on a television, it is important that the dominant field is set as the first field. If you have not edited the material you are going to encode, it can be difficult to know whether the dominance lies in the top or bottom field.

These are the normal field dominances of common formats:

Common Formats and Field Dominance

Format	Field dominance
DV 25	Bottom Field
DVCPRO 25/50	Bottom Field
DVCPRO 100 HD	Top Field
IMX	Top Field
Apple Intermediate Codec	Top field
Uncompressed 4:2:2	Top field

Much of today's digital video is generated from non-interlaced film material, where a single film frame may be sampled several times to generate video fields. This technique is known as telecine.

For NTSC material this is typically done by taking 3 fields from one frame and 2 from the next (known as 3-2 pulldown); for PAL, 2-2 pulldown is normal. Knowing this sequence of fields—the cadence—can greatly improve the quality of deinterlacing. Typically subsequent editing breaks up the cadence, but Episode detects and adapts to broken cadences.

For more information, read the article entitled *DVD benchmark—Part 5—Progressive scan DVD*, by Don Munsil and Brian Floria in *Secrets of Home Theater and High Fidelity*, 7(4), October 2000.

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**Note:** The preferred method of working with interlaced material in Episode is to deinterlace any interlaced source material to double-frame rate progressive material, apply video filters and then, if needed, re-interlace the material before creating the output file. See [Field Order Filter](#), [Frame Rate Filter](#), [Deinterlace Filter](#), [Advanced Frame Rate Filter](#), and [Interlace Filter](#) for further information.

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## Frame Types and I, P, and B Frames

Except for raw data formats and editing formats such as DV or Motion JPEG, most video formats do not simply consist of a sequence of frames, allowing them to be decoded independently. Since a video frame often looks a lot like its neighboring frames, a video codec typically searches for differences between frames to achieve a good compression ratio (temporal compression). Only the differences between these frames are stored in the encoded video file. However, for the encoded stream to be decodable, independent frames with full content—which can be decoded directly—must be scattered throughout the clip. These frames are called keyframes, or I-frames.

To decode a frame at a certain time in the movie the decoder must therefore begin the decoding process at the nearest previous key-frame and decode to the desired frame. Keyframes spaced far apart make the clip hard to search, but result in a good compression ratio. Accordingly they are good for streaming material in which searching is not usually done. A compromise is to limit the distance between keyframes to some maximum distance. This is used in most encoded video material.

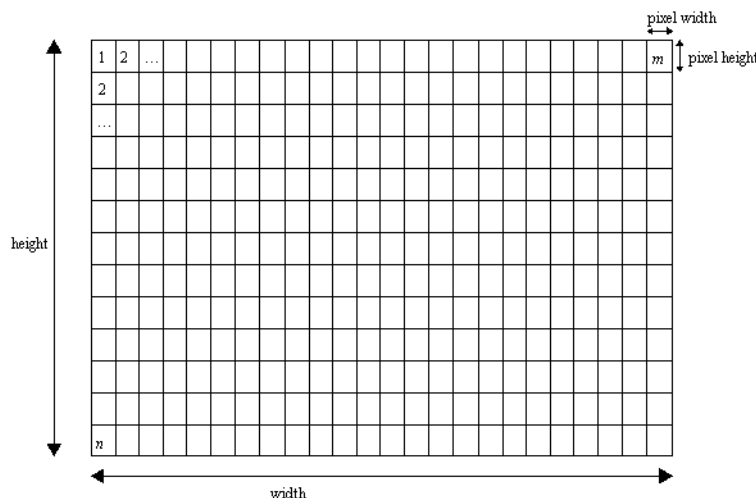
A frame that predicts data from a previous frame is called a P-frame (*Predictive Frame*). A frame that predicts data from both a previous and a subsequent frame is called a B-frame (*Bi-Predictive Frame*). The use of B-frames provides a somewhat better compression ratio, but is also more CPU intensive.

In MPEG-derived formats, the sequence of frames from an I-frame to the next I-frame is known as a Group Of Pictures (GOP).

## Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio

A digital video frame is a serial stream (ordinal sequence) of pixels which represents (or displays as) a two-dimensional lattice of pixels, where each pixel has a given color.

Aspect Ratio Example





In the diagram above, a lattice of ( $m \times n$ ) pixels is represented.  $M \times N$  represents the pixel resolution of the image. The aspect ratio of the display is (width:height). While computer displays normally have an aspect ratio which is identical to ( $m:n$ ) (thus the pixels are square), this is often not true for televisions.

In cases the pixels on the monitor are not square, the pixel aspect ratio = pixel width:pixel height  $\neq$  1:1.

For example, PAL is defined as 720 x 576 pixels, with a display aspect ratio of 4:3. Since  $720:576 = 5:4$  this means the pixel aspect ratio is 16:15.

SVCD is a video format that is stored on CDs and often played on computers. SVCD stores NTSC video in 480 x 480 pixels with a pixel aspect ratio of 4:3. The consequent display aspect ratio of 4:3 requires the player software to stretch the pixels, interpolating along the horizontal axis to show the image on 640 x 480 square pixels. Compressing dimensions in this way is known as anamorphic video.

Some codecs (D-10/IMX, DV, MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 in particular) allow the user to set a display aspect ratio for the output video in order to inform a player of the desired aspect ratio for viewing. However, this field is inconsistently used—in particular its 1:1 setting does not mean that the display is square, but rather that the pixels themselves have a square aspect ratio. Often this field is also labelled as pixel aspect ratio. There is a risk that different equipment interprets this field in different ways.

QuickTime enables you to explicitly set the pixel aspect ratio if it is different from the display aspect ratio.

In Episode, you can also use the resize filter and the codec settings to manage pixel resolution and aspect ratio. See [Resize Filter](#).

For example, to create an SVCD video, use the resize filter and set both Width and Height to 480 in order to get the desired pixel resolution. Set the Aspect Ratio to 4:3 in the MPEG-2 codec settings to get the desired display aspect ratio.

If the input data has a non-square aspect ratio and this is not indicated in the source file (or if you wish to override this setting), you can configure the resize filter to use the Input display aspect ratio menu. Continuing with the example of SVCD video, first convert it to PAL output. The ( $m:n$ ) ratio is not the same for SVCD and PAL, so you should select Cut in the Maintain Proportion With menu and set the Input display aspect ratio to Assume 4:3. In the codec, set Aspect ratio to 4:3 or Same as Input.

Finally, to convert from one pixel resolution to another, you have two options: either to scale the smallest dimension to fit the output format and cut off parts of the largest dimension, or to scale the largest dimension to fit and pad the smallest dimension with black.

**Example:** You have an HD video of 1280 x 720 pixels and you want to encode it as a PAL video at 720 x 576 pixels while retaining as much of the picture as possible. You use the resize filter and set the Maintain Proportion With menu to Letterbox (Pad), scaling down the width of the picture until it fits. This shrinks the vertical dimension to 324 pixels and the picture has 126-pixel black borders along the top and bottom as shown in the figure below.

### Converting HD to PAL with Letterbox Formatting



The other alternative is to select Cut, where the vertical dimension is scaled to 576 pixels and the horizontal to 1024 pixels, of which 152 are cut off at both the left and right sides as shown below:

### Converting HD to PAL with Cut Formatting



Letterbox formatting retains the full width and fills in missing height and width; Cut formatting retains the full height, but trims the edges. For more precise control you can use the Initial crop values to crop parts of the picture before scaling with either cutting or padding.

## CBR, VBR, and Quality-Based VBR

Constant Bit Rate (CBR), Variable Bit Rate (VBR) and Quality-Based VBR are encoding options available in several video encoders. A clip encoded in CBR mode has a relatively constant bit rate throughout its duration. CBR encoding is necessary when the content is distributed over networks or from devices that cannot handle peaks that are higher than the average bit rate.

However, the use of true CBR (also called Flat Rate), is difficult since it requires every encoded video frame to be exactly equal in size. This degrades visual quality. I-frames, for example, must be larger for overall quality to be high.

Different segments of a movie often require different bit rates in order to maintain constant quality. The quality delivered by most modern video encoders partly depends on the amount of motion and fine detail in the material. For this reason, VBR is superior, while keeping the average rate at the desired level. VBR is more suitable for playback on devices with higher available bandwidth. Since the average rate is known, it is still possible to predict the resulting file size with good accuracy.

When quality is most important, Quality-Based VBR is the best encoding mode. Using this mode you only specify the desired quality of the encoded material.

For each segment of the clip, the encoder uses the bit rate required to reach the specified quality. Thus, file size cannot be predicted, since it depends on how difficult the clip is to compress. For example, for the same visual quality, a 30-second clip of a news anchor (low movement) yields a small file while a 30-second clip of a football game (high movement) is significantly larger.

## VBV Video Buffer Verifier

To control variations in bit rate when encoding, a Video Buffer Verifier (VBV) is used. The buffer size determines the elapsed time over which the bit rate must be kept constant. Episode measures the VBV in seconds. A buffer size of 0-5 seconds is considered CBR. Setting the VBV value greater than 5 seconds is considered VBR. During the specified VBV period the bit rate may vary without limits, as long as the average rate in the region is correct.

This enables the codec to use higher bit rates for difficult segments and lower bit rates for easier segments. A larger VBV enables the codec to encode difficult passages better, since the bit rate is allowed to peak for a longer period of time. Some specifications specify the buffer size in bits. In these situations, you can convert to seconds by dividing by the bit rate.

Since the buffer size determines how much the bit rate may vary, it sets a constraint on how long a player must buffer before starting playback, to ensure smooth playback without need for re-buffering.

In practice, the size of the VBV buffer is a trade-off. A large VBV enables the encoder to vary the bit rate more freely depending on the difficulty of the current part of the material, while maintaining the correct average bit rate. However, the player has to

buffer a larger portion of the clip before playback can be started. A small VBV forces the codec to encode at a more constant bit rate throughout the clip. This results in lower quality for difficult passages, but the buffer time for the player is lower.

When encoding a clip with Quality-Based VBR there is no constraint on the size of the VBV—it is ignored.

## Frame Skip Probability Smooth Motion Vs. Crisp Image

In order to maintain the specified bit rate, most video encoders vary the quality of the encoded clip. Another alternative supported by some encoders is to skip frames when the bit rate gets too high. This enables the encoder to keep a higher quality for each encoded frame, but the motion of the video is not as smooth. Depending on the material being encoded, smooth motion may be more important than crisp image and vice versa.

The frame skip probability controls the trade-off between skipping frames and lowering quality. A frame skip probability of 1 means that when the encoder has to choose between lowering the quality or skipping a frame, it skips a frame. A probability of 0 does not mean frames are never skipped, but that it only happens when image quality cannot be lowered more.

Frame skip probability is also important to use when creating content for networks with extreme bandwidth limitations such as GPRS, 3G or when streaming over modems. These networks sometimes cannot handle even the slightest peaks over the specified bit rate, and frames can be skipped to avoid this. When streaming to such a device, set the priority towards sustaining the bit rate and sacrificing the frame rate if necessary.

When encoding for a less bandwidth limited target platform, such as local playback on a computer, the frame skip probability value can be set lower. This is possible since the data rate from the computer's hard drive is sufficient to handle quite large bit rate peaks.

# Media Containers/Formats

This chapter describes each of the container/file formats you can decode or encode in Episode, including each user-configurable setting. Each has a default file extension, which you can change as required. Many formats also have settings that you can configure.

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**Note:** For a complete list of supported formats, see the [Specifications](http://www.telestream.net/episode/tech-specs.htm) document at <http://www.telestream.net/episode/tech-specs.htm>.

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Each format supports a specific set of video and/or audio codecs, with details including its ability to decode (in) and encode (out), plus notes about required subsystems and other limits, as appropriate.

Episode decodes only one (the first) audio track in source files it processes, except for MOV and MXF files. The track may contain multiple channels.

Episode decodes all audio tracks and channels in MOV and MXF source and creates one track with all channels in it. For example, 2 stereo tracks becomes one track with 4 channels.

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**Note:** Some formats require Episode Pro | Episode Engine, as noted.

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- [3GPP \(.3gp\)](#)
- [3GPP2 \(.3g2\)](#)
- [3GPP2 EZmovie \(.3g2\)](#)
- [AC3/ATSC A/52 \(.a52\)](#)
- [ADTS \(.aac\)](#)
- [AIFF \(.aif\)](#)
- [AMR \(.amr\)](#)
- [AVCHD \(.mts|.m2ts\)](#)
- [AVI \(.avi\)](#)
- [DV-Stream \(.dv\)](#)

- GXF (.gxf)
- iTunes Audio (.m4a)
- iTunes Video (.m4v)
- MOV (.mov)
- MP3 (.mp3)
- MP4 (.mp4)
- MPEG Audio (.m1a)
- MPEG-ES (.m1v)
- MPEG-ES (.m2v)
- MPEG-PS (.mpg)
- MPEG-TS (.ts)
- Multi Bitrate DASH, HTTP (HLS), and Smooth Streaming
- MXF AS-11 (.mxf)
- MXF Op1a (.mxf)
- MXF OpAtom Audio (.mxf)
- MXF OpAtom Video (.mxf)
- MXF Sony XAVC
- MXF XDCAM (.mxf)
- OGG (.ogg)
- PSP (.mp4)
- TIFO (.tifo)
- WAV (.wav)
- WebM (.webm)
- WMA (.wma)
- WMV (.wmv)

## 3GPP (.3gp)

3GPP (3rd Generation Partnership Project) video format is based on MPEG-4 file format and GSM specifications. 3GPP specifies video standards for 3G technology known as UMTS. 3GPP is intended for use on mobile phones.<sup>1</sup>

### Codecs

3GPP (.3gp) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	
AMR	out	out	out	Out requires Pro Audio Option
H.263	in/out	in/out	in/out	
H.264	in/out	in/out	in/out	
HE-AAC		out	out	
MPEG-4	in/out	in/out	in/out	

### Settings

3GPP Settings

**3GP Version.** Select 3GPPv5 | 3GPPv6 depending on the target players.

For broadest compatibility, select 3GPP version 5, because many older mobile phones that cannot play 3GPP version 6. Most version 6 phones are backward-compatible with version 5.

**Fast start.** Check to add information to the file which enables a player to start playing the file before it has completely downloaded (progressive download). Fast start functionality is an alternative to streaming media.

1. **3rd Generation Partnership Project.** *Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; Transparent end-to-end packet switched streaming service (PSS); 3GPP file format (3GP), v 9.1.0 edition, 2010* [www.3gpp.org](http://www.3gpp.org).

## Audio & Video Streaming

MP4 supports streaming of H263 | H264 | MPEG-4 video, and AAC | AAC QuickTime | AMR audio. Both video and audio codecs must support streaming to enable streaming.

### H263 Packetizer

#### H263 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	1012
Packetizing Type	2000
Insert Extra Headers	<input type="checkbox"/>

Packet Size Limit:	1,012 Bytes
Packetizing Type:	2000
Insert extra headers	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

**Packetizing Type.** Select *1998 (QT)* | *2000*.

**Insert Extra Headers.** Check to enable error correction.

### H264 Packetizer

#### H264 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	800
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Packet Size Limit:	800 Bytes
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**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

### MPEG-4 Packetizer

#### MPEG-4 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	800
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Packet Size Limit:	800 Bytes
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**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

### AAC Packetizer

#### AAC Packetizer Settings

Encoding	LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)
Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	1000

Encoder:	LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)
Packet Size Limit:	1,000 Bytes

**Encoding.** Select from these options:

*Generic (ISMA and QuickTime Default)* is the best to use for Web media.

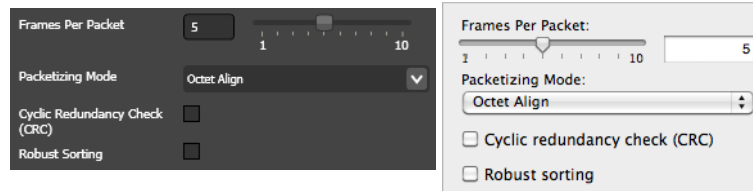


*LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)* is the best to use for mobile phones.

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

### AMR Packetizer

#### AMR Packetizer Settings



**Frames Per Packet.** Use the slider (or manually enter) to specify the number of frames per packet. A higher number improves bandwidth efficiency, but a player may not be able to store all frames. Range: 1 to 10.

**Packetizing Mode.** Select from these options:

*Octet Align* packetizing mode is supported by all players.

*Bandwidth Efficient* packetizing mode is not supported by all players, but can make better use of available bandwidth.

**Cyclic Redundancy Check.** Check to add CRC so the client can verify content validity errors that may have occurred in transmission. Not supported by all players.

**Robust Sorting.** Check to reorder data to decrease the impact of transmission errors. Not supported by all players.

## 3GPP2 (.3g2)

3GPP2 (3rd Generation Partnership Project 2) video format is based on MPEG-4 file format and 3G CDMA technology. 3GPP2 is intended for use on mobile phones<sup>1</sup>. 3GPP2 serves a similar purpose but is a different format from 3GPP.

## Codecs

3GPP2 (.3g2) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	
AMR	out	out	out	Output (encoding) requires Pro Audio Option.
H.263	in/out	in/out	in/out	
H.264	in/out	in/out	in/out	
HE-AAC	in	in		
MPEG-4	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default .3g2), there are no user-configurable settings.

### Audio & Video Streaming

3GPP2 format supports streaming of H263 | H264 | MPEG-4 video, and AAC | AAC QuickTime | AMR audio. Both video and audio codecs must support streaming to enable streaming.

#### H263 Packetizer

H263 Packetizer Settings

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

**Packetizing Type.** Select *1998 (QT)* | *2000*.

**Insert Extra Headers.** Check to enable error correction.

1. **3rd Generation Partnership Project 2.** 3GPP2 File Formats for Multimedia Services. [www.3gpp2.org](http://www.3gpp2.org).

## H264 Packetizer

### H264 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	800
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Packet Size Limit:	800 Bytes
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**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

## MPEG-4 Packetizer

### MPEG-4 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	800
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Packet Size Limit:	800 Bytes
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**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

## AAC Packetizer

### AAC Packetizer Settings.

Encoding	LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)
Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	1000

Encoder:	LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)
Packet Size Limit:	1,000 Bytes

**Encoding.** Select from these options:

*Generic (ISMA and QuickTime Default)* is the best to use for Web media.

*LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)* is the best to use for mobile phones.

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

## AMR Packetizer

### AMR Packetizer Settings

Frames Per Packet	5
Packetizing Mode	Octet Align
Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robust Sorting	<input type="checkbox"/>

Frames Per Packet:	5
Packetizing Mode:	Octet Align
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Robust sorting	

**Frames Per Packet.** Use the slider (or manually enter) to specify the number of frames per packet. A higher number improves bandwidth efficiency, but a player may not be able to store all frames. Range: 1 to 10.

**Packetizing Mode.** Select from these options:

*Octet Align* packetizing mode is supported by all players.

*Bandwidth Efficient* packetizing mode is not supported by all players, but can make better use of available bandwidth.

**Cyclic Redundancy Check.** Check to add CRC so the client can verify content validity errors that may have occurred in transmission. Not supported by all players.

**Robust Sorting.** Check to reorder data to decrease the impact of transmission errors. Not supported by all players.

## 3GPP2 EZmovie (.3g2)

3GPP2 EZmovie format is 3GPP2-compatible video extended with EZmovie features developed by KDDI Corporation<sup>1</sup>, which can be used on devices that use KDDI's mobile video application or others that support these features.

## Codecs

3GPP2 (.3g2) EZMovie Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in	in/out	in/out	
AMR	out	out	out	Output (encoding) requires Pro Audio Option.
H.263	in	in/out	in/out	
H.264	in	in/out	in/out	
HE-AAC	in	in	in	
MPEG-4	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

3GPP2 EZmovie Settings

**Restrict Distribution.** Check to implement distribution restriction mechanisms.

**Restrict Playback.** Check to limit the number of times the file can be played.

**Playback Count.** Integer value determines the number of times the file can be played.

**Restrict Expiration.** Check to limit the number of days the file can be played.

**Expiration Time (Days).** Specify an integer value for the number of days this video can be played, after which it expires and can not be played.

**Note:** A player may ignore these restrictions.

<sup>1</sup>.Ezmovie. [www.au.kddi.com](http://www.au.kddi.com)

## AC3/ATSC A/52 (.a52)

ATSC A/52, also known as AC-3, is an audio format developed by Advanced Television Systems Committee<sup>1</sup> for use in HDTV digital television and DVD applications.

This format requires the Episode Pro Audio option.

### Codecs

ATSC A/52 (.a52) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
A-52	in/out	in/out	in/out	

### Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.a52*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **Advanced Television Systems Committee.** *Digital Audio Compression Standard (AC-3, E-AC-3)*, 2010. [www.atsc.org](http://www.atsc.org).

# ADTS (.aac)

ADTS (Audio Data Transport Stream) is a wrapper format for AAC-encoded audio files.<sup>1</sup> ADTS is used by MPEG TS and others to stream audio.

## Codecs

ADTS (.aac) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	
HE-AAC	in	in	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.aac*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information—Part 7: Advanced Audio Coding (AAC)*, 2006.

## AIFF (.aif)

AIFF (Audio Interchange File Format) is an audio file format standard for playback on personal computers and other audio devices, co-developed by Apple.<sup>1</sup>

The audio data in AIFF is uncompressed, lossless PCM used by professional-level audio and video applications, unlike the better-known lossy MP3 format.

## Codecs

AIFF (.aif) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
PCM	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.aif*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **Apple**. *Audio Interchange File Format: AIFF, version 1.3 edition*, 1989



# AMR (.amr)

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**Note:** The AMR container and codec are available only with Pro Audio Option.

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AMR (Adaptive Multi-Rate) is a standard, mandatory audio codec in 3GPP.<sup>1</sup> AMR is a speech format, designed for storing the spoken word but unlikely to give acceptable results for music audio.

## Codecs

AMR (.amr) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AMR	out	out	out	Requires Pro Audio Option

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.amr*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **Internet Engineering Task Force.** *RTP Payload Format and File Storage Format for Adaptive Multi-Rate (AMR) & Adaptive Multi-Rate Wideband Audio Codecs*, 2007. [www.rfc-editor.org](http://www.rfc-editor.org)

## AVCHD (.mts|.m2ts)

Episode can decode AVCHD media from QuickTime (mov) files and MPEG Transport Stream (.mpg) files.

AVCHD is a term that camera manufacturers have coined to describe their recording format. It is also a term used to describe particular aspects of MPEG4, specifically H.264. In the context of Episode decoding, it is used to describe files produced by cameras.

The container is usually MPEG transport stream (.mts | .m2ts).

### Codecs

AVCHD (.m2ts) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
H264	in	in	in	
MPEG-4	in	in	in	

## AVI (.avi)

AVI (Audio Video Interleave) is a multimedia (audio and video) container format developed by Microsoft in 1992.<sup>1</sup> AVI allows synchronous audio-with-video playback.

Many AVI files also use the file format extensions developed by the Matrox OpenDML group. These extensions are supported by Microsoft, and are unofficially called AVI 2.0.

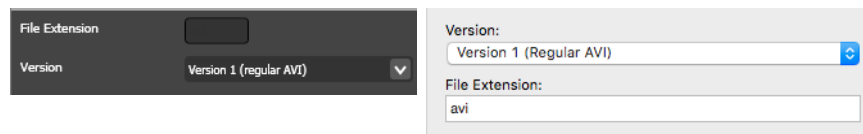
## Codecs

### AVI (.avi) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
BlackMagic	in	in	in	
DV 25	in/out	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro	in	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro 50	in	in/out	in/out	
MJPEG	in	in/out	in/out	
MP4	out	out	out	
MP3	in/out	in/out	in/out	
PCM	in/out	in/out	in/out	
Windows RGB	in	in/out	in/out	
YCbCr	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

### AVI Settings



The screenshot shows two side-by-side settings panels. The left panel has a dark background and contains a 'File Extension' label above an empty text box, and a 'Version' label above a dropdown menu currently showing 'Version 1 (regular AVI)'. The right panel has a light background and contains a 'Version:' label above a dropdown menu showing 'Version 1 (Regular AVI)', and a 'File Extension:' label above a text box containing 'avi'.

**Version.** Select *Version 1 (Regular AVI)* | *Version 2 (Large Files)*. Version 2 is not supported by all players, but enables encoding of source files larger than 4GB.

1. AVI File Format, 2010. [msdn.microsoft.com](https://msdn.microsoft.com).

## DV-Stream (.dv)

DV (Digital Video) format (originally known as Blue Book) was developed by a group of leading video camera manufacturers.<sup>1</sup>

Audio in DV is stored uncompressed as either 16-bit linear PCM at 48kHz or 4 nonlinear 12-bit PCM channels at 32 kHz. DV also supports 16-bit audio at 44.1 kHz.

## Codecs

### DV-Stream (.dv) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
DV 25	in/out	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro 25	in/out	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro 50	in/out	in/out	in/out	
DV Audio	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.dv*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **International Electrotechnical Commission.** *Helical-scan digital video cassette recording system using 6.35 mm magnetic tape for consumer use (525-60, 625-50, 1125-60 & 1250-50 systems)*, 2001.

# GXF (.gxf)

GXF (General eXchange Format) is an interchange format for storage and data transfer originally developed by Grass Valley Group.<sup>1</sup>

## Codecs

GXF (.gxf) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
MPEG-2	in	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-2 HD	in	in/out	in/out	
PCM	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.gxf*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.** *General Exchange Format (GXF)*, 2009.

## iTunes Audio (.m4a)

iTunes Audio is AAC audio in an MPEG-4 wrapper, containing the audio layer (non-video) of an MPEG-4 movie file. Also known as Apple Lossless.

### Codecs

iTunes Audio (.m4a) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	
HE-AAC	in	in	in	

### Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.m4a*), there are no user-configurable settings.

# iTunes Video (.m4v)

iTunes Video is an MPEG-4 multi-media (audio and video) wrapper intended for playing files in iTunes. This format supports copyright protection.

## Codecs

iTunes Video (.m4v) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	
H.264	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-4	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.m4v*), there are no user-configurable settings.

## MOV (.mov)

MOV format is an Apple QuickTime multimedia framework described in the *QuickTime File Format Specification* available by searching Apple.com.

Episode decodes all audio tracks and channels in MOV and MXF sources and creates one track with all channels in it. For example, 2 stereo tracks become one track with 4 channels.

## Codecs

### MOV (.mov) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AVC-Intra 50	in	in/out	in/out	
AVC-Intra 100	in	in/out	in/out	
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	
AMR	out	out	out	
Apple Uncompressed	in/out	in/out	in/out	
Avid DNxHD/DNxHR	in/out	in/out	in/out	
Black Magic	in	in/out	in/out	
D-10/IMX	in	in /out	in/out	
DV 25		in/out	in/out	
DVCPro 25	in/out	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro 50	in/out	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro 100/HD	in/out	in/out	in/out	
H.263	in/out	in/out	in/out	
H.264	in/out	in/out	in/out	
HDV	in	in /out	in/out	
HE-AAC	in	in	in	
HEVC (x265)	in/out	in/out	in/out	
D-10/IMX	in	in /out	in/out	
JPEG 2000	in	in/out	in/out	



## MOV (.mov) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
MJPEG	in	in/out	in/out	
MP3	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-4	in/out	in/out	in/out	
PCM	in/out	in/out	in/out	
ProRes 4:2:2 and 4:4:4:4	in/out	in/out	in/out	Windows output available only on Windows Server 2012.
RAW	in/out	in/out	in/out	
RGB Levels				
Targa Cine YUV	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM	in	in	in/out	
XDCAM EX	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM HD	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM HD 422	in	in/out	in/out	
YCbCr	in	in /out	in/out	

## Settings

## MOV Settings

File Extension:

Disable saving: ☐

Add QuickTime timecode track: ☐

Fast start: ☐

Add Clean Aperture Atom (CLAP): ☒

Add File Type Atom (ftyp): ☐

File Extension:

☐ Disable saving

☐ Add QuickTime timecode track

☒ Fast start

☒ Add Clean Aperture Atom (CLAP)

☐ Add File Type Atom (ftyp)

**Disable Saving.** Check to prevent others from transcoding the output file to other formats.

**Add QuickTime Timecode Track.** Check to add a QuickTime timecode track in conjunction with the Timecode option. The timecode track can be toggled on or off in QuickTime Player.

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**Note:** QuickTime Player Version 7.6.6 and earlier fails to increment the timecode for the first B-frame in a video, causing the timecode to seem out of sync, but no frames are skipped.

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**Fast Start.** Check to add information to the file which enables a player to start playing the file before it has completely downloaded (progressive download). Fast start functionality is an alternative to streaming media.

**Add Clean Aperture Atom (CLAP).** Check to add information (metadata) to the file to crop the video to the clean aperture region, which is the part of the video image that is free from transition artifacts caused by signal encoding.

**Add File Type Atom.** Check to include file type information (metadata).

## Audio & Video Streaming

MOV format supports streaming of H263 | H264 | MPEG-4 video, and AAC | AMR audio. Both video and audio codecs must support streaming to enable streaming.

### H263 Packetizer

#### H263 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	1012
Packetizing Type	2000 ▼
Insert Extra Headers	<input type="checkbox"/>

Packet Size Limit:	1,012 Bytes
Packetizing Type:	2000 ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> Insert extra headers	

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

**Packetizing Type.** Select *1998 (QT)* | *2000*.

**Insert Extra Headers.** Check to insert extra headers.

### H264 Packetizer

#### H264 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	800
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Packet Size Limit:	800 Bytes
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**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

### MPEG-4 Packetizer

#### MPEG-4 Packetizer Settings

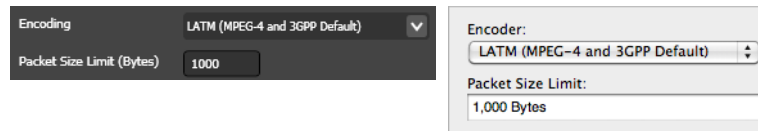
Packet Size Limit (Bytes)	800
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Packet Size Limit:	800 Bytes
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**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

## AAC Packetizer

### AAC Packetizer Settings



The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the AAC Packetizer settings. The left screenshot is a dark-themed control panel with a dropdown menu for 'Encoding' set to 'LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)' and a text input for 'Packet Size Limit (Bytes)' set to '1000'. The right screenshot is a light-themed settings window with a dropdown for 'Encoder' set to 'LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)' and a text input for 'Packet Size Limit:' set to '1,000 Bytes'.

**Encoding.** Select from these options:

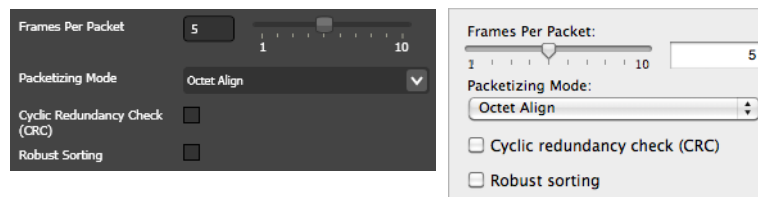
*Generic (ISMA and QuickTime Default)* is the best to use for Web media.

*LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)* is the best to use for mobile phones.

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

## AMR Packetizer

### AMR Packetizer Settings



The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the AMR Packetizer settings. The left screenshot is a dark-themed control panel with a slider for 'Frames Per Packet' set to 5, a dropdown for 'Packetizing Mode' set to 'Octet Align', and checkboxes for 'Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)' and 'Robust Sorting', both of which are unchecked. The right screenshot is a light-themed settings window with a slider for 'Frames Per Packet' set to 5, a dropdown for 'Packetizing Mode' set to 'Octet Align', and checkboxes for 'Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)' and 'Robust sorting', both of which are unchecked.

**Frames Per Packet.** Use the slider (or manually enter) to specify the number of frames per packet. A higher number improves bandwidth efficiency, but a player may not be able to store all frames. Range: 1 to 10.

**Packetizing Mode.** Select from these options:

*Octet Align* packetizing mode is supported by all players.

*Bandwidth Efficient* packetizing mode is not supported by all players, but can make better use of available bandwidth.

**Cyclic Redundancy Check.** Check to add CRC so the client can verify content validity errors that may have occurred in transmission. Not supported by all players.

**Robust Sorting.** Check to reorder data to decrease the impact of transmission errors. Not supported by all players.

# MP3 (.mp3)

MP3 (MPEG-1 Audio Layer III) is the audio format of MPEG-1.<sup>1</sup>

## Codecs

MP3 (.mp3) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
MP3	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

MP3 Settings

File Extension

Use ID3 v1.1

☐

Use ID3 v2.3

☒

☐ Id3 v1.1

File Extension:

mp3

☒ Id3 v2.3

Use ID3 tag v 1.1. Check to add ID3 v1.1 metadata tags to the output file.

Use ID3 tag v 2.3. Check to add ID3 v2.3 metadata tags to the output file.

See [Adding Metadata](#) for more information on metadata. See [www.id3.org](http://www.id3.org) for more information ID3 tags.

1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Coding of moving pictures and associated audio for digital storage media at up to about 1.5 Mbs—Part 3: Audio, 1993.*

# MP4 (.mp4)

MP4 or MPEG-4 Part 14 format is a multimedia container format.<sup>1</sup> It is commonly used to store digital video and digital audio streams (especially MPEG). Like most modern container formats, MP4 can be streamed over the Internet.

Episode can add ODSM (Object Descriptor Stream) and SDSM (Scene Description Stream) tracks to MPEG-4 files which are required by some players. A check box in the Format panel enables this feature.

## Codecs

MP4/MPEG4 (.mp4) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	audio
H264 (MainConcept)	in/out	in/out	in/out	
H264 (x264)	in/out	in/out	in/out	
HEVC (x265)	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-4	in/out	in/out	in/out	
XAVC	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

These are the user-configurable settings:

### Audio & Video Streaming

MP4 supports streaming of H264 | MPEG-4 video, and AAC audio. Both video and audio codecs must support streaming to enable streaming in this container.

#### H264 Packetizer

H264 Packetizer Settings

Packet Size Limit (Bytes)

800

Packet Size Limit:

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Coding of audio-visual objects*, 2004.

## MPEG-4 Packetizer

### MPEG-4 Packetizer Settings

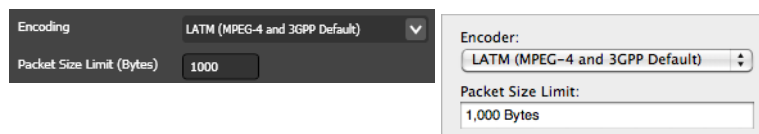


The interface shows a dark-themed control panel on the left with a 'Packet Size Limit (Bytes)' input field set to '800'. To the right is a light-themed preview window showing 'Packet Size Limit: 800 Bytes'.

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

## AAC Packetizer

### AAC Packetizer Settings

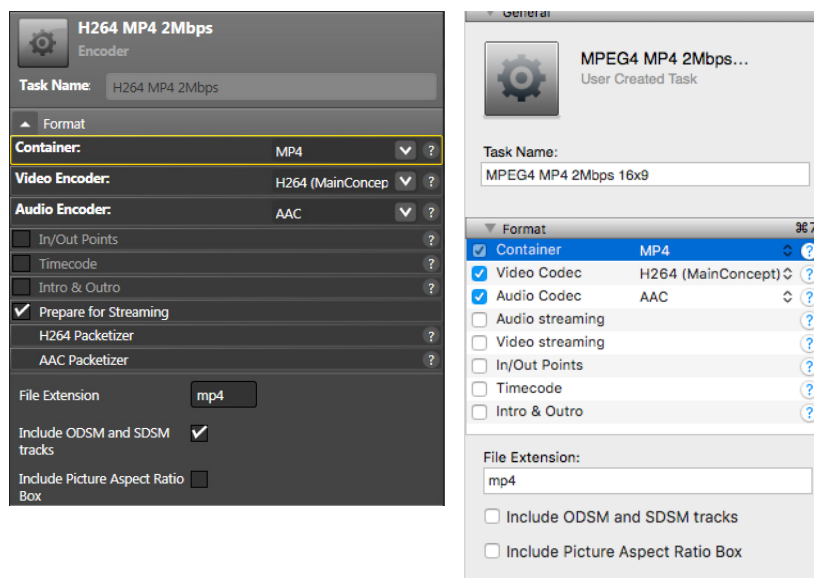


The interface shows a dark-themed control panel on the left. The 'Encoding' dropdown is set to 'LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)' and the 'Packet Size Limit (Bytes)' input field is set to '1000'. To the right is a light-themed preview window showing 'Encoder: LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)' and 'Packet Size Limit: 1,000 Bytes'.

**ODSM and SDSM Tracks.** A check box at the bottom of the Format panel enables these tracks to be included (or excluded by unchecking).

**Include Picture Aspect Ratio Box.** Adds information about the Pixel Aspect Ratio to the video description. This tells the player what aspect ratio to use during video playback. As an example, this is useful if the movie is anamorphic.

### MP4 Container Selections



The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the Telestream interface. The left screenshot shows the 'H264 MP4 2Mbps Encoder' settings. The 'Task Name' is 'H264 MP4 2Mbps'. The 'Format' panel is expanded, showing 'Container' as 'MP4', 'Video Encoder' as 'H264 (MainConcept)', and 'Audio Encoder' as 'AAC'. Other options like 'In/Out Points', 'Timecode', 'Intro & Outro', 'Prepare for Streaming', 'H264 Packetizer', and 'AAC Packetizer' are visible. The 'File Extension' is 'mp4'. The 'Include ODSM and SDSM tracks' checkbox is checked, and the 'Include Picture Aspect Ratio Box' checkbox is unchecked. The right screenshot shows the 'MPEG4 MP4 2Mbps... User Created Task' settings. The 'Task Name' is 'MPEG4 MP4 2Mbps 16x9'. The 'Format' panel is expanded, showing 'Container' as 'MP4', 'Video Codec' as 'H264 (MainConcept)', and 'Audio Codec' as 'AAC'. Other options like 'Audio streaming', 'Video streaming', 'In/Out Points', 'Timecode', and 'Intro & Outro' are visible. The 'File Extension' is 'mp4'. The 'Include ODSM and SDSM tracks' and 'Include Picture Aspect Ratio Box' checkboxes are unchecked.

**Encoding.** Select from these options:

*Generic (ISMA and QuickTime Default)* is the best to use for Web media.

*LATM (MPEG-4 and 3GPP Default)* is the best to use for mobile phones.

**Packet Size Limit.** Specify the maximum packet size, in bytes.

# MPEG Audio (.m1a)

MPEG Audio is an MPEG-1 elementary stream with a single audio track.<sup>1</sup> see [MPEG Audio Codec](#).

## Codecs

MPEG Audio (.m1a) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
MPEG-1	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.m1a*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Coding of moving pictures and associated audio for digital storage media at up to about 1.5 Mbs—Part 1: Systems*, 1993.

## MPEG-ES (.m1v)

MPEG-ES is an MPEG-1 elementary stream with a single video track.<sup>1</sup>

### Codecs

MPEG-ES (.m1v) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
MPEG-1	in/out	in/out	in/out	

### Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.m1v*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Coding of moving pictures and associated audio for digital storage media at up to about 1.5 Mbs—Part 1: Systems*, 1993.



# MPEG-ES (.m2v)

MPEG-ES format is an MPEG-2 elementary stream with a single video track.<sup>1</sup>

## Codecs

MPEG-2 ES (.m2v) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
MPEG-2	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.m2v*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information: Systems*, 2007.

## MPEG-PS (.mpg)

MPEG-PS (MPEG Program Stream) is a format for multiplexing digital audio, video and more. It contains interleaved (multiplexed) packetized elementary streams. Program streams are intended for reasonably reliable media such as DVD or SVCD.

### Codecs

MPEG-PS (.mpg) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	out	out	out	
ATSC A-52	in/out	in/out	in/out	Requires Pro Audio option.
H.264	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG audio	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-2	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-4	in/out	in/out	in/out	

### Settings

MPEG-PS Settings

File Extension	<input type="text"/>	File Extension:	<input type="text" value="mpg"/>
Max Packet Size	<input type="text"/>	Max Packet Size:	<input type="text" value="2,048"/>

**Max Packet Size.** Set the size of interleaved packets (300-5000 bytes).

## MPEG-TS (.ts)

**Note:** This format is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

MPEG-TS (MPEG Transport Stream) is a container format for transmission and storage of audio, video, and data and is used in broadcast systems—which are inherently less reliable than disk-based storage and transmission systems.<sup>2</sup>

In this application, packets may be lost and viewers must be able to enter a transmission in mid-stream. Packetized elementary streams are interleaved (muxed) in the transport stream.

## Codecs

### MPEG-TS (.mpg) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in	out	out	
AES	in	in/out	in/out	Only 48 kHz audio allowed.
AC3/ATSC A-52	in	in/out	in/out	Requires Pro Audio option.
H.264	in	in/out	in/out	
HDV	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG audio	in	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-2	in	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-4	in	in/out	in/out	
PCM	in	in	in	

## Settings

### MPEG-TS Settings

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of the MPEG-TS settings window. The left window is the 'General' tab, and the right window is the 'System Packets' tab.

**General Tab (Left):**

- File Extension:** A text field.
- PID assignment:** Four empty text fields for Audio PID, Video PID, PCR PID, and PMT PID.
- Transport rate:** A dropdown for 'Transport rate mode' (set to 'Automatic'), a text field for 'Transport rate' (set to '10000'), and a dropdown for 'Transport rate unit' (set to 'kbps').
- PES options:** A dropdown for 'PES mode' (set to 'One PES per frame') and a text field for 'PES max size' (set to '16348').
- Language:** A dropdown for 'ISO 639 language code' (set to 'None').

**System Packets Tab (Right):**

- PID Assignment:** Four text fields for Audio PID (69), Video PID (68), PCR PID (67), and PMT PID (66).
- Transport Rate:** A dropdown for 'Transport Rate Mode' (set to 'Automatic'), and two text fields for 'Trans...' (10,000) and 'Transport R...' (kbps).
- PES Options:** A dropdown for 'PES mode' (set to 'One PES per Frame') and a text field for 'PES Maximum Size' (16,348 Bytes).
- Language:** A dropdown for 'ISO 639 Language Code' (set to 'None').

## General

### PID Assignment

Each packet contains a PID (Packet IDentifier), so that the receiving system/application can utilize the incoming packet in the correct video or audio stream. PID values can be set in the range 16 to 8190, but video and audio streams should not use values below 32.

**Audio PID.** Set the audio PID.

**Video PID.** Set the video PID.

**PCR PID.** Set the PID for the Program Clock Reference (PCR) packets, which control media timing. The PID may be identical to a media track (typically the Video PID) or have a unique value. The PCR PID cannot be the same as the PMT PID.

**PMT PID.** Set the PID for the Program Map Tables (PMT), which describe the structure of tracks within a program in the transport stream. Since Episode only creates single-program transport streams, only one PMT can be specified.

## Transport Rate

The transport rate determines the bit rate of the resulting stream.

**Transport Rate Mode.** Select *Automatic* to set the transport rate to the sum of the rates of the media tracks plus approximately 10% overhead for system packets. This is the lowest possible rate for the stream.

Select *Manual* to explicitly specify the transport rate. If the sum of the rates of the media tracks and system packets is lower than the specified bit rate, the stream is padded to the specified bit rate. If the total rate is higher than the specified rate, the rate is automatically adjusted up to the lowest possible rate, as it is for Automatic.

**Transport Rate.** Specify the manual transport rate numeric value.

**Transport Rate Unit.** Select the unit type: bps | Kbps | Mbps.

## PES Options

Packetized Elementary Stream (PES) describes how the media tracks (elementary streams) are stored within the transport stream.

**PES Mode.** Select *Automatic Max Size* to automatically set the maximum size of PES packets.

Select *One PES per Frame* to store each frame of video in one PES packet. This may be required for compatibility with some video-on-demand services.

Select *Manual Max Size* to manually set the maximum size of PES packets.

**PES Max Size.** When Manual Max Size is checked, enter the appropriate PES size.

## Language

**ISO 639 Language Code.** Select a language code, or *None*. If a language code is selected, an ISO-639<sup>1</sup> language descriptor is added to the audio track of the stream.

## System Packets

These settings enable you to configure various settings in the set commonly known as system packets.

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1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Codes for the representation of names of languages—Part 2: Alpha-3 code, 1998.*

## MPEG-TS System Packets Settings

The image displays two versions of the 'System Packets' settings window. The left version is dark-themed, and the right version is light-themed. Both versions show the same configuration options:

- Transport Stream ID:** A text input field.
- Program Number:** A text input field.
- PAT Interval:** A text input field.
- PMT Interval:** A text input field.
- PCR Interval:** A text input field.
- Force NULL Packets:** A checkbox.
- NULL Interval:** A text input field.

In the light-themed version, the 'General' and 'System Packets' tabs are visible at the top, and the 'System Packets' tab is selected.

**Transport Stream ID.** Set the ID number for the transport stream.

**Program Number.** Set the number for the single program stream within this transport stream (range: 1-65535).

**PAT Interval.** Set the maximum time interval between Program Association Table (PAT) packets. These indicate the programs available in the transport stream.

**PMT Interval.** Set the maximum time interval between PMT packets.

**PCR Interval.** Set the maximum time interval between PCR packets.

**Force NULL Packets.** Check to add null packets to the stream in order to create a constant bit rate stream.

**NULL Interval.** When Force NULL Packets is checked, set the maximum time interval in seconds between NULL packets.

# Multi Bitrate DASH, HTTP (HLS), and Smooth Streaming

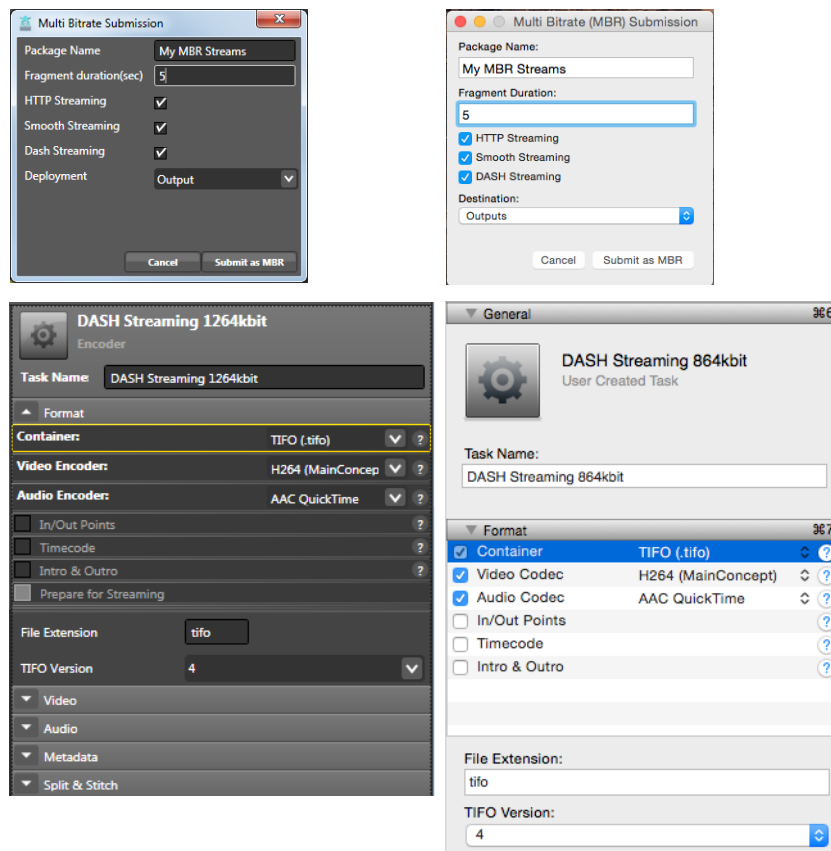
The DASH, HTTP (HLS), and Smooth Streaming protocols offer live multi-bitrate streaming of media. These protocols cause the encoder to create multiple identical media streams encoded at different data rates and resolutions. During playback, the client player selects among the different available streams to choose the best one for the available network bandwidth, producing a smooth live viewing experience with minimal pauses.

Episode implements streaming outputs (HTTP, Smooth, and DASH Streaming) using the Multi Bitrate Submission dialog (). To output live streaming media, you must first set up a workflow using one of the DASH, HTTP (HLS), or Smooth Streaming System Workflows in the Library. Then right-click the workflow to select **Submit As MBR**, which opens the MBR Submission dialog. Use the dialog to specify the details of the output and submit the job for processing. For a more complete step procedure, see [Creating an MBR Streaming Media Project](#) in the *Using Episode* chapter of this guide.

## Settings

For settings, please see the settings for the chosen container and encoder. [TIFO \(.tifo\)](#) is the default container, and [H.264 \(MainConcept\) Codec](#) is the default video encoder.

### Multi-bitrate Streaming Example



## MXF AS-11 (.mxf)

MXF AS-11 is defined by the Advanced Media Workflow Association (AMWA) as a format containing HD AVC-Intra or SD D-10 video with AES3 audio used by program producers and distributors for distributing programming to broadcasters. Episode supports AS-11 transcoding using the codecs listed below.

Episode decodes all audio tracks and channels in MOV and MXF sources and creates one track with all channels. For example, two stereo tracks become one track with 4 channels.

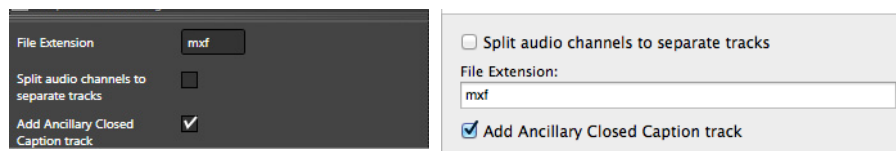
## Codecs

### MXF AS-11 (.mxf) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AES	in	in/out	in/out	
AVC-Intra 50/100	in	in/out	in/out	
D-10/IMX	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

### MXF AS-11 Settings



**File Extension.** Specifies the .mxf file extension by default but allows you to enter a different extension.

**Split audio channels to separate tracks.** Check to send the input audio channels to separate tracks in the output file.

**Add Ancillary Closed Caption track.** Check this option to include a CEA-608 or CEA-708 closed caption track in the VANC data of the output MXF file container if captions are present in the incoming media. Uncheck this option to exclude MXF file captions. (**Note:** To enable captions imported from .scc or .mcc files, also see the [Caption Importer Filter](#). To enable embedded input captions, also see the [VBI Importer Filter](#).)



## MXF Op1a (.mxf)

MXF Op1a wrapper file format is defined in SMPTE 377M.<sup>1</sup> Op1a corresponds to the SMPTE 378M standard.<sup>2</sup>

Episode decodes all audio tracks and channels in MOV and MXF sources and creates one track with all channels. For example, two stereo tracks become one track with 4 channels.

## Codecs

### MXF Op1a (.mxf) Codecs

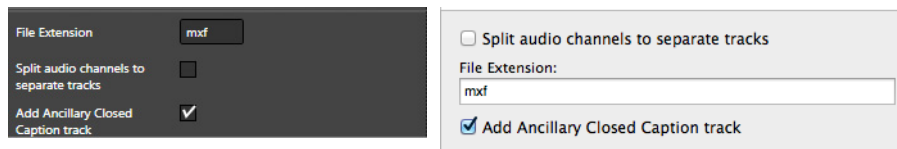
Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AES	in	in/out	in/out	
AVC-Intra 50	in	in/out	in/out	
AVC-Intra 100	in	in/out	in/out	
Avid DNxHD/HR	in	in/out	in/out	
BWF	in	in/out	in/out	
D-10/IMX	in	in/out	in/out	
DV25	in	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro25	in	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro50	in	in/out	in/out	
DVCProHD	in	in/out	in/out	
H.264 MainConcept	in	in/out	in/out	
H.264 (x264)	in	in/out	in/out	
JPEG 2000	in	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-2 ES	in	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-2 VOD	in	in/out	in/out	
XAVC	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM HD	in	in/out	in/out	

1. **Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.** *Television—Material Exchange Format (MXF)—File Format Specification*, 2004.

2. **Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.** *Television—Material Exchange Format (MXF)—Operational pattern 1A (Single Item, Single Package)*, 2004.

## Settings

### MXF OP1a Settings



Setting	Value
File Extension	mxf
Split audio channels to separate tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add Ancillary Closed Caption track	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**File Extension.** Specifies the .mxf file extension by default but allows you to enter a different extension.

**Split audio channels to separate tracks.** Check to send the input audio channels to separate tracks in the output file.

**Add Ancillary Closed Caption track.** Check this option to include a CEA-608 or CEA-708 closed caption track in the VANC data of the output MXF file container if captions are present in the incoming media. Uncheck this option to exclude MXF file captions. (**Note:** To enable captions imported from .scc or .mcc files, also see the [Caption Importer Filter](#). To enable embedded input captions, also see the [VBI Importer Filter](#).)

# MXF OpAtom Audio (.mxf)

MXF OpAtom format is similar to MPEG Elementary Stream format, in that either a video track or an audio track can be wrapped, but not both at the same time.<sup>1</sup>

Episode decodes all audio tracks and channels in MOV and MXF sources and creates one track with all channels. For example, two stereo tracks become one track with 4 channels.

## Codecs

MXF OPAAtom (.mxf) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AES	in	in/out	in/out	
BWF	in	in/out	in/out	
PCM	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

MXF OpAtom Settings

File Extension: mxf

Wrap as Avid compliant OP-Atom (BWF only): ☐

Framerate (Frames Per Second): 25

File Extension: mxf

☐ Wrap as Avid compliant OP-Atom (BWF only)

Framerate (Frames Per Second): 25

**Wrap as Avid compliant OpAtom (BWF only).** Check to generate a file using the proprietary modifications to the standard for Avid video editing systems.

**Framerate.** Select the frame rate, in frames per second.

1. **Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.** *Television—Material Exchange Format (MXF)—Specialized Operational Pattern Atom (Simplified Representation of a Single Item)*, 2004.

# MXF OpAtom Video (.mxf)

MXF OpAtom Video format is similar to MPEG Elementary Stream format, in that either a video track or an audio track can be wrapped, but not both at the same time.<sup>1</sup>

## Codecs

MXF OPAtom Video (.mxf) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AVC-Intra 50	in	in/out	in/out	
AVC-Intra 100	in	in/out	in/out	
Avid DNxHD/HR	in	in/out	in/out	
D10/IMX	in	in/out	in/out	
DV25	in	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro25	in	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro50	in	in/out	in/out	
DVCPro HD	in	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-2 ES	in	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-2 VOD	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM HD	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

MXF OpAtom Settings

File Extension

Wrap as Avid compliant OpAtom

☐ Wrap avid compliant op-atom

File Extension:

mxf

**Wrap as Avid compliant OpAtom.** Check to generate a file using the proprietary modifications to the standard for Avid video editing systems.

1. **Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.** *Television—Material Exchange Format (MXF)—Specialized Operational Pattern Atom (Simplified Representation of a Single Item)*, 2004.

# MXF Sony XAVC

MXF XAVC serves digital cinema with standards of 4096x2160 resolution in the MXF file wrapper. The XAVC codec supports a variety of Sony digital cameras and camcorders.

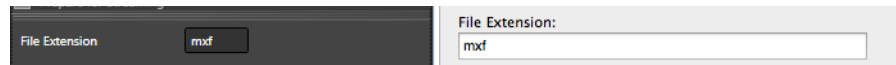
## Codecs

MXF XAVC (.mxf) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
XAVC	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

MXF XAVC Settings

The image shows a software interface for MXF XAVC settings. On the left, there is a dark grey panel with the label 'File Extension' and a button labeled 'mxf'. On the right, there is a light grey panel with the label 'File Extension:' and a text input field containing 'mxf'.

**File Extension.** Specifies the .mxf file extension by default but allows you to enter a different extension.

# MXF XDCAM (.mxf)

**Note:** This format is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

MXF XDCAM format is a unique MXF version used by the Sony XDCAM video camera. Episode decodes all audio tracks and channels in MOV and MXF sources and creates one track with all channels. For example, two stereo tracks become one track with 4 channels.

## Codecs

MXF XDCAM (.mxf) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AES	in	in/out	in/out	
PCM	in	in/out	in/out	
D10/IMX	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM HD	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM HD 422	in	in/out	in/out	
XDCAM EX	in	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

MXF XDCam Settings

File Extension

mx

Add Ancillary Closed Caption track

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☐ Split audio channels to separate tracks

File Extension:

mx

☒ Add Ancillary Closed Caption track

**File Extension.** Specifies the .mxf file extension by default but allows you to enter a different extension.

**Add Ancillary Closed Caption track.** Check this option to include a CEA-608 or CEA-708 closed caption track in the VANC data of the output MXF file container if captions are present in the incoming media. Uncheck this option to exclude MXF file captions. (**Note:** To enable captions imported from .scc or .mcc files, also see the [Caption Importer Filter](#). To enable embedded input captions, also see the [VBI Importer Filter](#).)

# OGG (.ogg)

OGG format is an open media wrapper format designed for efficient streaming and manipulation.<sup>1</sup>

## Codecs

OGG (.ogg) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
Vorbis	out	out	out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.ogg*), there are no user-configurable settings.

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1. **Internet Engineering Task Force**. Ogg Encapsulation Format Version 0, 2003. [www.rfc-editor.org](http://www.rfc-editor.org).

## PSP (.mp4)

PSP format is an MPEG-4 file format for PlayStation Portable.

PSP can play MPEG-4 files, but requires that they be named *M4V99999.mp4*, where 99999 is five decimal digits, and stored in the directory *E:\MP\_ROOT\100MNV01* on the PSP. You can set up the file naming convention in the deployment.

## Codecs

PSP (.mp4) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AAC	in/out	in/out	in/out	
H264	in/out	in/out	in/out	
MPEG-4	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.mp4*), there are no user-configurable settings.



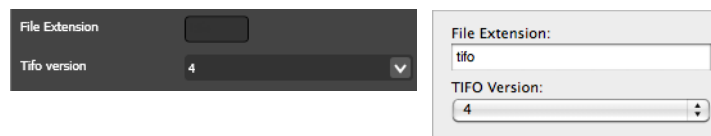
## TIFO (.tifo)

Telestream Intermediary Format is an intermediate media wrapper format designed by Telestream. Its primary use is in efficiently moving file-based media between Telestream digital media products.

TIFO supports all codecs available in Episode (base, Pro, and Engine) for both input and output.

## Settings

### TIFO Settings



The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of the TIFO settings interface. The left screenshot shows a dark-themed window with two settings: 'File Extension' with an empty text box, and 'Tifo version' with a dropdown menu set to '4'. The right screenshot shows a light-themed window with two settings: 'File Extension:' with a text box containing 'tifo', and 'TIFO Version:' with a dropdown menu set to '4'.

**TIFO Version.** Select the version number required to maintain compatibility with older versions of Telestream products.

# WAV (.wav)

The Waveform audio format was co-developed by Microsoft and IBM.<sup>1</sup>

## Codecs

WAV (.wav) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
PCM	in/out	in/out	in/out	

## Settings

WAV Settings

File Extension

Add Broadcast wave header☐

File Extension:

wav

☐ Add broadcast wave header

**Add Broadcast wave header.** Check to add a BWF header, which allows you to add metadata to the output file. See [Adding Metadata](#).

1. Multiple channel audio data and wave files, 2007. [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com).

# WebM (.webm)

WebM is a multimedia container format designed to provide a royalty-free, high-quality open video compression format for use with HTML5 video. The project's development is sponsored by Google.

A WebM file consists of VP8 or VP9 video and Vorbis audio streams, in a container based on a profile of Matroska. The project releases WebM related software under a BSD license and all users are granted a worldwide, non-exclusive, no-charge, royalty-free patent license.

## Codecs

Webm (.webm) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
VP8	out	out	out	
VP9	out	out	out	
Vorbis	out	out	out	

## Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.webm*), there are no user-configurable settings.

## WMA (.wma)

Windows Media is a proprietary multimedia framework developed by Microsoft. WMA format is the audio portion of Windows Media.

### Codecs

WMA (.wma) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
Windows Media Audio 9	in/out	in/out	in/out	

### Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.wma*), there are no user-configurable settings.

## WMV (.wmv)

Windows Media is a proprietary multimedia framework developed by Microsoft. WMV is the video portion of Windows Media.

### Codecs

WMV (.wmv) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
VC-1	out	out	out	
WMV9	in/out	in/out	in/out	
WMA 9	in/out	in/out	in/out	

### Settings

Except for File Extension (default *.wmv*), there are no user-configurable settings.



# Video Codecs

This chapter describes each of the video codecs provided in Episode, including a description of each user-configurable parameter.

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**Note:** For a complete list of supported formats, see the [Specifications](http://www.telestream.net/episode/tech-specs.htm) document at <http://www.telestream.net/episode/tech-specs.htm>.

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Some codecs require an Episode Pro or Episode Engine license, as indicated.

- [AVC-Intra Codec](#)
- [Blackmagic Codec](#)
- [D-10/IMX Codec](#)
- [DNxHD/DNxHR Codec](#)
- [DPX Sequence Codec](#)
- [DV Codec](#)
- [DVCPro HD Codec](#)
- [GoPro Cineform Decoder](#)
- [H.263 Codec](#)
- [H.264 \(MainConcept\) Codec](#)
- [H.264 \(x264\) Codec](#)
- [HDV Codec](#)
- [HEVC \(H.265/x265\) Codec](#)
- [JPEG Sequence Codec](#)
- [JPEG 2000 Codec](#)
- [MJPEG Codec](#)
- [MPEG-1 Codec](#)
- [MPEG-2 Codec](#)
- [MPEG-2 VOD Codec](#)
- [MPEG-4 Codec](#)

- [Pass Through Option](#)
- [ProRes Codec](#)
- [RGB Levels Codec](#)
- [Targa Cine YUV Codec](#)
- [TGA Sequence Codec](#)
- [TIFF Sequence Codec](#)
- [VP8 Codec](#)
- [VP9 Codec](#)
- [Windows Media Video 9 Codec](#)
- [Windows Media Video VC-1 Codec](#)
- [Windows RGB Codec](#)
- [XAVC Codec](#)
- [XDCAM HD Codec](#)
- [YCbCr Codec](#)



# AVC-Intra Codec

Episode is able to encode AVC-Intra media in both MXF and MOV formats. AVC-Intra was developed by Panasonic. It is fully compliant with the H.264/MPEG AVC standard and follows the SMPTE RP 2027-2007 recommended practice specifications. AVC-Intra utilizes 10-bit intra-frame AVC compression and can be used for both 1080 and 720 HD frame sizes.

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**Note:** Input is supported in all editions. Output is supported in Episode Pro and Episode Engine only.

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## AVC-Intra Codec Settings



**AVC-Intra Class.** Select from the following options:

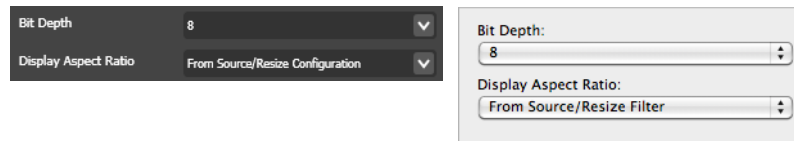
*Class 50.* Produces 50 Mbit/s CABAC encoding. 1920X1080 (1440X1080 encoded pixels) formats are High 10 Intra Profile, Level 4, 4:2:0 chrominance. 1280X720 (960X720 actual pixels) formats are High 10 Intra Profile, level 3.2, 4:2:0 chrominance.

*Class 100.* Produces 100Mbit/s CAVLC encoding. All formats are High 4:2:2 Intra Profile, level 4.1, 4:2:2 Chrominance. All formats are full frame (1920X1080 and 1280X720).

## Blackmagic Codec

The Blackmagic codec provides uncompressed video used by Decklink and AJA products.

### Blackmagic Codec Settings



**Bit depth.** Select 8 | 10 bits per color channel.

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**Note:** 10-bit encoding does not increase the quality of 8-bit source data.

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**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select from the following options:

*From Source/Resize Filter* causes the codec to use the display aspect ratio information in the source material or the value set in the resize filter if activated.

*Square Pixels | 4:3 | 16:9 | 2.21:1 | 2.35:1* causes the codec to use the specified pixel aspect ratio. See [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#).

# D-10/IMX Codec

**Note:** This codec is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

The D-10/IMX codec is a form of MPEG-2 4:2:2 I-frames-only video (SMPTE 356M).<sup>1</sup> The codec is restricted to encoding NTSC and PAL frame sizes and frame rates.

## D-10/IMX Codec Settings



**Bit Rate.** Select *30 Mbs* | *40 Mbs* | *50 Mbs*.

**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select from the following options:

*From Source/Resize Filter* causes the codec to use the display aspect ratio information in the source material or the value set in the [Resize Filter](#) if activated.

*Square Pixels* | *4:3* | *16:9* | *2.21:1* causes the codec to use the specified pixel aspect ratio. See [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#).

1. **Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.** *Television—Type D-10 Stream Specifications—MPEG-2 4:2:2P @ ML for 525/60 and 625/50, 2001.*

## Discard Option (Windows)

When the Discard option is selected from the Video Codec dropdown menu, Episode does not decode the video or pass it to the encoder. Thus, there is no video stream in the output.

# DNxHD/DNxHR Codec

Avid systems store Avid DNxHD (high definition) material natively in MXF and MOV file containers, and DNxHR (2K/4K high resolution) material natively in MOV file containers.

The Episode codec supports DNxHD natively in the MOV and MXF-Op1a containers, and DNxHR (2K/4K high resolution) material natively in MOV containers.

For format details, see this Avid publication: <http://www.avid.se/static/resources/US/documents/dnxhd.pdf>.

## DNxHD/DNxHR Codec Settings

**HDV 1080i60**  
Encoder

Task Name: HDV 1080i60

Format

Container: MOV

Video Encoder: Avid DNxHD / DNx

Audio Encoder: AAC

In/Out Points

Timecode

Intro & Outro

Prepare for Streaming

AAC Packetizer

Mode: DNxHD 4:4:4 1080p 10-bit RGB

Video: DNxHD Low Bandwidth 1080p 8-bit 36-45Mbps  
DNxHD Thin Raster 720p 8-bit 40-100Mbps  
DNxHD Thin Raster 1080i / 1080p 8-bit 80-100Mbps  
Metadata: DNxHD High Quality Thin Raster 1080i 8-bit 120  
Split & Stitch: DNxHD Standard Quality 720p 8-bit 60-75Mbps  
DNxHD Standard Quality 1080i / 1080p 8-bit 115  
DNxHD High Quality 720p 8-bit 90-220Mbps  
DNxHD High Quality 720p 10-bit 90-220Mbps  
DNxHD High Quality 1080i / 1080p 8-bit 175-220  
DNxHD High Quality 1080i / 1080p 10-bit 175-220  
DNxHD 4:4:4 1080p 10-bit RGB  
DNxHR Low Bandwidth  
DNxHR Standard Quality  
DNxHR High Quality (8-bit)  
DNxHR High Quality (10-bit)  
DNxHR 4:4:4 RGB

**HDV MOV 1080i60**  
System Task

Task Name: HDV MOV 1080i60

Format

Container: MOV

Video Codec: Avid DNxHD / DNxHR

Audio Codec: PCM

In/Out Points

Timecode

Intro & Outro

Mode: DNxHD Low Bandwidth 1080p 8-bit 36-4...

#### DNxHD/DNxHR Codec Resolution Selections

DNxHD Low Bandwidth 1080p 8-bit 36-45 Mbps
DNxHD Thin Raster 720p 8-bit 40-100 Mbps
DNxHD Thin Raster 1080i/1080p 8-bit 80-100 Mbps
DNxHD High Quality Thin Raster 1080i 8-bit 120-145 Mbps
DNxHD Standard Quality 720p 8-bit 60-75 Mbps
DNxHD Standard Quality 1080i/1080p 8-bit 115-145 Mbps
DNxHD High Quality 720p 8-bit 90-220 Mbps
DNxHD High Quality 720p 10-bit 90-220 Mbps
DNxHD High Quality 1080i/1080p 8-bit 175-220 Mbps
DNxHD High Quality 1080i/1080p 10-bit 175-220 Mbps
DNxHD 4:4:4 1080p 10-bit RGB
DNxHR Low Bandwidth
DNxHR Standard Quality
DNxHR High Quality (8-bit)
DNxHR High Quality (10-bit)
DNxHR 4:4:4 RGB

# DPX Sequence Codec

**Note:** This feature is available in both the Episode CLI and in the GUI client with the Episode Engine license. For CLI details, see the *Episode Advanced User's Guide*.

Select a sequence of DPX images as an input format for conversion to video. Support includes 8-bit, 10-bit, and 12-bit resolution.

## Image Sequence Settings

The left screenshot shows a settings window for an 'Image Sequence' task. The 'Task Name' is 'Untitled'. Below it are several input fields: 'Max sequence number increase' (0), 'Safety files' (0), 'Frame rate' (0), 'Encode while ingest' (checkbox), 'Encode while ingest waits(sec)' (0), and 'Encode while ingest number of waits' (0). The right screenshot shows the 'Image Sequence Inspector' window. It has a title bar 'Image Sequence Inspector' and a subtitle 'Image Sequence 0 Image Sequences'. Below this are fields for 'Task Name' (Image Sequence), 'Maximum Sequence Number Increase' (1), 'Safety Files' (0), 'Framerate' (0), 'Encode While Ingest' (checkbox), 'Encode While Ingest Wait' (5), and 'Encode While Ingest Number of Waits' (5). At the bottom is a list of files with a 'Revert' button.

**Task Name.** Names the task.

**Max sequence number increase.** Enables gaps in the sequence numbers. The default value is 1, meaning that one missing number in a sequence is treated as the end of the sequence. If set to another number, that number of sequence numbers must be missing to be considered the end of a sequence.

**Safety files.** Controls how many files after any given file need to be present in the sequence before processing of the file begins. This does not apply to the first file in a

sequence. This only has practical implications if *Encode While Ingest* is enabled. Setting this to 0 (zero) may significantly decrease the time the encoder has to wait when the end of the sequence is reached, but depending on file system and file format, may result in errors. Default is 0.

**Frame rate.** Sets the video frame rate of the output media file.

**Encode while ingest.** Encodes files as they are ingested from a scanner or other device that produces an image sequence over time. Wait times between received files can be specified in the following wait fields.

**Encode while ingest waits (sec).** Specifies the number of seconds to wait before checking for a newly arrived file during encode while ingest. The default is 5 seconds.

**Encode while ingest number of waits.** Specifies the maximum number of times to wait for files during encode while ingest. The default is 5 times. If no files are received for 5 wait times, the sequence is ended. Assuming the defaults are used, the maximum is 5 waits times 5 seconds each for a total of 25 seconds.

**Images.** Lists the images selected for processing by the Image Sequence task.

**Revert.** Restores the Image Sequence settings to what they were before they were changed.

**Save As.** Saves the Image Sequence configuration to a file.

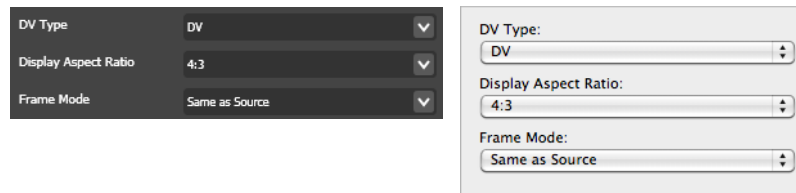


# DV Codec

DV does not use intra-frame prediction—all frames are keyframes. Thus, each frame is decodable separately. This makes DV video suitable for editing and provides a remarkably even quality, even in segments that are typically difficult for other video encoders to encode well.

The DV codec is restricted to NTSC and PAL frame sizes and rates.

## DV Codec Settings



**DV Type.** Select from the following options. The DV type automatically sets the audio in the [sample rate filter](#) to the appropriate value.

*DV*, also known as DV25, has a fixed 25 Mbps bit rate. DV25 can encode PAL video (720 x 576) pixels at 25 FPS with a 4:2:0 color space and NTSC video (720 x 480) pixels at 29.97 FPS with a 4:1:1 color space. Audio at 32 | 44.1 | 48 kHz is supported in both cases.

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**Note:** The DVCPRO and DVCPRO50 codecs are available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

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*DVCPRO* has a fixed 25 Mbps bit rate. DVCPRO can encode PAL video (720 x 576) at 25 FPS with a 4:1:1 color space and NTSC video (720 x 480) at 29.97 FPS with a 4:1:1 color space. Audio at 32 | 48 kHz is supported in both cases.

*DVCPRO50* has a fixed 50 Mbps bit rate. DVCPRO50 can either PAL video (720 x 576) pixels at 25 FPS with a 4:2:2 color space and NTSC video (720 x 480) pixels at 29.97 FPS with a 4:2:2 color space. Audio at 32 | 48kHz is supported in both cases.

**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select from these options:

4:3 | 16:9 causes the codec to use the specified pixel aspect ratio. See [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#).

*From Source/Resize Filter* causes the codec to use the display aspect ratio information in the source material or the value set in the [Resize Filter](#) if activated.

*Square Pixels* | 4:3 | 16:9 | 2.21:1 causes the codec to use the specified pixel aspect ratio. See [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#).

**Frame Mode.** Select from these options:

*Same as Source* sets the output frame mode the same as the input file.

*Interlaced* sets the output frame mode to interlaced.

*Progressive* sets the output frame mode to progressive.

## DVCPro HD Codec

The SMPTE 370M-2006 specification defines the DVCPro HD format, which is a 100 Mbps extension of the DVCPro 25 and DVCPro 50 formats. The HD format is used for capturing and editing high-quality HD video.

The Episode DVCPro HD codec supports these standard resolutions:

- 1080i60: 1280 pixels per line, 1080 lines; interlaced (displayed at 16:9, or 1920 x 1080)
- 1080i50: 1440 pixels per line, 1080 lines; interlaced (displayed at 16:9, or 1920 x 1080)
- 720p60: 960 pixels per line, 720 lines; progressive (displayed at 16:9, or 1280 x 720)
- 720p50: 960 pixels per line, 720 lines; progressive (displayed at 16:9, or 1280 x 720)

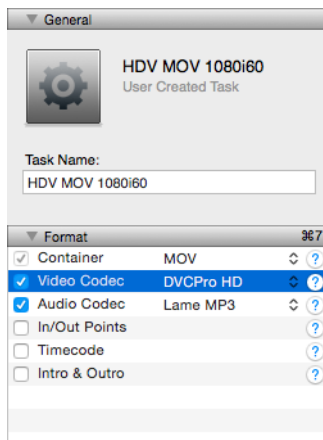
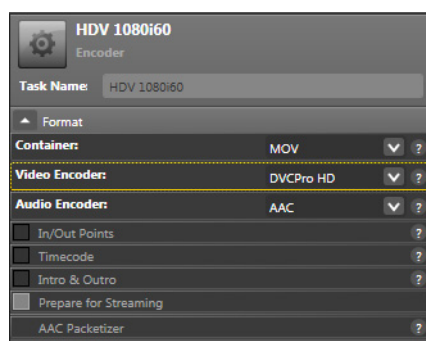
For all resolutions, DVCPro HD captures and displays images with a 16:9 aspect ratio (or 1.78).

No explicit settings are provided in Episode. The resolution is chosen from the incoming media parameters (a combination of the source and filter selections).

These Episode containers can use the DVCPro HD codec:

- MOV
- MXF-Op1a
- MXF-OpAtom
- TIFO

### DVCPro HD Codec Selection



## GoPro Cineform Decoder

Episode decodes (but does not encode) GoPro Cineform files. The CineForm format was created to support compressed Digital Intermediate HD or higher resolution media for film and television. CineForm media is typically wrapped within AVI or MOV files types.

Files may consist of image formatting for 10-bit 4:2:2 YUV, 12-bit 4:4:4 RGB and RGBA, and 12-bit CFA Bayer filter RAW compression (for Silicon Imaging SI-2K camera.) Compression data-rates typically range from 10:1 to 3.5:1, and files may also be uncompressed.

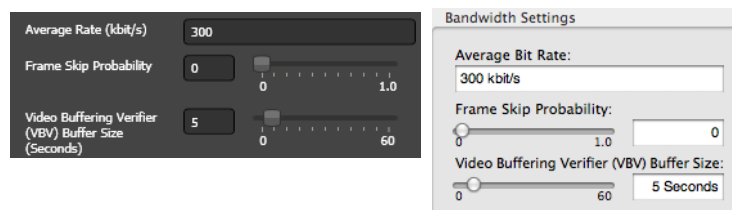
## H.263 Codec

H.263 is designed for low-bit rate video<sup>1</sup>. It is suitable for streaming to handheld devices.

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Keyframe Settings](#)
- [Profile Settings](#)
- [Encoding Settings](#)

## Bandwidth Settings

### H.263 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



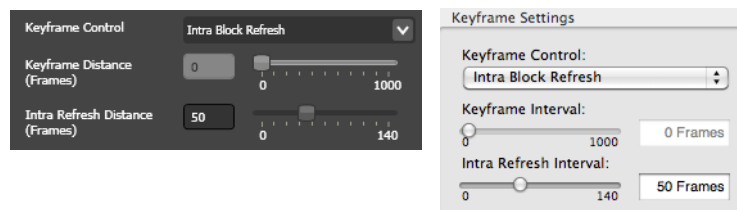
**Average Bit Rate.** Set the desired bit rate of the video track. Range: 0 to 30,000 Kbps.

**Frame Skip Probability.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the probability of skipping frames so that if the set bit rate is exceeded, 0.0 is least likely and 1.0 is most likely to cause frame skipping. See [Frame Skip Probability Smooth Motion Vs. Crisp Image](#).

**Video Buffering Verifier (VBV) Buffer Size.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the VBV buffer size. Range: 0 to 60 seconds. See [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#).

## Keyframe Settings

### H263 Codec—Keyframe Settings



**Keyframe Control.** Select from the following options:

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1. **International Telecommunication Union.** *Video coding for low bit rate communication*, 2005. [www.itu.int](http://www.itu.int).

*Keyframes Only* creates all frames as keyframes. Requires very high video bit rate.

*Forced Keyframes Only* creates keyframes with exactly the specified keyframe distance.

*Natural and Forced Keyframes* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change, but also inserts a keyframe at Keyframe distance from the latest keyframe. If keyframe distance is 0, only natural keyframes are created.

*Natural Keyframes Only* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change.

*Intra Block Refresh* updates only moving areas in the image instead of the entire frame. This is useful when streaming at very low bit rates, since it keeps the bit rate more constant.

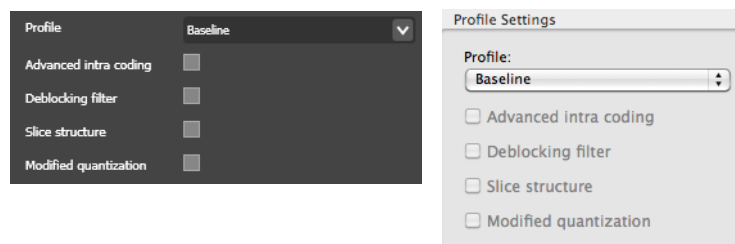
**Keyframe Interval.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum distance between keyframe. Range: 0 to 1,000 frames.

**Intra Refresh Period.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum distance between Intra Block Refreshes. Range 0 to 140 frames.

## Profile Settings

H.263 has a number of profiles, supporting different features.

### H263 Codec—Profile Settings



**Profile.** Select from the following options:

*Baseline* (Profile 0) only allows the picture sizes QCIF (176 x144) and Sub-QCIF (128 x 96). No other profile settings are enabled.

*Profile 3* supports all picture sizes and enables the following options:

**Advanced Intra Coding.** Check to use an advanced algorithm for coding intra blocks.

**Deblocking Filter.** Check to reduce artifacts at the edges of encoding blocks.

**Slice Structure.** Check to use slices when encoding frames. This allows faster re-synchronization of the picture for lossy connections.

**Modified Quantization.** Check to use an alternate quantization method to increase color fidelity.

## Encoding Settings

### H263 Codec—Encoding Settings



**Two-pass encoding.** Check to perform encoding in two passes. In pass one, the codec analyzes the frames and collects data. In the second pass it uses the collected data as the basis for how to best distribute the bits. Two-pass encoding provides better output image quality but increases encoding time.

# H.264 (MainConcept) Codec

H.264 is also known as AVC and MPEG-4 Part 10<sup>1</sup>. H.264 uses many different techniques to achieve excellent video compression ratio for bit rates ranging from very low levels for hand-held devices to high levels for HD television.

**Note:** This topic describes how to use the MainConcept H.264 codec. You can also generate H.264 video using the [H.264 \(x264\) Codec](#).

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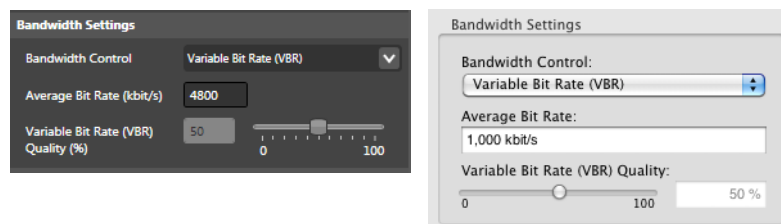
## General Tab

The General tab displays the following settings:

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Frame Type Settings](#)

## Bandwidth Settings

H264 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



**Bandwidth Control.** Select from the following options:

*Constant Bit Rate (CBR)* uses the constant bit rate with the Average Bit Rate setting.

1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Coding of audio-visual objects*, 2004.

*Variable Bit Rate (VBR)* uses the Average Bit Rate setting.

*Variable Bit Rate (VBR)—Quality Based* uses the VBR Quality setting.

**Average Bit Rate.** When *Variable Bit Rate (VBR)* is selected, specify the desired bit rate of the video track. Range: 15 to 100,000 Kbps.

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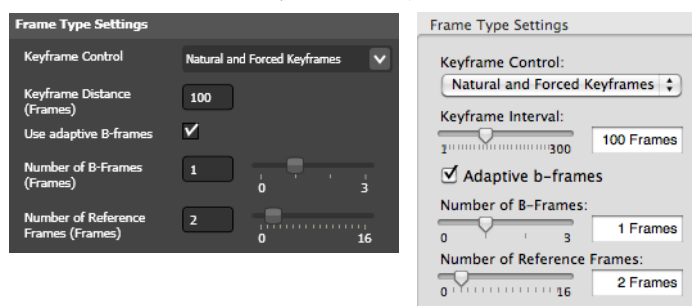
**Note:** The actual maximum size of the VBV is determined by the encoding level and target bit rate and may be considerably less than 60 s. In this case it is limited to the maximum possible value. See [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#).

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**Variable Bit Rate (VBR) Quality.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the image quality for a video frame expressed as a percent: 0% (most compression, lowest quality) to 100% (least compressed, highest quality).

## Frame Type Settings

### H264 Codec—Frame Type Settings



**Keyframe Control.** Select from the following options:

*Keyframes Only* creates all frames as keyframes. Requires very high video bit rate.

*Forced Keyframes Only* creates keyframes with exactly the specified keyframe distance.

*Natural and Forced Keyframes* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change, but also inserts a keyframe at Keyframe distance from the latest keyframe. If Keyframe distance is 0, only natural keyframes are created.

*Natural Keyframes Only* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change.

**Keyframe Interval.** When enabled (*Forced Keyframes Only* | *Natural and Forced Keyframes*) Specify the maximum distance between keyframes. Range: 0 to 300.

**Use Adaptive B-frames.** Check to use fewer than the number of B-frames (specified in Number of B-frames) in a sequence if this improves quality.

**Number of B-frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the number of B-frames between P-frames in a GOP. Range: 0 to 3.

**Number of Reference Frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the number of reference frames stored. A higher number may improve coding quality but increases encoding time. Range: 0 to 16.



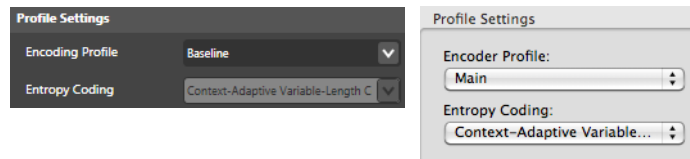
## Profile & Quality Tab

The Profile & Quality tab displays the following settings:

- [Profile Settings](#)
- [Display Settings](#)
- [Quality Settings](#)

### Profile Settings

#### H264 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



**Profile Settings.** Select *Baseline* | *Main* | *High* profile.

*Baseline* is primarily used for low-cost applications that require additional data loss robustness. This profile is used in some videoconferencing and mobile applications.

*Main* is used for standard-definition digital TV broadcasts that use the MPEG-4 format.

*High* is primarily used for broadcast and disc-based applications, particularly for high-definition applications.

**Entropy Coding.** When enabled (*Main* | *High* profile), select from these options:

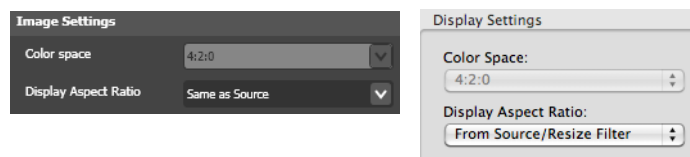
CAVLC is simpler and faster. When Baseline profile is selected, CAVLC is used.

CABAC is slower and higher quality.

### Display Settings

The color space option is only enabled when High profile is selected. For Baseline and Main, only 4:2:0 color space is used.

#### H264 Codec—Display Settings



**Color Space.** When High profile is selected, choose *Same as Source* | *4:2:0* | *4:2:2*. See [Color Formats](#).

**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select from these options:

*From Source/Resize Filter* causes the codec to use the display aspect ratio information in the source material or the value set in the [Resize Filter](#) if activated.

*Square Pixels | 4:3 | 16:9* explicitly set the display aspect ratio.

## Quality Settings

### H264 Codec—Quality Settings



**Two-pass Encoding.** Check to perform encoding in two passes. In pass one, the codec analyzes the frames and collects data. In the second pass it uses the collected data as the basis for how to best distribute the bits. Two-pass encoding provides better output image quality but increases encoding time.

**Deblocking Filter.** Check to smooth out block artifacts which may occur in the image when using lower bit rates.

**Adaptive Interlacing Mode.** Check to generate more efficient interlaced output. This option increases encoding time.

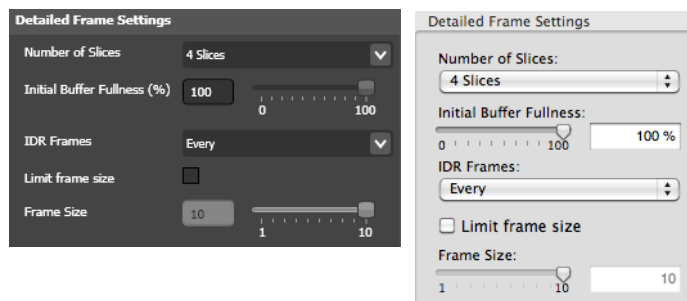
## Advanced Tab

The Advanced tab displays the following settings:

- [Detailed Frame Settings](#)
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- [Level Signaling](#)
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## Detailed Frame Settings

### H264 Codec—Detailed Frame Settings



**Number of Slices.** Select from these options:

*Automatic (One per CPU)* speeds up processing by transcoding parts (slices) of the same frame in parallel.

*1 Slice | 2 Slices | 3 Slices | 4 Slices* Select to speed encoding. Using more slices may decrease image quality somewhat as redundancies between parts of the frame cannot be fully utilized.

**Initial Buffer Fullness.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum percent of the buffer to be utilized.

When encoding starts, the encoder assumes a certain level of bits in the buffer, to obtain an even bit rate right from the beginning. How full the buffer is affects how large the first frames are. Lower means fewer available bits and the first frames are smaller. This is good when you want to limit the size of the first frame which typically can be very large, especially if there is little motion in the material (because then it makes sense to spend a lot of bits on the quality of the first frame). A low value decreases quality slightly for the first frames of the movie. The default value is 50%.

**IDR Frames.** Select from the following options to set the frequency of IDR frames: *Every | Every 2nd | Every 3rd | Every 5th | Every 10th*.

An IDR frame is an I-frame whose preceding frames cannot be used by predictive frames. Predictive frames (P-frames and B-frames) coming after an I-frame may look at frames before the I-frame for best compression. More distant IDR frames may allow more efficient compression but limits the ability of a player to move to arbitrary points in the video. In particular, QuickTime Player may display image artifacts when you scrub the timeline unless every I-frame is an IDR frame.

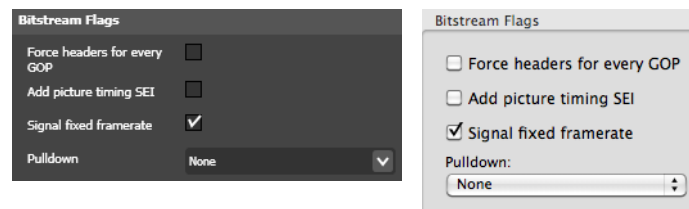
**Limit Frame Size.** Check to enable the Frame Size option so you can set it as appropriate.

Even if the average bit rate stays below the set limit, individual frames may become larger than a decoder can handle in real time, thus you may need to set limits on how large frames can get. This limitation may reduce image quality considerably, so you should not use this setting unless you have definite problems.

**Frame Size.** When enabled, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to limit the maximum frame size. Range: 2 to 10 times the average frame size.

## Bitstream Flags

### H264 Codec—Bitstream Flag Settings



**Force Headers for Every GOP.** Check to insert a header before every GOP, which is a requirement for producing Blu-ray media.

**Add Picture Timing SEI.** Check to add Supplemental Enhancement Information fields indicating the global time for each frame and suitable decoder settings. They add a small overhead to the file size, but can help a decoder play out the video more efficiently.

**Signal Fixed Framerate.** Check to indicate that the clip is to be played out with a fixed framerate.

**Pulldown.** Select how to set the flag which tells a player how to pull down fields in order to display at a higher frame rate. See [Video Scan](#).

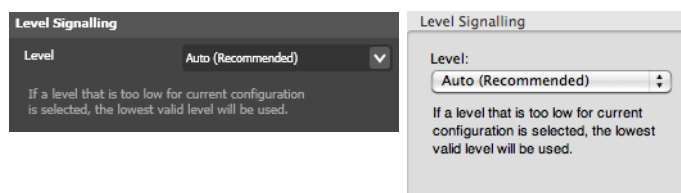
Select from these options:

*None* does not perform pulldown.

*2:3 (23.976/24 -> 29.97/30 FPS) | 3:2 (23.976/24 -> 29.97/30 FPS) | 2:3 (23.976/24 -> 59.94/60 FPS) | 3:2 (23.976/24 -> 59.94/60 FPS).* If the frame rate does not match 23.976 or 24 these settings are ignored.

## Level Signaling

### H264 Codec—Level Signalling Settings

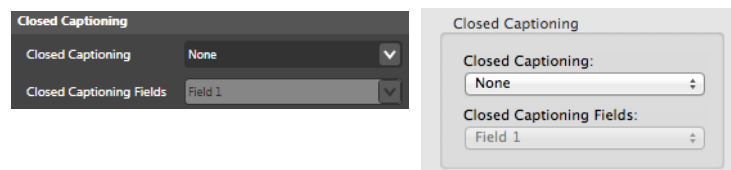


**Level.** Select an option to mark the level of the output as a higher value than the default. Select from these options: *Auto | Level 1.1... Level 5.1.*

The level you select provides the decoder the required maximum values for macro block rates, frame sizes and bit rates. Episode automatically marks the level as corresponding to the lowest level matching the current values for those parameters. If you indicate a level lower than allowed by the current parameter values, the lowest legal level is silently selected.

## Closed Captioning Settings

### H.264 (MainConcept) Codec—Closed Captioning Settings



**Closed Captioning.** Select *None | Same as Source | EIA-608 | EIA-608 + EIA-708.*

This setting controls and enables only the output side of the closed captioning capability. When set to *None*, no captions are embedded in the encoded output. When set to *Same as Source*, *EIA-608*, or *EIA-608 + EIA708*, closed captions (of the type selected) embedded in the source are likewise embedded into the encoded output.

**None.** Embedded closed captions in the source are ***not included*** in the output.

**Same as Source.** Embedded captions in input media are embedded in output media.

**EIA-608.** 608 captions embedded in input media are embedded in output media.

**EIA-608 + EIA-708.** Embedded 608/708 input captions are embedded in the output.

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**Note:** Depending on the source, you may also need to enable an input Video Filter:

To make captions embedded in source blanking available to the encoder, select *Decode Captions* in the [VBI Importer Filter](#). (Strips input VBI captions if *not* selected).

To import 608/708 captions from .scc or .mcc caption files, select the [Caption Importer Filter](#) and browse for the .scc or .mcc caption file.

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MPEG-2 source files containing embedded captions in the user data do not require the VBI Importer Filter. As long as *Closed Captioning* is enabled for the encoder, captions on the input should pass to the transcoded output.

You can also choose to include closed captions in the [MXF AS-11 \(.mxf\)](#), [MXF Op1a \(.mxf\)](#), or [MXF XDCAM \(.mxf\)](#) file containers. To do so, select *Container* in the Inspector, and select *Add Ancillary Closed Caption Track*.

## H.264 (x264) Codec

H.264 is also known as AVC and MPEG-4 Part 10<sup>1</sup>. H264 uses many different techniques to achieve excellent video compression ratio for bit rates ranging from very low levels for hand-held devices to high levels for HD television.

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**Note:** This topic describes the x264 H.264 codec, often referred to simply as x264. You can also generate H.264 media using the [H.264 \(MainConcept\) Codec](#). Tables below each user interface figure identify corresponding standard x264 CLI commands so that you can correlate the two interfaces more easily. *The CLI commands in these tables are not those of the x264 implementation in the Episode CLI.*

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### General Tab

The General tab displays the following settings:

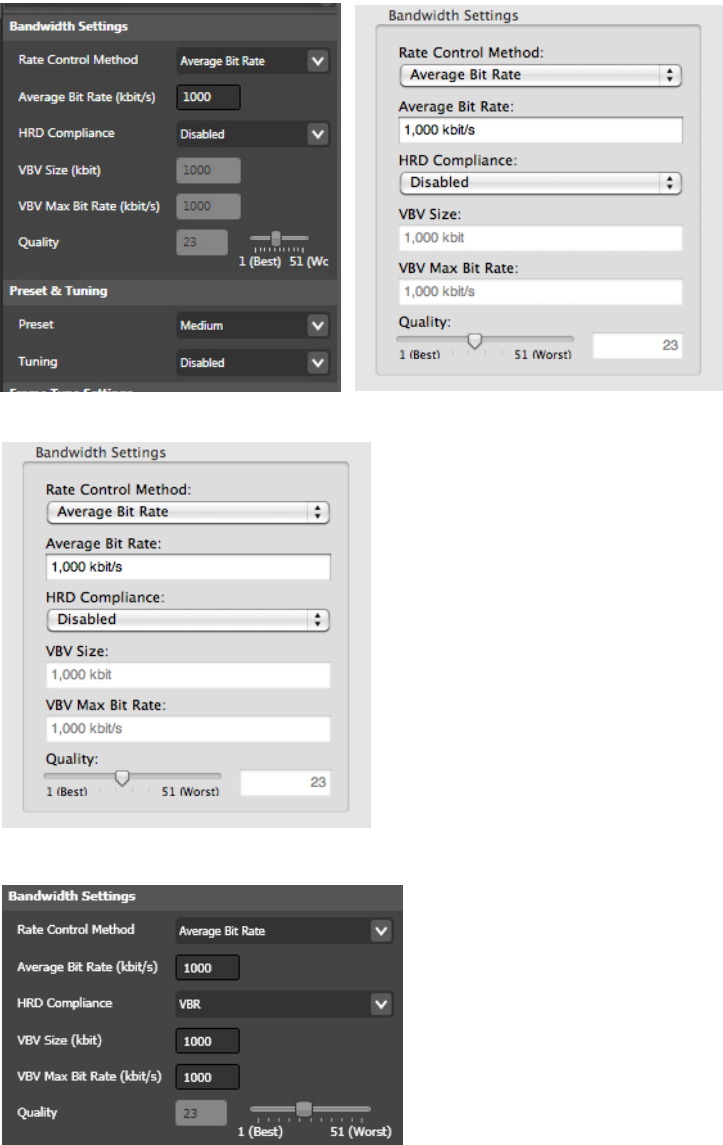
- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
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1. **International Organization for Standardization.** *Information technology—Coding of audio-visual objects*, 2004.

# Bandwidth Settings

## x264 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



## H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Bandwidth Settings

Rate Control Method		
	Average Bit Rate	-B, --bitrate
	Constant Quality	-q, --qp
HRD Compliance	--nal-hrd	
	Disabled	none

## H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Bandwidth Settings

	CBR	cbr
	VBR	vbr
VBV Size		--vbv-buFSIZE
VBV Max Bit Rate	--vbv-maxrate	

**Rate Control Method.** Select from the following options:

*Average Bit Rate* uses the Average Bit Rate setting.

*Constant Quality Based* uses the Quality setting.

**Average Bit Rate.** When *Average Bit Rate* is selected, specify the desired bit rate of the video track. Range: 15 to 400,000 Kbit/s.

**HRD Compliance.** HRD (Hypothetical Reference Decoder) is a reference model of a decoder that is specified in the H.264 standard. It defines two buffers by their size and read/write speed. Creation of HRD-compliant video streams is important when the stream is to be streamed at a constant bit rate or played back on a hardware device with limited resources (DVD/Blu-ray players, etc.).

Select from these options:

*Disabled* eliminates the requirement to adhere to the HRD model. This is the preferred choice when encoding a file for local playback or download to a computer.

*CBR* encodes to a constant bit rate targeted at the average bit rate value. This is the preferred choice when encoding files to be streamed to a device. For CBR mode, you must also specify the VBV size. The VBV maximum bit rate is set to the same value as the average bit rate.

*VBR* encodes to an average bit rate constrained to the average bit rate value. For VBR mode one must also specify the VBV size and the VBV max bit rate. VBR mode is the preferred choice when the VBV buffer has a bit rate different from the average bit rate. For example, a Blu-ray player can fill the VBV buffer at a higher bit rate than the video average bit rate.

**VBV Size.** Specifies the size of the VBV buffer in kilobits. A larger buffer provides the encoder a longer time for varying the bit rate. The buffer is filled at the bit rate set by the VBV Max bit rate. A larger buffer also increases the time the decoder/player has to buffer the stream before it should start playback (buffering time (in seconds) = VBV Size / VBV Max bit rate).

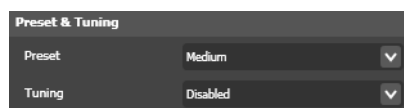
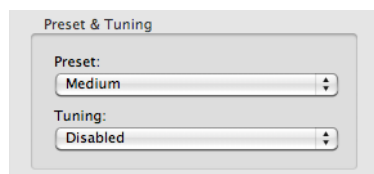
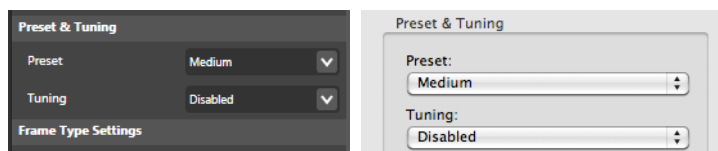
**VBV Max Bitrate.** The bit rate at which the VBV buffer fills. In a scenario where you stream a file at a constant bit rate (for example, a VOD transport stream), this is set to the same rate as the video bit rate. If you are encoding for a device that can refill the buffer faster than the average bit rate, set it here.



**Quality.** When *Constant Quality* is selected, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the image quality for a video frame expressed as a whole number: 1 (Best) to 51 (Worst).

## Preset and Tuning

### x264 Codec—Preset and Tuning



### H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Preset and Tuning Settings

Preset		--preset
	Ultra Fast	ultrafast
	Super Fast	superfast
	Very Fast	veryfast
	Faster	faster
	Fast	fast
	Medium	medium
	Slow	slow
	Slower	slower
	Very Slow	veryslow
	Placebo	placebo
Tuning		--tune
	Disabled	(--tune not set)

#### H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Preset and Tuning Settings

	Film	film
	Animation	animation
	Grain	grain
	Still Image	stillimage
	PSNR	psnr
	SSIM	ssim
	Fast Decode	fastdecode
	Zero Latency	zerolatency

**Preset.** Select from these options, which trade encoding speed for visual quality:

*Ultra Fast | Super Fast | Very Fast | Faster | Fast | Medium | Slow | Slower | Very Slow | Placebo*

**Tuning.** Select from these options, which optimize encoding quality for a particular type of source content:

*Disabled* performs no special optimization of the video frame during encoding.

*Film* optimizes the output assuming film-based input.

*Animation* optimizes the output assuming animated media input.

*Grain* optimizes the output assuming grainy video input.

*Still Image* optimizes the output assuming still images as input.

*PSNR* optimizes the encoder for PSNR (peak signal to noise ratio) at the expense of visual quality.

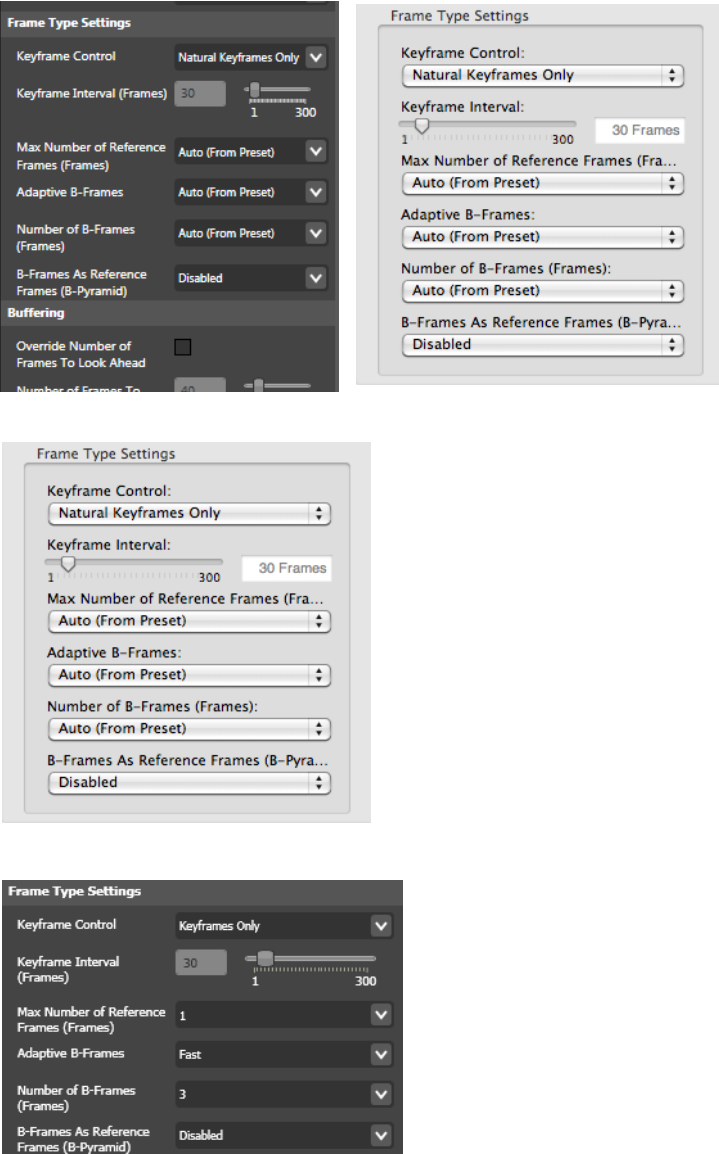
*SSIM* optimizes the encoder for SSIM (structural similarity) at the expense of visual quality.

*Fast Decode* optimizes the output for fastest decoding on the display device.

*Zero latency* optimizes the output to target zero latency on the display device.

# Frame Type Settings

## x264 Codec—Frame Type Settings



## H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Frame Type Settings

Keyframe Control		
	Natural Keyframes Only	
	Natural and Max Keyframe Interval	

### H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Frame Type Settings

	Natural and Forced Keyframe Interval	
	Forced Keyframe Interval Only	--no-scenecut
	Keyframes Only	-i, --min-keyint 1
Keyframe Interval		-l, --keyint
Max Number of Reference Frames		--ref
Adaptive B-Frames		--b-adapt
	Auto (From Preset)	
	Disabled	0
	Fast	1
	Trellis	2
Number of B-Frames		-b, --bframes
B-Frames As Reference Frames (B-Pyramid)		--b-pyramid
	Disabled	none
	Strict	strict
	Normal	normal

**Keyframe Control.** Controls the method of inserting keyframes into the stream.

Select from the following options:

*Natural Keyframes Only* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change.

*Natural and Max Keyframe Interval* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change, but also inserts a keyframe if the Keyframe Interval distance is reached before a natural keyframe has been created.

*Forced Keyframe Only* only creates keyframes at the set keyframe interval.

*Natural and Forced Keyframe Interval* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change, but also inserts a keyframe at the set keyframe interval.

*Forced Keyframe Only* creates all frames (requires higher bit rates).

*Keyframes Only* creates all frames as keyframes. Requires very high video bit rate.

**Keyframe Interval.** When *Natural and Max Keyframe Interval* | *Forced Keyframe Only* | *Natural and Forced Keyframe Interval* are selected, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the maximum distance between keyframes. Range: 0 to 300.

**Max Number of Reference Frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum number of frames a frame can reference. More reference frames provides better quality, because the encoder has more frames in which to find similarities, but increases memory use by the decoder. Range: 1 to 16.

**Adaptive B-Frame.** Check to enable adaptive B-frame placement. Sometimes it is better to create a P-frame rather than a B-frame, so the number of B-frames between P-frames may become less than the Number of B-frames value.

**Number of B-Frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the number of B-frames that can be used between P-frames. Range: 1 to 16.

**B-Frames as Reference Frames (B-Pyramid).** Allows the use of B-frames as references for other frames.

Select from these options:

*Disabled* does not allow B-frames to be used as references.

*Strict* allows one B-frame per mini-GOP to be used as a reference.

*Normal* allows numerous B-frames per mini GOP to be used as a reference.

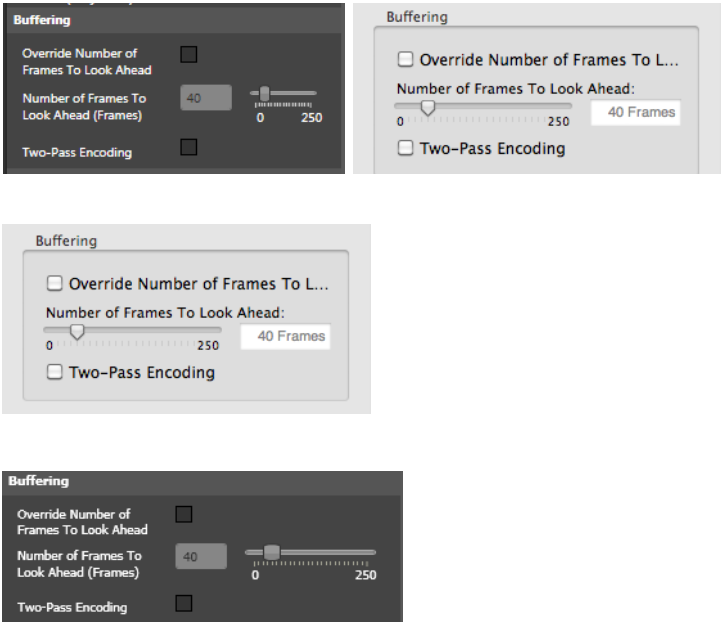
## Profile & Quality Tab

The Profile & Quality tab displays the following settings:

- [Buffering Settings](#)
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## Buffering Settings

### x264 Codec—Buffering Settings



### H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Buffering Settings

Number of Frames To Look Ahead		--rc-lookahead
Two-Pass Encoding		-p, --pass 2

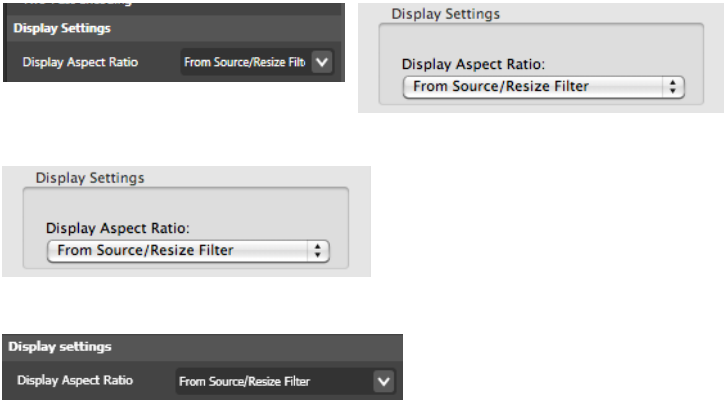
**Override Number of Frames to Look Ahead.** Check to override the default Frame Look-ahead value.

**Number of Frames to Look Ahead.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the number of frames the encoder can look ahead to detect more difficult areas to encode, and save bits for those sections. Range: 0 to 250.

**Two-Pass Encoding.** Check to perform encoding in two passes. In the first pass, the encoder analyzes the frames and collects data. In the second pass, it uses the collected data as the basis for how to best distribute the bits. Two-pass encoding provides better output image quality but increases encoding time.

## Display Settings

### H264 Codec—Display Settings



### H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Display Settings

Display Aspect Ratio		
Square Pixels		(will use --sar to set correct display aspect ratio)
	4:03:00	
	16:09:00	

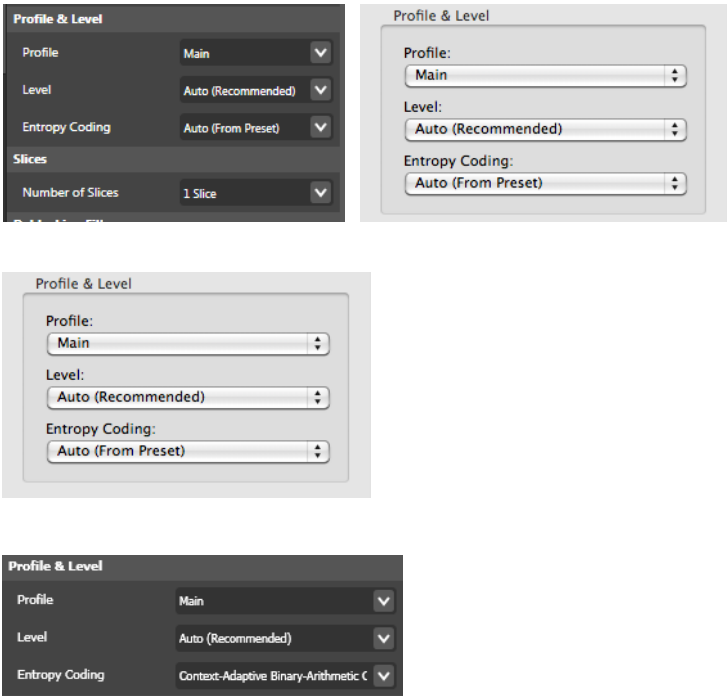
**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select from these options:

*From Source/Resize Filter* causes the codec to use the display aspect ratio information in the source material or the value set in the [Resize Filter](#) if activated.

*Square Pixels* | *4:3* | *16:9* explicitly set the display aspect ratio.

## Profile & Level Settings

### H264 Codec—Profile & Level Settings



### H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Profile and Level Settings

Profile		--profile
	Baseline	baseline
	Main	main
	High	high
Level		--level
Entropy Coding		
	Auto (From Preset)	
	Context-Adaptive Variable-Length Coding (CAVLC)	--no-cabac
	Context-Adaptive Binary-Arithmetic Coding (CABAC)	(--no-cabac not set)

**Profile.** Select from the following options:



*Baseline* uses the fastest encode and decode profile.

*Main* uses a more complex encoder, which usually provides better quality/bit rate ratio.

*High* use an even more complex encoder. Requires Episode Pro or Episode Engine.

**Level.** The level you select provides the decoder the maximum values for macro block rates, frame sizes, reference frames, VBV information, and bit rates.

Select from these options:

*Auto.* Episode automatically marks the level as corresponding to the lowest level matching the current configuration.

*Levels (1.0 to 5.1).* Select an option to mark the level of the output as a higher value than the default. If you manually select a level lower than allowed by the current parameter values, the configuration may silently change to match the selected level.

**Entropy Coding.** When enabled (*Main* | *High* profile), select from these options:

*CAVLC* is simpler and faster. When *Baseline profile* is selected, CAVLC is used.

*CABAC* is slower and higher quality. *CABAC* is enabled when *Main* or *High* files are selected.

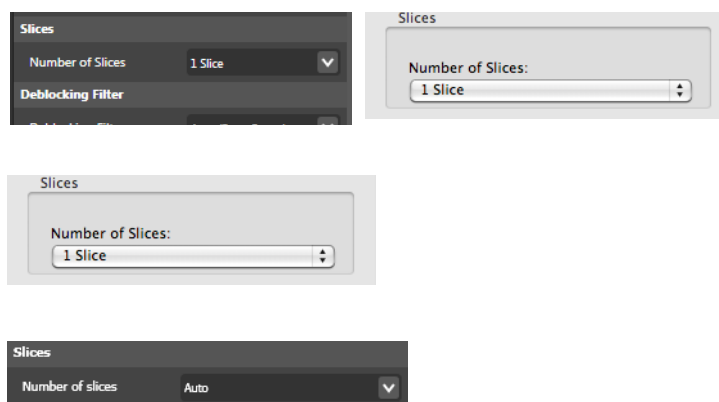
## Advanced Tab

The Advanced tab displays the following settings:

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### Slices Settings

x264 Codec—Slices Settings



H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Slices Settings

Number of Slices		--slices
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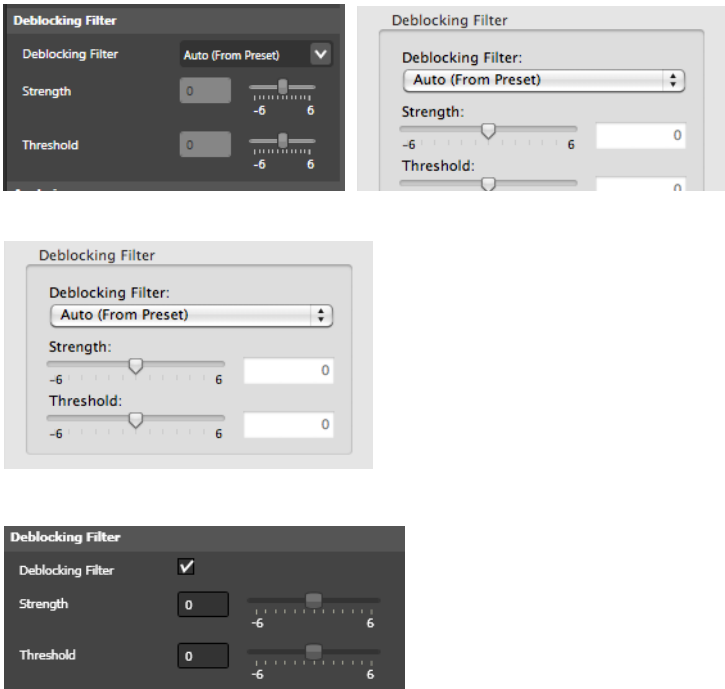
**Number of Slices.** Select from these options:

*Auto* speeds up processing by transcoding parts (slices) of the same frame in parallel.

*1 Slice* | *2 Slices* | *3 Slices* | *4 Slices*. Select to speed encoding. Using more slices may decrease image quality somewhat as redundancies between parts of the frame cannot be fully utilized.

Deblocking Filter Settings

x264 Codec—Deblocking Filter Settings



H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Deblocking Filter Settings

Deblocking Filter		-f, --deblock
	Strength	alpha
	Threshold	beta

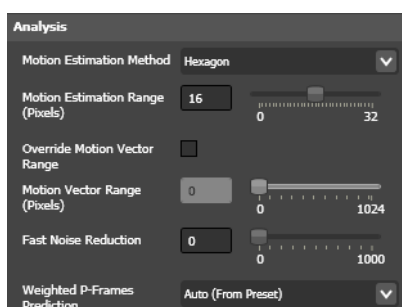
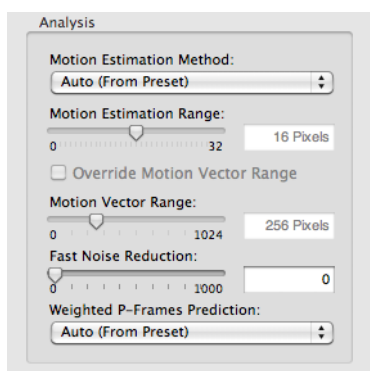
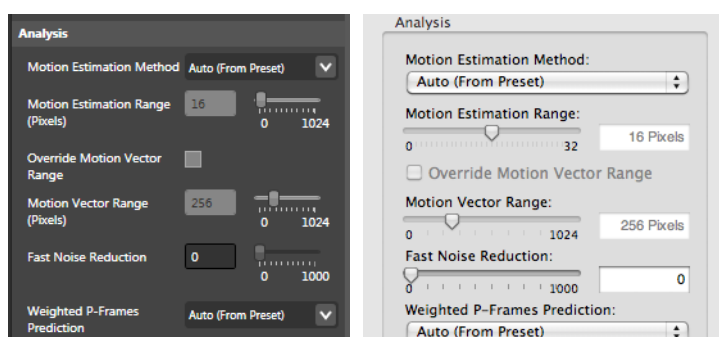
**Deblocking Filter.** Select to enable the in-loop deblocking filter. The deblocking filter provides quality gains without affecting the encoding speed significantly. Telestream recommends that you enable this option.

**Strength.** When deblocking is enabled, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify filter strength, which affects the overall amount of deblocking to be applied. Higher values deblock the picture more effectively, but destroys details in the picture to provide a more softened picture.

**Threshold.** When deblocking is enabled, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify filter threshold, which determines whether something in a block is a detail or not. Higher values apply more deblocking to less flat blocks (with more detail present).

## Analysis Settings

### x264 Codec—Analysis Settings



## H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Analysis Settings

Motion Estimation Method		--me
	Auto (From Preset)	
	Diamond	dia
	Hexagon	hex
	Uneven Multi-Hex	umh
	Exhaustive	esa
	Transformed Exhaustive	tesa
Motion Estimation Range		--merange
Motion Vector Range		--mvrage
Fast Noise Reduction		--nr
Weighted P-Frames Prediction		--weightp
	Auto (From Preset)	
	Disabled	0
	Simple	1
	Smart	2

**Motion Estimation Method.** Select the full-pixel motion estimation method to use:

*Diamond | Hexagon | Uneven Multi-Hex | Exhaustive | Transformed Exhaustive*

**Motion Estimation Range.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the maximum range of motion search in pixels. Range 0 to 32.

**Override Motion Vector Range.** Check to override the motion vector value.

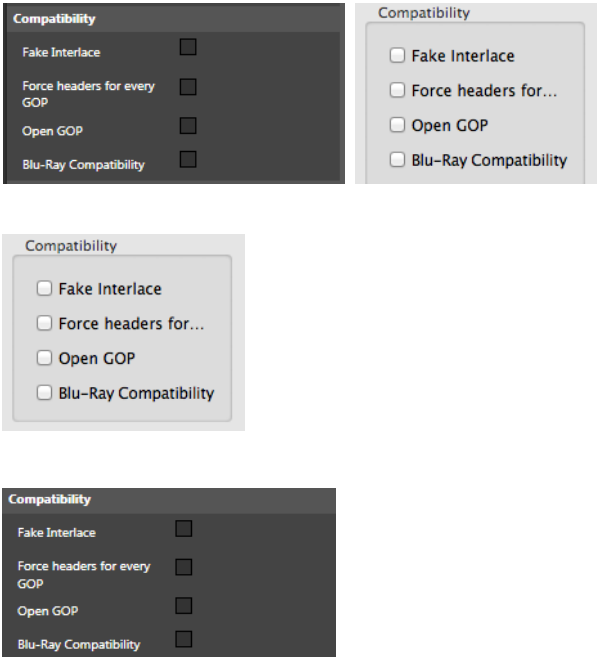
**Override Motion Vector Range.** When Override Motion Vector Range is checked, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the maximum vertical range of any one motion vector in pixels. Range -1 (Auto) to 1024.

**Fast Noise Reduction.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to estimate noise based on this value and attempts to remove it by dropping small details before quantization. Range 0 to 1000.

**Weighted P-Frames Prediction.** Select *Auto (from Preset) | Disabled | Simple | Smart*.

## Compatibility Settings

### x264 Codec—Compatibility Settings



### H264 (x264) Codec CLI—Compatibility Settings

Fake Interlace		--fake-interlaced
Force headers for every GOP		
Open GOP		--open-gop
Blu-Ray Compatibility		--preset veryslow --tune film --bluray-compat --vbv-maxrate X --vbv-buftype X --level 4.1 --keyint X --open-gop --slices 4 --tff --colorprim "bt709" --transfer "bt709" --colormatrix "bt709" --sar X --pass 1

**Fake Interlace.** Check to mark the video stream as interlaced even when the stream is progressive. Allows the encoding of 25p and 30p Blu-ray-compliant video streams.

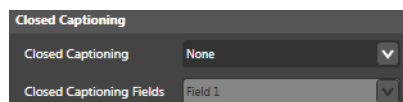
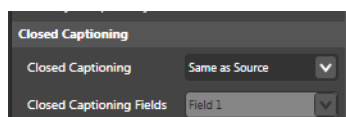
**Force Headers for every GOP.** Check to insert a header for every GOP, which is a requirement for producing Blu-ray media.

**Open GOP.** Check Open GOP encoding to increase encoding efficiency. However, not all players/decoders support this encoding method.

**Blu-Ray Compatibility.** Check to adhere to encode for Blu-Ray compatibility.

## Closed Captioning Settings

x264 Codec—Closed Captioning Settings



**Closed Captioning.** Select *None* | *Same as Source* | *EIA-608* | *EIA-608 + EIA-708*.

This setting controls and enables only the output side of the closed captioning capability. When set to *None*, no captions are embedded in the encoded output. When set to *Same as Source*, *EIA-608*, or *EIA-608 + EIA708*, closed captions (of the type selected) embedded in the source are likewise embedded into the encoded output.

**None.** Embedded closed captions in the source are **not included** in the output.

**Same as Source.** Embedded captions in input media are embedded in output media.

**EIA-608.** 608 captions embedded in input media are embedded in output media.

**EIA-608 + EIA-708.** Embedded 608/708 input captions are embedded in the output.

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**Note:** Depending on the source, you may also need to enable an input Video Filter:

To make captions embedded in source blanking available to the encoder, select *Decode Captions* in the [VBI Importer Filter](#). (Strips input VBI captions if *not* selected).

To import 608/708 captions from .scc or .mcc caption files, select the [Caption Importer Filter](#) and browse for the .scc or .mcc caption file.

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MPEG-2 source files containing embedded captions in the user data do not require the VBI Importer Filter. As long as *Closed Captioning* is enabled for the encoder, captions on the input should pass to the transcoded output.

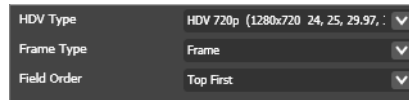
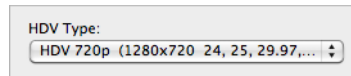
You can also choose to include closed captions in the [MXF AS-11 \(.mxf\)](#), [MXF Op1a \(.mxf\)](#), or [MXF XDCAM \(.mxf\)](#) file containers. To do so, select Container in the Inspector, and select *Add Ancillary Closed Caption Track*.

**Closed Captioning Fields.** Default: *Field 1*. This option is not user-configurable and is always set to Field 1 for H.264 (x264), which means that only Field 1 caption information is forwarded to the output if Closed Captioning is set to *EIA-608*. Any Field 2 caption information is disregarded.

## HDV Codec

HDV is a High Definition Video codec which utilizes MPEG-2 compression.

### HDV Codec Settings



**HDV Type.** Select from the following options:

*HDV 720p (1280 x720 24, 25, 29.97, 30, 50, 59.94 or 60 FPS) | HDV 1080i (1440 x1080 25, 29.97 or 30 FPS) | HDV 1080p (1440 x1080 24 or 25 FPS).*

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**Note:** This setting determines the allowable values for the [Resize Filter](#), [Frame Rate Filter](#), and [Advanced Frame Rate Filter](#) and the corresponding values of the source file.

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## HEVC (H.265/x265) Codec

The High Efficiency Video Coding format (HEVC), also known as H.265, succeeds the H.264 format, providing approximately double the compression with the same video quality. HEVC format supports resolutions up to 8K (8192 x 4320) or lower resolutions at higher quality for the same bit rate compared to H.264.

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Preset and Tuning](#)
- [Frame Type Settings](#)
- [Compatibility](#)
- [Buffering Settings](#)
- [Display Settings](#)
- [Profile & Level Settings](#)

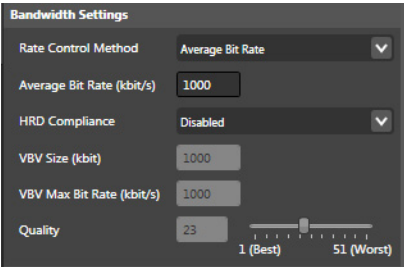
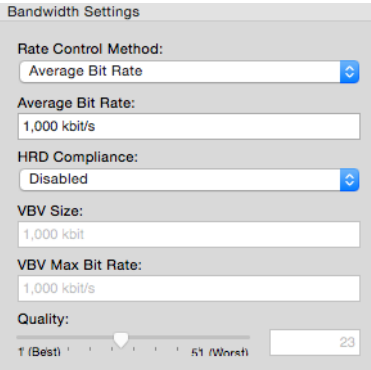
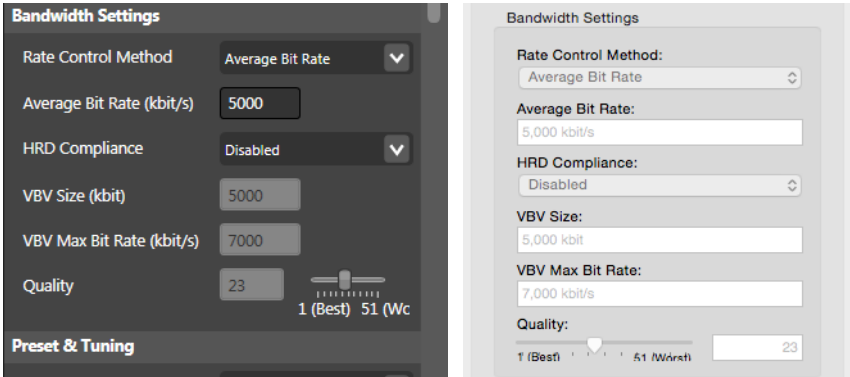
### General Tab

The General tab displays the following settings:

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Preset and Tuning](#)
- [Frame Type Settings](#)

Bandwidth Settings

H.265 (x265)Codec—Bandwidth Settings



H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Bandwidth Settings

Rate Control Method		
	Average Bit Rate	-B, --bitrate
	Constant Quality	-q, --qp
HRD Compliance	--nal-hrd	
	Disabled	none

## H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Bandwidth Settings

	CBR	cbr
	VBR	vbr
VBV Size		--vbv-buFSIZE
VBV Max Bit Rate	--vbv-maxrate	

**Rate Control Method.** Select from the following options:

*Average Bit Rate* uses the Average Bit Rate setting.

*Constant Quality Based* uses the Quality setting.

**Average Bit Rate.** When *Average Bit Rate* is selected, specify the desired bit rate of the video track. Range: 15 to 400,000 Kbit/s.

**HRD Compliance.** HRD (Hypothetical Reference Decoder) is a reference model of a decoder that is specified in the H.265 standard. It defines two buffers by their size and read/write speed. Creation of HRD-compliant video streams is important when the stream is to be streamed at a constant bit rate or played back on a hardware device with limited resources (DVD/Blu-ray players, etc.).

Select from these options:

*Disabled* eliminates the requirement to adhere to the HRD model. This is the preferred choice when encoding a file for local playback or download to a computer.

*CBR* encodes to a constant bit rate targeted at the average bit rate value. This is the preferred choice when encoding files to be streamed to a device. For CBR mode, you must also specify the VBV size. The VBV maximum bit rate is set to the same value as the average bit rate.

*VBR* encodes to an average bit rate constrained to the average bit rate value. For VBR mode one must also specify the VBV size and the VBV max bit rate. VBR mode is the preferred choice when the VBV buffer has a bit rate different from the average bit rate. For example, a Blu-ray player can fill the VBV buffer at a higher bit rate than the video average bit rate.

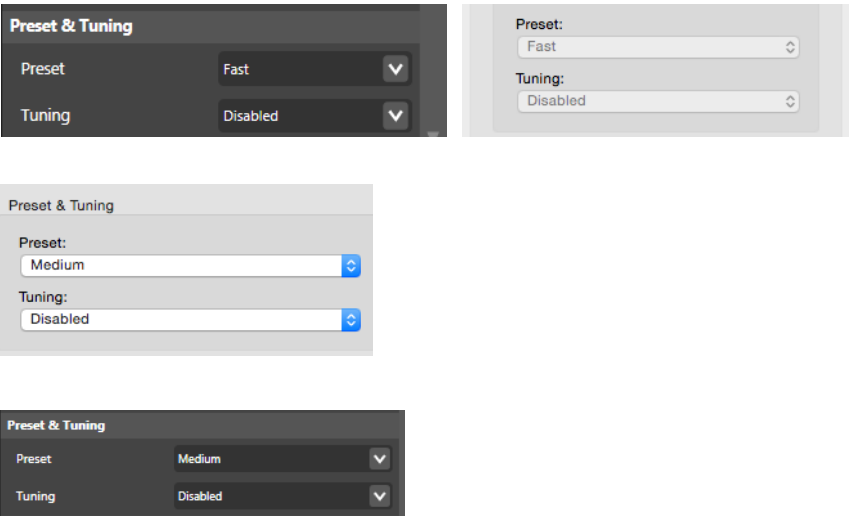
**VBV Size.** Specifies the size of the VBV buffer in kilobits. A larger buffer provides the encoder a longer time for varying the bit rate. The buffer is filled at the bit rate set by the VBV Max bit rate. A larger buffer also increases the time the decoder/player has to buffer the stream before it should start playback (buffering time (in seconds) = VBV Size / VBV Max bit rate).

**VBV Max Bitrate.** The bit rate at which the VBV buffer fills. In a scenario where you stream a file at a constant bit rate (for example, a VOD transport stream), this is set to the same rate as the video bit rate. If you are encoding for a device that can refill the buffer faster than the average bit rate, set it here.

**Quality.** When *Constant Quality* is selected, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the image quality for a video frame expressed as a whole number: 1 (Best) to 51 (Worst).

Preset and Tuning

H.265 (x265) Codec—Preset and Tuning



H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Preset and Tuning Settings

Preset		--preset
	Ultra Fast	ultrafast
	Super Fast	superfast
	Very Fast	veryfast
	Faster	faster
	Fast	fast
	Medium	medium
	Slow	slow
	Slower	slower
	Very Slow	veryslow
	Placebo	placebo
Tuning		--tune
	Disabled	(--tune not set)

## H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Preset and Tuning Settings

	Film	film
	Animation	animation
	Grain	grain
	Still Image	stillimage
	PSNR	psnr
	SSIM	ssim
	Fast Decode	fastdecode
	Zero Latency	zerolatency

**Preset.** Select from these options, which trade encoding speed for visual quality:

*Ultra Fast | Super Fast | Very Fast | Faster | Fast | Medium | Slow | Slower | Very Slow | Placebo*

**Tuning.** Select from these options, which optimize encoding quality for a particular type of source content:

*Disabled* performs no special optimization of the video frame during encoding.

*PSNR* optimizes the encoder for PSNR (peak signal to noise ratio) at the expense of visual quality.

*SSIM* optimizes the encoder for SSIM (structural similarity) at the expense of visual quality.

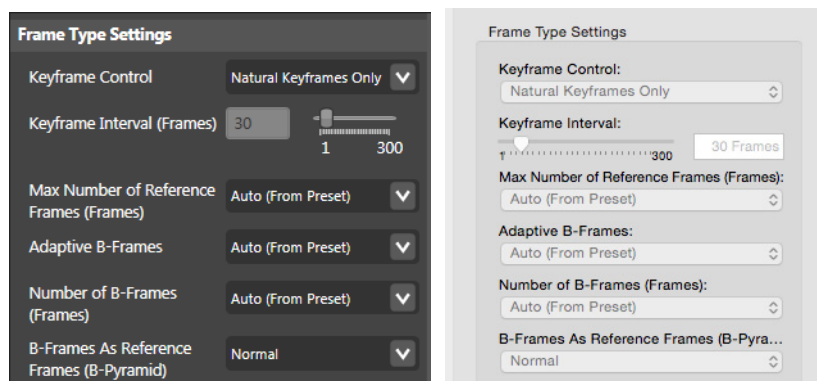
*Grain* optimizes the output assuming grainy video input.

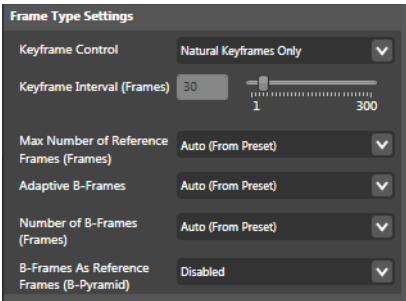
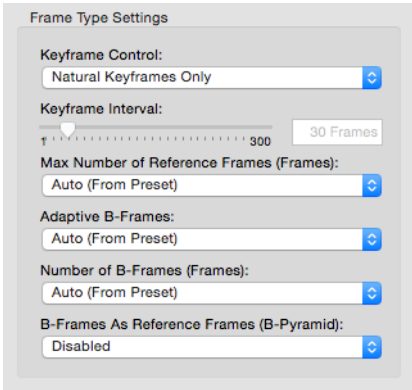
*Zero latency* optimizes the output to target zero latency on the display device.

*Fast Decode* optimizes the output for fastest decoding on the display device.

## Frame Type Settings

### H.265 (x265) Codec—Frame Type Settings





H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Frame Type Settings

Keyframe Control		
	Natural Keyframes Only	
	Natural and Max Keyframe Interval	
	Natural and Forced Keyframe Interval	
	Forced Keyframe Interval Only	--no-scenecut
	Keyframes Only	-i, --min-keyint 1
Keyframe Interval		-I, --keyint
Max Number of Reference Frames		--ref
Adaptive B-Frames		--b-adapt
	Auto (From Preset)	
	Disabled	0

## H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Frame Type Settings

	Fast	1
	Trellis	2
Number of B-Frames		-b, --bframes
B-Frames As Reference Frames (B-Pyramid)		--b-pyramid
	Disabled	none
	Strict	strict
	Normal	normal

**Keyframe Control.** Controls the method of inserting keyframes into the stream.

Select from the following options:

*Natural Keyframes Only* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change.

*Natural and Max Keyframe Interval* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change, but also inserts a keyframe if the Keyframe Interval distance is reached before a natural keyframe has been created.

*Forced Keyframe Interval Only* only creates keyframes at the set keyframe interval.

*Keyframes Only* creates all frames as keyframes. Requires very high video bit rate.

**Keyframe Interval.** When *Natural and Max Keyframe Interval* | *Forced Keyframe Only* | *Natural and Forced Keyframe Interval* are selected, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the maximum distance between keyframes. Range: 0 to 300.

**Max Number of Reference Frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum number of frames a frame can reference. More reference frames provides better quality, because the encoder has more frames in which to find similarities, but increases memory use by the decoder. Range: 1 to 16.

**Adaptive B-Frames.** Check to enable adaptive B-frame placement. Sometimes it is better to create a P-frame rather than a B-frame, so the number of B-frames between P-frames may become less than the Number of B-frames value.

**Number of B-Frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the number of B-frames that can be used between P-frames. Range: 1 to 16.

**B-Frames as Reference Frames (B-Pyramid).** Allows the use of B-frames as references for other frames.

Select from these options:

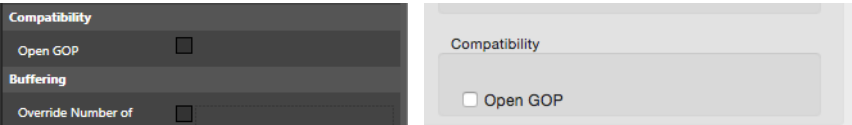
*Disabled* does not allow B-frames to be used as references.

*Strict* allows one B-frame per mini-GOP to be used as a reference.

*Normal* allows numerous B-frames per mini GOP to be used as a reference.

## Compatibility

### H.265 (x265) Codec Compatibility Settings



**Open GOP.** Check Open GOP encoding to increase encoding efficiency. However, not all players/decoders support this encoding method.

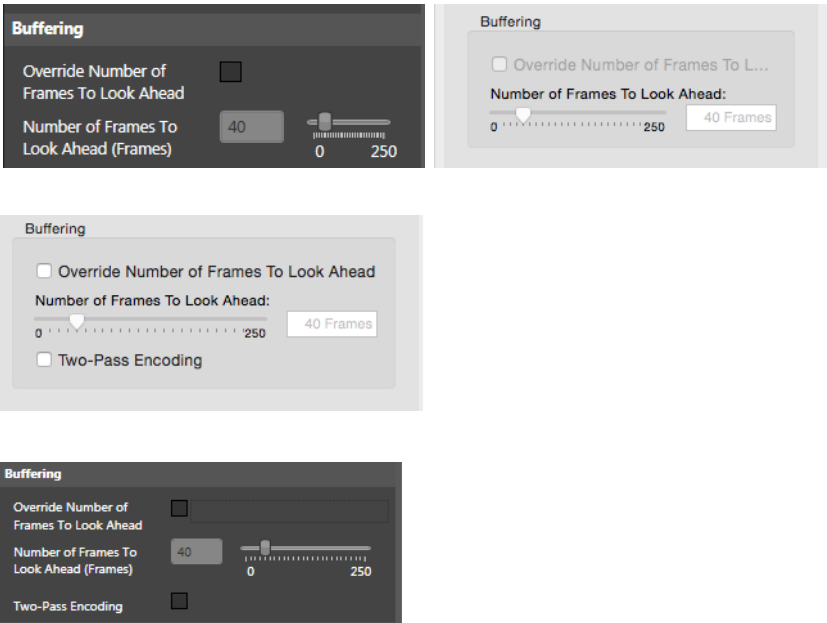
## Profile & Quality Tab

The Profile & Quality tab displays the following settings:

- [Buffering Settings](#)
- [Display Settings](#)
- [Profile & Level Settings](#)

## Buffering Settings

### H.265 (x265) Codec—Buffering Settings



### H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Buffering Settings

Number of Frames To Look Ahead		--rc-lookahead
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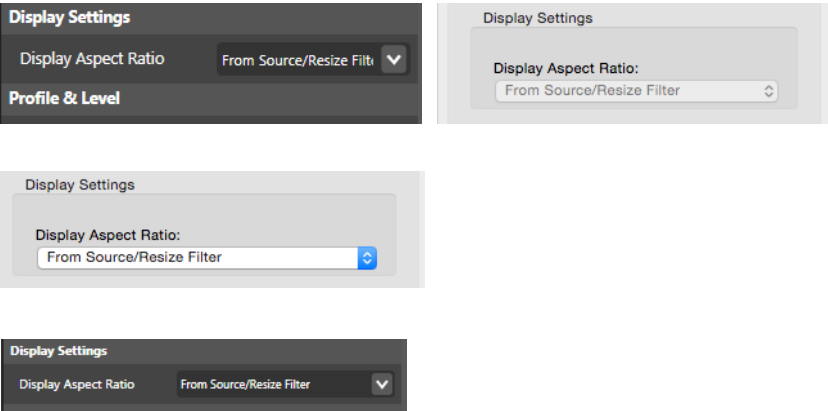


**Override Number of Frames to Look Ahead.** Check to override the default Frame Look-ahead value.

**Number of Frames to Look Ahead.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the number of frames the encoder can look ahead to detect more difficult areas to encode, and save bits for those sections. Range: 0 to 250.

Display Settings

H.265 (x265) Codec—Display Settings



H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Display Settings

Display Aspect Ratio		
Square Pixels		(will use --sar to set correct display aspect ratio)
	4:03:00	
	16:09:00	

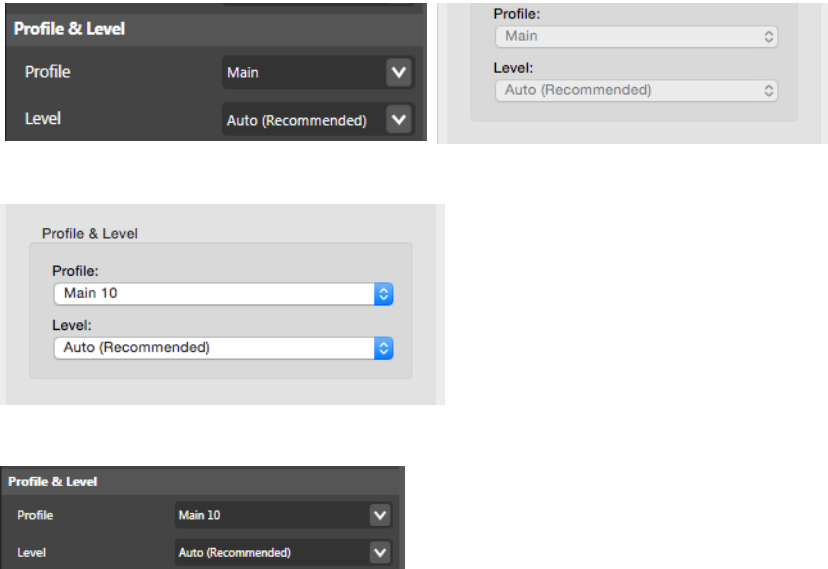
**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select from these options:

*From Source/Resize Filter* causes the codec to use the display aspect ratio information in the source material or the value set in the [Resize Filter](#) if activated.

*Square Pixels* | *4:3* | *16:9* explicitly set the display aspect ratio.

## Profile & Level Settings

### H.265 (x265) Codec—Profile & Level Settings



### H.265 (x265) Codec CLI—Profile and Level Settings

Profile		--profile
	Main	main
	Main10	high
Level		--level

**Profile.** Select from the following options:

*Main* performs 8-bit encoding.

*Main 10* performs 8- to 10-bit encoding. Requires Episode Pro or Episode Engine.

**Level.** The level you select provides the decoder the maximum values for macro block rates, frame sizes, reference frames, VBV information, and bit rates.

Select from these options:

*Auto.* Episode automatically marks the level as corresponding to the lowest level matching the current configuration.

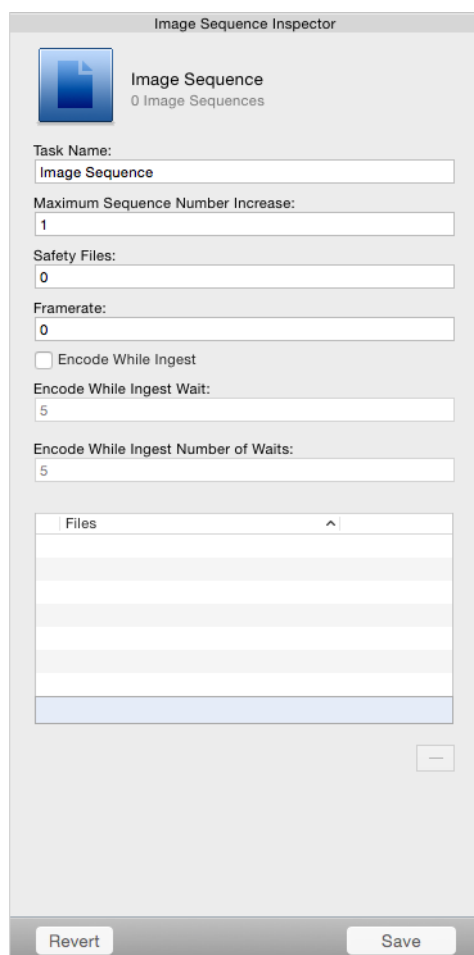
*Levels (1.0 to 5.1).* Select an option to mark the level of the output as a higher value than the default. If you manually select a level lower than allowed by the current parameter values, the configuration may silently change to match the selected level.

# JPEG Sequence Codec

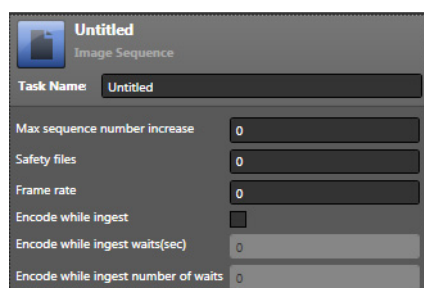
**Note:** This feature is available in both the Episode CLI and in the GUI client with the Episode Engine license. For CLI details, see the *Episode Advanced User's Guide*.

Select a sequence of JPEG images as an input format for conversion to video. RGB 32-bit is supported.

## Image Sequence Settings



The screenshot shows the 'Image Sequence Inspector' window. At the top, there's a title bar 'Image Sequence Inspector'. Below it, a blue icon represents an 'Image Sequence' with '0 Image Sequences' listed. The main area contains several settings: 'Task Name' is 'Image Sequence'; 'Maximum Sequence Number Increase' is '1'; 'Safety Files' is '0'; 'Framerate' is '0'; there's an unchecked checkbox for 'Encode While Ingest'; 'Encode While Ingest Wait' is '5'; and 'Encode While Ingest Number of Waits' is '5'. Below these is a list box labeled 'Files' which is currently empty. At the bottom are 'Revert' and 'Save' buttons.



The screenshot shows a smaller window titled 'Untitled' for an 'Image Sequence'. It has a 'Task Name' field set to 'Untitled'. Below are several settings with input fields: 'Max sequence number increase' (0), 'Safety files' (0), 'Frame rate' (0), 'Encode while ingest' (unchecked checkbox), 'Encode while ingest waits(sec)' (0), and 'Encode while ingest number of waits' (0).

**Task Name.** Names the task.

**Max sequence number increase.** Enables gaps in the sequence numbers. The default value is 1, meaning that one missing number in a sequence is treated as the end of the sequence. If set to another number, that number of sequence numbers must be missing to be considered the end of a sequence.

**Safety files.** Controls how many files after any given file need to be present in the sequence before processing of the file begins. This does not apply to the first file in a sequence. This only has practical implications if *Encode While Ingest* is enabled. Setting this to 0 (zero) may significantly decrease the time the encoder has to wait when the end of the sequence is reached, but depending on file system and file format, may result in errors. Default is 0.

**Frame rate.** Sets the video frame rate of the output media file.

**Encode while ingest.** Encodes files as they are ingested from a scanner or other device that produces an image sequence over time. Wait times between received files can be specified in the following wait fields.

**Encode while ingest waits (sec).** Specifies the number of seconds to wait before checking for a newly arrived file during encode while ingest. The default is 5 seconds.

**Encode while ingest number of waits.** Specifies the maximum number of times to wait for files during encode while ingest. The default is 5 times. If no files are received for 5 wait times, the sequence is ended. Assuming the defaults are used, the maximum is 5 waits times 5 seconds each for a total of 25 seconds.

**Images.** Lists the images selected for processing by the Image Sequence task.

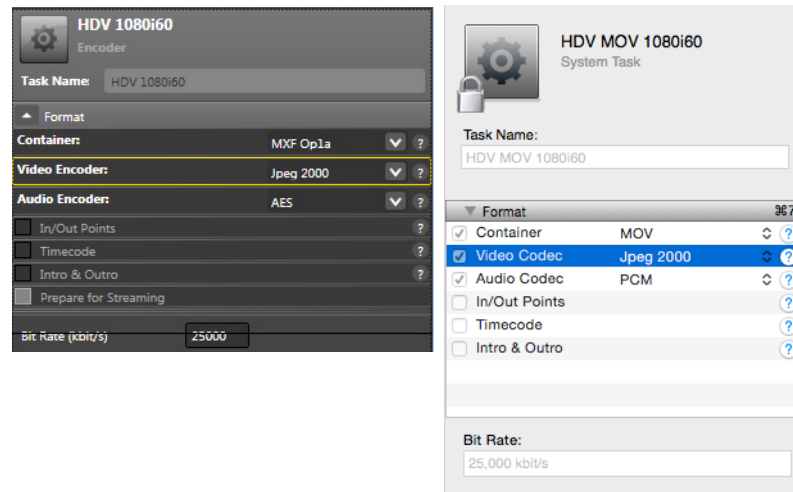
**Revert.** Restores the Image Sequence settings to what they were before they were changed.

**Save As.** Saves the Image Sequence configuration to a file.

# JPEG 2000 Codec

The JPEG 2000 (JP2) image compression standard and coding system was created by the Joint Photographic Experts Group committee in 2000 to supersede the JPEG standard. The format is used for such widely different applications as digital cameras, color scanning, faxing, and printing, medical and military imaging, live video feeds, and digital cinema.

## Episode JPEG 2000 Codec



**Bit Rate:** Enter the maximum bit rate in kbits per second. The default is 25,000 kbits (25 Mb/s).

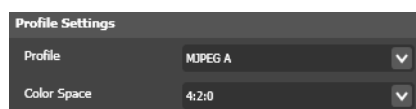
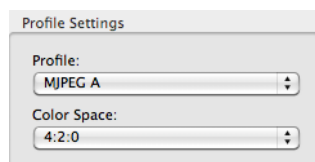
## MJPEG Codec

The Motion JPEG (MJPEG) codec generates a sequence of JPEG still images, and is suitable to use as an editing format.

- [Profile Settings](#)
- [Encoding Setting](#)

### Profile Settings

#### MJPEG Codec—Profile Settings

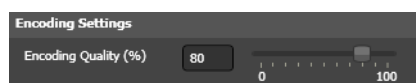
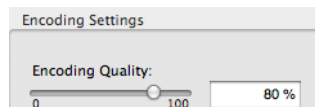


**Profile.** Select *MJPEG A* | *MJPEG B* | *Photo JPEG*. The actual encoding is identical for all versions, but the headers are different.

**Color Space.** Select *Same as Source* | *4:2:0* | *4:2:2* (see [Color Formats \(78\)](#)).

### Encoding Setting

#### MJPEG Codec—Encoding Setting



**Encoding Quality.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the image quality as a percent, from 0 (most compression, lowest quality) to 100 (least compressed, highest quality).

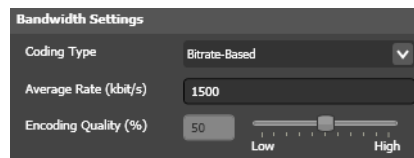
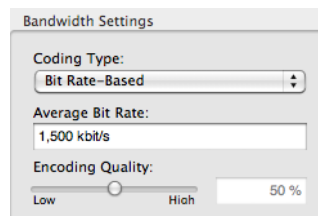
# MPEG-1 Codec

MPEG-1 video is accepted by most video players. This format is suitable when it is important to reach a large audience on different platforms. MPEG-1 is recommended for image sizes up to CIF (352 x 288) and bit rates up to 1500 Kbps. Above 1500 Kbps, MPEG-2 is typically a better encoding option.

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Keyframe Settings](#)

## Bandwidth Settings

MPEG-1 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



**Coding Type.** Select from the following options:

*Bit Rate-based* controls bandwidth by specifying a maximum bit rate.

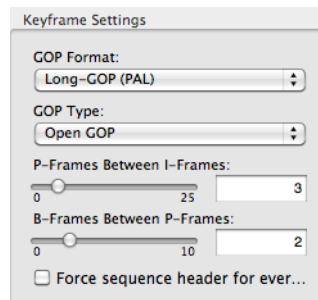
*Quality-based* controls bandwidth by specifying a maximum quality.

**Average Bit Rate.** When *bit rate-based* is selected as the coding type, specify the desired bit rate of the video track, from 16 Kbps upwards.

**Encoding Quality.** When *quality-based* is selected as the coding type, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the image quality. Range: 0 (most compression, lowest quality) to 100 (least compressed, highest quality).

## Keyframe Settings

### MPEG-1 Codec—Keyframe Settings



**GOP Format.** Select one of the predefined GOP structures, or select Custom to specify some other GOP structure using the P-frames between I-frames and B-frames between P-frames fields.

**GOP Type.** Select *Open GOP* | *Closed GOP*. In a file using an Open GOP structure, frames are allowed to predict data from frames outside the GOP. This provides better compression but is not accepted by all applications and does not work well when using MPEG-1 as an editing format. When using Closed GOP, each frame in the GOP is independent of the frames outside of the GOP. Hence all the predictive coding is performed inside each GOP.

**P-frames Between I-frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum number of P-frames permitted between I-frames. Range: 0 to 25.

**B-frames Between P-frames.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum number of B-frames permitted between P-frames. Range: 0 to 10.

**Force Sequence Header for Every GOP.** Check to insert a sequence header before every GOP, a requirement when creating MPEG files for editing.



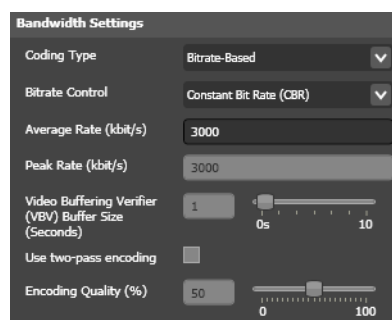
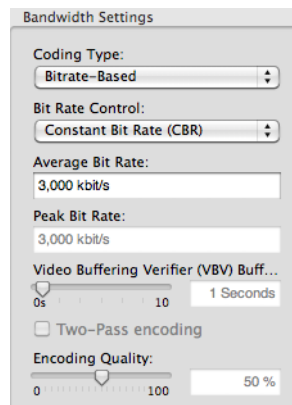
# MPEG-2 Codec

The MPEG-2 codec is similar to the MPEG-1 codec, but is more suitable for larger frame sizes and higher bit rates. MPEG-2 is the standard format for DVDs and for digital television.

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Display Settings](#)
- [Keyframe Settings](#)
- [Advanced Options](#)
- [Closed Captioning & VBI Settings](#)

## Bandwidth Settings

### MPEG-2 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



**Coding Type.** Select from the following options:

*Bit Rate-based* controls bandwidth by specifying a maximum bit rate. When selected, Encoding Quality is disabled, and other bit rate-based settings are enabled, as appropriate.

*Quality-based* controls bandwidth by specifying a maximum quality. When selected, only Encoding Quality is enabled.

**Bit Rate Control.** When *Bit Rate-Based* is selected, select from the following options:

*Constant Bit Rate (CBR)* encodes the video with a constant bit rate. The VBV buffer size is adjusted so that the output conforms to Main Profile at Main Level. If you encode the video as I-frames only, frames are padded to reach the set bit rate. This is best suited for high bit rates: 30 Mbs and upwards.

*Video Buffering Verifier (VBV) Size* uses the buffer time value in the VBV buffer size field. The VBV buffer size controls the variation in bit rate. A larger buffer size allows bigger variations in bit rate. For more information, see [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#).

*Peak Rate* sets the highest allowed bit rate in the clip to the value in the Peak Rate field.

**Average Bit Rate.** When *Bit Rate-Based* is selected, set the desired bit rate of the video track. Range 16 Kbps to 300,000 Kbps.

**Peak Bit Rate.** When *Peak Rate* is selected, specify the maximum allowed bit rate over any one-second interval. Range: 16 Kbps to 300,000 Kbps.

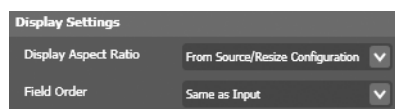
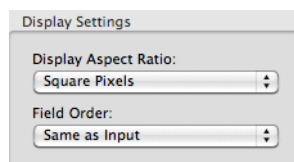
**Video Buffering Verifier (VBV) Buffer Size.** When *Video Buffering Verifier (VBV) Size* is selected, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the VBV buffer size. Range: 0 to 60 seconds. See [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#).

**Two-pass Encoding.** When *Bit Rate-Based* is selected, check to perform encoding in two passes. In pass one, the codec analyzes the frames and collects data. In the second pass it uses the collected data as the basis for how to best distribute the bits. Two-pass encoding provides better output image quality but increases encoding time.

**Encoding Quality.** When *Quality-Based* is selected, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the image quality for a video frame. Range: 0 (most compression, lowest quality) to 100 (least compressed, highest quality).

## Display Settings

### MPEG-2 Codec—Display Settings



**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select from the following options:

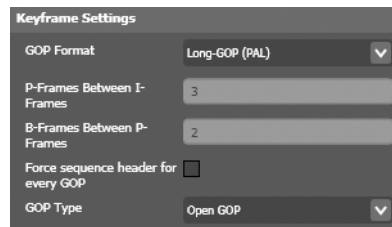
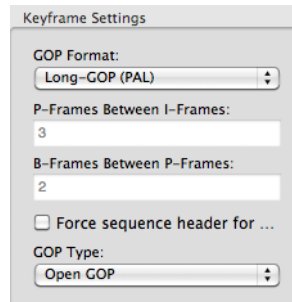
*From Source/Resize Filter* causes the codec to use the display aspect ratio information in the source material or the value set in the [Resize Filter](#) if activated.

*Square Pixels | 4:3 | 16:9 | 2.21:1* causes the codec to use the specified pixel aspect ratio. See [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#).

**Field Order.** Select *Top First | Bottom First | Same as Input*.

## Keyframe Settings

### MPEG-2 Codec—Keyframe Settings



**GOP Format.** Select one of the predefined GOP structures, or select Custom to specify some other GOP structure using the P-frames between I-frames and B-frames between P-frames fields.

**P-Frames Between I-Frames.** When enabled, enter the maximum number of P-frames permitted between I-frames. Range: 0 to 25.

**B-Frames Between P-Frames.** When enabled, enter the maximum number of B-frames permitted between P-frames. Range: 0 to 10.

**Force Sequence Header for Every GOP.** Check to insert a sequence header before every GOP, a requirement when creating MPEG files for editing.

**GOP Type.** Select *Open GOP | Closed GOP*. In a file using an Open GOP structure, frames are allowed to predict data from frames outside the GOP. This provides better compression but is not accepted by all applications, and does not work well when using MPEG-1 as an editing format. When using Closed GOP, each frame in the GOP is independent of the frames outside of the GOP. Hence, all the predictive coding is performed inside each GOP.

## Advanced Options

### MPEG-2 Codec—Advanced Options

**Profile.** When Coding Type is set to *Bitrate-Based*, Select *Main* | *422* | *High*. When Coding Type is set to *Quality-Based*, *Main* is specified.

**Level.** Select *Main* | *High422* | *High*.

**Intra DC Precision.** Select *8 Bits* | *9 Bits* | *10 Bits*. The DC component of the encoded signal determines the base level of each encoded block.

**Detect Scene Changes.** Check to insert keyframes (I-frames) in the stream when two consecutive frames differ more than a given threshold.

**Pulldown.** Select how to set the flag which tells a player how to pull down fields in order to display at a higher frame rate. See [Video Scan](#). Select from the following options:

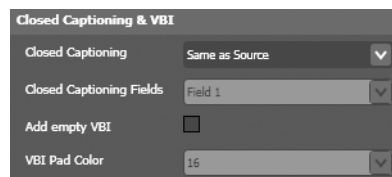
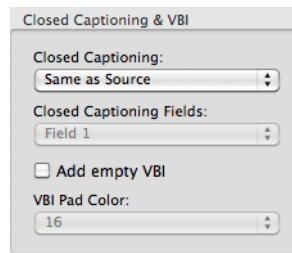
*None* do not perform pulldown.

*2:3 (23.976/24 -> 29.97/30 FPS)* | *3:2 (23.976/24 -> 29.97/30 FPS)*. If the frame rate is not 23.976 or 24 FPS, these setting is ignored.

## Closed Captioning & VBI Settings

Episode supports writing closed captions in MPEG-2 video in MPEG Elementary, Program, and Transport Streams. Closed captions are imported from MPEG user data in D-10/IMX, HDV, MPEG-2, and XDCAM HD files in the following formats: EIA-608 in ATSC A/53 wrapping, EIA-708 in ATSC A/53 wrapping, and SCTE-20.

## MPEG-2 codec—Closed Captioning &amp; VBI Settings



**Closed Captioning.** Select the format of the output closed captioning data:

*None* does not place any closed captions in the output file.

*Same as Source* copies any closed captions from the source to the output file.

*EIA-608* places captions from the source into the output file Closed Captioning Fields.

*EIA-608 + EIA-708* places both ATSC A/53-wrapped EIA-608 and EIA-708 captions from the source into the output file.

*SCTE-20* places captions from the source into the selected Closed Captioning Fields of the output file.

This setting controls and enables only the output side of the closed captioning capability. To pass captions from input to output, you also have to set up caption importing from the input source files. Detecting and importing captions on the input source requires enabling either the [VBI Importer Filter](#) or the [Caption Importer Filter](#) described in the [Video Filters](#) chapter. The Caption Importer Filter imports embedded 608/708 captions from the source media file, and the VBI Importer Filter ensures that VBI data containing captions is passed to the output and not removed from the input.

When *both* EIA-608 and either VBI Importer Filter or Caption Importer Filter are enabled, captions will be embedded in the transcoded output file if valid captions were present in the input source file or caption file.

MPEG-2 source files containing embedded captions in the user data are an exception to the VBI or Caption Filter requirement; these captions can be forwarded to the transcoded output without enabling any filters as long as Closed Captioning is set to EIA-608 in the video codec.

**Closed Captioning Fields.** When *SCTE-20* is selected, select to indicate the fields in which to place EIA-608 and SCTE-20 captions:

*Field 1* places captions in field 1 if the source contains captions in field 1; captions in field 2 are ignored. If there are captions in field 2 and none in field 1, the field 2 captions are placed in field 1.

*Field 1 + Field 2* places captions in the same field as they were imported from in the source file.

**Add Empty VBI.** Check to pad the height of the image so that there is space for VBI (Vertical Blanking Information) lines that can be used to store information such as time codes, teletext, etc. Images from 480 to 511 lines high are assumed to be NTSC and are padded up to 512 lines; images from 576 to 607 lines high are assumed to be PAL and are padded up to 608 lines.

**VBI Pad Color.** When Add Empty VBI is checked, select the color of the VBI space (0 | 16) from the dropdown menu.

## MPEG-2 VOD Codec

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**Note:** This codec is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

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The MPEG-2 VOD codec uses automatic and limited encoding parameters. It cannot be customized.

Supported input includes:

- 528 or 352 x 576 @ 25 FPS
- 528 or 352 x 480 @ 29.97 FPS
- 1920 x 1080 @ 25 or 29.97 FPS

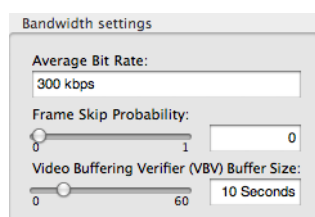
## MPEG-4 Codec

MPEG-4 includes many of the features of MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 and is accepted by most video players. The role of MPEG-4 has been for the most part superseded by a codec developed to support its subset MPEG-4 Part 10, known as H.264. MPEG-4 can be useful if support in older players and/or platforms is required. MPEG-4 is efficient across a wide range of bit rates, frame sizes, and frame rates.

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Keyframe Settings](#)
- [Profile Settings](#)
- [Encoding Settings](#)

## Bandwidth Settings

MPEG-4 codec—Bandwidth Settings



**Average Bit Rate.** Specify the desired bit rate. Range: 0 to 100,000 Kbps.

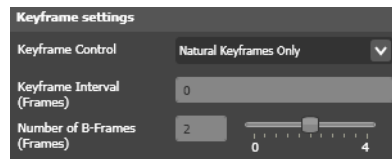
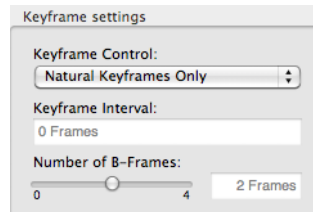
**Frame Skip Probability.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the probability of skipping frames so that if the set bit rate is exceeded, 0.0 is least likely and 1.0 is most likely to cause frame skipping. See [Frame Skip Probability Smooth Motion Vs. Crisp Image](#).

**Video Buffering Verifier (VBV) Buffer Size.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the VBV buffer size. Range: 0 to 60 seconds. See [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#).



## Keyframe Settings

### MPEG-4 codec—Keyframe Settings



**Keyframe Control.** Select from the following options:

*Keyframes Only* creates all frames as keyframes. Requires very high video bit rate.

*Forced Keyframes Only* creates keyframes with the specified keyframe distance.

*Natural and Forced Keyframes* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change, but also inserts a keyframe at keyframe distance from the latest keyframe. If Keyframe distance is 0, only natural keyframes are created.

*Natural Keyframes Only* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change.

**Keyframe Interval.** When creating *Forced Keyframes Only* or *Natural and Forced Keyframes*, specify the maximum distance between keyframes. Range 0 to 200 frames.

**Number of B-Frames.** When *Advanced Simple Profile* is selected, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum number of B-frames permitted between P-frames. Range: 0 to 10.

## Profile Settings

### MPEG-4 codec—Profile Settings

**Profile.** Select from the following options:

*Simple Profile* Simple Profile (Level 0) is used in 3GPP files. Simple Profile provides the fastest encoding and is supported by any player that supports MPEG-4. If the video bit stream is below 64 Kbps it is tagged as level 0. If the bit stream is between 64 Kbps and 128 Kbps it is tagged as level 0B.

*Advanced Simple Profile* Advanced Simple Profile includes additional encoding features but is not supported by all players.

**Simple Profile Level 0.** Check to encode media below 64Kbps.

**Motion Estimation Accuracy.** When using *Advanced Simple Profile*, select the active area for looking at motion estimation. *Half Pel (1/2 pixel)* | *Quarter Pel (1/4 pixel)*.

**Display Aspect Ratio.** Select *1:1* | *4:3* | *16:9* | *2.21:1*.

### Error Correction

**Packet Length.** Specify data packet length in bits. Large packets have less overhead, but provide less error correction. Range: 0 to 163,840 bits.

**Use Data Partition.** Check to insert synchronization markers for better error correction. This is useful for very low bandwidth and error-prone networks.

**Use RVLC.** Check to utilize Reversible Variable Length Codes. RVLC make it possible for the player to look back in previously-played video and check previous parts of the image. If the current frame contains corrupt data, the codec can check with previous frames for correction.

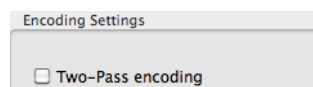
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**Note:** Using RVLC increases bandwidth requirements and may result in lowered image quality. RVLC is dependent on player support.

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## Encoding Settings

### MPEG-4 codec—Encoding Settings



**Two-pass Encoding.** Check to perform two-pass encoding. In pass 1, the codec analyzes the frames and collects data. In the 2nd pass it uses the collected data as the basis for how to best compress the data. Two-pass encoding provides better output quality but increases encoding time.

## Pass Through Option

When the Pass Through option is selected from the Video Codec dropdown menu, Episode extracts the video stream from the input file, and passes it through untouched, and inserts it into the output file. That is, no decoding or encoding of the video stream occurs.

# ProRes Codec

ProRes is capable of recording full HD frame sizes at a variety of bit rates, which is useful for a wide range of purposes from proxies to finish editing and archiving.

ProRes 422 is a full-frame 10-bit 4:2:2 video codec developed by Apple in 2007. ProRes 4444 (MacOS X only) is a 12-bit 4:4:4 video codec. It is a lossy video compression format which supports Variable Bit Rate (VBR). Telestream does not recommend using the ProRes 4444 encoding in a mixed-platform cluster because the job may be assigned to a Windows node, which will cause the job to fail because Windows is not supported.

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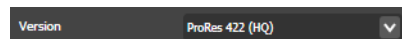
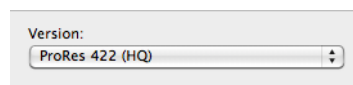
**Note: MacOS X:** ProRes is distributed and installed for encoding and decoding.

**Windows:** ProRes is provided for encode and decode operations. You must be running Windows Server 2012 or 2012 R2 and have an Episode Engine license.

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Episode supports decoding of 4444 XQ (both Mac and Windows), which is the highest quality version of the Apple ProRes format. It consists of up to 12 bits per image channel and up to 16 bits for the alpha channel.

## ProRes Codec Settings



**Version.** Select the version of ProRes to use:

*ProRes 422 (HQ)* video bit rate of approx. 220 mb/s at 1920 x 1080.

*ProRes 422* a 10-bit 4:2:2 codec developed by Apple. Video bit rate of approx 145 mb/s at 1920 x 1080.

*ProRes 422 (LT)* video bit rate of approx 100 mb/s at 1920 x 1090.

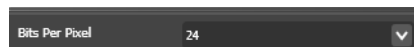
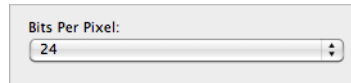
*ProRes 422 (Proxy)* video bit rate of approx 45 mb/s at 1920 x 1080.

*ProRes 4444* video bit rate of approx 330 mb/s at 1920 x 1080. (See comments above regarding 4444 encoding and 4444 XQ decoding.)

## RGB Levels Codec

The RGB Levels codec produces video in an uncompressed video format, which is utilized by QuickTime.

### RGB Levels Codec Settings



**Bits Per Pixel.** Select 24 | 32 from the dropdown menu. 24 bits per pixel provides 8 bits each for red, blue, and green. 32 bits per pixel provides additional support for an 8-bit alpha channel.

# Targa Cine YUV Codec

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**Note:** This codec is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

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Targa Cine YUV is an uncompressed video format used with Cinewave cards. The pixel values are stored with 4:2:2 subsampling.

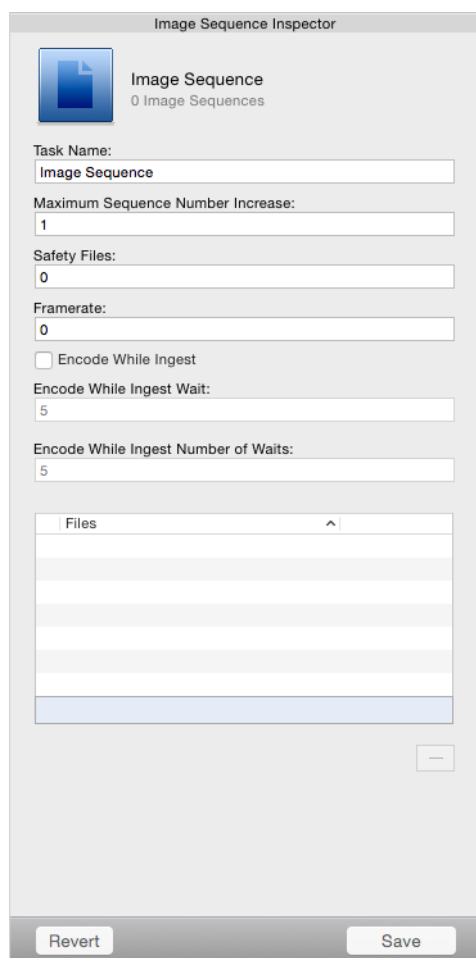
There are no user-settable options.

## TGA Sequence Codec

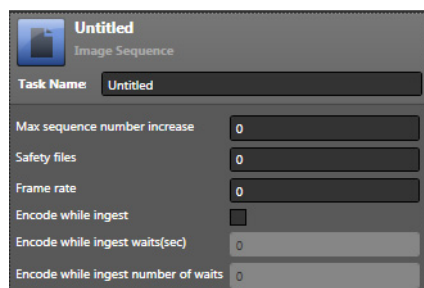
**Note:** This feature is now available in both the Episode CLI and in the GUI client with the Episode Engine license. For CLI details, see the *Episode Advanced User's Guide*.

Select a sequence of TGA images as an input format for conversion to video. An alpha channel and 24-bit graphics are supported.

### Image Sequence Settings



The Image Sequence Inspector dialog box is shown. It has a title bar 'Image Sequence Inspector'. Inside, there is a blue icon and the text 'Image Sequence' and '0 Image Sequences'. Below this are several input fields: 'Task Name' with the value 'Image Sequence', 'Maximum Sequence Number Increase' with the value '1', 'Safety Files' with the value '0', 'Framerate' with the value '0', a checkbox for 'Encode While Ingest' which is unchecked, 'Encode While Ingest Wait' with the value '5', and 'Encode While Ingest Number of Waits' with the value '5'. Below these fields is a list box labeled 'Files' with a dropdown arrow. The list box is empty. At the bottom right of the list box is a minus button. At the bottom of the dialog are 'Revert' and 'Save' buttons.



The Untitled Image Sequence settings dialog box is shown. It has a title bar 'Untitled' and a subtitle 'Image Sequence'. Below this are several input fields: 'Task Name' with the value 'Untitled', 'Max sequence number increase' with the value '0', 'Safety files' with the value '0', 'Frame rate' with the value '0', a checkbox for 'Encode while ingest' which is checked, 'Encode while ingest waits(sec)' with the value '0', and 'Encode while ingest number of waits' with the value '0'.



**Task Name.** Names the task.

**Max sequence number increase.** Enables gaps in the sequence numbers. The default value is 1, meaning that one missing number in a sequence is treated as the end of the sequence. If set to another number, that number of sequence numbers must be missing to be considered the end of a sequence.

**Safety files.** Controls how many files after any given file need to be present in the sequence before processing of the file begins. This does not apply to the first file in a sequence. This only has practical implications if *Encode While Ingest* is enabled. Setting this to 0 (zero) may significantly decrease the time the encoder has to wait when the end of the sequence is reached, but depending on file system and file format, may result in errors. Default is 0.

**Frame rate.** Sets the video frame rate of the output media file.

**Encode while ingest.** Encodes files as they are ingested from a scanner or other device that produces an image sequence over time. Wait times between received files can be specified in the following wait fields.

**Encode while ingest waits (sec).** Specifies the number of seconds to wait before checking for a newly arrived file during encode while ingest. The default is 5 seconds.

**Encode while ingest number of waits.** Specifies the maximum number of times to wait for files during encode while ingest. The default is 5 times. If no files are received for 5 wait times, the sequence is ended. Assuming the defaults are used, the maximum is 5 waits times 5 seconds each for a total of 25 seconds.

**Images.** Lists the images selected for processing by the Image Sequence task.

**Revert.** Restores the Image Sequence settings to what they were before they were changed.

**Save As.** Saves the Image Sequence configuration to a file.

# TIFF Sequence Codec

**Note:** This feature is now available in both the Episode CLI and in the GUI client with Episode Engine license. For CLI details, see the *Episode Advanced User's Guide*.

Select a sequence of TIFF images as an input format for conversion to video. 8-bit and 16-bit are supported.

## Image Sequence Settings

Image Sequence Inspector




Image Sequence

0 Image Sequences

Task Name:

Image Sequence

Maximum Sequence Number Increase:

1

Safety Files:

0

Framerate:

0

☐ Encode While Ingest

Encode While Ingest Wait:

5

Encode While Ingest Number of Waits:

5

Files

Revert

Save

Untitled

Image Sequence

Task Name

Untitled

Max sequence number increase

0

Safety files

0

Frame rate

0

☐ Encode while ingest

Encode while ingest waits(sec)

0

Encode while ingest number of waits

0

**Task Name.** Names the task.

**Max sequence number increase.** Enables gaps in the sequence numbers. The default value is 1, meaning that one missing number in a sequence is treated as the end of the sequence. If set to another number, that number of sequence numbers must be missing to be considered the end of a sequence.

**Safety files.** Controls how many files after any given file need to be present in the sequence before processing of the file begins. This does not apply to the first file in a sequence. This only has practical implications if *Encode While Ingest* is enabled. Setting this to 0 (zero) may significantly decrease the time the encoder has to wait when the end of the sequence is reached, but depending on file system and file format, may result in errors. Default is 0.

**Frame rate.** Sets the video frame rate of the output media file.

**Encode while ingest.** Encodes files as they are ingested from a scanner or other device that produces an image sequence over time. Wait times between received files can be specified in the following wait fields.

**Encode while ingest waits (sec).** Specifies the number of seconds to wait before checking for a newly arrived file during encode while ingest. The default is 5 seconds.

**Encode while ingest number of waits.** Specifies the maximum number of times to wait for files during encode while ingest. The default is 5 times. If no files are received for 5 wait times, the sequence is ended. Assuming the defaults are used, the maximum is 5 waits times 5 seconds each for a total of 25 seconds.

**Images.** Lists the images selected for processing by the Image Sequence task.

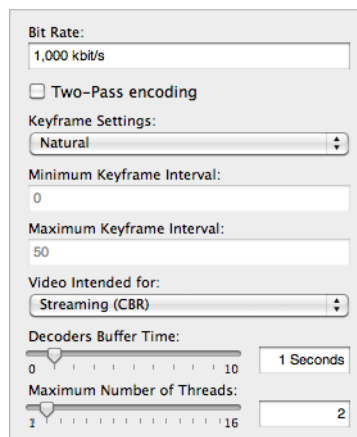
**Revert.** Restores the Image Sequence settings to what they were before they were changed.

**Save As.** Saves the Image Sequence configuration to a file.

## VP8 Codec

The VP8 codec is an open source codec released by Google. The codec is based on VP6, which was initially developed by On2 Technologies, and is used in WebM format.

### VP8 Codec Settings



Bit Rate:  
1,000 kbit/s

☐ Two-Pass encoding

Keyframe Settings:  
Natural

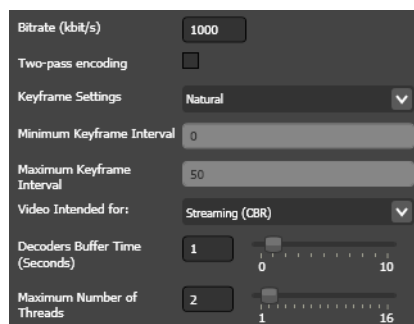
Minimum Keyframe Interval:  
0

Maximum Keyframe Interval:  
50

Video Intended for:  
Streaming (CBR)

Decoders Buffer Time:  
0 10 1 Seconds

Maximum Number of Threads:  
1 16 2



Bitrate (kbit/s) 1000

Two-pass encoding ☐

Keyframe Settings Natural

Minimum Keyframe Interval 0

Maximum Keyframe Interval 50

Video Intended for: Streaming (CBR)

Decoders Buffer Time (Seconds) 1 0 10

Maximum Number of Threads 2 1 16

**Bit Rate.** Enter the maximum bit rate in kbits per second.

**Two-pass Encoding.** Check to perform encoding in two passes. In pass one, the codec analyzes the frames and collects data. In the second pass it uses the collected data as the basis for how to best distribute the bits. Two-pass encoding provides better output image quality but increases encoding time.

**Keyframe Settings.** Select from the following options:

*Natural* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change.

*Forced Keyframes* creates keyframes with exactly the specified keyframe distance.

**Minimum Keyframe Interval.** When *Forced Keyframes* is selected, specify the minimum distance between keyframes. Range: 0 to 50 frames.

**Maximum Keyframe Interval.** When *Forced Keyframes* is selected, specify the maximum distance between keyframes. Range: 0 to 200 frames.

**Video Intended for.** Select *Streaming (CBR)* | *Download (VBR)*.

Decoders Buffer Time. Use the slider (or enter the value manually to set the amount of media the buffer holds. Range: 0 to 10 seconds.

**Maximum Number of Threads.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually to set the maximum number of threads. Range: 1 to 16.

## VP9 Codec

The VP9 codec is open source software released by Google as the successor to VP8 with improved compression to achieve a reduced bit rate while retaining the same video quality. The codec is based on VP6, which was initially developed by On2 Technologies, and is used in WebM format. A number of common browsers allow the VP9 codec to play in the HTML5 video tag.

### VP9 Codec Settings

**Bit Rate.** Enter the maximum bit rate in kbits per second.

**Two-pass Encoding.** Check to perform encoding in two passes. In pass one, the codec analyzes the frames and collects data. In the second pass it uses the collected data as the basis for how to best distribute the bits. Two-pass encoding provides better output image quality but increases encoding time.

**Keyframe Settings.** Select from the following options:

*Natural* creates keyframes when the encoder detects a scene change.

*Forced Keyframes* creates keyframes with exactly the specified keyframe distance.

**Minimum Keyframe Interval.** When *Forced Keyframes* is selected, specify the minimum distance between keyframes. Range: 0 to 50 frames.

**Maximum Keyframe Interval.** When *Forced Keyframes* is selected, specify the maximum distance between keyframes. Range: 0 to 200 frames.

**Video Intended for.** Select *Streaming (CBR)* | *Download (VBR)*.

**Decoders Buffer Time.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the amount of media the buffer holds. Range: 0 to 10 seconds.

**Maximum Number of Threads.** (Mac only) Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the maximum number of threads. Range: 1 to 16.

# Windows Media Video 9 Codec

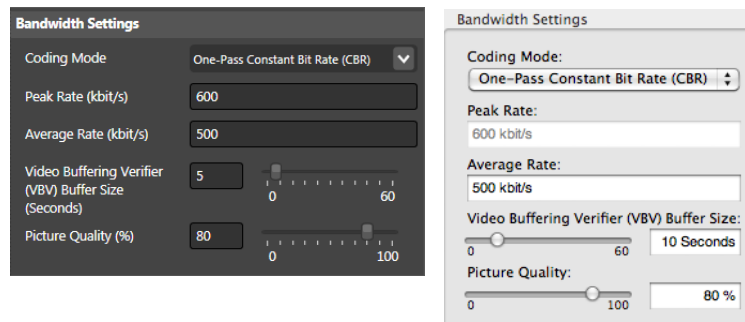
The Windows Media Video 9 codec is used in the Windows Media (WM) format, a proprietary format playable in Windows Media Player. (Note that there is another WMV codec. See [Windows Media Video VC-1 Codec](#).)

These are the main topics for the WMV9 codec:

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Keyframe Settings](#)
- [Profile Settings](#)
- [Encoding Settings](#)

## Bandwidth Settings

Windows Media Video 9 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



**Coding Mode.** Select from the following options:

*One-Pass Constant Bit Rate (CBR)* encodes video at the bit rate specified in the Average Rate field. Quality is specified using the Picture Quality slider.

*One-Pass variable Bit Rate (VBR)* encodes the clip with a variable bit rate, at the quality specified in the Smoothness/crispness slider. The encoder uses whatever bit rate necessary to maintain the specified quality. Unlike *One-pass CBR*, a higher quality never causes the encoder to skip frames, only to use a higher bit rate.

**Peak Rate.** Range: 5 Kbps to 20,000 Kbps.

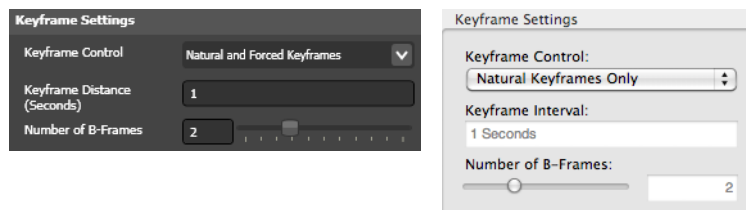
**Average Rate.** When encoding *One-Pass Constant Bit Rate (CBR)*, set the desired bit rate of the video track. Range 5 to 20,000 Kbps.

**Video Buffering Verifier (VBV) Buffer Size.** When encoding *One-Pass Constant Bit Rate (CBR)*, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the VBV buffer size. Range: 0 to 60 seconds. See [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#).

**Picture Quality.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the probability of skipping frames so that if the set bit rate is exceeded, 0.0 is least likely and 1.0 is most likely to cause frame skipping (see [Frame Skip Probability Smooth Motion Vs. Crisp Image](#)).

## Keyframe Settings

### Windows Media Video 9 codec—Keyframe Settings



**Keyframe Control.** Select from the following options:

*Natural and Forced Keyframes* causes the codec choose when to insert keyframes, but also ensures that there is at least one keyframe within the specified distance. If Keyframe distance is set to 0, keyframes are created only when a scene change is detected, making this the same as *Natural Keyframes Only*.

*Natural Keyframes Only* causes the codec insert keyframes when it detects scene changes.

**Keyframe Interval.** Enter the maximum distance between keyframes regardless of scene changes. With long clips that have lots of redundant data such as news clips (talking heads), limiting the maximum distance allows the stream to recover more rapidly if losing packets. Range: 0-60 seconds.

**Number of B-frames.** When using Main Profile, use the slider (or manually enter the value) to specify the number of B-frames in a GOP (range: 0 to 7). A higher number causes more efficient, slower encoding.

## Profile Settings

### Windows Media Video 9 Codec—Profile Settings



**Profile.** Select from the following options:

*Simple Profile* is the fastest-encodable profile.

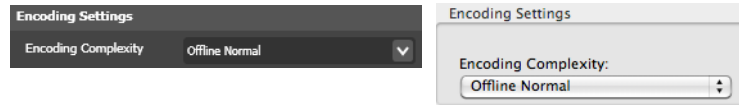
*Main Profile* allows additional encoding options.

*Advanced Profile*



## Encoding Settings

### Windows Media Video 9 Codec—Encoding Settings



**Encoding Complexity.** Select from the following options:

*Live Fast* | *Live Normal* are best for streaming video.

*Offline Fast* | *Offline Normal* | *Offline Slow* provide increasingly slower, but higher quality encoding; they are better for downloadable video.

## Windows Media Video VC-1 Codec

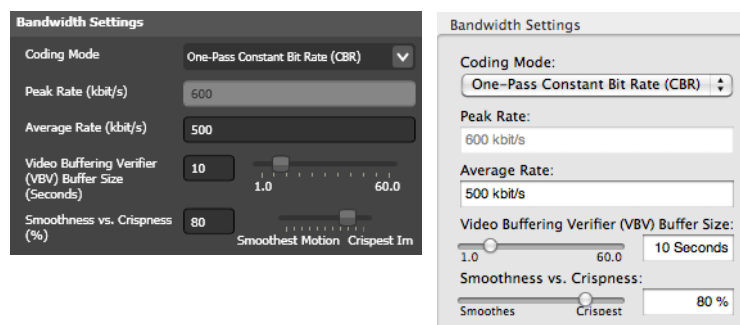
The VC-1 Codec creates Windows Media 9 Advanced Profile CBR (Constant Bit Rate) or VBR (Variable Bit Rate) files, either in one- or two-pass encoding. (Note that there is another WMV codec: See [Windows Media Video 9 Codec](#).)

These are the main topics for the WMV VC-1 codec:

- [Bandwidth Settings](#)
- [Keyframe Settings](#)
- [Encoding Settings](#)

### Bandwidth Settings

#### VC-1 Codec—Bandwidth Settings



**Coding Mode.** Select from the following options:

*One-Pass Constant Bit Rate (CBR)* encodes video at the bit rate specified in the Average Rate field. Quality is specified using the Picture Quality slider.

*One-Pass Variable Bit Rate (VBR)* encodes the clip with a variable bit rate, at the quality specified in the Smoothness/crispness slider. The encoder uses whatever bit rate necessary to maintain the specified quality. Unlike *One-pass CBR*, a higher quality never causes the encoder to skip frames, only to use a higher bit rate.

**Peak Rate.** 5 Kbps to 20,000 Kbps.

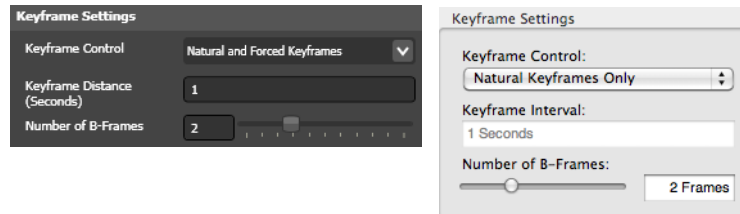
**Average Rate.** When encoding *One-Pass Constant Bit Rate (CBR)*, set the desired bit rate of the video track. Range 5 to 20,000 Kbps.

**Video Buffering Verifier (VBV) Buffer Size.** When encoding *One-Pass Constant Bit Rate (CBR)*, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the VBV buffer size. Range: 0 to 60 seconds. See [VBV Video Buffer Verifier](#).

**Smoothness/Crispness.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to set the probability of skipping frames so that if the set bit rate is exceeded, 0.0 is least likely and 1.0 is most likely to cause frame skipping. See [Frame Skip Probability Smooth Motion Vs. Crisp Image](#).

## Keyframe Settings

### Windows Media Video VC-1 Codec—Keyframe Settings



**Keyframe Control.** Select from the following options:

*Natural and Forced Keyframes* causes the codec to choose when to insert keyframes, but also ensures that there is at least one keyframe within the specified distance. If Keyframe distance is set to 0, keyframes are created only when a scene change is detected, making this the same as *Natural Keyframes Only*.

*Natural Keyframes Only* causes the codec insert keyframes when it detects scene changes.

**Keyframe Distance/Interval.** Enter the maximum distance between keyframes regardless of scene changes. With long clips that have lots of redundant data such as news clips (talking heads), limiting the maximum distance allows the stream to recover more rapidly if losing packets. Range: 0-60 seconds.

**Number of B-frames.** When using Main Profile, use the slider (or manually enter the value) to specify the number of B-frames in a GOP (range: 0 to 7). A higher number causes more efficient, slower encoding.

## Encoding Settings

### Windows Media Video VC-1 Codec—Encoding Settings



**Encoding Complexity.** Select from the following options:

*Live Fast* | *Live Normal* are best for streaming video.

*Offline Fast* | *Offline Normal* | *Offline Slow* provide increasingly slower, but higher quality encoding; they are better for downloadable video.

## Windows RGB Codec

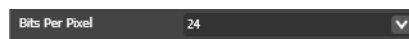
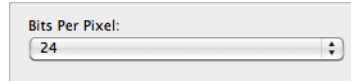
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**Note:** This codec is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

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Windows RGB is an uncompressed I-frames-only format.

### Windows RGB Codec Settings

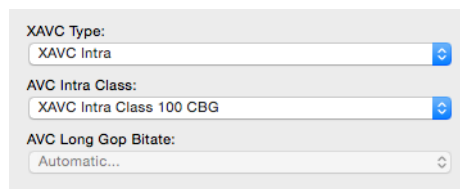
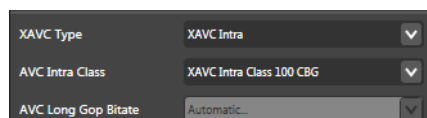


**Bits Per Pixel.** Select 24 | 32 from the dropdown menu. 24 bits per pixel provides 8 bits each for red, blue, and green. 32 bits per pixel provides additional support for an 8-bit alpha channel.

# XAVC Codec

The XAVC video format was invented by Sony for use in its video cameras and camcorders. XAVC uses level 5.2 of the H.264/MPEG-4 AVC format, supporting up to 4k resolution (4096 x 2160) and up to 60 frames per second. Color depth can be 8-, 10-, or 12-bits, and chroma subsampling can be 4:2:0, 4:2:2, or 4:4:4. The container format is MXF.

## XAVC Codec Settings

A light gray dialog box with three settings. The first is 'XAVC Type:' with a dropdown menu showing 'XAVC Intra'. The second is 'AVC Intra Class:' with a dropdown menu showing 'XAVC Intra Class 100 CBG'. The third is 'AVC Long Gop Bitrate:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Automatic...'. Each dropdown has a blue arrow icon on the right.A dark gray table with three rows. The first row is 'XAVC Type' with 'XAVC Intra' and a dropdown arrow. The second row is 'AVC Intra Class' with 'XAVC Intra Class 100 CBG' and a dropdown arrow. The third row is 'AVC Long Gop Bitrate' with 'Automatic...' and a dropdown arrow.

## Settings

**XAVC Type.** Select either the XAVC Intra type for intra-frame processing, or the XAVC Long GOP for Group of Pictures processing. According to Sony specifications, long GOP format at 35 to 50 Mbps is a good choice for HD when the best compromise between small file size with high picture quality and low computational demand is required. Intra produces high picture quality but requires a higher bitrate and more computational power.

**AVC Intra Class.** If you choose Intra type above, also select the Intra Class: 50 to 480 CBG (constant bit rate) or 100 to 480 VBR (variable bitrate). VBR is supported by most equipment and can produce higher video and audio quality. However, it can also take more time to encode and may sometimes exceed the data rate of the connection.

**AVC Long GOP Bit Rate.** If you choose Long GOP above, select the bit rate, from 25 to 300 Mbps, or select Automatic to allow the rate to be set automatically.

## XDCAM HD Codec

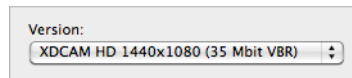
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**Note:** This codec is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

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XDCAM HD is an MPEG-2-based codec used by Sony for High-Definition video.

### XDCAM HD Codec Settings



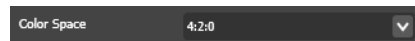
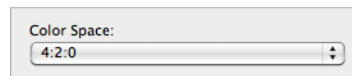
**Version.** Select the video profile, which is comprised of a codec, rate control, frame size, color space, and/or bit rate.

# YCbCr Codec

**Note:** This codec is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

YCbCr is an uncompressed I-frames-only format. It is a transformation of RGB images where Y is the luma (brightness) component of the image and Cb and Cr are the blue and red chroma (color) components, respectively. For details, see [Color Formats](#).

YCbCr Codec settings



**Color Space.** Select from these options:

*Same as Source* causes the codec to use the color space in the source material.

*4:2:0 | 4:2:2 | 4:2:2 Interleaved* causes the codec to use the specified color space. 4:2:2 Interleaved format has Y, Cb, and Cr samples for each pixel stored next to each other, and the planar formats have all Y, Cb, and Cr samples stored in separate sequences (planes).





# Video Filters

This chapter describes each of the video filters in Episode:

- [Advanced Frame Rate Filter](#)
- [Black and White Restoration Filter](#)
- [Burn Timecode Filter](#)
- [Caption Importer Filter](#)
- [Color Space Converter Filter](#)
- [Contrast Filter](#)
- [Deinterlace Filter](#)
- [Fade Filter](#)
- [Field Order Filter](#)
- [Frame Rate Filter](#)
- [Gamma Filter](#)
- [HSV Levels Filter](#)
- [Interlace Filter](#)
- [Matte Extractor Filter](#)
- [Noise Reduction Filter](#)
- [Resize Filter](#)
- [RGB Filter](#)
- [Rotate Filter](#)
- [Sharpen Filter](#)
- [Smoothing Filter](#)
- [Timecode Converter](#)
- [VBI Exporter Filter](#)
- [VBI Importer Filter](#)
- [Watermark Filter](#)
- [Watermark Resize Filter](#)

Video filters apply transformations to the video track in the source file, before it is encoded. Activated filters are applied to your video in the order they are listed in the Inspector panel, from top to bottom.

You select a filter to display its properties in the inspector. You *activate* a filter by checking its checkbox, and de-activate it by unchecking the box. You can only alter the properties (or method/option/section within a filter) of an active filter.

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**Note:** Codecs encode the output after all active video filters have been applied to your input media (as it is being decoded). In some cases, functionality in filters and codecs is duplicated, and if enabled in both it may be unnecessary and harmless, or it may lead to unintended results. For example, you can enable a filter to change the display aspect ratio. However, in some codecs, you can also change the aspect ratio. The best practice is to avoid duplication in your codec and filter settings.

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Some filters are used to adjust the output format, such as the Frame Rate and Resize filters. Others are used to improve the appearance of the image, such as the Noise Reduction filter, and the Black And White Restoration filter. Still others add information to the output file, such as the Burn Timecode filter and Watermark filter.

You can view the effects of video filters by using the Preview function to encode and view a sample of your video input to determine if you are achieving the intended effect (see [Previewing Workflow Outputs](#)).

Click the question mark icon to display online help for the filter.

Only active filters are applied to your video (as depicted in the figure following), and they are applied frame by frame, to decoded digital baseband video in the order they are listed in the Inspector panel, from top to bottom.

This process and result are depicted in the figure below:

### Video Filter Application to a Frame



In this example, the Contrast, Burn Timecode, and Watermark filters are activated (and configured). On this frame which has just been decoded to digital baseband, first the Contrast filter is applied, increasing the contrast (which you can see in the output frame). Next, the Burn Timecode filter renders the current timecode onto the frame (see output frame), and finally the Watermark filter applies the specified graphic to the frame—notice that the watermark partially overlays the timecode.

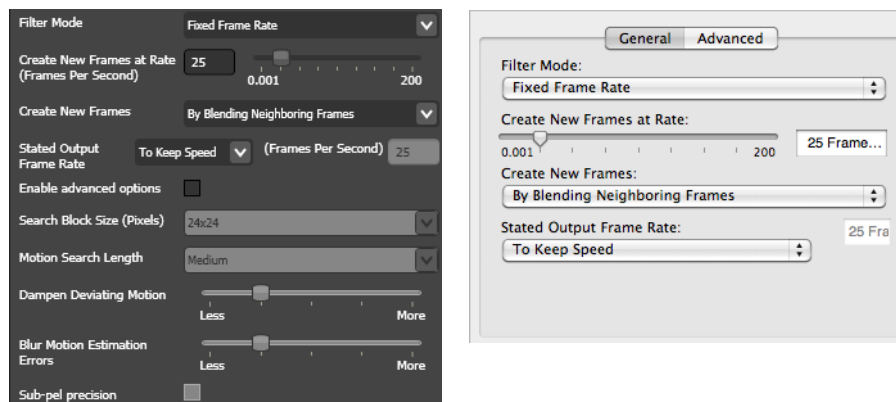
With all the video filters applied, the digital baseband output frame is passed to the encoder for encoding into the output stream.

## Advanced Frame Rate Filter

The advanced frame rate filter performs complex frame rate conversions. (Basic frame rate conversions are available in the [Frame Rate Filter](#).)

**Note:** A frame rate change that changes the video track duration requires you to use the [Audio Speed Filter](#) to adjust the audio track to match.

### Advanced Frame Rate Filter—General Settings



**Filter Mode.** Select the type of frame rate conversion you want to perform:

*Fixed Frame Rate* enables the Create New Frames field. New frames are created to match the given frame rate.

*Twice the Framerate* sets the filter output frame rate to twice the input frame rate. This setting is often used when you are interlacing non-interlaced content, using the double frames to create fields in the interlace filter. This setting can optionally be used to create slow motion material by setting the Stated output frame rate to Same as input.

*Copy Input Frames* copies the source frames to the output, but a different frame rate can be specified with the Stated output frame rate menu.

**Create New Frames at Rate.** When using Fixed Frame Rate, use the slider (or manually enter) the new output frame rate. Range: 001 to 200.

**Create New Frames.** Select how to create new frames:

*As Copy Of Nearest Neighbor* copies the source frame closest in time to the desired output frame. This is the fastest frame generation method, but may cause uneven motion, especially in pans.

*By Blending Neighboring Frames* creates the output frame as a weighted average of the two source frames closest to it in time. This provides smoother motion, but may also cause slight blurriness.

*Using Smart Motion Compensation* analyzes the motion of the objects in the video to provide both a sharp image and smooth motion. Scenes where the motion of objects is

hard to analyze may cause artifacts in the image. The algorithm searches in the most probable direction of motion.

*Using Heavy Motion Compensation* searches the entire frame to find the best match for motion. This method is very slow, but often produces in the best result.

**Stated Output Frame Rate.** Select the indicated output frame rate:

*Same As Input* sets the output frame rate from the filter to be the same as the frame rate of the input material.

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**Note:** If you are using the [Field Order Filter](#) in this workflow, it may have already changed the frame rate relative to the source frame rate.

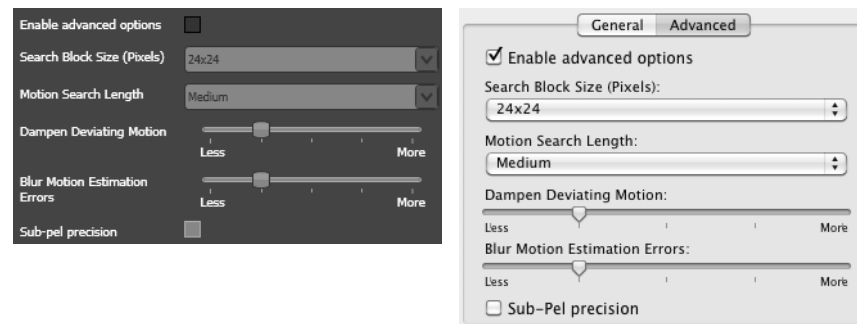
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*To Keep Speed* adjusts the stated output frame rate so that one second of input material generates one second of output material.

*Set To* explicitly sets the desired output frame rate from the filter.

**Frames Per Second.** When using the *Set To* option, enter the frames per second.

Advanced Frame Rate Filter—Advanced Settings



**Enable Advanced Options.** Check to enable these advanced features:

**Search Block Size (Pixels).** Select a block size from the dropdown menu to determine how large a search block to use in the interpolation algorithm. A larger search block provides better data to work with but also limits the amount of motion in between frames. Smaller-sized frames should use smaller search blocks.

**Motion Search Length.** Select a short, medium, or long motion search distance from the dropdown menu. A longer search distance improves compression, but slows transcoding.

**Dampen Deviating Motion.** Use the slider to determine what assumptions to make about motion in the frames. If motion is mostly uniform in one direction, set the slider toward *more*, in which case deviation motion is treated as noise and filtered away. If motion is non-uniform and should be kept so, set the slider toward *less*.

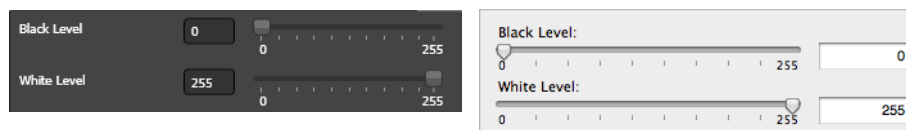
**Blur Motion Estimation Errors.** Use the slider to perform a certain amount of image-blurring to hide errors in motion estimation, from *less* to *more*.

**Sub-pel Precision.** Check to perform motion estimation for movements smaller than a full pixel. This improves image quality, but slows transcoding.

## Black and White Restoration Filter

Content for television (encoded from PAL or NTSC) sometimes appears washed out: black appears dark grey and white appears as light grey. Use the black and white restoration filter to correct this condition by setting a new black and/or white level.

### Black and White Restoration Filter Settings



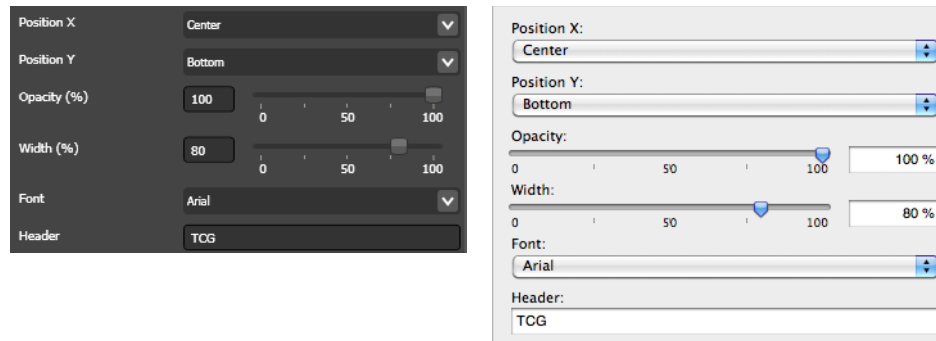
**Black.** Use the slider to set (or manually enter) the threshold for black. All luma values below this are remapped to black. (Range: 0 to 255.)

**White.** Use the slider to set (or manually enter) the threshold for white. All luma values above this are remapped to white. (Range: 0 to 255.)

# Burn Timecode Filter

Use the burn timecode filter to add a visible timecode to the output video. The timecode alters the video frame, and cannot be removed later.

## Burn Timecode Filter Settings



**Position X.** Select the horizontal position of the timecode burn-in location: *Left | Center | Right*.

**Position Y.** Select the vertical position of the timecode burn-in location: *Top | Center | Bottom*.

**Opacity (%).** Use the slider to set (or manually enter) the opacity value, making the timecode text partially transparent. Lower values are more transparent; higher values are more opaque. Range: 0 to 100.

**Width (%).** Use the slider to set (or manually enter) the timecode width as a percentage of the image width. Range: 0 to 100.

**Font.** Select a font for the timecode.

**Header.** Enter the text prefix to display with the timecode.

## Caption Importer Filter

Use the Caption Importer Filter to select and import the data from an SCC (.scc) closed caption file or an MCC (.mcc) MacCaption or CaptionMaker file. These files will produce EIA-608 SD or EIA-708 HD captions on the transcoded MXF, MPEG2, or H.264 (x264) output if you enable the additional output settings explained below.

To pass the imported captions from the .scc or .mcc file through to the transcoded output, select a *Closed Captioning* type in Video Encoder. See these container and encoder descriptions for details about enabling closed captions on the transcoded output: [MXF AS-11 \(.mxf\)](#), [MXF Op1a \(.mxf\)](#), [MXF XDCAM \(.mxf\)](#), [MPEG-2 Codec](#), [H.264 \(MainConcept\) Codec](#), or [H.264 \(x264\) Codec](#).

These elements must be present to produce a captioned output from a caption file:

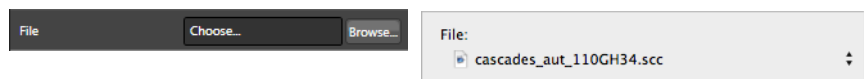
- Select an imported .scc or .mcc caption file in the Caption Importer Filter.
- Set Video Encoder Closed Captioning to *Same as Source* or the type of captioning you are submitting via the .scc (608) or .mcc (708+608) file.

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**Note:** Because you must explicitly specify a file (and not a file *pattern*), you must change the file in the filter each time you run this workflow.

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### Caption Importer Filter Settings



Click the *Browse*/navigation button and choose the .scc or .mcc file to import.



# Color Space Converter Filter

Use the color space converter filter to convert video between 601 and 709 color spaces. Additionally, color can be converted between scaled and unscaled color.

## Color Space Converter Settings

The image displays two versions of the Color Space Converter Filter settings window. The left window has a dark theme, while the right window has a light theme. Both windows show the same configuration: 'Input Color Space' is set to 'Derive From Source', 'Output Color Space' is set to 'Same as Source', and 'Output Video Levels' is set to 'Pass Through'.

## Color Space

**Input Color Space.** Select *Derive From Source* | *ITU-R Rec. 601* | *ITU-R Rec. 709* to identify the color space of your source video.

**Output Color Space.** Select *Derive From Source* | *ITU-R Rec. 601* | *ITU-R Rec. 709* to specify which color space to use to encode your video.

## Video Levels

**Output Video Levels.** Select the options for dealing with monitor vs. television output from the dropdown menu:

*Pass Through* Use the same video level on your output as your input.

*Clamp to Studio Range (Video Levels)* Narrow full-range values (RGB 0-255) to studio values (RGB 16-235) by clamping out-of-range values.

*Stretch to Full Range (RGB Levels)* Expand studio range video (RGB values 16-235) to full-range values (RGB 0-255), in a relative manner.

*Squeeze to Studio Range (Video Levels)* Narrow full-range values (RGB 0-255) down to studio values (RGB 16-235), in a relative manner.

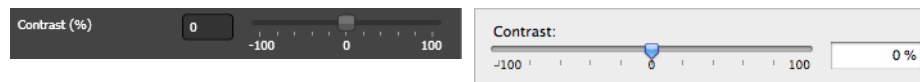
## Contrast Filter

Use the contrast filter to make dark pixels darker and light pixels lighter. Higher positive values increase contrast; higher negative values flatten or reduce contrast.

Video encoded from NTSC/PAL can sometimes look a bit grey or milky. Increasing the contrast may improve the appearance.

Be careful not to increase the contrast too much—lighter pixels have a tendency to become a white blur. In high contrast video, you can lower the contrast, causing the image to become develop a flat or greyish appearance.

### Contrast Filter Settings

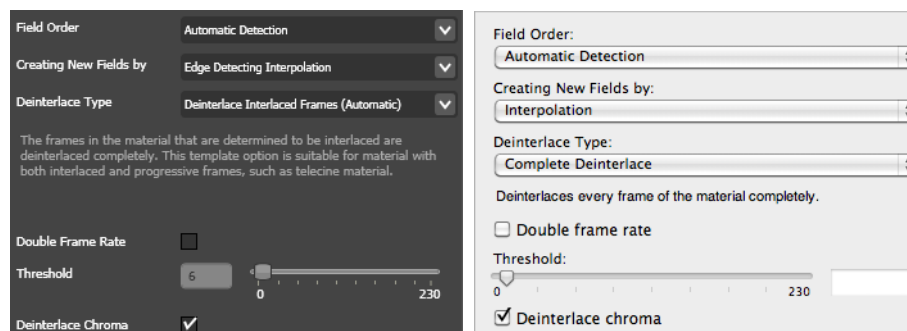


**Contrast (%)**. Use the slider to set (or manually enter) the contrast adjustment value.

# Deinterlace Filter

Use the deinterlace filter to convert video from interlaced to deinterlaced (progressive). As explained in [Video Scan](#), a television video frame is constructed of two interlaced fields as a pair, displayed one after the other. Because computers, mobile phones, and other mobile devices use progressive scan, showing a whole frame at once, interlaced video should be deinterlaced for playback on these devices.

## Deinterlace Filter Settings



**Field Order.** Select the option to determine which field is dominant.

*Top* Indicates that the input should be processed as top-field dominant.

*Bottom* Indicates that the input should be processed as bottom-field dominant.

*Automatic Detection* Analyzes the correct field order (recommended).

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**Note:** If the field order filter is activated, the values set in the field order filter are used and this setting is ignored.

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**Creating New Fields by.** Create each de-interlaced frame from two fields.

**Duplication.** Duplicates the dominant field—quicker with less lower visual quality.

**Interpolation.** Creates new pixels by linear interpolation of the nearest pixels in the dominant field only; the non-dominant field is discarded. This method provides better results than duplication, but requires more processing time.

**Blending.** Averages both fields to smoother motion; less sharpness than interpolation.

**Smooth Blending.** Averages both fields, then applies the lowpass filter to the frame. This method provides a smoother image, but is slightly slower than blending.

**Edge Detecting Interpolation.** Interpolates pixels (only vertically). Edge Detecting Interpolation attempts to find similar elements in the frame and detect edges before interpolating. This method provides more distinct diagonal edges in the output.








**Edge Detecting Interpolation Heavy.** Interpolates in the same manner as edge detecting interpolation, but with a more detailed algorithm. This method slows encoding, but provides better results.

**Motion Compensation.** Analyzes the motion of objects in the video to obtain more information on how to best create new frames. This method provides sharper output than blending, while preserving smooth motion. Motion compensation usually provides the best results, but may result in artifacts in scenes where motion is difficult to estimate. This method is computationally intense, and therefore the slowest.

**Note:** Motion compensation requires deinterlacing of all frames, therefore the Deinterlace Type setting is ignored when using the Motion Compensation method.

This table displays an original image, and images processed by various methods in the deinterlace filter, to illustrate how these methods change the visual result.

Effects of Different Deinterlacing Types on Frames

Image	Description
	Unprocessed interlaced frame
	Duplication
	Interpolation
	Blending
	Smooth blending
	Edge detecting interpolation
	Motion compensation

**Deinterlace Type.** Select the type of deinterlacing from the dropdown menu:

**Complete Deinterlace.** Deinterlaces the entire frame.

**Deinterlace Interlaced Frames (Automatic).** Deinterlaces frames that are determined to be interlaced. This option is suitable for media with both interlaced and progressive frames, such as telecine media.

**Deinterlace Interlaced Frames (Manual).** Deinterlaces frames that are determined to be interlaced based on the Threshold field value. This option is suitable for media with both interlaced and progressive frames, such as telecine media.

*Deinterlace Moving Areas (Automatic)* deinterlaces the moving parts of each frame. This option is not suitable for media with progressive frames, such as telecine media.

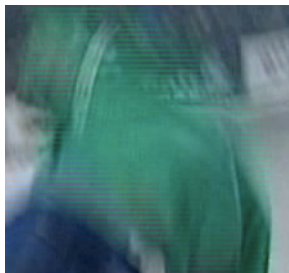

*Deinterlace Moving Areas (Manual)* deinterlaces the moving parts of each frame. Deinterlacing is performed on those macroblocks where the average luminance difference between the two frames exceeds the value in the Threshold field. This option is not suitable for media with progressive frames, such as telecine media.

**Double Frame Rate.** Separates interlaced frames into two consecutive frames. This doubles the frame rate, so it is necessary to apply the [Frame Rate Filter](#) to keep the original speed. One application of this function is converting from HD interlaced to SD progressive media.

**Threshold.** Set the threshold for when deinterlacing should occur. The value determines how large the difference can be between the pixels of two fields before deinterlacing. If the value is set to zero the whole frame is de-interlaced.

**Deinterlace Chroma.** Check to indicate that the chroma channel is interlaced in the source material and has to be de-interlaced as well. It is not always easy to know if the chroma channels are interlaced or not. To verify results of your workflow with deinterlacing selected, use the Preview function (see [Previewing Workflow Outputs](#)).

#### Effects of Deinterlacing Luma and Chroma

Image	Description
	Only luma de-interlaced
	Both luma and chroma de-interlaced

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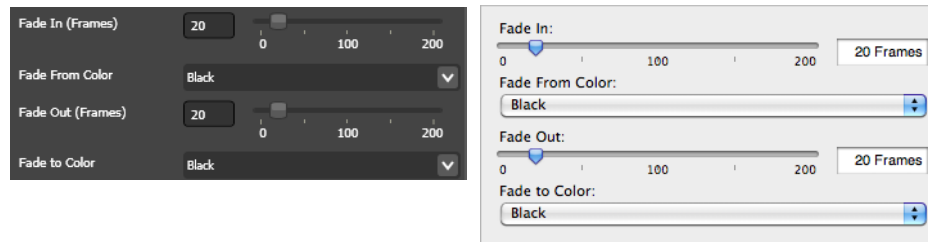
**Note:** Only apply Deinterlace to interlaced media. Otherwise, undesirable artifacts are created. When using the Field Order filter, make sure your source media has not been de-interlaced prior to use.

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## Fade Filter

Use the fade filter to fade the encoded clip in and out from/to black or white. The number of frames are counted from the beginning of the clip for a fade in and from the end for a fade out.

### Fade Filter Settings



**Fade In (Frames).** Use the slider to set (or manually enter) the number of frames over which the clip is faded in.

**Fade From Color.** Select *Black* or *White*.

**Fade Out Frames.** Use the slider to set (or manually enter) the number of frames (counting from the end of the clip).

**Fade To Color.** Select *Black* or *White*.

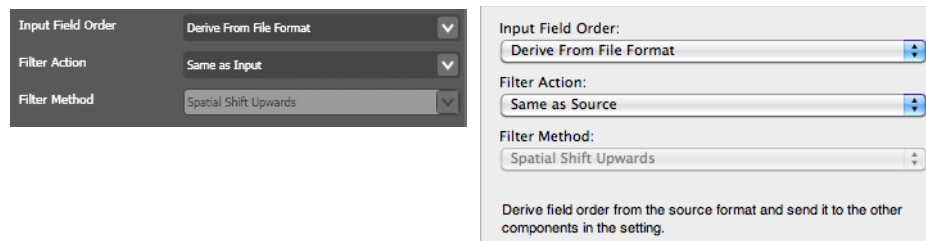
# Field Order Filter

Use the field order filter to change the field dominance of interlaced video. Subsequent filters may require this field order information to operate properly.

The field order filter can both identify and modify interlacing. You can select from a list of input video choices and then select from choices on how to modify the media.

The field order filter can both identify it and modify field order, depending on the parameters you set.

## Field Order Filter Settings



Input Field Order: Derive From File Format

Filter Action: Same as Input

Filter Method: Spatial Shift Upwards

Derive field order from the source format and send it to the other components in the setting.

**Input Field Order.** Select the field dominance of the incoming material.

*Derive from file format* operates on the field order, based on the assumption that the field order information in the source file is correct (regardless of whether it is or not).

*Source has Top Field First* operates on the field order, assuming the source is top field dominant.

*Source has Bottom Field First* operates on the field order, assuming the source is bottom field dominant.

*Source is Progressive* operates on the field order assuming the source is progressive; disables the filter action option.

*Source has unknown field order* does not modify the source; subsequent filters are free to determine the field order themselves; disables the filter action option.

**Filter Action.** When source is interlaced, select how to change the dominance of interlaced material:

*Same as input* does not change the field dominance; disables the filter method option.

*Switch to Top Field First* changes the field dominance to top field dominant.

*Switch to Bottom Field First* changes the field dominance to bottom field dominant.

*Interlaced to Progressive* deinterlaces the input and creates progressive output; disables filter method option. If you select this option, do not use the [Deinterlace Filter](#). The output frame rate from this filter is twice the input frame rate, so if you also use the [Frame Rate Filter](#) or [Advanced Frame Rate Filter](#) you must take account of this.

**Filter Method.** When Filter Action is set to Switch to Top Field First or Bottom Field First, select how to change the field order. Spatial shifts reorder the fields in situ and does not cause any problems for cuts, but loses one line of the image.

*Spatial Shift Upwards* moves both fields upward by one line (losing the topmost line).

*Spatial Shift Downwards* moves both fields downward by one line (losing the bottommost line).

*Temporal Shift* moves all fields towards the beginning of the clip, dropping the first field.



# Frame Rate Filter

The frame rate filter performs simple conversions of the frame rate of a clip. The [Advanced Frame Rate Filter](#) performs more complex conversions, suitable for video standard conversions (for example, PAL and NTSC).

A frame rate change that modifies the duration of the video requires you to use the [Audio Speed Filter](#) to adjust the speed of any audio track to match.

## Frame Rate Filter Settings

**Filter Mode.** Select the filter mode from the dropdown menu:

*Fixed Frame Rate* utilizes the New Frame rate for the output file, using the conversion algorithm you specify in Framerate Preset.

*Fractional Frame Rate* specifies the resulting frame rate as the fraction of the original frame rate you specify in Change Framerate To.

*Upper limit* sets a maximum frame rate that to be used if the input frame rate is higher. If the input frame rate is lower, the input frame rate is used.

**Framerate Preset.** Select the filter mode from the dropdown menu:

*Fast* does not interpolate frames but reuses frames if needed to achieve the desired frame rate.

*Automatic* analyzes PAL or NTSC source video to determine the best algorithm for the specific conversion.

*Telecine 24->29.97 | Telecine 23.976->29.97 | Inv.Telecine, Fixed Cadence 29.97->23.976 | Inv.Telecine 29.97->24 | Inv.Telecine 29.97->23.976 | Film => PAL 24->25 | PAL => Film 25->24* selections perform conversion between formats and deactivates New frame rate.

As explained in [Video Scan](#), Episode automatically detects the cadence even when it is broken. But, if you know that the cadence is fixed for the entire length of the clip, the extra processing is unnecessary.

You can select, for example, Inverse Telecine, Fixed cadence 29.97->23.98 to enable First interlaced Pair and set which frames have been derived from the first duplicated film frame. If the first frame is a single interlaced frame, this option cannot be used.

**New Framerate (FPS).** Select the desired frame rate of the output video from the dropdown menu.

**Change Framerate To.** When Fractional Framerate is selected in Filter Mode, select the output frame rate as a fraction of the input frame rate from the dropdown menu.

This option simply selects from already existing frames without interpolating, and disables Framerate Preset. 2x speeds up the frame rate—useful when converting HD low frame rate video to SD high frame rate video, for example.

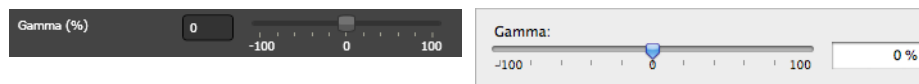
**First Interlaced Pair.** Select which frames have been derived from the first duplicated film frame, from the dropdown menu.

## Gamma Filter

The gamma filter is a commonly used filter, providing an important correction in many video workflows. Gamma compensates for the color display differences between various display technologies and devices. For example, PDAs, iPods, handheld devices and terminals and MacOS X and Windows computers all have varying gamma.

The gamma filter is a non-linear filter. It only affects midrange tones, leaving the darkest and lightest parts unchanged. This enables you to darken or lighten your video without risk of distorting the darkest and brightest areas.

### Gamma Filter Settings

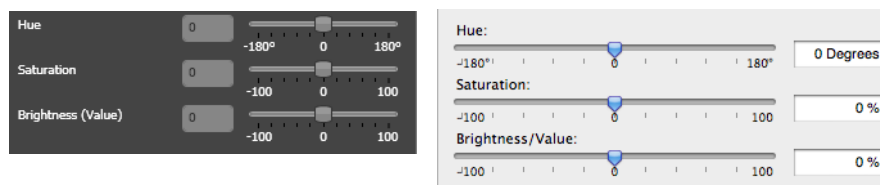


**Gamma.** Use the slider to select (or manually enter) the gamma correction. Range: -100 to 100. Positive numbers (1 to 100) lighten the image. Negative numbers (-1 to -100) darken the image. Larger numbers increase the effect.

## HSV Levels Filter

The HSV levels filter makes color adjustments in the Hue, Saturation and Brightness (Value) color space. This filter compliments the [RGB Filter](#) which adjusts in the Red, Green, Blue color space.

### HSV Levels Filter Settings



**Hue.** Use the slider to select (or manually enter) how to alter the colors. The value is measured in degrees. Range: -180 degrees to +180 degrees. This is useful for correcting badly white-balanced material, for example.

**Saturation.** Use the slider to select (or manually enter) how to alter the intensity of the colors. Positive values intensify the colors, and vice versa. Range: -100% to +100%.

**Brightness (Value).** Use the slider to select (or manually enter) how dark (negative values) or bright (positive values) to make the video. It affects all pixels linearly, unlike the [Contrast Filter](#), which makes dark pixels become darker and bright pixels brighter.

## Interlace Filter

Use the interlace filter to convert progressive input to interlaced, at half the input frame rate.

### Interlace Filter Settings



**Field Order.** Select the field dominance that is appropriate for the output format. See [Video Scan](#) for standard field orders for common formats.

## Matte Extractor Filter

Use the matte extractor filter to extract the alpha transparency channel of the source file and convert it to a grey-scale image, with completely opaque mapped to white and completely transparent mapped to black.

There are no user-settable options.

## Noise Reduction Filter

Use the noise reduction filter to diminish visual *noise* in your video. The filter employs three methods to reduce noise in the clip:

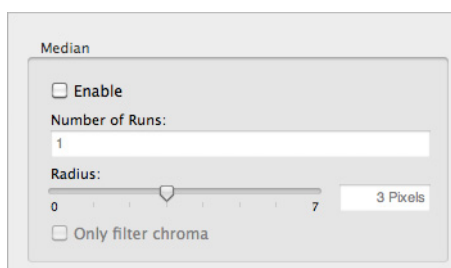
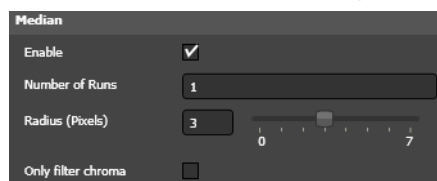
- [Median Method](#)
- [Average Method](#)
- [Temporal Method](#)

You can use one, two, or all three methods and specify how many times each method is to be applied.

### Median Method

Use the median method when you want to replace each pixel value with the median value of the pixels in the filter box. This improves the quality of images with impulse noise, by mainly affecting pixels with values very different from those of their neighbors.

#### Noise Reduction Filter Settings—Median Method



**Enable.** Check to use this method in the filter.

**Number Of Runs.** Enter the number of times to run the filter.

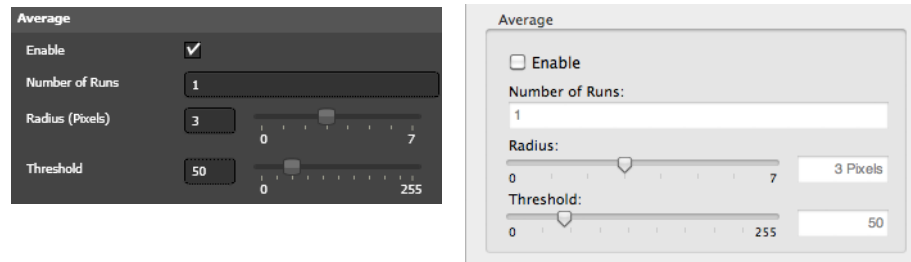
**Radius (pixels).** Use the slider to set the size of the filter box (or enter it manually). Range: 0 to 7.

**Only Filter Chroma.** Check to filter only the color component of the material. Luma is left unchanged. This may be useful when encoding old VHS material, since much of the noise often resides in the chroma channel.

## Average Method

Use the average method when you want to replace each pixel value with the average value of the pixels in the filter box. This improves the quality of images with impulse noise, by mainly affecting pixels with values very different from those of their neighbors.

### Noise Reduction Filter Settings—Average Method



**Enable.** Check to use this method in the filter.

**Number Of Runs.** Enter the number of times to run the filter.

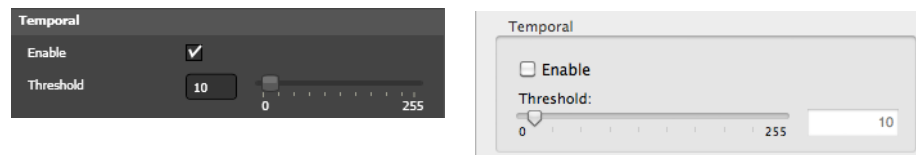
**Radius (pixels).** Use the slider to set the size of the filter box (or enter it manually). Range: 0 to 7.

**Threshold.** Set the maximum pixel difference value, beyond which the filter should not alter the filtered pixel if the difference between the and its environment is larger than the threshold. This preserves text and other small objects with large contrast.

## Temporal Method

Use the Temporal Method when you want to compare each pixel in the current frame with the corresponding pixel in the previous frame. If the difference is less than the threshold value the pixel value is left unchanged; otherwise it is replaced by the pixel value in the previous frame. This smooths a series of frames over time.

### Noise Reduction Filter Settings—Temporal Method



**Enable.** Check to use this method in the filter.

**Threshold.** Select the threshold level (or enter it manually) for pixel value replacement.

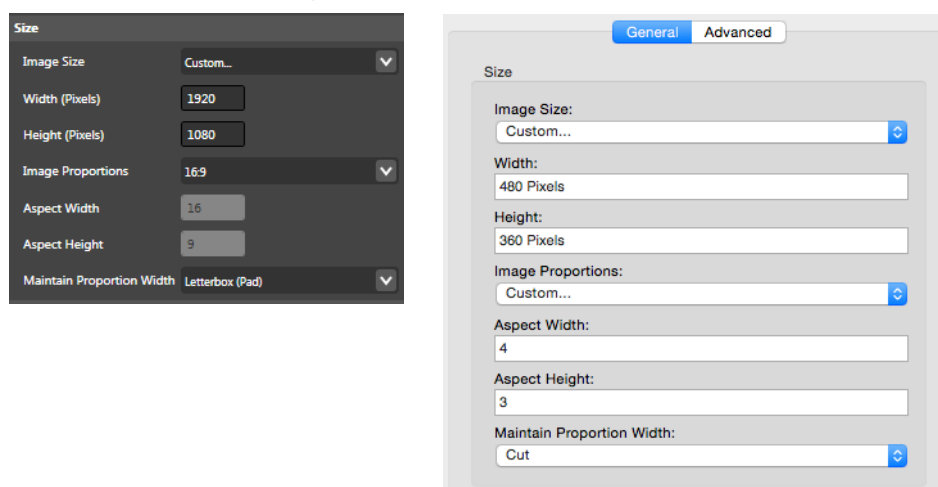
## Resize Filter

The resize filter performs conversions on the pixel frame dimensions of a clip. In addition to crop and pad functions, resize also has controls for frame aspect ratio, pixel aspect ratio, and display aspect ratio.

On a Mac, the size and initial crop settings are in the General tab. The scaling details and aspect ratio settings are in the Advanced tab.

## Size Settings

Resize Filter—Size Settings



**Image Size.** Select the output frame size from the options in the dropdown menu. Select Custom to enter specific (non-standard) values in the Width and Height fields and enable Image Proportions. Sizes now include 2K and 4K resolutions.

**Width.** When Custom is selected in Image Size, enter the width of the resized image in pixels.

**Height.** When Custom is selected in Image Size, enter the height of the resized image in pixels.

**Image Proportions.** Select the aspect ratio for the image. Width and Height settings will automatically conform to the selected aspect ratio, unless you select None (Unconstrained), in which case, you can enter any values for Width and Height.

**Aspect Width and Aspect Height.** Displays the aspect ratio width and height dimensions.

**Maintain Proportional Width.** Select the options to determine how to process the original image to achieve the output size, from the dropdown menu. This affects the ratio between the number of pixels in the horizontal and vertical dimensions. This is not necessarily the same as the display aspect ratio, as explained in [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#).

*Cut* keeps the image proportions of the material by cropping away parts of the image. For example, if encoding from a source clip with a 16:9 pixel relation to a clip with 4:3 pixel relation, the sides of the source are cut, leaving the resulting image undistorted.

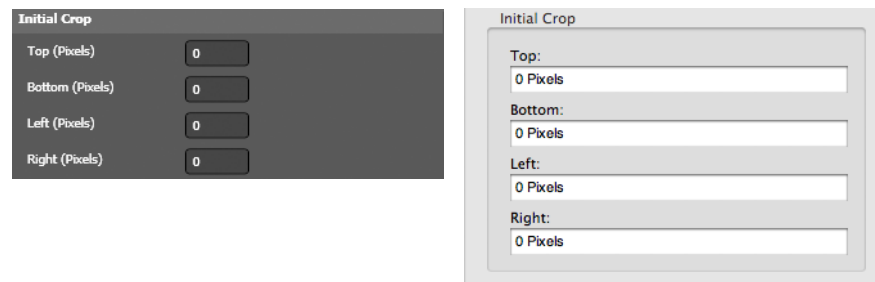
*Letterbox (Pad)* pads the image with black borders to fit the destination proportions. For example, a 16:9 clip encoded to 4:3 is padded at the top and bottom of the image.

*None (Distort)* stretches the output image to the desired size. This may cause distortion. The value in the Initial crop field (see below) is used. When coding anamorphic MPEG-2 this is the option to use. Force the source material to PAL or NTSC size with this option, then select 16:9 display aspect ratio for playback in the MPEG-2 codec.

## Initial Crop Settings

Before the image is scaled to the new size a cropping operation is applied to the source material. This can be used to remove black borders or edge artifacts from the source material.

### Resize Filter—Initial Crop Settings



The image displays two versions of the 'Initial Crop' settings interface. The left version is a dark-themed control panel with four sliders for 'Top (Pixels)', 'Bottom (Pixels)', 'Left (Pixels)', and 'Right (Pixels)', all set to 0. The right version is a light-themed control panel with four input fields for 'Top:', 'Bottom:', 'Left:', and 'Right:', each containing the text '0 Pixels'.

**Top.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from top of frame.

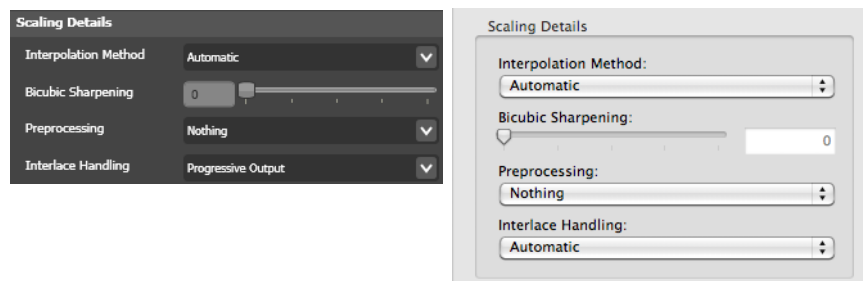
**Bottom.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from bottom of frame.

**Left.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from left of frame.

**Right.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from right of frame.

## Scaling Details

### Resize Filter—Scaling Details Settings



**Interpolation Method.** Select the interpolation method to use for resizing:

*Automatic* uses bilinear for downsizing and bicubic for upsizing.

*Bilinear* usually best when downsizing the image.

*Bicubic* usually best when upsizing the image.

*Lanczos* a two-pass filtering method with increased sample rate and smoothness. Supports 10-bit.

*Nearest Neighbor* uses the fastest method but produces the lowest quality. It should only be used when speed is more important than quality.

**Bicubic Sharpening.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the amount of post re-size edge sharpening to apply.

*Preprocessing* select how to implement lowpass filtering to reduce artifacts in downscaled images.

*Nothing* performs no filtering.

*Lowpass for Large Downscales* filters images where the ratio between in-size and out-size is larger than 1.7 in either the horizontal or the vertical dimension. If the ratio is larger than 3.8 the images are filtered more.

*Always Lowpass Source* filters all images regardless of the amount of scaling.

**Interlace Handling.** Select how to handle interlaced source.

*Automatic* selects between Progressive Output and Scale Fields Independently based on the available field order information.

*Progressive Output* scales the image as a whole with no regard to interlacing. This is the default mode and works well in most cases.

*Only Crop/Pad to Size—No Scale* crops or pads the image to the new size, without stretching the image. This option is useful when scaling to a size which is only slightly larger or smaller in height than the source, especially if the contents are interlaced.

For example, when converting from NTSC 720 x 486 to MPEG-2 NTSC 720 x 480 you do not need to encode all the source lines to a format that does not use all the lines. By just



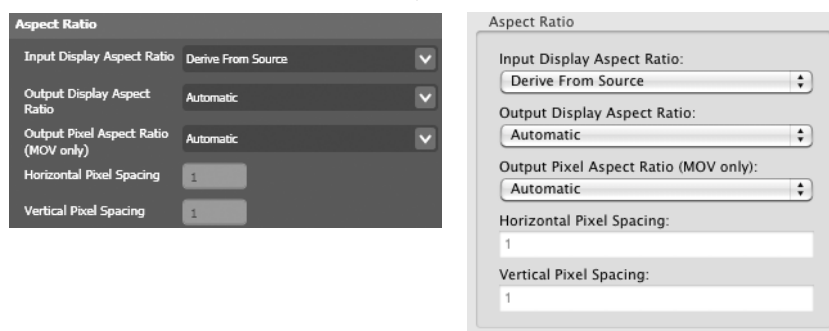
cropping the unnecessary 6 lines you do not have to interpolate lines which would lose quality.

*Scale Fields Independently* divides the image into two fields which are then scaled independently. This keeps the interlacing correct when, for example, downscaling from HD to SD material.

## Aspect Ratio Settings

See [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#) for a discussion of display aspect ratios and pixel aspect ratios.

### Resize Filter—Aspect Ratio Settings



**Input Display Aspect Ratio.** Select how to compensate for odd frame sizes and/or anamorphic source material, by indicating the actual display aspect ratio of the source data. For example, Video CD (VCD) material is usually encoded with 480 x 480 pixels, but displayed with 640 x 480 pixels, so you should indicate an input display aspect ratio of 4:3.

*Pass Through (Keep Display Aspect Ratio)* uses the display aspect ratio that results from the settings in the Size and Initial crop fields as explained above for Maintain Proportion With.

*Derive From Source* uses the display aspect ratio information in the source file, if available. D-10/IMX, DV, MPEG-2, and MPEG-4 contain display aspect ratio information. For all other formats, square pixels are assumed. For example, if the source material is 480 x 480 pixels with its display aspect ratio field set to 4:3, Image size is set to 480 x 480 and Maintain proportion with is set to Letterbox (Pad), the output is 480 x 480 pixels, but with a visible area of 480 x 360 pixels with black margins above and below.

*Assume Square Pixels* assumes that the source material has square pixels and that its display aspect ratio therefore is the same as width:height.

*Assume 4:3 | Assume 5:4 | Assume 16:9 | Assume 2.21:1* use the selected value for the source display aspect ratio. This display aspect ratio is then used in the same manner as for Derive From Source.

**Output Display Aspect Ratio.** Select the display aspect ratio of the output file:

*Same as Input Display Aspect Ratio* uses the display aspect ratio of the source file.

*Automatic* sets the display aspect ratio to Width:Height if Maintain Proportion With has been set to Cut or Letterbox (Pad), otherwise uses the display aspect ratio of the source file (i.e. assumes square pixels).

*Square Pixels* sets the display aspect ratio to Width:Height.

4:3 | 5:4 | 16:9 | 2.21:1 explicitly set the display aspect ratio.

**Output Pixel Aspect Ratio (MOV only).** Select the pixel aspect ratio for QuickTime output:

*Custom* enables you to explicitly set the Horizontal Pixel Spacing and Vertical Pixel Spacing. For example, a value of one in each field specifies a square, or 1:1 pixel. In 480 SD video, you may use 10 horizontal, by 11 vertical pixels. In 576 SD video, you may use 59 horizontal by 54 vertical pixels.

*Automatic* determines the pixel aspect ratio from the Image size and Output display aspect ratio.

*Square* sets a 1:1 pixel aspect ratio.

NTSC ITU-R Rec. 601 | NTSC ITU-R Rec. 601 (16:9) | PAL ITU-R Rec. 601 | PAL ITU-R Rec. 601 (16:9) sets the appropriate pixel aspect ratios for television standards.

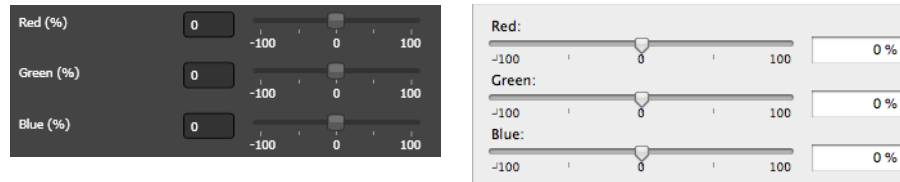
**Horizontal Pixel Spacing.** When Output Aspect Ratio is set to Custom, enter an integer value to shape the pixel as a ratio of height to width, in conjunction with the Vertical Pixel Spacing value.

**Vertical Pixel Spacing.** When Output Aspect Ratio is set to Custom, enter an integer value to shape the pixel as a ratio of height to width, in conjunction with the Horizontal Pixel Spacing value.

## RGB Filter

The RGB filter adjusts the colors in the Red Green Blue color space. For each color channel you specify how much to add or subtract from each pixel. 100% is the maximal value for the given color value. This contrasts with the [HSV Levels Filter](#), which makes color adjustments in the Hue, Saturation and Value (Brightness) color space.

### RGB Levels Filter Settings



**Red (%).** Use the slider (or enter value manually) to determine what percent of this channel to add or subtract. Range: -100% to 100%.

**Green (%).** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to determine what percent of this color channel to add or subtract. Range: -100% to 100%.

**Blue (%).** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to determine what percent of this channel to add or subtract. Range: -100% to 100%.

## Rotate Filter

Use the rotate filter to flip frames horizontally or vertically during encoding.

### Rotate Filter Settings

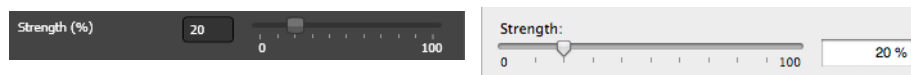


**Flip Operation.** Select None | Horizontally | Vertically to determine how each frame is rotated.

## Sharpen Filter

Use the sharpen filter to increase the contrast (or sharpen) between contrasting areas which appear as objects in the image, thereby creating a more crisp, differentiated appearance.

### Sharpen Filter Settings

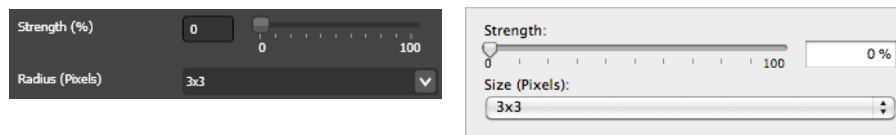


**Strength (%).** Use the slider (or manually enter the value) to set the percent of sharpening to apply. Range: 0 to 100. Higher values provide stronger sharpening.

## Smoothing Filter

Use the smoothing filter to blur and interpolate the pixels. This makes the material look smoother (but loses some contrast).

### Smoothing Filter Settings



**Strength (%).** Use the slider (or manually enter the value) to set the amount of smoothing to apply. Range: 0 to 100. Higher values provide stronger smoothing.

**Size (Pixels).** Select the size of the smoothing area: 3x3 | 5x5.

# Timecode Converter

The timecode converter filter enables Episode to carry timecode over to encoded outputs even when complex conversions have changed the encoded outputs frame rate. The options provided allow the user to select different methods of timecode calculation.

The filter is used when the encode contains a frame rate altering setting such as the frame rate filter, the advanced frame rate filter, or certain de-interlace modes.

There are several options you can choose to determine output timecode start times in the event the new start frame is not available based on the output timebase. In every case the hours and minutes TC values stay the same.

## Timecode Converter Settings



**Scale.** Episode scales the output TC start frame so that it starts on the same relative frame as the input.

For example, if the input time code is 30NDF 01:00:00:27 and the new time base is 24NDF, the output timecode start would be 01:00:00:23.  $(27/30)*24$  (rounded off to the nearest frame)

**Round Off.** Episode rounds up to the next second as a new start frame. Using the above example, the output timecode start would be 01:00:01:00 (27 rounded up to the next second).

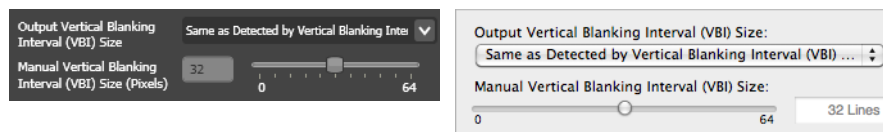
**Keep Count.** Adds the number of frames from the input to the output time base. Using the above example, the output timecode start would be 01:00:01:03 (01:00:00:00+01:03) (27 frames at 24NDF timebase).

**Allow drop frame <-> non-drop frame conversions.** This allows the conversion between drop and nondrop timecode.

## VBI Exporter Filter

Use the VBI exporter filter to add Vertical Blanking Interval (VBI) data to the output file.

### VBI Exporter Filter Settings



**Output VBI Size.** Select the method to specify the VBI size from the dropdown menu:

*Same as Detected by Vertical Blanking Interval Importer* causes the filter to determine the VBI size automatically, based on the size determined by the [VBI Importer Filter](#) when it ran earlier in the job.

*Manually Specify Vertical Blanking Interval Size* enables you to set the size for your own requirements, in Manual VBI Size.

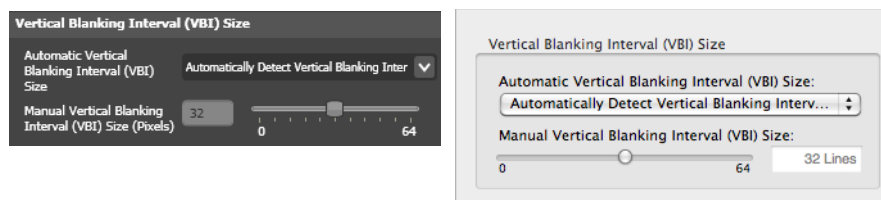
**Manual VBI Size.** When manually specifying VBI, use the slider (or manually enter the value) to set the VBI size in pixels. Range: 0 to 64.

## VBI Importer Filter

Use the VBI importer filter to remove Vertical Blanking Interval (VBI) lines from video data. If necessary, use the [VBI Exporter Filter](#) to reinstate the VBI lines in the output. You can also use the VBI Importer Filter to extract closed captions from the input VBI for embedding on the output (see [Caption Decoding](#) below).

### VBI Size

#### VBI Importer Filter—VBI Size Settings



**Automatic VBI Size.** Select the method to determine the VBI size from the dropdown menu:

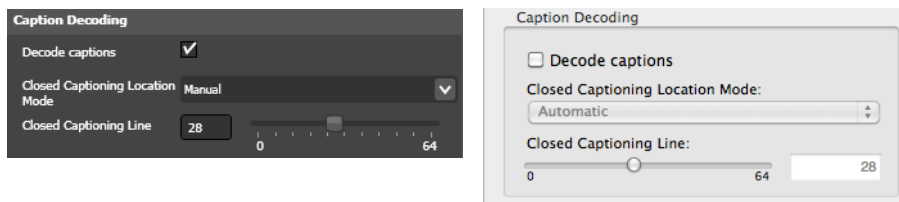
*Automatically Detect Vertical Blanking Interval Size* causes the filter to determine the VBI size automatically, assuming the source video is NTSC or PAL. This option removes the 32 top video lines.

*Manually Specify Vertical Blanking Interval Size* enables you to set the number of lines to remove for your own requirements, in Manual VBI Size. This option assumes the source file has a non-standard VBI size or is neither NTSC nor PAL and removes the number of lines specified in Manual VBI Size.

**Manual VBI Size.** When Manually Specify VBI Size is selected, set the number of lines to remove from the top of the source video.

## Caption Decoding

#### VBI Importer Filter—Caption Decoding Settings



**Decode Captions.** Check to import in-band closed captions from VBI data. Episode can write these closed captions to these codecs and containers: [MPEG-2 Codec](#), [H.264 \(x264\) Codec](#), [H.264 \(MainConcept\) Codec](#), [MXF AS-11 \(.mxf\)](#), [MXF Op1a \(.mxf\)](#), and [MXF XDCAM \(.mxf\)](#). Refer to those topics for details regarding the encoder output caption settings.

**Closed Captioning Location Mode.** Select the mode for determining the closed captioning line.

*Automatic* enables the filter to determine which line closed captioning is on.

*Manual* allows you to specify which line to pull closed captioning from, in Closed Captioning Line.

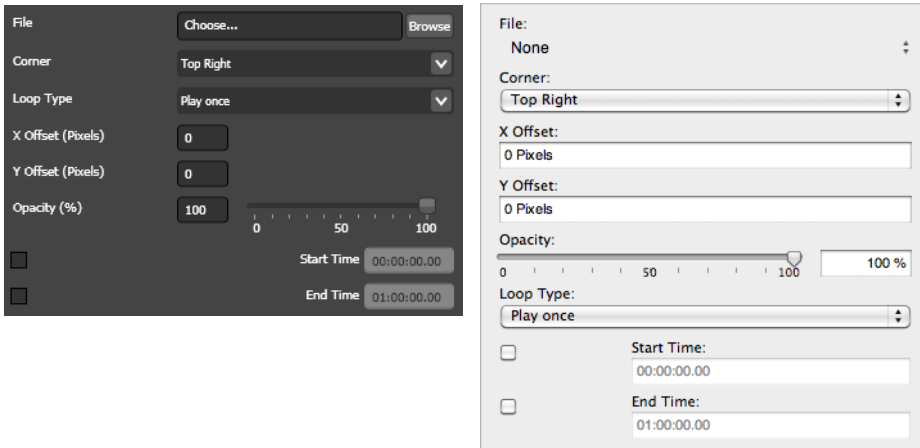
**Closed Captioning Line.** When manually specifying the Closed Captioning Location Mode, use the slider (or manually enter the value) to specify the closed captioning line in the VBI. Range: 0 to 64.

# Watermark Filter

Use the watermark filter to apply a brand, and mark your encoded clip to ensure that the viewers are aware of the origin of the material that they are watching.

You can use the [Watermark Resize Filter](#) to resize your watermark to better fit in the image.

## Watermark Filter Settings



**File.** Click Browse/navigation button to navigate and select the file you intend to use as a watermark. The following file formats can be used as watermarks.

### Supported Watermark File Formats

File Format	Details (Pixel Depth)
BMP	16/24-bit RGB
JPEG	EXIF metadata also supported
Targa	16/24/32-bit RGB
TIFF	16/24/32-bit RGB



**Corner.** Select the corner of the frame to place the watermark in: *Top Left* | *Top Right* | *Bottom Left* | *Bottom Right*.

**Loop Type.** When the file is a clip, select how the watermark is burned into video frames from the dropdown menu. When the file is static (a single image), this option is ignored.

*Play Once* select to play through the animation once and stop on the last frame.

*Loop* select to play the animation repeatedly in the video.

**X Offset (pixels).** Enter the horizontal offset from the selected corner.

**Y Offset (pixels).** Enter the vertical offset from the selected corner.

**Opacity (%).** Set the opacity of the watermark. This is not to be confused with the transparency (alpha channel) of the image object itself.

**Start time.** Check the option, and use the slider (or enter the value manually) to select the time when to start applying the watermark from the start of the clip. If not set, the watermark is applied at the start of the clip.

**End time.** Check the option, and use the slider (or enter the value manually) to select the time when to stop applying the watermark. If not set, the watermark is applied to the end of the clip.

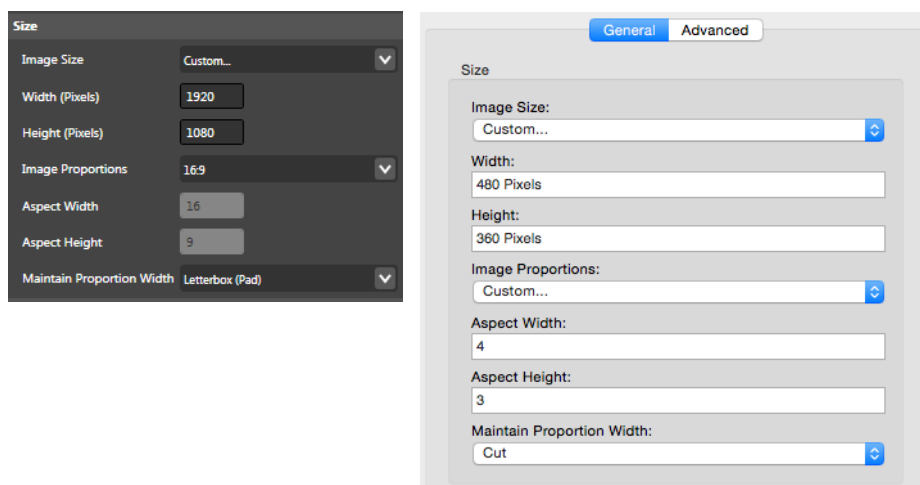
## Watermark Resize Filter

The watermark resize filter is a sub-filter of the watermark filter. Use the watermark resize filter to modify the size of the image that is applied to the video in the [Watermark Filter](#).

On a Mac, the size and initial crop settings are in the General tab. The scaling details and aspect ratio settings are in the Advanced tab.

### Size

#### Resize Filter—Size Settings



**Image Size.** Select the output frame size from the options in the dropdown menu. Select Custom to enter specific (non-standard) values in the Width and Height fields and enable Image Proportions.

**Width.** When Custom is selected in Image Size, enter the width of the resized image in pixels.

**Height.** When Custom is selected in Image Size, enter the height of the resized image in pixels.

**Image Proportions.** Select the aspect ratio for the image. Width and Height settings will automatically conform to the selected aspect ratio, unless you select None (Unconstrained), in which case, you can enter any values for Width and Height.

**Aspect Width and Aspect Height.** Displays the aspect ratio width and height dimensions.

**Maintain Proportional Width.** Select the options to determine how to process the original image to achieve the output size, from the dropdown menu. This affects the ratio between the number of pixels in the horizontal and vertical dimensions. This is not necessarily the same as the display aspect ratio, as explained in [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#).

*Cut* keeps the image proportions of the material by cropping away parts of the image. For example, if encoding from a source clip with a 16:9 pixel relation to a clip with 4:3 pixel relation, the sides of the source are cut, leaving the resulting image undistorted.

*Letterbox (Pad)* pads the image with black borders to fit the destination proportions. For example, a 16:9 clip encoded to 4:3 is padded at the top and bottom of the image.

*None (Distort)* stretches the output image to the desired size. This may cause distortion. The value in the Initial crop field (see below) is used. When coding anamorphic MPEG-2 this is the option to use. Force the source material to PAL or NTSC size with this option, then select 16:9 display aspect ratio for playback in the MPEG-2 codec.

## Initial Crop

Before the image is scaled to the new size a cropping operation is applied to the source material. This can be used to remove black borders or edge artifacts from the source material.

Resize Filter—Initial Crop Settings

The image displays two versions of the 'Initial Crop' settings window. The left version is dark-themed and features four input fields labeled 'Top (Pixels)', 'Bottom (Pixels)', 'Left (Pixels)', and 'Right (Pixels)', each with a value of '0'. The right version is light-themed and features four input fields labeled 'Top:', 'Bottom:', 'Left:', and 'Right:', each with a value of '0 Pixels'.

**Top.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from top of frame.

**Bottom.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from bottom of frame.

**Left.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from left of frame.

**Right.** Enter the number of pixels to trim from right of frame.

## Scaling Details

Resize Filter—Scaling Details Settings

The image displays two versions of the 'Scaling Details' settings window. The left version is dark-themed and shows 'Interpolation Method' set to 'Automatic', 'Bicubic Sharpening' at 0, 'Preprocessing' set to 'Nothing', and 'Interface Handling' set to 'Progressive Output'. The right version is light-themed and shows 'Interpolation Method' set to 'Automatic', 'Bicubic Sharpening' at 0, 'Preprocessing' set to 'Nothing', and 'Interface Handling' set to 'Automatic'.

**Interpolation Method.** Select the interpolation method to use for resizing:

*Automatic* uses bilinear for downsizing and bicubic for upsizing.

*Bilinear* usually best when downsizing the image.

*Bicubic* usually best when upsizing the image.

*Nearest Neighbor* uses the fastest method but produces the lowest quality. It should only be used when encoding speed is more important than quality.

**Bicubic Sharpening.** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to enhance object edges in the image.

**Preprocessing.** Select how to implement lowpass filtering to reduce artifacts in downscaled images.

*Nothing* performs no filtering.

*Lowpass for Large Downsamples* filters images where the ratio between in-size and out-size is larger than 1.7 in either the horizontal or the vertical dimension. If the ratio is larger than 3.8 the images are filtered more.

*Always Lowpass Source* filters all images regardless of the amount of scaling.

**Interlace Handling.** Select how to handle interlaced source.

*Automatic* selects between Progressive Output and Scale Fields Independently based on the available field order information.

*Progressive Output* scales the image as a whole with no regard to interlacing. This is the default mode and works well in most cases.

*Only Crop/Pad to Size—No Scale* crops or pads the image to the new size, without stretching the image. This option is useful when scaling to a size which is only slightly larger or smaller in height than the source, especially if the contents are interlaced.

For example, when converting from NTSC 720 x 486 to MPEG-2 NTSC 720 x 480 you do not need to encode all the source lines to a format that does not use all the lines. By just cropping the unnecessary 6 lines you do not have to interpolate lines which would lose quality.

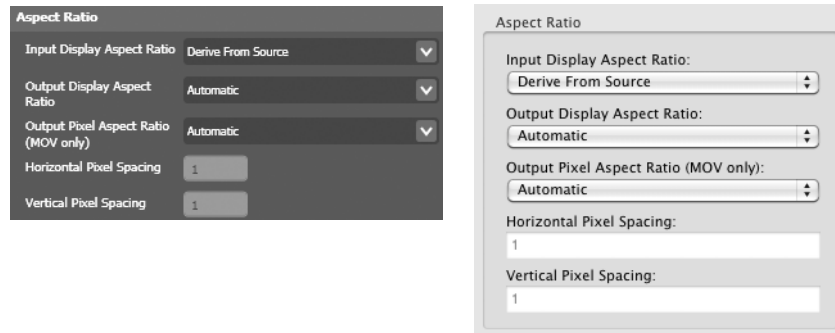
*Scale Fields Independently* divides the image into two fields which are then scaled independently. This keeps the interlacing correct when, for example, downsampling from HD to SD material.

**Black Level.** Sets video black level from 0 (super black) to 16 (7.5 IRE setup).

## Aspect Ratio

See [Picture Resolution and Aspect Ratio](#) for a discussion of display aspect ratios and pixel aspect ratios.

### Resize Filter—Aspect Ratio Settings



**Input Display Aspect Ratio.** Select how to compensate for odd frame sizes and/or anamorphic source material, by indicating the source data actual display aspect ratio. For example, since Video CD (VCD) material is usually encoded with 480 x 480 pixels, but displayed with 640 x 480 pixels, indicate an input display aspect ratio of 4:3.

*Pass Through (Keep Display Aspect Ratio)* uses the display aspect ratio that results from the settings in the Size and Initial crop fields as explained above for Maintain Proportion With.

*Derive From Source* uses the display aspect ratio information in the source file, if available. D-10/IMX, DV, MPEG-2, and MPEG-4 contain display aspect ratio information. For all other formats, square pixels are assumed. For example, if the source material is 480 x 480 pixels with its display aspect ratio field set to 4:3, Image size is set to 480 x 480 and Maintain proportion with is set to Letterbox (Pad), the output is 480 x 480 pixels, but with a visible area of 480 x 360 pixels with black margins above and below.

*Assume Square Pixels* assumes that the source material has square pixels and that its display aspect ratio therefore is width = height.

*Assume 4:3 | Assume 5:4 | Assume 16:9 | Assume 2.21:1* use the selected value for the source display aspect ratio. This display aspect ratio is then used in the same manner as for Derive From Source.

**Output Display Aspect Ratio.** Select the display aspect ratio of the output file:

*Same as Input Display Aspect Ratio* uses the display aspect ratio of the source file.

*Automatic* sets the display aspect ratio to Width:Height if Maintain Proportion With has been set to Cut or Letterbox (Pad), otherwise uses the display aspect ratio of the source file (i.e. assumes square pixels).

*Square Pixels* sets the display aspect ratio to Width = Height.

*4:3 | 5:4 | 16:9 | 2.21:1* explicitly sets the display aspect ratio.

**Output Pixel Aspect Ratio (MOV only).** Select the pixel aspect ratio for QuickTime output:

*Custom* enables you to explicitly set the Horizontal Pixel Spacing and Vertical Pixel Spacing. For example, a value of one in each field specifies a square, or 1:1 pixel. In 480 SD video, you may use 10 horizontal, by 11 vertical pixels. In 576 SD video, you may use 59 horizontal by 54 vertical pixels.

*Automatic* determines the pixel aspect ratio from the Image size and Output display aspect ratio.

*Square* sets a 1:1 pixel aspect ratio.

*NTSC ITU-R Rec. 601 | NTSC ITU-R Rec. 601 (16:9) | PAL ITU-R Rec. 601 | PAL ITU-R Rec. 601 (16:9)* sets the appropriate pixel aspect ratios for television standards.

**Horizontal Pixel Spacing.** When Output Aspect Ratio is set to Custom, enter an integer value to shape the pixel as a ratio of height to width, in conjunction with the Vertical Pixel Spacing value.

**Vertical Pixel Spacing.** When Output Aspect Ratio is set to Custom, enter an integer value to shape the pixel as a ratio of height to width, in conjunction with the Horizontal Pixel Spacing value.

# Audio Codecs

This chapter describes each of the audio codecs provided in Episode, including a description of each user-configurable parameter.

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**Note:** For a complete list of supported formats, see the [Specifications](http://www.telestream.net/episode/tech-specs.htm) document at <http://www.telestream.net/episode/tech-specs.htm>.

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Some codecs require an Episode Pro or Episode Engine license, as indicated.

- [AAC Codec](#)
- [AC-3 \(ATSC A/52\) Codec](#)
- [AES Codec](#)
- [AMR Codec](#)
- [BWF Codec](#)
- [Discard Option \(Windows\)](#)
- [DV Audio Codec](#)
- [Lame MP3 Codec](#)
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- [Pass-through Option](#)
- [PCM Audio Codec](#)
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- [WMA 9 Codec](#)

## AAC Codec

Episode offers two levels of AAC codec support. Episode (standard version) includes AAC by Media Foundation (on Windows) or Core Audio (on Mac). These codecs support sample rates of 44.1 and 48 kHz only and low complexity. Episode Pro includes Pro AAC from Main Concept, which supports a wide range of sample rates and HE-AAC.

AAC (Advanced Audio Coding) is one of two audio codecs specified in the 3GPP standard (the other is AMR). AAC is an excellent audio codec for music.

High Efficiency AAC HE-AAC, also known as aacPlus, is an extension of the AAC file format using two new coding techniques: Spectral Band Replication (SBR) and Parametric Stereo. HE-AAC is only partly backwards compatible, as playback of HE-AAC files on AAC decoders is possible, but high frequencies are not reconstructed, and only mono playback is performed, even if Parametric Stereo is used.

In High Efficiency mode, Spectral Band Replication is always used. SBR is a technique which copies the lower half of the audio frequencies to the higher half. A small amount of control data (about 2-4 Kbps) is added to make sure the reconstruction of the high frequencies are correct, or at least perceived to be correct. By doing so, the AAC encoder only has to encode the lower half of the spectrum, which enables encoding at lower bit rates. SBR is recommended for source files with sample rates of 32 kHz or higher, and target bit rates of 20-80 Kbps<sup>1</sup>. (At higher bit rates, regular AAC yields higher sound quality.)

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**Note:** Settings shown below are for Pro AAC. Standard AAC defaults to low complexity and cannot be changed.

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### Pro AAC Codec Settings

Bit Rate	128 kbit/s
AAC Mode	High Efficiency
Keep codec delay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parametric stereo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Bit Rate:	128 kbit/s
AAC Mode:	Low Complexity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep codec delay	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parametric stereo	

**Bit Rate.** Select the output bit rate based on your input sample rate, determined by the table below. The bit rate and sample rate should be matched according to the following table.

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1. **Martin Dietz and Stefan Meltzer.** CT-aacPlus—a state-of-the-art audio coding system. *EBU Technical Review*, July 2002



## Pro AAC Bit Rate and Sample Rates

Bit Rate (Kbps)	Mono Sample Rate (kHz)	Stereo Sample Rate (kHz)
8	8-12	Mono only
16	8-24	8-12
20	11-24	8-12
24	11-32	11-24
28	11-32	11-24
32	11-48	11-24
40	16-48	16-32
48	22-48	22-32
56	22-48	22-48
64	32-48	32-48

Mono sound is supported in the range of 8-160 Kbps, 2-channel stereo sound in the range 16-320 Kbps, surround sound in the range 160-640 Kbps, and 7.1channel surround sound in the range 224-640 Kbps.

**AAC Mode.** Select *Low Complexity* | *High Efficiency*.

**Keep Codec Delay.** Check to enable codec delay. By design, AAC players skip a segment of data at the start of a file. This can be compensated by inserting empty data at the beginning—codec delay. This option should normally be enabled, but if your target player does not handle this well (your audio plays out of synch), test by encoding with Keep Codec Delay unchecked.

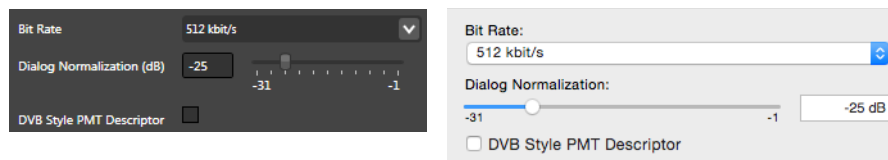
**Parametric Stereo.** When AAC Mode is set to High Efficiency, check to enable parametric stereo, an extension to SBR, which encodes stereo information in a very compact way (about 1-3 kb/s). The source file is converted to mono and encoded to AAC. Depending on the source material, parametric stereo can sometimes improve audio quality at very low bit rates. PS is only available for bit rates up to 56 kb/s. As the name implies, PS can only be applied to stereo source files. HE-AAC with PS is also known as EAAC+.

The bit rate and sample rate have to be matched, according to , [Pro AAC Bit Rate and Sample Rates](#).

## AC-3 (ATSC A/52) Codec

This codec is available only with the Episode Pro Audio option. AC-3 (ATSC A/52) is used on DVDs and is a leading format in movie theaters.

### AC-3 (ATSC A/52) Settings



**Bit Rate.** Select the output bit rate from the dropdown menu. Range: 64 to 640 kbps.

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**Note:** Only bit rates above 80 Kbps can be encoded as stereo or surround sound. Recommended bit rates for encoding without audible artifacts are 192 Kbps for stereo and 448 Kbps for 5.1 surround sound.

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**Dialog Normalization.** Use the slider to select (or manually enter the value) to set the average audio level so that media players can adjust the gain.

When combining material from different sources, ensure that the audio levels are normalized across sources. Typically the audio level of speech is considered as the base level. Set the value the average dialogue level in dB of full scale in the source material as indicated by your editor.

A value of -31 is defined as a unit gain. For example, 0 dB attenuation, -1 = 30 dB attenuation.

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**Note:** Setting the level does not modify audio content. It provides a gain value for the media player. If you need to adjust the audio levels within the track, use the [Volume Filter](#).

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**DVB Style PMT Descriptor.** Select for European System B standard audio coding for terrestrial broadcasting according to the ITU-R BS.1196-1 recommendation.

# AES Codec

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**Note:** This codec is available only in Episode Pro and Episode Engine.

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The AES codec was designed by the Audio Engineering Society for serial digital transmission of stereo sound. Episode uses the SMPTE331M version.

## AES Codec Settings



**Bit Depth.** Select *16 bit* | *24 bit* from the dropdown menu.

## AMR Codec

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**Note:** The AMR codec is available only with Pro Audio Option.

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AMR (Adaptive Multi-Rate) is a standard, mandatory audio codec in 3GPP.<sup>1</sup> AMR is a speech format, designed for storing the spoken word but unlikely to give acceptable results for music audio.

## Codecs

AMR (.amr) Codecs

Codec	Episode	Episode Pro	Episode Engine	Notes
AMR	out	out	out	Requires Pro Audio Option

**Mode:** Sets the audio bit rate from 4.75 to 12.2 kbit/s (Mode 0 - Mode 7).

**SID:** Check to enable Silence Descriptor, a 1.8 kbit/s background noise non-transmission mode.

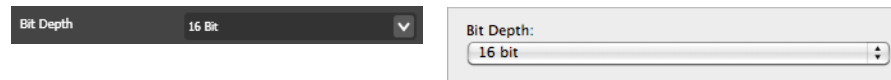
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1. **Internet Engineering Task Force.** *RTP Payload Format and File Storage Format for Adaptive Multi-Rate (AMR) & Adaptive Multi-Rate Wideband Audio Codecs*, 2007. [www.rfc-editor.org](http://www.rfc-editor.org)

## BWF Codec

The Broadcast Wave Format is based on the WAV format, extended with metadata fields.

### BWF Codec Settings



The image shows two versions of the BWF Codec settings interface. On the left is a dark-themed version with a 'Bit Depth' dropdown menu currently set to '16 Bit'. On the right is a light-themed version with a 'Bit Depth:' label and a dropdown menu also set to '16 bit'.

**Bit Depth.** Select *16 bit* | *24 bit* from the dropdown menu.

## Discard Option (Windows)

When the Discard option is selected from the Audio Codec dropdown menu, Episode does not decode the audio or pass it to the encoder. Thus, there is no audio stream in the output.

## DV Audio Codec

DV Audio settings are dictated by the DV video settings.

### DV Audio Codec Settings



The image shows two versions of the DV Audio Codec settings interface. On the left is a dark-themed version with a 'Bit Depth' dropdown menu currently set to '16 Bit'. On the right is a light-themed version with a 'Bit Depth:' label and a dropdown menu also set to '16 bit'.

**Sample Size.** Select *12 bit* | *16 bit* from the dropdown menu.

## Lame MP3 Codec

MPEG-1 Layer III audio is popularly known as MP3. The Lame codec is one of the most extensively used implementations—see [lame.sourceforge.net](http://lame.sourceforge.net).

### LAME MP3 Codec Settings

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of the LAME MP3 Codec settings interface. The left screenshot is a dark-themed version, and the right is a light-themed version. Both show the same configuration: Encoding Type set to 'Bitrate Based' (or 'Bit Rate Based' in the light theme), Preset set to 'R3Mix', Bit Rate set to '128 kbit/s', Setting Type set to 'Standard Settings', Quality set to '4' (with a slider from 'Best' to 'Worst'), Mode set to 'Constant Bit Rate (CBR)', Minimum Variable Bit Rate (VBR) set to '32 kbit/s', Maximum Variable Bit Rate (VBR) set to '320 kbit/s', Stereo Mode set to 'Stereo', and flags for Copyright, Original, and Lame tags checked, while Error protection is unchecked.

**Encoding Type.** Select from these options:

**Bit Rate Based.** Sets the average bit rate of the data and make other adjustments.

**Lame Preset.** Enables the Preset menu. Choose one of the options in the Preset menu, which sets all parameters to predefined values.

**Preset.** When encoding is set to *Lame Preset*, choose one of these options to set all parameters to predefined values.

*R3Mix* is a legacy setting used at <http://www.r3mix.net/>. It provides slightly better quality than the Medium setting.

*Medium* is an acceptable audio quality for most uses.

*Medium Fast* is a faster algorithm than Medium, but should give almost as good audio quality.

*Standard* is a good audio quality for normal use.

*Fast Standard* is a faster algorithm than Standard, but should give almost as good audio quality.

*Extreme* is the best audio quality for high-quality equipment.

*Fast Extreme* is a faster algorithm than *Extreme* but usually provides almost as good audio quality.

*Insane* is the absolutely best audio quality, requiring very high bandwidth.

**Bit Rate.** When encoding is set to **Bit Rate Based**, select the bit rate from the dropdown menu. Range: 16 to 320 kbit/s.

**Setting Type.** Select from these options:

*Standard Settings* use suitable default settings for your chosen bit rate, and disable all advanced settings in this codec.

*Advanced Settings* enable all advanced settings and allow you to adjust the following parameters:

**Quality.** Use the slider (or manually enter the value) to set the quality of the encoding. Better quality implies slower algorithms. Range: 0 (Best) to 9 (Worst), in Lame parlance.

**Mode.** Select **Constant Bit Rate (CBR)** | **Variable Bit Rate (VBR)**.

**Minimum VBR Bit Rate.** When VBR is selected, select the minimum bit rate from the dropdown menu.

**Maximum VBR Bit Rate.** When VBR is selected, select the maximum bit rate from the dropdown menu.

**Stereo Mode.** Select from these options:

*Stereo* encodes each stereo channel separately.

*MS Stereo* Uses mid/side encoding, where the shared content of the stereo channels are coded in higher resolution than the difference between them; this decreases the bandwidth requirements for low bit rates (< 128 Kbps) and small stereo separations.

*Joint Stereo* decides, frame by frame, whether to use separated stereo or MS stereo.

**Copyright Flag.** Check to tag the material as copyrighted.

**Original Flag.** Check to tag the material as original, When unchecked, the material is tagged as a copy.

**Lame Tag.** Check to write metadata on the encoding to the output. The Lame tag is backwards compatible with the Xing header.

**Error Protection.** Check to activate CRC error protection. This allows reconstruction of lost packets, but requires slightly more bandwidth to encode the error protection data.

## MPEG Audio Codec

The MPEG-1 standard defines three layers of audio encoding (ISO11172-3). The first two layers, sometimes known as MP1 and MP2, are encoded with this codec. Layer III, MP3, is encoded with the Lame encoder. See [MP3 \(.mp3\)](#).

An accessible introduction to MPEG audio encoding is provided in an MPEG tutorial by Davis Pan<sup>1</sup>.

### MPEG Audio Codec Settings

A screenshot of the left side of the MPEG Audio Codec Settings interface. It features three dropdown menus stacked vertically. The first menu is labeled 'Bit Rate' and is set to '128 kbit/s'. The second menu is labeled 'Layer' and is set to 'Layer II'. The third menu is labeled 'Psycho Model' and is set to 'Model 2'.

A screenshot of the right side of the MPEG Audio Codec Settings interface. It features three dropdown menus stacked vertically. The first menu is labeled 'Bit Rate:' and is set to '128 kbit/s'. The second menu is labeled 'Layer:' and is set to 'Layer II'. The third menu is labeled 'Psycho Model:' and is set to 'Model 2'.

**Bit Rate.** Select the bit rate from the dropdown menu.

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**Note:** Not all bit rates are available for both layers.

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**Layer.** Select from these options:

*Layer I* uses a simpler encoding method that works best for higher bit rates.

*Layer II* uses a more complex encoding method that compresses better.

**Psycho model.** The psycho-acoustic model is used to determine the features of the sound that are inaudible and therefore can be compressed away. Select from these options:

*Model* uses a simpler model which provides slightly lower quality results for less computation.

*Model 2* uses a model that requires more computation but provides better results.

The setting of the [Sample Rate Filter](#) determines the sample rates. Rates from 16 to 24 kHz are encoded as MPEG-2 audio, sample rates from 32 to 48 kHz are encoded as MPEG-1.

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1. **Davis Pan.** A tutorial on MPEG/audio compression. *IEEE Multimedia*, 2(2):60—74, Summer 1995.



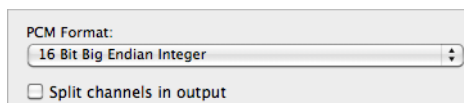
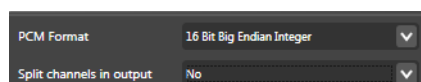
## Pass-through Option

When the Pass-through option is selected from the Audio Codec dropdown menu, Episode extracts the audio stream from the input file, and passes it through untouched, and inserts it into the output file. That is, no decoding or encoding of the audio stream occurs.

## PCM Audio Codec

PCM is an uncompressed audio format.

### PCM Audio Codec Settings



**PCM Format.** Select the PCM encoding format from the dropdown menu.

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**Note:** Not all container formats support all forms of PCM encoding. The selected encoding may be quietly converted into another encoding supported by the selected output format.

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**Split Channels In Output.** Select from the drop-down menu to place stereo and surround sound channels in separate audio tracks. This applies only when producing QuickTime (mov) files. For all other formats the setting is ignored.

*No* - Outputs audio with 7.1 labels

*Yes* - Outputs audio as discrete channels without labels (channel positions).

*Yes, and flag as discrete* - Outputs as discrete channels with labels (channel positions) as *Discrete- x* where x is 0 to 7 (that is, *Discrete-0*, *Discrete-1*... *Discrete-7*).

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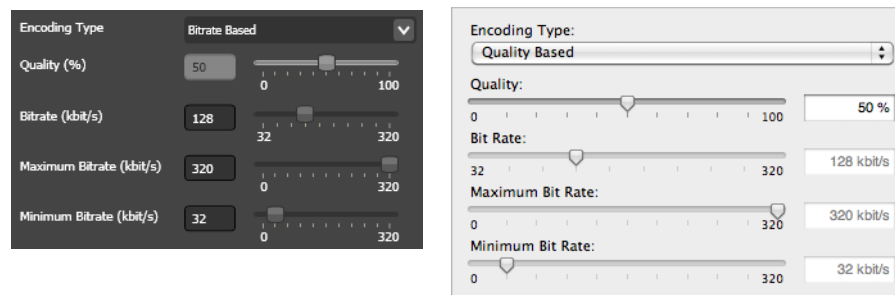
**Note:** The Split Channels in Output feature should not be used with the Channel or Channel Mapper audio filters.

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# OGG Vorbis Codec

Vorbis is a free audio codec for lossy compression (Vorbis-I).

## Vorbis Codec Settings



**Encoding Type.** Select from the following options:

**Bit Rate Based.** Uses the average rate over the period set by the values specified in Bit Rate, Max. Bit Rate, and Min. Bit Rate fields.

*Quality based* uses the value set in the Quality field.

**Quality.** When using quality-based encoding, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the audio quality as a percent, from 0 (most compression, lowest quality) to 100 (least compressed, highest quality). A lower quality setting requires less bandwidth, but lowers the quality of sound reproduction.

**Bit Rate.** When using bit rate-based encoding, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the target bit rate for the audio. The codec generates the best audio quality possible for this bit rate.

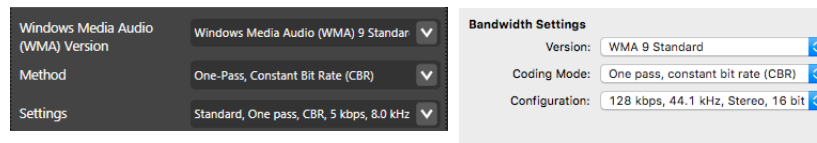
**Max Bit Rate.** When using bit rate-based encoding, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the maximum allowed bit rate.

**Min Bit Rate.** When using bit rate-based encoding, use the slider (or enter the value manually) to specify the minimum allowed bit rate.

# WMA 9 Codec

Episode supports Windows Media Audio 9 with Standard, Professional, and Lossless output selections and constant or variable bit rate selections.

## WMA9 Codec Settings



The screenshot displays the WMA9 Codec Settings interface. On the left, there are three dropdown menus: 'Windows Media Audio (WMA) Version' set to 'Windows Media Audio (WMA) 9 Standard', 'Method' set to 'One-Pass, Constant Bit Rate (CBR)', and 'Settings' set to 'Standard, One pass, CBR, 5 kbps, 8.0 kHz'. On the right, the 'Bandwidth Settings' section contains three dropdown menus: 'Version' set to 'WMA 9 Standard', 'Coding Mode' set to 'One pass, constant bit rate (CBR)', and 'Configuration' set to '128 kbps, 44.1 kHz, Stereo, 16 bit'.

**Windows Media Audio Version.** Select from the following options:

*Windows Media Audio 9 Standard* encodes the audio in WMA 9 Standard format. WMA 9 Standard supports *One Pass, Constant Bit Rate (CBR)* and *One Pass, Variable Bit Rate (VBR)* encoding methods with up to two discrete channels (stereo).

*Windows Media Audio 9 Professional* encodes the audio in WMA 9 Professional format. WMA 9 Professional supports multiple channels, at sample rates above 48 kHz and wider than 16 bit samples and up to eight discrete channels for 7.1 channel surround sound. However, it is often not available on lower-end platforms, such as mobile phones. Offers selection of constant or variable bit rate.

*Windows Media Audio 9 Lossless* encodes the audio as uncompressed, thus preserving all of the original content. The final bit rate is dependent on the source. WMA 9 Lossless supports *One Pass, Variable Bit Rate (VBR)* encoding.

**Method/Coding Mode.** Selections are one-pass constant bit rate (CBR) or one-pass variable bit rate (VBR).

**Settings.** Selects the bit rate, sample rate, and number of channels. Choose a profile, consisting of fixed combinations of audio quality, bit rate, bit depth and sampling frequency.



# Audio Filters

This chapter describes each of the audio filters in Episode.

- [Audio Speed Filter](#)
- [Balance Filter](#)
- [Channel Configurator Filter](#)
- [Equalizer Filter](#)
- [Fade Filter](#)
- [High Pass/Low Pass Filter](#)
- [Offset Filter](#)
- [Sample Rate Filter](#)
- [Volume Filter](#)
- [Appendix: Default Channel Maps](#)

Audio filters apply transformations to the audio track(s) in the source file, before it is encoded. Activated filters are applied to your audio in the order they are listed in the Inspector panel, from top to bottom.

You select a filter to display its properties in the inspector. You *activate* a filter by checking its checkbox, and de-activate it by unchecking the box. You can only alter the values of an active filter.

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**Note:** Codecs encode the output after audio filters have been applied to your input media (as it is being decoded). Thus, if you set the channels filter to mono and your codec is set to produce stereo, the audio track is first folded into mono, and this mono track is then replicated to make two stereo tracks—probably not the result you intended.

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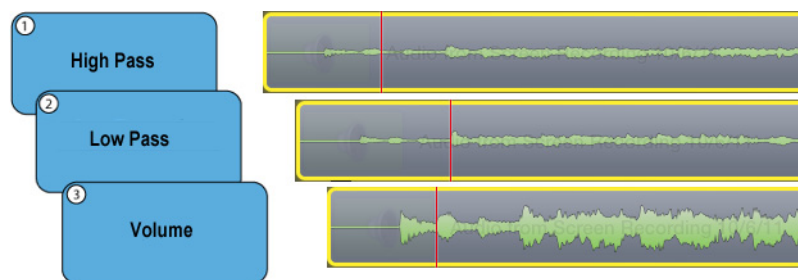
Click the question mark to display online help for the filter.

## Audio Filters are Applied Sequentially

Only activated filters are applied to your audio, and they are applied in the order they are listed in the Inspector panel, from top to bottom.

This process is depicted in the figure below:

Audio Filter Application to Audio Stream



In this example, the High Pass, Low Pass, and Volume filters are activated (and configured). First the High Pass filter is applied, knocking the high points off the audio. Next, the Low Pass filter knocks the low points off. Finally the Volume filter increases the overall volume of the altered audio stream.

With all the audio filters applied, the audio stream is passed to the encoder for encoding into the output stream.

## Audio Speed Filter

Use the audio speed filter to adjust the speed of the audio track to match the video frame rate. In some cases, transcoding—decoding and encoding—may speed up or slow down the video speed (see [Frame Rate Filter](#) and [Advanced Frame Rate Filter](#)).

Audio Speed Filter Settings

The screenshot shows the 'Audio Speed Filter Settings' panel. It is divided into two main sections. The top section, 'Speed Change', has a dropdown menu currently set to 'To Match 24 -> 25 fps Speed-Up'. The bottom section, 'Custom Speed (Times Original)', has a text input field with the value '1' entered. The panel has a dark theme on the left and a light theme on the right.

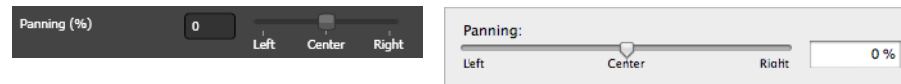
**Speed Change.** Select a predefined speed conversion, or select *Custom* to specify a conversion rate not predefined.

**Custom Speed (times original).** When *Custom* is selected, enter a real number or integer multiplier for the speed change. Use negative values to slow the audio.

## Balance Filter

Use the balance filter to increase or attenuate the volume of one side of stereo audio over the other, to improve balance.

### Balance Filter Settings



**Panning.** Use the slider (or set the value manually) to set the stereo panning towards the left or right audio channel, thus raising the volume of one pair over the other as specified, to improve balance. Range: -100 to 100.

The results of panning surround sound are undefined.

## Channel Configurator Filter

Episode automatically maps audio channels from source to output during encoding according to the settings of the audio *Channel Configurator* filter. The *Configurator* lets you select Automatic or Manual channel mapping.

### Automatic Overview

- When *Channel Mapping Mode* is set to *Automatic*, Episode automatically maps the selected input audio channel layout (*Input Channel Layout*) to the selected output audio channel layout (*Mix To*).
- The default is to automatically detect the inputs and mix to stereo at the outputs. You can easily change the input and output layouts using the dropdown menus.
- Automatic mode automatically maps the channels according to industry audio standards. See the chapter appendix for the standard mappings.

### Manual Overview

- If your channel layout differs from industry standards, or you simply want to do your own mapping, you can change *Channel Mapping Mode* to *Manual*.
- Manual Channel Mapping lets you select a standard *Channel Order* (Episode or SMPTE), number of *Input Channels*, number of *Maximum Output Channels Per Track*, and number of *Output Tracks*.
- Finally, you can *Add Mapping* (+ sign on Mac) one at a time to specify the exact mapping you want of each *Channel In* to each *Channel Out* and *Track Out*.

## Automatic Channel Mapping

Setting *Channel Mapping Mode* to enable the *Automatic* filter makes it easy to map standard input audio formats directly to standard output audio formats without setting up individual channels. Formats such as Stereo, 5.1, and 7.1 are already mapped for you and are available in the *Input Channel Layout* (input) and *Mix To* (output) drop-down menus.

To map input audio to output audio, follow these simple steps:

1. Assign an encoder to the workflow Encoder task, if you have not already done so.
2. In the Inspector, select *Audio*, check the *Channel Configurator* box, and click *Channel Configurator* to highlight it and open the channel configuration menus.
3. Leave the *Channel Mapping Mode* set to *Automatic* (default).
4. Use the *Input Channel Layout* drop-down menu to select the input channel configuration.  
*Auto detect* is usually the best choice if the input is a standard audio format. Episode detects the format automatically by examining the actual audio stream.
5. Use the *Mix To* drop-down menu to select the output channel configuration.

That's all there is to setting up audio channel mapping in most cases. Episode "knows" all of the audio encoder formats and automatically maps the correct input channels to the correct output channels. Usually if any input channels cannot be mapped to output channels, mapping fails and an error message indicates the cause.

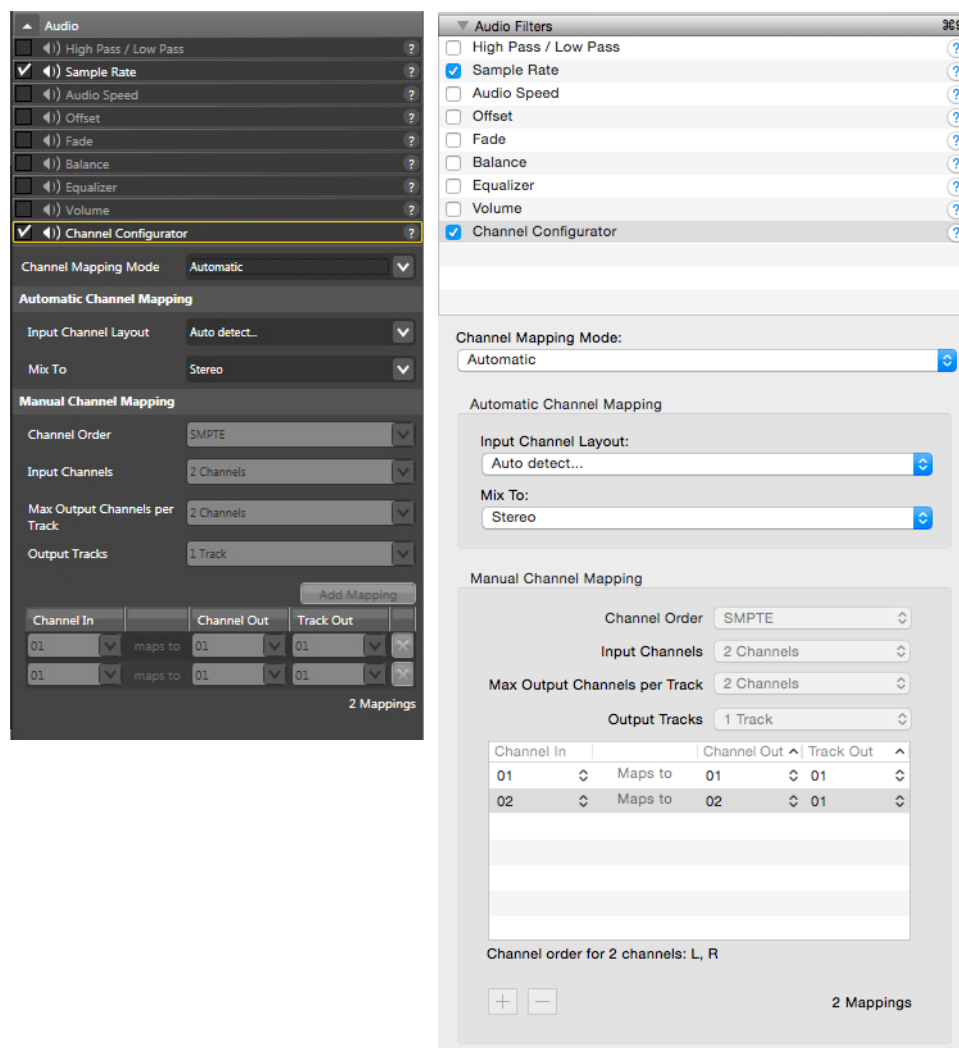
**Channel Mapping Mode.** Select *Automatic* to allow Episode to map audio inputs to outputs using the input/output channel layouts you choose. Select *Manual* to map audio inputs to outputs yourself using the Manual Channel Mapping panel.

**Input Channel Layout.** Select *Auto detect* to let Episode automatically discover the source audio format by examining incoming audio, or select an input audio format: *Auto detect* | *Mono* | *Stereo* | *Dual Stereo* | *5.0* | *5.1* | *Triple Stereo* | *7.1* | *5.1 + Stereo* | *Quad Stereo* | *Discrete channels*.

**Mix to.** Select an audio output format from the dropdown menu: *Mono* | *Stereo* | *Dual Stereo* | *5.0* | *5.1* | *Triple Stereo* | *7.1* | *5.1 + Stereo* | *Quad Stereo* | *Extract First Stereo Pair* | *Extract Second Stereo Pair* | *Extract Third Stereo Pair* | *Extract Fourth Stereo Pair*. Not all selections are available for all codecs. The extract options allow you to select and extract audio from stereo pairs, used for purposes such as multiple languages.



## Automatic Channel Mapping Settings



## Under the Hood of Automatic Channel Mapping

Audio mapping can be confusing with so many different audio formats. Episode automatic channel mapping is intended to simplify audio configuration. A brief discussion of Episode audio mapping may make this topic easier to understand.

Episode is a batch encoding system, not a one-shot conversion application. Its purpose is to allow users to set up the audio conversion in a workflow one time and then forget it. The audio mapping in the workflow should “just work” every time.

Even though different input formats have different channel orders, all different input orders are transformed within Episode into a single internal format which is the same as AAC. That way the encoder always knows exactly what it's getting. When processing is complete, the audio channels are mapped back to each encoder's native format.

Thus, no matter what your input format (such as PCM, AAC, or AC-3) and no matter what your target format, Episode handles the conversion automatically. You simply set

the *Input Channel Layout* to *Auto detect* or specify the input format and set the output format, and Episode handles the conversion and channel mapping automatically.

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**Note:** Multiple track output is currently only supported by the PCM, AES and BWF audio codecs. If you choose a different codec, only the first track will be used. For example, if you choose 5.1 + Stereo in AAC, only a 5.1 track will be created.

For a complete listing of the default Channels filter mappings, please see [Appendix: Default Channel Maps](#) at the end of this chapter. For those who understand audio channel mapping, a quick look at the map list will tell you whether you can use the default Automatic Channel Mapping Mode or you must create your own map using Manual Channel Mapping.

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## Manual Channel Mapping

Generally, you should not have to set the *Channel Mapping* mode to *Manual*, since the *Automatic* setting includes virtually all the audio formats you need. The *Automatic* setting provides automatic source detection, conversion, and mapping from any standard input format to any standard output format.

However, you may have workflows where you want to alter the channel mapping in a non-standard way. That is the purpose of the *Manual* mode. It allows you to map each input channel to each output channel and track.

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**CAUTION:** Unless you must map custom channels, Telestream recommends that you use the *Automatic* mode to map one audio standard to another, eliminating the need for individual channel mapping. If you choose to use the *Manual* mode instead, you must manually map each channel. Channels that are not mapped are lost.

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To create manual mappings for audio channels, follow these steps:

1. Assign an encoder to the workflow Encoder task, if you have not already done so, and click the Encoder task to highlight it.
2. In the Inspector, select *Audio*.
3. Check the *Channel Configurator* box, and click *Channel Configurator* to highlight it.
4. Change the *Channel Mapping* dropdown menu to *Manual*.
5. Select the *Channel Order*: *Episode* or *SMPTE*.

**Episode** configures multichannel audio in AAC channel order:

5.1—1-C, 2-L, 3-R, 4-Ls, 5-Rs, 6-LFE

7.1—1-C, 2-L, 3-R, 4-Ls, 5-Rs, 6-Lsd, 7-Rsd, 8-LFE

**SMPTE** configures multichannel audio in SMPTE-320M channel order:

5.1—1-L, 2-R, 3-C, 4-LFE, 5-Ls, 6-Rs

7.1—1-L, 2-R, 3-C, 4-LFE, 5-Ls, 6-Rs, 7-Lsd, 8-Rsd

6. Select the number of inputs from the *Input Channels* drop-down menu.  
The standard channel assignments for the number of channels you select are displayed at the bottom of the panel. If your input channels do not match these standard 7.1 channel assignments, map them to the outputs according to their actual functions and your desired output configuration.
7. Select the maximum number of output channels per track from the *Max Output Channels Per Track* drop-down menu.
8. Select the number of output tracks from the *Output Tracks* drop-down menu.
9. Click + ( Mac) or *Add Mapping* (Win) to add as many mappings as the number of input channels you want to map. For example, add eight mappings for eight audio inputs.
10. For each mapping, select the input channel you want to map. Typically, for 8 channels, your input selections will be 1–8.
11. For each input channel, map to (select) the desired output channel and track.

### Manual Channel Mapping Settings

The left screenshot shows the 'Manual Channel Mapping' section with the following settings:

- Channel Mapping Mode: Manual
- Automatic Channel Mapping: Input Channel Layout (Auto detect...), Mix To (Stereo)
- Manual Channel Mapping: Channel Order (SMPTE), Input Channels (6 Channels), Max Output Channels per Track (6 Channels), Output Tracks (1 Track)
- Channel Mapping Table:

Channel In	Channel Out	Track Out
01	maps to 01	01
02	maps to 02	01
03	maps to 03	01
04	maps to 04	01
05	maps to 05	01
06	maps to 06	01

- Channel order for 6 channels: L, R, C, LFE, Ls, Rs

The right screenshot shows the same section with the following settings:

- Channel Mapping Mode: Manual
- Automatic Channel Mapping: Input Channel Layout (Auto detect...), Mix To (Stereo)
- Manual Channel Mapping: Channel Order (SMPTE), Input Channels (6 Channels), Max Output Channels per Track (6 Channels), Output Tracks (1 Track)
- Channel Mapping Table:

Channel In	Channel Out	Track Out
01	Maps to 01	01
02	Maps to 02	01
03	Maps to 03	01
04	Maps to 04	01
05	Maps to 05	01
06	Maps to 06	01

- Channel order for 6 channels: L, R, C, LFE, Ls, Rs

**Channel Order**—Selects Episode or SMPTE input channel order. A line of text at the bottom of the map shows the channel order for the selected number of inputs.

**Input Channels**—Selects the number of input channels to map. If the source has more channels than specified, additional channels are ignored.

**Max Channels Out Per Track**—Selects the maximum number of output channels to map in each track. The maximum is 24 channels. Even if you select the maximum, you do not have to map that many channels—fewer than the maximum are allowed.

**Output Tracks**—Selects the number of tracks.

**Add Mapping (Win)/+ (Mac)**—Each click adds another channel mapping. For eight channels, click this button until eight mappings are added, and then map each channel. You can map any number of channels up to the maximum—fewer channels than the maximum are allowed.

**Delete Mapping (Win)/X (Mac)**—Click to delete the selected channel map.

**Channel In/Channel Out/Track Out**—Select the input channel number and then select the output channel number and track to which you want the input mapped.

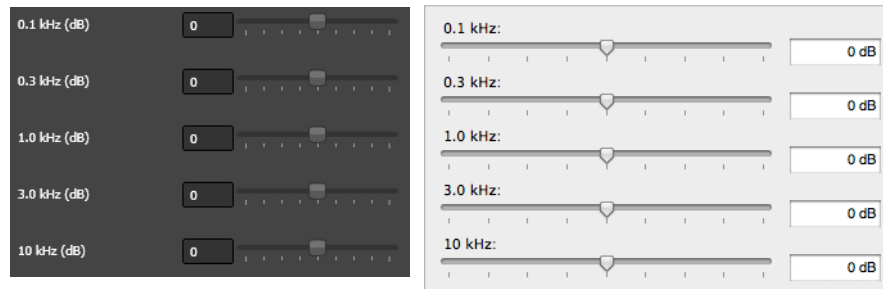
**Save**—Saves the Inspector configuration.

**Revert**—Reverts to the previously saved Inspector configuration.

# Equalizer Filter

Use the equalizer filter to boost or cut each frequency band individually. The Equalizer Filter is a set of five filters, each with a fixed center frequency that cannot be changed.

## Equalizer Filter Settings

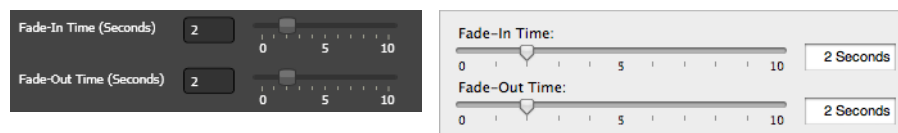


**Frequency Band (dB).** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to control the amount of boost (peak) or cut (notch) in each frequency band: 0.1, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0, and 10 kHz. Range: -12 to 12.

# Fade Filter

Use the fade filter to fade the audio in or out in the output file, up to 10 seconds at the beginning and end of the file.

## Fade Filter Settings



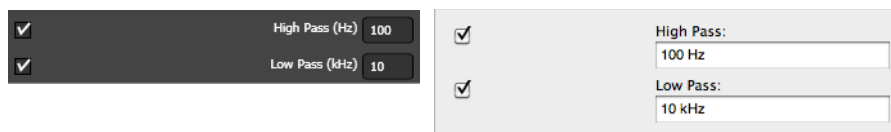
**Fade In Time.** Use the slider (or set the integer value manually) to set the fade-in time in seconds from the beginning of the clip.

**Fade Out Time.** Use the slider to set the fade-out time in seconds from the end of the clip.

## High Pass/Low Pass Filter

Use the high pass/low pass filter to trim selected frequency thresholds from your output audio file. For example, you may want to enable high pass filtering and trim frequencies near the top range to eliminate hiss in the recording.

High Pass/Low Pass Filter Settings.



The image shows two versions of the High Pass/Low Pass Filter settings interface. The left version is a dark-themed control panel with two rows. Each row has a checked checkbox, a label ('High Pass (Hz)' and 'Low Pass (kHz)'), and a numeric input field (100 and 10). The right version is a light-themed control panel with two rows. Each row has a checked checkbox, a label ('High Pass:' and 'Low Pass:'), and a text input field containing '100 Hz' and '10 kHz'.

**High Pass.** Check to activate high pass filtering and cut off all frequencies below the specified threshold value you enter. Range: 10 Hz to 1000 Hz.

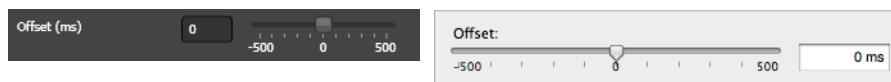
**Low Pass.** Check to activate low pass filtering, and cut off all frequencies above the threshold value you enter. Range: 1 to 20 kHz.

## Offset Filter

Use the offset filter to advance or retard the audio track in the output file.

If the audio in your source is ahead or behind the video track, you can synch it using this filter.

Offset Filter Settings



The image shows two versions of the Offset Filter settings interface. The left version is a dark-themed control panel with a slider labeled 'Offset (ms)' ranging from -500 to 500, with a value of 0. The right version is a light-themed control panel with a slider labeled 'Offset:' ranging from -500 to 500, with a value of 0 ms.

**Offset (ms).** Use the slider (or enter the value manually) to provide a negative or positive offset (in milliseconds) to the audio track to compensate for timing differences between audio and video tracks.

# Sample Rate Filter

Use the sample rate filter to specify the audio sample rate in the output file. The audio sample rate is the number of samples per second in the audio track. Higher sample rates allow higher sound frequencies to be reproduced.

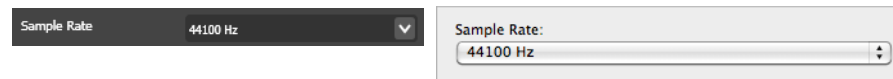
The Nyquist frequency is the highest reproducible sound frequency, which is half the frequency at which the clip is sampled. For example, choosing 16 kHz as the sample frequency allows you to encode audible frequencies up to 8 kHz.

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**Note:** Not all formats allow all sample rates supported by a given codec.

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## Sample Rate Filter Settings



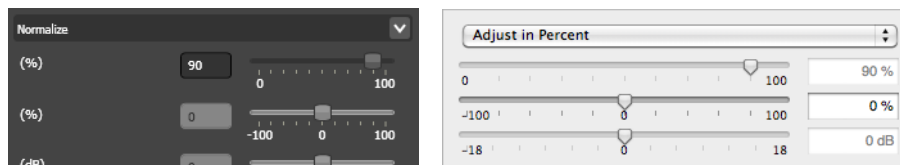
The image shows two user interface elements for setting the sample rate. On the left is a dark-themed dropdown menu with the label 'Sample Rate' and the selected value '44100 Hz'. On the right is a light-themed dropdown menu with the label 'Sample Rate:' and the selected value '44100 Hz'.

**Sample Rate.** Select the audio sample rate to use in the output file from the options in the dropdown menu.

## Volume Filter

Use the volume filter to modify the volume of the audio tracks in the file.

### Volume Filter Settings



**Adjustment Mode.** Select *Normalize* | *Adjust in Percent* | *Adjust in dB* from the dropdown menu.

**Normalize.** Select to analyze the audio stream by looking for the loudest peak in the audio channel and then encodes with this value as a reference, to avoid any clipping or distortion in the sound. Specify the percent in the slider below. For example, if set to 90%, this option sets the highest peak in any audio channel at 90% of full volume and adjusts the rest of the channels in linear correspondence.

**Adjust in percent.** Select to change the volume by the percent you specify in the percent slider below. Set the slider to select the percent of change. The default value is 0% (no change).

**Adjust in dB.** Select to change the volume by the dB you specify. Set the slider to select the dB of change. The default is 0 dB (no change).



## Appendix: Default Channel Maps

For advanced users who want the details of audio channel mapping, the following appendix presents the default mappings of the Channel Configurator filter.

### Channel Configurator Filter Notes

- Multiple track output is only supported by PCM, AES, and BWF audio.
- Automatic mapping should always be preferred over manual mapping.
- When converting to Dual or Triple Stereo from sources that have more than 4 or 6 channels, the extra channels will be dropped.

### Channel Configurator Filter Mappings

The following pages list the built-in audio channel mappings.

#### **MONO source to MONO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

#### **MONO source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

#### **MONO source to DUAL STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

1 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

1 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

#### **MONO source to 5.0:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

1 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)

1 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)

1 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)

#### **MONO source to 5.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent)

### **MONO source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
1 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
1 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)  
1 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)  
1 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### **MONO source to 7.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)  
Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent)

### **MONO source to 5.1+Stereo:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
1 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
1 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
1 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)  
Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent).

### **MONO source to QUAD STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
 1 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
 1 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
 1 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)  
 1 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)  
 1 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)  
 1 => Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)  
 1 => Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)

### **STEREO source to MONO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)  
 2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **STEREO source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

### **STEREO source to DUAL STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **STEREO source to 5.0:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 4 (Left Surround) + Channel 5 (Right Surround)  
 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 4 (Left Surround) + Channel 5 (Right Surround)

### **STEREO source to 5.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
 Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent)

### **STEREO source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### **STEREO source to 7.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct) + Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 6 (Right Surround) + Channel 7 (Right Surround Direct) + Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent).

### **STEREO source to 5.1+Stereo:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 6 (Right Surround) + Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 3 (Center) + Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 6 (Right Surround) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent).

### **STEREO source to QUAD STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 3, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 3, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)

### **DUAL STEREO source to MONO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **DUAL STEREO source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

### **DUAL STEREO source to DUAL STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **DUAL STEREO source to 5.0:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 + Channel 3
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 + Channel 3
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 4
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 5

### **DUAL STEREO source to 5.1:**

Not supported; Episode job will fail.

### **DUAL STEREO source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **DUAL STEREO source to 7.1:**

Not supported; Episode job will fail.

### **DUAL STEREO source to 5.1+Stereo:**

Not supported; Episode job will fail.

### **DUAL STEREO source to QUAD STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 3, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 3, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.0 source to MONO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **5.0 source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.0 source to DUAL STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 + Channel 2

4 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

5 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.0 source to 5.0:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)

4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)

5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)

### **5.0 source to 5.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)

4 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)

5 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent).

### 5.0 source to TRIPLE STEREO:

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 4 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### 5.0 source to 7.1:

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)+ Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround) + Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)
- Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent).

### 5.0 source to 5.1+Stereo:

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)
- Channel 4 (LFE) out is empty (silent).

### 5.0 source to QUAD STEREO:

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 4 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### 5.1 source to MONO:

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

6 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **5.1 source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

6 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.1 source to DUAL STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

Channels 5 and 6 are dropped.

### **5.1 source to 5.0:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)

5 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)

6 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)

Channel 4 (LFE) is dropped.

### **5.1 source to 5.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)

4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)



- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

### **5.1 source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.1 source to 7.1:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround) + Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

### **5.1 source to 5.1+Stereo:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

### **5.1 source to QUAD STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)

6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to MONO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

6 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to DUAL STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

Channels 5 and 6 are dropped.

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to 5.0:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 3 (Center)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 3 (Center)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)

6 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)

Channel 4 is dropped.

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to 5.1:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to 7.1:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround) + Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround) + Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to 5.1+Stereo:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

### **TRIPLE STEREO source to QUAD STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

### **7.1 source to MONO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **7.1 source to STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

### **7.1 source to DUAL STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

Channels 5, 6, 7, and 8 are dropped.

### **7.1 source to 5.0:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 4 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 5 (Right Surround)
- 7 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Back)
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Back)

### **7.1 source to 5.1:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)
- 7 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

### **7.1 source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

Channels 7 and 8 are dropped.

### **7.1 source to 7.1:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)
- 7 => Track 1, Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

### **7.1 source to 5.1+Stereo:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)
- 7 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 8 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **7.1 source to QUAD STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
- 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- 5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)
- 6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)
- 7 => Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)
- 8 => Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.1+STEREO source to MONO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

6 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

8 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **5.1+STEREO source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

8 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.1+STEREO source to DUAL STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

Channels 5, 6, 7, and 8 are dropped.

### **5.1+STEREO source to 5.0:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 4 (Left Surround)

6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 5 (Right Surround)

7 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)

8 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)

Channel 4 (LFE) is dropped.

### **5.1+STEREO source to 5.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
7 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
8 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
Channel 4 (LFE) is dropped.

### **5.1+STEREO source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)  
5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)  
6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)  
Channels 7 and 8 are dropped.

### **5.1+STEREO source to 7.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
7 => Track 1, Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)  
8 => Track 1, Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

### **5.1+STEREO source to 5.1+Stereo:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)



6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

7 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

8 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **5.1+STEREO source to QUAD STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)

6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

7 => Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)

8 => Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)

### **QUAD STEREO source to MONO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

6 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

8 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **QUAD STEREO source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

8 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

### **QUAD STEREO source to DUAL STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
  - 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
  - 3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)
  - 4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)
- Channels 5, 6, 7, and 8 are dropped.

### **QUAD STEREO source to 5.0:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 3 (Center)
  - 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 3 (Center)
  - 3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
  - 4 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
  - 5 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround))
  - 6 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)
  - 7 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)
  - 8 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)
- Channel 4 is dropped.

### **QUAD STEREO source to 5.1:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)
- 7 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

### **QUAD STEREO source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)  
5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)  
6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)  
Channels 7 and 8 are dropped.

### **QUAD STEREO source to 7.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
7 => Track 1, Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)  
8 => Track 1, Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

### **QUAD STEREO source to 5.1+Stereo:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
7 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
8 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **QUAD STEREO source to QUAD STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)  
5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)  
6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

7 => Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)

8 => Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to MONO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

2 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

6 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

8 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Unused)

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

4 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

7 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

8 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 2 (Right)

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to DUAL STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

Channels 5, 6, 7, & 8 are dropped

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to 5.0:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 4 (Left Surround)  
6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 5 (Right Surround)  
7 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)  
8 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)  
Channel 4 is dropped.

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to 5.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left) + Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
6 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right) + Channel 6 (Right Surround)  
7 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
8 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to TRIPLE STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)  
4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)  
5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)  
6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)  
Channels 7 and 8 are dropped.

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to 7.1:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)  
2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)  
3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)  
4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)  
5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)  
6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

7 => Track 1, Channel 7 (Left Surround Direct)

8 => Track 1, Channel 8 (Right Surround Direct)

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to 5.1+Stereo:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Center)

4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (LFE)

5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Left Surround)

6 => Track 1, Channel 6 (Right Surround)

7 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

8 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

### **8 CHANNEL DISCRETE source to QUAD STEREO:**

1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Left)

2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Right)

3 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left)

4 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right)

5 => Track 3, Channel 1 (Left)

6 => Track 3, Channel 2 (Right)

7 => Track 4, Channel 1 (Left)

8 => Track 4, Channel 2 (Right)

## **Channel Configurator Filter Details**

Episode stores multichannel audio in AAC format:

- AAC 5.1 - C, L, R, Ls, Rs, LFE
- AAC 7.1 - C, L, R, Ls, Rs, Lsd, Rsd, LFE

QuickTime format for multichannel audio is different. Center is usually channel 3, and LFE is channel 4.

- QT 5.1 - L, R, C, LFE, Ls, Rs
- QT 7.1 - L, R, C, LFE, Ls, Rs, Lsd, Rsd

A rule of thumb when mapping channels is that Center channel is first, and LFE is always last.

When mapping channels, consider the channel labels and not the specific channel numbers.

## Channel Mapping Examples

When mapping 5.1 to 5.1, or 7.1 to 7.1, while no channel mapper is needed, you would map all channels 1 to 1:

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5
- 6 => Track 1, Channel 6
- 7 => Track 1, Channel 7
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 8

### Example Mapping 7.1 to 5.1+Stereo:

The Channel filter should be used. The mappings would be as follows:

- 1 => Track 1, Channel 1 (Center)
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 2 (Left)
- 3 => Track 1, Channel 3 (Right)?
- 4 => Track 1, Channel 4 (Left Surround)
- 5 => Track 1, Channel 5 (Right Surround)
- 6 => Track 2, Channel 1 (Left Surround Direct)
- 7 => Track 2, Channel 2 (Right Surround Direct)
- 8 => Track 1, Channel 6 (LFE)

### Example Mapping 8 Channels to 8 Tracks, 1 Channel Each:

- 1 => Track 3, Channel 1
- 2 => Track 1, Channel 1
- 3 => Track 2, Channel 1
- 4 => Track 5, Channel 1
- 5 => Track 6, Channel 1
- 6 => Track 7, Channel 1
- 7 => Track 8, Channel 1

8 => Track 4, Channel 1



# Troubleshooting Episode

The following topics explain how to resolve typical troubleshooting questions. If the suggested fixes don't resolve an issue, or if you have an issue that is not listed below, please contact Telestream Customer Service (see [Preface](#) for contact information).

- [Episode won't install.](#)
- [Episode won't run from my user account \(Win\).](#)
- [Episode won't transcode some of my files.](#)
- [Episode supports my file type but won't transcode it.](#)
- [Episode reports a license error, but I have a valid license.](#)
- [A preview error occurred: Could not find DefaultSource.mov.](#)
- [Access Denied IOserver issues](#)
- [Where should I direct my Pipeline stream?](#)
- [Episode clustering and file sharing don't work.](#)

## Episode won't install.

Before you can install Episode, your system must meet certain prerequisites, including the correct operating system and supporting application versions. Review [Installing Episode](#) or the Episode download page at [Telestream.net](https://telestream.net) for a list of prerequisites, and make sure the required OS and software are installed before you attempt to install Episode.

## Episode won't run from my user account (Win).

If Episode indicates you do not have the proper privileges to run it, see the Configuration topic in [Installing Episode](#).

## Episode won't transcode some of my files.

See [Media Containers/Formats](#) for a list of file types supported by Episode. Episode includes a very wide variety of codecs for most formats, but the file format you are attempting to decode or encode may not be supported.

## Episode supports my file type but won't transcode it.

If the file type is listed in [Media Containers/Formats](#) and the file still won't transcode, verify that the file itself is not damaged by playing it in the appropriate player application. If the file is good, try transcoding it in Episode to a different output file format. Then transcode the resulting file in Episode to the desired output file format.

Note that Media Foundation Libraries require Windows Desktop Experience to be installed. If Desktop Experience is not installed, attempts to encode using AAC will fail with the following error message: "Failed: The AAC encoder requires "Desktop Experience" to be installed." See the Installing Episode chapter, [Pre-requisite Subsystems \(Windows only\)](#), [Desktop Experience](#) for Desktop Experience installation details.

## Episode reports a license error, but I have a valid license.

The license file may be corrupted.

First, deactivate your license—select Preferences > License menu. Then, close Episode.

Next, delete the Episode *Node.XML* file from the Episode application data folder:

- Windows: C:\ProgramData\Telestream\Episode 7\Node.xml
- Mac: ~/Library/Application Support/Episode/

Now, restart Episode, and reactivate your license using Preferences > License.

## A preview error occurred: Could not find DefaultSource.mov.

Go to Episode Preferences and change Default Preview Source to DefaultSource.mov.

- Windows: C:\Program Files\Telestream\Episode 7\bin\resources\DefaultSource.mov.
- Mac: Applications/Episode/Contents/Resources folder.

## Access Denied IO Server issues

Active watch folder workflows may have their IO Server (the service that handles the actual sharing of locations in the cluster) time out because of inactivity if they are completely idle and haven't picked up any files for extended periods of time (default 7 days). If this occurs, files dropped into the monitored location are picked up by the monitor service, but the IO Server no longer recognizes the location as a valid share and fails to process the files, causing an Access Denied error in the job.

To resolve this issue, modify the `<dynamic-share-keep-time>` option in the IO Server.xml file to a higher value (in seconds).

The IO Server.xml file resides in these locations:

- MacOS X: `~/Library/Application Support/Episode/`  
(Lion users: if your library is hidden, run this terminal command:  
`chflags nohidden ~/Library`)
- Windows 7|8|Server 2012: `C:\ProgramData\Telestream\Episode 7\IO Server.xml`

Change the number in this line of the IO Server.xml file to specify a timeout greater than 604800 seconds (7 days—the current default value):

```
<dynamic-share-keep-time>604800</dynamic-share-keep-time>
```

For example, to set this option to one year, change it to 31449600.

## Where should I direct my Pipeline stream?

Point your Pipeline output, which must be set to deliver TIFO files, to the same folder that will be watched by your Episode workflow. Episode's watch folder must be configured with the Encode While Ingest option enabled so it will pick up the TIFO file right away instead of waiting for it to be completed first. These are the steps:

1. Set Pipeline to deliver TIFO wrapped content.
2. Point the TIFO Pipeline output to the folder monitored by Episode.
3. Set your Episode workflow to watch the Pipeline output folder, and select the Encode While Ingest option. This ensures the file is transcoded by Episode while it is being built by Pipeline instead of waiting until the file is complete.

## Episode clustering and file sharing don't work.

If the ports Episode uses for file sharing and clustering are blocked by the firewall, clustering and IO server file sharing are prevented. Episode may display, "Node Won't Connect Error".

Episode uses many ports between 40410 and 40440. Open your computer's firewall configuration and set it to open these ports for Episode. The easiest way to do this is to specify that the range of ports from 40410 to 40440 should be open to Episode.

Also, try uninstalling and re-installing Bonjour if the issue is not the firewall.

