

# E-Streamer

Multi universe Ethernet Light Show Recorder

## User Manual



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## Package Contents

Your E-Streamer package should contain these items:

- E-Streamer (Part No 70520.)
- Cat 5 data cable 1.8m (Part No. 79102)
- 2 x mounting brackets
- IEC power cable - Australia and NZ only
- This user manual

If any item is missing or damaged, please contact your supplier immediately.

To be sure that you are using the latest revision of the E-Streamer firmware, please visit the **Downloads** section of the Enttec website at [www.enttec.com](http://www.enttec.com) to get the current version.

## Safety Instructions

Do not expose this device to rain and moisture, or expose it to the risk of dripping or splashing.

Do not use this device near water.

Do not block any ventilation apertures on this device.

Do not install this device near heat sources such as heaters, stoves, monitors, amplifiers, dimmers, luminaires or any other equipment that produces heat.

Do not expose the power adapter or power cables of this device to damage from being, crushed, walked on or being pinched by protective cabinets, enclosures or cases.

Use only attachments, accessories or fixings specified by ENTTEC.

Unplug this device from the mains supply and external data links during electrical storms or when the device will not be used for a long time.

Servicing this device should be undertaken only by suitably qualified service technicians.

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## Getting Support

If you require support for the E-Streamer, please visit the Support area of our website at [www.enttec.com](http://www.enttec.com). There you can fill out a support request ticket for prompt assistance with your enquiry.

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## Glossary of E-Streamer Terms

**Show:** A set of recorded DMX512 data sequences that form a lighting presentation.

**Playlist:** A schedule of Show replay events.

**Event:** An entry in the E-Streamer's schedule that specifies a Show and the times it is to be replayed.

**Slot:** The 8-bit (0-255) data for a single DMX512 **Channel**.

**Frame:** A packet of DMX512 data containing up to 512 data slots.

**Stream:** A sequence of DMX frames (1- 44.3 frames per second). Also known as a **DMX Universe**.

**Start Frame:** The DMX512 frame that is output by the E-Streamer at startup.

**ESP:** Enttec's DMX over Ethernet communications protocol.

**Art-Net:** Artistic Licence's DMX over Ethernet communications protocol.

**LAN:** A Local Area Network is a network of computers, usually in a single building or small group of buildings, linked by a high speed network such as an Ethernet.

**DHCP:** The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol is a method for network devices to automatically obtain configuration information from a server on the network. Data provided consists of an IP address for use on the local network, and may also include such parameters as the default router, network gateway, subnet mask, IP address expiry time and addresses for Domain Name Servers.

## Typographic conventions used in this manual

**Buttons:** Web page button names and Navigation Bar buttons appear in a special typeface. E.g., The name of the Windows™ "Start" button is printed as **Start**.

**Data boxes:** The names of the boxes where data is entered appear in a different typeface. E.g., the name of the "Frame Rate" entry box is printed as **Frame Rate**.


**Panel buttons:** The names of the front panel buttons used to navigate the E-Streamer's menu system appear in a specific typeface. E.g., the name of the "Back" button is printed as **BACK**.


**File and Folder names:** The names of data files and folders appear in a different typeface. E.g., the name of the file "show.xml" is printed as *show.xml*.

**E-Streamer Screens:** The messages displayed on the LCD display are printed in a dot matrix typeface, in a shaded box. E.g.

```

Black Box Sys Menu Vx.x www.enttec.com
LCD Backlight is OFF when System OFF
System is OFF
BACK LCD RST ON
  
```

 This process may take a few minutes, possibly long enough to take a coffee break.

 This process could take some time, quite possibly enough time to make and eat a snack.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR E-STREAMER

Thank you for purchasing the E-Streamer. At Enttec we are proud of our products and we hope you will enjoy using them as much as we enjoy designing and building them.

The E-Streamer is a powerful DMX512 recorder and playback device, capable of recording up to 64 Streams of DMX per show. Multiple shows can be recorded or played back simultaneously with virtually unlimited triggering and scheduling options. E-Streamer can meet the needs of highly complex shows in even the largest of lighting installations.

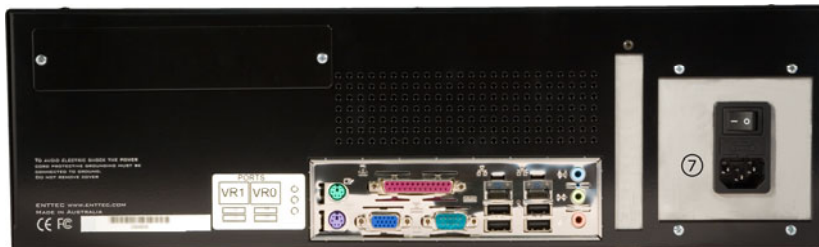
### Layout

The E-Streamer is 3 Unit (133.35mm high) rack case, designed to be mounted in a standard 19-inch (482.6mm) equipment rack using the supplied mounting brackets.

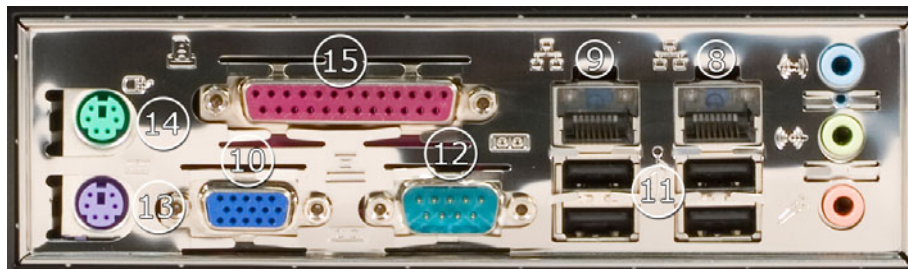


E-Streamer front panel

1. **LCD status display window** - Indicates operational status and Show information.
2. **Power LED**
3. **System status LED**
4. **Error LED**
5. **Panel Buttons**
6. **Removable Hard drive**



E-Streamer rear



E-Streamer rear connector panel

7. **IEC Power input socket** - Accepts AC voltages in the range 100V – 260V, at frequencies from 50Hz to 60Hz.
8. **RJ45 socket 1** - Ethernet network port VR0
9. **RJ45 socket 2** - Ethernet network port VR1
10. **DB 15 VGA socket** - Video output for system monitoring, configuration and maintenance.
11. **USB type A sockets** - USB mass storage and Enttec *DMX USB Pro* interfaces
12. **DB9 RS-232 socket** - Serial data connector for remote control.
13. **PS2 socket** - Keyboard input for system configuration and maintenance.
14. **PS2 socket** - Not used in this version of E-Streamer.
15. **DB25 Parallel data socket** - Not used in this version of E-Streamer.

## Features

The E-Streamer provides:

- Up to 64 universes per show
- Unlimited simultaneous show playback (HTP merging between shows)
- Unlimited number of shows
- Hard-disk based recording (up to 750GB hard-disk)
- DMX input/output through Ethernet port
- DMX input/output through Enttec DMX USB Pro interface
- Art-Net & ESP protocol support
- Control and configuration using inbuilt web interface
- Show replay can be triggered on:
  - ♦ power up
  - ♦ DMXPlayBackRemote
  - ♦ Art-Net & ESP control (slave from other lighting control)
  - ♦ simple TCP/IP network protocol
  - ♦ day, date, month and time of day
  - ♦ remote serial command
  - ♦ astronomical clock
- Easy firmware upgrades

## System Architecture

The E-Streamer system consists of two components, the main Streamer Engine, an embedded single-core Intel x86 (Pentium) class computer system, running a highly customised Unix-type operating system, and an independent microcontroller-driven LCD terminal which is linked to the Streamer Engine.

Communications with the E-Streamer can take place over three paths:

- ♦ Through the E-Streamer's Web Interface. Connection is via the web browser on a computer located on the same Ethernet network as the E-Streamer. (Used for configuring the Streamer Engine and all Show set-up, recording, replay and scheduling functions.)
- ♦ Via the LCD panel and buttons on the front of the E-Streamer's case. (Used for starting and stopping the Streamer Engine and basic control of Show recording and replay functions.)
- ♦ Directly with the Streamer Engine via the keyboard and video port on the rear of the E-Streamer's case. (Used for monitoring replay activity and DMX stream content).

## System File Storage

All operating system and E-Streamer program files are stored on internal flash memory for high reliability and rapid start up.

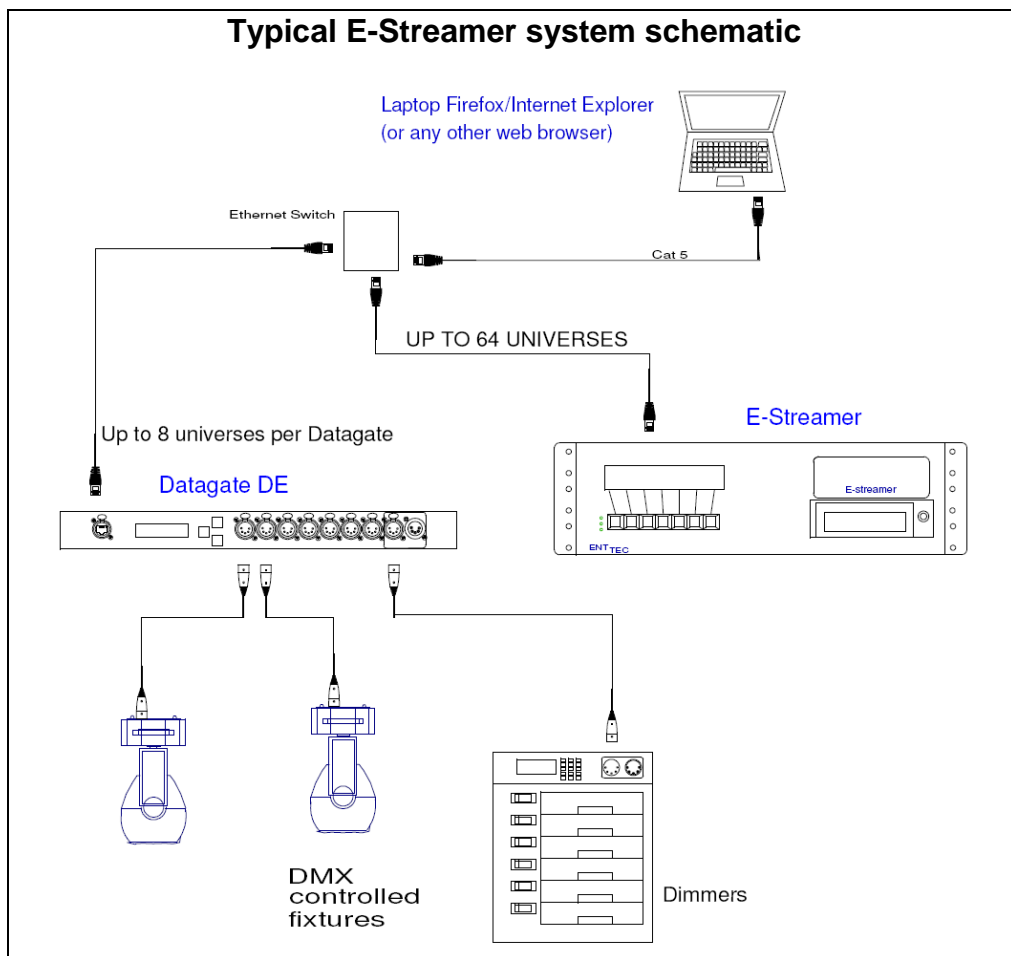
## Show Data Storage

The E-Streamer stores Show data on a removable 3.5 inch IDE (PATA) hard disk drive. For data stability and reliability, the drive is formatted under the BSD Unix File System (UFS) and is not readable by Windows or Macintosh operating systems.

# FAST TRACK GUIDE TO THE E-STREAMER

## To record and replay a show on E-Streamer:

- Connect the E-Streamer to a power supply and an Ethernet Network.  
(See *Basic connections on page 56*)
- Open the E-Streamer's Web Interface in a web browser on your computer.  
(See *Connecting to the E-Streamer's Web Interface on page 56*)
- Set up your Show data input sources.  
(See *Show Configuration on page 13*)
- Record your Show data from either:
  - ▶ the Show Control page  
(see *Show Control on page 19*), or
  - ▶ the Show Menu on the LCD panel  
(see *Show Menu on page 49*).
- Replay your Show from either:
  - ▶ the Show Control page  
(see *Show Control on page 19*), or
  - ▶ the Show Menu on the LCD panel  
(see *Show Menu on page 49*)





## WEB INTERFACE

The E-Streamer is configured, controlled and programmed through a web browser interface running on a computer system located on the same Local Area Network. Any graphical web browser, such as Firefox, Internet Explorer, Safari or Opera, running under any operating system, including Windows XP or Vista, Mac OS X or Linux can be used.

Throughout the Web Interface, screen sections may be expanded for access with the **Show [+]** button or collapsed down with the **Hide [-]** button.

## Menu System

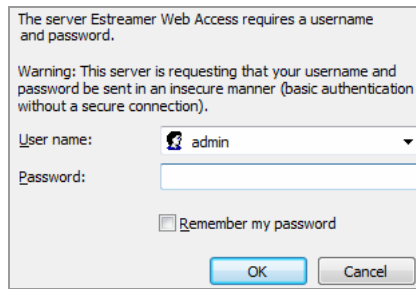
The web interface is navigated via a main menu displayed in a panel on the left of screen, while all programming and control pages are shown on the right of the screen

E-Streamer Home	E-Streamer's operational status and information.
Show Config	Show configuration and modification
Show Control	Record and replay Shows
Playlist	Scheduling for Show replay
Backup / Restore	Save and restore Shows and Playlists
Settings	Configuration and control for system parameters, network interfaces, geographic location and system clock. System software updates

## Password Access Control

A password may be set to control access to the Web Interface.

If a password has been set, a login screen will be displayed:



The server Estreamer Web Access requires a username and password.

Warning: This server is requesting that your username and password be sent in an insecure manner (basic authentication without a secure connection).

User name:

Password:

Remember my password

OK Cancel

The User name for all E-Streamer systems is **admin**.

The password is set from the Web Password screen of the E-Streamer Settings page. (See *Web Password* on page 44)

# E-STREAMER HOME

This page is automatically displayed when connection is established between a web browser and the E-Streamer. It shows the operational status of E-Streamer and a summary of some basic system settings. Although the time display updates continuously, system operational statistics are only updated every 10 seconds.

WELCOME TO E-STREAMER	
Current Time:- 20:00:00 (Sat)	Current Date:- 01 - Apr - 2006
Shows Currently Running : 3	

## Current Time and Current Date

The E-Streamer's system date and time are used to trigger all scheduled events.

## Shows Currently Running

This is the number of E-Streamer Shows currently being played, as a result of all actions including automated, scheduled and manually triggered events. Updated every 10 seconds.

## Network Information

Network Information	
IP Address :	10.1.2.3
Subnet Mask:	255.0.0.0
Broadcast Address:	10.255.255.255

### IP Address

IP Address of the Streamer Engine network port currently connecting to your browser.

### Subnet Mask

IP bitmask used to identify devices on the same subnet as the Streamer Engine.

### Broadcast Address

Special IP address used to broadcast data, such as DMX Streams, to all devices on the same subnet as the Streamer Engine.

## System Information

System Information	
CPU Load:	9.9%
Free Disk Space:	970.27 MB

### CPU Load

Percentage of the Streamer Engine's central processor capacity being used by all system activities. Updated every 10 seconds.

### Free Disk Space

Megabytes of disk space currently available for storing Shows on the removable hard disk drive. Updated every 10 seconds.

## Application Information

Application Information	
Max no. of Streams :	64
e-Streamer Version :	ESTREAMER VX.XX-XXXX
Serial Interface Version:	X.XX
Web Interface Version:	X.XX
Mac Address :	00:40:63:E2:00:00

### Maximum no. of Streams

Number of DMX Streams (universes) that may be handled by the current version Streamer Engine.

## E-Streamer Version

Version number of the currently running Streamer Engine software

## Serial Interface Version

Version number of the currently running LCD panel controller (Black Box) firmware.

## Web Interface Version

Version number of the currently running Web Server Interface software.

## MAC Address

This is the unique 48-bit Media Access Control address of the network interface currently connecting the Streamer Engine to your web browser.

## System Time

SYSTEM TIME : 01/APR/2006

Selecting the **System Time** link at the foot of the screen opens the Time and Place panel on the E-Streamer Settings screen. (See *Time and Place* on page 40)

## SHOW CONFIGURATION

The Show Configuration page provides the facility to define a Show, then configure or modify the DMX data streams used to control the Show.

### Creating a New Show

Selecting the **New Show** button brings up the **Enter Show Name** box, which accepts standard text up to 25 characters. The **Create >>** button accepts the name and brings up the main Show Configuration editor.

### Configuring the Show

#### Play on powerup

Selecting this option will automatically play the Show when the Streamer Engine has completed its powerup sequence (approximately two minutes after pressing the **ON** button on the LCD panel).

#### Frame Rate

The **Frame Rate** setting [1 - 44 frames per second] adjusts the frequency at which updates are made to the DMX data streams for this Show.

While the maximum refresh rate for the DMX512-A protocol is 44 frames per second, it may not be necessary to record a Show at high frame rates for accurate replay. Many widely-used lighting consoles generate DMX512 at 25 frames per second, which is the default rate for the E-Streamer.

As every DMX512 data frame recorded by the E-Streamer occupies some of the available storage space, it is advisable to record as little data as practicable to accurately capture the look of your presentation.

If the changes in a Show are slow or very rapid, recording at lower frame rates may have no impact on the presentation, while conserving storage in the E-Streamer. It is advisable to make a test recording of the DMX data streams to verify that your selected frame rate does not cause any problems with the look of the presentation.

Irrespective of the Frame Rate setting for a Show, E-Streamer uses Run length Encoding, a lossless data compression technique, to avoid recording redundant duplicate DMX512 data. Instead it records only unique frames and the time for which each frame is to be replayed.

## Recording Control Channel

A single DMX channel can be used as an override control for the recording of a Show.

Any channel, in any of the Show's DMX streams, can be assigned as the Recording Control Channel for that Show. As this includes channels that may lie outside the range of channels being recorded for a stream, it is possible to use a channel for recording control that will not be recorded into the Show.

Recording begins only when a **Record** button has been pressed and the assigned control channel reaches the set threshold value. Recording will continue until the level of the control channel falls below the threshold value.

This function can not be activated until the DMX data streams have been allocated for the Show.

Enable Recording Control Channel:

Select Stream:

Channel:  Value:

### Enable Recording Control Channel

Selection of the **Enable** box activates recording control for the Show.

### Stream

The stream containing the Control Channel is selected from the list of data streams defined for the Show.

### Channel

The control channel in the selected data stream is selected from the **Channel** list

### Value

The trigger threshold level [0 -255] is selected from the **Value** list.

The values used are DMX levels, not channel percentages. (1% is approximately 2.5 DMX steps).

## Art-Net Control Channel

A single Art-Net DMX channel can be used to control the replay for a Show.

The values (levels) for the channel override the Play, Pause and Stop functions for that Show on a Latest Takes Precedence basis.

DMX Values	Percent (approx)	Command Executed
0 - 85	0% - 33%	<b>Stop</b>
86 - 170	34% - 67%	<b>Pause</b>
171 - 255	68% - 100%	<b>Play</b>

Art-Net is Artistic Licence's DMX over Ethernet protocol. This protocol is used by products from Artistic Licence, Enttec and nearly forty other members of the Art-Net Alliance throughout the world.

The Art-Net protocol can transport up to 256 universes or streams of DMX512 data over an Ethernet network. These are divided into 16 Subnets [0 - F (hexadecimal)] each containing 16 Universes [0 - F (hexadecimal)].

Enable Artnet Control:

Subnet:  Universe:

Channel:

### Enable Art-Net Control

Selection of the **Enable** box activates Art-Net control for the Show.

### Subnet

The **Subnet** selected for the control channel [0 - F] should match the output configured on an Art-Net device connected to the network.

### Universe

The **Universe** selected for the control channel [0 - F] should match the output configured on an Art-Net device connected to the network.

### Channel

The control channel [1 - 512] in the designated universe is selected from the **Channel** list.

## Save Settings

The **Save Settings** button stores all parameters for the current Show.

## Data Streams

Although the E-Streamer is an Ethernet based system, the DMX data streams recorded by E-Streamer can be the output of virtually any lighting control system. The streams may originate as standard DMX512, be generated directly onto the Ethernet network from Art-Net or ESP compatible controllers, or may be converted from DMX to an Ethernet protocol by Art-Net or ESP compatible interface devices. Direct DMX input and output is possible via up to four of Enttec's DMX USB Pro interfaces.

An E-Streamer show may have up to 64 data streams, each of which can contain a continuous range of channels from a DMX universe. E-Streamer streams can be different ranges from the same DMX universe. Eg. Stream *Fx1* can be channels 1 to 96 from universe 1 on the console, while stream *Fx2* can be channels 385 to 512 from that same universe.



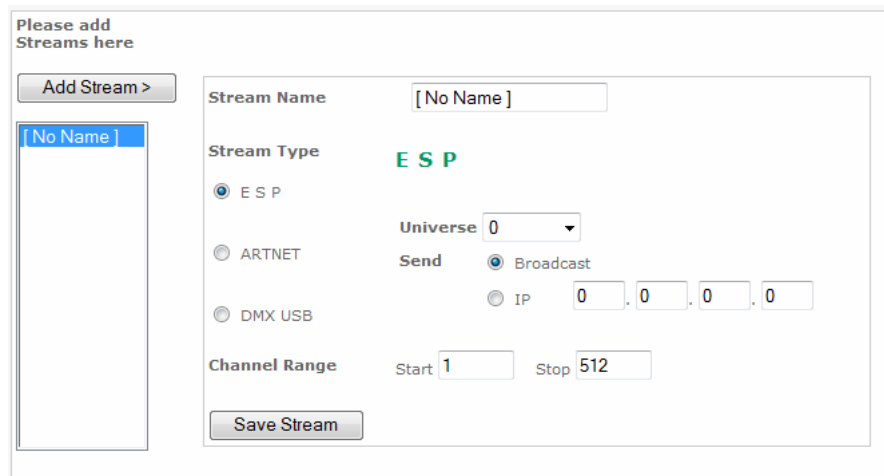
A dialog box titled "Clone Streams From:" with a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Show" and a button labeled "Clone Now >".

## Clone Streams

To simplify Show configuration, a new Show can copy the stream definitions from an existing Show. The Show to be copied is selected from the **Select a Show** list. The **Clone Now >** button copies the Stream definitions to the new Show and opens the Stream Editing panel.

## Add Stream

The Add Stream button creates a new data stream with the title *[No Name]* and opens the Stream Editor panel.



The Stream Editor panel is titled "Please add Streams here" and contains an "Add Stream >" button. Below the button is a list box containing "[No Name]". To the right of the list box is a form with the following fields:

- Stream Name:** [No Name]
- Stream Type:** ESP (selected), ESPNET, DMX USB
- Universe:** 0
- Send:** Broadcast (selected), IP (0.0.0.0)
- Channel Range:** Start 1, Stop 512
- Save Stream** button

## Stream Editing

Selecting an existing entry from the streams list will open the Stream Editor panel for that stream.

### Stream Name

The stream name is the label used to identify the data stream

### Stream Type

E-Streamer can accept DMX data in ESP, Art-Net and standard DMX (via DMX USB Pro) formats.

## ESP

The screenshot shows a configuration window for an ESP stream. On the left, a list of streams includes 'LightFactory1' (selected), 'LightFactory 2', 'Aux 1', 'LED Matrix A', and 'LED Matrix B'. The main configuration area for 'LightFactory1' shows:
 

- Stream Name:** LightFactory1
- Stream Type:** ESP (selected)
- Universe:** 0
- Send:** Broadcast (selected), IP (0.0.0.0)
- Channel Range:** Start 1, Stop 512
- Buttons: Save Stream, Remove Stream

Enttec's public domain DMX over Ethernet protocol (Enttec Show Protocol) ESP is used by all Enttec Ethernet products and some third party controllers such as LightFactory.

### Universe

The ESP protocol can transport up to 256 universes or streams of DMX512 data over an Ethernet network. The **Universe** selected for the stream [0-255] should match the output configured on an ESP device connected to the network.

### Send Type

The output for this stream can be sent either by **Broadcast** messages sent to the entire IP network or to a specific **IP** address on the network.

### IP Address

Where a specific IP address is required, it should be entered in the standard IP version 4 *nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn* format (where *nnn* is a decimal number between 0 and 255. Eg. 172.16.103.254).

### Channel Range

The channel range is the block of DMX channels from the current data stream that will be recorded and relayed as part of the Show.

Any continuous range of DMX512 channel numbers [1-512] may be entered for the stream.

## Art-Net

The screenshot shows a configuration window for an Art-Net stream. The 'Stream Name' is 'LED Matrix B'. The 'Stream Type' is 'ARTNET'. The 'Subnet' is '3' and the 'Universe' is '1'. The 'Send' type is 'Broadcast'. The 'Channel Range' is 'Start 1 Stop 512'. Buttons for 'Save Stream' and 'Remove Stream' are visible at the bottom.

Art-Net is Artistic Licence's DMX over Ethernet protocol. Art-Net is used by products from Artistic Licence, Enttec and nearly forty other members of the Art-Net Alliance throughout the world.

### Subnet

The Art-Net protocol can transport up to 256 universes or streams of DMX512 data over an Ethernet network. These are divided into 16 Subnets each containing 16 Universes. The **Subnet** selected for the stream [0 - F] should match the output configured on an Art-Net device connected to the network.

### Universe

The **Universe** selected for the stream [0-F] should match the output configured on an Art-Net device connected to the network.



## Send Type

The output for this stream can be sent either by **Broadcast** messages sent to the entire IP network or to a specific **IP** address on the network.

## IP Address

Where a specific IP address is required, it should be entered in the standard IP version 4 *nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn* format (where nnn is a decimal number between 0 and 255. Eg. 172.16.103.254).

## Channel Range

The channel range is the block of DMX channels from the current data stream that will be recorded and relayed as part of the Show.

Any continuous range of DMX512 channel numbers [1-512] may be entered for the stream.

## DMX USB

The screenshot shows a configuration window for a stream. At the top, the 'Stream Name' is 'Aux 1'. Below that, the 'Stream Type' section has three radio buttons: 'E S P', 'ARTNET', and 'DMX USB'. The 'DMX USB' option is selected, and the text 'DMX USB PRO' is displayed in green. Under 'ARTNET', there is a 'Device ID' dropdown menu currently showing '1'. Below the radio buttons, the 'Channel Range' is defined by 'Start' and 'Stop' fields, both containing the number '1' and '512' respectively. At the bottom of the window are two buttons: 'Save Stream' and 'Remove Stream'.

Enttec's DMX USB Pro interface is a bi-directional DMX to USB interface for a single DMX512 universe. DMX USB Pro units can be connected to any or all of the four USB ports on the rear panel of the Streamer Engine, allowing direct DMX512 input and output from the E-Streamer.

## Device ID

Each DMX USB Pro interface is assigned a Device ID when connected to the Streamer Engine. (See *USB Device Identification on page 38*). The **Device ID** selected for the stream should correspond to a device already connected to the E-Streamer.

## Channel Range

The channel range is the block of DMX channels from the current data stream that will be recorded and relayed as part of the Show.

Any continuous range of DMX512 channel numbers [1-512] may be entered for the stream.

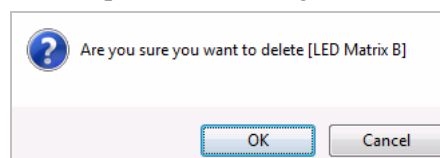
## Save Stream

The **Save Stream** button saves all configuration information for the current stream.

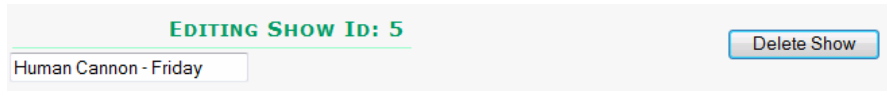
## Remove Stream

The **Remove Stream** button deletes all configuration data for the current stream.

Pressing the **Remove Stream** button produces a dialogue box to confirm the removal operation.

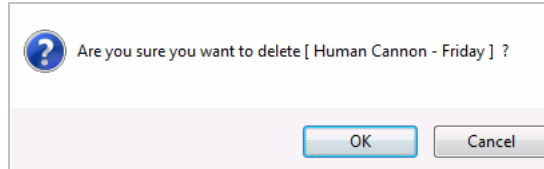


## Deleting a Show



The **Delete Show** button completely and permanently deletes all configuration and stream data for the show.

Pressing the **Delete Show** button produces a dialogue box to confirm the deletion.



## SHOW CONTROL

This page gives basic push-button control of the recording and playback of the Shows that have been configured from the Show Configuration page (*See Show Configuration on page 13*). In the default page setup, all status information is updated every five seconds.

The screenshot shows the 'SHOW CONTROL' interface. At the top, there's a header 'SHOW CONTROL' and a status bar with 'Status Refresh 5 Seconds', a 'Disable Refresh' button, and a 'Select All' button. Below this is a table with the following data:

ID	Show Name	Show Control Set	Status	Show Master	Duration
[1]	<a href="#">ABBA on Ice</a>		PAUSED	100%	02:07:36:31
[2]	<a href="#">Human Cannon - Tues</a>		PLAYING	100%	00:33:47:46
[3]	<a href="#">Human Cannon - Wed</a>		STOPPED	80%	01:32:50:02
[4]	<a href="#">Human Cannon - Thurs</a>		STOPPED	100%	00:23:20:66
[5]	<a href="#">Human Cannon - Friday</a>		RECORDING	100%	00:00:00:00
[6]	<a href="#">Red Carpet OB</a>		STOPPED	100%	<a href="#">Check</a>

Below the table, there's a section titled 'FOR SELECTED SHOWS' with four buttons: 'Play Once', 'Play Forever', 'Pause', and 'Stop'.

### Show Selection

The selection box sets the Shows that will be controlled by the next Group Control operation. Selection is automatically cleared after each group control operation.

### Show ID

The Show's ID number is used in place of its name for Show data storage and remote Show control commands via RS-232 and TCP/IP.

### Show Name

The Show name displayed is allocated during Show configuration.

Double clicking on the name will open the Show in the Show Configuration editor. (*See Configuring the Show on page 13*)

### Show Control Set

These Show control buttons are similar in function to the record and replay functions found on audio and video recorders. Each row of buttons controls a single Show. As the screen is updated every five seconds, there may be a slight lag in displaying the current status of a Show. More timely status information is available from the Show Information Menu on the LCD panel (*see Show Menu on page 49*), or the Show Status screen on the Streamer Engine's video output.

#### Play

The **Play** button only functions when the Show already has recorded DMX data.

Pressing the **Play** button starts the Show's output streams from the first frame of the recording and flashes the Play symbol.

The Show will repeat continuously until stopped or paused.

To play a Show once only then stop, use the Play Once function in Group Control.

## Pause

The **Pause** function is only available when the Show is either playing or recording.

Pressing the **Pause** button temporarily stops the record or play process and flashes the Pause symbol.

When **Pause** is pressed in play mode, output is frozen at the last frame in each DMX stream.

When **Pause** is pressed in record mode, recording is stopped at the last frame in each DMX stream.

When paused, pressing the **Pause** button a **second** time, continues the previously paused record or play process.

If **Pause** was pressed in play mode, output in each DMX stream continues from the frame playing at the time the button was pressed.

If **Pause** was pressed in record mode, recording continues from directly after the last recorded frame in each DMX stream.

## Stop

The **Stop** function is only available when the Show is playing, recording or paused.

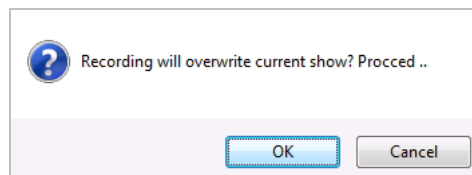
Pressing the **Stop** button terminates the record or replay session for the show.

Subsequent Play or Record operations commence at the start of the recorded Show data.

## Record

Pressing the **Record** button erases all recorded data for the Show, commences to record the DMX streams defined in the Show Configuration screen, and flashes the Record symbol. The length of the recording is limited only by the available hard disk space in the Streamer Engine.

Starting the Record process produces a dialogue box to confirm the recording operation.



Precise control over the Show data recording process can be achieved by configuring a Recording Control Channel on the Show Configuration page (See *Recording Control Channel* on page 14 ). This facility allows the level of a single designated DMX channel to control the start and finish of a Show recording session.

## Status

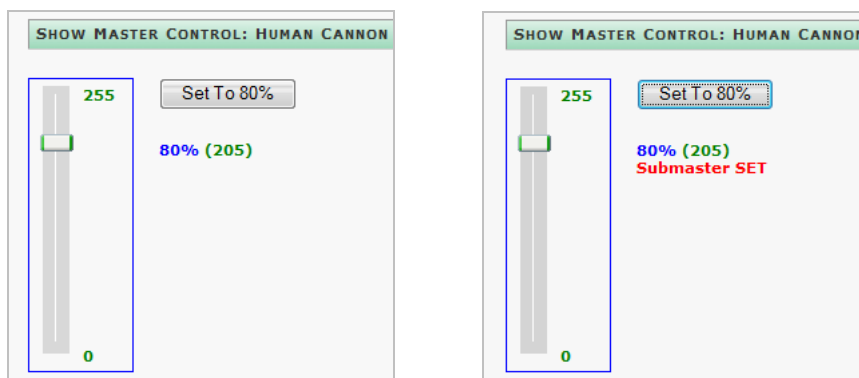
The Show's current play status is displayed as *STOPPED*, *PLAYING*, *PAUSED*, or *RECORDING*.

## Show Master

The Show Master acts as proportional master fader over all data in all Streams in the Show.

This function is useful for a temporary reduction in Show levels, but it also proportionally reduces data values to other devices including effects equipment and robotic luminaires.

Pressing the **Show Master** button for a Show opens the master level screen.



Master levels are set using:

- ♦ the mouse to drag the level indicator knob.
- ♦ the mouse scroll wheel to increase or decrease the level.
- ♦ the *Up* and *Down* cursor keys to change the DMX value by 1.
- ♦ the *PageUp* and *PageDown* keys to change the DMX value by 5.
- ♦ the *Home* key sets the DMX value to 255.
- ♦ the *End* key sets the DMX value to zero.

Pressing the **Set To xx%** button sets the Show Master to the currently selected level.

## Duration

This is the playing time of the Show in hours, minutes, seconds and hundredths of seconds.  
HH:MM:SS:ss.

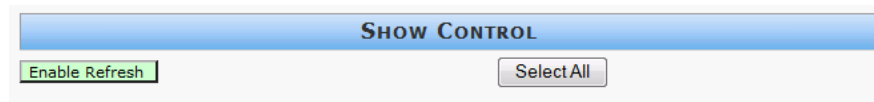
If a Show has recently been defined or modified in the Show Configuration screen, a link to the Check Show function on the Backup and Restore page is displayed. This function will update the display to the Show's current duration.

## Group Control

Group control provides simultaneous manual triggering of the replay functions for one or more shows.

For ease of group selection, it is advisable to disable the fast page-refresh cycle with the **Disable Refresh** button.

The **Enable Refresh** button returns the Show Control page to the standard five second refresh cycle.



## Selection

### Select All

All Shows can be selected simultaneously for inclusion in the next Group Control operation by pressing the **Select All** button. Selections are cleared after each operation.

### Show Selection

Shows can be included in the next Group Control operation by selecting the box next to the Show ID. Selections are cleared after each operation.

## Play Once

The **Play Once** button only functions on Shows with recorded DMX data.

Pressing the **Play Once** button starts the selected Shows' output streams from the first frame of the recording and flashes the Play symbol.

The Shows will play only until the end of their recorded data.

## Play Forever

The **Play Forever** button only functions on Shows with recorded DMX data.

Pressing the **Play Forever** button starts the selected Shows' output streams from the first frame of the recording and flashes their Play symbol.

The selected Shows will repeat continuously until stopped or paused.

## Pause

The **Pause** button functions only on Shows that are playing or already in pause mode.

Pressing the **Pause** button temporarily freezes the play process and flashes the Pause symbol on selected Shows that are in play mode. Output is frozen at the last frame generated in each DMX stream.

On Shows that were already in Pause mode, the **Pause** button continues the previously paused play process.

## Stop

The **Stop** button functions only on selected Shows that are playing or paused.

Pressing the **Stop** button terminates the replay session for the selected Shows.

Subsequent Play operations on the selected Shows commence at the start of the recorded Show data.

# PLAYLIST

The Playlist is the scheduler at the heart of all E-Streamer Show replay. It holds a list of Events that can be started and stopped by a range of methods, enabling very flexible scheduling.

PLAYLIST								
Edit Event >>		New Event		[ View All ]				
Event	Start	Cycle			Stop	Status		
		Day	Month	Hour	Min	WDay		
<a href="#">Run_of_Show</a>	02:00 after SunSet	Every	Every	None	None	None	----	On Cycle
<a href="#">Holiday_Wk_E</a>	01:00 after SunSet	None	6-8	None	None	(...)	----	Inactive (...)
<a href="#">Forecourt_Am</a>	18:45	Every	Every	None	None	2-6	----	Inactive (...)
<a href="#">St_Patricks_D</a>	17/03/2006 19:15	----					18/03/2006 02:15	Expired
<a href="#">Bastille_Day</a>	19:00	14-14	7-7	None	None	None	23:45	Inactive (...)
<a href="#">Exhibition</a>	08:50	Every	Every	None	None	None	17:10	To Start

The Playlist screen allows the editing of existing events, the creation of new events or updating the display of the full event list.

## Event Structure

Each event consists of:

- a list of Shows to be played
- the number of times to repeat the Shows
- conditions to start the Show
- conditions to stop the Show (optional)

The Playlist displays a summary of the settings for each Event.

Where additional information is available, such as an explanation of why an event is inactive, or the full list of selected days or months, an ellipsis (...) is displayed.

Selecting the ellipsis displays the additional information above the Playlist headings.

Edit Event >>		New Event		[ View All ]		
Current Month not in Start / Cycle						
Event	Start	Cycle			Stop	Status

## Event status symbols

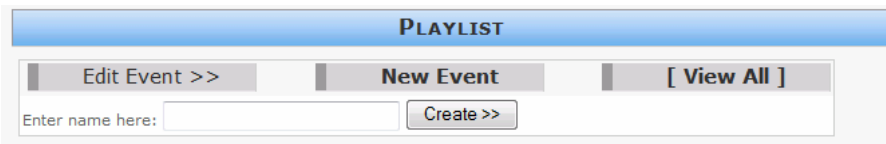
Symbol	Meaning
To Start	The Event is scheduled to start in the future.
On Cycle	The Event cycle is currently active. The Event will be triggered according to Start and Cycle settings.
Inactive	The Event cycle is currently inactive.
Expired	The Event is scheduled to start in the past.

Examples of E-Streamer's scheduling possibilities include:

- Starting a Show at midnight every night and having it repeat continuously until 45 minutes before dawn.
- Starting a Show whenever the lighting system is powered up.
- Starting a Show each time a new customer enters a showroom, even if the previous Show has not yet completed.

- ♦ Starting a Show at 18:15:32 on July 4<sup>th</sup> and repeating it four times.
- ♦ Starting a Show on the hour, at 20 past the hour, and 45 minutes past the hour on Tuesdays between Sunset and 23:00 - only during the months of August and November.
- ♦ Starting a Show whenever the Newsroom cameras are switched on, then changing Shows when the weather graphics are put to air.
- ♦ Starting alternate Shows on the half hour and quarter hour, until 23:30, on weekend nights, from January to March.
- ♦ Starting a Show and repeating it continuously, whenever the building management computer system draws the blinds.
- ♦ Starting a Show every time a Jackpot is scored on Thursday evenings during the winter.
- ♦ Starting a Show at sunrise every Tuesday and repeating it continuously until an hour and five minutes after sunset.
- ♦ Starting a different, continuously-repeating Show each weeknight at 20:15, that runs until 00:30.

## New Event



Selecting the **New Event** button creates a new Event in the Playlist and prompts for a name for the new event [1 -19 characters]. Names may contain letters, numbers or spaces, but the first character must be a letter.

Selecting the **Create>>** button accepts the Event name and opens the Edit Event screen to enter the details of the new event.

## Edit Event



The **Save & Confirm** button must be pressed to save Event settings after **every** change.



## Run Loop Options

A Show may be set to run its lighting sequence

- once only
- repeat the sequence a fixed number of times
- continuously loop through the sequence until interrupted by some other event.

The **Save** button saves the loop options for the Event.

## Select Shows for Event

Any Show recorded in the E-Streamer system can be included in any scheduled Event.

Shows are added or removed from the Event by moving them from the Shows Available list to the Shows Selected list with **Add** and **Remove** buttons.

The **Save Shows** button saves the list of Shows associated with the Event

## Event Start Settings

An Event may be scheduled to start at:

- ♦ a specified time of day.
- ♦ a specified time on a specified day.
- ♦ a time relative to the sunrise or sunset at the E-Streamer's location.

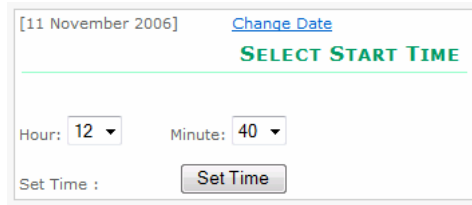
### Time of Day

Times are specified in 24 hour format.

The **Set Time** button saves the start time for the Event

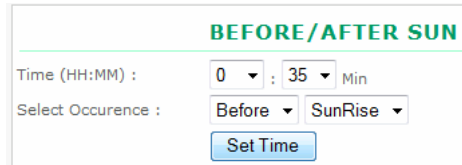
### Special Event

The date is selected from a three year range on the calendar



The time on the selected day is specified in 24 hour format.  
The **Set Time** button saves the start time for the Event

## Sunrise/ Sunset



Times relative to sunrise and sunset are calculated daily by the E-Streamer from the Latitude, Longitude and Local Time information entered from the Settings page (See *E-Streamer Location* on page 41 ). Times are specified in hours or minutes [1min - 12hrs 59min], before or after, sunrise or sunset.

The **Set Time** button saves the start time for the Event

## Event Stop Settings

A stop setting is optional. It may be required to terminate an event that would otherwise loop for ever.

An Event may be scheduled to stop at:

- ◆ a specified time of day.
- ◆ a specified time on a specified day.
- ◆ a time relative to the sunrise or sunset at the E-Streamer's location.

## Time of Day

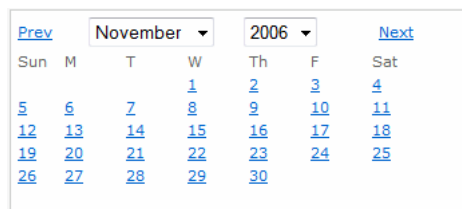


Times are specified in 24 hour format.

The **Cancel Stop** button removes a stop setting from the Event.

The **Set Time** button saves the stop time for the Event.

## Special Event



The date is selected from a three year range on the calendar

The time on the selected day is specified in 24 hour format.

The **Set Time** button saves the stop time for the Event

## Sunrise / Sunset

Times relative to sunrise and sunset are calculated daily by the E-Streamer from the Latitude, Longitude and Local Time information entered from the Settings page (See *E-Streamer Location on page 41* ). Times are specified in hours or minutes [1min - 12hrs 59min], before or after, sunrise or sunset.

The **Cancel Stop** button removes a stop setting from the Event.

The **Set Stop Time** button saves the stop time for the Event

## Event Cycle Settings

In addition to simple daily repetition of Events and Events scheduled for specified days and times, E-Streamer's powerful Cycle processor can schedule Events to run in almost any pattern imaginable.

Cycle settings allow:

- specific months and days to be selected for Event activation
- Event triggering to be activated at given time patterns during each day.

The default Cycle settings for new Events are **Every Month** and **Every Day**.

## Cycle Month

Determines which months the Event will be enabled.

### Every Month

The screenshot shows a control panel titled 'MONTH SETTINGS'. On the left, there is a 'Cancel Month Cycle' button and three radio button options: 'Every Month' (which is selected), 'Between Months', and 'Choose Months'. On the right, there is a 'Set Every Month' button.

A Cycle of Every Month will enable the Event to be played every month of the year. This is the default setting for all Events.

The **Set Every Month** button saves the month cycle setting.

The **Cancel Month Cycle** button removes a month cycle setting from the Event.

### Between Months

The screenshot shows a control panel titled 'MONTH SETTINGS'. On the left, there is a 'Cancel Month Cycle' button and three radio button options: 'Every Month', 'Between Months' (which is selected), and 'Choose Months'. On the right, there are two dropdown menus: 'Between' set to 'March' and 'And' set to 'July'. Below these is a 'Set Months' button.

A Between Months Cycle defines a continuous range of months during which the Event will be played. The range is inclusive of the selected months.

E.g. *Between March and July*, includes March, April, May, June and July.

The **Set Months** button saves the month cycle setting.

The **Cancel Month Cycle** button removes a month cycle setting from the Event.

### Specified Months

The screenshot shows a control panel titled 'MONTH SETTINGS'. On the left, there is a 'Cancel Month Cycle' button and three radio button options: 'Every Month', 'Between Months', and 'Choose Months' (which is selected). On the right, there is a grid of 12 checkboxes for the months of the year: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December. The checkboxes for March, July, October, and December are checked. Below the grid is a 'Set Months' button.

A Choose Months Cycle defines the specific months during which the Event will be played.

The **Set Months** button saves the month cycle setting.

The **Cancel Month Cycle** button removes a month cycle setting from the Event.

## Cycle Day

Determines which days the Event will be enabled.

### Every Day

The screenshot shows a control panel titled 'DAY SETTINGS'. On the left, there is a 'Cancel Day Cycle' button and four radio button options: 'Every Day' (which is selected), 'Between Days', 'Selected Weekdays', and 'Between Weekdays'. On the right, there is a 'Set Every Day' button.

A Cycle of Every Day will enable the Event to be played every day of the month. This is the default setting for all Events.

The **Set Every Day** button saves the Day cycle setting.

The **Cancel Day Cycle** button removes a Day cycle setting from the Event.

### Between Days

The screenshot shows the 'DAY SETTINGS' panel with the 'Between Days' radio button selected. On the left, there is a 'Cancel Day Cycle' button and four radio buttons: 'Every Day', 'Between Days' (selected), 'Selected Weekdays', and 'Between Weekdays'. On the right, there are two dropdown menus: 'Between' with the value '5' and 'And' with the value '26'. A 'Set Days' button is located at the bottom right.

A Between Days Cycle defines a continuous range of days during which the Event will be played. The range is inclusive of the selected days.

E.g. *Between 5 and 11*, includes days 5,6,7,8,9, 10 and 11 of the month.

The **Set Days** button saves the day cycle setting.

The **Cancel Day Cycle** button removes a day cycle setting from the Event.

### Selected Weekdays

The screenshot shows the 'DAY SETTINGS' panel with the 'Selected Weekdays' radio button selected. On the left, there is a 'Cancel Day Cycle' button and four radio buttons: 'Every Day', 'Between Days', 'Selected Weekdays' (selected), and 'Between Weekdays'. On the right, there is a list of days with checkboxes: Monday (unchecked), Tuesday (checked), Wednesday (unchecked), Thursday (checked), Friday (checked), Saturday (checked), and Sunday (unchecked). A 'Set WeekDays' button is located at the bottom right.

A Selected Weekdays Cycle defines the specific days of the week during which the Event will be played.

The **Set Weekdays** button saves the day cycle setting.

The **Cancel Day Cycle** button removes a day cycle setting from the Event.

### Between Weekdays

The screenshot shows the 'DAY SETTINGS' panel with the 'Between Weekdays' radio button selected. On the left, there is a 'Cancel Day Cycle' button and four radio buttons: 'Every Day', 'Between Days', 'Selected Weekdays', and 'Between Weekdays' (selected). On the right, there are two dropdown menus: 'Between' with the value 'Tuesday' and 'And' with the value 'Friday'. A 'Set WeekDays' button is located at the bottom right.

A Between Weekdays Cycle defines a continuous range of weekdays during which the Event will be played. The range is inclusive of the selected days.

E.g. *Between Tuesday and Friday*, includes Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The **Set Weekdays** button saves the day cycle setting.

The **Cancel Day Cycle** button removes a day cycle setting from the Event.

## Cycle Hour

### Every Hour

The screenshot shows a control panel titled "HOUR SETTINGS". On the left, there is a "Cancel Hour Cycle" button and three radio button options: "Every Hour" (which is selected), "Between Hours", and "Choose Hours". On the right, there is a "Set Every Hour" button.

A Cycle of Every Hour will enable the Event to be played every hour of the day.

The **Set Every Hour** button saves the Hour cycle setting.

The **Cancel Hour Cycle** button removes an Hour cycle setting from the Event.

### Between Hours

The screenshot shows a control panel titled "HOUR SETTINGS". On the left, there is a "Cancel Hour Cycle" button and three radio button options: "Every Hour", "Between Hours" (which is selected), and "Choose Hours". On the right, there are two dropdown menus: "Between" with the value "13" and "And" with the value "18". Below these is a "Set Hours" button.

A Between Hours Cycle defines a continuous range of hours during which the Event will be played.

The range is inclusive of the selected hours.

E.g. *Between 13 and 18* includes the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th hours of the day.

The **Set Hours** button saves the hour cycle setting.

The **Cancel Hour Cycle** button removes an hour cycle setting from the Event.

### Selected Hours

The screenshot shows a control panel titled "HOUR SETTINGS". On the left, there is a "Cancel Hour Cycle" button and three radio button options: "Every Hour", "Between Hours", and "Choose Hours" (which is selected). On the right, there is a grid of checkboxes for each hour of the day (0-23). Hours 4, 5, 6, 7, 17, 19, 20, and 21 are checked. Below the grid is a "Set Hours" button.

A Selected Hours Cycle defines the hours of the day during which the Event will be played.

The **Set Hours** button saves the hour cycle setting.

The **Cancel Hour Cycle** button removes an hour cycle setting from the Event.

## Cycle Minute

### Every Minute

The screenshot shows a control panel titled "MINUTE(S) SETTINGS". On the left, there is a "Cancel Min Cycle" button and three radio button options: "Every Minute" (which is selected), "Between Minutes", and "Choose Minutes". On the right, there is a "Set Every Minute" button.

A Cycle of Every Minute will enable the Event to be played every minute of the hour.

The **Set Every Minute** button saves the minute cycle setting.

The **Cancel Min Cycle** button removes a minute cycle setting from the Event.

### Between Minutes

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "MINUTE(S) SETTINGS". On the left, there are three radio button options: "Every Minute", "Between Minutes" (which is selected), and "Choose Minutes". To the right of these options are two dropdown menus. The first is labeled "Between" and has the value "16" selected. The second is labeled "And" and has the value "35" selected. At the bottom right of the dialog is a "Set Minutes" button. At the top left is a "Cancel Min Cycle" button.

A Between Minutes Cycle defines a continuous range of minutes on which the Event will be triggered. The range is inclusive of the selected minutes.

E.g. *Between 16 and 26* includes minutes 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of the hour.

The **Set Minutes** button saves the minute cycle setting.

The **Cancel Min Cycle** button removes any minute cycle setting from the Event.

### Selected Minutes

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "MINUTE(S) SETTINGS". On the left, there are three radio button options: "Every Minute", "Between Minutes", and "Choose Minutes" (which is selected). To the right of these options is a grid of 60 checkboxes, numbered 0 to 59, representing the minutes of the hour. Several checkboxes are checked, including 0, 3, 10, 14, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 54, and 55. At the bottom right of the dialog is a "Set Minutes" button. At the top left is a "Cancel Min Cycle" button.

A Selected Minutes Cycle defines the specific minutes of the hour during which the Event will be played.

The **Set Minutes** button saves the minute cycle setting.

The **Cancel Min Cycle** button removes any minute cycle setting from the Event.

# BACKUP / RESTORE

This page allows you to save and restore external backup copies of the Show and Playlist data files stored on the E-Streamer's hard disk drive. The external storage medium can be any storage device connected to the local computer, such as a hard drive, floppy drive, flash memory card, or USB mass storage device. Files can also be stored on networked devices, including file servers, shared drives on networked computers, or Network Attached Storage devices.

## Backup Shows

The Backup Shows function enables the transfer of Show data from the Streamer Engine to external storage. The files for one Show can be transferred in each operation. Each Show is composed of two files identified by the Show ID number (*see Show ID on page 19*).

1. The *ShowID.shw* file stores the compressed binary data recorded from each of the Show's DMX streams, and
2. The *ShowID.xml* file stores a description of the Show and its originating data formats, in XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

**Both** Show files are required for successful restoration.

## Select Show

The Show to be archived is selected from the drop down list of Shows currently stored in the E-Streamer.

## Check Show Files

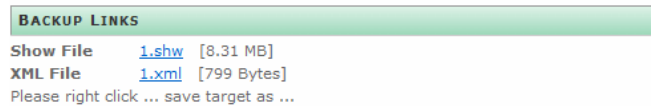
Pressing the **Check >>** button tests the integrity of the Show files, then opens a window reporting on their status.

Proceed with the file backup only if the Show File Check shows the file status as verified.

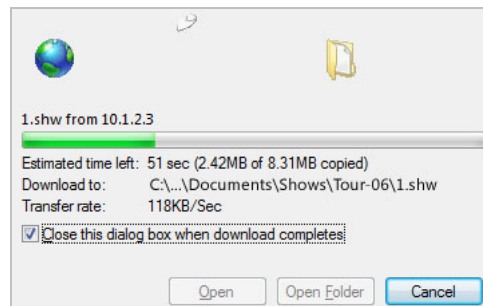


## Copy Show Files

Pressing the **Backup** button displays [hyperlinks](#) to the Show files stored on the E-Streamer.



The files may be copied to the external storage location by right-clicking each hyperlink (or ctrl-click with Mac OS) and selecting the option equivalent to Save Target As... or Save Link As... (varies with browser and operating system). This allows selection of the target location and file name for each of the files comprising the selected Show.



The operating system then copies the selected file to your archive location.

**This process must be repeated for both files of each Show that requires an external backup.**

An alternate approach is to use an FTP (File Transfer Protocol) client to transfer the Show files directly from the `/shows/` folder on the Streamer Engine to your external archive location. (see *Backup and Restore using an FTP client on page 34*). It is advisable to use the Check Show Files function to validate all files before making archival copies.

## Restore Shows

The Restore Shows function enables Windows 2000 and Windows XP users running Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser to restore Show data from external storage to the Streamer Engine.

Users of other operating systems such as Windows Vista, Mac OS and all releases of Linux or Unix, or web browsers such as Opera, Firefox, Safari, Konqueror or Netscape, must use an FTP (File Transfer Protocol) client to restore Show files from external storage (see *Backup and Restore using an FTP client on page 34*).

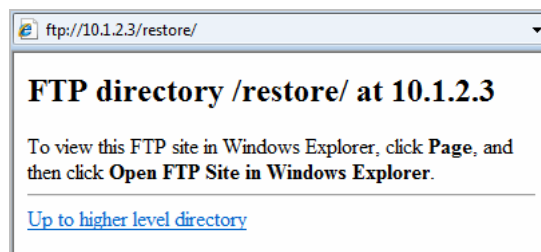
Each Show is composed of two files identified by the Show ID number (see *Show ID on page 19*).

1. The **ShowID.shw** file stores the compressed binary data recorded from each of the Show's DMX streams, and
2. The **ShowID.xml** file stores a description of the Show and its originating data formats, in XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

**Both** Show files are required for successful restoration.

## Open Restore Location

Selecting the Open Restore Location option opens an Internet Explorer window into the `/restore/` folder on the Streamer Engine using the built-in File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server.



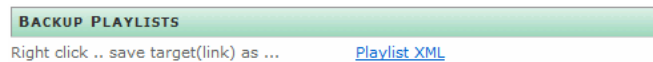
Files may be transferred from an external storage location, by opening the location in Windows Explorer, then dragging and dropping the files into the `/restore/` window in Internet Explorer.

Immediately after the completion of file transfers E-Streamer processes the Show files, resolving any

clashes with existing ShowIDs or Show names, then relocates them to the */shows/* folder.

**This process works only with Internet Explorer on Windows 2000 or Windows XP.**

## Backup Playlist

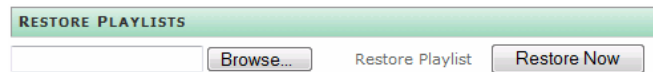


The Playlist file may be copied to the external storage location by right-clicking the [Playlist XML](#) hyperlink (or ctrl-click with Mac OS) and selecting the option equivalent to Save Target As... or Save Link As... (varies with browser and operating system). This allows selection of the target location and file name for the archived Playlist file. It is recommended to retain the original file name to simplify restoring the Playlist. Multiple Playlists should be stored in separate folders or storage locations.

The operating system then copies the Playlist file to your archive location.

An alternate approach is to use an FTP (File Transfer Protocol) client to transfer the Playlist file directly from the */shows/* folder on the Streamer Engine to your external archive location. (see *Backup and Restore using an FTP client below*).

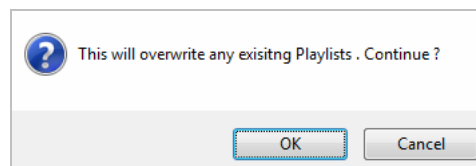
## Restore Playlist



The Restore Playlist function allows an archived E-Streamer Playlist file to be restored from an external location. The file path and file name may be entered directly into the text box or the **Browse...** button may be used to open a file browsing window to locate the Playlist file to be restored. The file to be restored must be named *plist.xml*.

**This operation will overwrite the existing Playlist.**

Pressing the Restore Now button produces a dialogue box to confirm the restore operation.



If the selected file is a valid Playlist file, E-Streamer displays the message:

**Playlist Restored successfully**

If the file name is not *plist.xml*, or if the contents of the file are not valid Playlist XML data, a message detailing the problem is displayed.

Invalid XML file. XML is not correct  
Invalid XML file. Incorrect Name

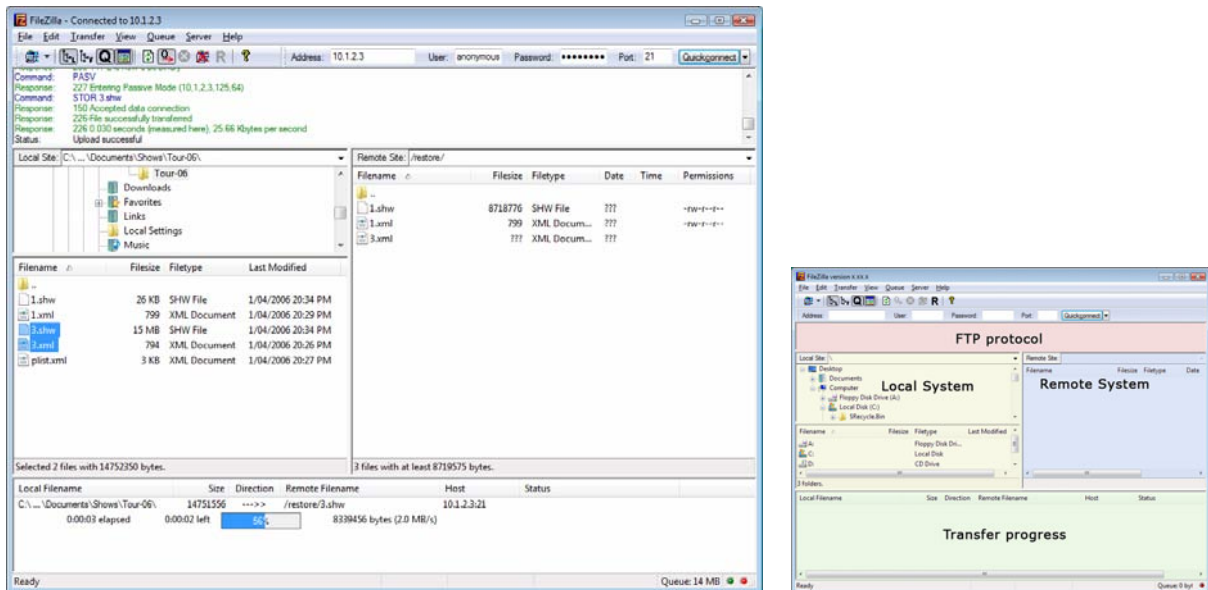
If the Playlist file is restored directly using an FTP client, the contents of the file are not validated.

## Backup and Restore using an FTP client

E-Streamer includes a public File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server on port 21 that provides access to the Show data stored on the removable hard drive. This enables file backup and restore operations to be performed using any available FTP client.

Suitable clients include the powerful (but not for the faint-hearted) command line tool **ftp** that is available on most operating systems, and much friendlier applications such as **WS\_FTP** and **FileZilla** for Windows, **Fetch** for the Mac, and **gFTP** and dozens of others that run on Linux.

## Screen Layout



The format used by the vast majority of FTP clients is to display two main windows, one showing the files on your local (client) computer and the other showing the files on the remote FTP server system (in this case, an E-Streamer). The screens shown are from the free, public domain, FileZilla FTP client, but the main features are common to all modern FTP clients.

### Local System panel

Displays folders and files on your local computer.

Allows the selection of files to be sent to the E-Streamer (remote system).

Allows selection of the destination folders for files being received from E-Streamer (remote system).

### Remote System panel

Displays folders and files on E-Streamer (remote system).

Allows the selection of files to be sent to your local computer.

Allows selection of the destination folders for files being received from your local computer.

### FTP protocol window

Displays the raw FTP protocol commands and responses being exchanged between the client and server systems as a result of your actions with the client software. The contents of this window are a useful diagnostic tool for advanced FTP troubleshooting.

### Transfer progress window

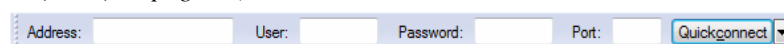
Displays the status of the file transfers currently in progress.

## Connecting to E-Streamer

To connect to an FTP server such as E-Streamer, the client requires the IP address for the server and login details for a user account.

The E-Streamer's IP address can be obtained from:

- The **IP Address** displayed on the Welcome page of the Web Interface (*see Network Information on page 11*), or
- The **Primary Interface** address displayed on the Network Interfaces panel of the Settings page of the Web Interface (*see Network Interfaces on page 41*), or
- The **IP1** address displayed on Network menu of the E-Streamer's LCD screen (*see ←MAIN*
- *Pressing the ←MAIN* button returns the LCD panel to the Streamer Engine Main Menu.
- *Network Menu (NET) on page 51*).



The E-Streamer's FTP server is configured for "anonymous FTP" access and does not require a user account name or password before opening a connection. Although some FTP clients may insist on the entry of the user name "anonymous" and an email address as a password before connecting (any email address is acceptable), this is not required by E-Streamer. FileZilla users need only enter the E-

Streamer's IP address then press the **Quickconnect** button to open an FTP connection.

E-Streamer's FTP server operates on the Internet standard TCP port 21 which is the default port for most FTP clients.

### Show files on the E-Streamer

All show data files on the E-Streamer are located in the */shows/* folder in the top level (root) folder of the FTP server. File and folder navigation on an FTP client is similar to navigation on your operating system.

Filename	Filesize	Filetype	Date	Time	Permissions
..		File Folder	22/03/2006	13:26	lrwxr-xr-x
restore		File Folder	22/03/2006	13:26	lrwxr-xr-x

### Show data

Each Show is composed of two files identified by the Show ID number (*see Show ID on page 19*).

1. The **ShowID.shw** file stores the compressed binary data recorded from each of the Show's DMX streams, and
2. The **ShowID.xml** file stores a description of the Show and its originating data formats, in XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

**Both** files are required for successful backup and restoration of each Show.

Show files are backed up from the */shows/* folder, but must be restored to the */restore/* folder.

Immediately after the completion of file transfers into the */restore/* folder, E-Streamer processes the Show files, resolving any clashes with existing ShowIDs or Show names, then relocates them to the */shows/* folder.

### Playlist data

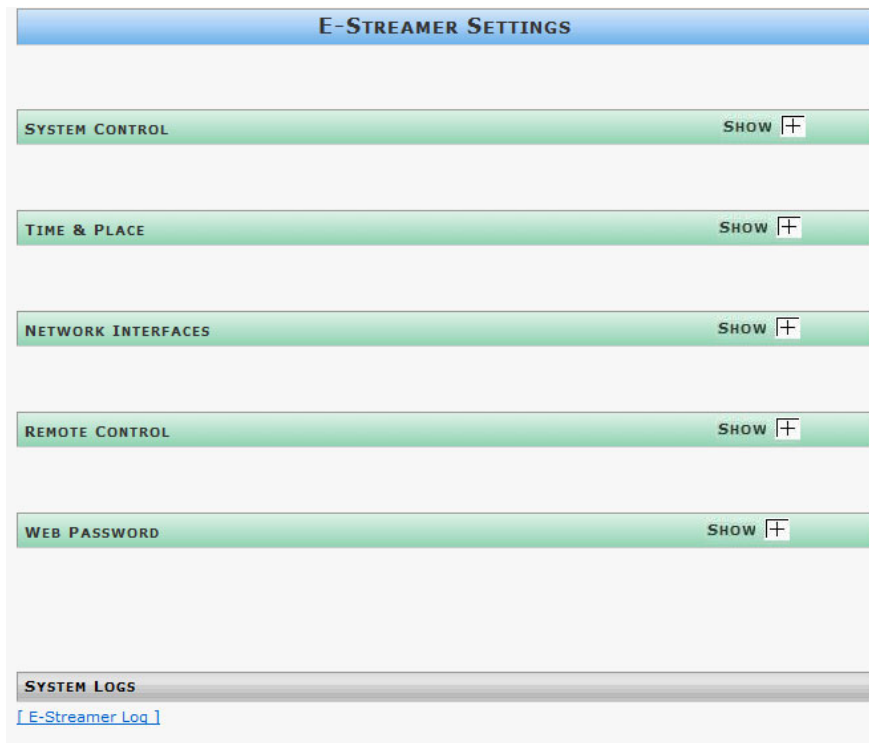
All Playlist data is stored in the file *plist.xml* in the */shows/* folder.

The Playlist file is backed up from the */shows/* folder, but wherever possible should be restored using the Restore Playlist function, as this process includes important file content validation. (*See Restore Playlist on page 34*)

### Sources for downloading FTP clients

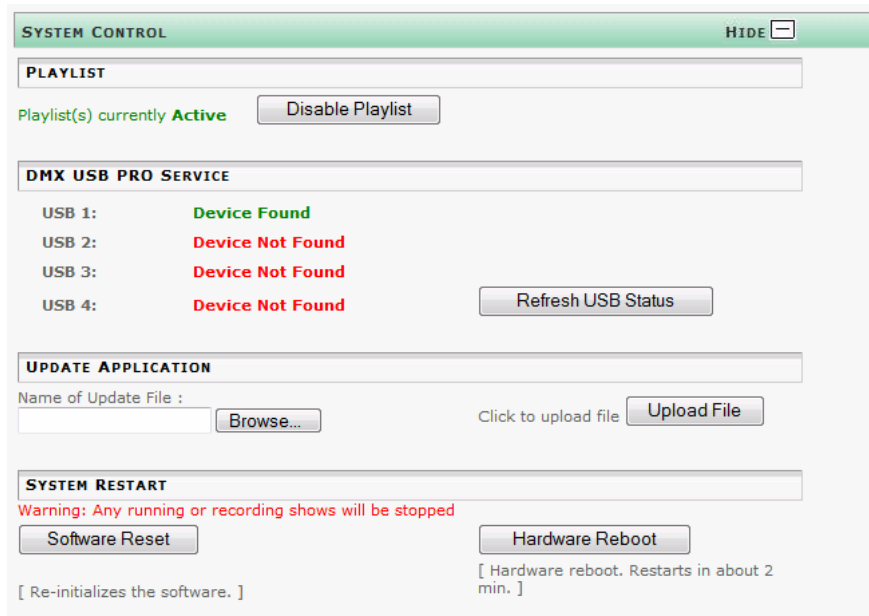
Client	Platform	Source
Filezilla	Windows	<a href="http://filezilla.sourceforge.net">filezilla.sourceforge.net</a>
WS_FTP	Windows	<a href="http://www.ipswitch.com">www.ipswitch.com</a>
Fetch	Mac	<a href="http://www.fetchsoftworks.com">www.fetchsoftworks.com</a>
gFTP	Linux	<a href="http://gftp.seul.org">gftp.seul.org</a>

# SETTINGS



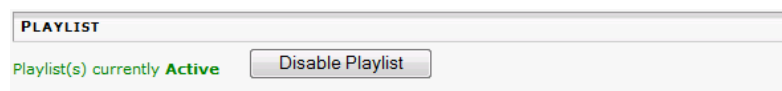
The System Settings page allows configuration of a range of Streamer Engine system, network and communications settings.

## System Control



## Playlist

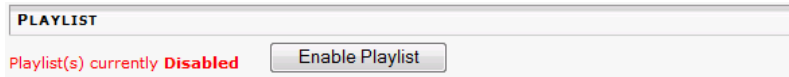
The Playlist is the scheduler at the heart of all E-Streamer Show replay, and must be enabled (the factory default configuration) for normal operation. However there may be times when programming, configuring, or testing the E-Streamer or the DMX network, when it may be convenient to temporarily suspend operation of the Playlist, without modifying its contents.



To suspend Playlist operations, select the *Disable Playlist* button.

**Playlist Disabled**

While the Playlist is disabled, a reminder message is displayed at the bottom of the main navigation menu. Pressing the **Playlist Disabled** button returns to the system settings page.

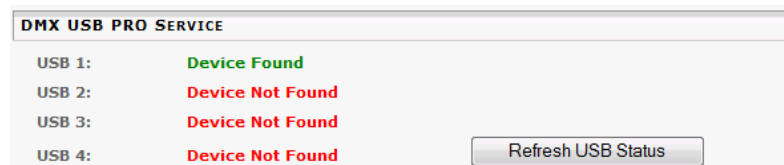


To restore Playlist operations, select the **Enable Playlist** button.

Don't forget to check that you restored Playlist operations before creating your E-Streamer fault ticket on the Enttec support system.

## DMX USB Pro connections

The E-Streamer supports direct DMX512 data input and output through the Enttec DMX USB Pro interface. Up to four DMX USB Pros may be connected to the USB ports on the rear panel of the E-Streamer.



Each DMX USB Pro is automatically identified and enabled when it is connected to the E-Streamer system, and its presence shown in the DMX USB Pro section.

The **Refresh USB Status** button, updates the screen to show any recent changes to the list of connected interfaces.

If more than one DMX USB Pro is to be used, it is advisable to connect all devices to the E-Streamer, then perform a Hardware Reboot before configuring Shows that include DMX streams from these interfaces.

## USB Device Identification

### Live Connection

When a DMX USB Pro is connected to a running E-Streamer, it is allocated the next available device number [1 -4], independently of which USB port it is connected to. However the device number may change after a Streamer Engine reboot.

### System Reboot

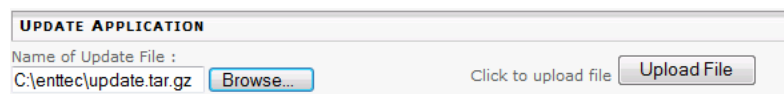
During the Streamer Engine start-up sequence, any connected DMX USB Pros will be allocated device numbers in the priority sequence shown in the picture below.



For example, if DMX USB Pros are connected to sockets 2 and 4, then at start-up, the DMX USB Pro in socket 2 will be assigned USB device number 1 and the DMX USB Pro in socket 4 will be assigned USB device number 2.

During DMX USB Pro identification and connection the system log screen on the Streamer Engine (see *Streamer Engine screens on page 54*) will display messages regarding *FTDI* devices. (FTDI manufacture the communications chip in the DMX USB Pro).

## Update Application



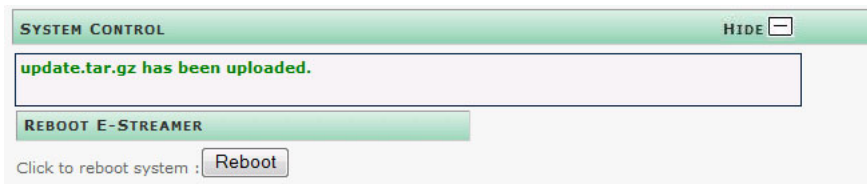
The Update Application function provides a facility to update the firmware (internal software) that runs the E-Streamer. To obtain the latest revision of this software, visit the E-Streamer page in the **Downloads** section of the Enttec website at [www.enttec.com](http://www.enttec.com) and download the latest version to your computer.

**The Update Application process will terminate all Recording and Playback activities.**

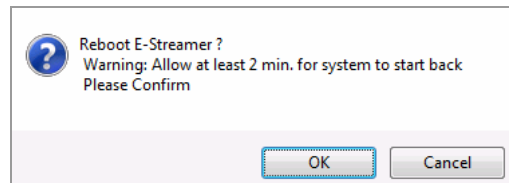
The **Browse** button opens a standard file selection dialogue to locate the packed archive file


containing the new version of the E-Streamer software. The file is usually named **update.tar.gz**.

Selecting the **Upload File** button transfers the update file to the E-Streamer and initiates the installation process. When the upload is complete, the top of the page will display:



Selecting the **Reboot** button will produce a dialogue box to confirm the reboot operation.




 The Streamer Engine will go offline for approximately two minutes while shutting down and rebooting. During this time, the web browser will report that the server is unavailable.

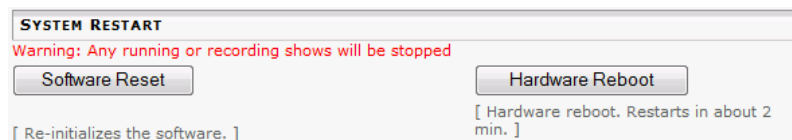
### Firmware Updates using USB

Alternatively, you can also update the E-Streamer firmware using a USB mass storage device.

- Copy the update file into the root directory of a USB mass storage device.
- Plug the mass storage device into any USB port on the rear of the Streamer Engine
- From the **USB** menu on the LCD panel (*see* ←MAIN
- *Pressing the* ←MAIN *button returns the LCD panel to the Streamer Engine Main Menu.*
- *Settings Menu on page 51)* select the **RESTORE** button and confirm the restore process when prompted.

 The Streamer Engine will then go offline for approximately two minutes while shutting down and rebooting. During this time, the web browser will report that the server is unavailable.

### System Restart



#### Software Reset

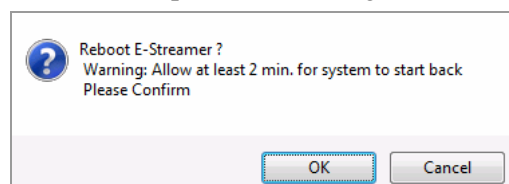
Selecting the Software Reset button terminates and restarts the E-Streamer software and the Web Interface, a process that takes about 10 - 20 seconds.


**Note that a software reset will terminate all Recording and Playback activities.**

#### Hardware Reboot

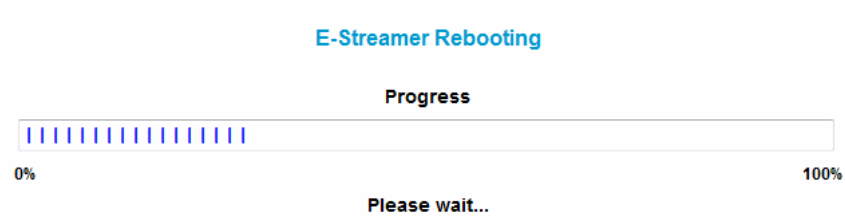
A hardware reboot must be performed after each software upgrade or network IP change. A reboot is the equivalent to shutting down and re-starting the E-Streamer.

Selecting the **Hardware Reboot** button produces a dialogue box to confirm the reboot operation.

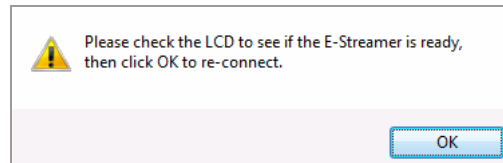


 The Streamer Engine will go offline for approximately two minutes while shutting down and rebooting.

**Note that rebooting terminates all Recording and Playback activities.**

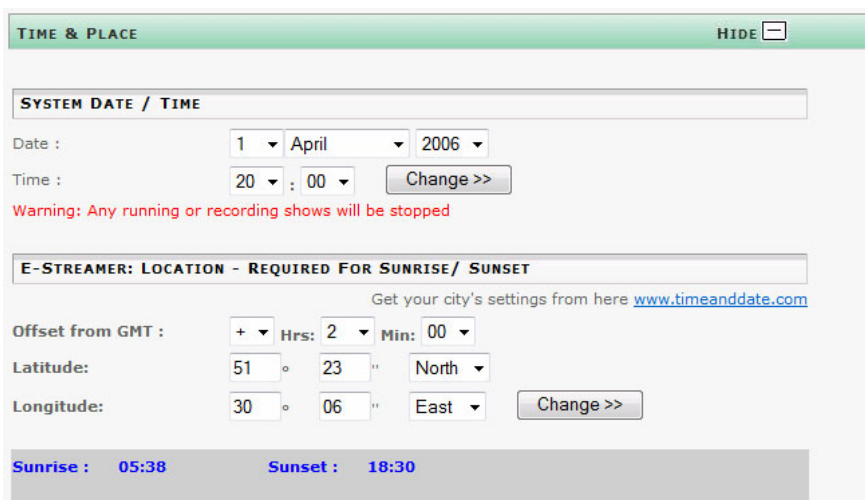


The progress bar indicates the estimated status of the reboot process. After approximately two minutes a message is displayed.



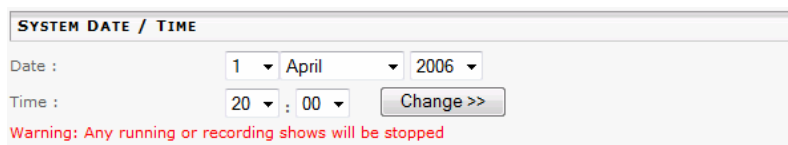
When the Streamer Engine is on line, the Main Menu is displayed on the LCD screen (see Main Menu on page 49). If it is not ready, the web browser will report that the server is unavailable.

## Time and Place



### System Date / Time

The date and time are used by the E-Streamer for scheduling calculations, and should be set to match the time zone where the E-Streamer is located. Adjustments for local daylight savings/summer time are not automatically calculated by E-Streamer and should be included in the time entered.



### Date Range

The E-Streamer only accepts valid dates, rolling over where dates such April 31 are entered.

### Year Range

Only the years immediately before or after the current system year may be selected.

### Time Format

All E-Streamer times are in 24 hour format

### Time Zone Data

Information on time zones and daylight savings times is available from [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com)

To upload the new time and date settings to the Streamer Engine, select the adjacent **Change >>** button.

**All running and recording Shows are terminated when time and date settings are changed.**



## E-Streamer Location

To use E-Streamer's astronomical scheduling capabilities for triggering events in relation to Sunrise and Sunset times, the time zone and geographic location of the E-Streamer are required.

### Offset from GMT

The time zone entry required is the offset from GMT (UTC) for the E-Streamer's current location. Adjustments for local daylight savings/summer time are not automatically calculated by E-Streamer and should be included in the offset.

### Geographic Location

The latitude and longitude of the E-Streamer's location should be entered to the nearest minute.

### Today's Sunrise and Sunset

The times displayed are calculated daily for the current location and time zone.

### Location Data

Information on latitude and longitude, time zones and daylight savings times, is available from [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com).

It may also be available from a nearby GPS receiver or navigation system.

To upload new location settings to the Streamer Engine, select the adjacent **Change >>** button.

## Network Interfaces

The Streamer Engine has two 10/100Mbps Ethernet network interfaces. Although both interfaces can connect to the E-Streamer's Web Interface, the primary interface should be used for all communications. The secondary interface is used only for direct data streaming to auxiliary devices.

The interface currently connecting to the E-Streamer Web Interface will be identified by the label [ACTIVE].

If an interface has been allocated its IP address by a DHCP server, it will be identified by the label Currently Using DHCP. If the IP address has been set by entering data into **IP Address** boxes, it will be identified by the label Manually Configured.

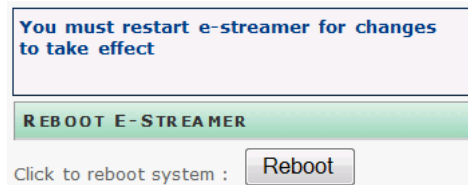
## Primary Interface

### IP Address

The factory default primary IP address is 10.1.2.3, with a network mask of 255.0.0.0, however any valid IP address may be entered manually into the **IP Address** and **Net Mask** boxes, then uploaded by selecting the adjacent **Change »** button.


E-Streamer expects IP addresses to be entered in the standard IP version 4 *nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn* format (where *nnn* is a decimal number between 0 and 255. Eg. 172.16.103.254). Any other entry will be ignored.

When the new address has been uploaded the screen displays the message:



To activate the new address, select the **Reboot** button.

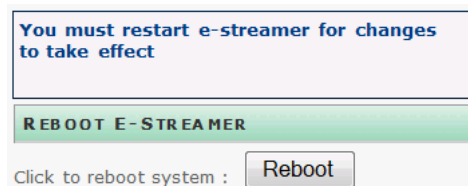
**Note that rebooting will terminate all Recording and Playback activities.**

 The Streamer Engine will go offline for approximately two minutes while shutting down and rebooting.

To access the Web Interface, you will need to direct your browser to the new primary IP address after the Streamer Engine has rebooted. This can be found by selecting the NET button on the LCD menu system, where the address is shown as IP1.


### DHCP

To enable the primary IP address to be allocated by the network DHCP server, select the **Use DHCP** button. When the DHCP setting has been changed, the screen displays the message:



To activate DHCP, select the **Reboot** button.

**Note that rebooting will terminate all Recording and Playback activities.**

 The Streamer Engine will go offline for approximately two minutes while shutting down and rebooting.

To access the Web Interface, you will need to direct your browser to the new primary IP address after the Streamer Engine has rebooted. This can be found as IP 1 on the **NET** screen of the LCD menu system.

### Gateway Address

The Gateway Address is the IP address of the LAN device that provides a gateway to other networks and possibly also to the Internet. This address is relevant only if your DMX-over-Ethernet network requires connections outside the LAN.

If DHCP is enabled for the Primary Interface, the Gateway Address will be supplied automatically by the network DHCP server.

The address may also be entered manually into the **Gateway** IP address boxes, and then uploaded by selecting the Primary Interface **Change »** button.

E-Streamer expects IP addresses to be entered in the standard IP version 4 *nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn* format (where *nnn* is a decimal number between 0 and 255. Eg. 172.16.103.254). Any other entry will be ignored.

## Secondary Interface

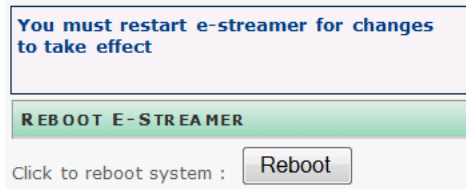
### IP Address

The factory default is for the secondary interface to seek its address from the network DHCP server,

however any valid IP address may be entered manually into the **IP Address** and **Net Mask** boxes, then uploaded by selecting the adjacent **Change »** button.


E-Streamer expects IP addresses to be entered in the standard IP version 4 *nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn* format (where *nnn* is a decimal number between 0 and 255. Eg. 172.16.103.254). Any other entry will be ignored.

When the new address has been uploaded the screen displays the message:



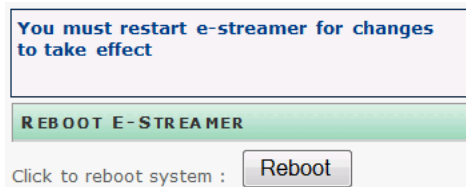
To activate the new address, select the **Reboot** button.

**Note that rebooting will terminate all Recording and Playback activities.**

 The Streamer Engine will go offline for approximately two minutes while shutting down and rebooting.


### DHCP

To enable the IP address for the secondary interface to be allocated by the network DHCP server, select the **Use DHCP** button. When the DHCP setting has been changed, the screen displays the message:

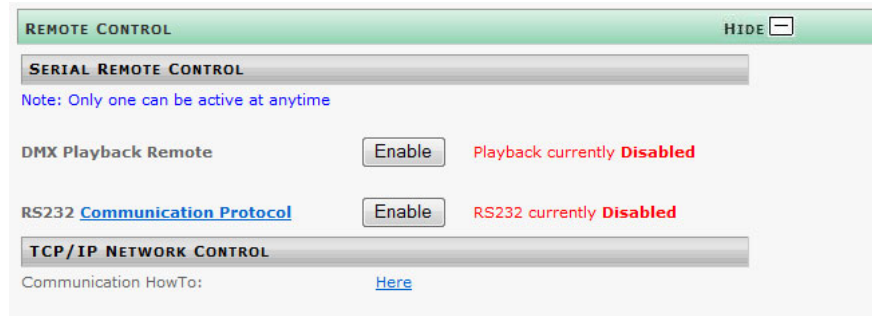


To activate DHCP, select the **Reboot** button

**Note that rebooting will terminate all Recording and Playback activities.**

 The Streamer Engine will go offline for approximately two minutes while shutting down and rebooting.

## Remote Control



## Serial Remote Control

E-Streamer can be remotely controlled via RS232 through the serial port on the rear of the panel of the E-Streamer.

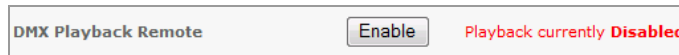
### DMX PlayBack Remote



Enttec's DMXPlayBack Remote unit can be plugged into the Streamer Engine's RS-232 serial communications port via an adaptor unit which is available separately from Enttec.

The remote unit uses the Enttec serial control protocol to control playback of the first 12 Shows [Show IDs 1 - 12] in the E-Streamer.

The PlayBack Remote is disabled by factory default.



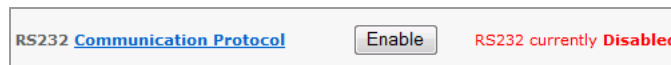
To enable control by a DMXPlayBack remote unit, select the **Enable** button.

As control by PlayBack Remote is mutually exclusive to control via the RS232 remote protocol, this action will disable remote control via RS232.



To disable control by a DMXPlayBack Remote unit, select the **Disable** button.

### RS232 Remote



To enable control via the RS232 protocol, select the **Enable** button.

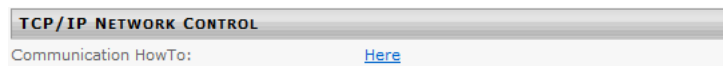
This action will disable remote control via a DMXPlayBack remote unit.



To disable control via the RS232 protocol, select the **Disable** button.

The [Communication Protocol](#) link displays the full E-Streamer R232 communications protocol.

## TCP/IP Network Control

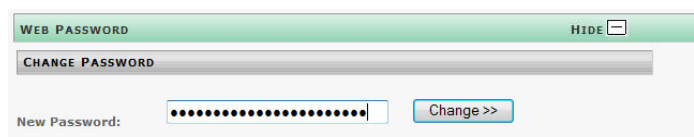


The E-Streamer can be remote controlled via TCP port 3000, on its Web Interface IP address. The control protocol includes RS commands for the creation, recording, replay, pausing and deletion of Shows.

### Communication HowTo

This is a link to the application note describing how to implement network communication with the Streamer Engine. Engineers and system developers will probably find this absolutely riveting.

## Web Password



Access to E-Streamer's Web Interface may be protected by a password. By default no password is set and the Web Interface is open to everyone.

## Change Password

A new password for E-Streamer may be set by entering any string of text into the **New Password** box and pressing the **Change »** button will produce the message.

PASSWORD CHANGED SUCCESSFULLY

All access to the Web Interface will require entry of the system username (*admin*) and password.

## Remove Password Requirement

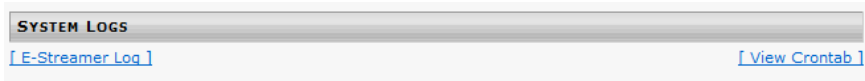
To remove the requirement for password access to the Web Interface, leave the **New Password** box blank and press the **Change »** button.

## Reset System Password

E-Streamer's Web Password requirement can be removed with the Password Reset option on the Settings menu of the LCD Panel (*see*

Password Reset (PASSW) on page 52).

## System Logs



### E-Streamer Log

The E-Streamer's system log is a chronological record of system events. The log can be very valuable in diagnosing system configuration problems and errors in command sequences.

The most recent events are at the end of the file.

```

20:00:00: ENTTEC E-Streamer www.enttec.com
20:00:00: ESTREAMER V1.XX-XXXX
20:00:00: Waiting for connections on Port 3000
20:00:00: Show Data stored in /shows/
20:00:00: Network info:
20:00:00: OS Hostname: blackbox IP Address: 10.1.2.3
20:00:00: Current Date: 04/01/06 20:00:11:
20:00:00: Art-Net sending on 10.255.255.255
20:00:00: ESP sending on 10.255.255.255
20:00:00: Enabled Console Display
20:00:11: STATUS: Got PLAY Command for show id 1 loop: -1
20:03:05: STATUS: Got Init Command for show id 0
20:03:26: STATUS: Got Init Command for show id 0
20:06:10: STATUS: Got PAUSE Command for show id 1
20:06:13: STATUS: Got PAUSE Command for show id 1
20:07:07: STATUS: Got STOP Command for show id 1
20:11:34: STATUS: Got PLAY Command for show id 1 loop: -1

```

### Crontab

The E-Streamer's crontab file contains the current settings for the Show replay scheduling system which is based on the Unix *cron* daemon. The crontab listing can be very valuable to assist Enttec Technical Support in diagnosing scheduling problems.

```

01 00 * * * /usr/local/bin/php /app/edit_cron.php
37 20 * * * /app/auto_cron 1 1 0
45 18 * * * 2-6 /app/auto_cron 7 1 -1
50 08 * 1-6 * /app/auto_cron 4 1
02 21,22 * * * /app/auto_cron 2 1 -1
00 01 * * * /app/auto_cron 4 0
00 02 * * * /app/auto_cron 2 0

```

# LCD PANEL

## LCD Screen Format

All E-Streamer LCD screens have a menu title, one or two lines of information, and a row of labels for the seven buttons under the LCD display. Only buttons that are active for the current screen have labels above them.

The LCD terminal panel is active whenever the E-Streamer is connected to a mains power supply, even if the Streamer Engine is powered off.

## LCD Menu System

[Continuously available]

### System

BACK  
LCD  
RESET (RST)  
ON  
OFF

[Available only after power up]

### Main

#### Shows

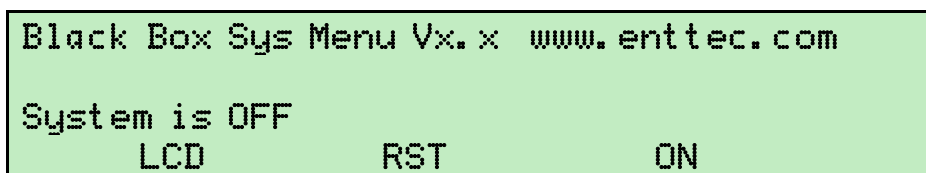
PREVIOUS (PREV)  
NEXT  
PLAY  
STOP  
PAUSE (PAUS)  
RESUME (RESUM)  
RECORD (REC)  
←MAIN

#### Settings (SETT)

←MAIN  
PASSWORD (PASSW)  
BACKUP (BACKP)  
RESTORE (RESTR)

#### Network (NET)

## System Menu



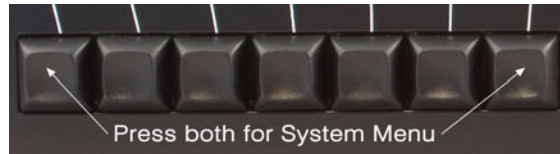
The LCD system menu is displayed when the E-Streamer is initially connected to its mains power supply.

The screen title includes the version number for the firmware (system software) running on the LCD terminal, and the address of the Enttec web site [www.enttec.com](http://www.enttec.com), where further information on the E-Streamer is available.

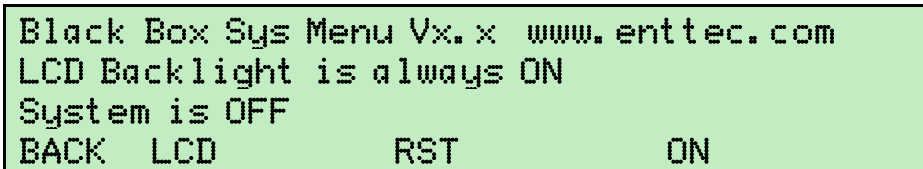
The Streamer Engine's operational status is displayed in the information section.

## Return to the System Menu

To return to the LCD System Menu at any time: simultaneously press the two outer buttons on the row below the LCD display. Pressing these buttons a second time, takes the LCD display back to the Streamer Engine Main Menu.



## LCD

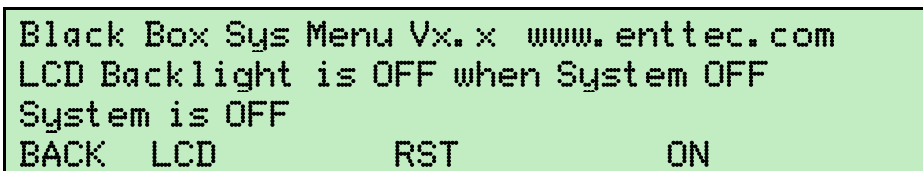


The **LCD** button has a toggle action, controlling the backlighting for the LCD display.

If the backlighting is set to OFF, pressing this button will set it to ON.

If the backlighting is set to ON, pressing this button will set it to OFF.

When the **LCD** function is set to ON, the screen backlight will be on whenever the E-Streamer is connected to its mains power supply.



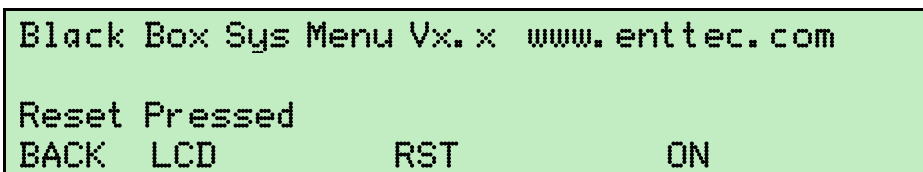
When the **LCD** function is set to OFF, the screen backlight will only be on if the Streamer Engine is running.

## Back


The **BACK** function is only available when the Streamer Engine is running.

Pressing the **BACK** button takes the LCD display back to the Streamer Engine Main Menu.

## Reset (RST)



The **RESET** function is only available when the Streamer Engine is running.

 Pressing the **RESET** button is similar to pressing the Reset button on a desktop computer. All Streamer Engine operations are terminated immediately. The Streamer Engine then runs through its boot up sequence, a process that takes approximately two minutes.


When the Streamer Engine is ready for operation, the LCD panel switches to the Main Menu, and the Streamer Engine system console screen (*see Streamer Engine screens on page 54*) displays the message **login:**



## On

```
Black Box Sys Menu Vx.x www.enttec.com
System is Booting ...
BACK LCD RST OFF
```

The **ON** function is only available when the Streamer Engine is not running.

 Pressing the **ON** button powers up the Streamer Engine and starts its boot up sequence, a process that takes approximately two minutes.

When the Streamer Engine is ready for operation, the LCD panel switches to the Main Menu, and the Streamer Engine system console screen (see *Streamer Engine screens on page 54*) displays the message **login:**

## Off

```
Black Box Sys Menu Vx.x www.enttec.com
System is Shutting Down
BACK LCD RST OFF
```

The **OFF** function is only available when the Streamer Engine is running.

Pressing the **OFF** button runs the Streamer Engine shut down sequence. When all open files are closed and all running tasks are terminated, the Streamer Engine powers down. This process takes approximately half a minute.

## Main Menu

```
***** E-Streamer Main Menu *****
20:00:00 Sat 01-Apr-2006 CPU: 03.41
Shows Run: 2 Disk: 20 GB
SHOWS ... .. SETT ... NET
```

The Streamer Engine Main Menu displays:

- System date and time used for scheduling.
- CPU (system processor) utilisation as a percentage of total capacity.
- Number of shows currently running.
- Available hard disk space (rounded down to the nearest gigabyte)

## Show Menu

The Show Information Menu provides basic control functions for Shows previously configured from the Show Configuration screen on the Streamer Engine's web interface. The menu displays the ID number, name and record/replay status of a single Show, and provides manual initiation and pausing of the record and play functions for that Show.

Where no Shows are currently configured the only option is to return to the Main Menu.

```
*****Show Information Menu*****
No Shows to Display !!
Please configure shows via web interface
<MAIN ... .. <MAIN
```

```
*****Show Information Menu*****
```

```

Id: 1   Name: ABBA on Ice
Status:   STOPPED
PREV NEXT PLAY          REC   ←MAIN
    
```

**Previous (PREV)**

The **PREVIOUS** function steps the Show Information Menu on to the Show with an ID immediately lower than the one currently being displayed.

**Next**

The **NEXT** function steps the Show Information Menu on to the Show with an ID immediately higher than the one currently being displayed.

Previous and Next are wrap-around functions. When the end of the Show list is reached, the function will continue to step through Shows, starting from the other end of the list.

**Play**

```

*****Show Information Menu*****
Id: 1   Name: ABBA on Ice
Status:   PLAYING
PREV NEXT   STOP PAUS          ←MAIN
    
```

The **PLAY** function is only available when the current Show already has recorded DMX data.

Pressing the **PLAY** button starts the output streams for the current Show from the first frame of the recording.

**Record (REC)**

```

*****Show Information Menu*****
ID: 2   Name: Human Cannon – Tues
Record will Overwrite! Proceed?
...    ...    ...    NO    ...    YES    ←MAIN
    
```

The **RECORD** function erases all recorded data for the currently displayed Show.

Confirmation of your intention to overwrite the existing Show is required before proceeding.

```

*****Show Information Menu*****
Id: 2   Name: Human Cannon – Tues
Status:   RECORDING
PREV NEXT   STOP PAUS          ←MAIN
    
```

The **RECORD** function records the DMX streams defined in the Show Configuration screen on the Streamer Engine's web interface. The length of the recording is limited only by the available hard disk space in the Streamer Engine.

**Pause (PAUS)**

```

*****Show Information Menu*****
Id: 1   Name: ABBA on Ice
Status:   PAUSED
PREV NEXT   STOP RESUM        ←MAIN
    
```

The **PAUSE** function is only available when the currently displayed Show is either playing or recording.

Pressing the **PAUSE** button temporarily stops the record or play process for the currently displayed Show and enables the **RESUME** function.

When **PAUSE** is pressed in play mode, output is frozen at the last frame in each DMX stream.

When **PAUSE** is pressed in record mode, recording is stopped at the last frame in each DMX stream.

### Resume (RESUM)

The **RESUME** function is only available when the currently displayed Show is paused.

Pressing the **RESUME** button continues the previously paused record or play process.

When **RESUME** is pressed in play mode, output in each DMX stream continues from the frame at which the **PAUSE** button was pressed.

When **RESUME** is pressed in record mode, recording continues from directly after the last recorded frame in each DMX stream.

### Stop

The **STOP** function is only available when the currently displayed Show is playing, recording or paused.

Pressing the **STOP** button terminates the record or replay session for the currently displayed show.

Subsequent play or record operations commence at the start of the recorded Show data.

### ←MAIN

Pressing the **←MAIN** button returns the LCD panel to the Streamer Engine Main Menu.

## Network Menu (NET)

```
***** Network Information Menu *****
IP1: 10.1.2.3      Mask:      255.0.0.0
IP2: DOWN         Bcast: 10.255.255.255
←MAIN GWay: 10.2.0.2      ←MAIN
```

The Network Menu displays:

- ♦ IP address of the primary network interface (IP1).
- ♦ Network mask for the primary interface.
- ♦ Broadcast address for the primary network interface.
- ♦ IP address of the secondary interface (IP2).
- ♦ IP address for the network gateway device.

All network parameters are set from the Network Interfaces panel on the web interface Settings page. (See *Network Interfaces* on page 41)

### ←MAIN

Pressing the **←MAIN** button returns the LCD panel to the Streamer Engine Main Menu.

## Settings Menu (SETT)

```
***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****

                Select an Option
←MAIN ... PASSW ... BACKP ... RESTR
```

### ←MAIN

Pressing the **←MAIN** button returns the LCD panel to the Streamer Engine Main Menu.

### Password Reset (PASSW)

```

***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
      [ Reset Web Password ]
      Confirm please - Continue Y/N?
  <MAIN  ...    ...    ...    YES  ...    NO
    
```

The **PASSWORD RESET** function allows the Web Interface password requirement to be removed, without entering the current password.

```

***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
      Password Reset Successful
  <MAIN  ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    BACK
    
```

The Web Interface will be open and accessible to everyone without requiring a password.

The **BACKUP** and **RESTORE** functions allow the creation and retrieval of archival copies of the Shows on the Streamer Engine's hard disk drive.

Archives are transferred through any Streamer Engine USB port to a USB mass storage device, such as a USB flash drive or external USB hard drive.

All files are stored in the root directory of the mass storage device. These include system and Show configuration files, Playlist files, and highly compressed Show data files. The archive files typically require only 10 - 15% of the space they occupy on the Streamer Engine's internal disk drive.

A single archival USB mass storage device should be connected to E-Streamer prior to attempting any backup or restore operations.

The System Log screen on the Streamer Engine displays the system mounting and unmounting USB mass storage devices (*see System Log [Alt + F2] on page 54*).

### Backup (BACKP)

```

***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
      [ Backup all shows to USB ]
      Running shows will STOP - Continue Y/N?
  <MAIN  ...    ...    ...    YES  ...    NO
    
```

The **BACKUP** function creates a compressed archival copy of E-Streamer system configuration and all Show data on a standard USB mass storage device. As the archiving process requires full access to system resources, running Shows are automatically stopped before the backup process begins.

**Existing E-Streamer files on the USB mass storage device are overwritten.**

```

***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
      [..... Processing.....]
      Please wait
  <MAIN  ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...
    
```

Processing time is dependent on the amount of Show data to be compressed and transferred to the USB mass storage device, but is usually completed in less than one minute.

```

***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
      Backup successful
      Safe to remove USB mass storage device
  <MAIN  ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...
    
```

On completion of the backup process, the USB mass storage device can be safely disconnected.

```

***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
    
```

```
Backup failed
←MAIN  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...
```

The backup process may fail if there is insufficient space on the USB mass storage device or if the device is not properly mounted

### Restore (RESTR)

```
***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
[ Restore all shows from USB ]
E-Streamer will REBOOT - Continue Y/N?
←MAIN  ...  ...  ...  YES  ...  NO
```

The **RESTORE** function replaces the current E-Streamer system configuration and all Show data with the archived files from a standard USB mass storage device.


If the root directory of the USB mass storage device contains an E-Streamer firmware update file (usually named *update.tar.gz*), the **RESTORE** function will update the internal operating software of the E-Streamer.

**All current Show and configuration data in the E-Streamer is permanently overwritten.**

It is advisable to make a backup copy of the current configuration before running the Restore function.

The E-Streamer reboots after uploading and uncompressing the archived data.

```
***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
[..... Processing.....]
Please wait
←MAIN  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...
```

 Processing time is dependent on the amount of Show data to be transferred from the USB mass storage device and uncompressed, but is usually completed in less than two minutes. The Streamer Engine then runs through its boot up sequence, a process that takes approximately two minutes.

```
***** E-Streamer Settings Menu *****
Restore failed
←MAIN  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...
```

The Restore process may fail if archived files on the USB mass storage device are missing or damaged, or if the device is not properly mounted.

# STREAMER ENGINE

To provide direct access to the Streamer Engine, the rear panel of the E-Streamer includes ports for VGA (640 x 480) video output and a PS/2 keyboard. It is recommended that a video monitor and keyboard be connected to the E-Streamer when configuring and programming the system.

A standard PC keyboard can be connected to either the PS/2 port or to any of the USB ports. It is recommended that the PS/2 port be used as USB ports may also be required for connection of DMX USB Pro interfaces or a USB mass storage device for data backups or system upgrades.

## Streamer Engine screens

There are three displays available from the Streamer Engine.

The **[Print Screen]** key switches between displays, or the screens can be accessed directly through pressing an **[Alt + F-Key]** combination.

### FreeBSD system console (default display) [Alt + F1]

This screen is the standard Unix console. It may be used for system tasks by Enttec technical support.

### System Log [Alt + F2]

The E-Streamer's system log is a chronological record of system events. It can be very valuable in diagnosing system configuration problems and errors in command sequences.

### E-Streamer Status [Alt + F3]

The status screens provide realtime views of recording and replay activity and the data slots in each of the DMX512 streams.

### Show Status (default display) [F1]

```

Shows Loaded: 5 | ENTTEC E-Streamer ESTREAMER UX.XX-XXXX |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Shows |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1:  ABBA on Ice  Status:PLAY Streams:05 FPS:40 Time:00:06:02:75 F:1749
2:  Human Cannon - Tues Status:STOP Streams:03 FPS:25 Time:00:00:00:00 F:0
3:  Human Cannon - Wed  Status:PAUSE Streams:03 FPS:25 Time:00:08:10:09 F:18102
4:  Human Cannon - Thurs Status:STOP Streams:03 FPS:40 Time:00:00:00:00 F:0
5:  Human Cannon - Friday Status:REC  Streams:03 FPS:44 Time:00:00:38:81 F:109
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
F1:Show Status F2:DMX Monitor

```

The Show Status screen displays data on all currently defined Shows.

#### Shows Loaded:

The number of Shows currently defined

#### N:

Show ID number (see *Show ID* on page 19)

#### Show Name

#### Status:

Record/Play status [STOP / PAUSE / REC / PLAY]

#### Streams:

Number of DMX data Streams defined for the Show [1 - 64] (see *Data Streams* on page 15)

#### FPS:

DMX frame rate used for recording/replaying the Show (see *Frame Rate* on page 13)

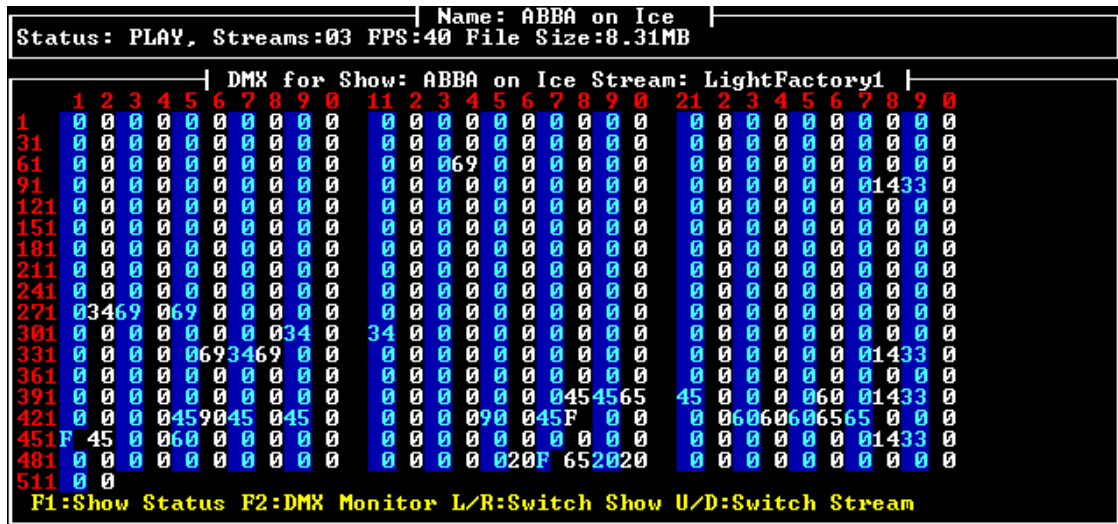
#### Time:

Elapsed replay time for current Show record/replay cycle, in hours, minutes, seconds and hundredths of seconds. HH:MM:SS:ss

**F:**

Number of unique DMX frames (data packets) processed in the current Show record/replay cycle (see Data Streams on page 15)

**DMX Monitor [F2]**



The DMX Monitor screen displays information about the selected DMX512 data stream.

The default display is the first Stream of the Show with a ShowID of 1.

**Name:**

Name of the Show from which the Stream is being displayed

**Status:**

Record/Play status [STOP / PAUSE / REC / PLAY]

**Streams:**

Number of DMX data Streams defined for the selected Show [1 - 64] (see Data Streams on page 15)

**FPS:**

DMX frame rate used for recording/replaying the selected Show (see Frame Rate on page 13)

**File Size:**

Current size, in MegaBytes, of the Show data (.shw) file on the Streamer Engine's removable hard disk drive.

**Stream:**

Name of the DMX Stream currently being displayed (see Data Streams on page 15)

**Level Display**

Levels of each of the 512 channels in the current DMX frame. Channel levels are displayed in percentage format [0 - F], where each 1% step is approximately equivalent to 2.5 DMX steps.

**Selecting Shows**

The Left [←] and Right [→] direction keys change the Show being displayed.

**Selecting Streams**

The Up [↓] and Down [↑] direction keys scroll through the Streams of the selected Show.

# E-STREAMER SETUP

## Connecting up the E-Streamer

### **Basic connections**

The minimum connections required for operation of the E-Streamer are:

#### **Mains power**

Connects via the IEC input socket.

The E-Streamer requires an AC voltage in the range 100V – 260V, at a frequency between 50Hz and 60Hz.

#### **TCP/IP over Ethernet**

Connects via Primary RJ45 socket (VR0) at 10/100MBps.

Allows connection to E-Streamer's Web Interface (*see Web Interface on page 9*) for system configuration and control.

Provides DMX over Ethernet input and output using Artistic Licence's Art-Net and Enttec's ESP protocol (*see Data Streams on page 15*).

### **Advanced Connections**

#### **USB**

The 4 x USB 2.0 type A sockets provide connections for

- Up to 4 x Enttec *DMX USB Pro* DMX to USB interfaces enabling direct DMX512 input and output (*see DMX USB Pro connections on page 38*).
- Standard USB PC keyboard for direct control of the Streamer Engine (*see Streamer Engine on page 54*).
- USB mass storage device for backup and restoration of Show and Playlist data (*see Settings Menu on page 51*) or system firmware updates (*see Firmware Updates using USB on page 39*).

#### **RS-232 serial communications**

The DB9 RS-232 socket provides connection for remote control of the E-Streamer using either Enttec's serial control protocol or via an Enttec DMXPlayBack Remote unit. (*See Remote Control on page 43*).

Connecting a DMXPlayBack Remote unit requires an adaptor unit which is available separately from Enttec.

#### **PS/2**

Standard PS/2 PC keyboard for direct control of the Streamer Engine (*see Streamer Engine on page 54*)

#### **VGA video**

Standard DB15 VGA video socket, for viewing E-Streamer status and configuration screens (*see Streamer Engine on page 54*).

## Connecting to the E-Streamer's Web Interface



The E-Streamer has 2 network ports. By default the Primary port is set to a static IP 10.1.2.3 with a netmask of 255.0.0.0 and the Secondary port is set to acquire its IP from a DHCP server.

To connect to an E-Streamer via the Primary port (Enttec's preferred method), you will need to set the IP address of your computer to an address on the same subnet (10.x.x.x) as the E-Streamer. The suggested address is 10.0.0.1, but any unused address on the same subnet is valid. (*See*



*Setting your local IP address to 10.0.0.1 on page 58)*

To connect to the E-Streamer's web interface, launch your preferred web browser and enter **http://10.1.2.3** in the address bar. If your browser returns an error referring to the non-availability of the server, check that:

- The E-Streamer has finished booting up and is showing the Main Menu screen on the LCD panel.
- Both your computer and the E-Streamer are connected to the same Ethernet network.
- Both your computer and the E-Streamer have IP addresses on the same subnet.

### **Connecting to the E-Streamer on a network with a DHCP server**

If your Local Area Network already has a DHCP server allocating IP addresses, and you intend to use the E-Streamer on that network:

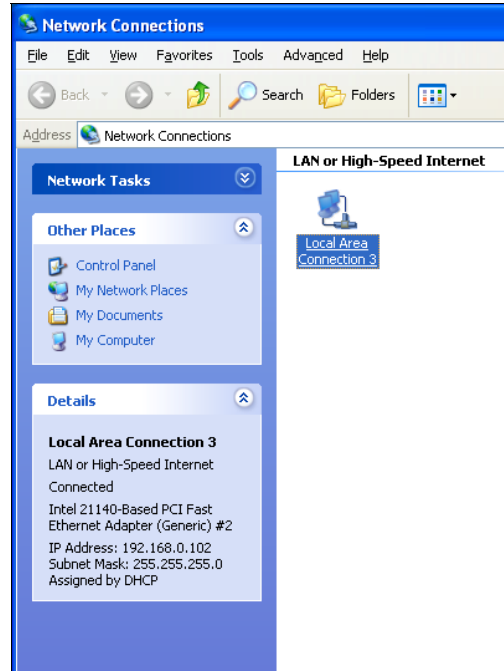
1. Connect the E-Streamer to the LAN via the Secondary Ethernet port before starting up (or reboot after connecting to the LAN).
2. Get the IP address of the E-Streamer from the Network Menu on the LCD panel (*See Network Menu (NET) on page 51*)
3. Launch your preferred web browser and enter the E-Streamer's IP address into the address bar.
4. Open the Settings page on E-Streamer's Web Interface
5. On the Network Interfaces panel, either set the Primary Interface to DHCP mode or assign a known vacant subnet address on the LAN subnet. (*See Network Interfaces on page 41*)
6. Change the E-Streamer's LAN connection to the Primary Ethernet port.
7. Reset the E-Streamer. (*See Software Reset on page 39*)
8. Get the new IP address of the E-Streamer from the Network Menu on the LCD panel (*See Network Menu (NET) on page 51*)
9. Launch your preferred web browser and enter the E-Streamer's new IP address into the address bar.

## Setting your local IP address to 10.0.0.1

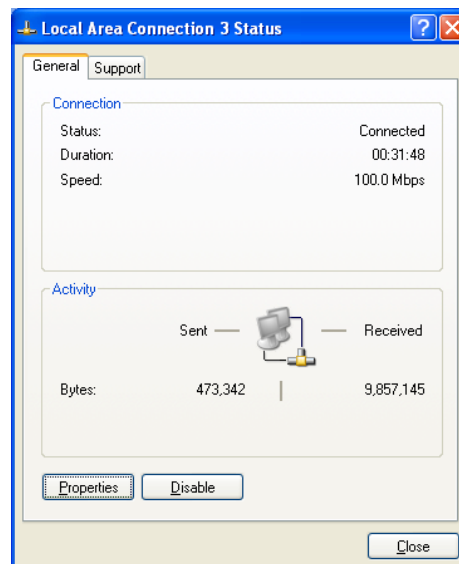
### Windows XP or Windows 2000

The IP address of a Windows computer system is set via the Network Connections utility on the Windows control panel.

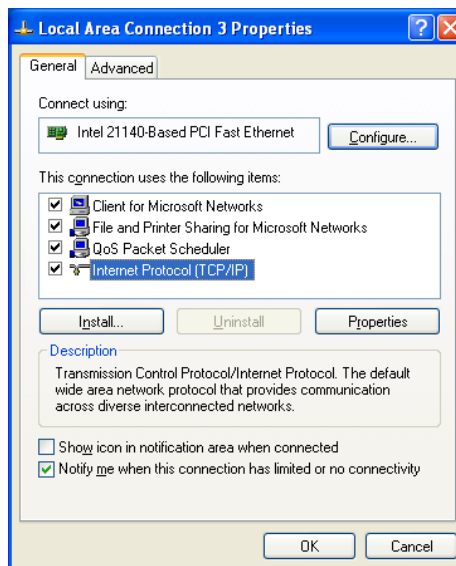
This can be accessed through the **Start** button under **Settings / Network Connections** or from **Network Connections** in the **Control Panel**.



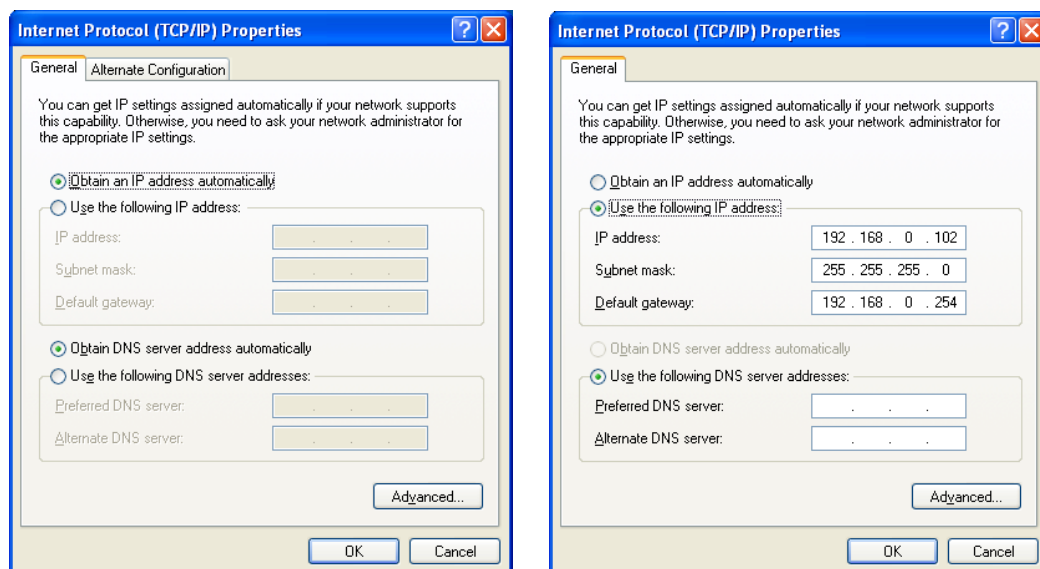
Double-click on the network connection that links your computer to the E-Streamer (usually a Local Area connection), to bring up the connection status screen.



Select the **Properties** button to view the settings for the connection.



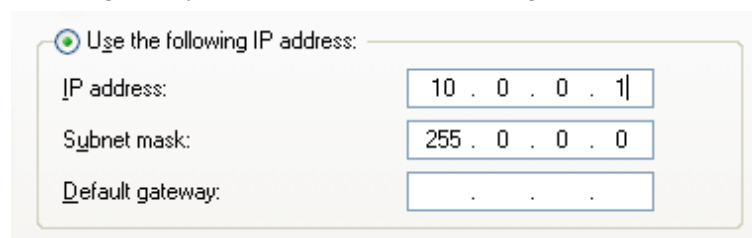
Select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** then the **Properties** button to view the IP address settings.



Your system may currently be set to obtain its IP address automatically from a DHCP server, as on the left, or it may have been set to some fixed IP address and subnet mask, as seen on the right.

To connect to an E-Streamer via a web browser, your computer must be set to an IP address of **10.0.0.1** and a Subnet mask of **255.0.0.0**.

The setting for the Default gateway is not relevant to connecting to an E-Streamer.

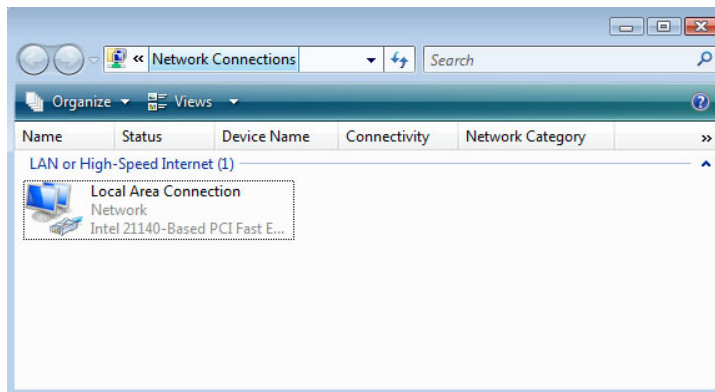


Select **OK** then close all of the **Network connection** windows to proceed.

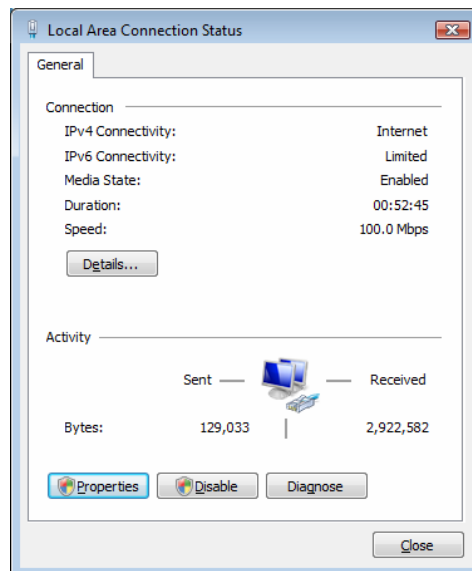
To connect to the E-Streamer's web interface enter **http://10.1.2.3** in the address bar of your web browser.

## Windows Vista

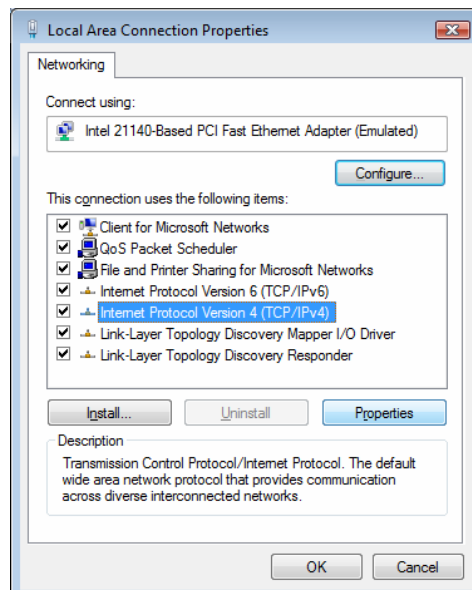
The IP address of a Windows Vista computer system is set via the Network Connections control panel. This can be accessed through the **Start** button under **Settings / Network Connections** or from **Network and Sharing / Manage Networks Connections** in the **Control Panel**.



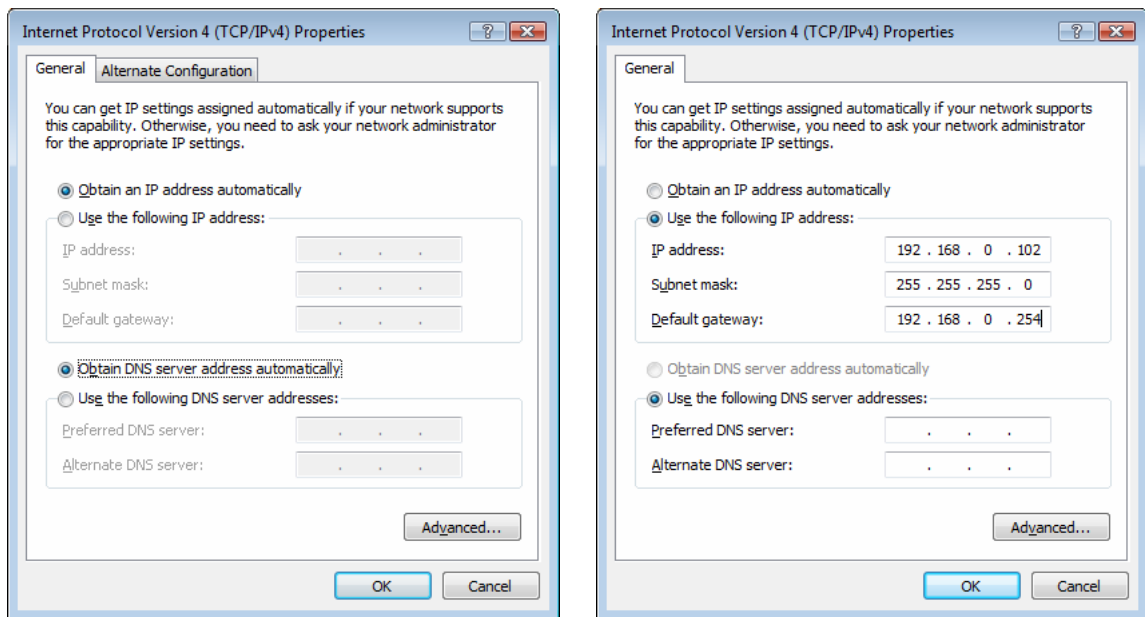
Double-click on the network connection that links your computer to the E-Streamer (usually a Local Area connection), to bring up the connection status screen.



Select the **Properties** button to view the settings for the connection.



Select **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** then the **Properties** button to view the IP address settings.



Your system may currently be set to obtain its IP address automatically from a DHCP server, as on the left, or it may have been set to some fixed IP address and subnet mask, as seen on the right.

To connect to an E-Streamer via a web browser, your computer must be set to an IP address of **10.0.0.1** and a Subnet mask of **255.0.0.0**.

The setting for the Default gateway is not relevant to connecting to an E-Streamer.

Use the following IP address:

IP address:

Subnet mask:

Default gateway:

Select **OK** then close all of the **Network connection** windows to proceed.

To connect to the E-Streamer's web interface enter **http://10.1.2.3** in the address bar of your web browser.

## Warranty

ENTTEC warrants that the product that it manufactures will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment from an authorised ENTTEC wholesaler. If the device proves defective within the warranty period, ENTTEC will repair or replace at its sole discretion, the defective hardware.

Any unauthorized repair or opening the case of the unit for any purpose other than changing the internal battery, voids the warranty as described above.

Damages caused by the following conditions are excluded from coverage under this warranty:

- Improper handling, neglect or failure to use the product in compliance with instructions in the accompanying ENTTEC operator's manuals and user guides.
- Operation or connection of the product in a manner that is not compliant with safety or technical regulations in force in the region where the product is used.
- Damage resulting from force majeure or any other event or condition beyond the control of ENTTEC

To obtain warranty service, the buyer must contact ENTTEC, or an authorised wholesaler, during business hours to obtain a Return Authorization Number. Enquiries must be accompanied by description of the problem for evaluation by ENTTEC.

Authorized returns must be returned at the buyer's expense to ENTTEC, or its designated service agent, in the original packaging (or its functional equivalent) together with the Return Authorization Number. Products received without prepaid freight will not be processed.

If the failure is subsequently determined to be due to an operator error, the buyer accepts the responsibility to pay any costs incurred in the diagnosis, parts or shipping from the service facility.

ENTTEC makes no warranty of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. In no event shall ENTTEC be liable for indirect, special or consequential damages.

## Appendix 1 - FCC Declaration

### Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Declaration of Conformity

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declares that the product E-Streamer, complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

\*In order to maintain compliance with FCC regulations shielded cables must be used with this equipment. Operation with non-approved equipment or unshielded cables is likely to result in interference to radio and television reception.

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## Appendix 2 - EEC Declaration

We

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declare under our sole responsibility that our product E-Streamer, conforms to the requirements of Council Directives 89/336/EEC and 73/23/EEC and therefore complies with the requirements of Council Directive 73/23/EEC, (The Low Voltage Directive) on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits as amended by Article 13 of Council Directive 93/68/EEC

- EN 55103-1
- EN 50103-2
- EN 60065/AS 3650

Signed Nicolas Moreau

Date: 5/01/2003

Position: Technical Director