User's Guide

Maitre D'

Channel Dresser

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Overview

The Maitre D Channel Dresser is a web based scheduling interface and a broadcasting engine.
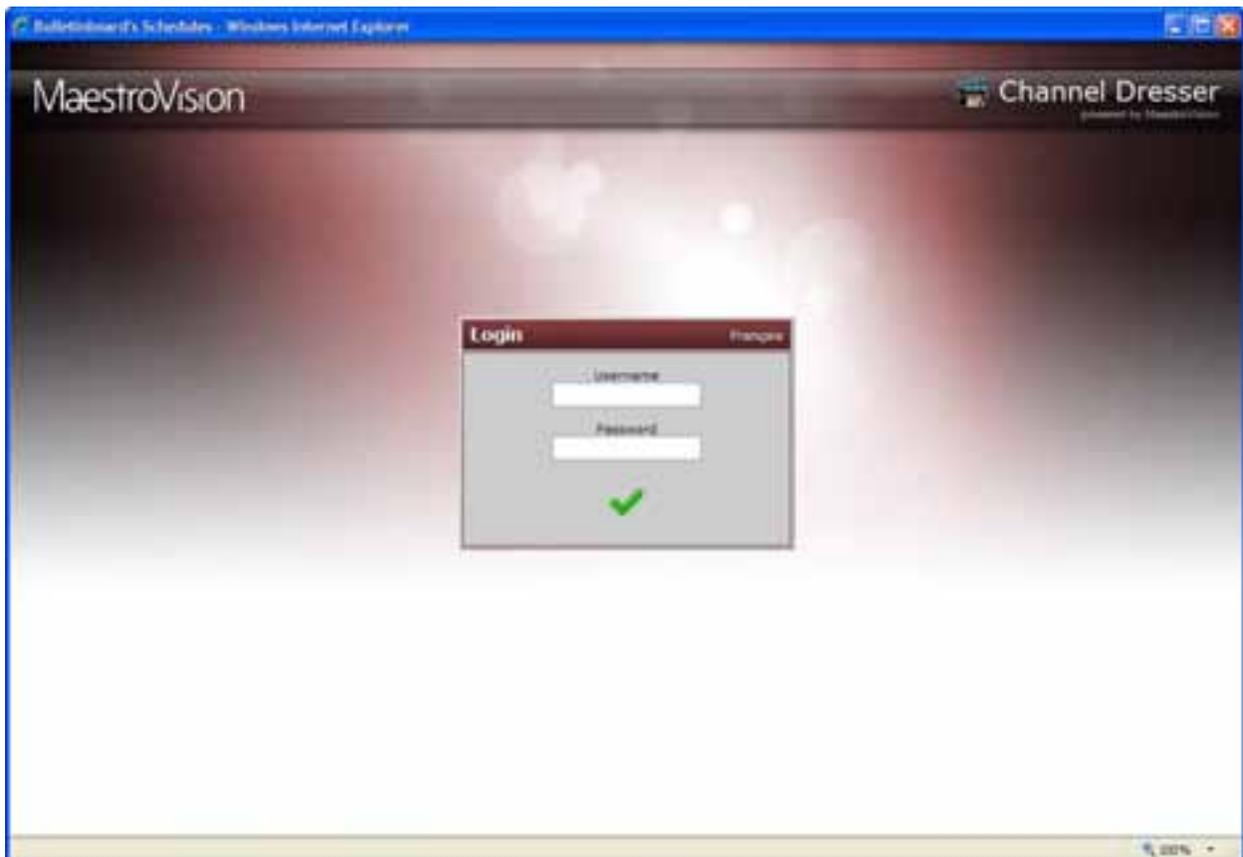
Application Files

The Channel Dresser files are installed in the Maitre D folder, usually in x:\MaitreD\maestrov (where x: is the drive where Maitre D is installed).

Launch Procedure

The web server hosts all the required application code and assets so it needs to be powered on and connected to the internet (or intranet) to be accessible. Using a web browser, connect to the URL address of the Channel Dresser to display the authentication screen or the broadcast interface.

Example: http://192.168.0.50/maestrov/app/client/channelDresser
Example: http://192.168.0.50/maestrov/app/server/channelDresser

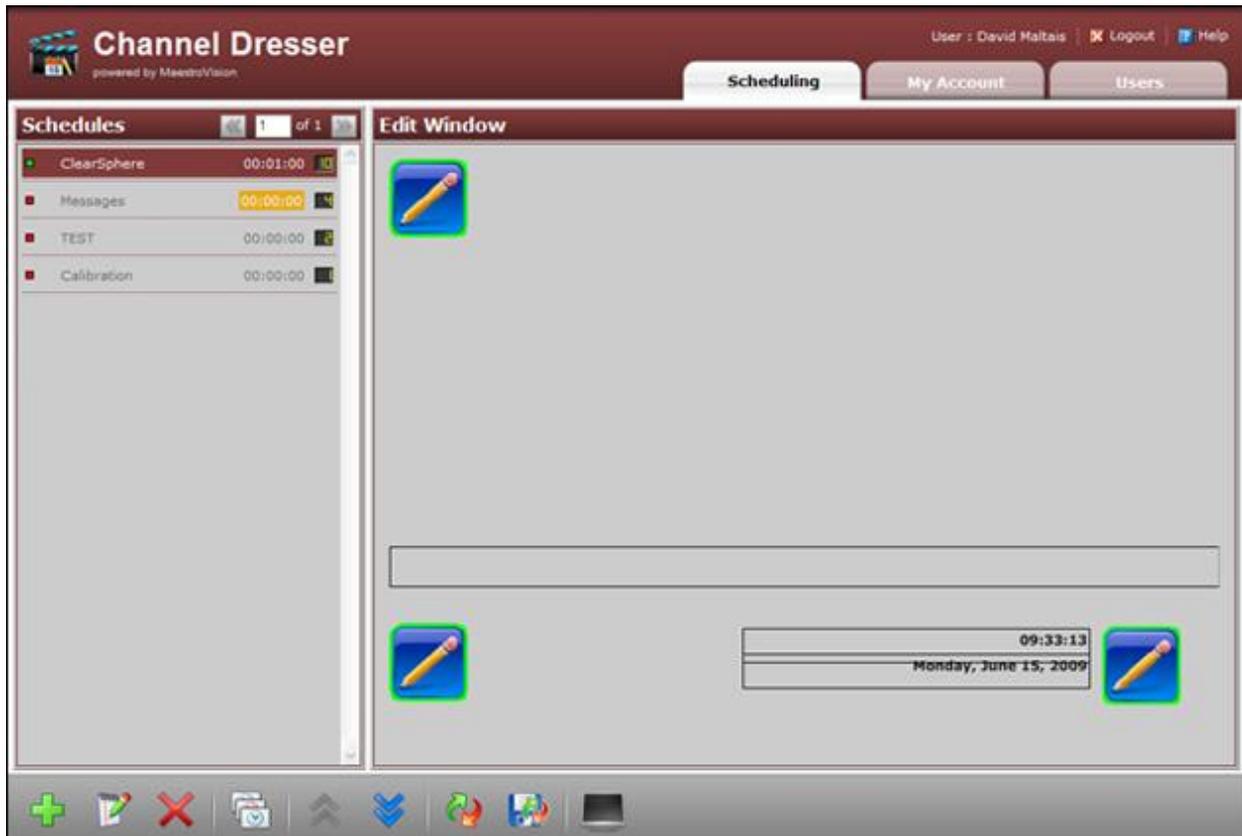## Layout

The Channel Dresser interface is divided into two parts:

   a)   The schedules and events lists, and parameters.

   b)   The slide preview.

Toolbar

Introduced in version 1.9.8, the new interface is now context sensitive and makes use of a single toolbar for all the operations that can be performed in the Channel Dresser.

Depending on the context, the toolbar's buttons will change and/or become enabled for clicking when the operation being performed allows it.
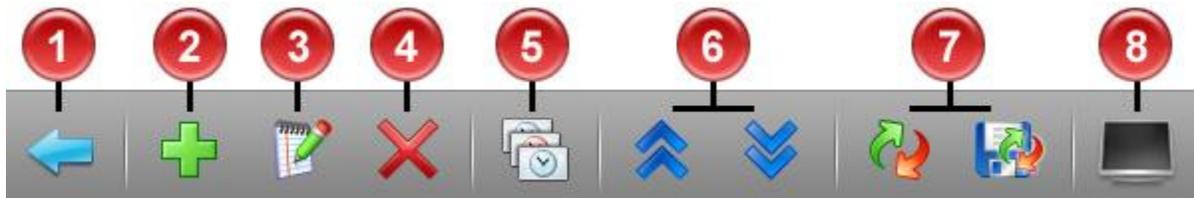
1. **Back:** goes back to the previous interface state.

2. **Add:** adds a new schedule or event.

3. **Edit:** displays the property fields of schedules and events.

4. **Delete:** deletes the selected schedule or event.

5. **Events:** displays the list of events contained in the selected schedule.

6. **Move up/down:** moves the selected schedule or event up or down in the list.

7. **Default values:** resets the selected schedule or event to the default values or saves the currently selected schedule or event values as the default values for that type of object.

8. **Preview:** switches the Edit Window to Preview mode and vice versa. In Preview mode, the fields of slides cannot be edited; it is intended to show what the slides will look like when broadcast.

Sections

Schedules

In order to broadcast slides from the Channel Dresser, you must create a schedule. A schedule contains a list of slide events that are programmed to play.

While schedules are not activated, they will not be broadcast; which means that you can create schedules in advance to suite a specific purpose and activate them when they are needed.

Schedules can be of one of three types: Standard, Automation Template, or Idle. See the Adding Schedules section for more details.
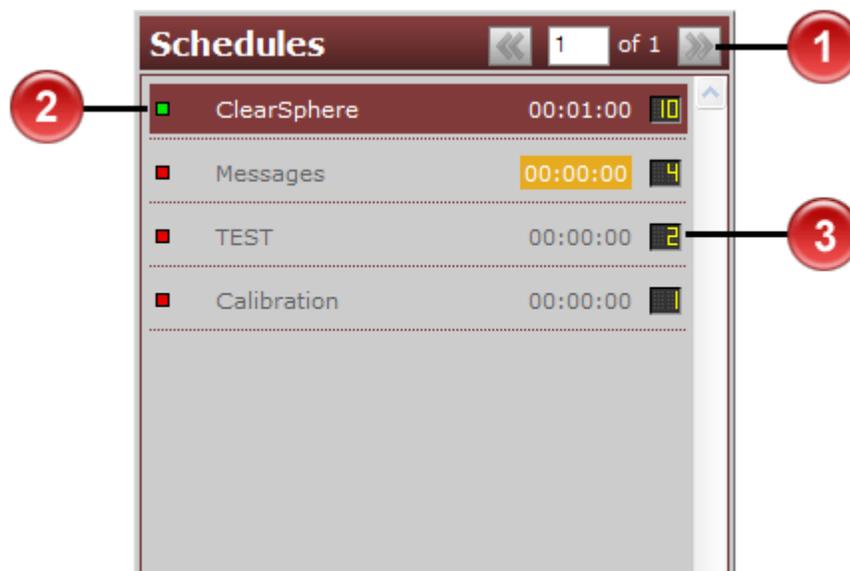
1. The navigation buttons and pages.
2. Schedule with the active / inactive state.
3. The total duration of the schedule (with color coded type) and number of events contained in the schedule.

Adding Schedules

To add a new schedule, click the add   button in the bottom toolbar. The list of schedules will become a form to allow you to enter the new schedule information. When finished, click the save button to save your information.

While the schedule's Active checkbox remains unchecked, it will not be broadcast; you can freely modify the events of the schedule.

Schedule Parameters

Each schedule has its own set of parameters:

Template	Currently, only one master template is available. Future releases will allow you to base a schedule on different templates.
Automation Template	An Automation Template schedule contains slide events that will automatically be filled with information coming from the Automation Server. The slide parameters can be modified to display the desired fonts, sizes, and colors. Note that the event's duration should be set to a long duration (example: 1 hour) so as to prevent the 'Material Too Short' error message from being displayed when scheduling this event in the Playlist Manager. An example of an Automation Template schedule would be the Coming Up Next.
Idle Schedule	Idle Schedules are used to overlay information over the currently playing show, for example, the station's logo. This type of schedule can contain more than one slide event.
Background Music	You can specify a music file to be played while the schedule is being broadcast; currently, only the mp3 format is supported. You can adjust the playback volume by using the volume slider. You can also specify if the music should loop or not by placing a check in the Loop checkbox.

Modifying Schedules

To modify the parameters of a schedule, click on the desired schedule name in the list and click the edit

button.

The list of schedules will change to display the fields with the schedule's information.

Modify the desired parameters and click the save   button when finished.

To have a description of the parameters, read the Adding Schedules section.

Deleting Schedules

To delete a schedule, click on the name of the schedule to be deleted to highlight it. Then, click on the

delete   button. A confirmation message will appear, click [OK] to delete the schedule or [Cancel] to abort.

Note that deleting a schedule will delete ALL its programmed events.

Events

Events are Channel Dresser slides that are scheduled to broadcast. They are based on one of the different templates available.
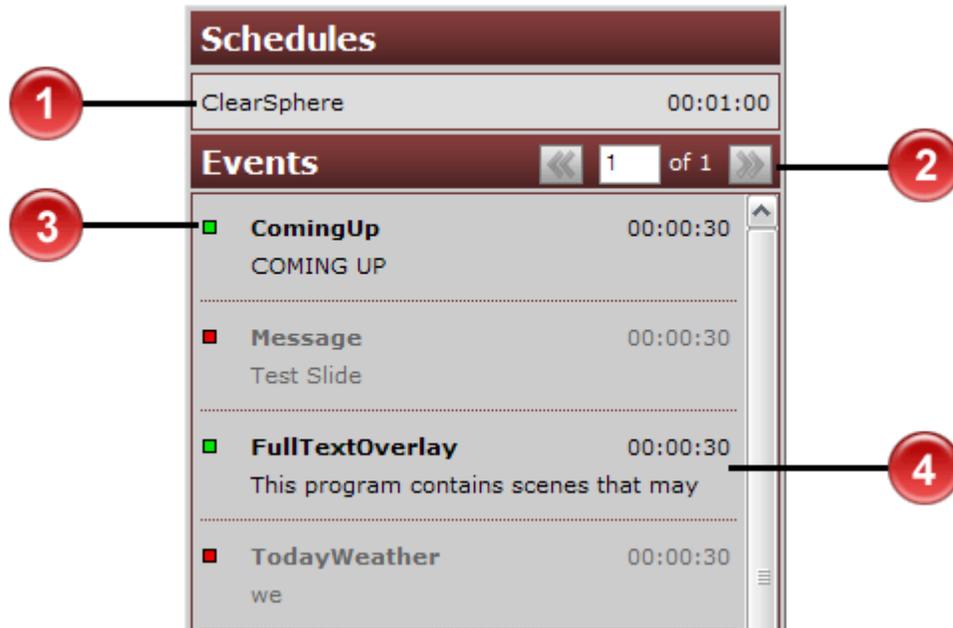
1. The schedule name for which the events are displayed.
2. The navigation buttons and pages.
3. Event with the active / inactive state.
4. The event's duration and the content of the first field of the slide.

Adding Events

To add a new event, a schedule needs to be created (see the Schedules/Adding section). When you double-click or click the events ⬚ button of a schedule, the list of events is displayed.

In the bottom toolbar, click the add ➕ button. The list of events will display the fields to enter your event's information. When finished, click the save 💾 button.

Slide Parameters

Active	Put a check in the checkbox to make this event active.
Animation	Certain slides have entry / exit animations. Put a check in desired checkbox to use or not these animations.
Template	Select from the drop down list the desired template.
Duration	Enter the amount of time the slide should be broadcast when the schedule is playing.
Date In	By specifying a date in value, the system will only play the slide if the current date and time are greater or equal to the value entered.
Date Out	By specifying a date out value, the system will stop playing the slide if the current date and time are past the entered value.
Background Music	You can specify a music/sound file to be played during the playback of the slide. Options are available to adjust the playback of the sound file:
	Volume: use the slider control to adjust the volume.
	Loop: put a check in the loop checkbox to make the sound file restart when it is finished playing.
	Mute schedule: put a check in this checkbox to mute the sound file of the schedule when this slide is being played. The schedule's sound file will resume playing when the slide ends.

Template Properties

Each template will have a different combination of text fields and/or image fields. To modify these items, simply click on them and the edit panel will slide over the left list of events to allow you to modify the parameters:

Text Fields   **Color:** you can enter the hexadecimal color code directly in the field or use the color picker by clicking the button next to the color field. In the color picker, click the desired color in the square color gradient and then select the brightness from the rectangle fader to the right. When you're done, click the [✓] button or click the [✗] button.

Background color: you can specify a background color for the field.

Font: from the drop down list, select the font to display the text in.

Size: from the drop down list, select the size of the text.

Formatting: by clicking the toggle buttons, you can change the following text properties:
[B] bold, [I] italic, [U] underline, [≣] left aligned, [≣] center aligned, [≣] right aligned, [≣] justified, [B] bevel, [S] shadow, and [8] stroke.

Image Fields   Click the browse button to open the file browser that allows you to select an image or video file that will be assigned to the image field. If a video file is selected, more options will be available:

Volume: move the slider left or right to specify the level of volume to be played by the selected video.

Loop: put a check in the loop checkbox to make the video file restart when it is finished playing.

X / Y Position: allow you to specify the position of the image.

Click the save ![save icon] button to save you changes or click the undo ![undo icon] button to reload the slide with the last saved values.
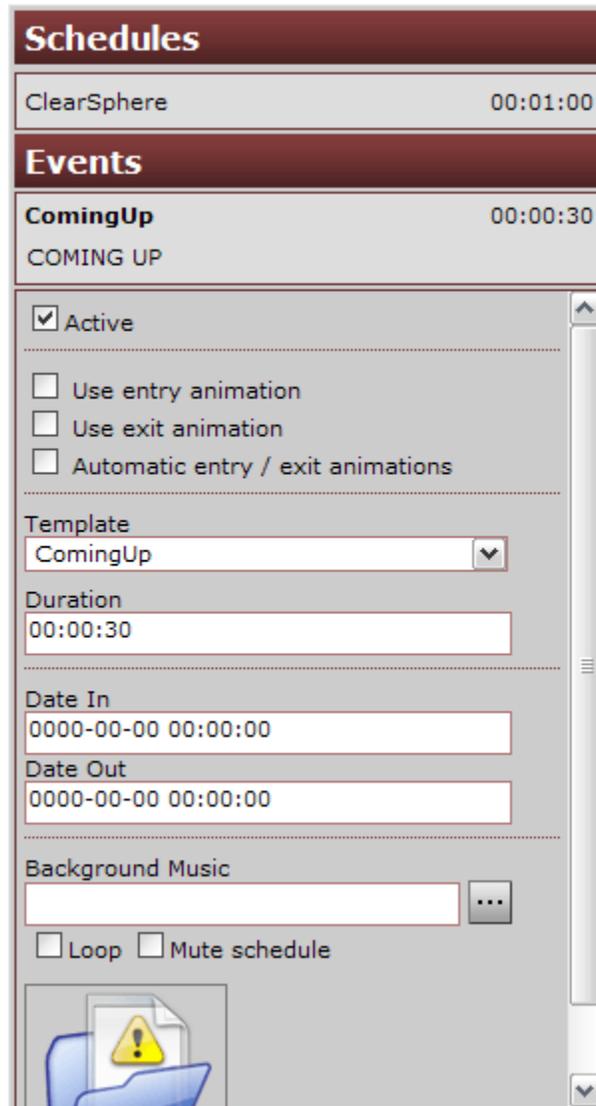
Template Default Values

If a slide template should always be formatted in a same fashion (font type, font size, color, etc.) or contain a certain image and/or text, you can save the information entered in a slide as the default values of that type of slide. Doing so will load this information in the slide whenever you create a new slide with that template. Click the 'Save as default values' button to do so.

If you want to reset a slide to its default parameters, thus removing any information you might have entered, click the 'Default values' button. This will reassign the default values of the slide to all its text/image fields.

Modifying an Event

To modify an event, click on it in the events list and click the edit [icon] button. The edit panel will be displayed on the left side of the screen presenting the fields to adjust the slide's parameters.

Read the "Adding an event" section for the parameters description.

Deleting an Event

To delete an event, click on the event to delete and then click on the delete ✖ button in the bottom toolbar. A confirmation will be displayed; click [OK] to delete the event or [Cancel] to cancel the operation.

User Management

List of Users
To open the list of users, click on the tab 'Users' at the top right corner of the screen. This option will only be available if you have administrative rights.

The content panel will display the list of all the system's user's active status. To modify a user's information, click on the user's name. To add a new user, click the new ✚ button.

User Information
When creating a new user or modifying an existing one, the following parameters must be specified:

Complete Name   The complete name of the user.

Username   The username that will be used to login to the system.

Password   The password that will be used to login to the system.

Active   Determines if the user can login to the system or not.

Level   The security level of the user. This setting will determine the access level of the user.

Language   The preferred language of the user. The interface will be displayed in the user's language.

My Account

This section displays the account information of the user currently logged in to the Channel Dresser. You will be able to update your profile and change your password.

Broadcasting

Playing Slides

To broadcast your scheduled slides, you must start the Channel Dresser Broadcaster. This is a separate application that can be linked with the Automation Server.

Standalone Broadcaster

The broadcaster can be used by itself without the Automation Server but will have limited functionalities. To play the scheduled events, click on the 'Play all active' button. To stop the broadcast, click on the 'Go to black' button.

In the Automation Server

In the Playlist Manager, events of type 'BB' must be scheduled to switch to the Channel Dresser Broadcaster (which was previously set to play its scheduled events).

Help

Click this option to display the help file in the currently logged in user's language.

Logout

Click this option to logout of the Channel Dresser.

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