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Introduction

Pre-rolls are a thing of the past with XPression Clips, a production clip server for live production that incorporates the latest advances in IT technologies. Built on the industry-leading XPression real-time graphics platform, XPression Clips offers you instant recall times and back-to-back clip transitions from an intuitive user interface or via automation triggers from other devices like Ross Video productions switchers.

You can simultaneously ingest multiple channels of baseband video and output multiple channels of clips to air. Both NAS and SAN configurations are available for attached storage, in addition to ample local hard drive space. Database management and synchronization are possible with the Clip Store that supports user rights and roles.

You can also add XPression Clips functionality to XPression Studio's basic clip handling capabilities by adding the XPression Clips Option.

Key features of XPression Clips and the XPression Clips Option include:

- Multi-channel ingest and playout
- 1, 2, or 4 channels of baseband video ingest
- 2 or 4 channels of playout (user-definable fill/fill or fill/key configuration)
- Back-to-back transitions
- Multiple clips on the same output
- Clip Browser with searching
- Clip trimming and looping
- VDCP, AMP, PBus, and RossTalk automation protocols
- PBus Manager for intelligent clip assignment
- Clip Manager application with user rights for database management and synchronization setup
- NAS or SAN attached storage with SNS storage (Studio Network Solutions)

Streamline your production clips workflow with Ross Video's next-generation production clip servers and transcoding applications. Available in multiple configurations, XPression Clips/XPression Clips Option and the Clip Server Option for XPression Studio bring lightning-fast recall speeds, baseband video ingest, and multi-layer clip playback to the control room.

About This Guide

This guide covers the use of the XPression system.

If, at any time, you have questions pertaining to the operation of XPression, please contact us at the numbers listed in the section Getting Help. Our technical staff is always available for consultation, training, or service.

Documentation Conventions

Special text formats are used in this guide to identify parts of the user interface, text that a user must enter, or a sequence of menus and sub-menus that must be followed to reach a particular command.

Bold text	Bold text identifies a user interface element such as a dialog box, menu item, or button. For example: In the **Slug** column, type a slug name for the story.
Italic text	Italic text is used to identify the titles of referenced guides, manuals, or documents. For example: For more information, refer to the *DashBoard User Guide.*
`Courier text`	Courier text identifies text that a user must type. For example: In the **Username** box, type `postgres`.
Menu Sequences	Menu arrows are used in procedures to identify a sequence of menu items that you must follow. For example: If a step reads **Server > Save As**, you would select the **Server** menu and then select **Save As**.
Hypertext	Identifies a hyperlink to a related topic.

Getting Help

XPression documentation is available online at Product Documentation and is also accessible on the product USB key and by selecting the **Help** icon in the user interface.

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XPression Clips Components and Workflow Overview

The following components of the XPression Clips workflow are discussed in this section:

XPression Clip Store

XPression

XPression Media Control Gateway

XPression INcoder

Clips Workflow

XPression Clip Store

The XPression Clip Store is a windows service that serves as the database to hold clips within a clip workflow. The database contains pointers to the clips on disk as well as all of the metadata associated with a clip, such as the name, recall ID, in/out points, sub clip info, etc.

The XPression Clip Store can run on any physical machine, but in the basic workflow would generally run on the XPression machine itself.

The XPression Clip Store has the capability to replicate clips and metadata to other clip stores in the workflow. For example, if you have several XPression machines and run a local Clip Store on each, then those clip stores can be kept up to date through automated database/clip syncing. Syncing can also be used to create a backup Clip Store to use if the primary machine is taken offline (there is no automatic failover).

The XPression Clip Store has users and user rights assignment features to allow users to be created with permissions to perform different tasks such as trimming, deletion, sync, and administration.

XPression Clip Store Manager

The XPression Clip Store Manager is a user application that connects to the Clip Store service (on a local or remote machine). The Clip Store Manager is used to administer the users, synchronization settings, and clips.

Extensive search capabilities for browsing the clips is provided and clips can be deleted from the Clip Store Manager.

XPression

The following components are used in the Clips workflow.

If using the XPression Clips Option, the following components are accessed in the XPression Sequencer mode, with the exception of the Record Client, which can be accessed in the Layout mode as well.

Clip Browser

The Clip Browser is a window in the XPression Sequencer used for dragging and dropping clips into the Sequencer or Server Channels.

Server Channels

The Server Channels window is located in the XPression Sequencer and is used for previewing and playing out clips. Clips can also be edited from the Server Channels window.

These channels represent a server channel as on a typical video server. The virtual channels are created in the Server Channels tab of the Hardware Setup in XPression.

Clip Editor

From the Clip Browser or the Server Channels, a selected clip can be opened in the Edit Clip window for editing.

PBus Mapping

A PBus Mapping menu exists in the XPression Sequencer to provide additional capabilities to the PBus recall system. By assigning a PBus device ID to a server channel, clips from the Clip Browser can be assigned to a PBus register simply by dragging them from the Clip Browser onto a PBus register.

Record Client

Use the Record Client dialog box to record an incoming SDI video as a video file or as a still image.

Up to four streams can be recorded simultaneously, however, each stream affects overall system performance, so with four streams recording it is unlikely you will be able to playback graphics simultaneously without dropping frames. Recording to network locations (NAS/SAN) may or may not be possible depending on the bandwidth available. The number of audio channels to record can be varied between 0 and 16. Recordings are made to the XPression Video Codec avi format.

XPression Media Control Gateway

The XPression Media Control Gateway is used to receive AMP or VDCP connections to control XPression with XPression Clip Store. AMP/VDCP can be received over either TCP or Serial (RS232) connections.

For RS422 support, an external converter must be used.

One Media Control Gateway is required for each XPression machine.

This gateway connects directly to an XPression machine, but also connects to the XPression Clip Store to retrieve the entire clip list.

XPression INcoder

The XPression INcoder is a separate, optional component to the XPression Clips workflow. For more information, or to purchase the INcoder, contact Ross Video.

The XPression INcoder is a windows service that manages one or more watchfolders used for file based ingest of clips into the XPression Clips workflow. The INcoder performs transcoding functions to convert clips from compatible formats into XPression Codec AVI files. The same formats supported by the XPression Video Coder can be transcoded by the INcoder.

For More Information on...

- the XPression INcoder, refer to the *XPression INcoder User Guide*.

Clips Workflow

The following diagrams illustrate examples of the XPression Clips workflow options:

Clips Configuration with Synchronized Clip Store Databases

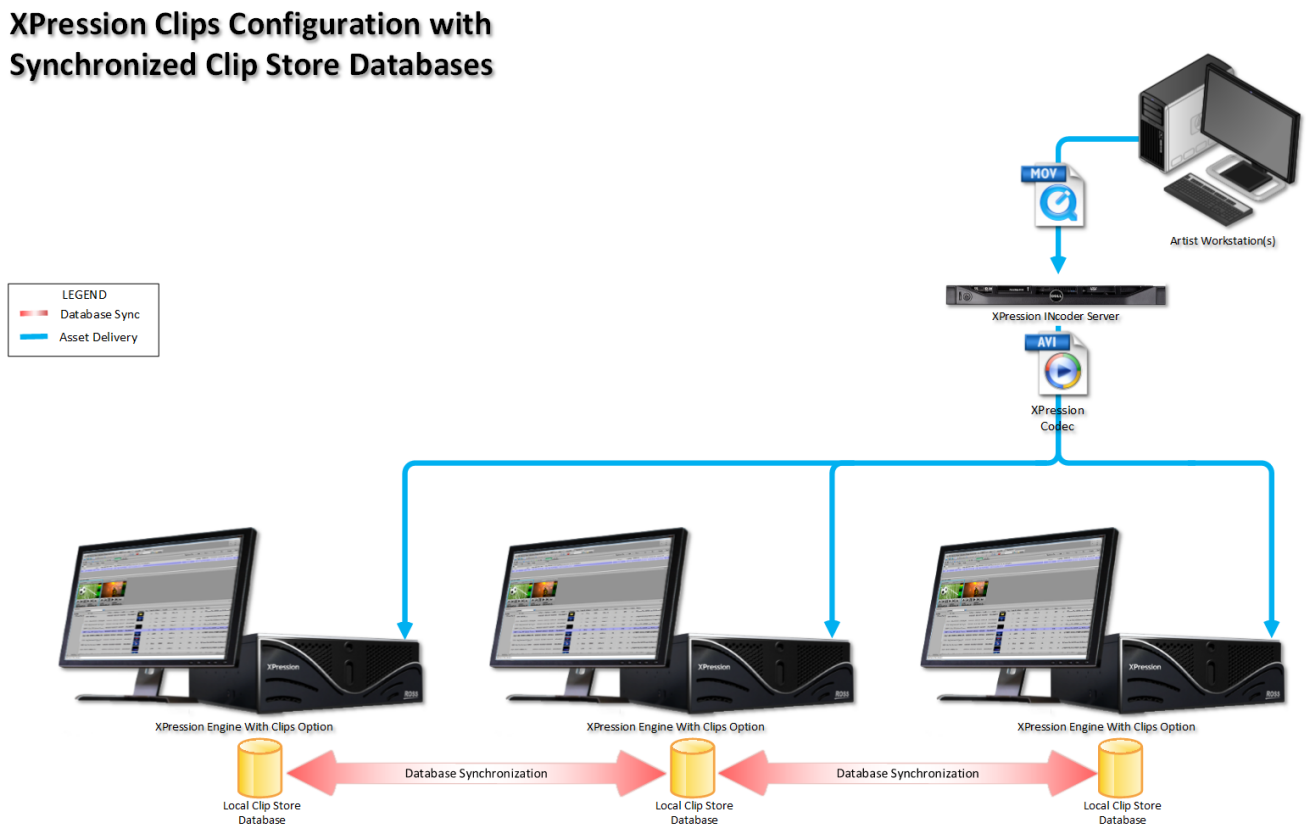
Clips Workflow Using the Record Client

Clips Workflow Using the XPression INcoder

Clips MOS Workflow

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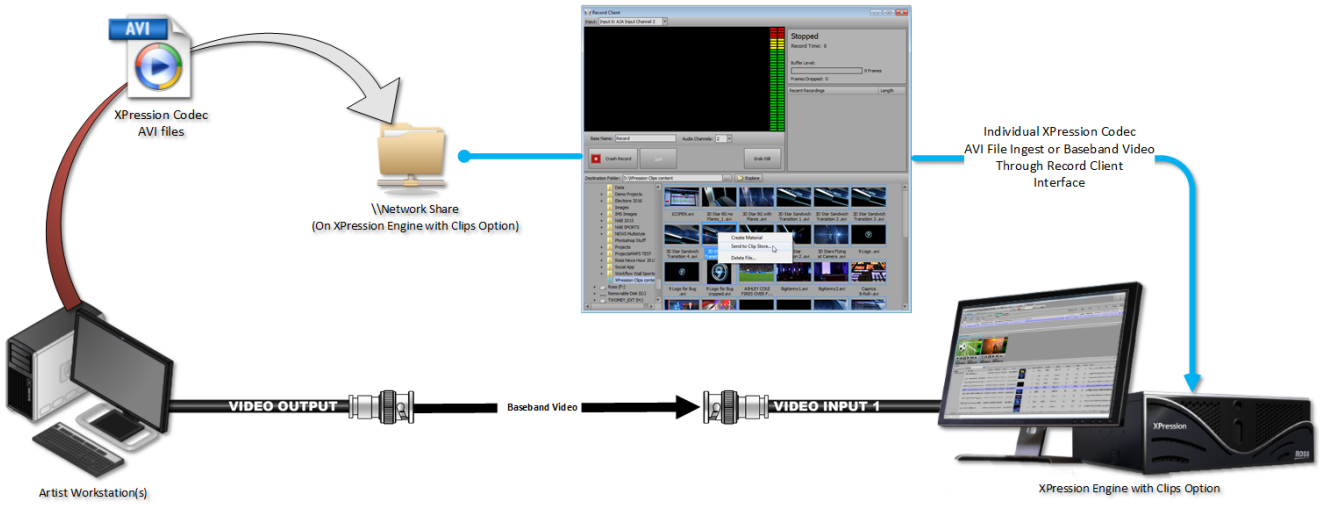
The following diagram illustrates an example of the XPression Clips workflow setup using synchronized Clip Store databases in a non-MOS workflow.



Clips Workflow Configuration when Using Multiple Workstations and Synchronized Clip Store Databases

Clips Workflow Using the Record Client

The following diagram illustrates an example of the XPression Clips workflow setup using the Record Client.

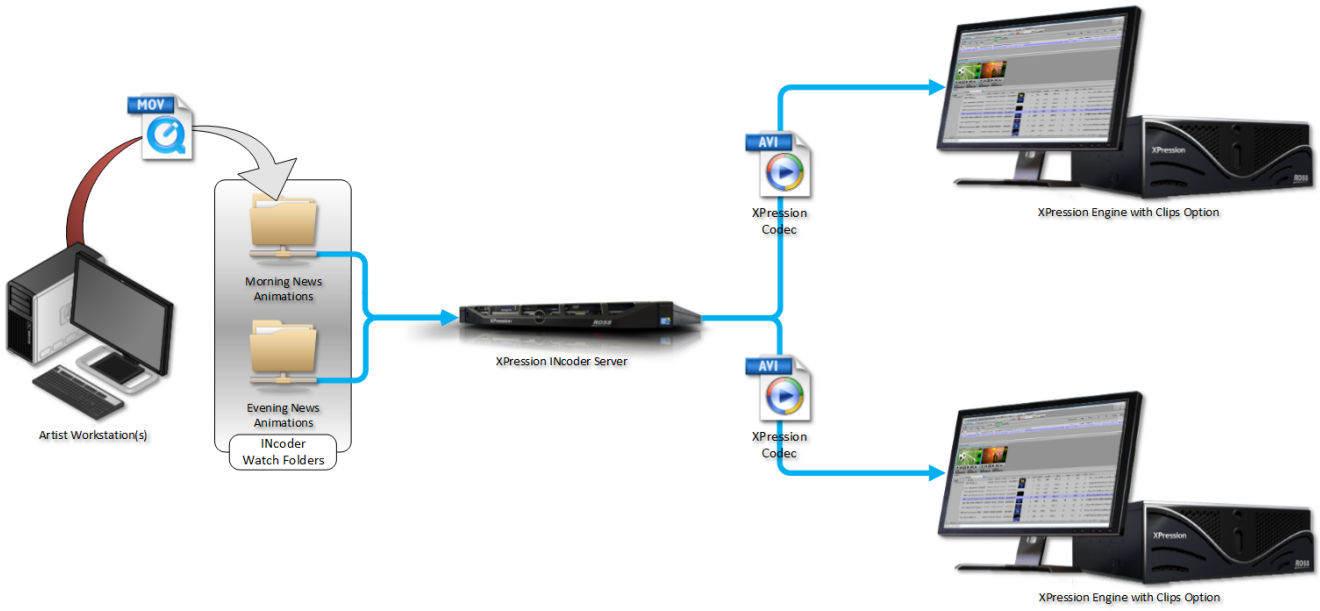


XPression Clips Configuration Example
Single Engine and No INcoder Software or Hardware

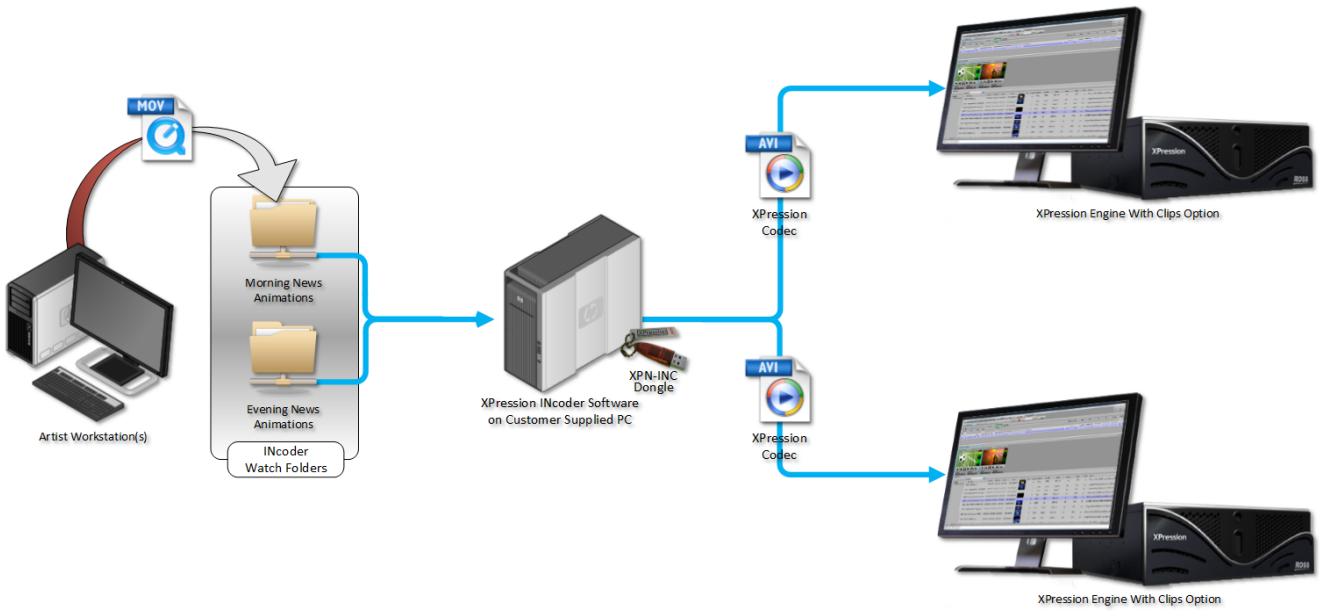
Clips Workflow Configuration when Using a Single Engine and the Record Client

Clips Workflow Using the XPression INcoder

The following diagrams illustrate examples of the XPression Clips workflow setup using multiple engines on the XPression INcoder server and using a customer supplied PC.



Clips Workflow Configuration when Using Multiple Engines and the INcoder Server



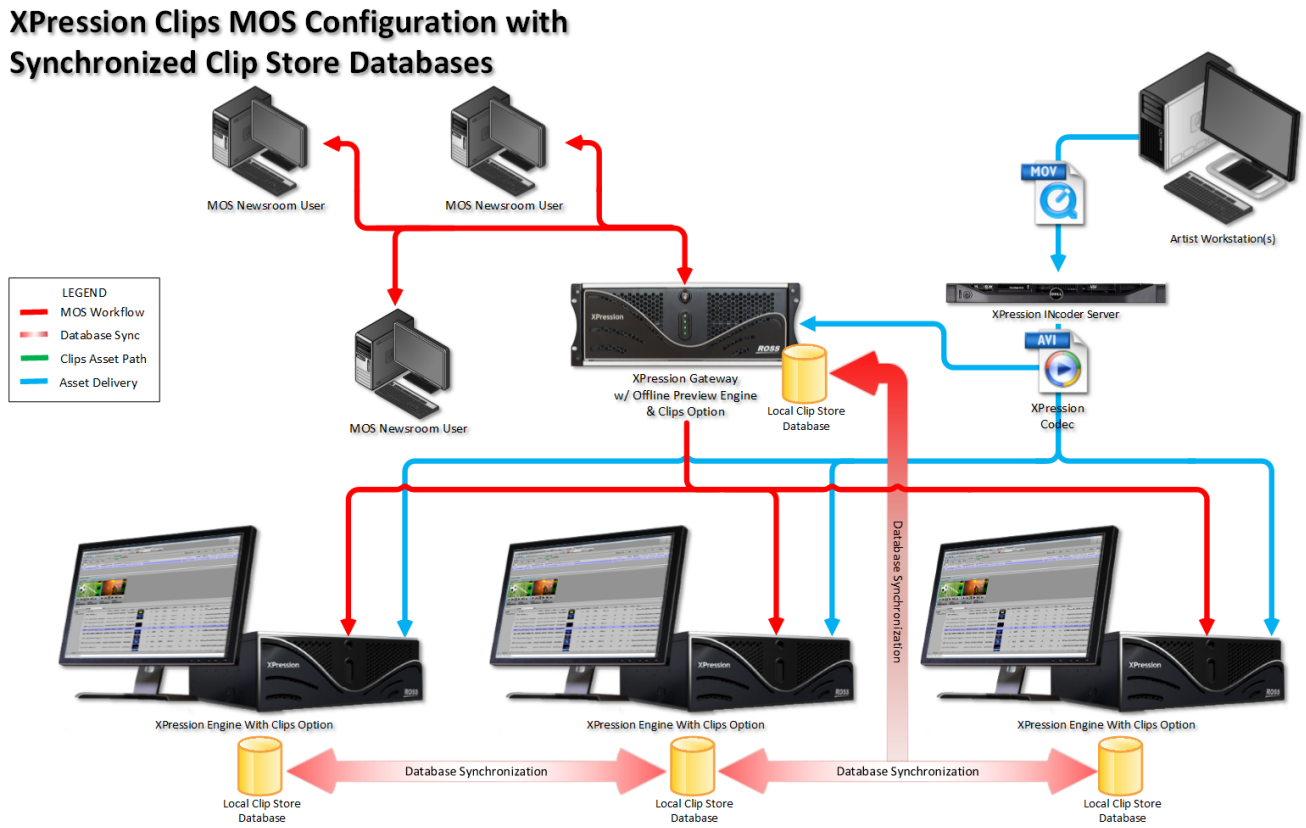
XPression Clips Configuration Example

Multiple Engines and INcoder on a Customer Supplied PC

Clips Workflow Configuration when Using Multiple Engines and the INcoder on a Customer Supplied PC

Clips MOS Workflow

The following diagram illustrates an example of the XPression Clips workflow setup using synchronized Clip Store databases in a MOS workflow.



Clips Workflow Configuration when Using Multiple Workstations and Synchronized Clip Store Databases in a MOS workflow

XPression Clip Store Setup

The following topics are discussed in this section:

Installing the XPression Clip Store

XPression Clip Store Manager Interface Overview

Starting and Stopping XPression Clip Store

Starting the Clip Store Manager

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Browsing and Deleting Clips

Wiping the Clips Database

Preset Event Tracks

Certificate Management

Configuring XPression Studio, BlueBox, and Gateway for XPression Clip Store

Installing the XPression Clip Store

Once XPression has been installed, use the following procedure to install the XPression Clip Store.

To install the XPression Clip Store:

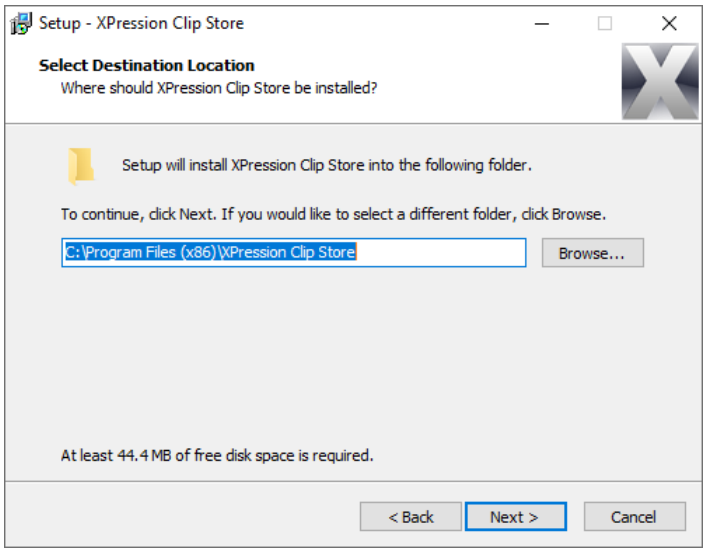
1. Locate and double-click the **xpClipStore-X.X_XXXX.exe** file.

   The Setup - XPression Clip Store page opens.



2. Select **Next**.

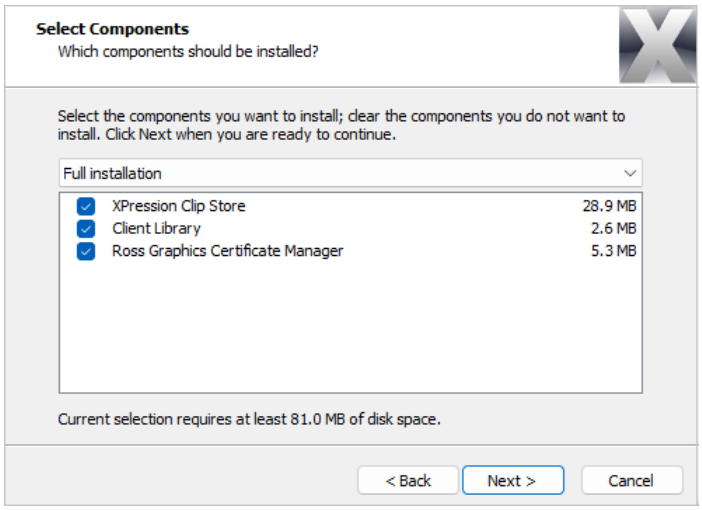
   The **Select Destination Location** page opens.



3. Use the default destination folder location or select **Browse** to locate and select a different destination location.

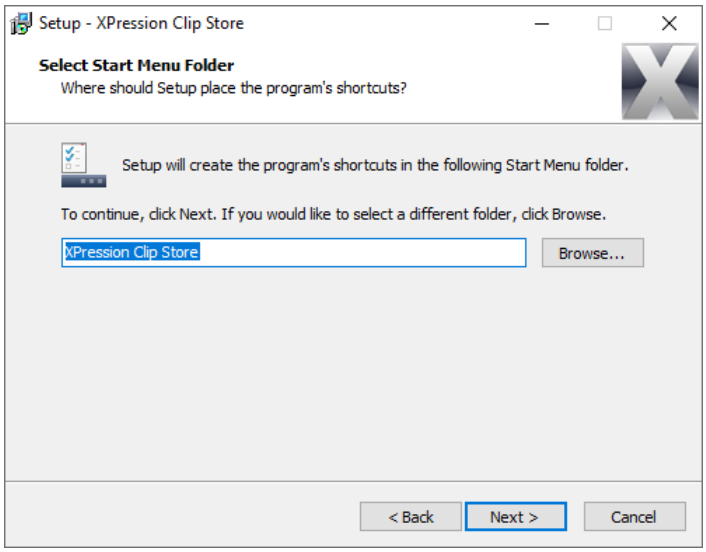
4. Select Next.

   The **Select Components** page opens.



5. Select **Next**.

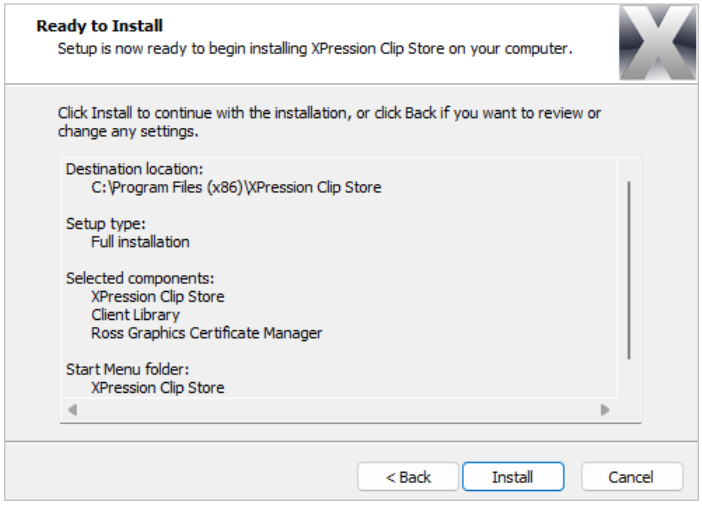
   The **Select Start Menu Folder** page opens.



6. Use the default **Start** menu folder location or select **Browse** to locate and select a different **Start** menu location.

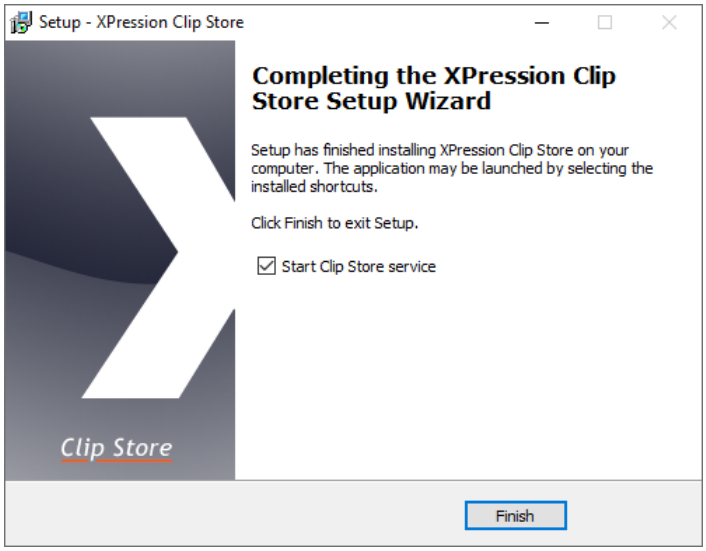
7. Select **Next**.

   The **Ready to Install** page opens.



8. Select **Install**.

   The installation begins. Once the installation is complete, the **Completing the XPression Clip Store Setup Wizard** page opens.



9. Select **Finish**.

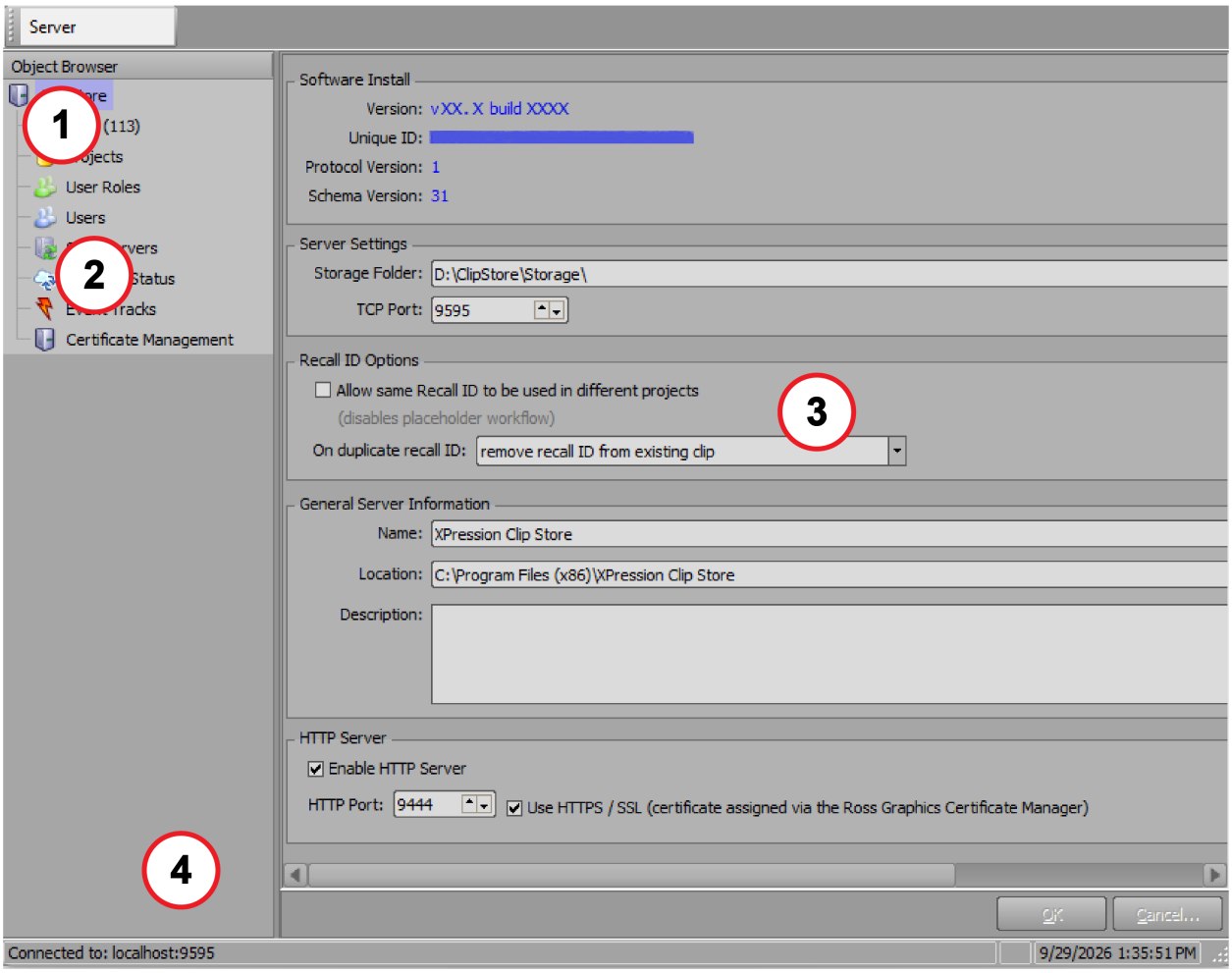
   If the **Start Clip Store service** checkbox is left as selected by default and the installation was successful, an information box is displayed that indicates that the XPression Clip Store was successfully started.

For More Information on...

- installing XPression, refer to the *XPression Quick Start Guide*.

XPression Clip Store Manager Interface Overview

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Clip Store Manager.



1. **Menu Bar** — use this menu bar to access the **Server** menu.
2. **Object Browser** — use this area to browse clips, select a project, add users, define user roles, add servers in which to sync, and view the status of transfers.
3. **Main Window** — use this window to configure or edit the selected item from the Object Browser.
4. **Status Area** — displays the current connection status of the Clip Store.

Starting and Stopping XPression Clip Store

XPression Clip Store services are automatically started after installation. However, if the option to start after install is de-selected or if the service has been stopped at any point, use the following procedure to start the Clip Store service.

To start the Clip Store:

1. On the machine that has the XPression Clip Store installed, locate the XPression Clip Store folder using the **Start** menu.
2. Select **Start Clip Store** ().

   If the Clip Store has successfully started, an information message indicates that the XPression Clip Store was successfully started.

To stop the Clip Store:

1. On the machine that has the XPression Clip Store installed, locate the XPression Clip Store folder using the **Start** menu.
2. Select **Stop Clip Store** ().

   If the Clip Store has been successfully stopped, an information message indicates that the XPression Clip Store was successfully stopped.

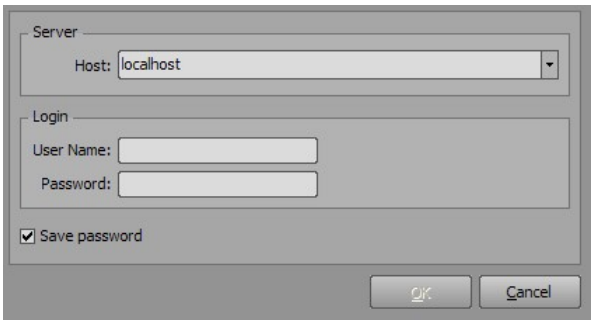
Starting the Clip Store Manager

Use the XPression Clip Store Manager to connect to XPression Clip server.

To connect to the XPression Clip server:

1. On the machine that has the XPression Clip Store installed, locate the XPression Clip Store folder using the **Start** menu and select **Clip Store Manager**.

   The **Connect to Clip Store server** dialog opens.



2. In the **Server** section, in the **Host** field, enter the IP address of the Clip Store service if using remotely.

   OR

   If using the Clip Store service locally, select **localhost** from the drop-down.

   This is the server from which the clips will be synchronized.

3. In the **Login** section, in the **User Name** field, enter the login name of the user.

   The default user name is `admin`.

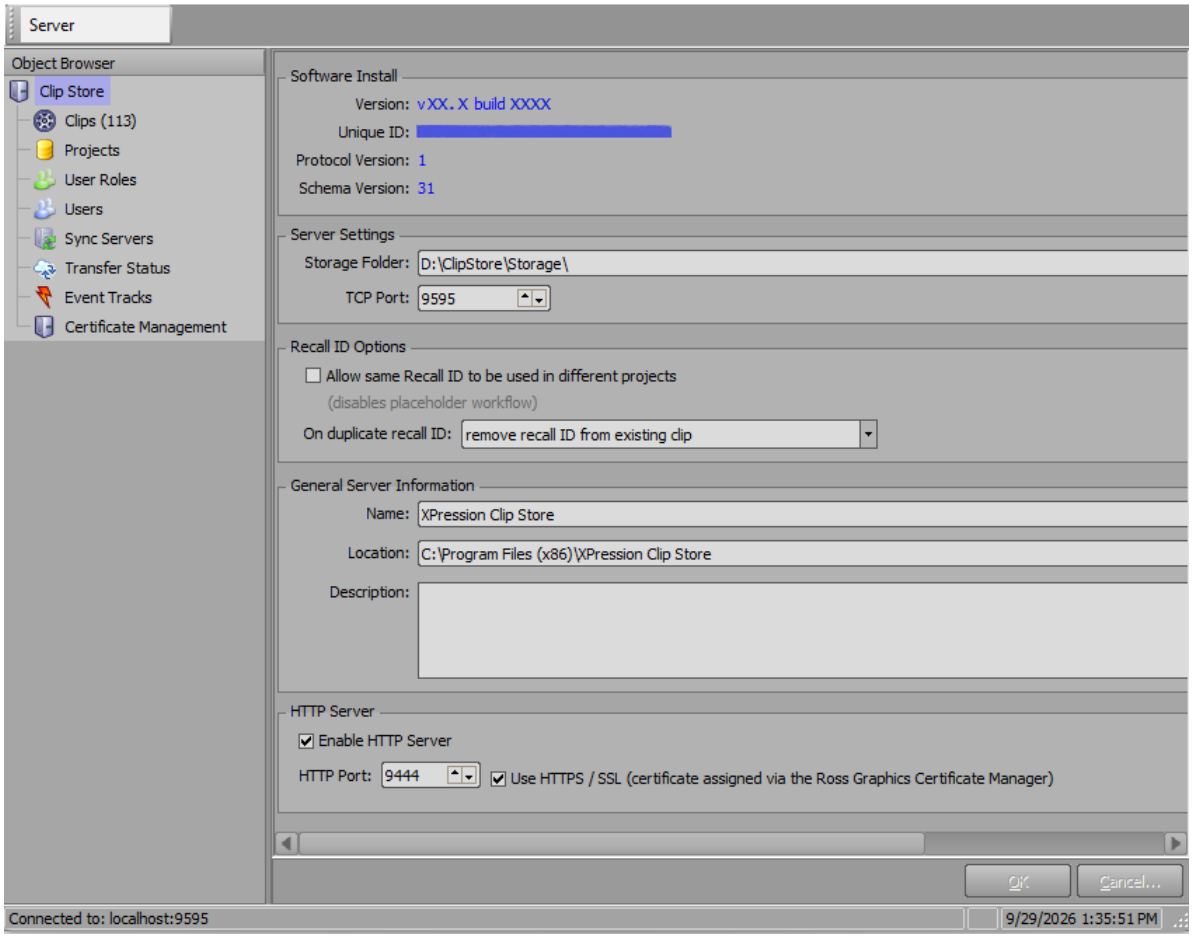
4. In the **Password** field, enter the password for the user.

   The default password is `admin`.

5. Select the **Save password** checkbox to automatically enter the login credentials for subsequent connections to the Clip Store server.

6. Select **OK**.

   The **XPression Clip Store Manager** opens.



Configuring the Clip Store

In the XPression Clip Store Manager, use the **Server Settings** section to configure the server details.

To configure the server settings:

1. In the **Server Settings** section, in the **Storage Folder** field, enter a file path for the folder where clips are stored.

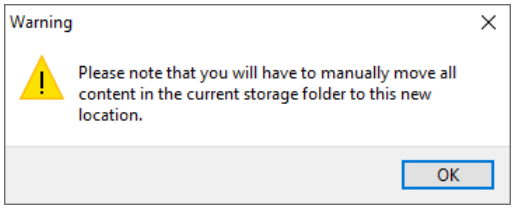
   The default file path is **D:\ClipStore\Storage**.

   OR

   If the machine does not use a **D:** media drive, the default path will be **C:\Program Files (x86)\XPression Clip Store\Storage**.

   If exporting sequencer take items as videos/images to a remote ClipStore, the storage folder of the remote ClipStore must be shared. The UNC path of the shared folder must be entered in the **Storage Folder** field of the ClipStore manager on the sequencer engine.

   ★If this value is being changed after clips have already been ingested into the system, you will need to manually copy the contents of the **D:\ClipStore\Storage** to the new folder. A warning will be presented to remind you to do so:

   The new path should contain three subfolders: **Clips**, **Thumbnails**, and **Flipbooks**.

   The Clip Store must be restarted after changing the storage folder location.

2. In the **TCP Port** field, enter or select the port number for the Clip Store server connection.

   The default is **9595**.

To configure Recall ID Options:

1. In the **Recall ID Options** section, select the **Allow same Recall ID to be used in different projects** checkbox to use the same recall ID of a clip throughout different projects.

   If selected, the **On duplicate recall ID** drop-down will adjust to indicate (in same project).

   When syncing between Clip Stores, all systems must have this option configured identically.

2. From the **On duplicate recall ID** drop-down, select an option for handling incoming clips with a duplicate recall ID:

   - **remove recall ID from existing clip** — remove the recall ID from the clip already stored on the server.
   - **delete existing clip when it has no subclips** — delete a duplicate clip from the server if it has had no subclips created from it.
   - **delete existing clip and subclips** — delete a duplicate clip and its subclips from the server.

To configure General Server Information:

1. In the **General Server Information** section, in the **Name** field, enter a name for the Clip Store server, if necessary.

   The default name is **XPression Clip Store**.

2. In the **Location** field, enter the name of the location where the Clip Store server is located, if necessary.

3. In the **Description** field, enter a brief descriptor for the Clip Store server, if necessary.

To configure the HTTP Server settings:

1. In the **HTTP Server** section, select the **Enable HTTP Server** checkbox to enable an HTTP server that provides a REST interface for retrieving clip information from the Clip Store.

2. In the **HTTP Port** field, enter or select the port number for the connection.

   The default port is **9550**.

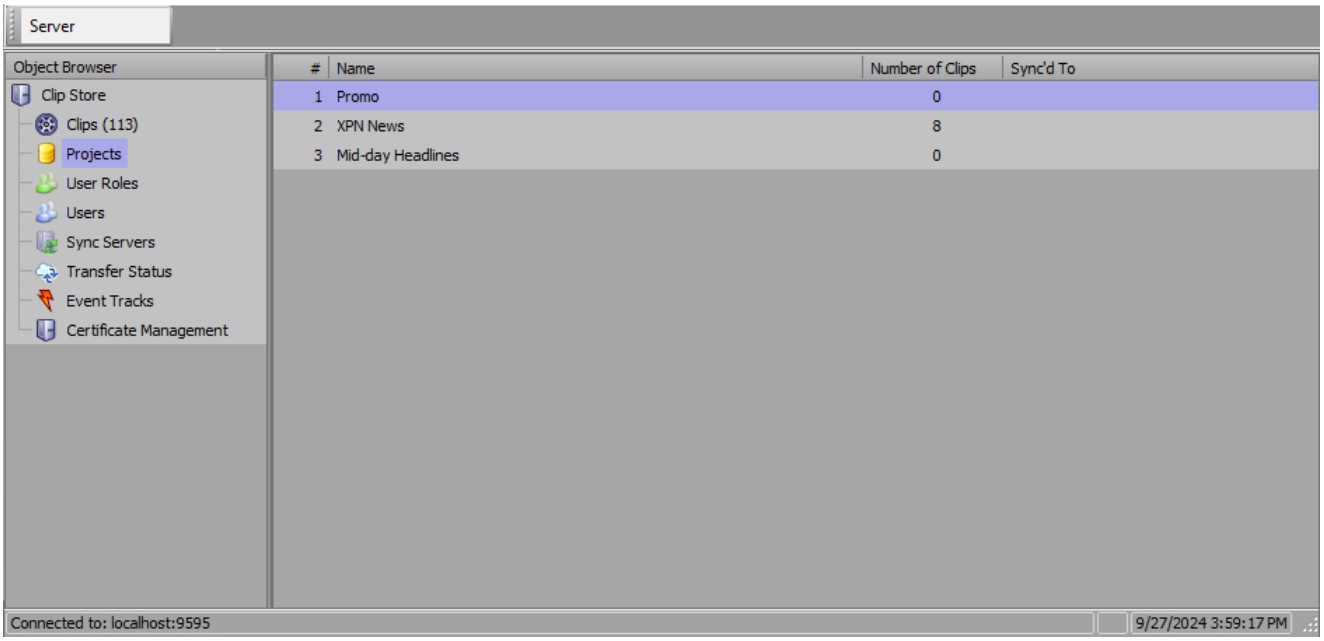
3. Select the Use **HTTPS / SSL (certificate assigned via the Ross Graphics Certificate Manager)** checkbox to use HTTPS / SSL.

   When **HTTPS / SSL** is enabled, the port number is fixed to **9444**.

4. Select **OK** to apply the Clip Store settings.

Projects

Use the **Projects** section to create, edit, and delete projects.



To create a new project:

1. In the **Object Browser**, select **Projects** from the Clip Store menu tree.
2. Right-click inside the **Projects** list and select **New Project** from the shortcut menu.

   The **New Project** dialog opens.



3. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the new project.
4. Select **OK**.

   The new project is added to the **Projects** list.

To edit a project:

1. Select a project in the **Projects** list.
2. Right-click and select **Edit Project** from the shortcut menu.
3. The **Edit Project** dialog opens.



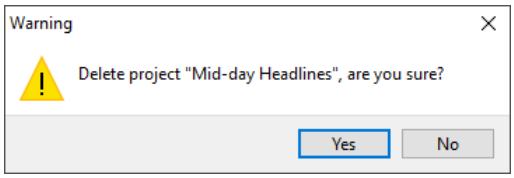
4. In the **Name** field, edit the name of the project.
5. Select **OK**.

   The edited project name is updated in the **Projects** list.

To delete a project:

1. Select a project in the **Projects** list.
2. Right-click and select **Delete Project** from the shortcut menu.

   A warning prompt opens.



3. Select **Yes**.

   The project is deleted from the **Projects** list.

Projects List

The following section describes the **Projects** interface.

(read-only) — list number in the Projects list.

Name (read-only) — lists the name of the project.

Number of Clips — displays the number of clips in the project.

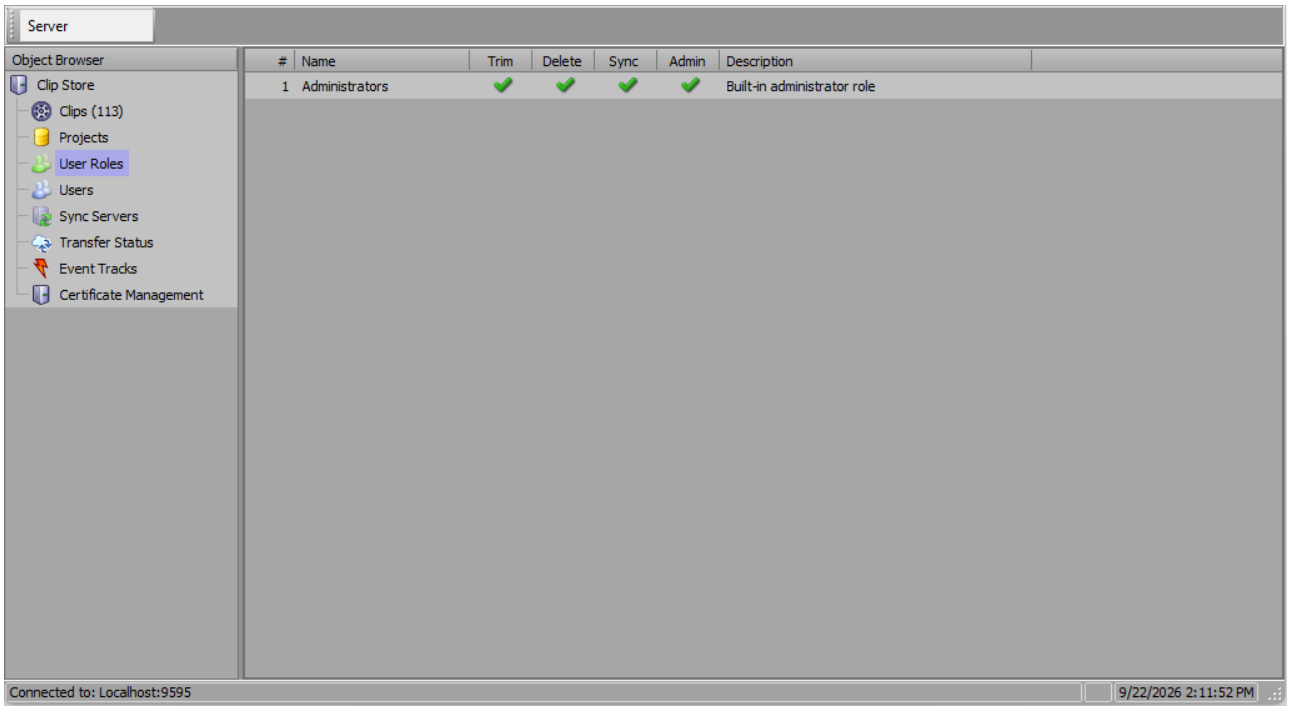
Adding User Roles

Use the XPression Clip Store Manager to add user roles to allow and disable specific functions for specific roles that are assigned to users.

To add a user role:

1. Connect to the XPression Clip Store Manager.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **User Roles** from the Clip Store menu tree.

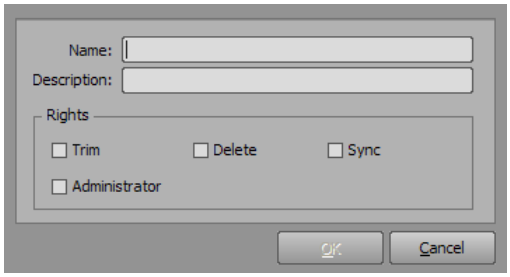
   The **User Roles** section opens in the main window.



   An **Administrator** role already exists by default.

3. Right-click inside the **User Roles** list and select **New** from the shortcut menu.

   The **New User Role** dialog opens.



4. In the **New User Role** dialog, enter the following information:
   - **Name** — enter a name for the new user role. For example, if a user is being given deletion rights, a user role could be given the name 'Delete'.
   - **Description** — enter a brief descriptor for the user role, if necessary.

5. In the **Rights** section, use the checkboxes to select the rights allowed for the user role:

   Trim — this feature will be available in a future release.

   Delete — ability to delete clips.

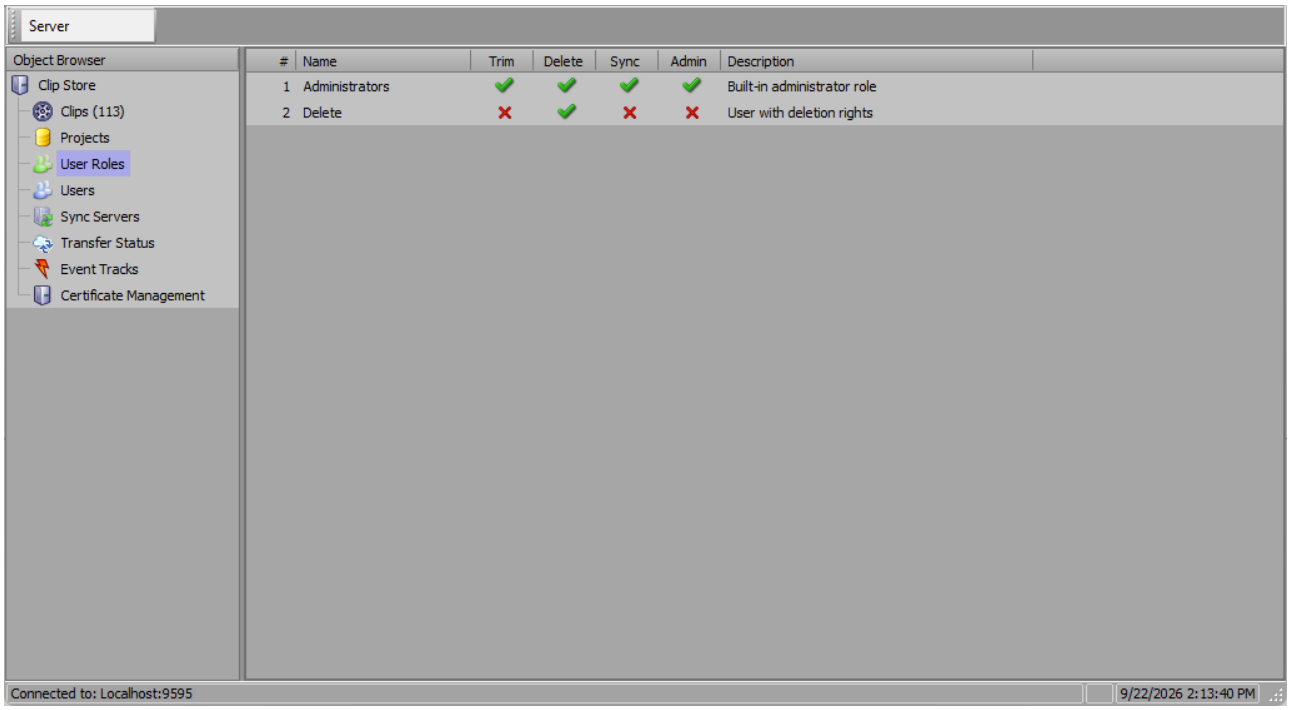
   Sync — ability to synchronize servers.

   Sync users also require delete rights if deletes are to be synchronized across Clip Stores.

   Administrator — ability to access all rights.

6. Select **OK**.

   The new user role is added to the **User Roles** list.



7. Repeat steps 3 to 6 for any other new roles.

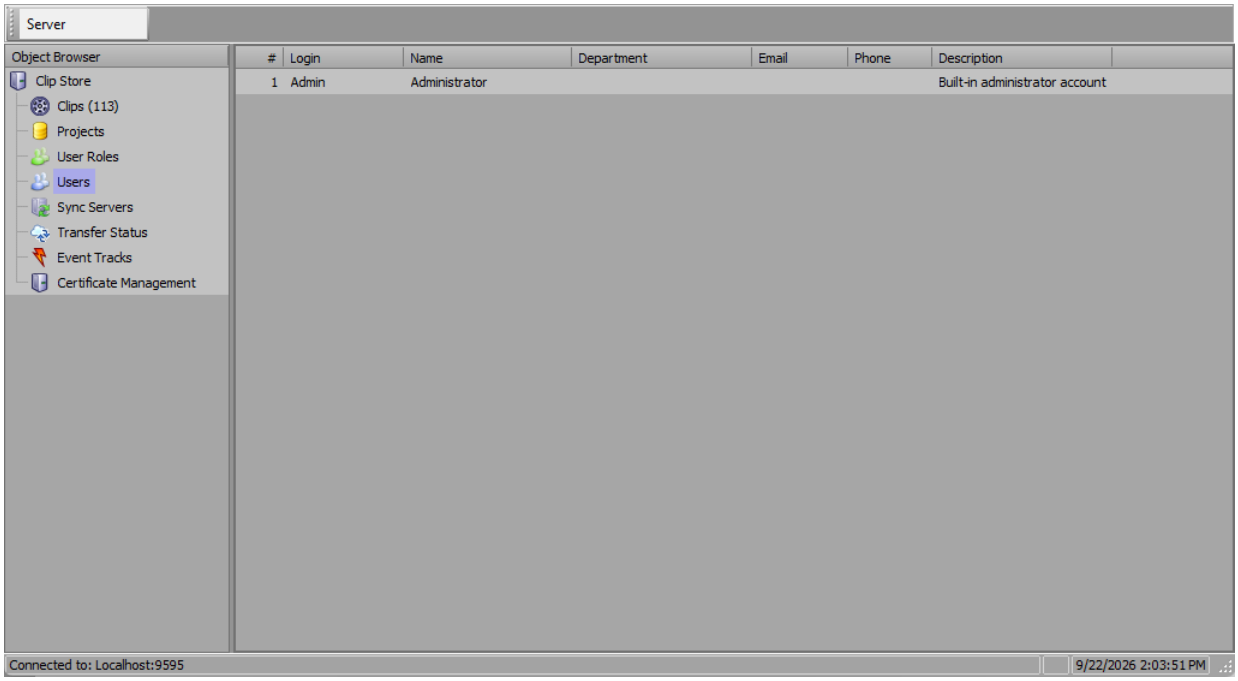
Adding Users

Use the XPression Clip Store Manager to add users and assign specific user roles that allow and disable specific functions.

To add a user:

1. Connect to the XPression Clip Store Manager.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Users** from the Clip Store menu tree.

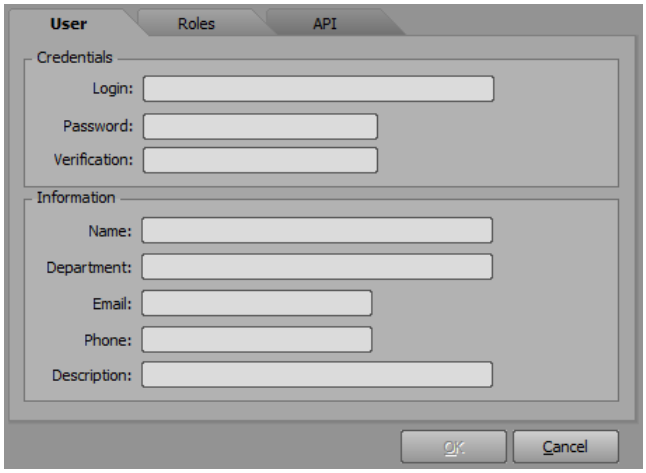
   The **Users** section opens in the main window.



   An **Admin** user already exists by default.

3. Right-click inside the **Users** list and select **New** from the shortcut menu.

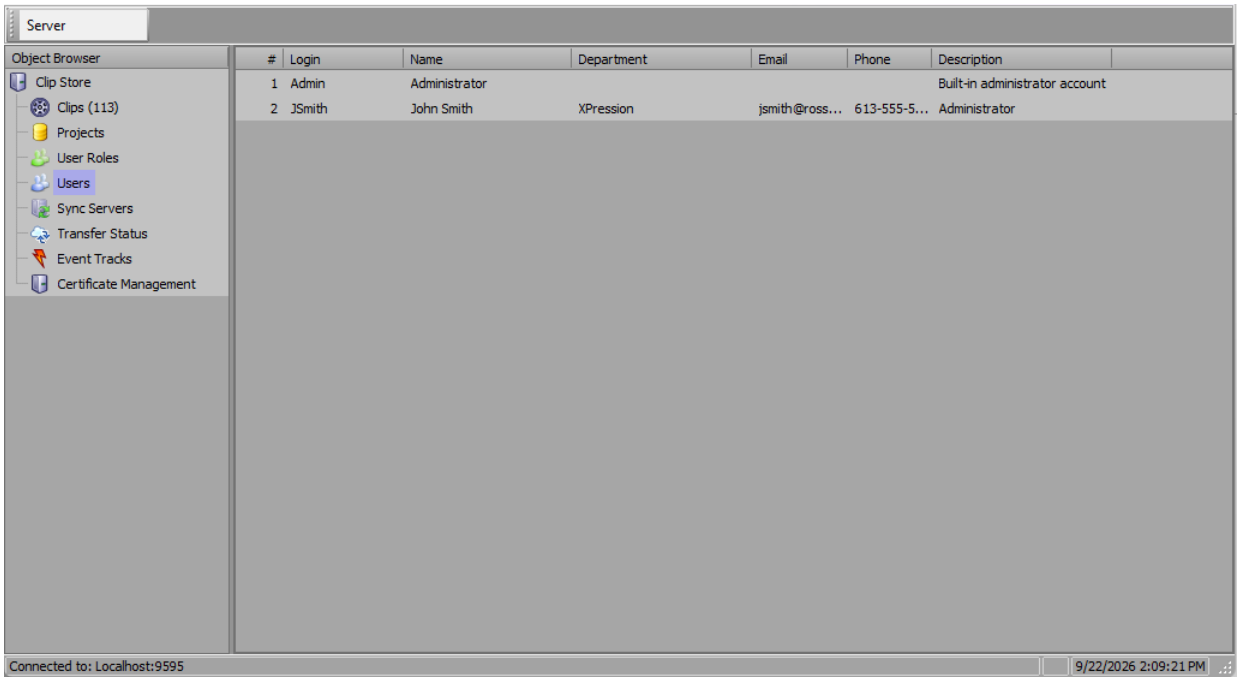
   The **New User** dialog opens.



4. In the **User** tab of the **New User** dialog, enter the following information:
   - In the **Credentials** section, in the **Login** field, enter a login credential for the new user.
   - In the **Password** field, enter a password for the new user.
   - In the **Verification** field, re-enter the password.
   - In the **Information** section, in the **Name** field, enter the name of the new user.

     A name must be entered to create a new user.
   - In the **Department** field, enter the name of the department of the new user, if necessary.
   - In the **Email** field, enter the email address of the new user, if necessary.
   - In the **Phone** field, enter the phone number of the new user, if necessary.
   - In the **Description** field, enter a brief descriptor for the user, if necessary.
5. Select **OK**.

   The new user is added to the **Users** list.

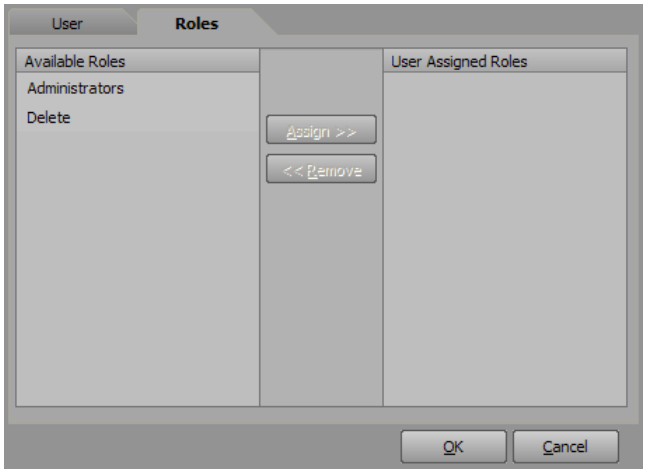


6. Repeat steps 3 to 5 to add more new users.

To assign a role to a user:

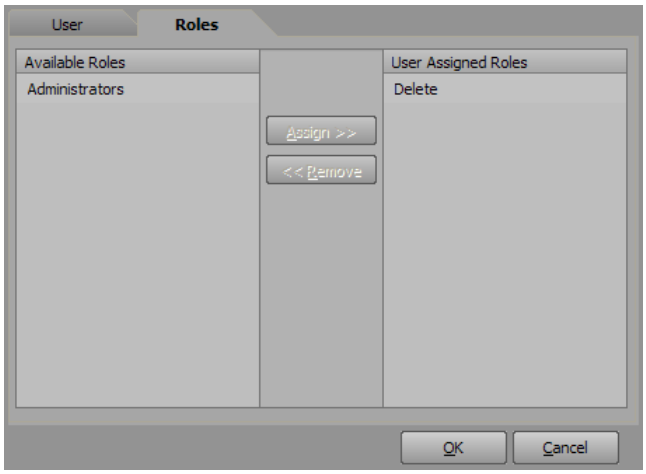
1. Select the **Roles** tab.

   The **Roles** tab opens.



2. In the **Roles** tab, select a role in the **Available Roles** list.
3. Then select **Assign**.

   The role is added to the **User Assigned Roles** list.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for any other available roles, if necessary.
5. Select **OK**.

For More Information on...

- adding user roles, refer to Add User Roles.

Synchronizing Multiple Clip Stores

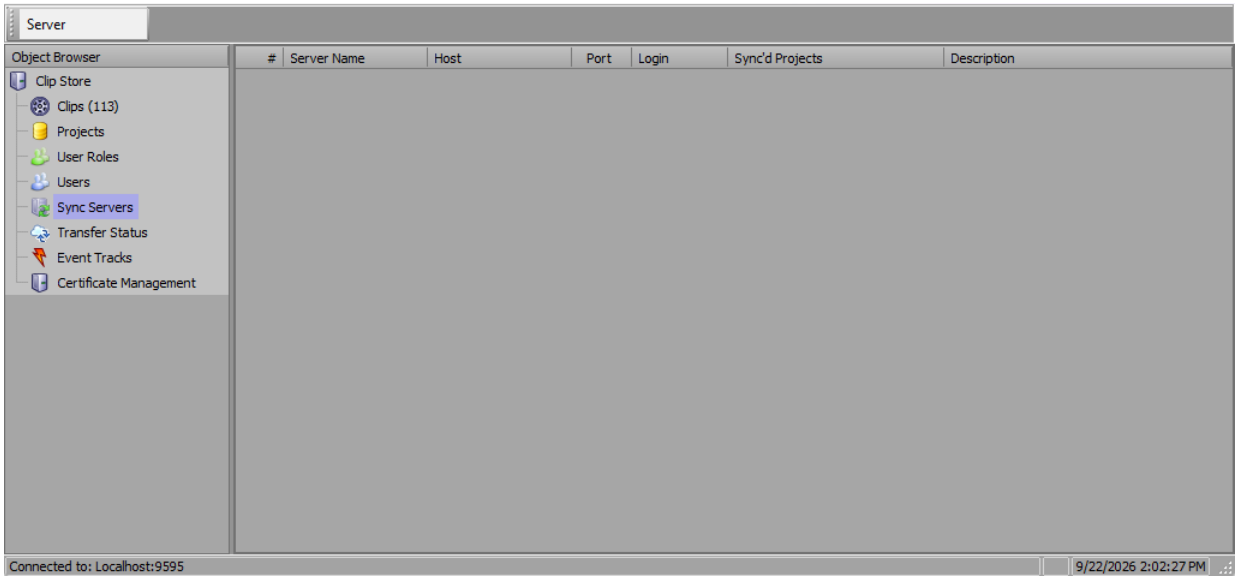
Use the **Sync Servers** section to synchronize multiple Clip Stores. A sync server is a server that has clips pushed to it.

Synchronizing multiple Clip Stores will ensure that any changes and edits to a clip, or sub-clips created from a clip, will be reflected across all Clip Stores that have been synced.

To synchronize multiple clip stores:

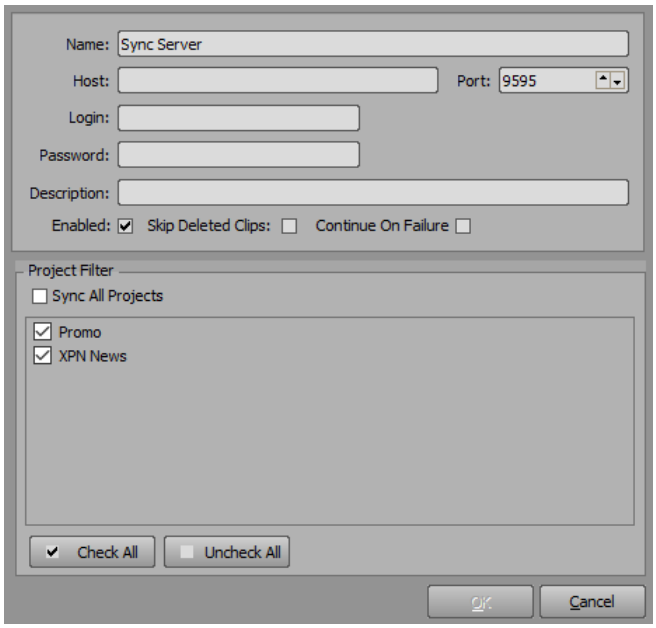
1. Connect to the XPression Clip Store Manager.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Sync Servers** from the Clip Store menu tree.

   The **Sync Servers** section opens in the main window.



3. Right-click inside the **Server** list pane and select **New** from the **Context** menu.

   The **New Sync Server** dialog opens.



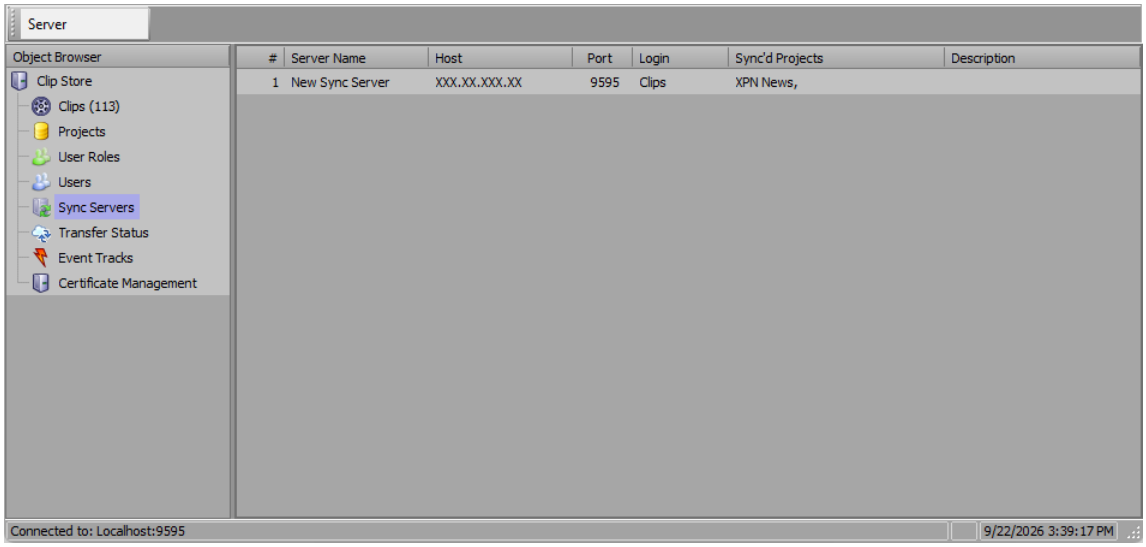
4. In the **New Sync Server** dialog, set up the server from which the clips will be synchronized:
   - **Name** — enter the name of the sync server. The default name is Sync Server.
   - **Host** — enter the IP address of the sync server.
   - **Port** — enter the port number of the sync server. The default is 9595.
   - **Login** — enter the login username for the sync server.
   - **Password** — enter the login password for the sync server.
   - **Description** — enter a brief descriptor for the sync server, if necessary.
   - **Enabled** — activate the individual sync server. This is enabled by default.
   - **Skip Deleted Clips** — skip deleted clips when synchronizing.
   - **Continue On Failure** — continue clip sync after a clip fails to sync.
5. In the **Project Filter** section, select the **Sync All Projects** checkbox to sync all projects to a destination Clip Store or de-select it to choose specific projects to sync to a destination Clip Store.

   It is selected by default.
6. Select the **Check All** button to select all projects in the project list.

   OR

   Select the **Uncheck All** button to de-select all projects in the project list and then select the project you want to synchronize.
7. Select **OK**.

   The **New Sync Server** dialog closes and the new sync server is added to the **Sync Servers** list.



8. Repeat steps 3 to 7 to synchronize other servers, if necessary.

For More Information on...

- connecting to the XPression Clip Store server, refer to Stating the Clip Store Manager.
- viewing the transfer status when syncing servers, refer to Viewing the Transfer Status When Syncing Servers.

Viewing the Transfer Status When Syncing Servers

Use the **Transfer Status** section to view the current progress when synchronizing Clip Stores.

Open it by selecting Transfer Status from the Clip Store menu tree in the **Object Browser**.

The transfer of files can take a while depending on the amount of files.

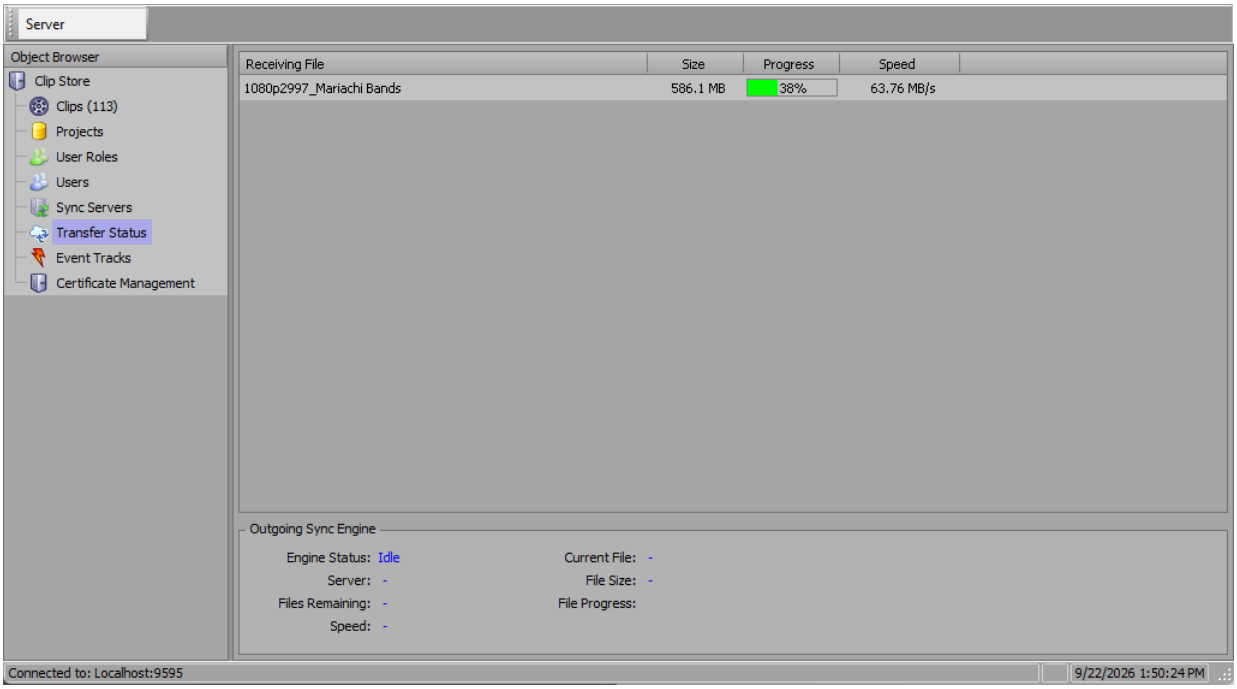
The following topics are discussed in this section:

Receiving Files on a Synced Server

Outgoing Files from a Clips Server

Receiving Files On a Synced Server

When receiving files from a server, the **Receiving File** list will display the files as they are transfered:



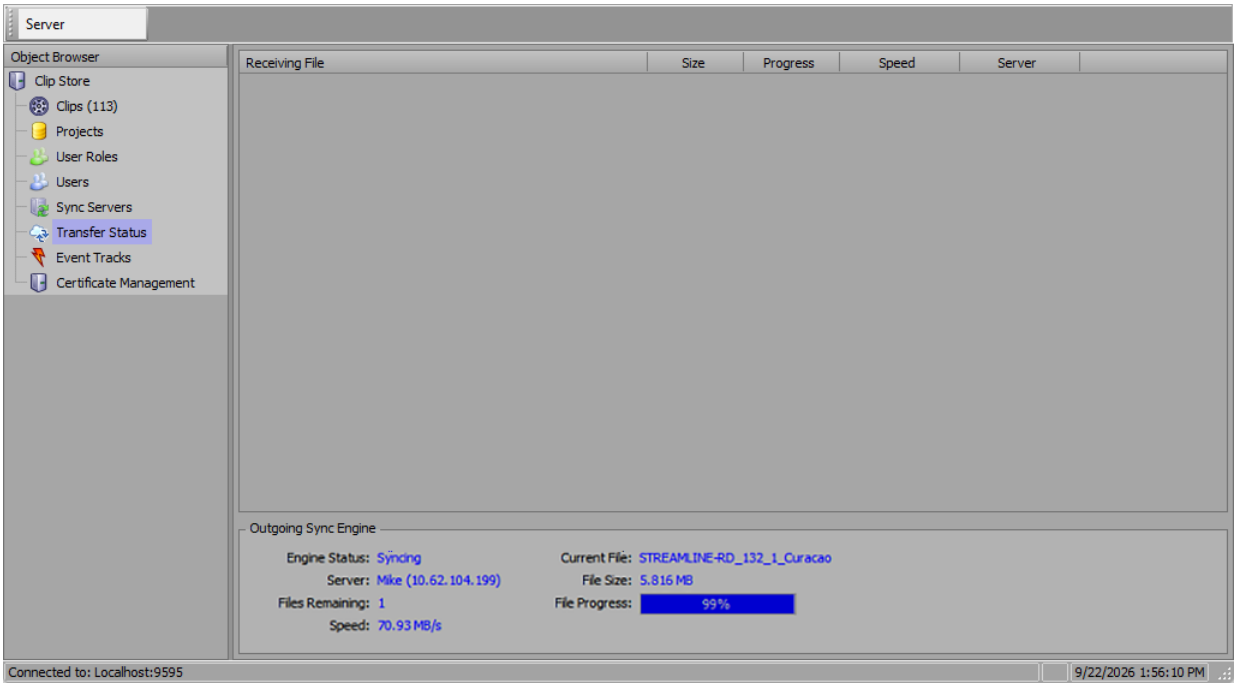
Only one file at a time is listed. The following file information is displayed:

- **Receiving File** (read-only) — displays the name of the file being received.
- **Size** (read-only) — displays the file size of the file being received.
- **Progress** (read-only) — displays a progress status bar and percentage completed for the file being received.
- **Speed** (read-only) — displays the speed of the download in MB/s.
- **Server** (read-only) — displays the IP address of files received.

During the incoming transfer, the **Outgoing Sync Engine** section will display the **Engine Status** as **Idle**.

Outgoing Files from a Clips Server

When files are being pushed to a synced server, the **Outgoing Sync Engine** section displays the outgoing file transfer progress:



The following information is displayed:

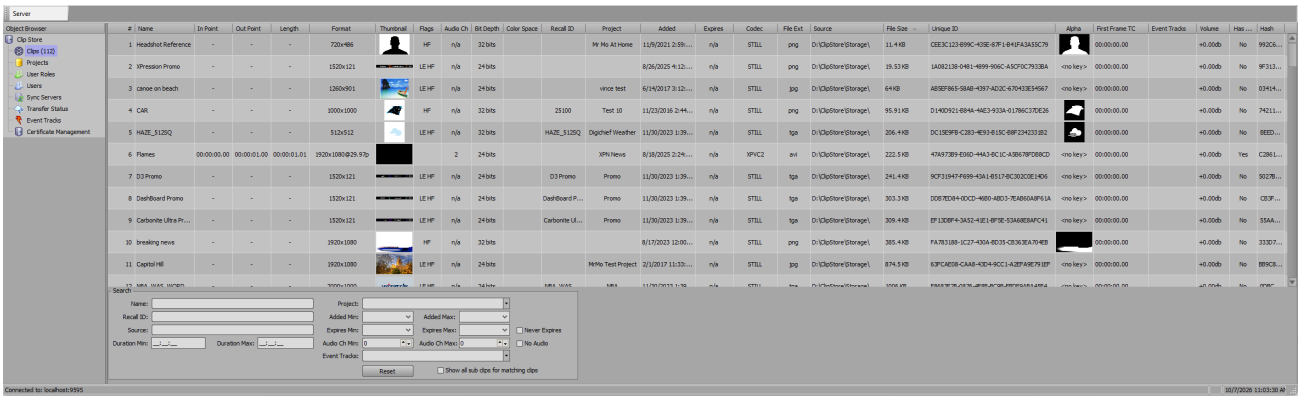
- **Engine Status** (read-only) — displays the current status of the outgoing sync engine:
  - **Idle** — the outgoing sync engine is not currently processing any files.
  - **Syncing** — the outgoing sync engine is processing a file.
- **Server** (read-only) — displays the name and address of the server being synchronized.
- **Files Remaining** (read-only) — displays the remaining number of files to be synchronized.
- **Speed** (read-only) — displays the speed in MB/s of the file processing.
- **Current File** (read-only) — displays the name of the file being processed.
- **File Size** (read-only) — displays the size of the file being processed.
- **File Progress** (read-only) — displays a progress status bar and percentage completed for the file being processed.

Browsing and Deleting Clips

Use the **Clips** section to browse and delete clips from the server. Use the **Clips** list to browse for specific clips, view the clip details, and delete clips from the server.

To open the Clips section:

- In the **Object Browser**, select **Clips** from the Clip Store menu tree.



To delete a clip:

- Right-click a clip and select **Delete** from the shortcut menu.
- To sort clips by file size, click in the **File Size** column heading.

Clips List

The following section describes the **Clips** list interface.

(read-only) — list number in the Clip Browser list.

Name (read-only) — lists the name of the clip.

In Point (read-only) — lists the drop frame timecode starting point for the clip.

Out Point (read-only) — lists the drop frame timecode ending point for the clip.

Length (read-only) — lists the drop frame timecode duration of the clip.

Format (read-only) — lists the formatting used for the clip.

Thumbnail (read-only) — provides a thumbnail image of the clip or still. Thumbnails can be enlarged by clicking and dragging the right border of the thumbnail column title. Review a flip book playout of the clip by hovering the cursor over the thumbnail. The flip book is rendered over a checkerboard pattern so that the alpha channel is visible unless the clip is full frame. Still image thumbnails display an icon () indicating that they are still images and not clips.

Flags (read-only) — if using clips that have been transcoded by the XPression INcoder that include tags in the filename, this column lists the tags that have been parsed from the filename of the clip. Flags include:

- **LE** — indicates that looping has been enabled.
- **HF** — indicates that the clip will hold the last frame.
- **PM** — indicates that the clip uses premultiplied/shaped video.

Audio Ch (read-only) — lists the amount of audio channels embedded in the clip.

Bit Depth (read-only) — lists the quality of the signal quantization for the clip.

Recall ID (read-only) — lists the ID number for the clip when it is recalled.

Project (read-only) — lists the name of the project to which the clip has been added.

Added (read-only) — lists the date the clip was added to the project.

Expires (read-only) — lists the expiry date for the clip, if applicable.

Codec (read-only) — lists the codec format of the clip.

File Ext (read-only) — lists the file type of the clip.

Source (read-only) — lists the location on the server where the clips are stored.

File Size (read-only) — lists the file size of the clip in MB.

Unique ID (read-only) — lists the unique identification assigned to the clip when it was transcoded.

Alpha (read-only) — provides a thumbnail of the clip with the alpha channel visible (if the original status indicates <no info>, then re-ingest the original clip or update the thumbnail in the Edit Clip/Add Sub Clip dialog box).

First Frame TC (read-only) — lists the timecode at the point of the first frame of the clip.

Volume (read-only) — lists the volume level of the clip in decibels.

Has Proxy (read-only) — lists whether the clip includes a proxy or not.

Search

The following section describes the **Search** interface of the Clips section.

Name — enter the name of a clip to search.

Recall ID — enter a recall ID to search.

Source — enter a location to search for a clip.

Duration Min — enter a minimum duration time to search for the clip.

Duration Max — enter a maximum duration time to search for the clip.

Project — select a project to search for the clip.

Added Min — use the calendar to select a minimum date to search that the clip was added.

Added Max — use the calendar to select a maximum date to search that the clip was added.

Expires Min — use the calendar to select the minimum expiry date to search for the clip.

Expires Max — use the calendar to select the maximum expiry date to search for the clip.

Never Expires — select this checkbox to search for a clip with no expiry date set.

Audio Ch Min — enter or select a minimum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.

Audio Ch Max — enter or select a maximum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.

No Audio — select this checkbox to search for a clip with no embedded audio.

Event Tracks —

Reset — clear all the fields in the Advanced Search Options.

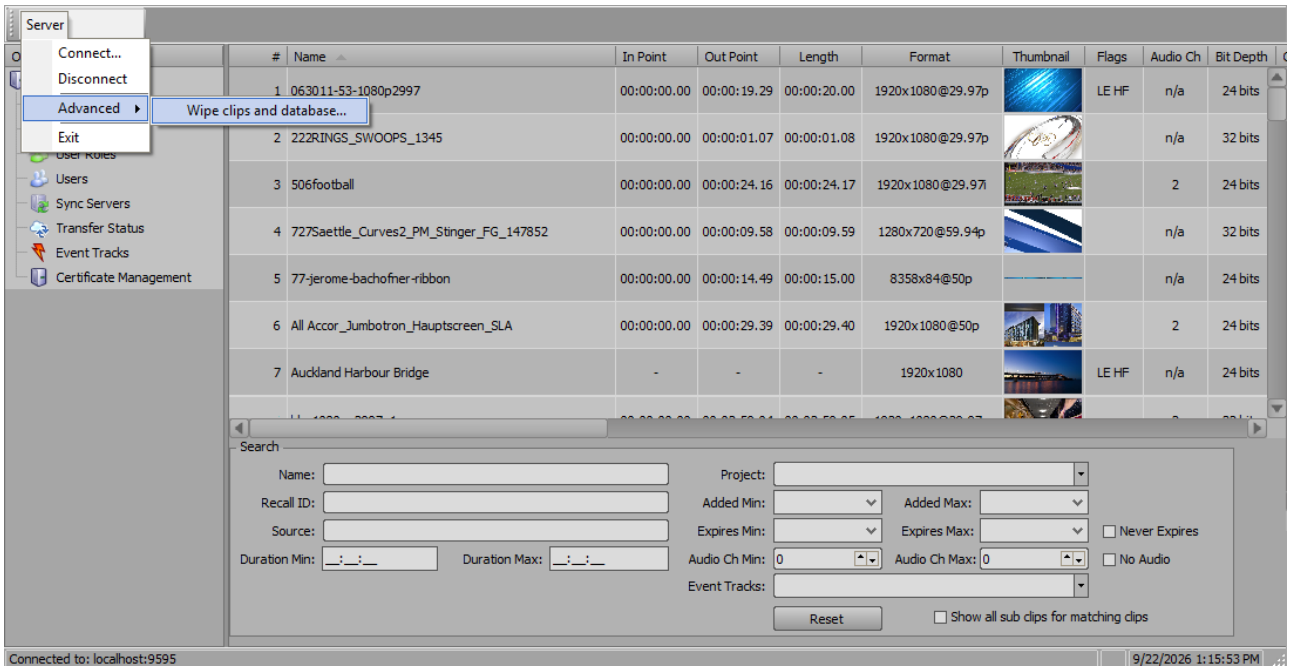
Show all sub clips for matching clips — select to display any sub clips of a clip in the Clips list.

Wiping the Clips Database

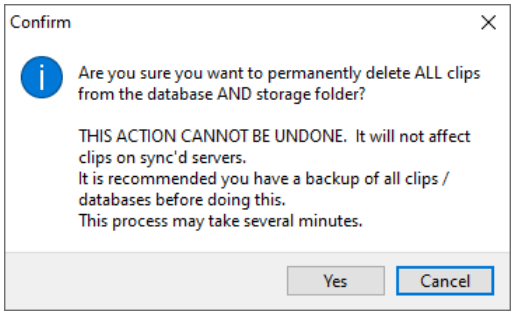
If the clips database needs to be deleted, there is an option in the **Clip Store Manager** to permanently wipe the clips database.

To permanently wipe the clips database:

1. Connect to the XPression Clip Store Manager.
2. Select **Server > Advanced > Wipe clips and database**.

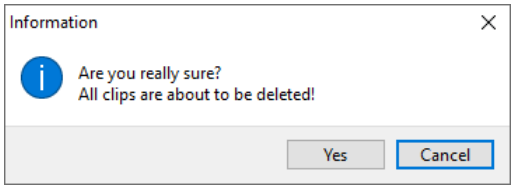


3. A confirmation dialog opens.



4. Select **Yes**.

   A notification about the deletion opens.



5. Select **Yes**.

   The Clips database is wiped.

Preset Event Tracks

In the **Clip Store Manager** you can create preset event tracks with RossTalk and Scene Director trigger events which can be assigned to clips in the clip editor.

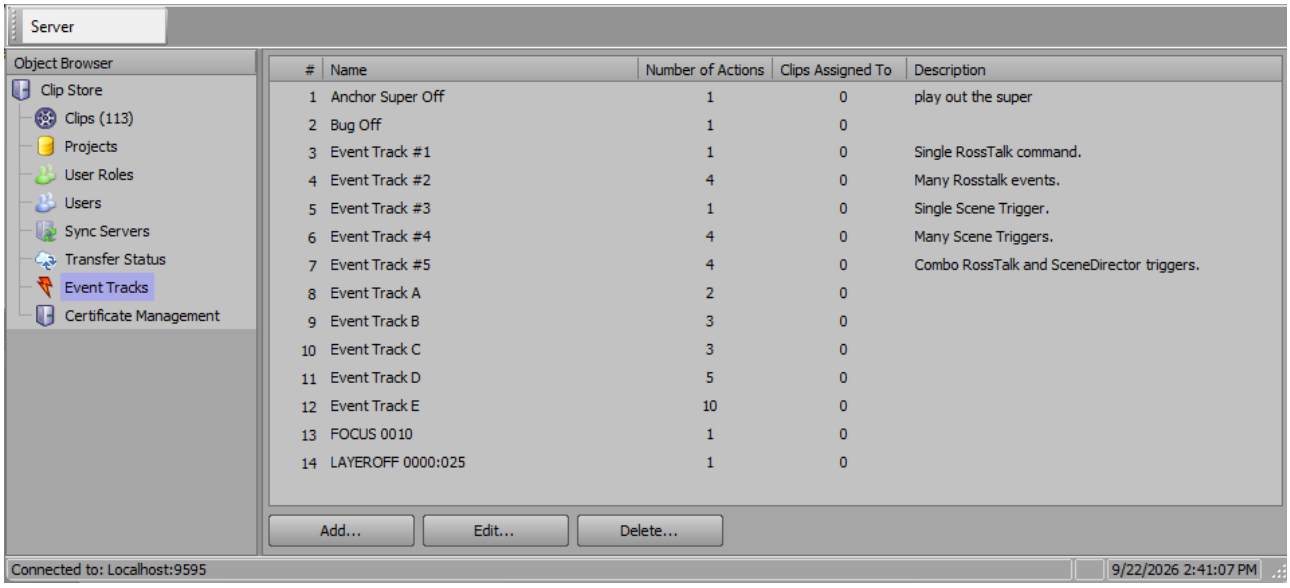
XPression INcoder must be configured and connected to the Clip Store in order to assign event tracks to a processor in the INcoder.

For more information on configuring INcoder, see XPression INcoder.

To configure the events in the Clip Store Manager:

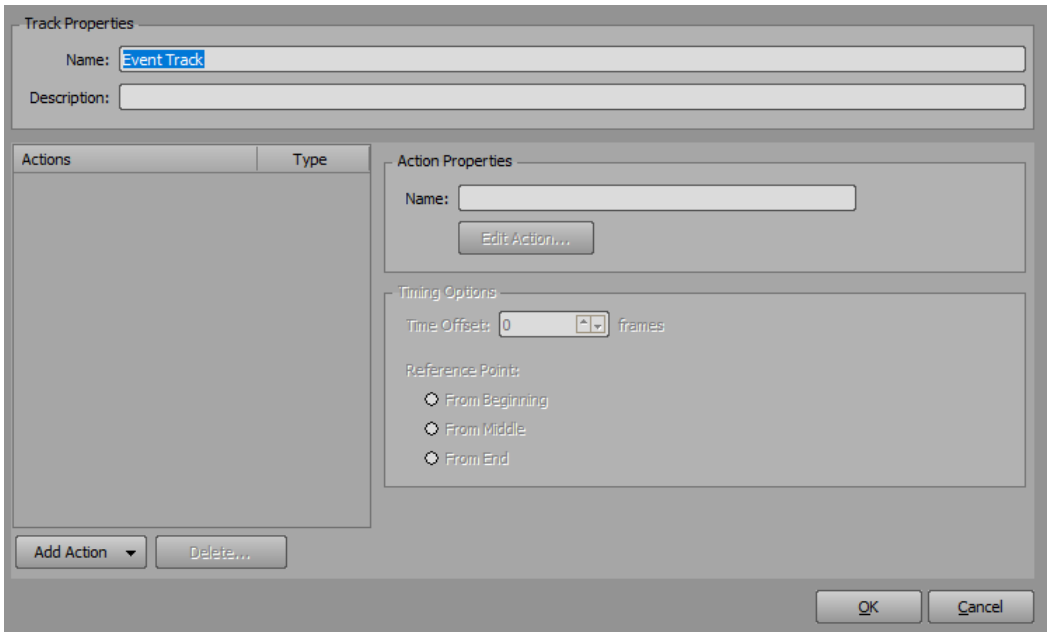
1. Open the XPression Clip Store Manager.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Event Tracks** from the Clip Store menu tree.

   The **Event Tracks** section opens in the main window.



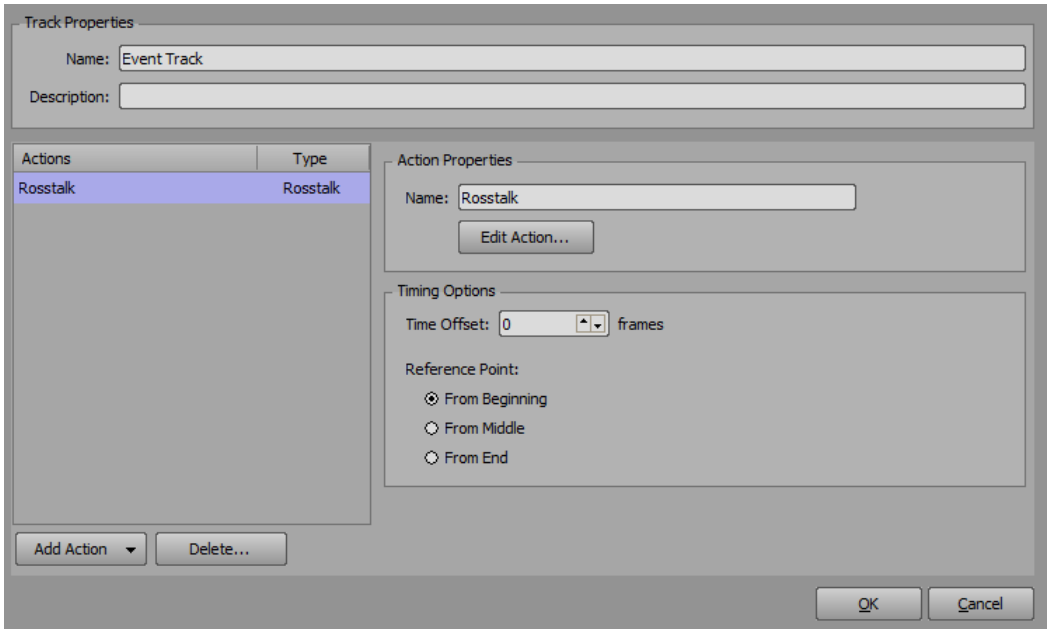
3. Select **Add** to add an event track.

   The **New Event Track** dialog opens.



4. In the **Track Properties** section:
   - In the **Name** field, enter a name for the event track.
   - In the **Description** field, enter a brief description for the event track if necessary.
5. Select **Add Action** and select one of the following as an action for the event:
   - **RossTalk Event**
   - **SceneDirector Trigger**

   The selected action is added to the **Actions** list.



6. In the **Action Properties** section, in the **Name** field, enter a name for the action.

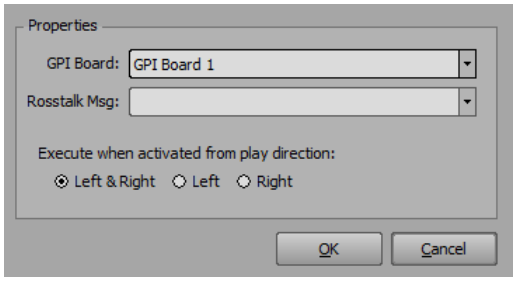
7. Select **Edit Action** to configure the properties of the action.

   If a **RossTalk** action was selected, then the **RossTalk Event Properties** dialog opens.

   If a **SceneDirector Trigger** action was selected, then the **Trigger Event Properties** dialog opens.

8. Configure the selected action:

   RossTalk Event



9. In the **Properties** section, from the GPI Board drop-down, select the GPI board to use for the RossTalk message.

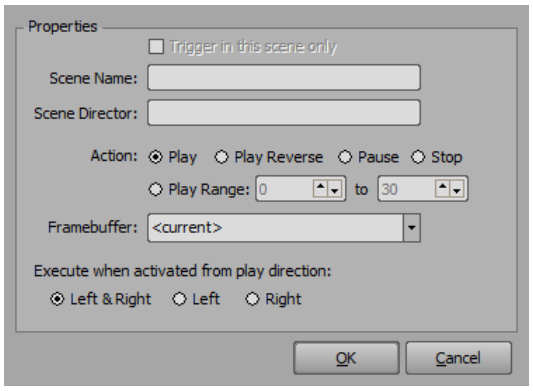
   a. From the **RossTalk Msg** drop-down, select the RossTalk message to use for the event.

      For more information on individual RossTalk commands, refer to the *GPI On XPression* app note.

   b. Select one of the **Execute when activated from play direction** options:

      - **Left & Right** — execute the event when the play direction of the track is moving left or right.
      - **Left** — execute the event when the play direction of the track is moving left only.
      - **Right** — execute the event when the play direction of the track is moving right only.

   Trigger Event



   ★The **Trigger in this scene only** option is not supported with event tracks.

10. In the **Properties** section, do the following:

    a. In the **Scene Name** field, enter the name of the scene with the **Scene Director** to trigger in other on-air scenes.

       The wildcard character (*) is supported.

    b. In the **Scene Director** field, enter the name of the **Scene Director** to trigger from the selected scene(s).

c. Select an **Action** for the Scene Director when triggered:

- **Play** — play out the tracks in the Scene Director.
- **Play Reverse** — play out the tracks in the Scene Director in reverse.
- **Pause** — pause the tracks in the Scene Director.
- **Stop** — stop the tracks in the Scene Director.
- **Play Range** — select this to set a play range in frames for the playout. Use the adjacent fields to enter or select the play range in frames.

d. From the Framebuffer drop-down, select the framebuffer on which the scene will be triggered.

e. Select one of the **Execute when activated from play direction** options:

- **Left & Right** — trigger the **Scene Director** when the play direction of the track is moving forward or in reverse.
- **Left** — trigger the **Scene Director** when the play direction of the track is moving forward only.
- **Right** — trigger the **Scene Director** when the play direction of the track is moving in reverse only.

11. Select **OK**.

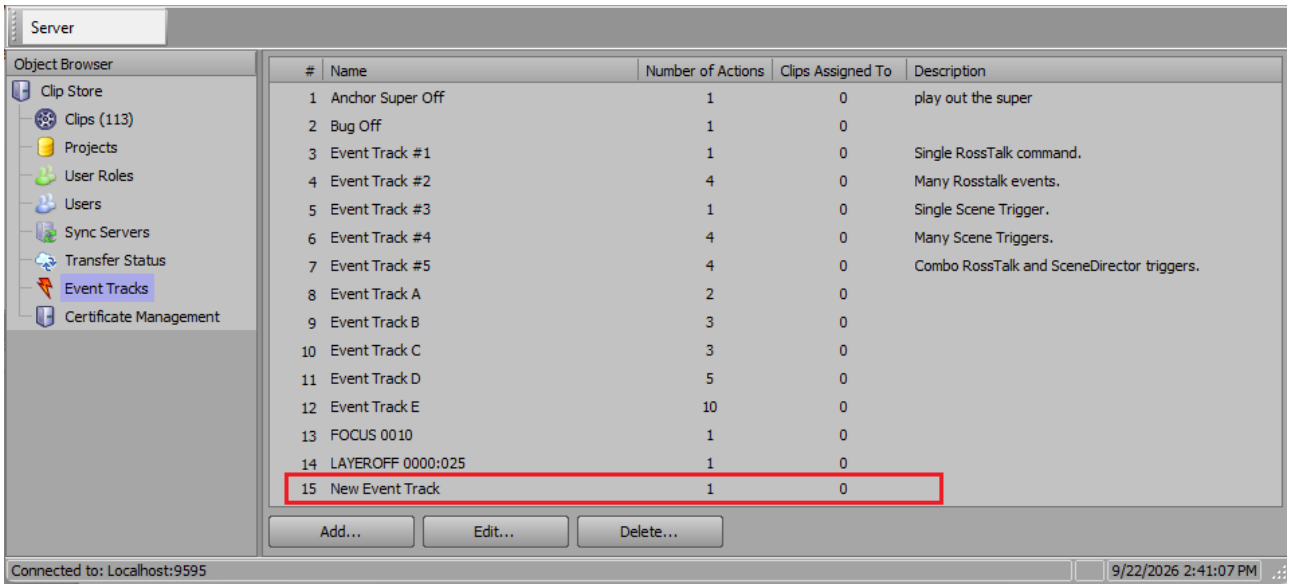
The **RossTalk Event Properties** or **Trigger Event Properties** dialog closes.

12. In the **Timing Options** section, in the **Time Offset** field, enter or select a number of frames to offset the event and select a **Reference Point** for the offset:

- **From Beginning** — apply the time offset from the beginning of a clip.
- **From Middle** — apply the time offset from the middle of a clip.
- **From End** — apply the time offset from the end of a clip.

13. Select **OK**.

The **New Event Track** dialog closes and the event is added to the **Event Track** list.



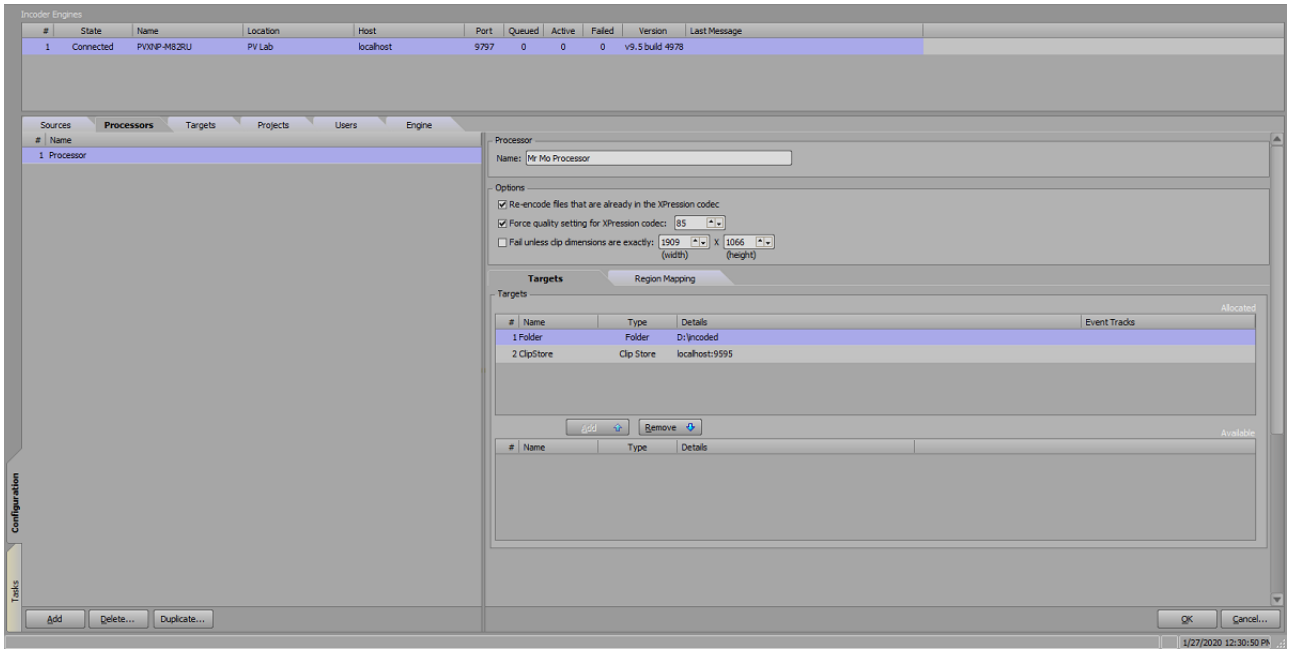
To assign the event track to a processor in the INcoder:

1. In XPression INcoder, select the **Configuration** tab.

   The **Configuration** section opens.

2. In the **Configuration** section, select the **Processors** tab.

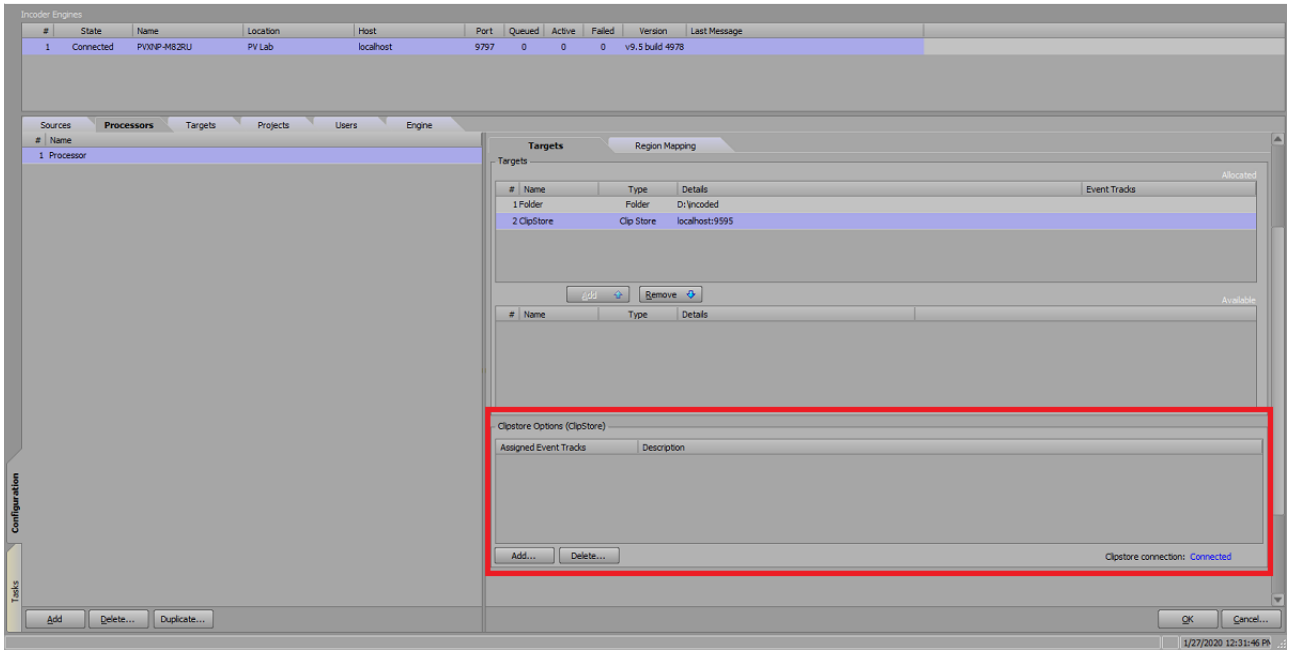
   The **Processors** tab opens.



3. From the **Processors** list, select a processor.

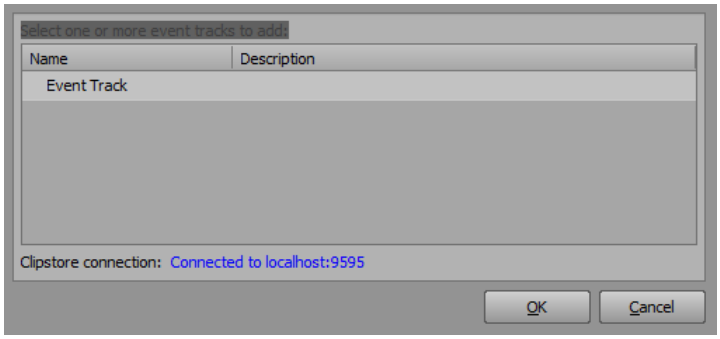
4. In the **Targets** section of the selected processor, select the Clip Store that includes the configured event track(s).

   The **Clipstore Options (ClipStore)** section is displayed.



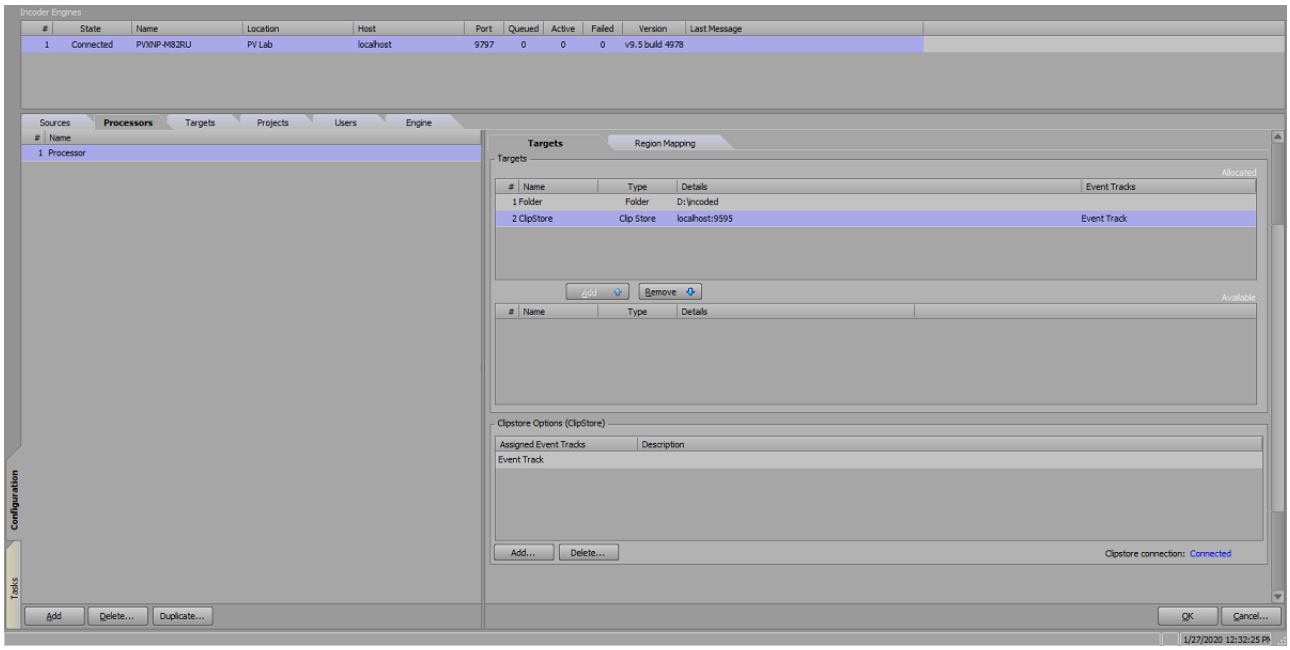
5. In the **Clipstore Options (ClipStore)** section, select **Add**.

   The **Add Event Tracks** dialog opens.



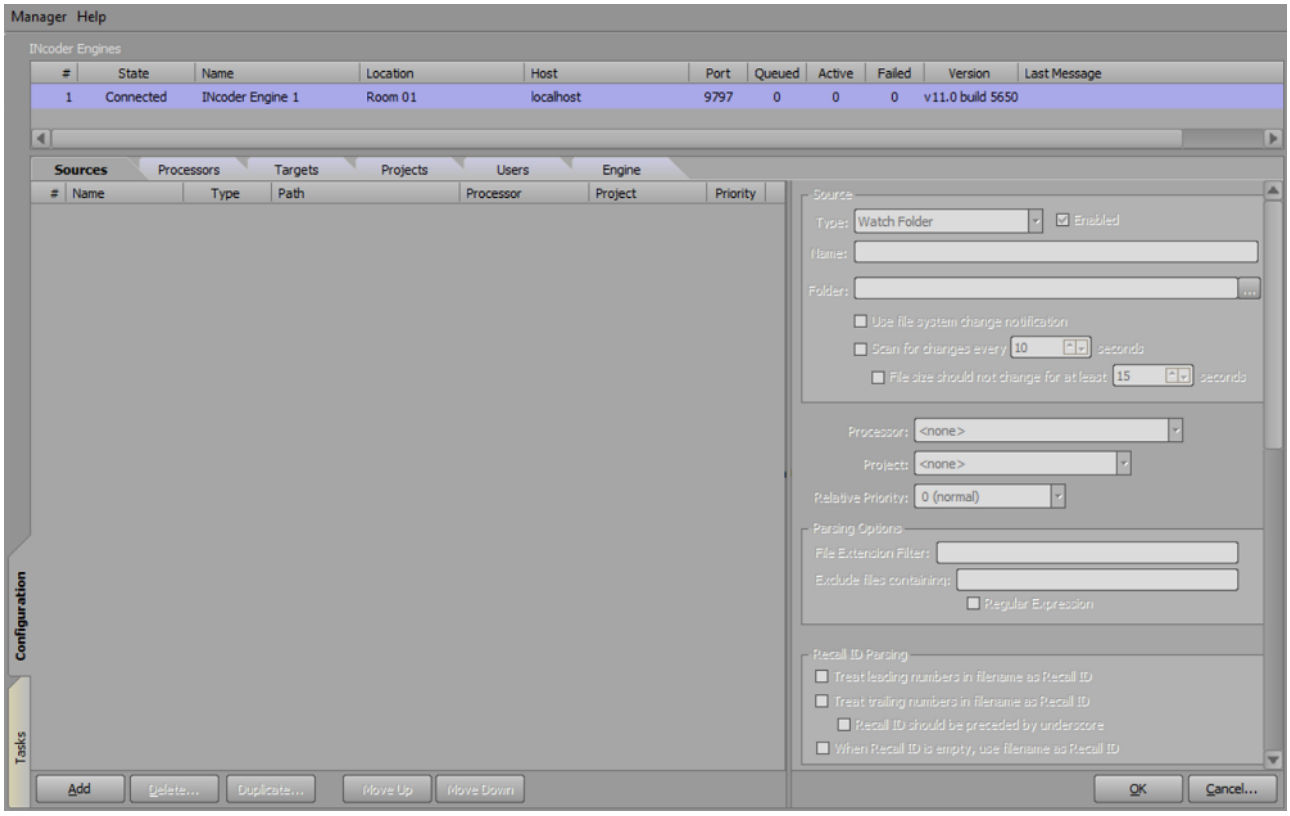
6. Select an event track from the list and select **OK**.

   The selected event track is added to the **Assigned Event Tracks** list in the **Clipstore Options (ClipStore)** section.



7. Select the **Sources** tab.

The **Sources** tab opens.

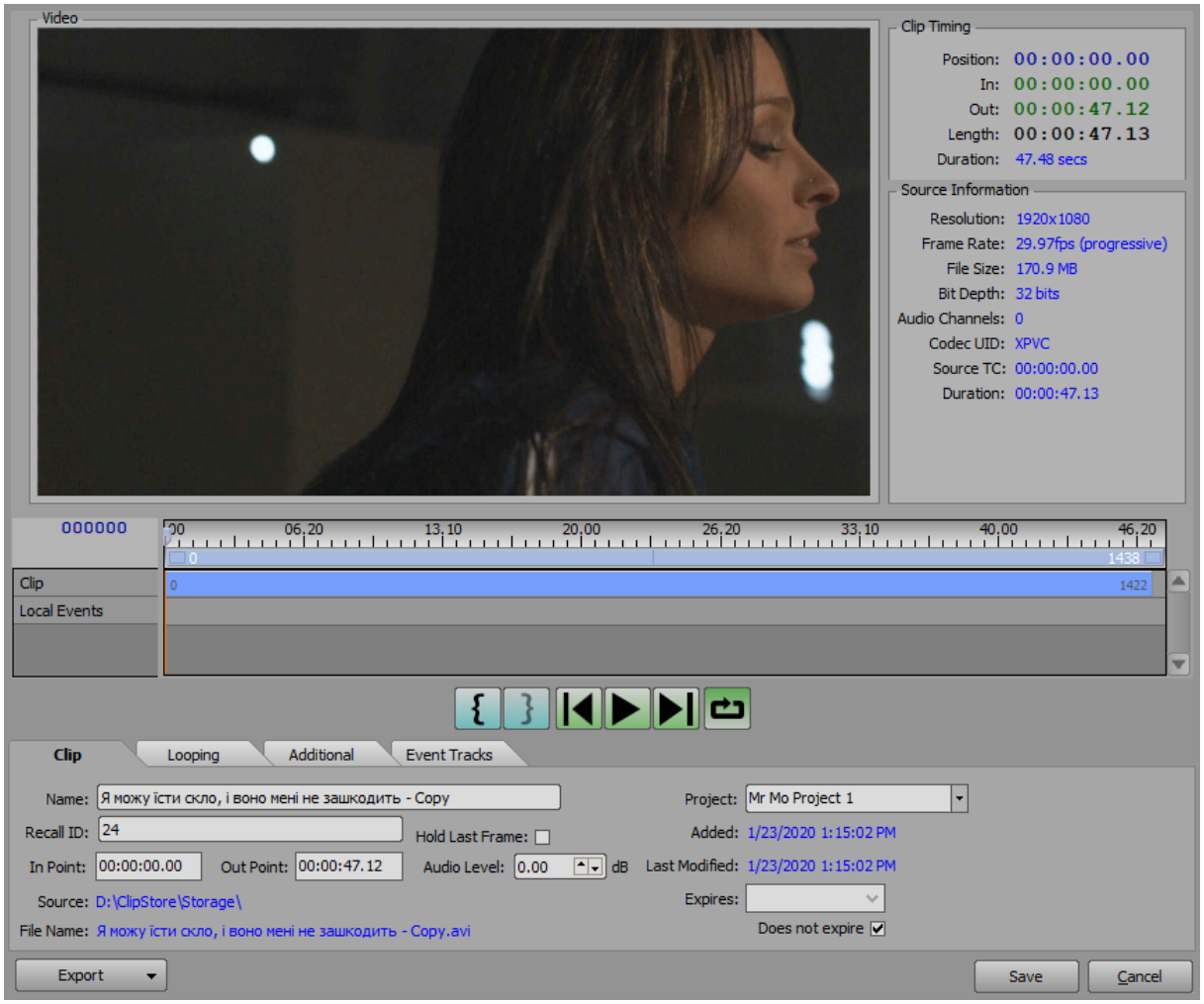


8. From the **Sources** list, select a source.
9. From the **Processors** list, select the processor that contains the assigned event track(s) and select **OK**.

To add an event track to a clip:

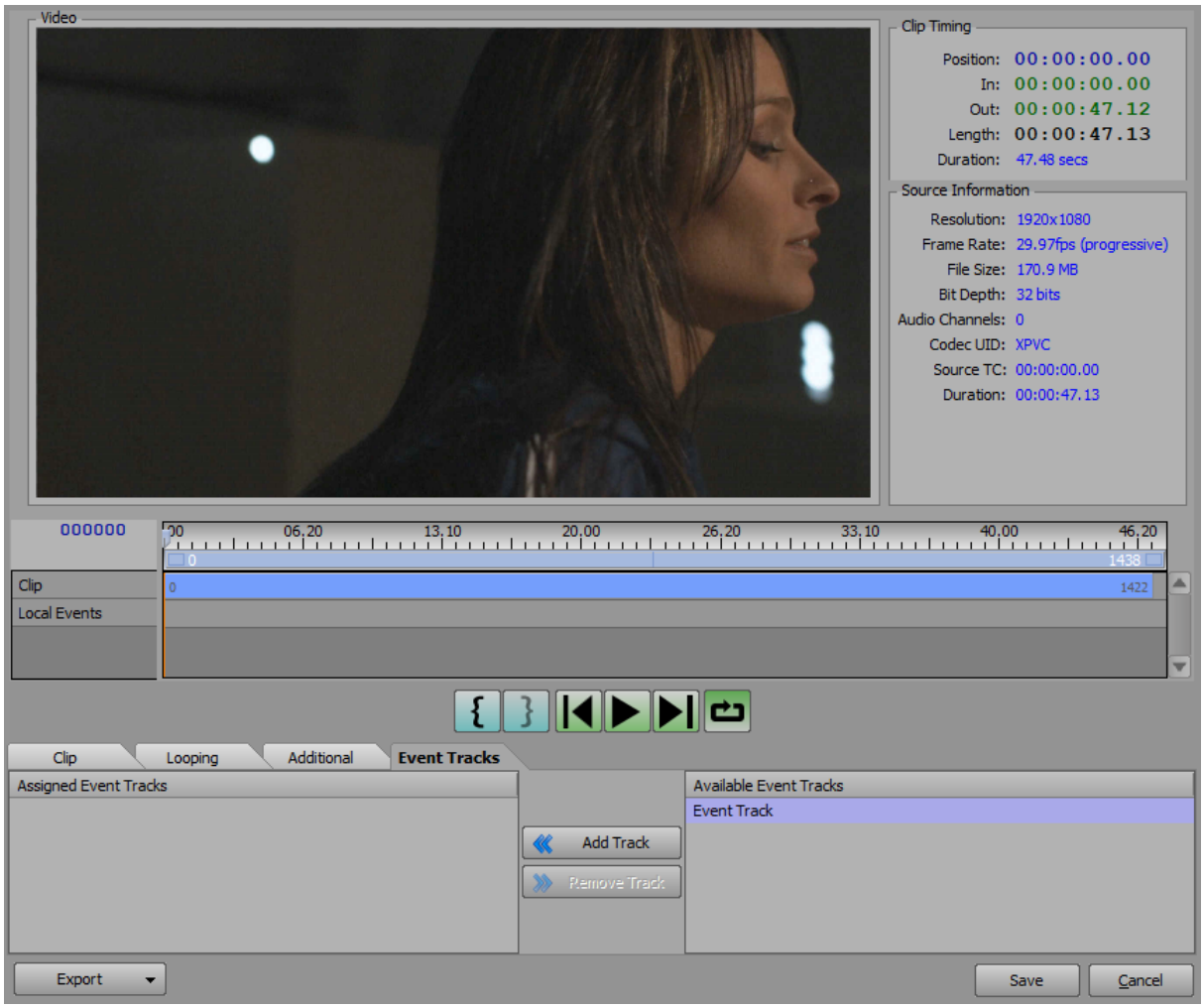
1. In the **Clip Browser** (or a Server Channel) in XPression, right-click on a clip and select **Edit** from the shortcut menu (or press F8).

   The **Edit Clip** dialog opens.



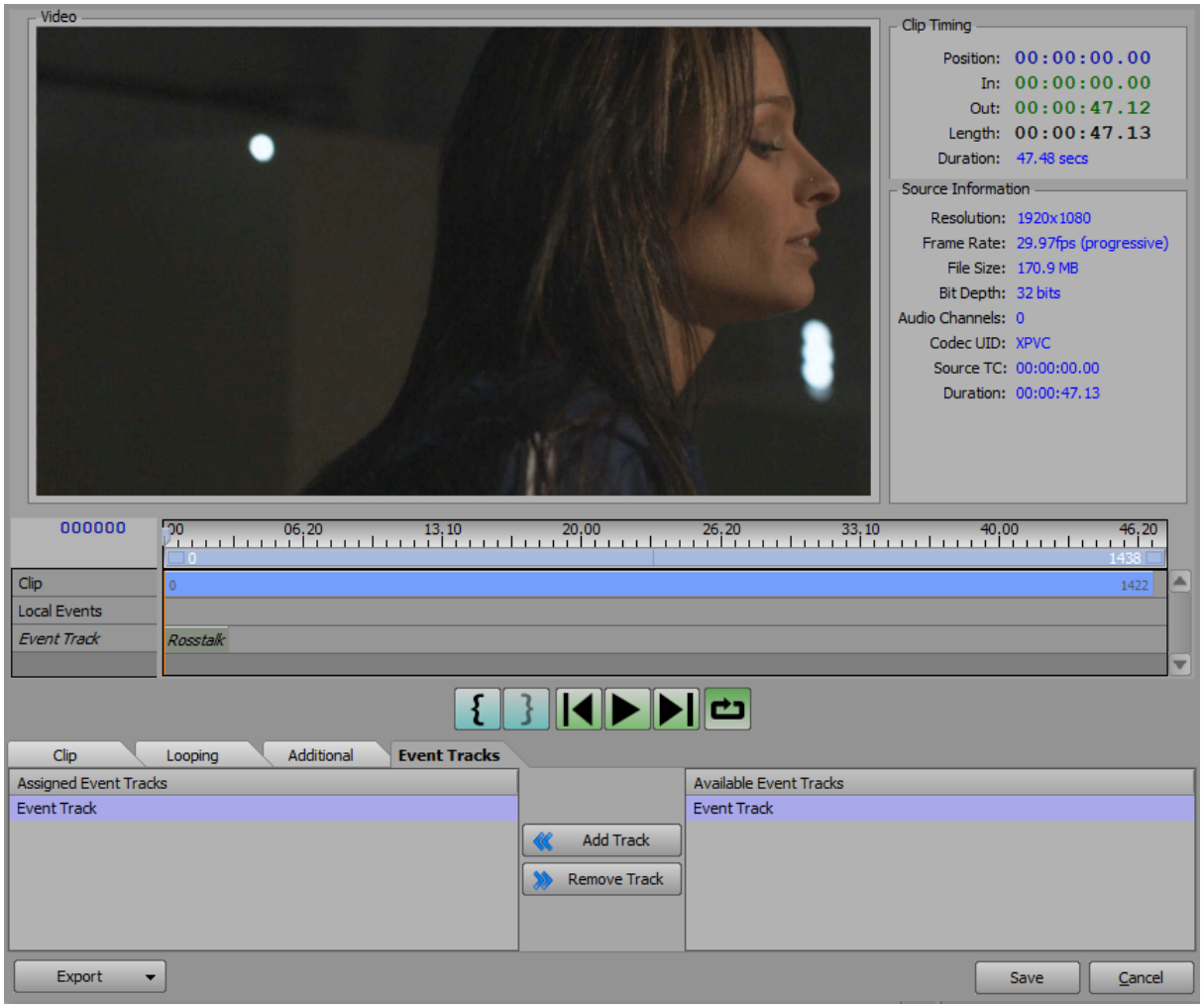
2. Select the **Event Tracks** tab.

   The **Event Tracks** tab opens.



3. In the **Event Tracks** tab, select an event track from the **Available Event Tracks** list and select **Add Track**.

   The event track is added to the **Assigned Event Tracks** list and appears as an event track in the clip timeline.



To unassign an event track:

- Select the event track in the **Assigned Event Tracks** list and select **Remove Track**.

To assign an event track as a local, editable event:

- Right-click on the event in the **Event Track** timeline and select **Preset Event Track > Copy Events to Local Event Track**.

  A prompt will give the option to keep the original event track or delete it from the timeline. The event will appear in the Local Events timeline once added.

  The original event track can be added back to the clip anytime by reassigning it through the **Event Tracks** tab.

Certificate Management

Use the **Certificate Management** panel to check if a certificate has been assigned to the XPression Clip Store and to access the Ross Graphics Certificate Manager to assign a certificate, if necessary.

The following procedures are described in this topic:

Assigning a certificate

Replacing an expired certificate

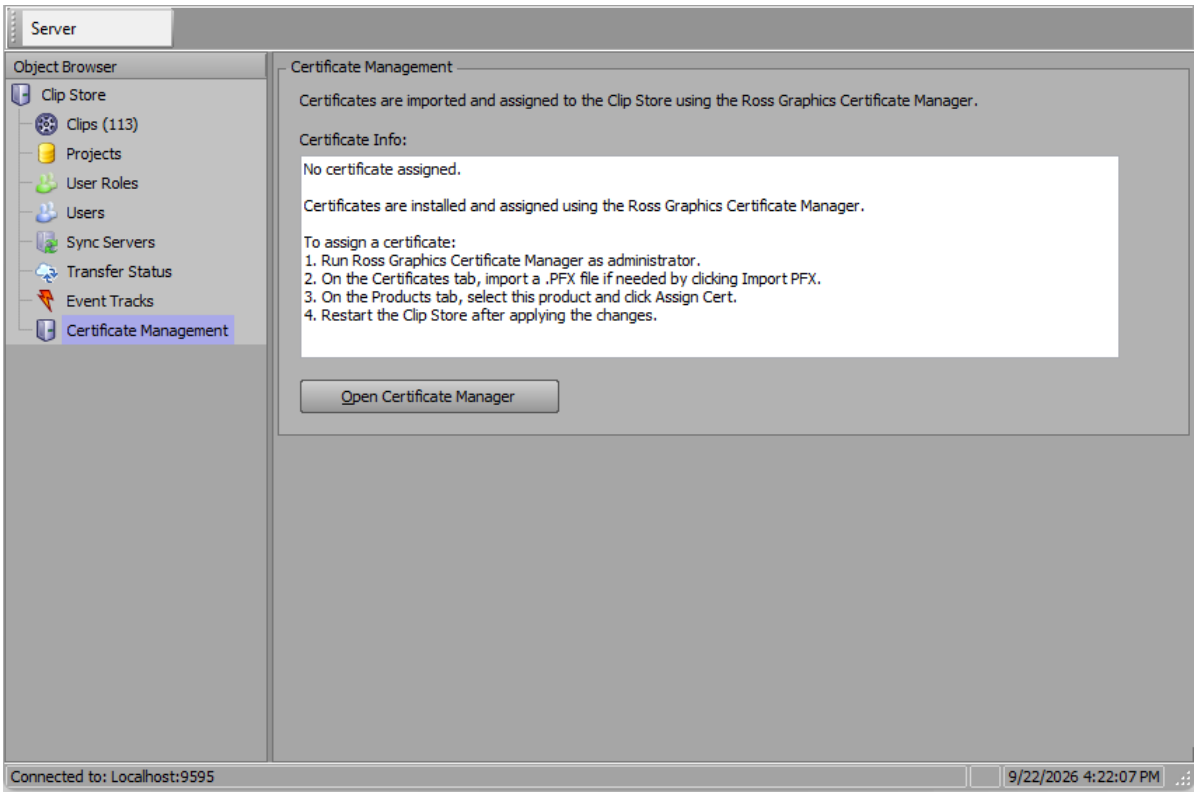
Adding a certificate to the Ross Graphics Certificate Manager

View certificate details

To assign a certificate to the XPression Clip Store:

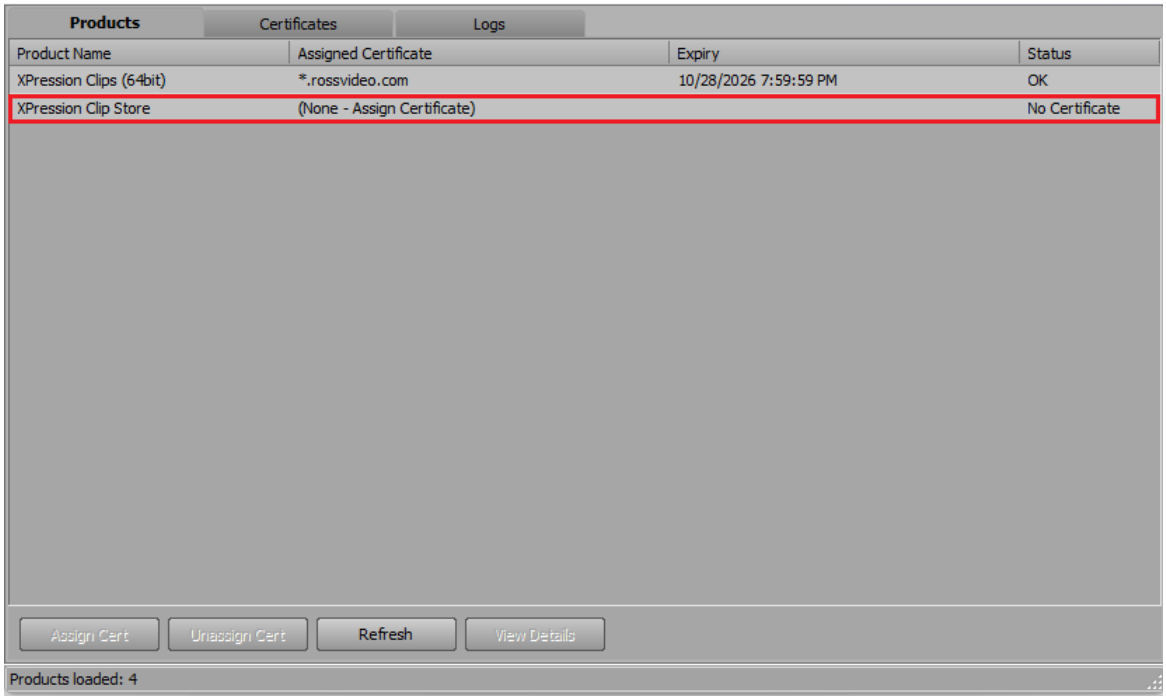
1. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Start Clip Store**.
2. From the Windows **Start** menu, launch the **XPression Clip Store Manager**.
3. In the **Object Browser**, select **Certificate Management** from the **Clip Store** menu tree.

   The **Certificate Management** section opens in the main window. If no certificate has been assigned you will see the text shown in the image below:



4. Select the **Open Certificate Manager** button to launch the **Ross Graphics Certificate Manager**.

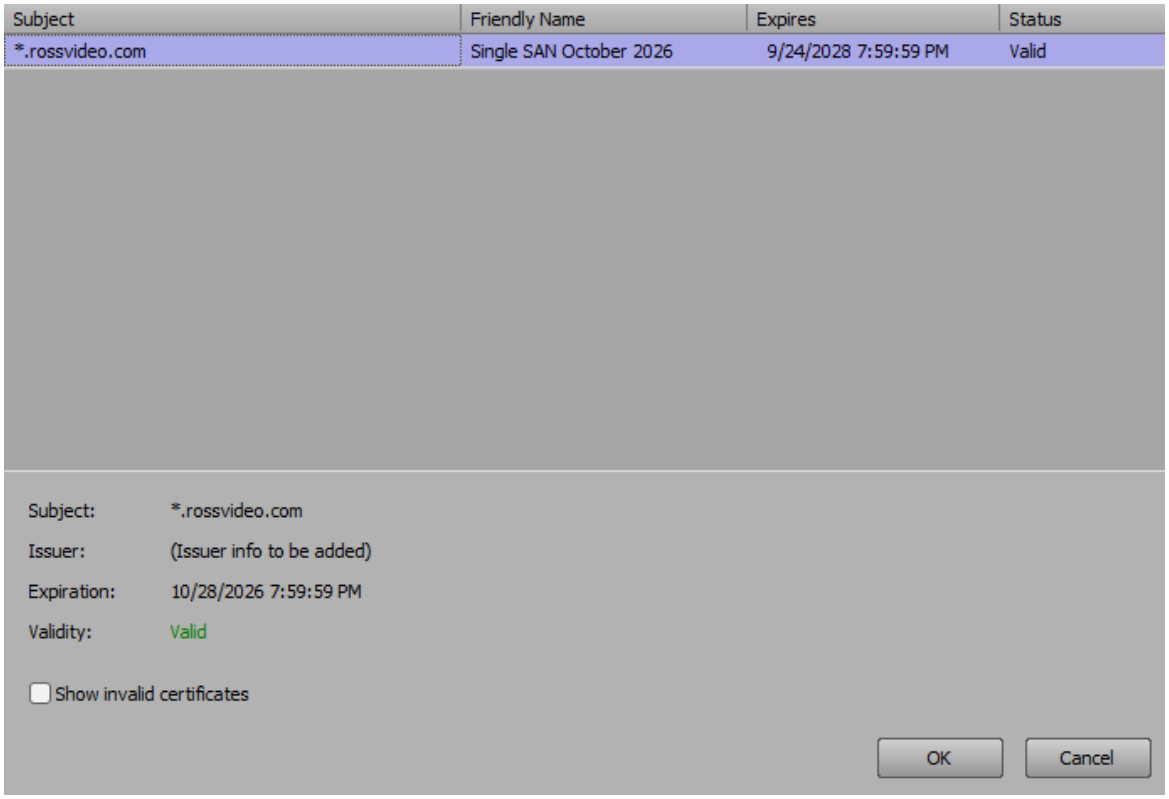
The **Ross Graphics Certificate Manager** opens. The **Status** column will indicate that no certificate is assigned.



5. In the **Products** tab, select XPression Clip Store and then select **Assign Cert**.

   The same certificate can be assigned to multiple products.

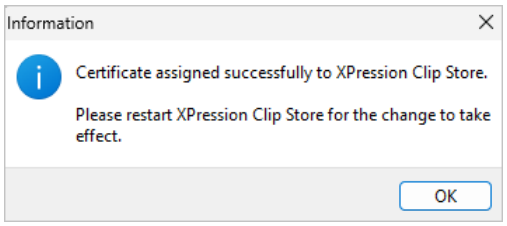
   The **Select Certificate** dialog opens.



6. Select the certificate you want to assign to the XPression Clip Store, and then select **OK**.

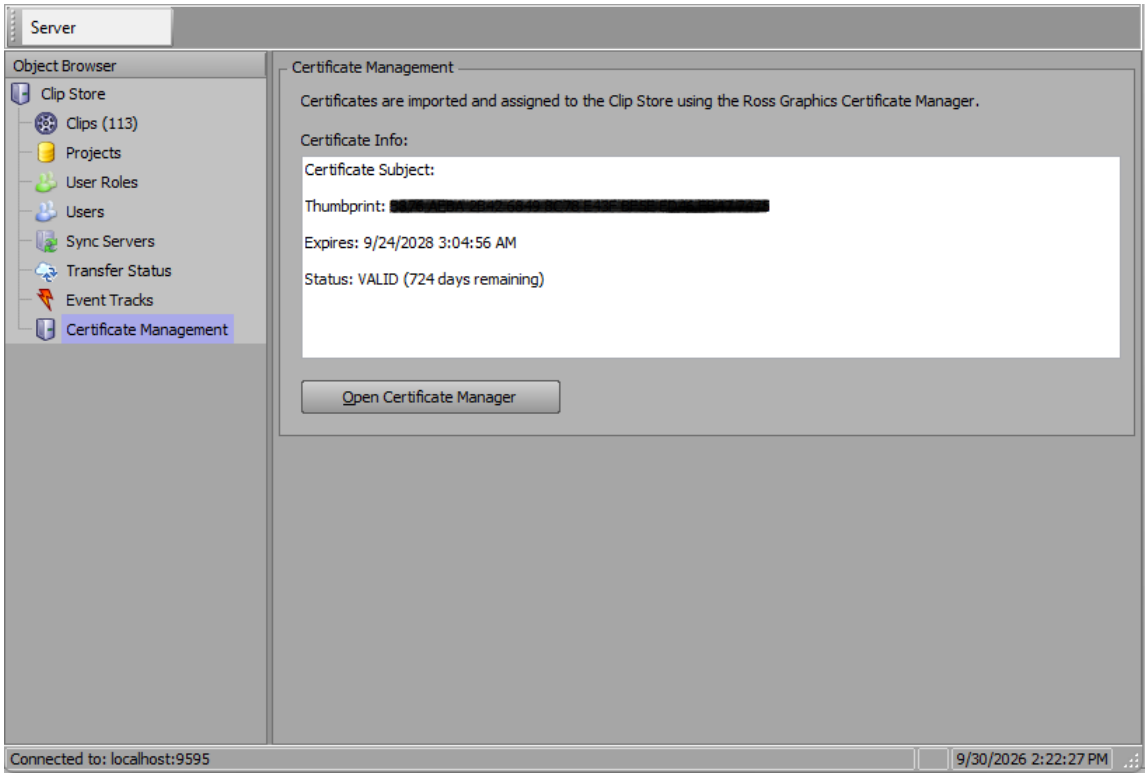
   If there are no certificates displayed, see To add a certificate to the Ross Graphics Certificate Manager.

   An **Information** dialog opens to indicate that the certificate was successfully assigned.



7. Select **OK**, then close the XPression Clip Store Manager, select **Stop Clip Store** from the Windows **Start** menu, and when the dialog opens saying that the XPression Clip Store was successfully stopped, select **OK**.
8. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Start Clip Store** and when the dialog opens saying that the XPression Clip Store was successfully started, select **OK**.
9. Relaunch the XPression Clip Store Manager from the Windows **Start** menu.

   When a certificate has been assigned to the XPression Clip Store, in the **Certificate Management** section, you will see the **Certificate Info** as shown in the image below:

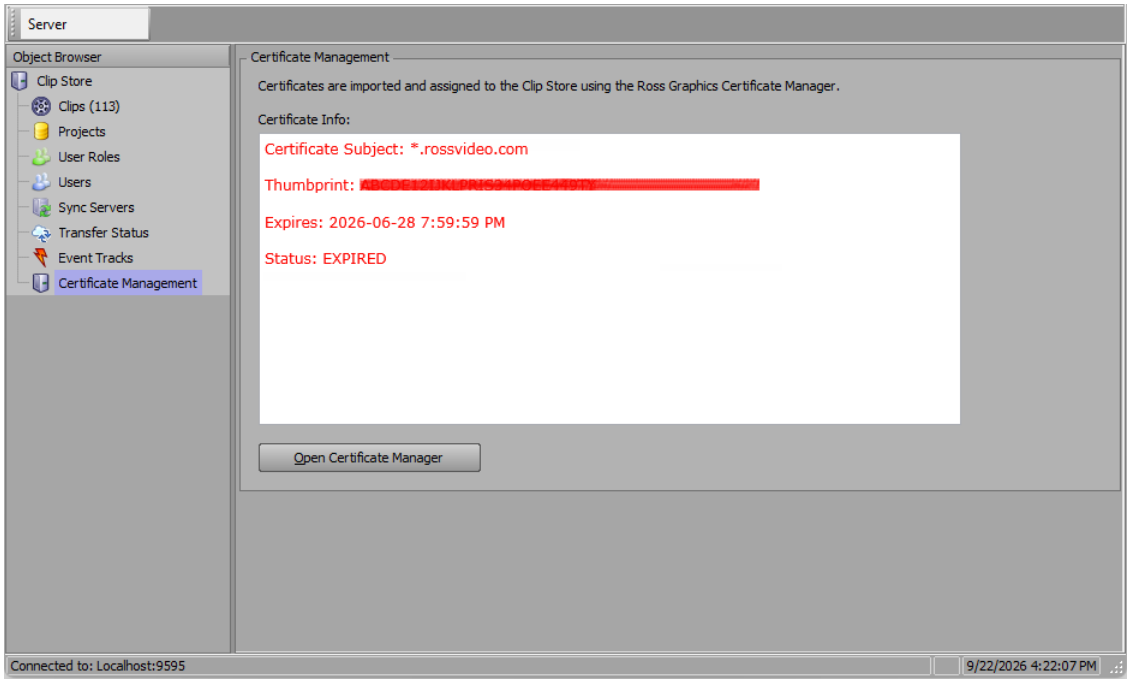


★Assigning a certificate alone does not mean that communication is secure. You will also need to enable secure communication in the **XPression Gateway Settings > Clip Store > Clip Store Server > Use HTTPS / SSL (requires a pre-installed SSL certificate)**.

To replace an expired certificate:

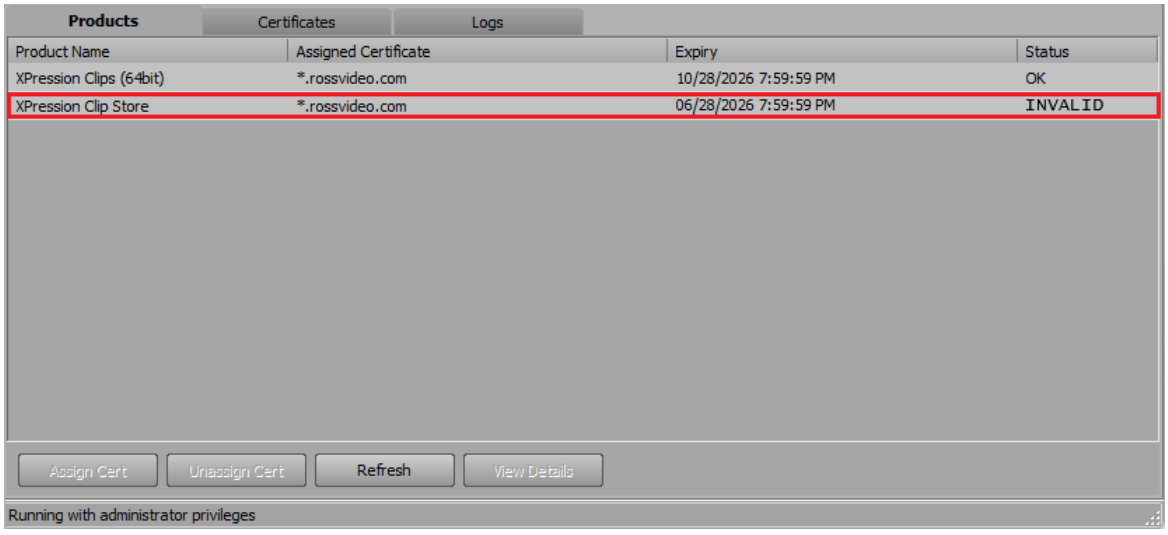
1. Select **Certificate Management**.

   The **Certificate Management** section opens in the main window. If the current certificate has expired, you will see the following info:



2. Select **Open Certificate Manager**.

   The **Ross Graphics Certificate Manager** opens. You will see that the XPression Clip Store **Status** column indicates **INVALID**.



3. Select the XPression Clip Store product and then select **Unassign Cert**.
4. In the **Confirmation** dialog, select **Yes**.
5. In the **Information** dialog, select **OK**, but do not restart the XPression Clip Store service yet.
6. Select the XPression Clip Store product again, and then select **Assign Cert**.

7. In the **Select Certificate** window, select the certificate you want to assign to the XPression Clip Store and then select **OK**.

   If there are no certificates showing, see To add a certificate to the Ross Graphics Certificate Manager.

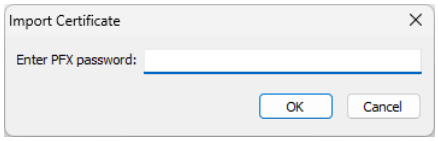
8. In the **Information** dialog that indicates the certificate has been successfully assigned, select **OK**, then close the XPression Clip Store Manager and select **Stop Clip Store** from the Windows **Start** menu.
9. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Start Clip Store** and when the dialog opens saying that the XPression Clip Store was successfully started, select **OK**.
10. Relaunch the XPression Clip Store Manager from the Windows **Start** menu.

To add a certificate to the Ross Graphics Certificate Manager:

1. In the **Certificates** tab, select **Import PFX**, then navigate to and select the **.PFX** certificate file.

   Contact your IT department to get the location of the **.PFX** certificate file.

2. The **Import Certificate** dialog opens.

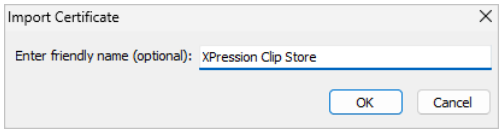


3. In the **Import Certificate** dialog, enter the **.PFX** password and select **OK**.

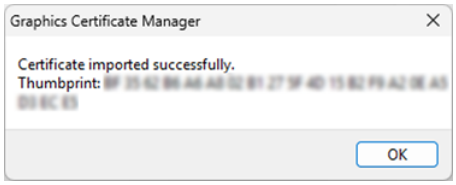
   Contact your IT department to get this password.

4. In the next dialog, enter a "friendly name" for the certificate.

   This is optional but will help you identify the certificate later, if necessary.



5. The **Graphics Certificate Manager** dialog opens indicating that the import was successful.



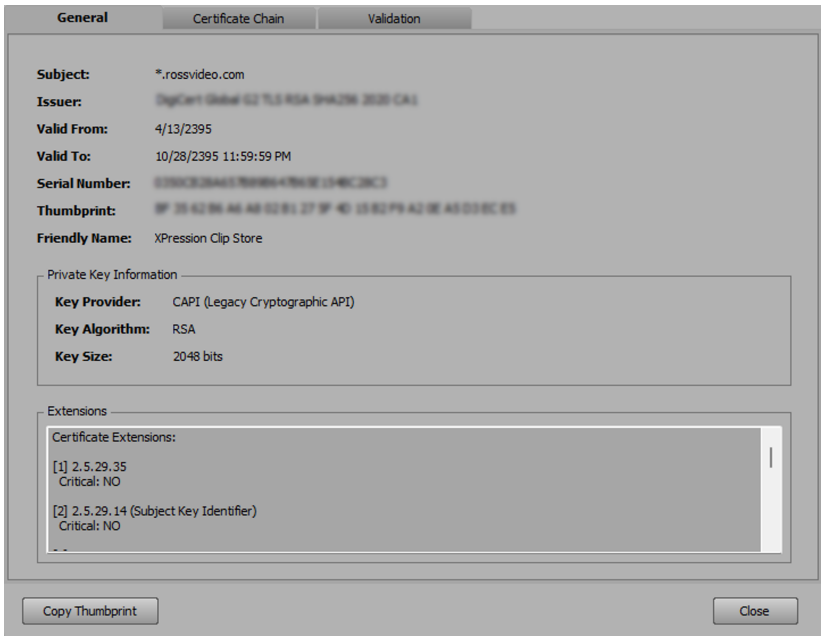
6. Select **OK** to close the dialog.

   You can now assign this certificate to the XPression Clip Store.

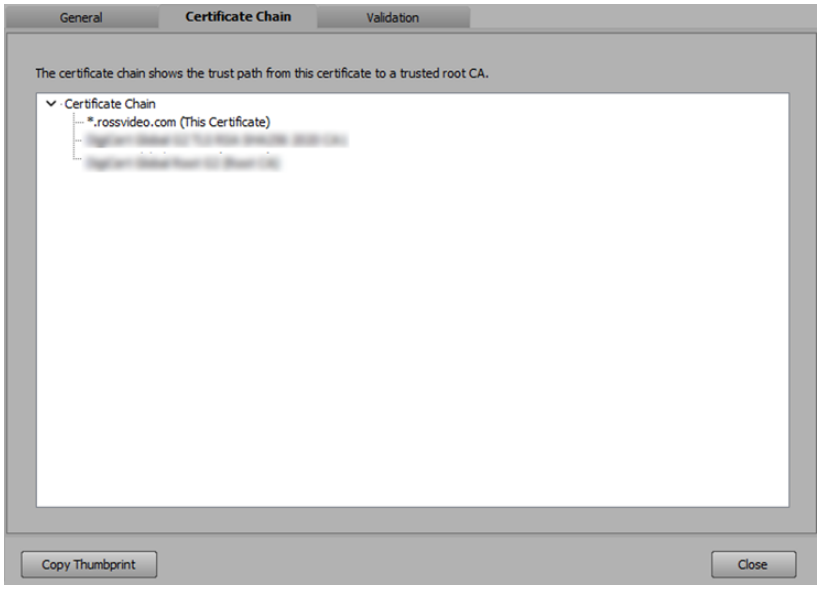
To view certificate details:

1. Select the **Certificates** tab.
2. Select a certificate and either double-click it or select the **View Details** button.

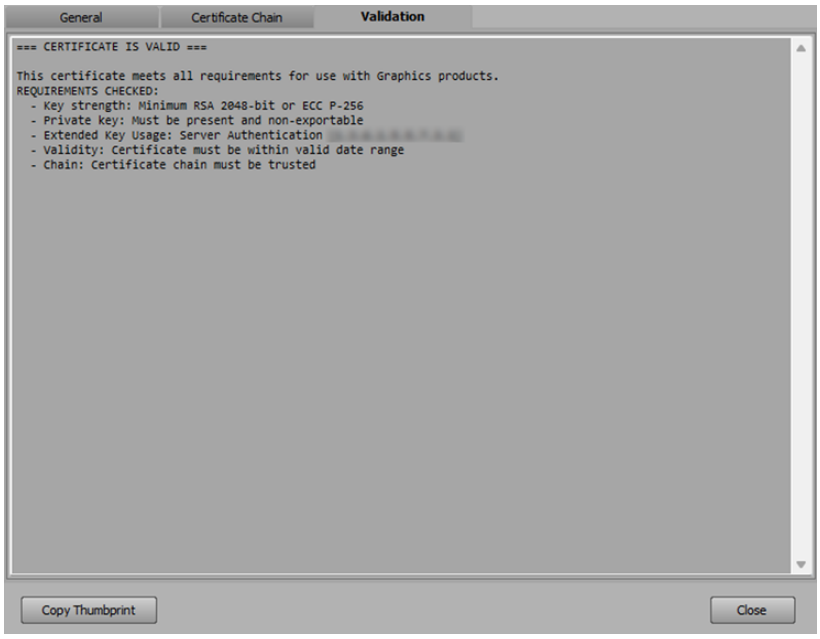
   The **Certificate Details** window opens on the **General** tab.



3. Select **Copy Thumbprint** to configure a non-XPression application to use the certificate or if you need to search for the thumbprint in a log file.
4. Select the **Certificate Chain** tab to view the trust path from the certificate to a trusted root CA.



5. Select the **Validation** tab to view the requirements that have been met by the certificate.



6. Select **Close** to exit the **Certificate Details**.

Configuring XPression Studio, BlueBox, and Gateway for XPression Clip Store

Once XPression Clip Store has been configured using the Clip Store Manager, depending on the workflow, the following need to be set up for use with the Clip Store:

XPression Studio

XPression BlueBox

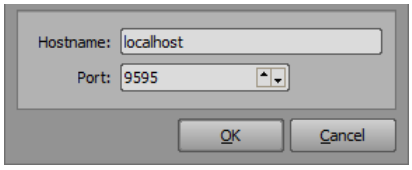
XPression Gateway

XPression Studio

To set up XPression Studio for use with the Clip Store:

1. Open XPression.
2. In XPression, select **Edit > Clip Store Setup**.

   The **Clip Store Setup** dialog opens.



3. In the **Hostname** field, enter the IP address of the Clip Store service if using remotely.

   OR

   If using the Clip Store service locally, use **localhost** (default).
4. In the **Port** field, enter or select the port number for the Clip Store server connection.

   The default is **9595**.
5. Select **OK**.

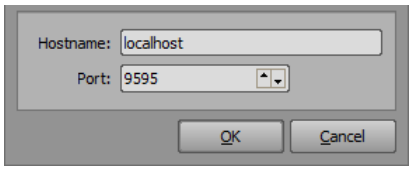
   XPression Studio is now connected to the Clip Store service.

XPression BlueBox

To set up XPression BlueBox for use with the Clip Store:

1. Start the XPression BlueBox Service if not already started.
2. In the Windows toolbar, right-click the XPression BlueBox icon ( ) and select **Clip Store Setup** from the menu.

   The **Clip Store Setup** dialog opens.



3. In the **Hostname** field, enter the IP address of the Clip Store service if using remotely.

   OR

   If using the Clip Store service locally, use **localhost** (default).
4. In the **Port** field, enter or select the port number for the Clip Store server connection.

   The default is **9595**.
5. Select **OK**.

   XPression BlueBox is now connected to the Clip Store service.

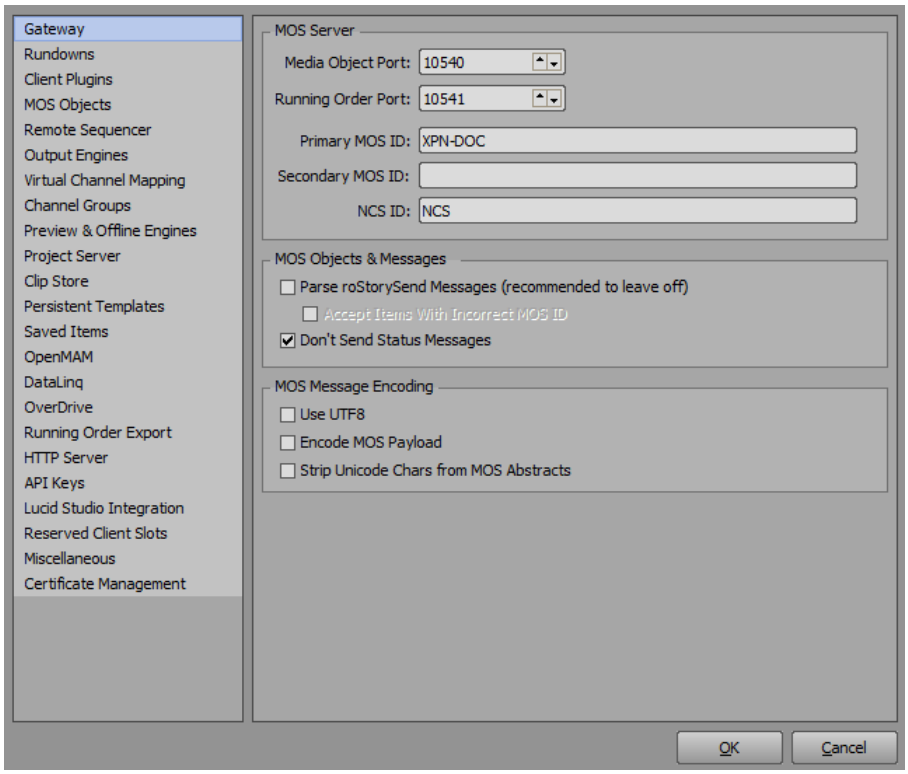
XPression Gateway

With a Clip Store configured on the XPression Gateway, the XPression MOS Plugin offers the ability to browse, preview, and select clips as MOS items to include in an NRCS running order. It integrates with the XPression output and preview engines and the Remote Sequencer.

To configure the Clip Store Server:

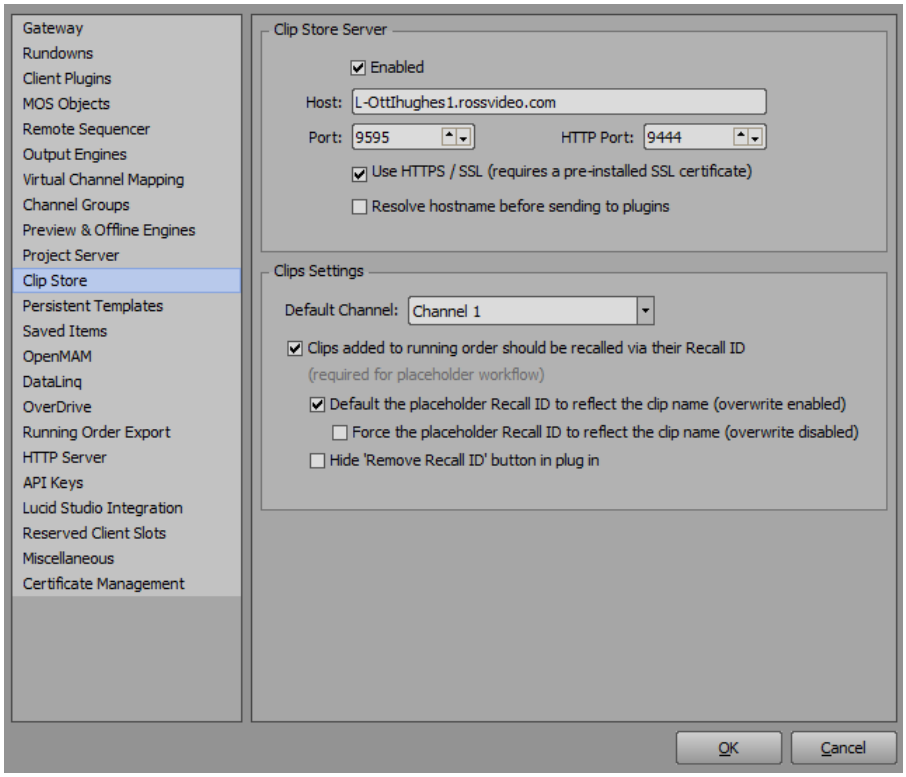
1. Open the XPression Gateway.
2. In the XPression Gateway, select **Gateway > Settings**.

   The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog opens.



3. Select **Clip Store** to configure the **Clip Store Server** to use XPression Clips in the MOS workflow.

The **Clip Store** configuration area opens.



4. In the **Clip Store Server** section, select the **Enabled** checkbox to use the **Clip Store Server** in the MOS workflow.
5. In the **Host** field, enter the IP address of the Clip Store Server.
6. In the **Port** field, enter or select the port number for the Clip Store Server.
7. Select the **Use HTTPS / SSL** checkbox to enable the use of HTTPS/SSL in the HTTP Server configuration.

   Selecting this option requires a pre-installed SSL certificate.
8. Select the **Resolve hostname before sending to plugins** checkbox to resolve the ClipStore hostname to an IP before being provided to the client plugins.

To configure the Clips Settings:

1. In the **Clips Settings** section, from the **Default Channel** drop-down, select the default engine and channel to which the clips will be assigned.
2. Select the **Clips added to running order should be recalled via their Recall ID** to recall clips by their **Recall ID** rather than their name.
3. When **Clips added to running order should be recalled via their Recall ID** is selected, the following options are enabled:
   - **Default the placeholder Recall ID to reflect the clip name (overwrite enabled)** — the **Recall ID** will reflect the clip name but can be overwritten.
   - **Force the placeholder Recall ID to reflect the clip name (overwrite disabled)** — the **Recall ID** will reflect the clip name but cannot be overwritten.
   - **Hide 'Remove Recall ID' button in plug in** —
4. Select **OK** when you have finished configuring the **Clips Settings**.

XPression Media Control Gateway

This section contains the following topics:

XPression Media Control Gateway Overview

Installing the XPression Media Control Gateway

Media Control Gateway Interface Overview

Opening the XPression Media Control Gateway Settings

Configuring the General Settings

Configuring the AMP Settings

Supported AMP Commands

Configuring the VDCP Settings

Supported VDCP Commands

XPression Media Control Gateway Overview

The XPression Media Control Gateway can be used for cueing and playback of clips and subclips from a Clip Store and for cueing and playback of take items from the XPression Sequencer.

The AMP/VDCP channels correspond to the server channels in XPression. The format for the naming of the clips/take items can be configured in the **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog. This format must ensure that every item is uniquely identified – duplicates will not be reported in the list of items retrieved by the remote device.

Clip and subclip formats support the following tags:

- `%NAME%`
- `%FILENAME%`
- `%ID%`
- `%GUID%`
- `%RECALLID%`

The take item format supports the `%ID%` tag. Widths can be specified with a colon. For example `%NAME:35%` to limit the name to 35 characters, or `%ID:4%` to use a 4-digit ID padded with 0s.

VDCP/AMP support basic item cueing, as well as cueing with specific in and out points. Playback support includes jog, shuttle, and variable speed playback. VDCP/AMP also support recording of clips, which will be directly added to the XPression Clip Store upon a successful record.

The AMP protocol also supports retrieving thumbnails of the clips (when supported by the remote device).

★Deleting and renaming items in the Clip Store or the XPression Sequencer is not supported by the gateway.

Installing the XPression Media Control Gateway

To install the XPression Media Control Gateway:

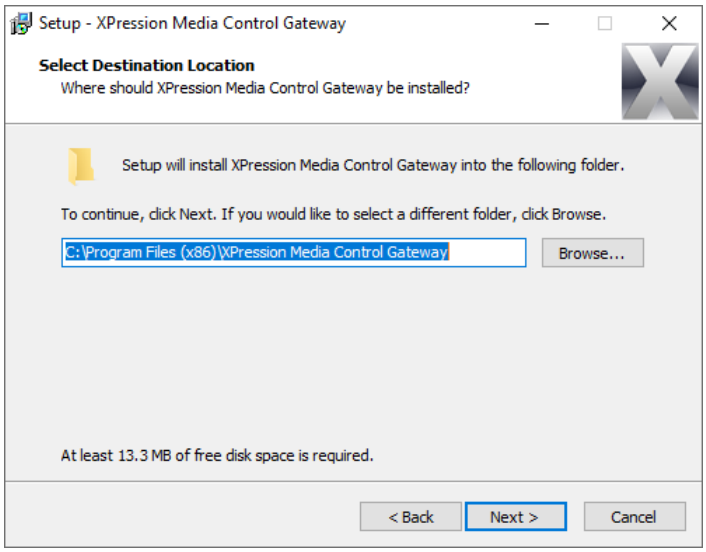
1. Locate and double-click the xpMediaControlGateway-X.X_XXXX.exe file.

   The **Setup - XPression Media Control Gateway** page opens.



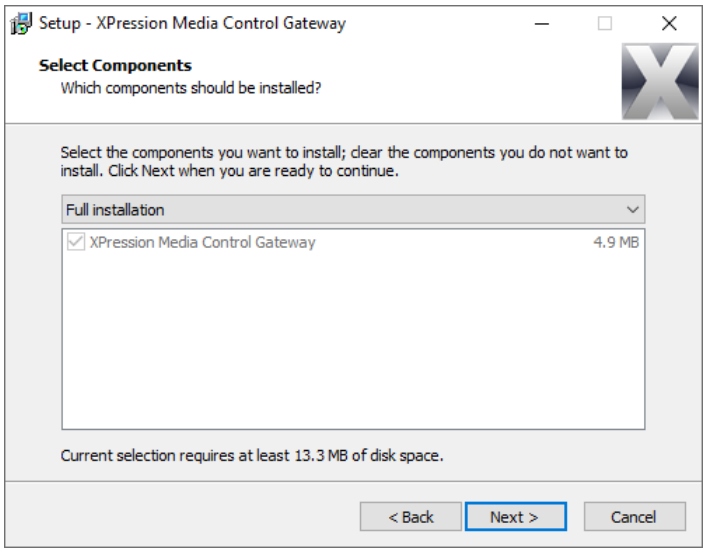
2. Select **Next**.

   The **Select Destination Location** page opens.



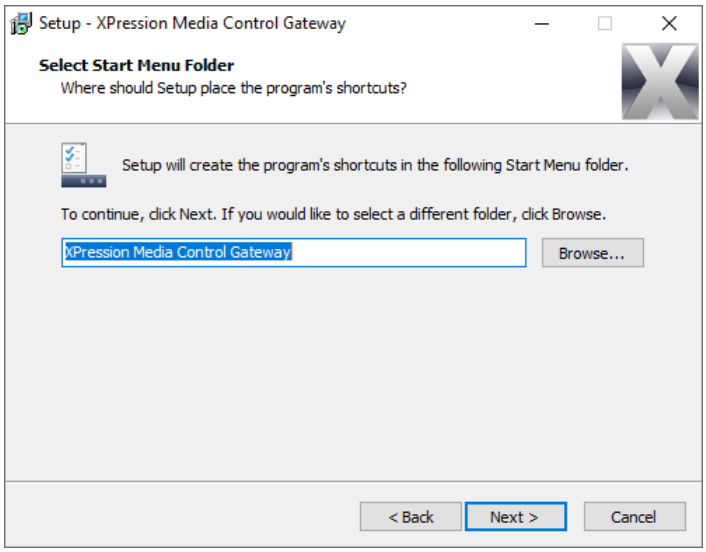
3. Use the default destination folder location or select **Browse** to locate and select a different destination location and then select **Next**.

   The **Select Components** page opens.



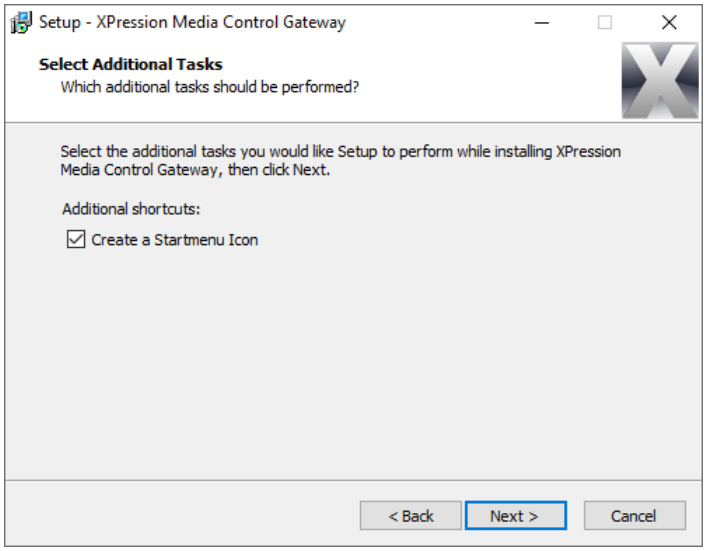
4. Select **Next**.

   The **Select Start Menu Folder** section opens.



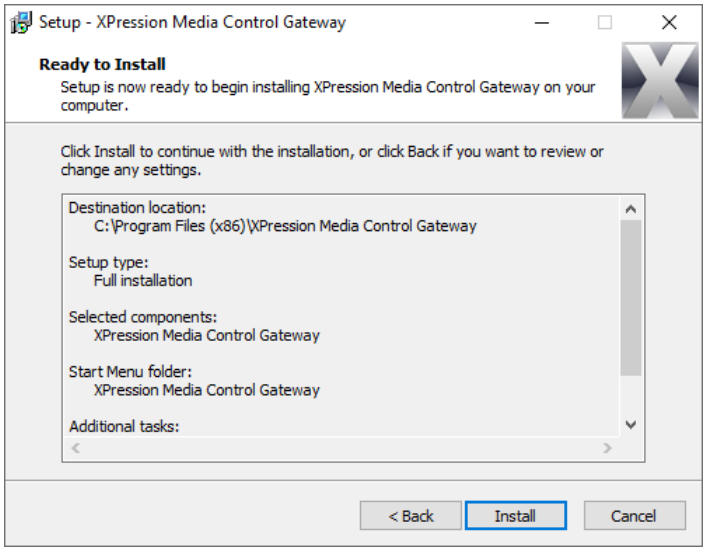
5. Use the default **Start** menu folder location or select **Browse** to locate and select a different **Start** menu location and then select **Next**.

   The **Select Additional Tasks** page opens.



6. Select or de-select the **Create a Startmenu Icon** checkbox and select **Next**.

   The **Ready to Install** page opens.



7. Select **Install**.

   The installation begins.

   Once the installation is complete, the **Completing the XPression Media Control Gateway Setup Wizard** page opens.

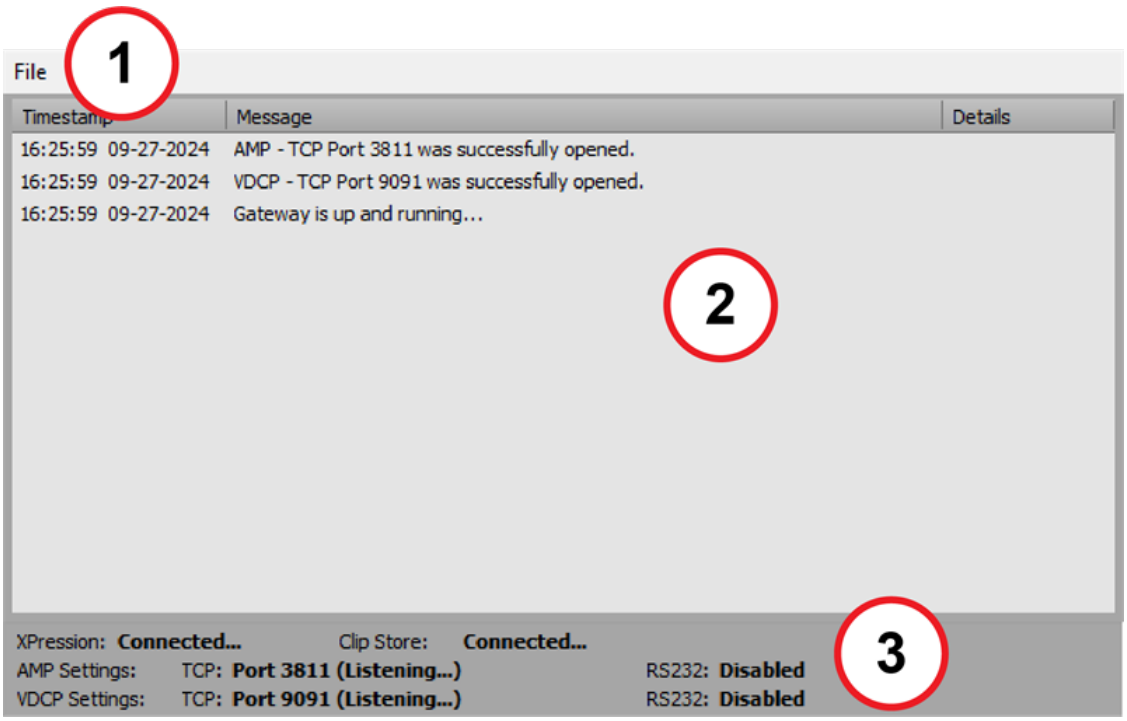


8. Select **Finish**.

   If the **Run XPression Media Control Gateway** checkbox is left as selected by default, the XPression Media Control Gateway launches.

Media Control Gateway Interface Overview

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the Media Control Gateway interface.



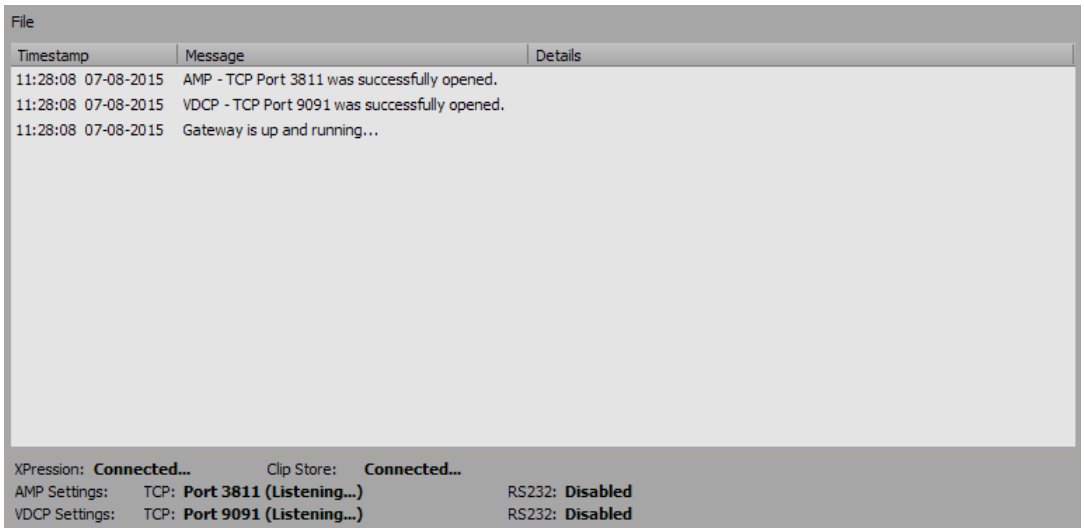
1. **File Menu** — use this list to access the Media Control Gateway settings or shutdown the gateway.
2. **Log** — displays the activity of the Media Control Gateway.
3. **Connections** — displays the connections and their respective status.

Opening the XPression Media Control Gateway Settings

To open the XPression Media Control Gateway Settings:

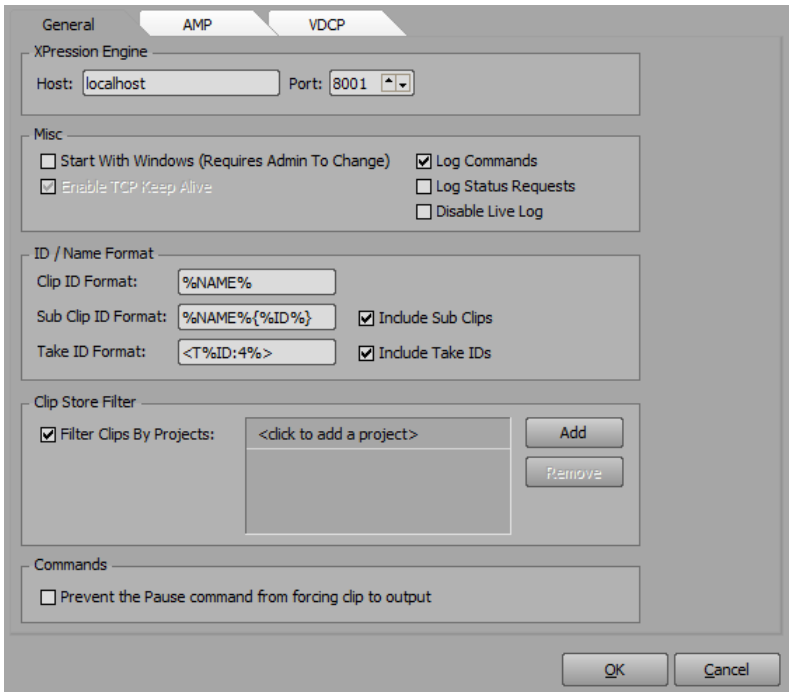
1. Launch the XPression Media Control Gateway.

   The XPression Media Control Gateway opens.



2. Select **File > Settings**.

   The **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog opens.

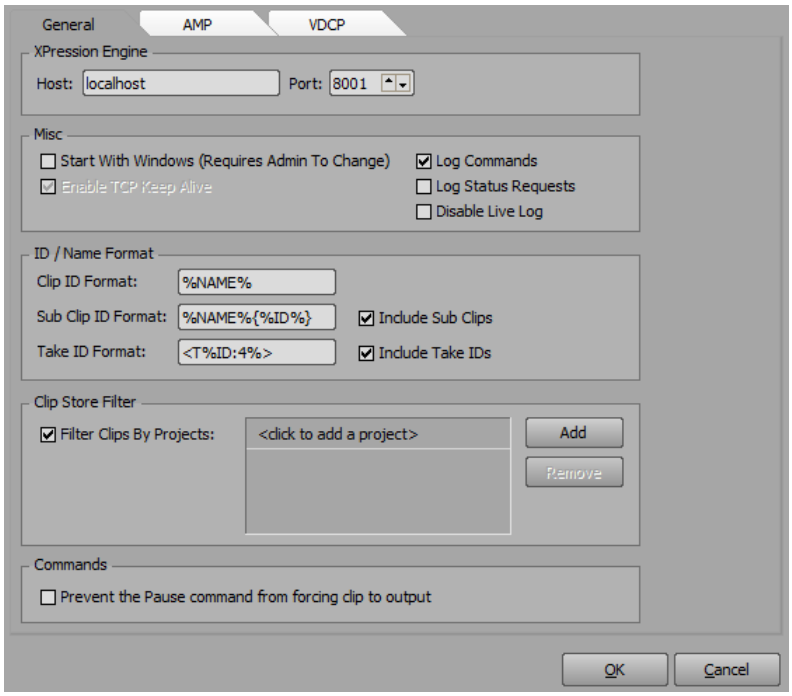


Configuring the General Settings

To configure the General settings:

1. In the XPression Media Control Gateway, select **File > Settings**.

   The **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog opens.



2. In the **General** tab, in the **XPression Engine** section, configure the following settings:
   - In the **Host** field, enter the IP address of the XPression machine to which the gateway is to connect.

     OR

   - Enter **localhost** to connect the gateway to the local XPression machine.

     The default setting is **localhost**.

   - In the **Port** field, enter or select the port number of the XPression machine.

     The default port number is **8001**.

3. In the **Misc** section, make the following selections as necessary:
   - **Start With Windows** — select to start the gateway when Windows launches.
   - **Log Commands** — select to log the commands in the gateway.
   - **Enable TCP Keep Alive** — select to prevent the TCP connection from breaking during periods of inactivity.
   - **Log Status Requests** — select to log the status requests in the gateway.
   - **Disable Live Log** — select to prevent logs being sent to the **Live Log**.

4. In the **ID / Name Format** section, do the following:
   - In the **Clip ID Format** field, enter the format for the naming of the clips in the gateway.
   - In the **Sub Clip ID Format** field, enter the format for the naming of the subclips in the gateway.
   - Select the **Include Sub Clips** checkbox to include subclips in the clip list.

     This is enabled by default.
   - In the **Take ID Format** field, enter the format for the naming of take IDs in the gateway.
   - Select the **Include Take IDs** checkbox to include take IDs from the XPression sequencer in the clip list.

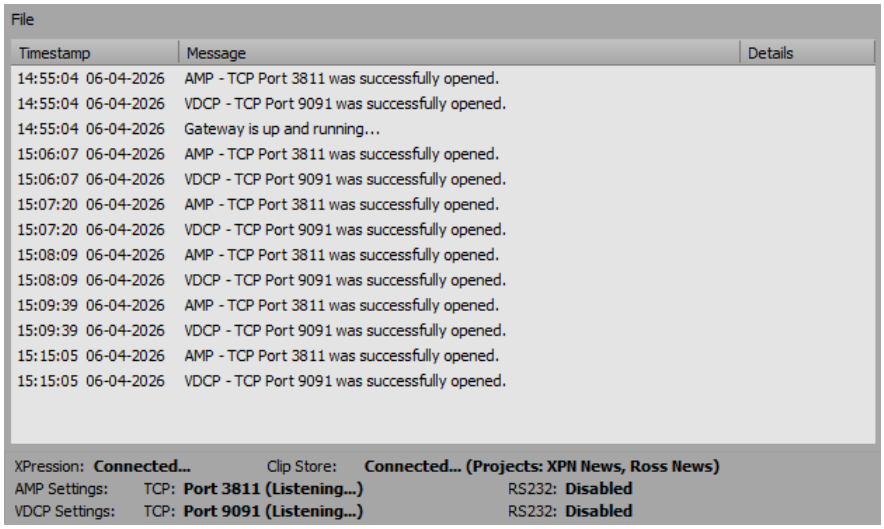
     This is enabled by default.
5. In the **Clip Store Filter** section, do the following:
   a. Select the **Filter Clips By Projects** checkbox to retrieve clips from a specified project or projects.
   b. Then enter a project name in the text field from which to retrieve clips and press **Enter**.

      OR

      Select **Add** and in the text field enter a project name from which to retrieve clips and press **Insert**.
6. In the **Commands** section, select the **Prevent the Pause command from forcing clip to output** checkbox to prevent the clip from going to output when pause commands are received from a device.

   When this checkbox is selected, the **Cue video clips directly to framebuffer** checkbox in the **Options** tab of the **Server Channels** must not be selected for this preference to function.
7. Select **OK**.

   The **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog closes. In the main dialog, the connection status and the list of projects that have been selected in the filter are displayed.

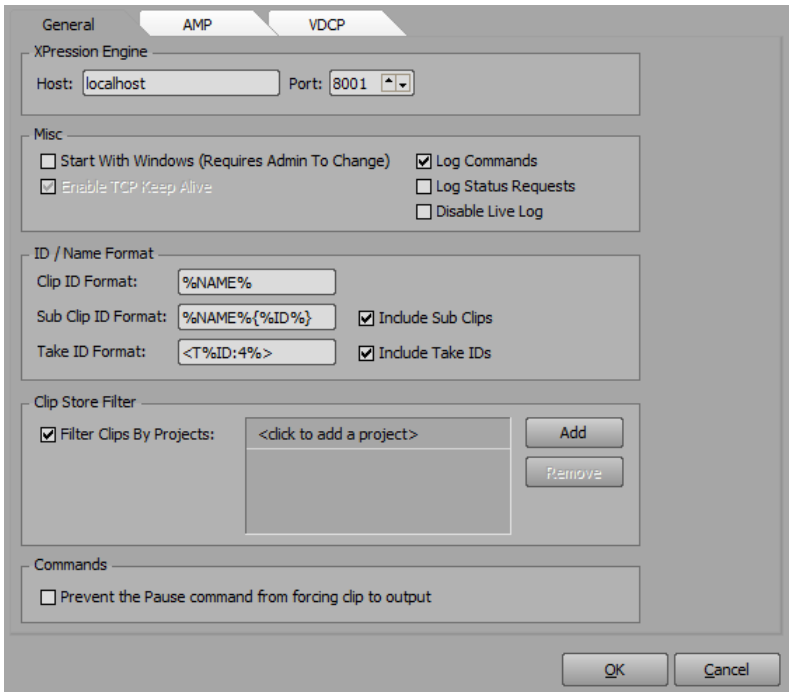


Configuring the AMP Settings

To configure the AMP settings:

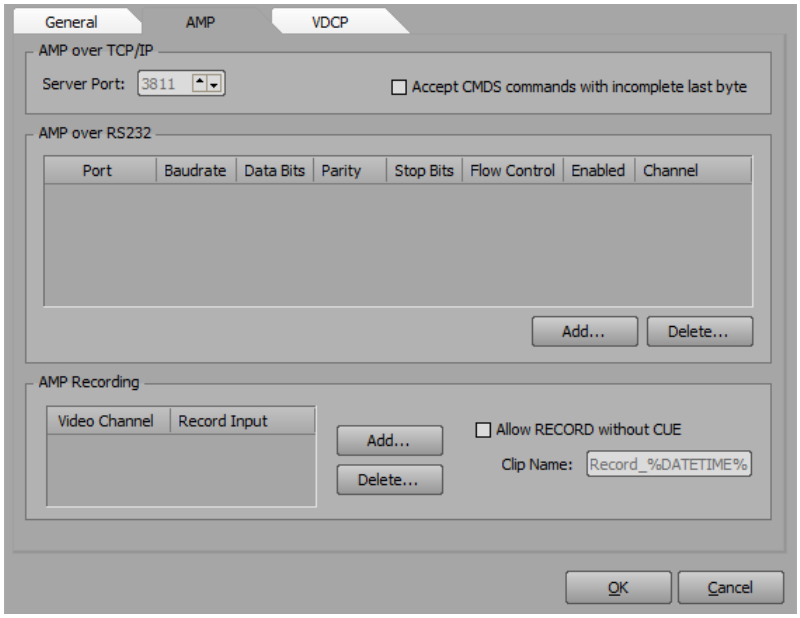
1. In the XPression Media Control Gateway, select **File > Settings**.

   The **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog opens.



2. Select the **AMP** tab.

   The **AMP** tab opens.



3. Configure the **AMP** connection settings as required:

AMP Over TCP/IP

- In the **AMP over TCP/IP** section, the **Server Port** field displays the port number for the TCP/IP server connection.

  The default is **3811** and is not user-configurable.

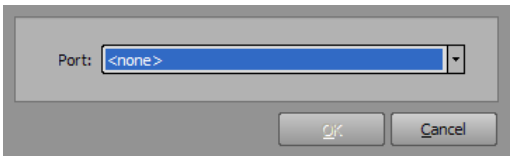
- Select the **Accept AMP CMDS commands with incomplete last byte** to accept CMDS commands with an incomplete last ASCII byte.

OR

AMP Over RS232

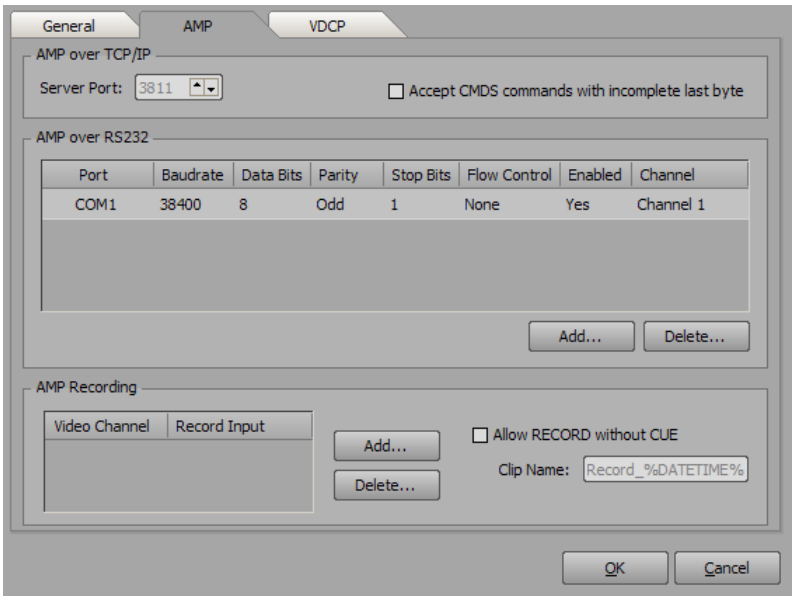
- In the **AMP over RS232** section, select **Add** to add a port for the RS232 connection.

  The **Select RS232 Port** dialog opens.



- From the **Port** drop-down, select a COM port for the connection and select **OK**.

  The COM port is added to the AMP over RS232 connections list.



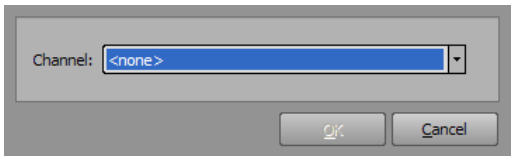
- Configure the connection settings if necessary:
  - **Port** — select a different COM port if necessary.
  - **Baudrate** — select a communication speed for GPI signals.
  - **Data Bits** — select the number of bits used to represent one character of data for GPI signals.
  - **Parity** — select the method used to check for lost data in a GPI signal.
  - **Stop Bits** — select the number of bits used to indicate the end of a byte in a GPI signal.
  - **Flow Control** — select the data transmission rate controller for a GPI signal.

- **Enabled** — select whether the AMP over RS232 connection is enabled or not.
- **Channel** — from the drop-down, select a server channel for playout.

  When using TCP/IP, the channel corresponding to the server channel in XPression is specified by the remote device when establishing a connection. However, when using RS232, there is no such provision in the protocol, so the server channel needs to be specified.

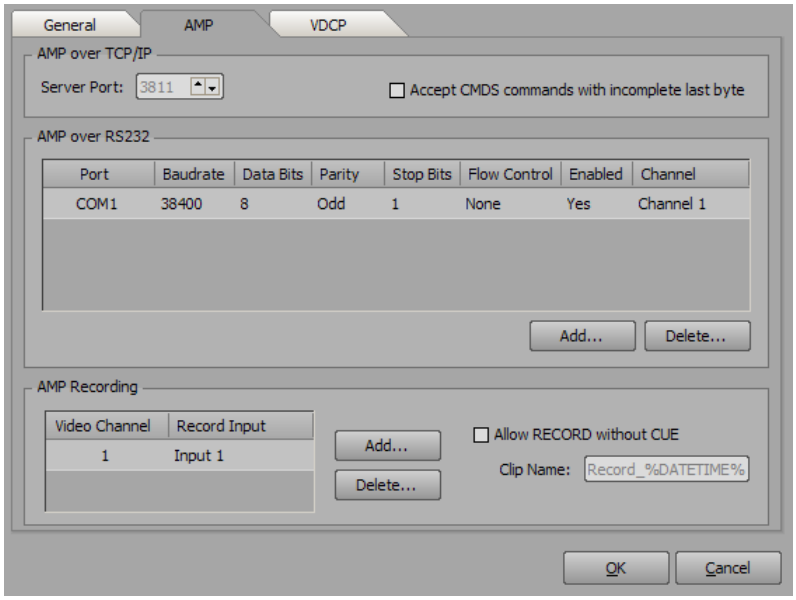
4. In the **AMP Recording** section, select **Add** to select a source input if using AMP recording with the Record Client.

   The **Select Video Channel #** dialog box opens.



5. From the **Channel** drop-down, select a server channel to use for the AMP session and select **OK**.

   The server channel is added to the **AMP Recording** list.



6. Click in the **Record Input** column and from the drop-down, select an input for recording functionality.

   The default is **Input 1**.

   When the AMP connection is configured to control a certain server channel, if this channel is associated with an input, then the AMP session will have playback control on the server channel and record control on the input. If the channel is not mapped to an input, then the AMP session will only have playback control.

   Successful recordings are automatically added to the Clip Store.

7. Select the **Allow RECORD without CUE** checkbox to crash record from AMP when the RECORD command is received without the CUE command.

8. In the **Clip Name** field, enter the name of the clip to crash record using the RECORD without CUE function.

9. Select **OK**.

   The **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog closes.

Supported AMP Commands

Cueing and playback control on output ports of clips in Clip Store and take items in the Sequencer is supported, as well as recording on input ports. Clip management, such as renaming, deleting, or modifying clips, is not supported. Delayed commands are also not supported. The option to send a list of clips to certain commands (e.g., IN PRESET) is not supported.

The following AMP commands are supported by the XPression Media Control Gateway:

STOP

PLAY

RECORD

EJECT

FAST FORWARD

JOG FORWARD/REVERSE

VARIABLE FORWARD/REVERSE

SHUTTLE FORWARD/REVERSE

REWIND

CUE UP WITH DATA

CLIP DATA REQUEST

IN PRESET

OUT PRESET

STATUS SENSE

CURRENT TIME SENSE

RECORD CUE UP WITH DATA

GET THUMBNAIL

GET WORKING FOLDER

SET WORKING FOLDER

LIST FIRST FOLDER

LIST NEXT FOLDER

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ID LOADED REQUEST

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SET RECORD DURATION

ID START TIME REQUEST

ID COUNT REQUEST

DEVICE NAME REQUEST

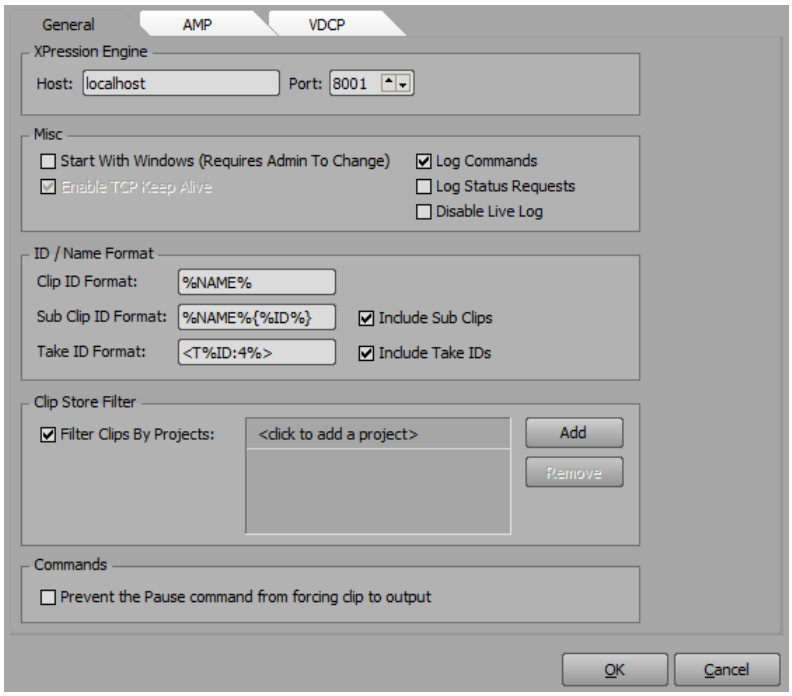
TIMECODE MODE PRESET

Configuring the VDCP Settings

To configure the VDCP settings:

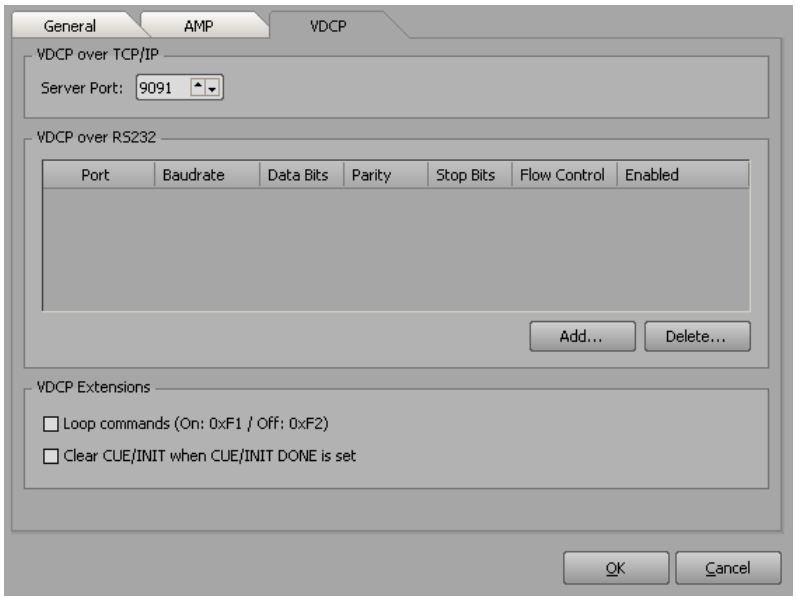
1. In the XPression Media Control Gateway, select **File > Settings**.

   The **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog opens.



2. Select the **VDCP** tab.

   The **VDCP** tab opens.



3. Configure the **VDCP** connection settings as required:

VDCP Over TCP/IP

- In the **VDCP over TCP/IP** section, in the **Server Port** field, enter or select the port number for the TCP/IP server connection.

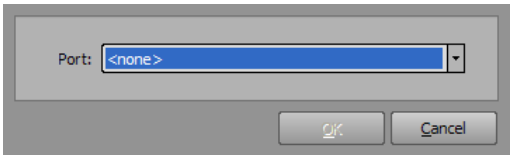
  The default is **9091**.

OR

VDCP Over RS232

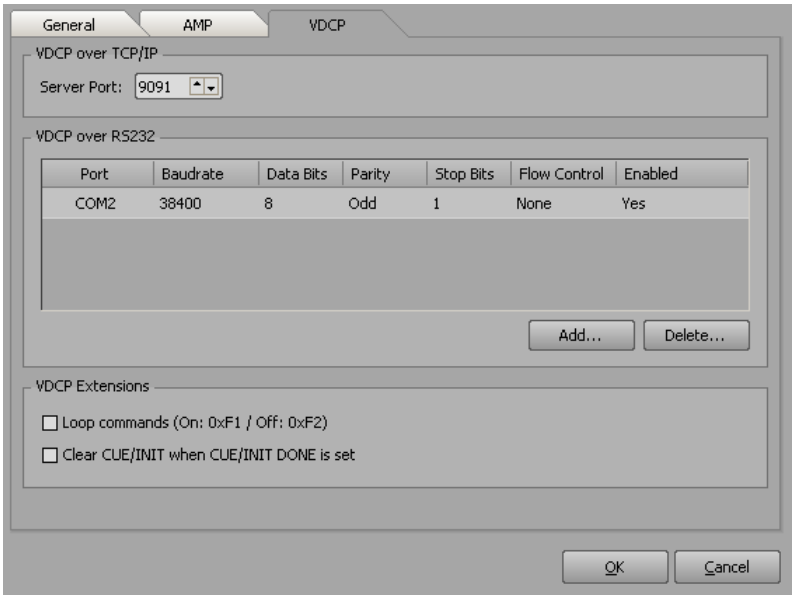
- In the **VDCP over RS232** section, select **Add** to add a port for the RS232 connection.

  The **Select RS232 Port** dialog opens.



- From the **Port** drop-down, select a COM port for the connection.
- Select **OK**.

  The COM port is added to the VDCP over RS232 connections list.



- Configure the connection settings as necessary:
  - **Port** — select a different COM port if necessary.
  - **Baudrate** — select a communication speed for GPI signals.
  - **Data Bits** — select the number of bits used to represent one character of data for GPI signals.
  - **Parity** — select the method used to check for lost data in a GPI signal.
  - **Stop Bits** — select the number of bits used to indicate the end of a byte in a GPI signal.
  - **Flow Control** — select the data transmission rate controller for a GPI signal.
  - **Enabled** — select whether the VDCP over RS232 connection is enabled or not.

4. Select the **Loop commands** checkbox to use a VDCP extension to turn looping on (0x1X 0xF1) and off (0x1X 0xF2).

   This option is disabled by default.

5. Select the **CUE/INIT when CUE/INIT DONE is set** checkbox to only if the VDCP controller does not support having both the CUE/INIT and CUE/INIT DONE flags asserted simultaneously (playback or record).

   This option is disabled by default.

6. Select **OK**.

   The **XPression Media Control Gateway - Settings** dialog closes.

Supported VDCP Commands

Cueing and playback control on output ports of clips in Clip Store and take items in the Sequencer is supported, as well as recording on input ports. Clip management, such as renaming, deleting, or modifying clips, is not supported. Also, timeline and macro commands are not supported.

The following VDCP commands are supported by the XPression Media Control Gateway:

Immediate commands:

STOP

PLAY

RECORD

STILL

CONTINUE

STEP

JOG

VAR PLAY

Preset commands:

CLOSE PORT

SELECT PORT

PLAY CUE

PLAY CUE WITH DATA

RECORD INIT

Sense commands:

PORT STATUS

OPEN PORT

ID LIST

ID ADDED LIST

ID DELETED LIST

NEXT

ACTIVE ID REQUEST

POSITION REQUEST

ID SIZE REQUEST

ID REQUEST

DEVICE TYPE REQUEST

XPression INcoder

The XPression INcoder is a separate, optional component to the XPression Clips workflow. If the INcoder has not been purchased, use the Record Client feature in XPression to transcode clips. For more information, or to purchase the INcoder, contact Ross Video.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

XPression INcoder Overview

INcoder User Interface Overview

Configuring the XPression INcoder

XPression INcoder Tasks

XPression INcoder Overview

The XPression INcoder is a windows service that manages one or more watchfolders used for file based ingest of clips into the XPression Clips workflow. The INcoder performs transcoding functions to convert clips from compatible formats into XPression Codec AVI files. The same formats supported by the XPression Video Coder can be transcoded by the INcoder. Still images can be exported to the Clip Store in their native format.

After clips have been dropped into a watchfolder, an email based notification system can alert configured users to status events such as failures or successful transcodings.

The XPression INcoder Manager is used for managing and configuring the INcoder service. The INcoder Manager can run on the INcoder machine or connect to a remote INcoder.

INcoder Terminology

There are several pieces of terminology to understand in the INcoder Manager necessary for configuring it.

Source — a source represents a watchfolder where clips can be placed to be transcoded. The watchfolder can exist on a local or accessible network drive.

Project — an abstract concept used for grouping clips. A watchfolder should be assigned a project. Examples of projects could be: news, sports, weather, etc. Separate watchfolders could be assigned for each project so that clips dropped into a particular folder on disk will be assigned the correct project which can later be used for searching or clerical tasks. Each project can have separate lists of users to notify.

Target — a target represents the destination to which the transcoded clip should be sent. In the case of XPression Clips, the target would be an XPression Clip Store. After a successful transcode the clip will be sent to all of the targets assigned to the processor.

Processor — a processor represents a collection of targets. Each source (watchfolder) must be assigned a processor. After transcoding, all targets in the processor will receive the final clip.

For More Information on...

- the XPression INcoder, refer to the *XPression INcoder User Guide*.

INcoder User Interface Overview

This section provides a user interface overview for the XPression INcoder Manager interface.

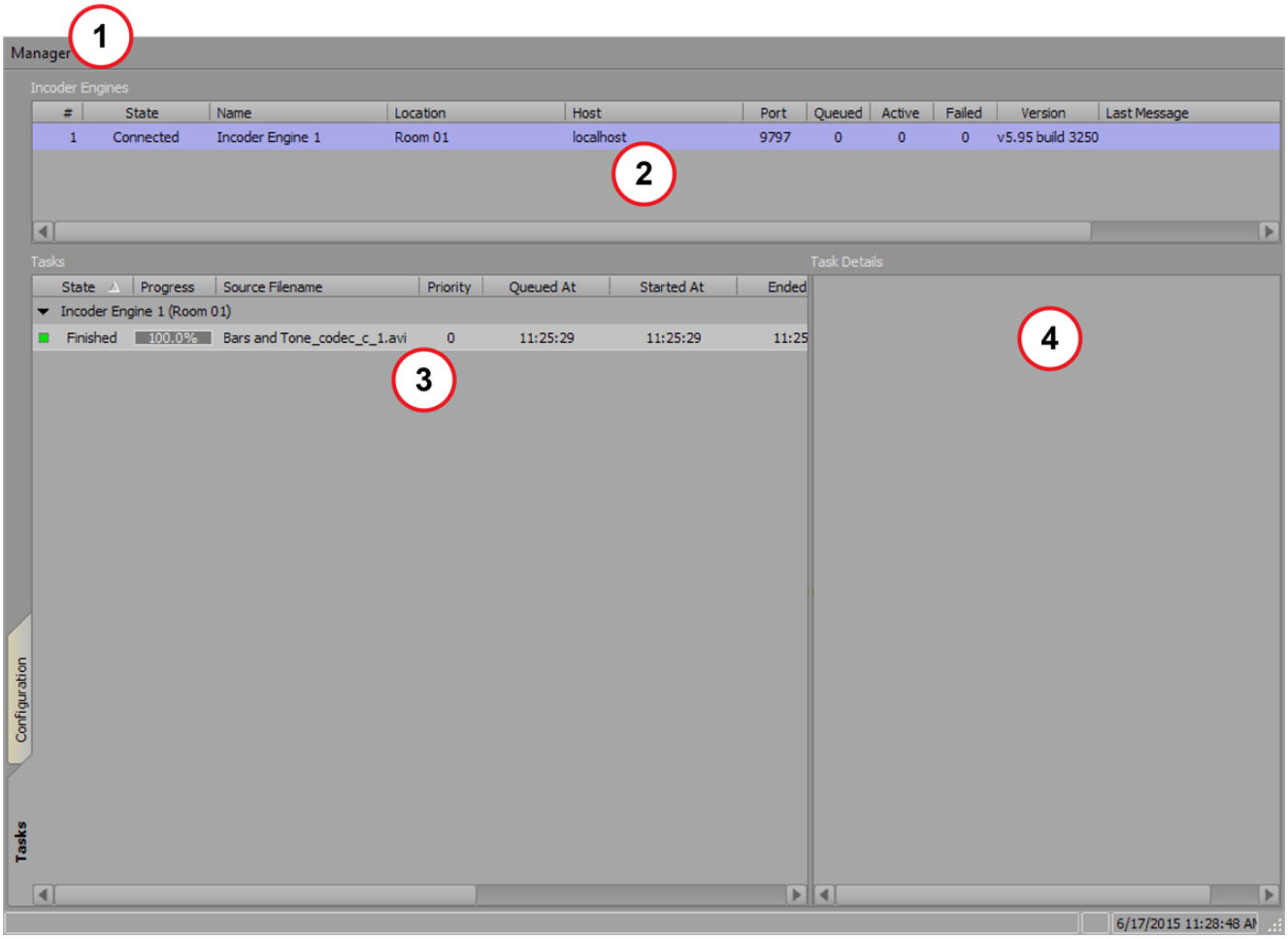
The following user interfaces are discussed in this section:

The XPression INcoder - Tasks Tab

The XPression INcoder - Configuration Tab

The XPression INcoder - Tasks Tab

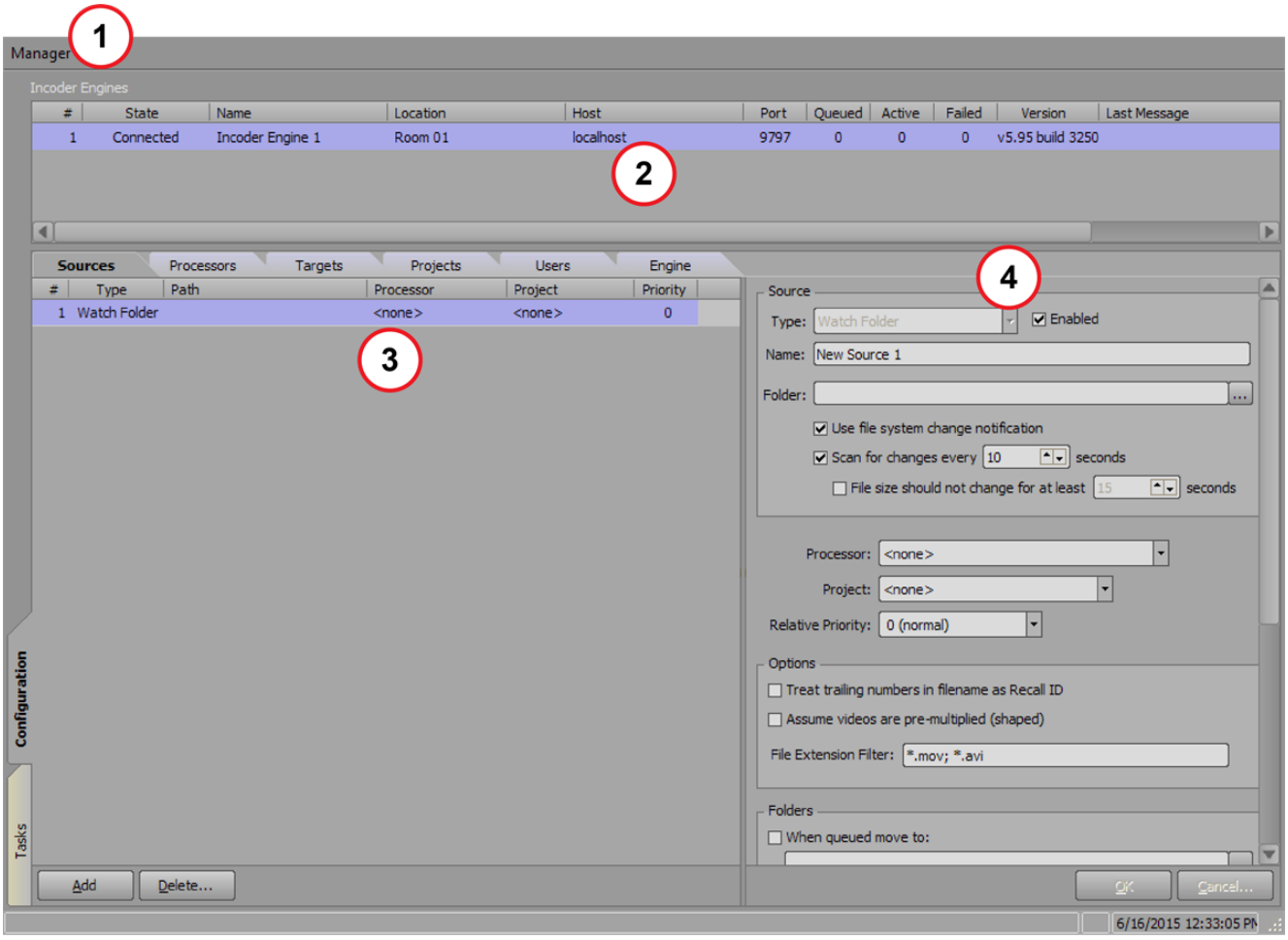
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the **Tasks** tab in the **XPression INcoder Manager**.



1) **Menu Bar** — use the **Manager** menu to exit XPression INcoder.
2) **INcoder Engines** — view the configured engines for XPression INcoder along with their state and details.
3) **Tasks** — view the list of clips that are transcoded and transcoding for specific INcoder engines, as well as the details about the transcoding.
4) **Task Details** — feature currently not implemented.

The XPression INcoder - Configuration Tab

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the **Configuration** tab in the **XPression INcoder Manager**.



1) **Menu Bar** — use the **Manager** menu to exit XPression INcoder.
2) **INcoder Engines** — view the configured engines for XPression INcoder along with their state and details.
3) **Configuration Tabs** — use the configuration tabs to configure the INcoder engines, users, projects, targets, processors, and sources.
4) **Configuration Area** — use the configuration area to configure the settings and details for the selected configuration tab.

Configuring the XPression INcoder

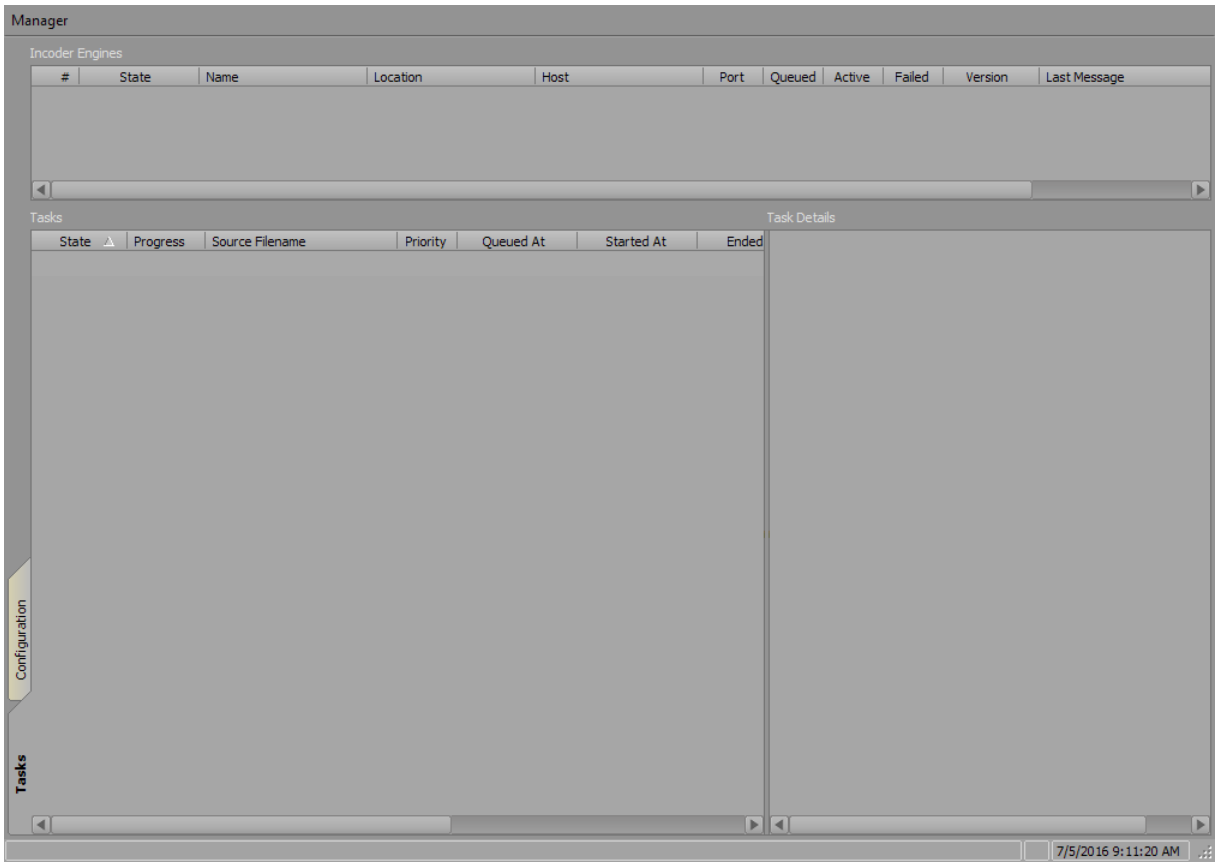
Use the XPression INcoder Manager to configure the XPression INcoder for use with XPression Clips.

To configure the XPression INcoder:

1. On the machine that has the XPression INcoder installed, locate the XPression INcoder folder using the **Start** menu.
2. Select **Start INcoder** ( ) if the INcoder has not been started.

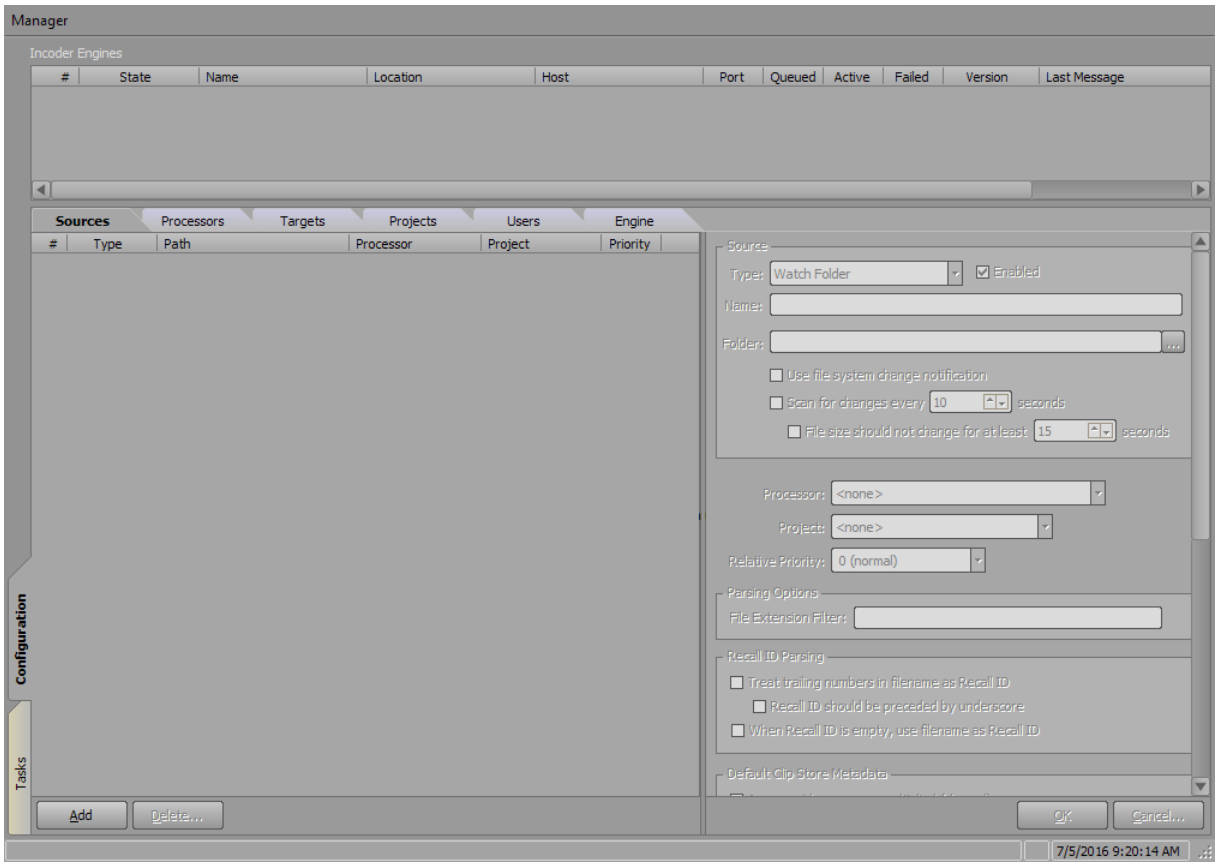
   If the INcoder has successfully started, an information message indicates that the XPression INcoder was successfully started.
3. From the XPression INcoder folder, select **INcoder Manager**.

   The **XPression INcoder Manager** opens.



4. Select the **Configuration** tab.

   The **Configuration** tab opens.



5. Configure the tabs from right to left:

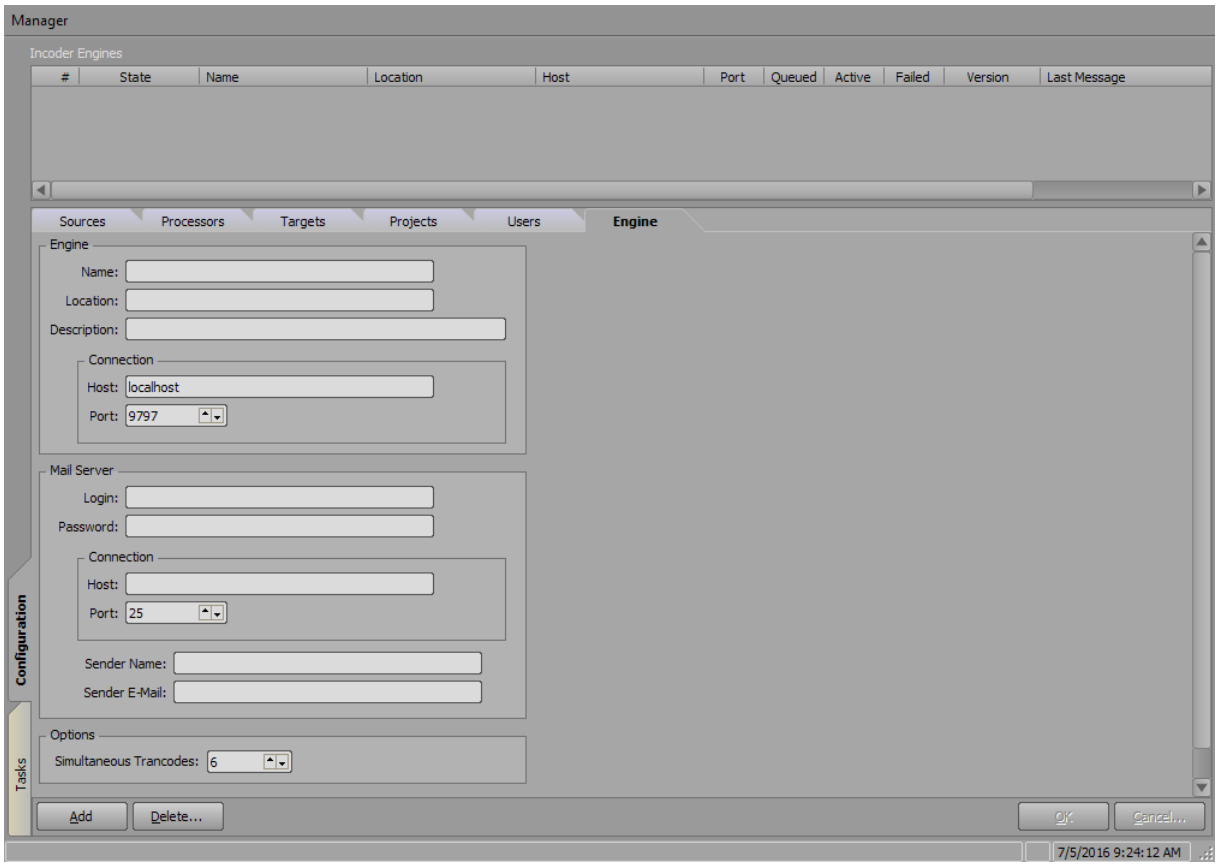
Engine

Use the following procedure to add and configure as many INcoder engines as needed.

To add a new XPression INcoder engine:

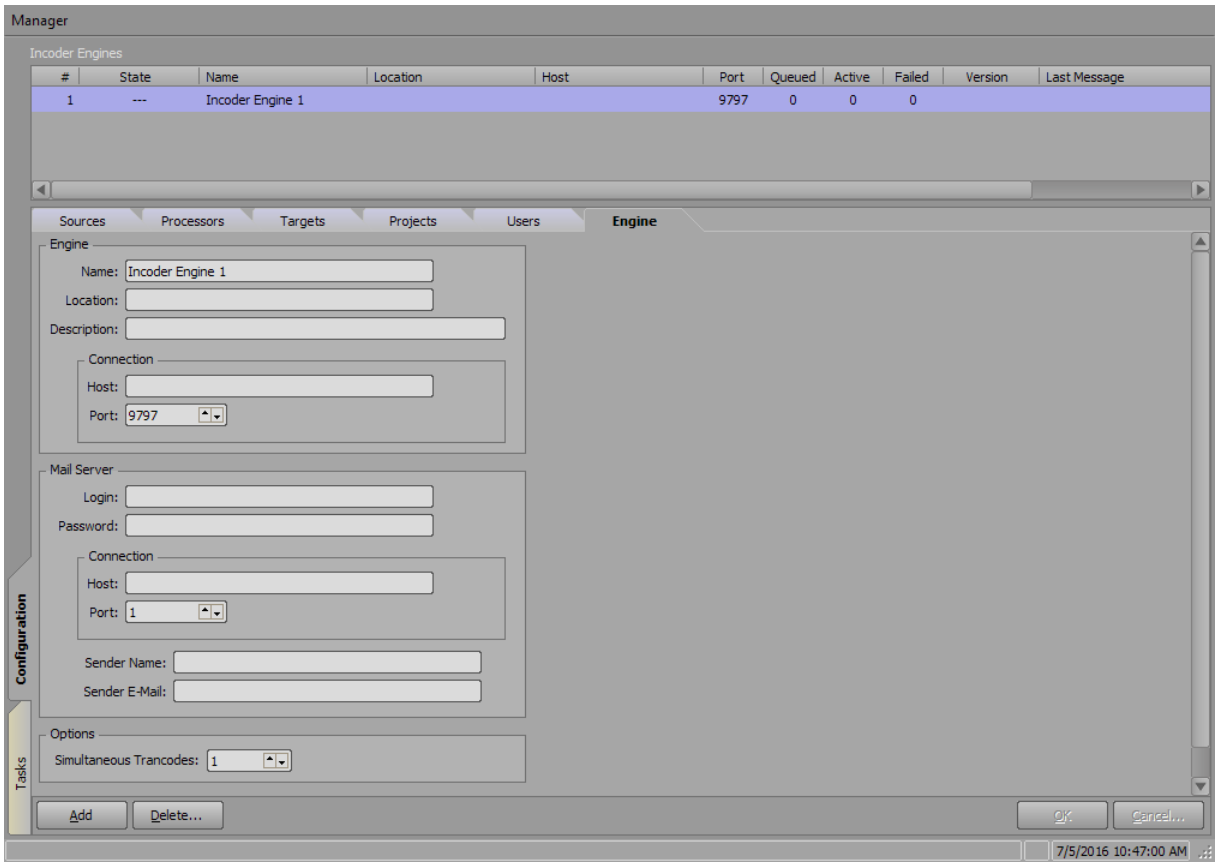
1. In the **Configuration Manager**, go to the **Engine** tab.

   The **Engine** tab opens.



2. Select **Add**.

   An engine is added to the **INcoder Engines** list.



3. Configure the **Engine** section:
   - In the **Name** field, enter a name for the INcoder engine.

     The default name is **INcoder Engine 1**.
   - In the **Location** field, enter the location of the INcoder engine.
   - In the **Description** field, enter a brief descriptor for the INcoder engine.
   - In the **Host** field, enter the IP address of the INcoder service if using remotely.

     If using the INcoder service locally, enter **localhost**.
   - In the **Port** field, enter or select the port number for the INcoder service connection.

     The default is **9797**.
4. Configure the **Mail Server** section:
   - In the **Login** field, enter the user ID for access to the mail server.
   - In the **Password** field, enter the password for the login user name.

     ★Consult your system administrator if you are uncertain of the login credentials.
   - In the **Host** field, enter the IP address of the mail server.
   - In the **Port** field, enter or select the port number for the mail server connection.

     The default is **25**.

- In the **Sender Name** field, enter a name for the sender of INcoder task status notifications.
- In the **Sender E-Mail** field, enter the email address of the status information's originator.

5. In the **Options** section, in the **Simultaneous Transcodes** field, enter or select the number of video files that can be transcoded by the INcoder simultaneously.

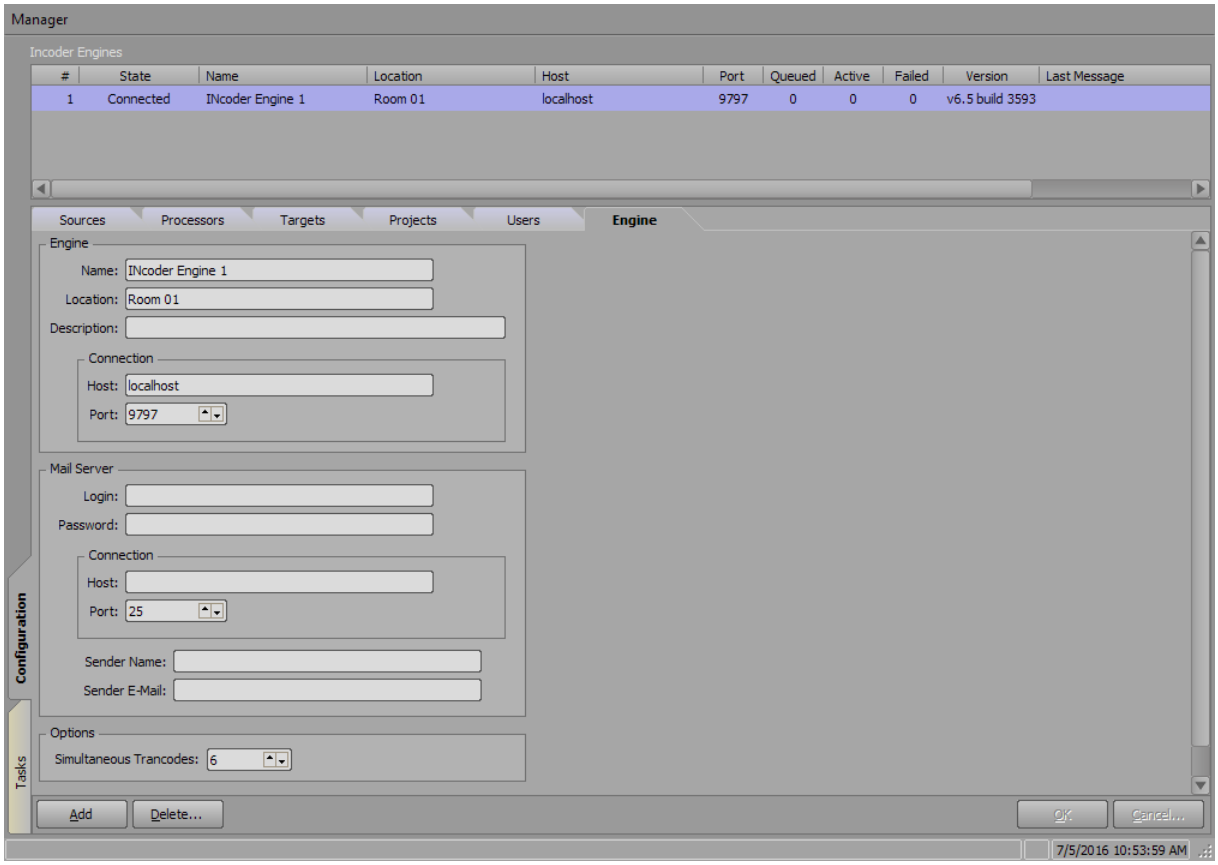
   Any videos beyond this amount will be queued until other video files have been transcoded.

   ★Any time the number of transcodes is reduced, the INcoder must be stopped and restarted for the new **Simultaneous Transcodes** setting to take effect.

   ★Currently, a maximum of eight **Simultaneous Transcodes** are available. However, the number of simultaneous transcodes should not be set higher than the number of CPU cores available on the machine.

6. Select **OK** to apply the settings.

   The **Engine** settings are updated in the **INcoder Engines** list, and the **State** is **Connected**.



7. Repeat this procedure for as many engines as are needed.

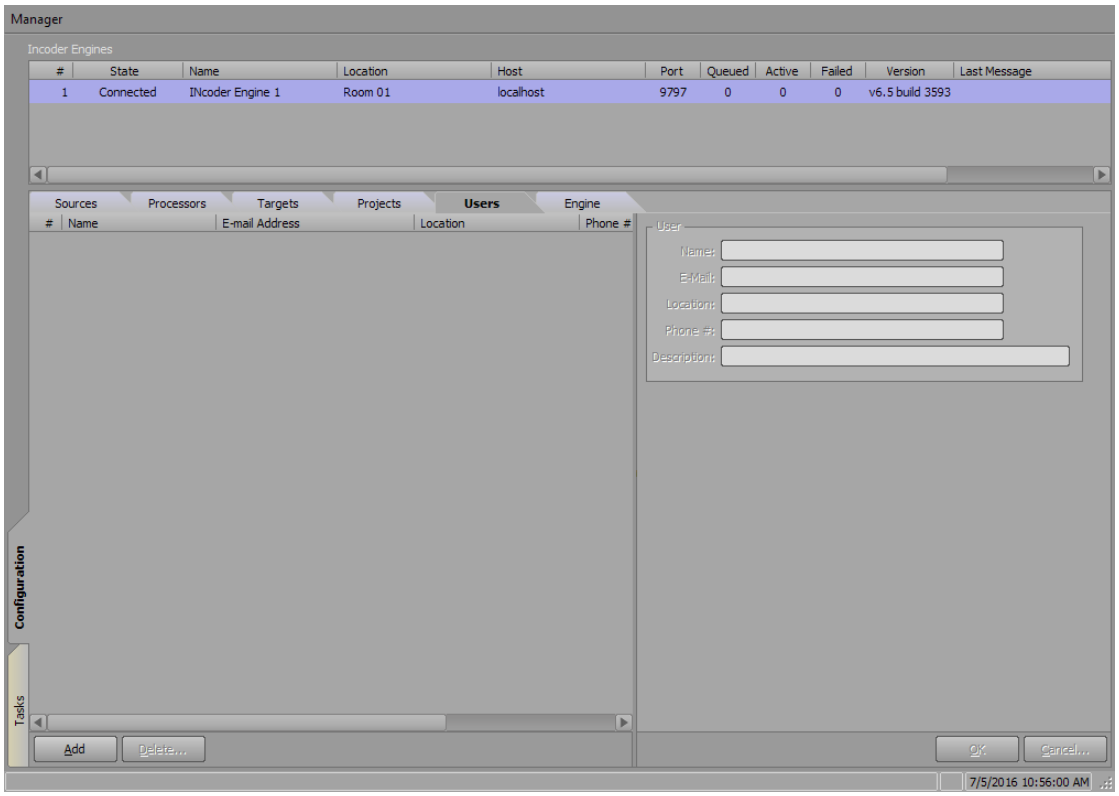
Users

Use the following procedure to add and configure as many INcoder users as needed.

To add a new XPression INcoder user:

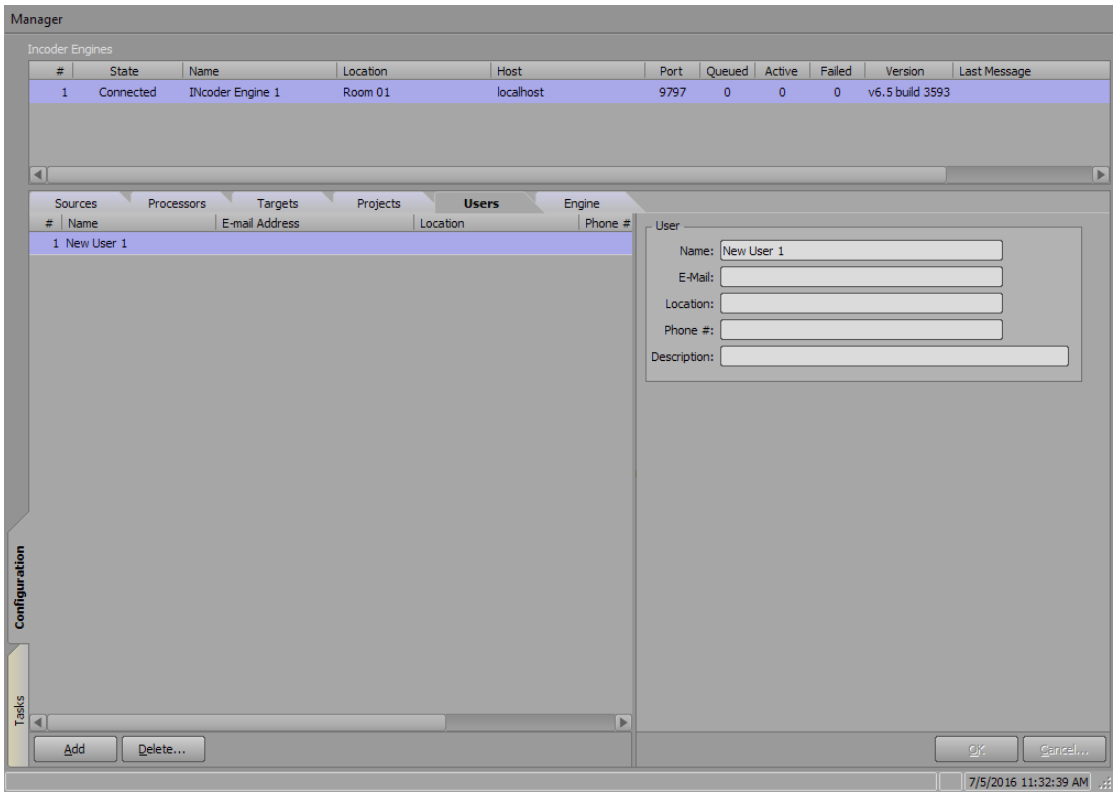
1. In the **Configuration Manager**, go to the **Users** tab.

   The **Users** tab opens.



2. Select **Add**.

   A new user is added to the **Users** list.



3. Configure the **User** section:

   - In the **Name** field, enter a name for the user.

     The default is **New User 1**.

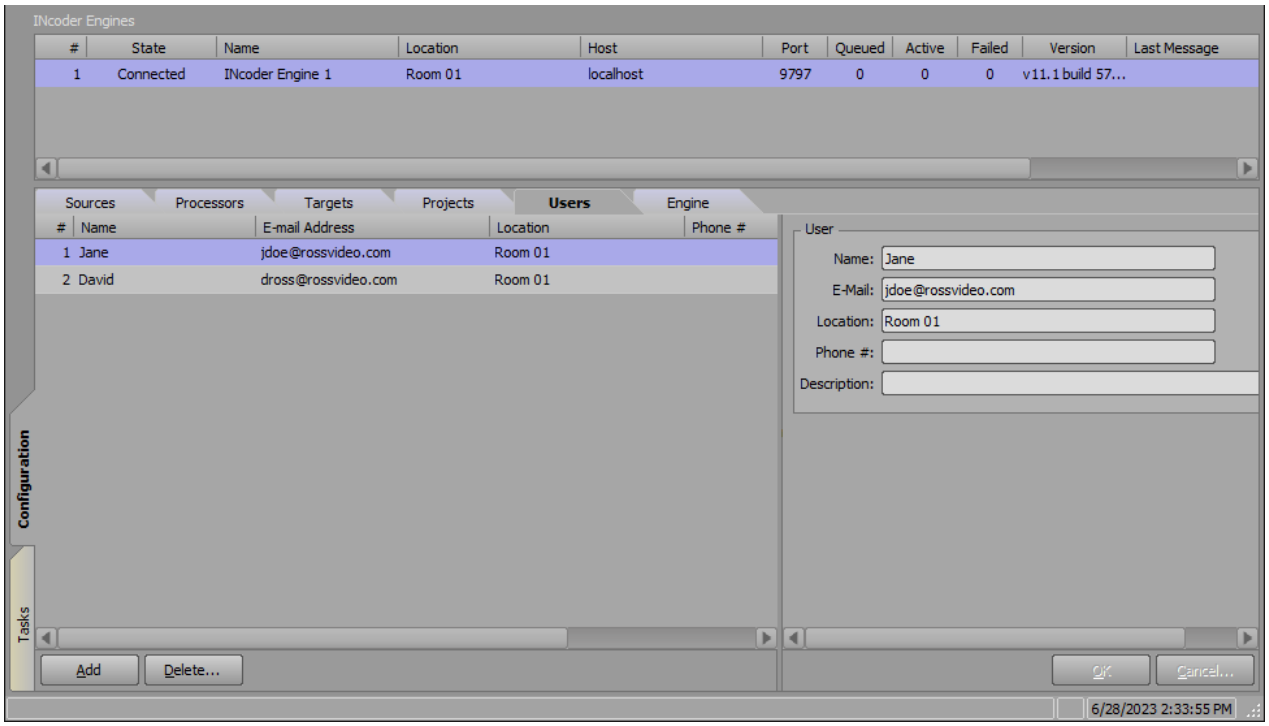
   - In the **E-Mail** field, enter the email address where the user will receive Incoder status notifications.
   - In the **Location** field, enter the location of the user, server, etc.

     For example, **Rack Room 01**.

   - In the **Phone #** field, enter the phone number of the user.
   - In the **Description** field, enter a brief descriptor for the user, such as their title or position.

4. Select **OK**.

   The details are added to the user in the **Users** list.



5. Repeat this procedure for as many users as necessary.

Projects

Use the following procedures to add and configure as many INcoder projects as needed.

This section describes how to:

Add a new XPression INcoder project

Configure the Notify Users on Completed settings

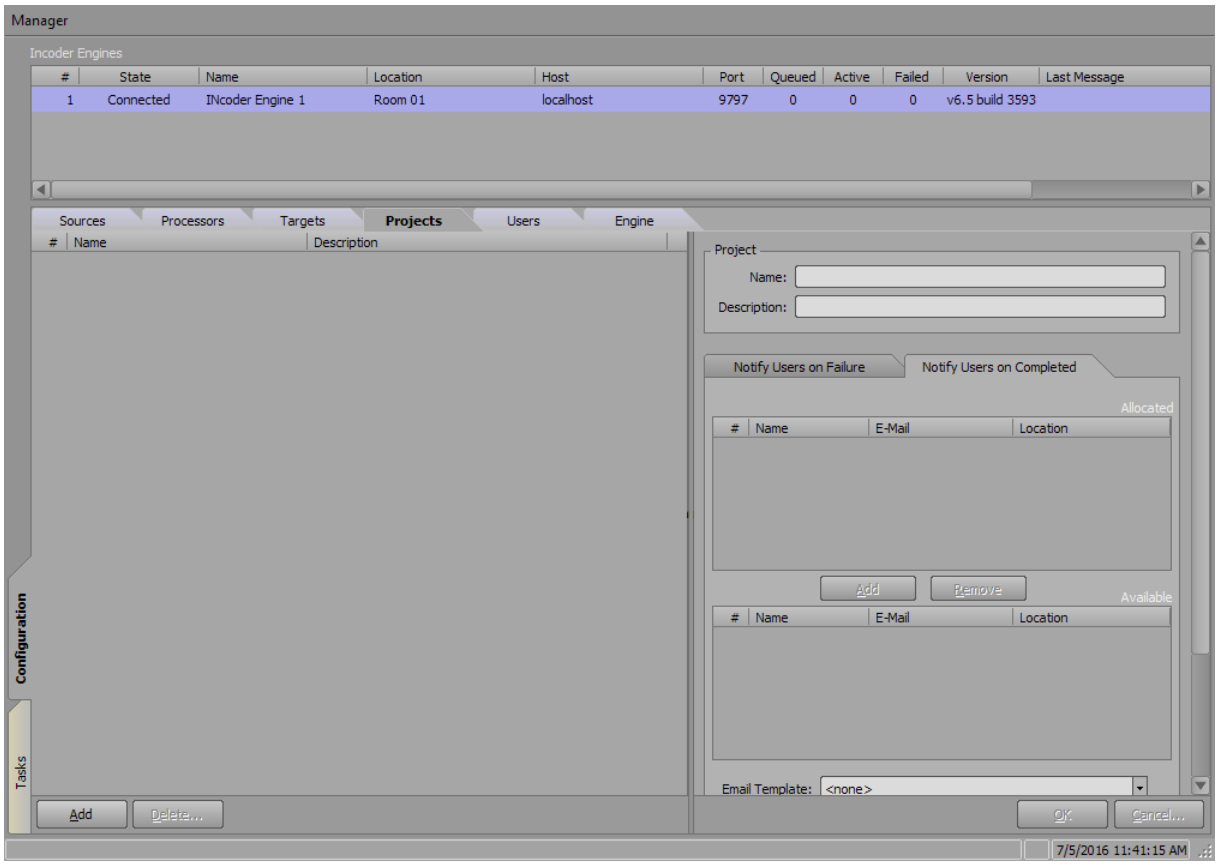
Configure the Notify Users on Failure settings

Apply the New Project settings

To add a new XPression INcoder project:

1. In the **Configuration Manager**, go to the **Projects** tab.

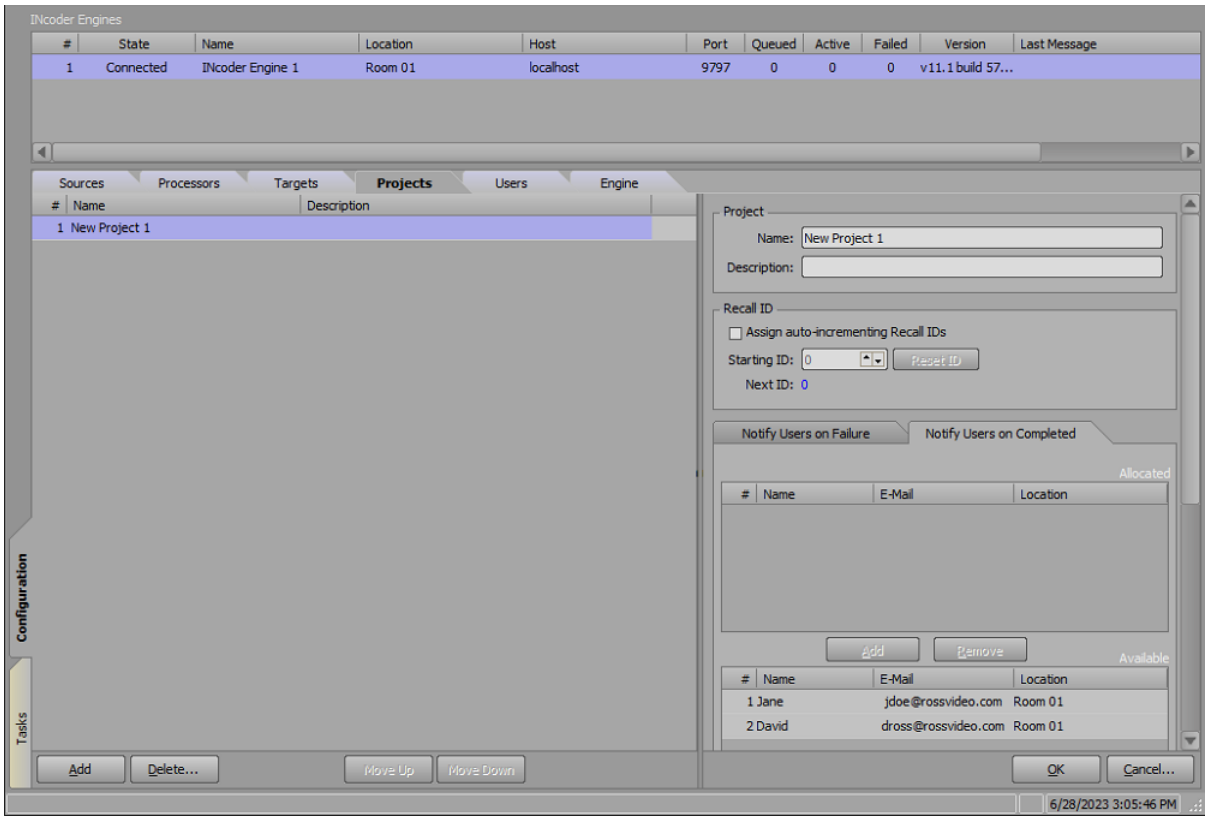
   The **Projects** tab opens.



   Projects filter which users have access to certain clips.

2. Select **Add**.

   A **New Project** is added to the **Project List**.



3. Configure the **Project** section:

   - In the **Name** field, enter a project name.

     The default name is **New Project 01**.

   - In the **Description** field, enter a brief descriptor for the project.

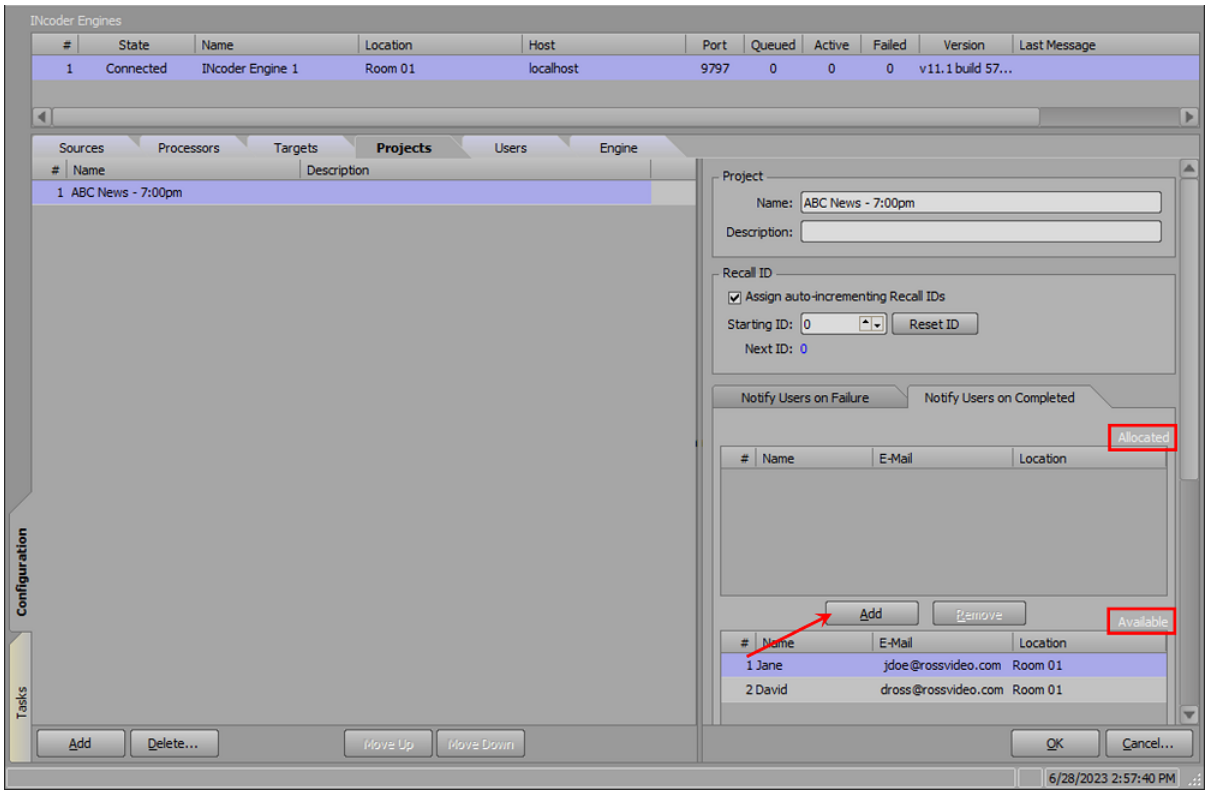
4. Configure the **Recall ID** section:

   - Select the **Assign auto-incrementing Recall IDs** checkbox to automatically assign incrementing **Recall IDs** to clips for the selected project when no **Recall ID** has been assigned via the **Filename parsing** settings in the **Watch folder**.
   - In the **Starting ID** field, enter or select the **Recall ID** number at which to begin assigning the auto-incrementing **Recall ID** numbers to clips.
   - Select the **Reset ID** button to reset the next ID to be the new starting ID.

To configure the Notify Users on Completed settings:

1. Go to the **Notify Users on Completed** tab.
2. Select a user from the **Available** users list, and then select **Add**.

   The user is added to the **Allocated** users list.



3. In the **Project Details** section, scroll down to the **Email Template** settings and from the **Email Template** drop-down, select the template that will be used for the outgoing status email.

   The options are:

   - Select **<none>** to use no template and receive no email notifications.
   - Select **sample-completed.html** to use the **sample-completed HTML template** for the notification.
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   ★Custom templates can be added to the **EmailTemplates** folder. Find the **EmailTemplates** folder in C:\Program Files (x86)\XPression INcoder.

4. Configure the batch notification settings:

   - Select the **Notify in batch every** checkbox to notify users of multiple successful transcodes in bulk, at the time interval entered in the **minutes** field.
   - Select the **Notify in batch when project queue empties** checkbox to notify users of multiple successful transcodes, once the queue of videos being transcoded in the INcoder **Tasks** list is empty.
   - In the **Batch limit** field, enter or select a limit on the number of ingested files that are included in the batch for the notification.

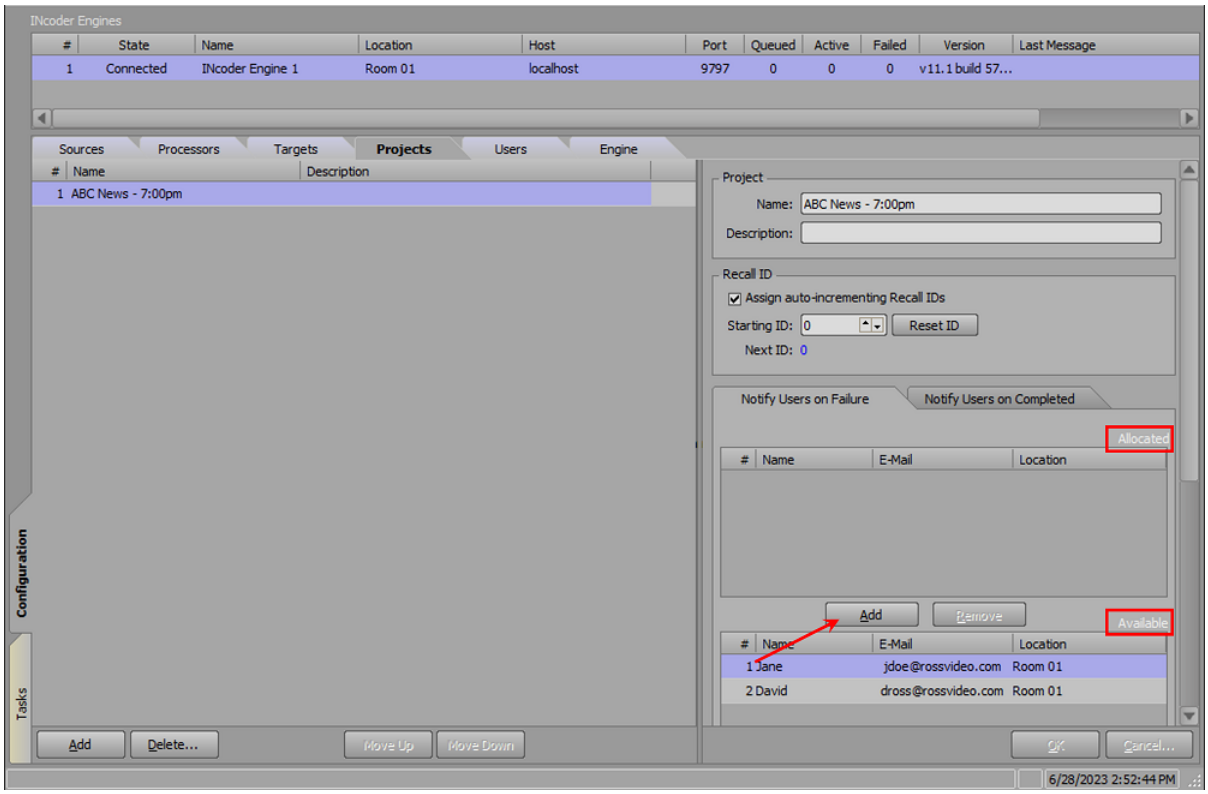
   If both batch notification options are selected, the queue notification option will still occur even if it occurs before the batch notification time interval.

5. Select **OK**.

To configure the Notify Users on Failure settings:

1. Go to the **Notify Users on Failure** tab.
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   The user is added to the **Allocated** users list.



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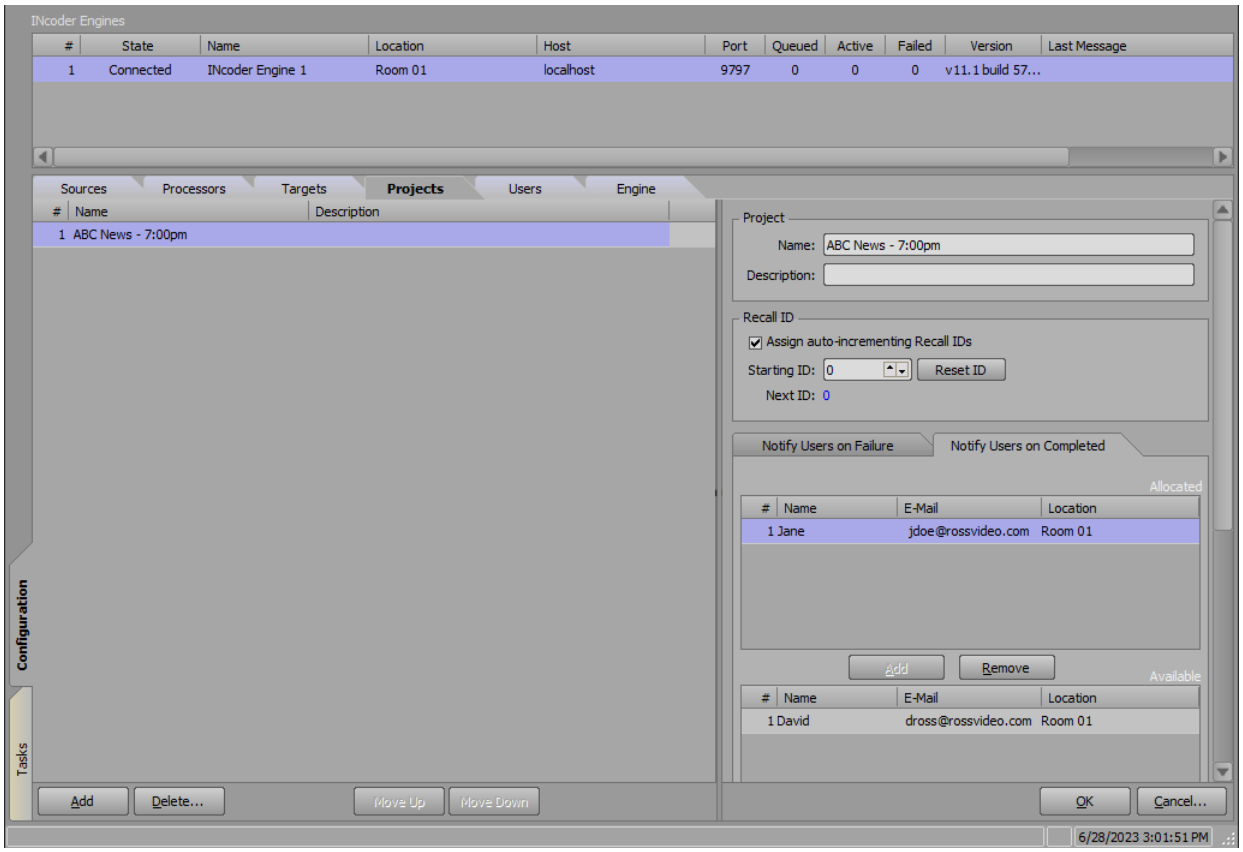
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5. Select **OK**.

To apply the new project settings:

1. Once the project settings have been configured and the user notification settings have been set, select **OK**.

   The **Projects** list is updated.



2. Repeat this procedure for as many projects as necessary.

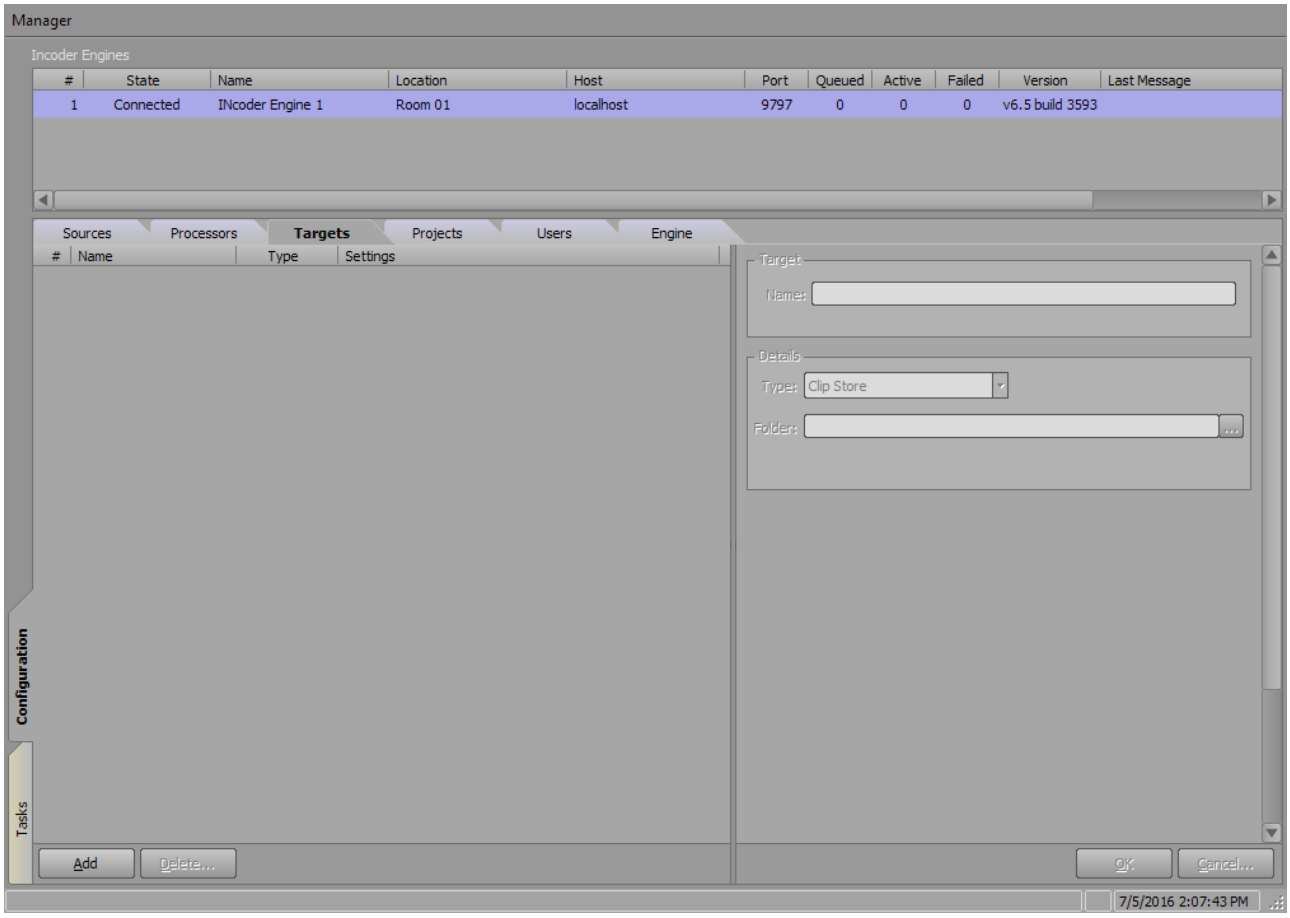
Targets

Use the following procedure to add and configure as many INcoder targets as needed.

To configure destination targets for clips:

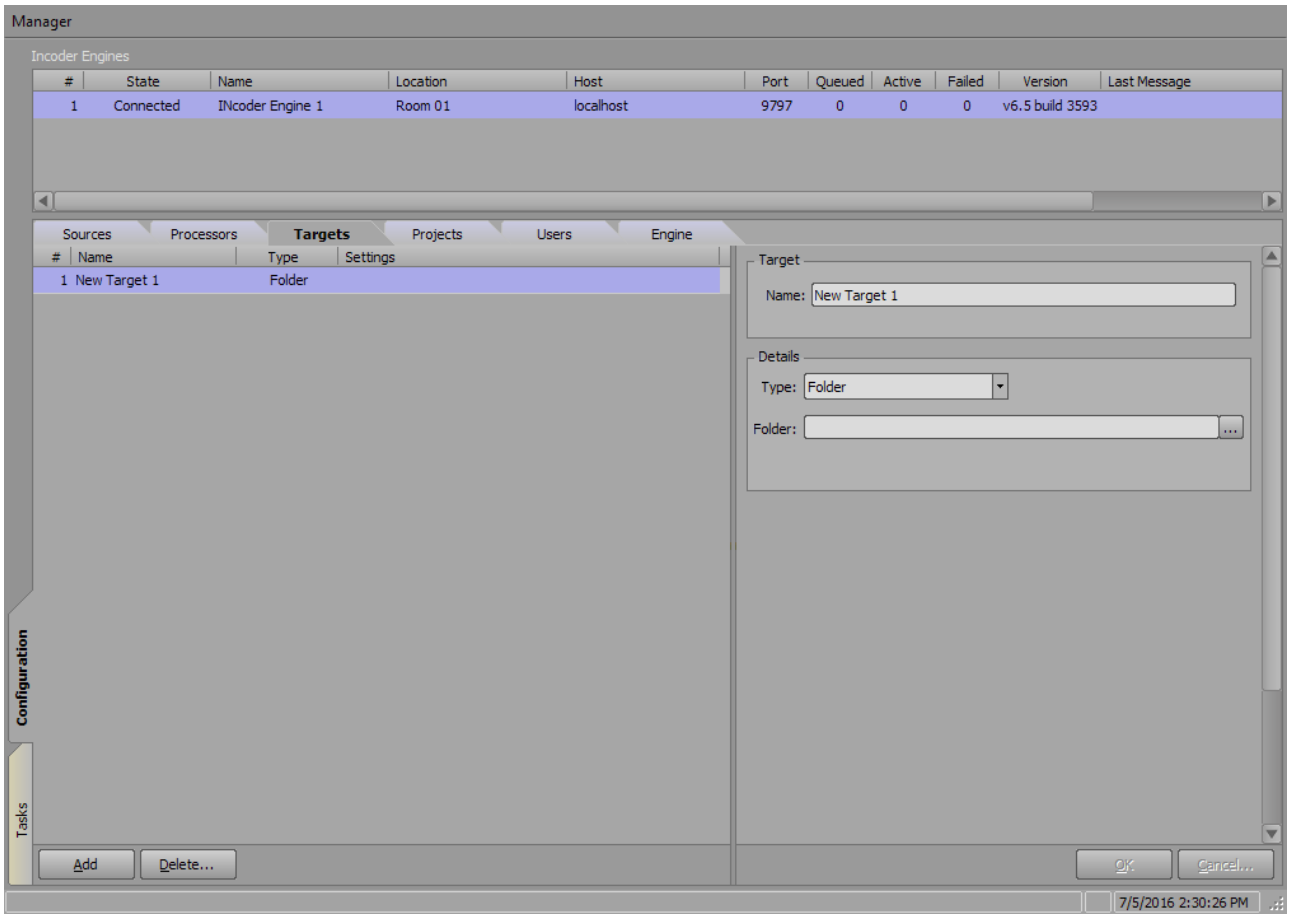
1. In the **Configuration Manager**, go to the **Targets** tab.

   The **Targets** tab opens.



2. Select **Add**.

   A new target is added to the **Targets** list.



3. In the **Target** section, in the **Name** field, enter a name for the new target.

   The default is **New Target 1**.

4. In the **Details** section, from the **Type** drop-down, select the destination type for the target.

   The options are:

   - **Folder** — send encoded clips to a destination folder.

     ➢ In the **Folder** field, select **Browse** to choose a folder, or enter the file path to a folder.

     If using a network drive, enter the full network path as opposed to the mapped drive letter. For example, **\\srvtor02\Clips\Transfer** as opposed to **G:\Transfer**.

   - **Clip Store** — send encoded clips from the **Watch Folder** to the **XPression Clip Store Manager**.

     ➢ In the **Host** field, enter an IP address for the **Clip Store Manager** location, or use **localhost** (default) if the **Clip Store Manager** is on the same machine as INcoder.

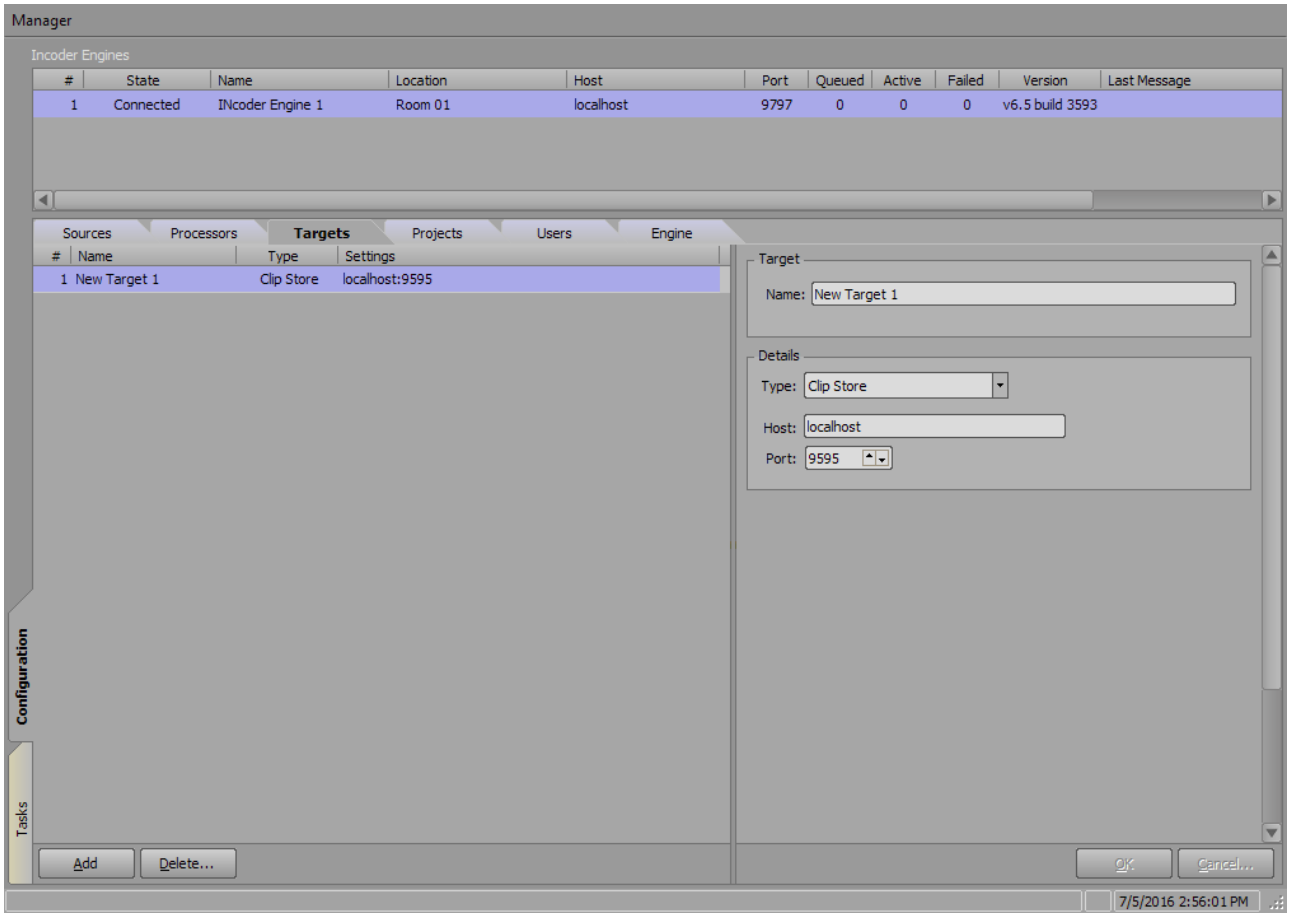
     ➢ In the **Port** field, enter or select the port number for the **Clip Store Manager** location.

     The default is **9595**.

     ★ To use the **Clip Store** option, **XPression Clips** must be purchased and installed separately.

5. Select **OK**.

   The settings are added to the **Targets** list.



6. Repeat the procedure for as many targets as necessary.

Processors

Processors are used to delegate the targets used for a source. Use the following procedures to add, and configure as many INcoder processors as needed.

★If you are using **XPression Tessera**, you will need to configure the **Region Mapping** tab to split clips that are larger than HD and UHD resolutions and need to be divided into multiple segments in order to be spread across multiple render engines.

See To configure Region Mapping for use with XPression Tessera for instructions.

This section describes how to:

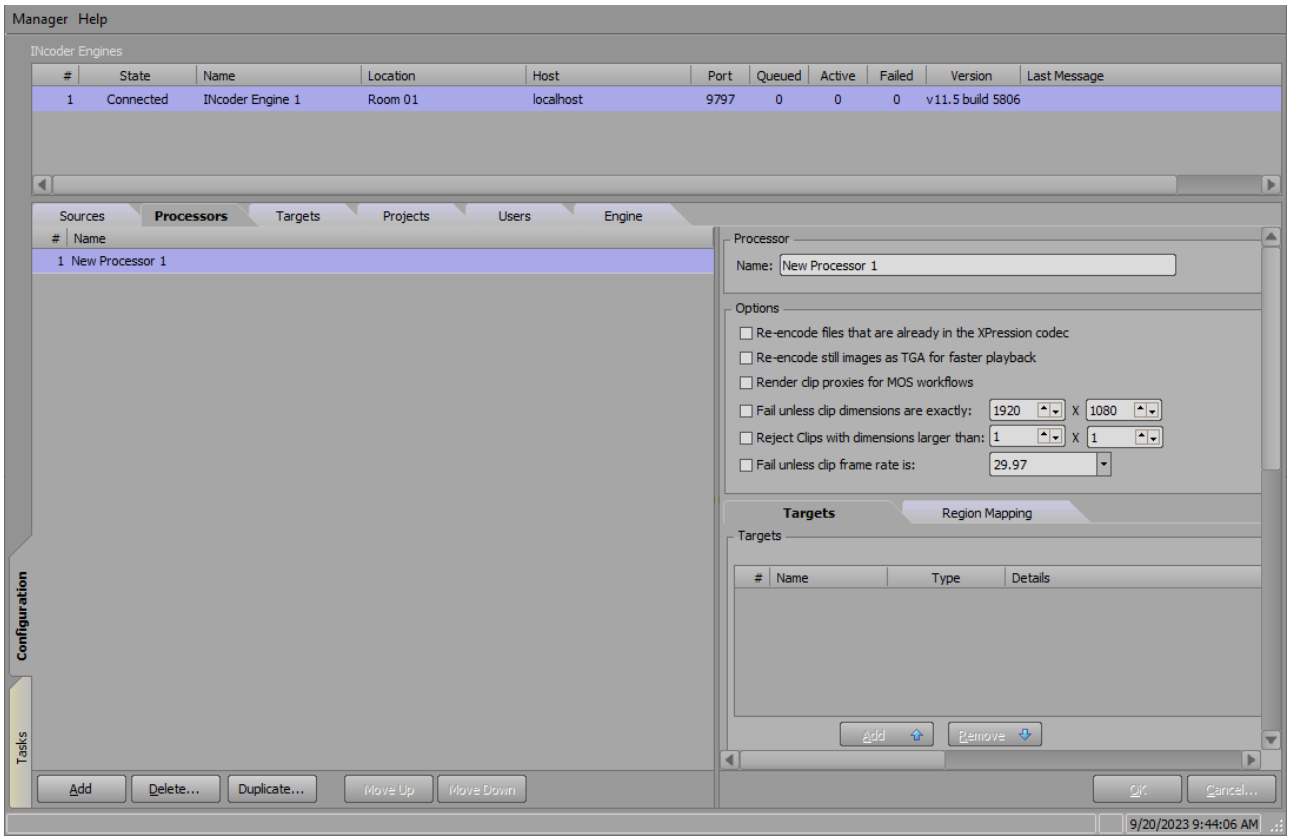
Configure XPression INcoder Processors

Configure Region Mapping for use with XPression Tessera

To configure XPression INcoder processors:

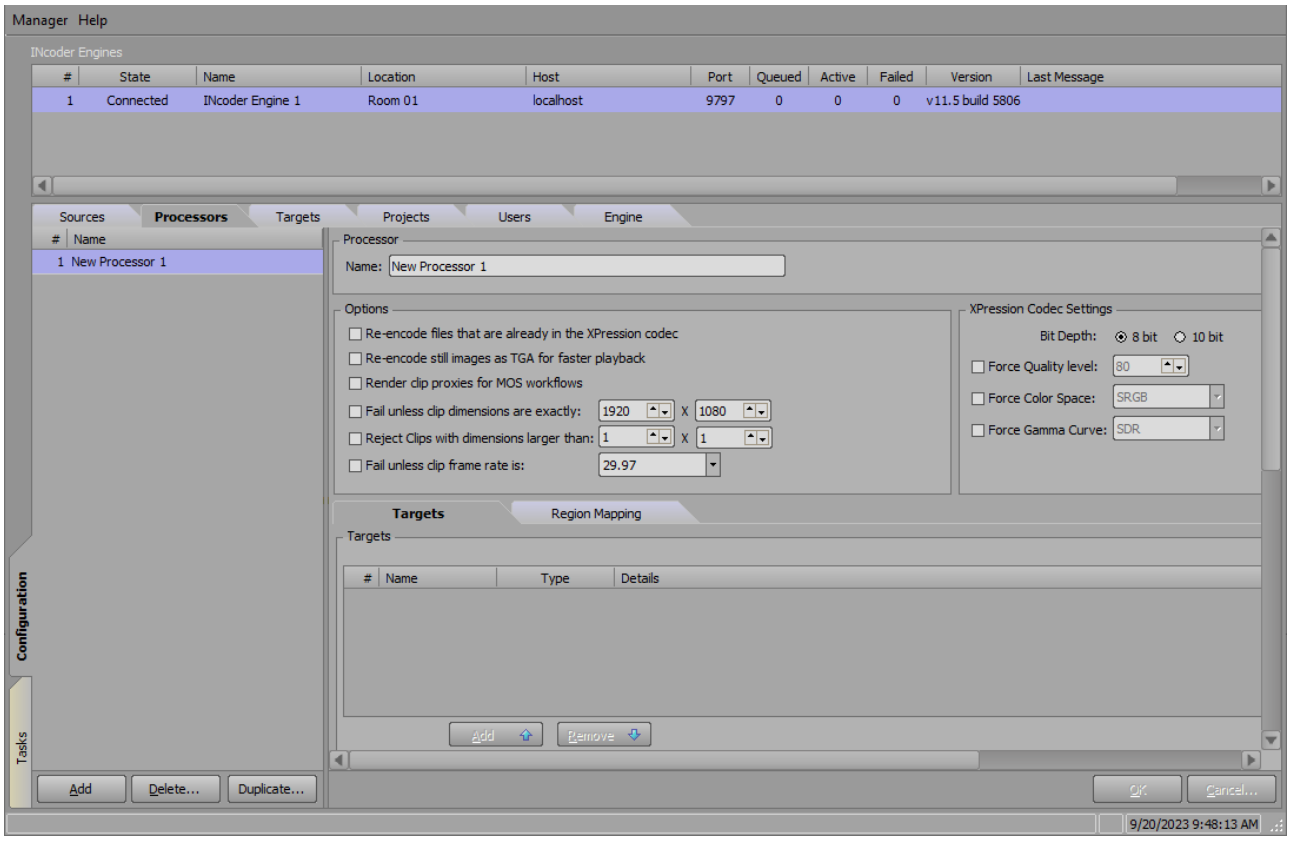
1. In the **Configuration Manager**, go to the **Processors** tab.

   The **Processors** tab opens.



2. Select **Add**.

   A **New Processor** is added to the **Processors** list.



3. In the **Processor** section, in the **Name** field, enter a name for the processor.

   The default is **New Processor 1**.

4. In the **Options** section, configure the following options:

   - Select the **Re-encode files that are already in the XPression codec** checkbox to force XPression encoded files to be re-encoded.
   - Select the **Re-encode still images as TGA for faster playback** checkbox to re-encode and convert all types of still images (**.JPG**, **.TIFF**, **.PNG**, etc.) as **.TGA** files for faster loading.

     This option uses more disk space.
   - Select the **Render clip proxies for MOS workflows** checkbox to generate proxies of the clips being transcoded.

     The proxies are used to preview the clips in the **HTML5 MOS** plugin.
   - Select the **Fail unless clip dimensions are exactly** checkbox to force the processor to only handle clips of a specified dimension or fail otherwise; in the fields, enter or select the **width** and **height** for specific clip dimensions for the processor to enforce.
   - Select the **Reject Clips with dimensions larger than** checkbox to enable INcoder to reject clips larger than a specified dimension; in the fields, enter or select the maximum **width** and **height** that INcoder will accept.
   - Select the **Fail unless clip frame rate is** and from the drop-down select the frame rate you want to use. This will prevent a clip from running if it has a different frame rate than the one specified.

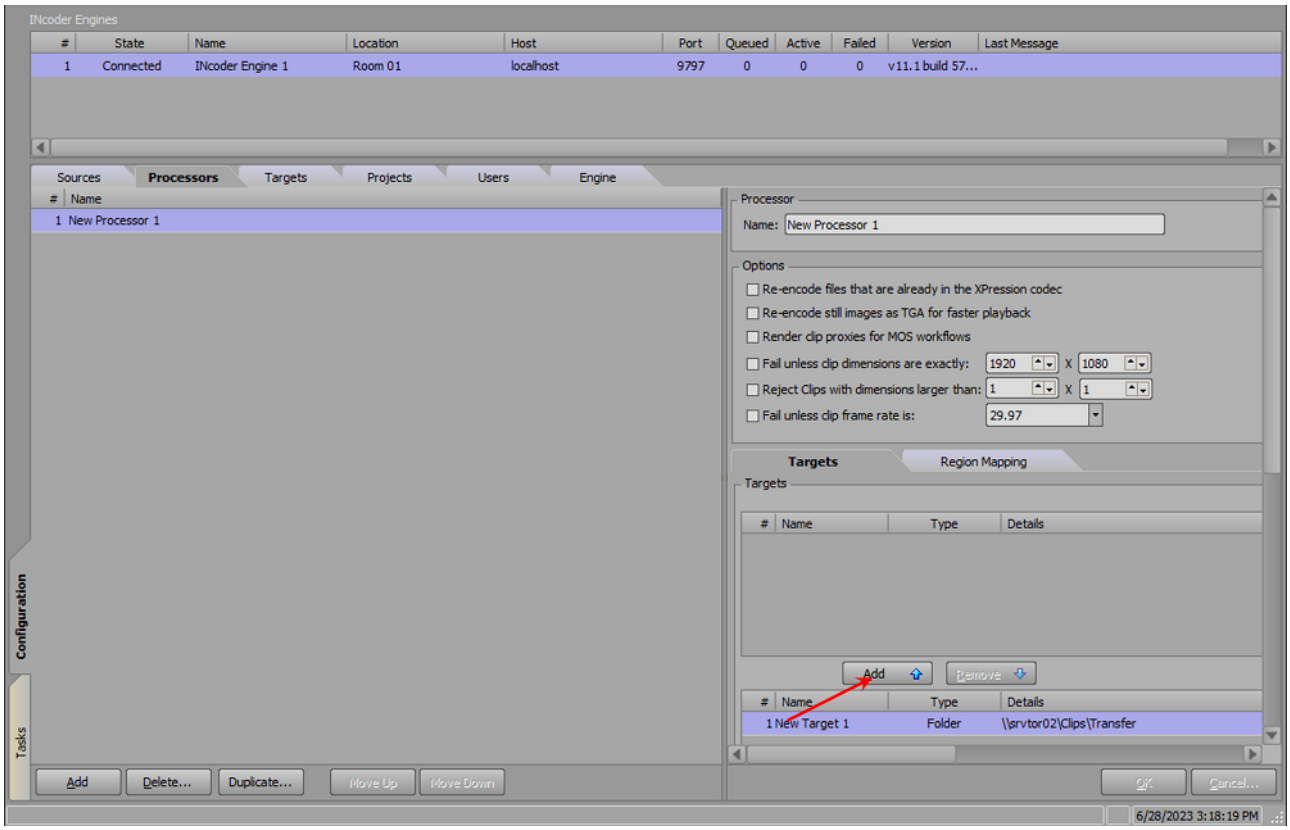
5. In the **XPression Codec Settings** section, configure the following options:

   Select a **Bit Depth** of **8 bit** or **10 bit**.

   - Select the **Force Quality Level** checkbox to force the quality level entered or selected in the field.
   - Select the **Force Color Space** checkbox to force the color setting selected from the drop-down.
   - Select the **Force Gamma Curve** checkbox to force the gamma curve setting selected from the drop-down.

6. In the **Targets** tab, select a target from the **Available** targets list, and then select **Add**.

   The target is added to the **Allocated** targets list.



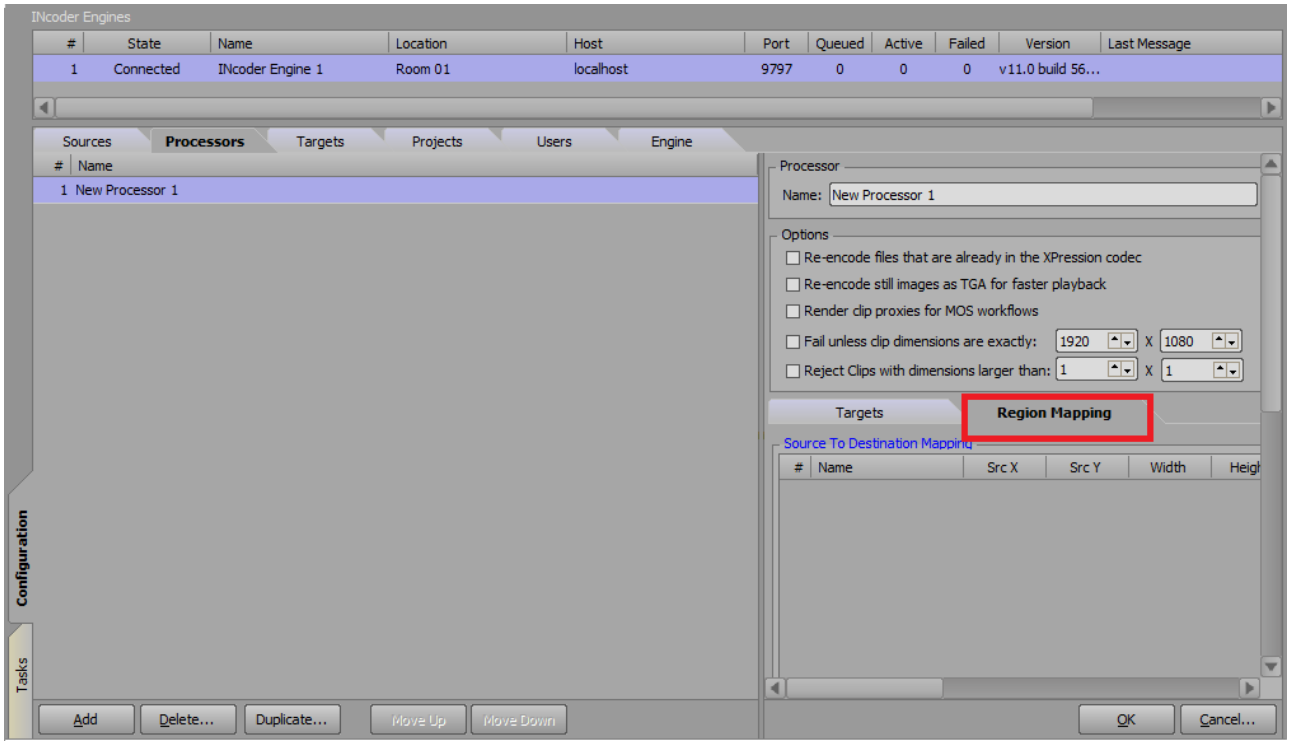
★If you are using XPression Tessera, skip forward to the procedure To configure Region Mapping for use with XPression Tessera, if not, continue with this procedure.

7. Select **OK** to add the processor and its target settings.
8. Repeat this procedure for as many processors as necessary.

   Alternatively, choose an existing processor and select **Duplicate** to create a duplicate of the selected processor.

To configure region mapping for use with XPression Tessera:

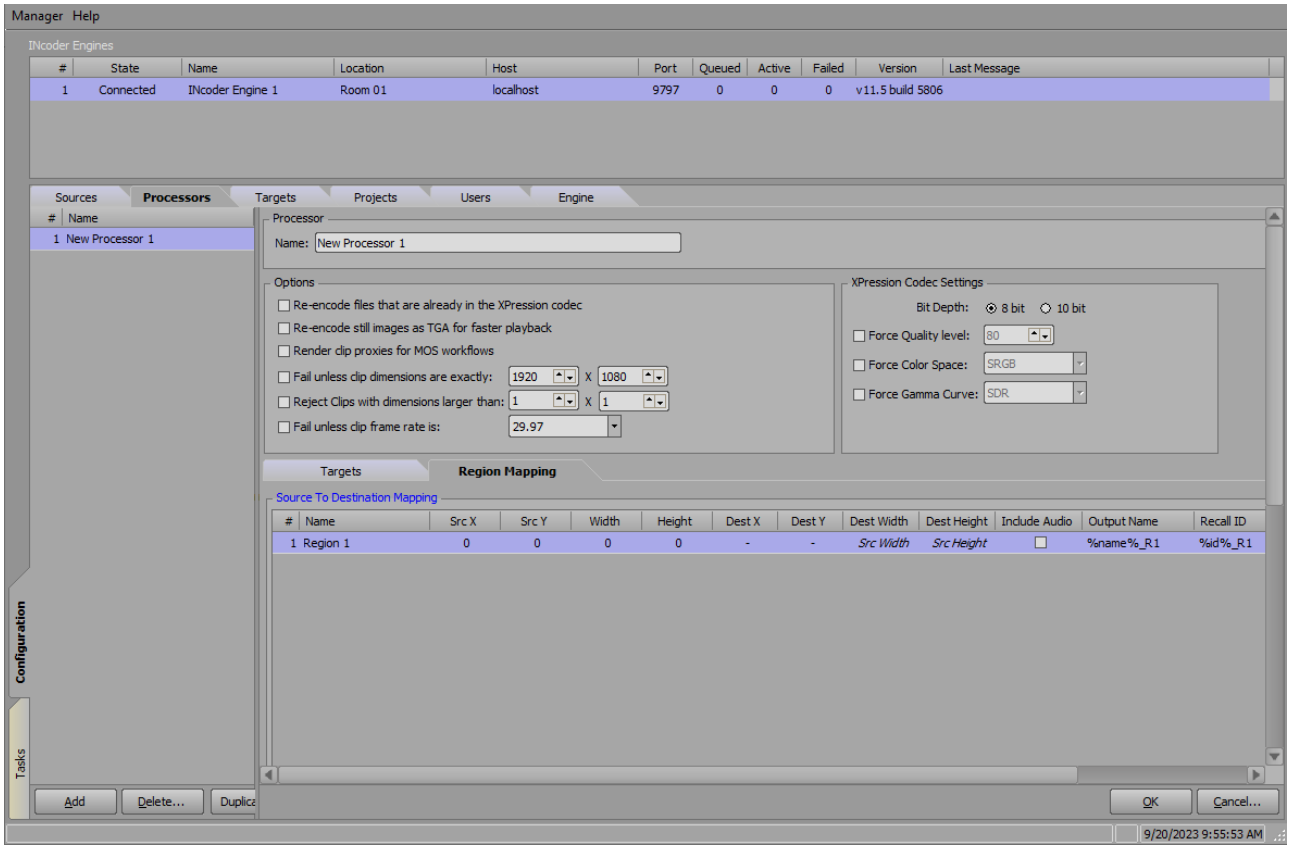
1. In the **Configuration Manager**, in the **Processors** tab, go to the **Region Mapping** tab.



2. Scroll to the bottom of the **Region Mapping** tab and select **Add Region**.

   Alternatively, right-click in the **Source To Destination Mapping** list and select **Add Region** from the shortcut menu.

A new region mapping is added to the **Source To Destination Mapping** list.



3. In the **Source To Destination Mapping** list, configure the mapping:

- In the **Name** column, select to enter a name for the new region.
- In the **Src X** column, select to enter or select the starting point within the clip dimensional coordinates along the X-axis for the source.

  Src X is measured from the upper-left corner of the clip that is added.
- In the **Src Y** column, select to enter or select the starting point within the clip dimensional coordinates along the Y-axis for the source.

  Src Y is measured from the upper-left corner of the clip that is added.
- In the **Width** column, select to enter or select the width of the region at which the clip segment will be rendered.
- In the **Height** column, select to enter or select the height of the region at which the clip segment will be rendered.

  ★The section/segments do not have to be symmetrical, each segment can have its own unique dimension.
- In the **Dest X** column, select a cell to enter or select a region along the X axis within the clip as the destination.
- In the **Dest Y** column, select a cell to enter or select a region along the Y-axis within the clip as the destination.
- In the **Dest Width** column, select a cell to enter or select the scale of the width of the region.
- In the **Dest Height** column, select a cell to enter or select the scale of the height of the region.

4. Select the **Include Audio** checkbox to include the clip audio with the region mapping configuration.

   In most cases, this would only need enabling on one segment.

5. In the **Output Name** column, click to enter an output name macro if necessary.
6. In the **Recall ID** column, click to enter a **Recall ID** macro if necessary.

   For example, **%name%_1, %id%_1**

   The **Recall ID** will match the name when the **When recall ID is empty, use filename as Recall ID** checkbox is enabled in the **Sources** tab.

7. Select **OK** to save your region mappings.
8. Repeat this procedure for as many processors as necessary.

To configure sub regions:

1. In a mapping**,** right-click and select **Add Sub Region** to configure a sub-clip if necessary.

   Sub-clips use a portion of the original clip.

2. Configure the **Sub Region** fields:
   - In the **Dest X** column, select a cell to enter or select the region within the clip along the X-axis for the destination.
   - In the **Dest Y** column, select a cell to enter or select the region within the clip along the Y-axis for the destination.
   - In the **Dest Width** column, select a cell to enter or select the scale of the width of the sub region.
   - In the **Dest Height**, column, select a cell to enter or select the scale of the height of the sub region.
3. Select **OK** to add the processor and its target settings.
4. Repeat this procedure for as many processors as necessary.

   Alternatively, choose an existing processor and select **Duplicate** to create a duplicate of the selected processor.

Sources

Sources let you add **Watch Folders** and assign processors to them. **Watch Folders** are where clips are added for encoding. Use the following procedures to add and configure as many INcoder sources as needed.

This section describes how to:

Add a new source to the INcoder Manager

Configure source settings

Configure parsing options

Configure Recall ID parsing

Configure the default clip store metadata

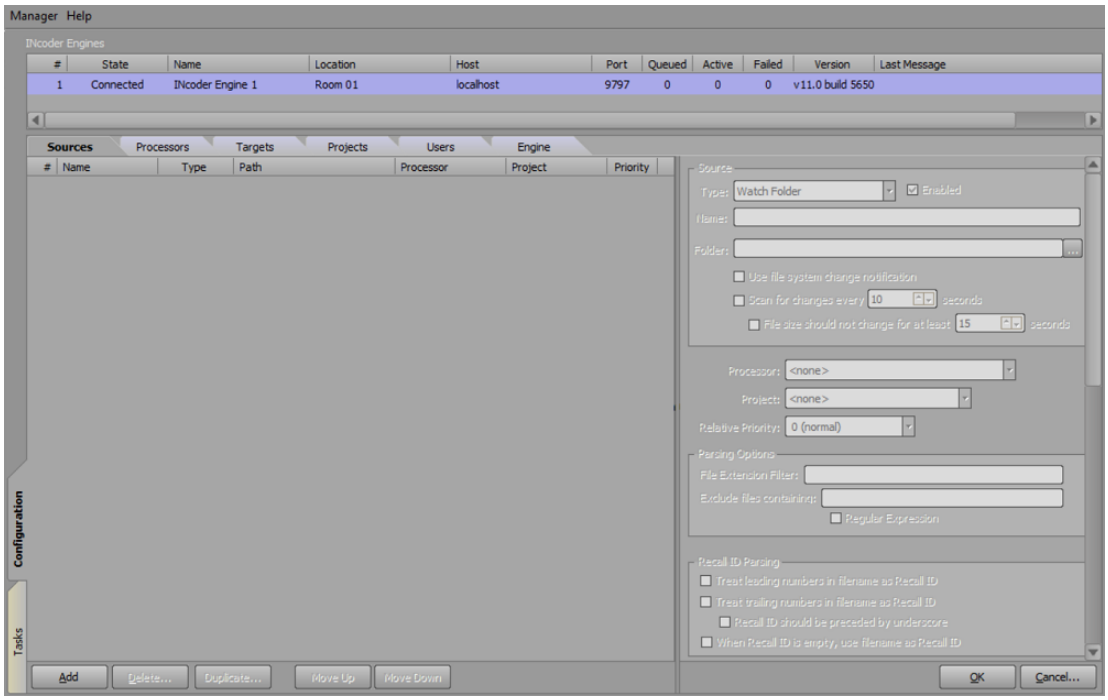
Designate source folders

Apply new source configurations

To add a new source to the INcoder Manager:

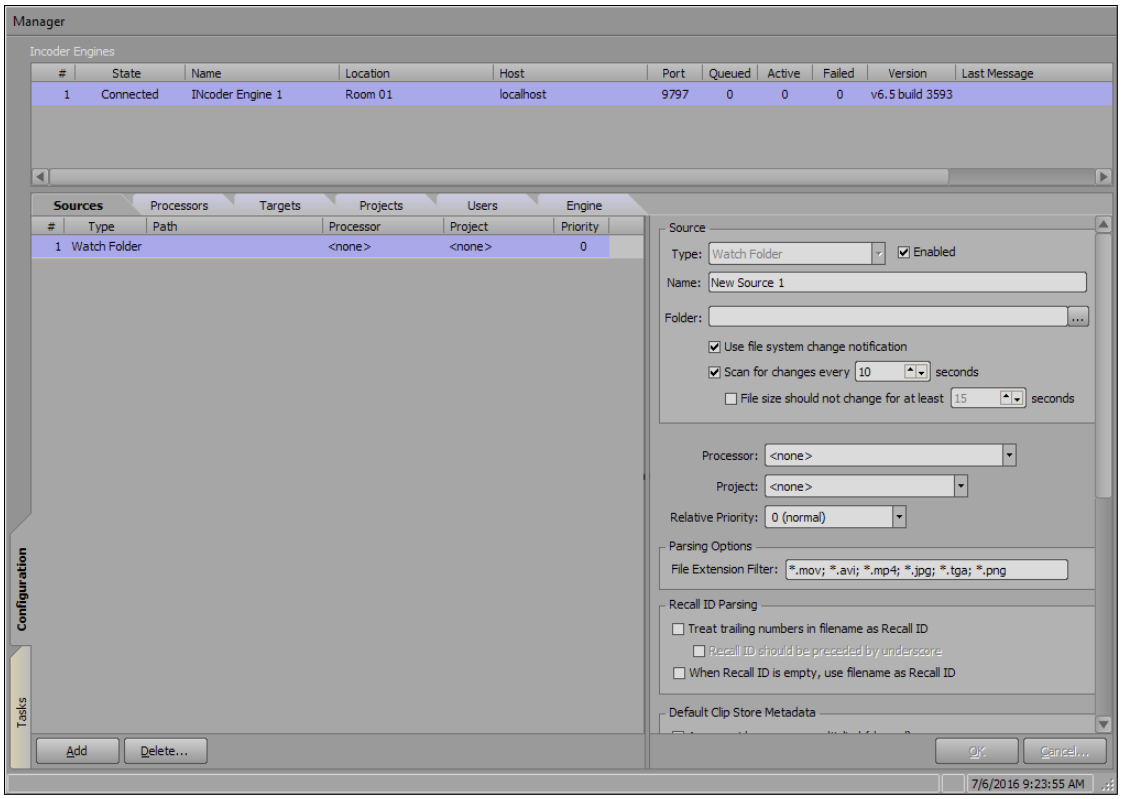
1. In the **Configuration Manager**, go to the **Sources** tab.

   The **Sources** tab opens.



2. Select **Add**.

   A **New Source** is added to the **Sources** list.



   Currently, **Watch Folder** is the only available option and is enabled by default.

To configure settings:

1. In the **Source** section, in the **Name** field, enter a name for the source.

   The default is **New Source 1**.

2. In the **Folder** field, enter a file path to a folder or **Browse** to select a folder where INcoder will look for files to encode and send to the target.

3. Select the **Use file system change notification** checkbox to have any file changes to the source folders reflected in INcoder immediately.

4. Select the **Scan for changes every** checkbox, and then in the field, enter or select the frequency that INcoder scans the source for any changes.

5. Select the **File size should not change for at least** checkbox, and then in the field, enter or select the amount of time for INcoder to wait before the encoding of a file begins.

   This is helpful with larger files where transferring might take a little longer.

6. From the **Processor** drop-down, assign a processor to the selected source.

   The processor dictates the target of the selected source.

7. From the **Project** drop-down, assign a project to receive status notifications regarding clips in the selected source.

8. From the **Relative Priority** drop-down, assign a priority level to the source folder.

   The default is **0**.

   The order of priority ranges from **-5** (low) to **0** (normal) to **+5** (high). This is helpful if you have multiple sources, some of which are of a higher priority than others. Files from the higher priority sources will transcode before files from lower priority sources.

To configure parsing options:

1. In the **Parsing Options** section, in the **File Extension Filter** field, enter file extensions accepted for transcoding by INcoder.

   All file extensions need to be listed with an asterisk (*****) in front of the file extension and a semi-colon (**;**) between different file types.

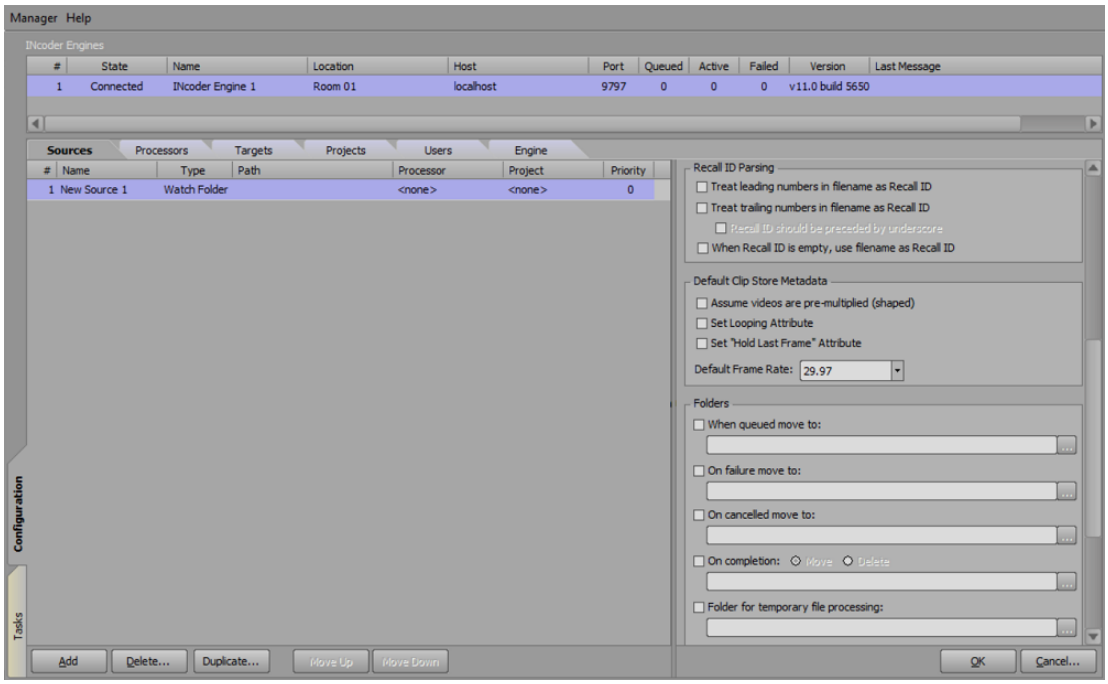
   INcoder currently supports **MOV**, **AVI**, **JPG**, **PNG**, **TGA**, and **TIF** files. Any unlisted file type is immediately blocked.

2. In the **Exclude files containing** field, enter any keywords, IDs, etc. for INcoder to exclude from transcoding.

3. Select the **Regular Expression** checkbox to search a sequence of characters that specify a search pattern in the text.

To configure Recall ID parsing:

1. In the **Recall ID Parsing** section, select the **Treat leading numbers in filename as Recall ID** checkbox to use any numbers before the filename text, and the file extension as **Recall IDs**.



2. Select the **Treat trailing numbers in filename as Recall ID** checkbox to use any numbers between the filename text and the file extension as **Recall IDs**.

   If **Treat trailing numbers in filename as Recall ID** is selected, then select **the Recall ID should be preceded by underscore** checkbox to only use trailing numbers in a filename as **Recall IDs** if the numbers are preceded by an underscore.

3. Select the **When Recall ID is empty, use filename as Recall ID** checkbox to use the filename to populate the **Recall ID** field if no other **Recall ID** has been explicitly set.

To configure the default Clip Store metadata:

1. In the **Default Clip Store Metadata** section, select the **Assume videos are pre-multiplied (shaped)** checkbox to assume that the videos multiply/shape the fill signal color information by the luminance information in the key signal.
2. Select the **Set Looping Attribute** checkbox to enable looped playback on the videos.
3. Select the **Set "Hold Last Frame" Attribute** checkbox to hold the video on the last frame when playout has completed.

   This is also used to keep still images that are one frame in size on screen.
4. From the **Default Frame Rate** drop-down, select a frame rate for the video files in the folder.

   ★If any of the checkboxes for **Assume videos are pre-multiplied (shaped)**, **Set Looping Attribute**, or **Set "Hold Last Frame" Attribute** have been selected, and you want to turn off those settings for a particular file, a **"FALSE"** string needs to be added to the tag in the filename. For example, **{LE}FALSE**.

   The following tags are parsed from the names of files dropped into the **Watch Folder**:

   - {GP} — Recall ID
   - {HF} — Hold Last Frame
   - {ID} — Recall ID
   - {LE} — Loop Enabled
   - {LFF} — Lower Field First
   - {NA} — Name
   - {PG} — Progressive video
   - {PM} — Premultiplied/Shaped video
   - {UFF} — Upper Field First

   For example, a filename of **{NA}Snowstorm{GP}1000{LE}{PM}.mov** will be given a **Name** of **Snowstorm**, a **Recall ID** of **1000**, and will be set to **Looped** playback with **Shaped video**.

To designate source folders:

1. In the **Folders** section, select the **When queued move to** checkbox to move transcoding files to a selected folder when they are queued, and then enter a file path for the folder's destination or select **Browse** to select a folder.
2. Select the **On failure move to** checkbox to move files to the selected folder if the transcoding has failed, and then enter a file path for the folder's destination or select **Browse** to select a folder.
3. Select the **On canceled move to** checkbox to move transcoding files that have been canceled to the selected folder, and then enter a file path for the folder's destination or select **Browse** to select a folder.

4. Select the **On completion** checkbox and choose one of the following options for the files:
   - **Move** — Select this option to choose a folder to move the files to upon completion of transcoding, and then enter a file path for the folder's destination or select **Browse** to choose a folder.
   - **Delete** — Select this option to delete the files after transcoding is complete.
5. Select the **Folder for temporary file processing** checkbox to temporarily move the files to the chosen folder while transcoding, and then enter a file path for the folder's destination or select **Browse** to choose a folder.

   ★If no folder checkboxes are selected and no destination folders assigned, default folders will be created for these options.

To apply new source configurations:

1. Once the **Source** settings have been configured and the source folders have been designated, select **OK**.
2. Repeat this procedure for as many sources as necessary.

   Alternatively, choose an existing source and select **Duplicate** to create a duplicate of the selected source.

For more information on:

- the XPression INcoder, including stopping the INcoder service, refer to the *XPression INcoder User Guide*.

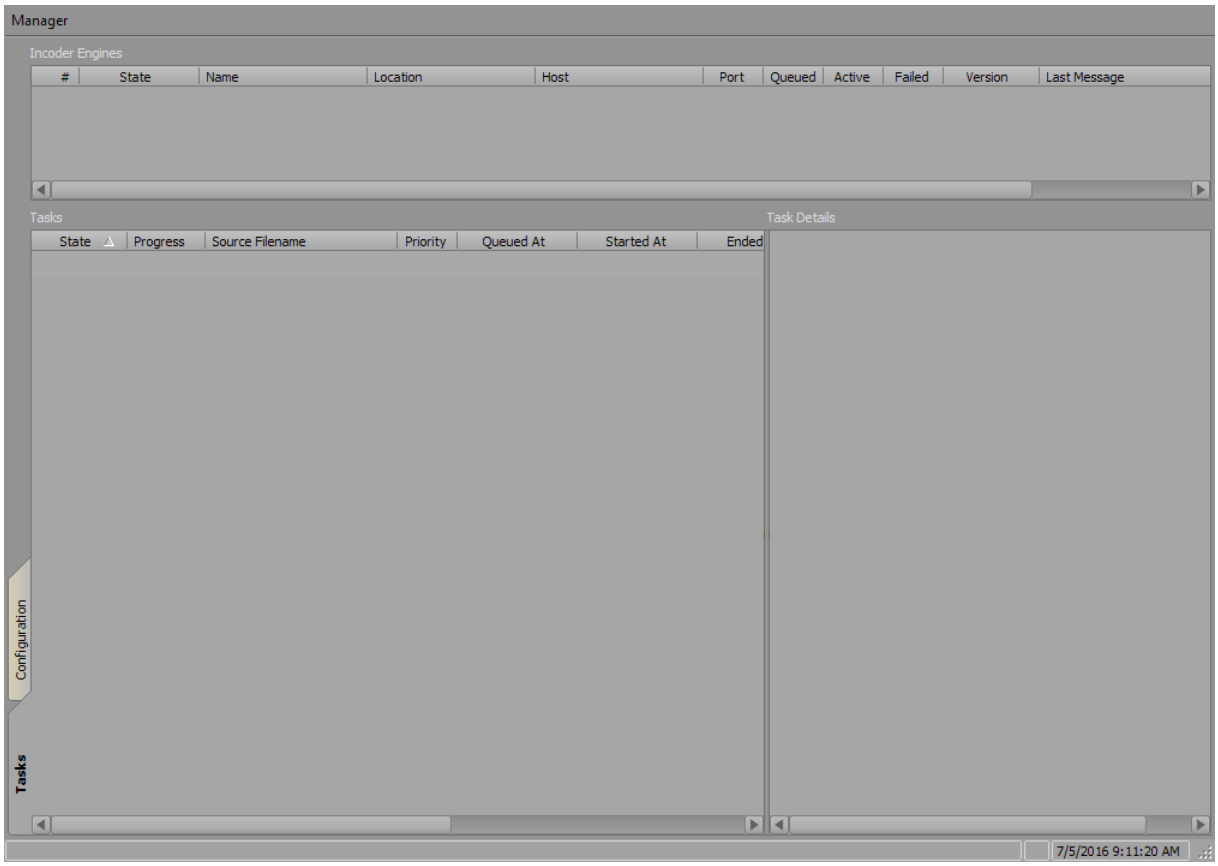
XPression INcoder Tasks

Use the XPression INcoder Manager to view the INcoder tasks.

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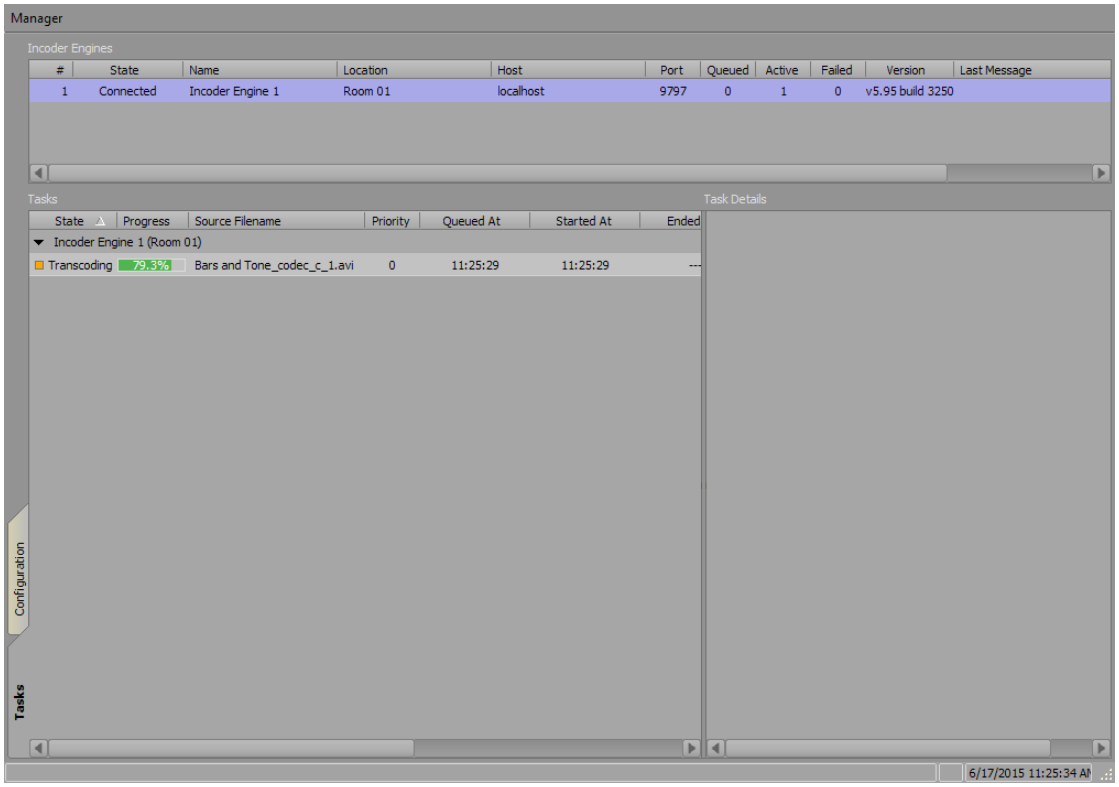
1. On the machine that has the XPression INcoder installed, locate the XPression INcoder folder using the **Start** menu.
2. Select **INcoder Manager**.

   The XPression INcoder Manager opens on the **Tasks** tab.

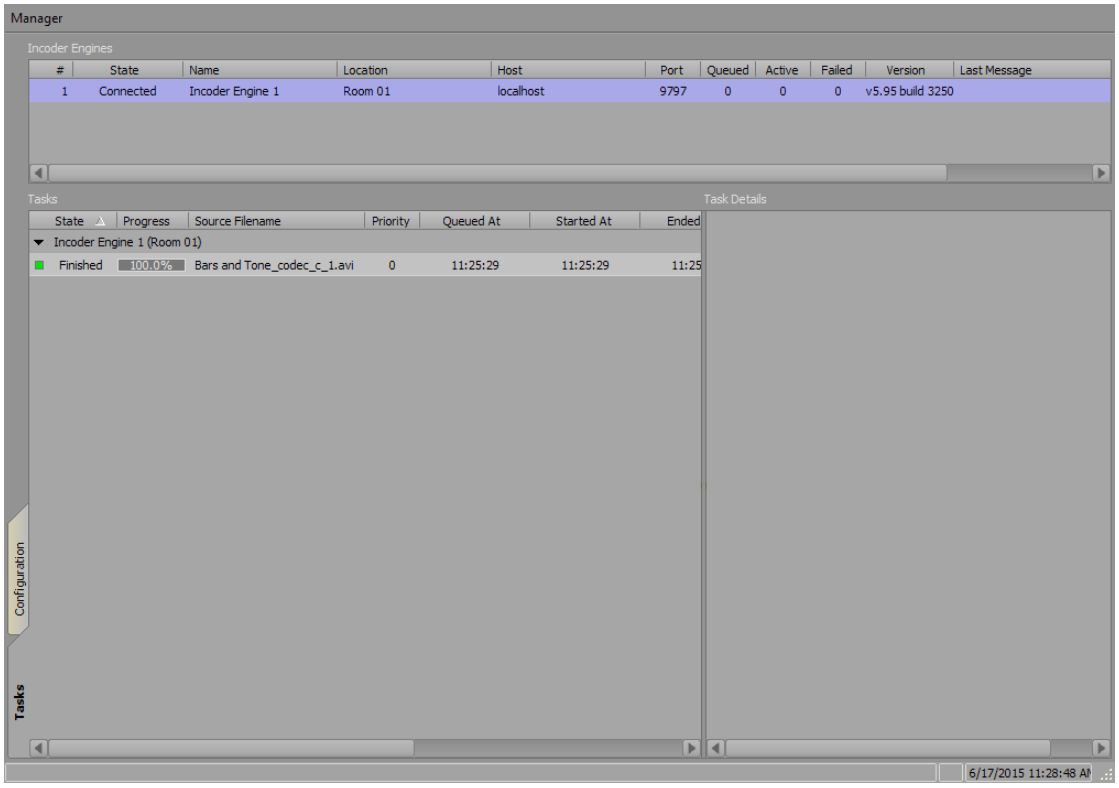


3. Add a video to the source folder.

The video appears in the **Tasks** list and the **State** is listed as **Transcoding**.



4. Once the video has finished transcoding, the **State** lists as **Finished** and the **Progress** displays at **100.0%**.



5. If the INcoder shows no tasks in the **Tasks** list once a video is added to the source folder, verify that the video type is supported.
6. If the video type is supported, stop and then restart the INcoder:

To stop the INcoder:

- Select **Stop INcoder** () from the Windows **Start** menu.

  If the INcoder was successfully stopped, an information message indicates that the XPression INcoder was successfully stopped.

To restart the INcoder:

- Select **Start INcoder** () from the Windows **Start** menu.

  If the INcoder has successfully started, an information message indicates that the XPression INcoder was successfully started.

Task List Shortcut Menu - INcoder Engine

Right-click on an INcoder engine in the **Tasks** list to access the INcoder engine shortcut menu:

- **Remove > Completed** — remove completed clips from the Tasks list for the selected engine.
- **Remove > Failed** — remove failed clips from the **Tasks** list for the selected engine.
- **Remove > Cancelled** — remove cancelled clips from the **Tasks** list for the selected engine.

Task List Shortcut Menu - Video

Right-click on a transcoded video in the **Tasks** list to access the video shortcut menu:

- **Set Priority** — set a priority level for the selected clip. T

  The order of priority ranges from -5 (Lowest) to 0 (Normal) to +5 (High). The default is 0.
- **Remove** — remove the selected clip from the Tasks list.
- **Cancel** — cancel an in-progress transcoding of a clip.

Using XPression Clips

The following topics are discussed in this section:

Setting Up Server Channels

XPression Clips Playback Overview

Clip Browser Interface Overview

Using the Clip Browser

Server Channels

Edit Clip/Add Sub Clip

Updating the Thumbnail in the Clip Browser

Creating a 4-Point Loop

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Setting Up Server Channels

The **Server Channels** are used for previewing and playing out clips.

Before using the **Server Channels**, they must be configured in the XPression Hardware Setup. Once outputs have been configured in XPression, use the following procedure to set up the server channels.

A virtual channel should be assigned a real physical output onto which the clip will be played. It is these virtual channels that the AMP/VDCP Media Control Gateway is controlling.

This section contains the following information:

Adding a Server Channel

Adding a Preview Output to a Server Channel

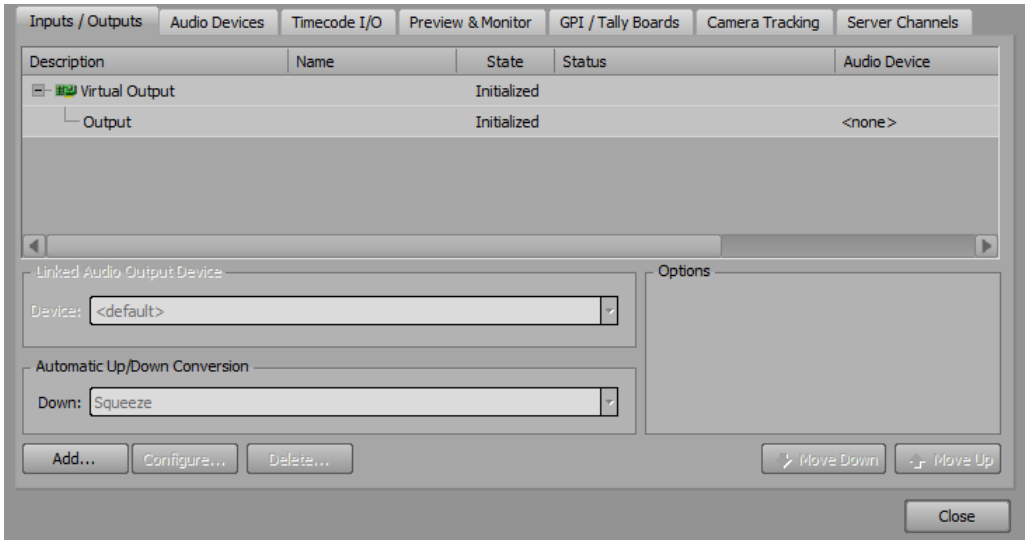
For More Information on...

- configuring outputs, refer to the *XPression User Guide* or **Help** file.

Adding a Server Channel

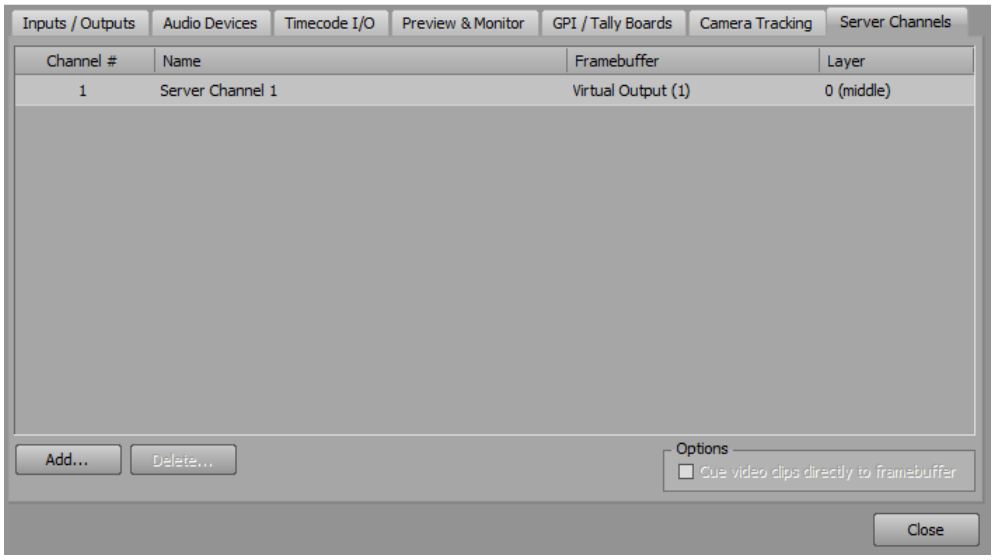
1. In XPression, select **Edit > Hardware Setup**.

   The **Hardware Setup** dialog opens.



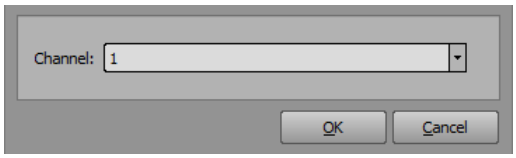
2. Select the **Server Channels** tab.

   The **Server Channels** tab opens.



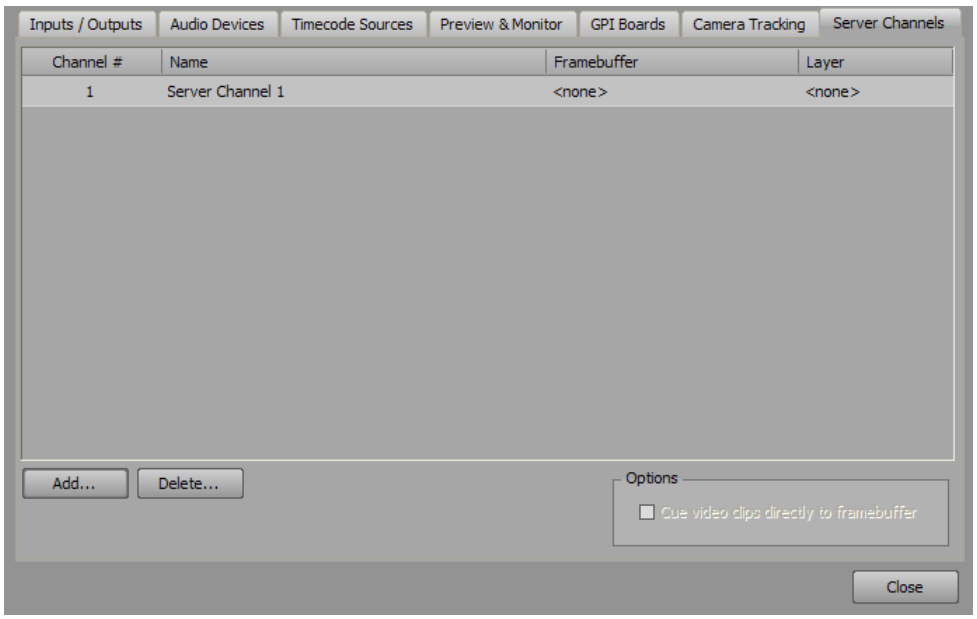
3. Select **Add** to add a server channel.

   The **Select Server Channel #** dialog opens.



4. From the **Channel** drop-down, select a server channel number and select **OK**.

   The server channel is added to the list.



5. Configure the following as necessary:

   - In the **Name** column, enter a name for the server channel.

     The default is **Server Channel #**.

   - In the **Framebuffer** column, use the list to select an output framebuffer for the server channel.
   - In the **Layer** column, use the list to select a layer for rendering. The default is 0 (middle).
   - In the **Server Channel # Options** section, select the Cue video clips directly to framebuffer check box to cue clips to air immediately when dropped on a server channel from the Clip Browser.

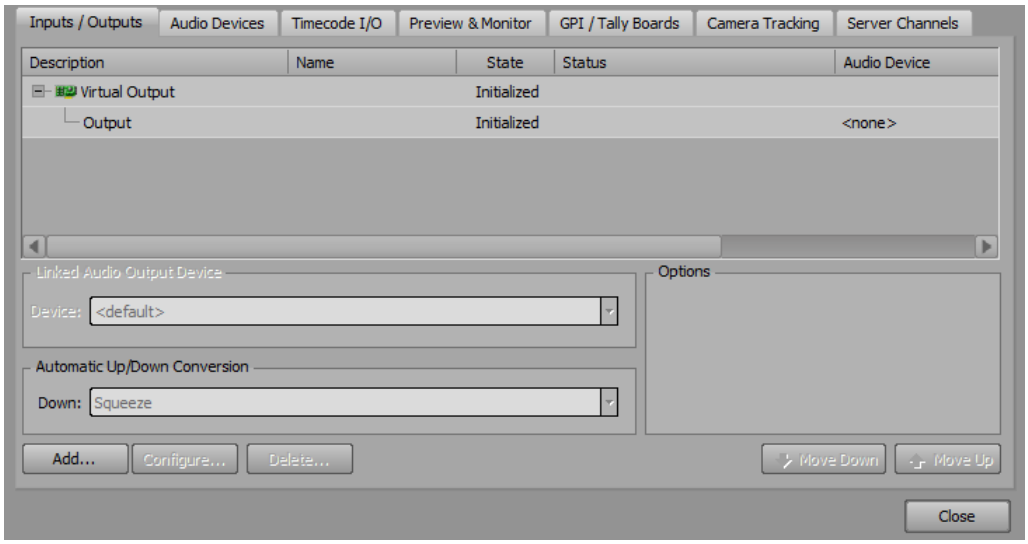
6. Repeat steps 3 to 5 to add more server channels as necessary.
7. Select **Close** to exit the **Hardware Setup** dialog.

Adding a Preview Output to a Server Channel

Once a server channel has been created, it can be assigned a dedicated framebuffer as a preview channel in the Preview & Monitor tab of the Hardware Setup. Real outputs can also be used as framebuffers.

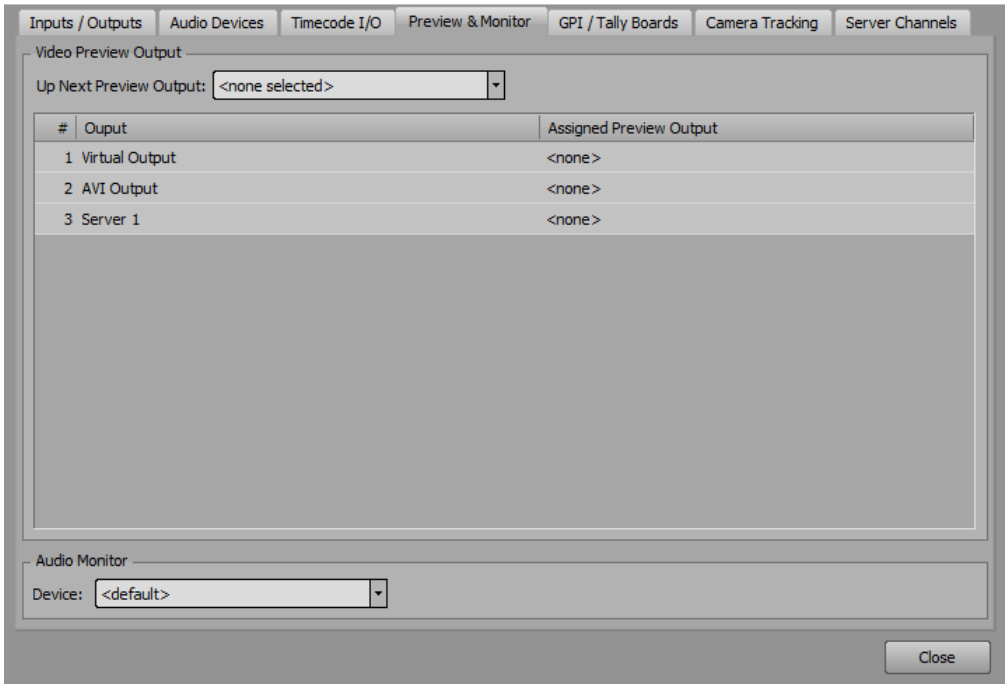
1. In XPression, select **Edit > Hardware Setup**.

   The **Hardware Setup** dialog opens.



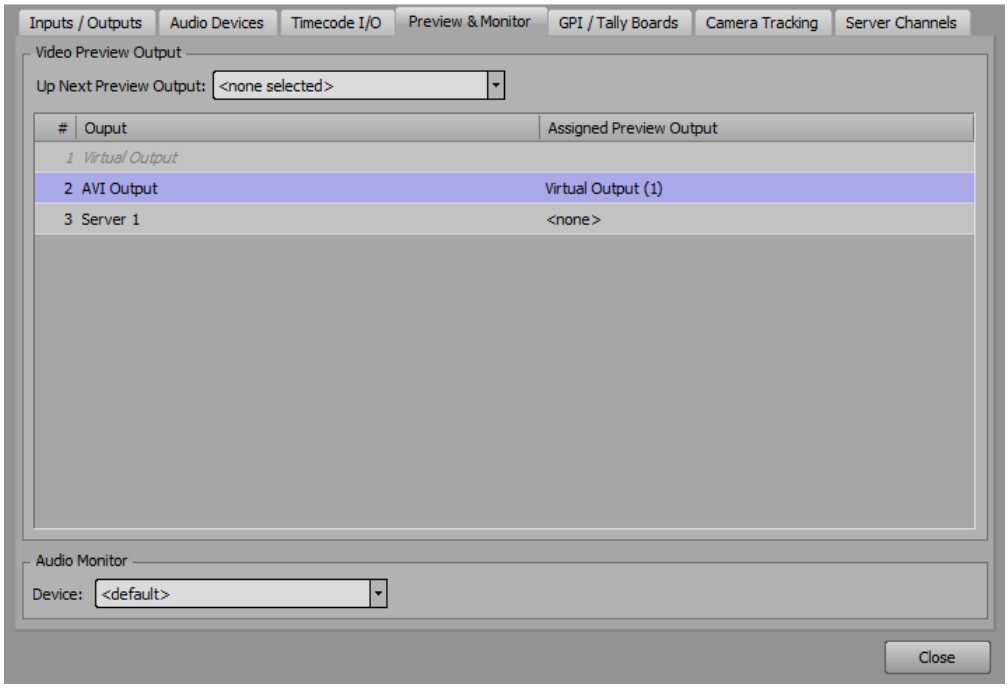
2. Select the **Preview & Monitor** tab.

   The **Preview & Monitor** tab opens.



3. Click inside the **Assigned Preview Output** column of a server channel in the **Output** list and from the **Assigned Preview Output** drop-down, select a framebuffer as the individual preview output.

   The selected framebuffer is assigned as the preview output of the selected server channel.



For More Information on...

- creating a server channel, refer to Adding a Server Channel.

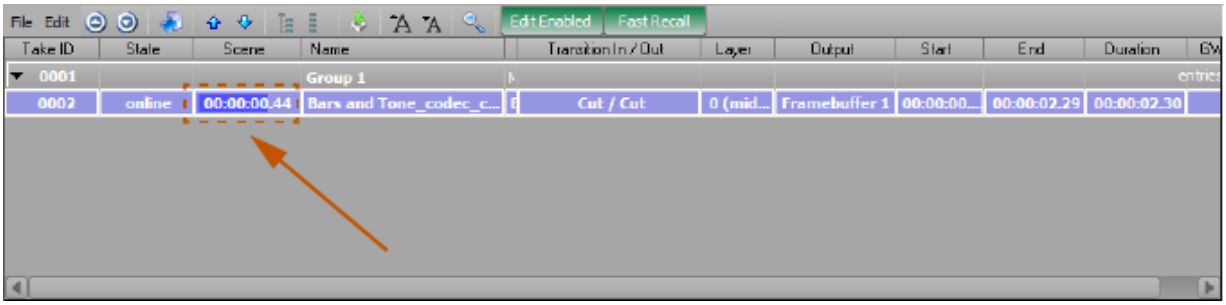
XPression Clips Playback Overview

Clip playback within XPression can be performed in many ways. The most basic is to open the Clip Browser in the Sequencer and drag clips from the Clip Browser and drop them into the Sequencer. This creates a take item which can be assigned an output framebuffer and layer, or server channel and layer, and then played back as a regular take item or placed into a Cued state using the number pad period key [Num pad .].

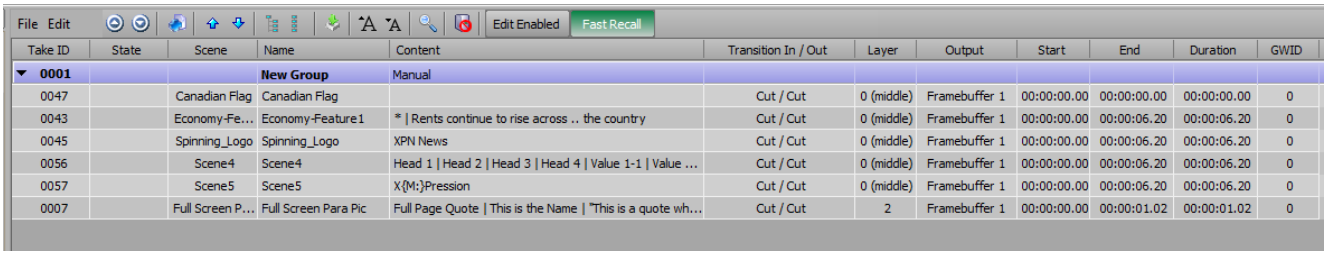
Regular XPression graphics can be rendered as a clip which will be sent directly to the Clip Store. By right-clicking on a take item in the Sequencer and selecting Export Take Item to Video, the Export to Video dialog box will open and provide the option to render take items into clips transferred to the clip store.

The number of clips that can be played back simultaneously falls under the same performance limitations as normal XPression scenes with clips (e.g. play back will be dependent on current generation hardware).

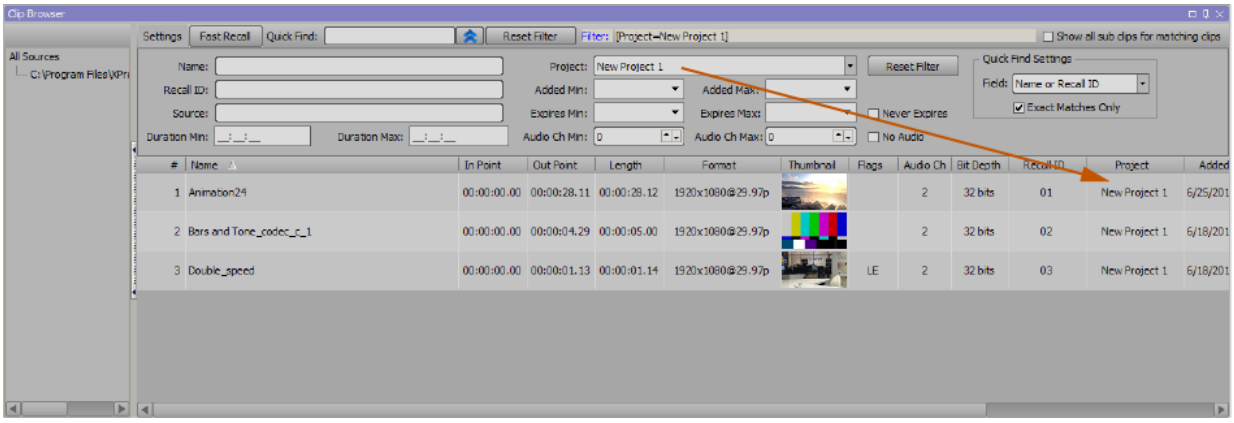
While playing back, a timer counts down the remaining time in the clip and a time bar indicates the playback amount completed:



Many clips can be dragged into a timed sequence group for a pseudo-playlist capability. Dissolves can even be set on the take items for transitions between the playlist items:

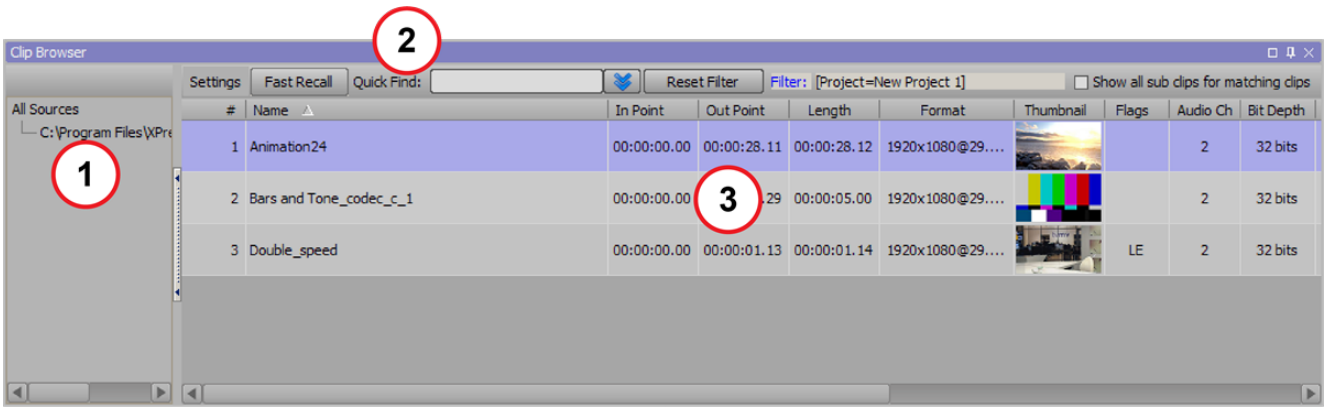


Clips within the Clip Browser can be sorted and filtered using the options in the Advanced Search Options. In the example image below they were filtered by Project Name:



Clip Browser Interface Overview

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the Clip Browser interface.



1. **Sources** — use this area to view and select clip sources.
2. **Quick Find/Search Area** — use this area to search for clips. It can be expanded for advanced search options.
3. **Clips List** — use this list to view the clips and their multiple properties, cue the clips to the server channels, edit clips, and add sub clips.

Using the Clip Browser

The Clip Browser is used for dragging and dropping clips onto Server Channels or into the Sequencer as take items that can then be cued or played out on server channels (instead of a framebuffer). When dragging a clip into the Sequencer, the take ID assigned uses the recall ID or the next higher available number. The Clip Browser also allows for editing of clips.

If clips have been sent to the Clip Browser from the Record Client, or if clips have been transcoded by the INcoder into the Watch Folder, clips will automatically load into the Clip Browser.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

Opening the Clip Browser

Clip Browser Interface

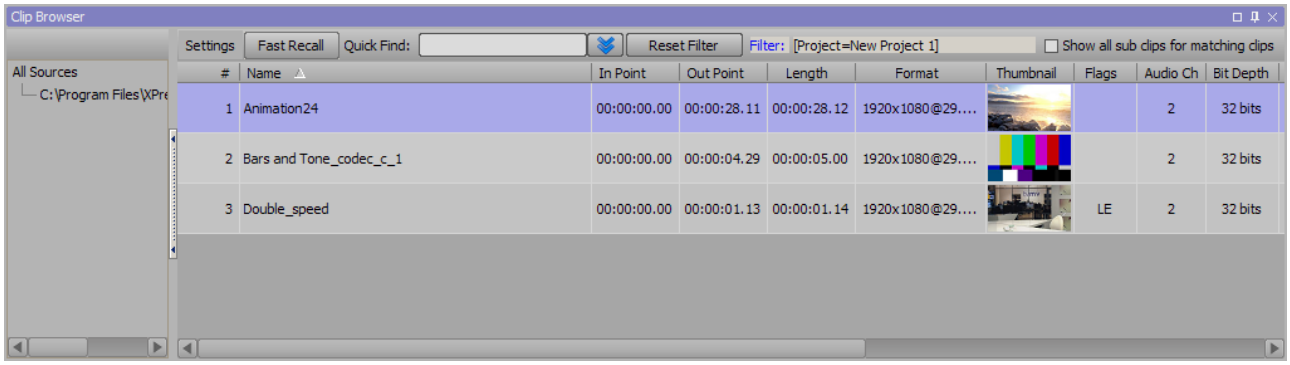
Opening the Clip Browser

If using the Clips Option for XPression, use the following procedure to open the Clip Browser.

To open the Clip Browser:

1. In XPression, select the **Sequencer** layout.
2. In the **Menu** bar, select **Display > Clip Browser**.

   The **Clip Browser** opens.



Clip Browser Interface

The following section describes the Clip Browser window interface.

All Sources	lists the Clip Store sources.
Settings	select the following options: • **Increase Font Size** () — increase the font size of the Clip Browser list. • **Decrease Font Size** () — decrease the font size of the Clip Browser list. • **Timecode > Use Source Timecode for In/Out points** — display the In/Out points relative to the timecode of the original source clip. • **Show Thumbnail Overlays** — overlay an icon on thumbnails of single frame clips in the Clip Browser to indicate that they are stills. • **Reset Columns to Default** — revert the Clip Browser columns to the default display settings.
Fast Recall	enable or disable fast recall through the keyboard number pad (the button is green when turned on). The number pad Scroll Lock key can also be used to control fast recall.
Quick Find	enter keywords to search for clips listed in the Clip Browser.
Show/Hide   **advanced search options**	show or hide the Advanced Search Options in the Clip Browser.
Reset Filter	clear any entries in the fields of the **Advanced Search Options**.
Filter (read-only)	displays the project selected in the **Advanced Search Options**.
Show all sub clips for matching clips	display any sub clips of a clip in the Clip Browser list.
# (read-only)	lists the number in the Clip Browser list.
Name (read-only)	lists the name of the clip.
In Point (read-only)	lists the drop frame timecode starting point for the clip.
Out Point (read-only)	lists the drop frame timecode ending point for the clip or still.
Length (read-only)	lists the drop frame timecode duration of the clip or still.
Format (read-only)	lists the formatting used for the clip.
Thumbnail (read-only)	provides a thumbnail image of the clip or still. Thumbnails can be enlarged by clicking and dragging the right border of the thumbnail column title. Review a flip book playout of the clip by hovering the cursor over the thumbnail. The flip book is rendered over a checkerboard pattern so that the alpha channel is visible unless the clip is full frame. Still image thumbnails display an icon () indicating that they are still images and not clips.

Flags (read-only)	if using clips that have been transcoded by the XPression INcoder that include tags in the filename, this column lists the tags that have been parsed from the filename of the clip. The possible flags include: • **LE** — indicates that looping has been enabled. • **HF** — indicates that the clip will hold the last frame. • **PM** — indicates that the clip uses premultiplied/shaped video.
Audio Ch (read-only)	lists the amount of audio channels embedded in the clip.
Bit Depth (read-only)	lists the quality of the signal quantization for the clip.
Recall ID (read-only)	lists the ID number for the clip when it is recalled.
Project (read-only)	lists the name of the project to which the clip has been added.
Added (read-only)	lists the date the clip was added to the project.
Expires (read-only)	lists the expiry date for the clip, if applicable.
Codec (read-only)	lists the codec format of the clip.
File Ext (read-only)	lists the file type of the clip.
Alpha (read-only)	provides a thumbnail of the clip with the alpha channel visible (requires the original clip to be re-ingested or the thumbnail needs to be updated in the Edit Clip/Add Sub Clip dialog box if the original status indicates <no info>).
First Frame TC (read-only)	lists the timecode at the point of the first frame of the clip.
Volume (read-only)	lists the volume level of the clip in decibels.

Advanced Search Options

Name	enter the name of a clip to search.
Recall ID	enter a recall ID to search.
Source	enter a location to search for a clip.
ID Min	enter or select a minimum clip ID number to search.
ID Max	enter or select a maximum clip ID number to search.
Duration Min	enter a minimum duration time to search for the clip.
Duration Max	enter a maximum duration time to search for the clip.
Project	select a project to search for the clip.
Added Min	use the calendar to select a minimum date to search that the clip was added.
Added Max	use the calendar to select a maximum date to search that the clip was added.
Expires Min	use the calendar to select the minimum expiry date to search for the clip.
Expires Max	use the calendar to select the maximum expiry date to search for the clip.
Never Expires	search for a clip with no expiry date set.
Audio Ch Min	enter or select a minimum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.
Audio Ch Max	enter or select a maximum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.
No Audio	search for a clip with no embedded audio.
Reset Filter	clear all the fields in the **Advanced Search Options**.

Clip Browser Shortcut Menu

Right-click on a clip in the Clip Browser to access the Clip Browser shortcut menu.

Cue on Server Channel	add the selected clip to the active (focused) server channel.
Edit	open the **Edit Clip** dialog and edit the settings of the selected clip.
Add Sub Clip	open the **Add Sub Clip** dialog and create a sub clip from the selected clip.
Set Recall ID	set the recall ID of a selected clip or a range of selected clips in the Clip Browser using the **Set Recall ID** dialog. Use the **Set Recall ID** dialog to enter a recall ID to assign to a selected clip or the starting recall ID for the range of selected clips. Using the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl + R** also opens the **Set Recall ID** dialog.
Adjust Loop / Hold Last > Enable Looping	enable looping for a clip or a range of selected clips.
Adjust Loop / Hold Last > Disable Looping	disable looping for the clip or a range of selected clips if looping is enabled.
Adjust Loop / Hold Last > Enable Hold Last Frame	hold the last frame of the clip or a range of selected clips when playout ends. Do not select this function if taking the clip(s) offline automatically using an out transition.
Adjust Loop / Hold Last > Disable Hold Last Frame	disable holding the last frame of the clip or a range of selected clips when playout ends if holding the last frame is already enabled.
Add to Sequencer	add selected clip or range of clips to the **Sequencer**.

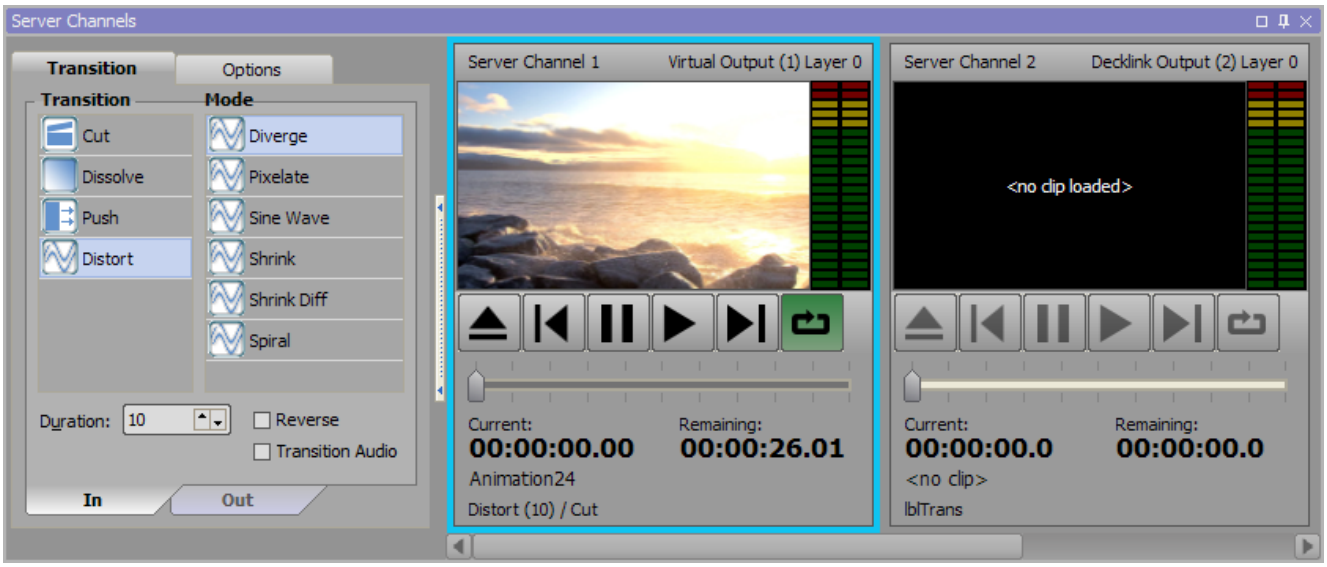
For More Information on...

- the **Edit Clip** dialog and **Add Sub Clip** dialog, refer to Edit Clip/Add Sub Clip.

Server Channels

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the Server Channels interface.

The Server Channels are used in the XPression Sequencer for previewing and playing out clips. The Server Channels also allow for editing of clips.



1. **Transitions / Options** — use this section to set the in and out transitions for the clip in the active server channel and configure the options for the active server channel.
2. **Preview** — use this window to preview a clip before playout.
3. **Server Channel** — use this window to view the loaded clip and audio monitors and use the playout controls to play, pause, skip forward, skip backward, loop, eject or move the position of the clip.

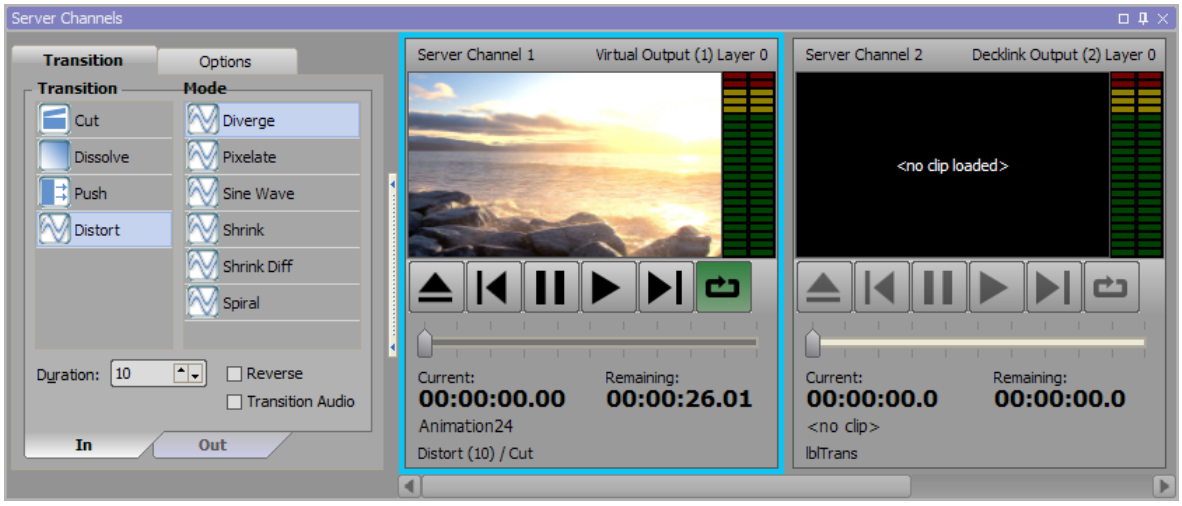
Opening the Server Channels

If using the Clips Option for XPression, use the following procedure to access the Server Channels.

To open the server channels:

1. In XPression, open the **Sequencer** layout.
2. In the **Menu** bar, select **Display > Server Channels**.

   The **Server Channels** window opens.

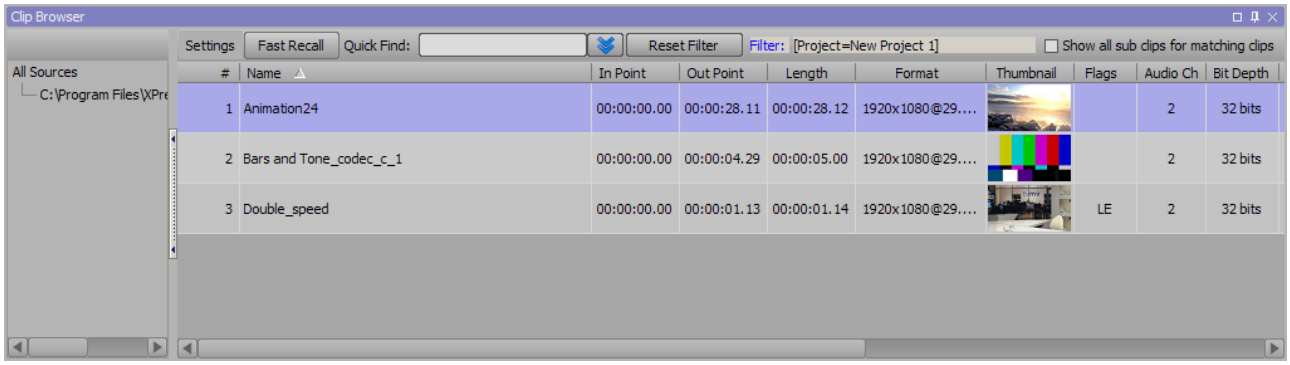


Loading a Clip in the Server Channels

For clips to load in the **Server Channels** window, server channels must be configured in the **Server Channels** tab of the XPression **Hardware Setup**. See Setting Up Server Channels.

To load a clip in the server channels:

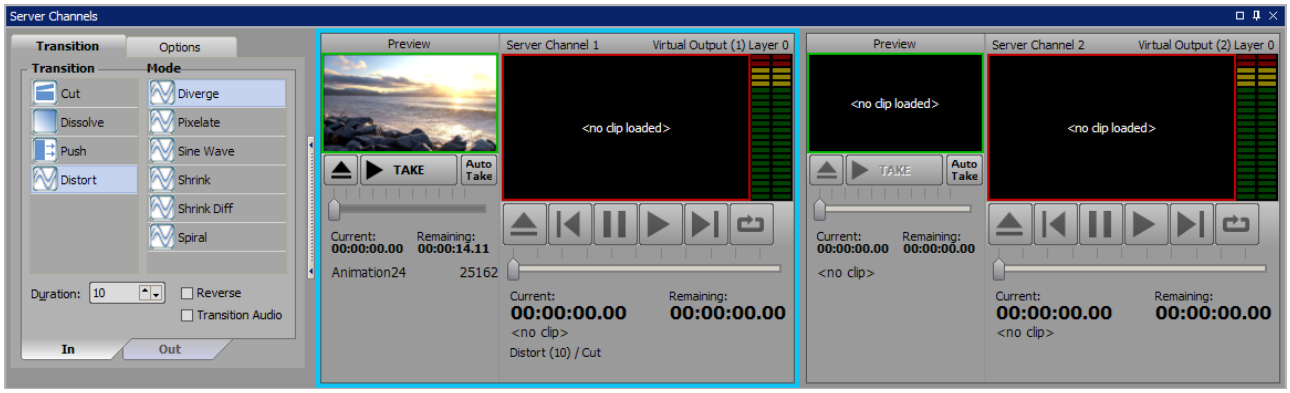
1. In the **Clip Browser**, select a clip.



   If clips have been sent to the Clip Browser from the **Record Client**, or if clips have been transcoded by the INcoder into the **Watch** Folder, clips will automatically load into the Clip Browser.

2. Drag and drop a clip from the Clip Browser onto a **Server Channel** in the **Server Channels** window.

   The clip is added to the **Preview** channel for the **Server Channel** (or directly to the **Server Channel** if the preview has been disabled in the options).



   The clip will be loaded to its pre-configured in point.

3. If loaded in the **Preview**, select **Take** to play the clip on air on the **Server Channel**.

   While a clip is on air, clips can be cued on the **Preview** channel while still allowing the on air clip to be controlled and have its timecode and countdown visible.

   Server Channel playback controls are provided or the space bar can be used to pause and start playback.

   A realtime proxy of the clip is shown as it plays in the server channel along with audio meters and a time remaining counter.

   Take items or timed groups in the **Sequencer** can also be dragged onto a server channel for playback. To preserve the original server channel assignment of a take item, press and hold **Ctrl** while dragging and dropping from the **Sequencer** to a server channel.

★Clips can also be loaded to a channel by double-clicking them in the Clip Browser. They will be loaded onto the active server channel, as shown by a cyan outline around the channel. Once a clip is loaded to a server channel, it can be dragged and dropped from one server channel to another as a duplicate. The active channel can be changed by double-clicking any other server channel.

Clips can also be dragged and dropped directly from Windows Explorer for situations where the clip is not loaded into the Clip Store (or there is no Clip Store present).

4. Select the **Transition** tab to set the in and out transitions for the clip in the active server channel:
5. In the **In** tab, select a **Transition** style and **Mode**:

   The options are:

   - **Cut** — select to use an instantaneous transition from the take item to the next take item.
   - **Dissolve** — select to use a gradual transition where a take item dissolves into the next take item.

     Configure the mode for the dissolve:

     - **Fade** — select to fade in to, or out from, the clip.
     - **Over Black** — select to fade in or out from black.
     - **Additive** — select to gradually add light to the clip when transitioning in or out.
     - **Saturate** — select to saturate the clip when transitioning in or out.
     - **Desaturate** — select transition to desaturate the clip when transitioning in or out.
     - **Invert** — select to invert the clip when transitioning in or out.
   - **Push** — select to use a sliding transition where the take item pushes out the previous take item.

     Configure the mode for the push:

     - **Right To Left** — select to push from right to left.
     - **Left To Right** — select to push from left to right.
     - **Top To Bottom** — select to push from top to bottom.
     - **Bottom To Top** — select to push from bottom to top.
     - **Bottom Right** — select to push to the bottom right.
     - **Top Right** — select to push to the top right.
     - **Bottom Left** — select to push to the bottom left.
     - **Top Left** — select to push to the top left.
   - **Distort** — select to use a transition where a take item is warped out.

     Configure the mode for the distortion:

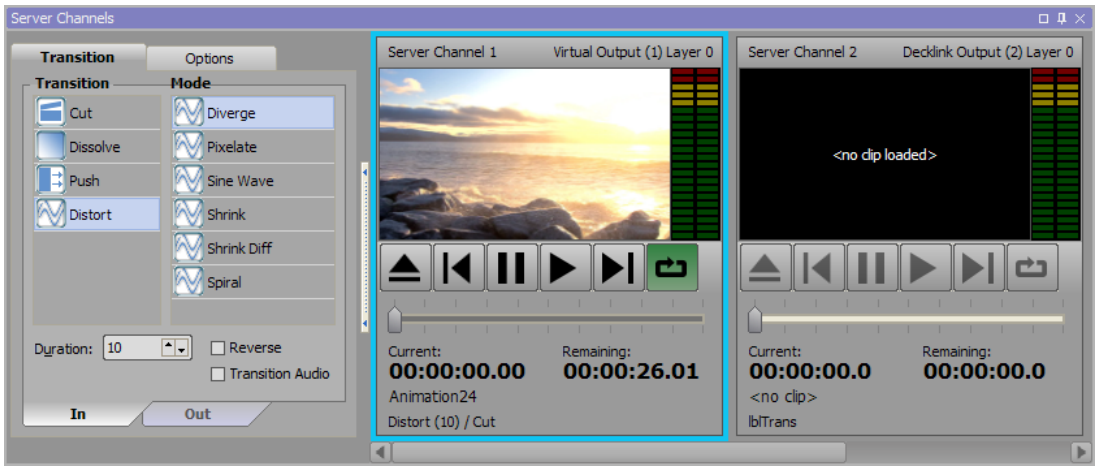
     - **Diverge** — select to use multiple splits in the image in the clip.
     - **Pixelate** — select to pixelate the clip.
     - **Sine Wave** — select to apply a sine wave pattern to the clip.
     - **Shrink** — select to expand the clip from a shrunken image.
     - **Shrink Diff** — select to expand the clip from a shrunken image.
     - **Spiral** — select to spin the clip.

6. Select the **Reverse** checkbox to reverse a **Dissolve**, **Push**, or **Distort** transition.
7. Select the **Transition Audio** checkbox to transition the audio along with the **Take Item**.
8. Use the **Duration** field to enter or select the duration of the transition in number of frames.
9. Select the **Out** tab and repeat steps 5 to 7 to configure the **Transition** style and **Mode** for the out transition.
10. Select the **Cue video clips directly to framebuffer** checkbox to cue clips to air immediately when dropped on a server channel from the Clip Browser or Sequencer.

Using the Server Channels

To use the server channels:

1. In the **Server Channels** window, load a clip onto a **Server Channel**.



2. Select the **Transition** tab and configure the in and out transition for the clip:

   In the **In** and **Out** tabs, select an in and out transition for the clip:

   - **Cut** — transition instantaneously to and from the clip.
   - **Dissolve** — the clip gradually dissolves in or out.
   - **Push** — the clip slides in or out.
   - **Distort** — the clip is warped in or out.

3. In the **Mode** section, configure the **Dissolve**, **Push**, and **Distort** transition mode:

   Dissolve

   - **Fade** — fade in to, or out from, the clip.
   - **Over Black** — fade in or out from black.
   - **Additive** — gradually add light to the clip when transitioning in or out.
   - **Saturate** — saturate the clip when transitioning in or out.
   - **Desaturate** — desaturate the clip when transitioning in or out.
   - **Invert** — invert the clip when transitioning in or out.

   Push

   - **Right To Left** — push from right to left.
   - **Left To Right** — push from left to right.
   - **Top To Bottom** — push from top to bottom.
   - **Bottom To Top** — push from bottom to top.
   - **Bottom Right** — push toward the bottom right.
   - **Top Right** — push toward the top right.
   - **Bottom Left** — push toward the bottom left.
   - **Top Left** — push toward the top left.

Distort

- **Diverge** — use multiple splits in the image in the clip.
- **Pixelate** — pixelate the clip.
- **Sine Wave** — apply a sine wave pattern to the clip.
- **Shrink** — expand the clip from a shrunken image.
- **Shrink Diff** — expand the clip from a shrunken image.
- **Spiral** — spin the clip.
- **Duration** — enter or select the duration of the transition in number of frames.

4. Select the **Reverse** checkbox to reverse a **Dissolve**, **Push**, or **Distort** transition.
5. Select the **Transition Audio** checkbox to transition the audio along with the **Take Item**.
6. Use the **Duration** field to enter or select the duration of the transition in number of frames.
7. In the **Options** tab, select the **Cue video clips directly to framebuffer** checkbox to cue clips to air immediately when dropped on a server channel from the **Clip Browser** or **Sequencer**.
8. Use the playback controls to play out the clip:


Eject remove a loaded clip from the server channel.


Back return to the beginning of a clip.


Pause pause the clip.


Play play out the clip.


Forward go to the end of the clip.


Loop continuously play the clip.When this button is green, the loop function is turned on. Pressing it again will turn off the loop function.

Scrub Bar select and hold the marker to drag it forward or backward along the time bar to move the clip position to a particular location.

9. Right-click inside the **Server Channel** and:
   - select **Adjust Clip Volume** to open the **Adjust Clip Volume** dialog box and adjust the clip volume, if necessary.
   - select **Edit Clip** to open the **Edit Clip** dialog and edit a clip, if necessary.
   - select **Show Viewport** to open a separate server channel window.

Preview

The following section describes the Server Channels preview controls.

Preview (read-only)	displays the image thumbnail for the loaded clip.
 **Eject**	remove a loaded clip from the preview channel.
 **Take**	take the clip on air over the server channel and remove it from the preview channel.
 **Auto Take**	automatically take a clip cued on the preview channel when the on air clip has finished playing. This button is green when the auto take function is on.
Scrub Bar	select and hold the marker to drag it forward or backward along the time bar to move the clip position to a particular location.
Current (read-only)	displays the elapsed time of the clip.
Remaining (read-only)	displays the time remaining in the clip.
Clip Name (read-only)	displays the name of the clip loaded in the preview channel.
Recall ID (read-only)	displays the recall ID of the clip loaded in the preview channel.

Server Channels

Server Channel ***X*** (read-only) — displays the output configured for the server channel, the selected layer, the image thumbnail for the loaded clip, and an audio meter.

 **Eject**	remove a loaded clip from the server channel.
 **Back**	return to the beginning of the clip.
 **Pause**	pause the clip.
 **Play**	play out the clip.
 **Forward**	go to the end of the clip.
 **Loop**	continuously play the clip. When this button is green, the loop function is turned on. Clicking it again will turn off the loop function.
Scrub Bar	drag the marker forward or backward along the time bar to move the clip position.
Current (read-only)	displays the elapsed time of the clip.
Remaining (read-only)	displays the time remaining in the clip.

Clip Name (read-only) displays the name of the clip loaded in the server channel.

Recall ID (read-only) displays the recall ID of the clip loaded in the server channel.

Transition (read-only) displays the transition applied to the server channel.

Server Channels Shortcut Menu

Right-click on a clip in the Server Channels to access the Server Channels shortcut menu.

Adjust Clip Volume — select this to open the Adjust Clip Volume dialog box and adjust the volume of the clip in decibels. Adjusting the volume of a clip on a server channel will adjust the volume of the clip in the ClipStore.

Edit Clip — select this to open the Edit Clip dialog box and edit the settings of the selected clip.

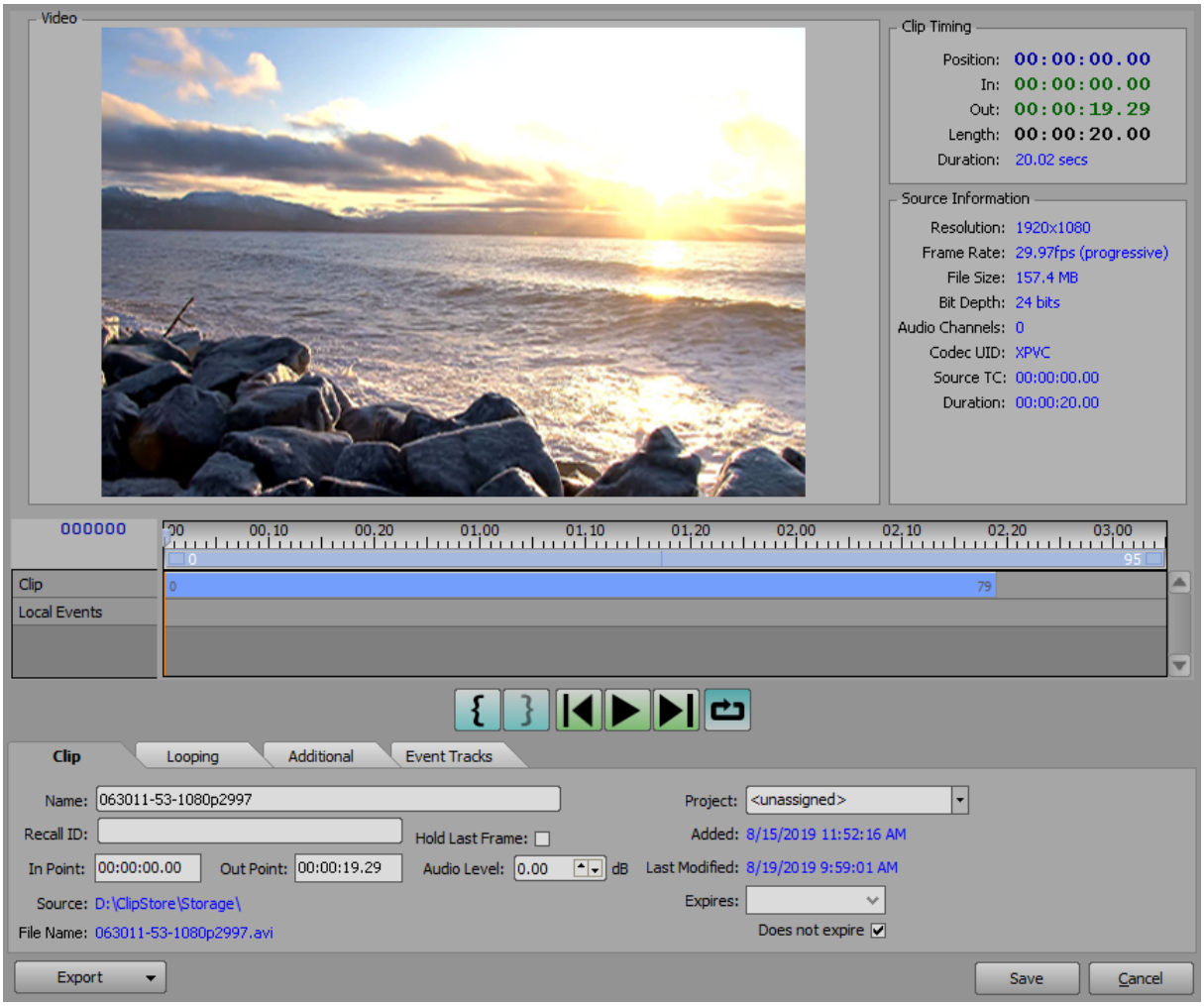
For More Information on...

- the **Edit Clip** dialog, refer to Edit Clip/Add Sub Clip.

Edit Clip/Add Sub Clip

Use the **Edit Clip** and **Add Sub Clip** dialogs to configure metadata for a clip. The **Add Sub Clip** dialog has the same interface as the **Edit Clip** dialog but is used to create a trimmed clip from an existing clip. A video can have multiple sub-clips defined within it, each with distinctive in/out points. Loading a sub-clip for playout is identical to loading a normal clip.

- The **Edit Clip** dialog can be accessed by right-clicking in the **Clip Browser** window and **Server Channels** window.
- The **Add Sub Clip** dialog can only be accessed by right-clicking in the **Clip Browser** window.



Video

This section displays the clip that has been selected for editing or creating a sub clip. The clip is rendered over a checkerboard pattern so that the alpha channel is visible unless the clip is full frame.

The following actions and commands can be performed:

- Use the timeline marker to select a specific frame in the timeline.
- The video can be scrubbed using the timeline bar; or using common NLE shortcuts like H,J,K to play/rewind at different speeds.
- During scrubbing, audio can be heard by configuring an **Audio Monitor** device in the **Hardware Setup**.
- Right-click inside the **Clip**, **Local Events**, or **Event Track** timeline to access the shortcut menu.

  ★Event Track timelines are available if global event tracks have been configured in the **Clip Store Manager** and added as a processor in the **INcoder**. They will appear in the timeline as named in the **Clip Store Manager**. They can be assigned as local events by selecting **Preset Event Track > Copy Events to Local Event Track** from the shortcut menu.

  - **Looping > Set Loop Start** — select the current position of the timeline marker as the start of the video loop.
  - **Looping > Set Loop End** — select the current position of the timeline marker as the end of the video loop.
  - **Looping > Reset Loop** — clear the loop settings.
  - **Clear In Point** — clear a configured start time for the clip.
  - **Clear Out Point** — clear a configured end time for the clip.
  - **Clear In and Out Points** — clear the configured start and end times for the clip.
  - **Update Clip Thumbnail** — update the thumbnail for the clip to reflect any edits or to use a specific frame as the thumbnail in the Clip Browser.
  - **Add Event > Rosstalk Event** — add a RossTalk event directly onto the clip timeline.
  - **Add Event > Scene Director Trigger** — add a Scene Director trigger event directly onto the clip timeline.
  - **Rename Event** — rename a selected RossTalk or Scene Director trigger event on the clip timeline.
  - **Delete Event** — delete a selected RossTalk or Scene Director trigger event on the clip timeline.

Video Controls

	**Set In Point**	set the start time of the clip where the timeline marker has been positioned. Keyboard shortcut 'I' can be used to mark an in point.
	**Set Out Point**	set the end time of the clip where the timeline marker has been positioned. Keyboard shortcut 'O' can be used to mark an out point.
	**Move current position to in point**	return to the in point of the clip.
	**Start playback**	play the clip.
	**Move current position to end point**	go to the end of the clip.
	**Loop**	loop the playback of the clip. Press the button a second time to turn off looped playback.

For More Information on...

- looping, refer to Looping Tab.

Clip Timing (read-only)

Position — indicates the position of the timeline marker in the timeline for the clip.

In — displays the in point for the clip.

Out — displays the displays the out point for the clip.

Length — displays the total duration of the clip in frames.

Duration — displays the time length of the clip.

Source Information (read-only)

Resolution — displays the video format of the source clip.

Frame Rate — displays the frame rate of the source clip.

File Size — displays the file size of the source clip.

Bit Depth — displays the quality of the signal quantization of the source clip.

Audio Channels — displays the amount of embedded audio channels used in the source clip.

Codec UID — displays the type of encoding used for the source clip.

Source TC — displays the timecode of the source clip.

Duration — displays the total duration in frames of the source clip.

Clip Tab

Name — enter or edit a name for the clip.

Recall ID — enter an ID number for the clip when it is recalled.

Hold Last Frame — hold the last frame of the clip when playout ends. Do not select this checkbox if taking the clip offline automatically using an out transition.

In Point — enter a starting point for the clip.

Out Point — enter an ending point for the clip.

Audio Level — enter or select a volume level for the clip in decibels. Changing the audio level in the Edit Clip dialog box will not affect live clips on a Server Channel. However, it will apply to the audio monitor if an audio monitor is configured in the Hardware Setup.

Source (read-only) — lists the location where the clip is stored.

File Name (read-only) — lists the name and file extension of the clip.

Project — select a project for the clip.

Added (read-only) — lists the date the clip was added to the clip store.

Last Modified (read-only) — lists the date the clip was last edited.

Expires — use the calendar to select an expiry date for the clip, if necessary.

Does not expire — use no expiry date for the clip.

Looping Tab

Enable Looping — enable looping for the clip.

Multi-Point — enable the multi-point loop settings.

Multi-Point Loop Settings

Use the multi-point loops to create free running 4-point and 3-point loops:

- 4-point loops use a frame in point, a loop section of start and end frames, and a frame out point.
- 3-point loops use a loop section of start and end frames with either a frame in point the same as the loop start frame or a frame out point the same as the loop end frame.

Loop Start	enter a starting frame for the loop within the clip time.
Loop End	enter an end frame for the loop within the clip time.
Loop Count	enter or select an amount of playbacks the clip will loop before stopping. Use 0 for infinite looping.
	set the start time or end time of the loop at the position of the timeline marker.
	skip to the start of the loop.
	skip to the end of the loop.

For More Information on...

- creating a 4-point loop, refer to Creating a 4-Point Loop.
- creating a 3-point loop, refer to Creating a 3-Point Loop.

Additional

Original File Name (read-only) — displays the original name of the file as uploaded.

Premultiplied / Shaped — select this check box to multiply/shape the fill signal color information by the luminance information in the key signal.

Event Tracks

Event tracks are configured in the Clip Store Manager, added as processors in the INcoder, and then available to use when editing clips from the Clip Browser. The Event Tracks tab provides a list of available global event tracks.

Assigned Event Tracks — lists the event tracks assigned to the clip.

Available Event Tracks — lists the available event tracks that can be assigned to the clip.

Add Track — select an available event track and select this button to assign it to the clip.

Remove Track — select an assigned event track and select this button to remove it from the clip.

For More Information on...

- using global event tracks, refer to the *XPression Clips Workflow User Guide*.

Other

Export — use this list to select one of the following options for exporting a clip:

- **To Video** — open the **Export to Video** dialog to save the clip as an AVI or MOV video file.
- **Still to Disk** — open a save dialog to save a still as a Targa (.TGA), Targa (RLE Compressed) (.TGA), Portable Network Graphic (.PNG), or JPEG (.JPG) format image file.
- **Still to Clipstore** — open the **Send to Clip Store** dialog to send a still to the Clip Store database to be used within the Clips workflow.
- **Interlaced Settings > Frame Based** — capture the image file without deinterlacing. This setting works best for scenes with minimal motion.
- **Interlaced Settings > Field (line doubled)** — capture the image file with each line doubled. For example, it will replace field two with a duplicate of field one.
- **Interlaced Settings > Field (line interpolated)** — capture the image file by interpolating between odd lines to form even lines.

Save — save the edited clip or sub clip.

Cancel — exit the dialog without saving any changes.

For More Information on...

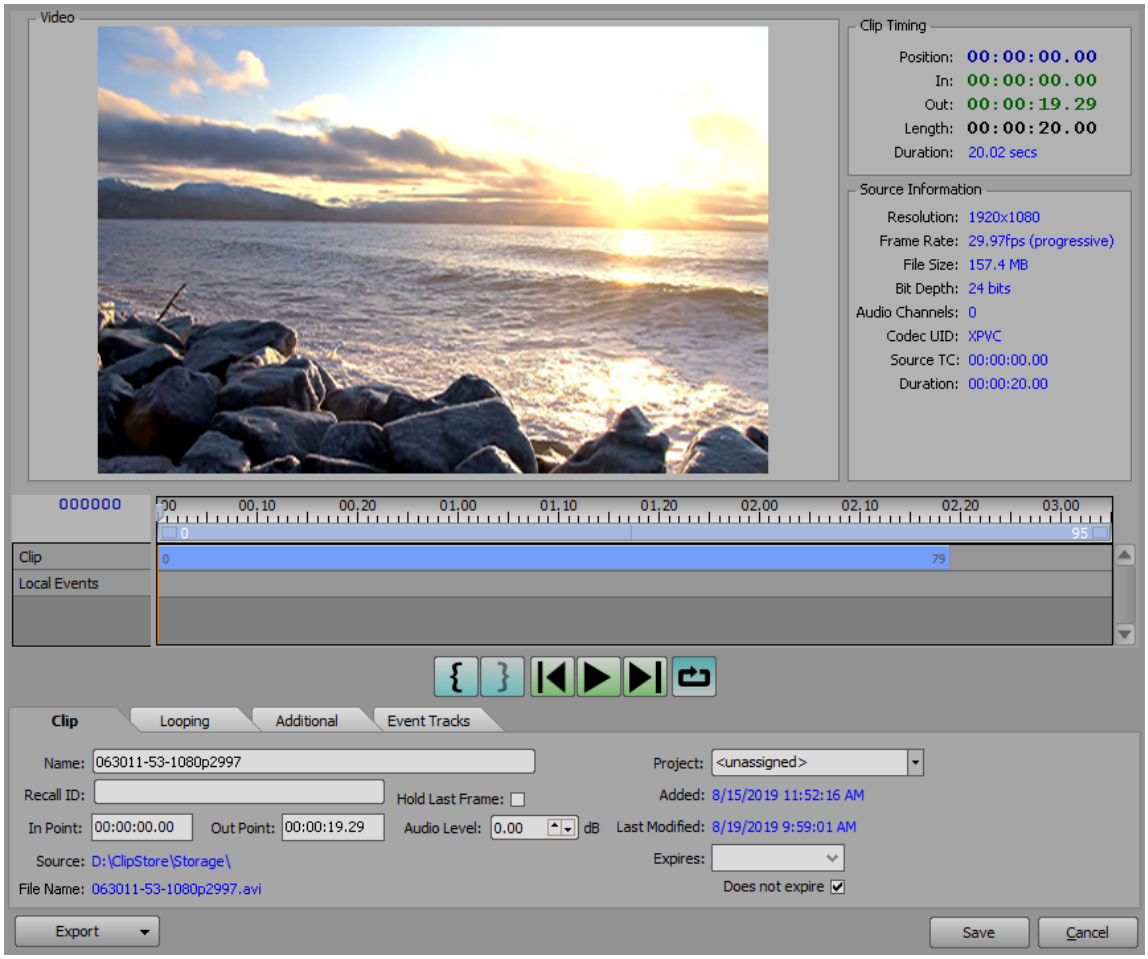
- the **Export to Video** dialog, refer to the *XPression Help* file.
- opening the Edit Clip window and the Add Sub Clip window from the Clip Browser, refer to Clip Browser Shortcut Menu.
- opening the Edit Clip window from the Server Channels, refer to Server Channels Shortcut Menu.

Updating the Thumbnail in the Clip Browser

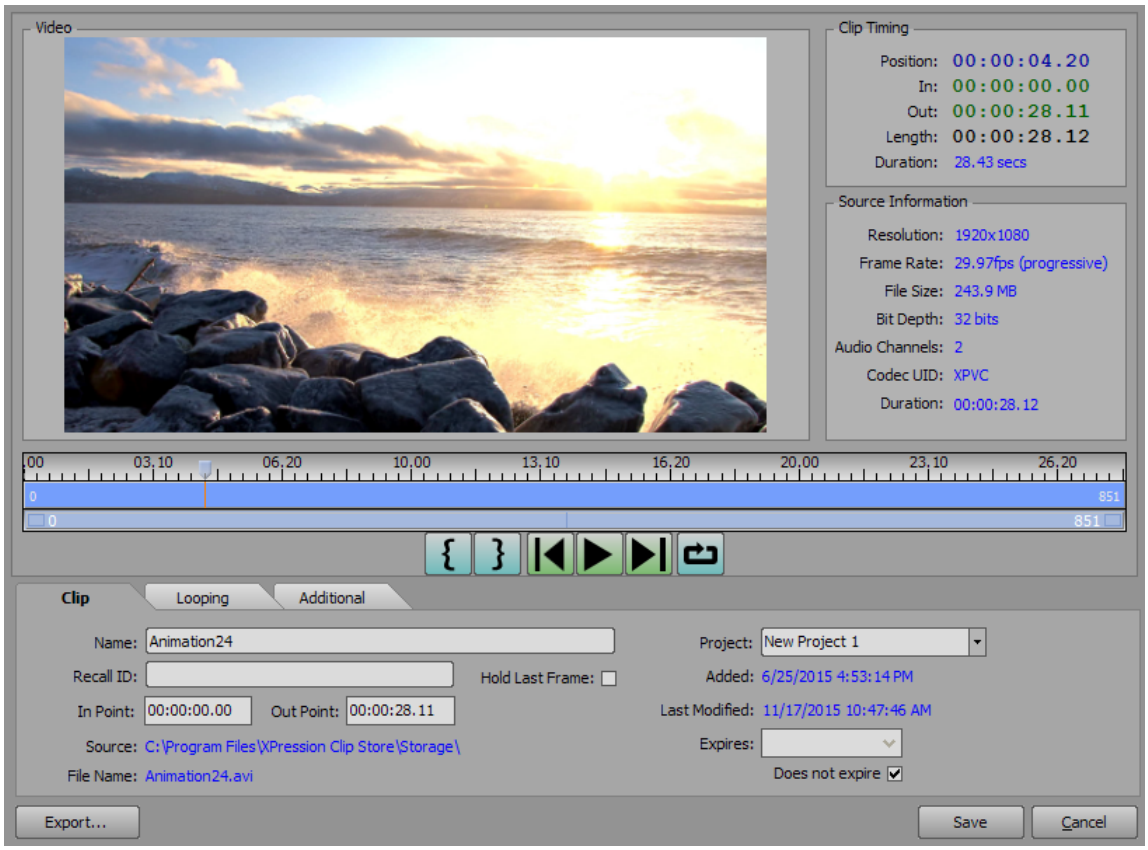
You can update the thumbnail in the **Clip Browser** to provide a more representative or preferred image to illustrate the content of the clip.

1. In the **Clip Browser**, right-click on a clip and select **Edit Clip** or **Add Sub Clip**.

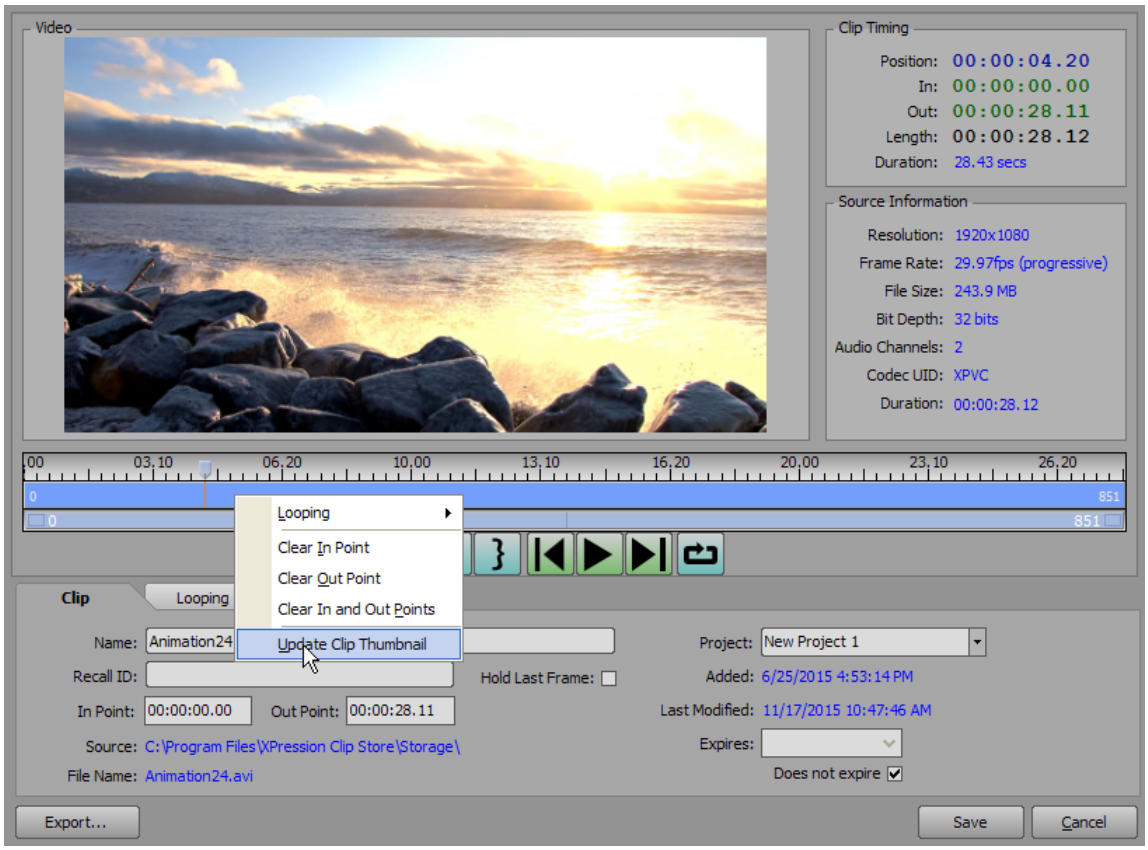
   The **Edit Clip / Add Sub Clip** dialog opens.



2. In the **Edit Clip** or **Add Sub Clip** dialog, move the timeline marker to a desired frame in the timeline.

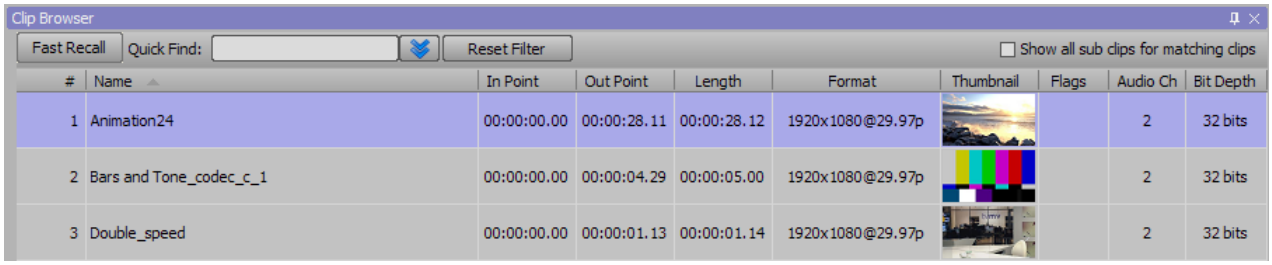


3. Right-click inside the timeline and select **Update Clip Thumbnail** from the shortcut menu.



4. Select **Save**.

   The thumbnail for the clip is updated in the **Clip Browser**.



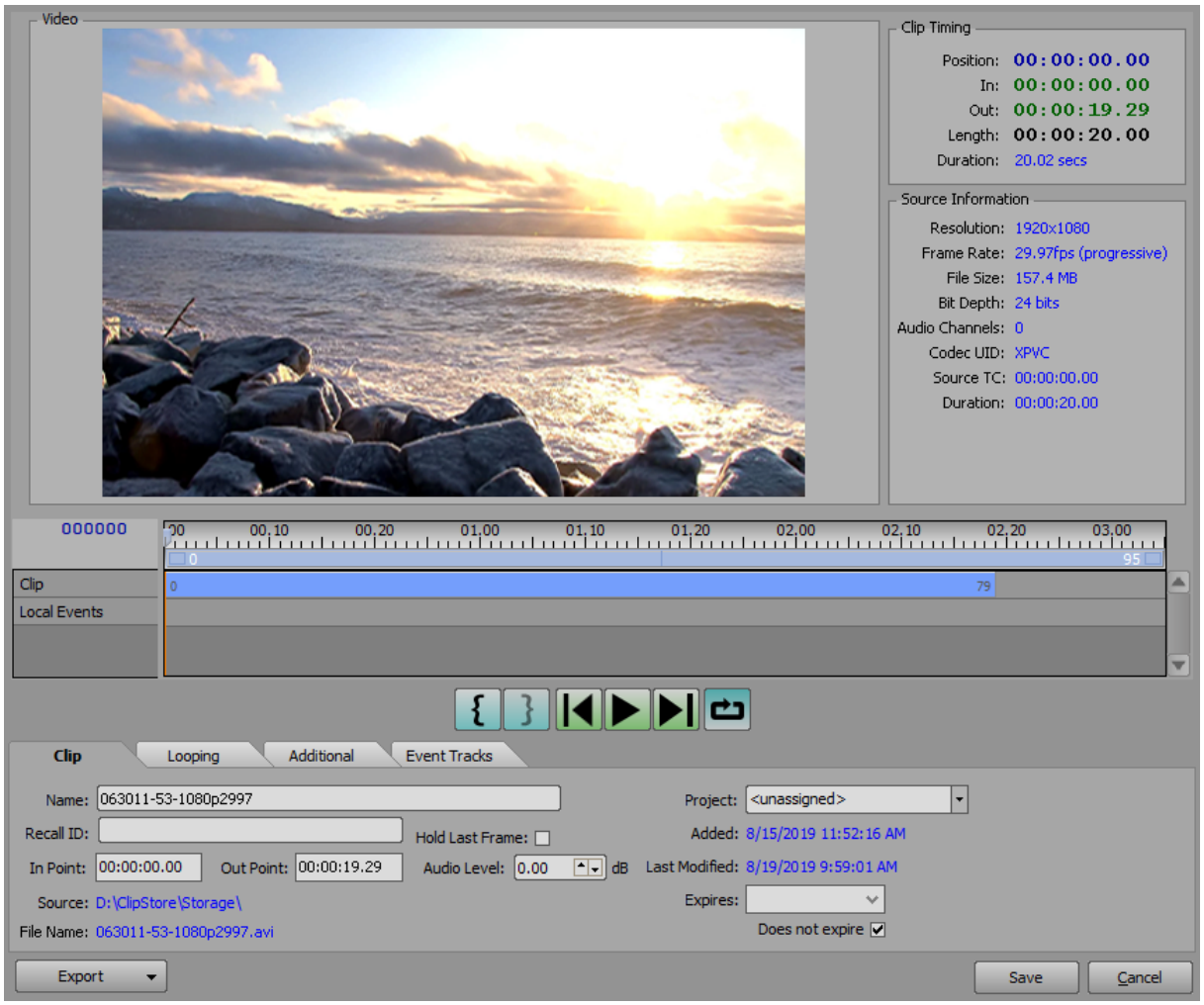
Creating a 4-Point Loop

4-point loops use a frame in point, a loop section of start and end frames, and a frame out point.

To create a 4-point loop:

1. In the **Edit Clip / Add Sub Clip** dialog, select the **Clip** tab.

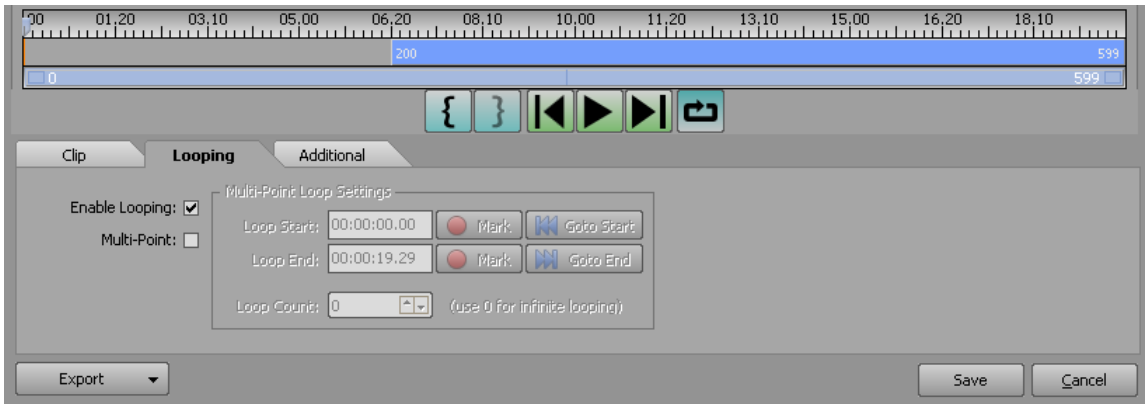
   The **Clip** tab opens.



2. In the **In Point** field, enter a frame in point.
3. In the **Out Point** field, enter a frame out point.

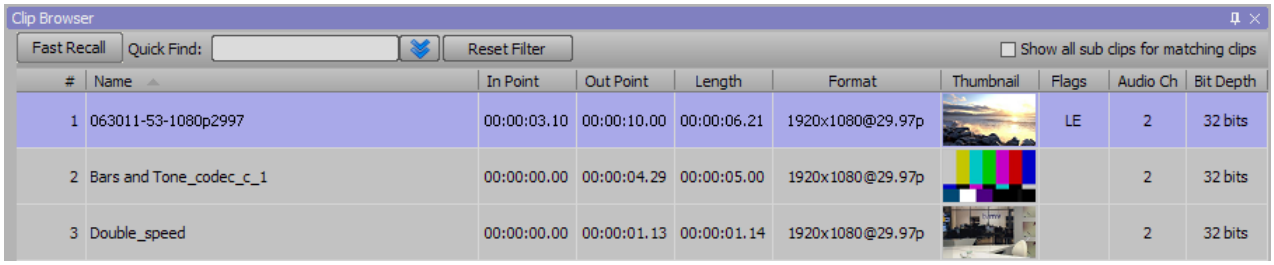
4. Select the **Looping** tab.

   The **Looping** tab opens.



5. In the **Looping** tab, select the **Enable Looping** checkbox.
6. Select the **Multi-Point** checkbox.
7. In the **Multi-Point Loop Settings** section:
   - In the **Loop Start** field, enter a frame start for the loop.
   - In the **Loop End** field, enter a frame stop for the loop.
   - In the **Loop Count** field, enter or select the number of times to play out the loop. Enter **0** for infinite looping.
8. Select **Save**.

   The edited clip is updated in the **Clip Browser**.



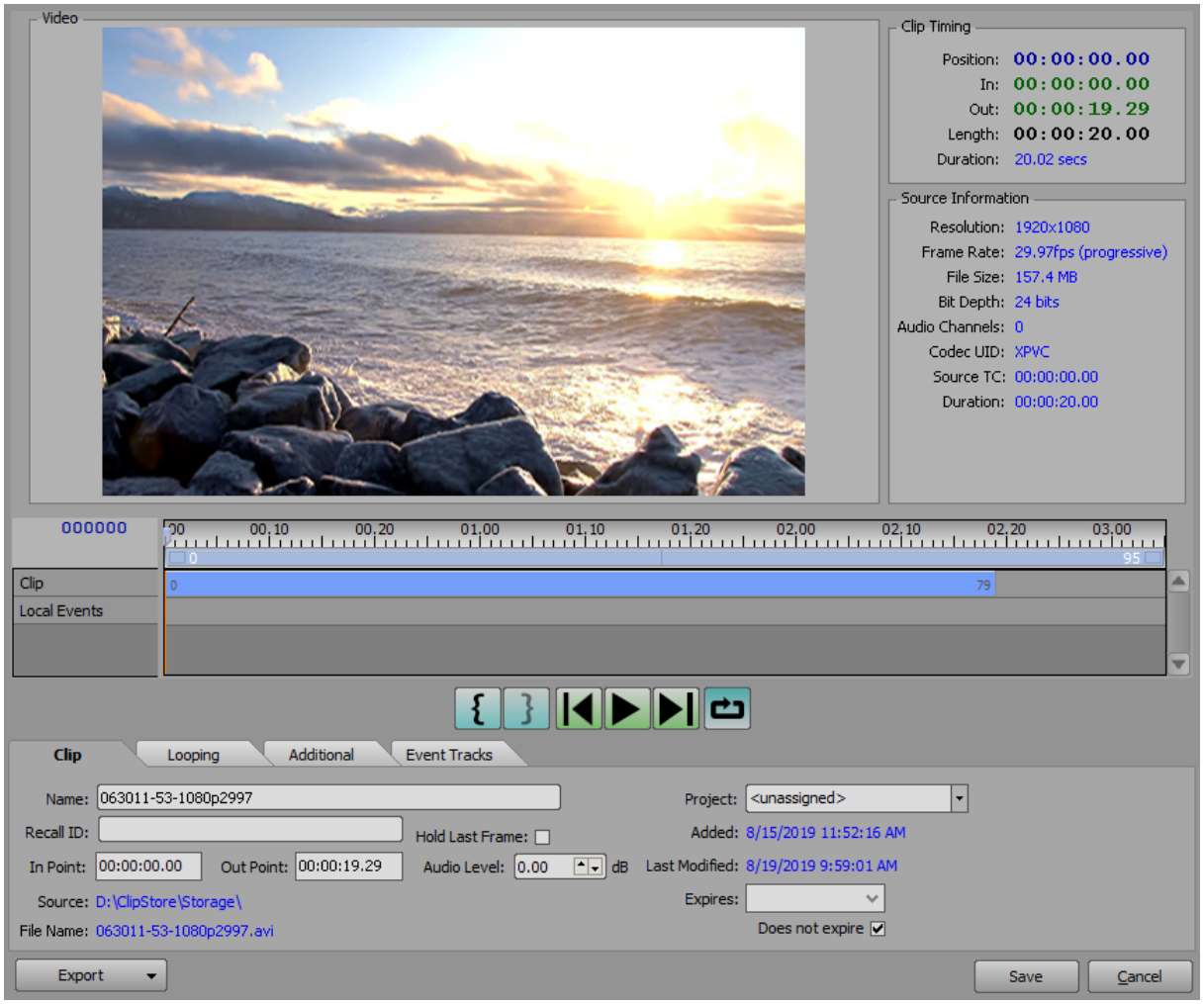
Creating a 3-Point Loop

3-point loops use a loop section of start and end frames with either a frame in point the same as the loop start frame or a frame out point the same as the loop end frame.

To create a 3-point loop:

1. In the **Edit Clip / Add Sub Clip** dialog, select the **Clip** tab.

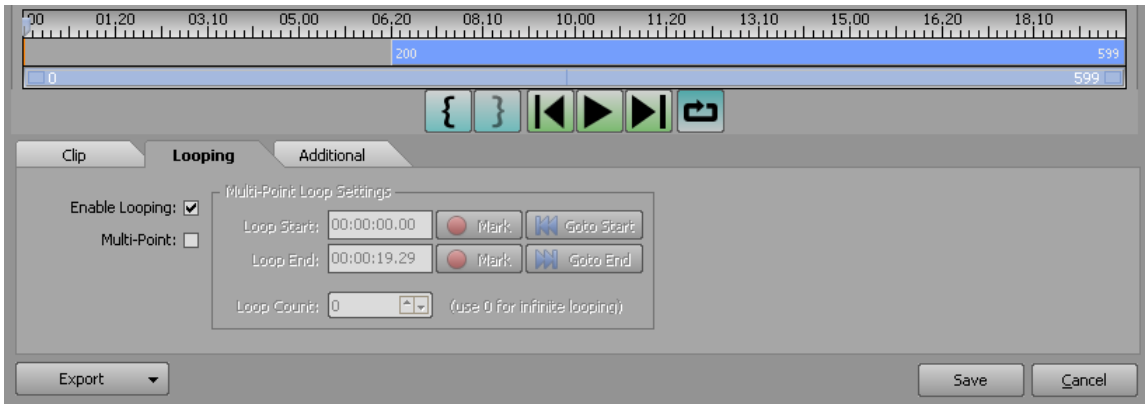
   The **Clip** tab opens.



2. In the **In Point** field, enter a frame in point.
3. In the **Out Point** field, enter a frame out point.

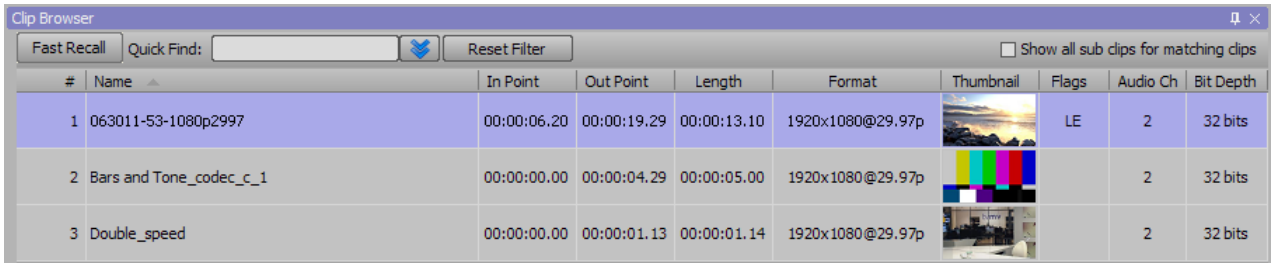
4. Select the **Looping** tab.

   The **Looping** tab opens.



5. In the **Looping** tab, select the **Enable Looping** checkbox.
6. Select the **Multi-Point** checkbox.
7. In the **Multi-Point Loop Settings** section:
   - In the **Loop Start** field, enter a frame start for the loop.
   - In the **Loop End** field, enter a frame stop for the loop.
   - In the **Loop Count** field, enter or select the number of times to play out the loop. Enter **0** for infinite looping.
8. Select **Save**.

   The edited clip is updated in the **Clip Browser**.

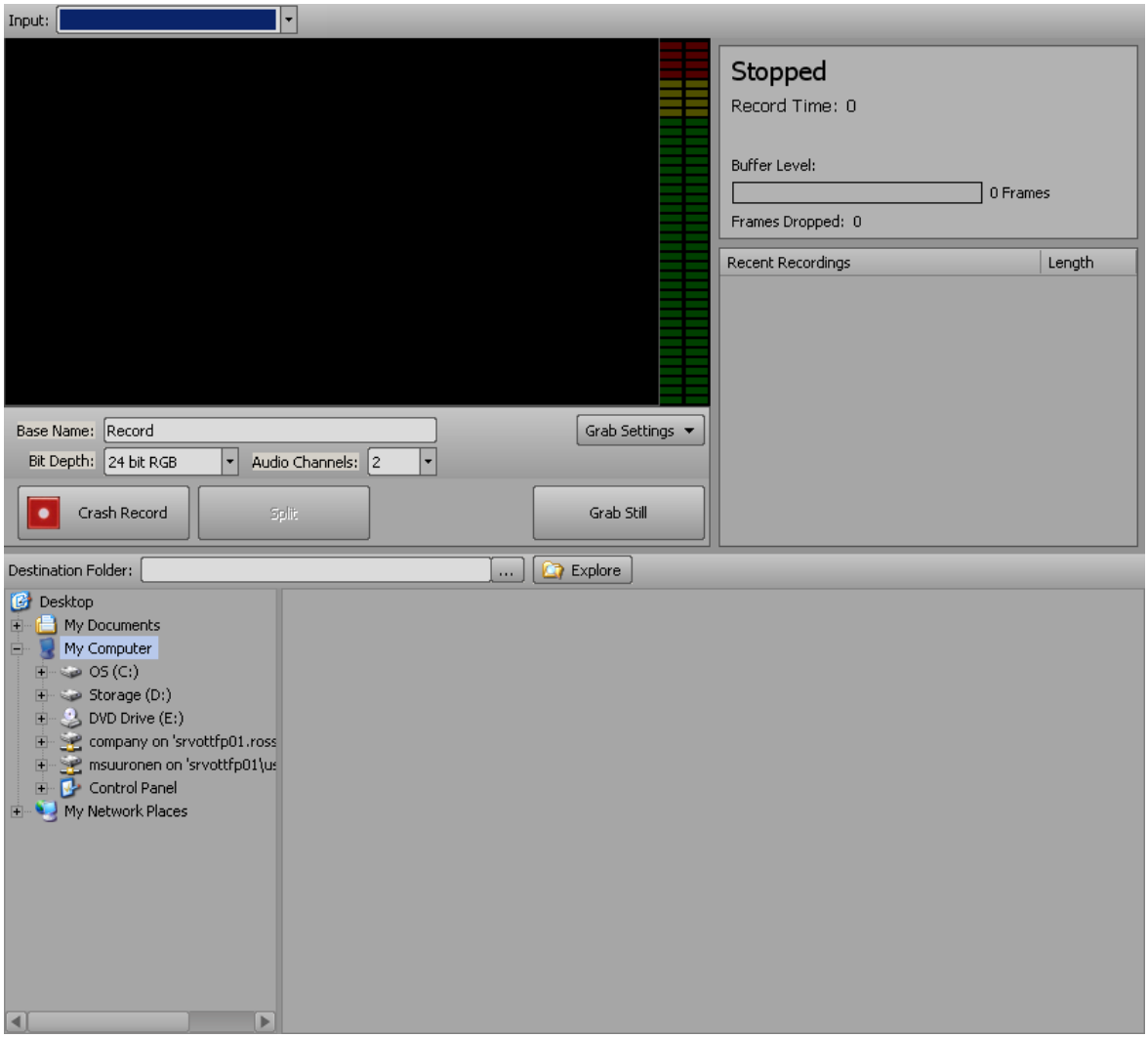


Send a Video or Image to Clip Store Using the Record Client

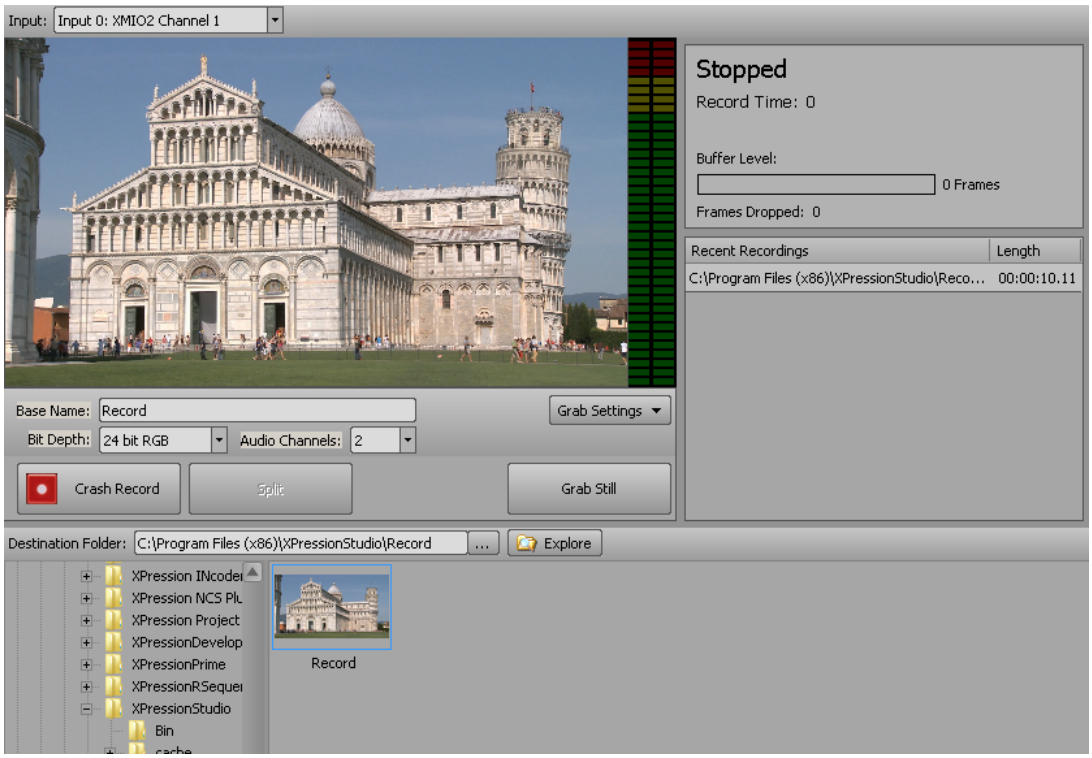
Once a recording has been completed it can be sent to the **Clip Store** database to be used within the **Clips** workflow.

1. In XPression, select the **Record Client** ( ) toolbar icon.

   The **Record Client** dialog opens.



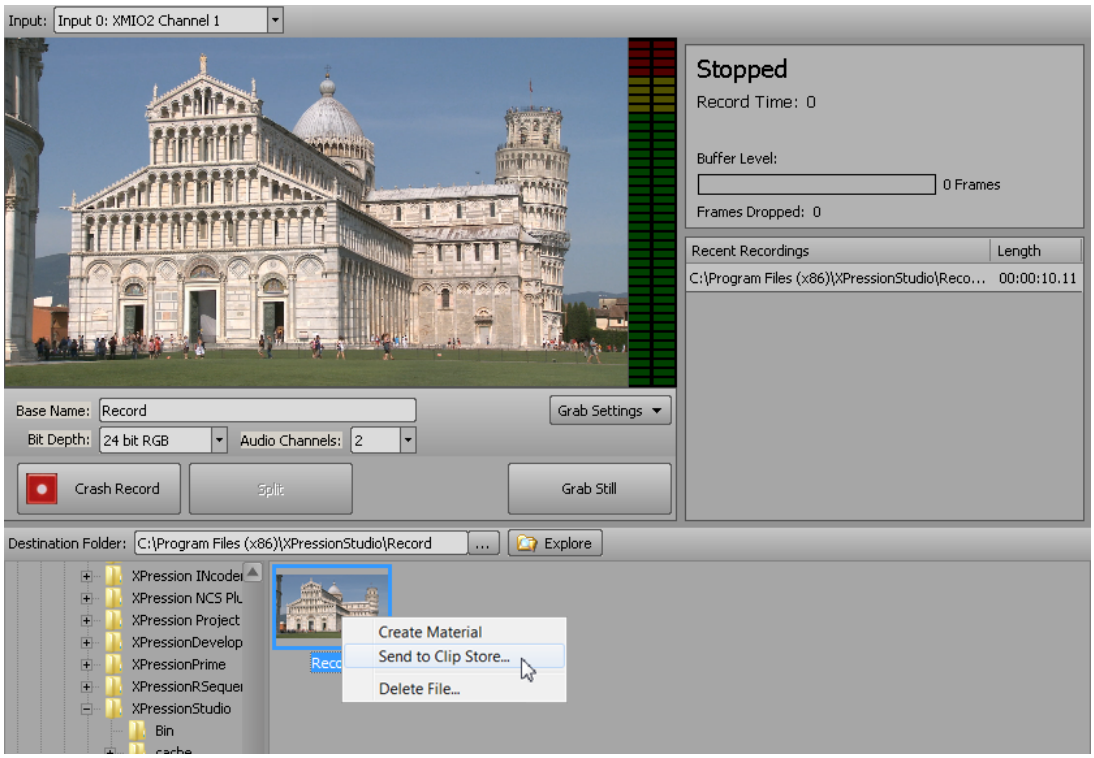
2. Create a video or capture a still image in the **Record Client**.



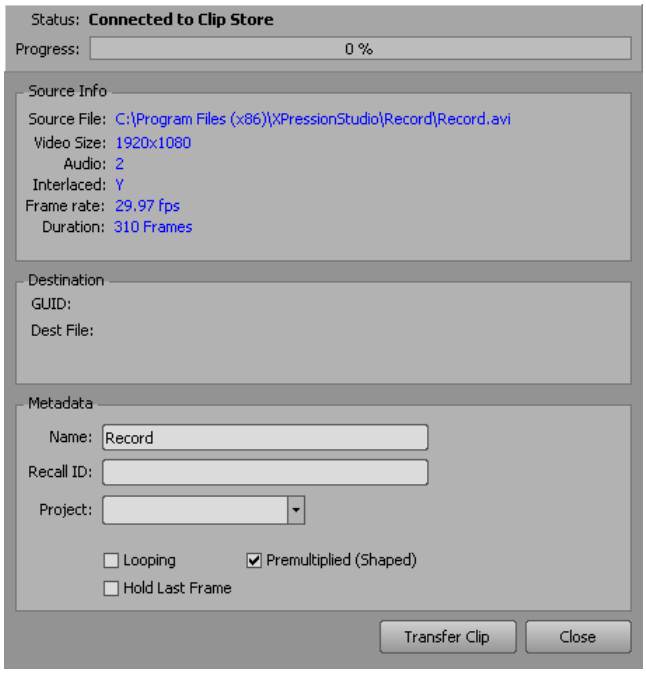
3. Right-click on a video or image thumbnail and select **Send to Clip Store** from the shortcut menu.

   Multiple videos and images can be selected by using **Shift + click** or holding **Ctrl** and selecting individual videos and images.

   ★Only XPression codec clips should be sent to the Clip Store.



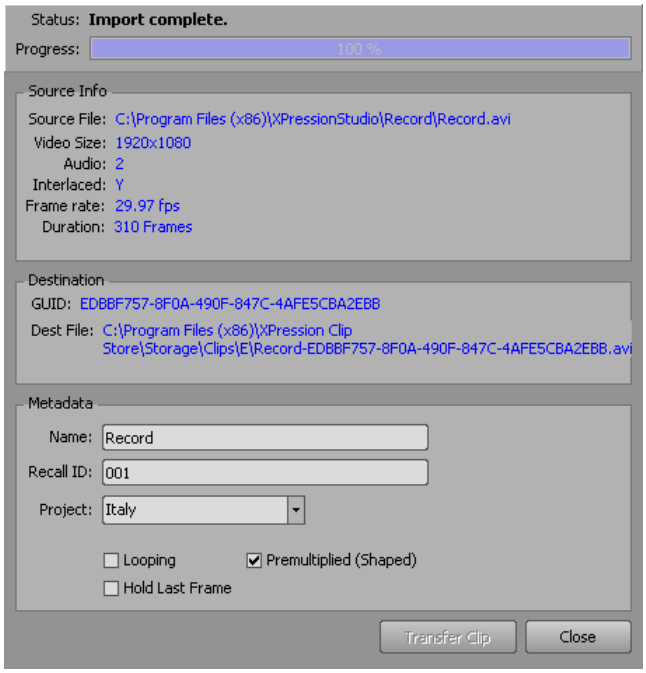
4. The **Send to Clip Store** dialog opens.



5. In the **Metadata** section, configure the following items:
   - **Name** — enter a new name for the video or image in Clip Store, if necessary.
   - **Recall ID** — enter an identifier to recall the video or image from an external device.
   - **Project** — from the drop-down, select any existing projects from Clip Store or enter a new project name for the video or image. New projects are automatically added to the Clip Store.
   - **Looping** — select to infinitely replay the video each time it reaches the end.
   - **Hold Last Frame** — select to freeze the video on the last frame after playing.
   - **Premultiplied (Shaped)** — select to multiply/shape the fill signal color information by the luminance information in the key signal.

6. Select **Transfer Clip**.

   The video or image file is transferred to the Clip Store. Once the transfer has successfully completed, the **Status** is listed as **Import Complete**, the **Progress** bar is at 100%, and **Destination** details are listed.



PBus

The following topics are discussed in this section:

PBus Overview

Configuring PBus and PBus Recalls

PBus Triggers

PBus LEARN Commands

PBus Mapping

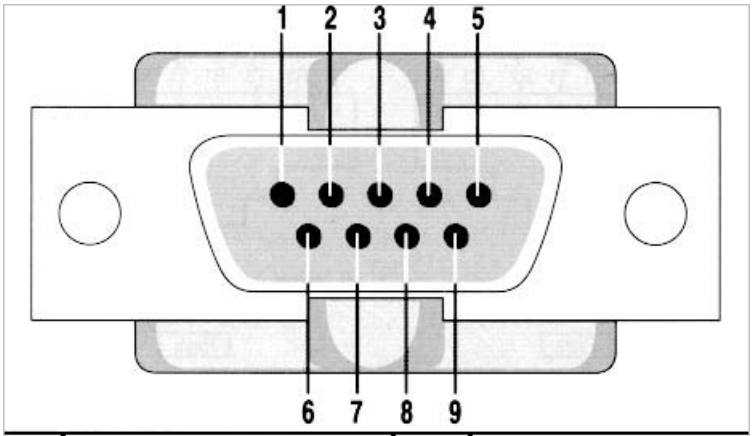
Using PBus from a Switcher to Recall Items

Using PBus for XPression Clips

PBus Overview

PBus (Peripheral Bus) is an industry standard protocol designed to allow production switchers to communicate with external devices. Most large production switchers have some capability of sending PBus commands to a device.

XPression supports PBus over standard RS232 or TCP/UDP sockets.



Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	Data Carrier Detect	6	Data Set Ready
2	Received Data	7	Request to Send
3	Transmitted Data	8	Clear to Send
4	Data Terminal Ready	9	Ring Indicator
5	Signal Ground		

The chassis of some turnkey XPression systems might not include a standard RS232 port. However, it is possible to use an RS232-USB adaptor.

If the production switcher has an RS422 serial port, then you will require an RS232-RS422 adaptor. This adaptor will require its own power supply. Generally, the adaptors that are port-powered will not function for these purposes.

★On an XPression Bluebox system, a limited subset of PBus functionality is available. PBus commands can be used to trigger take items that have been pre-built in an XPression sequence using either XPression Designer or Studio. It is not possible to customize the PBus registers actions using Bluebox. Each register number corresponds to a specific take item number and can not be changed. It is not possible to load the PBM or PBMS PBus mapping files on Bluebox.

Configuring PBus and PBus Recalls

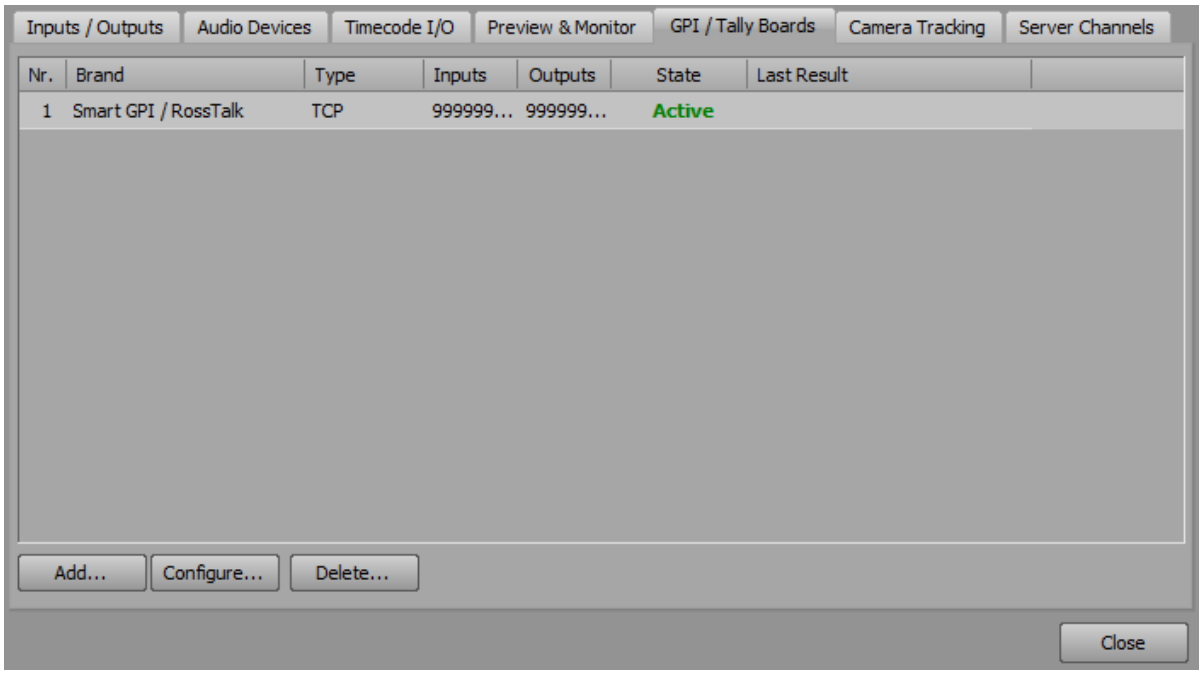
Use the Hardware Setup to configure XPression to accept PBus commands. PBus is an industry standard protocol designed to allow production switchers to communicate with external devices.

To enable XPression to accept PBus commands:

1. In XPression, select **Edit > Hardware Setup**.

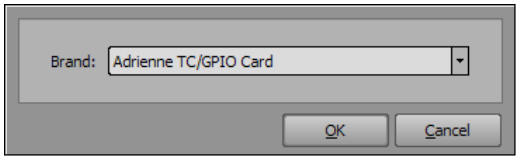
   The **Hardware Setup** dialog opens.

2. Select the **GPI / Tally Boards** tab.



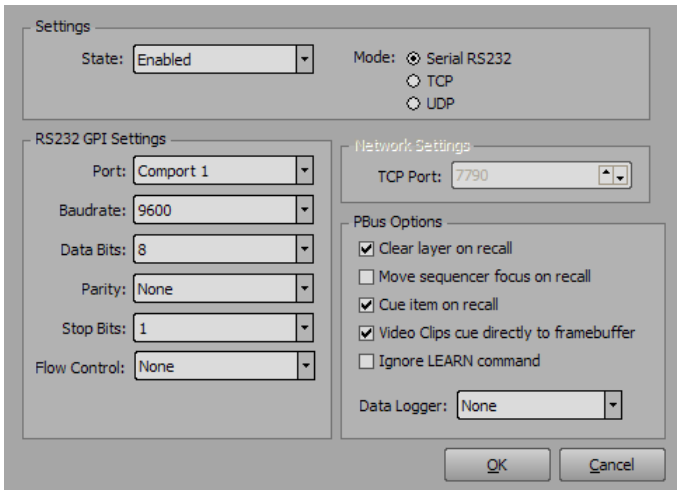
3. Select **Add**.

   The **Add New GPI Board** dialog opens.



4. From the **Brand** drop-down, select **PBus** and then select **OK**.

   The **PBus Setup** dialog opens.



5. In the **Settings** section, from the **State** drop-down, select **Enabled**.

   Select **Disabled** to turn off PBus.

6. Select a communication **Mode** for PBus:

   - **Serial RS232** — select to use RS232 to send PBus signals to XPression.
   - **TCP** — select to use TCP/IP to send PBus signals to XPression.
   - **UDP** — select to use UDP sockets to send PBus signals to XPression.

7. Configure the selected mode:

   RS232 GPI Settings

   - From the **Port** drop-down, select the Communication port that receives the signals.
   - From the **Baudrate** drop-down, select the communication speed for the signals.
   - From the **Data Bits** drop-down, select the number of bits used to represent one character of data for the signals.
   - From the **Parity** drop-down, select the method used to check for lost data in a signal.
   - From the **Stop Bits** drop-down, select the number of bits used to indicate the end of a byte in a signal.
   - From the **Flow Control** drop-down, select the data transmission rate controller for a signal.

     The flow control can be set to **Hardware** or **None**, but it must be set the same in both XPression and the transmitting device.

   TCP & UDP

   - In the **Network Settings** section, in the **TCP Port/UDP Port** field, enter or select the communication port that receives the signals.

8. In the **PBus Options** section, configure the PBus recall options.

   XPression normally does not perform any action when a PBus recall command is issued. Instead, it stores the recall ID to be used later when a PBus trigger command is issued.

Clear layer on recall — when this option is selected and a PBus recall command is received, XPression will look to see which channel and layer that the take item being recalled has been assigned. It will then immediately clear that layer and channel. However, the take item will not be read to air until such time as a PBus Trigger command is received to put the item on air. This configuration option is recommended to be enabled in situations where XPression might be used to play back clips/graphics and to ensure that as soon the recall command is issued, any previous graphic that might have been left over on the layer will be removed.

Move sequencer focus on recall — this configuration option can be selected to move the sequencer focus to the item that is being recalled. This can be useful as a means of generating a preview output that will show a rendered frame from the item that will be put on air when the PBus trigger command is received.

Cue item on recall — selecting this option will place the take item into a cued state when the recall command is received. This is useful when using video clips which might take a few frames to cue.

Video Clips cue directly to framebuffer — selecting this option will cause the video clips from the Clip Store that are assigned to a PBus register to cue directly onto the hardware output of XPression in a paused state. When the play command is received, they will begin playing.

Ignore LEARN command — selecting this option will ignore the LEARN command. LEARN stores the clip currently loaded into a server channel into the PBus register list when the LEARN command is received.

9. From the **Data Logger** drop-down, select an encoding scheme for the data log.

   The options are:

   - **None** — select this option to use no data logging.
   - **ASCII** — select this option to use ASCII encoding for the data log.
   - **HEX** — select this option to use HEX file formatting for the data log.
   - **Both** — select this option to use both ASCII encoding and HEX file formatting for the data log.

10. Select **OK**.

    The PBus interface is displayed in the GPI Board list.

11. Select **Close**.

    The **Hardware Setup** dialog closes.

12. Select **OK**.

    The **PBus Setup** dialog closes and the new PBus interface is added to the GPI Boards table.

For More Information on...

- configuring and working with GPIs, refer to the *GPI White Paper* available from Ross Video.

PBus Triggers

XPression supports many PBus Trigger commands.

PBus Trigger Command	Description
Trigger 0 – Play Item	This trigger can be overridden in the PBus mapping. Trigger 0 is normally used to play a take item to air. However, this can be overridden to perform other actions on a per-register basis. These actions can be configured in the PBus mapping menu.
Trigger 1 – Take Sequence Item Off-Air	Trigger 1 is used to take an item off air (assuming it was already on air). The item taken off air will be the take item that was previously recalled using a PBus recall command.
Trigger 2 – Execute GPI	Trigger 2 is used to emulate a standard GPI input. In the XPression Keyboard/GPI Mapping, various actions can be configured to be executed on a GPI input being triggered. It is possible to trigger up to 99 different GPIs through PBus. The GPI number that will be triggered is the number that was previously recalled using a PBus recall command.
Trigger 3 – Clear Framebuffer	Trigger 3 will clear the framebuffer assigned to the device in the PBus channel configuration. If the channel is set to <default>, this trigger will clear Channel 1.
Trigger 4 – Clear Framebuffer Channel 2	Trigger 4 will clear the framebuffer assigned to the device in the PBus channel configuration. If the channel is set to <default>, this trigger will clear Channel 2.
Trigger 5 – Read Current Sequence Item to Air	Trigger 5 will take the currently selected sequence item from the sequencer to air. It ignores the PBus recall command and uses whichever item currently has focus in the XPression sequencer.
Trigger 6 – Resume Channel	Trigger 6 will resume all paused graphics currently on the framebuffer assigned to the device in the PBus Channel Configuration. If the framebuffer is set to <default>, this will resume Channel 1.
Trigger 7 – Resume Channel	Trigger 7 will resume all paused graphics currently on the framebuffer assigned to the device in the PBus Channel Configuration. If the framebuffer is set to <default>, this will resume Channel 2.
Trigger 8 – Resume Take Item	Trigger 8 will resume a single paused take item. The take item will be the item previously recalled by a PBus recall command.
Trigger 10 – Bank 0	Trigger 10 will change the last recall command into an ID in the 0-99 range (refer to the Bank 1 command below for more details).

PBus Trigger Command	Description
Trigger 11 – Bank 1	Trigger 11 is used to allow switchers that can only send PBus recall commands up to 99 to be able to recall take items with values of between 100 and 199. This “bank 1” command will add 100 to the last recalled item using a PBus recall command. For example; to recall take ID 135 and put it on air, a switcher could send: • Recall 035 • Trigger 11 (changes the 035 into 135) • Trigger 0 It is not necessary to switch back to bank 0 after sending a bank 1 command. XPression will automatically revert to bank 0 for the next PBus recall command.
Trigger 12 – Bank 2	Changes the last PBus recall command into an ID in the 200-299 range.
Trigger 13 – Bank 3	Changes the last PBus recall command into an ID in the 300-399 range.
Trigger 14 – Bank 4	Changes the last PBus recall command into an ID in the 400-499 range.
Trigger 15 – Bank 5	Changes the last PBus recall command into an ID in the 500-599 range.

PBus LEARN Commands

When a PBus LEARN command is received from a remote device, XPression will look to the configured server channel for the PBus device, and if there is a clip currently cued on that server channel it will assign that clip into the PBus register.

There is an option **Ignore LEARN command** in the **PBus Setup** dialog in the **Hardware Setup**. This option is useful if you are manually assigning clips to PBus registers and you do not want to change/overwrite them when storing memories on the production switcher. Most production switchers automatically send the PBus LEARN command when storing the memory.

For More Information on...

- the PBus LEARN command, refer to the appropriate switcher documentation.

PBus Mapping

Use PBus mapping to assign clips, functions, scenes, scripts, and other actions and functions to device registers, and then save and load the maps.

The following procedures are covered in this section:

Configuring PBus Mapping

Assigning an Action to a PBus Register

Remapping a PBus Register

Loading and Saving Maps

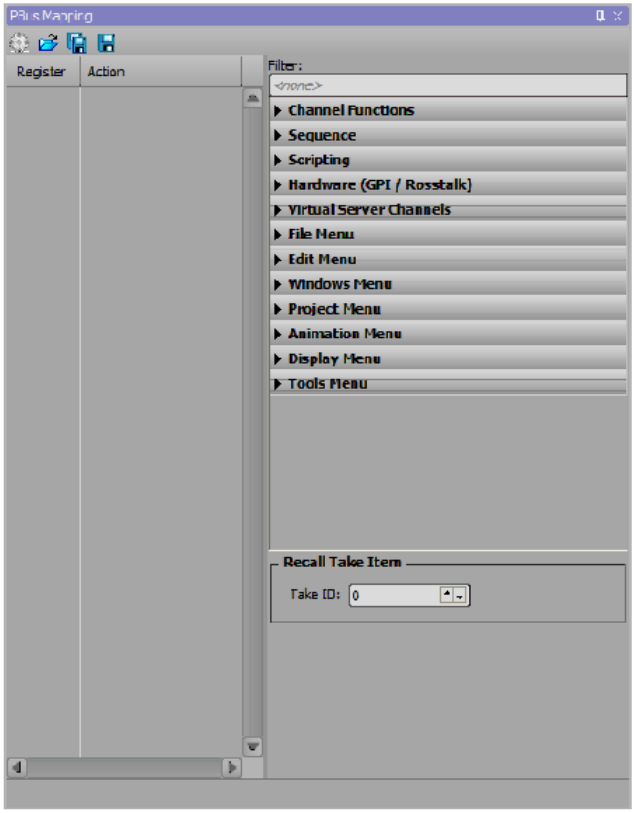
Configuring PBus Mapping

Use the **PBus Device Configuration** dialog to configure the **Device IDs** and server channels.

To configure PBus Mapping:

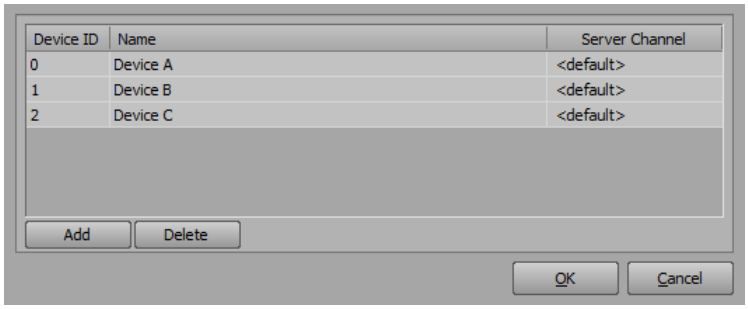
1. In XPression, select the **Sequence** editor.
2. Select **Display > PBus Mapping**.

   The **PBus Mapping** window opens.



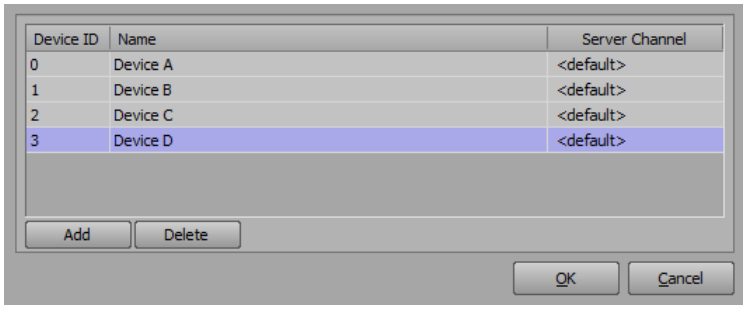
3. Select the **Setup Device Configuration** ( ) icon.

The **PBus Device Configuration** dialog box opens.



4. Select **Add** to add a **Device ID**.

   A device ID is added to the **PBus Device Configuration** list. At least one **Device ID** must be added. The **Device ID** is the ID number that will be sent in PBus messages transmitted from the production switcher.



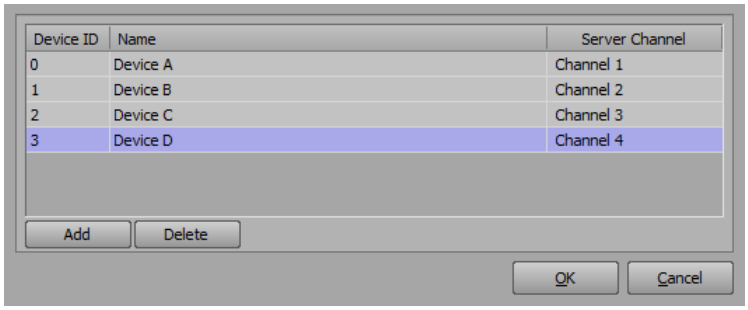
5. Click inside the **Device ID** column of the ID and enter or select a different ID number from the default number, if necessary.

   PBus **Device IDs** must be between 0 and 23.

6. Click inside the **Name** column of the ID and enter a name to refer to the **Device ID**. For example, **Device D**.

7. Click inside the **Server Channel** column of the ID and from the drop-down, select a specific output framebuffer or use the **<default>** framebuffer.

   If the framebuffer is set to anything other than **<default>** when a PBus recall command is received for a specific **Device ID**, the item will be played on the selected framebuffer. If **<default>** is selected, the item will be played on the framebuffer for which the original take item was configured. When a clip from the Clip Store is assigned to a register and **<default>** was selected for the **Server Channel**, the first device configured will use **Server Channel 1**, the next will use **Server Channel 2**, etc.



   If XPression does not have the **Clips** option, then the **Server Channel** configuration column will be missing and all take items will be cued to the channel assigned to them through the **Sequencer**.

8. Select **OK**.

The **Device IDs** are added as tabs at the bottom of the **PBus Mapping** window under the assigned device names. If there are no tabs added, then a **Device ID** was not added to the **PBus Device Configuration** list.



Assigning an Action to a PBus Register

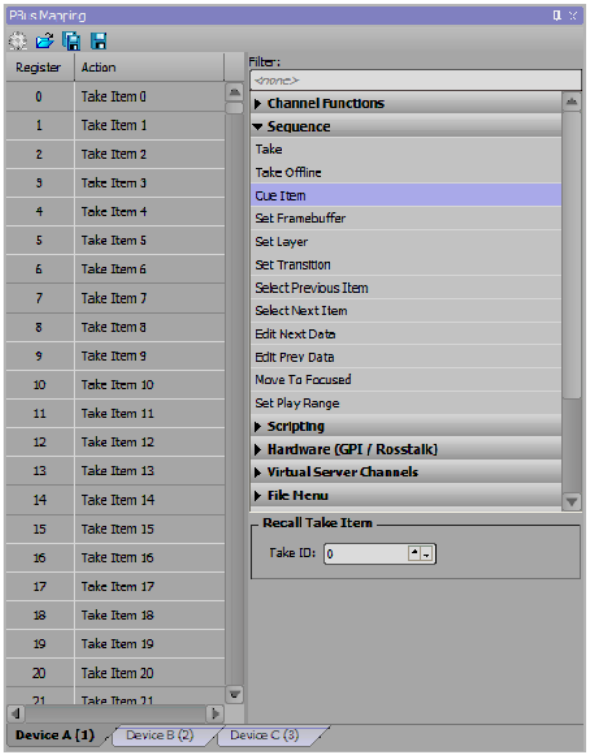
Each device has a list of 4095 registers which can be recalled through PBus.

★Some switchers can only support the first 99 registers.

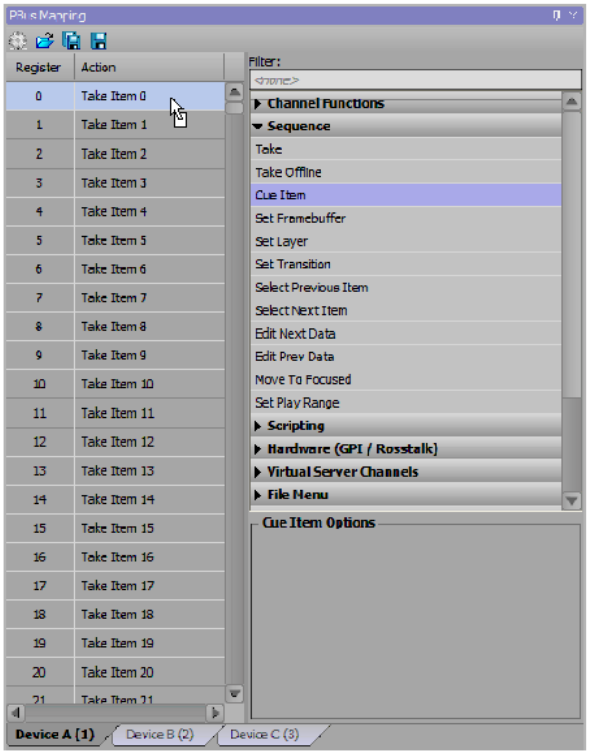
Each PBus register can be assigned an action that will be executed after the register is recalled and **Trigger 0** is received. The default action for each register is to play the corresponding **Take Item** with the same number as the PBus register.

To assign an action to a PBus register:

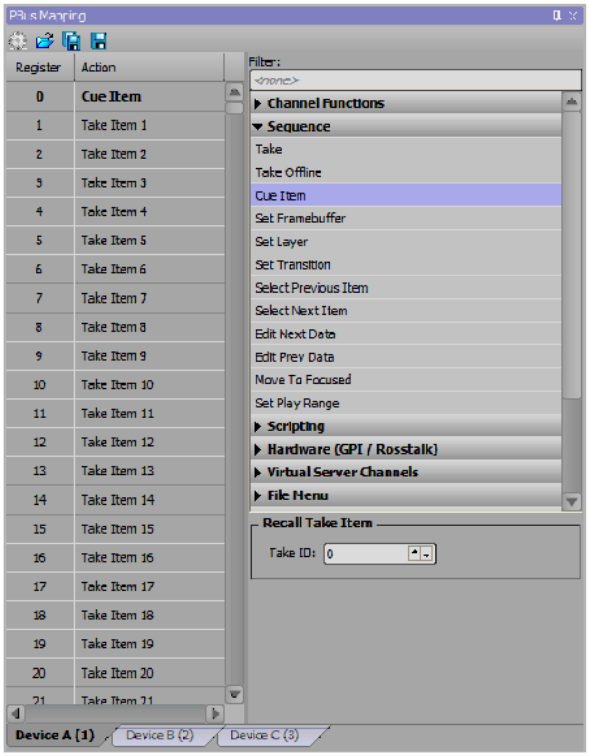
1. In the **PBus Mapping** window, select an action from the actions list to the right of the devices.



2. Drag and drop the action onto a register.



The action is added to the register.



Remapping a PBus Register

To remap a PBus register to play a different take item, the take item can be dragged and dropped from the sequencer onto the register in the PBus Mapping window or you can enter or select a different take ID using the Take ID box in the Recall Take Item section of the PBus Mapping window.

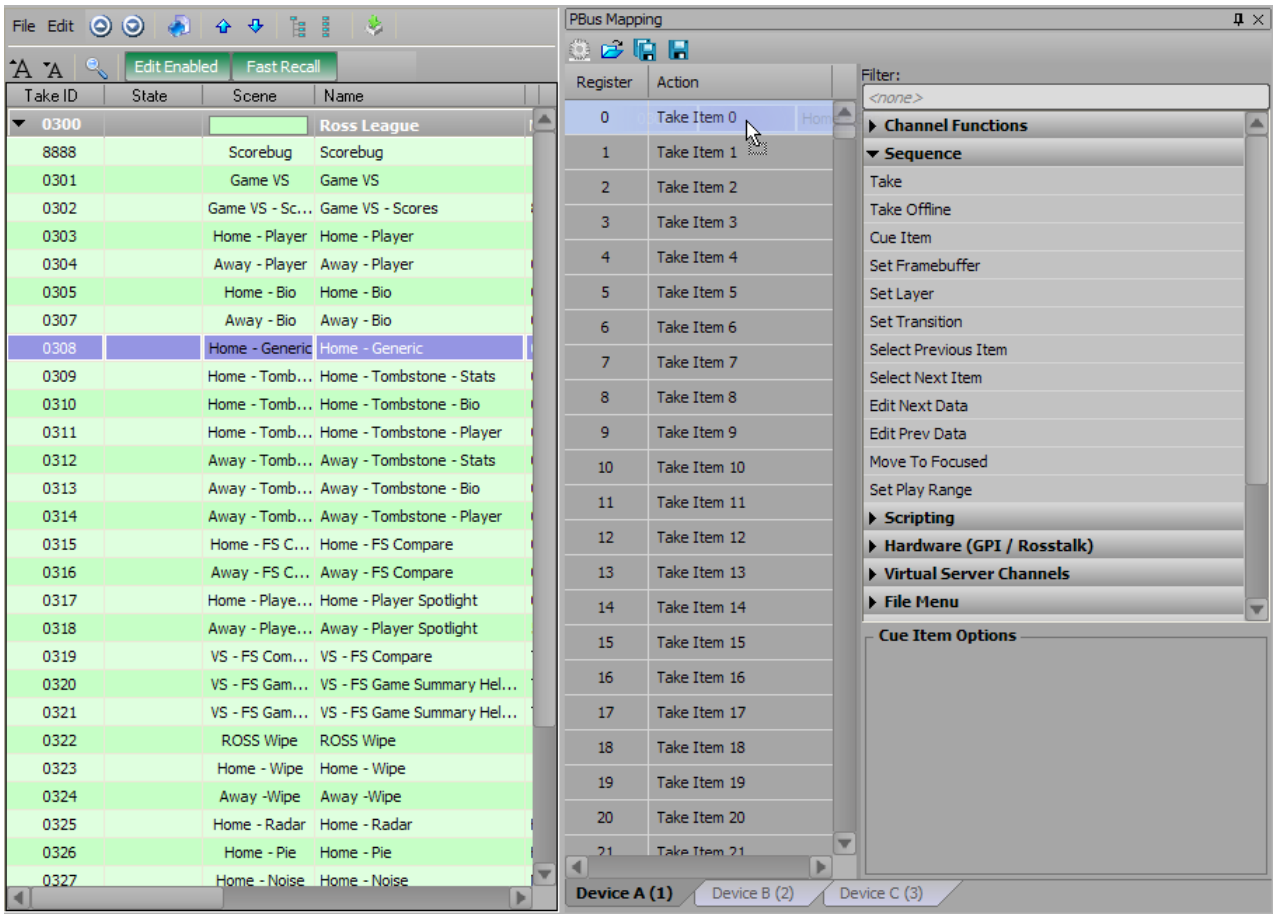
To remap a PBus register to play a different take item, the take item can be dragged and dropped from the sequencer onto the register in the **PBus Mapping** window or you can enter or select a different take ID using the **Take ID** field in the **Recall Take Item** section of the **PBus Mapping** window.

To remap a PBus register using drag and drop from the Sequencer:

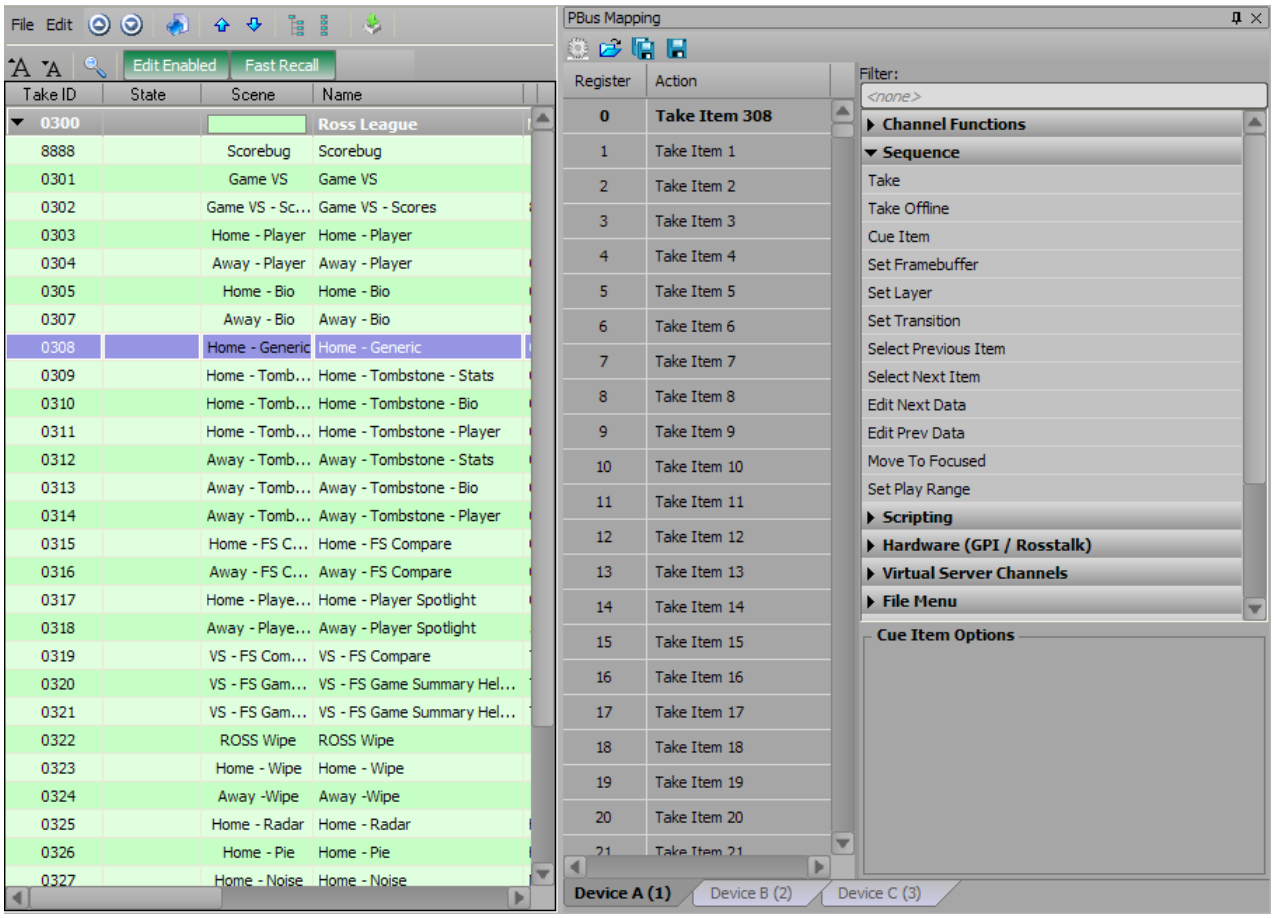
1. In the **Sequencer**, select a take item from the **Take ID** list.



2. Drag and drop the take item onto a register in the **PBus Mapping** window.

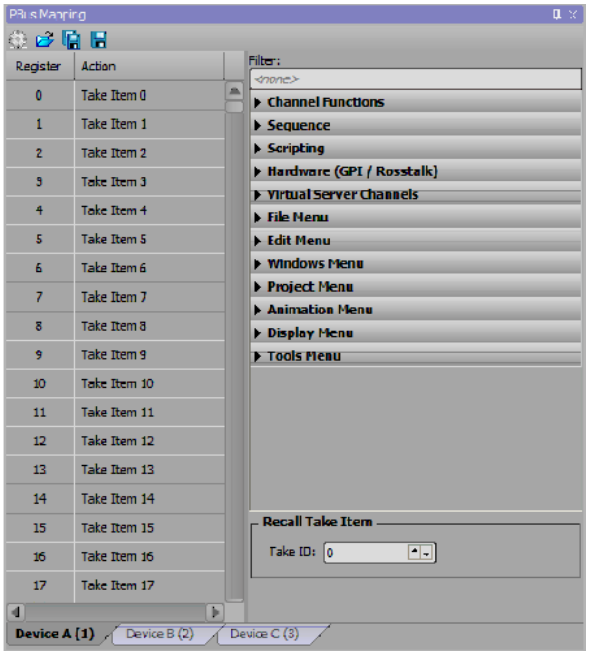


The take item is added to the register.



To remap a register using the Take ID field:

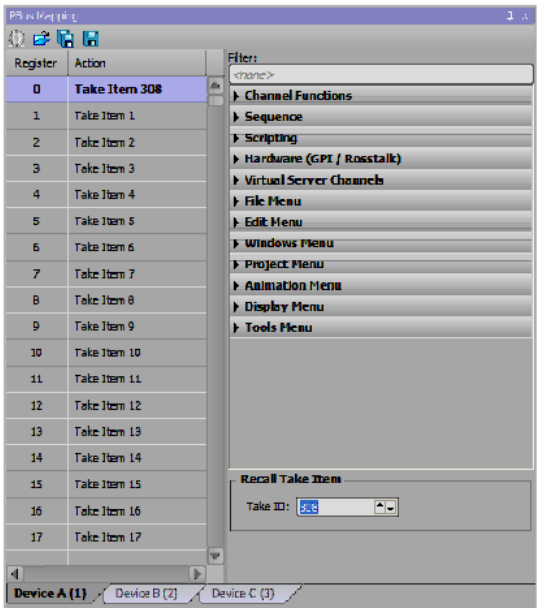
1. In the **PBus Mapping** window, select a register number from the devices to the left of the actions list.



2. In the **Recall Take Item** section, in the **Take ID** field, enter or select a take item to add to the selected register.



The take item is added to the selected PBus register.



Loading and Saving Maps

PBus maps are not loaded and saved with XPression projects. They are loaded and saved to disk as .pbm or .pbms files using the PBus Mapping window. The .pbm file extension is used for a single PBus map and the .pbms file extension is used for multiple PBus maps.

Use the following PBus Mapping window toolbar icons to load and save PBus maps:



Load — open a file browser to select a PBus map or multiple PBus maps to load.



Save All — save multiple PBus maps to disk.



Save — save a single PBus map to disk.

Using PBus from a Switcher to Recall Items

★Consult the switcher documentation for a complete description of how to use PBus with your particular manufacturer/model. This section is only intended to provide some background information and tips.

Normally switchers will send a PBus recall command when an EMEM is recalled. The following procedure is an example using take item 0005.

To recall and play a specific take item from XPression:

1. In XPression, in the **Sequencer**, create a take item and give it an ID of **0005**.
2. Create an **EMEM/Memory** on the switcher and store it as **EMEM 5**.
3. Within **EMEM 5**, ensure that you have enabled the sending of PBus commands.
4. Within the timeline for **EMEM 5**, issue a **PBus Trigger 0** command.

   When **EMEM 5** is recalled, it will send a PBus recall 5 command to XPression.

   This command will not yet do anything (unless the configuration options discussed in the Configuring the PBus Interface and PBus Recalls section are enabled).

   When the timeline is run, the switcher will send a **PBus Trigger 0** command. At this time, XPression will put take item #5 on the output channel/layer previously assigned to that item in the sequencer.

   ★There may be several frames of delay between issuing the **Trigger 0** command and when the video for the item appears on the SDI output of XPression. This is normal and should be accounted for inside of the timeline on the switcher. For example, you will need a delay between the issuing of **Trigger 0** and when the keyer containing the XPression is keyed onto the PGM output.
5. To recall different take items, copy the timeline on the switcher into different switcher registers.

Using PBus for XPression Clips

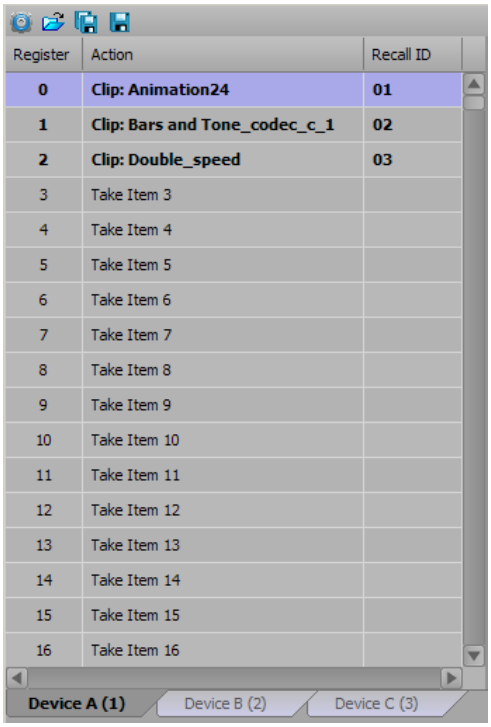
Firstly, the PBus configuration must be set to assign a PBus device ID to a specific server channel. This controls the server channel onto which PBus commands to a device will load the clip. Valid device IDs are from 0 to 23.

By default, every PBus register (0 to 4095) will cue/play the corresponding take item with that ID number. However, clips from the Clip Browser can be assigned to a PBus register simply by dragging them from the Clip Browser onto a PBus register. Alternatively, various actions (same ones accessible in the keyboard mapping menu) can be assigned to a PBus register by dragging them from the action list on the right to a PBus register. This is useful for assigning scripts or actions like Take Next/Clear Channel, etc. to a PBus register. Right-click on a register with a clip and select **Find Clip in Clip Browser** to find a clip or select a different clip in the Clip Browser.

A PBus register map can be saved to disk to a file using the .PBM extension, or maps for all devices can be saved to a .PBMS file. Maps can be loaded from these PBM files or from a specific format of XML file. When using the XML file import, it will assign clips to PBus registers using their recall ID from the clip database.

Using PBus for XPression Clips with Recall IDs

The PBus map contains a column named **Recall ID**.



If a clip in the Clip Store exists with that recall ID, it will be assigned to that PBus register. A clip's recall ID can also be entered into the column to assign it to the respective register. The PBus register will always recall the clip with that specific recall ID, so if a new clip is ingested with a matching recall ID, the PBus register will recall the new clip instead. If the clip is manually edited and the recall ID is changed or removed, the PBus register will no longer recall that clip.

A similar behavior exists when dragging a clip with a recall ID into the PBus register; meaning that the PBus register is bound to a specific recall ID and not to a specific clip. Holding Ctrl-Shift and dragging a clip onto a PBus register will link the clip with the PBus register, and it will not be replaced regardless of a clip with a duplicate recall ID being ingested.

For More Information on...

- PBus, refer to the *XPression User Guide* or **Help** file.

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