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User Guide

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing a Ross Video Tessera system.

Ross Video designed Tessera with the needs of live production in mind. Tessera is part of Ross Video's broad line of real-time graphics products and workflow tools. It is a multi-display real-time graphics designer/controller for sports venues & studio video walls.

Tessera enables users to link together multiple XPression engines to create a scalable matrix of channels for seamless output of scenes across large or irregularly assembled display panels. Perfect for sports scoreboards, ribbon boards, and studio video walls, Tessera's resolution can scale just by adding more XPression engines or "Tessera nodes" and adding to the mapping.

Frame-accurate, non-tearing recall of graphics and clips across any or all nodes is made possible with XPression's Multi-Engine Sync technology. More importantly, XPression's unlimited scene layering on output is preserved across Tessera nodes for incredibly dynamic animations and transitions.

The Tessera Region Manager allows operators to divide scenes into regions and assign those regions to specific nodes. The Tessera Node Manager allocates the XPression engines and channels to be used as render nodes. And, the XPression Project Server handles the automatic one-click publishing of scene updates and resources to all nodes for ultimate efficiency.

Whether you need to drive large displays in sports venues or build a studio video wall, XPression Tessera is the most powerful and cost-effective solution available.

We appreciate your business and sincerely hope that you have a great experience with your new Tessera system. As always, if there is anything we at Ross Video can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

About This Guide

This guide covers the use of the Tessera system.

If, at any time, you have questions pertaining to the operation of Tessera, 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

Tessera 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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Tessera User Interface Overview

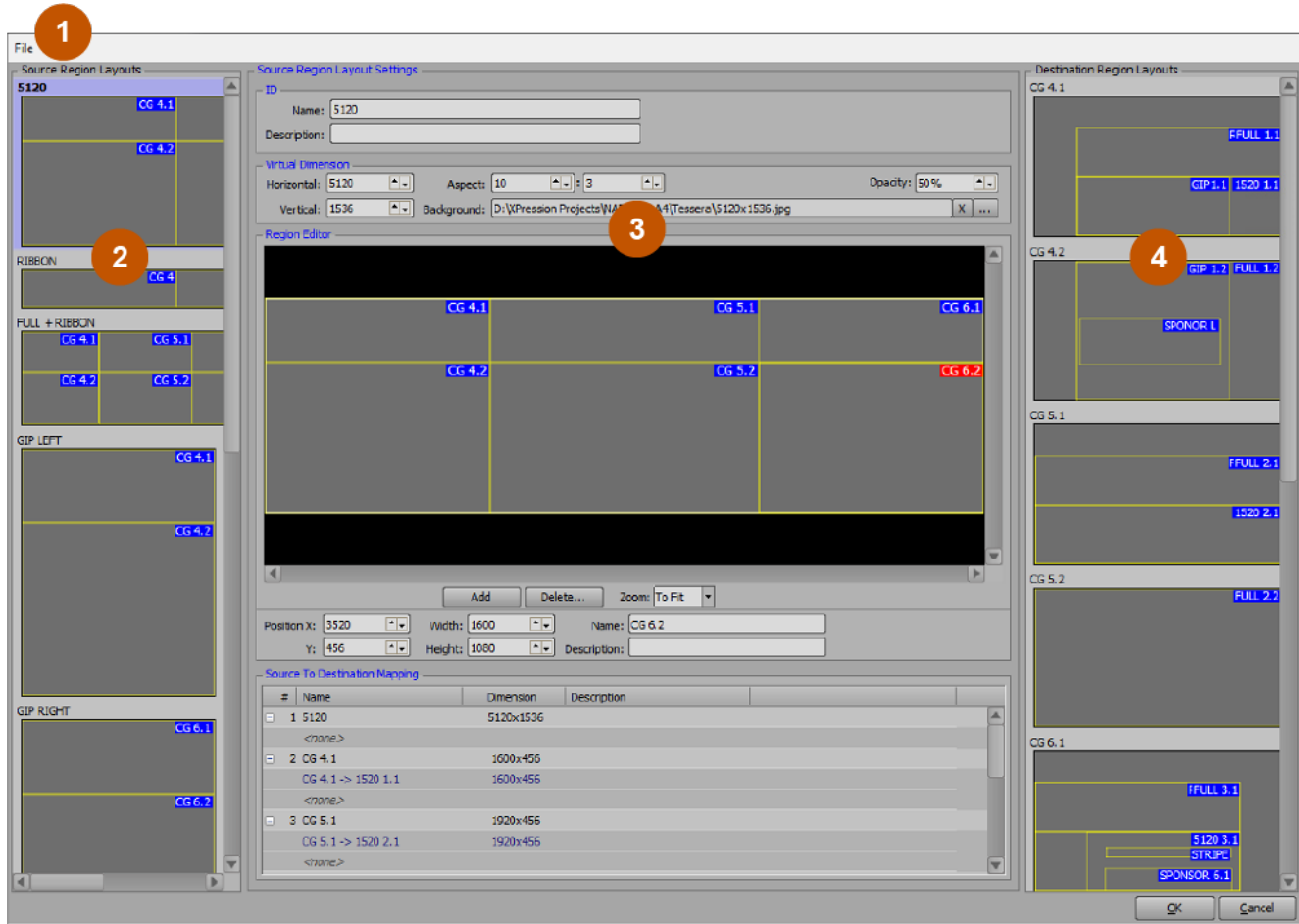
This section provides a user interface overview for the XPression Tessera Region Mapper. It includes the following:

[XPression Tessera Region Mapper - Source Region Layout Settings](#)

[XPression Tessera Region Mapper - Destination Region Layout Settings](#)

XPression Tessera Region Mapper - Source Region Layout Settings

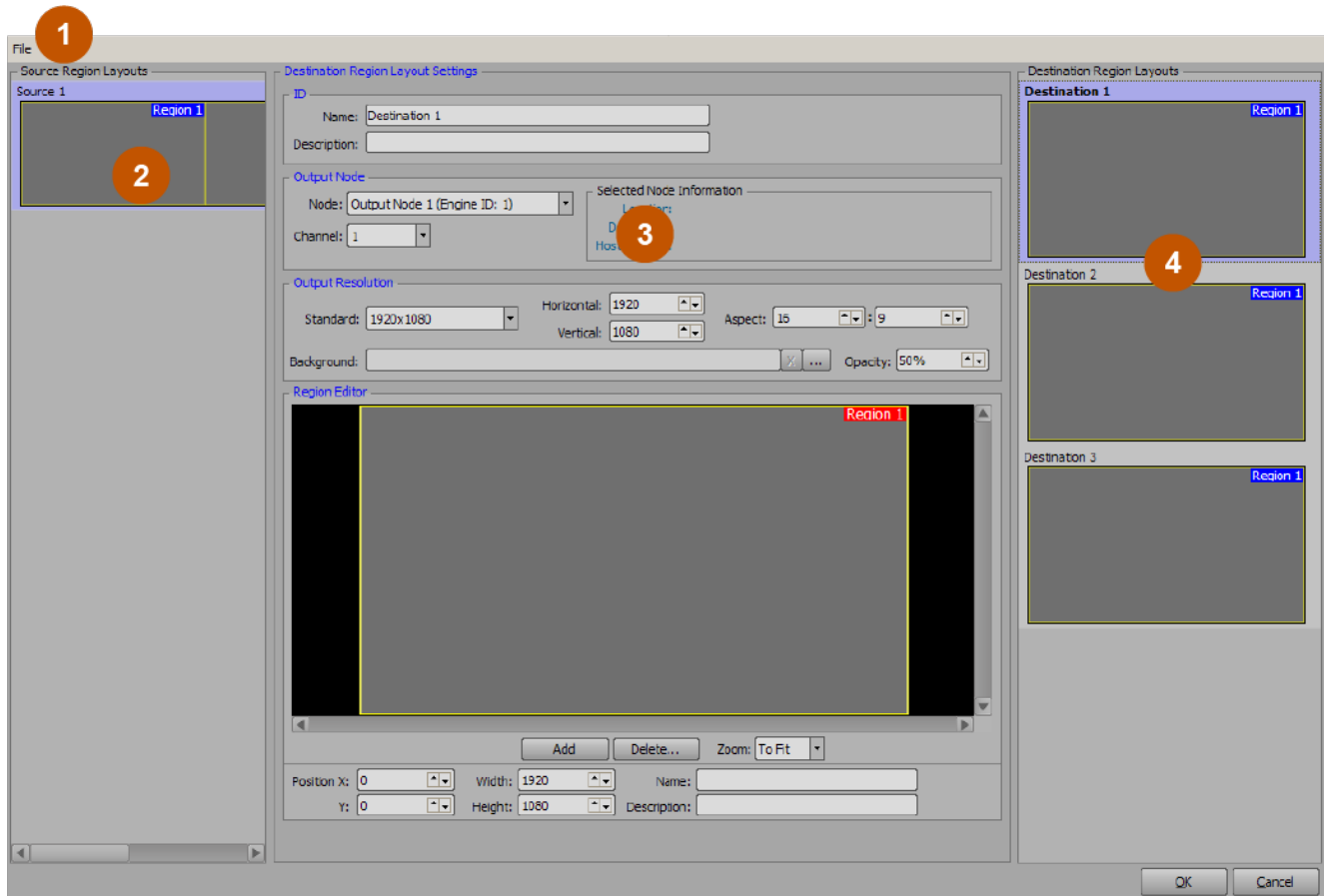
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Tessera Region Mapper window in XPression with the Source Region Layout section of the selected source region.



1. **Menu Bar** — use the **File** menu to load a configured region map from a saved file or save a configuration.
2. **Source Region Layouts** — use this section to add and delete source outputs of specific resolution and regions across multiple channels of XPression on multiple render engines.
3. **Source Region Layout Settings** — use this section to configure the settings for a selected source, including defining the region and mapping sources to destinations.
4. **Destination Region Layouts** — use this section to add and delete destination framebuffer outputs with rendered regions that are mapped to source outputs.

XPression Tessera Region Mapper - Destination Region Layout Settings

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Tessera Region Mapper window in XPression with the **Destination Region Layout** section of the selected destination region.



1. **Menu Bar** — use the File menu to load a configured region map from a saved file or save a configuration.
2. **Source Region Layouts** — use this section to add and delete source outputs of specific resolution and regions across multiple channels of XPression on multiple render engines.
3. **Destination Region Layout Settings** — use this section to configure the settings for a selected destination, including defining the region.
4. **Destination Region Layouts** — use this section to add and delete destination framebuffer outputs with rendered regions that are mapped to source outputs.

XPression Tessera Setup

- The XPression Tessera setup consists of the following concepts and workflow:
- Tessera can consist of either a master controller and output node engines, or a single engine setup. The master controller has no actual physical outputs. Output nodes are render devices which do not require a user interface. In single engine mode, the single engine acts as the master controller and output engine.
- Scenes are typically created at the actual size (resolution) that they are to be displayed, but do not have to be.
- There are two elements to a Tessera mapping: Source Region Layouts and Destination Region Layouts.
- Source Region Layouts are "region masks" applied to an XPression scene, and in turn these regions are mapped to destination regions.
- Destination Region Layouts can be viewed as if they are framebuffer outputs. Each destination has regions that will be rendered to, allowing for the slicing of pieces of the overall full resolution canvas should non-standard resolution displays be rendered to.
- Source Region Layouts are eventually mapped to Destination Region Layouts. For example, a destination could have two regions from two sources that would be stitched together.
- Every engine must have GenLock. All engines must be locked to the same GenLock/reference.
- Each XPression turnkey engine has two network cards. One network interface can link to a public network for internet, and the other can link to the private Tessera network. The network synchronization is accomplished using UDP.
Note: managed networks may prioritize TCP over UDP, affecting the performance of the synchronization.
- When using multiple engines, projects are centrally located on an XPression Project Server. Every Tessera graphics project **MUST** be uploaded once to the project server and then re-deployed to the local disk. If the project is simply saved, it will not be synced.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

[Tessera Multiple Engine Mode](#)

[Tessera Single Engine Mode](#)

[Region Mapping](#)

[Scenes](#)

[Saving a Project](#)

[Saving Region Mappings](#)

[Tessera Backup System](#)

[Assigning a Source Output to a Scene or Scene Group in the Object Inspector](#)

Tessera Multiple Engine Mode

Using the Tessera **Settings** dialog, the output node engines and the master engine can be defined and configured. Once the engines have been set up, the output nodes can be configured.

The following items should be completed before setting up an XPression Tessera project:

- Ensure that the master XPression engine, the output node XPression render engines, and the XPression Project Server are connected within the network. All render engines must be linked to the same Project Server or else the render engines will not be able to retrieve the master project.
- If using multiple engines, ensure that projects have been centrally located on the XPression Project Server where they can be deployed from the master engine.

Use the following sections to configure the multiple engine Tessera set up:

[Setting Up the Output Node Engines](#)

[Setting Up the Master Engine](#)

[Tessera Output Nodes](#)

[Using Clips with Tessera Multiple Engine Mode](#)

[Using DataLinq with Tessera Multiple Engine Mode](#)

Setting Up the Output Node Engines

Output node engines can be configured in XPression Studio and/or XPression BlueBox. Setting up the output render engines first allows for a one-stop configuration of the controlling master engine after.

★ Output node channels should only be hardware channels; server channels or virtual outputs should not be used.

★ Ensure in the **Editor** section of the **Preferences** menu (in Studio) and the **BlueBox** section of the **Preferences** menu (in BlueBox) that the **Do Not Create Untitled Project** checkbox is selected.

★ For the Tessera Master Duo edition, you can only have two nodes, either one primary node and one backup node, or two primary nodes.

To set up an output node engine:

1. Depending on whether the output node engine is being configured on Studio or BlueBox, do one of the following:
 - In XPression Studio on an output node engine, select **Edit > Tessera > Settings** to open the **Tessera Settings** dialog.
 - On an XPression BlueBox machine, right-click on the **XPression BlueBox** icon (🖱️) in the Windows system tray and select **Tessera Setup** from the menu to open the **Tessera Setup** dialog.

The **Tessera Settings / Tessera Setup** dialog opens.

The screenshot shows the Tessera Settings dialog box with the following configuration:

- General**: Mode: Master
- Tessera NET**: NET ID: 1
- Master**: Primary Clock Node ID: 1 (output node acting as clock generator), Backup Clock Node ID: 2, Clock Offset: 1 ms
- Master**: Master ID: 1
- Region Map Selection**: Use Global Region Map, Use Region Maps from Projects
- UDP Network**: Broadcast Mode: Local Broadcast, IP Address: 172.17.1.255, Port: 7575, Interface: 0.0.0.0

★ The **Master** section with the **Clock Node ID** field is only available on Studio versions.

2. In the **General** section, from the **Mode** drop-down, select **Output Node**.

The **Tessera NET**, **Output Node**, and **UDP Network** sections become available for configuration.

The screenshot shows a configuration dialog box with the following sections and values:

- General:** Mode: Output Node
- Tessera NET:** NET ID: 1
- Master:** Primary Clock (Node ID): 1 (output node acting as clock generator), Backup Clock (Node ID): 2, Clock Offset: 1 ms
- Output Node:** Engine ID: 1
- Region Map Selection:** Use Global Region Map (selected), Use Region Maps from Projects
- UDP Network:** Broadcast Mode: Local Broadcast, IP Address: 172.17.1.255, Port: 7575, Interface: 0.0.0.0

3. In the **Tessera NET** section, in the **NET ID** field, enter or select a NET ID if using multiple master/node combinations in parallel on the same network.
4. In the **Output Node** section, in the **Engine ID** field, enter or select an engine ID to use to indicate to other machines which output device this output node engine is, relative to the rest of the system.

A different engine ID is required for each output node engine in the system.

5. In the **UDP Network** section, from the **Broadcast Mode** drop-down, set the broadcast mode to one of the following and then follow the instructions in the link to configure the IP address and port:

- **Local Broadcast** — broadcast packets to all local network addresses.
- **Broadcast IP** — broadcast packets to a specific subsection of the network, for example, 192.168.1.255.

★ Some routers prevent broadcasting packets as a local broadcast. For example, 255.255.255.

- **Multicast** — allow Tessera to subscribe and send data to a Multicast group using any source multicast.

Local Broadcast

If using the **Local Broadcast** option, do the following:

- In the **IP Address** field, enter 255.255.255.255 as the IP broadcast address to broadcast packets to all of the local network addresses.
- In the **Port** field, enter the port number to use for communication between the output node engine and master engine.

The default port is **7575**.

Broadcast IP

If using the **Broadcast IP** option, do the following:

- In the **IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the broadcast network.

This address is used as an IP filter. For example, if the system is set up to function in a 192.168.1.XXX space, use 192.168.1.255 as the IP address to indicate that devices could be located anywhere between 192.168.1.1 and 192.168.1.254. This also ensures that if dual network cards are used, and one of the cards is on a different network address range, Tessera synchronization traffic will not be broadcast to the public side of the network.

Select **Retrieve** to have XPression determine the subnet to use for broadcasting.

- In the **Port** field, enter the port number to use for communication between the output node engine and master engine.

The default port is **7575**.

Multicast

If using the **Multicast** option, do the following:

- In the **IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the broadcast network.

Select **Retrieve** to have XPression determine the subnet to use for broadcasting.

- In the **Port** field, enter the port number to use for communication between the output node engine and master engine.

The default port is **7575**.

- In the **Interface** field, enter the IP address of the machine from which the broadcast will come.

6. Select **OK**.

The output node engine settings are applied and the dialog closes.

7. Repeat steps 1 to 6 for any other output node engines in the system.

Setting Up the Master Engine

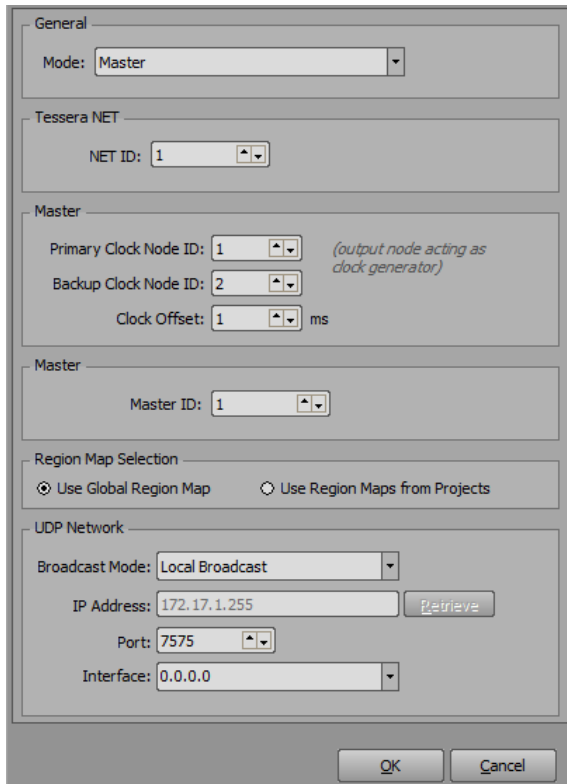
The master engine can only be configured in Studio versions. Only one master can be configured, and there should be no hardware channels, virtual outputs, or server channels in the hardware profile. They should all be blank.

For the controlling master engine, use the **Tessera Settings** dialog to configure the master engine settings.

To set up the master engine:

1. In XPression on the master engine, select **Edit > Tessera > Settings**.

The **Tessera Settings** dialog opens.



The screenshot shows the Tessera Settings dialog box with the following sections and controls:

- General**: Mode: Master (dropdown)
- Tessera NET**: NET ID: 1 (spin box)
- Master**: Primary Clock Node ID: 1 (spin box), Backup Clock Node ID: 2 (spin box), Clock Offset: 1 ms (spin box). A note next to the Primary Clock Node ID reads: *(output node acting as clock generator)*
- Master**: Master ID: 1 (spin box)
- Region Map Selection**: Use Global Region Map, Use Region Maps from Projects
- UDP Network**: Broadcast Mode: Local Broadcast (dropdown), IP Address: 172.17.1.255 (text field with Retrieve button), Port: 7575 (spin box), Interface: 0.0.0.0 (dropdown)

Buttons: OK, Cancel

2. In the **General** section, from the **Mode** drop-down, select **Master**.

The **Master** and **UDP Network** sections become available for configuration.

The screenshot shows a configuration dialog box with several sections. The 'General' section has a 'Mode' dropdown set to 'Master'. The 'Tessera NET' section has a 'NET ID' dropdown set to '1'. The 'Master' section has 'Primary Clock Node ID' set to '1', 'Backup Clock Node ID' set to '2', and 'Clock Offset' set to '1 ms'. A note next to the Primary Clock Node ID field says '(output node acting as clock generator)'. Below this is another 'Master' section with 'Master ID' set to '1'. The 'Region Map Selection' section has two radio buttons: 'Use Global Region Map' (selected) and 'Use Region Maps from Projects'. The 'UDP Network' section has 'Broadcast Mode' set to 'Local Broadcast', 'IP Address' set to '239.1.1.1', 'Port' set to '7575', and 'Interface' set to '0.0.0.0'. There is a 'Retrieve' button next to the IP Address field. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

3. In the **Tessera NET** section, in the **NET ID** field, enter or select a NET ID if using multiple master/node combinations in parallel on the same network.
4. In the **Master** section, in the **Primary Clock Node ID** field, enter or select the primary engine node ID to set the clock for all the engines.

For a single controller setup, the **Primary Clock Node ID** will only be set to **1**.

5. In the **Backup Clock Node ID** field, enter or select an output node engine ID as the backup for the Tessera master should the **Primary Clock Node ID** enter a non-responsive state (**Output Node Timed Out, No Communication, or Unknown**).
6. In the **Region Map Selection** section, select one of the following:
 - **Use Global Region Map** — use region maps saved globally on the engine.
 - **Use Region Maps from Projects** — use region maps stored in a project file (required for [Multicast broadcast](#)).

★ Using region maps from projects requires a project server.

7. In the **UDP Network** section, from the **Broadcast Mode** drop-down, select one of the following broadcast modes and then follow the instructions in the link to configure the IP address and port:
 - [Local Broadcast](#) — broadcast packets to all local network addresses.
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Local Broadcast

If using the **Local Broadcast** option, do the following:

- In the **IP Address** field, enter 255.255.255.255 as the IP broadcast address to broadcast packets to all of the local network addresses.
- In the **Port** field, enter the port number to use for communication between the master and output node engines.

The default port is **7575**.

Broadcast IP

If using the **Broadcast IP** option, do the following:

- In the **IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the broadcast network.

This address is used as an IP filter. For example, if the system is set up to function in a 192.168.1.XXX space, use 192.168.1.255 as the IP address to indicate that devices could be located anywhere between 192.168.1.1 and 192.168.1.254. This also ensures that if dual network cards are used, and one of the cards is on a different network address range, Tessera synchronization traffic will not be broadcast to the public side of the network.

Select **Retrieve** to have XPression determine the subnet to use for broadcasting.

- In the **Port** field, enter the port number to use for communication between the master and the output node engines.

The default port is **7575**.

Multicast

If using the **Multicast** option, do the following:

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Select **Retrieve** to have XPression determine the subnet to use for broadcasting.

- In the **Port** field, enter the port number to use for communication between the output node engine and master engine.

The default port is **7575**.

- In the **Interface** field, enter the IP address of the machine from which the broadcast will come.

8. Select **OK**.

The master engine settings are applied and the dialog closes.

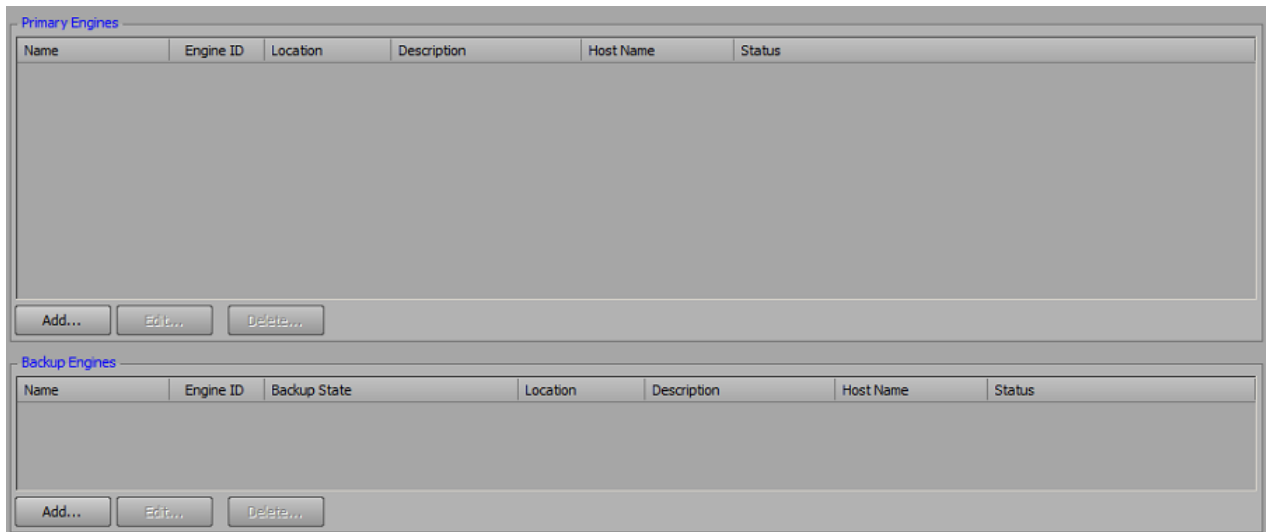
Tessera Output Nodes

Use the XPression Tessera Output Nodes dialog box to direct the master device to the XPression output engines (configured as output nodes). Output nodes are only configurable in Studio versions.

To configure the output nodes:

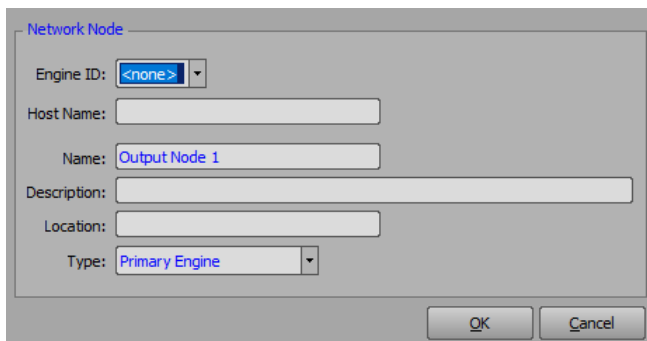
1. In XPression on the master device, select **Edit > Tessera > Output Nodes**.

The **XPression Tessera Output Nodes** dialog opens.



2. Select **Add** to add a network node to the **Network Nodes** list.

The **XPression Tessera Network Node** dialog opens.



3. From the **Engine ID** drop-down, select the output node engine ID for the output node.
4. In the **Host Name** field, enter the UNC or IP address of the network to connect the output engines.
5. In the **Name** field, enter a custom name for the output node if necessary.
6. In the **Description** field, enter a brief description for the output node if necessary.
7. In the **Location** field, define the physical location of the engine if necessary.

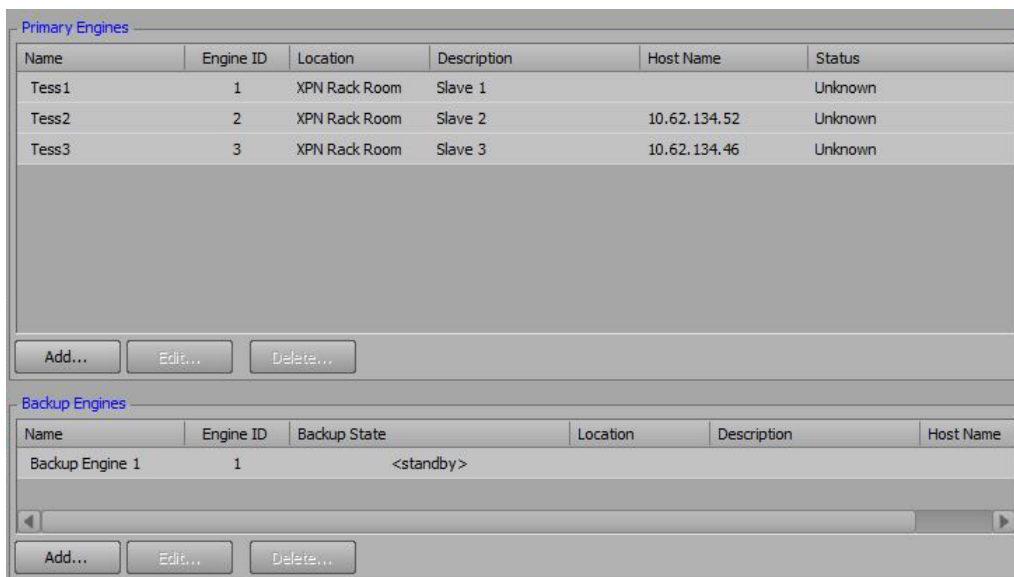
8. From the **Type** drop-down, select the engine type.

The options are:

- **Primary Engine** — use the network node as a primary engine. The primary engine is used to direct the master device to the XPression output engines (configured as output nodes).
- **Backup Engine** — use the network node as a backup engine. In the event that a primary engine is unavailable, the backup engine is used to direct the master device to the XPression output engines (configured as output nodes). The engine ID of the backup engine should be matched with a primary engine that uses the same engine ID.

9. Select **OK**.

Primary engines are added to the **Primary Engines** list and backup engines are added to the **Backup Engines** list.



10. Repeat steps 1 to 9 for any other output engines.

Using Clips with Tessera Multiple Engine Mode

When using clips with Tessera multiple engine mode, ensure that the **XPression Clip Store Manager** is running on all engines. The master engine then needs to sync its contents to the **Clip Stores** on all the other engines so that they all have the same clip assets available.

Using DataLinq with Tessera Multiple Engine Mode

When using DataLinq with Tessera multiple engine mode, the **XPression DataLinq Server** only needs to run on the master engine.

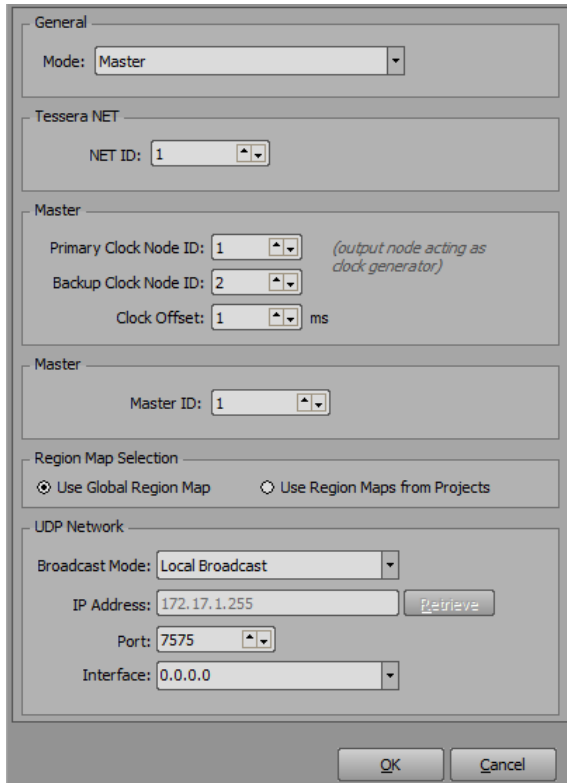
Tessera Single Engine Mode

Use the Tessera single engine option to enable local area mapping within an XPression system.

To set up a single engine system:

1. In XPression on the master engine, select **Edit > Tessera > Settings**.

The **Tessera Settings** dialog opens.



The screenshot shows the Tessera Settings dialog box with the following fields and options:

- General**: Mode: Master (dropdown)
- Tessera NET**: NET ID: 1 (spin box)
- Master**: Primary Clock Node ID: 1 (spin box), Backup Clock Node ID: 2 (spin box), Clock Offset: 1 (spin box) ms. A note next to the Primary Clock Node ID field reads: *(output node acting as clock generator)*
- Master**: Master ID: 1 (spin box)
- Region Map Selection**: Use Global Region Map, Use Region Maps from Projects
- UDP Network**: Broadcast Mode: Local Broadcast (dropdown), IP Address: 172.17.1.255 (text field) with a Retrieve button, Port: 7575 (spin box), Interface: 0.0.0.0 (dropdown)

Buttons: OK, Cancel

2. In the **General** section, from the **Mode** drop-down, select **Single Engine**.

The screenshot shows the Tesseract Settings dialog box with the following configuration:

- General:** Mode: Single Engine
- Tessera NET:** NET ID: 1
- Master:** Primary Clock Node ID: 1 (output node acting as clock generator), Backup Clock Node ID: 2, Clock Offset: 1 ms
- Output Node:** Engine ID: 1
- Region Map Selection:** Use Global Region Map (selected), Use Region Maps from Projects
- UDP Network:** Broadcast Mode: Local Broadcast, IP Address: 172.17.1.255, Port: 7575, Interface: 0.0.0.0

3. In the **Region Map Selection** section, select one of the following:
 - **Use Global Region Map** — use region maps saved globally on the engine.
 - **Use Region Maps from Projects** — use region maps stored in a project file.

★ Using region maps from projects requires a project server.

4. Select **OK**.

The **Tessera Settings** dialog closes.

In single engine mode, there are no output nodes to configure.

Region Mapping

Use the **XPression Tessera Region Mapper** to map the sources, destinations, and regions. Region mapping is only configurable in Studio versions.

Destination regions are used to display a source that is mapped to it once the sources have been configured.

Source regions are used to select specific sections or portions of a source in order to add them to a specific playback destination.

Multiple sources can be mapped to multiple regions within the destination, which is then outputted to a channel on the output engine. For example, to stitch together multiple full resolution channels into one logical channel, create a region of the full resolution of the output channel, starting it at pixel coordinate width **0**, height **0**.

Once source regions are configured, they need to be mapped to a destination. Mapping indicates to each engine which area of the overall scene is to be rendered.

[Configuring a Destination Region Layout](#)

[Configuring a Source Region Layout](#)

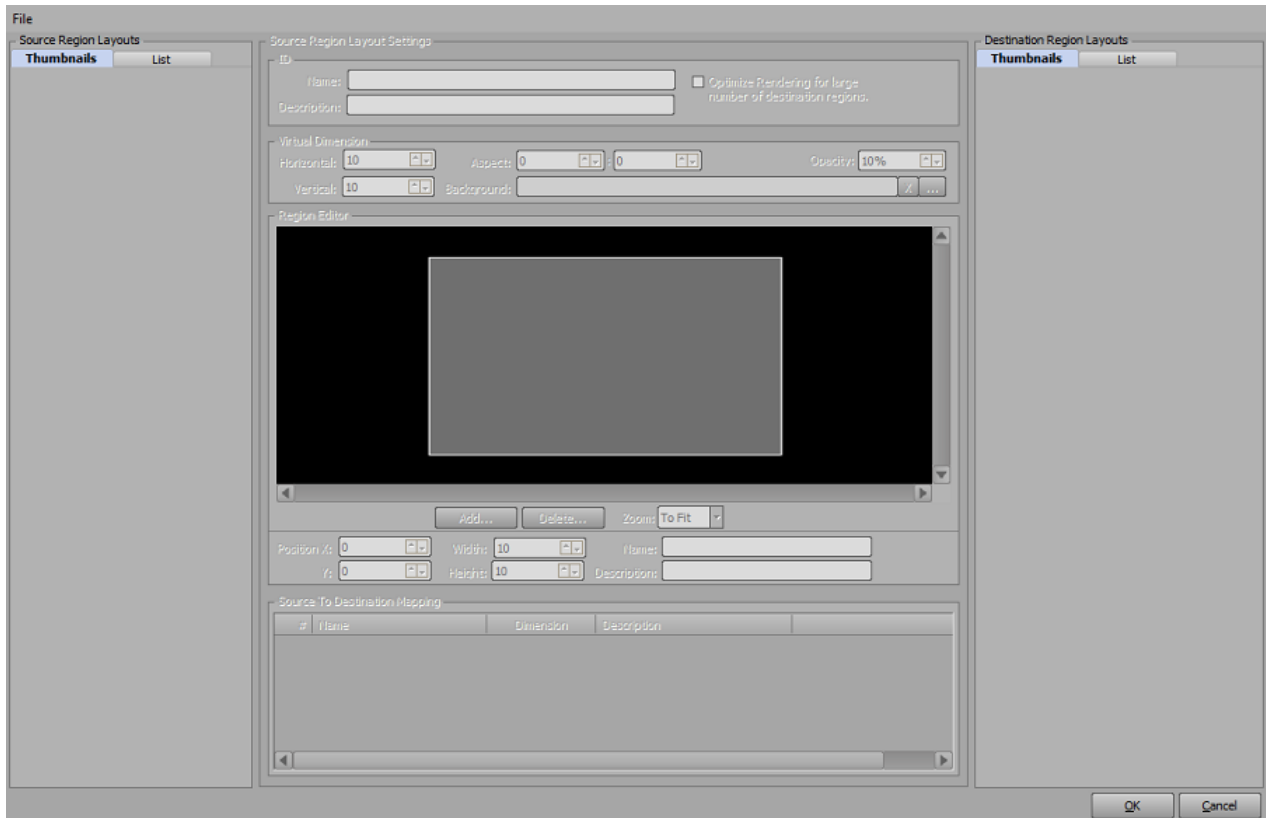
[Mapping a Source to a Destination](#)

Configuring a Destination Region Layout

To configure a destination region layout:

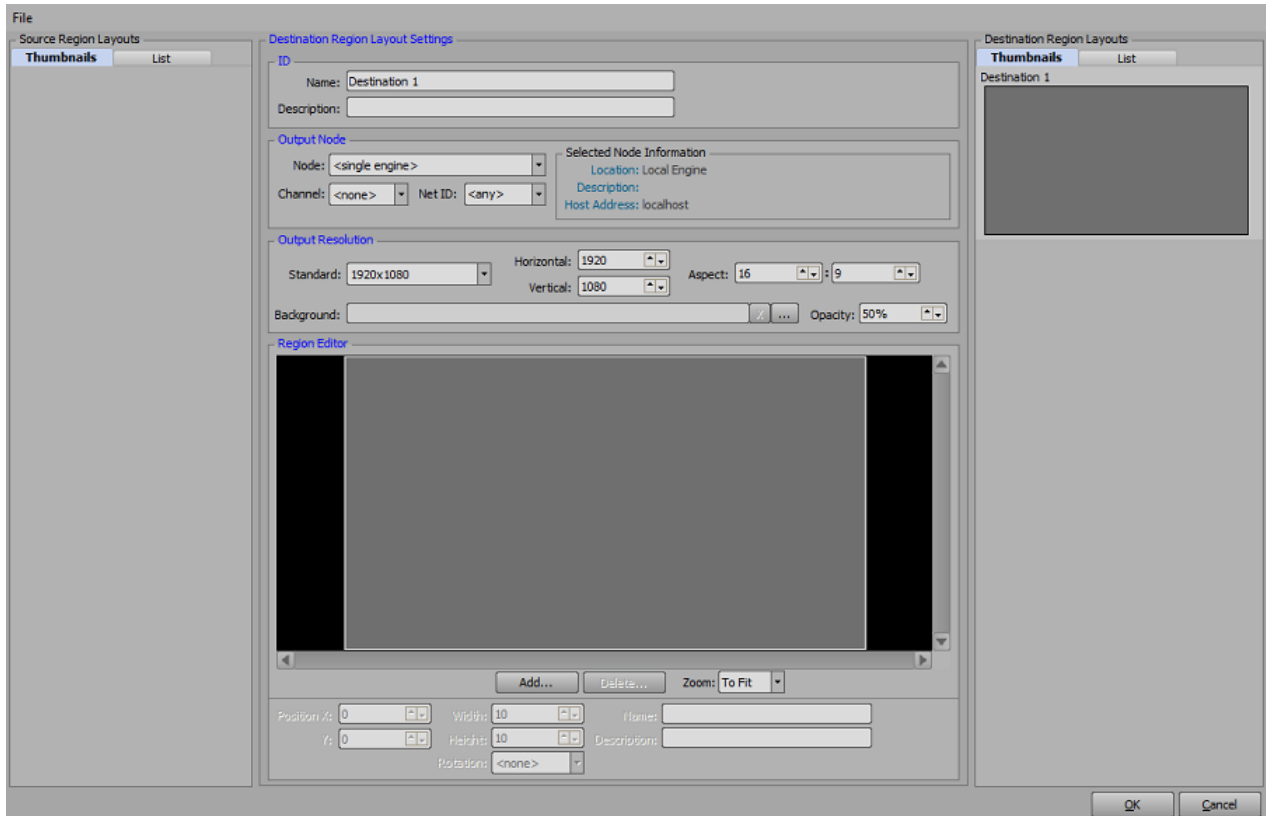
1. In XPression on the master device, select **Edit > Tessera > Region Mapping** (or press **Shift+Ctrl+Alt+R**).

The **XPression Tessera Region Mapper** opens.



2. In the **Destination Region Layouts** section, right-click and select **Add Destination** from the shortcut menu.

A new destination is added to the **Destination Region Layouts** list.



3. In the **Destination Region Layout Settings** section, configure the source ID, output node, output resolution, and regions.
4. Repeat steps 2 to 3 to add more destinations as necessary.

The destination is the playback channel.

To configure the source ID:

1. In the **ID** section, in the **Name** field, enter a custom name for the destination.

Assuming the output resolution is the same as what is displayed, it is recommended to give it a name. Enter a name that makes sense within the system (for example, CG 1-1, which might indicate output node 1-first output channel, etc.).

2. In the **Description** field, enter a description of the destination.

To configure the Output Node:

1. In the **Output Node** section, from the **Node** drop-down, select the output node of the output engine to be used to output the destination.

The list is populated by the output nodes previously configured in the XPression Tessera Output Nodes dialog, or if using Tessera in single engine mode, is restricted to <local engine>.

2. From the **Channel** drop-down, select a playback channel on the output engine for outputting the destination region.

Although there are 12 channels in the list, the number of usable channels is dependent on the number of channels available on the output engine.

3. If using multiple Tessera SE or Tessera Master systems in a MOS workflow, from the **Net ID** drop-down, select a net ID to indicate to which Tessera system the MOS object should be sent.

To configure the Output Resolution:

1. In the **Output Resolution** section, from the **Standard** drop-down, select a standard pixel dimension or select **Custom** to use a custom resolution.
2. If using a custom resolution, in the **Horizontal** and **Vertical** fields, enter or select the dimensions for the custom resolution.

Also, simply entering or selecting a different value will automatically select **Custom** from the **Standard** drop-down.

3. In the two **Aspect** fields, enter or select the aspect ratio for the destination.

These fields are automatically entered if the **Standard** output resolution is selected.

4. In the **Opacity** field, enter or select the transparency value for the background image.
5. Select **Browse** (...) to locate and select a file to use as the background in the destination, or enter a file path in the **Background** field.

Backgrounds are used as a reference to clearly delineate between regions and color code them as desired (for example, red regions can represent advertisements, blue regions can represent stats, etc.). Do this by creating an image file that fits the canvas and is representative of the regions.

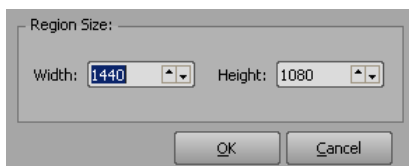
To configure a Region:

1. From the **Zoom** drop-down, select a percentage size of the destination canvas to display in the **Region Editor** display.

Selecting **To Fit** will size the canvas to fit the size of the **Region Editor** display.

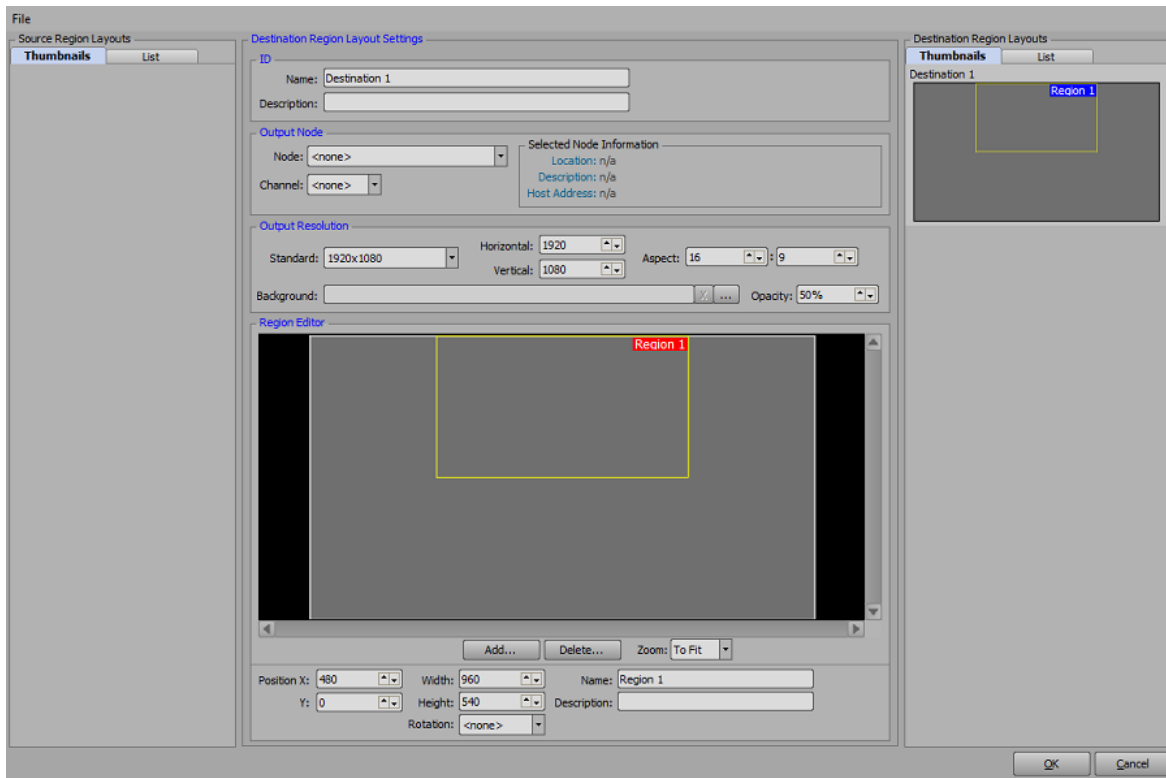
2. In the **Region Editor** section, select **Add** to create a destination region.

The **New Region** dialog opens.



3. In the **Width** and **Height** fields, enter or select a size (in pixels) for the new region and select **OK**.

A region is added to the destination canvas in the **Region Editor** display and a thumbnail image is added to the **Destination Region Layouts** list.



4. In the **Position X** and **Y** fields, enter the coordinates to adjust the location of the region along the X-axis and Y-axis within the destination canvas.
5. In the **Width** and **Height** fields, enter the desired size (in pixels) of the region.
6. From the **Rotation** drop-down, select a degree of rotation for the region.

The options are:

- **<none>** — apply no degree of rotation to the selected region.
- **90 degrees**
- **180 degrees**
- **270 degrees**

★ The rotation is only visible on the output and not in the region editor.

7. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the region.
8. In the **Description** field, enter a description about the region.
9. Repeat steps 2 to 8 to add more regions to the destination as necessary.

To copy and paste a region:

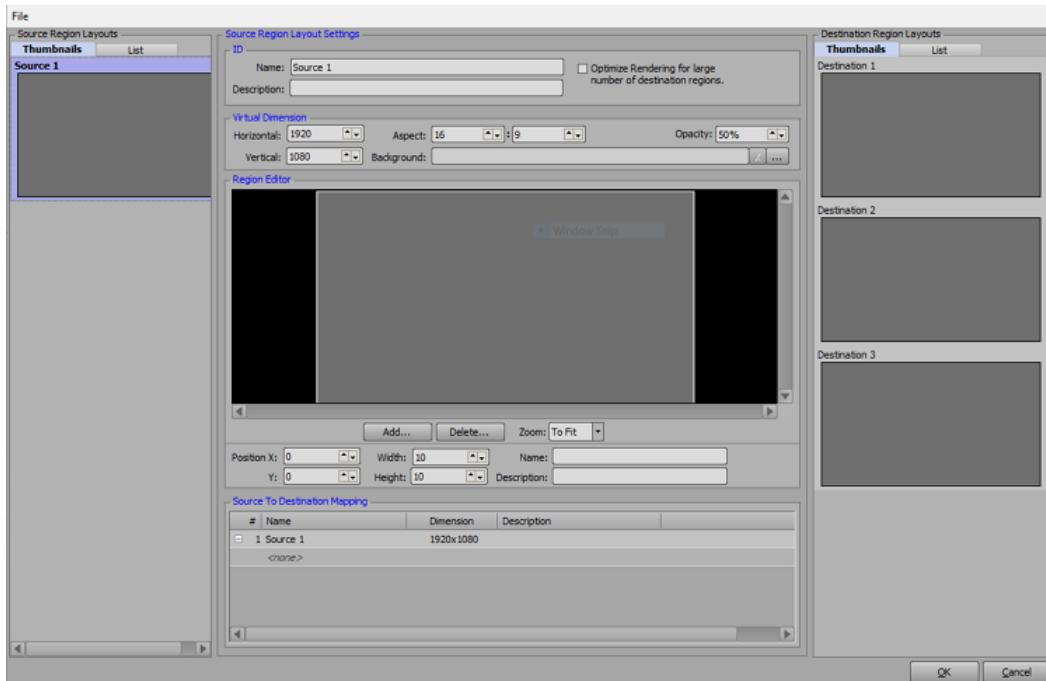
1. Right-click on a region in the **Region Editor** and select **Copy Region** from the shortcut menu.
2. Right-click in the same or a different **Region Editor** and select **Paste Region** from the shortcut menu.

Configuring a Source Region Layout

To configure a source region layout:

1. In the **Source Region Layouts** section, right-click and select **Add Source** from the shortcut menu.

A new source is added to the **Source Region Layouts** list. Sources in the list can be dragged and dropped into a different order.



2. In the **Source Region Layout Settings** section, configure the source ID, virtual dimensions, regions, and mapping.

Because Tesseract renders one single scene to multiple output channels, there is no single channel in which to render. So a virtual channel must be created, called a source.

To configure the source ID:

1. In the **ID** section, in the **Name** field, enter a custom name for the source.
2. In the **Description** field, enter a custom description of the source.
3. Select the **Optimize Rendering for large number of destination regions** checkbox for high performance rendering when a source is mapped to many destination regions and the scene size is extremely wide or tall.

This is useful in ribbon board workflows, etc.

To configure the virtual dimensions:

1. In the **Virtual Dimension** section, in the **Horizontal** and **Vertical** fields, enter or select the horizontal and vertical dimensions (in pixels) for the source.
2. In the two **Aspect** fields, enter or select the aspect ratio for the source.

The **Virtual Dimension** and **Aspect** fields automatically data-fill depending on which is configured first. For example, aspect ratios do not need to be manually calculated if the dimensions have been entered.

3. In the **Opacity** field, enter or select the percentage of opacity for the selected background.
4. Select **Browse (...)** to locate and select a file to use as the background in the source, or enter a file path in the **Background** field.

Backgrounds are used as a reference to clearly delineate between regions and color code them as desired (for example, red regions can represent advertisements, blue regions can represent stats, etc.). Do this by creating an image file that fits the canvas and is representative of the regions.

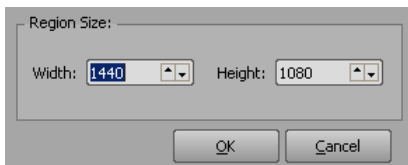
To configure a region:

1. Use the **Zoom** drop-down to select a percentage size of the region dimension to display in the Region Editor display.

Selecting **To Fit** will size the source to fit the size of the Region Editor display.

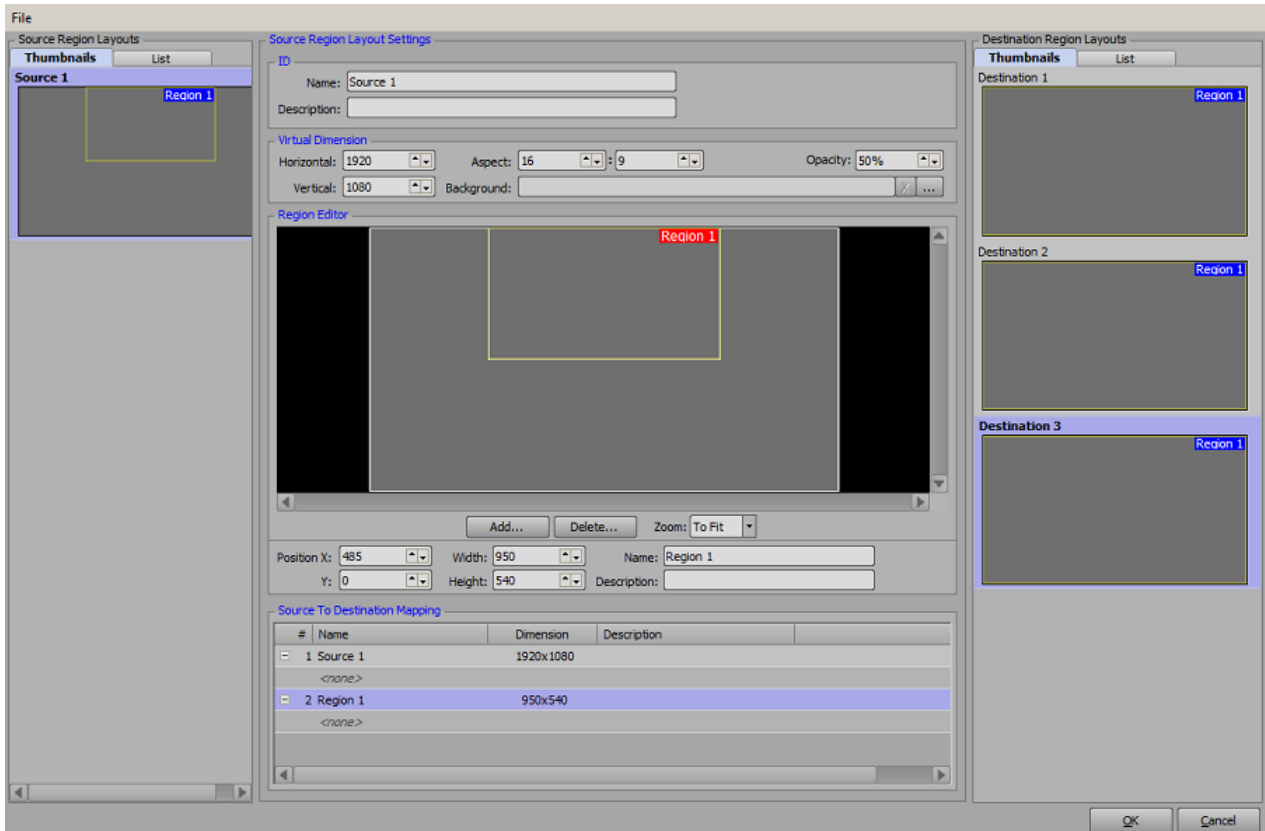
2. In the **Region Editor** section, select **Add** to create a source region.

The **New Region** dialog opens.



3. In the **Width** and **Height** fields, enter or select a size (in pixels) for the new region and select **OK**.

A region is added to the source canvas in the **Region Editor** display, and the **Source To Destination Mapping** list, and a thumbnail image is added to the **Sources** list.



4. In the **Position X** and **Y** fields, enter coordinates to adjust the location of the region along the X-axis and Y-axis within the source canvas.

5. In the **Width** and **Height** fields, enter the desired size (in pixels) of the region.
6. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the region.
7. In the **Description** field, enter a description of the region.
8. Repeat steps 2 to 7 for any other source region layouts as necessary.

To duplicate a source region layout:

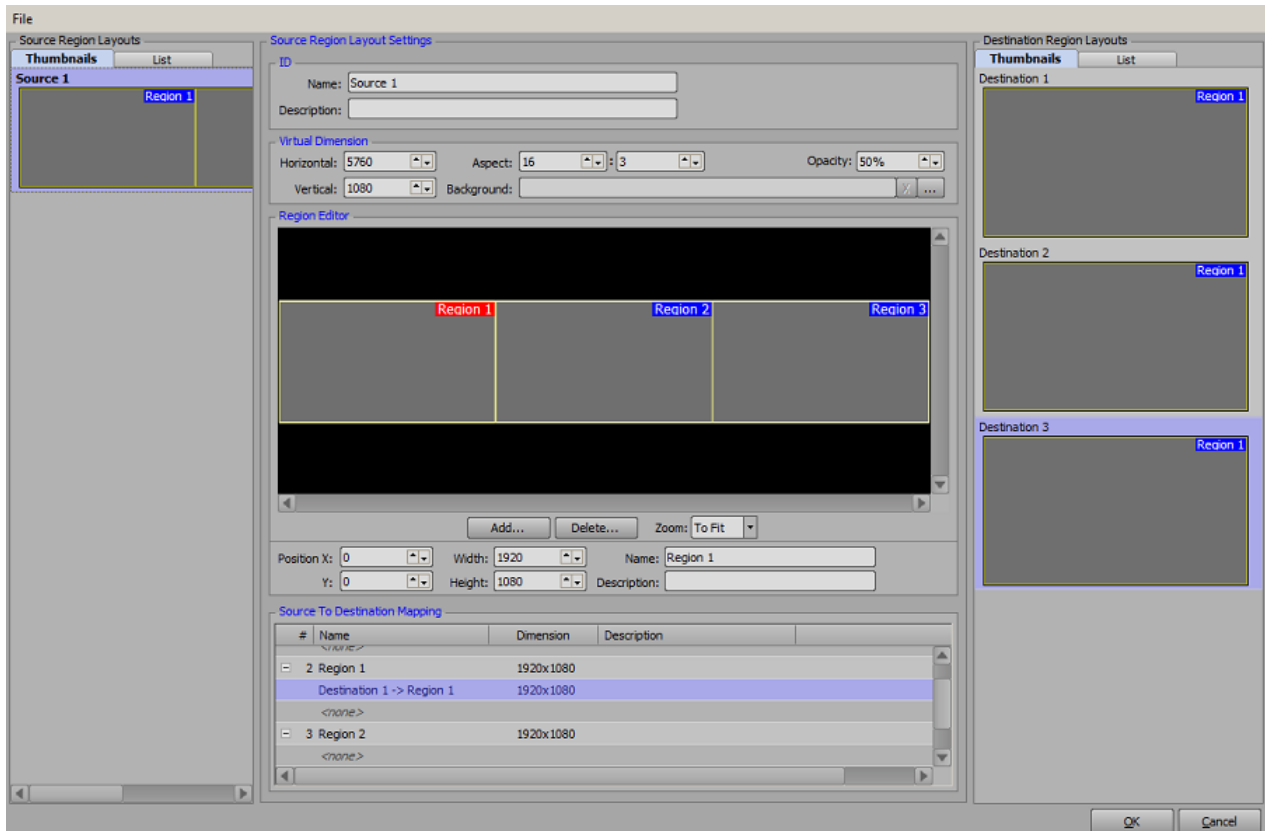
- Right-click a source and from the shortcut menu, select **Duplicate Source**.

Mapping a Source to a Destination

To map a source to a destination:

1. In the **Source To Destination Mapping** table, select **<none>** under a source **Region** and from the drop-down, select the desired playback destination or destination region for the source region.

If mapping the source to the entire destination canvas, select the destination. If mapping the source to a region within the destination canvas, select the specific region within the destination.



2. Repeat step 1 for all regions in the table.
3. Select **File > Save To File** to save the region mapping to an **.xprgm** file.

To copy and paste a region:

1. Right-click on a region in the **Region Editor** and select **Copy Region** from the shortcut menu.
2. Right-click in the same or a different **Region Editor** and select **Paste Region** from the shortcut menu.

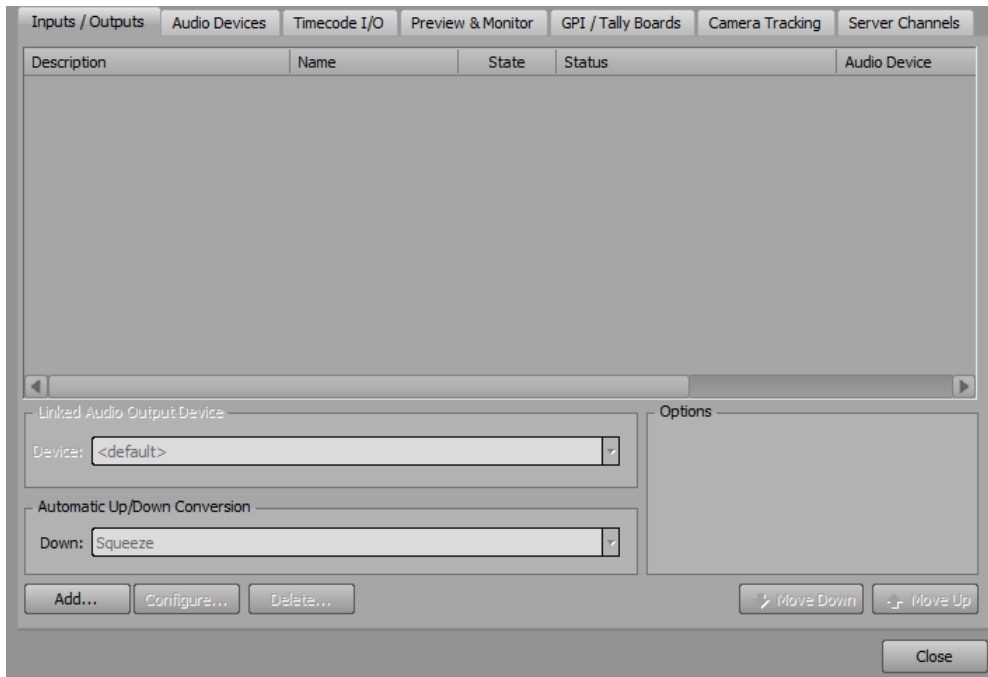
Using a Preview Output on a Tessera Master

The Tessera master can use local framebuffers as a preview output.

To set up a preview output:

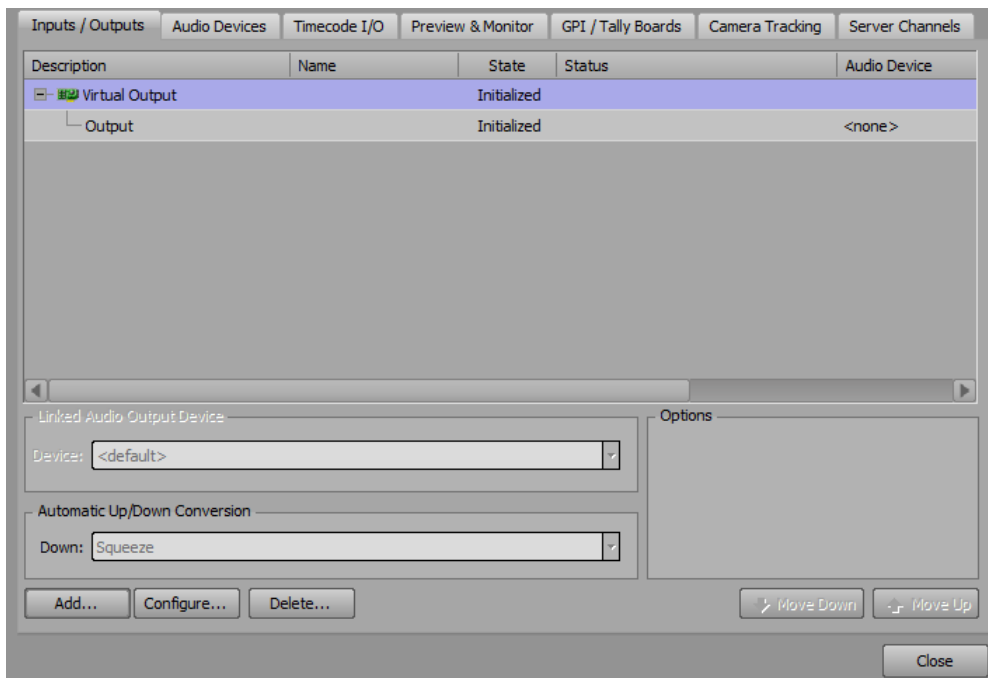
1. On the Tessera master, select **Edit > Hardware Setup**.

The **Hardware Setup** dialog opens.



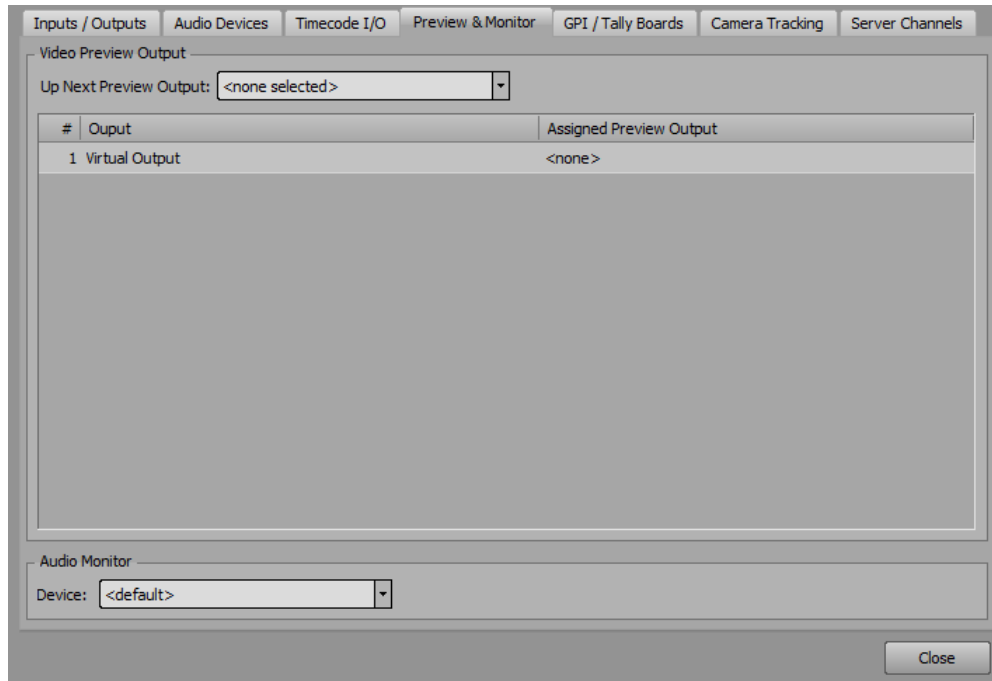
2. Configure an output.

The output is added to the **Inputs / Outputs** list.



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

The **Preview & Monitor** tab opens.



4. In the **Video Preview Output** section, from the **Up Next Preview Output** drop-down, select the output to use for the Tesseract master preview.

For More Information on...

- configuring a framebuffer output, refer to the *XPression User Guide*.

Scenes

Projects can be designed as they are always designed in XPression, with a couple of caveats:

- Orthogonal cameras cannot be used in combination with Tessera.
- Background objects cannot be used in combination with Tessera.

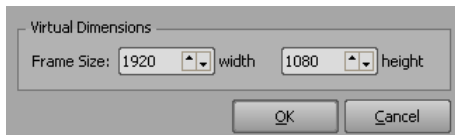
These objects are not compatible with how Tessera renders the scene.

Any size of scene can be used. It typically makes sense to have the aspect of the source scenes match the aspect of the destination.

To create a custom size scene:

1. Right-click inside the **Scene Manager** and select **New > Custom Size Scene** from the shortcut menu.

The **New Scene** dialog opens.



2. In the **Virtual Dimensions** section, in the Width field, enter or select the width (in pixels) of the new scene.
3. In the **Height** field, enter or select the height (in pixels) for the new scene.

The **Area Mapping** table is not applicable in the Tessera workflow.

4. Select **OK** to create the new scene with the defined settings.

The **New Scene** dialog closes and the new scene is added to the **Scene Manager** window below the scene or scene group selected in the scene list.

Saving a Project

Saving projects varies depending on whether Tessera uses multiple engines (master and output nodes) or a single engine.

Multiple Engines

Tessera using multiple engines uses the Project Server to automatically sync the project amongst the render engines (output nodes). To enable this mechanism it is required that certain steps are completed.

To enable the Save Project and Publish To Project Server button:

1. Save the project to disk.
2. Save the project to the project server.
3. Deploy the project in XPression.
4. Select the **Save Project and Publish To Project Server** button (📁) to save the project and ensure all systems are queued to sync.

Single Engine

If using Tessera with a single engine, the Project Server is not required and saving the project to disk is sufficient.

To save a project using a single engine:

- Save the project to disk.

Saving Region Mappings

Individual region mappings can be saved and loaded in the XPression Tessera Region Mapper.

To save a region mapping:

1. In the **XPression Tessera Region Mapper**, select **File > Save To File**.

The **Save As** file browser opens.

2. Select a folder for the file and select **Save** to save the region mapping to an **.xprgm** region mapper file.

To load a saved file:

- In the **XPression Tessera Region Mapper**, select **File > Load From File**.

Tessera Backup System

This section describes the **XPression Tessera Output Nodes** status list and its use in monitoring the status of the Tessera primary and backup nodes and assigning a backup node to act as a primary node. The **XPression Tessera Output Nodes** status list can be used to determine if a Tessera system is active and ready to be used.

To determine if a system is ready, confirm that all output nodes show a status of **Output Node Running** and display the correct number of **Projects Loaded**. If a primary or backup node shows **Output Node Running** and has the correct number of projects loaded, it is ready to receive commands from the Tessera master.

The **Backup Clock Node** and **Backup Tessera Master** methods and maintaining the backup system are also described.

The following topics are discussed:

[Tessera Output Nodes Status List](#)

[Using a Backup Node](#)

[Using the Keyboard/GPI Map to Assign Backup Nodes](#)

[Video Routing](#)

[Backup Tessera Output Node Maintenance](#)

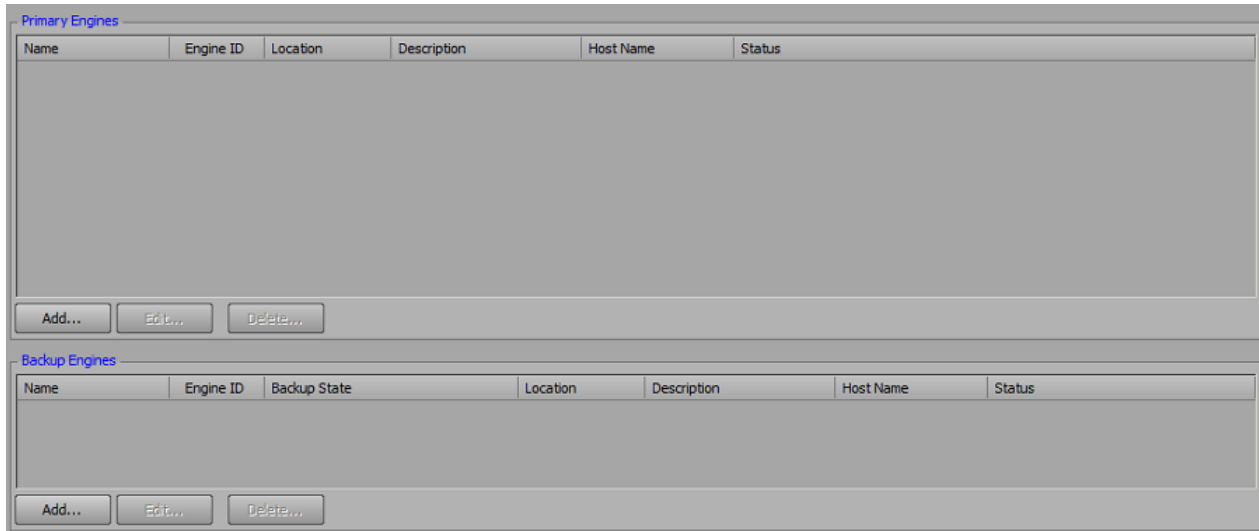
[Backup Clock Node](#)

[Using a Backup Tessera Master](#)

[Backup Tessera Master Maintenance](#)

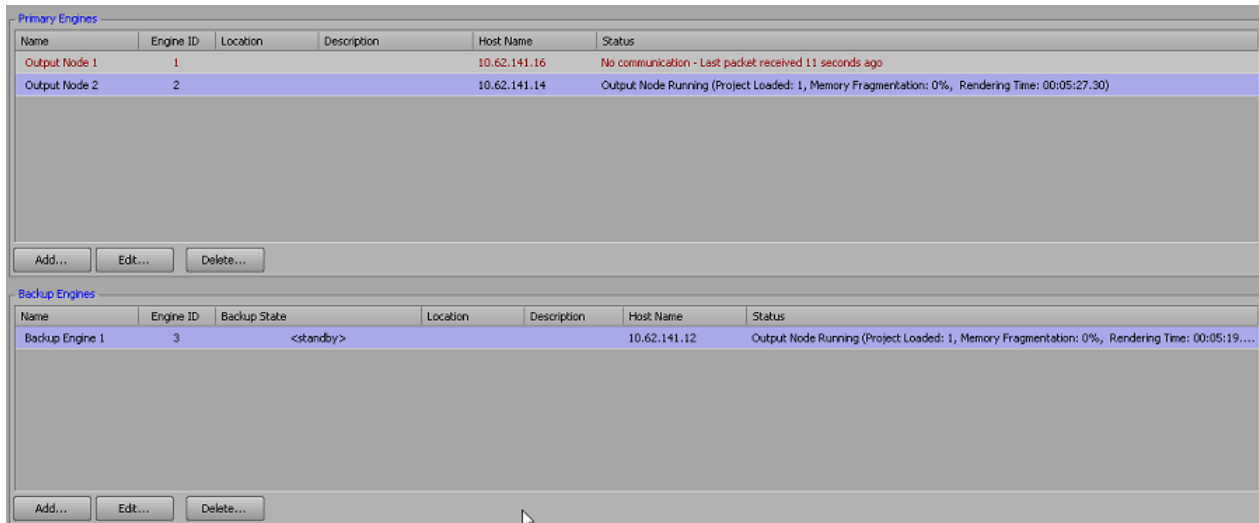
Tessera Output Nodes Status List

Open the XPression Tessera Output Nodes window and access the Tessera output nodes status list on the master engine by selecting **Edit > Tessera > Output Nodes**.



This window lists all the primary and backup output nodes to which the Tessera master is connected.

The output nodes are divided by **Primary Engines** and **Backup Engines**. Primary engines are actively being used by the Tessera master and the backup engines can be assigned a backup state at any time. By default, backup engines will be in the **<standby>** state.



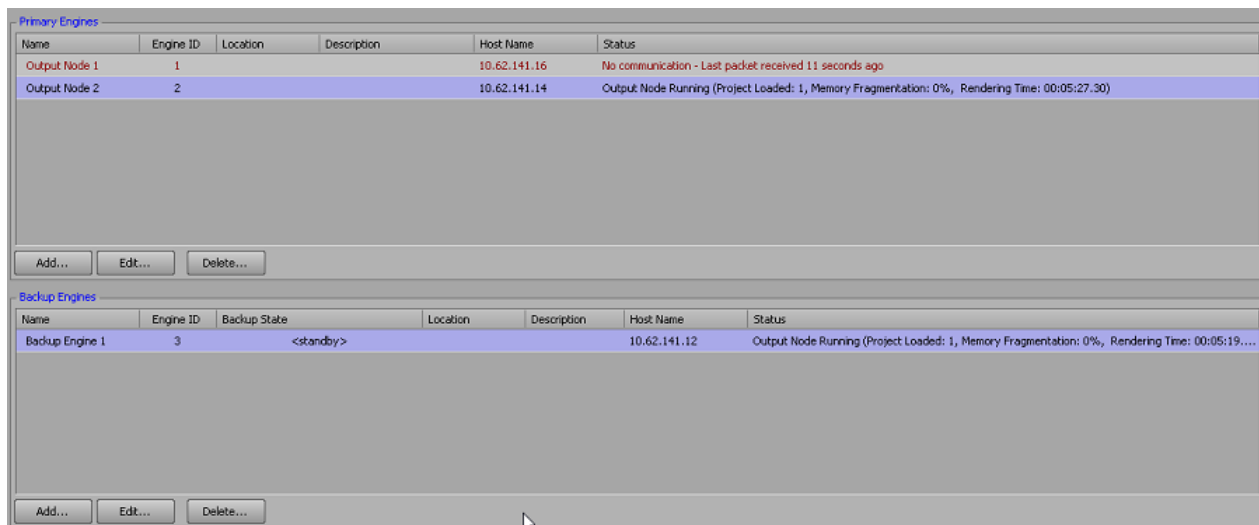
Primary & Backup Nodes

In the **Primary Engines** and **Backup Engines** lists are the configured primary and backup nodes respectively.

- **Name** — the name of the node. Does not affect operation. For example, Left Mainboard Engine.
- **Engine ID** — the Tessera output node engine ID set in the Tessera output node configuration on each node (Primary or Backup).
- **Location** — the location of the node. Does not affect operation. For example, Rack 10 Row 20.
- **Description** — a description of the node. Does not affect operation. For example, node used for interior boards.
- **Host Name** — the IP address or host name of the Tessera node running XPression Studio or BlueBox.
- **Status** — displays the status of the node. See [Node Status](#) below for more information.

Node Status

Tessera primary and output nodes will continuously send the Tessera master a status message when running.



The screenshot displays two tables within a software interface. The top table, titled 'Primary Engines', has columns for Name, Engine ID, Location, Description, Host Name, and Status. It lists two nodes: 'Output Node 1' (Engine ID 1, Host Name 10.62.141.16, Status: No communication - Last packet received 11 seconds ago) and 'Output Node 2' (Engine ID 2, Host Name 10.62.141.14, Status: Output Node Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 00:05:27.30)). Below this table are 'Add...', 'Edit...', and 'Delete...' buttons. The bottom table, titled 'Backup Engines', has columns for Name, Engine ID, Backup State, Location, Description, Host Name, and Status. It lists one node: 'Backup Engine 1' (Engine ID 3, Backup State <standby>, Host Name 10.62.141.12, Status: Output Node Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 00:05:19...)). Below this table are also 'Add...', 'Edit...', and 'Delete...' buttons.

Name	Engine ID	Location	Description	Host Name	Status
Output Node 1	1			10.62.141.16	No communication - Last packet received 11 seconds ago
Output Node 2	2			10.62.141.14	Output Node Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 00:05:27.30)

Name	Engine ID	Backup State	Location	Description	Host Name	Status
Backup Engine 1	3	<standby>			10.62.141.12	Output Node Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 00:05:19...

There are four possible statuses that can be shown in the XPression Tessera Output Nodes status list:

- **Output Node Running** — the output node is running XPression Studio or BlueBox and is sending status packets.
 - **Projects Loaded** — number of projects loaded in the output node.
 - **Memory Fragmentation** — memory usage of XPression on the output node.
 - **Rendering Time** — uptime of the output node XPression Studio or BlueBox software application.
- **Output Node Timed Out** — the output node has stopped sending status messages. If an output node enters this state, the Tessera master will stop waiting for this node to respond to commands. Possible cause: XPression Studio or BlueBox is in a non-responsive state.

- **No Communication** — the Tessera master has not received status packets from the node in 15 seconds or more.

Possible causes:

- Network communication lost.
- XPression Studio or BlueBox has not been closed since being launched.

- **Unknown** — the Tessera master has not yet received any status packets from the output node.

Possible cause: XPression Studio or BlueBox has not been launched on that output node since the Tessera master has been active.

Using a Backup Node

Backup Engines can be activated without interrupting or changing the behavior of the Tessera system. Backup Engines can be used as warm or hot backups. A warm backup can be assigned any Primary Engine ID and a hot backup can be left running in parallel with any Primary Engine ID.

To use a backup node:

1. On the XPression Tessera master, select **Edit > Tessera > Output Nodes**.

The **XPression Tessera Output Nodes** window opens.

2. In the **Backup Engines** list, select a backup engine.
3. Select the **Backup State** column.

The **Backup State** column displays a drop-down menu that lists all the primary engines from the **Primary Engines** list by name and engine ID.

4. Select a primary engine for the backup state.

The screenshot shows two windows from the XPression Tessera interface. The top window, titled "Primary Engines", contains a table with the following data:

Name	Engine ID	Location	Description	Host Name	Status
Output Node 1	1			172.16.3.6	Output Node Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 03:57:57.43)
Output Node 2	2			172.16.3.7	Output Node Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 01:48:20.09)
Output Node 3	3			172.16.3.8	Output Node Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 03:57:41.59)

Below the table are buttons for "Add...", "Edit...", and "Delete...".

The bottom window, titled "Backup Engines", contains a table with the following data:

Name	Engine ID	Backup State	Location	Description	Host Name	Status
Backup Engine 1	7	<standby>			172.16.3.12	Slave Running (Project Loaded: 1, Memory Fragmentation: 0%, Rendering Time: 173:39:55.42)

A dropdown menu is open under the "Backup State" column, showing the following options:

- <standby>
- Output Node 1 (Physical ID: 1)
- Output Node 2 (Physical ID: 2)
- Output Node 3 (Physical ID: 3)

Buttons for "Add...", "Edit...", and "Delete..." are visible at the bottom of the window.

The backup engine will now respond to all commands from the Tessera master that are assigned to that engine ID.

- If the primary engine is in **Output Node Running** status, both the primary engine and backup engine assigned to it will run in parallel (hot backup).
- If the primary engine is in **Output Node Timed Out/No Communication** or **Unknown** the Tessera master will only wait for the backup engine for playout.

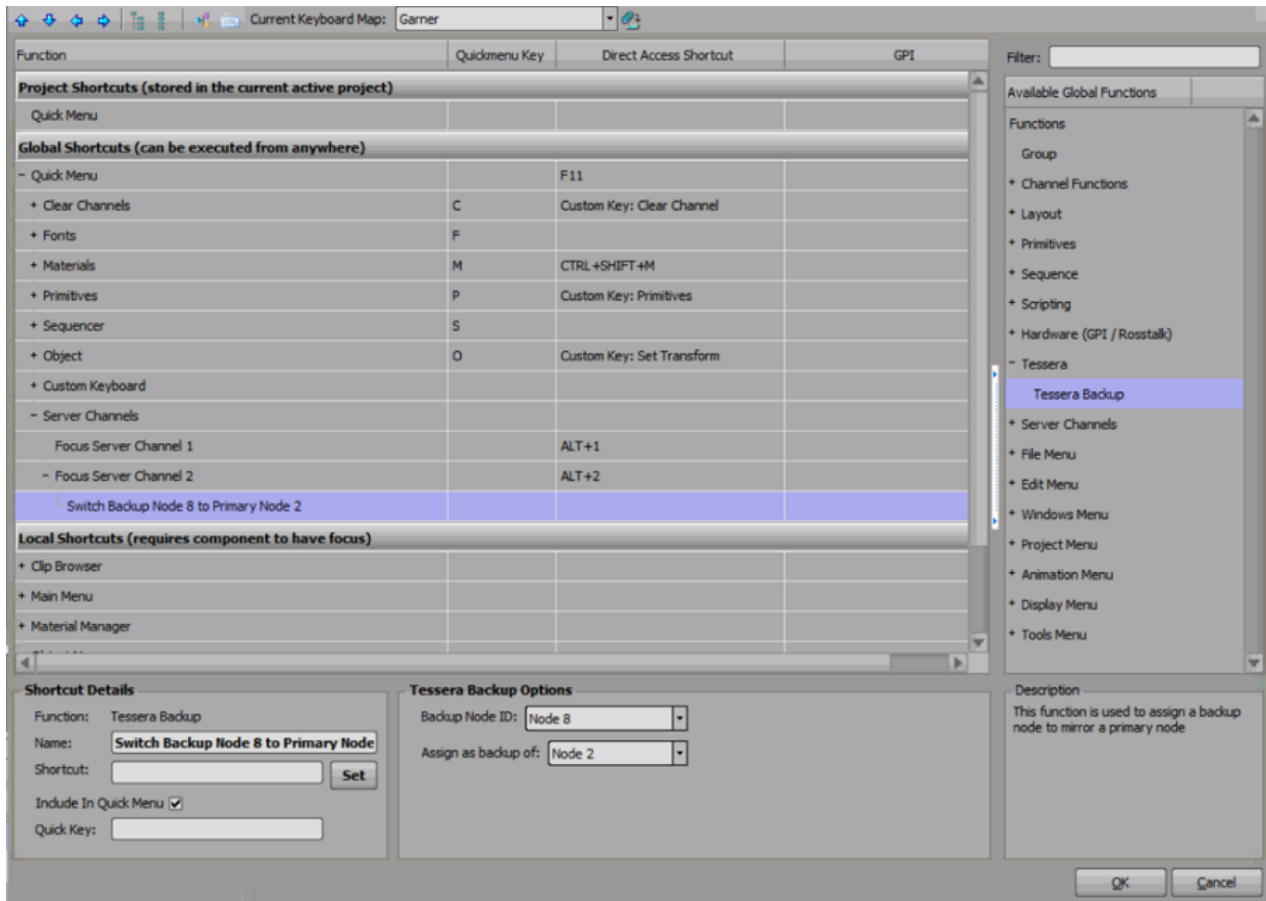
A backup engine will only respond to commands sent from the Tessera master after it has been assigned a **Primary Engine ID**. It will not retroactively engage commands that were sent before it was assigned a **Primary Engine ID** or bring online take items that were already online on the primary engine.

Using the Keyboard/GPI Map to Assign Backup Nodes

XPression Keyboard and GPI mapping can also be used to assign a backup engine and primary engine node ID.

To assign backup nodes:

1. On the XPression Tessera master, select **Edit > Keyboard / GPI Mapping**.
The **Keyboard / GPI Mapping** dialog opens.
2. In the **Available Global Functions** section, expand the Tessera menu and select **Tessera Backup**.
3. Drag the **Tessera Backup** function and drop it on an available **Global Shortcut**.



4. In the **Tessera Backup Options** section, from the **Backup Node ID** drop-down, select the backup node.
5. From the **Assign as backup of** drop-down, select the node to backup using the selected backup node ID.
6. Select **OK**.

The **Keyboard / GPI Mapping** dialog closes.

Video Routing

Once a backup engine has been assigned as a primary engine, the video feed from the backup engine will need to be routed to the same destination that the primary engine had been. For example, this could be done as a router salve/macro or a video switcher custom control. Ensure that macros for every combination of backup engine replacing a primary engine are accounted for.

For example:

- Backup Node 4 replacing Primary Node 1, 2, and 3.
- Backup Node 5 replacing Primary Node 1, 2, and 3.

Backup Tessera Output Node Maintenance

Include the backup Tessera output node engines in the regular system maintenance schedule.

If using XPression Clip Store, verify that the Clip Stores on the Tessera backup engines are all being synced with the master Clip Store.

For More Information on...

- setting up Clip Store sync, refer to the *XPression Clips Workflow User Guide*.

Backup Clock Node

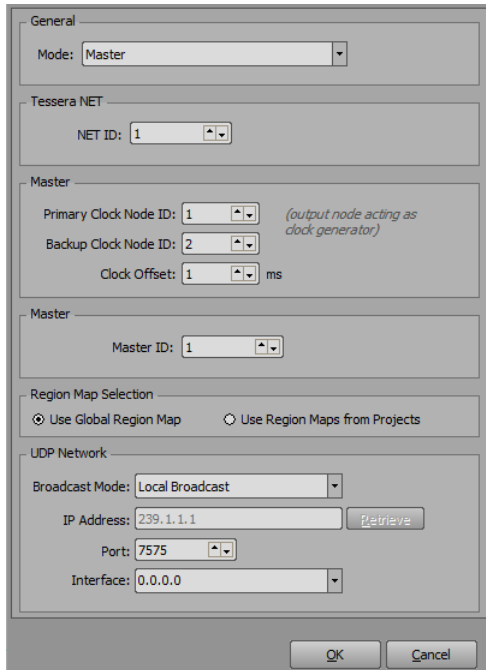
Tessera uses one of the outputs nodes as a clock node. The clock node is used as the clock generator (timer) by the Tessera master for triggering Tessera commands synchronously across all nodes. A backup clock node can also be configured, and this node will be used by the Tessera master if the primary clock node enters the **Output Node Timed Out**, **No Communication**, or **Unknown** states.

To configure a backup clock node:

1. On the XPression Tessera master, select **Edit > Tessera > Settings**.

The **Tessera Settings** dialog opens.

2. Ensure that the **Mode** in the **General** section is set to **Master**.



3. In the **Master** section, in the **Primary Clock Node ID** field, enter or select the primary engine node ID to set the clock for all the engines.
4. In the **Backup Clock Node ID** field, enter or select an output node engine ID as the backup for the Tessera master should the **Primary Clock Node ID** enter a non-responsive state (**Output Node Timed Out**, **No Communication**, or **Unknown**).
5. Select **OK**.

Using a Backup Master

Using a backup Tessera master requires system changes to allow a backup master to replace the primary master. Because the primary master receives commands from control systems like DashBoard or OverDrive and triggers from video switchers, the IP address of the backup master must be changed to the IP address of the primary master (and the primary taken offline).

To use a backup Tessera master:

1. Ensure that the primary Tessera master system is offline by running the **Deactivate Primary.bat** batch file.

Running this batch file:

- Closes XPression Studio/Designer.
- Changes the IP to a placeholder IP.

2. Turn on the Backup master.
3. Ensure that XPression is closed.
4. Run the **Activate Backup.bat** batch file.

Running this batch file:

- Changes the IP to the primary master IP.
- Launches XPression.

5. In XPression, select **File > Load Project > Tessera Project Server Deploy** to load a project.
6. Once the project has loaded, select **Edit > Tessera > Output Nodes** to open the **XPression Tessera Output Nodes** status list.
7. Verify that each output node status shows that all project(s) are loaded.

Backup Tessera Master Maintenance

Include the backup Tessera master in the regular system maintenance schedule.

Keep the backup master Tessera deploy folder up to date by deploying the latest revision of the Tessera project(s) from the XPression Project Server.

To deploy latest Tessera project(s):

- Select **File > Project Server > Deploy** on the XPression Tessera master.

To save updated sequencer list Take Items on the backup, save the project on the primary.

If using DashBoard, keep the backup Tessera master DashBoard up to date with the latest Dashboard **.grid** files.

If using XPression Clip Store, check that the XPression Clip Stores on the Tessera backup master are being synced with the master Clip Store.

For More Information on...

- setting up Clip Store sync, refer to the *XPression Clips Workflow User Guide*.

Tessera Master / Tessera SE Replication

You can create a backup system to replace a failed Tessera Master or Tessera SE system. The backup system will monitor one or more Master or SE systems and keep a deployed copy of all projects used on those systems, as well as copies of the framebuffer configurations, preferences, Tessera settings, etc.

If the monitored engine fails, the backup can load the projects and configuration files and take over control of any distributed Tessera output nodes.

This procedure should not be used to replicate output nodes.

In a MOS workflow, any edits in the Tessera Master MOS sequences will not be brought over to the replication Master, as all changes are coming in from MOS.

You can assign keyboard/GPI actions for taking control of the system and turning monitoring on and off.

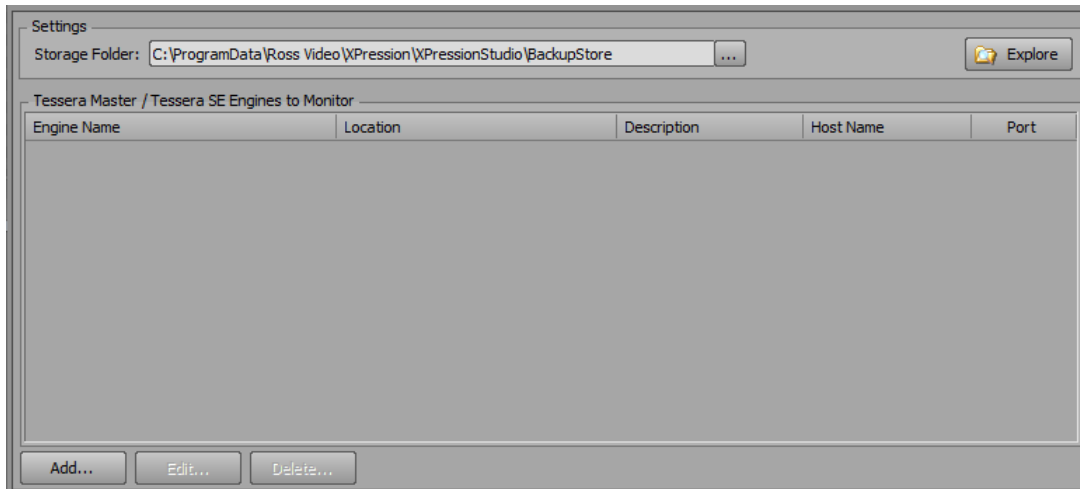
Prerequisites

- You must have a Tessera license for version 10.0 or newer.
- All engines must have the same type of framebuffer board (do not mix X.mio2 and DSXLE4 and/or IP boards).
- XPression Project Server is required and all engines must be connected to the same project server.
- In a MOS workflow, there cannot be a combination of a MOS sequence and a non-MOS sequence in the first Tessera Master.

To replicate a Tessera Master or SE system:

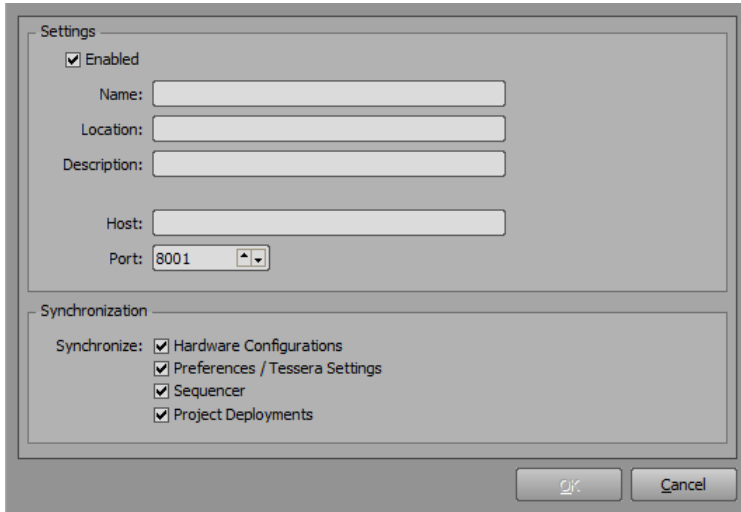
1. In XPression, select **Edit > Tessera > Tessera Master / SE Replication**.

The **Tessera Master / SE Replication Settings** dialog opens.



2. Select **Add**.

The **Edit Tessera Master / SE Engine Details** dialog opens.



3. In the **Settings** section, enter the following details:

- In the **Name** field, enter the name of the Tessera engine to be monitored and replicated if necessary.
- In the **Location** field, enter the location of the Tessera engine to be monitored and replicated if necessary.
- In the **Description** field, enter the description of the Tessera engine to be monitored and replicated if necessary.
- In the **Host** field, enter the IP address of the Tessera engine to be monitored and replicated if necessary.

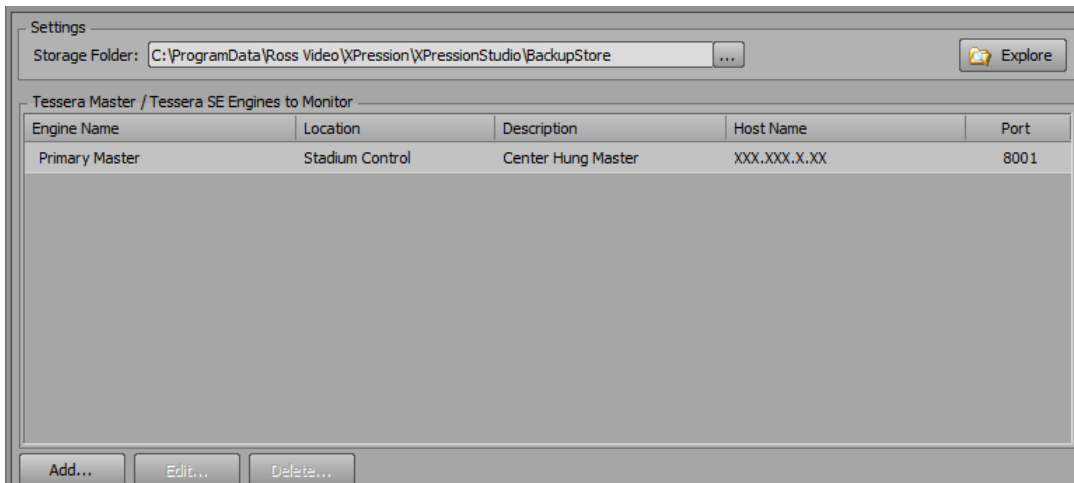
The **Port** field is populated with the port number on which the Tessera Master is communicating with the output nodes.

4. In the **Synchronization** sections, select the checkboxes of the items to be included in the backup.

It is recommended that all items be selected.

5. Select **OK** to save the details and close the dialog.

The described engine is added to the **Tessera Master / Tessera SE Engines to Monitor** list.

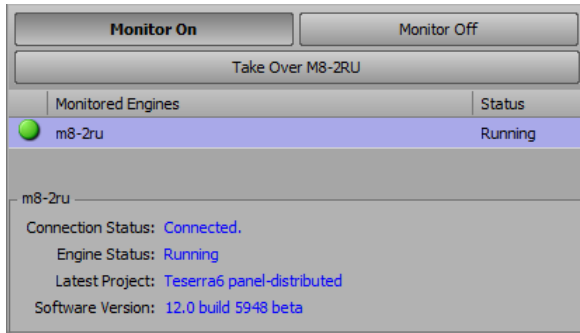


- Repeat steps 2 to 5 to add any other engines to the list.
- When all engines to be monitored are added, select **OK** to close the dialog.

To monitor the status of the engines:

- In XPression, select **Display > Replication Status**.

The **Replication Status** dialog opens.



The **Replication Status** dialog displays the connection status of the engines. It can be moved and docked anywhere.

- Select **Monitor On** to monitor the status of the engines or **Monitor Off** when not required.

The **Node Status** is indicated above the Take Control button.

- Select the underlined node status text to open the **Output Node** dialog to see the status of all the nodes.

To take control of a failed engine:

- In the **Replication Status** dialog, select the engine that has failed and select **Take Over [Name of Engine]**.

The status of the takeover will be displayed as synchronization of each item is completed.

- When the synchronization is complete, on the backup engine, at the top of the XPression UI, select the **Take Control** button to give control of the output nodes to the backup engine.
- When the primary engine is ready to resume operation, select the **Take Control** button on the primary engine to give control back to the primary engine.

For More Information on...

- backing up output nodes, refer to [Tessera Backup System](#).

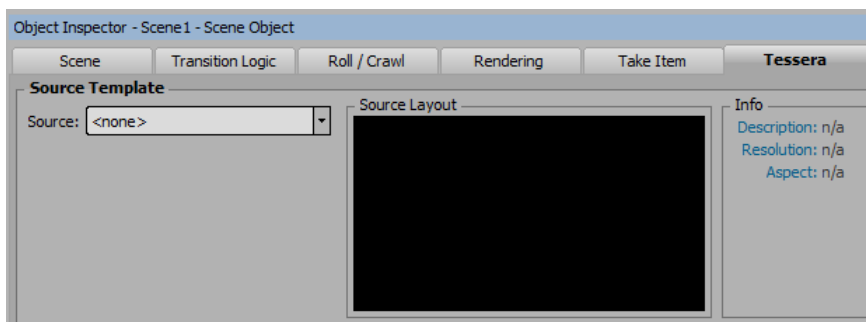
Assigning a Source Output to a Scene or Scene Group in the Object Inspector

Tessera source outputs can be assigned to a scene or scene group using the Tessera tab in the Object Inspector of the selected scene or scene group.

To assign a source output:

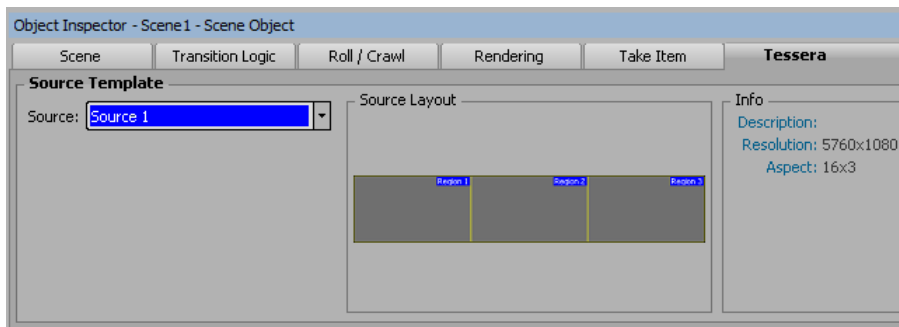
1. In the XPression **Editor**, select a scene or scene group.
2. In the **Object Inspector**, select the **Tessera** tab.

The **Tessera** tab opens.



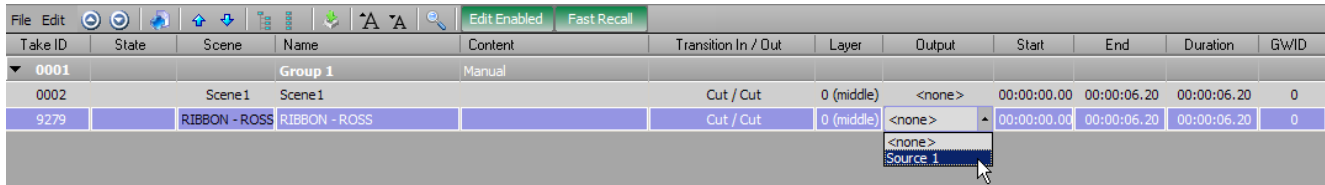
3. In the **Source Template** section, from the **Source** drop-down, select a source output for the scene object.

The selected source output is assigned to the scene object and a preview of the layout is displayed in the **Source Layout** section.



Tessera Playback

Once the correct setup has been implemented for the Tessera workflow, use the XPression Sequencer in the master for playback. No outputs will be listed in the **Output** list in the **Sequencer**. The Tessera source regions previously created, which serve as an overlay for the current scene targeting the destination regions, are listed by name instead. Any scene or scene size can be sent to any channel, but sending the appropriate scene for the appropriate source will avoid distorting the output.



Take ID	State	Scene	Name	Content	Transition In / Out	Layer	Output	Start	End	Duration	GWID
0001		Group 1		Manual							
0002		Scene1	Scene1		Cut / Cut	0 (middle)	<none>	00:00:00.00	00:00:06.20	00:00:06.20	0
9279		RIBBON - ROSS	RIBBON - ROSS		Cut / Cut	0 (middle)	<none>	00:00:00.00	00:00:06.20	00:00:06.20	0

Taking elements to air is the same as it is in a regular XPression workflow.

★ Source outputs can also be assigned using the Tessera tab in the Object Inspector of a scene or scene group. For more information on assigning source outputs in the Object Inspector, refer to [Assigning a Source Output to a Scene or Scene Group in the Object Inspector](#).

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