

Application Note



Delivering Content On-Set, On-Air and On Demand

On-Set and On-Air — Image Matters

The recent resurgence of large, complex and highly creative sets is a trend in broadcasting as programmers compete for an increasingly fragmented viewing audience. Large flat-panel displays are not only being installed in living rooms around the world, they are a common sight on the studio set that produces the programming delivered to those living rooms.

A similar revolution is happening in on-air graphics. Highly sophisticated motion graphics and elaborate 3D transitions are commonplace in studio production today. Providing cost effective playback for video, key and audio is a "must-have" component of today's production environment. Graphics playback must integrate seamlessly into the switcher and on-set displays, to provide easy operation in the high-stress, high-stakes live production environment.

To add even more flexibility to your studio displays, the Mira MultiPLAY option allows you to automate clip loading and playback across an unlimited number of Mira server's video channels; with almost instant clip load and synchronous loop play capability across all video channels. This way you can totally reconfigure the video playing on the displays with a particular show segment, and engage the audience with relevant content throughout the live broadcast.

Cost-effectively delivering attractive "On-Air looks"

Multiple on-set displays mounted in both landscape and portrait configurations can be a costly proposition for set designers. For maximum flexibility, each display should have its own video feed which is synchronous

Key Highlights Application Live Studio Production

The Challenge

Engaging an audience with live studio productions

The Solution

Deliver compelling video and graphics to a set that compliments the program

Benefits

- Cost-effective solution to feed on-set displays
- Video, key and audio playback deliver motion graphics and animations
- Flexible configuration and options reduce production complexity, and eliminate the need for additional expensive equipment



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to house reference. This way, all displays can be configured for different programming segments, or can deliver creative background images throughout the broadcast. Providing image rotation for portrait-mounted displays must also be considered. However, standalone or integrated video effects devices provide an expensive answer and add system complexity to the production.

A cost-effective On-Set & On-Air multi-channel, multi-format server

The Abekas Mira Multi-Channel Server feeding on-set displays and delivering on-air graphics playback is the perfect complement for any live production. The flexibility and price point of Mira makes it a very cost-effective solution for feeding all your on-set displays. Specialized integrated options, like Flipper, rotates, crops and positions the video to accurately drive portrait-mounted displays — mitigating the need for separate and expensive video effects devices for this simple function. The optional Mira MultiPLAY control interface and easy-to-use playlists let you instantly load and synchronize playback of content for different program segments.

Mira is equally at home in the control room. Delivering synchronized video, key and audio playback from its multichannel configuration, Mira is the most cost-effective way to integrate animated graphics into your production. Seamless integration with the switcher, automation system, or standalone interface makes Mira easy to configure and operate.

The Mira Production Server also integrates seamlessly into a file-based workflow. Production efficiency is delivered by importing and exporting video, key and audio files, sometimes faster than real-time.

