

MPEG Taxi

DIGITAL
MEDIA
DISTRIBUTION

AND
REMOTE
PLAYOUT

CLIENT
MODULE



Step2e MPEG Taxi Client - Remote Playout Solution

Overview

The Step2e MPEG Taxi is a simple and flexible way to distribute digital media, for example videos, images or documents. MPEG Taxi can be controlled and scheduled from a single point of administration, the receiving clients act standalone. The main focus of MPEG Taxi is the automated distribution of videos to playout clients and the delivery of media content. The MPEG Taxi infrastructure is designed modular and connects to autonomous services.

The MPEG Taxi Client is based on the Apple MacMini Hardware and some software modules for Mac.

Client Features

MPEG Taxi is designed to autonomously distribute files from a central data store to remote clients. At Client side these files can be used via network shares for further processing.

Therefore the MPEG Taxi Client provides several network shares in which you can easily access the received content, such as Video, Images or Audio.

In addition the MPEG Taxi Client has a special folder called „playlists“ where you find playlists for your broadcast automation.

Alternatively MPEG Taxi Client can be configured to act as a playout machine itself. For this we use the Softron OnAir Playout solution.

Just plug a SVHS/Composite cable into the Client and go OnAir. The Playout runs fully automated 24/7.

Data Transfer

MPEG Taxi can be configured to monitor any FTP Server and download new content and playlists. With tools like Filezilla you can manually push files to all your clients.

If you also use MPEG Taxi server (standalone or integrated with Step2e Broadcast) all clients will report their as-run-logs to a central database where you can track any remote action like file received, downloading, playout, success.

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MPEG Taxi is the ideal solution to support remote Terminals, Playouts, Head-Stations, Video Screens, etc. It offers a fully out of the box service to provide highly scalable and manageable video distribution and only needs a standard TCP/IP based internet connection. So no additional infrastructure will be necessary. Also as a standalone solution, MPEG Taxi client can provide a very flexible way for remote playout and video transfer. MPEG Taxi Server is a core component of the Step2e Broadcast Station suite.