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User Manual

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1.1. New in the Manual

We updated the manual, enhanced topics and sections and added new topics.

Learn about the latest changes in the following table.

New	Description	Topic
Masters Window	The masters window gives an overview of the current master values and shows which masters are not at their default value.	Masters Window
Channel Map	The channel map shows the attribute assigned to each DMX channel in the Insert New Fixture and Fixture Type Import window.	Patch and Fixture Setup
Phaser Recipes	The Edit Recipe Mode is now available for phaser recipes. The context area is available for all columns of the recipe editor. The recipes section was enhanced and extended.	Recipes Recipe Editor Recipe Editor Window Edit Recipe Mode
Demo Shows	Learn about the demo shows that are available in the software.	Demo Shows
Messages in Message Center	Messages in the message center are explained in the message center topic.	Message Center
Assign Object to an Executor	The Assign Object to an Executor topic was enhanced and extended.	Assign Object to an Executor
Specify a Graphics Card in Windows®	Learn how to specify a graphics card for the grandMA3 software in Windows.	Optimize Windows®
System Requirements	Learn about the new requirements to run the onPC software.	System Requirements grandMA3 onPC
Updated Topics in This Release	A number of topics were updated. For more information on other changes see Release Notes.	Other Enhancements 2.5
Keywords	New keyword topics were added.	Locate Keyword
Option Keywords	New option keyword topics were added.	/KeepPage Option Keyword /Restart Option Keyword

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1.2. About the Help

Use this manual to learn how grandMA3 can help you make an aMAzing light show.

This first section is an introduction to learn about how you can navigate, use, and read the manual. Start at the beginning, visit each section, use the context sensitive help, connect with the community to work your way through a show, or use our huge pdf document.

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Subtopics

- Open the Help in the Console
- Structure of the Help Manual
- Open the Help in the Web Browser
- Open the Help as PDF
- Navigate in the Help
- Videos in the Help

1.2.1. Structure of the Help Manual

This manual guides you through the learning process of grandMA3 programming.

It describes basic concepts and features of the software first, followed up by more complex and more elaborate features.

The manual starts with an overview of the grandMA3 devices and system.

In the First Steps section you will find instructions on how to set up your console: unpacking it, connecting it to other devices, and turning it on for the first time.

The requirements for downloading and using the grandMA3 onPC software are described in the grandMA3 onPC section.

Learn how to load, create and save show files in the Show File Handling section and how to interact with the user interface in the Workspace and Windows, Views, and Menus section.

Most of the software can be operated using the command line. To learn more about the command line, visit the Command Syntax and Keywords section.

The following sections teach you how to work with multiple devices (Networking), multiple users (Single User and Multi User Systems), and DMX (DMX In and Out).

After that, you will learn the principles of adding fixtures to the show file and operating them. For more information see Patch and Fixture Setup and Operate Fixtures.

Other features that will help you organize and program your show are all described in detail in their own topics or sections.

Find Troubleshooting further down the manual. Troubleshooting is a targeted and efficient way of eliminating errors that may occur during operation.

If you want to understand and learn our and the industry's nomenclature, see the Glossary at the bottom of the manual.

Additional Sources of Information

In addition to the main grandMA3 user manual, there are a few other sources of information.

- **Quick Start Guide:**
  Read the quick start guide for more hands-on instructions to take the first steps programming in grandMA3. It explains the most used elements of the software in a beginner-friendly way.

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- **Quick Manuals:**
  Read the quick manuals of different products to learn about safety information, as well as technical requirements and the capacity of our system.
- **Release Notes:**
  Read the release notes to learn about new features and enhancements in previous and latest versions of the software.

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1.2.2. Open the Help in the Console

	Important:
	The help topics included in the software represent the status and volume of the help pages at the date of release. The most up-to-date version of the manual is published online. For more information on the online user manual, see Open the Help in Web Browser

There are different ways to open the help in the console.

Open the Search Tab

To open the help pop-up on the search tab:

- Press Help and then press Please.
- Type **Help** and then press Please.
  For more information, see Help Keyword.

The help pop-up opens to the search tab. To search for a topic, just start typing.

Open the Last Viewed Topic

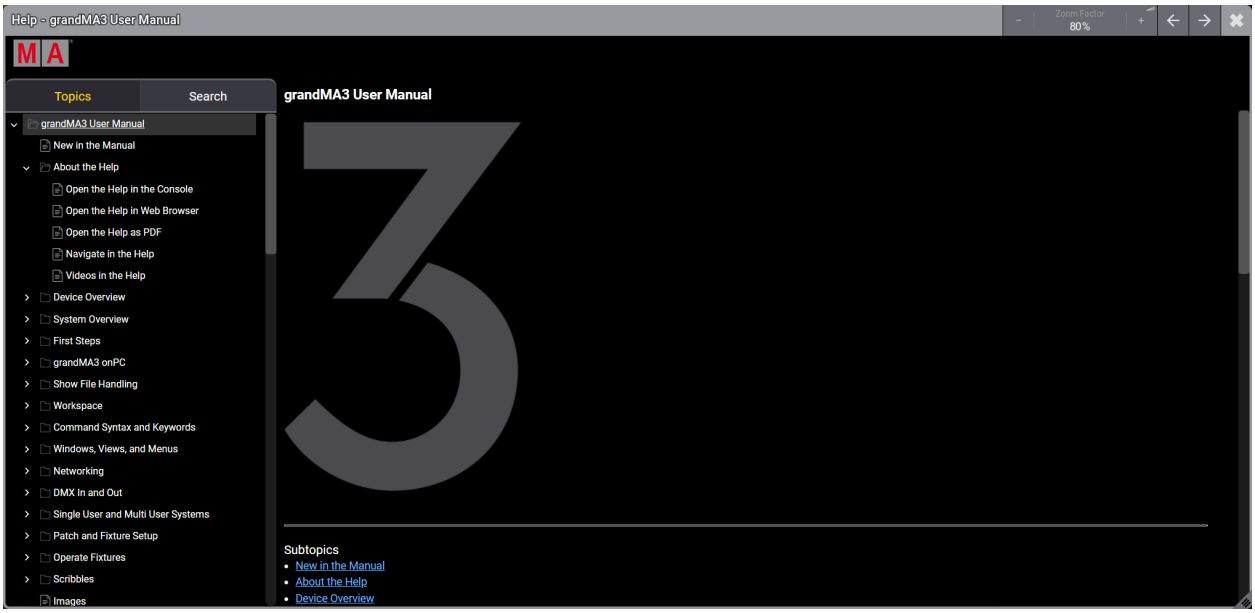
To open the help pop-up on the topic you last viewed:

- Double-tap ? in the Control Bar.
- Double-press Help.

Help Window

To open the help window:

- Open the Add Window dialog, tap the More tab, then tap Help. For more information, see the Add Window topic.
- Store the Help view button on a view bar. For more information, see Store a View Directly on a View Button.



Help window

Open the Context Sensitive Help

The context sensitive help displays a help topic to a related UI element or a key.

To open the context sensitive help:

- Press Help and tap the desired user interface element.
- Tap ? in the control bar and tap the user interface element.
- Press and hold Help and then press any key.

Open a Keyword Topic

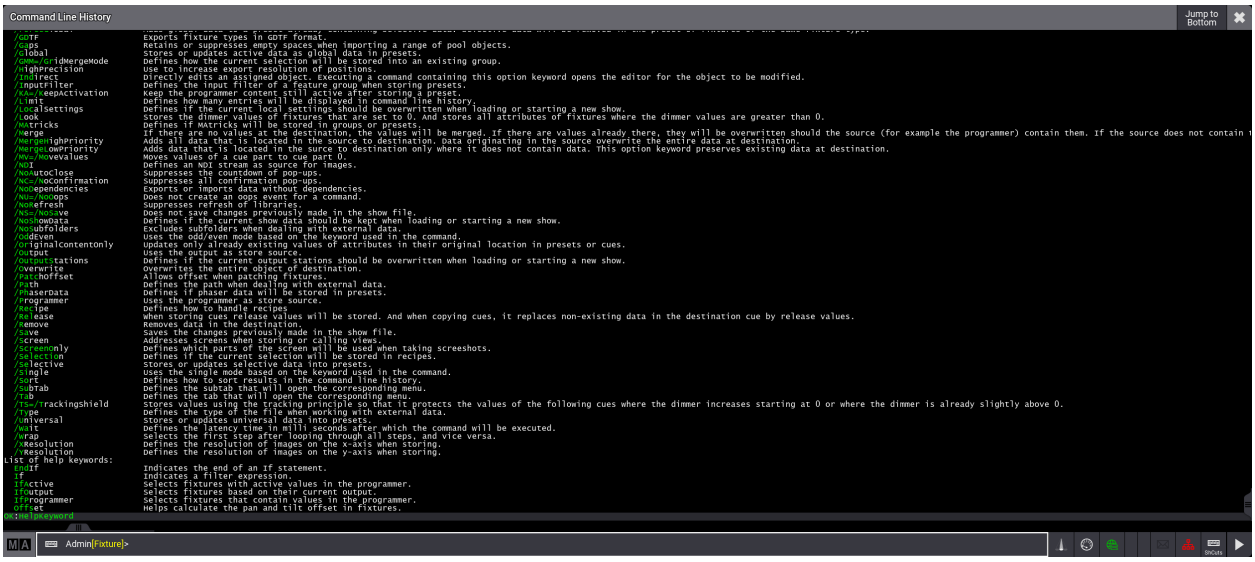
To open a keyword topic, use one of these options:

- Press Help and type the desired keyword, then press Please.
- Type **Help** and type the desired keyword, then press Please.
- Press Help + any key + Please.

Display Keyword List

To display all keywords in the command line history:

1. Type the command **HelpKeyword** into the command line and press Please.
   For more information, see HelpKeyword Keyword.
2. Tap MA at the left side of the command line.



Keyword list in the command line history

To search for specific keywords, type the command **HelpKeyword** into the command line followed by the first letters of the keyword you are looking for with an asterisk, for example **HelpKeyword Fix***.

The command line history displays all keywords that begin with the letters you typed in.

The keywords can be used in full or in their abbreviated form, indicated in green.

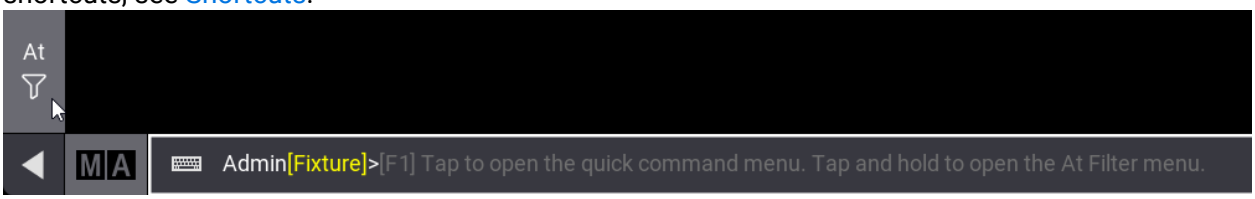
Tooltips

Tooltips are short pieces of information such as descriptions and instructions. They are displayed in the command line in light grey text.

- To display a tooltip in grandMA3 onPC, hover the mouse over an element in the user interface.
- To display a tooltip in the console, tap and hold an element in the user interface.

	Important: Tap and hold in the user interface of the console often also executes the element.

Shortcuts are displayed in squared brackets at the beginning of the tooltip. For more information on shortcuts, see Shortcuts.



Tooltip for the At filter in the control bar

1.2.3. Open the Help in the Web Browser

The help topics included in the software represent the status and volume of the help pages at the date of release.

The help system is constantly updated and extended.

The most up-to-date and complete version of the grandMA3 help manual can be accessed on the following website:

https://www.malighting.com/training-support/online-manuals

The website includes links to documentation for the following product families:

- grandMA3 series
- grandMA2 series
- dot2 series
- MA Network Switch

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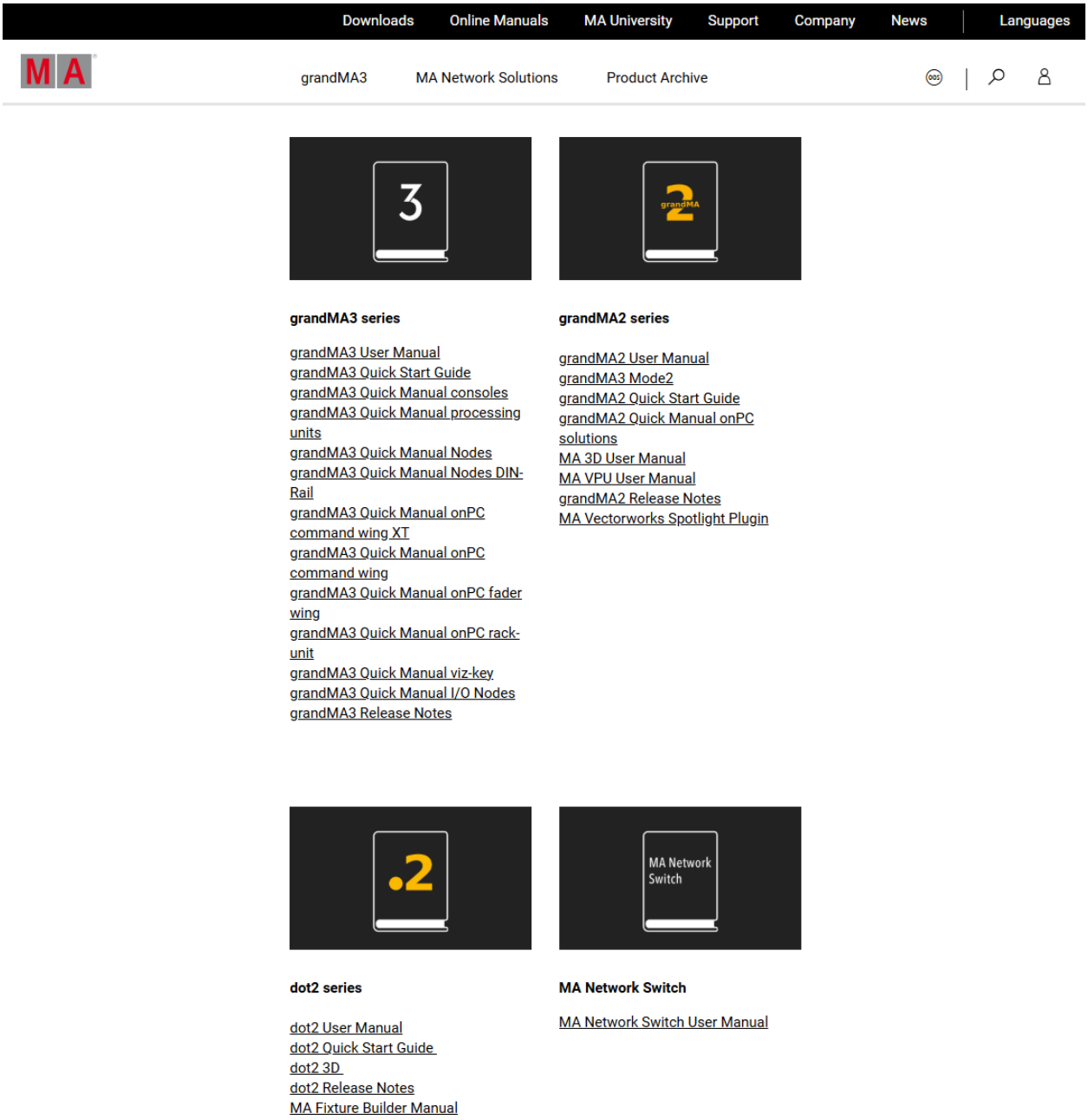

Online manuals on the MA Lighting website

	Hint:
	The grandMA3 online manual includes all versions of the manual since software version 2.0. You can download all versions of the manual, including software versions prior to 2.0, as PDF files. For more information see Open the Help as PDF.

1.2.4. Open the Help as PDF

You can download PDF files of different versions of the manual as well as single topics.

Download Manual for a Software Version

A PDF version of the user manual is available for each version of the software.

To download a PDF of the entire manual:

1. Navigate to the **Downloads** section of the MA Lighting website:
   https://www.malighting.com/downloads
2. Select a product family in the list on the left side.
3. Click **Offline User Manuals + QuickMAnual**.
4. For versions other than the latest release, click **Archive** at the bottom of the list.
5. Click on the version of the manual you want to download.
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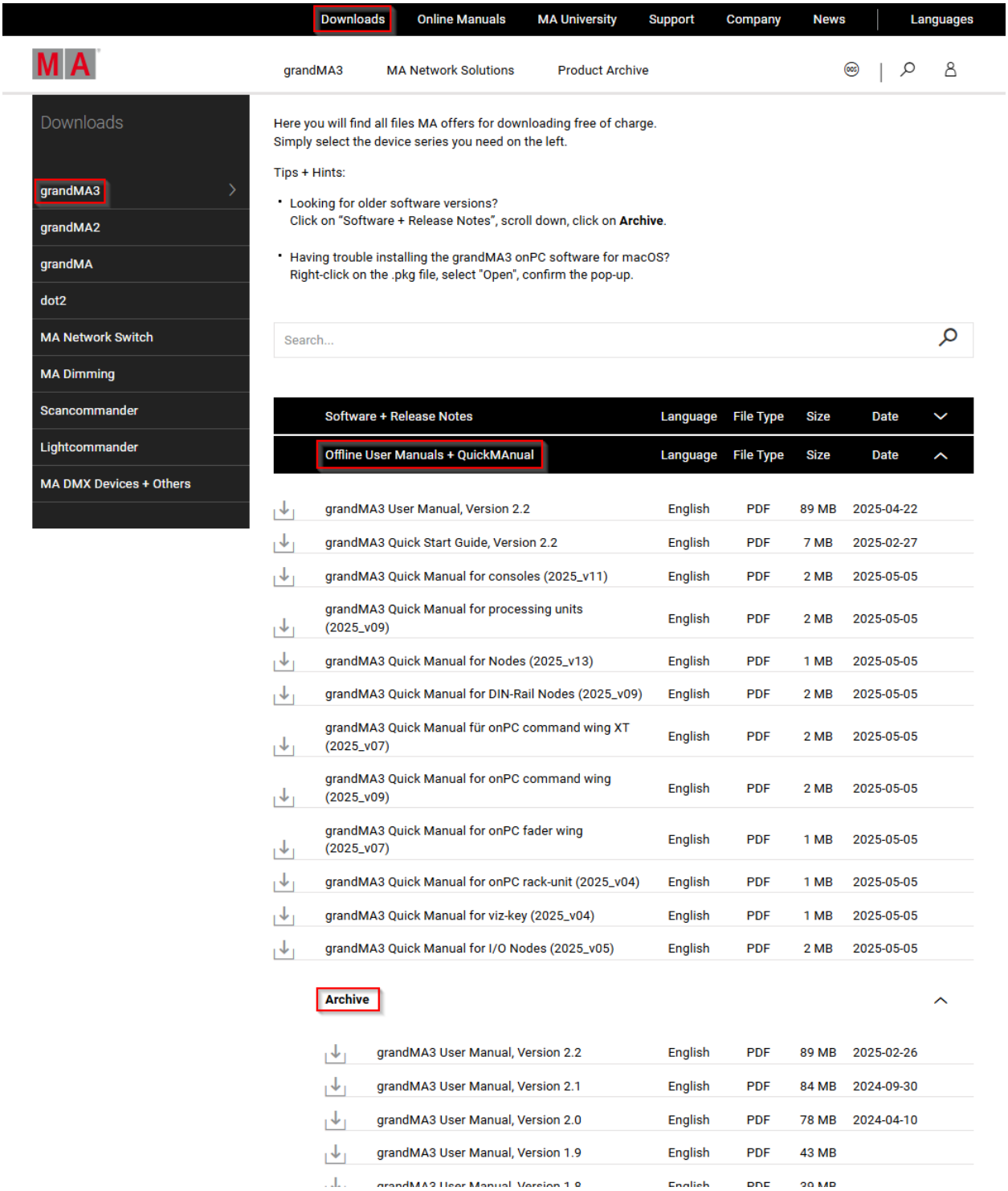

Download section on the MA Lighting website

Create PDFs in the Online Help

Download single topics from the online help as a PDF document to view them offline.

To download the contents of a topic as a PDF file:

1. Click the printer icon (🖶) next to the topic title.

2. As destination choose **Save as PDF**.
3. Click Save.
   The topic PDF is saved to your downloads folder.

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1.2.5. Navigate in the Help

Multiple elements in the help window help you navigate the manual.

Buttons in the Title Bar

To increase or decrease the size of the content displayed within the help window:

- Tap + (plus) or — (minus)
- Tap and hold Zoom Factor and swipe left or right
- Tap Zoom Factor and choose a percentage in the drop-down list

Tap ← (left arrow) to reverse through the history of previously viewed help topics.

Tap → (right arrow) to advance through the history of previously viewed help topics.

Scrolling in the Help

- Two-finger tap and swipe to scroll through a help topic.
- Use the screen encoder to scroll through a help topic. For more information on using the screen encoder see User Settings.

Topics Tab

The topics tab in the help window displays the available topics in a tree structure. Single topics are indicated by next to them. Multiple topics of the same category are sorted within a folder ( ) and are called subtopics.

Tap > to the left of any topic to show or hide the related subtopics. Tap the name of any topic to display its content in the main area of the window. Subtopics are also displayed in a bullet list at the end of the topic.

If the help window is too small to display both the main area and the topics and search tabs, a burger menu ( ) appears in the upper left corner. It contains the **Topics** and **Search** tabs.

In addition to the grandMA3 User Manual, the root topics in the tree structure contain the Quick Manuals for the different products within the grandMA3 family. These main sections include:

- grandMA3 User Manual
- grandMA3 Quick Start Guide
- grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles
- grandMA3 Quick Manual processing

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- grandMA3 Quick Manual Nodes
- grandMA3 Quick Manual Nodes DIN-Rail
- grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC command wing XT
- grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC command wing
- grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC fader wing
- grandMA3 Quick Manual viz-key
- grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC Rack-Unit

- grandMA3 Quick Manual I/O Nodes
- Release Notes

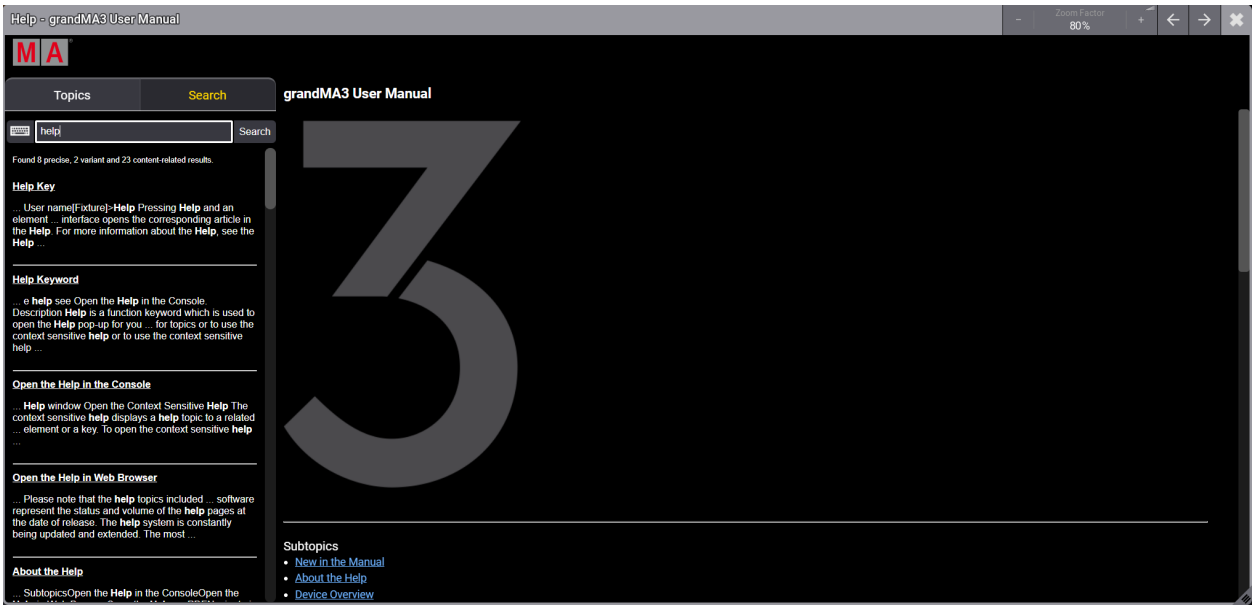
	Important:
	The complete grandMA3 documentation consists of the grandMA3 User Manual and the respective grandMA3 Quick Manual with technical specifications, safety instructions, and declaration of conformity.

Search Tab

To find topics containing a specific search term, use the search function:

1. Open the search tab in the help window.
2. Tap the search field.
3. Type a search term in the search field.
   To search for a specific product or search term, the brand name or the series name (for example grandMA3) is not necessary.
4. Press Please. The search results are displayed.

To open a virtual keyboard in the software, tap the keyboard icon on the left of the search field.



Help window - Search tab

Listed Subtopics

A list of subtopics that are related to the current topic is displayed at the bottom of the help page.

To open a related topic, tap it in the list.

Subtopics
- Load a Show File
- Save a Show File
- New Show File
- Backup, Demo and Template Show Files
- Organize Show Files

Listed subtopics

Breadcrumbs

Breadcrumbs are navigation elements that provide links to the related sections of the current topic and subtopics. Breadcrumbs are located at the top of each topic.

To go back to a more general topic in the hierarchy, tap the corresponding link in the breadcrumbs.

grandMA3 User Manual » Device Overview » Control Elements » Command Area

Breadcrumbs to navigate in the help

Display of Content

The user manual offers graphical assistance to add context to the content.

- Keys on the control surface of the hardware are displayed in a white font on a dark gray background, for example Please.
- Buttons on the screen are displayed in a white font on a light gray background, for example Dimmer.
- Step-by-step instructions are displayed in a numeric list:

1. This is the first step.
2. This is the second step.

- One-step instructions are displayed as bullet points.
- Navigation to specific menus is displayed in bold, for example **Menu – Settings – User Configuration**.

- Syntax descriptions are displayed in monospace font, underscored, and bolded, for example **Assign [Object] (At) [Object]**.

- Links are displayed underscored and blue.
- To display additional visualizations or information, tap

  Here you can find additional content.

- **Pop-ups** are displayed underscored, bolded, and green.

  Pop-ups display short descriptions for the selected words.

- Command line input is displayed using command line formatting and icons, for example:

  User name[Fixture]>1 Thru 10 At Full

- System response in the command line history is displayed on black background and in the colors used in the command line history, for example:

  OK : Command Line Feedback
  OK : Second Line Feedback

The following symbols indicate possible danger, useful hints, or important information.

	The warning icon indicates possible injury and hazards.
	Restriction:
	The restriction icon indicates known limitations of functions.
	Important:
	The important icon indicates essential information for using the software.
	Hint:
	The hint icon indicates useful tips for using the software.

Command Bot

Open elements, such as windows or settings, directly from the help window using the command bot.

You can use the bot wherever **Paste to Command Line** is displayed in the manual.

To use the command bot:

1. Tap **Paste to Command Line**.
   The command to execute the action that is described in the manual is copied and inserted into the command line.

2. Press Please.
   The command is executed.

	Important:
	If you change settings using the command bot, the changes are applied to all windows of the same type that are open at that time.
	Hint:
	To open a window using the command bot, there must be free space on your screen.

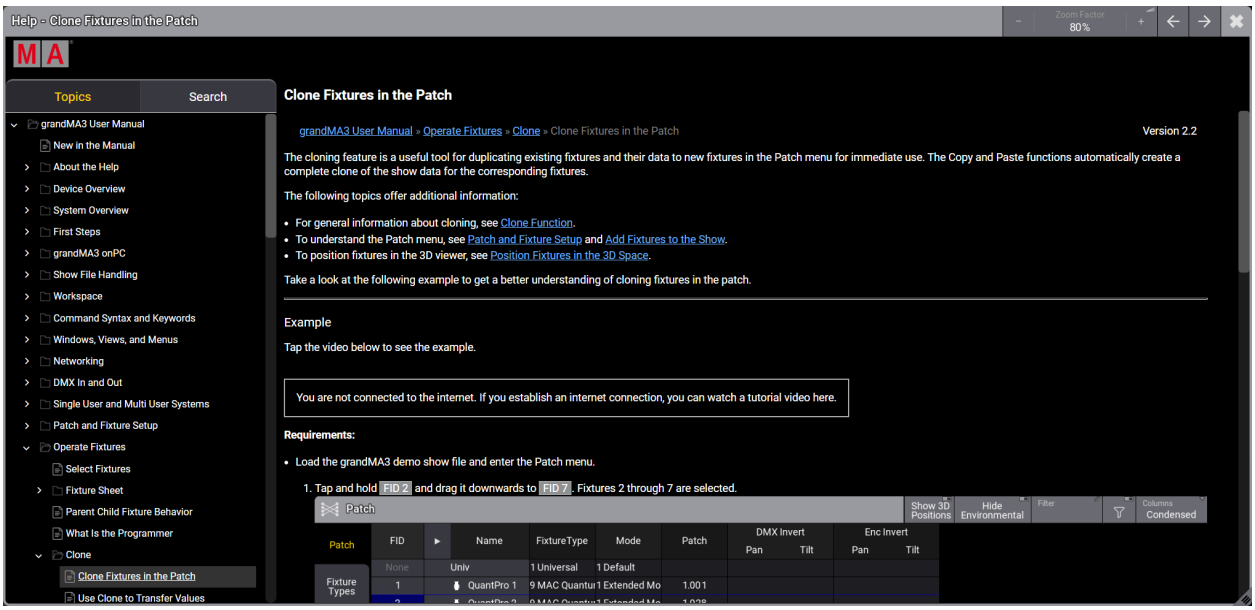
1.2.6. Videos in the Help

The help system offers micro-videos to introduce the user to specific features or tasks in the software. The average video length is less than one minute. A topic can have several videos.

A video is indicated by a play icon (▶) .

	Hint:
	Videos in the help are only available if an internet connection is established. For more information see Networking.

When the internet connection is interrupted, a placeholder is displayed instead of the video:



Help window - Video placeholder

Videos are recorded in the grandMA3 onPC software. For better visualization, mouse effects are used:

- Mouse highlight effect in a yellow color.
- Left mouse click effect in a red color.
- Right mouse click effect in a gray color.

Play a Video

To start playing a video:

- Tap the play icon (▶). The video starts.

To stop playing a video:

- Tap anywhere in the video area. The video stops.

Or

- Tap the pause button ( ) in the video control bar.

To restart a video:

- Tap the restart button ( ) after the video is finished.

Video Control Bar

The video control bar is located at the bottom of the video area.

Video control bar

- To display the video control bar in the console, tap the video area. The video control bar appears for several seconds.
- To display the video control bar in grandMA3 onPC, hover the mouse over the video area.
- To jump to a specific position in the video, tap the timeline in the control bar.

To change the playback speed of the video:

1. Tap the gear icon on the right. The settings open.
2. Tap Speed. A dropdown menu opens.
3. Tap a value to increase or decrease the speed of the video.
4. Tap to close the settings. The playback speed is changed.

Example

The following video shows an example of how to open a video and change the playback speed:

1.3. Device Overview

All MA Lighting devices are built for touring and installation purposes and meet international standards for electronic safety and protection. The Declaration of Conformity and the Electromagnetic Compatibility regulation (EMC) can be found in the Quick Guide included with the product and available for download at https://www.malighting.com.

All MA Lighting devices have a wide input voltage range and can operate from 90V to 230V.

The following chapters describe the different grandMA3 devices.

- grandMA3 consoles
- grandMA3 extension
- grandMA3 replay unit
- grandMA3 processing units
- grandMA3 Nodes
- grandMA3 Nodes DIN-Rail
- grandMA3 I/O Node
- grandMA3 I/O Node DIN-Rail
- grandMA3 onPC command wing XT
- grandMA3 onPC command wing
- grandMA3 onPC fader wing
- grandMA3 onPC rack-unit
- grandMA3 viz-key
- Screen Allocation
- Shortcuts
- grandMA3 onPC DMX-key / starter
- Keys
- Control Elements
- Connector Pin Assignment
- UPS Battery

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1.3.1. grandMA3 consoles

The grandMA3 consoles control a wide range of lighting genres, including conventional lights, moving lights, LEDs, video, and media, via DMX signals or within a network environment.

All grandMA3 components, regardless of hardware, use the same software. For a general overview of grandMA3 hardware, see https://www.malighting.com/grandma3/products.

All components are fully integrable into the network environment.

This topic describes the different sections of the grandMA3 consoles.

These sections vary from model to model.

The flagship of the grandMA3 range is the full-size or full-size CRV, respectively.

The control room version (CRV) of the full-size and light models is without the monitor wing but includes additional external monitor ports.

The grandMA3 light console or the light CRV are the workhorses of the range.

The compact and compact XT models offer the full system benefits in a compact and lightweight format.

The grandMA3 consoles number their screens in a specific order. For more information, see Screen Allocation.

You can connect several external touch screens to a console. For more information, see Connect External Screens.

The display elements of the screens can be modified. For more information, see Configuration of Displays.

For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles.

Subtopics

- grandMA3 full-size
- grandMA3 full-size CRV
- grandMA3 light
- grandMA3 light CRV
- grandMA3 compact XT
- grandMA3 compact

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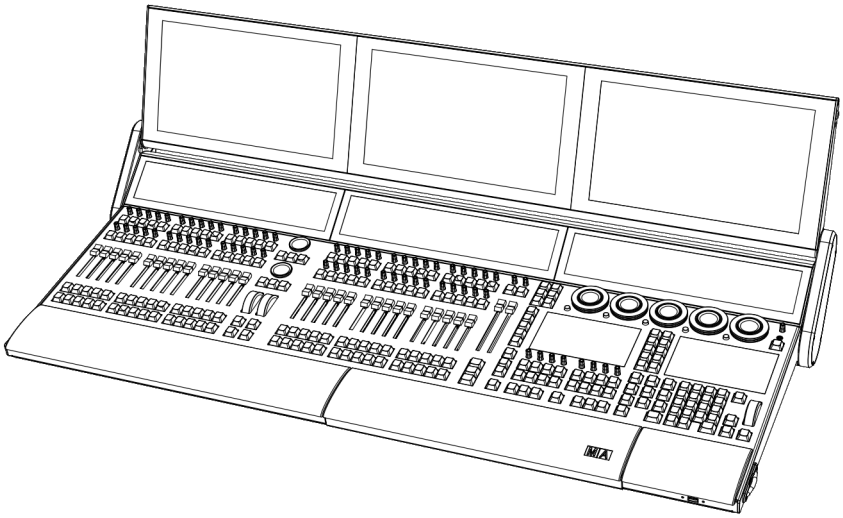
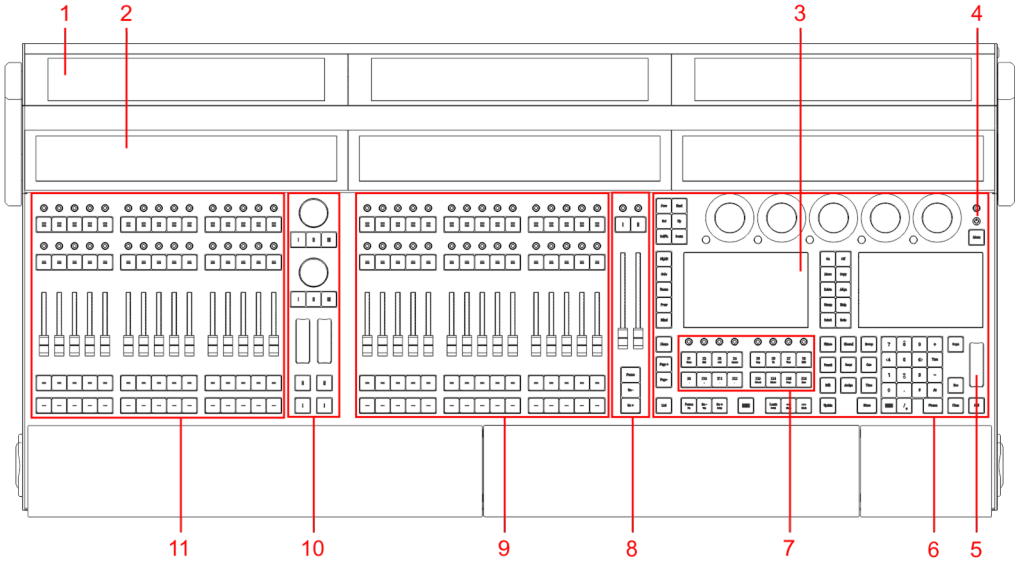
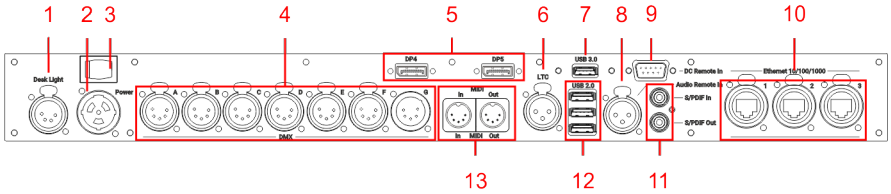
1.3.1.1. grandMA3 full-size





grandMA3 full-size front panel

1. Screens 1-3
2. Letterbox screens 8-10
3. Command screens 6+7
4. Power key
5. Level wheel
6. Command area
7. Xkeys section
8. Master area
9. Right executor area with 3 executor sections
10. Custom area
11. Left executor area with 3 executor sections



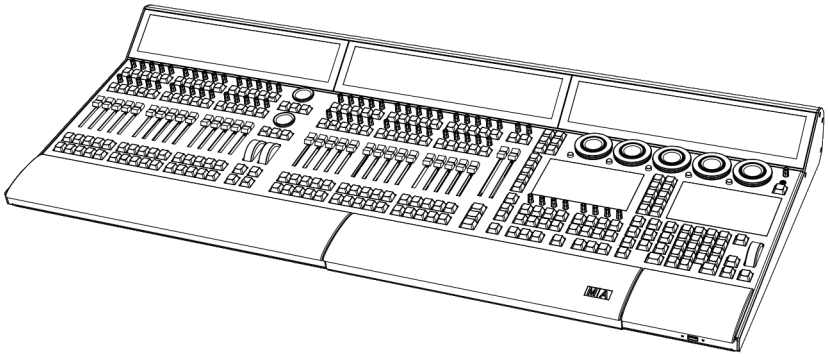
grandMA3 full-size rear panel

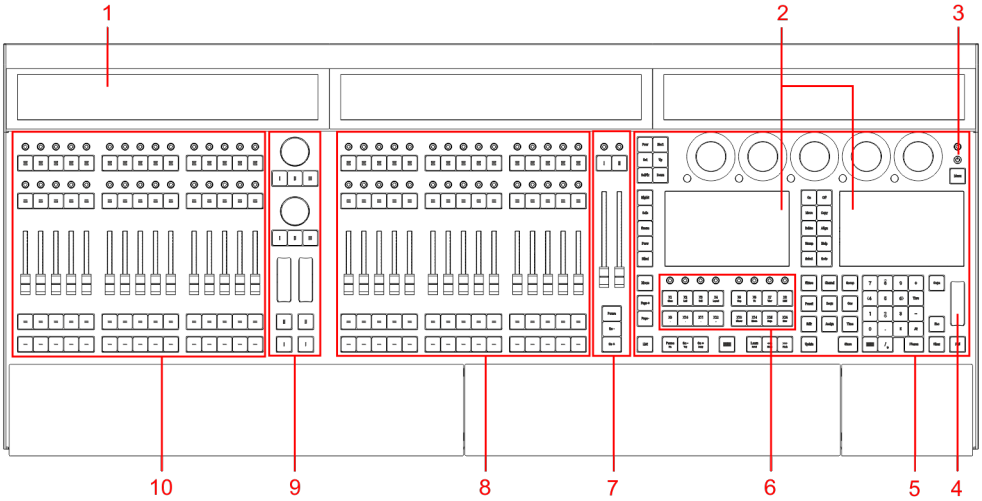
1. Desk light
2. powerCON TRUE1
3. Power switch
4. DMX-512-A A-F (5pin XLR female) + G (5pin XLR male)
5. DisplayPort 4+5
6. LTC
7. USB 3.0
8. Audio Remote In
9. DC Remote Control
10. Ethernet 1-3
11. S/PDIF In+Out
12. USB 2.0
13. MIDI In+Out

	Hint:
	For command line and graphical user interface access to an image showing the connectors on the back of the console, see the DMX Port Configuration topic.

For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles.

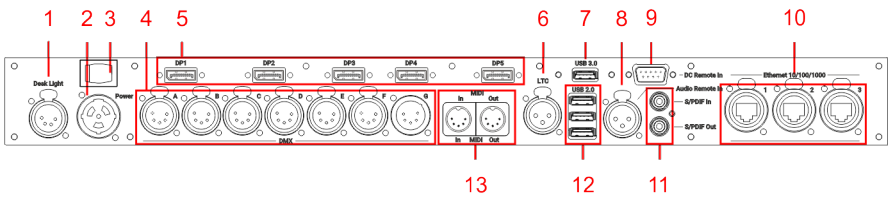
1.3.1.2. grandMA3 full-size CRV





grandMA3 full-size CRV front panel

1. Letterbox screens 8-10
2. Command screens 6+7
3. Power key
4. Level wheel
5. Command area
6. Xkeys section
7. Master area
8. Right executor area with 3 executor sections
9. Custom area
10. Left executor area with 3 executor sections



grandMA3 full-size

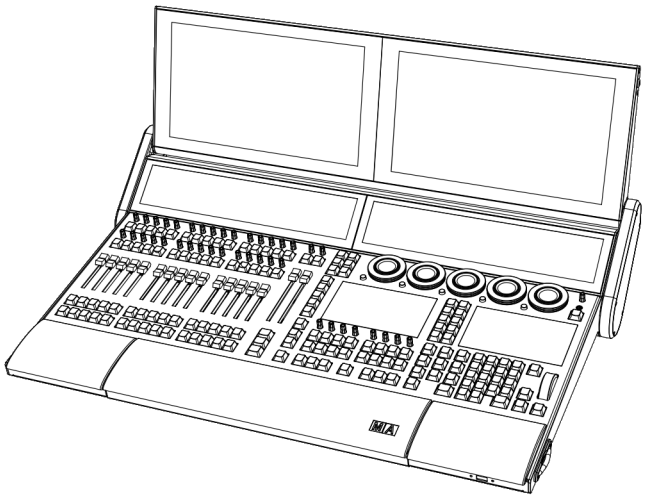
CRV rear panel

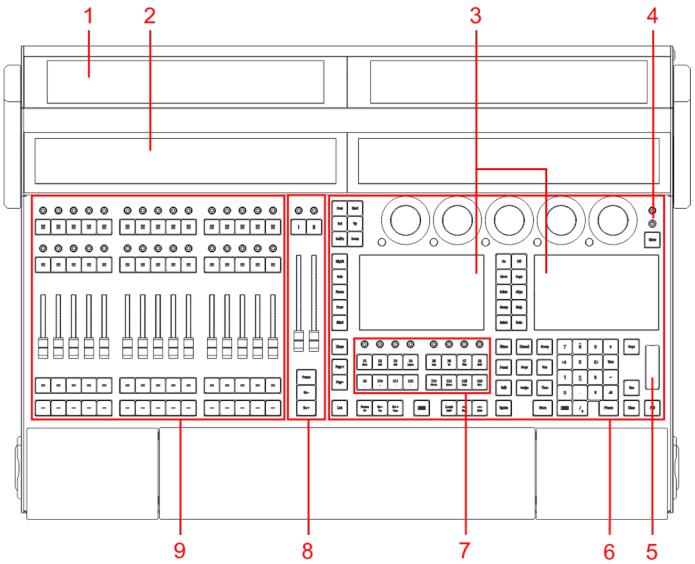
1. Desk light
2. powerCON TRUE1
3. Power switch
4. DMX-512-A A-F (5pin XLR female) + G (5pin XLR male)
5. DisplayPort 1-5
6. LTC
7. USB 3.0
8. Audio Remote In
9. DC Remote Control
10. Ethernet 1-3
11. S/PDIF In+Out
12. USB 2.0
13. MIDI In+Out

	Hint:
	For command line and graphical user interface access to an image showing the connectors on the back of the console, see the DMX Port Configuration topic.

For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles.

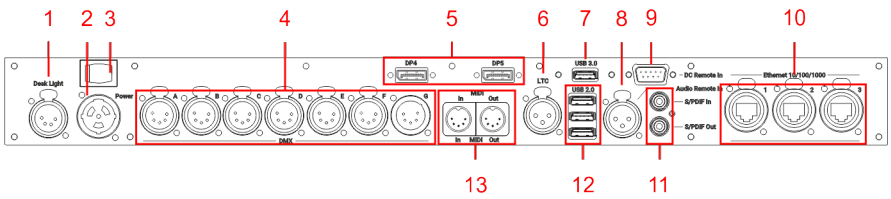
1.3.1.3. grandMA3 light





grandMA3 light front panel

1. Screens 1+2
2. Letterbox screens 8+9
3. Command screens 6+7
4. Power key
5. Level wheel
6. Command area
7. Xkeys section
8. Master area
9. Executor area with 3 executor sections



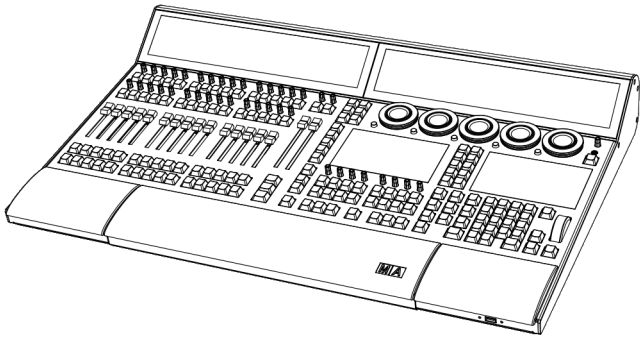
grandMA3 light rear panel

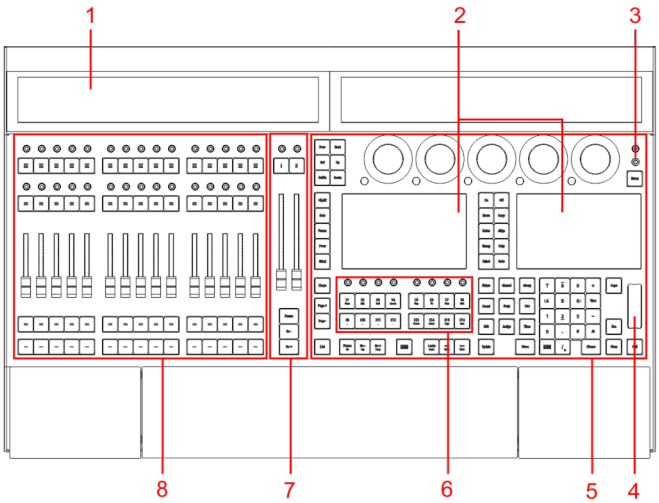
1. Desk light
2. powerCON TRUE1
3. Power switch
4. DMX-512-A A-F (5pin XLR female) + G (5pin XLR male)
5. DisplayPort 4+5
6. LTC
7. USB 3.0
8. Audio Remote In
9. DC Remote Control
10. Ethernet 1-3
11. S/PDIF In+Out
12. USB 2.0
13. MIDI In+Out

	Hint:
	For command line and graphical user interface access to an image showing the connectors on the back of the console, see DMX Port Configuration.

For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles.

1.3.1.4. grandMA3 light CRV

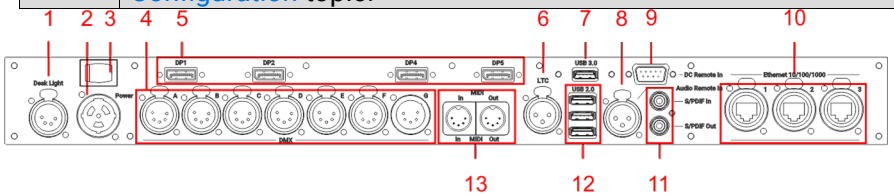




grandMA3 light CRV front panel

1. Letterbox screens 8+9
2. Command screens 6+7
3. Power key
4. Level wheel
5. Command area
6. Xkeys section
7. Master area
8. Executor area with 3 executor sections

	Hint:
	For command line and graphical user interface access to an image showing the connectors on the back of the console, see the DMX Port Configuration topic.



grandMA3 light CRV rear panel

1. Desk light

2. powerCON TRUE1
3. Power switch
4. DMX-512-A A-F (5pin XLR female) + G (5pin XLR male)
5. DisplayPort 1+2+4+5
6. LTC
7. USB 3.0
8. Audio Remote In
9. DC Remote Control
10. Ethernet 1-3
11. S/PDIF In+Out
12. USB 2.0
13. MIDI In+Out

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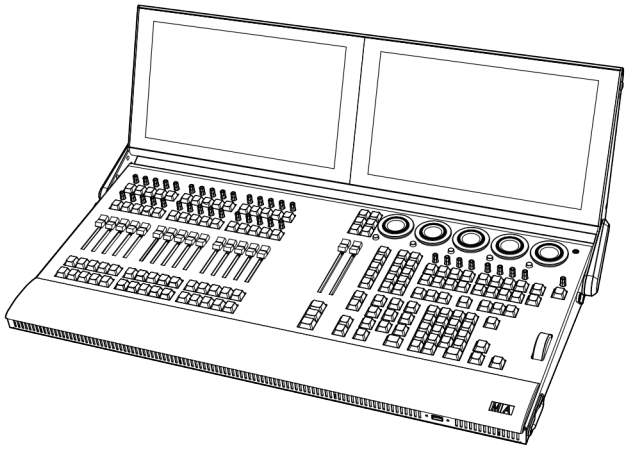
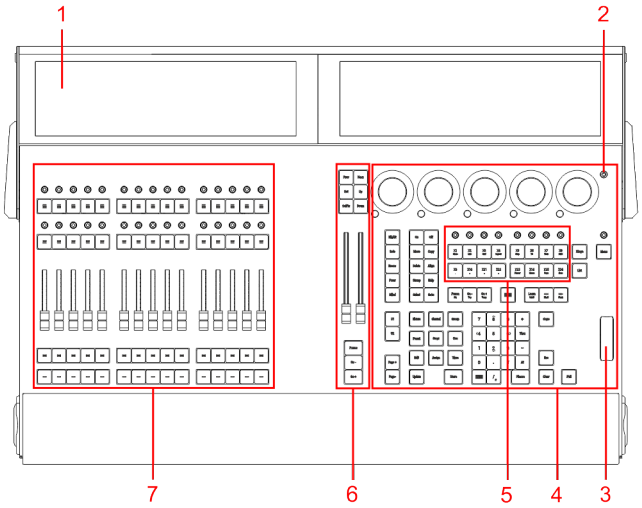
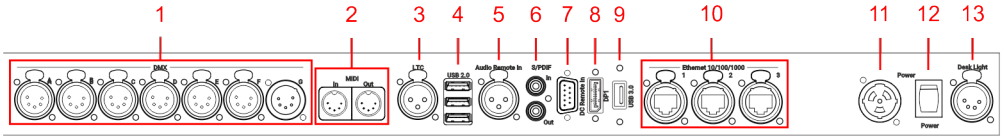
1.3.1.5. grandMA3 compact XT





grandMA3 compact XT front panel

1. Screens 1+2
2. Power key
3. Level wheel
4. Command section
5. Xkeys
6. Master section
7. Executor section



grandMA3 compact XT rear panel

1. DMX-512-A A-F (5pin XLR female) + G (5pin XLR male)
2. MIDI In+Out
3. LTC

4. USB 2.0
5. Audio Remote In
6. S/PDIF In+Out
7. DC Remote Control
8. DisplayPort 1
9. USB 3.0
10. Ethernet 1-3
11. powerCON TRUE1
12. Power switch
13. Desk light

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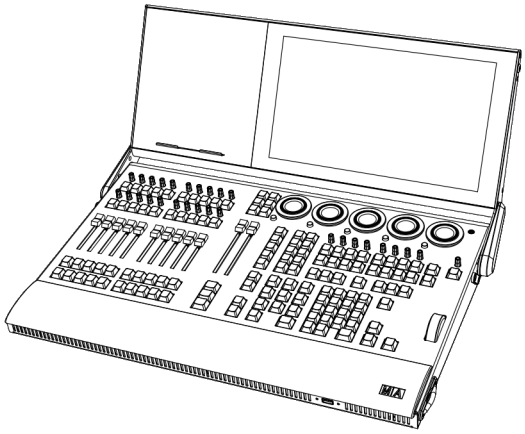
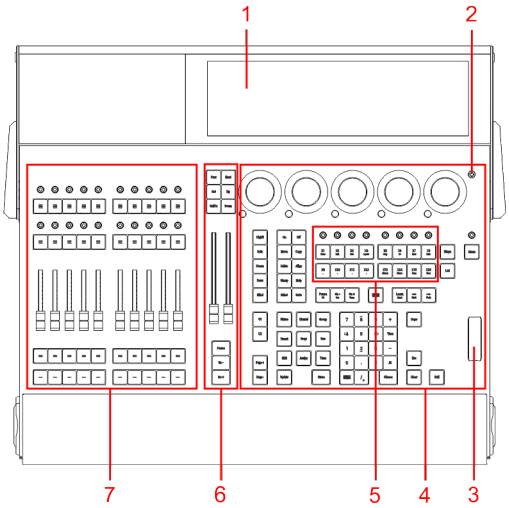
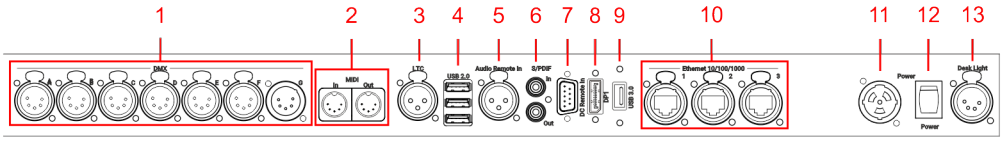




grandMA3 compact front panel

1. Screen 1
2. Power key
3. Level wheel
4. Command section
5. Xkeys
6. Master section
7. Executor section



grandMA3 compact rear panel

1. DMX-512-A A-F (5pin XLR female) + G (5pin XLR male)
2. MIDI In+Out
3. LTC
4. USB 2.0

5. Audio Remote In
6. S/PDIF In+Out
7. DC Remote Control
8. DisplayPort 1
9. USB 3.0
10. Ethernet 1-3
11. powerCON TRUE1
12. Power switch
13. Desk light

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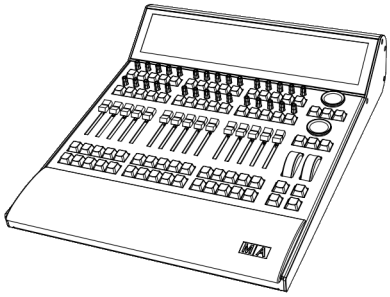
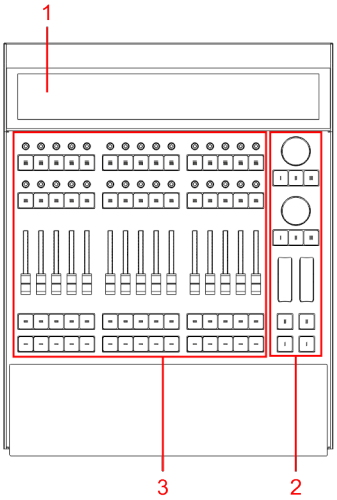
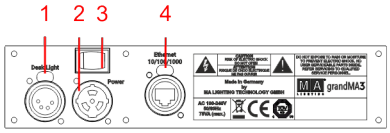
1.3.2. grandMA3 extension





grandMA3 extension front panel

1. Letterbox screen 10
2. Custom section
3. Executor section



grandMA3 extension rear panel

1. Desk light
2. powerCON TRUE1 connector
3. Power switch
4. Ethernet

For more information, see First steps and Connect grandMA3 extension.

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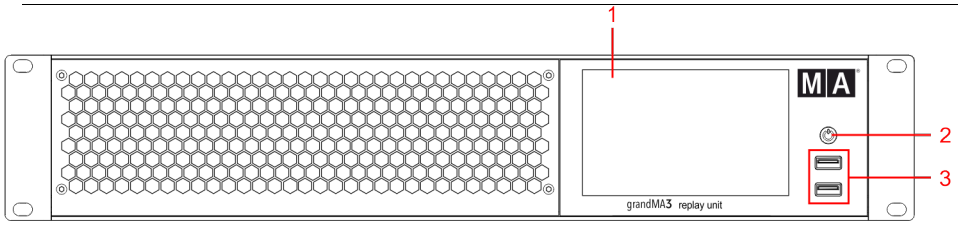
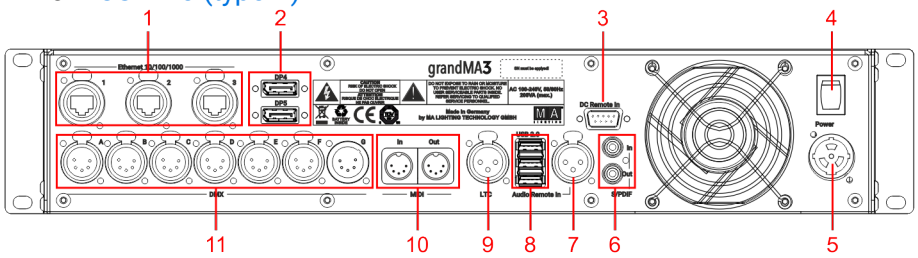
1.3.3. grandMA3 replay unit



grandMA3 replay unit

front panel

1. Internal command multi-touch screen
2. Power key
3. USB 2.0 (type A)



grandMA3 replay unit

rear panel

1. etherCON/RJ45
2. DisplayPort 1+2
3. DC Remote Control
4. Power switch
5. powerCON TRUE1
6. S/PDIF In+Out
7. Audio Remote In
8. USB 2.0 (type A)
9. LTC
10. MIDI In+Out
11. DMX-512-A (5pin XLR female) A-G

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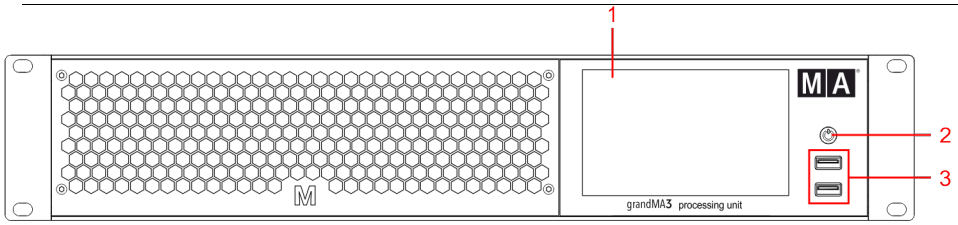
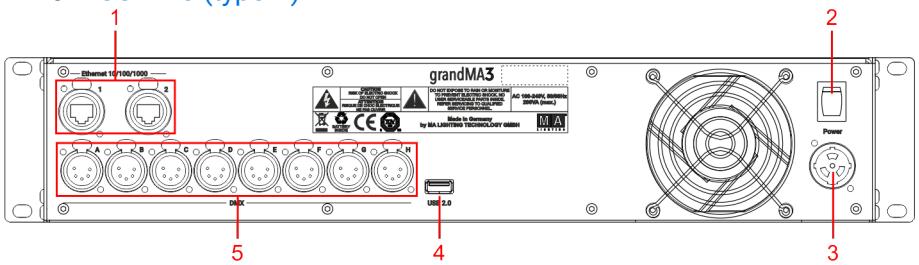
1.3.4. grandMA3 processing units



grandMA3 processing unit M, L, XL front panel

1. Internal command multi-touch screen
2. Power key
3. USB 2.0 (type A)

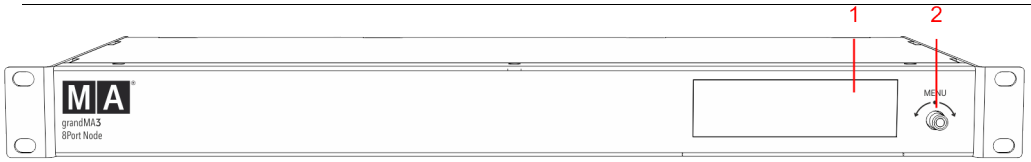


grandMA3 processing unit M, L, XL rear panel

1. etherCON/RJ45
2. Power switch
3. powerCON TRUE1
4. USB 2.0 (type A)
5. DMX-512-A OUT (5pin XLR female) A-H

For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual processing.

1.3.5. grandMA3 Nodes



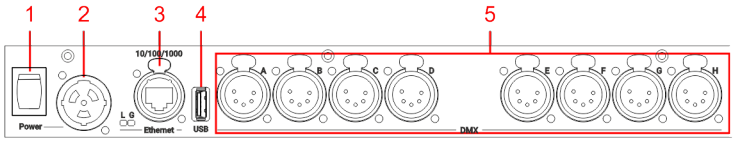
grandMA3 8Port

Node front panel

grandMA3 4Port Node front panel

grandMA3 2Port Node front panel

1. Display
2. Rotary knob



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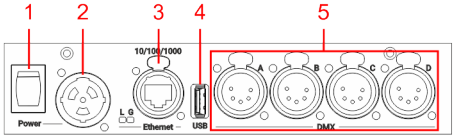
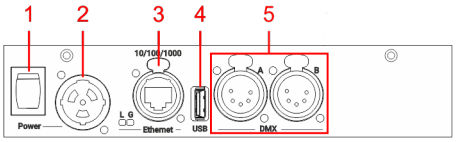


Node rear panel

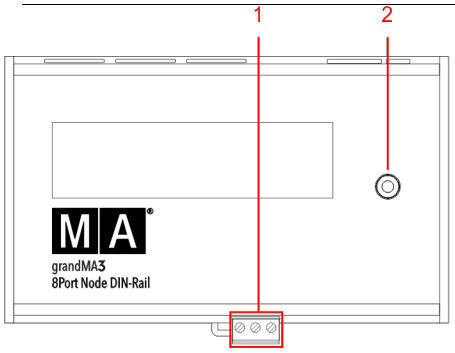


grandMA3 4Port Node rear panel

grandMA3 2Port Node rear panel

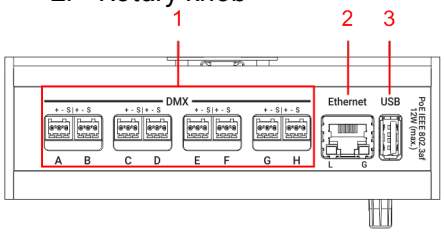
1. Power switch
2. powerCON TRUE1
3. Ethernet with L (link) and G (gigabit) LEDs
4. USB port
5. DMX-512-A OUT (5pin XLR female)

1.3.6. grandMA3 Nodes DIN-Rail

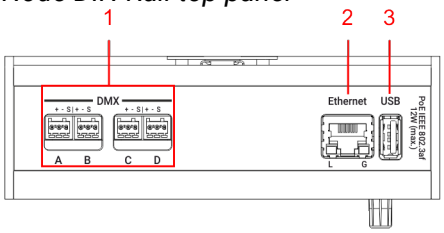


grandMA3 8Port Node DIN-Rail front panel

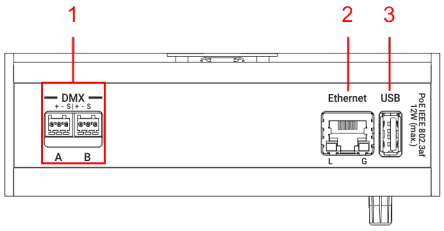
1. Terminal block / Optional power input
2. Rotary knob



grandMA3 8Port Node DIN-Rail top panel



grandMA3 4Port Node DIN-Rail rear panel

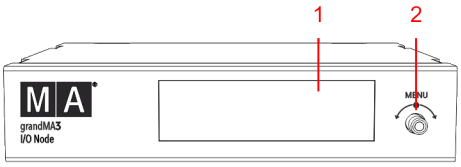


grandMA3 2Port Node DIN-Rail rear panel

1. DMX In/Out
2. Ethernet with L (link) and G (gigabit) LEDs
3. USB 2.0

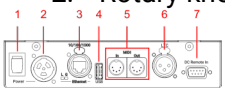
For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual Nodes DIN-Rail.

1.3.7. grandMA3 I/O Node



grandMA3 I/O Node front panel

1. Display
2. Rotary knob

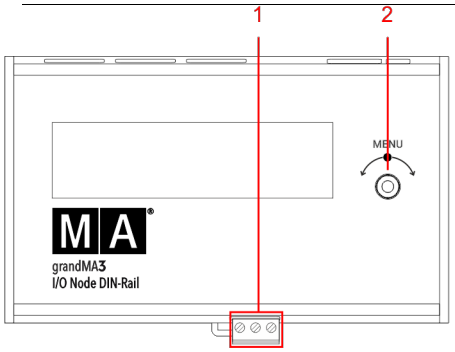


grandMA3 I/O Node rear panel

1. Power switch
2. powerCON TRUE1
3. Ethernet with L (link) and G (gigabit) LEDs
4. USB 2.0
5. MIDI In+Out
6. LTC
7. DC Remote Control

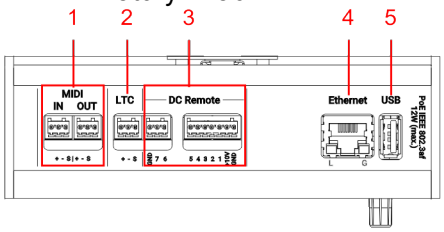
For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual I/O Nodes.

1.3.8. grandMA3 I/O Node DIN-Rail



grandMA3 I/O Node DIN Rail front panel

1. Terminal block / Optional power input
2. Rotary knob



grandMA3 I/O Node DIN Rail rear panel

1. MIDI In+Out
2. LTC In
3. DC Remote Control In
4. Ethernet with L (link) and G (gigabit) LEDs
5. USB 2.0

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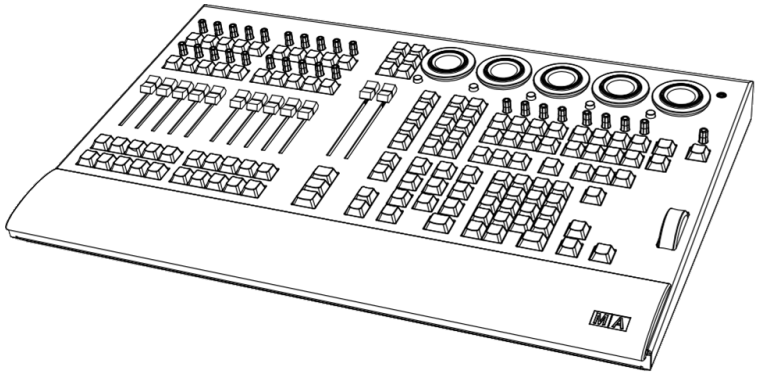
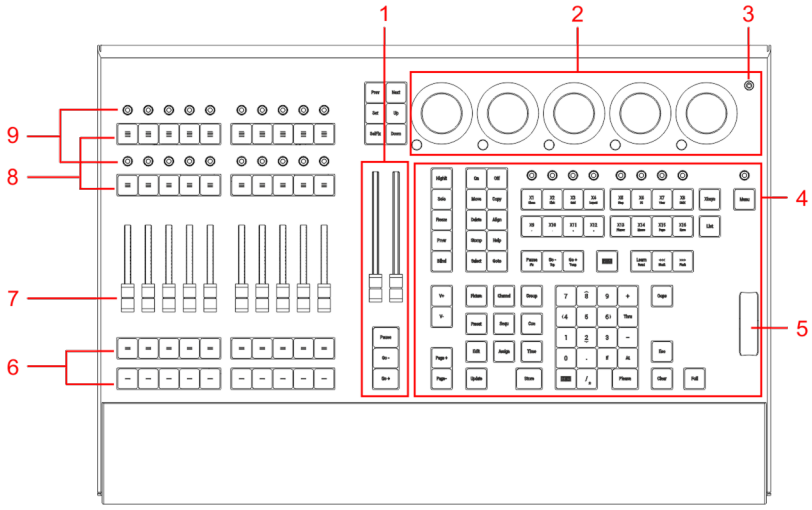
1.3.9. grandMA3 onPC command wing XT

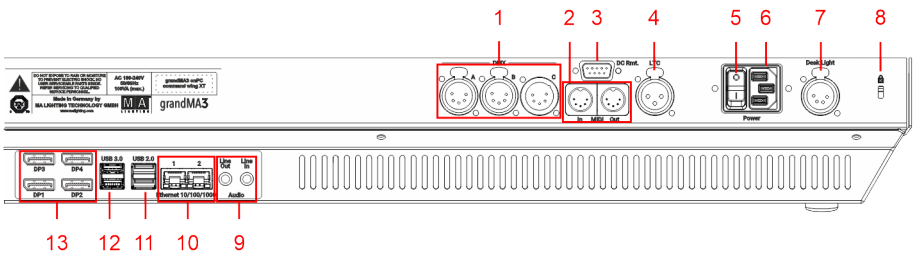




grandMA3 onPC command wing XT front panel

1. Master area
2. Dual encoder section
3. Power key
4. Command area
5. Level wheel
6. Executor buttons 101-110 + 201-210
7. Executor faders 201-210
8. Executor buttons 301-310 + 401-410
9. Executor knobs 301-310 + 401-410

For more information, see Executor elements.

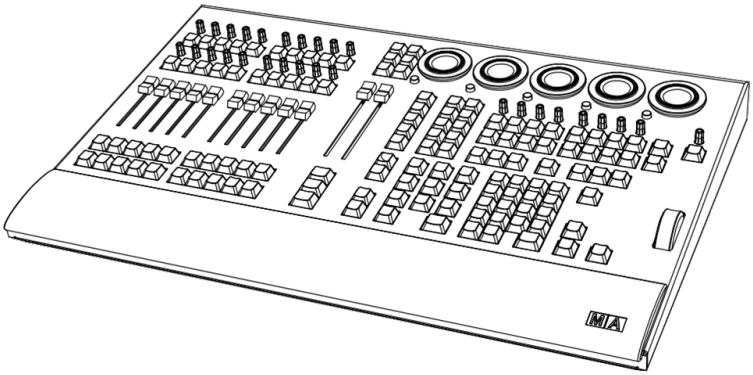


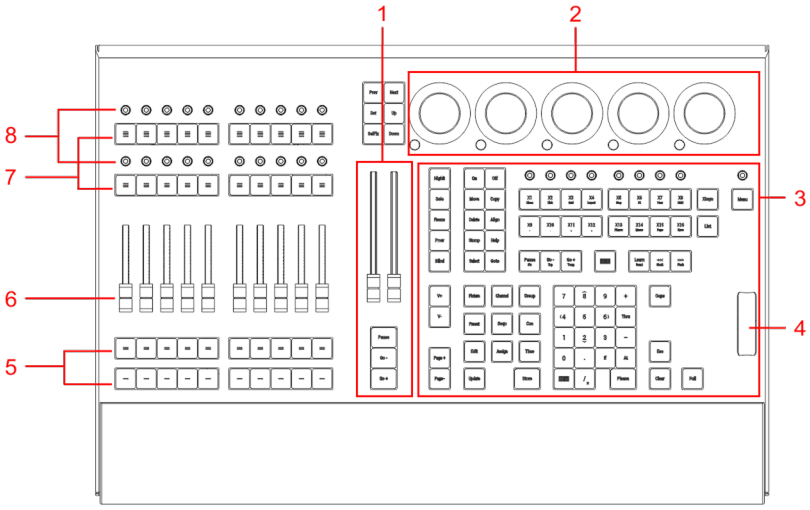
grandMA3 onPC command wing XT rear panel

1. DMX-512-A A-B (5pin XLR female) + C (5pin XLR male)
2. MIDI In+Out
3. DC Remote Control
4. LTC
5. Power switch
6. IEC connector
7. Desk light
8. Kensington lock
9. Line In+Out
10. Ethernet 1+2
11. USB 2.0
12. USB 3.0
13. DisplayPort 1-4

For technical specifications see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC command wing XT.

1.3.10. grandMA3 onPC command wing

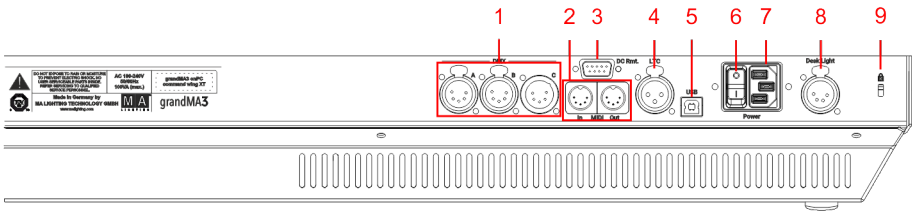




grandMA3 onPC command wing front panel

1. Master area
2. Dual encoder section
3. Command area
4. Level wheel
5. Executor buttons 101-110 + 201-210
6. Executor faders 201-210
7. Executor buttons 301-310 + 401-410
8. Executor knobs 301-310 + 401-410

For more information about executors, see Executor elements.



grandMA3 onPC command wing rear panel

1. DMX-512-A A-B (5pin XLR female) + C (5pin XLR male)
2. MIDI In+Out
3. DC Remote Control
4. LTC
5. USB
6. Power switch
7. IEC connector
8. Desk light
9. Kensington lock

For technical specifications see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC command wing.

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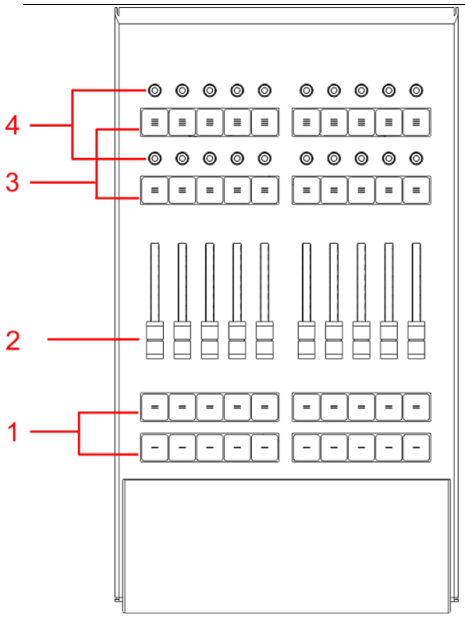
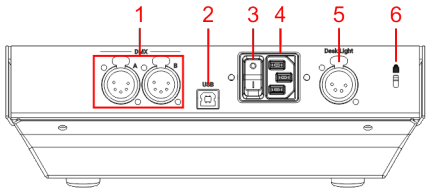
1.3.11. grandMA3 onPC fader wing



grandMA3 onPC fader wing front panel

1. Executor buttons 101-110 + 201-210
2. Executor faders 201-210
3. Executor buttons 301-310 + 401-410
4. Executor knobs 301-310 + 401-410

For more information about executors, see Executor elements.

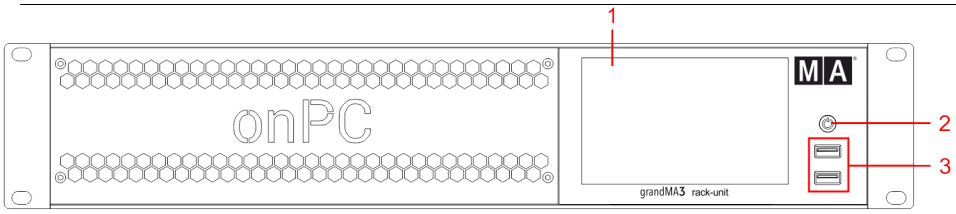


grandMA3 onPC fader wing rear panel

1. DMX-512-A OUT (5pin XLR female) A+B
2. USB
3. Power switch
4. IEC connector
5. Desk light
6. Kensington lock

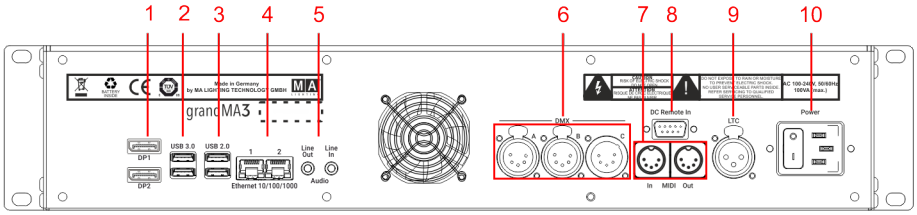
For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles.

1.3.12. grandMA3 onPC rack-unit



grandMA3 onPC rack-unit front panel

1. Screen
2. Power key
3. USB 2.0



grandMA3 onPC rack-unit rear panel

1. DisplayPort 1+2
2. USB 3.0
3. USB 2.0
4. Ethernet 1+2
5. Line In+Out
6. DMX-512-A A-B (5pin XLR female) + C (5pin XLR male)
7. MIDI In+Out
8. DC Remote Control
9. LTC
10. Power switch + IEC connector

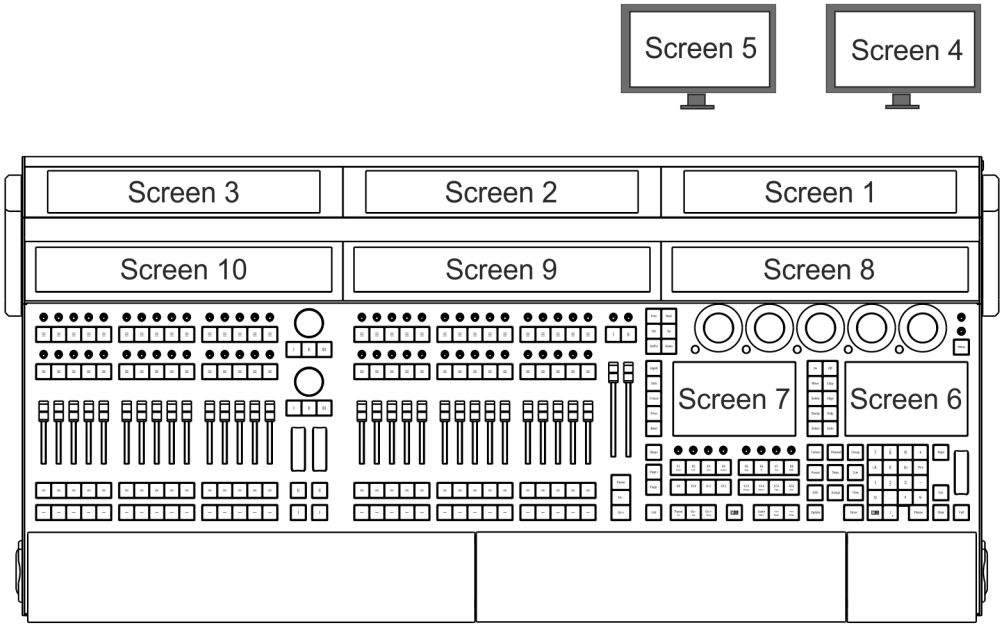
For technical specifications see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC rack-unit.

1.3.13. Screen Allocation

Numerical Order of Screens

grandMA3 consoles number their screens in a specific order. Different consoles within the range have different amounts of internal screens and connections for external monitors. This topic covers those physical differences as well as the numbering system applied to those screens.

grandMA3 full-size and light



grandMA3 full-size with all screens numbered

The grandMA3 full-size includes three internal 15.6-inch screens mounted in a double-hinged monitor wing, three internal 14.9-inch letterbox screens, two internal 7-inch screens, and two connections for optional external monitors. The grandMA3 light includes two internal 15.6-inch screens mounted in a double-hinged monitor wing, two internal 14.9-inch letterbox screens, two internal 7-inch screens, and two connections for optional external monitors. The numbering of these screens is detailed in the following table:

Screen number	Display Size	Resolution	Remark
Screen 1	15.6-inch	1,920 x 1,080	
Screen 2	15.6-inch	1,920 x 1,080	
Screen 3	15.6-inch	1,920 x 1,080	Only on grandMA3 full-size
Screen 4		1,920 x 1,080	External screen
Screen 5		1,920 x 1,080	External screen

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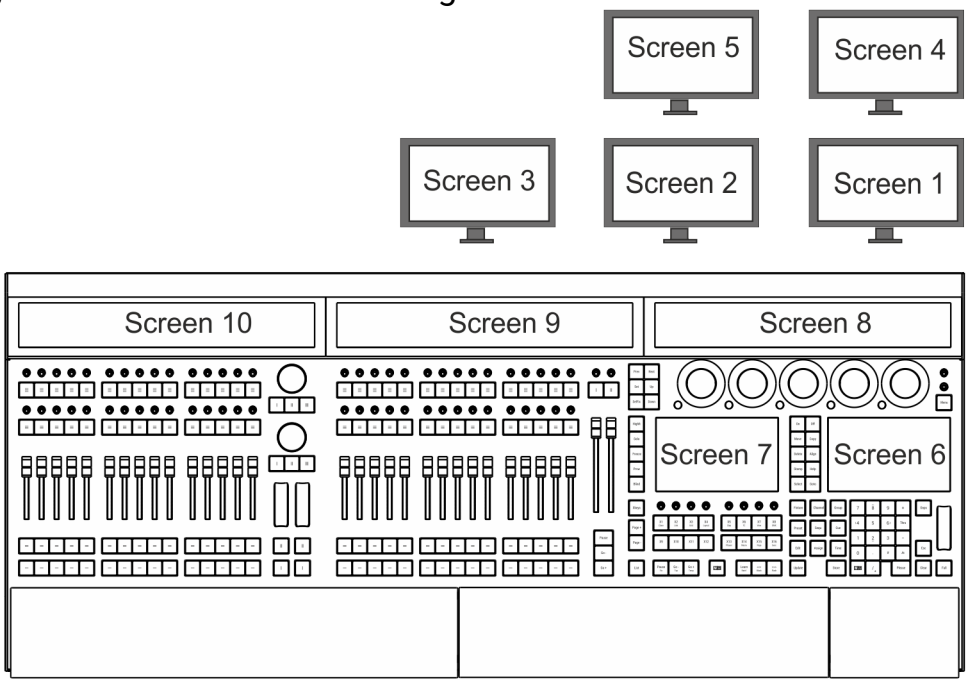
Screen number	Display Size	Resolution	Remark
Screen 6	7-inch	800 x 480	Right command screen
Screen 7	7-inch	800 x 480	Left command screen
Screen 8	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Letterbox encoder screen
Screen 9	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Right letterbox executor screen
Screen 10	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Left letterbox executor screen, on grandMA3 full-size or first grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 light
Screen 11	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Letterbox executor screen, on grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 full-size or second grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 light

grandMA3 full-size CRV and light CRV



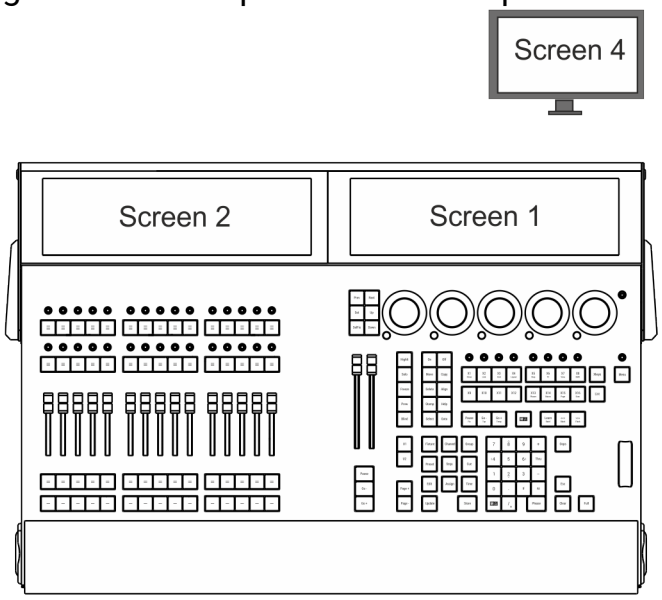
grandMA3 full-size CRV with all screens numbered

The grandMA3 full-size CRV includes three internal 14.9-inch letterbox screens, two internal 7-inch screens, and five connections for optional external monitors. The grandMA3 light CRV includes two internal 14.9-inch letterbox screens, two internal 7-inch screens, and four connections for optional external monitors. The numbering of these screens is detailed in the following table:

Screen number	Display Size	Resolution	Remark
Screen 1		1,920 x 1,080	External screen
Screen 2		1,920 x 1,080	External screen
Screen 3		1,920 x 1,080	External screen (only grandMA3 full-size CRV)
Screen 4		1,920 x 1,080	External screen

Screen number	Display Size	Resolution	Remark
Screen 5		1,920 x 1,080	External screen
Screen 6	7-inch	800 x 480	Right command screen
Screen 7	7-inch	800 x 480	Left command screen
Screen 8	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Letterbox encoder screen
Screen 9	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Right letterbox executor screen
Screen 10	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Left letterbox executor screen, on grandMA3 full-size CRV or grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 light CRV
Screen 11	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Letterbox executor screen, on grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 full-size CRV or second grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 light CRV

grandMA3 compact XT and compact

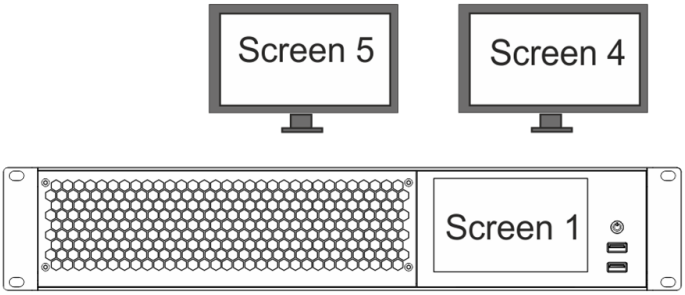


grandMA3 compact XT with all screens numbered

The grandMA3 compact XT includes two internal 15.6-inch screens mounted in a hinged monitor wing and one connection for an optional external monitor. The grandMA3 compact includes one internal 15.6-inch screen mounted in a hinged monitor wing and one connection for an optional external monitor. The numbering of these screens is detailed in the following table:

Screen number	Display Size	Resolution	Remark
Screen 1	15.6-inch	1,920 x 1,080	
Screen 2	15.6-inch	1,920 x 1,080	Only on grandMA3 compact XT
Screen 4		1,920 x 1,080	External screen

grandMA3 replay unit



grandMA3 replay unit with all screens numbered

The grandMA3 replay unit includes two connections for optional external monitors. The numbering of these screens is detailed in the following table:

Screen number	Display Size	Resolution	Remark
Screen 1	5-inch	800 x 480	Internal command multi-touch screen
Screen 4		1,920 x 1,080	External screen
Screen 5		1,920 x 1,080	External screen
Screen 10	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Letterbox executor screen on first grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 replay unit
Screen 11	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Letterbox executor screen on second grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 replay unit
Screen 12	14.9-inch	1,280 x 242	Letterbox executor screen on third grandMA3 extension connected to grandMA3 replay unit

For more information, see Connect External Screens.

grandMA3 onPC rack-unit and grandMA3 onPC command wing XT

For onPC stations, the single windows for each display can be freely arranged. The grandMA3 onPC rack-unit does include a 5-inch screen. For more information, see Displays in grandMA3 onPC.

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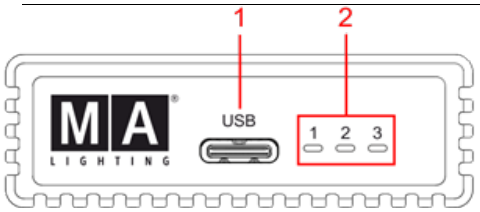
1.3.14. grandMA3 viz-key



grandMA3 viz-key front panel

1. USB port type C
2. Mode LEDs
   1: Power On
   2: USB connection with PC
   3: Connection with grandMA3 onPC software

For more information, refer to Connect grandMA3 viz-key and Update grandMA3 viz-key.

For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual viz-key.

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1.3.15. Shortcuts

The following topics describe the use of shortcuts in the grandMA3 software.

Subtopics

- Keyboard Shortcuts
- Framework Shortcuts

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1.3.15.1. Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts allow fast operation of the console and onPC command wings via the (internal) keyboard.

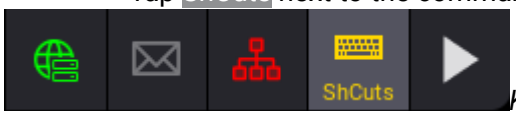
Some of these user-editable shortcuts are for general use and override other commands. Others are related to specific windows and pop-ups.

The KeyboardShortcut keyword is used to edit and list the keyboard shortcuts.

Keyboard Shortcuts are part of the user profile. This allows each user or user profile to use their own shortcut definitions within a show file.

Turn the Keyboard Shortcuts on

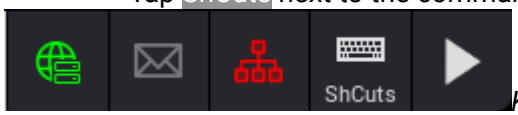
- Tap ShCuts next to the command line or press F10 on your keyboard.



Keyboard shortcuts enabled The keyboard shortcuts are turned on (yellow text).

Turn the Keyboard Shortcuts off

- Tap ShCuts next to the command line or press F10 on your keyboard.



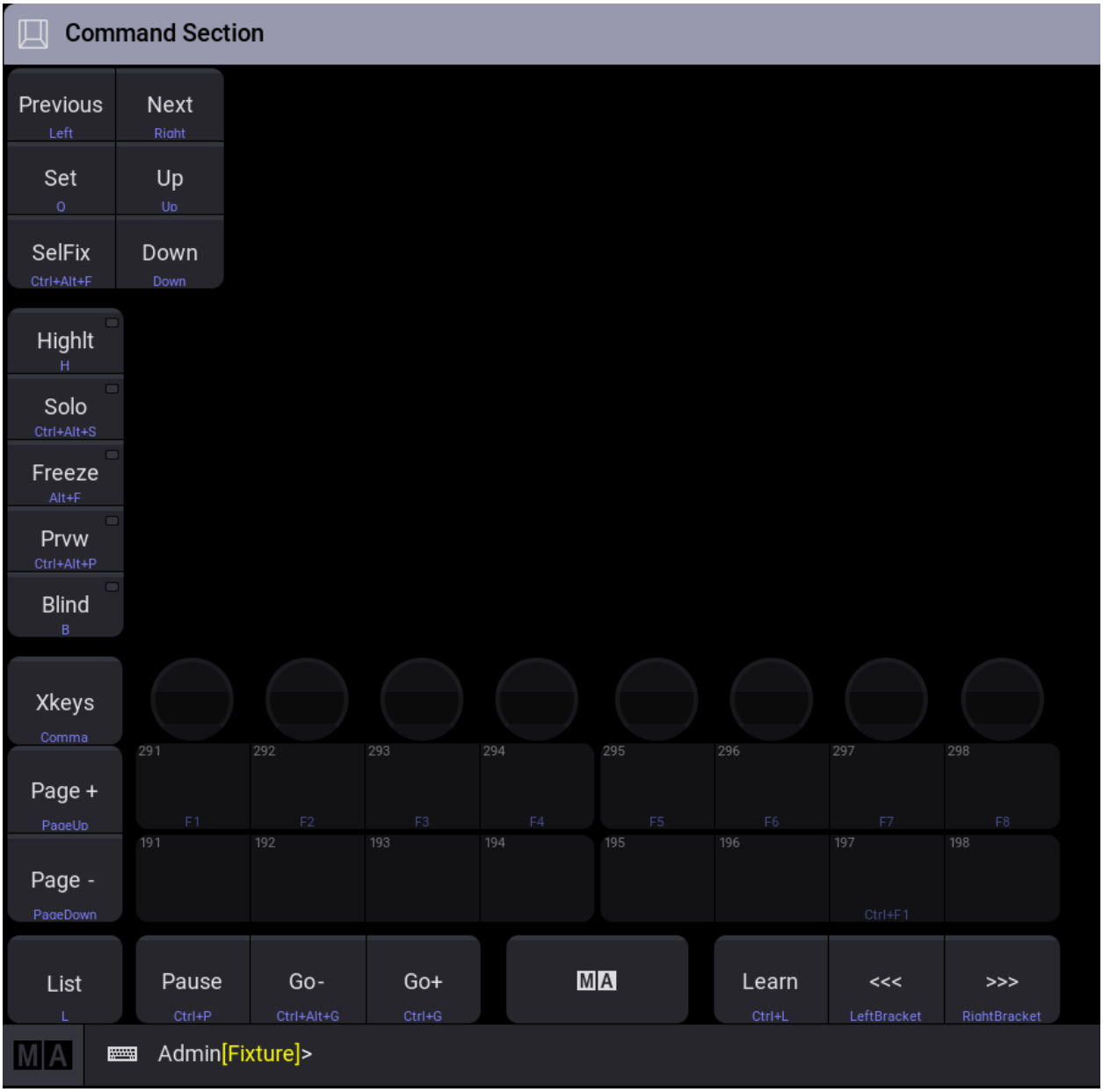
Keyboard shortcuts disabled The keyboard shortcuts are turned off (white text).
In certain menus and pop-ups where the shortcuts are not relevant, they are switched off and back on automatically. The shortcut icon turns red.

Red Shortcuts icon

Shortcut Examples

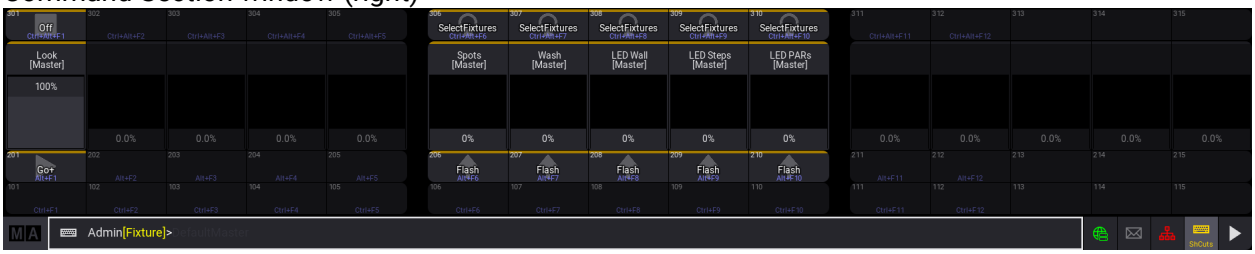
The images show the activated shortcut menu. The menu color can be changed in the color theme.

The lavender text in the images shows the keyboard shortcuts when ShCuts is enabled.



Command Section window (left)

Command Section window (right)

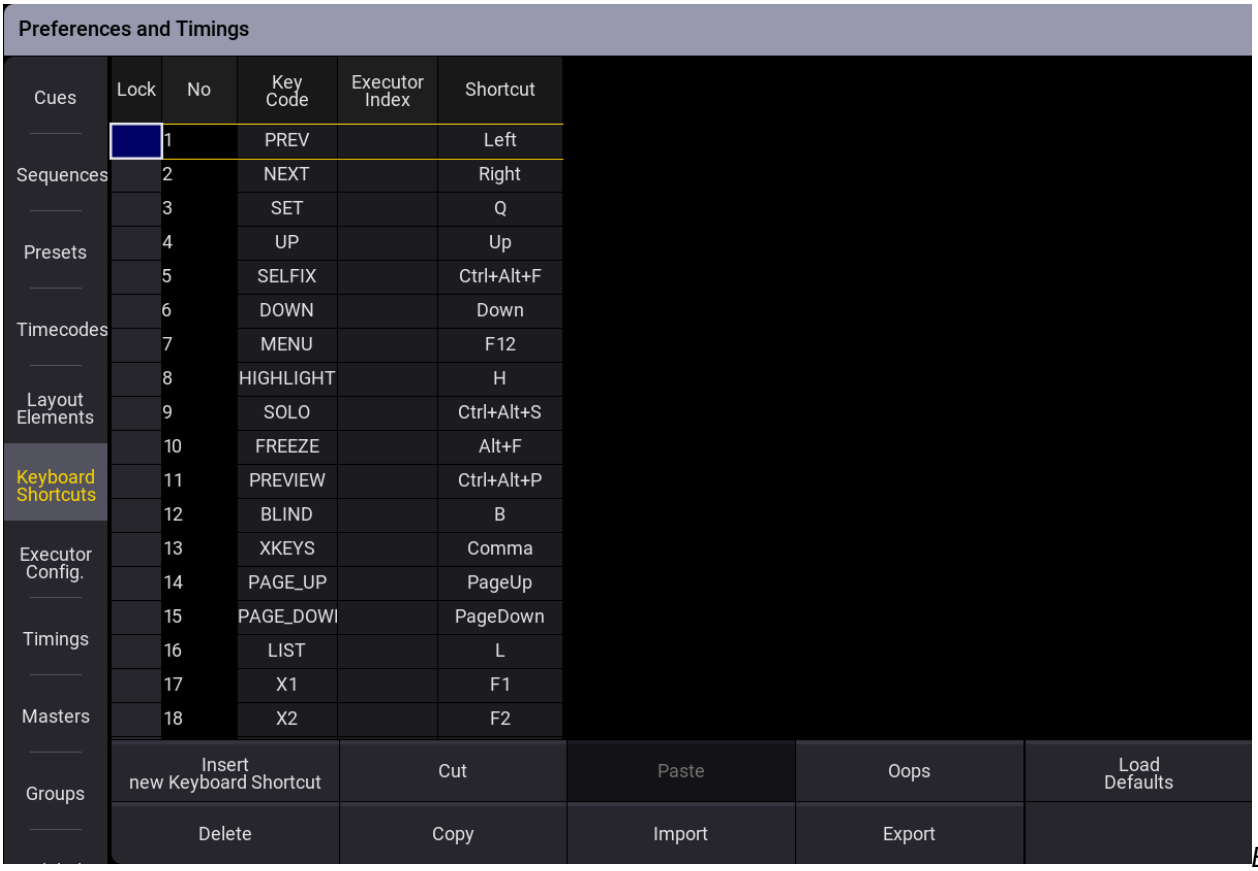


Playback controls window

Keyboard Shortcuts Window

1. To edit the shortcuts, open the Preferences and Timings window.
2. Tap Keyboard Shortcuts.

The Keyboard Shortcuts window opens:



Edit Keyboard Shortcuts window

Add Keyboard Shortcuts

1. To add a new keyboard shortcut at the end of the list, scroll down, tap New KeyboardShortcut, and then tap Insert new Keyboard Shortcut. A new empty cell is generated at the end of the list.
2. Tap and hold or right-click on the empty cell. The **Select Key Code** pop-up opens.

Select key code window

3. Select the desired key code from the pop-up list. The pop-up closes.
4. To open the Edit Keyboard Shortcut pop-up, tap and hold or right-click on the empty cell in the Shortcut row.

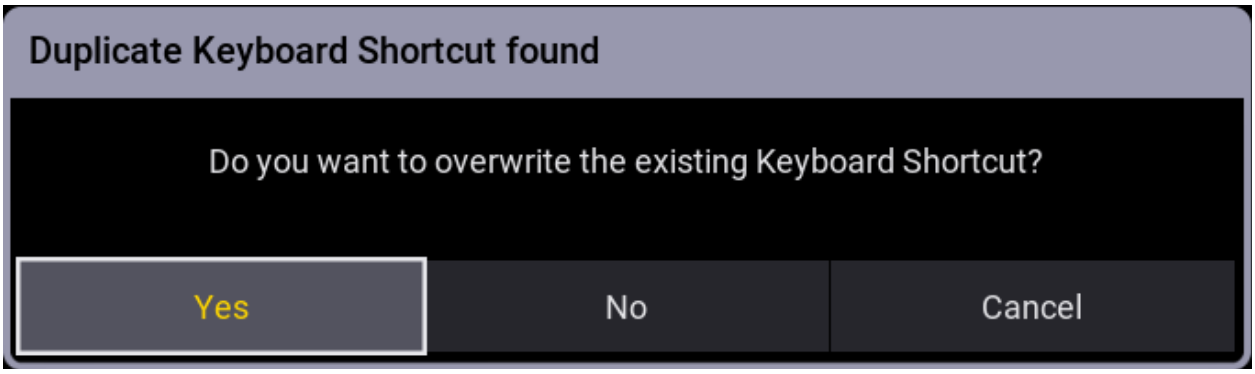
Edit Keyboard shortcut pop-up

5. To enter the desired shortcut, press the relevant keys. The pop-up closes.

As Enter can also be used as a shortcut, it is not possible to close the Edit keyboard shortcut pop-up with Enter.

- To confirm the shortcut, tap Ok.
- To clear the shortcut, tap None.
- To cancel the edit, tap X.

6. If a keyboard shortcut already exists, a warning pop-up appears. Tap Yes to save the new shortcut.



Warning pop-up

7. The new shortcut is added to the list.

Preferences and Timings

Cues
Sequences
Presets
Timecodes
Layout Elements
Keyboard Shortcuts
Executor Config.
Timings
Masters
Groups
Global

Lock	No	Key Code	Executor Index	Shortcut
	135	THRU		T
	136	MINUS		Minus
	137	DOT		Period
	138	IF		I
	139	AT		A
	140	SLASH		Slash
	141	PLEASE		Enter
	142	FULL		Ctrl+F
	143	OOPS		Ctrl+Z
	144	CLEAR		Delete
	145	ESC		Escape
	146	MINUS		kpSubtract
	147	SLASH		kpDivide
	148	PLUS		kpAdd
	149	PLEASE		Enter
	150	DOT		kpDecimal
	151	OOPS		Backspace
	152	ONPC_SCRE		Ctrl+Alt+2
	153	ONPC_SCRE		Ctrl+Alt+3
	154	ONPC_SCRE		Ctrl+Alt+4
	155	ONPC_SCRE		Ctrl+Alt+5
	156	ONPC_SCRE		Ctrl+Alt+6
	157	ONPC_SCRE		Ctrl+Alt+7
	158	UP		Up

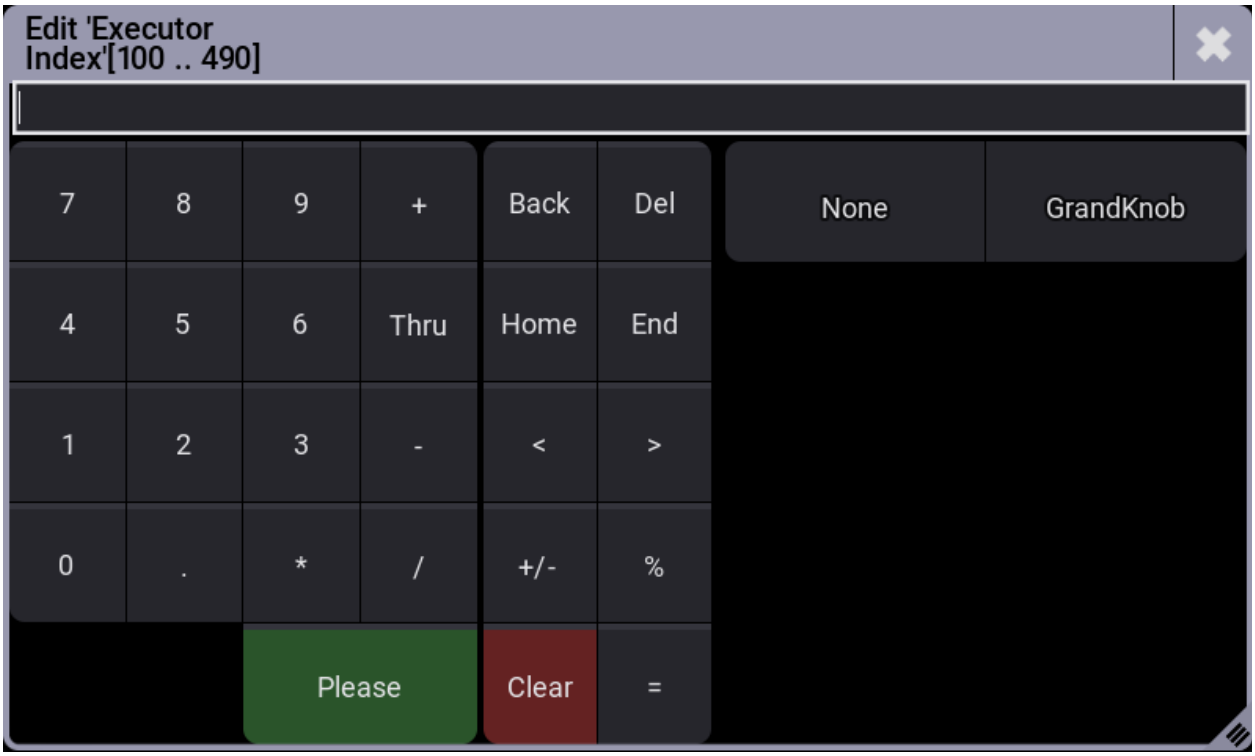
New Keyboa

New shortcut is

added

Add Executor Index

The **Executor Index** column defines the executor that is triggered when executing the corresponding shortcut. The executor will have its shortcut displayed in lavender color in the playbacks control window when ShCuts is enabled.



Executor Index - Calculator

Edit Existing Keyboard Shortcut

1. To edit an existing shortcut definition, tap and hold the Keyboard Shortcut you want to edit. The Edit keyboard shortcut pop-up opens.
2. Enter the new shortcut.

Delete Keyboard Shortcuts

1. To select the keyboard shortcut to be deleted, tap the desired shortcut.
2. Tap Delete.
3. The keyboard shortcut is deleted. To undo a deletion, tap Oops.

Reset Keyboard Shortcuts to Defaults

- To reset the keyboard shortcuts to their defaults, tap Load Defaults. The keyboard shortcuts are reset to their defaults.

	Hint:
	The Shift keys on the keyboard correspond with the MA keys on the console.

Import / Export Keyboard Shortcuts

- To import or export the keyboard shortcuts, tap Import or Export.

By default, files will be exported to the relevant folder within the library folder structure, either on the console's local drive or on the onPC station, or on a selected USB drive. For more information about this folder structure, see the Folder Structure topic.

For information about exporting and importing show data using command line syntax without the use of these menus, see the Export keyword and Import keyword topics.

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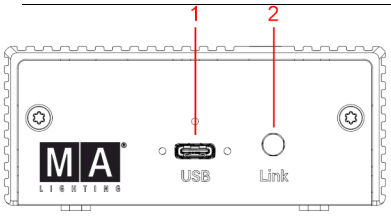
1.3.15.2. Framework Shortcuts

The framework of the grandMA3 software uses the following keyboard shortcuts for user interface related grids, for example, in the Patch menu or the Fixture Builder.

Press key	Command	Description
Insert	Insert UIGridSelection	Executing a user interface (UI) related insert function.
Ctrl + Insert	Store UIGridSelection	Executing a UI related store function.
Delete	Delete UIGridSelection	Executing a UI related delete function.
Ctrl + C	Copy UIGridSelection	Copying from a UI grid.
Ctrl + V	Paste UIGridSelection	Pasting into a UI grid.
Ctrl + X	Cut UIGridSelection	Cutting from a UI grid.
Ctrl + N	-	Toggles, for example, the "New Object Line" in a UI grid.
Ctrl + M	-	Toggles Merge children.
Ctrl + Enter	Edit UIGridSelection	Opens the edit pop-up for a selected cell.
Ctrl + Alt + D		Resets the color theme.
F1	Menu "AtOverlay"	Opens the At Filter.
F2	Menu "MenuSelector"	Opens the menu.
F3	Menu "CommandControl"	Opens the command section menu.
F4	Menu "MasterControl"	Opens the master controls menu.
F5	Menu "PlaybackControl"	Opens the playback menu.
F7	Menu "CustomMasterSectionOverlay"	Opens the custom master section menu.
F8	Menu "EncoderBarControl"	Opens the encoder bar menu.
F9	Menu "DeskLock"	Enables desk lock
F10	-	Toggles shortcuts. For more information, see Keys.
F8 during reboot	-	Opens the boot menu.

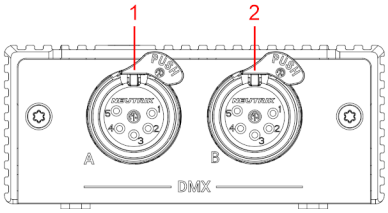
Hint:
On Apple® products, use control instead of Ctrl and option instead of Alt.

1.3.16. grandMA3 onPC DMX-key / starter



grandMA3 onPC DMX-key (starter) front panel

1. Lockable USB port type C
2. Link LED



grandMA3 onPC DMX-key (starter) rear panel

1. DMX-512-A OUT (5pin XLR female) A
2. DMX-512-A OUT (5pin XLR female) B

For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual DMX-key.

1.3.17. Keys

A shortcut is a series of one or several keys that invoke the software to perform a pre-programmed action.

In grandMA3, we differentiate between the term key and button

A key is a (hard) key on the console or on the (integrated) keyboard.

A button is an element in the User Interface.

The keys F9, F10, F11, Pause and Print Screen provide system-wide shortcuts on all operating systems always available in all contexts as long as the program is running. These shortcuts cannot be edited.

The following shortcuts are available on all OS through several input methods:

Desk lock:

- Keyboard
  - F9
  - Pause
- Key
  - MA + MA + Pause | Fix
- Button
  - Lock

Toggle keyboard shortcuts:

- Keyboard
  - F10
- Button
  - ShCuts

Print screen:

- Keyboard
  - F11
  - Print

Reload UI (If the color theme is set to unreadable values):

- Key
  - MA + MA + Clear

	Hint:
	The Shift keys on the keyboard correspond with the MA keys on the console.

All other shortcuts can be edited by the user. For more information on see Keyboard Shortcuts.

This overview displays shortcuts for a quick execution of commands.

Press key	Command	Description
.	.	Enters . [Dot] into the command line. For more information see the . [Dot] keyword.
. .	Zero	Sets the dimmer value of the selected fixtures to 0.
MA .	Default	Sets the attributes to their default values.
<<<	<<<	Enters <<< [GoFastBackward] into the command line. For more information see the <<< [GoFastBackward] keyword.
Press and hold <<<		Allows several successive operations.
MA <<<	Black	Enters Black into the command line. For more information see the Black keyword.
Press and hold <<<		Allows several successive operations.
>>>	>>>	Enters >>> [GoFastForward] into the command line. For more information see the >>> [GoFastBackward] keyword.
Press and hold >>>		Allows several successive operations.
MA >>>	Flash	Enters Flash into the command line. For more information see the Flash keyword.
Press and hold >>>		Allows several successive operations.
-	-	Enters - [Minus] into the command line. For more information see the - [Minus] keyword.
- -	At Percent - 10	Decreases the intensity of the selected fixtures by 10%.
MA-	Previous	Enters the Previous keyword in the command line. For more information see Previous keyword.
+	+	Enters + [Plus] into the command line. For more information see the Plus keyword.
+ +	At Percent + 10	Increases the intensity of the selected fixtures by 10%.
MA+	Next	Enters the Next keyword in the command line. For more information see Next keyword.
/	/	Enters / [Slash] into the command line. For more

Press key	Command	Description
		information see the / [Slash] keyword.
MA /	*	Enters * [Asterisk] into the command line. For more information see the * [Asterisk] keyword.
At	At	Enters At into the command line. For more information see the At keyword.
At At	Normal	Sets the intensity to the Normal value in the selected fixtures.
MA At	Integrate	Enters Integrate into the command line. For more information see the Integrate keyword.
MA At At	Extract	Enters Extract into the command line. For more information see the Extract keyword.
Press and hold At		Opens the At Filter. For more information see At Filter.
Store At	/Embed	Enters /Embed into the command line. For more information see the /Embed option keyword.
Assign	Assign	Enters Assign into the command line. For more information see the Assign keyword.
Assign Assign	Label	Enters Label into the command line. For more information see the Label keyword.
MA Assign	Set	Enters Set into the command line. For more information see the Set keyword.
Press and hold Assign		Allows several successive operations.
Align	Align	Cycles through the different align modes.
Press and hold Align	Align "Off"	Sets the align mode to off.
MA Align	AlignTransition	Cycles through the different align transitions.
Press and hold MA Align	AlignTransition "Linear"	Sets the align transition to linear.
Blind	Blind	Toggles the blind mode. For more information see the Blind keyword.
Clear	Clear	Clears the selected fixtures. For more information see the Clear keyword.
Clear Clear	Clear	Clears the active values. For more information see the Clear keyword.
Clear Clear Clear	Clear	Clears the programmer. For more

Press key	Command	Description
		information see the Clear keyword.
Press and hold Clear	ClearAll	Clears the programmer and command filter. You can also press 3 x Clear. For more information see the ClearAll keyword.
Channel	Channel	Enters Channel into the command line. For more information see the Channel keyword.
Channel Channel	Channel Generic and other ID types in use	Pressing Channel repeatedly switches through Channel, Generic, and other ID types in use. If ID types are not assigned to patched fixtures, they are not use and hence will not be toggled in the command line. For more information see the Channel key, Generic keyword, Command Line - Change the Default Keyword.
Copy	Copy	Enters Copy into the command line. For more information see the Copy keyword.
Copy Copy	Paste	Enters Paste into the command line. For more information see the Paste keyword.
Copy Copy Copy	Insert	Enters Insert into the command line. For more information see the Insert keyword.
MA Copy	Cut	Enters cut into the command line. For more information see the Cut keyword.
Press and hold Copy		Allows several successive operations.
Ctrl		Press and hold to use multi-selection in sheets. To initiate a clean start press and hold when the Mode Selector pop-up appears during the boot process.
Cue	Cue	Enters Cue into the command line. For more information see the Cue keyword.
Cue Cue	Part	Enters Part into the command line. For more information see the Part keyword.
MA Cue	Programmer	Enters Programmer into the command line. For more information see the Programmer

Press key	Command	Description
		keyword.
Down	Down	Navigates downward in the structure of fixtures or subfixtures.
Delete	Delete	Enters Delete into the command line. For more information see the Delete keyword.
Delete Delete	Remove	Enters Remove into the command line. For more information see the Remove keyword.
Delete Delete Delete	Release	Enters Release into the command line. For more information see the Release keyword.
Press and hold Delete		Allows several successive operations.
ESC		Closes pop-ups, returning keyboard focus to the command line. If there are no open pop-ups, ESC will delete unexecuted commands in the command line.
Press and hold for 5 seconds MAESC		Cancels operations that take a longer period of time to process. For example, such operations are copying or storing large amount of data.
Edit	Edit	Enters Edit into the command line. For more information see the Edit keyword.
Edit Edit	EditSetting	Enters EditSetting into the command line. For more information see the EditSetting keyword.
MAEdit	EditRecipe	Enters EditRecipe into the command line. For more information see the EditRecipe keyword.
Freeze	Freeze	Toggles the Freeze function.
Full	Full	Sets the intensity to 100% in the selected fixtures. For more information see the Full keyword.
Fixture	Fixture	Enters Fixture into the command line. For more information see the Fixture keyword.
Fixture Fixture	Selection	Enters Selection into the command line. For more information see Selection keyword.
Fixture Fixture Fixture	Collection	Enters Collection into the command line. For more information see the Collection keyword.

Press key	Command	Description
Group	Group	Enters Group into the command line. For more information see the Group keyword.
Group Group	World	Enters World into the command line. For more information see the World keyword.
Group Group Group	Filter	Enters Filter into the command line. For more information see the Filter keyword.
MA Group	Tag	Enters Tag into the command line. For more information see the Tag keyword.
Goto	Goto	Enters Goto into the command line. For more information see the Goto keyword.
Goto Goto	Load	Enters Load into the command line. For more information see the Load keyword.
MA Goto Goto	Loaded	Enters Loaded into the command line. For more information see the Loaded keyword.
Go+ [Large]	Go+ Executor	Executes Go+ Executor into the command line and affects the selected sequence. For more information see the Go+ keyword.
MA Go+ [Large]	Go+ Loaded	Executes Go+ Loaded into the command line. For more information see the Loaded keyword.
Go- [Large]	Go- Executor	Executes Go- Executor into the command line and affects the selected sequence. For more information see the Go- keyword.
Go+ | Temp	Go+	Enters Go+ into the command line. For more information see the Go+ keyword.
Press and hold Go+ | Temp		Allows several successive operations.
Go+ | TempGo+ | Temp	Unpark	Enters Unpark into the command line. For more information see the Unpark keyword.
MA Go+ | Temp	Temp	Enters Temp into the command line. For more information see the Temp keyword.
Press and hold MAGo+ | Temp		Allows several successive operations.
MA Go+ | Temp Go+ | Temp	Toggle	Enters Toggle into the command line. For more information see the Toggle keyword.
Go- | Top	Go-	Enters the Go- into the command line. For more information see the Go- keyword.
Press and hold Go- | Top		Allows several successive

Press key	Command	Description
		operations.
MA Go- | Top	Top	Enters Top into the command line. For more information see the Top keyword.
Press and hold MA Go- | Top		Allows several successive operations.
MA Go- | Top Go- | Top	Kill	Enters Kill into the command line. For more information see the Kill keyword.
Help	Help	Enters Help into the command line. For more information see the Help keyword.
HighIt	Highlight	Toggles the highlight function on and off. For more information see the Highlight keyword.
MA HighIt	Lowlight	Toggles the lowlight function on and off. For more information see the Lowlight keyword.
If	IfOutput If EndIf	If the command line is empty, IfOutput will be entered into the command line. For more information see the IfOutput keyword. If any other command has already been entered, pressing If again will enter If into the command line. For more information see the If keyword. If If has already been entered into the command line, pressing If will enter EndIf into the command line. For more information see the EndIf keyword.
If If	IfActive	Enters IfActive command into the command line. For more information see the IfActive keyword.
If If If	IfProgammer	Enters IfProgrammer into the command line. For more information see the IfProgrammer keyword.
If If If If	If	Enters If into the command line. For more Information see the If keyword.
Learn | Rate1	LearnSpeed	Enters LernSpeed into the command line. For more information see the LearnSpeed keyword.
Press and hold Learn | Rate1		Allows several successive operations.

Press key	Command	Description
MA Learn | Rate1	Rate1	Enters Rate1 into the command line. For more information see the Rate1 keyword.
Press and hold Learn | Rate1		Allows several successive operations.
List	List	Enters List into the command line. For more information see the List keyword.
Press and hold List + press Preset		Opens preset pool.
Press and hold List + press Sequ		Opens sequence pool.
Press and hold List + press Group		Opens group pool.
Press and hold List + press X15 | Page		Opens page pool.
Press and hold List + press X14 | Macro		Opens macro pool.
Press and hold List + press X7 | View		Opens view pool.
MA List	ListReference	Enters ListReference into the command line. For more information see the ListReference keyword.
Press and hold MA + any other key		Pressing and holding MA in combination with other keys provides shortcuts to other functions. It works the same as using Shift on a keyboard.
Press and hold MA		If the name of a pool object is hidden or the pool object displays a custom name, pressing and holding MA displays the name of media files. This works with the following pools: Appearance pool, Gobo pool, Image pool, Mesh pool, Sound pool, and Symbol pool. It willl also show numbers of assigned objects on view buttons and scroll thorugh the address string of the assigned object on executors if they are in other data pools.
MA Please		Sets focus to the command line.
Menu		Opens the menu pop-up.
Menu Menu	SaveShow	Saves the show file using the current name. For more information see the SaveShow

Press key	Command	Description
		keyword.
Move	Move	Enters Move into the command line. For more information see the Move keyword.
Move Move	Exchange	Enters Exchange into the command line. For more information see the Exchange keyword.
Press and hold Move		Allows several successive operations.
Next	Next	Executes Next in the command line. For more information see the Next keyword.
MA Next	Next Step	Executes Next Step in the command line. For more information see the Step keyword.
Oops	Oops	Undoes the last operation or selection. For more information see the Oops keyword.
Press and hold Oops		Opens the Oops window.
On	On	Enters On into the command line. For more information see the On keyword.
OnOn	Call	Enters Call into the command line. For more iformation see the Call keyword.
Press and hold On		Allows several successive operations.
Off	Off	Enters Off into the command line. For more information see the Off keyword.
Off Off		Opens the Off Menu.
MA Off	Deactivate	Enters Deactivate into the command line. For more information see the Deactivate keyword.
MA MA Off		Closes any active RemoteHID connections.
Press and hold Off		Allows several successive operations.
Pause [Large]	Pause Executor	Toggles pause on and off in the selected sequence. For more information see the Pause keyword.
Pause | Fix	Pause	Enters Pause into the command line. For more information see the Pause keyword.
Press and hold Pause | Fix		Allows several successive operations.
Pause | Fix Pause | Fix	Park	Enters Park into the command line. For more information see the Park keyword.

Press key	Command	Description
MA Pause | Fix	Fix	Enters Fix into the command line. For more information see the Fix keyword.
MA MA Pause | Fix		Toggles the desk lock.
Press and hold MAPause | Fix		Allows several successive operations.
Page+	Next Page	Calls the next page. For more information see the Page keyword.
Page-	Previous Page	Calls the previous page. For more information see the Previous keyword.
Press and hold Page-	Page	Calls page 1.
Please		Executes the command entered in the command line.
Please Please		Activates all attributes in the selected fixtures. If you keep on repeatedly pressing Please, the activation will be toggled.
Power		Powers up or powers down the console.
Preset + 1 , 2	Select EncoderBank 1, 2	Changes between encoder banks.
Preset	Preset	Enters Preset into the command line. For more information see the Preset keyword.
Preset Preset	Attribute	Enters Attribute in the command line. For more information see the Attribute keyword.
Preset Preset Preset	Gel	Enters Gel into the command line. For more information see the Gel keyword.
MA Preset	FeatureGroup	Enters FeatureGroup into the command line. For more information see the FeatureGroup keyword.
MA Preset Preset	DataPool	Enters DataPool into the command line. For more information see the DataPool keyword.
Prev	Previous	Executes Previous in the command line. For more information see the Previous keyword .
MA Prev	Previous Step	Executes Previous Step in the command line. For more information see the Step keyword.
Select	Select	Enters Select into the command line. For more information see the Select keyword.
Select Select	Collect	Enters Collect into the command line. For more information see

Press key	Command	Description
		the Collect keyword.
Press and hold Select		Allows several successive operations.
SelFix	SelectFixtures	Enters SelectFixtures into the command line. For more information see the SelectFixtures keyword.
SelFix SelFix	Shuffle	Enters Shuffle into the command line. For more information see the Shuffle keyword.
Press and hold SelFix		Allows several successive operations.
Sequ	Sequence	Enters Sequence into the command line. For more information see the Sequence keyword.
Set	Set Selection Property "Active"	Toggles MATricks on and off. For more information see the MAtricks keyword.
MA Set	Step Toggle	Toggles between the firstly selected step and all selected steps.
Solo	Solo	Toggles the solo function on and off. For more information see the Solo keyword.
Stomp	Stomp	Enters Stomp into the command line. For more information see the Stomp keyword.
Stomp Stomp	Capture	Enters Capture into the command line. For more information see the Capture keyword.
Press and hold Stomp		Allows several successive operations.
Store	Store	Enters Store into the command line. For more information see the Store keyword.
Press and hold Store		Opens Store Settings.
Thru	Thru	Enters Thru into the command line. For more information see the Thru keyword.
Time		Toggles CueFade and CueDelay, or through Relative, Fade, Delay, and Absolute. Which layers are toggled depends on two things: the Time Key Target of your user profile settings and the content of the command line. For more information see these keywords CueFade, CueDelay, Relative, Fade, Delay and Absolute. For more information on the Time Key Target see User Settings.

Press key	Command	Description
Up	Up	Navigates upward in the structure of fixtures or subfixtures.
Update	Update	Opens the Update menu.
MA Update	Cook Offset	Enters Cook into the command line. For more information see the Cook keyword. If there is already Store in the command line, this key combination will enter Offset into the command line. For more information see the Offset keyword.
X1|Clone		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X1 is executor 291.
MA X1 | Clone	Clone	Enters Clone into the command line. For more information see the Clone keyword.
MA X1 | Clone X1 | Clone	Recast	Enters Recast into the command line. For more information see the Recast keyword.
X2 | Link		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X2 is executor 292.
X3 | Grid		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X3 is executor 293.
MA X3 | Grid	Grid	Enters Grid into the command line. For more information see the Grid keyword.
X4 | Layout		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X4 is executor 294.
MA X4 | Layout	Layout	Enters Layout into the command line. For more information see the Layout keyword.
MA X4 | Layout X4 | Layout	Appearance	Enters Appearance into the command line. For more information see the Appearance keyword.
MA X4 | Layout X4 | Layout X4 | Layout	Scribble	Enters Scribble into the command line. For more information see the Scribble keyword.
X5 | Step		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X5 is executor 295.
MA X5 | Step	Step	Enters Step into the command line. For more information see the Step keyword.
X6 | TC		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X6 is executor 296.
MA X6 | TC	Timecode	Enters Timecode into the command line. For more information see the Timecode keyword.
MA X6 I TC X6 I TC	TimecodeSlot	Enters Timecode Slot into the command line. For more

Press key	Command	Description
		information see the TimecodeSlot keyword.
MA X6 I TC X6 I TC X6 I TC	Timer	Enters Timer into the command line. For more information see the Timer keyword.
X7 | View		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X7 is executor 297.
MA X7 | View	View	Enters View into the command line. For more information see the View keyword.
MA X7 | View X7 | View	ViewButton	Enters ViewButton into the command line. For more information see the ViewButton keyword.
MA X7 | View X7 | View X7 | View	ScreenContent	Enters ScreenContent into the command line. For more information see the ScreenContent keyword.
X8 | DMX		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X8 is executor 298.
MA X8 | DMX	DMXUniverse	Enters DMXUniverse into the command line. For more information see the DMXUniverse keyword.
MA X8 | DMX X8 | DMX	DMXAddress	Enters DMXAddress into the command line. For more information see the DMXAddress keyword.
X9		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X9 is executor 191.
X10		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X10 is executor 192.
X11		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X11 is executor 193.
X12		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X12 is executor 194.
X13 | Phaser		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X13 is executor 195.
MA X13 | Phaser	Menu "PhaserEditorOverlay"	Opens a temporary version of the Phaser Editor. For more information see Phasers.
X14 | Macro		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X14 is executor 196.
MA X14 | Macro	Macro	Enters Macro into the command line. For more information see the Macro keyword.
MA X14 | Macro X14 | Macro	Plugin	Enters Plugin into the command line. For more information see

Press key	Command	Description
		the Plugin keyword.
MA X14 | Macro X14 | Macro X14 | Macro	Quickey	Enters Quickey into the command line. For more information see the Quickey keyword.
X15 | Page		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X15 is executor 197.
MA X15 | Page	Page	Enters Page into the command line. For more information see the Page keyword.
X16 | Exec		At the moment all Xkeys behave as executors. X16 is executor 198.
MA X16 | Exec	Executor	Enters Executor into the command line. For more information see the Executor keyword.
MA X16 | Exec X16 | Exec	SpecialExecutor	Enters SpecialExecutor into the command line. For more information see the SpecialExecutor keyword.
MA X16 | Exec X16 | Exec X16 | Exec	FaderMaster	Enters FaderMaster into the command line. For more information see the FaderMaster keyword.

Subtopics

- . [Dot]
- <<< [GoFastBackward] | Black
- >>> [GoFastForward] | Flash
- - [Minus]
- + [Plus]
- / [Slash] | * [Asterisk/Multiply]
- Align
- Assign
- At
- Blind
- Clear
- Channel
- Copy
- Ctrl
- Cue
- Delete
- Down
- Edit
- Esc
- Fixture
- Freeze
- Full

- Go+ | Temp
- Go+ [large]
- Go- [large]
- Go- | Top
- Goto
- Group
- Help
- Highlt [Highlight]
- If
- Learn | Rate1
- List
- MA
- Menu
- Move
- Next
- Numeric Keys | Arrows
- Off
- On
- Oops
- Page-
- Page+
- Pause [large]
- Pause | Fix
- Please
- Power
- Preset
- Prev [Previous]
- Prvw [Preview]
- Select
- SelFix [SelectFixtures]
- Sequ [Sequence]
- Set
- Stomp
- Solo
- Store
- Thru
- Time
- Up
- Update
- U1
- U2
- X1 | Clone
- X2 | Link
- X3 | Grid
- X4 | Layout
- X5 | Step
- X6 | TC
- X7 | View
- X8 | DMX
- X9
- X10

- X11
- X12
- X13 | Phaser
- X14 | Macro
- X15 | Page
- X16 | Exec
- Xkeys

1.3.17.1. . [Dot]

Pressing . [Dot] enters a . into the command line.

Zero

Pressing . . enters the Zero keyword into the command line.

For more information about Zero, see the Zero keyword.

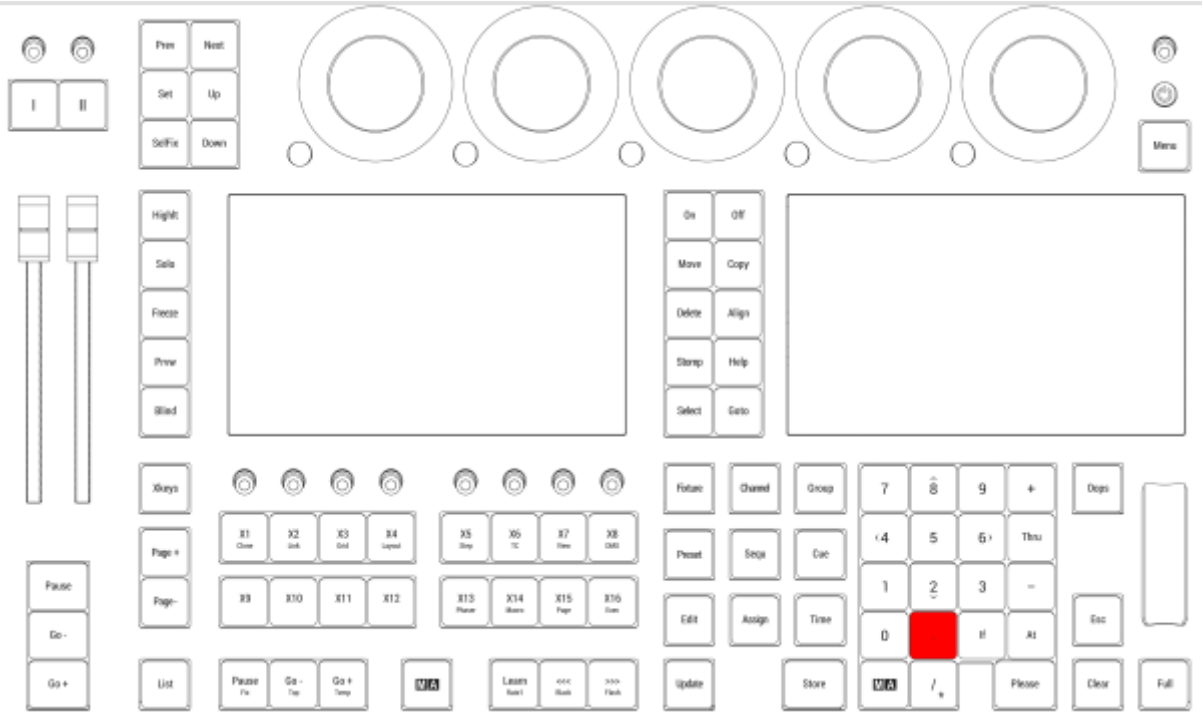
Default

Pressing MA + . enters the Default keyword into the command line.

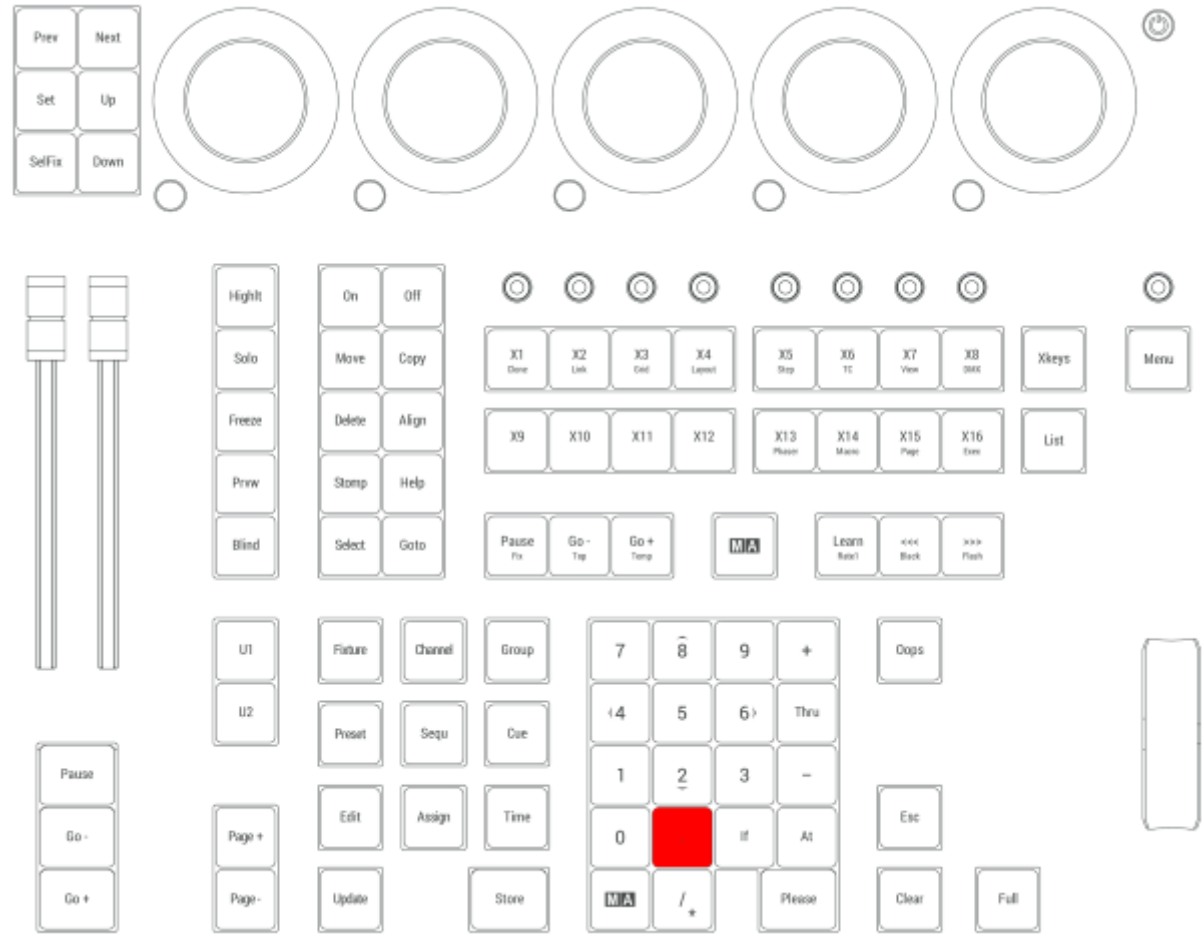
For more information about Default, see the Default keyword.

Location

The . [Dot] is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.2. <<< [GoFastBackward] | Black

Pressing <<< enters the <<< keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]><<<

For more information about <<<, see the GoFastBackward keyword.

Black

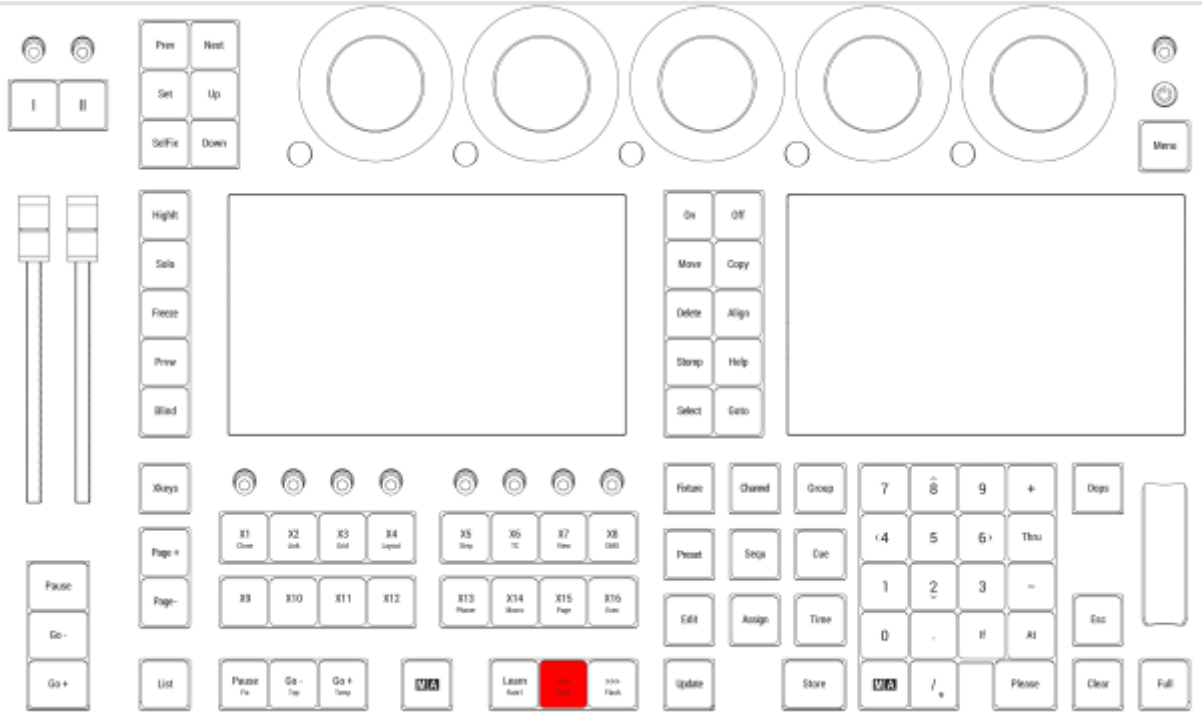
Pressing and holding MA + <<< enters the Black keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Black

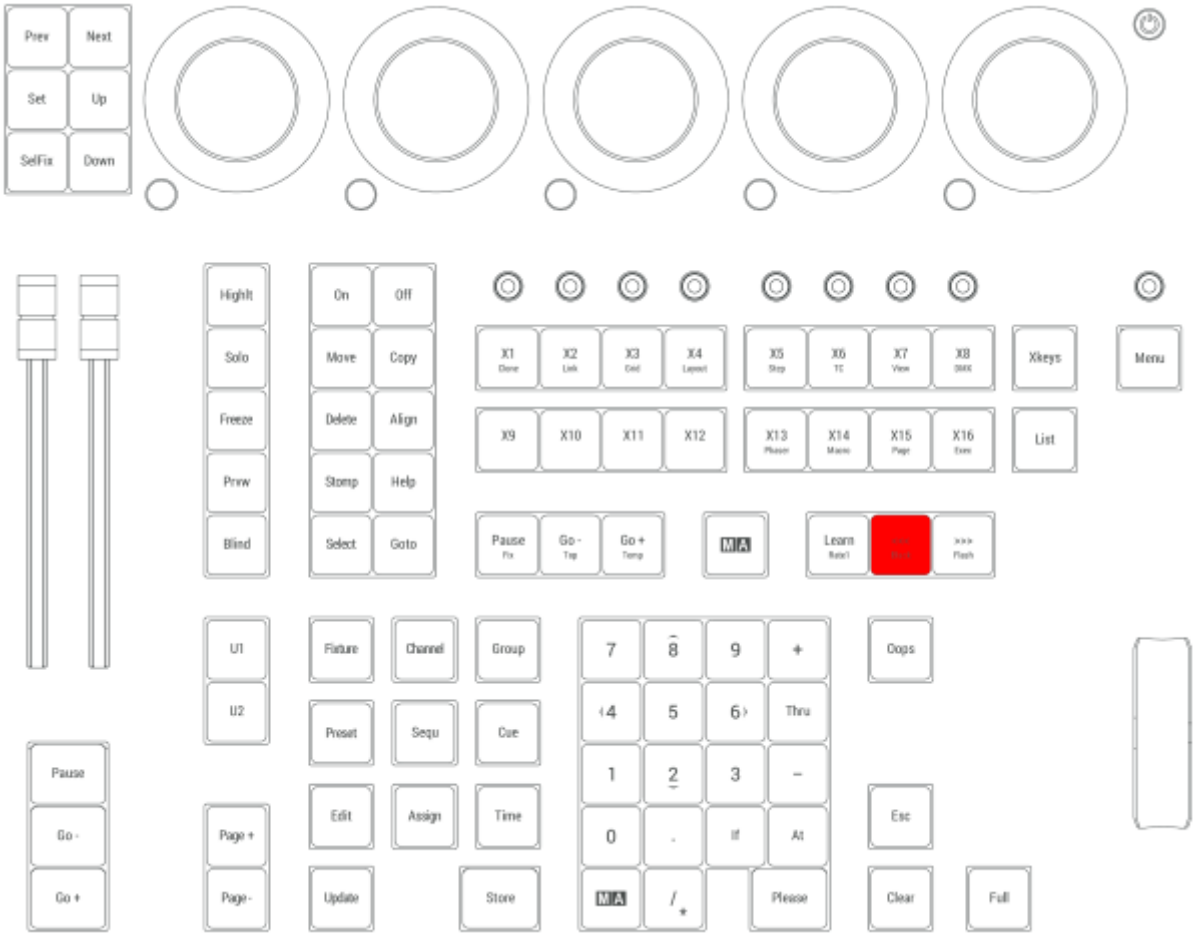
For more information about Black, see the Black keyword.

Location

<<< is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.3. >>> [GoFastForward] | Flash

Pressing >>> enters the >>> keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>>>>

For more information about >>>, see the GoFastForward keyword.

Flash

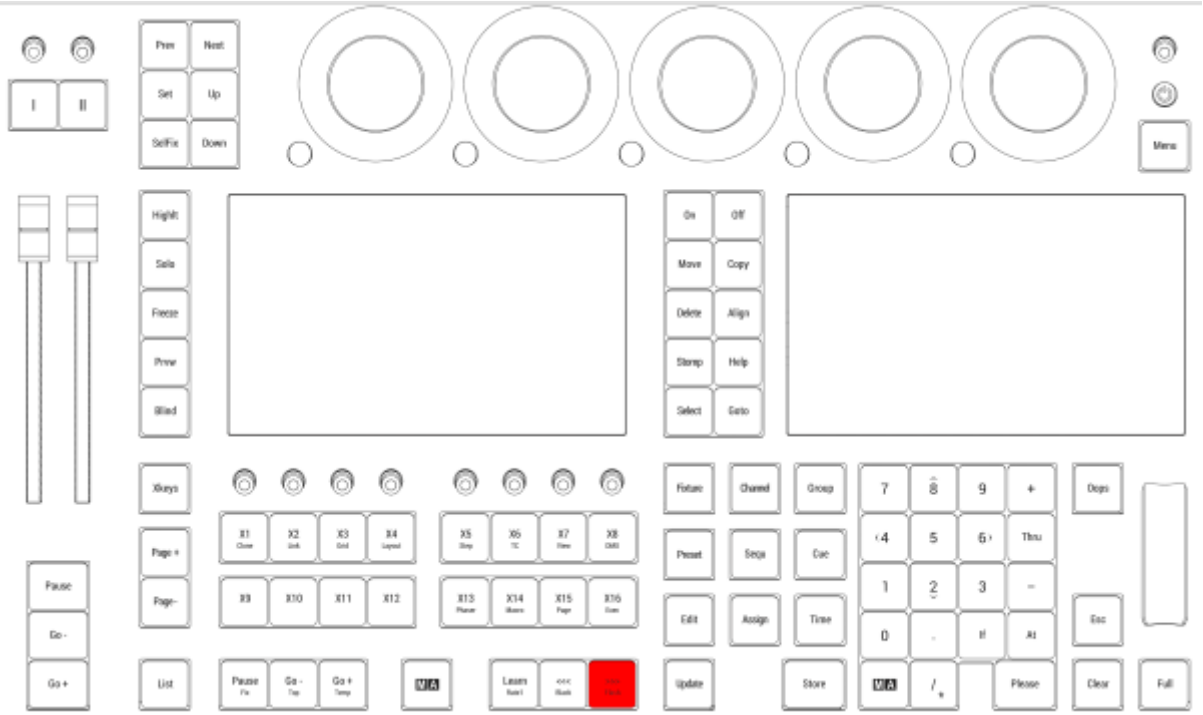
Pressing and holding MA + >>> enters the Flash keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Flash

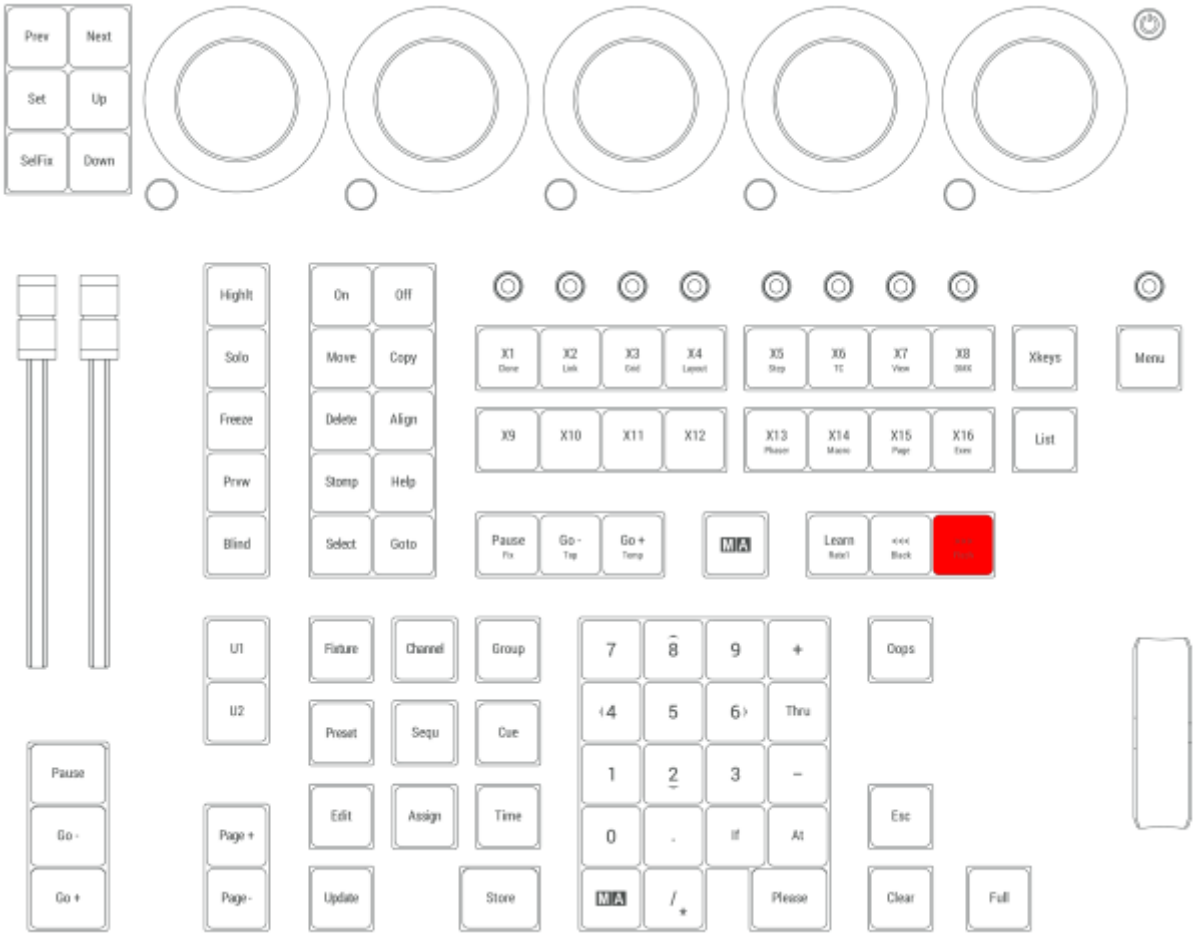
For more information about Flash, see the Flash keyword.

Location

>>> is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.4. - [Minus]

Pressing - enters a - into the command line.

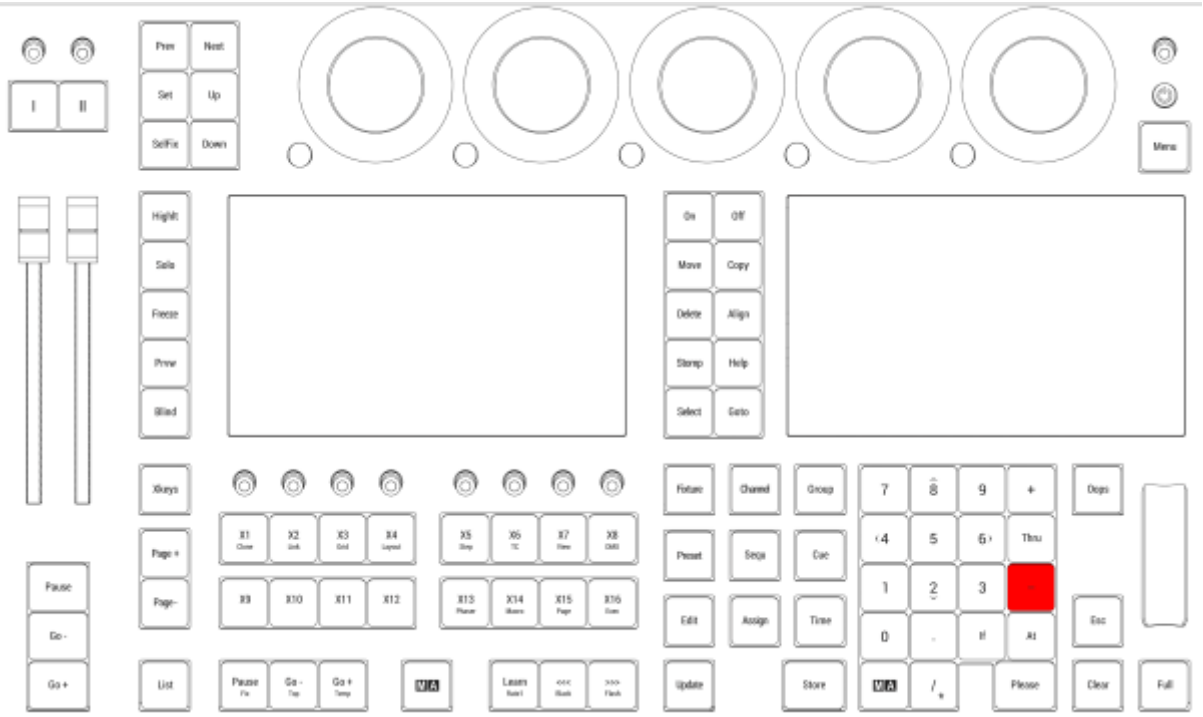
For more information on -, see - (Minus) Keyword.

At - 10

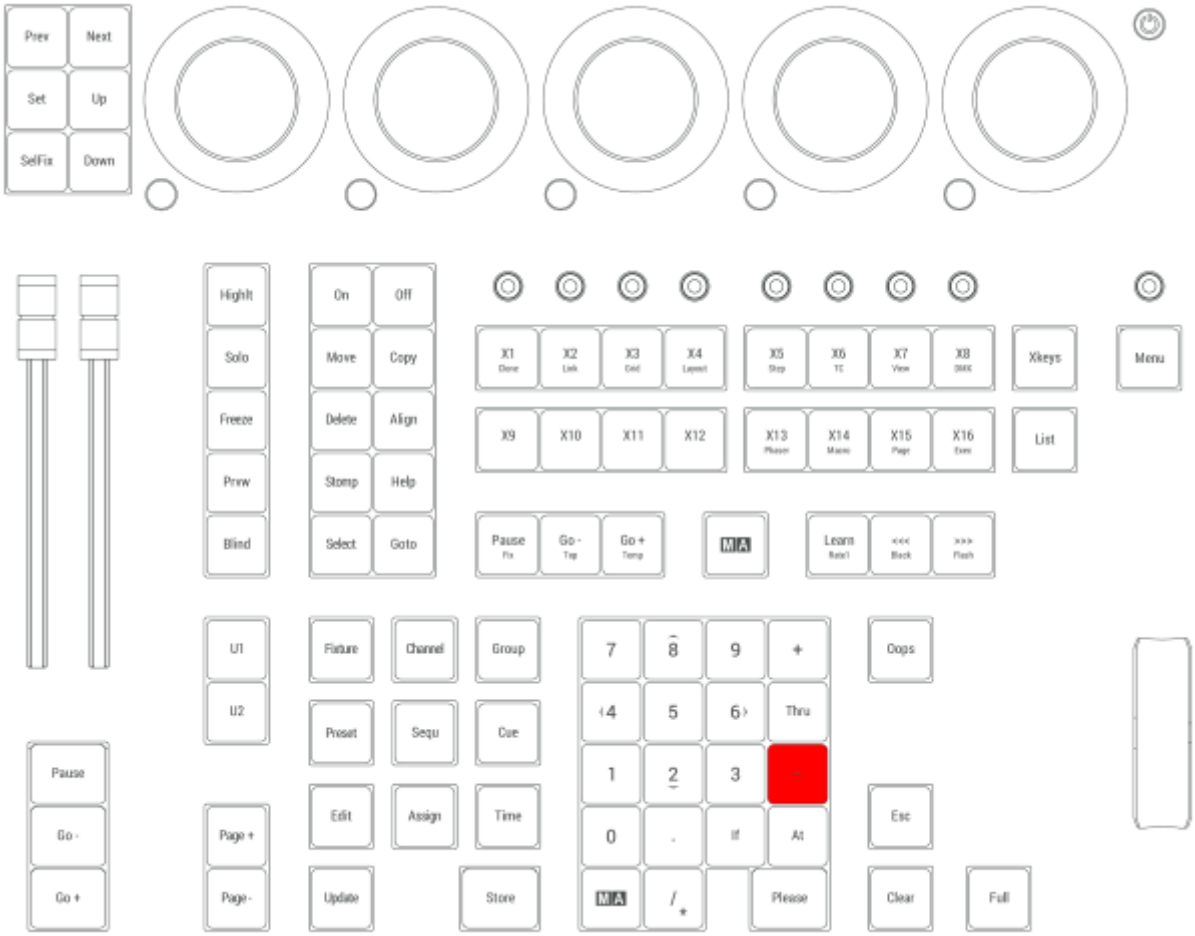
Pressing - - decreases the dimmer level of the selected fixtures by 10%.

Location

- is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.5. + [Plus]

Pressing + enters the + into the command line.

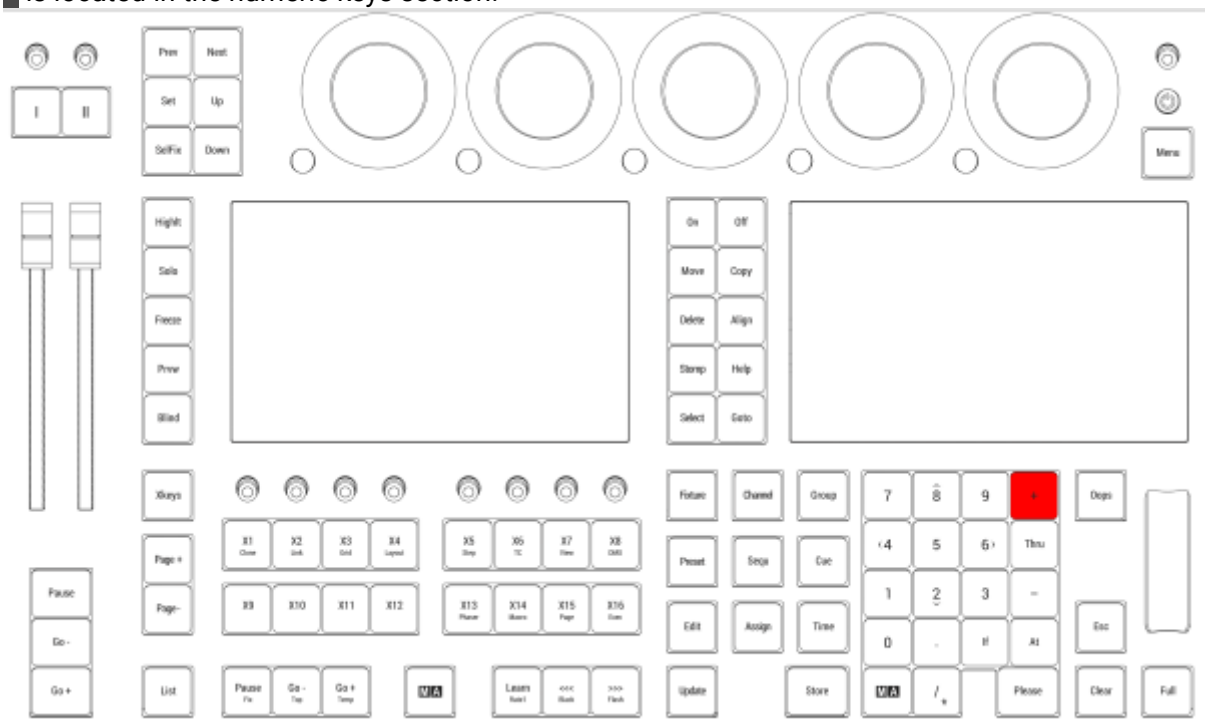
For more information on +, see + (Plus) Keyword.

At + 10

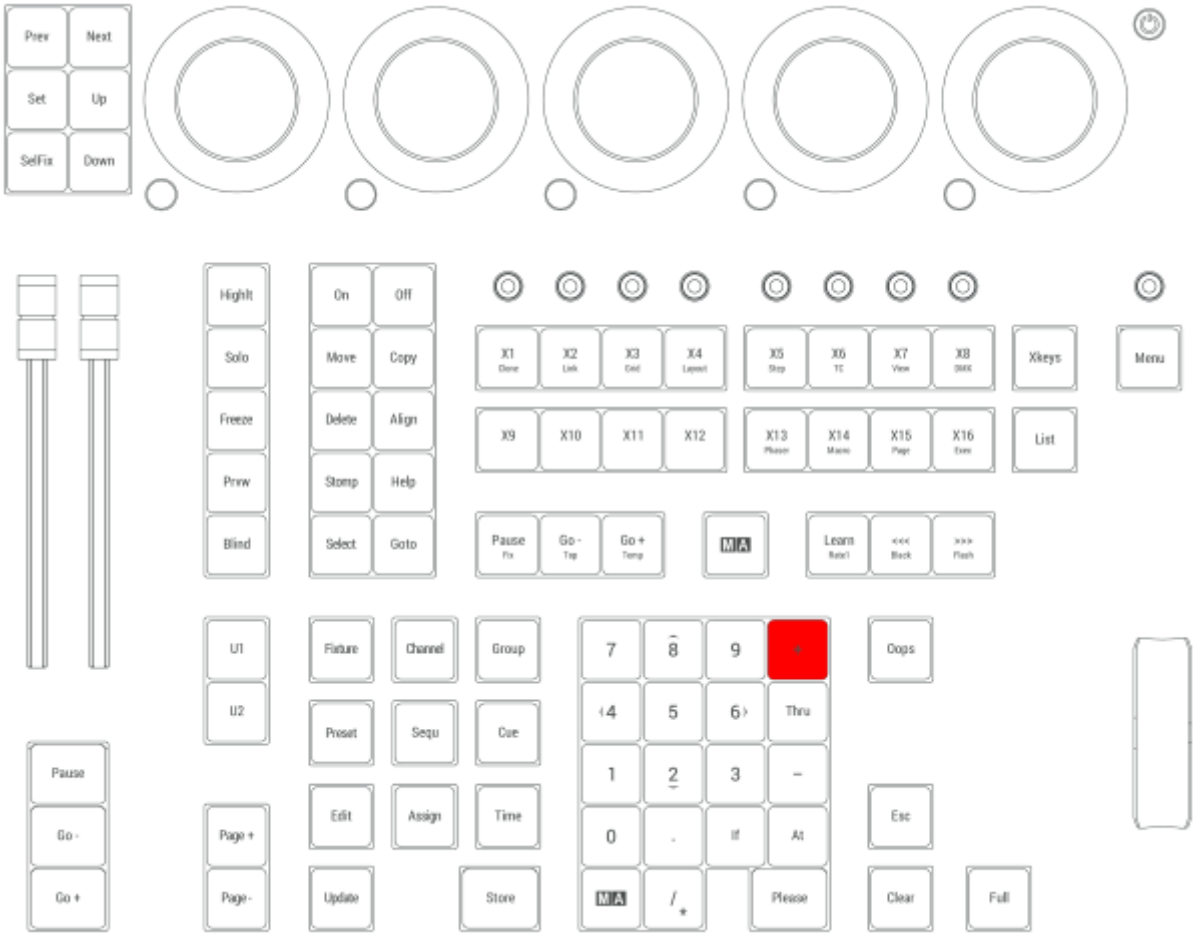
Pressing + + increases the dimmer level of the selected fixtures by 10%.

Location

+ is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.6. / [Slash] | * [Asterisk/Multiply]

Pressing / enters the / into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Store View 1 / Screen "2"
```

For more information about /, see /[Slash] keyword.

Asterisk

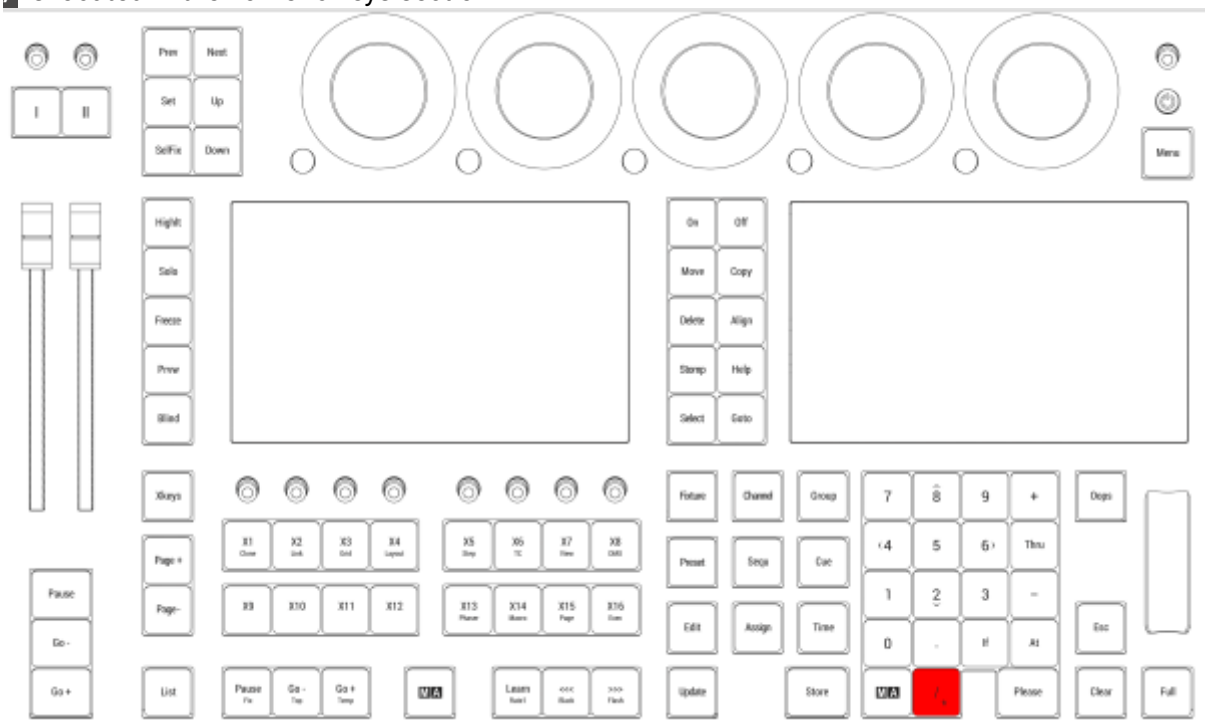
Pressing MA+/ enters the * keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Group "Mac*"
```

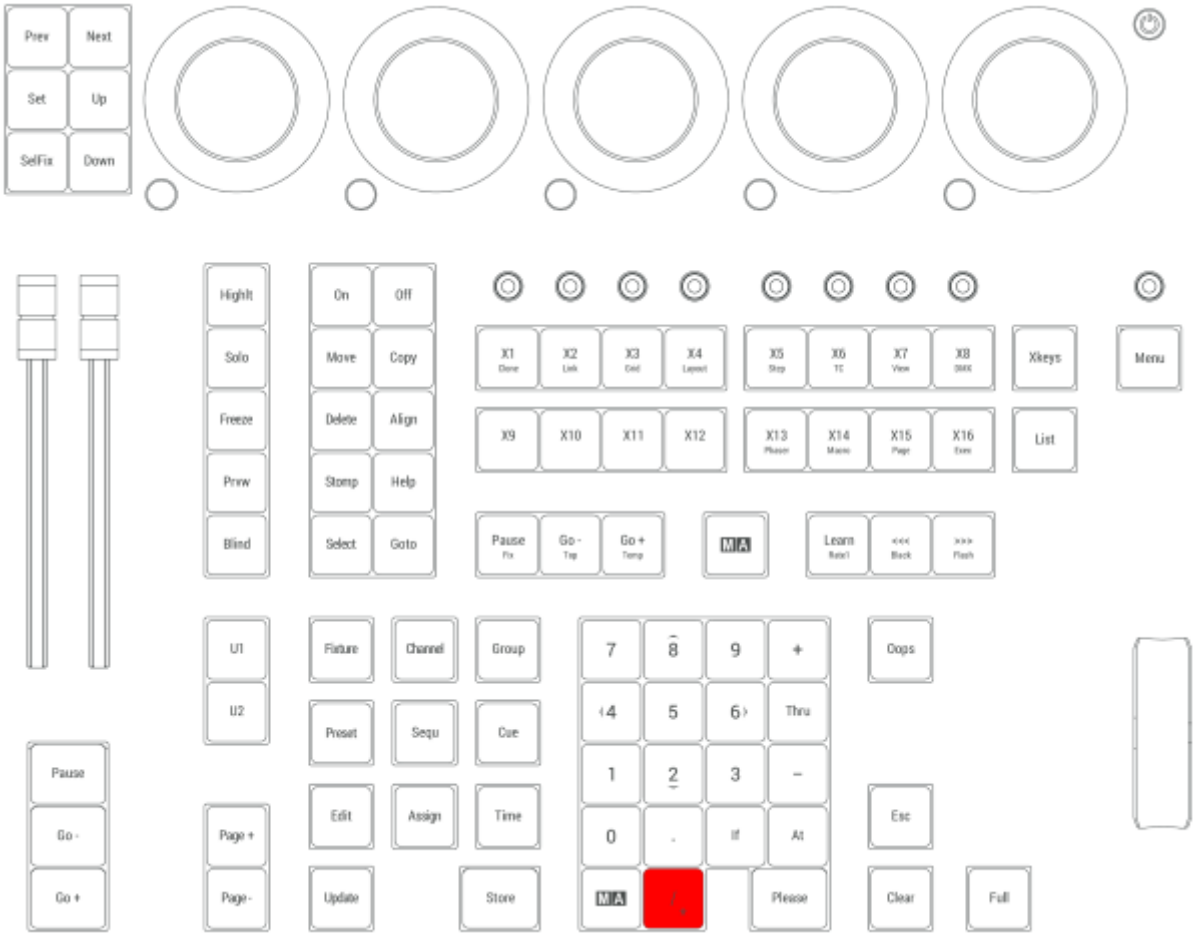
For more information about *, see * [Asterisk] keyword.

Location

/ is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.7. Align

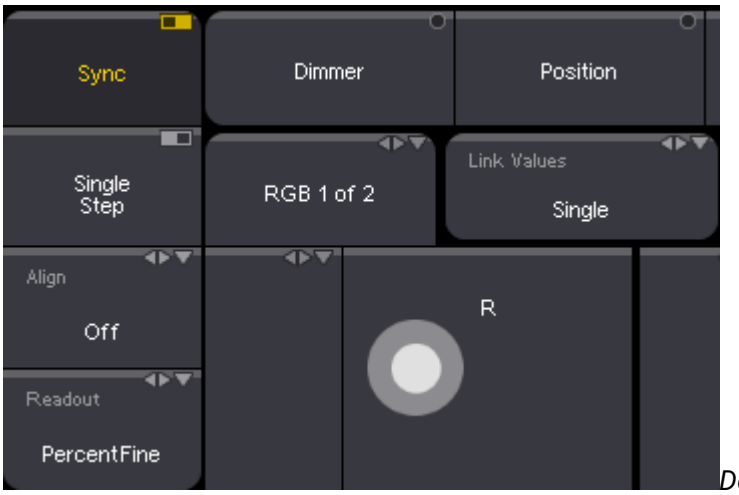
Pressing Align toggles between 6 different Align modes.

By default, the Align mode is disabled.

Pressing MA + Align toggles between four different transition modes.

By default, the transition mode is linear.

The Align mode is displayed in the default encoder bar.



Default encoder bar

The align mode will be disabled when changing the value of a different attribute and the transition mode becomes linear.

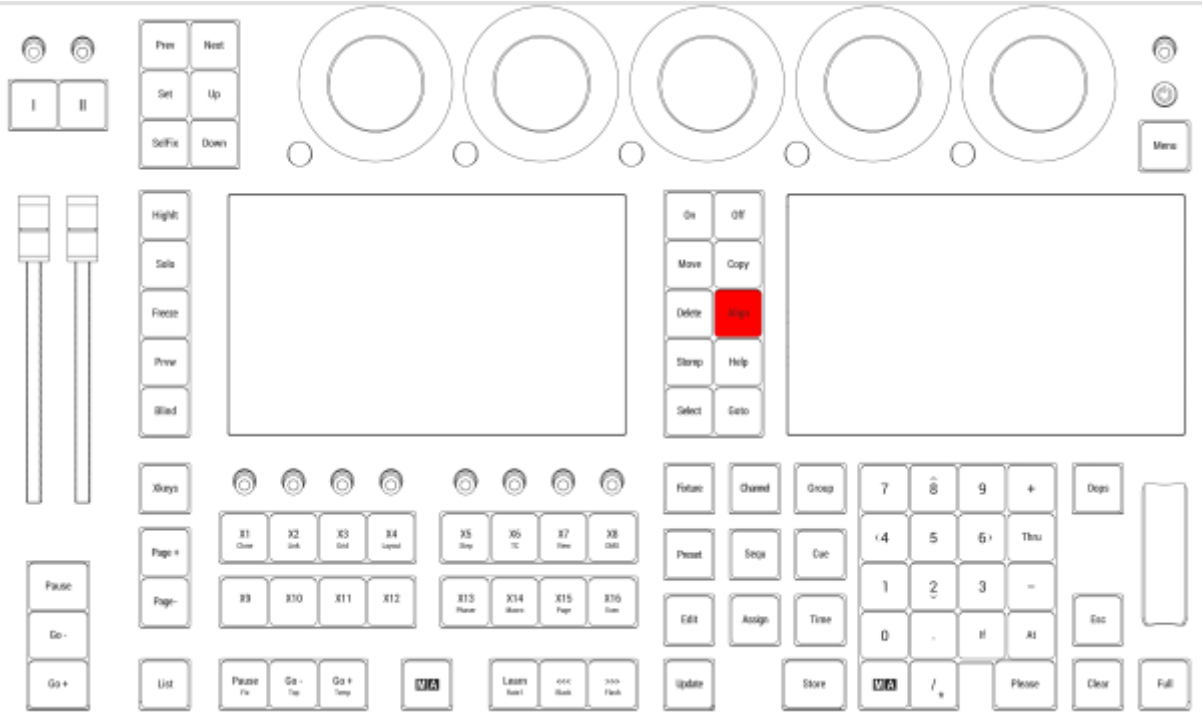
Pressing and holding Align resets the align mode.

Pressing and holding MA + Align resets the transition mode.

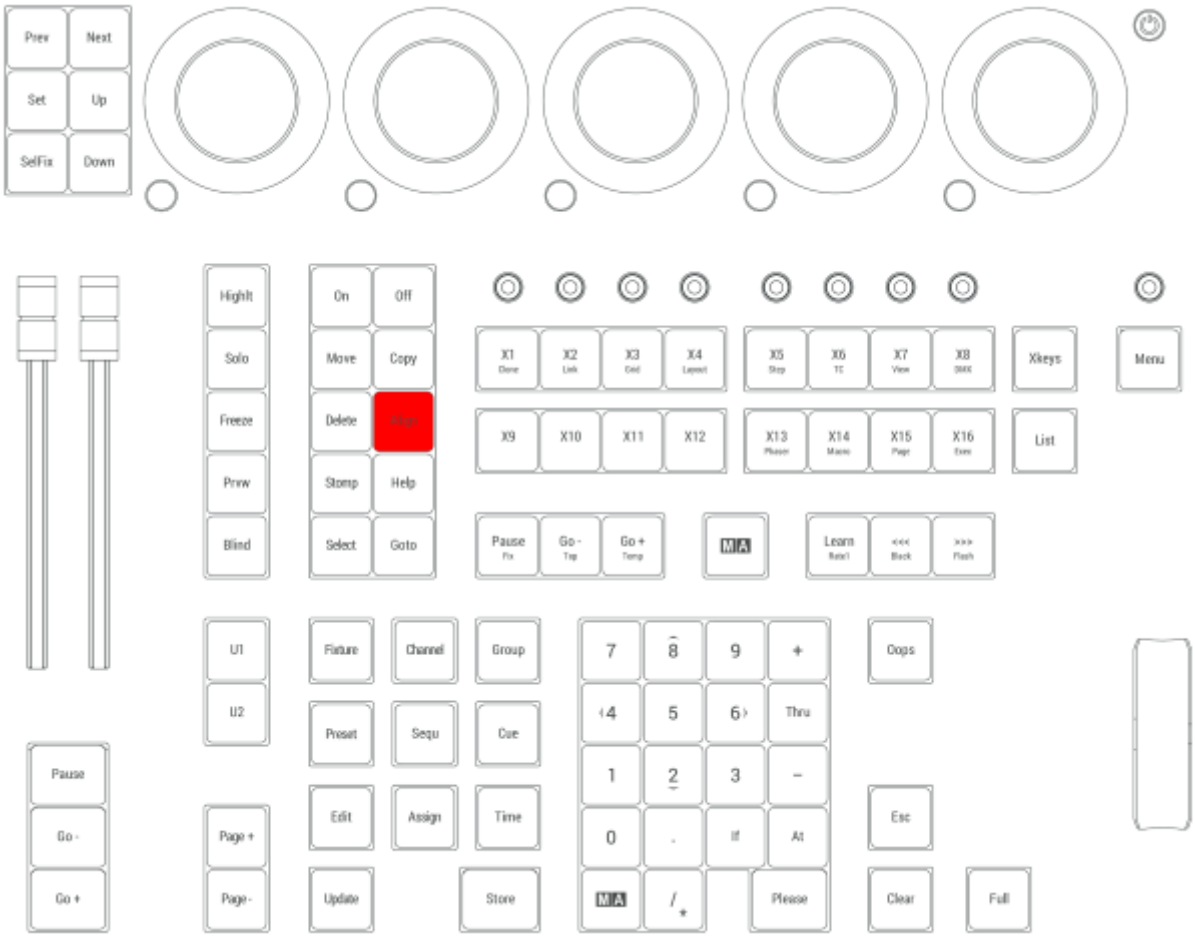
For more information, see Align.

Location

Align is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.8. Assign

Pressing Assign enters the Assign keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Assign

For more information about Assign, see Assign keyword.

Label

Pressing Assign Assign enters the Label keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Label

For more information about Label, see Label keyword.

Set

Pressing MA + Assign enters the Set keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Set

For more information about Set, see Set keyword.

Location

Assign is located in the command section.

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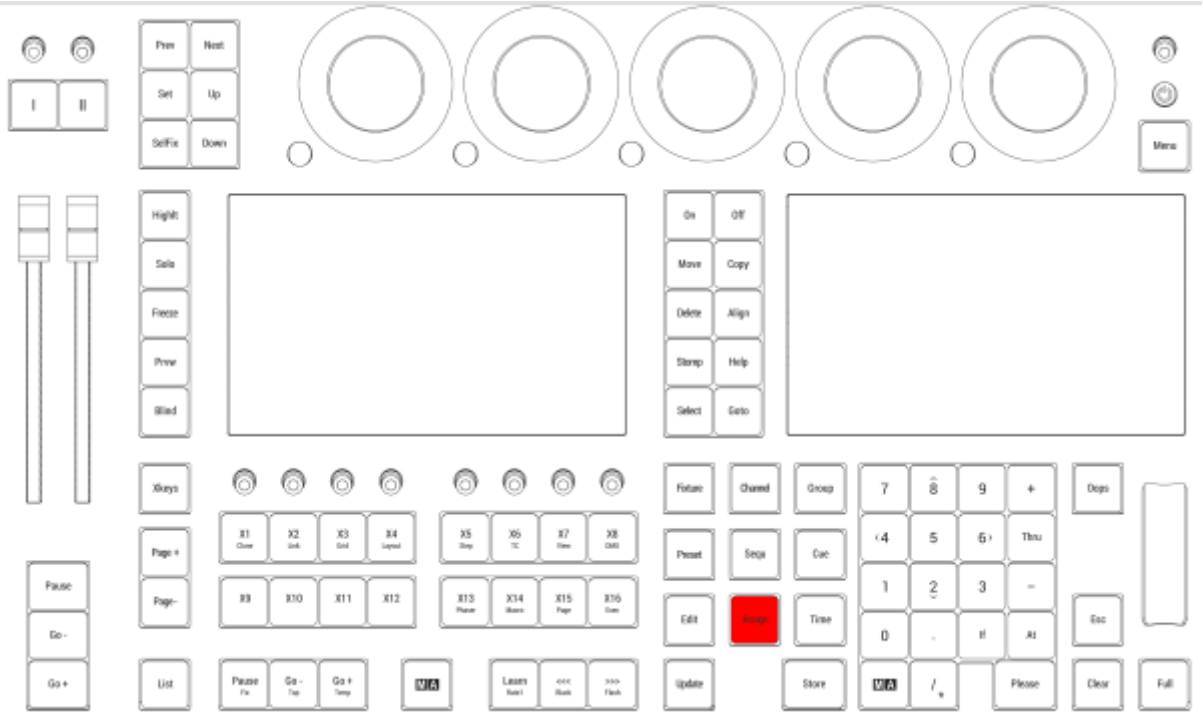
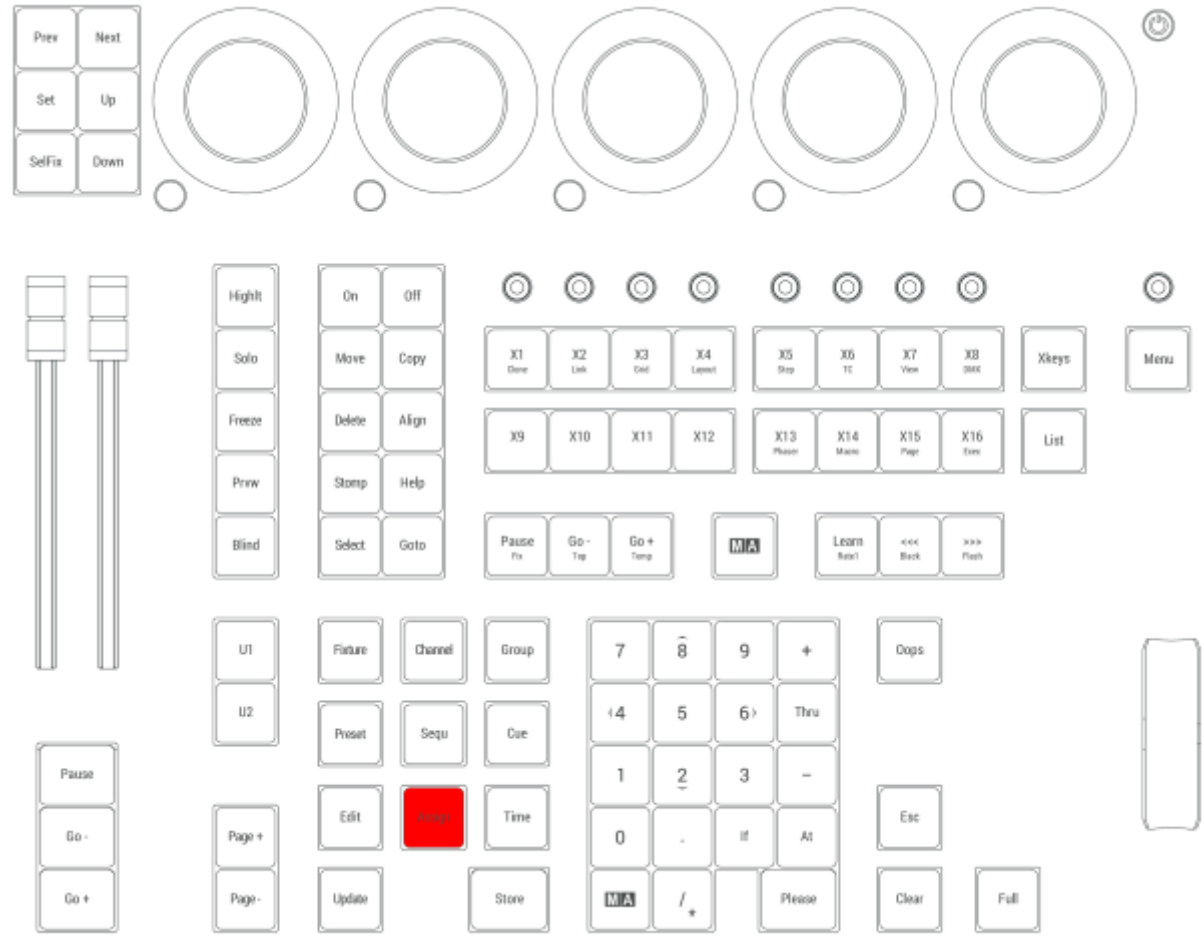


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.9. At

Pressing At enters the At keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 17 At 30

For more information about At, see At keyword.

Normal

Pressing At At executes the **Normal keyword** in the command line in the selected fixtures.

OK : Normal

For more information, see Normal keyword.

Integrate

Pressing and holding MA + At enters the Integrate keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Integrate

For more information about Integrate, see Integrate keyword.

Extract

Pressing and holding MA + At + At enters the Extract keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Extract

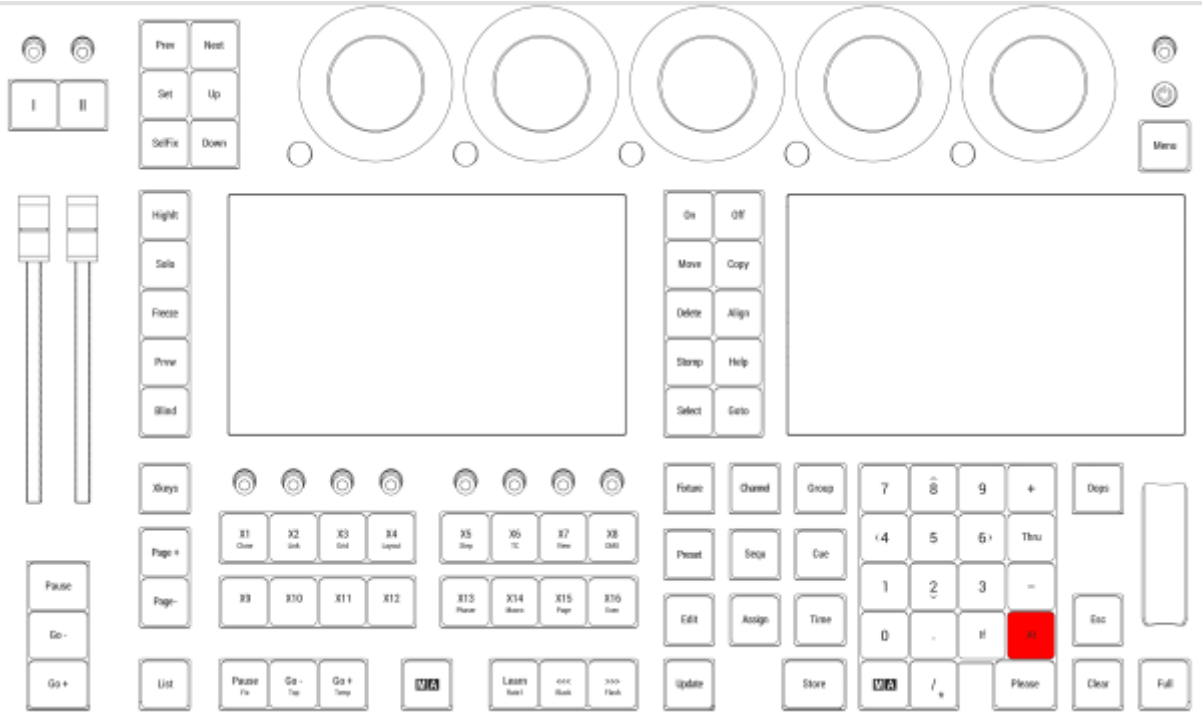
For more information about Extract, see Extract keyword.

At Filter Menu

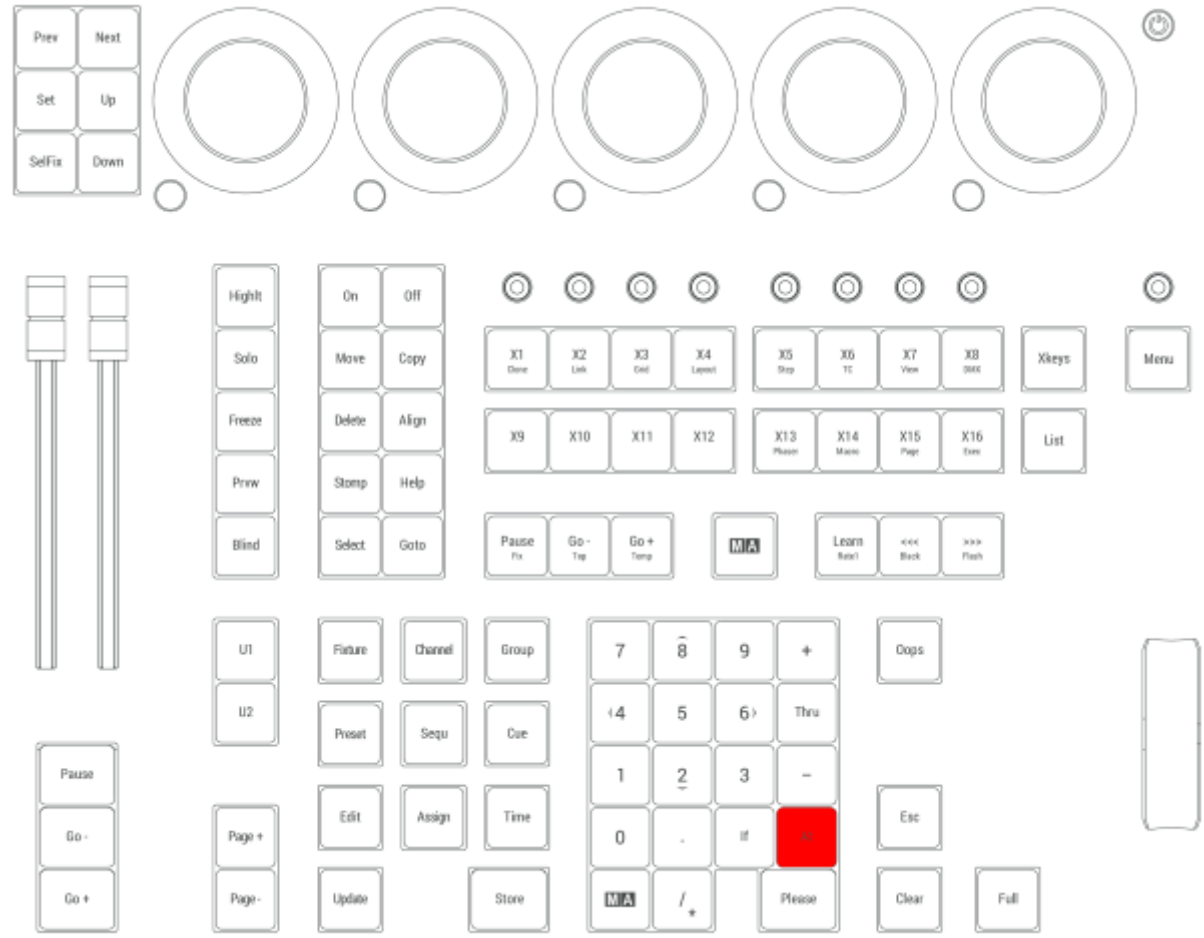
Pressing and holding At opens the At Filter menu.

Location

At is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.10. Blind

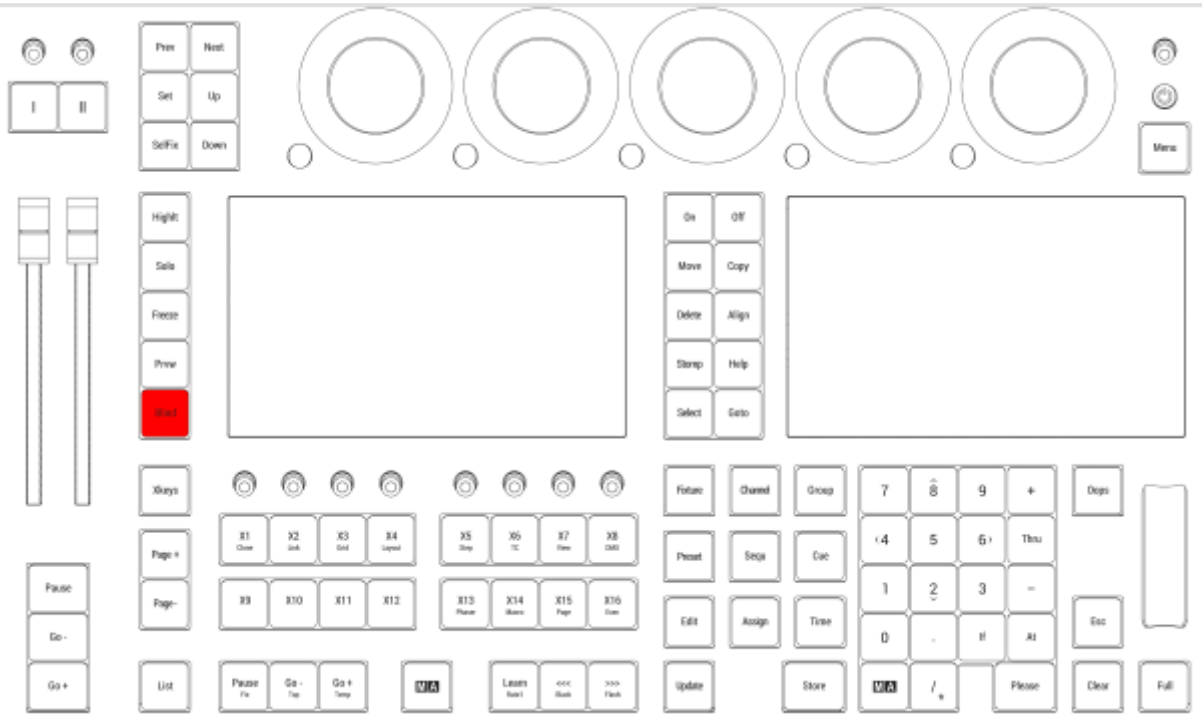
Pressing Blind toggles the Blind function.

```
OK
:   Blind
```

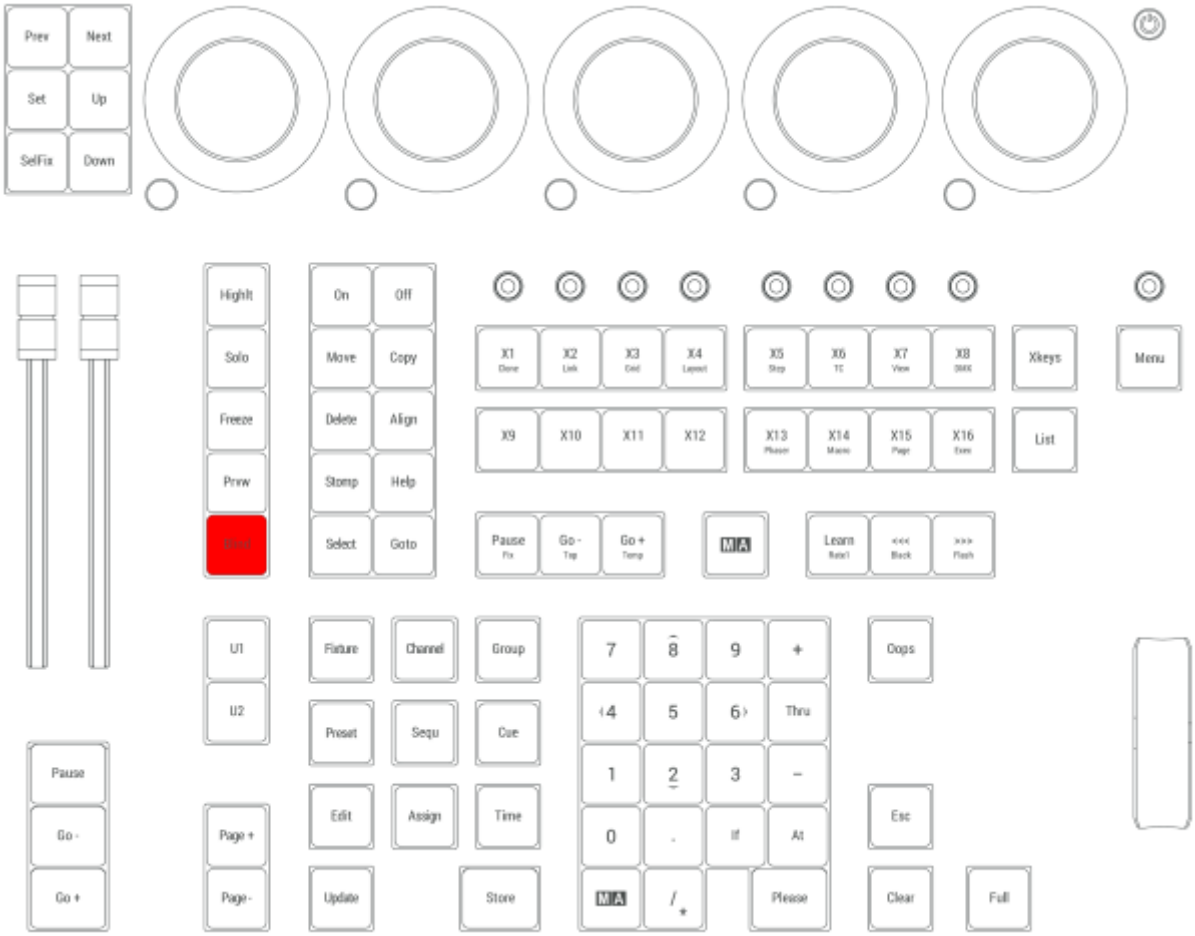
For more information about Blind, see the Blind keyword.

Location

Blind is located in the Command Section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.11. Clear

If there are values in the programmer, Clear behaves like this:

- Pressing Clear executes the ClearSelection keyword.
- Pressing Clear Clear executes the ClearActive keyword.
- Pressing Clear Clear Clear executes the ClearAll keyword.

If there are no values in the programmer, pressing Clear deletes unexecuted commands in the command line and executes the ClearActive keyword

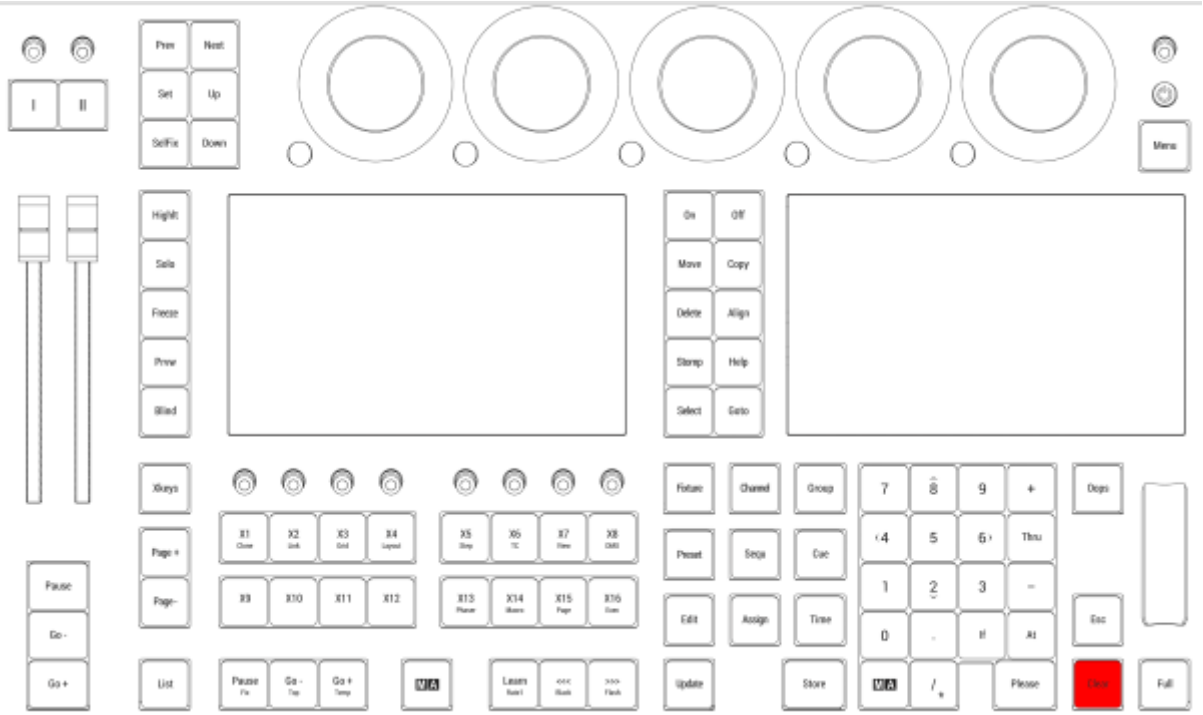
Pressing and holding Clear executes the ClearAll keyword.

Pressing Clear, no matter how often, always displays a Clear in the Command Line Feedback.

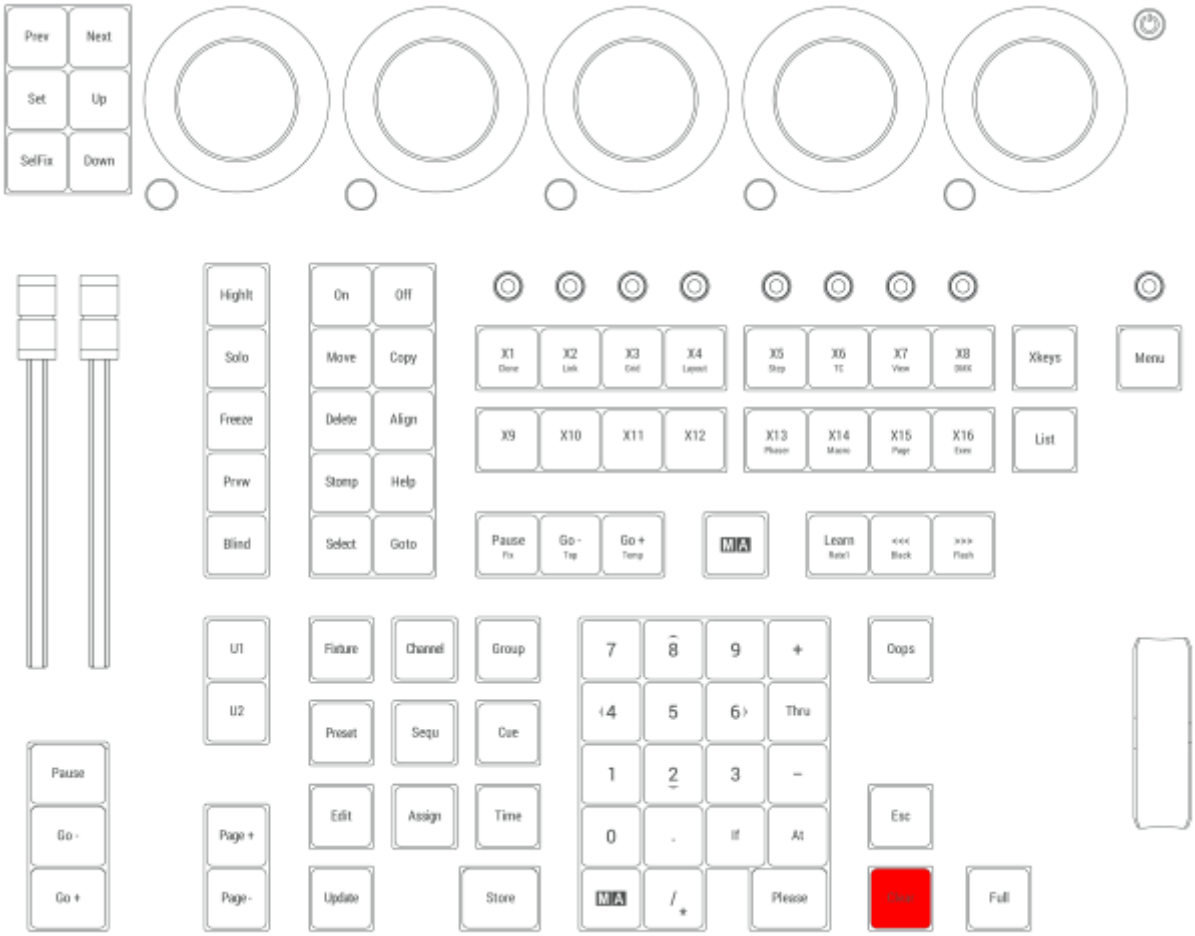
For more information about Clear, see the Clear keyword.

Location

Clear is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.12. Channel

Pressing Channel enters the Channel keyword in the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Channel

For more information, see the Channel keyword.

Generic

Pressing Channel Channel enters the Generic keyword in the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Generic

For more information, see the Generic keyword.

ID Types

Pressing Channel repeatedly switches through Channel, Generic, and ID types in use. ID types where no patched fixtures are assigned are not shown in the command line.

For more information, see the Add Fixtures to the Show.

Location

Channel is located in the command section.

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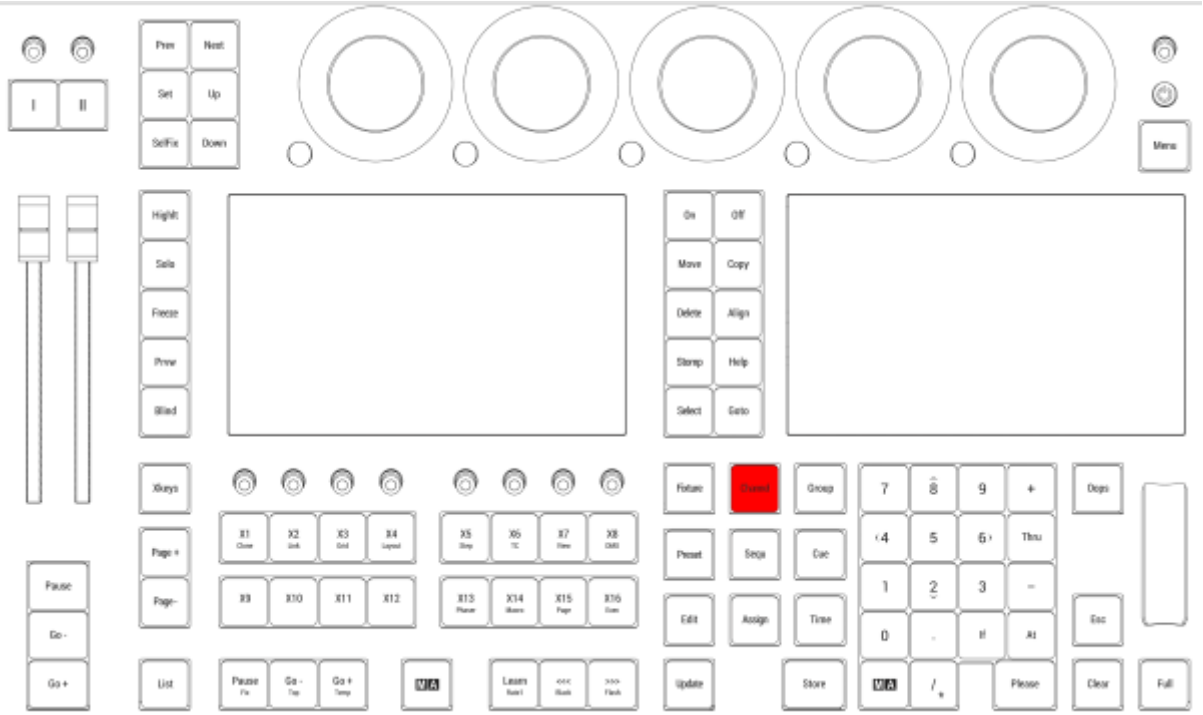
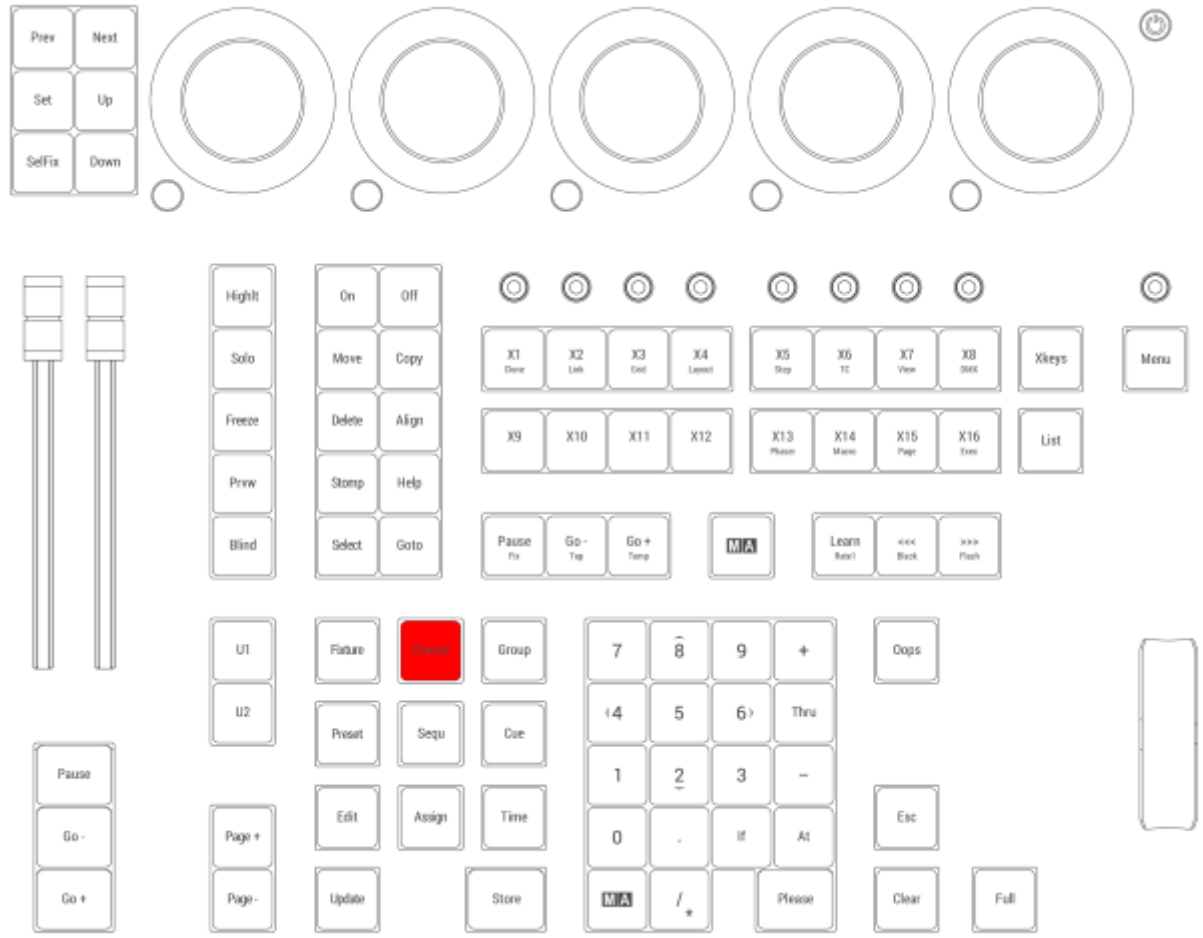


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.13. Copy

Pressing Copy enters the copy keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Copy

For more information about Copy, see the Copy keyword.

Paste

Pressing Copy Copy enters the Paste keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Paste

For more information about Paste, see the Paste keyword.

Insert

Pressing Copy Copy Copy enters the Insert keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Insert

For more information about Insert, see the Insert keyword.

Cut

Pressing MA Copy enters the Cut keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Cut

For more information about Cut, see the Cut keyword.

Location

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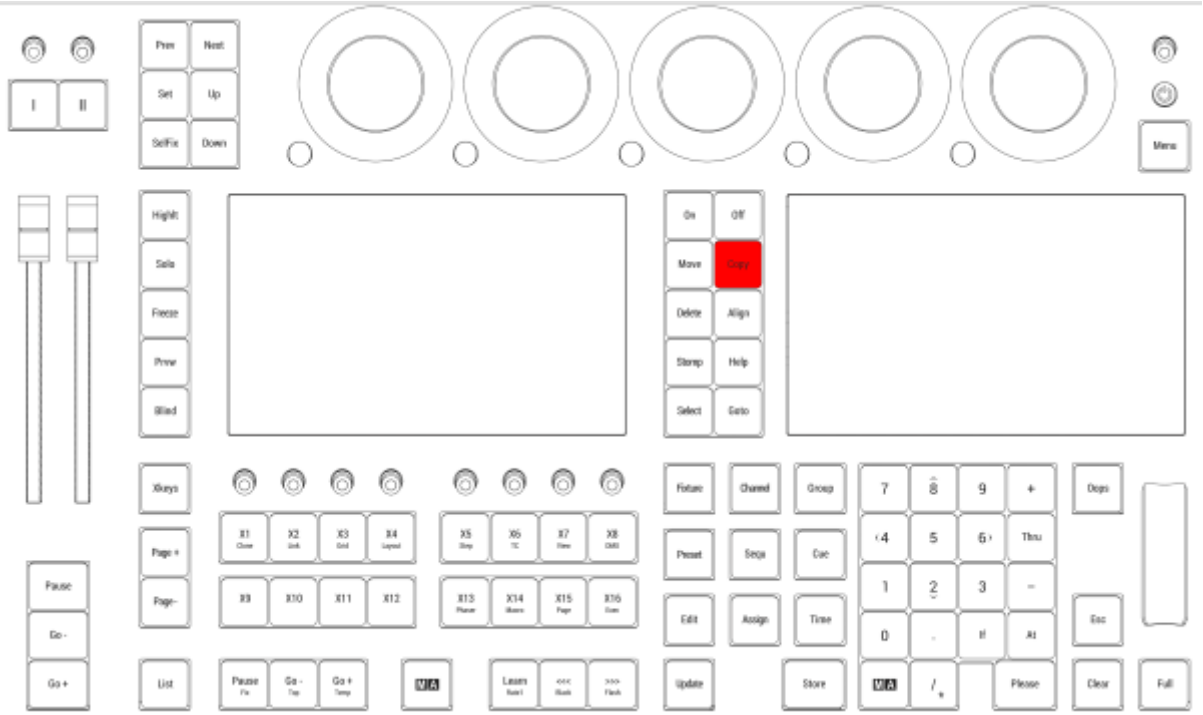
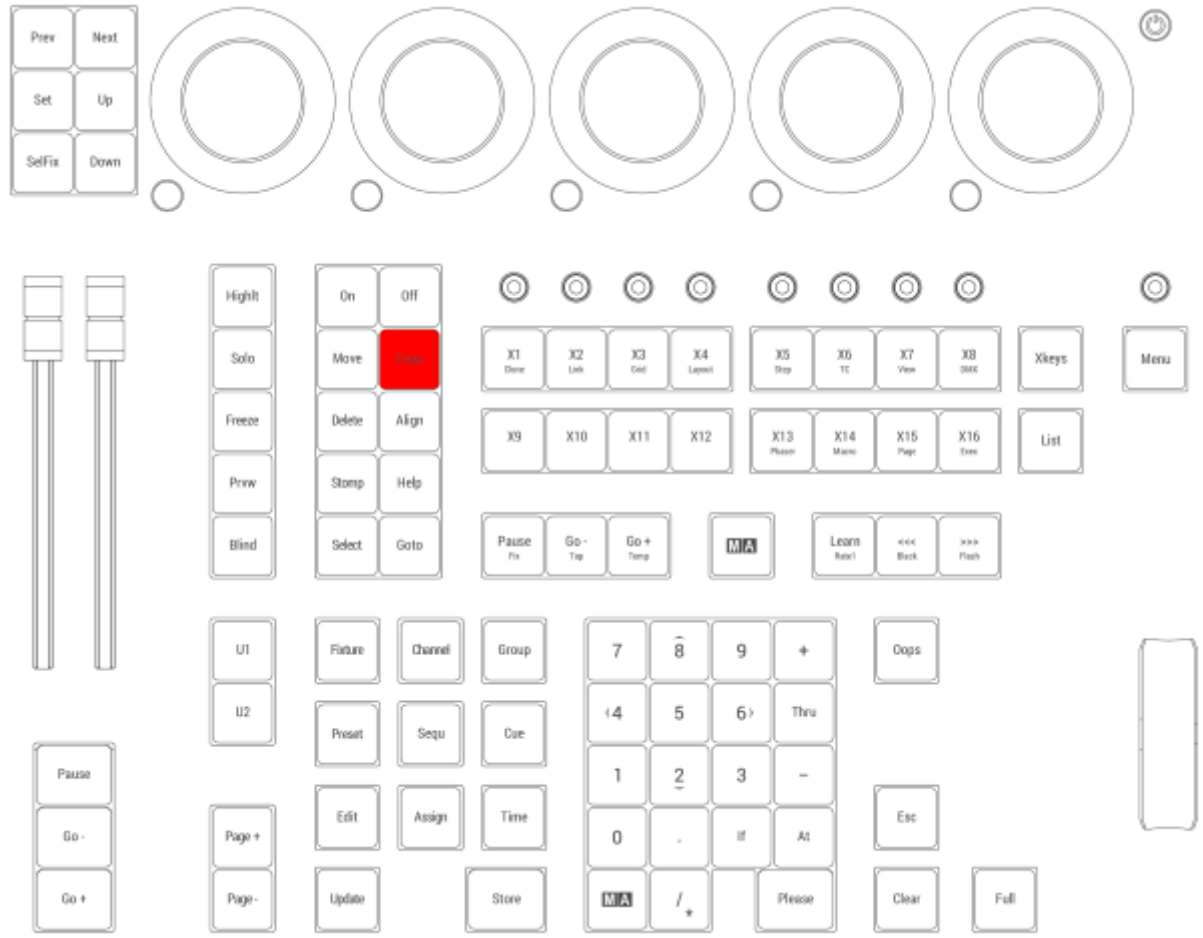


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.14. Ctrl

Multi Select

To select multiple cells in a sheet, hold Ctrl and tap or click each cell.

Clean Start

To perform a clean start, hold Ctrl when the mode selection pop-up appears during the boot or reboot process and tap the desired mode. For more information about clean start, see Clean Start.

Location

Ctrl is located in two places on the bottom row of the alpha-numeric keyboard.

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1.3.17.15. Cue

Pressing Cue enters the Cue keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Cue

For more information about Cue, see the Cue keyword.

Part

Pressing Cue Cue enters the Part keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Part

For more information about Part, see the Part keyword.

	Important:
	If there is already **Cue** in the command line right in front of the cursor, pressing Cue once will display **Part** in the command line.

Programmer

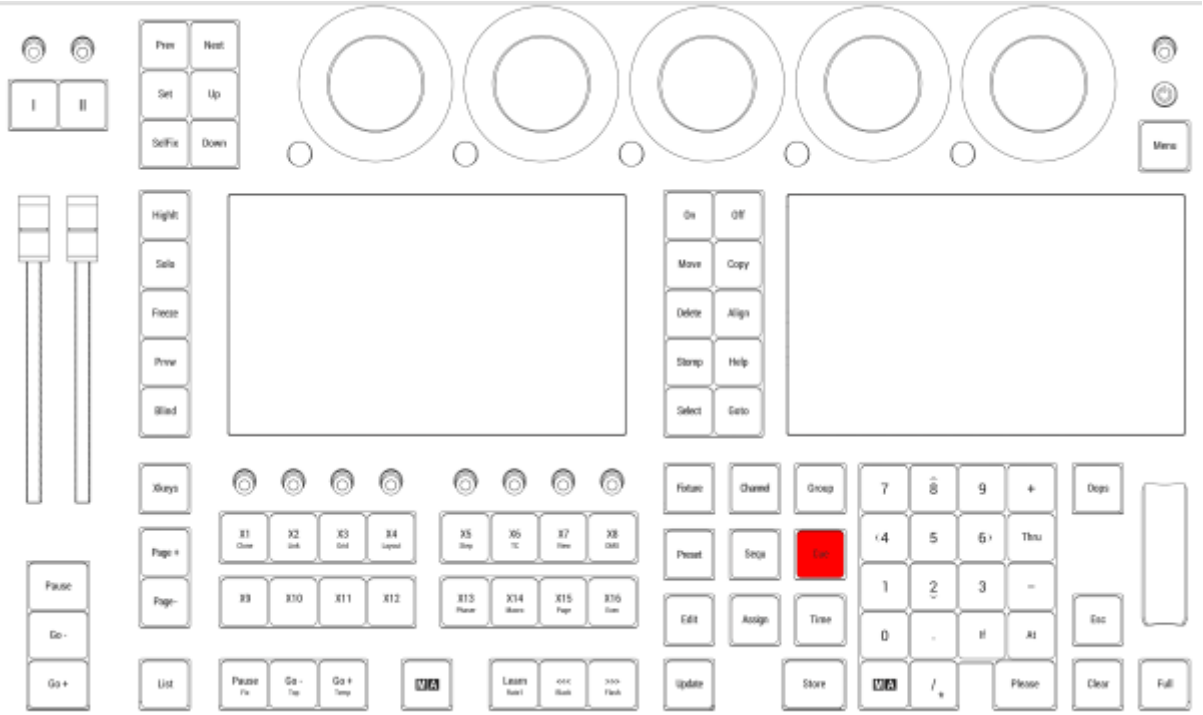
Pressing MA +Cue enters the Programmer keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Programmer

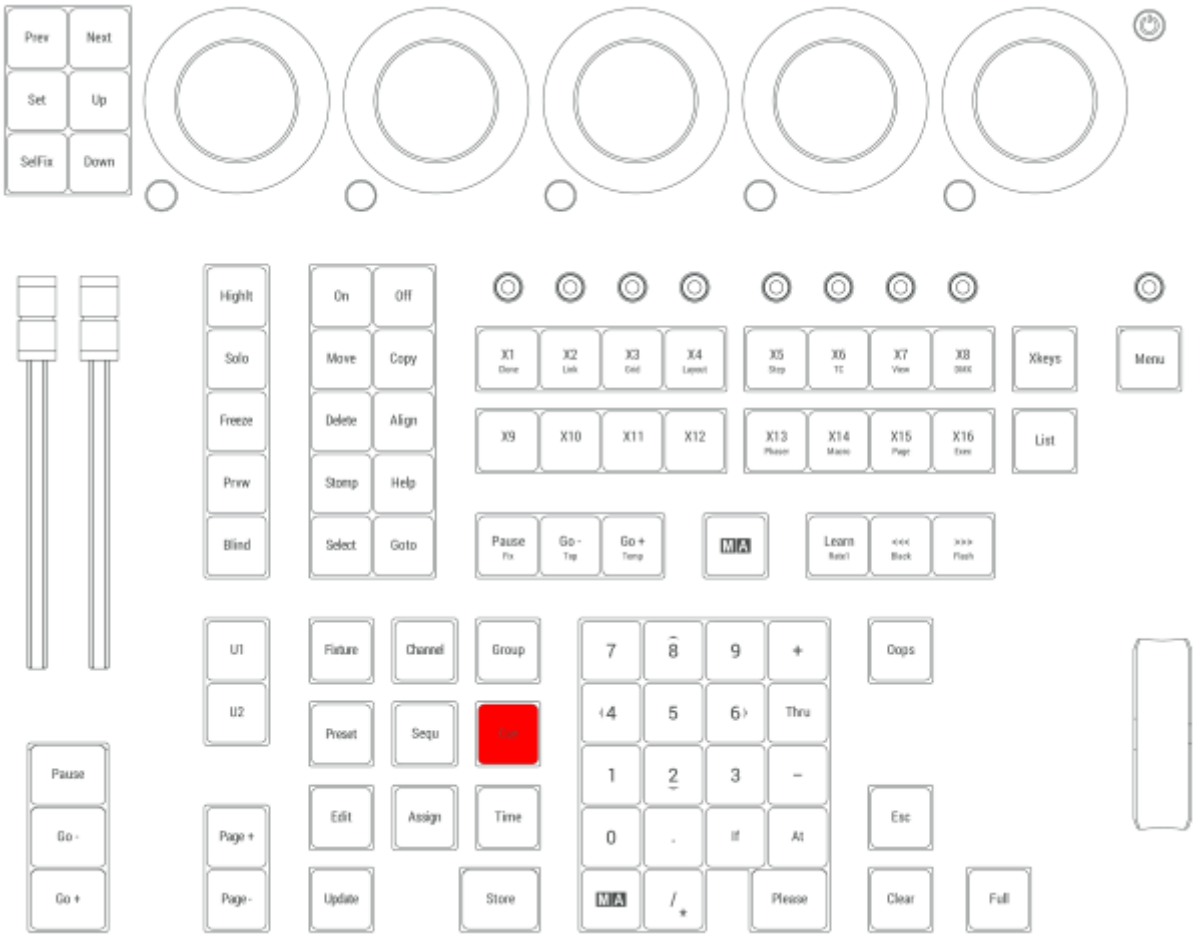
For more information about Programmer, see the Programmer keyword.

Location

Cue is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.16. Delete

Pressing Delete enters the Delete keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete
```

For more information about Delete, see the Delete keyword.

Remove

Pressing Delete Delete enters the Remove keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Remove Selection
```

For more information about Remove, see the Remove keyword.

Release

Pressing Delete Delete Delete enters the Release keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Release Fixture 37
```

For more information about Release, see the Release keyword.

Location

Delete is located in the command section.

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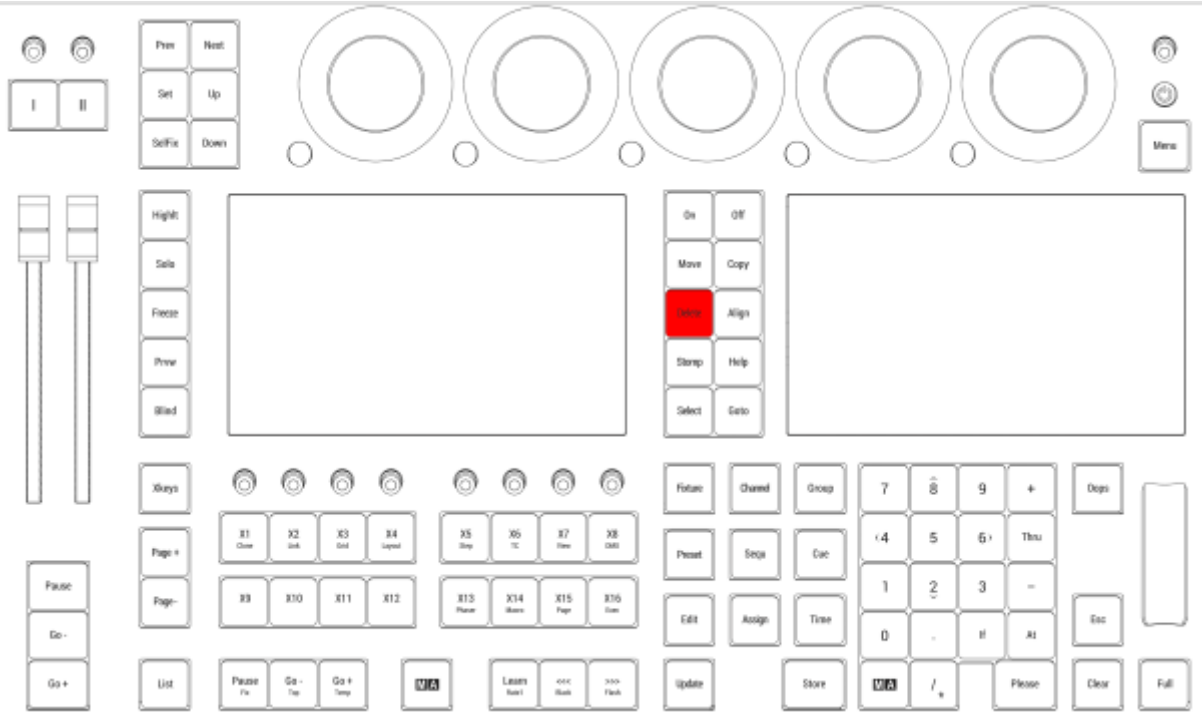
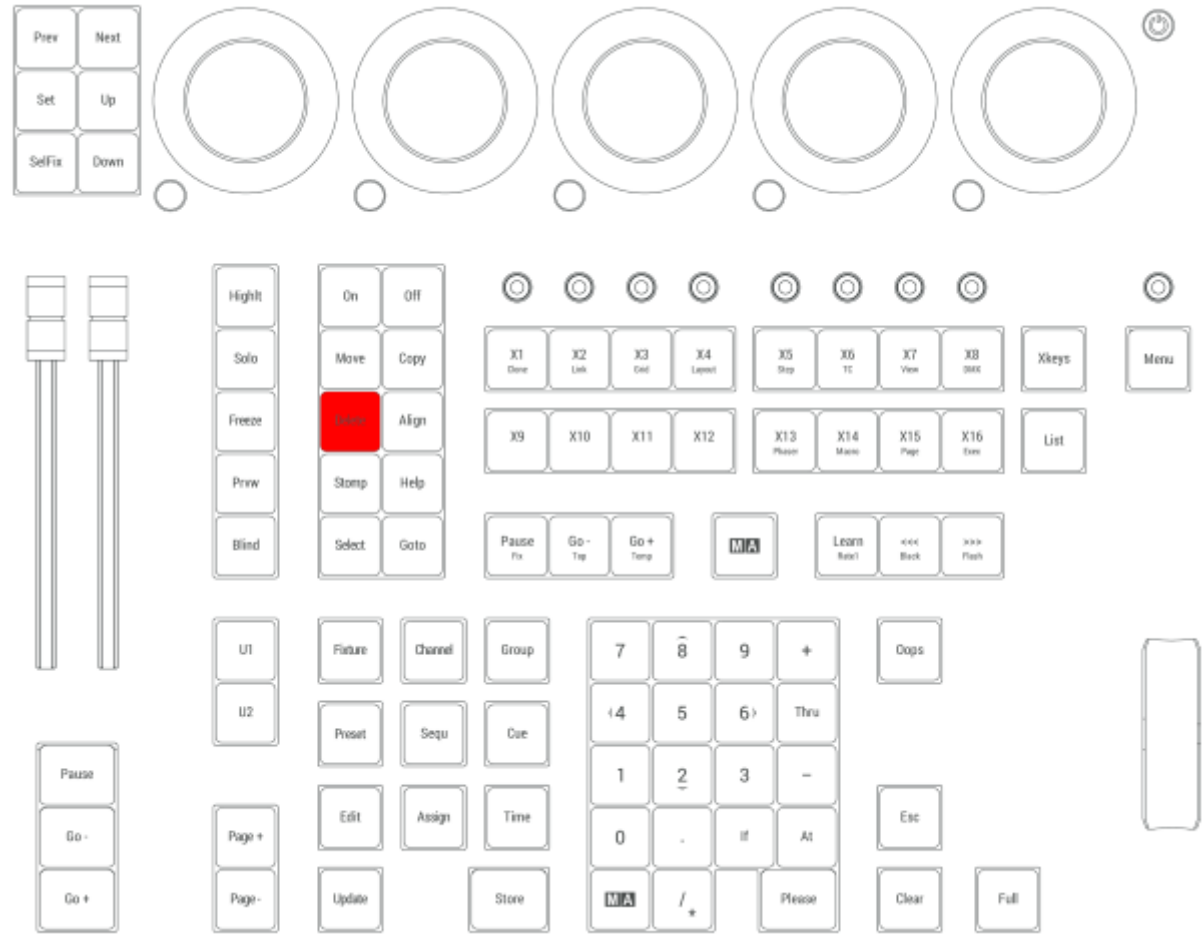


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



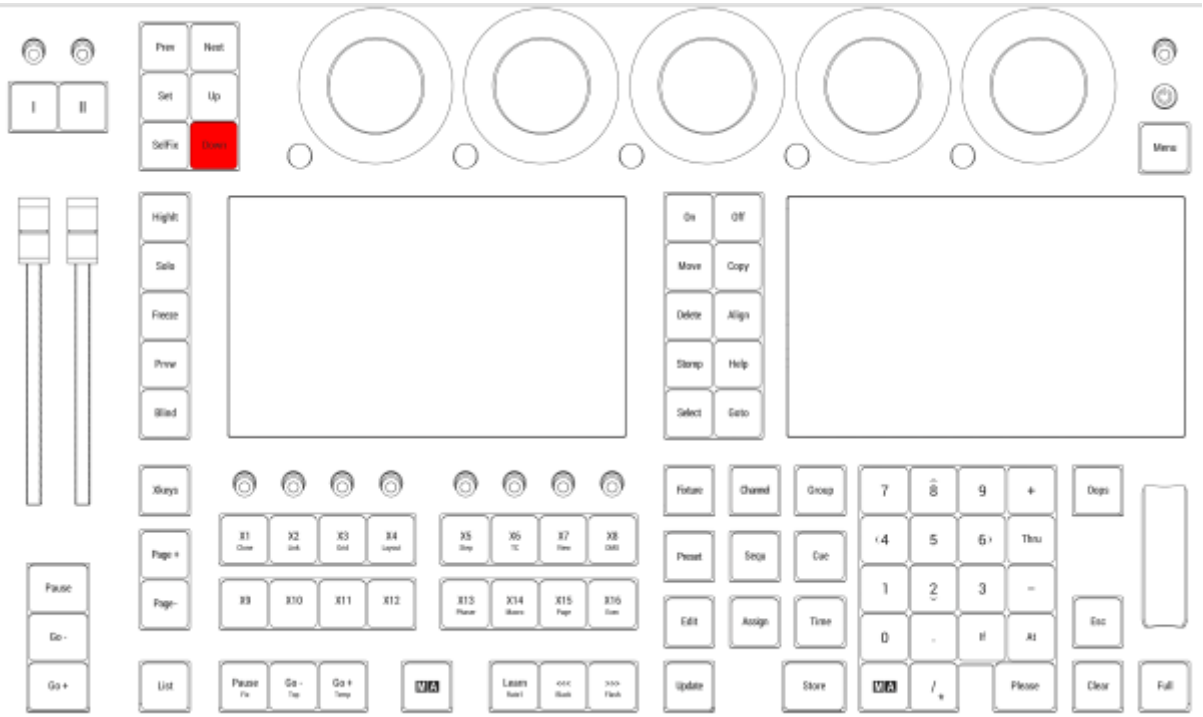
Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.17. Down

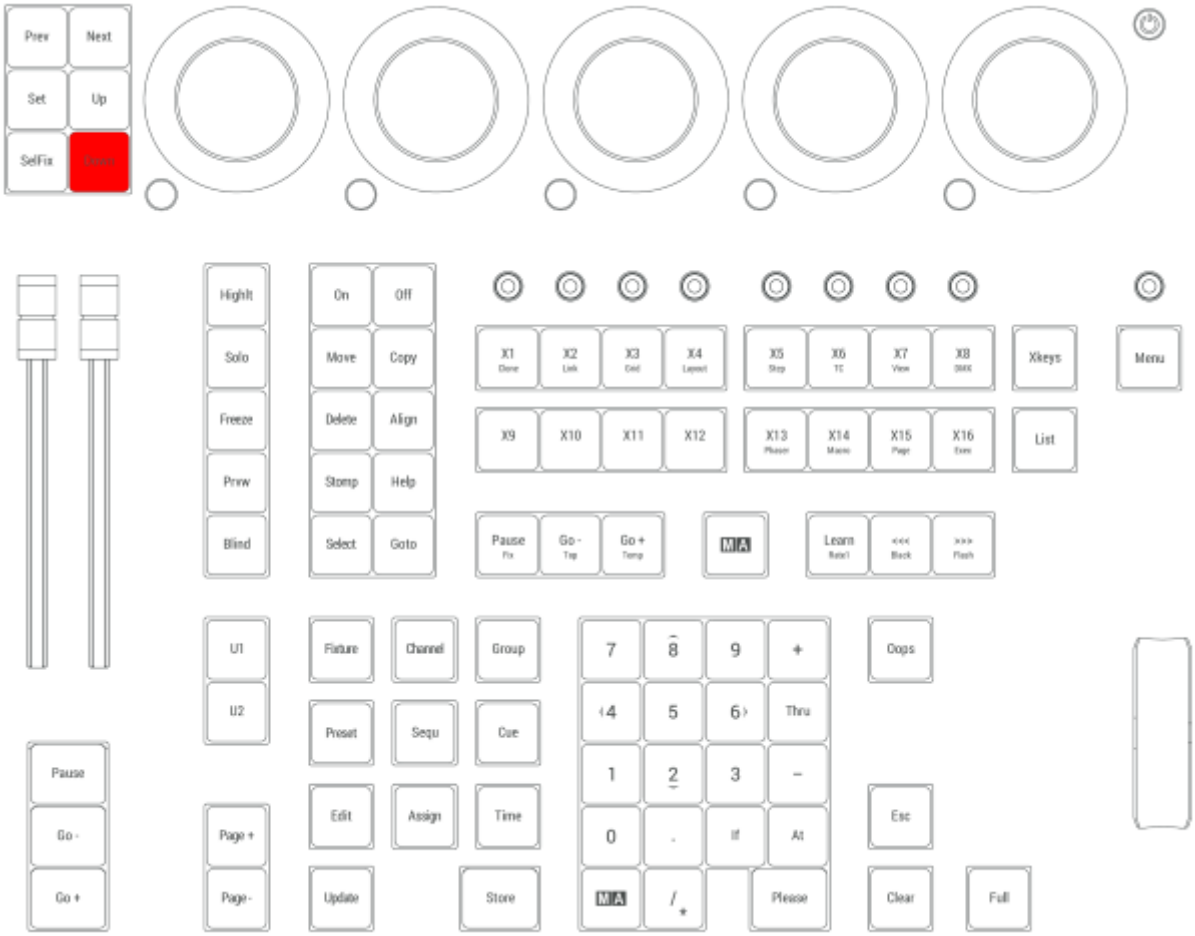
Pressing Down accesses one level deeper in the fixture structure.

Location

Down is located in the command section on the left side of the five dual encoders.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.18. Edit

Pressing Edit enters the Edit keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Edit

For more information about Edit, see the Edit keyword.

EditSetting

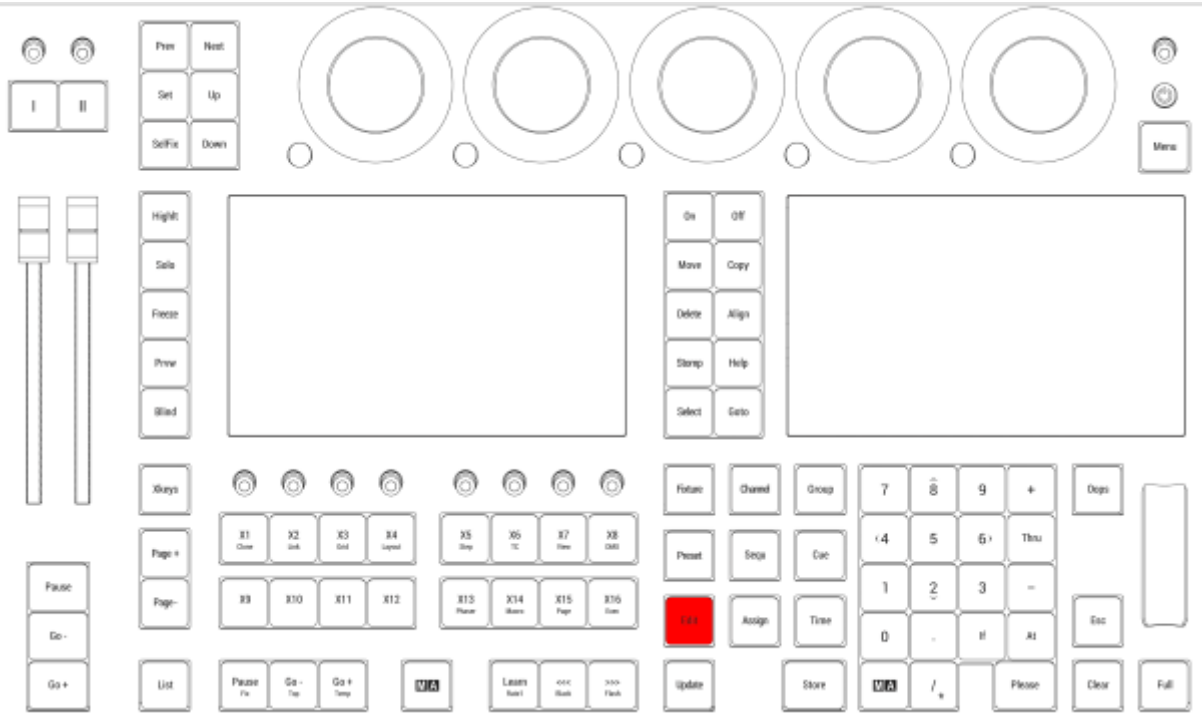
Pressing Edit Edit enters the EditSetting keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>EditSetting

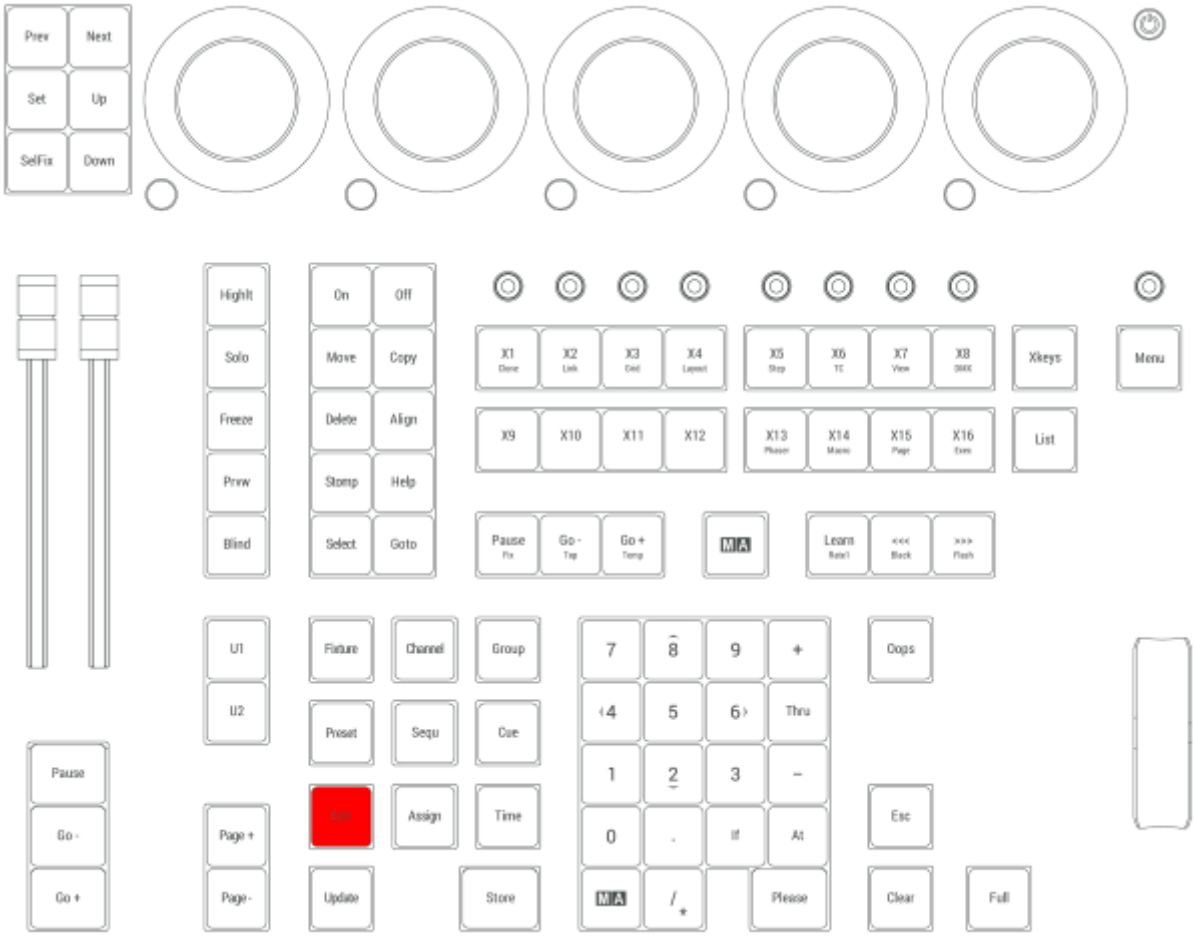
For more information about EditSetting, see the EditSetting keyword.

Location

Edit is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



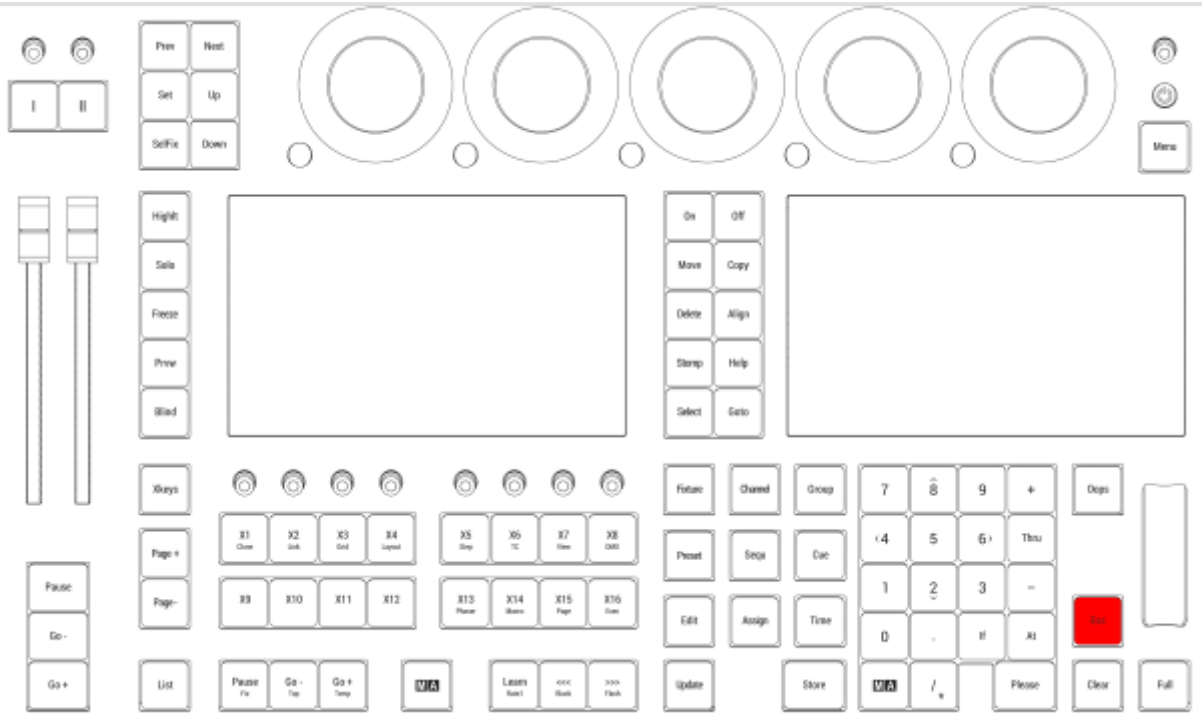
Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.19. Esc

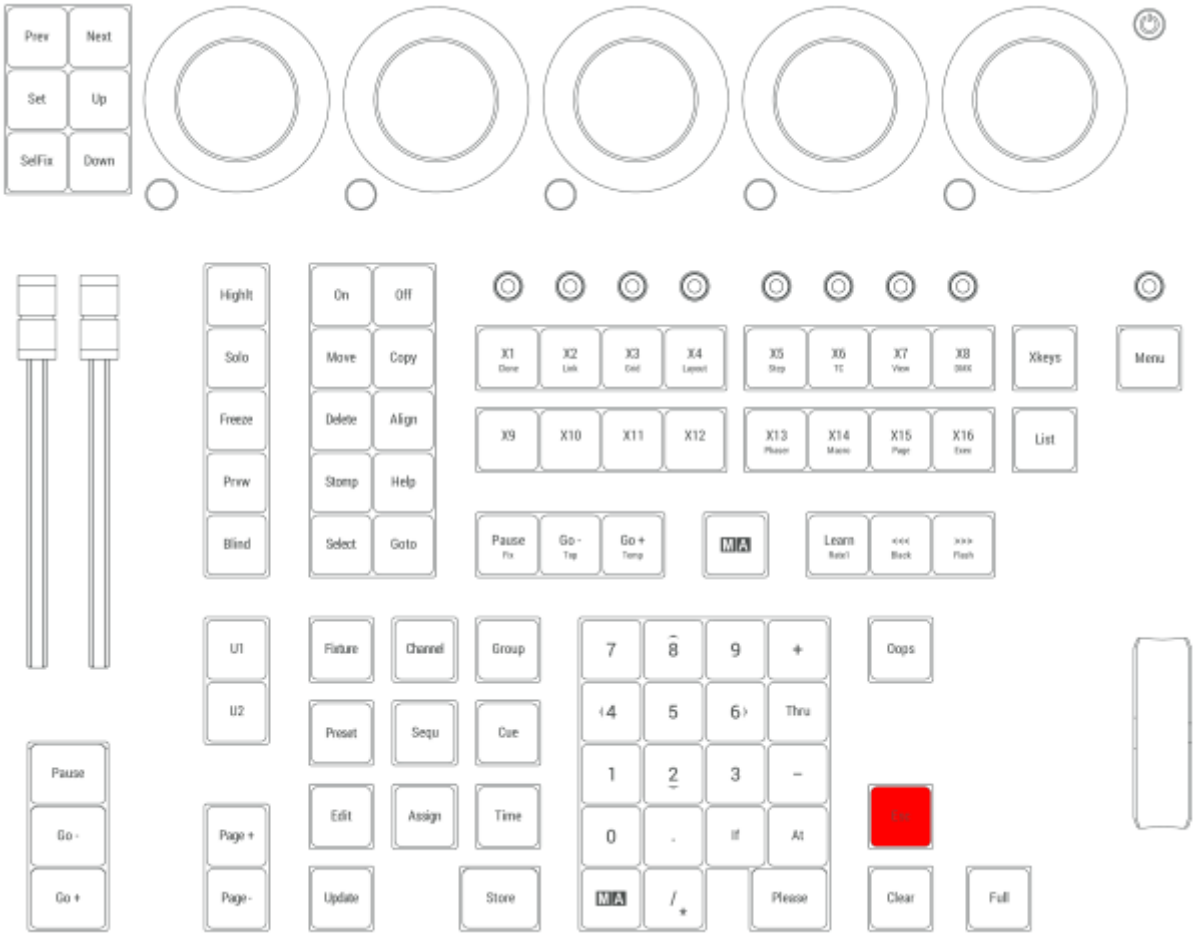
Pressing Esc deletes commands that were not executed in the command line and closes pop-ups.

Location

Esc is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.20. Fixture

Pressing Fixture enters the Fixture keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Fixture

For more information about Fixture, see the Fixture keyword.

Selection

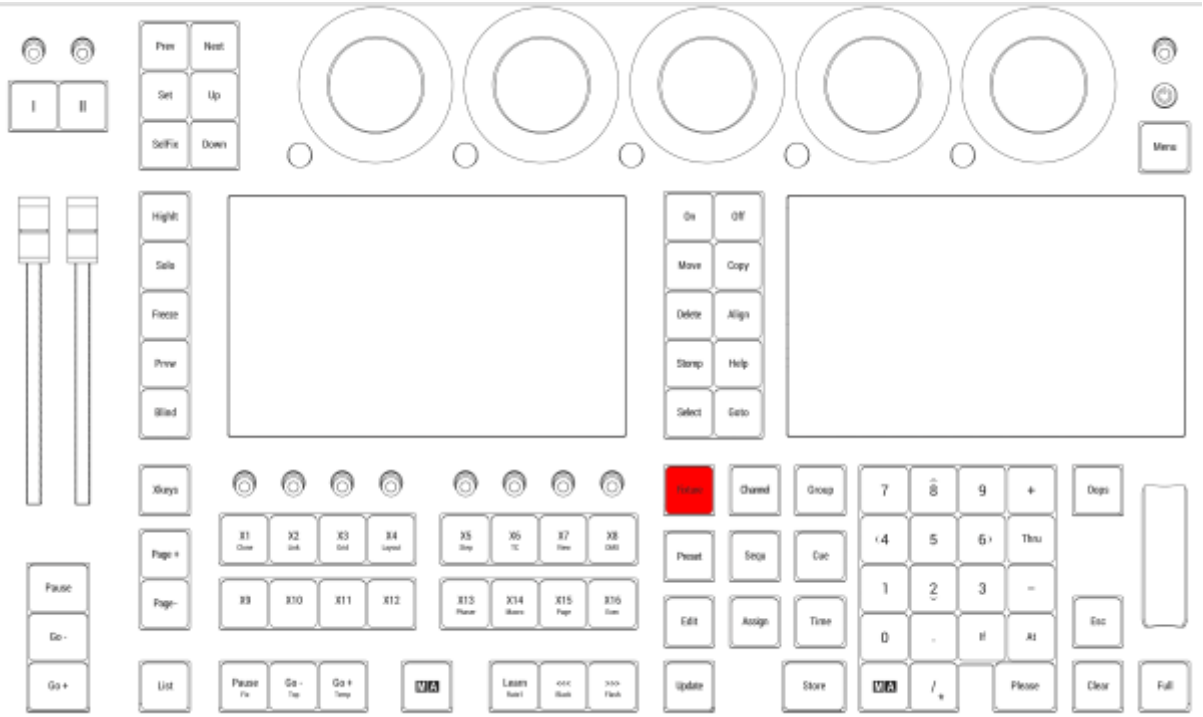
Pressing Fixture Fixture enters the Selection keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Off Selection

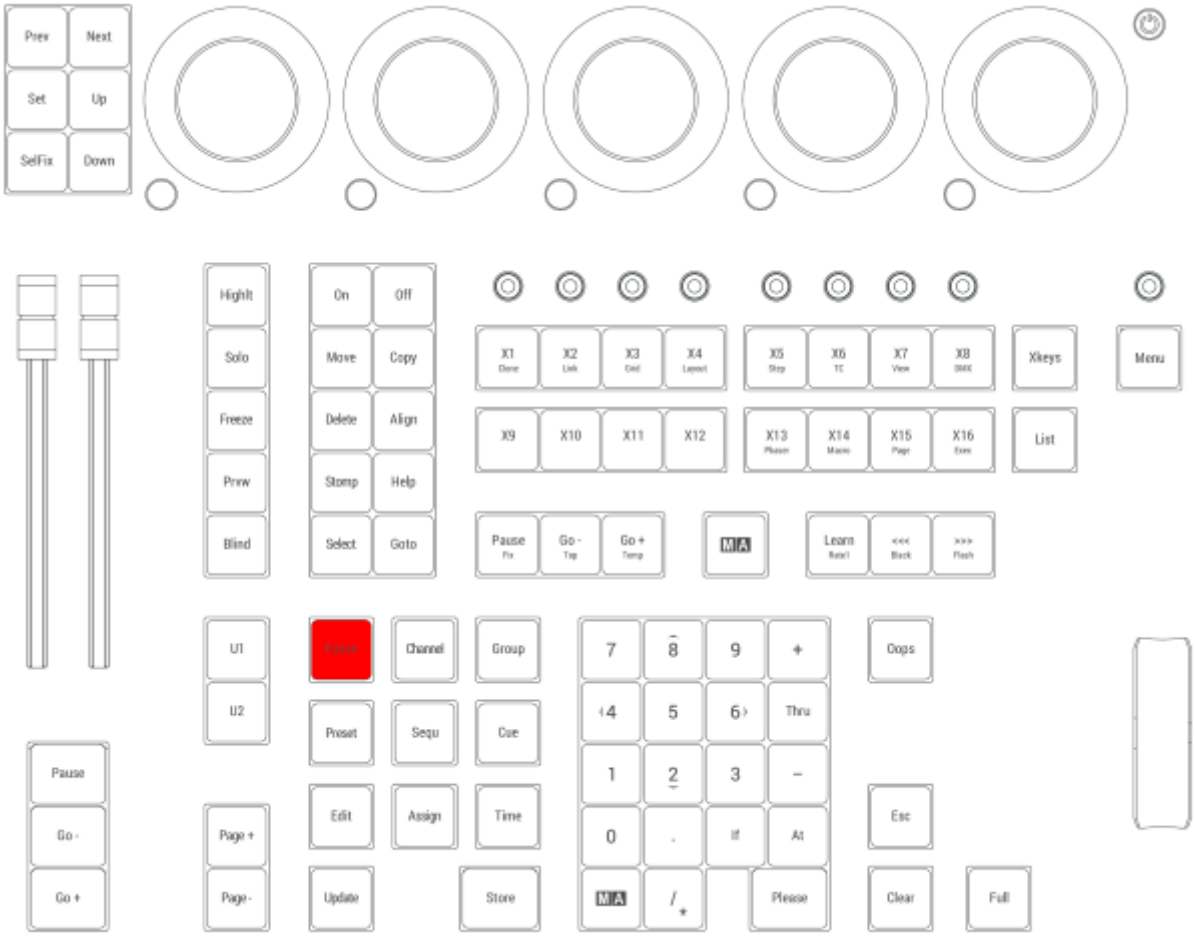
For more information about Selection, see the Selection keyword.

Location

Fixture is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.21. Freeze

Pressing Freeze toggles the Freeze function.

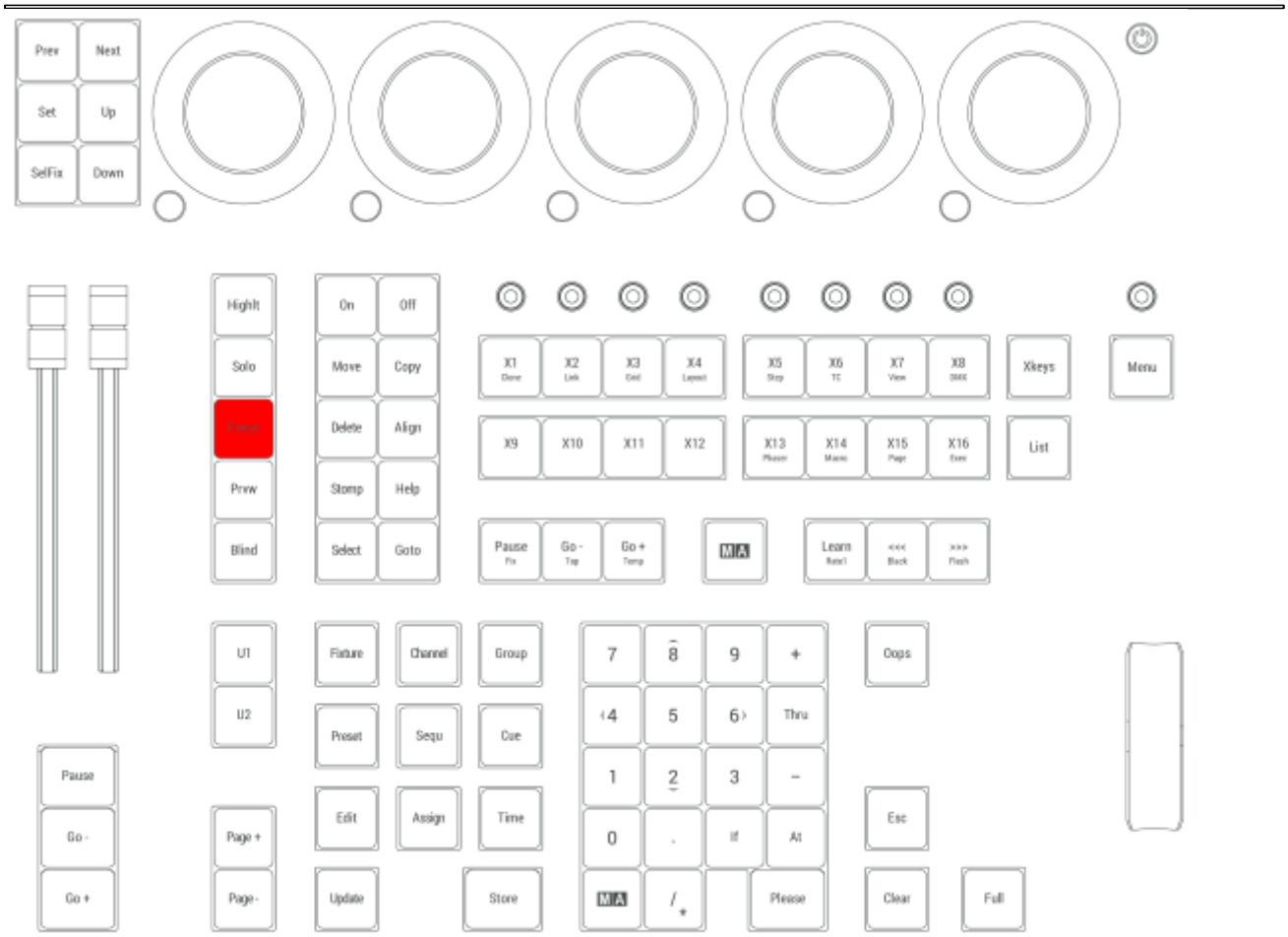
```
OK
:
Freeze
```

For more information about Freeze, see the Freeze keyword.

Location

Freeze is located in the command section.

Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.22. Full

Pressing Full enters the Full keyword into the command line.

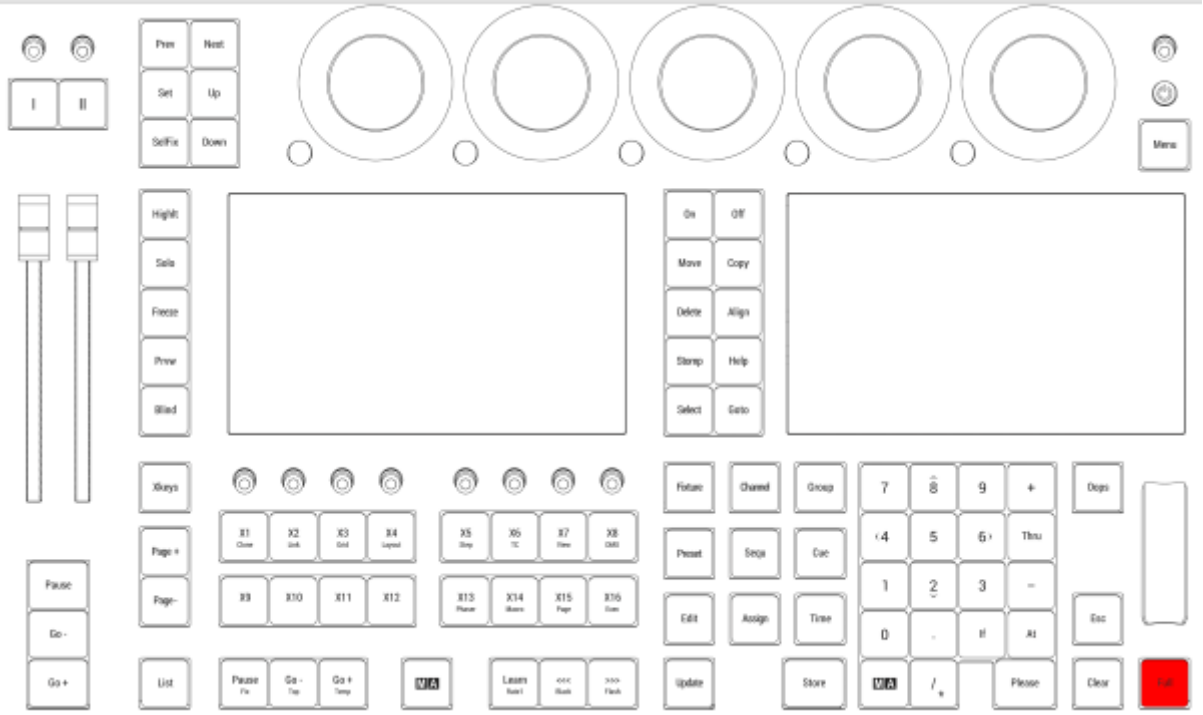
Full sets the dimmer values to 100% in the selected fixtures.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Full

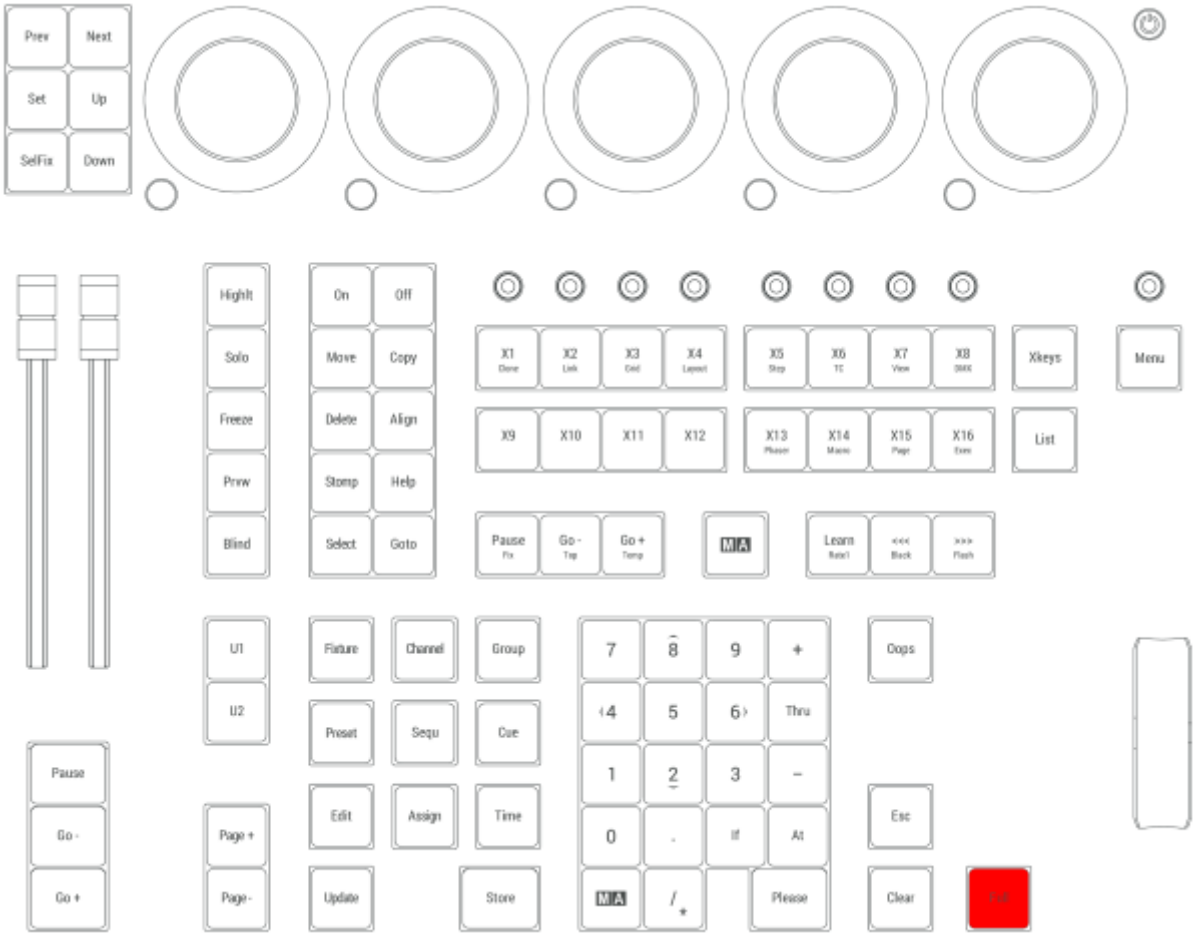
For more information about Full, see the Full keyword.

Location

Full is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.23. Go+ | Temp

Pressing Go+ enters the Go+ keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Go+

For more information about Go+, see the Go+ keyword.

Temp

Pressing and holding MA + Go+ enters the Temp keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Temp

For more information about Temp, see the Temp keyword.

Toggle

Pressing and holding MA + Go+ Go+ enters the Toggle keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Toggle

For more information about Toggle, see the Toggle keyword.

Location

Go+ is located in the command section.

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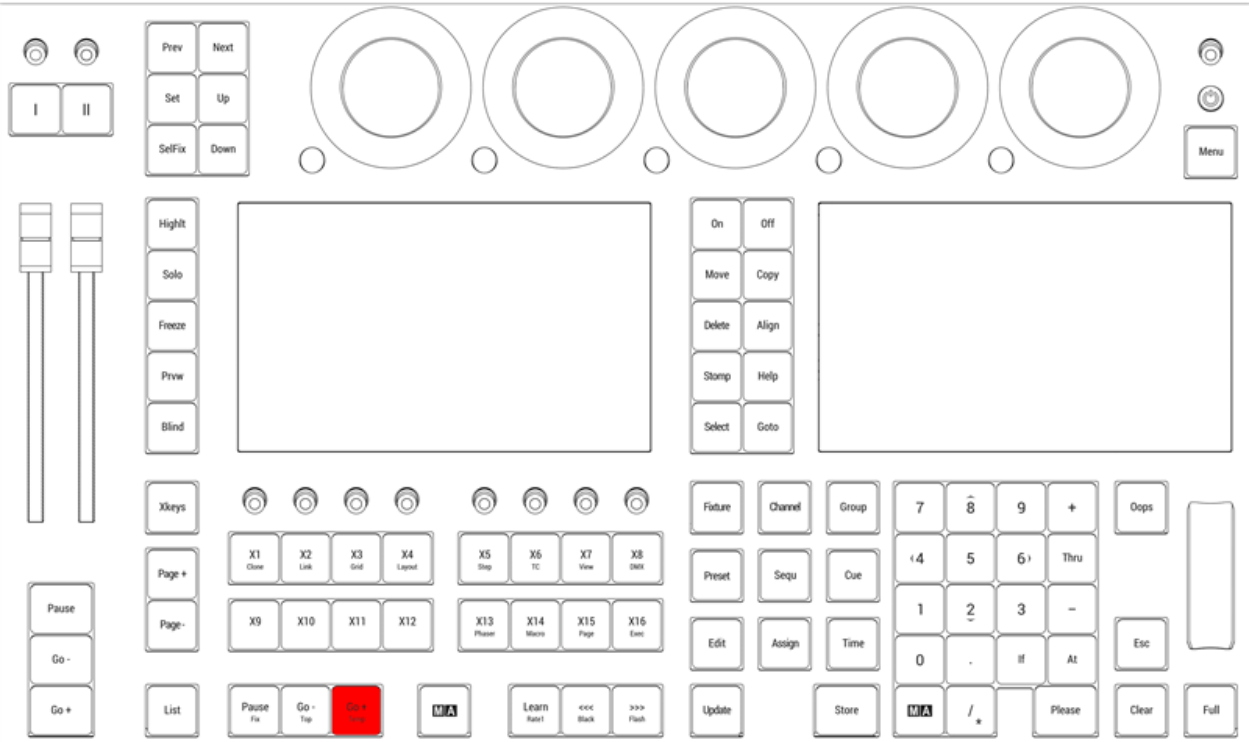
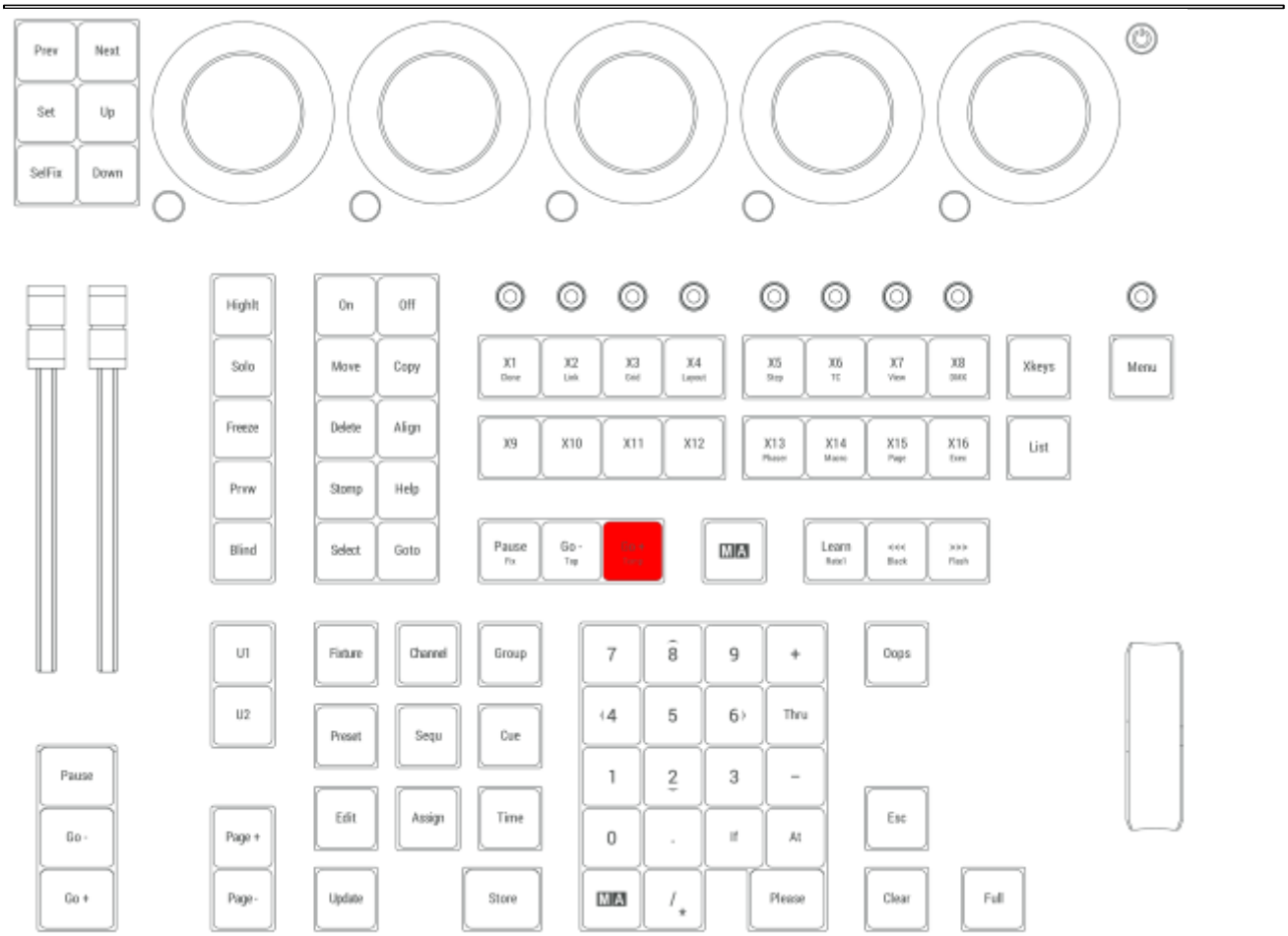


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.24. Go+ [large]

Go+ Executor is executed immediately in the command line when pressing Go+ [large].

OK
:
Go+ Executor

For more information about Go+, see the Go+ keyword.

Go+ Loaded

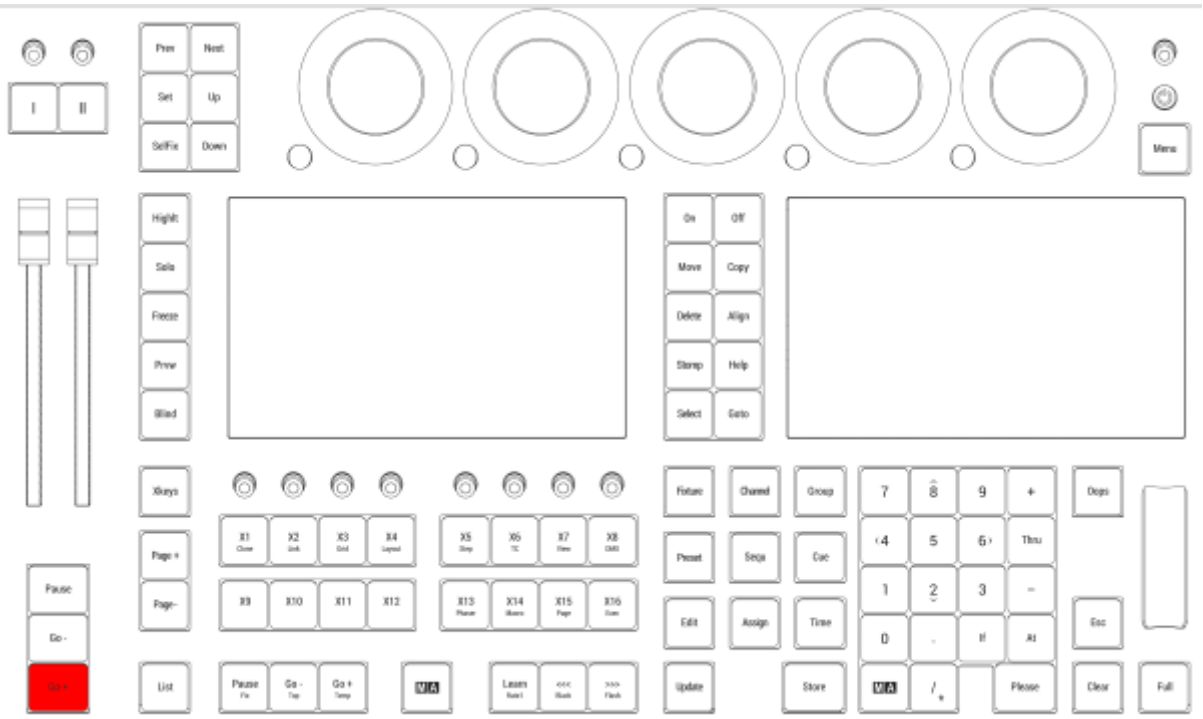
Pressing MA + Go+ [large] executes the Go+ Loaded keyword in the command line.

MA User name[Fixture]>Go+ Loaded

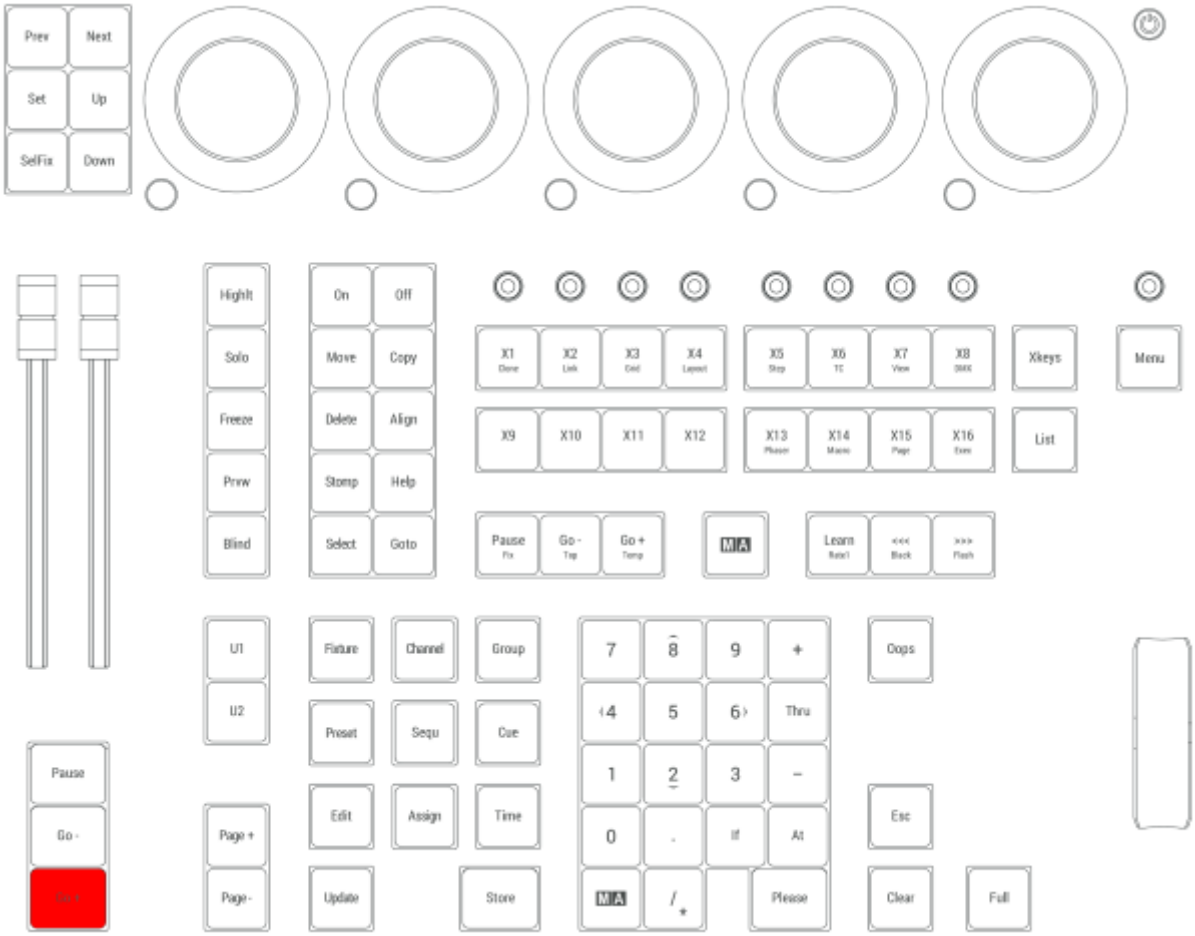
For more information about Go+, see the Go+ keyword.

Location

Go+ [large] is located in the master section below the two master faders.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.25. Go- [large]

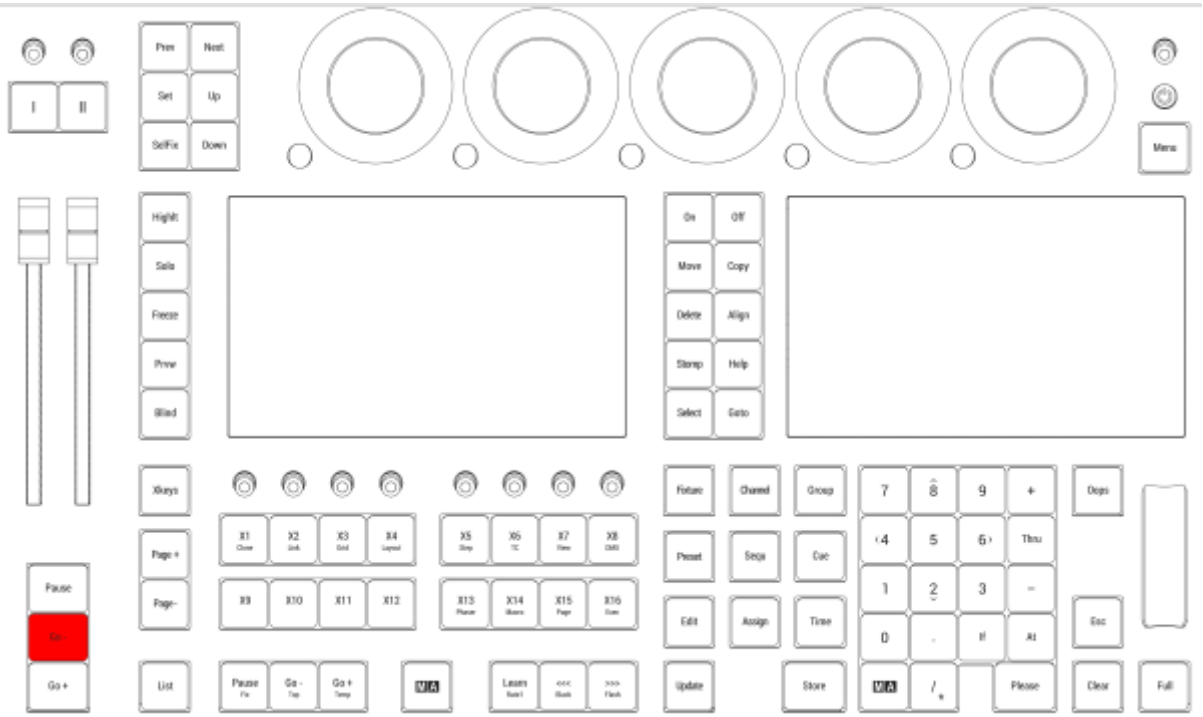
Go- Executor is executed immediately in the command line when pressing Go- [large].

```
OK
:
Go- Executor
```

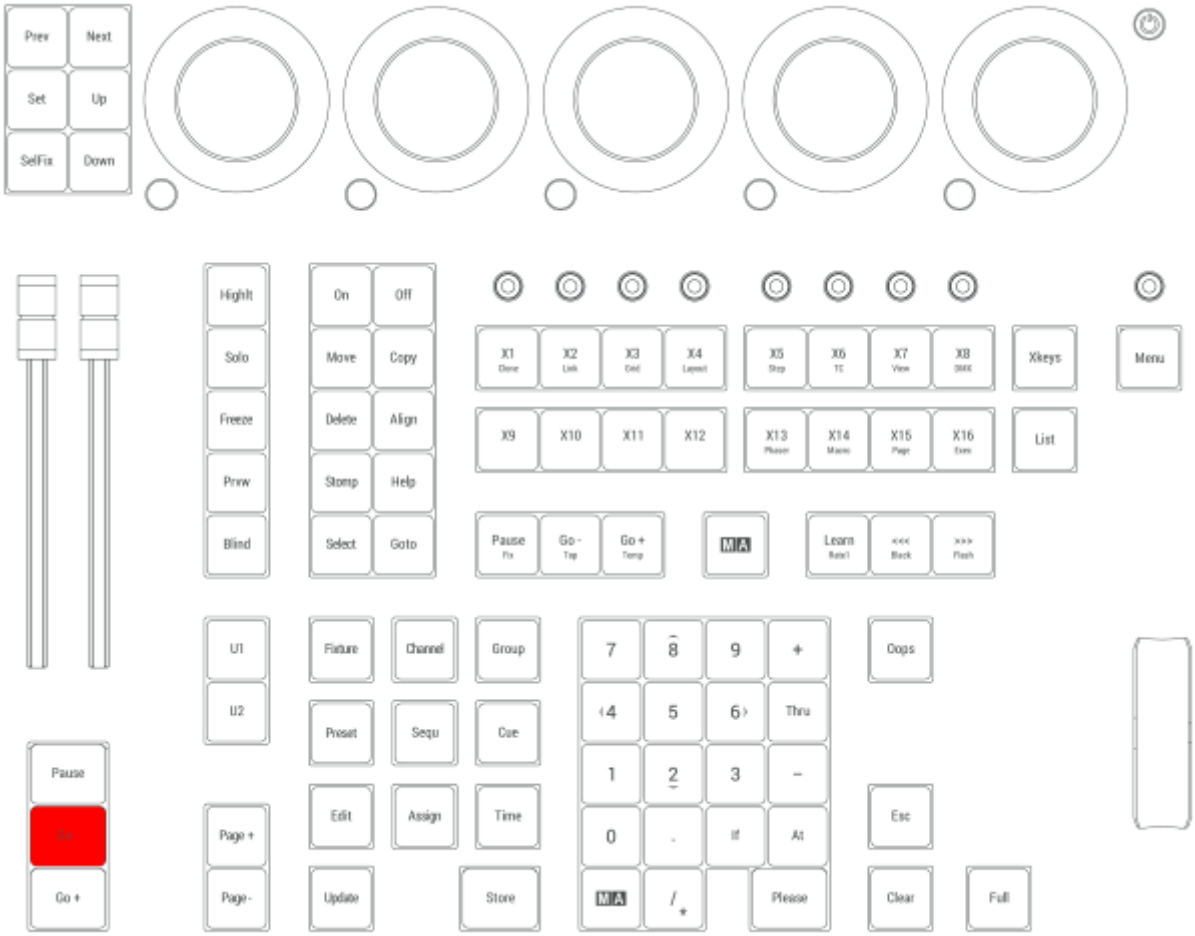
For more information about Go-, see the Go- keyword.

Location

Go- [large] is located in the master section under the two master faders.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.26. Go- | Top

Pressing Go- enters the Go- keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Go-

For more information about Go-, see the Go- keyword.

Top

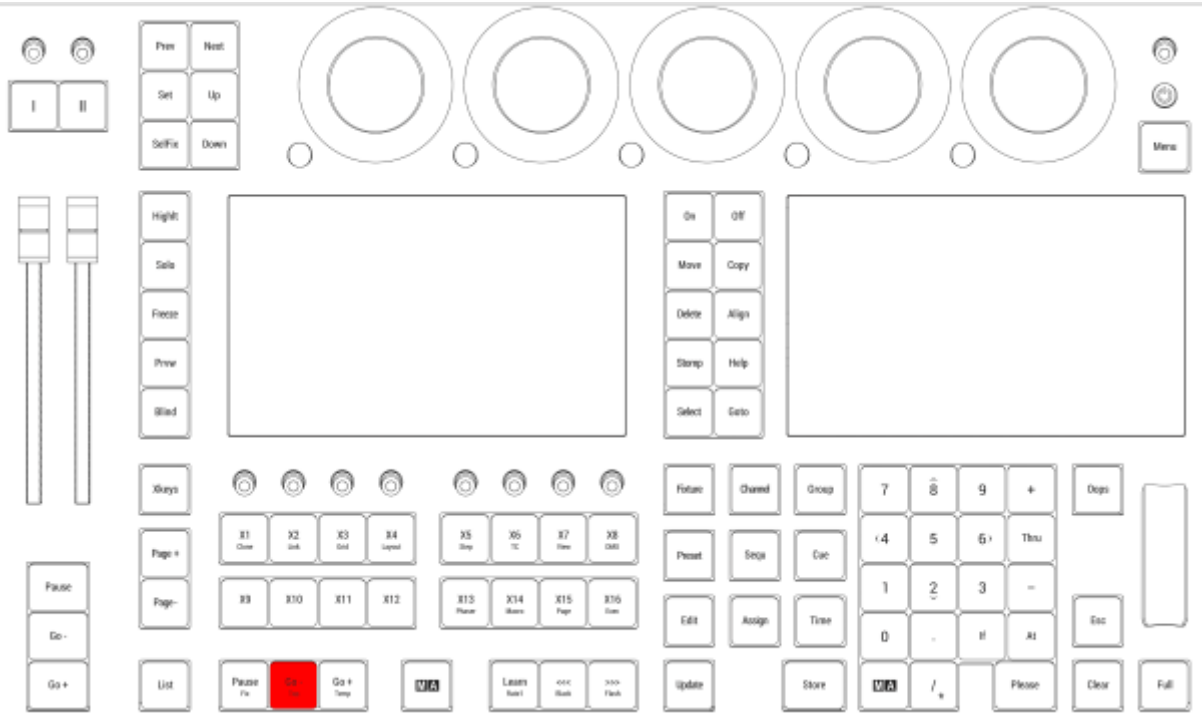
Pressing and holding MA + Go- enters the Top keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Top

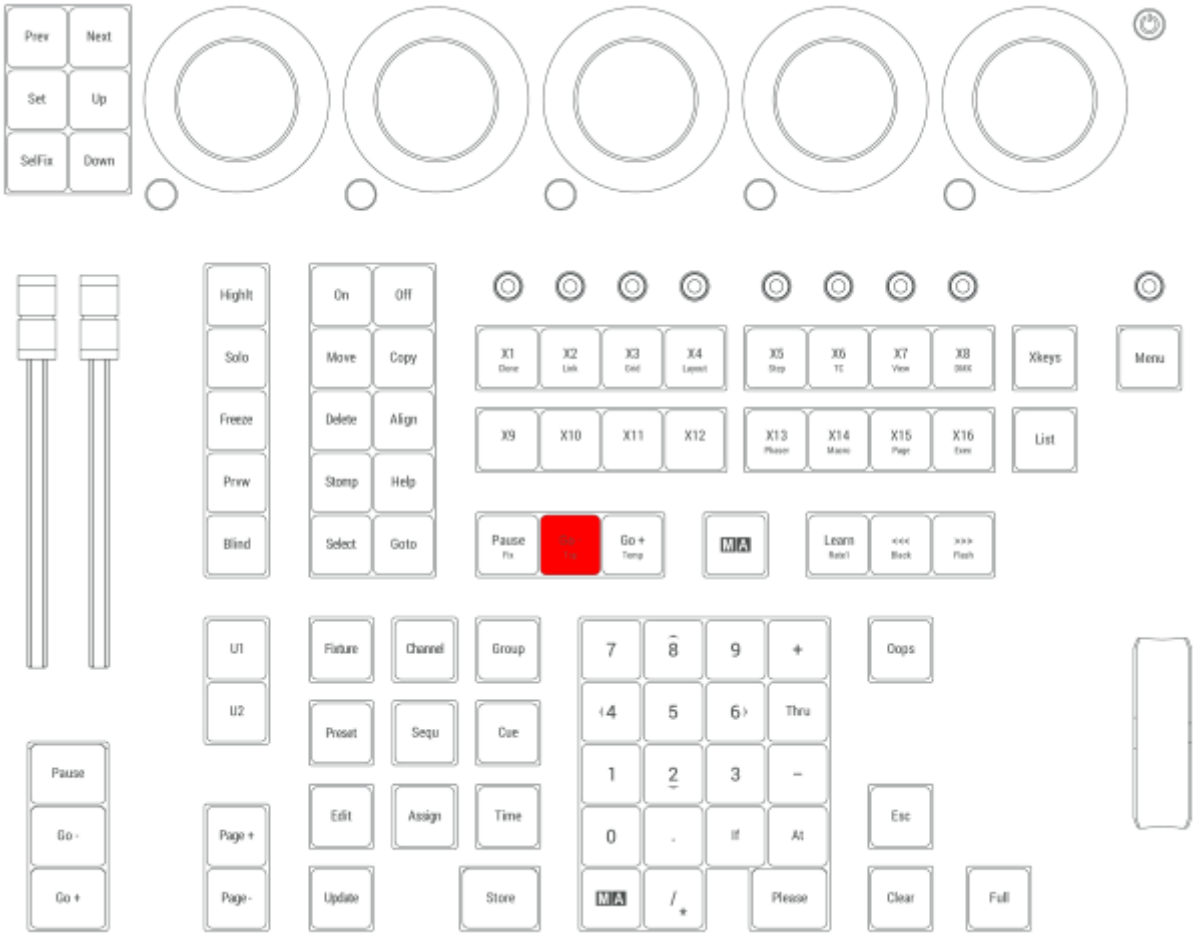
For more information about Top, see the Top keyword.

Location

Go- is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.27. Goto

Pressing Goto enters the Goto keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Goto

For more information about Goto, see the Goto keyword.

Load

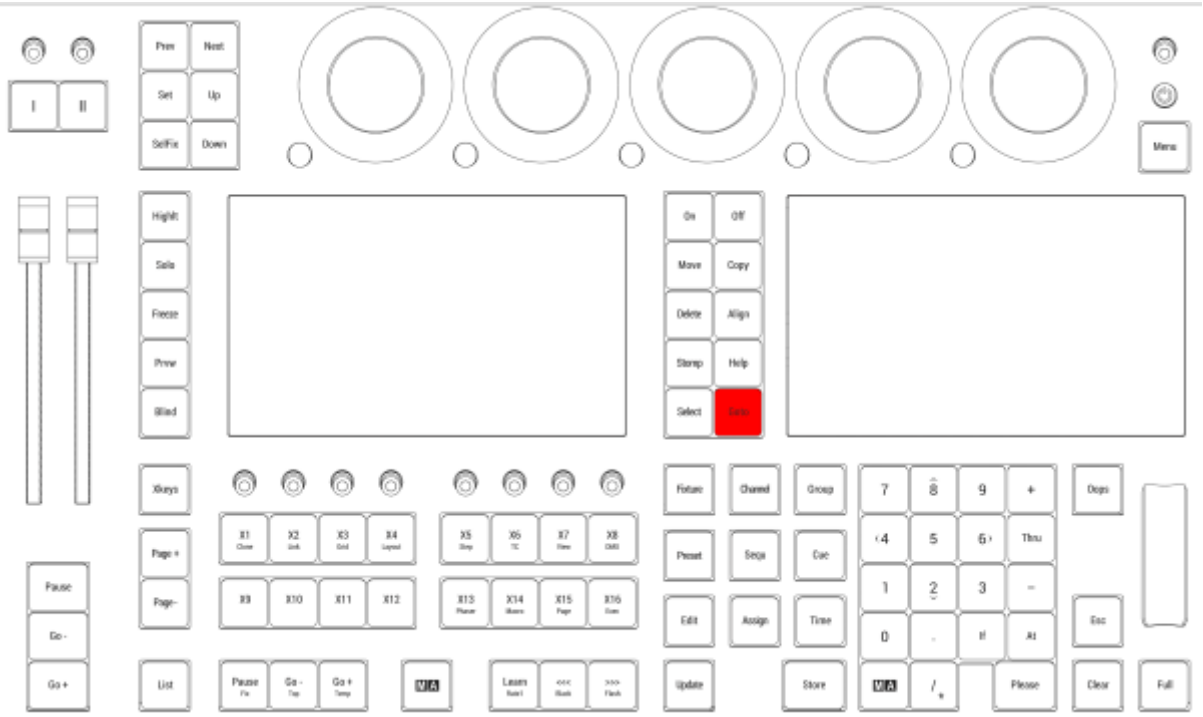
Pressing Goto Goto enters the Load keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Load

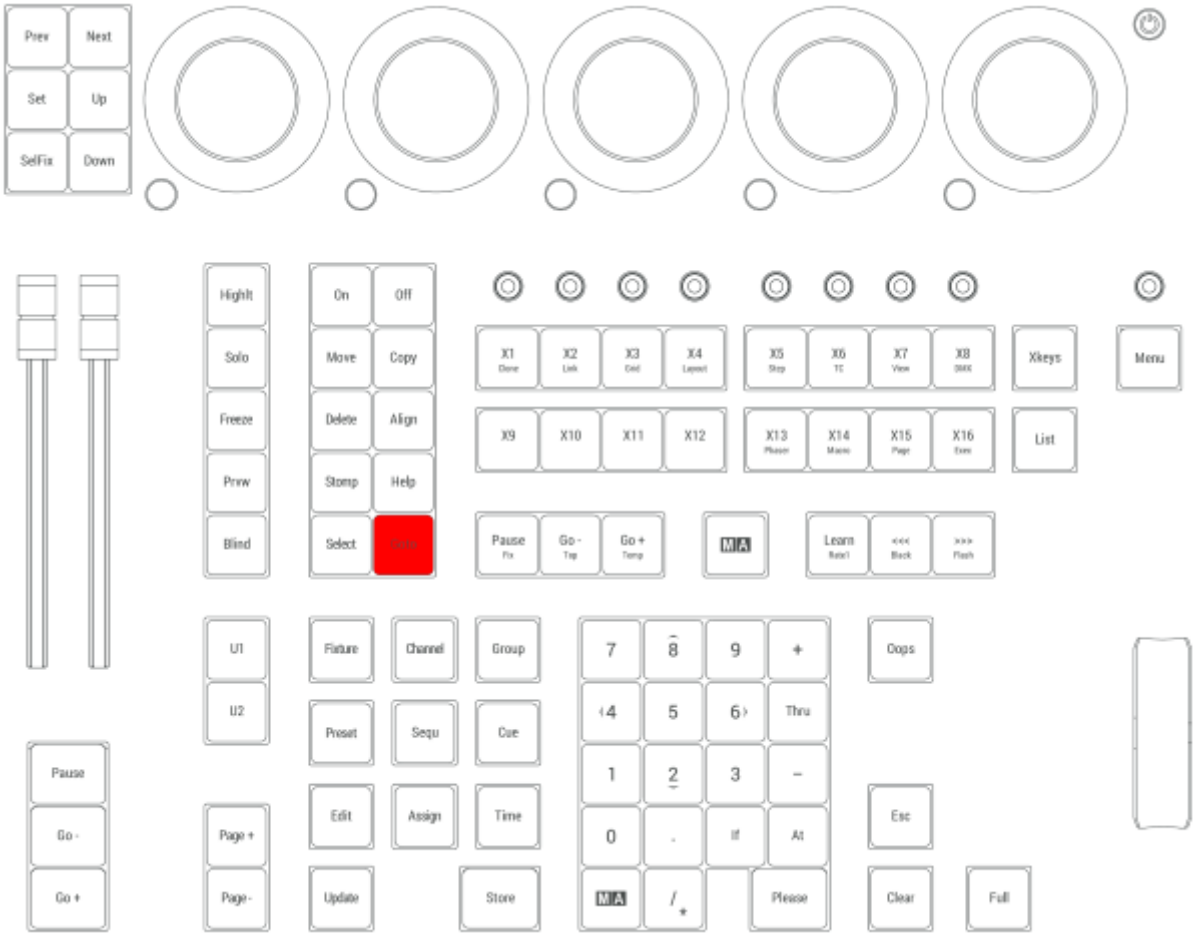
For more information about Load, see the Load keyword.

Location

Goto is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.28. Group

Pressing Group enters the Group keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Group

For more information about Group, see the Group keyword.

World

Pressing Group Group enters the World keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>World

For more information about World, see the World keyword.

Filter

Pressing Group Group Group enters the Filter keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Filter

For more information about Filter, see the Filter keyword.

Location

Group is located in the command section.

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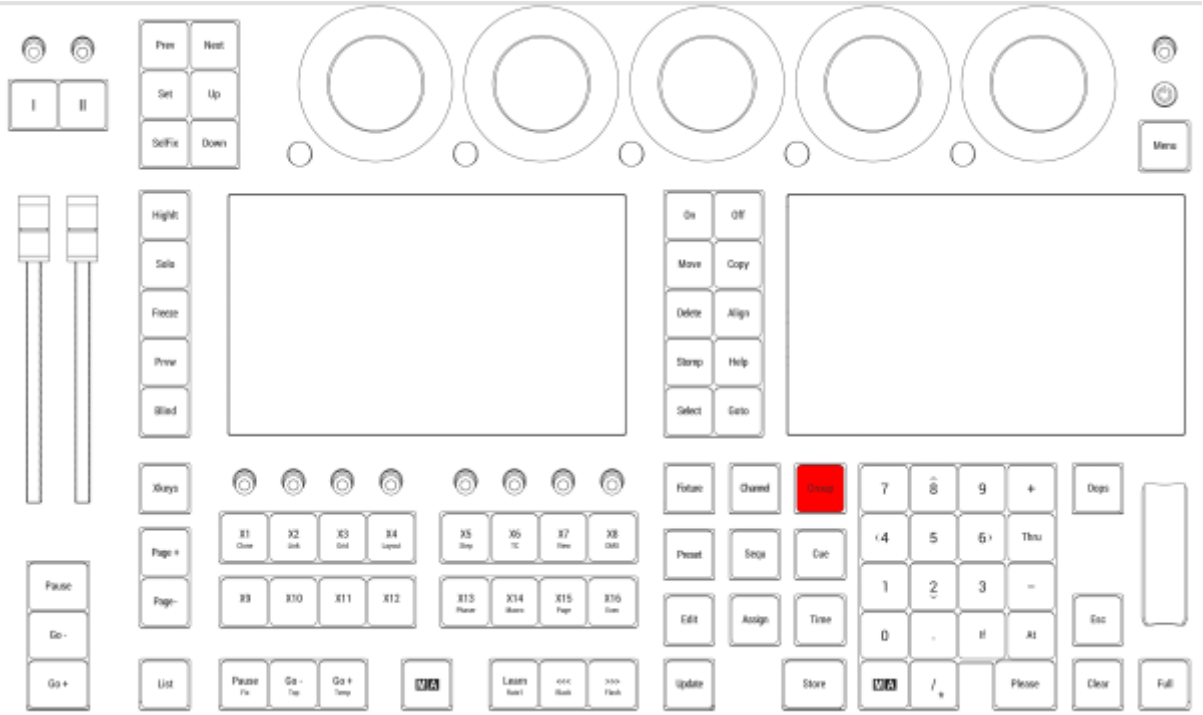
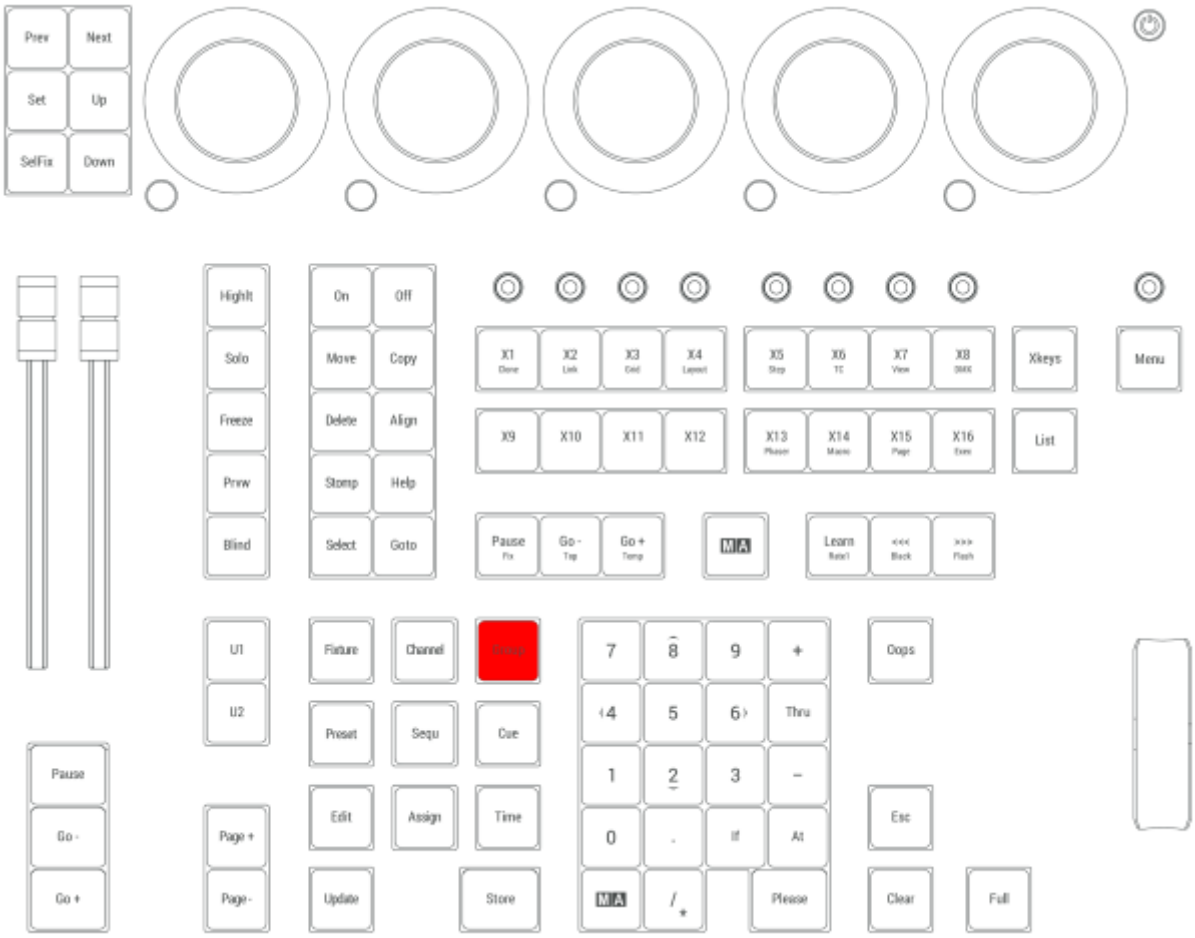


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.29. Help

Pressing Help enters the Help keyword into the command line.

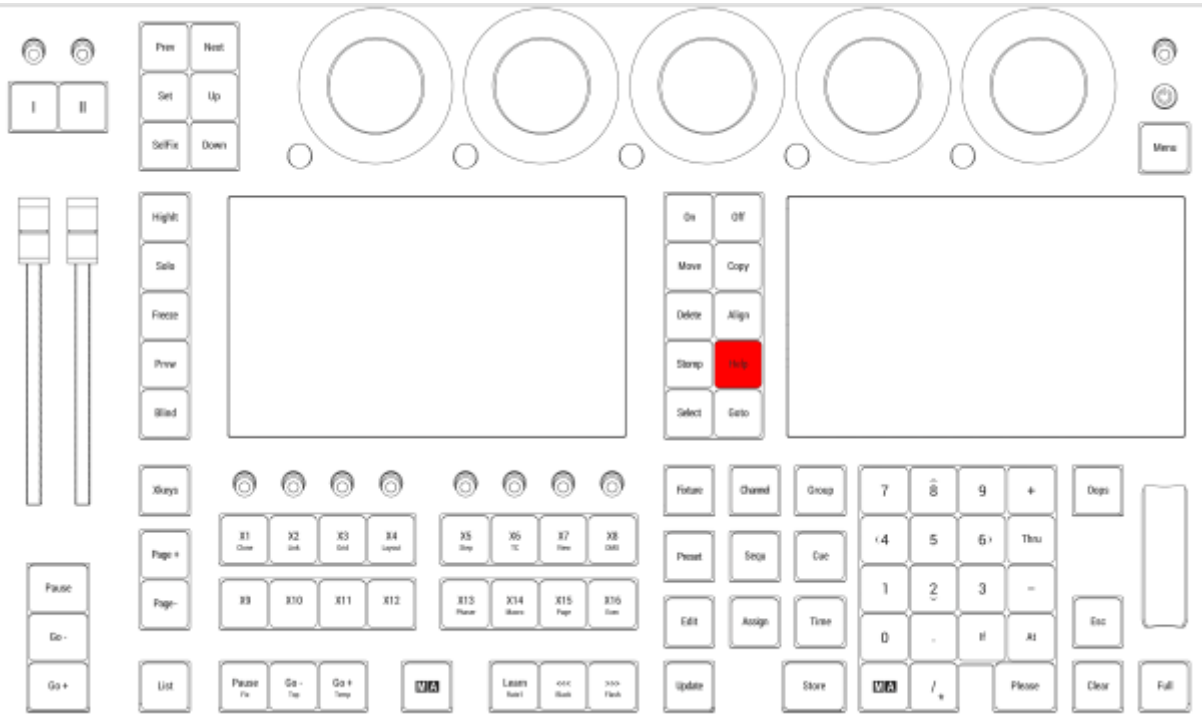
User name[Fixture]>Help

Pressing Help and an element in the user interface opens the corresponding article in the Help.

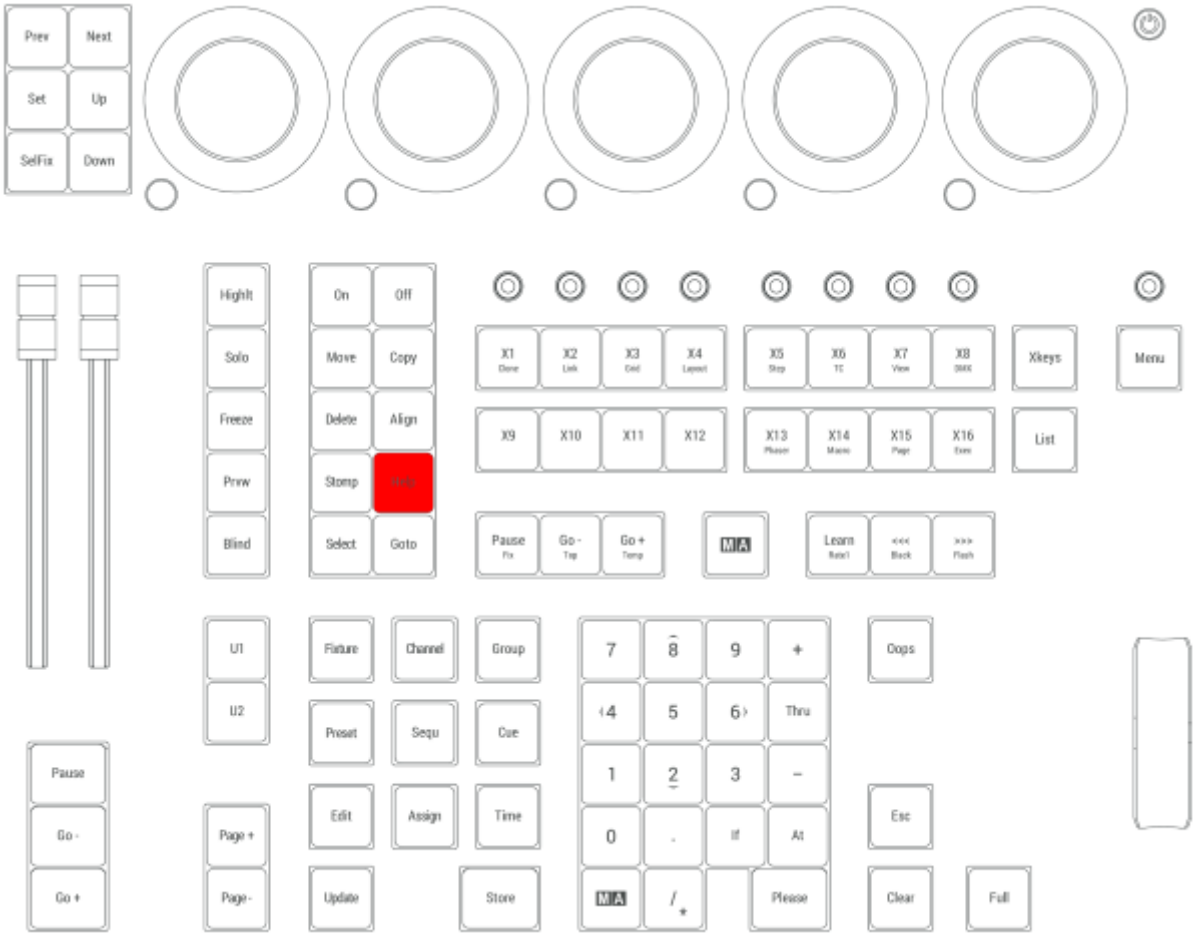
For more information about the Help, see the Help keyword and Open the Help in the Console.

Location

Help is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.30. Highlt [Highlight]

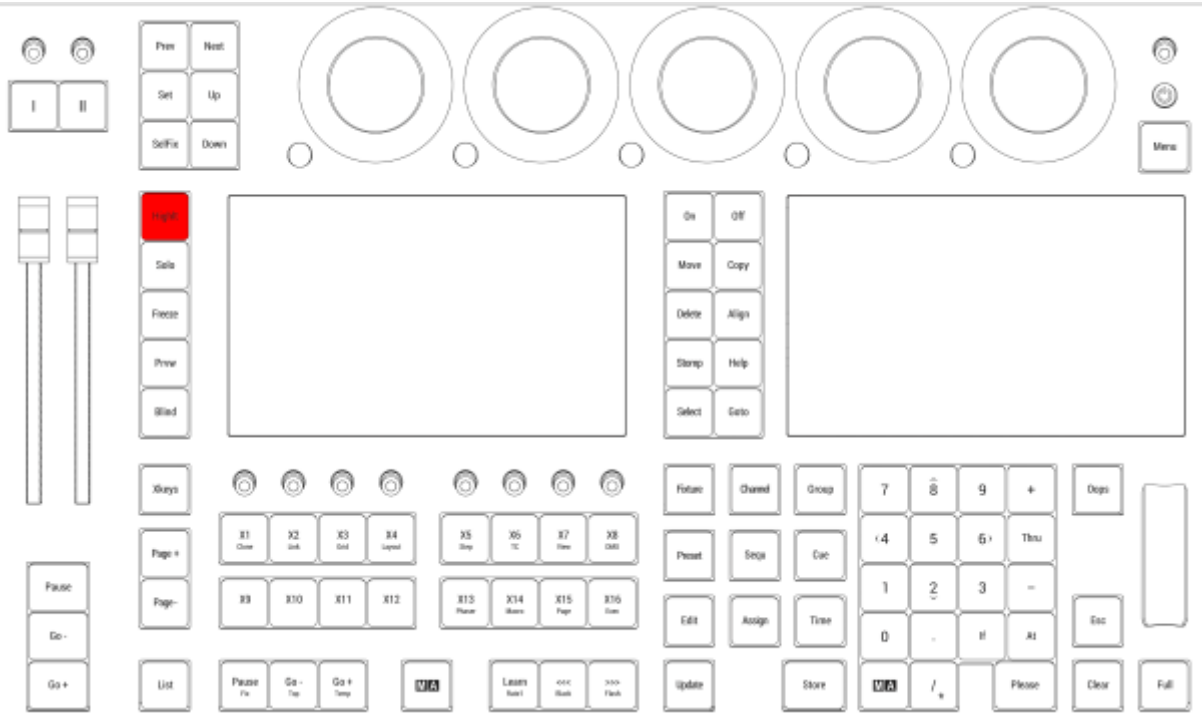
Pressing Highlt toggles the highlight function.

For more information about Highlight, see the Highlight keyword.

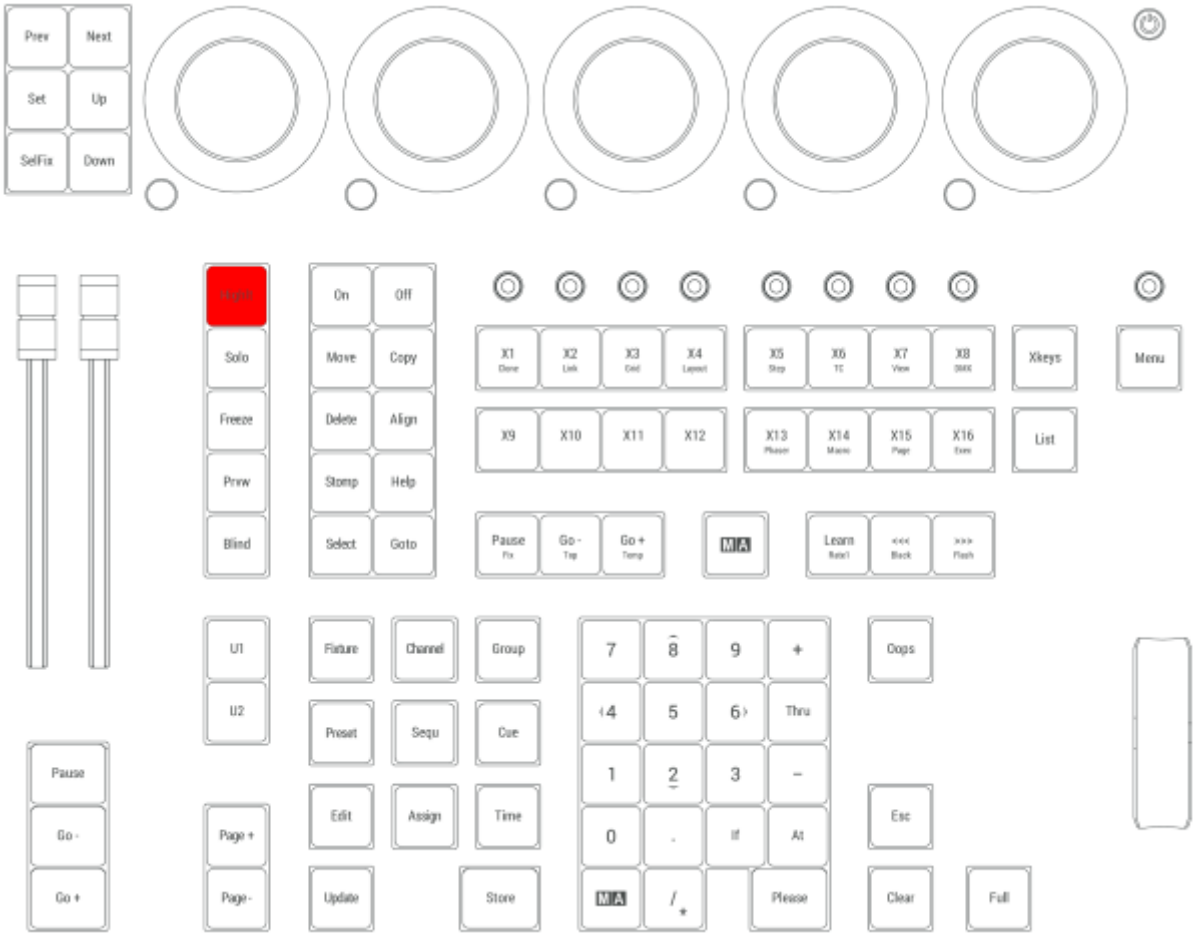
Pressing MA + Highlt toggles the lowlight function. For more information about Lowlight, see the Lowlight keyword.

Location

Highlt is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.31. If

IfOutput

Pressing If enters the IfOutput keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>IfOutput

For more information about IfOutput, see the IfOutput keyword.

IfActive

Pressing If If enters the IfActive keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>IfActive

For more information about IfActive, see the IfActive keyword.

IfProg

Pressing If If If enters the IfProg keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>IfProg

For more information about IfProg, see the IfProg keyword.

If

Pressing If If If If enters the If keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>If

For more information about If, see the If keyword.

EndIf

Pressing If again once the If command is already in the command line enters the EndIf keyword into the command line.

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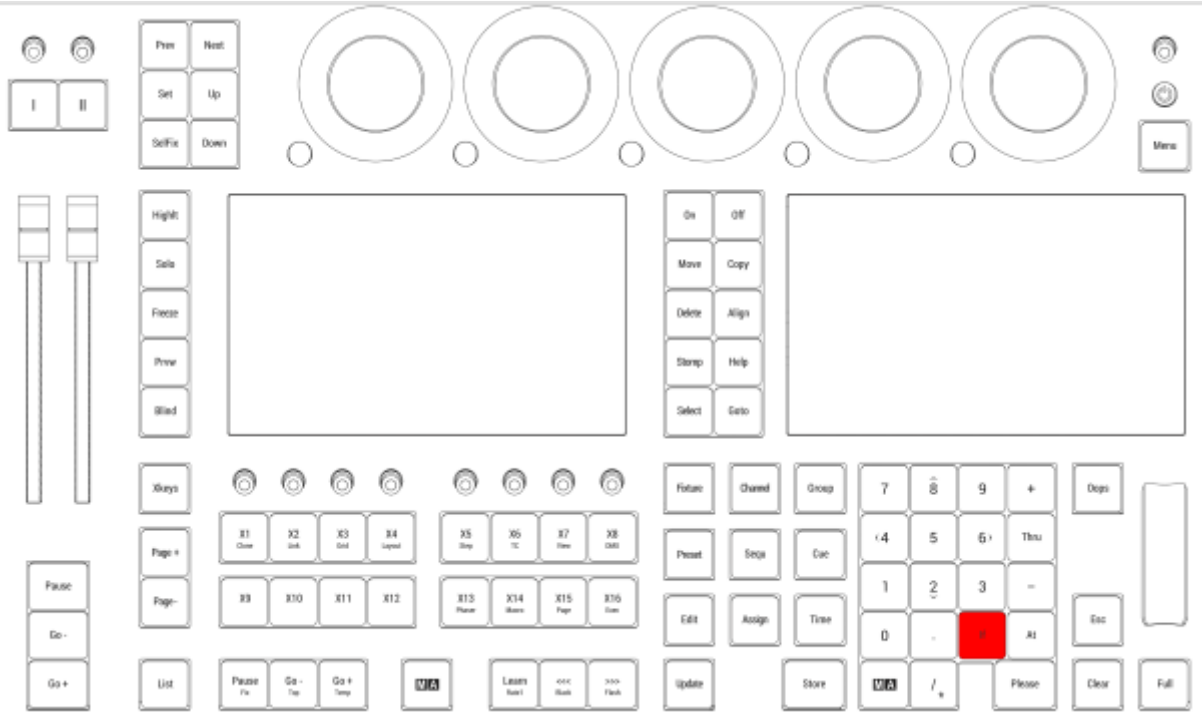
User name[Fixture]>Store If Group 5 EndIf Preset 1.1

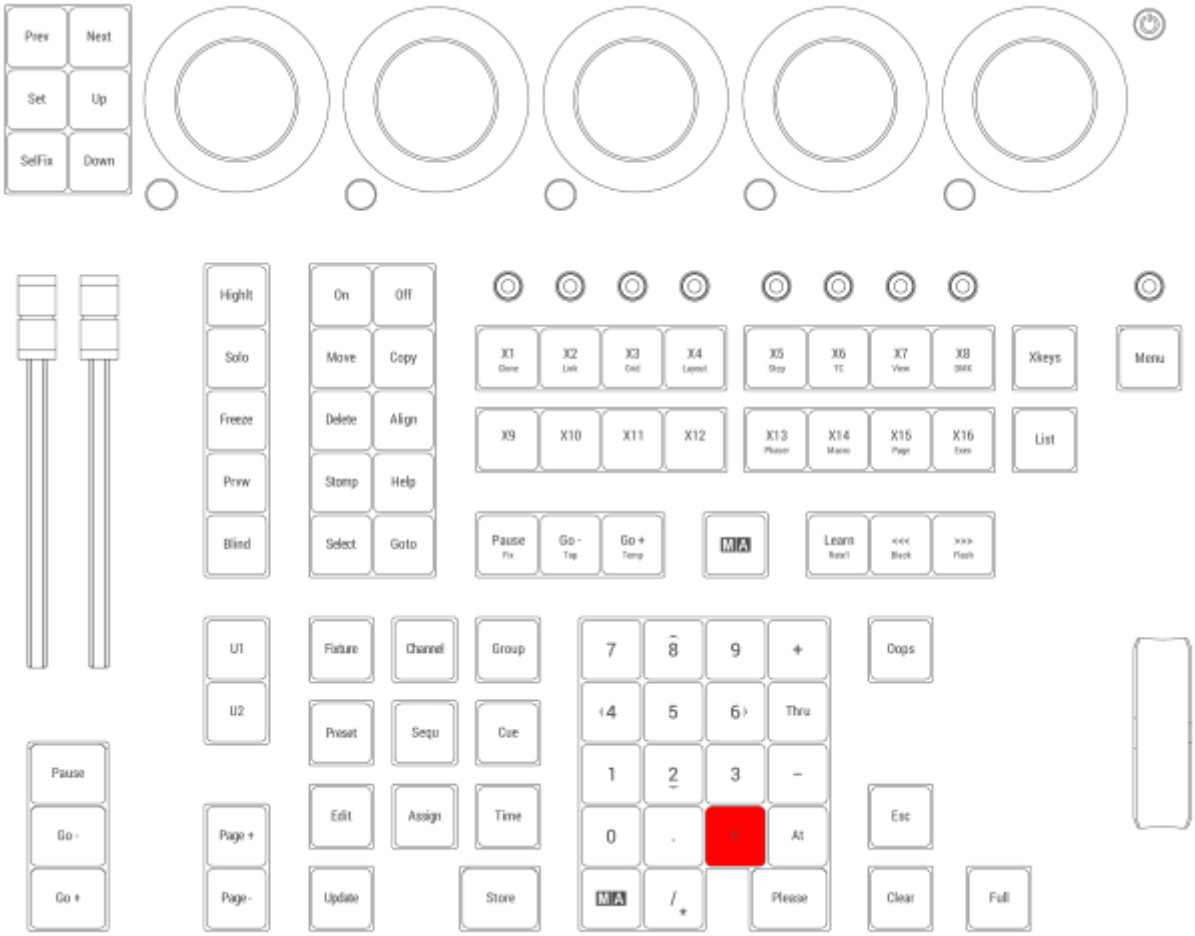
For more information about EndIf, see the EndIf keyword.

Location

If is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.32. Learn | Rate1

Pressing Learn enters the Learn keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Learn

For more information about Learn, see the Learn keyword.

Rate1

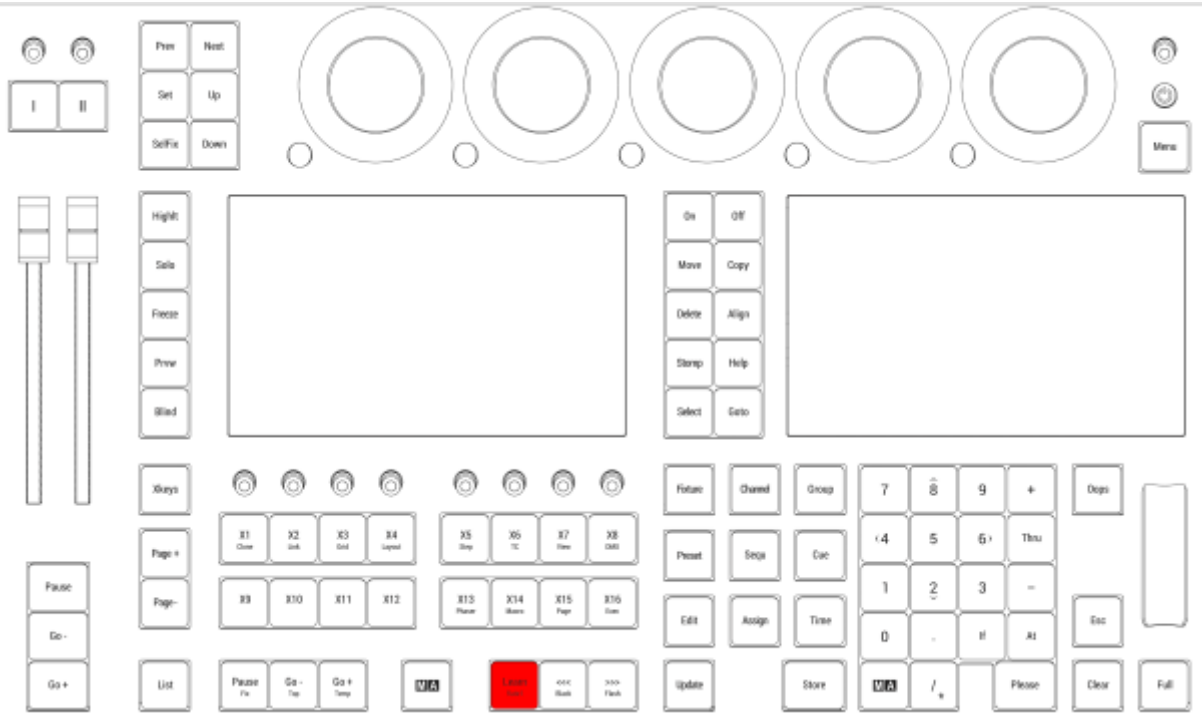
Pressing and holding MA + Learn enters the Rate1 keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Rate1

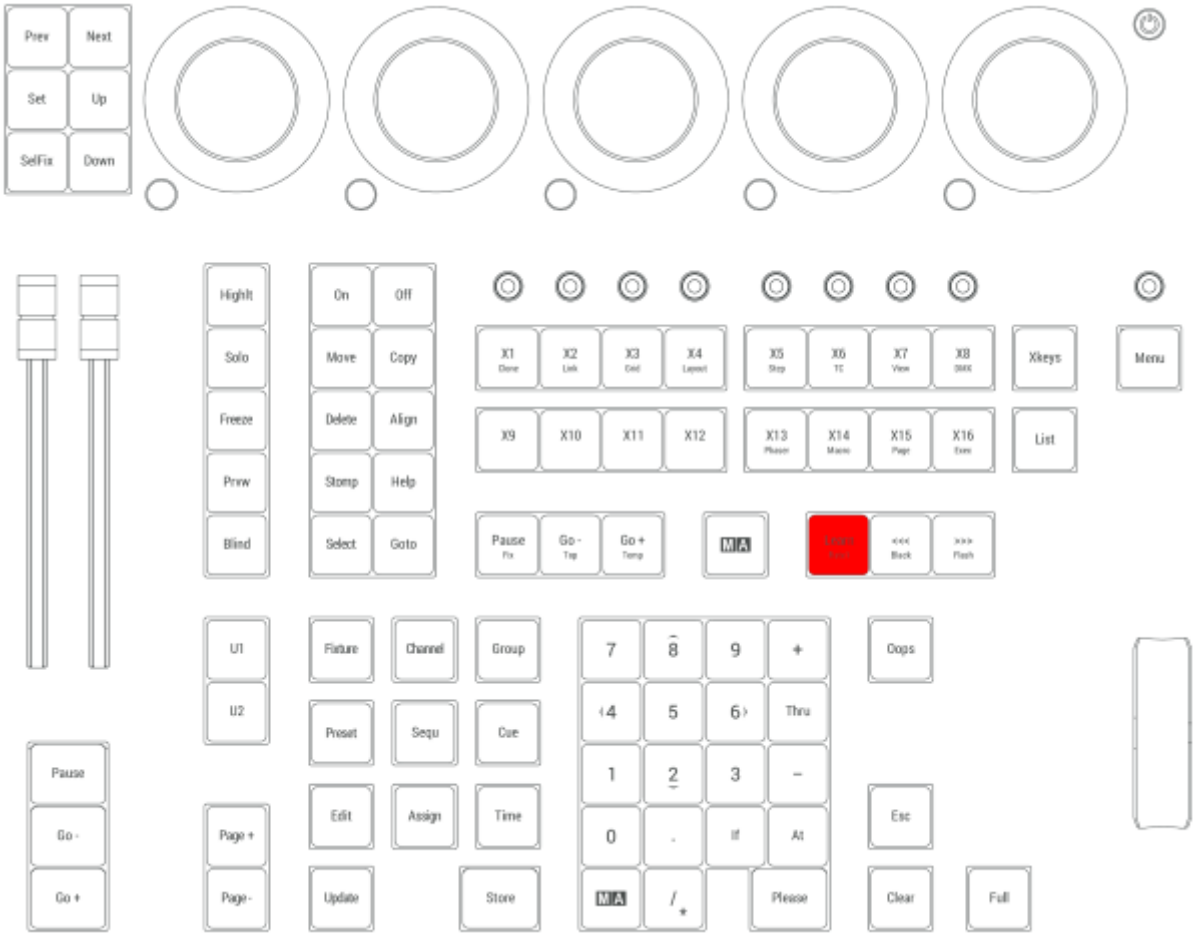
For more information about Rate1, see the Rate1 keyword.

Location

Learn is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.33. List

Pressing List enters the List keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>List

For more information about List, see the List keyword.

Locate

Pressing and holding List enters the Locate keyword into the command line. Press and hold List and tap an object to execute the Locate function for that object.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Locate

For more information about Locate, see the Locate Keyword.

ListRef

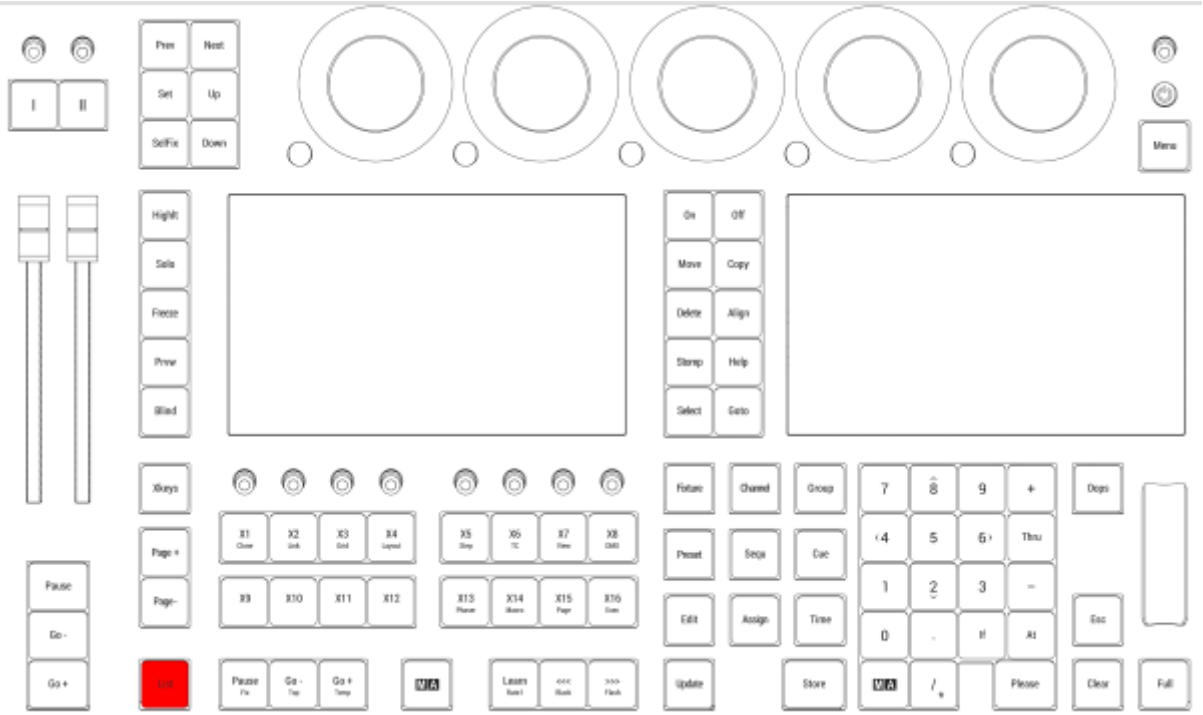
Pressing and holding MA + List enters the ListRef keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>ListRef

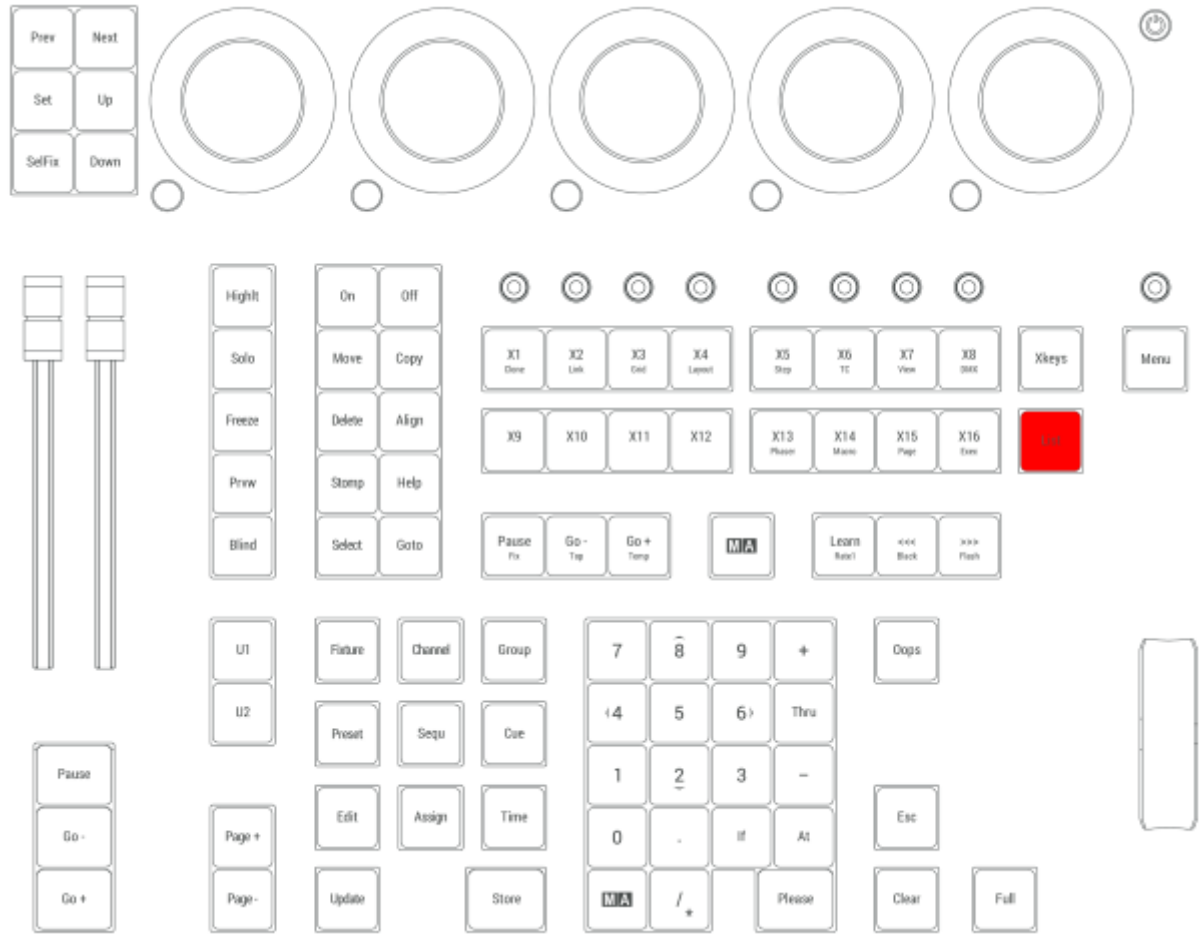
For more information about List, see the ListRef keyword.

Location

List is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



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1.3.17.34. MA

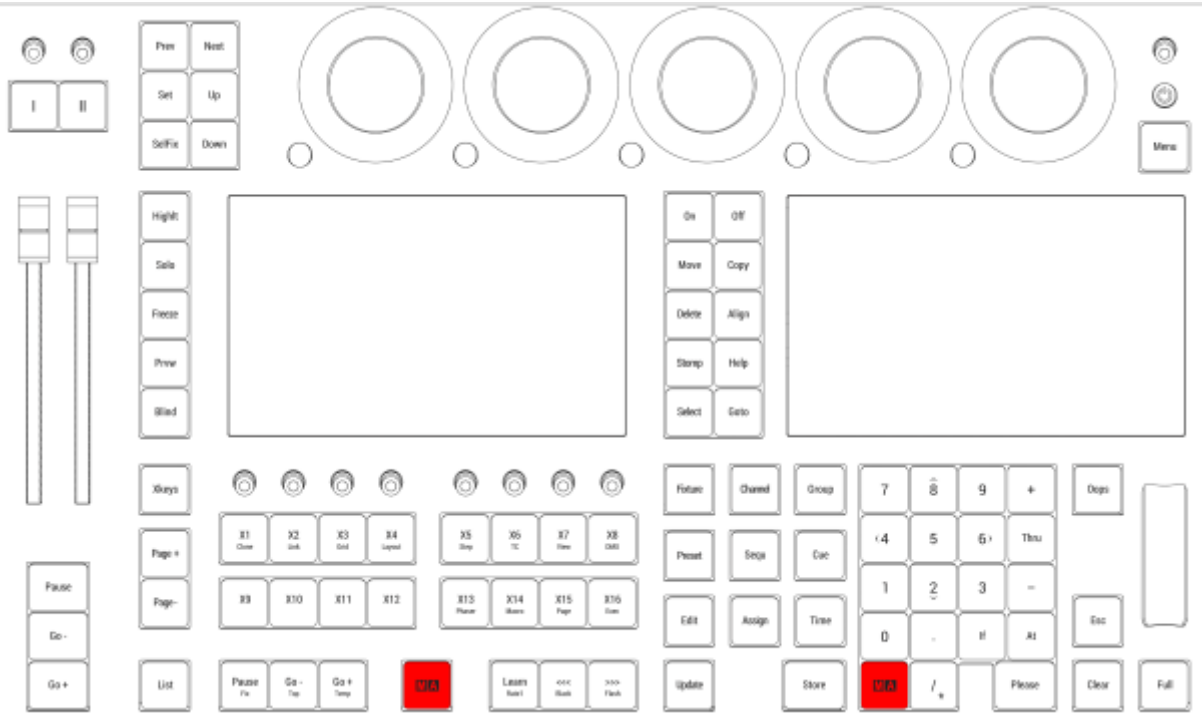
Pressing and holding MA in combination with other keys, provides shortcuts to other functions. There are two MA keys there – on both layouts of the console. They are identical and have the same function.

Pressing MA + Please sets the focus to the command line.

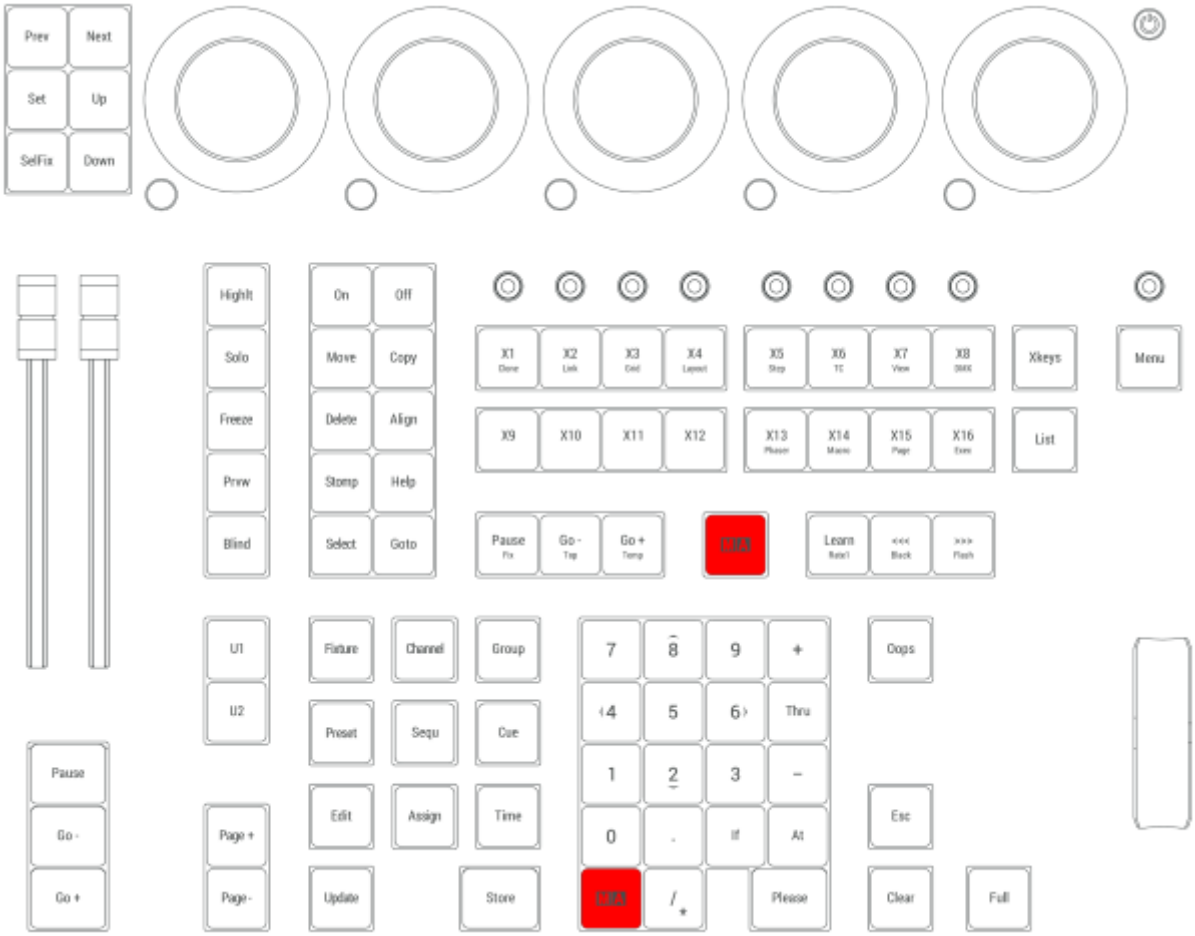
To check out the complete list of functions, see Keys.

Location

MA is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

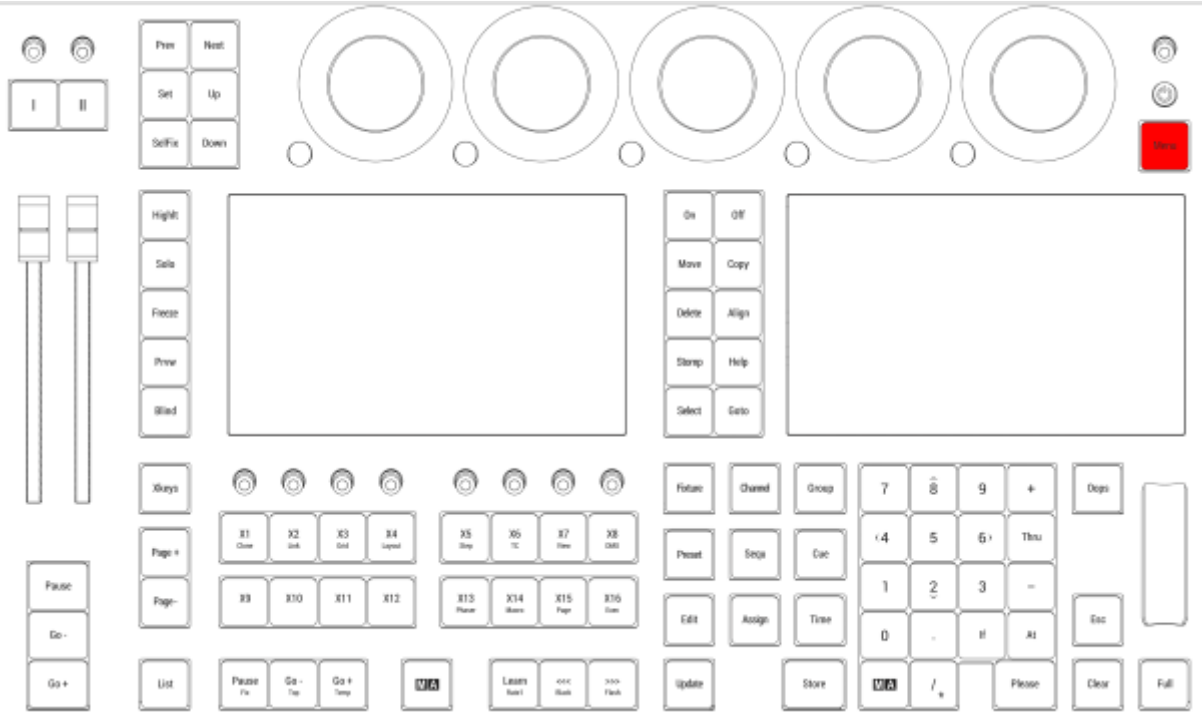
1.3.17.35. Menu

Pressing Menu opens the Menu pop-up.

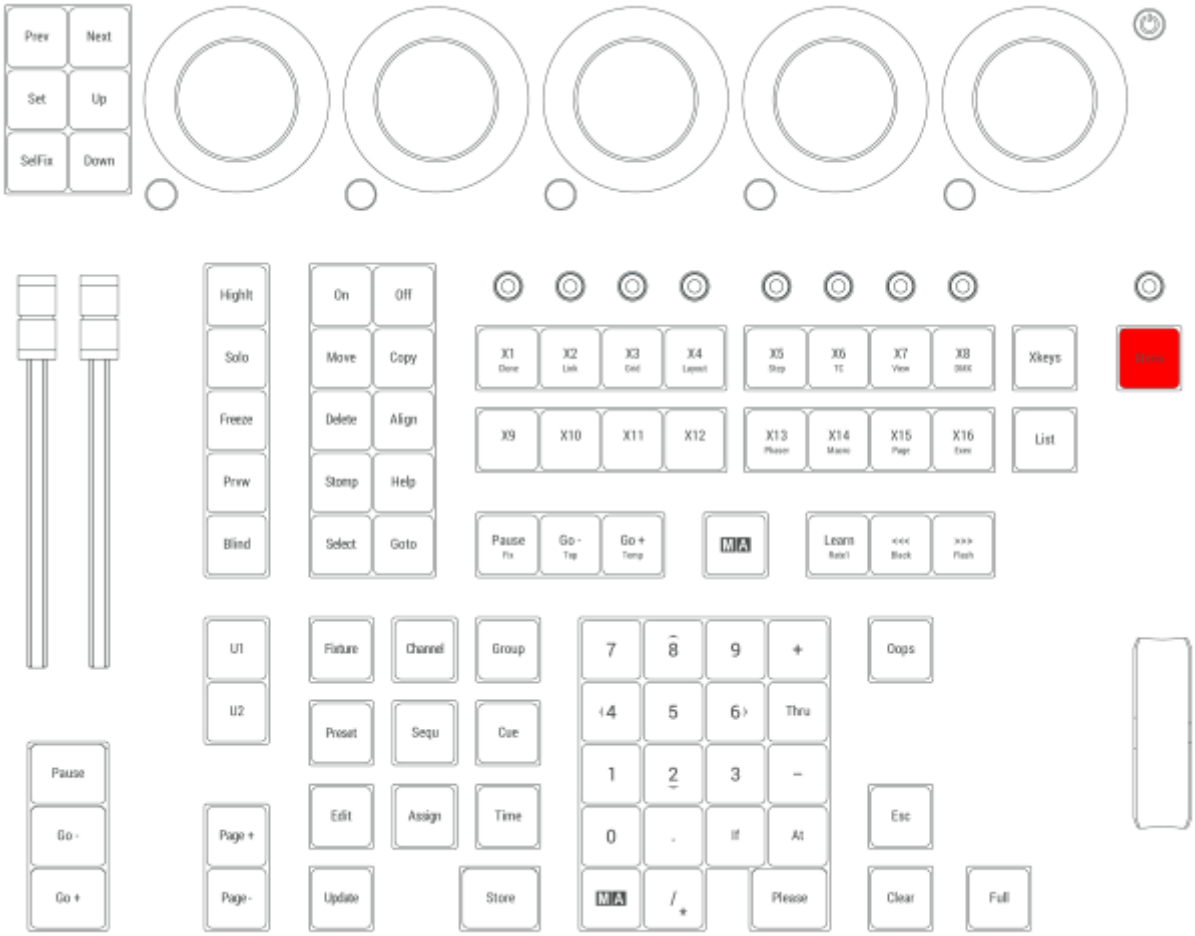
For more information about Menu, see the Menu keyword.

Location

Menu is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.36. Move

Pressing Move enters the Move keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Move

For more information about Move, see the Move keyword.

Exchange

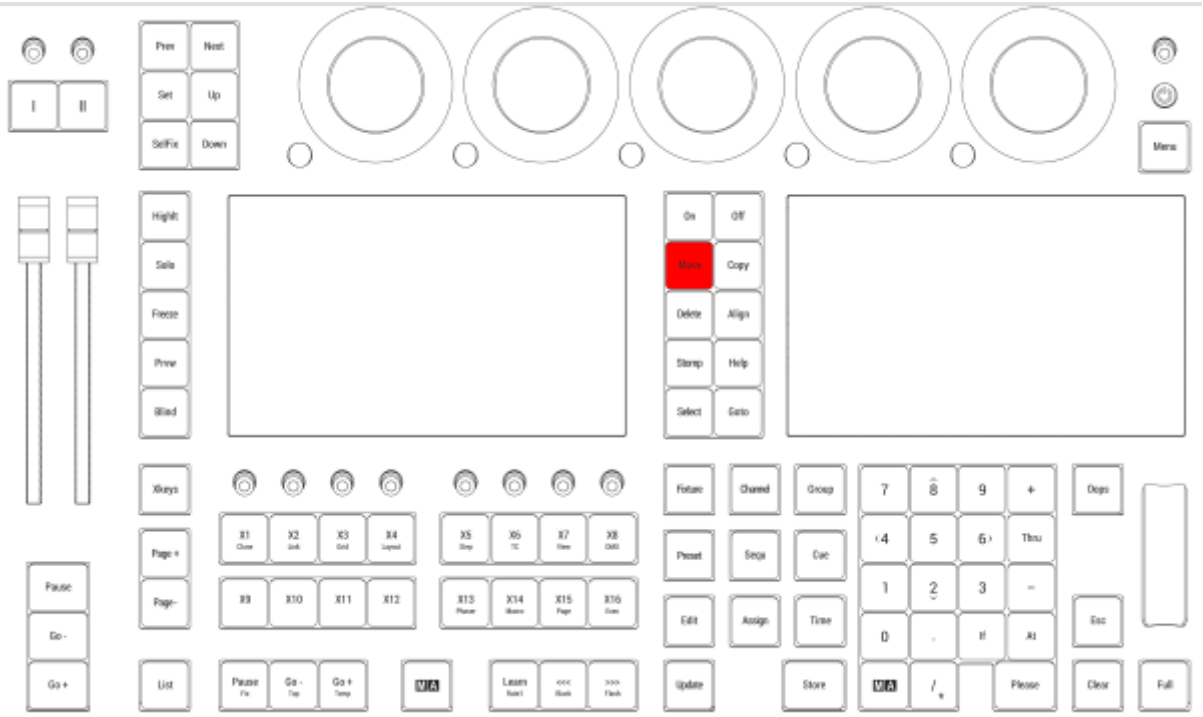
Pressing Move Move enters the Exchange keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Exchange

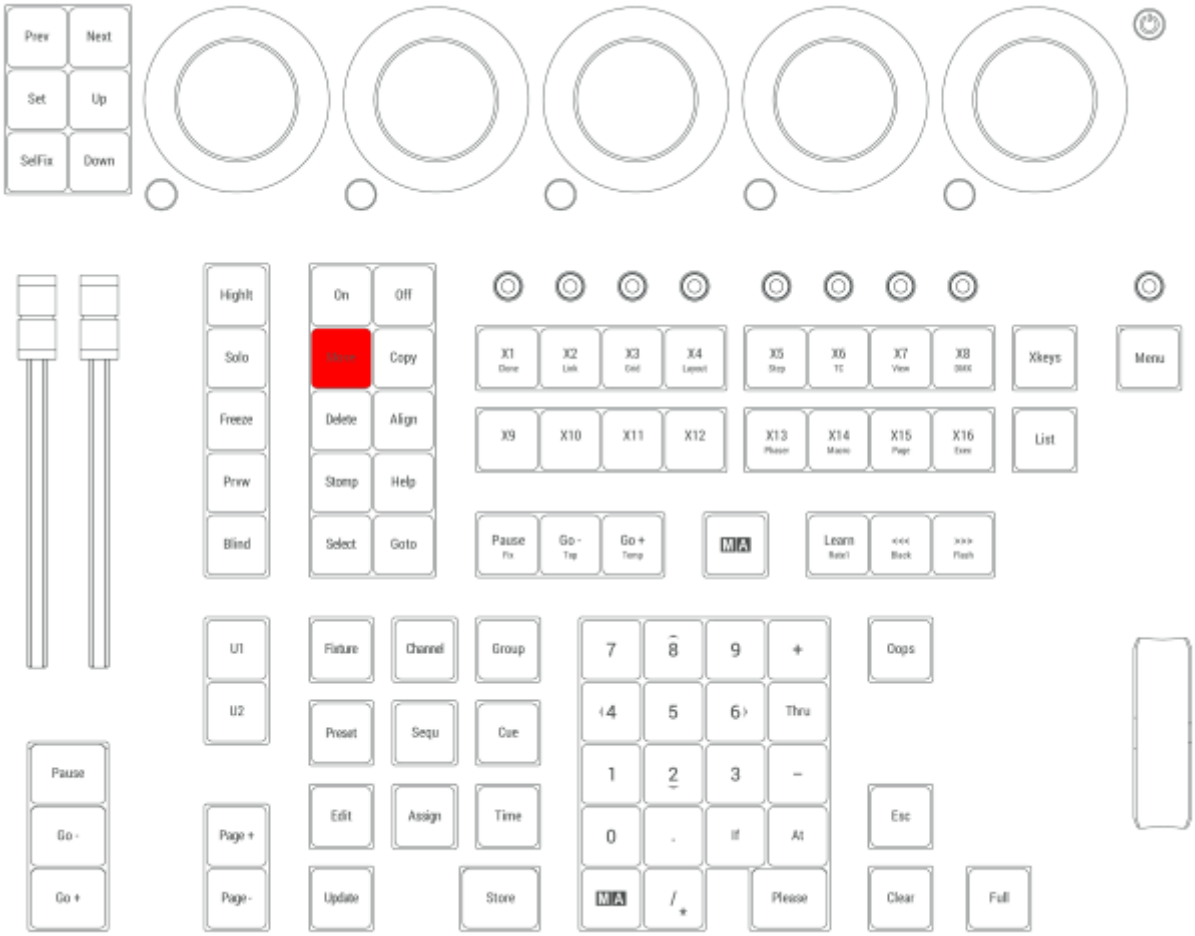
For more information about Exchange, see the Exchange Keyword.

Location

Move is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.37. Next

Pressing Next executes the Next keyword in the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Next

For more information about Next, see the Next keyword.

Next Step

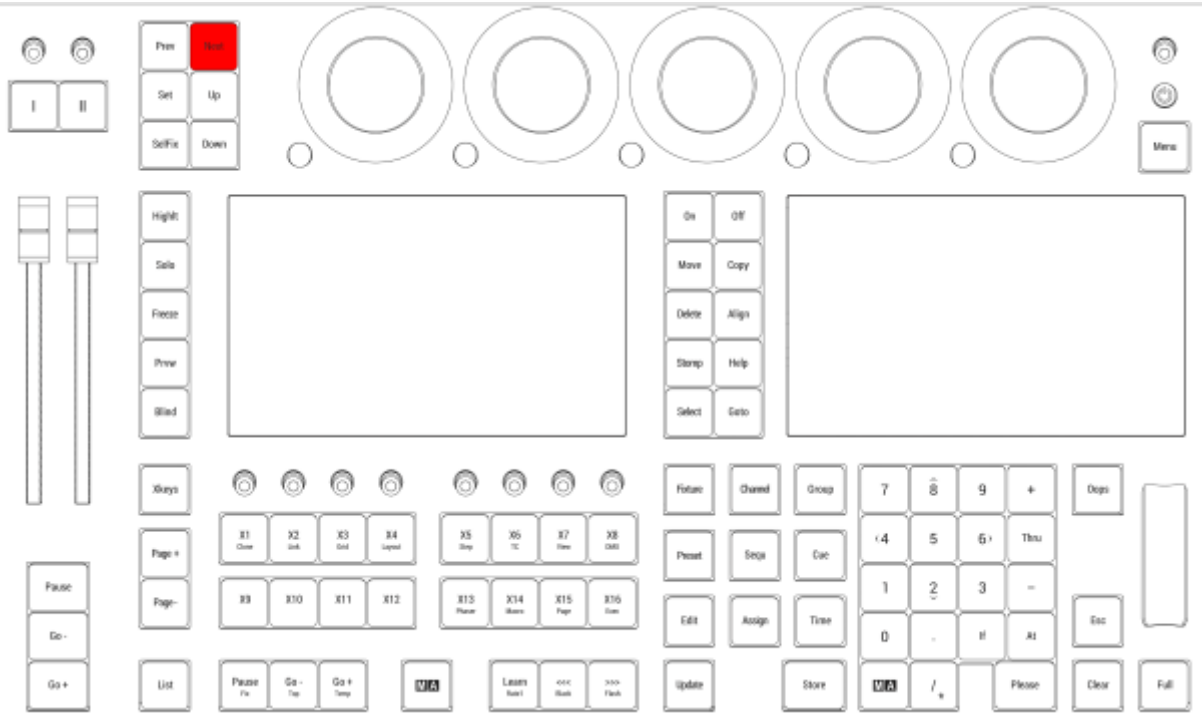
Pressing MA + Next executes the Next Step command in the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Next Step

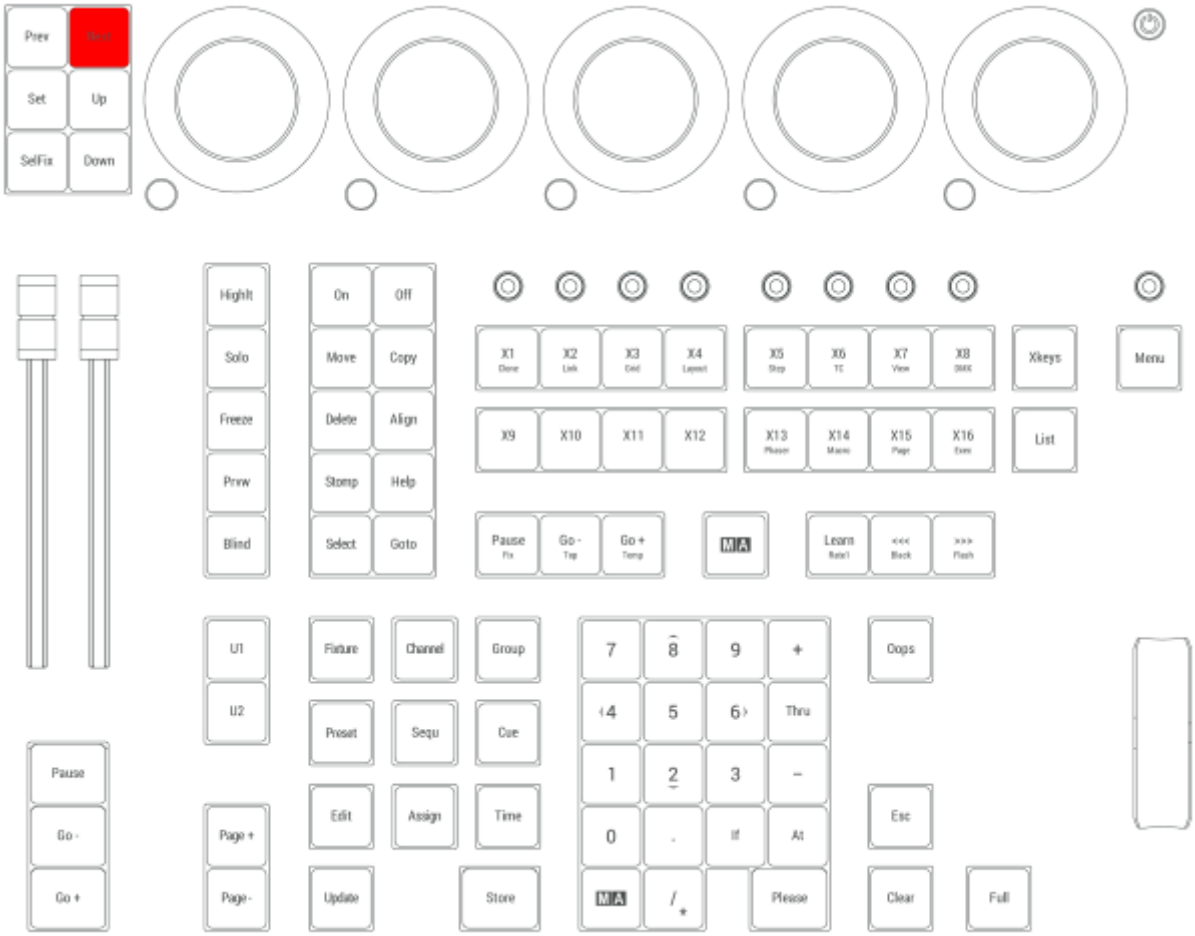
For more information about Next Step, see the Next keyword and the Step keyword. For more information on steps see Phaser.

Location

Next is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.38. Numeric Keys | Arrows

Pressing a numeric key enters the number into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1+7+8

Move Cursor

Pressing MA + 8 moves the cursor one row upward.

Pressing MA + 2 moves the cursor one row downward.

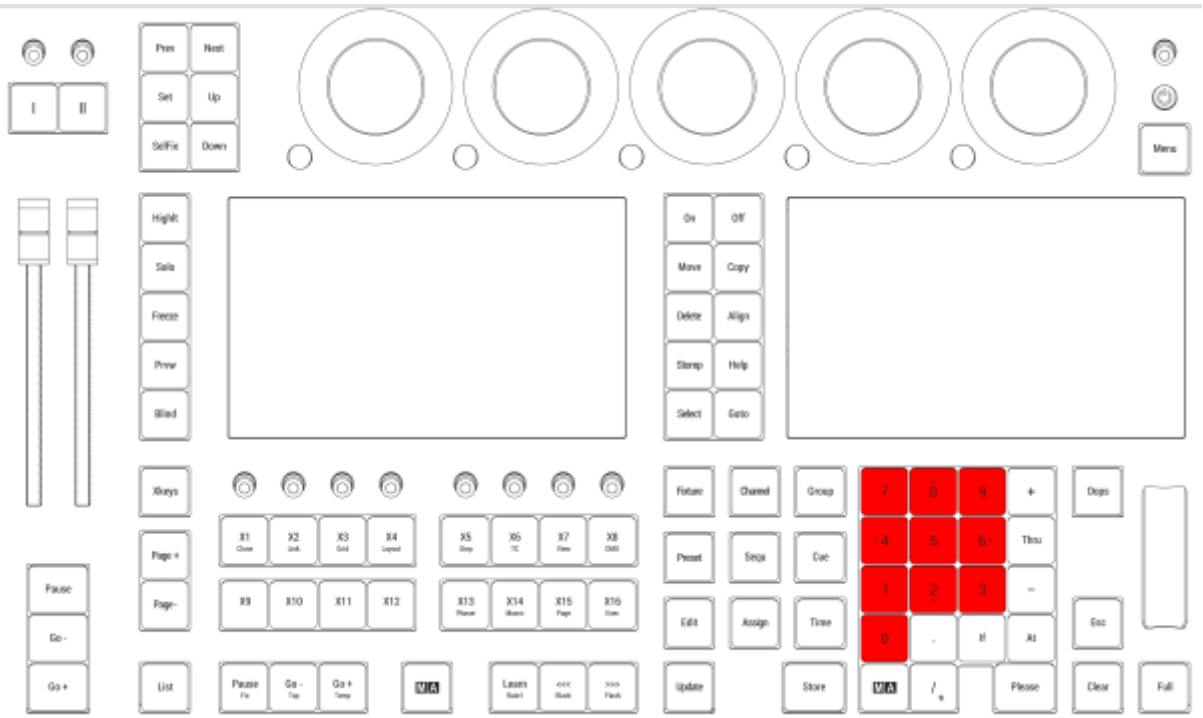
Pressing MA + 4 moves the cursor one column to the left.

Pressing MA + 6 moves the cursor one column to the right.

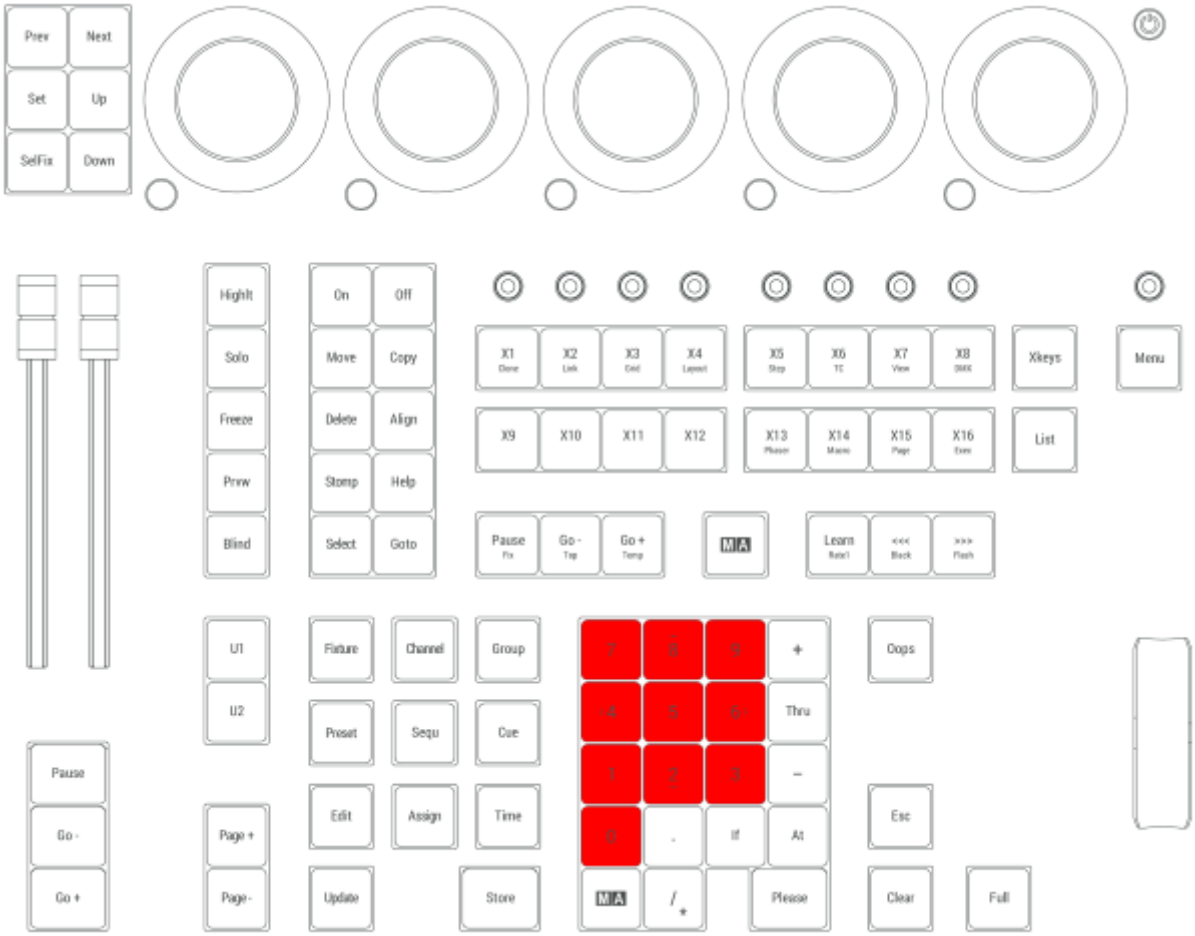
The arrow keys have the same functions on a keyboard.

Location

The numeric keys are located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.39. Off

Pressing Off enters the Off keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Off

For more information about Off, see the Off keyword.

Off Menu

Pressing Off Off opens the Off menu.

Read more about the Off menu here.

Close RemoteHID Connection

Pressing MA + MA + Off closes every RemoteHID connection that is active.

For more information about RemoteHID connections, see the RemoteHID.

Location

Off is located in the command section.

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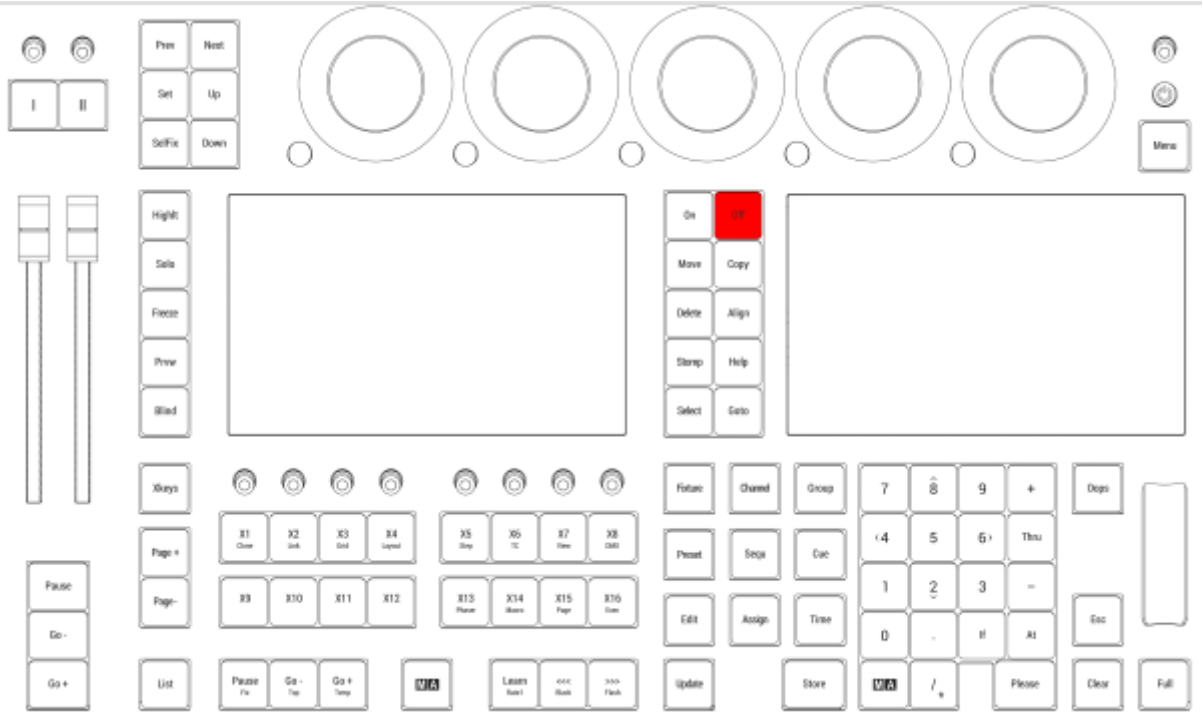
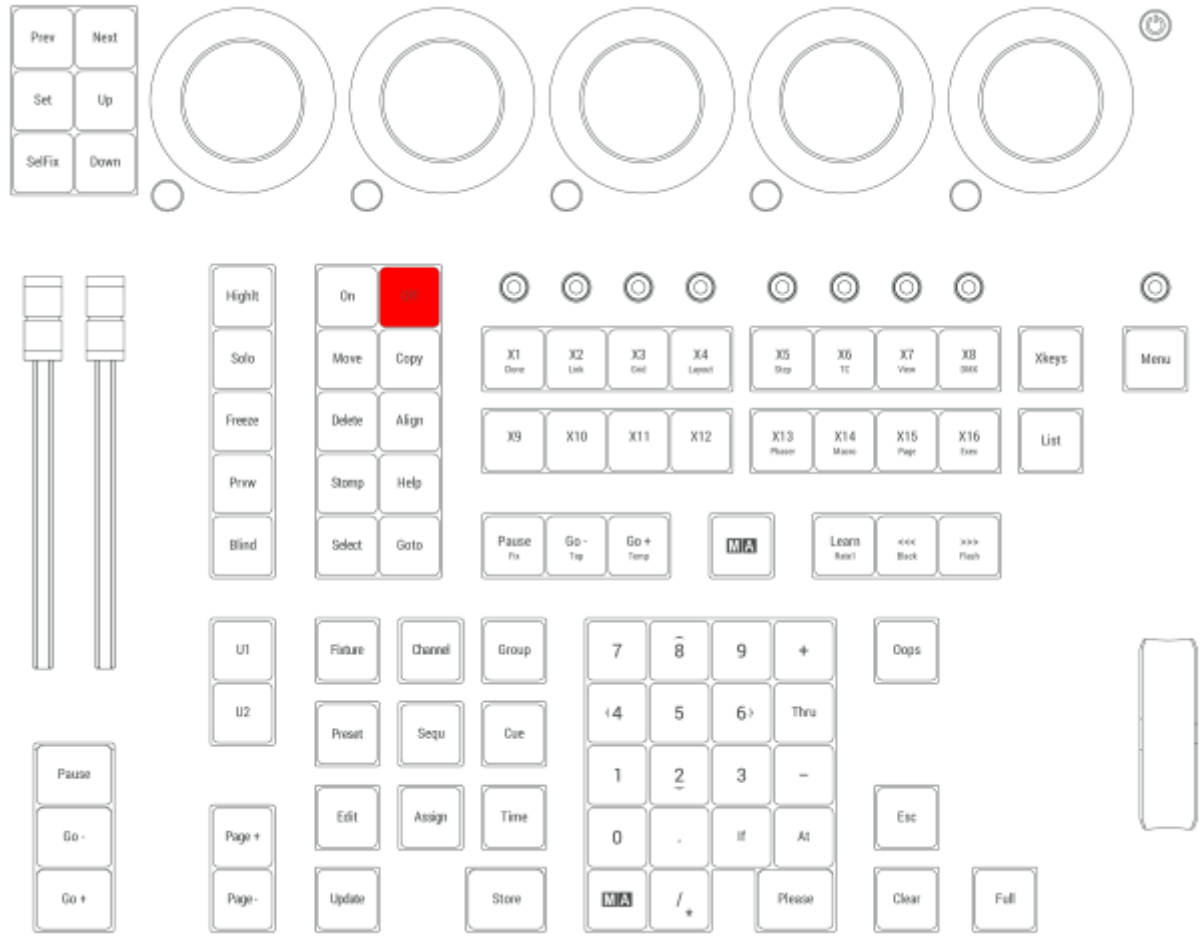


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.40. On

Pressing On enters the On keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>On

For more information about On, see the On keyword.

Call

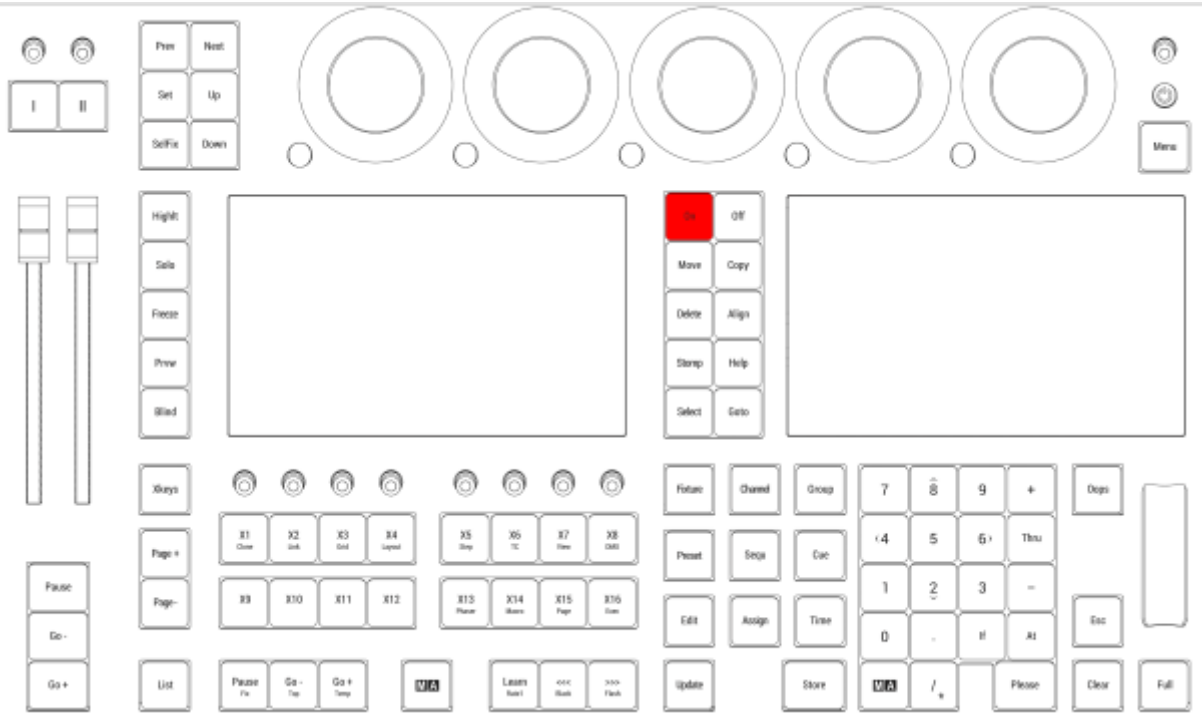
Pressing On On enters the Call keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Call

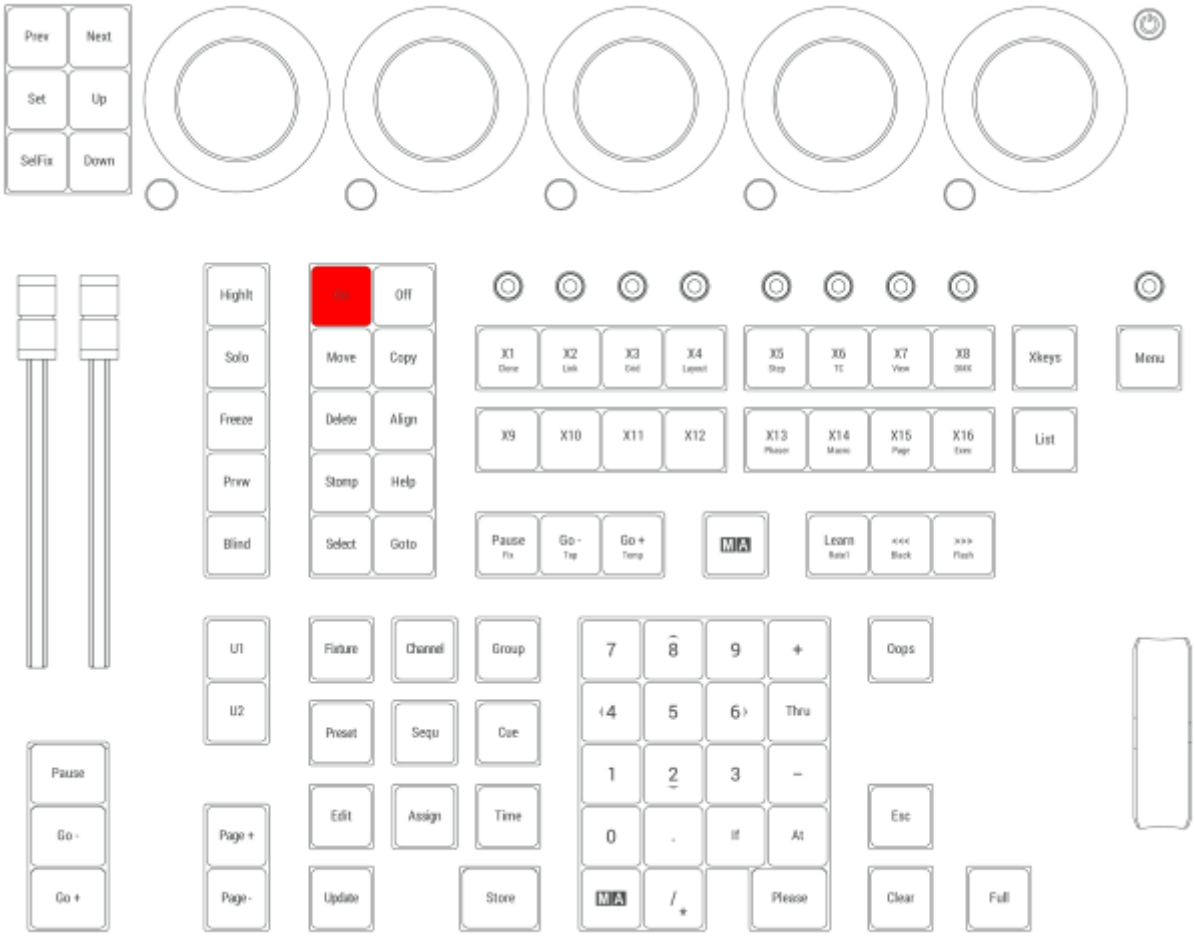
For more information about Call, see the Call keyword.

Location

On is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.41. Oops

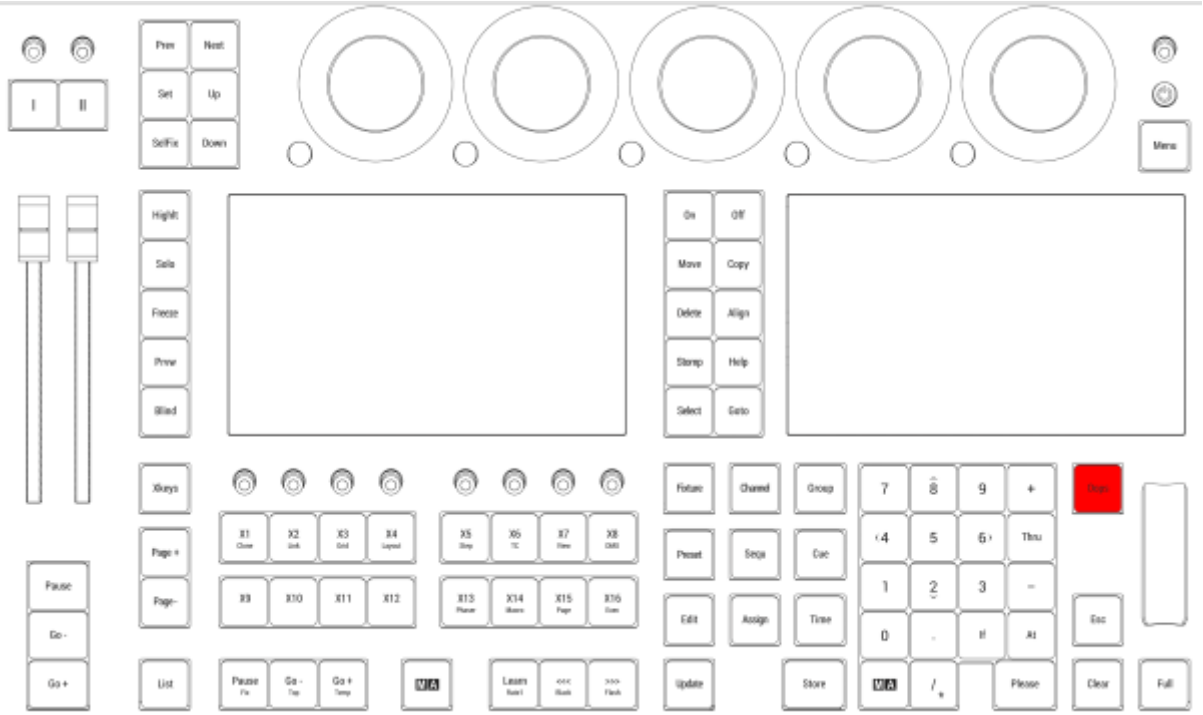
Pressing Oops executes the Oops command.

```
OK
:
Oops
```

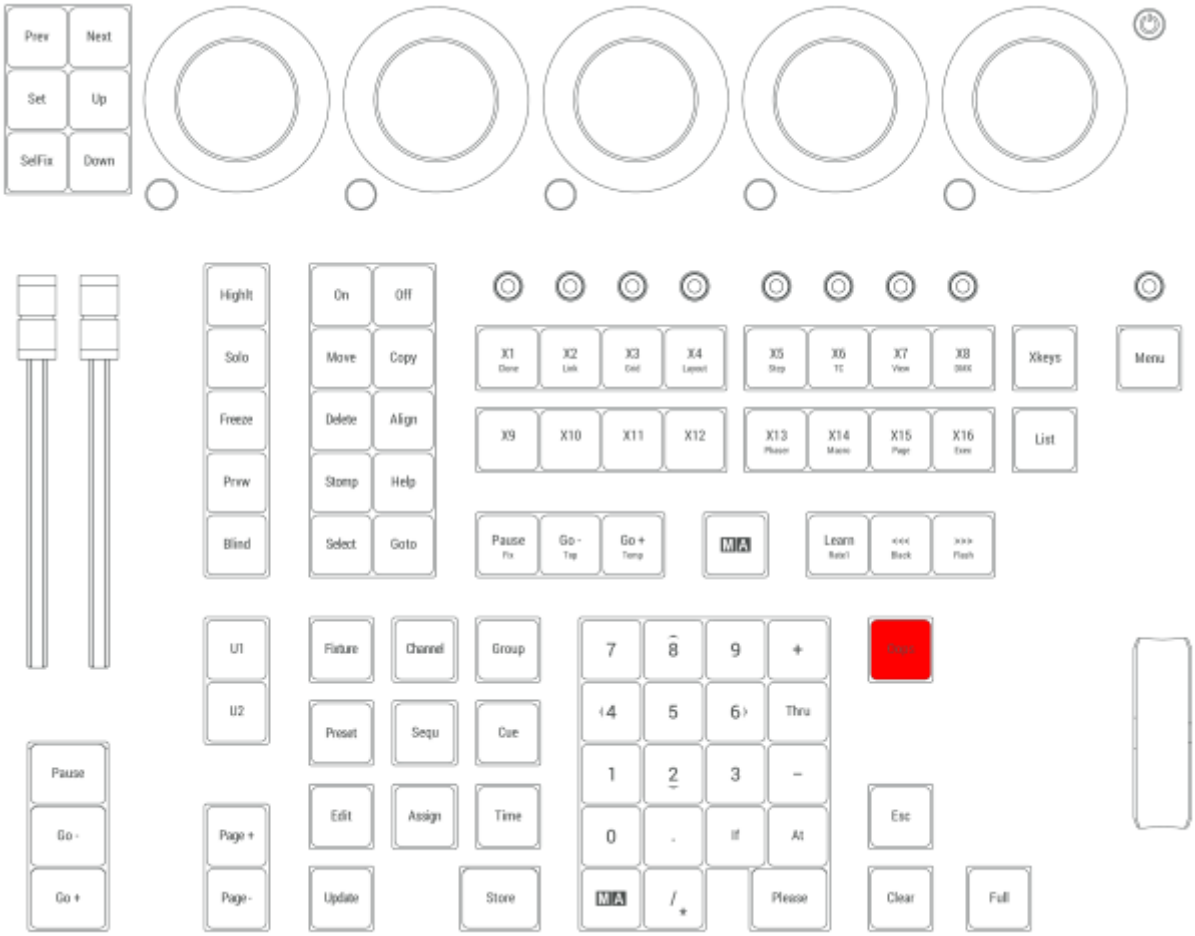
For more information about Oops, see the Oops keyword.

Location

Oops is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.42. Page-

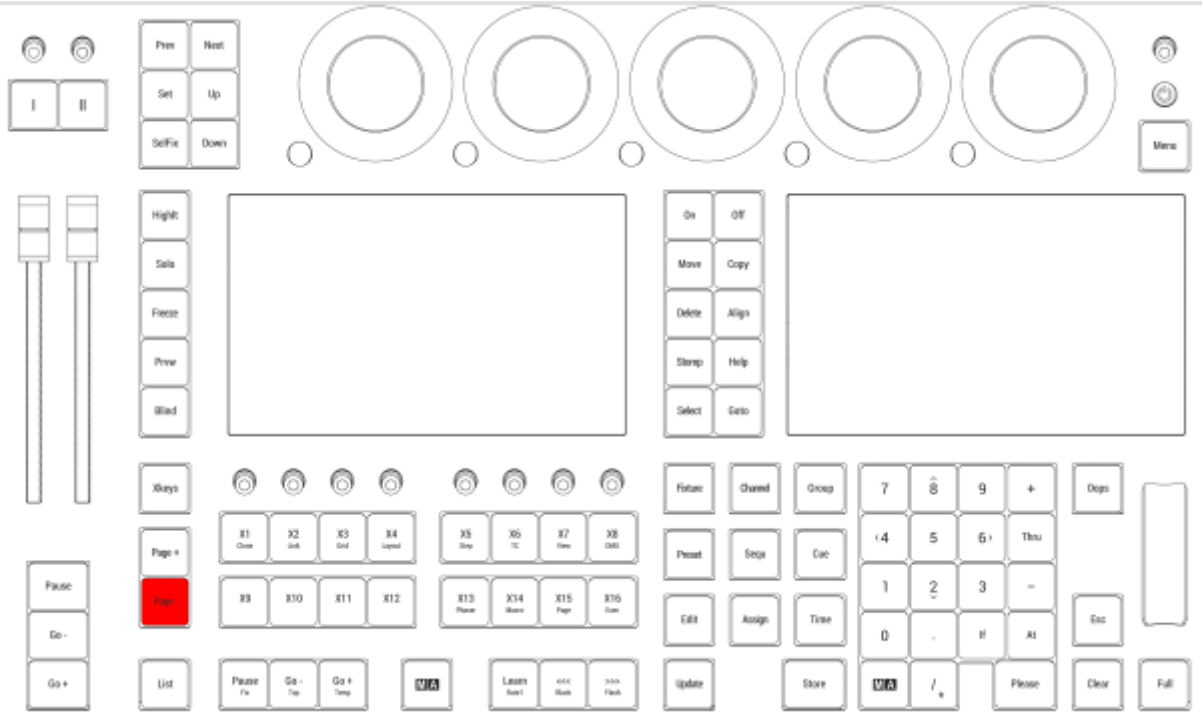
Pressing Page- executes the command **Previous Page** in the command line.

```
OK
:
Previous Page
```

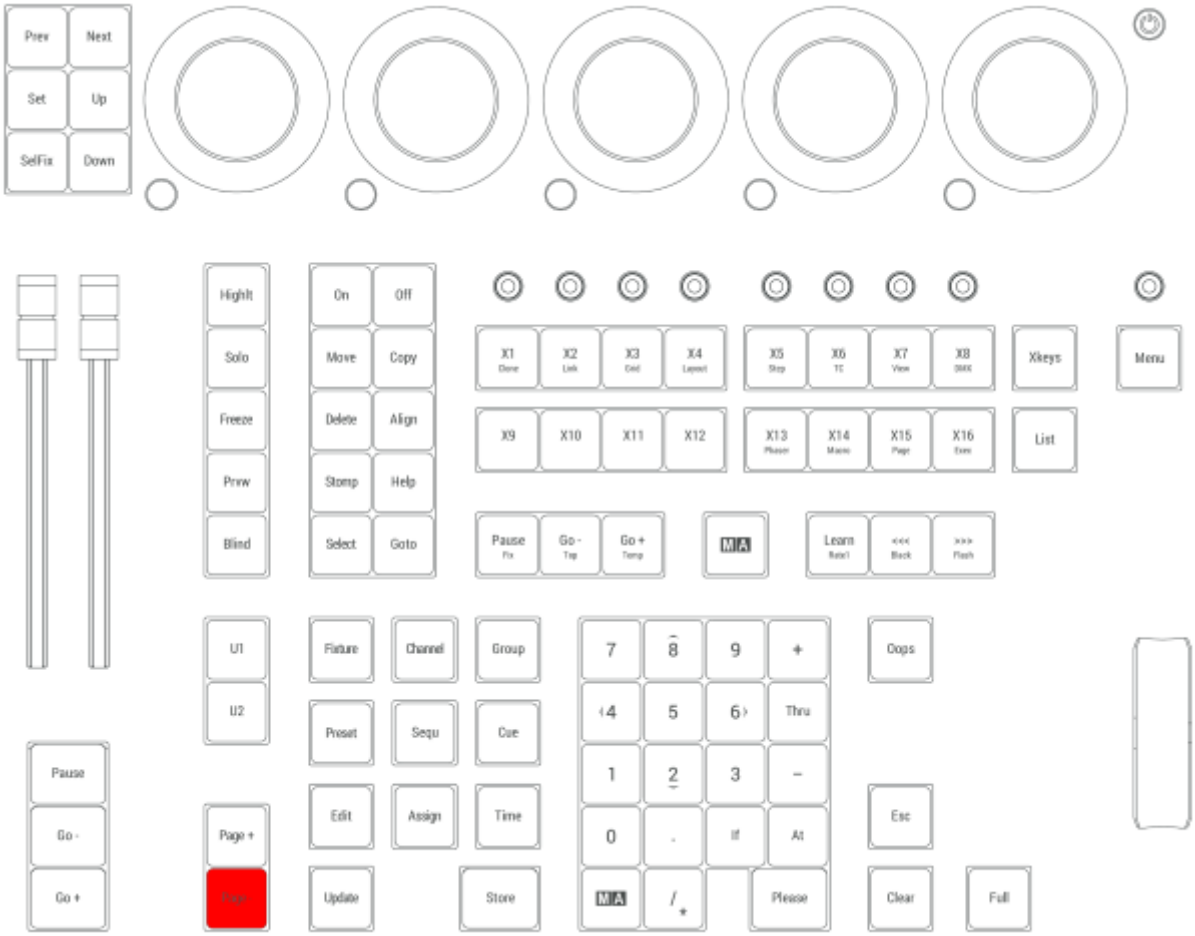
Pressing and holding Page- for over 1 second sets the page to page 1.

Location

Page- is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

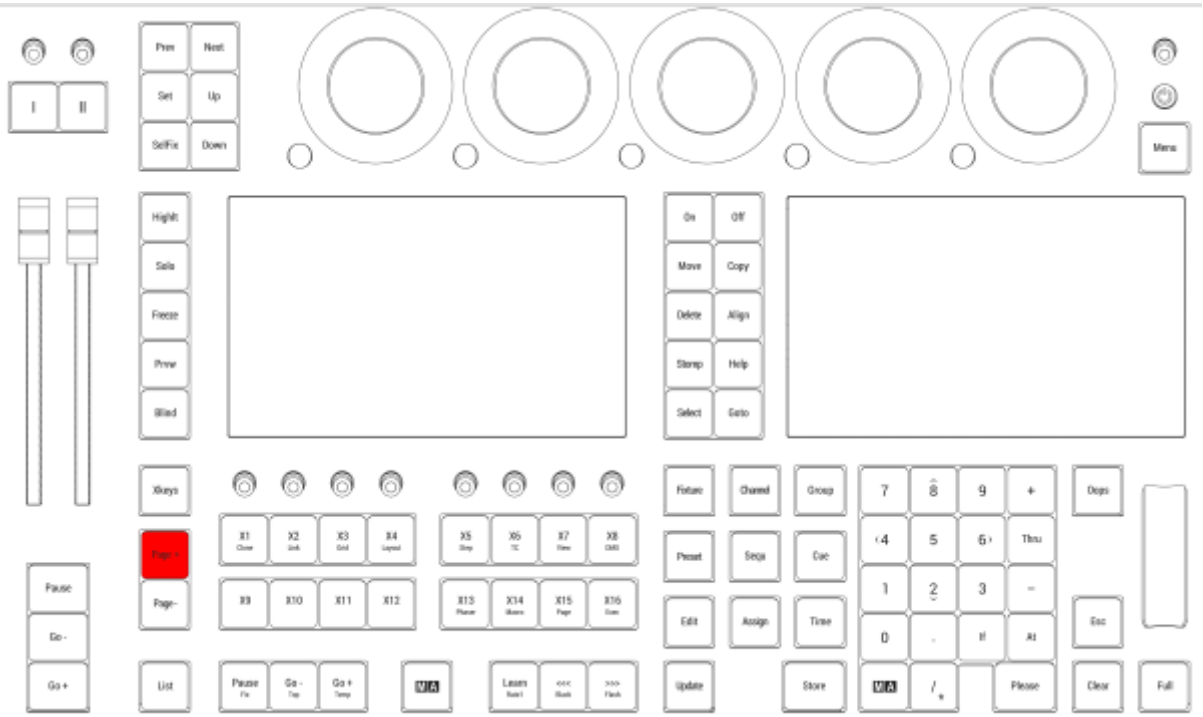
1.3.17.43. Page+

Pressing Page+ executes the command **Next Page** in the command line.

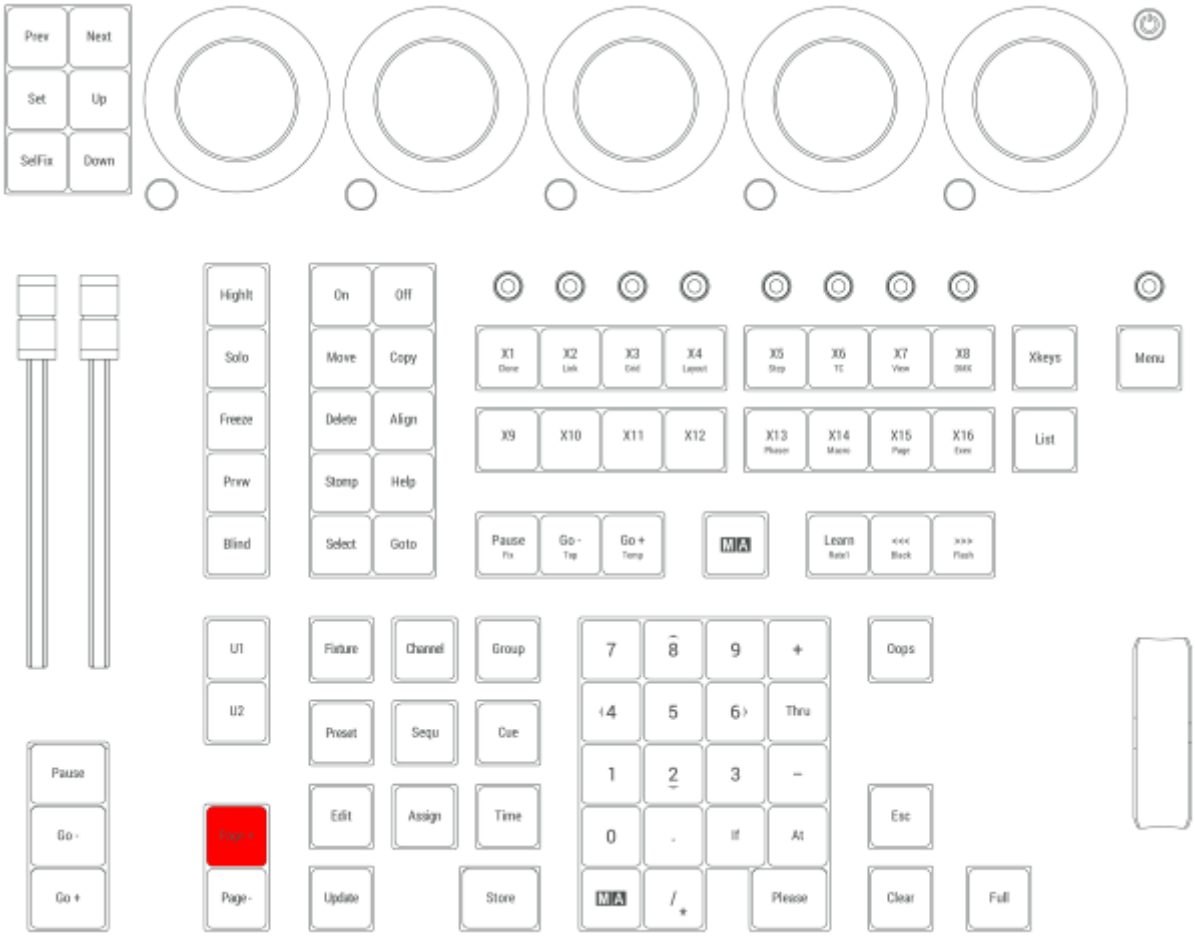
```
OK
:
Next Page
```

Location

Page+ is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.44. Pause [large]

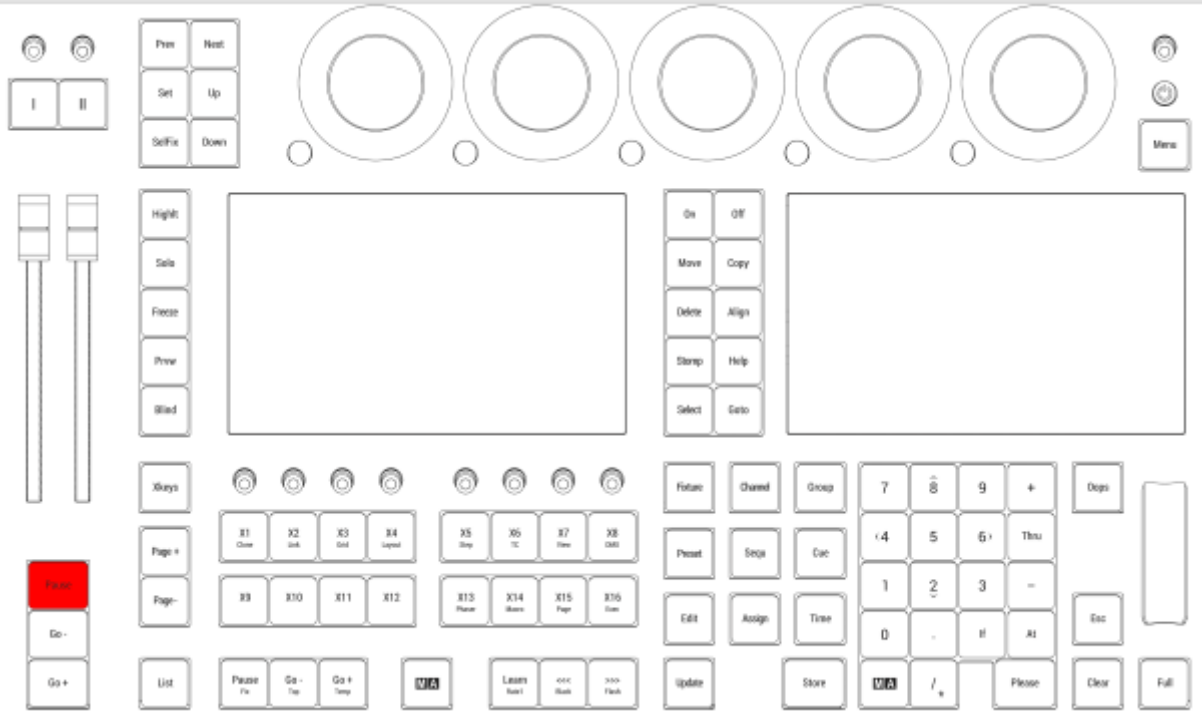
Pressing Pause [large] executes the **Pause Executor** command in the command line

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Pause Executor

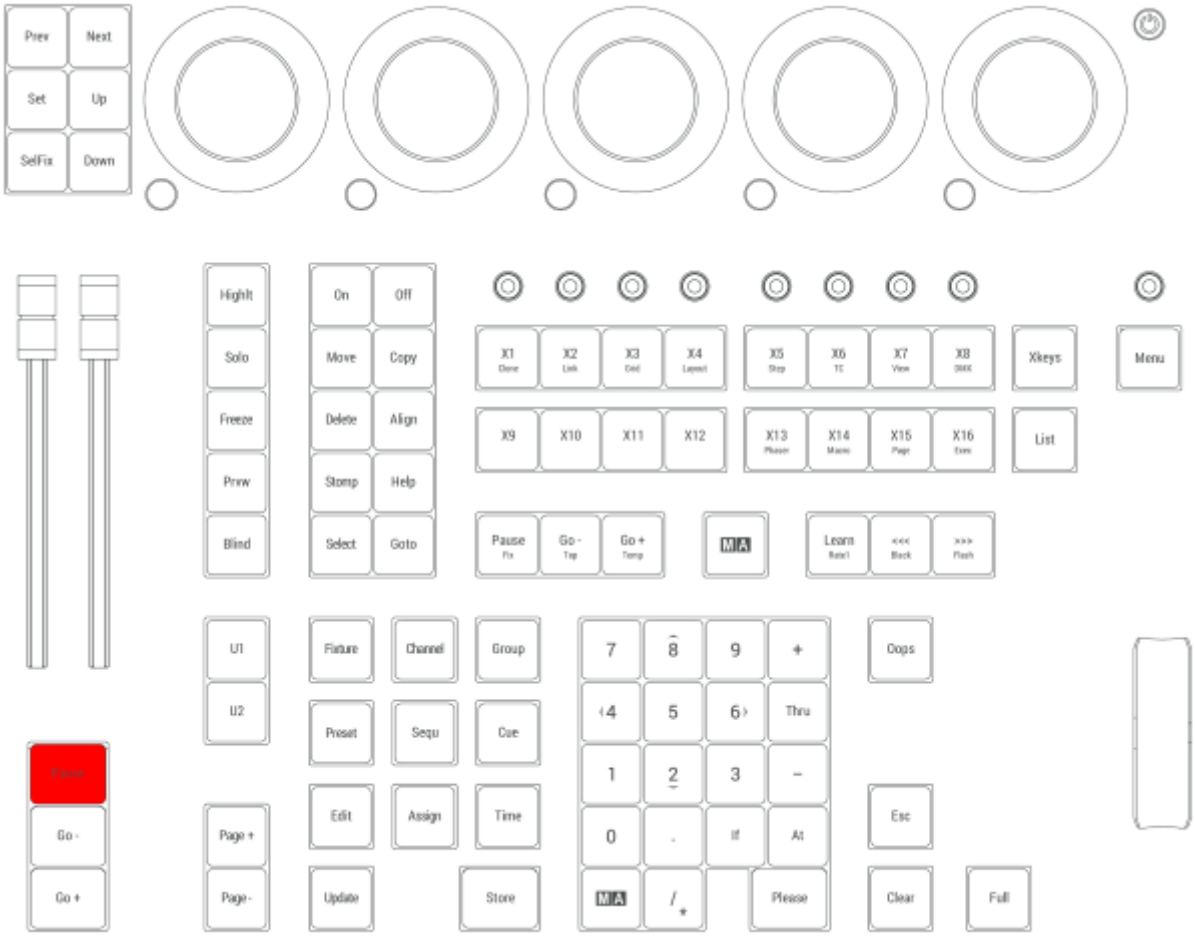
For more information about the Pause, see the Pause keyword.

Location

Pause [large] is located in the master section under the two master faders.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.45. Pause | Fix

Pressing Pause enters the Pause keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Pause
```

For more information about Pause, see the Pause keyword.

Pause

Pressing Pause Pause enters the Park keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Park Fixture 17
```

For more information about Park, see the Park keyword.

Fix

Pressing and holding MA + Pause enters the Fix keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Fix
```

For more information about Fix, see the Fix keyword.

Desk Lock

Pressing and holding MA + MA + Pause toggles the desk lock.

For more information about the desk lock, see Desk Lock.

Location

Pause is located in the command section.

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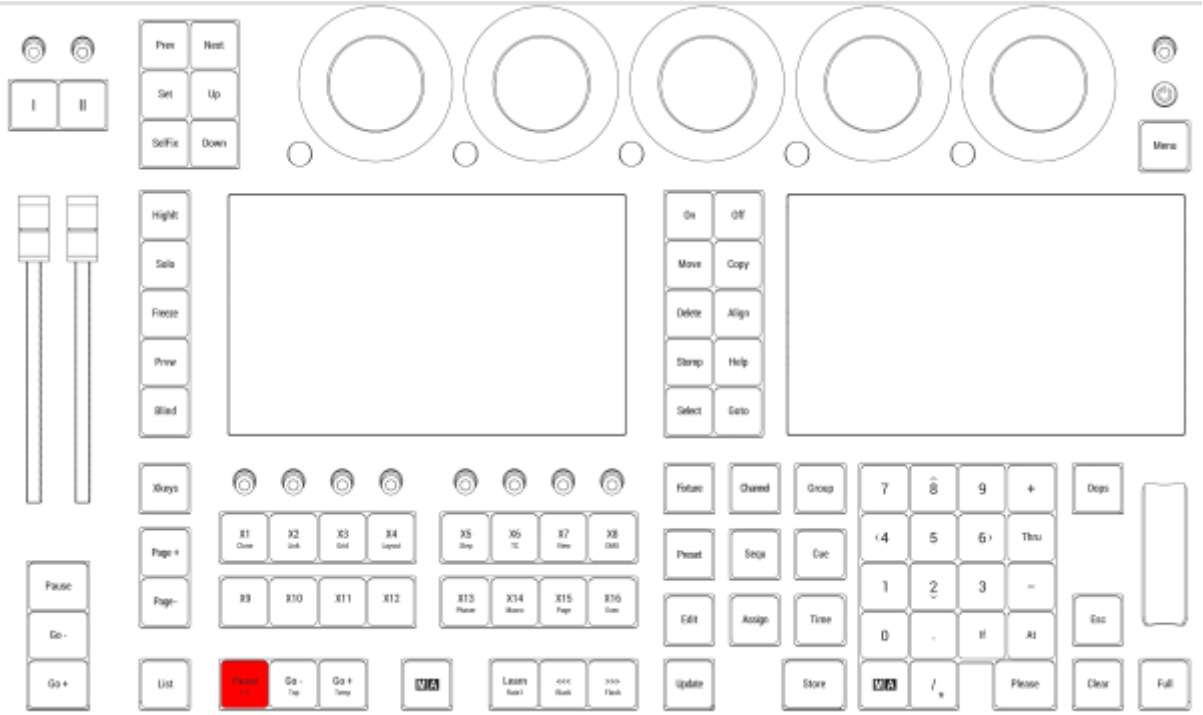
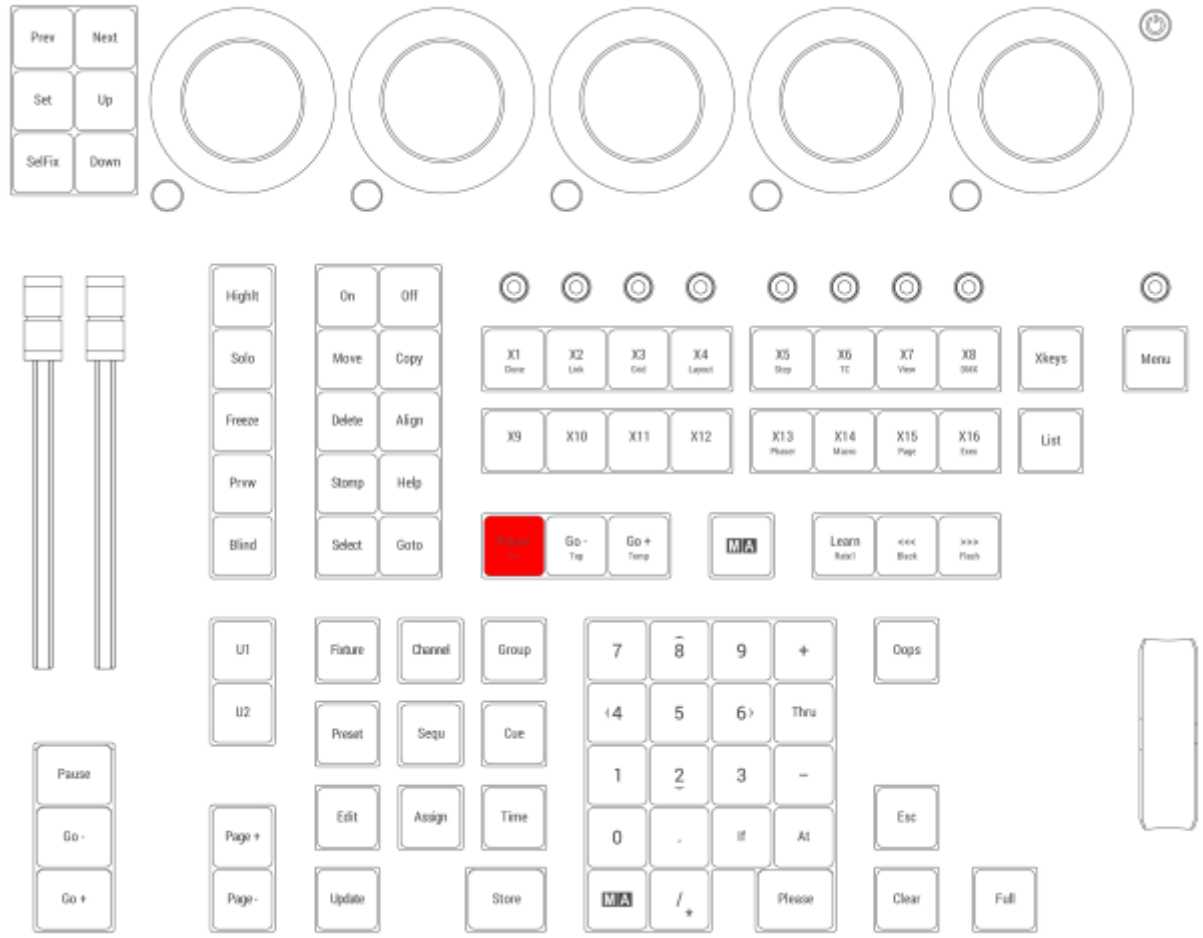


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.46. Please

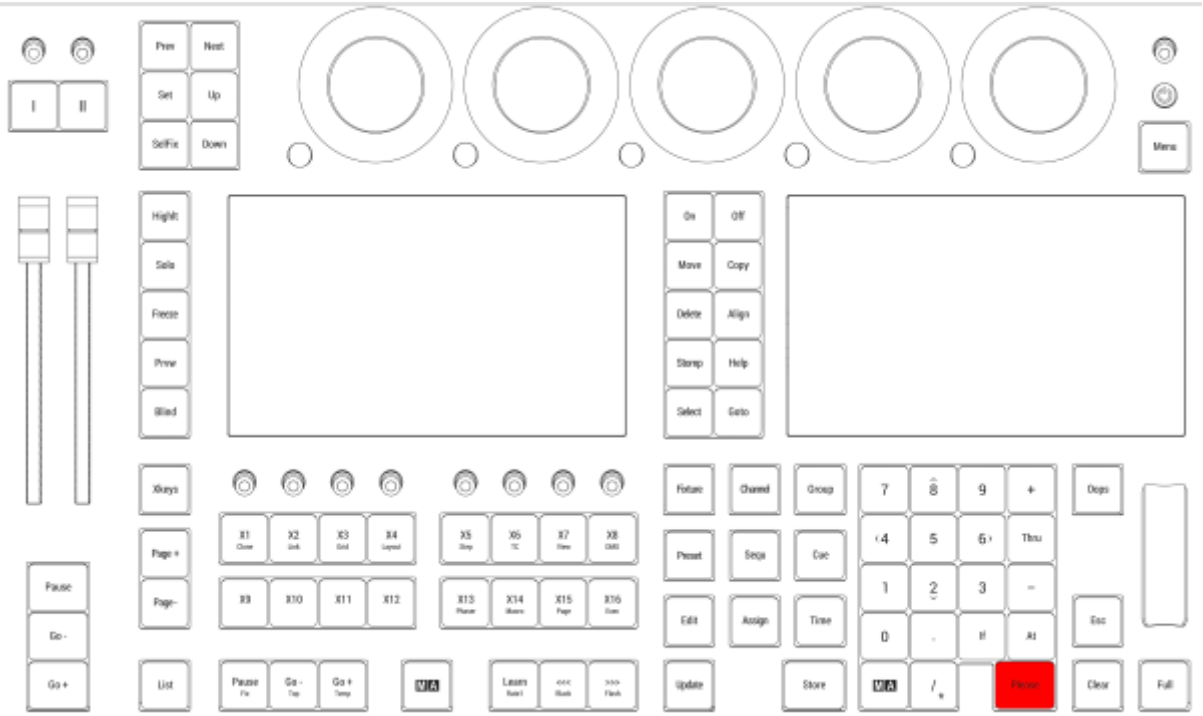
Pressing Please executes a command. It behaves the same as pressing Enter on an external keyboard.

Activate all Attributes

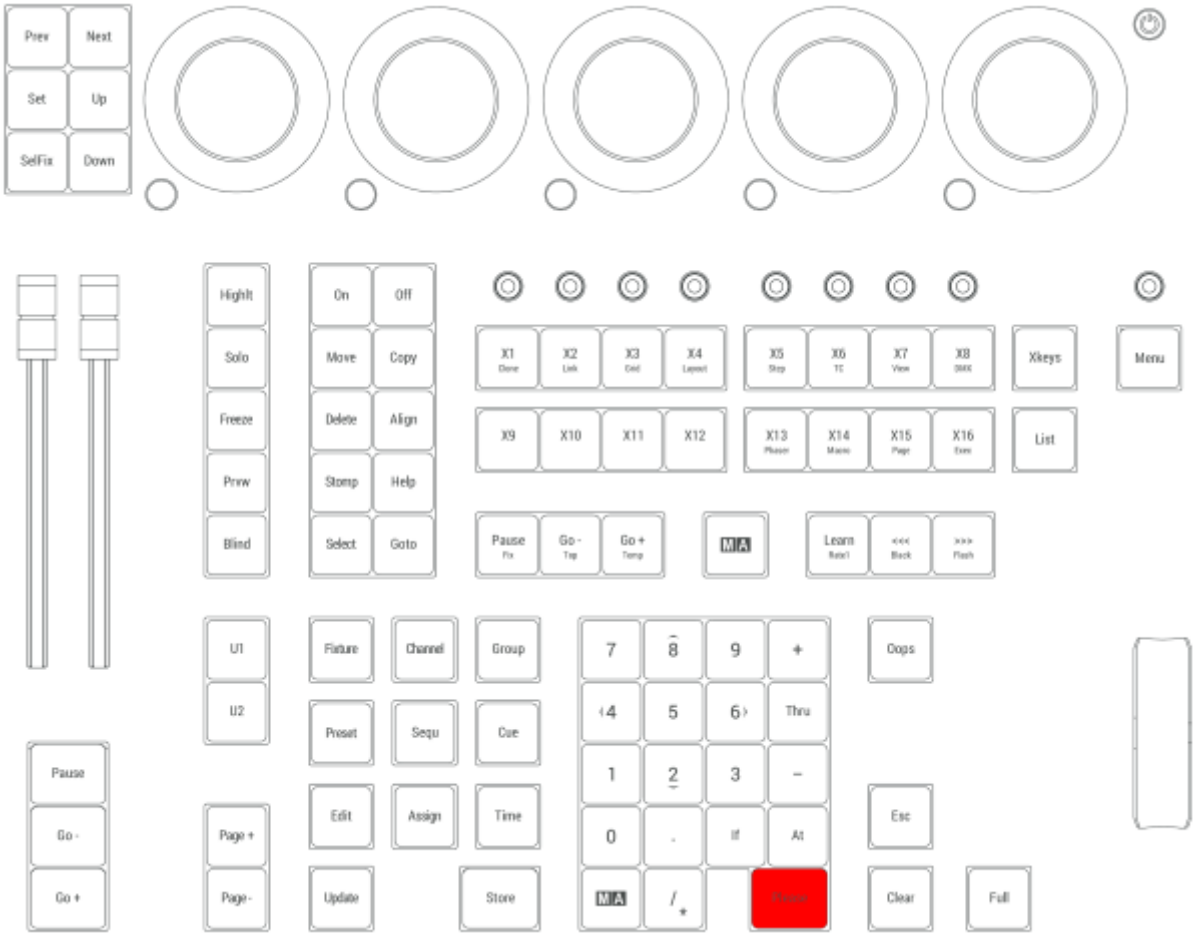
- Pressing Please Please activates all attributes of the selected fixtures.
- Pressing Please once more deactivates all attributes of the selected fixtures.

Location

Please is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

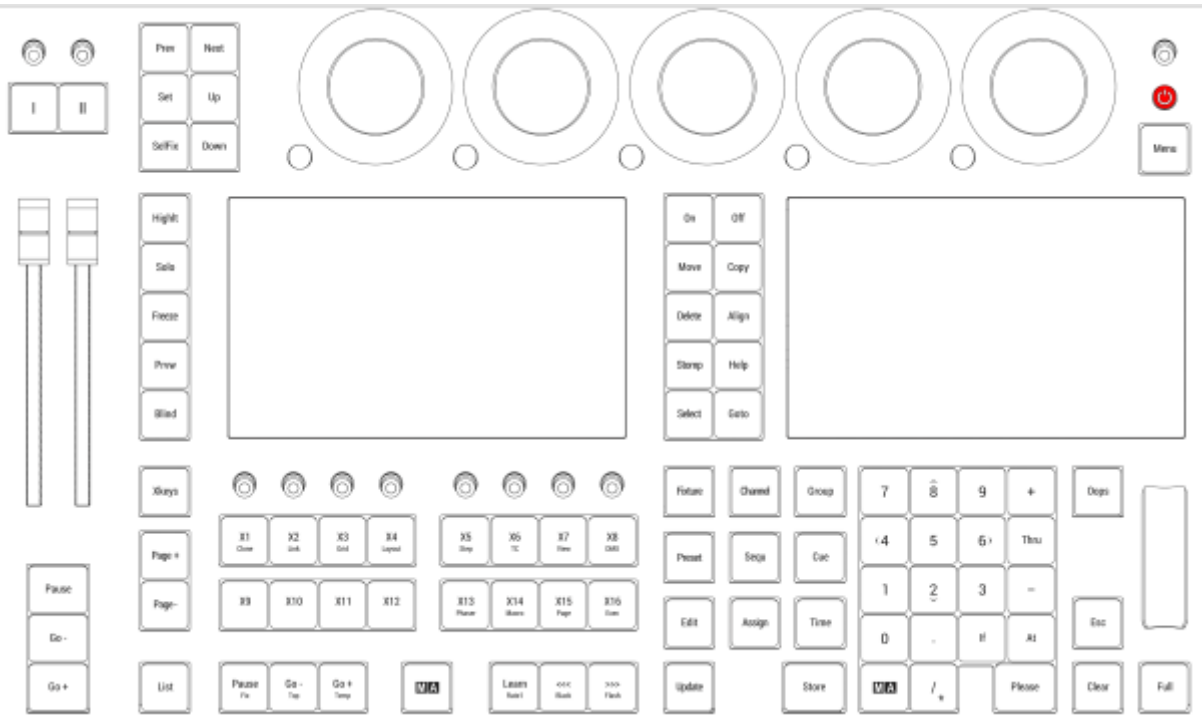
1.3.17.47. Power

Pressing Power boots up the console or shuts it down.

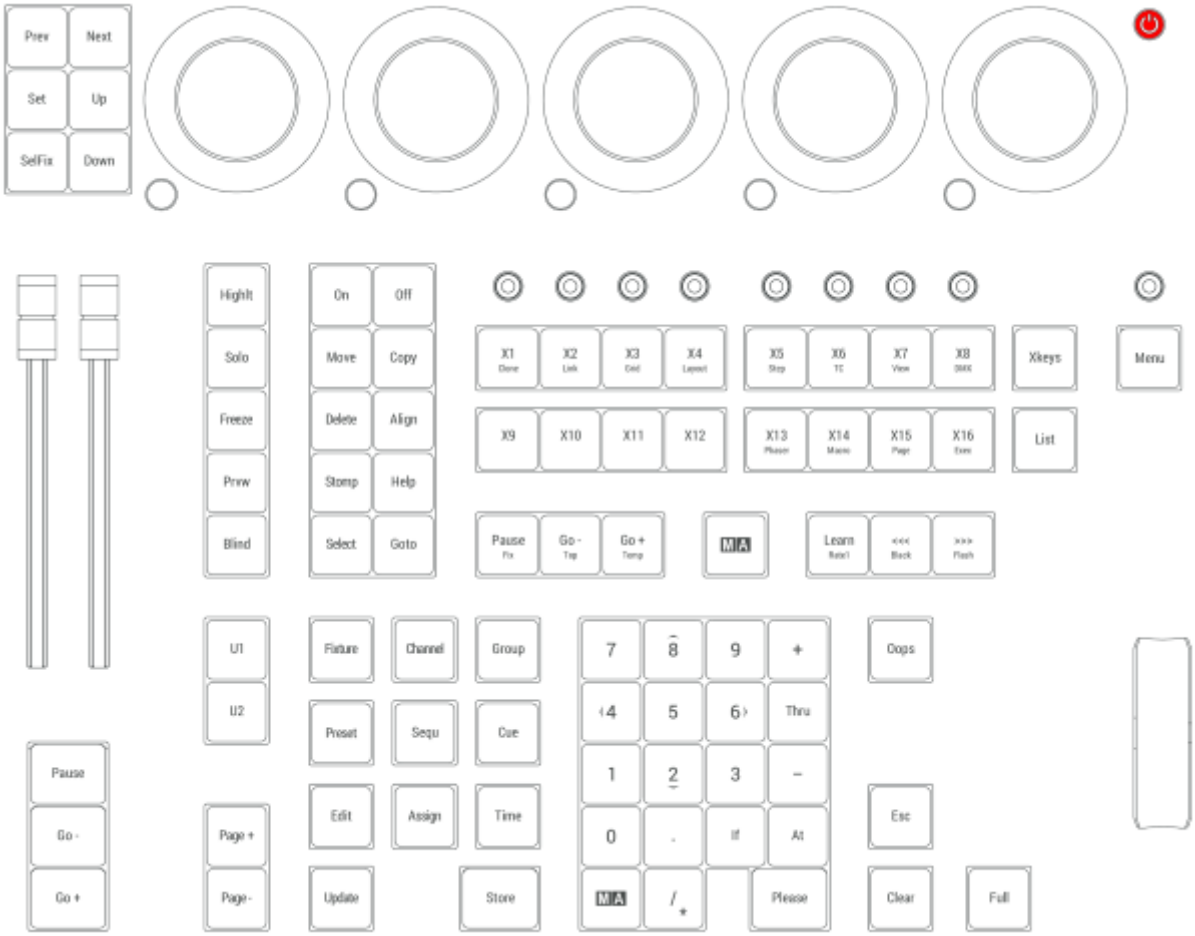
	Important:
	To switch the console on or off, use the power switch on the rear panel.

Location

Power is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.48. Preset

Pressing Preset enters the Preset keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Preset

For more information about Preset, see the Preset keyword.

Attribute

Pressing Preset Preset enters the Attribute keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Attribute

For more information about Attribute, see the Attribute keyword.

Gel

Pressing Preset Preset Preset enters the Gel keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Gel

For more information about Gel, see the Gel keyword.

FeatureGroup

Pressing MA + Preset enters the FeatureGroup keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>FeatureGroup

For more information about FeatureGroup, see the FeatureGroup keyword.

DataPool

Pressing MA + Preset + Preset enters the DataPool keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>DataPool

For more information about DataPool, see the DataPool keyword.

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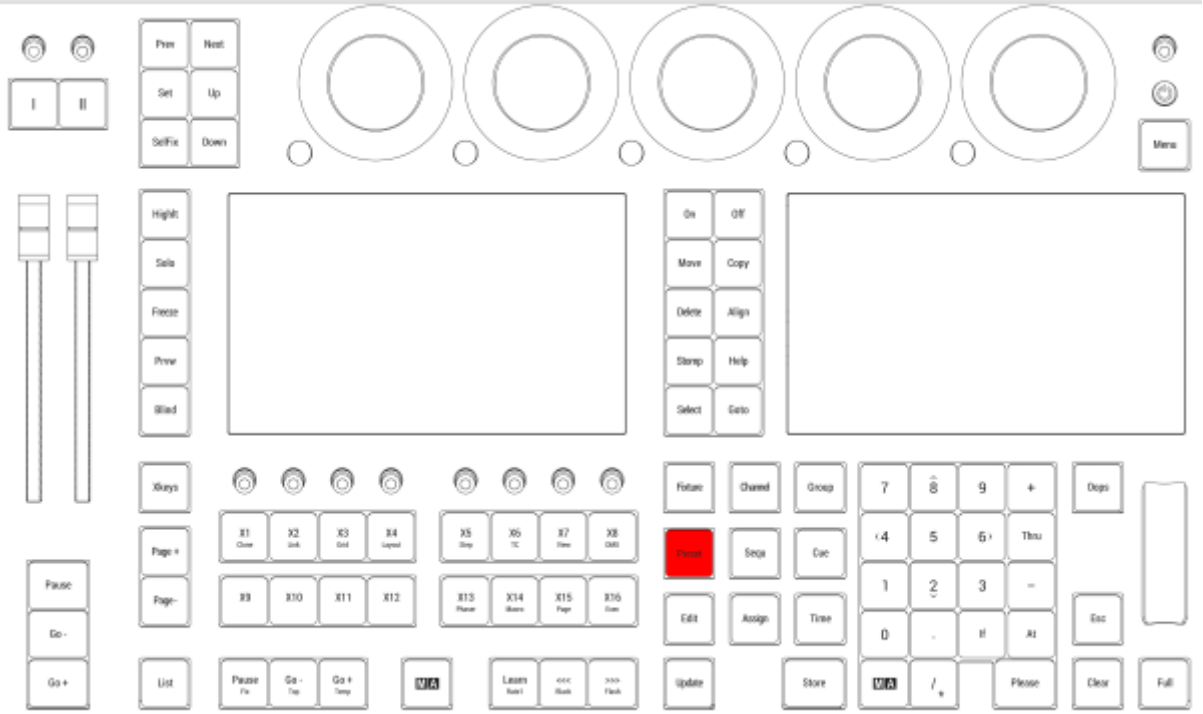
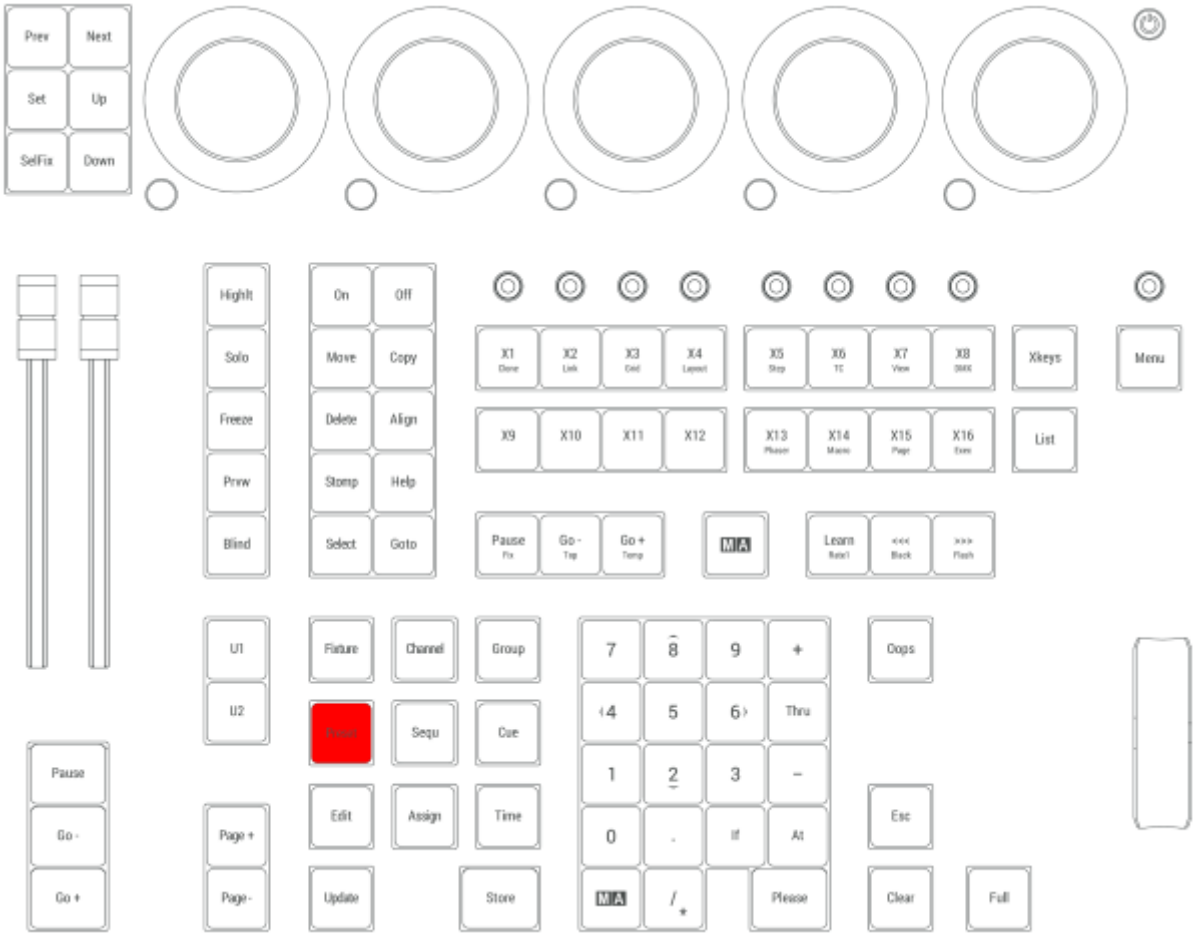
Location

Preset is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.49. Prev [Previous]

Pressing Prev executes the Previous keyword in the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Previous

For more information about Previous, see the Previous keyword.

Previous Step

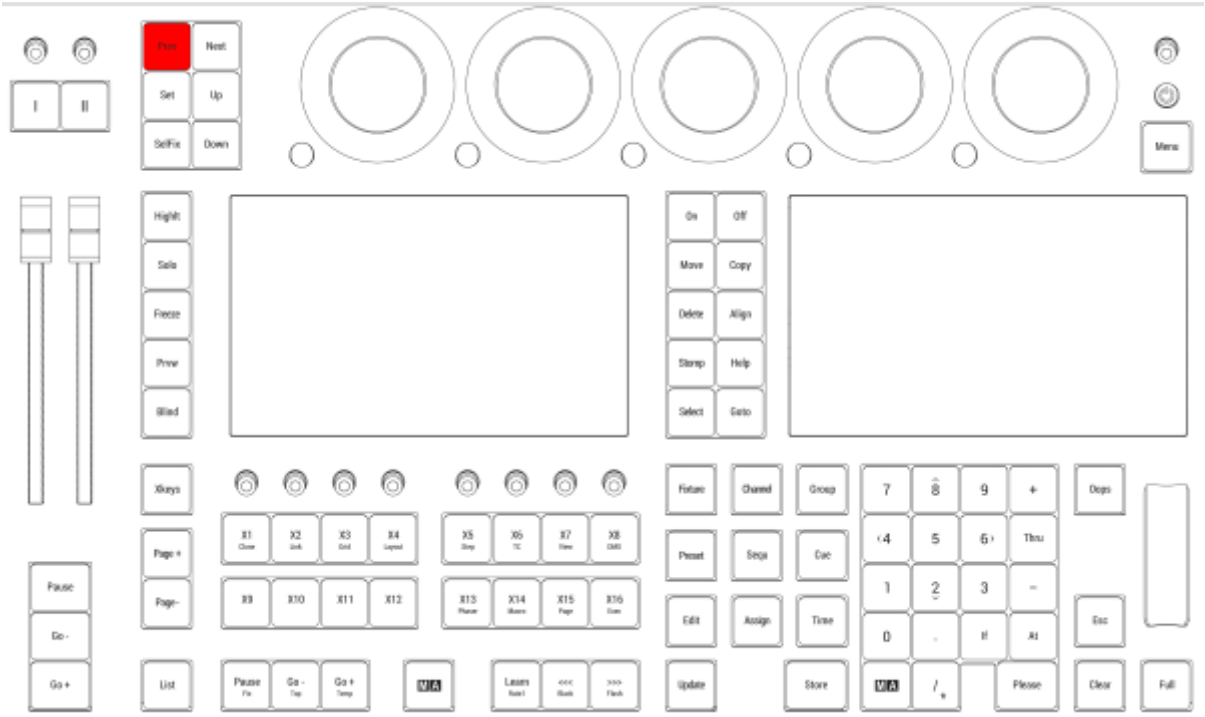
Pressing MA + Prev executes the **Previous Step** command in the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Previous Step

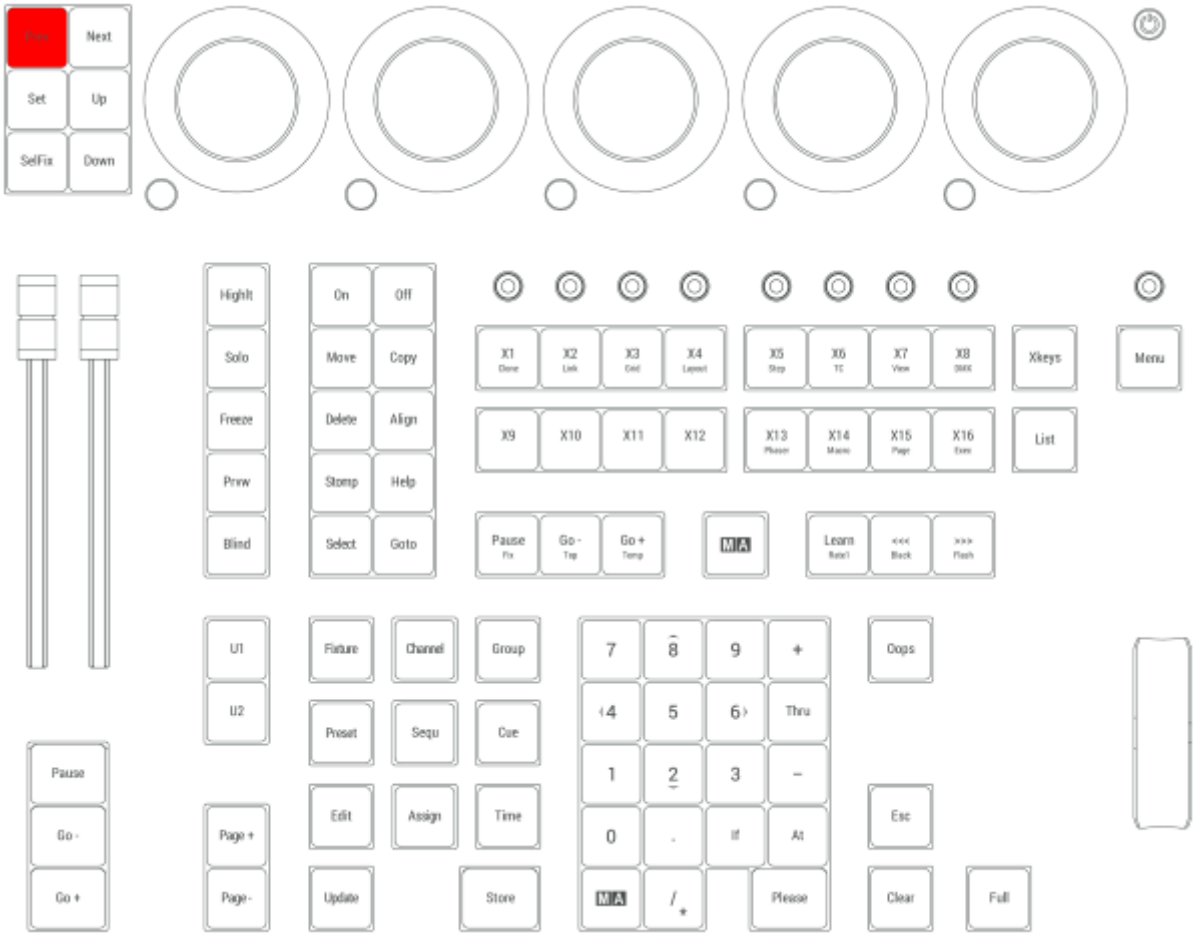
For more information about Previous Step, see the Previous keyword and the Step keyword. For more information about steps, see Phaser.

Location

Prev is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.50. Prvw [Preview]

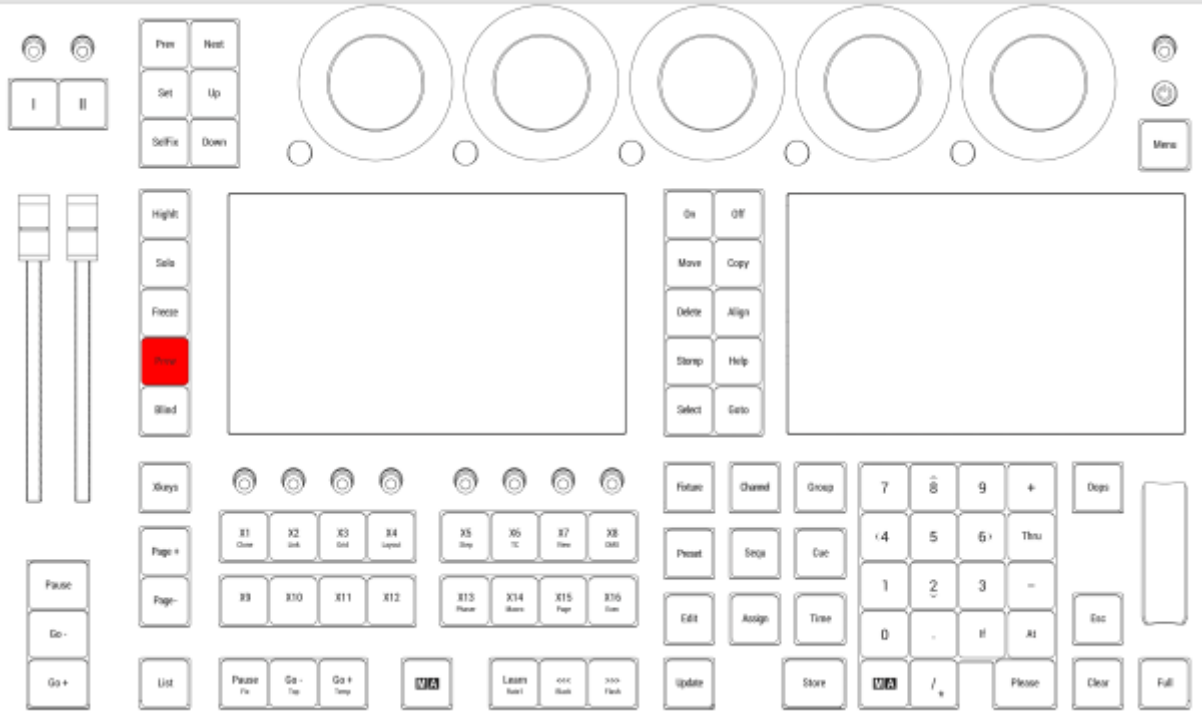
Pressing Prvw executes the the Preview keyword in the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Preview

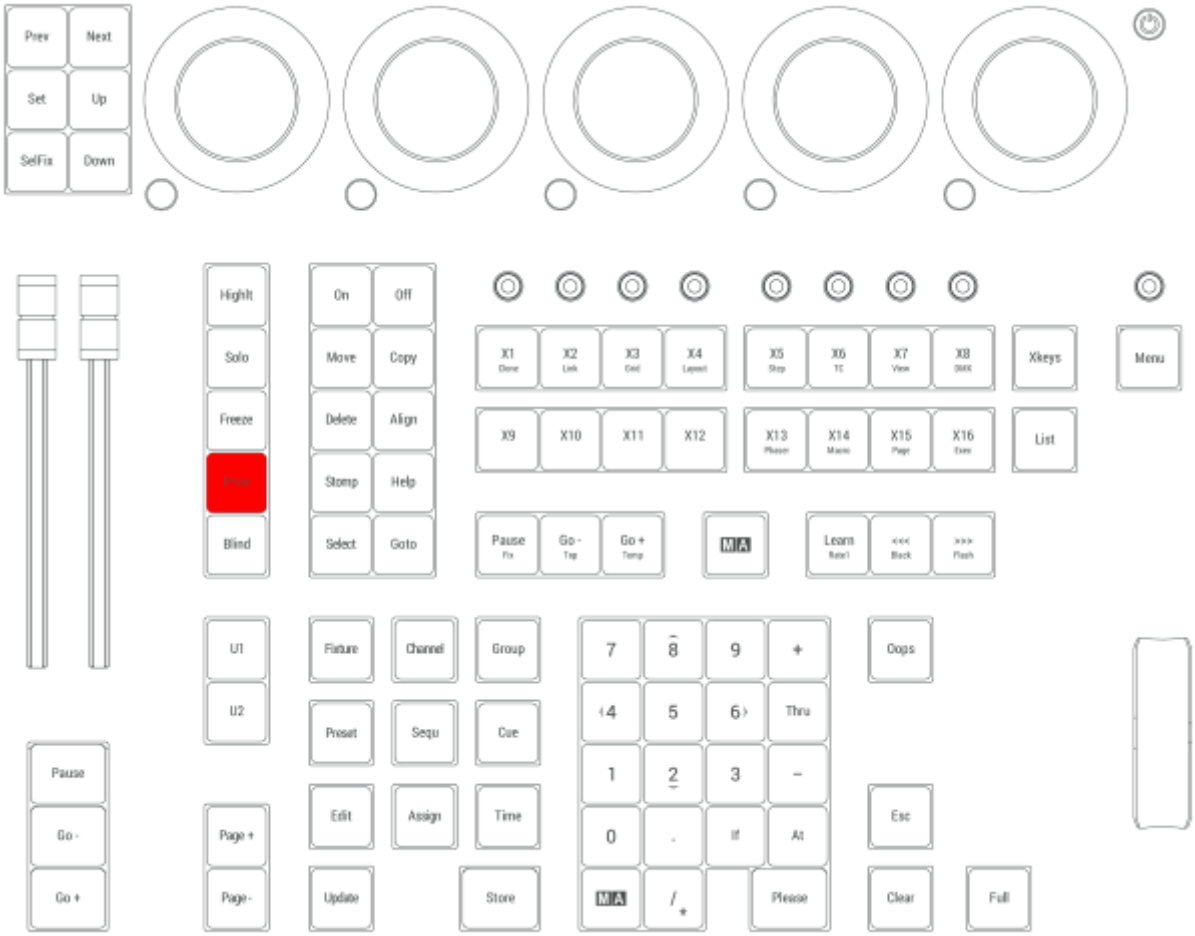
For more information about Prvw, see the Preview keyword.

Location

Prvw is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.51. Select

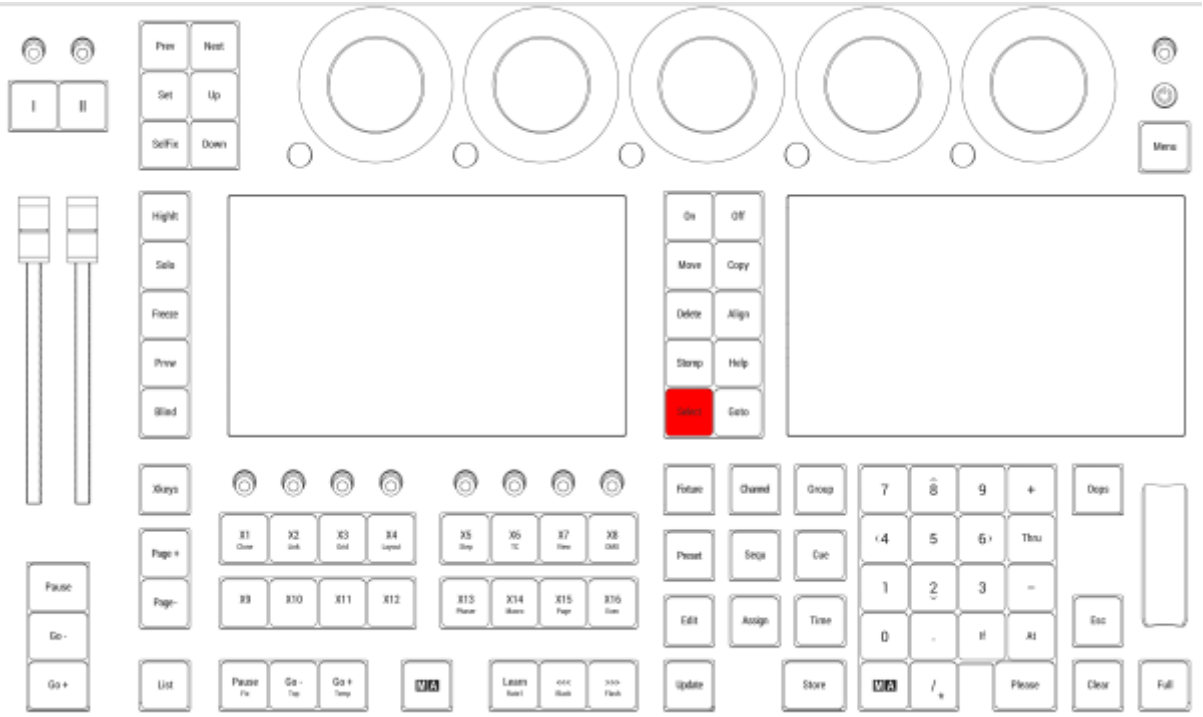
Pressing Select enters the Select keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Select

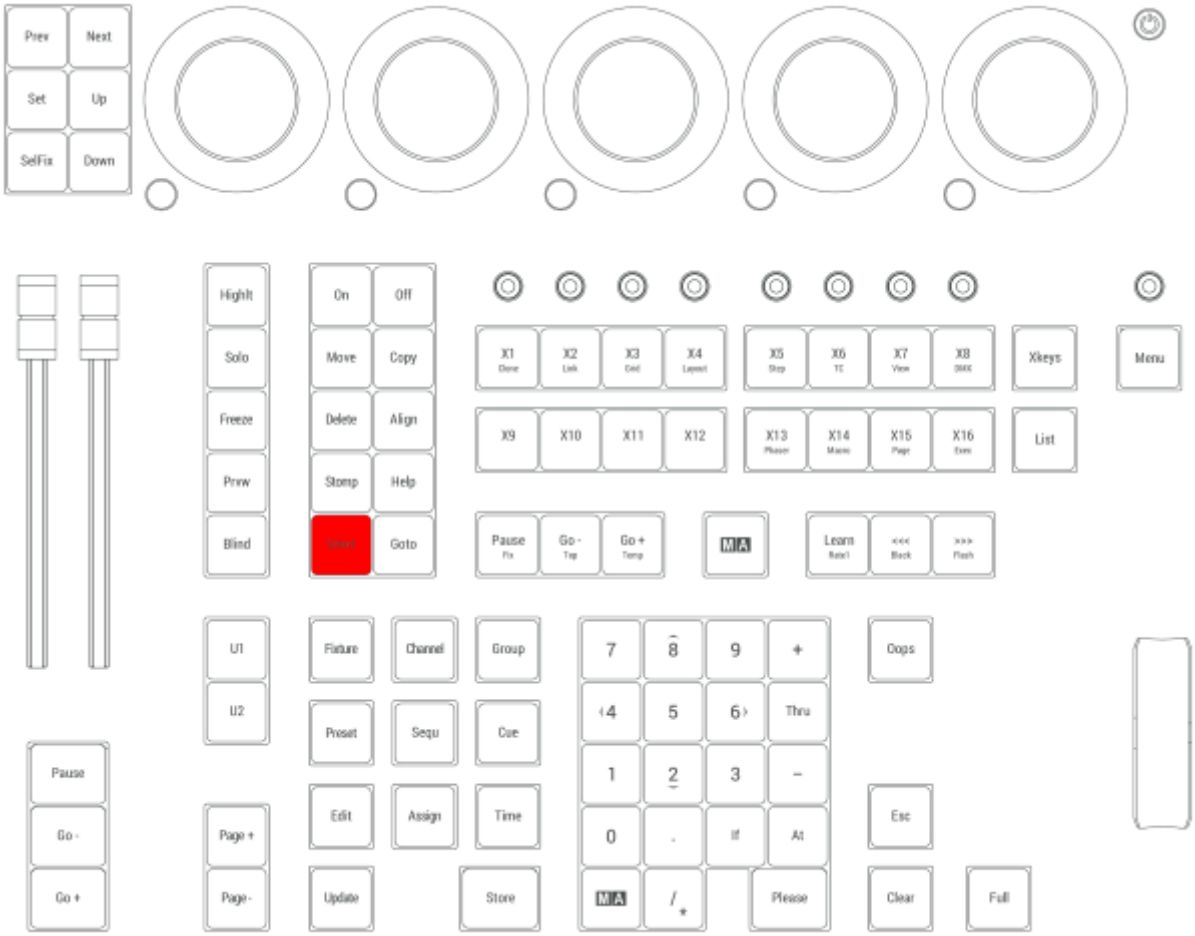
For more information about Select, see the Select keyword.

Location

Select is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.52. SelFix [SelectFixtures]

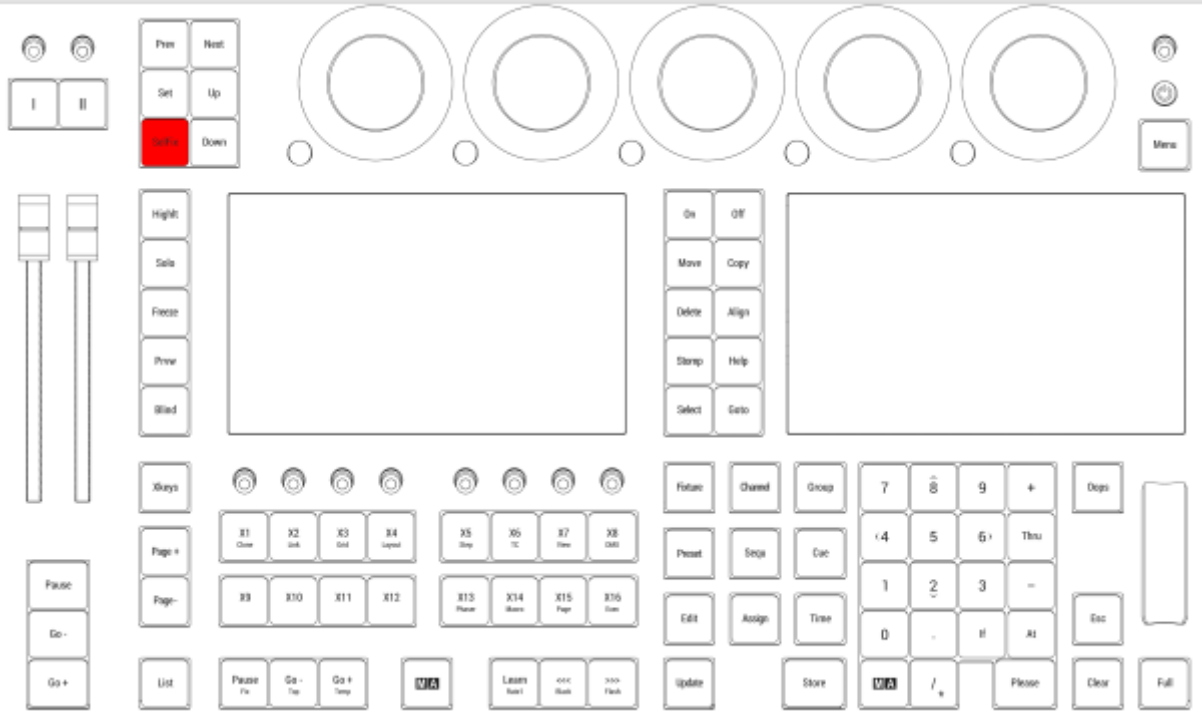
Pressing SelFix enters the SelectFixtures keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>SelFix

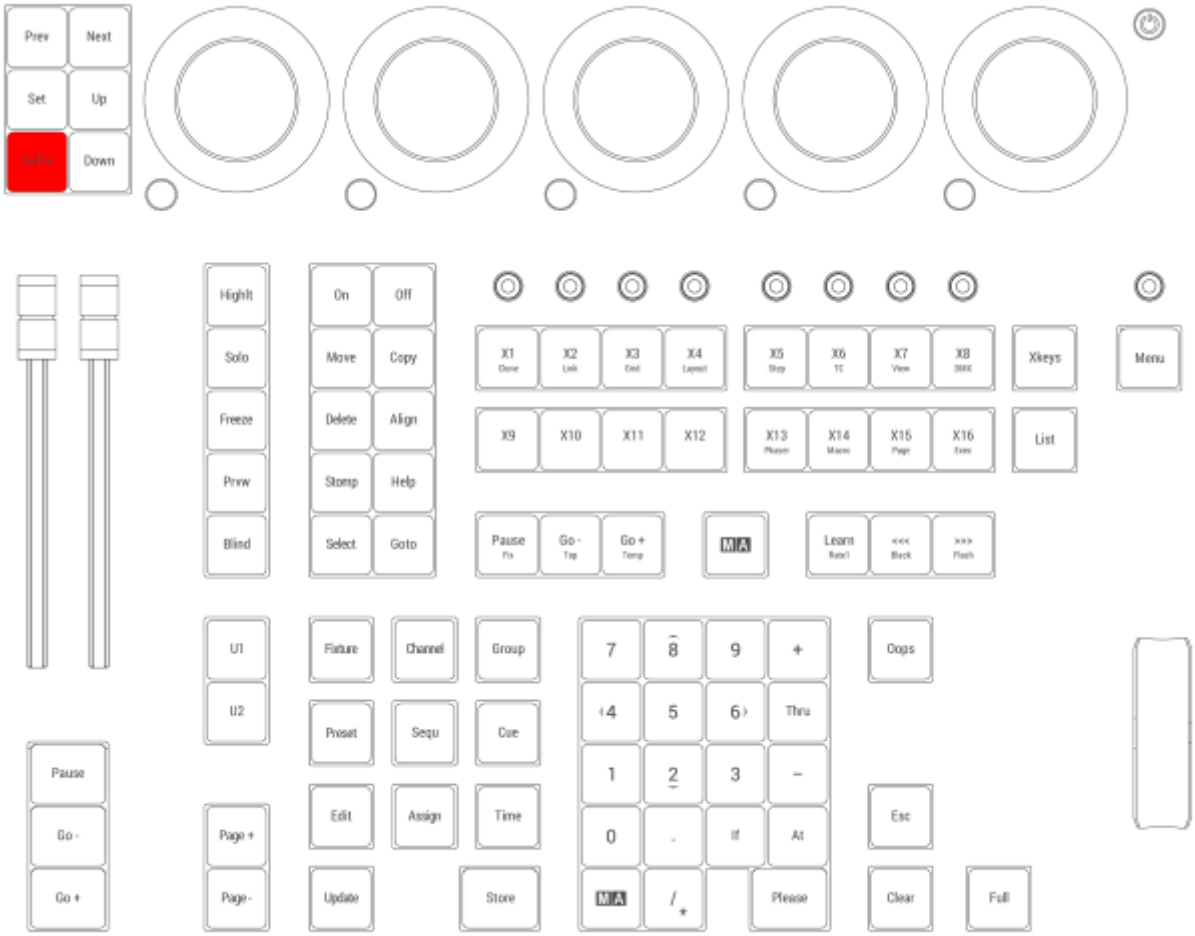
For more information about SelFix, see the SelectFixtures keyword.

Location

SelFix is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.53. Sequ [Sequence]

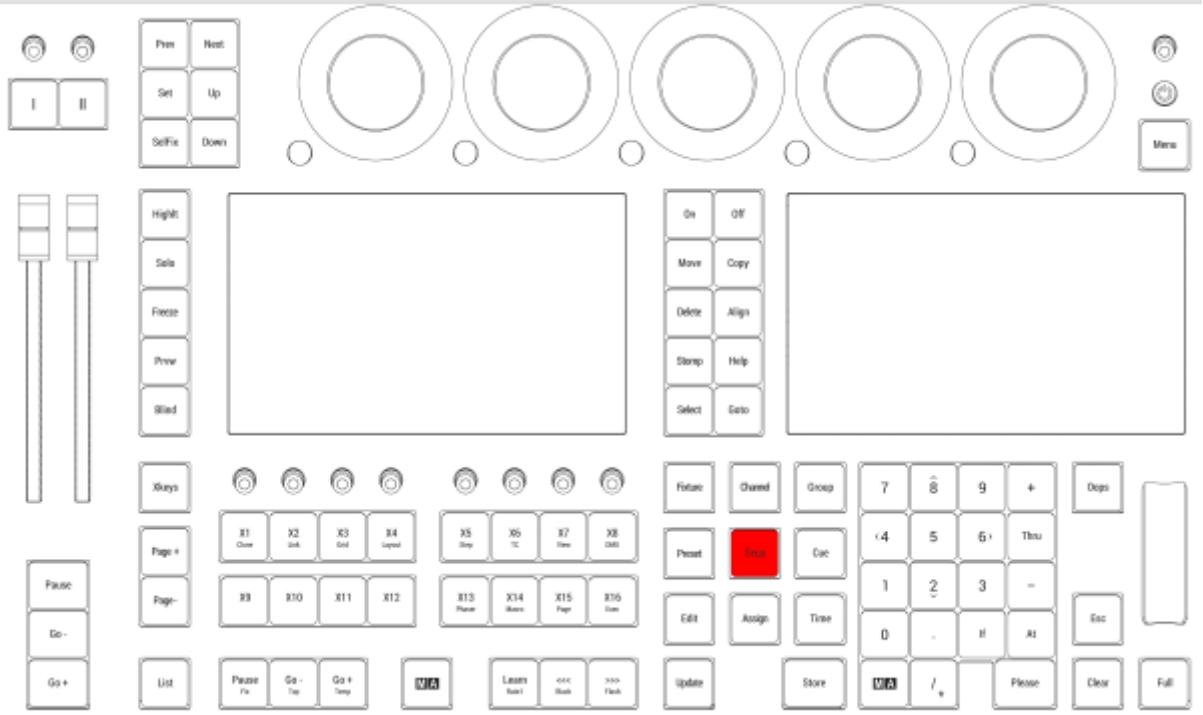
Pressing Sequ enters the Sequence keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Sequence

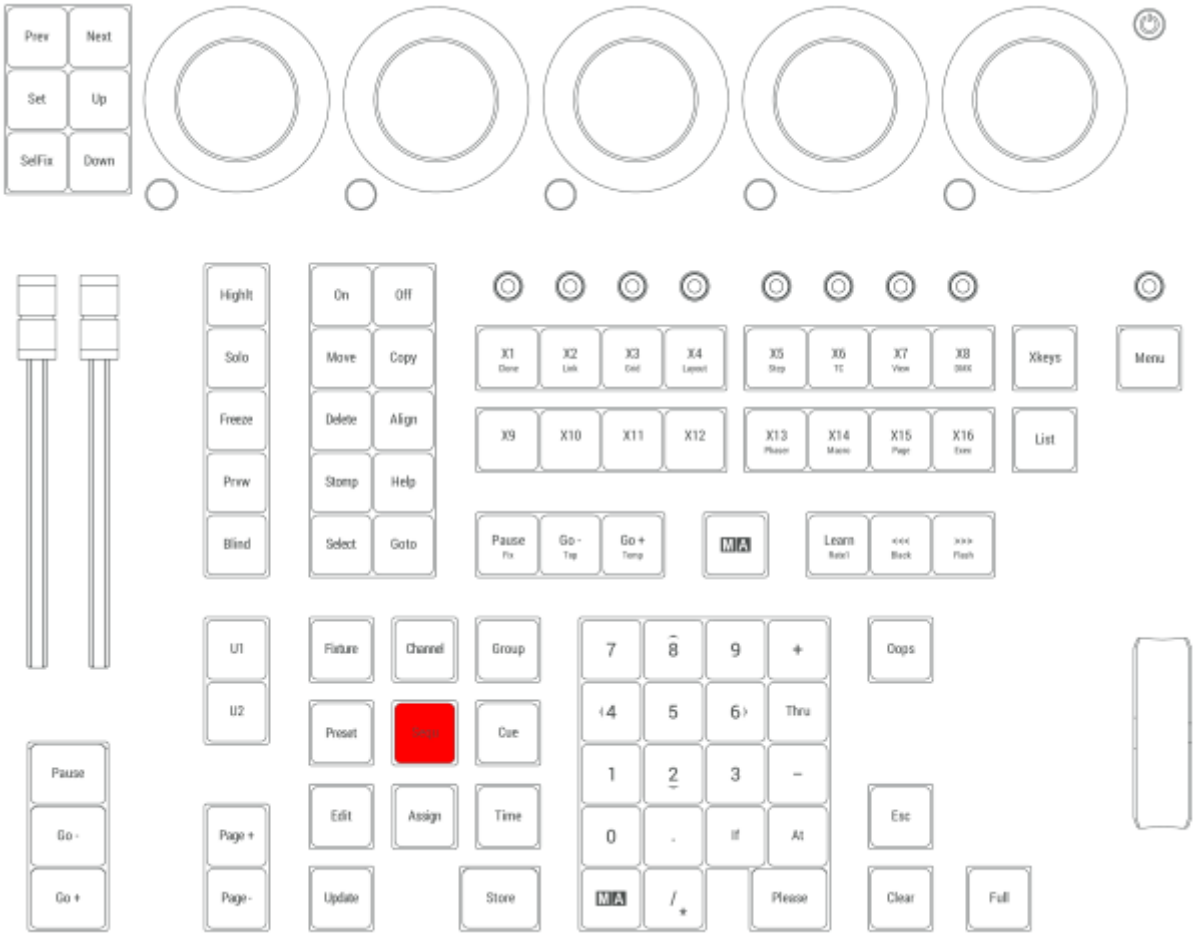
For more information about Sequence, see the Sequence keyword.

Location

Sequ is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.54. Set

Pressing Set toggles the activation status of MAtricks in the command line.

```
OK
:  Set Selection Property "Active"
```

For more information about MAtricks, see the MAtricks keyword.

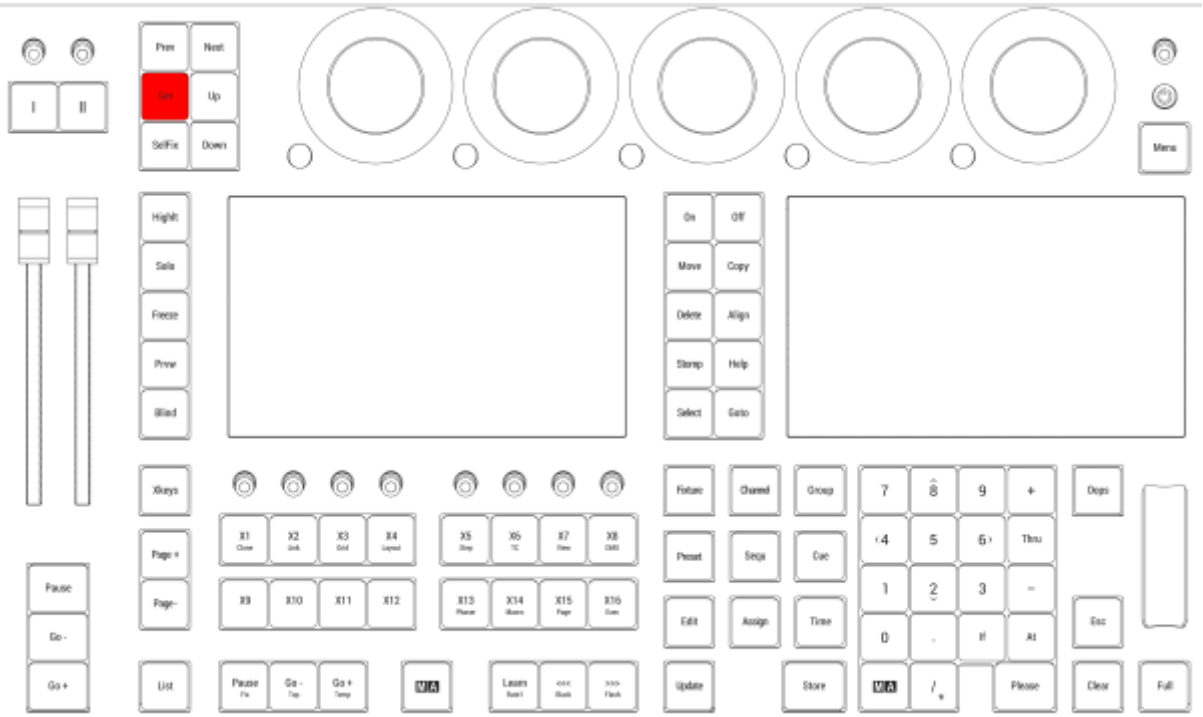
Step Toggle Executor

Pressing MA + Set executes the **Step Toggle Executor** command in the command line.

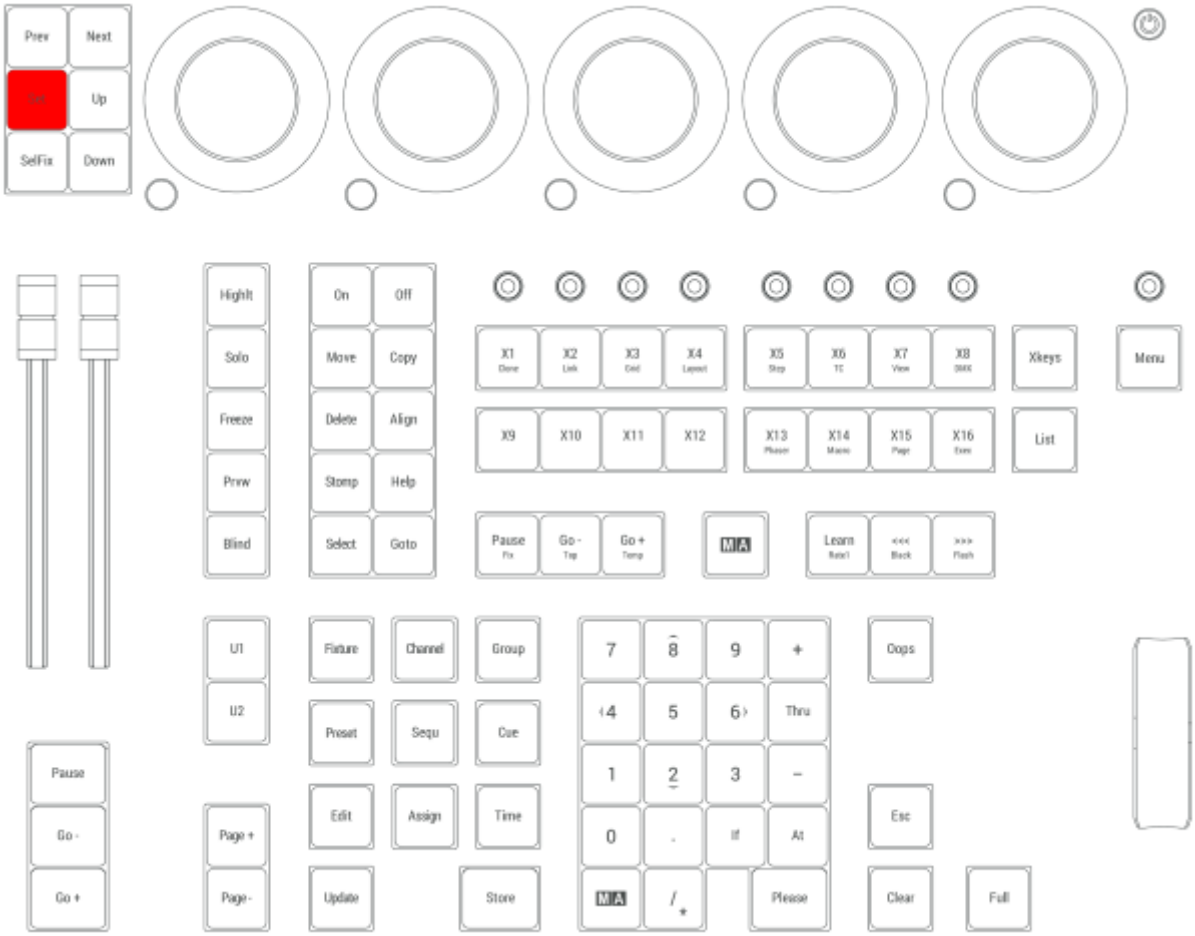
```
OK
:  Step Toggle Executor
```

Location

Set is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.55. Stomp

Pressing Stomp enters Stomp into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Stomp

For more information on Stomp, see the Stomp keyword.

Capture

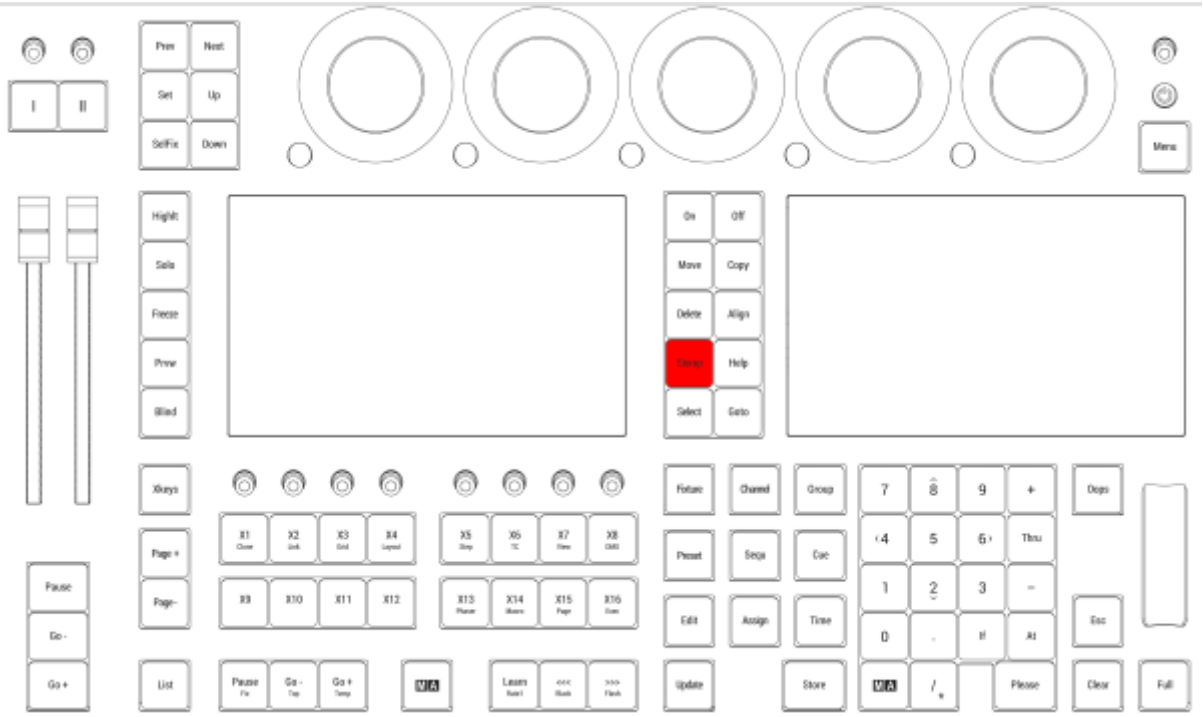
Pressing Stomp Stomp enters Capture into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>Capture

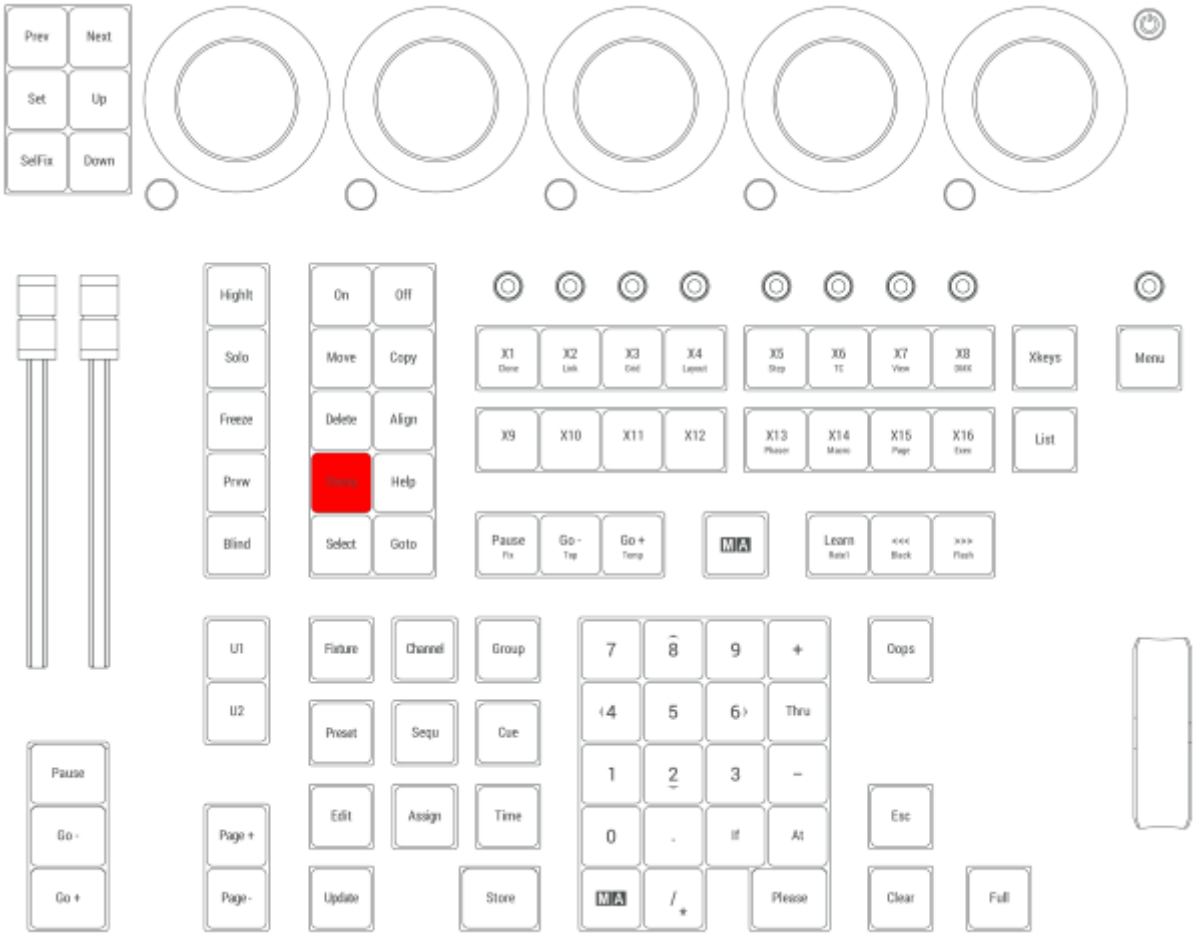
For more information on Capture, see the Capture keyword.

Location

Stomp is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

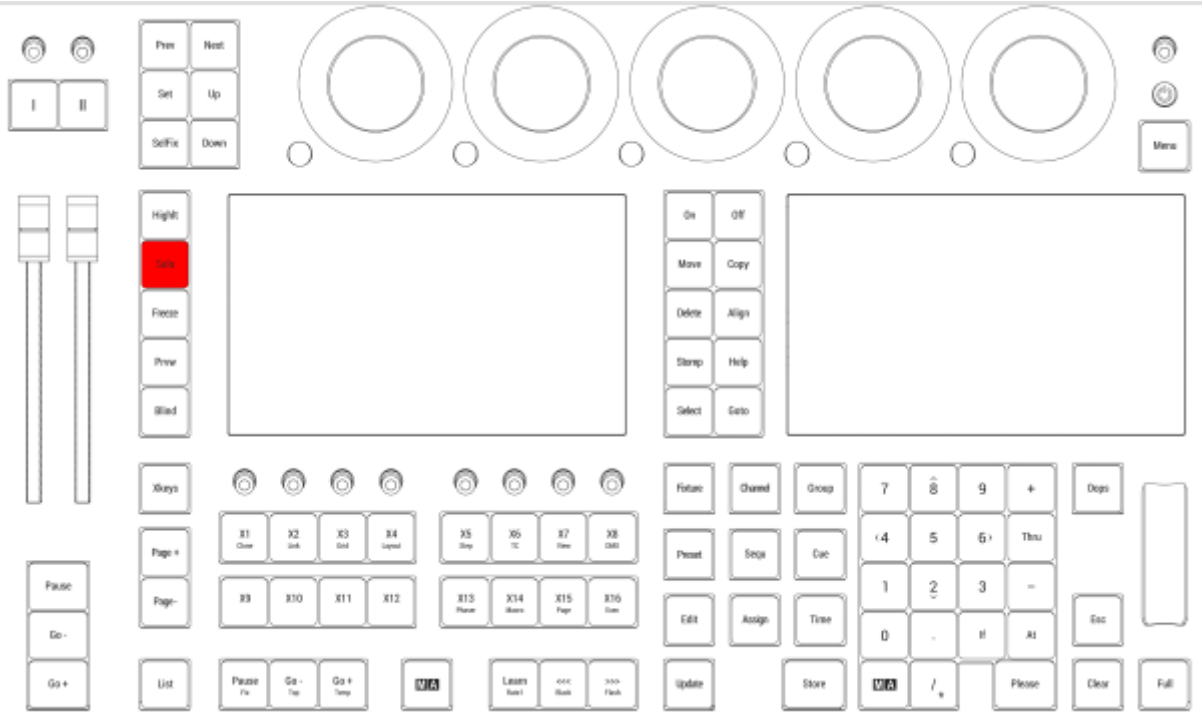
1.3.17.56. Solo

Pressing Solo directly executes solo selection and enables or disables Solo.

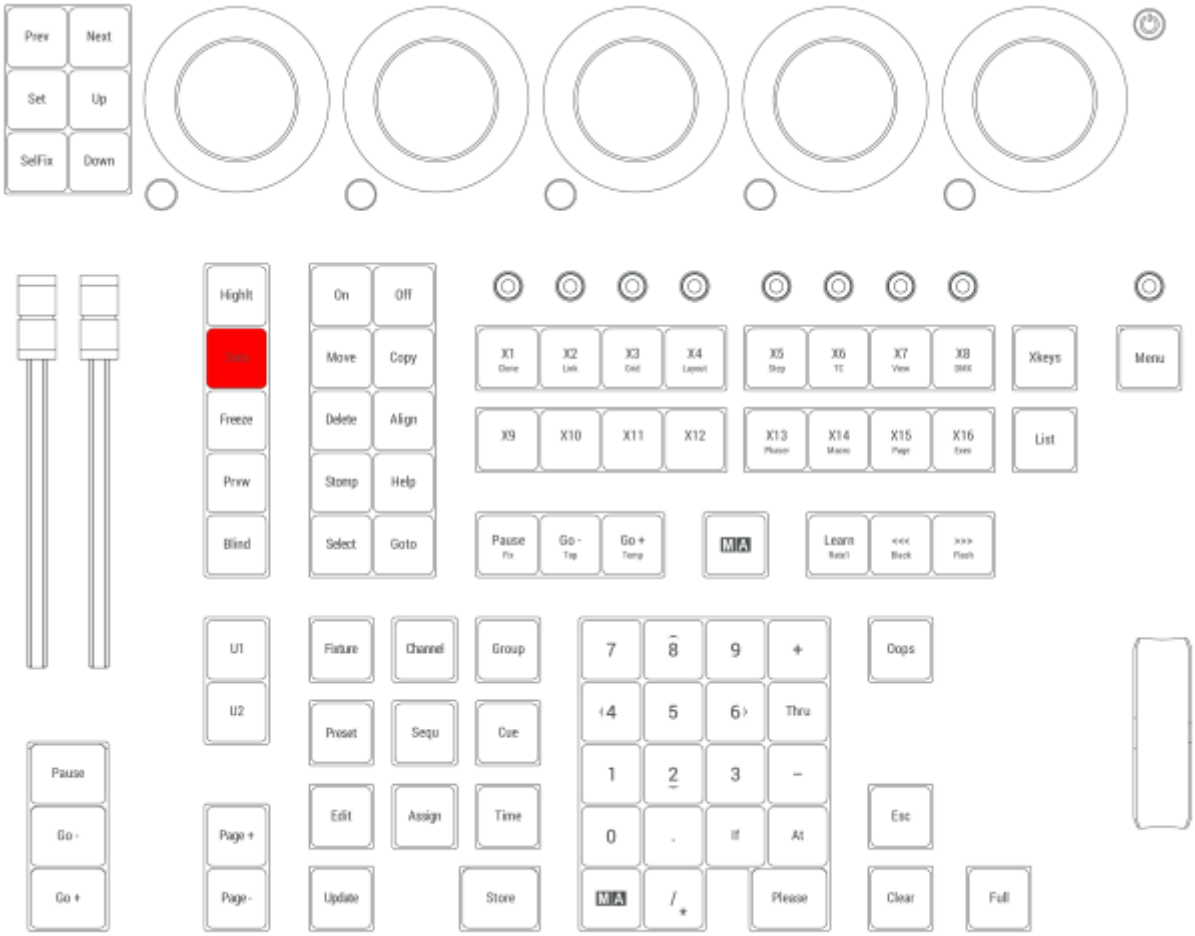
For more information about Solo, see the Solo keyword.

Location

Solo is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.57. Store

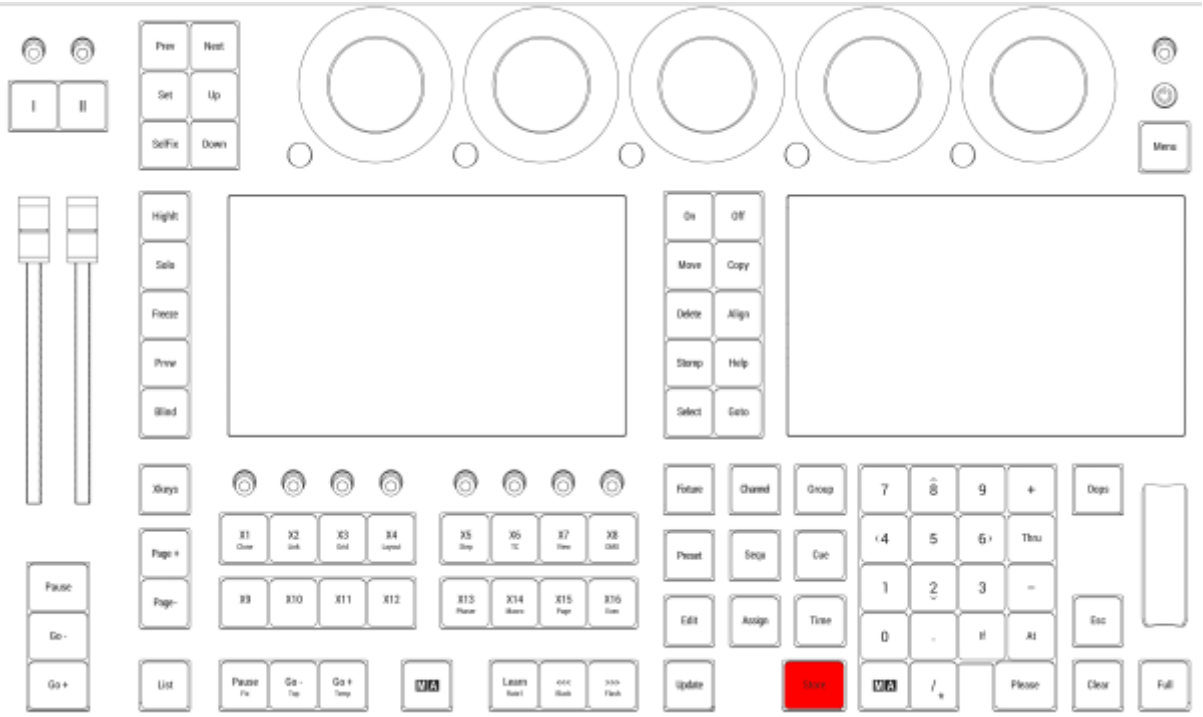
Pressing Store enters the Store keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Store

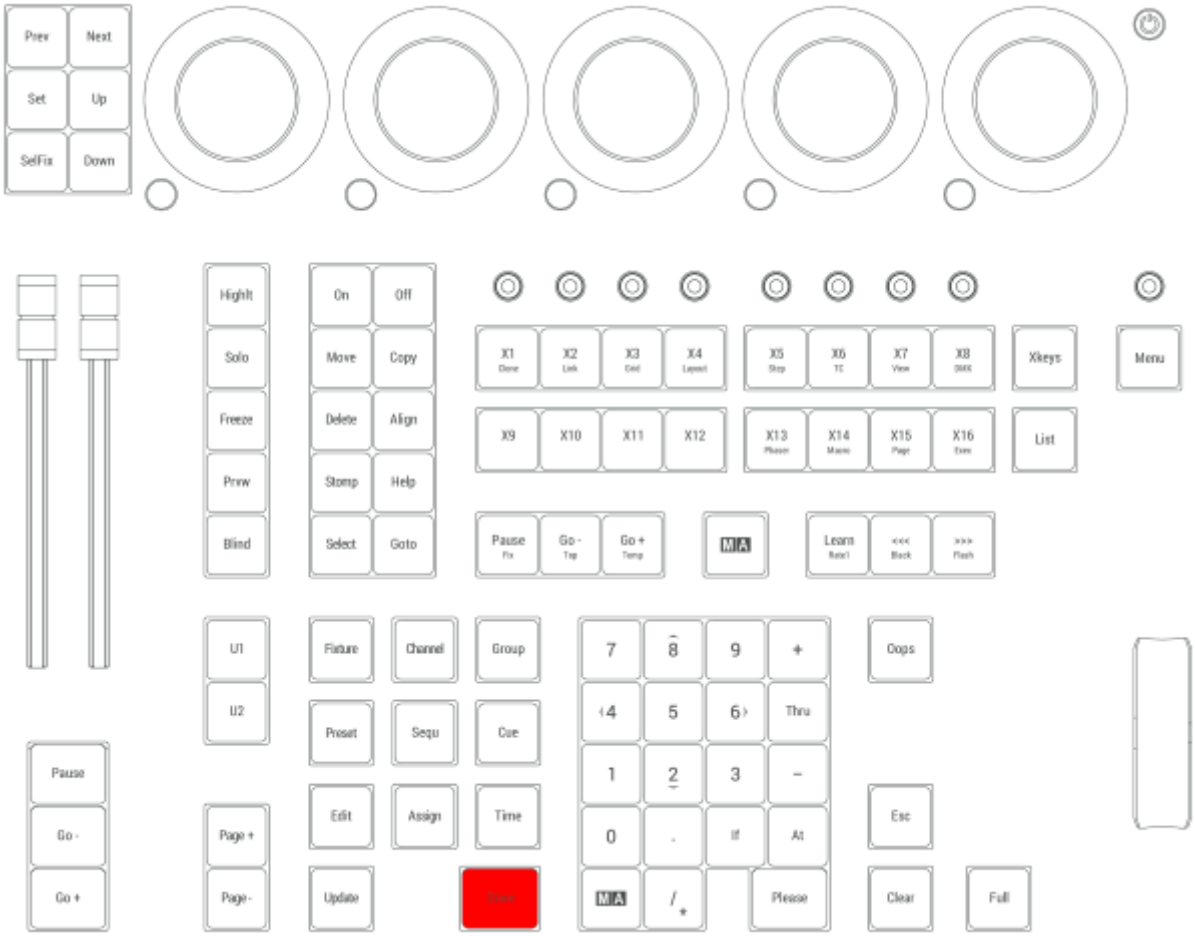
For more information about Store, see the Store keyword.

Location

Store is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.58. Thru

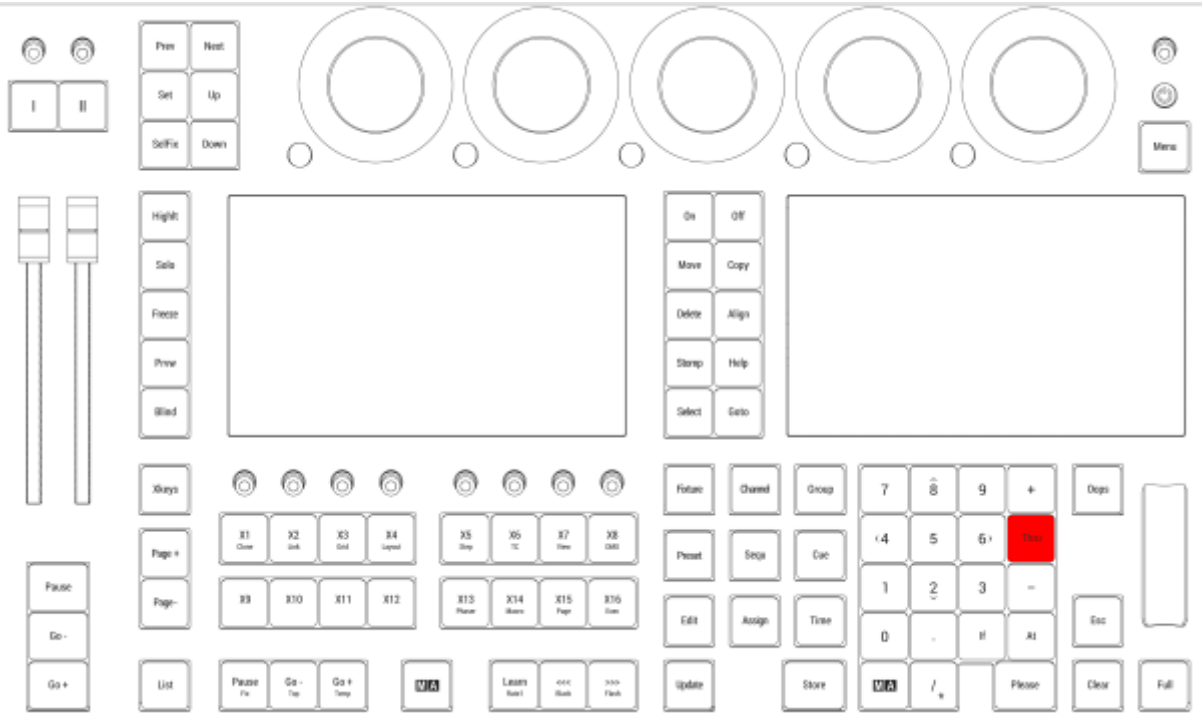
Pressing Thru enters the Thru keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Thru

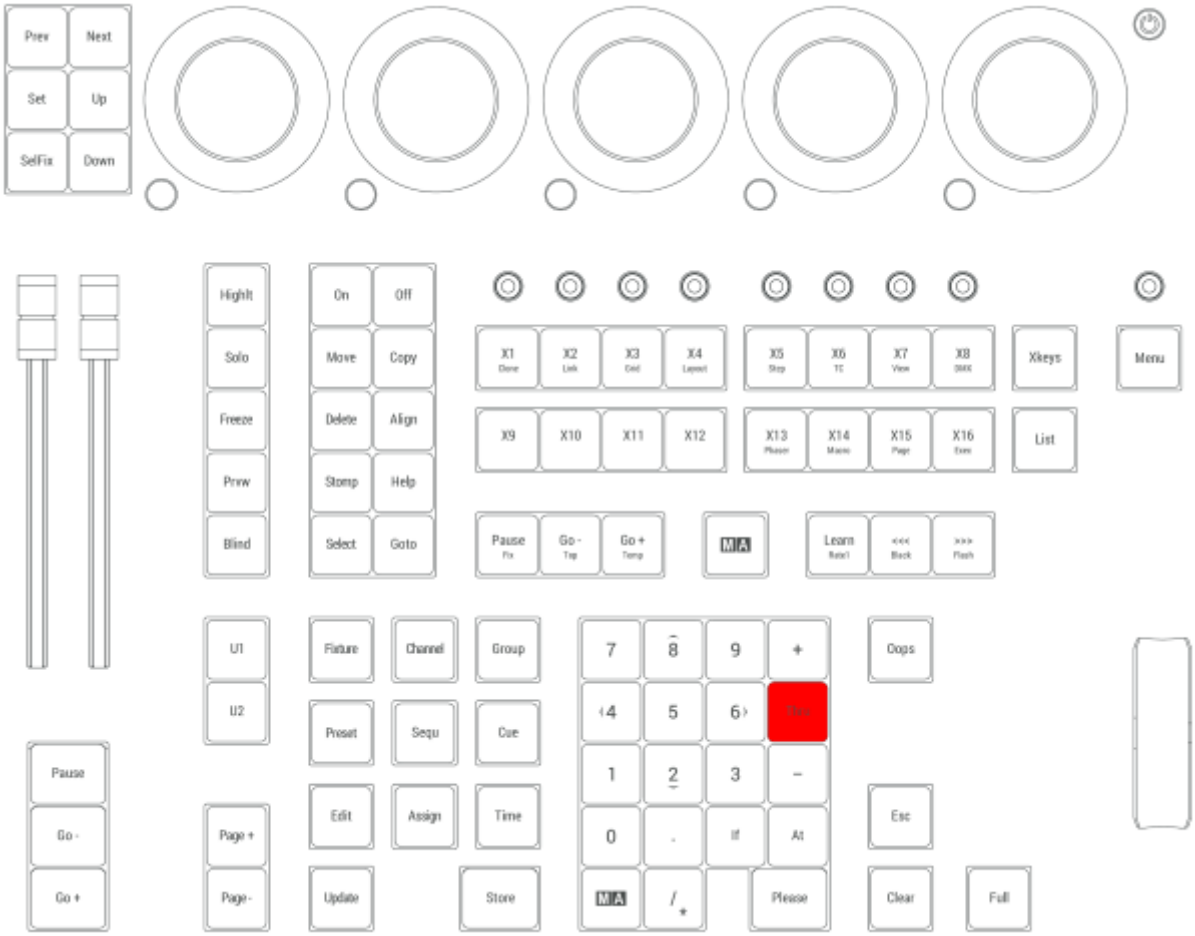
For more information about Thru, see the Thru keyword.

Location

Thru is located in the numeric keys section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.59. Time

The default functionality of Time depends on the "Time Key Target" setting in the current user profile.

If the "Time Key Target" is set to "Cue" and the command line is empty, pressing Time will toggle between CueFade and CueDelay in the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>CueFade
```

For more information about Time, see the CueFade keyword or CueDelay keyword.

If the "Time Key Target" is set to "Cue" and the command line contains a fixture selection, pressing Time will toggle between Fade and Delay in the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Group 1 Delay
```

For more information about Time, see the Fade keyword or Delay keyword.

If the "Time Key Target" is set to "Fixture" and the command line is empty, pressing Time will toggle between Fade and Delay in the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Delay
```

For more information about Time, see the Fade keyword or Delay keyword.

If the "Time Key Target" is set to "Fixture" and either Store or Cue is in the command line, pressing Time will toggle between CueFade and CueDelay in the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>Store CueFade
```

For more information about Time, see the CueFade keyword or CueDelay keyword.

Regardless of the "Time Key Target" setting, pressing MA Time will toggle between Relative, Fade, Delay, and Absolute.

```
User name[Fixture]>Relative
```

For more information about Time, see the Relative keyword, Fade keyword, Delay keyword, or Absolute keyword.

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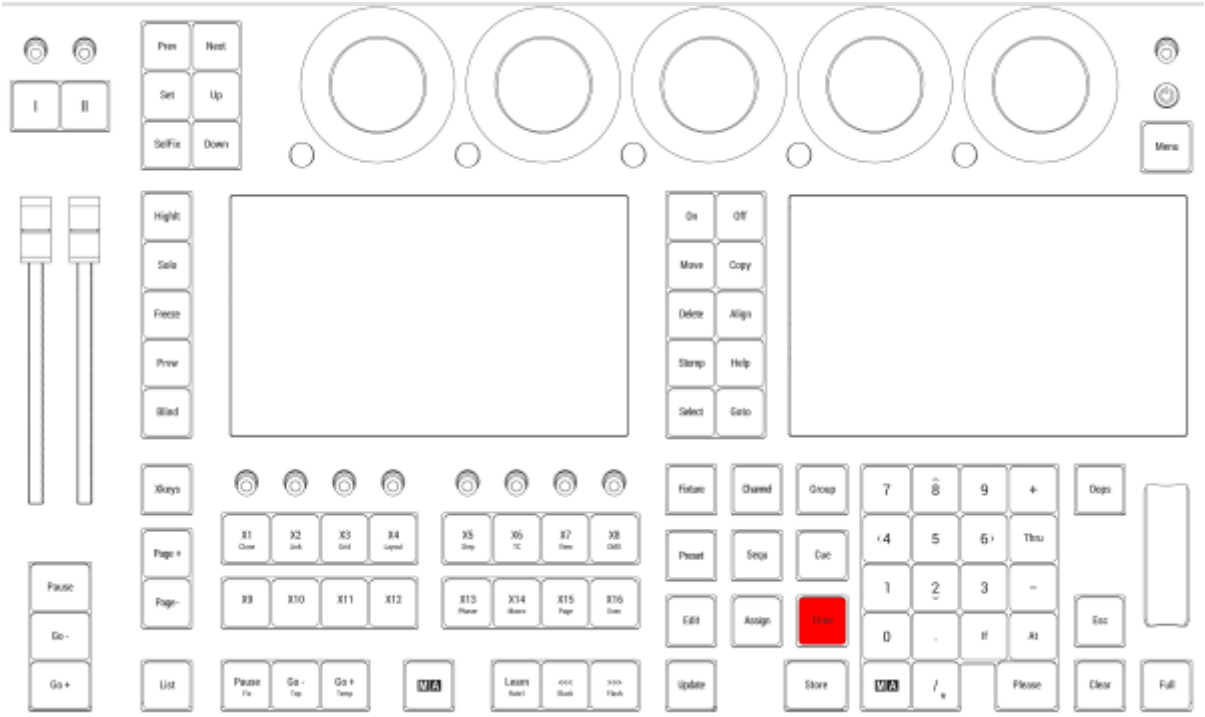
Regardless of the "Time Key Target" setting, additionally adding **At** to the command and pressing Time will cycle through the value layer keywords.

Example: At 5 0 Time

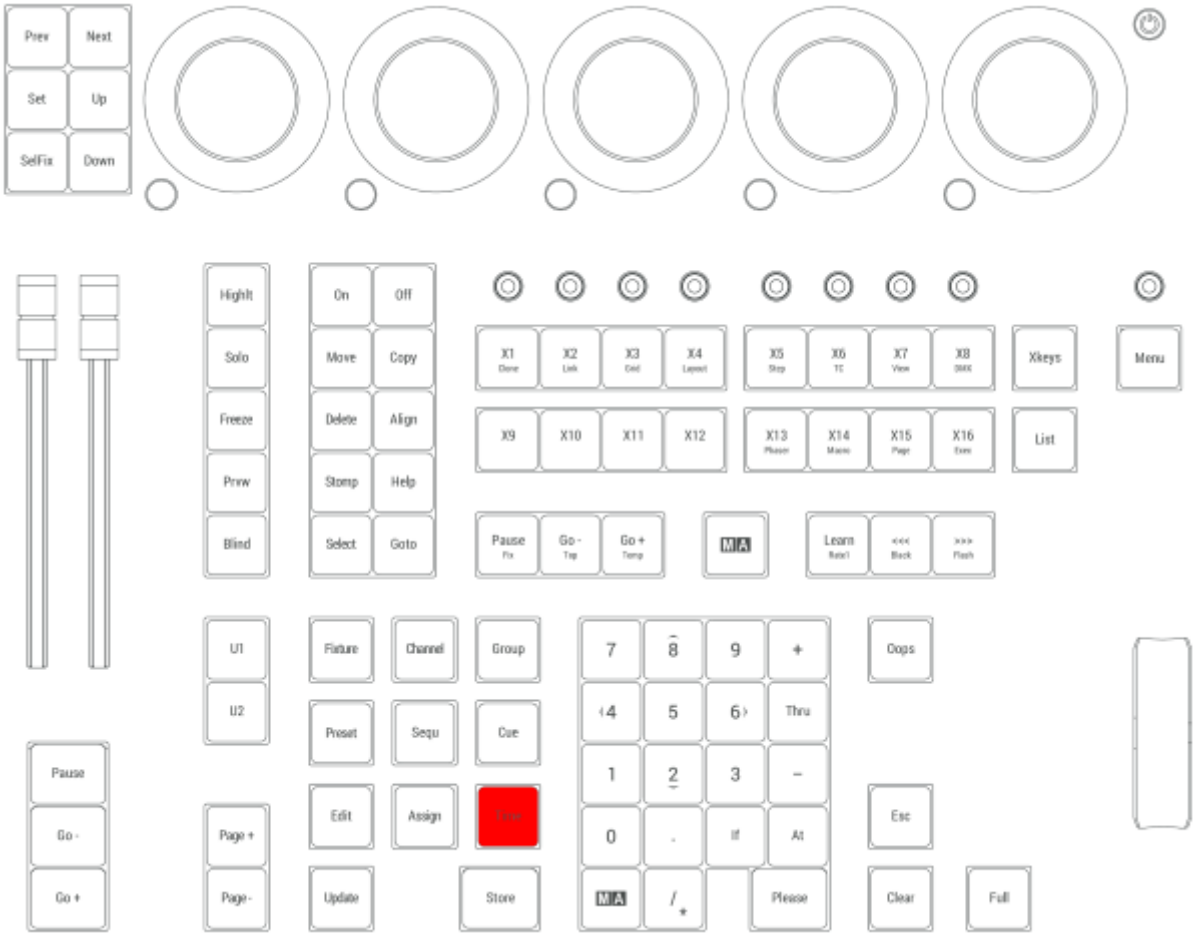
```
User name[Fixture]>At 50 Fade
```

Location

Time is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



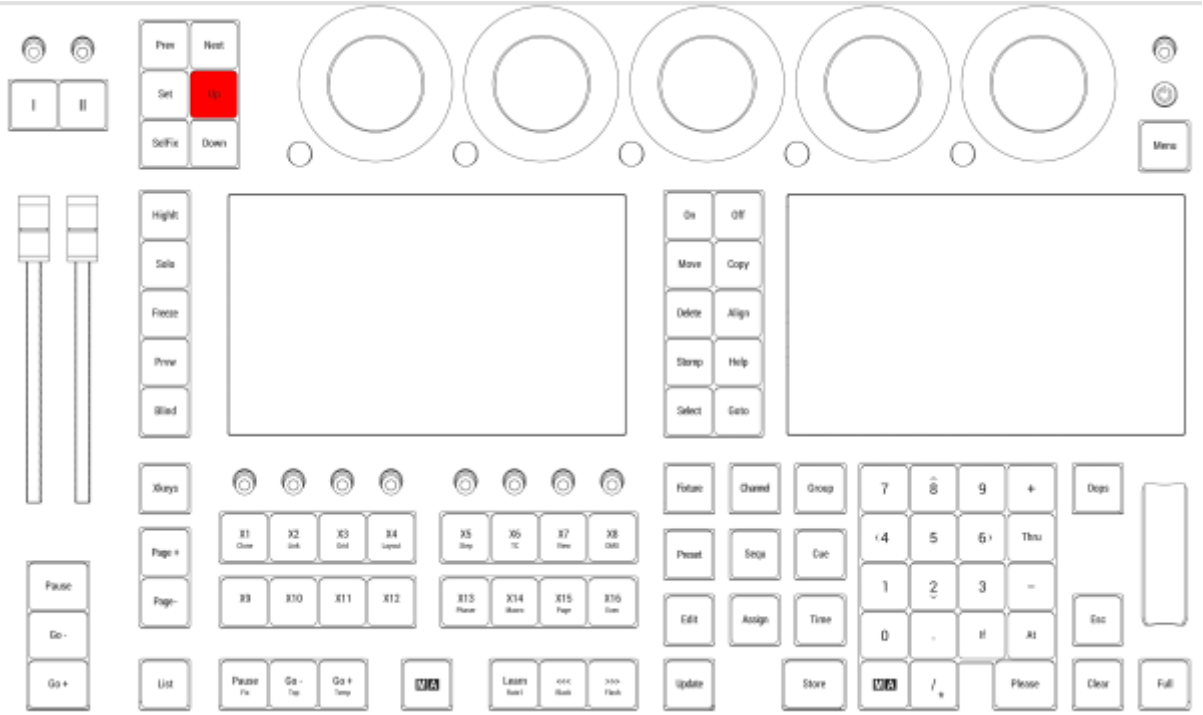
Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.60. Up

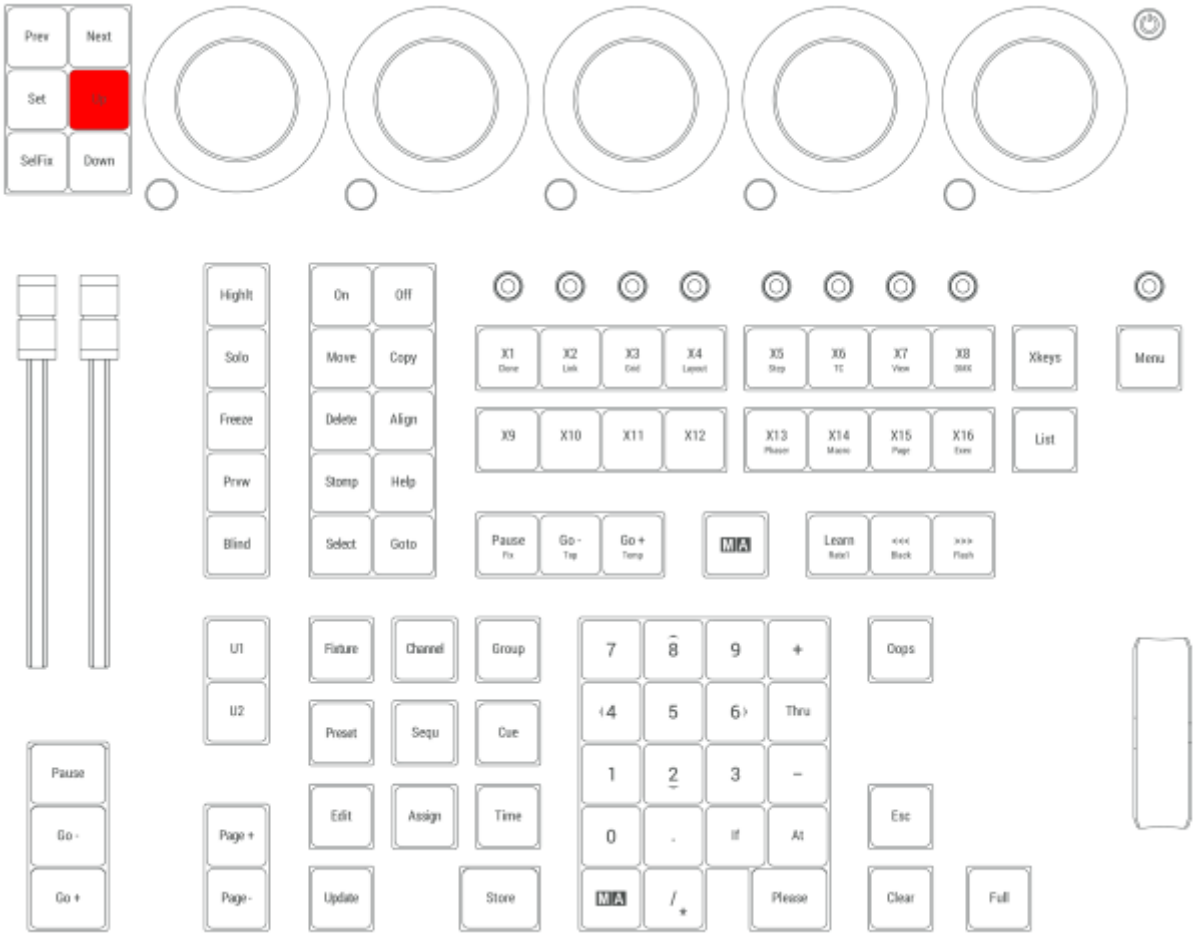
Pressing Up navigates up in the fixture/subfixture structure.

Location

Up is located in the command section on the left side of the five dual encoders.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.61. Update

Pressing Update enters the Update keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Update

For more information about Update, see the Update Keyword.

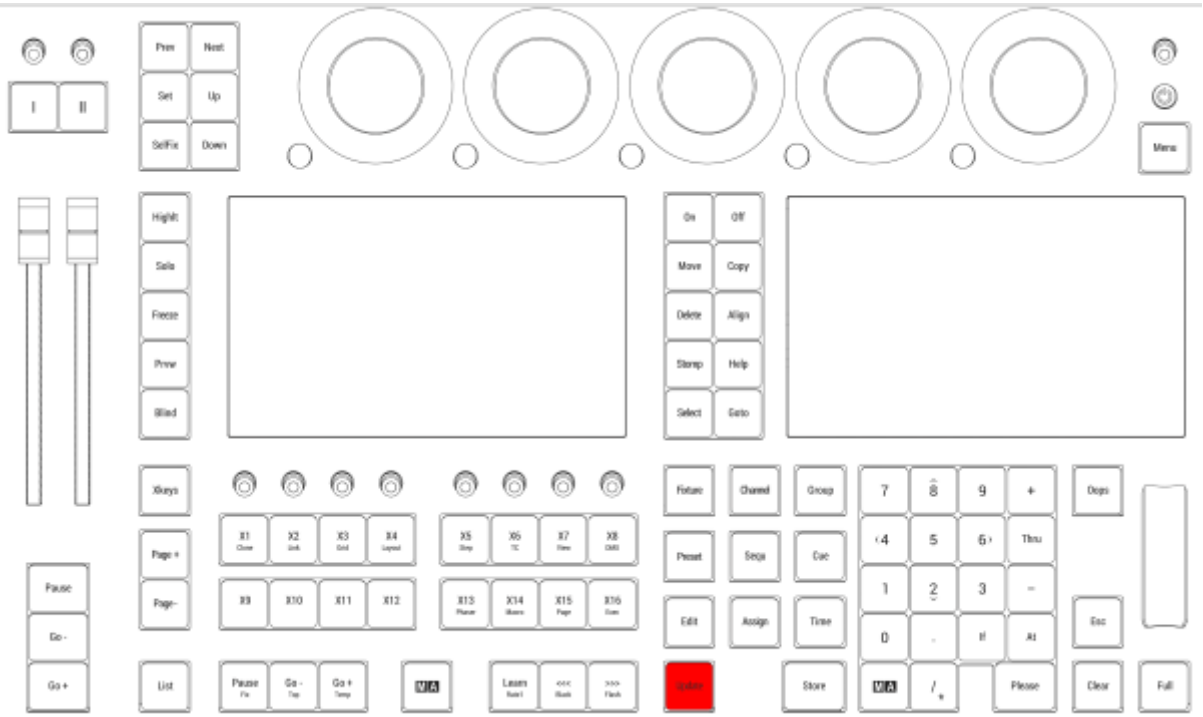
Pressing MA + Update enters the Cook keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Cook

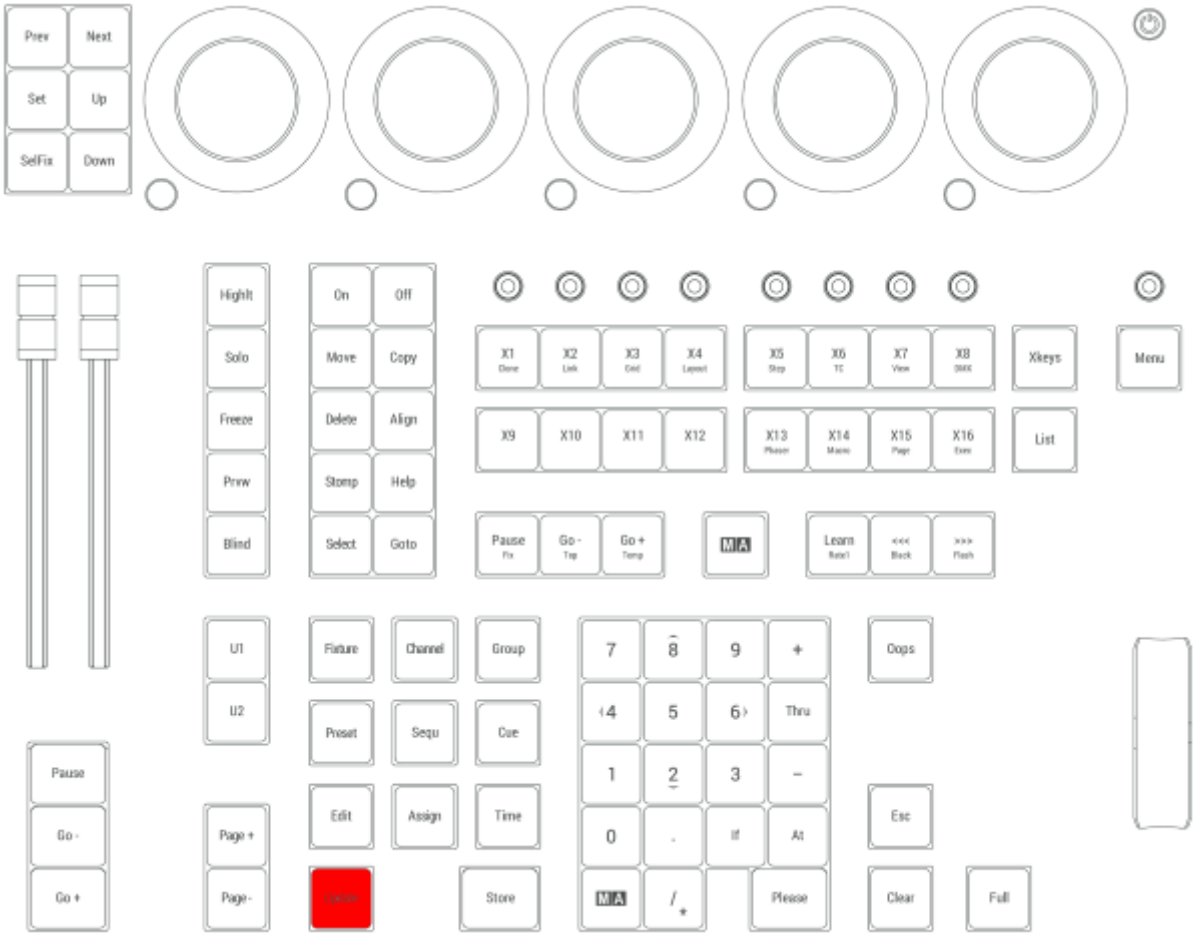
For more information about Cook, see the Cook Keyword.

Location

Update is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.62. U1

Pressing U1 executes the User1 command in the command line.

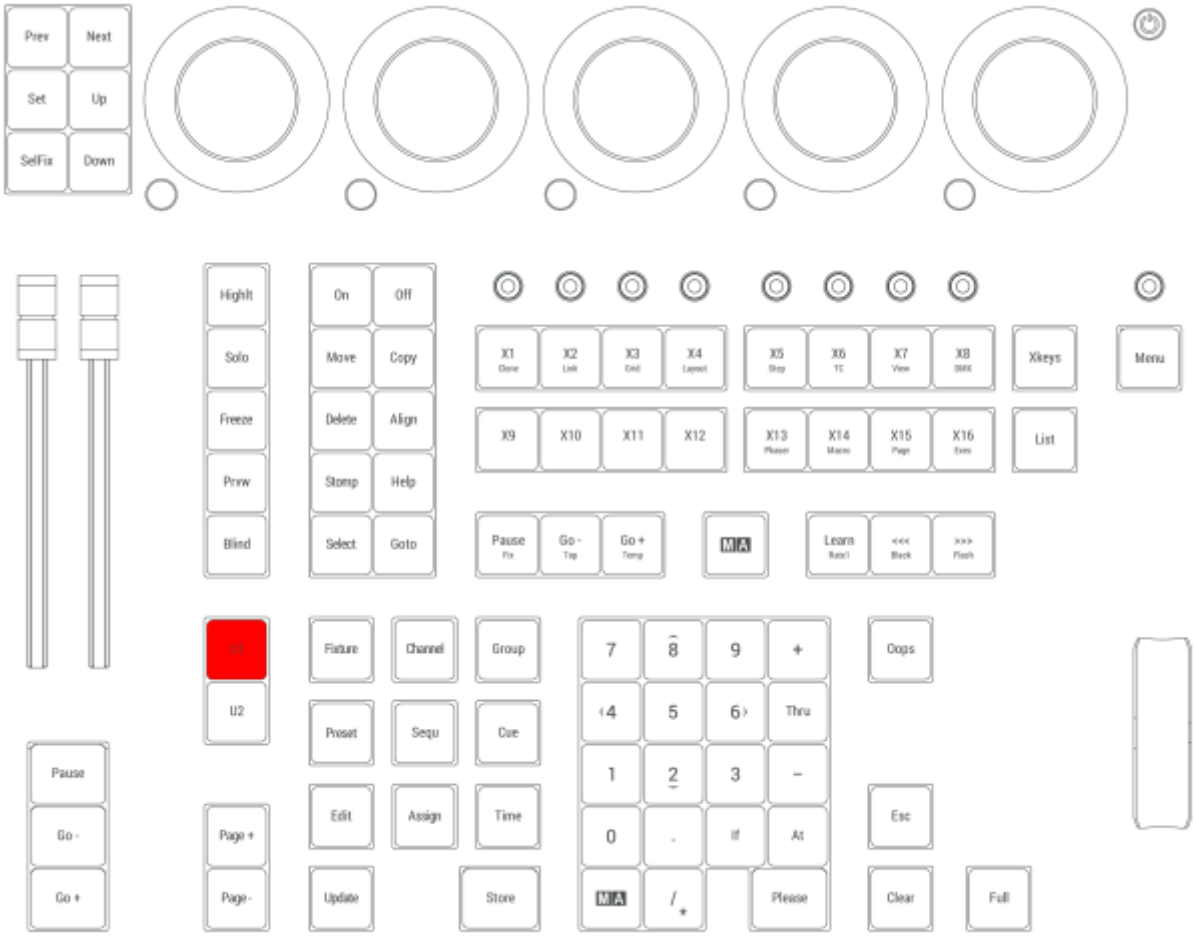
User name[Fixture]>User1

This key is only present on grandMA3 compact, grandMA3 compact XT, grandMA3 onPC command wing and grandMA3 onPC command wing XT.

For more information about U1, see User1 keyword.

Location

U1 is located in the command section on the left side of the numeric keys.



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wings

1.3.17.63. U2

Pressing U2 executes the User2 command in the command line.

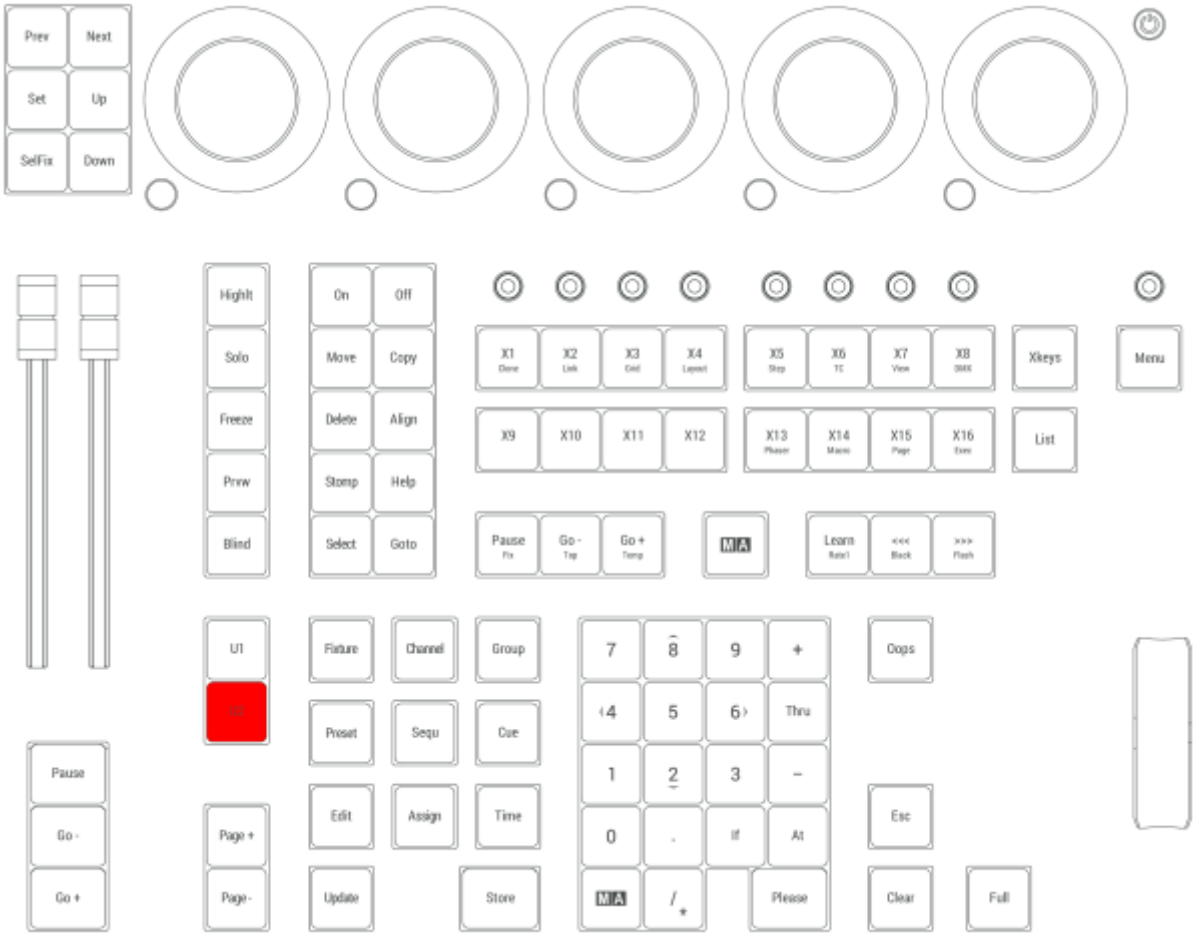
MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>User2

This key is only present on grandMA3 compact, grandMA3 compact XT, grandMA3 onPC command wing and grandMA3 onPC command wing XT.

For more information about U2, see the User2 keyword.

Location

U2 is located in the command section on the left side of the numeric keys.



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wings

1.3.17.64. X1 | Clone

X1 | Clone is executor 291.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Clone

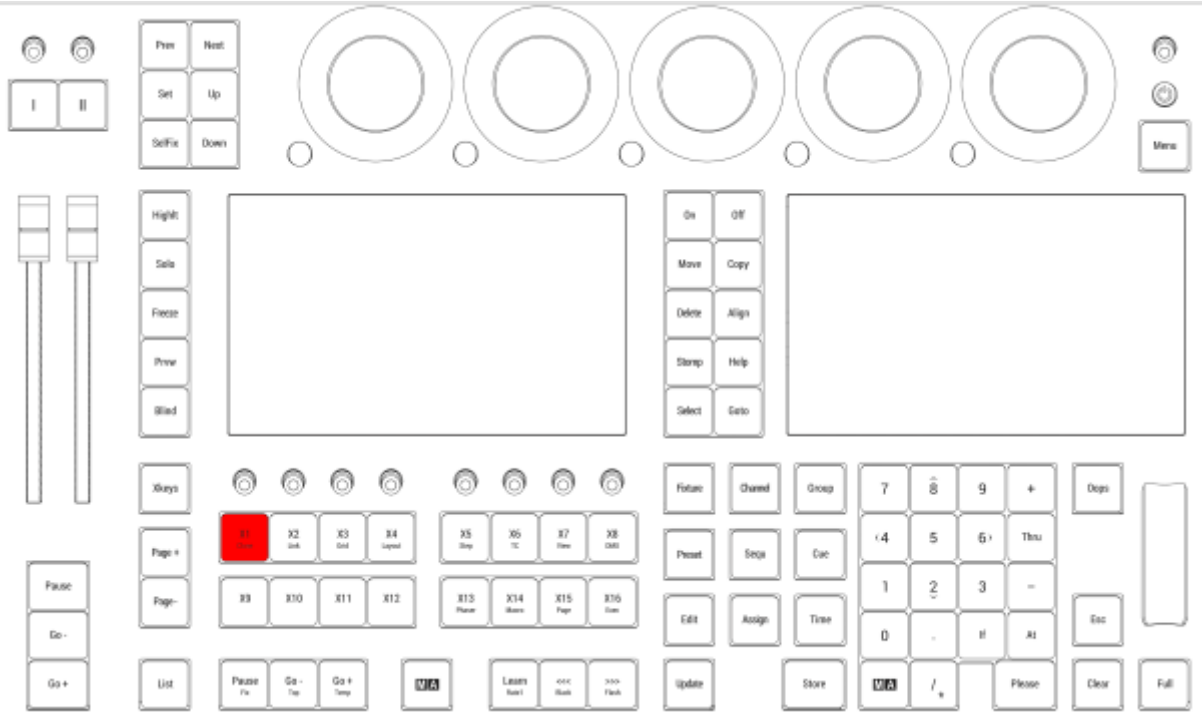
Pressing and holding MA + X1 | Clone enters the Clone keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Clone

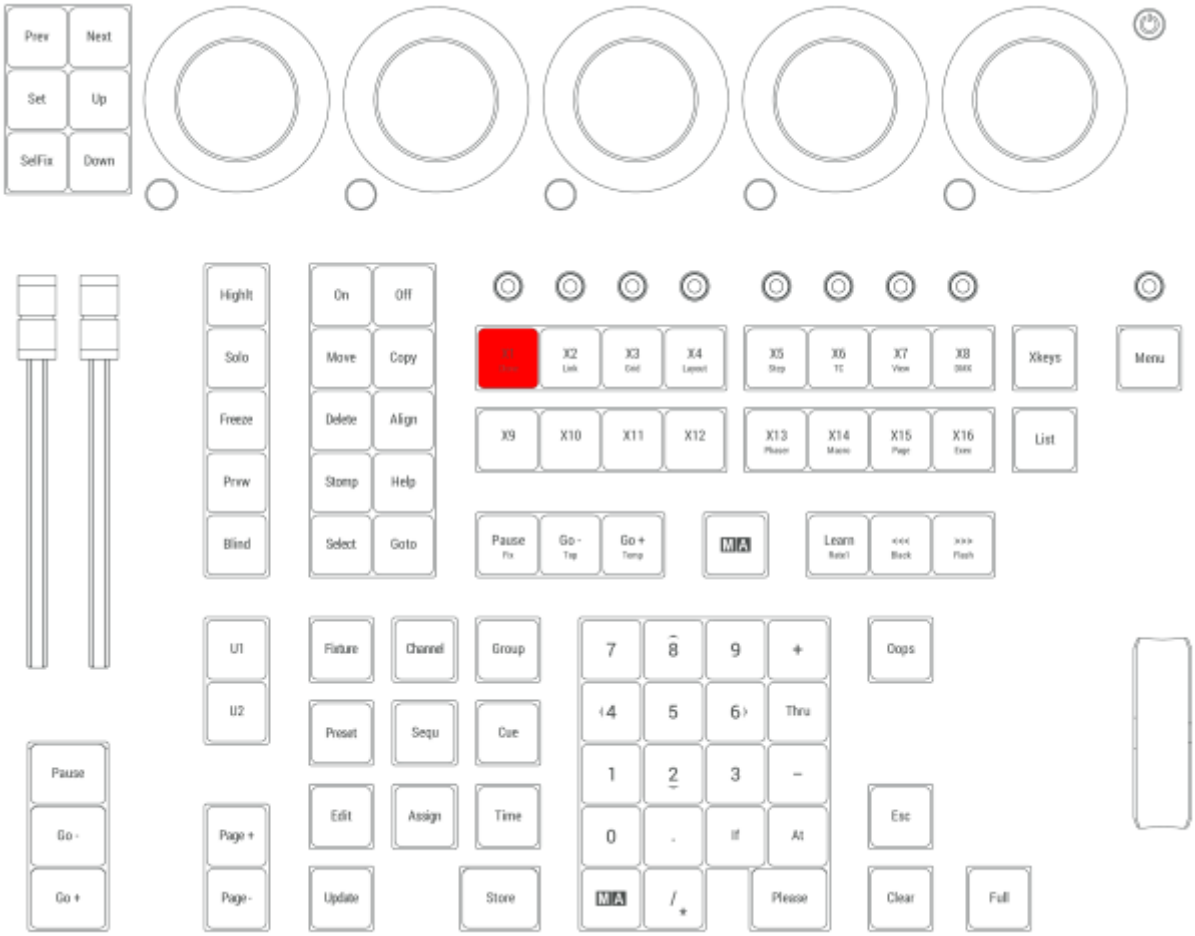
For more information about Clone, see the Clone keyword.

Location

X1 | Clone is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

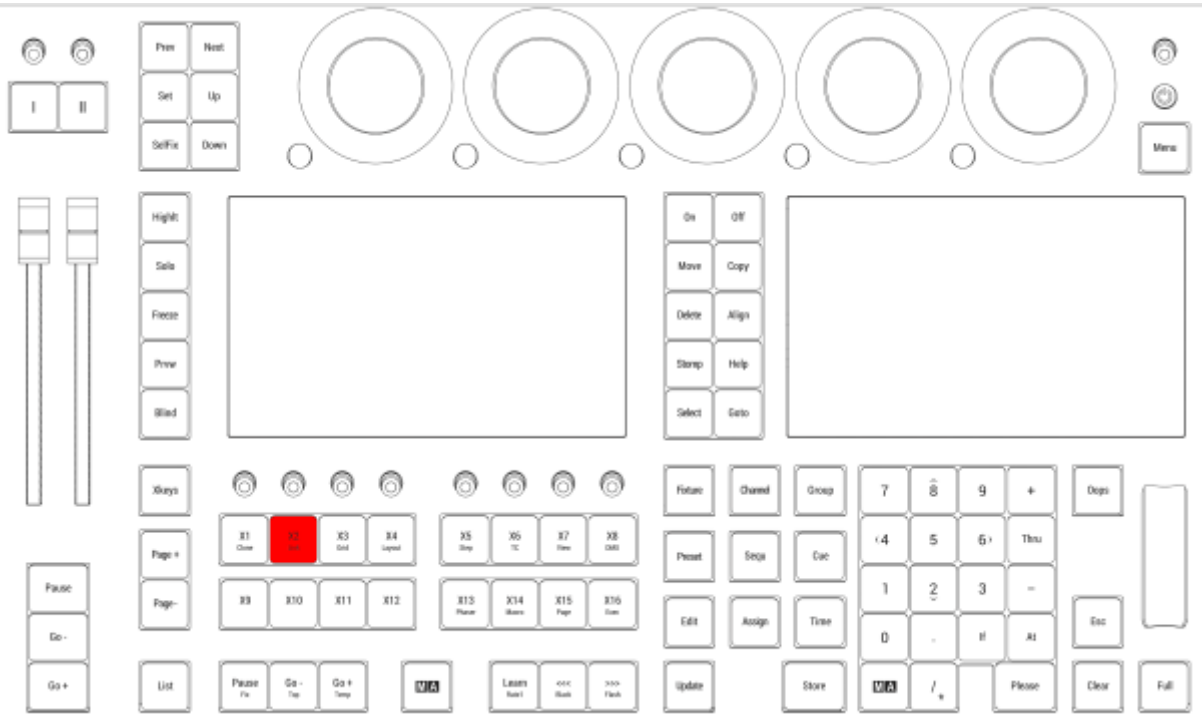
1.3.17.65. X2 | Link

X2 | Link is executor 292.

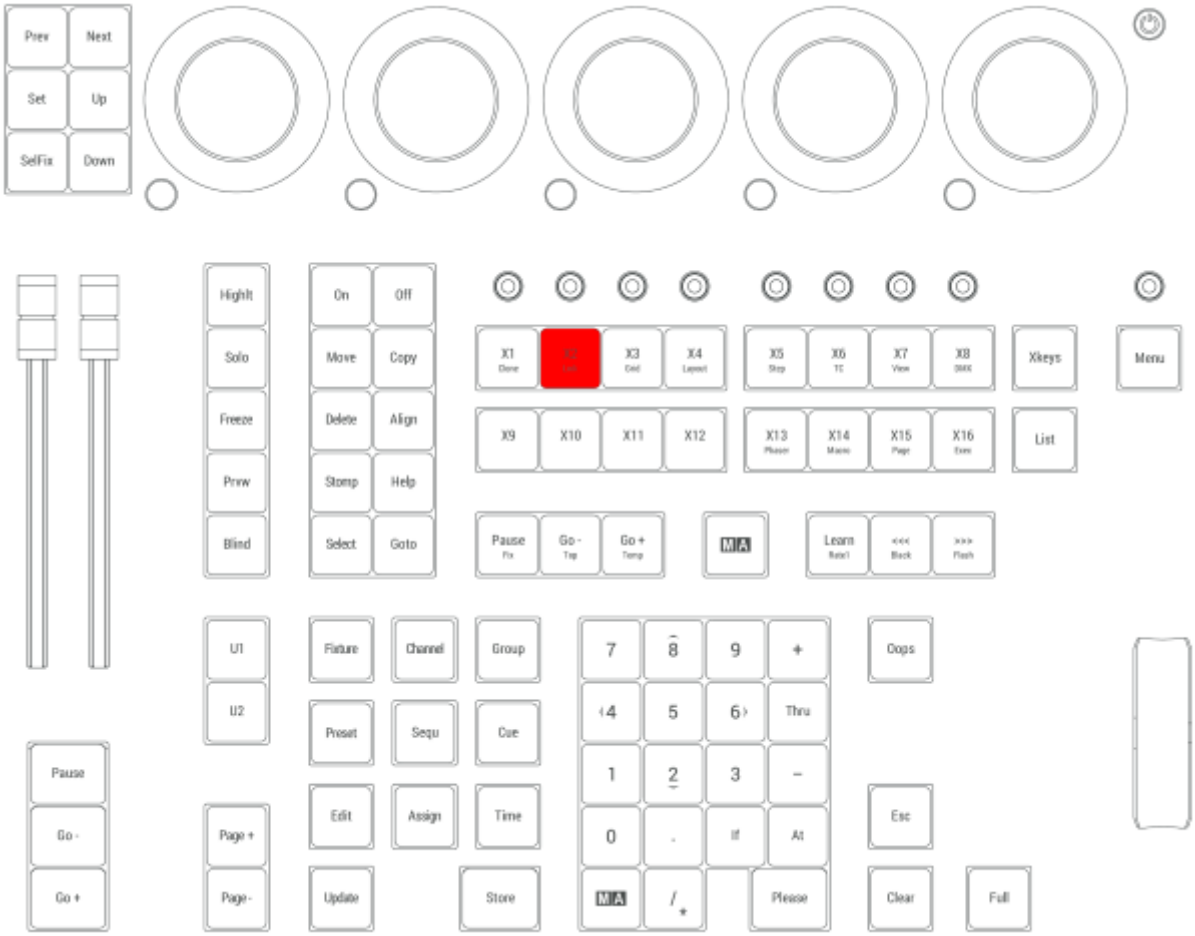
	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Location

X2 | Link is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.66. X3 | Grid

X3 | Grid is executor 293.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Grid

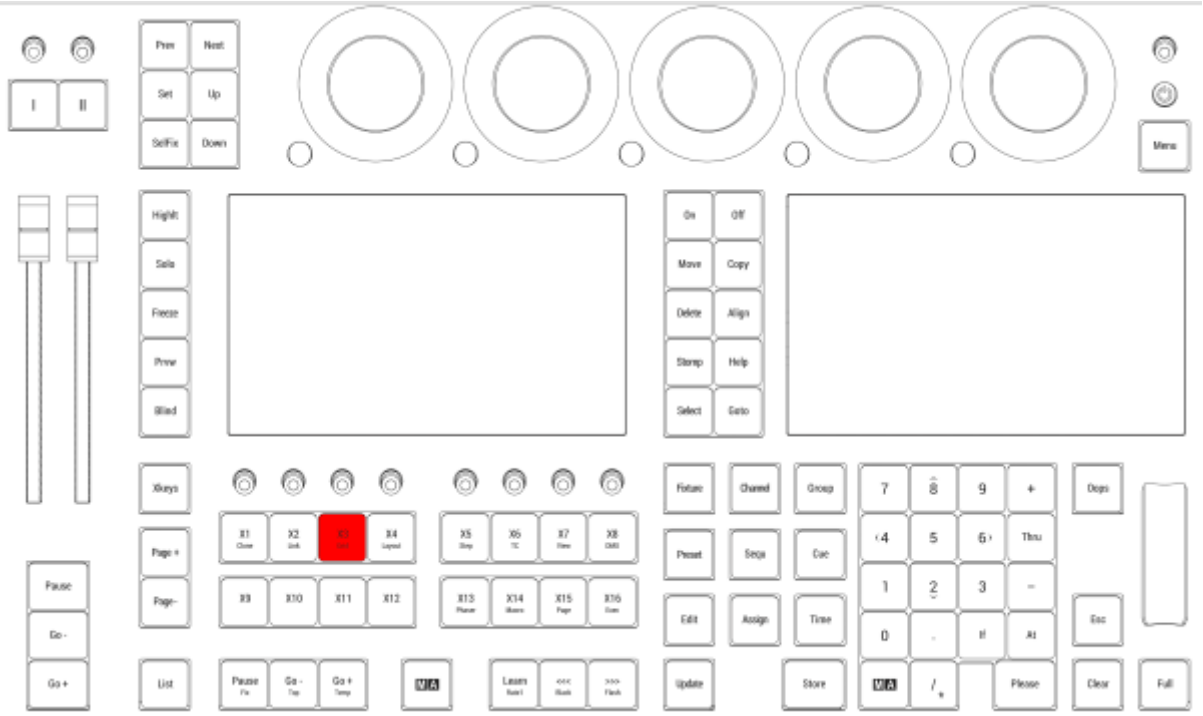
Pressing and holding MA + X3 | Grid enters the Grid keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Grid

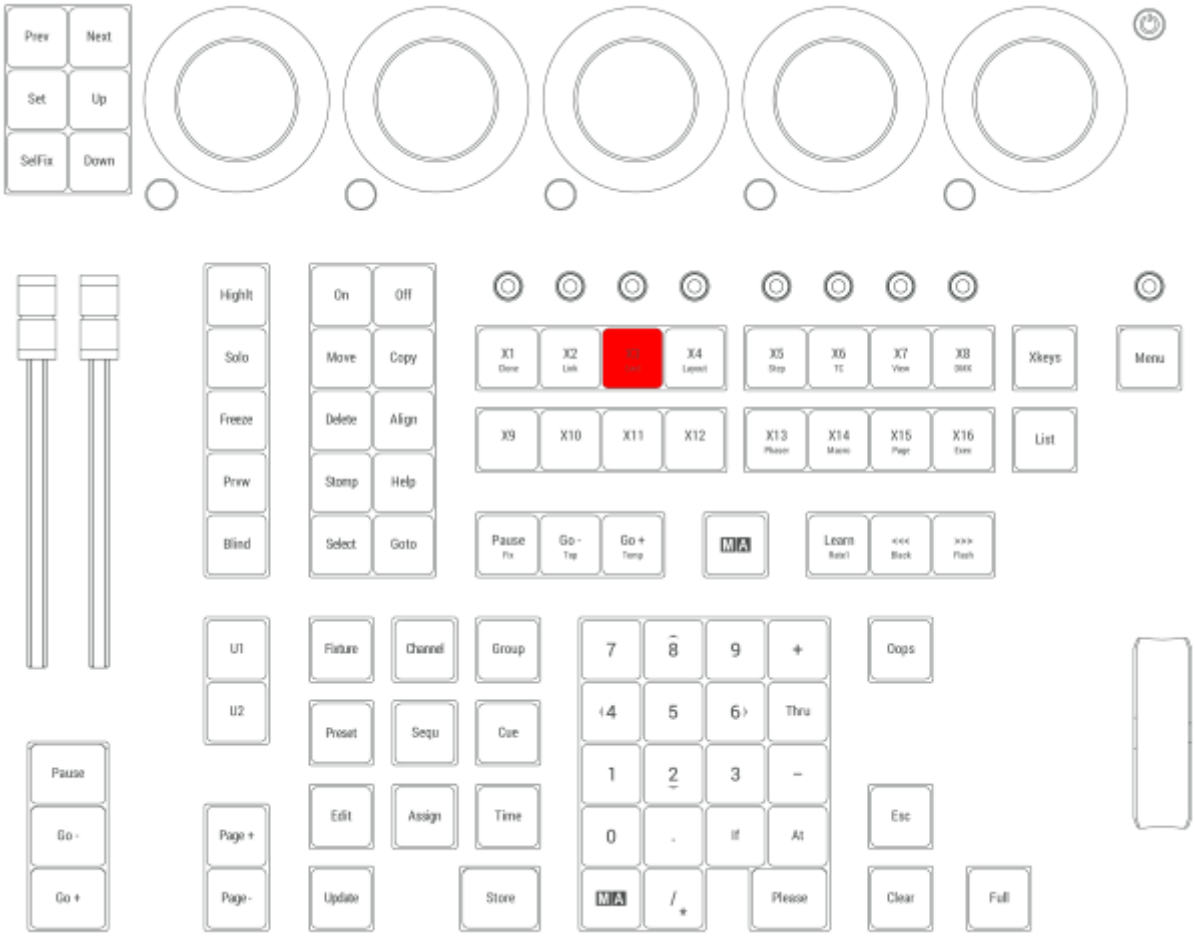
For more information about Grid, see the Grid keyword.

Location

X3 | Grid is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.67. X4 | Layout

X4 | Layout is executor 294.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Layout

Pressing and holding MA + X4 | Layout enters the Layout keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Layout

For more information about Layout, see the Layout keyword.

Appearance

Pressing and holding MA + X4 | Layout + X4 | Layout enters the Appearance keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Appearance

For more information about Appearance, see the Appearance keyword.

Scribble

Pressing and holding MA + X4 | Layout + X4 | Layout + X4 | Layout enters the Scribble keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Scribble

For more information about Scribble, see the Scribble keyword.

Location

X4 | Layout is located in the command section.

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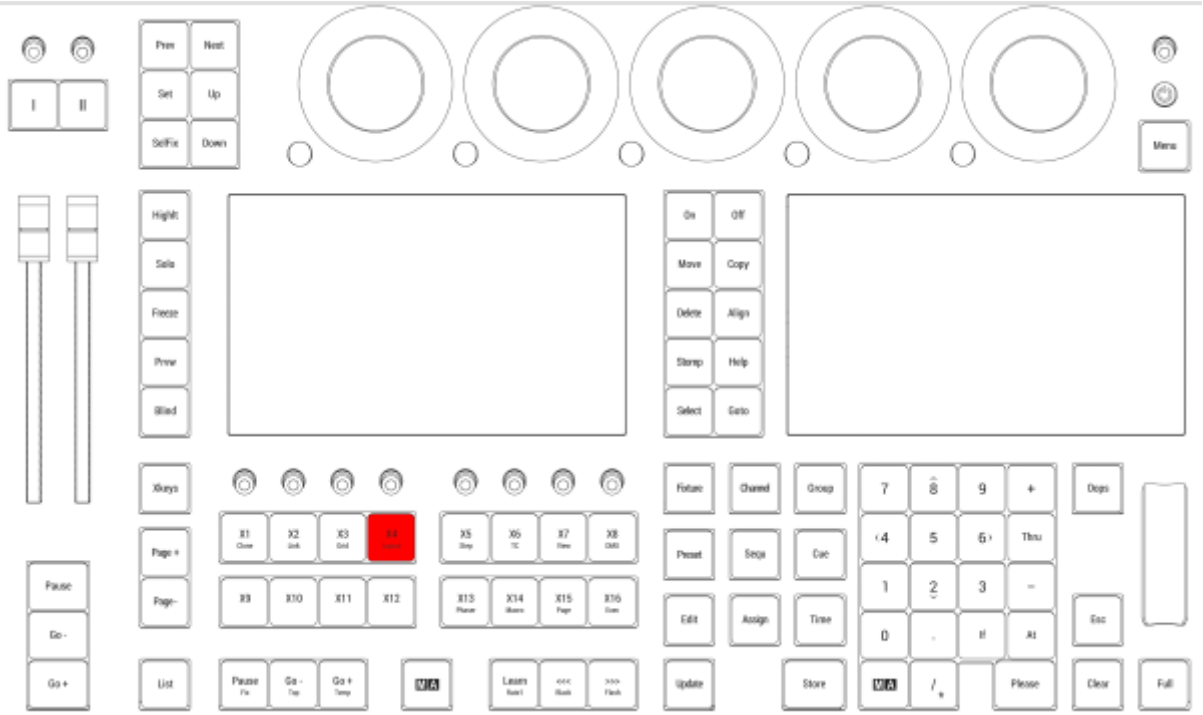
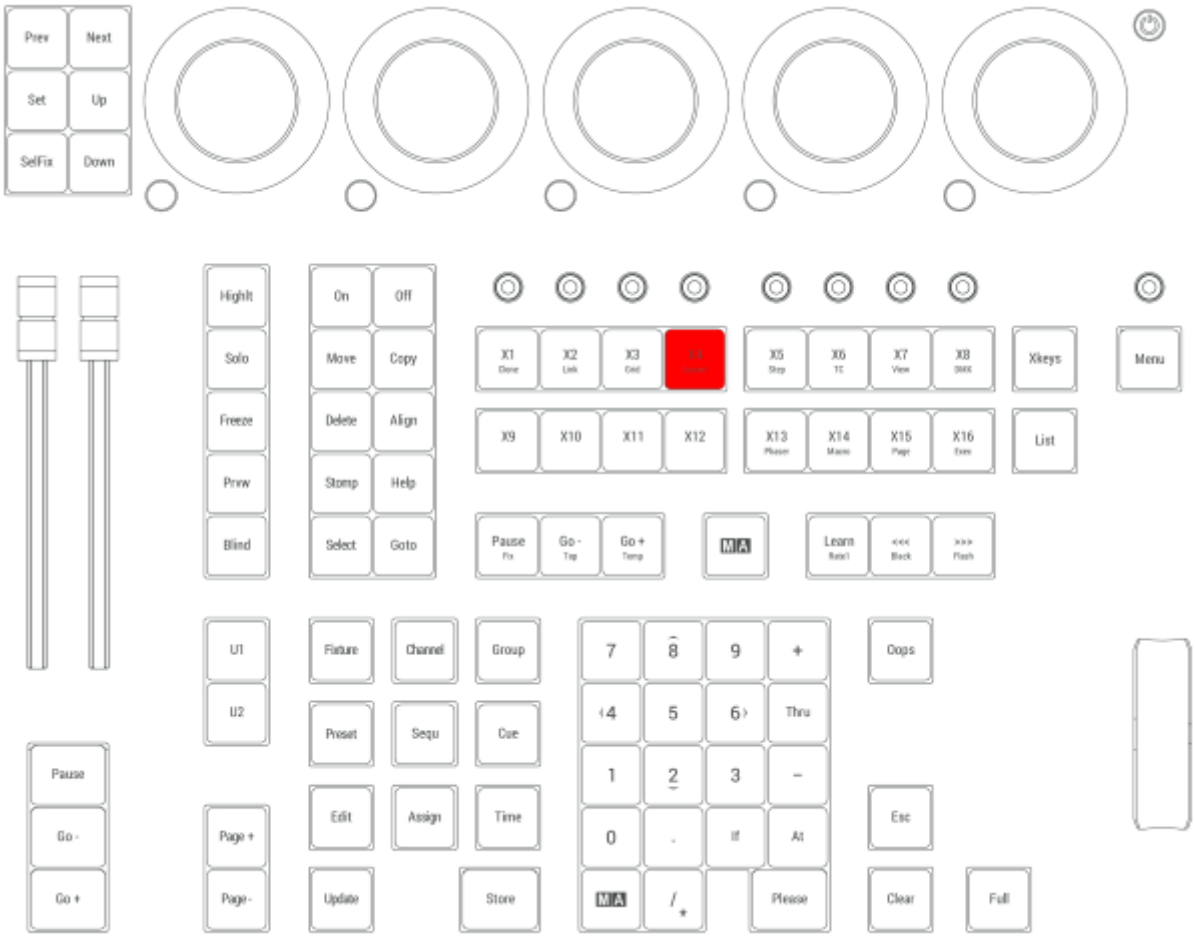


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.68. X5 | Step

X5 | Step is executor 295.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Step

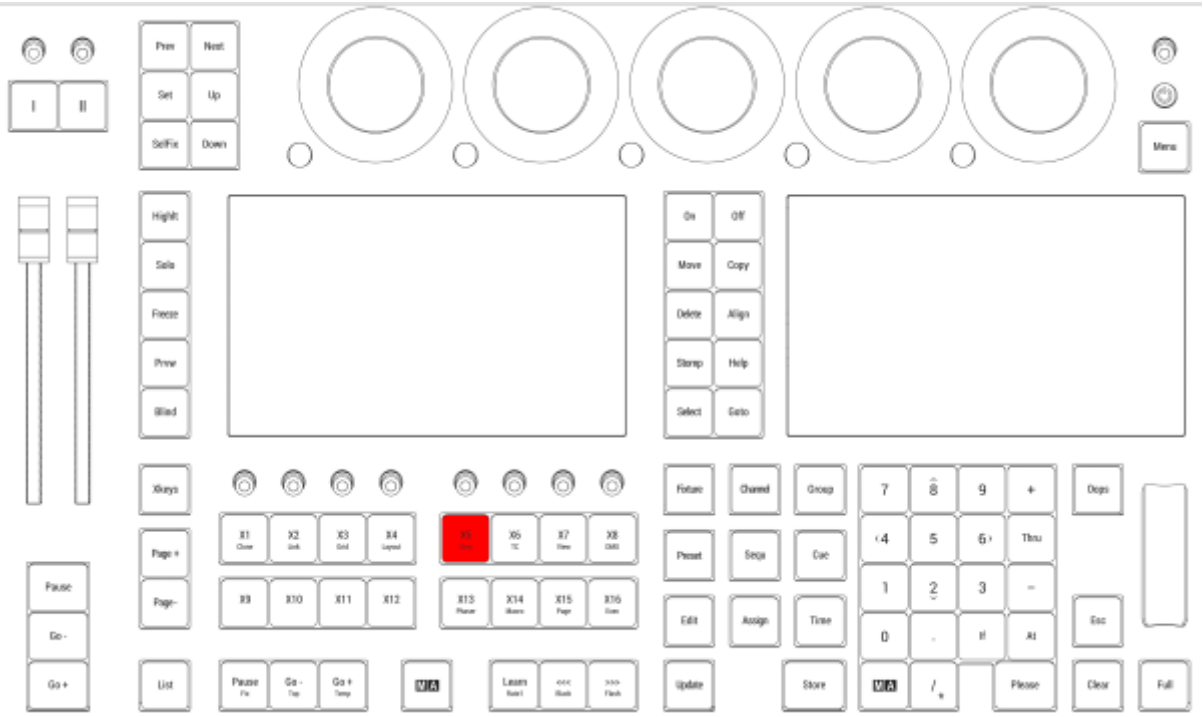
Pressing and holding MA + X5 | Step enters the Step keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Step

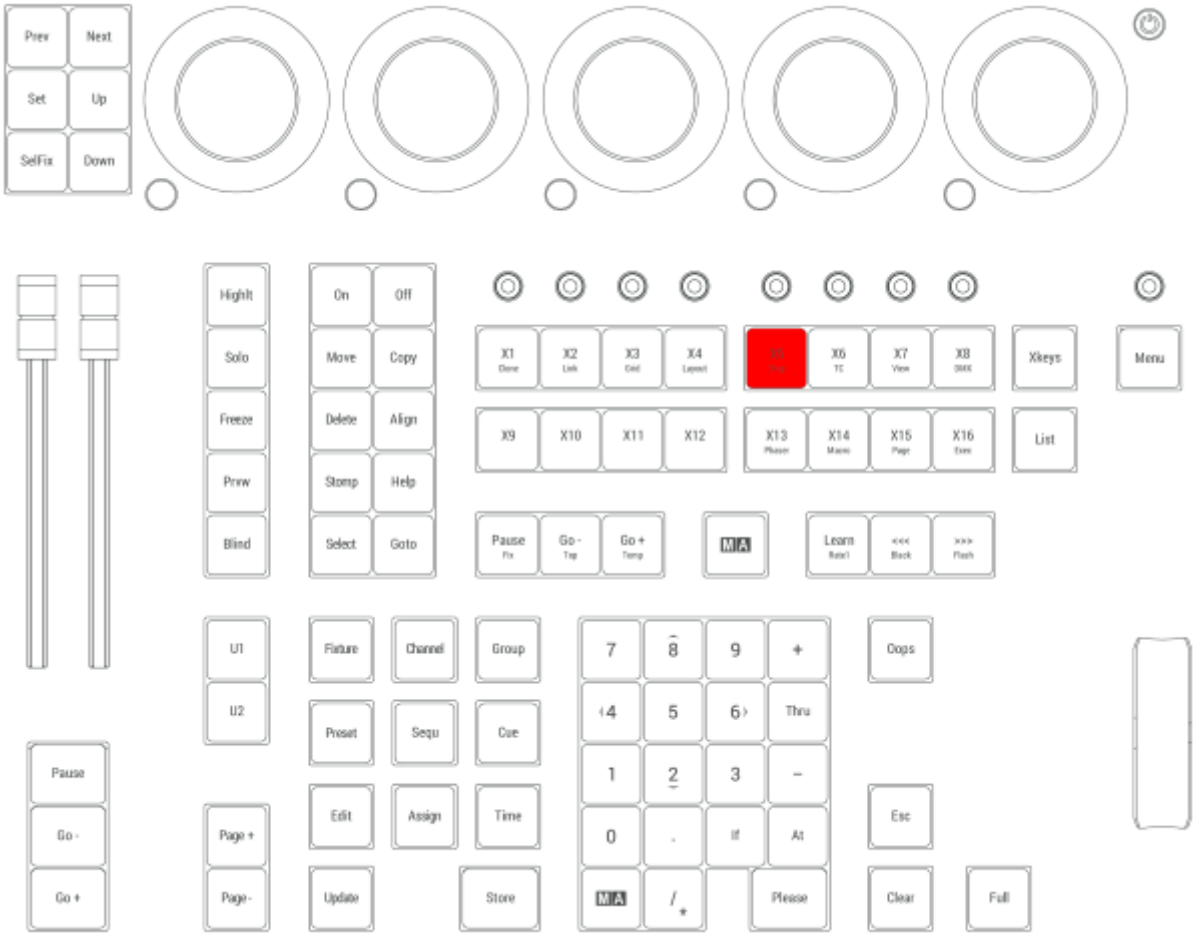
For more information about Step, see the Step keyword.

Location

X5 | Step is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.69. X6 | TC

X6 | TC is executor 296.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Timecode

Pressing and holding MA + X6 | TC enters the Timecode keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Timecode

For more information about Timecode, see the Timecode keyword.

TimecodeSlot

Pressing and holding MA + X6 | TC + X6 | TC enters the TimecodeSlot keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>TimecodeSlot

For more information about TimecodeSlot, see the TimecodeSlot keyword.

Timer

Pressing and holding MA + X6 | TC + X6 | TC + X6 | TC enters the Timer keyword into the command line.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Timer

For more information about Timer, see the Timer keyword.

Location

X6 | TC is located in the command section.

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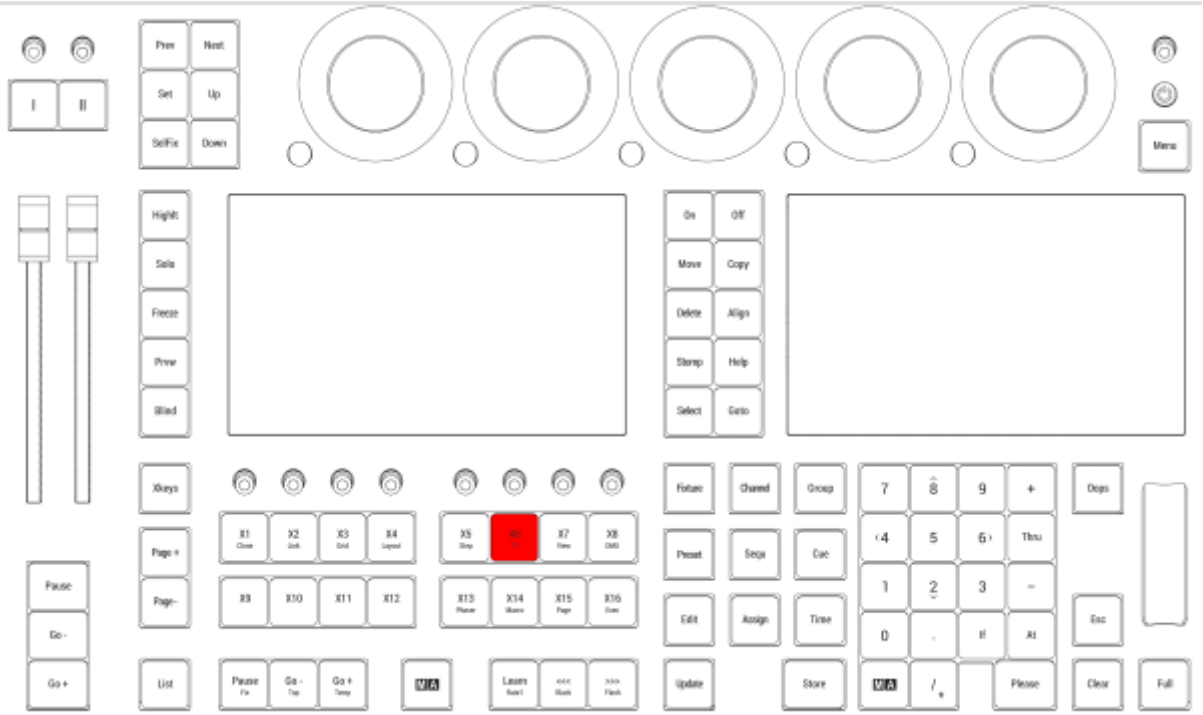

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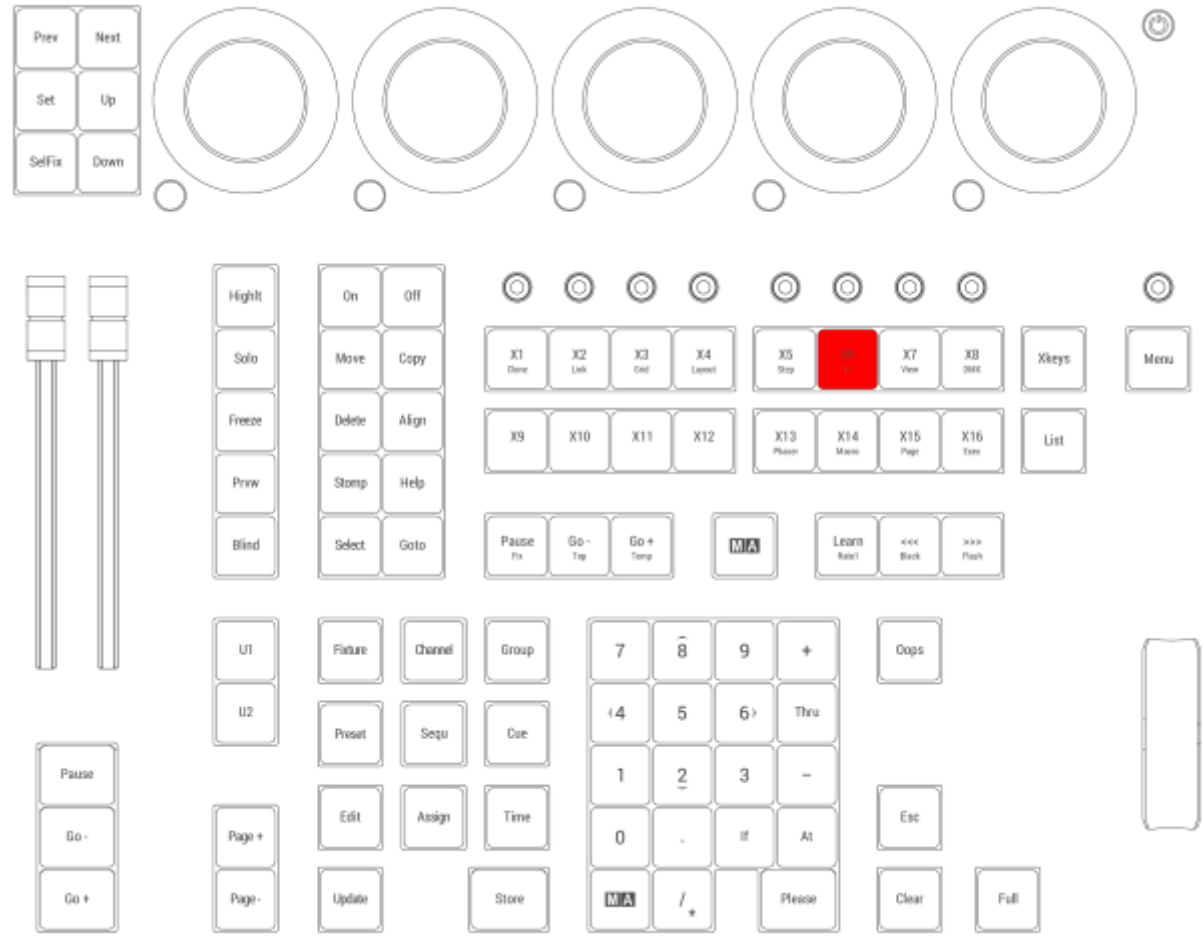

Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.70. X7 | View

X7 | View is executor 297.

	Hint:
	All keys behave like executors.

View

Pressing and holding MA + X7 | View enters the View keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>View

For more information about View, see the View keyword.

ViewButton

Pressing and holding MA + X7 | View + X7 | View enters the ViewButton keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>ViewButton

For more information about ViewButton, see the ViewButton keyword.

ScreenContent

Pressing and holding MA + X7 | View + X7 | View + X7 | View enters the ScreenContent keyword into the command line.

User name[Fixture]>ScreenContent

For more information about ScreenContent, see the ScreenContent keyword.

Location

X7 | View is located in the command section.

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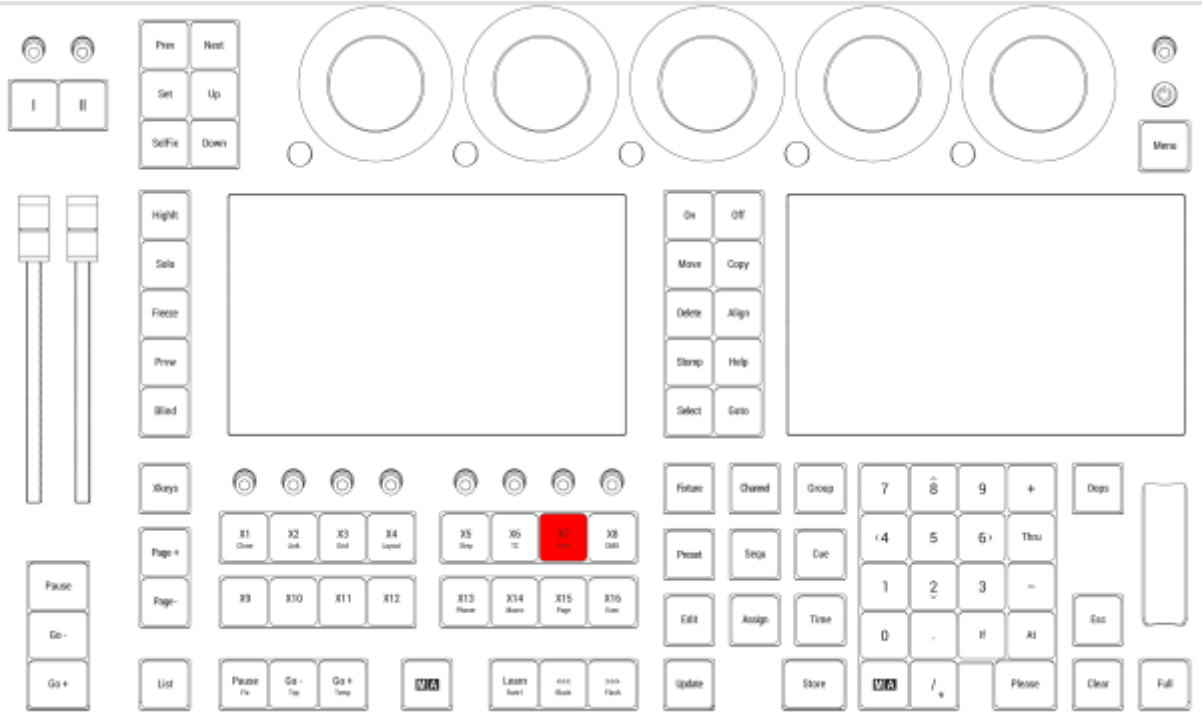

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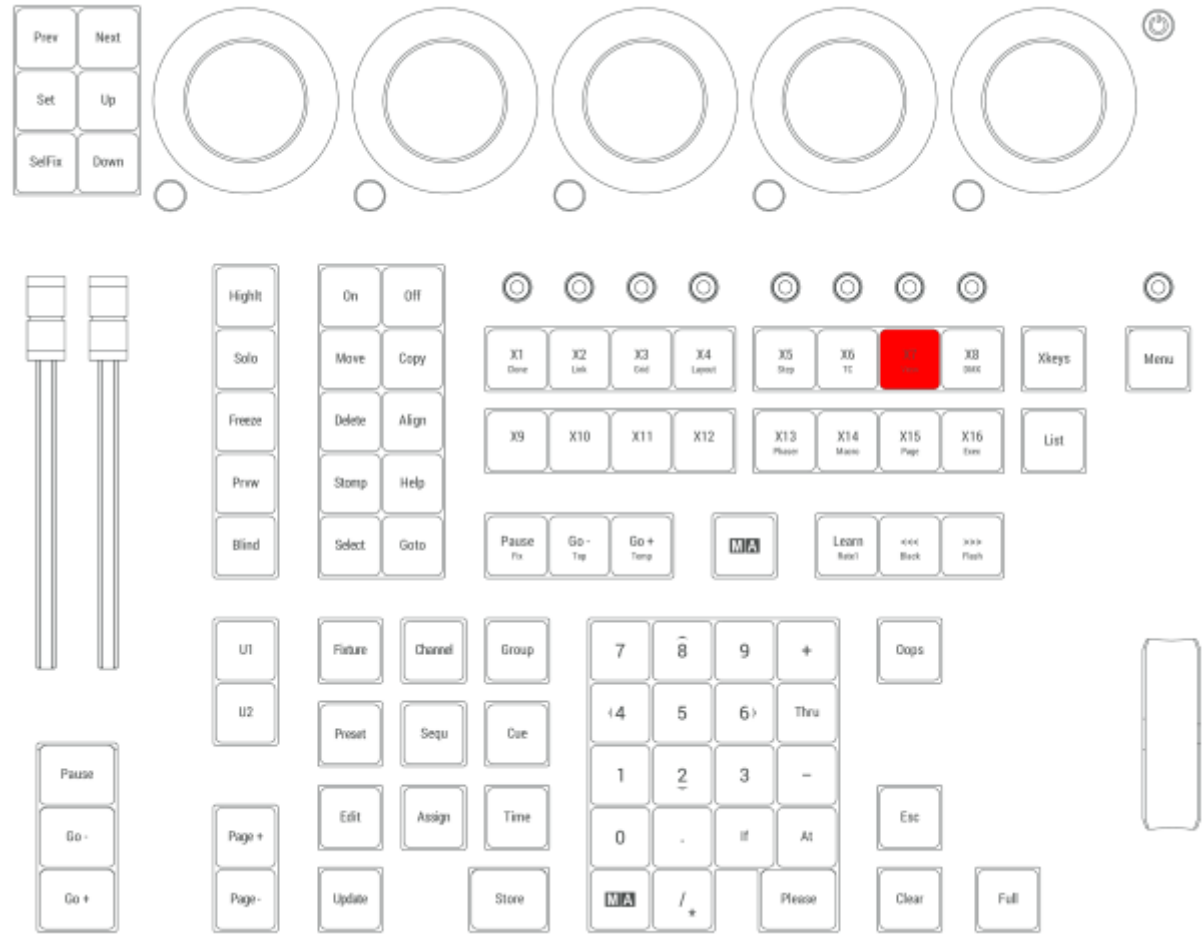

Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.71. X8 | DMX

X8 | DMX is executor 298.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

DMXUniverse

Pressing and holding MA + X8 | DMX enters the DMXUniverse keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>DMXUniverse
```

For more information about DMXUniverse, see the DMXUniverse keyword.

DMXAddress

Pressing and holding MA + X8 | DMX + X8 | DMX enters the DMXAddress keyword into the command line.

```
User name[Fixture]>DMXAddress
```

For more information about DMXAddress, see the DMXAddress keyword.

Location

X8 | DMX is located in the command section.

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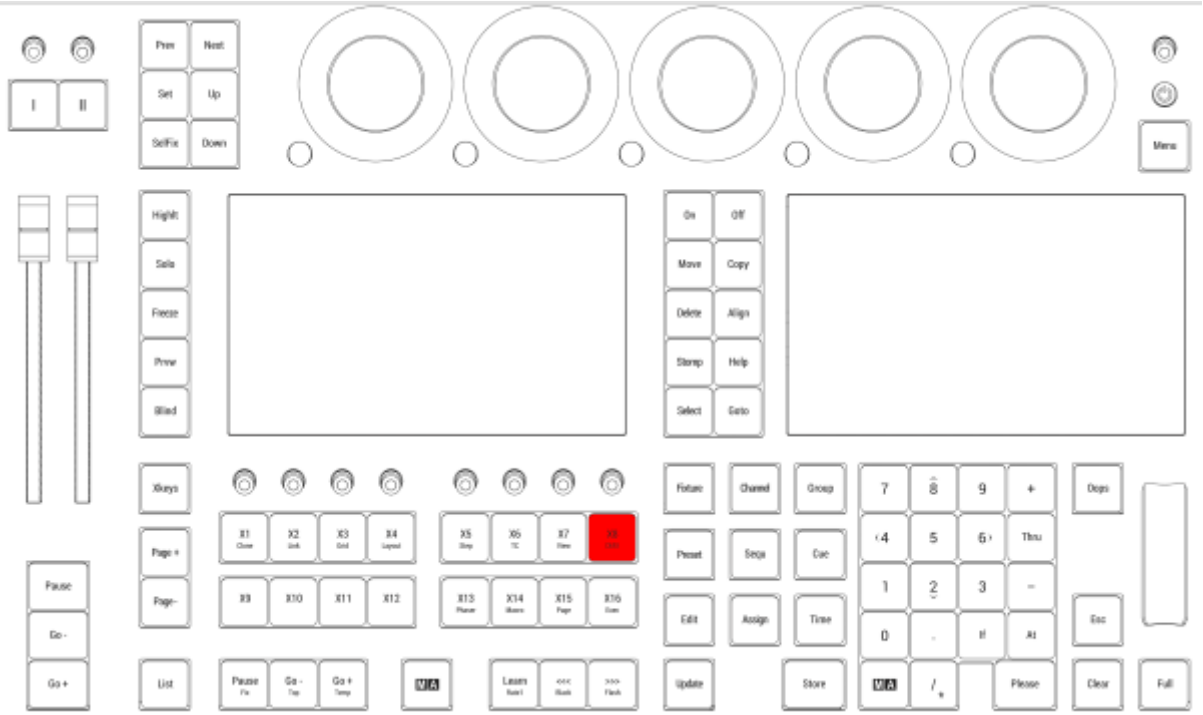
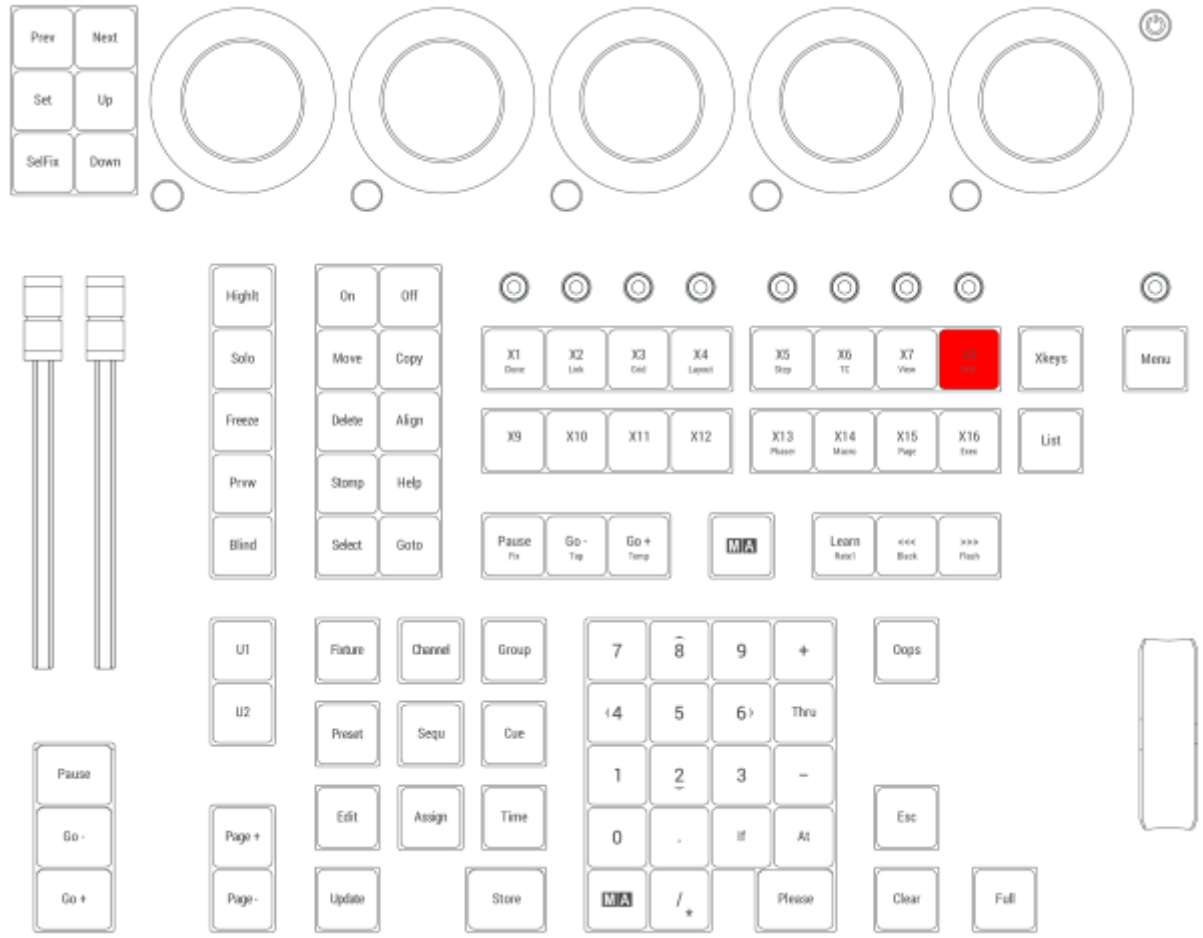


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

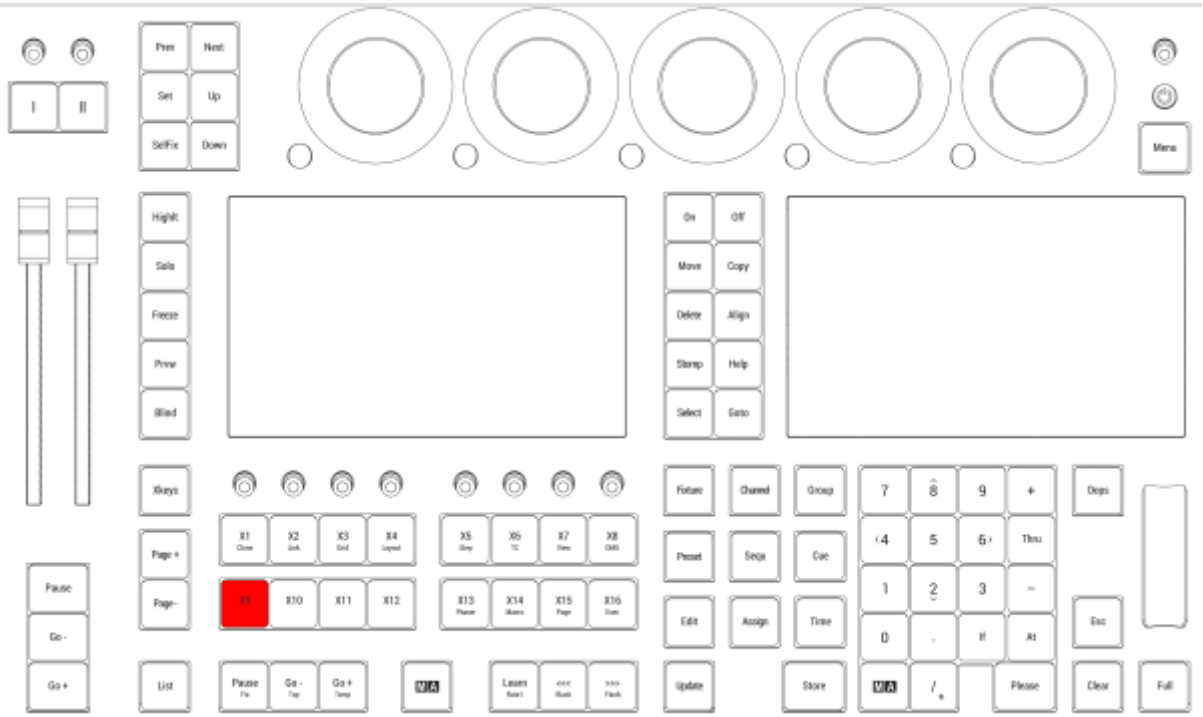
1.3.17.72. X9

X9 is executor 191.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Location

X9 is located in the command section.



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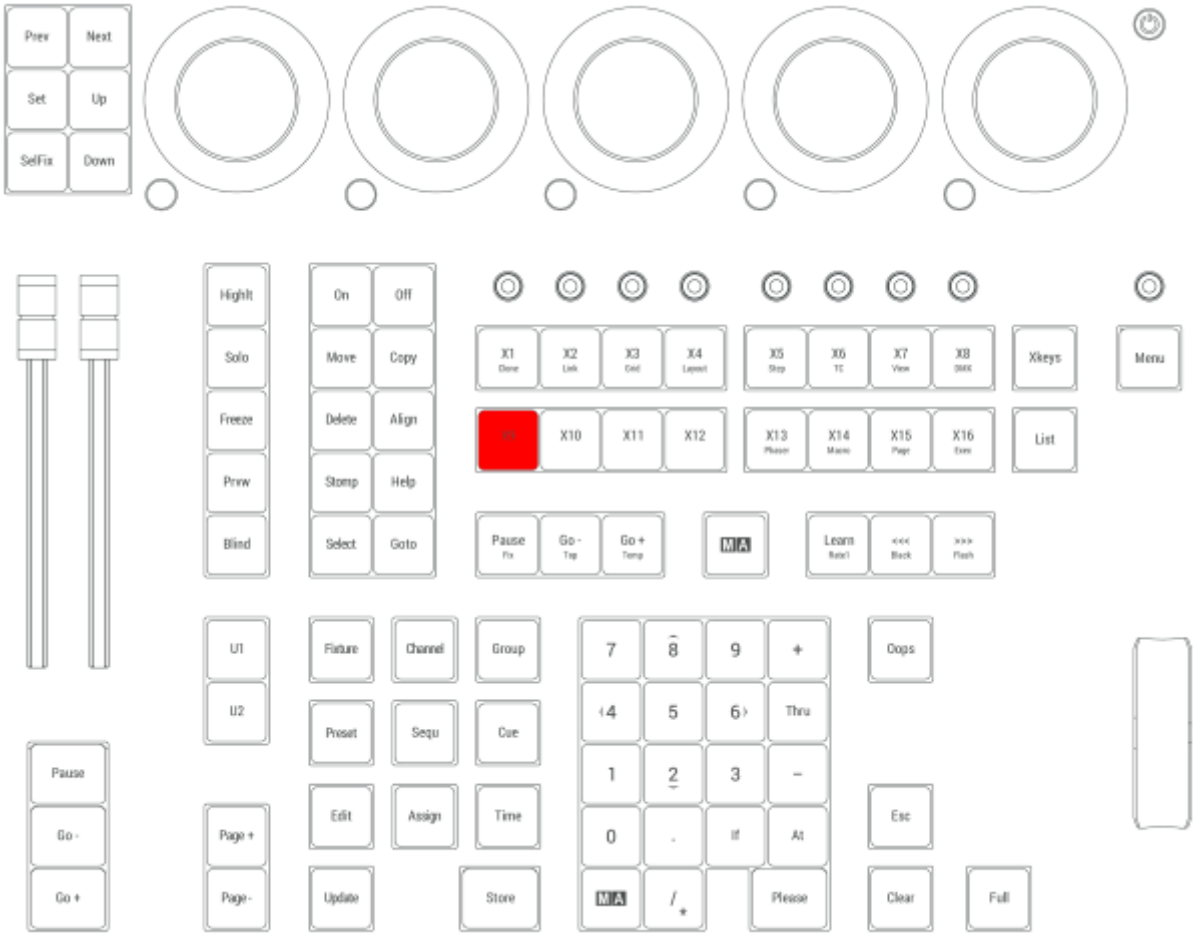

Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.73. X10

X10 is executor 192.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Location

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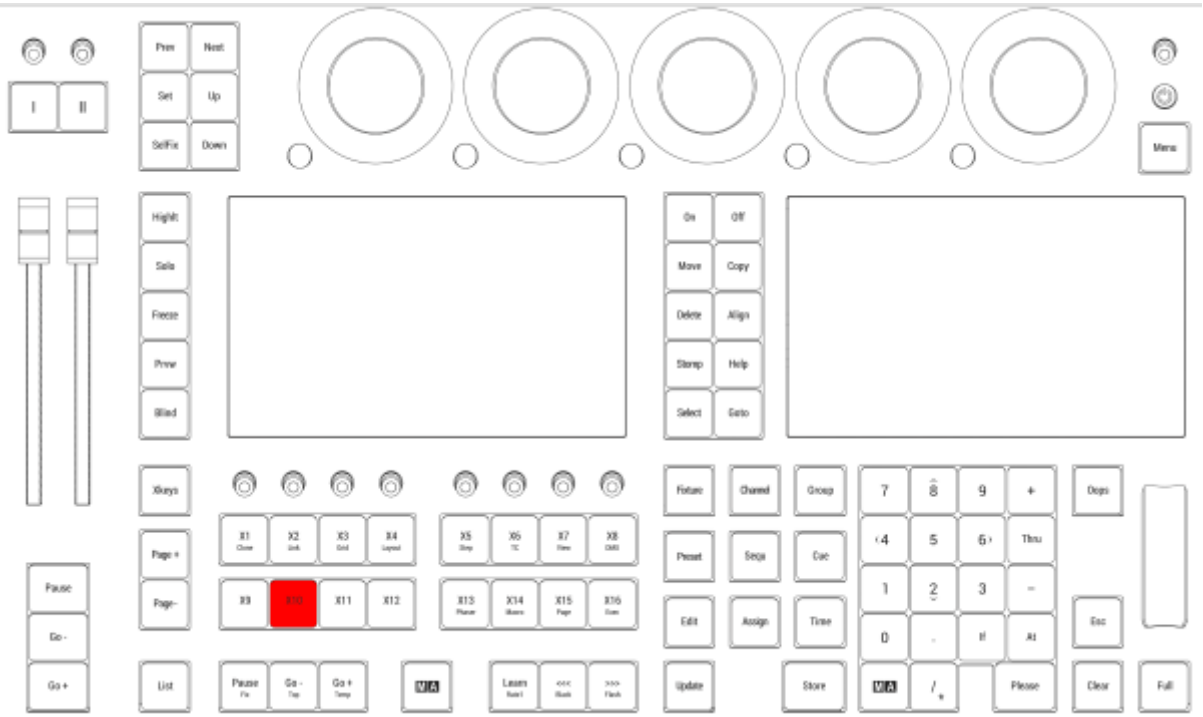
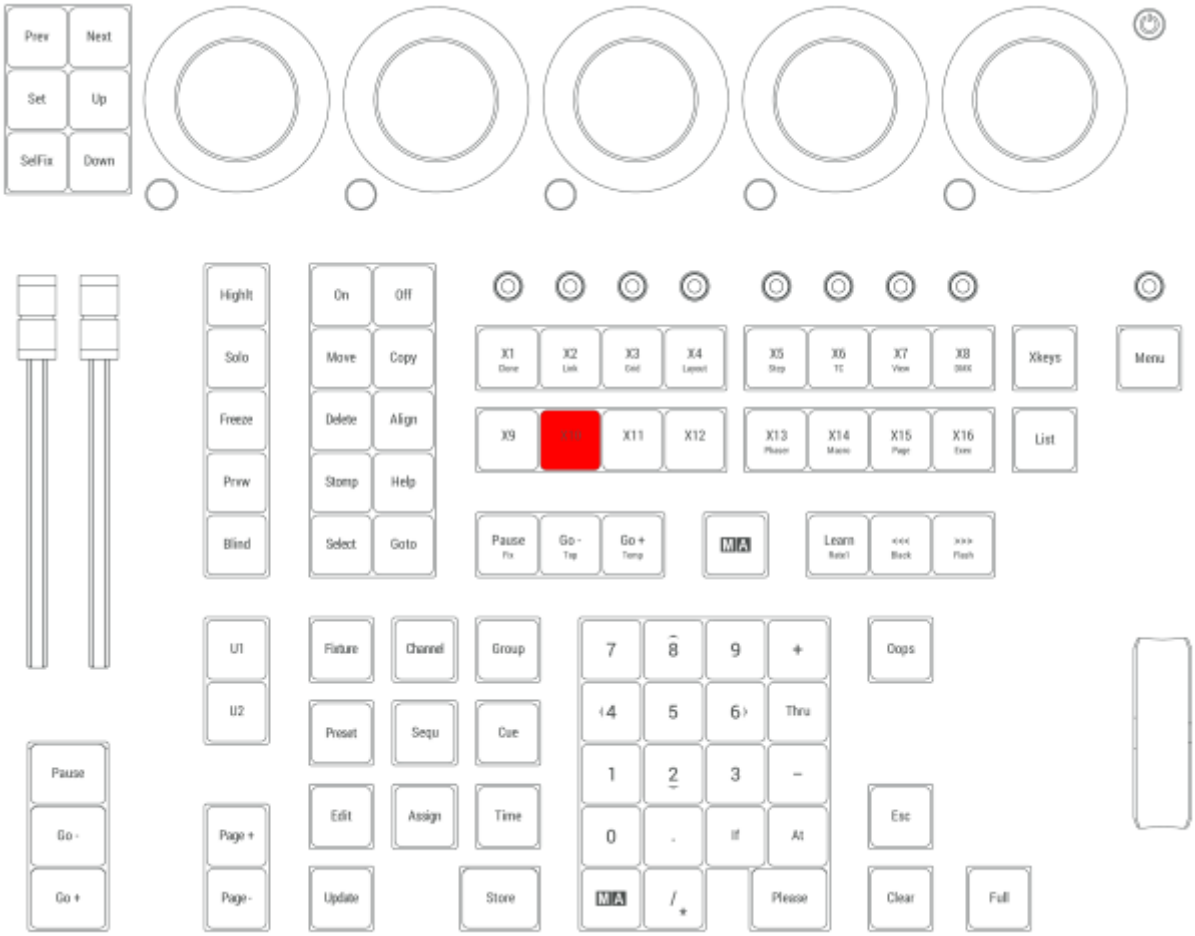


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

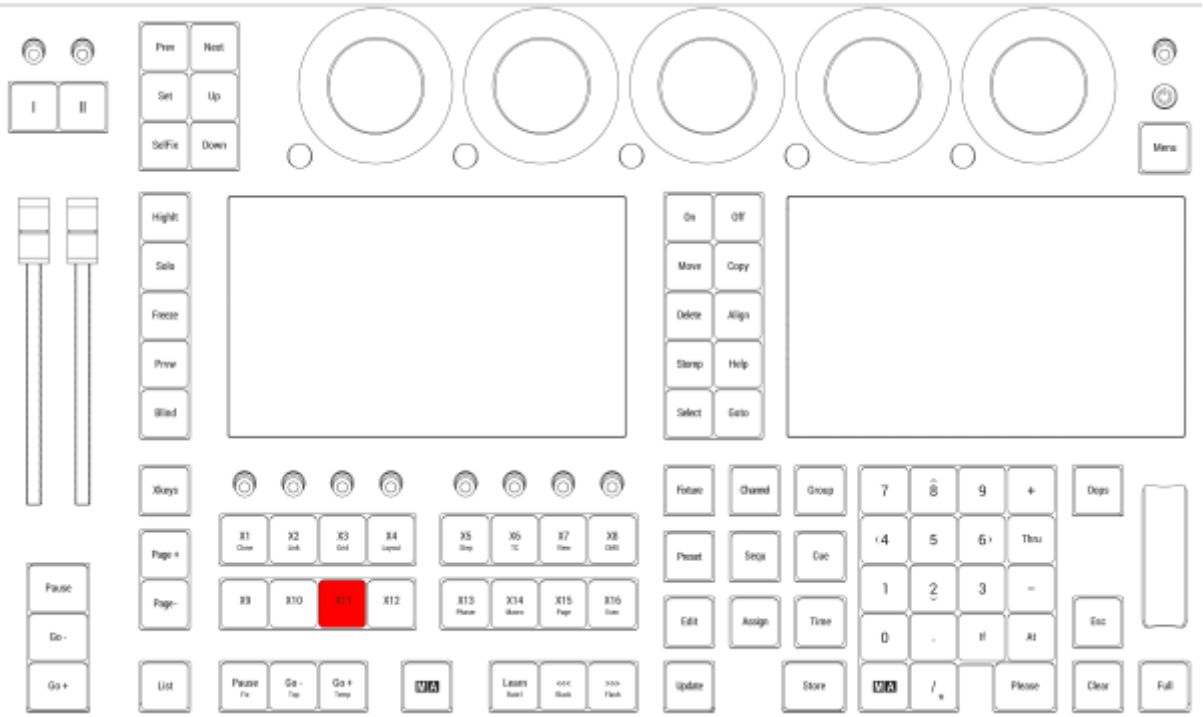
1.3.17.74. X11

X11 is executor 193.

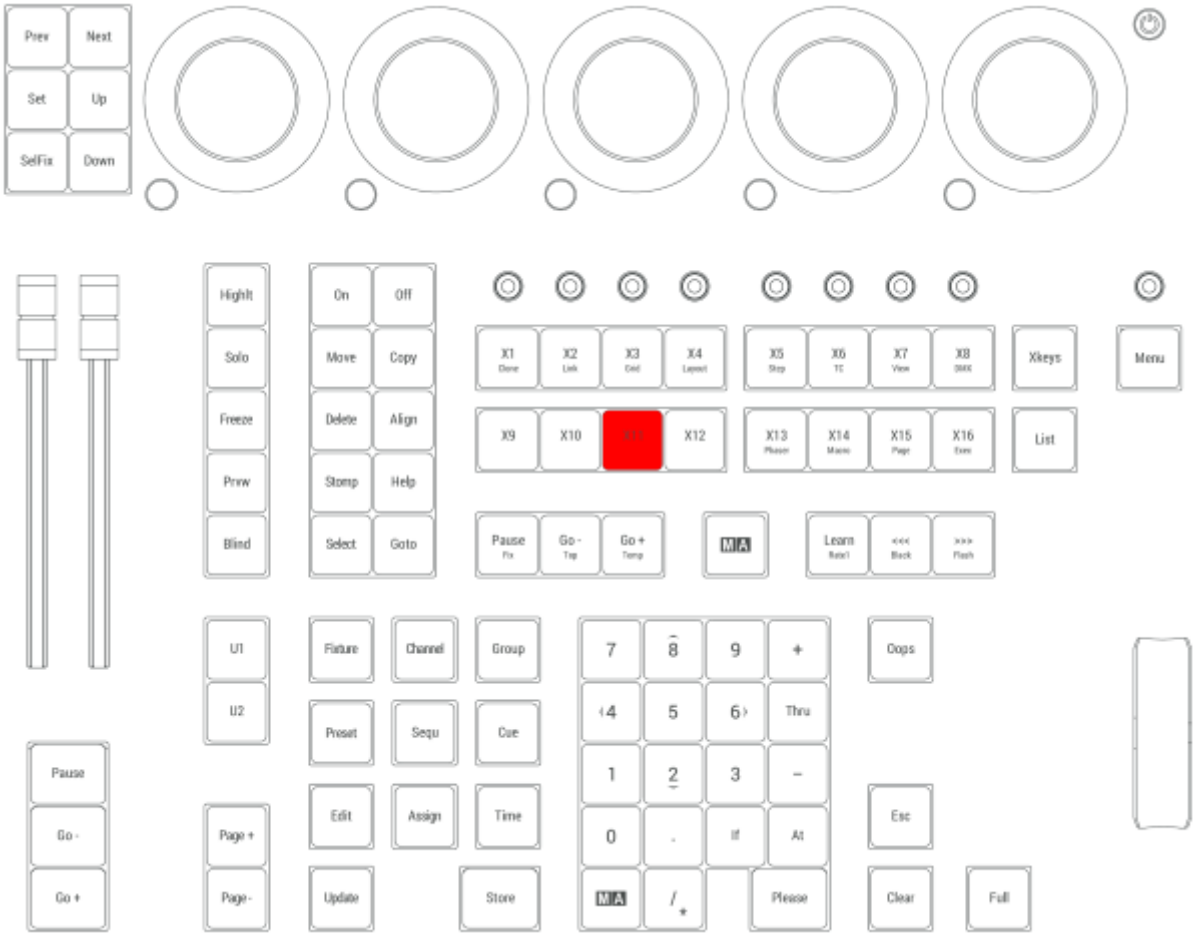
	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Location

X11 is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

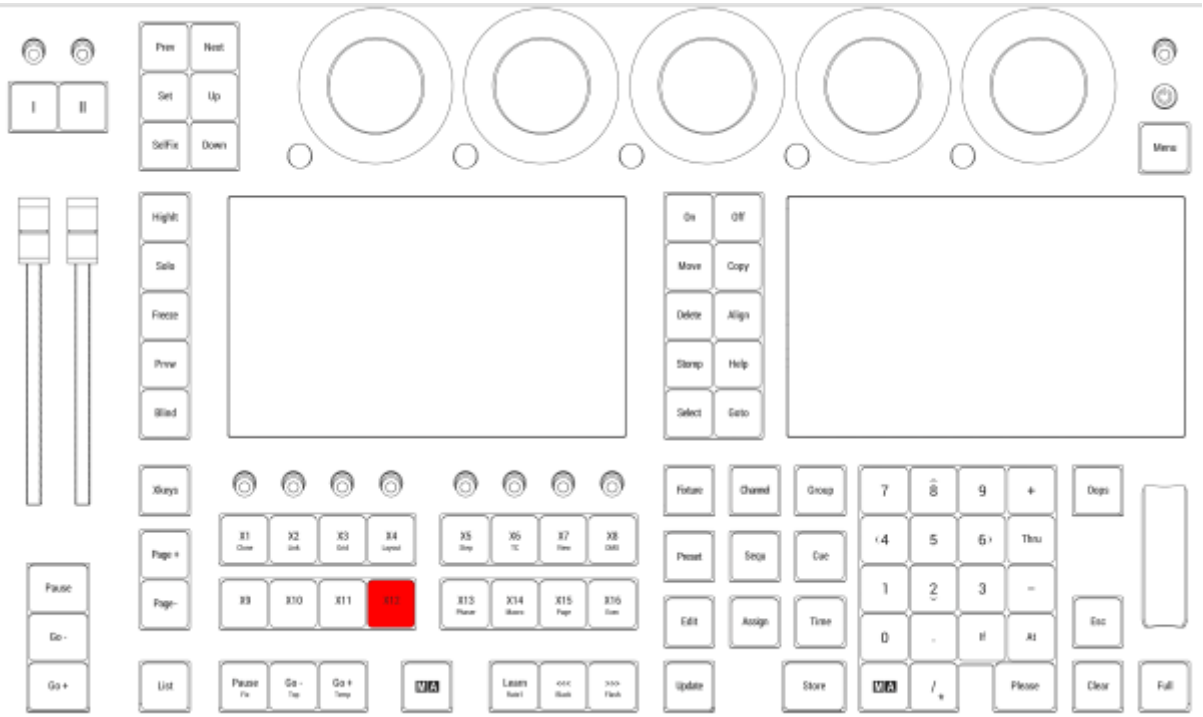
1.3.17.75. X12

X12 is executor 194.

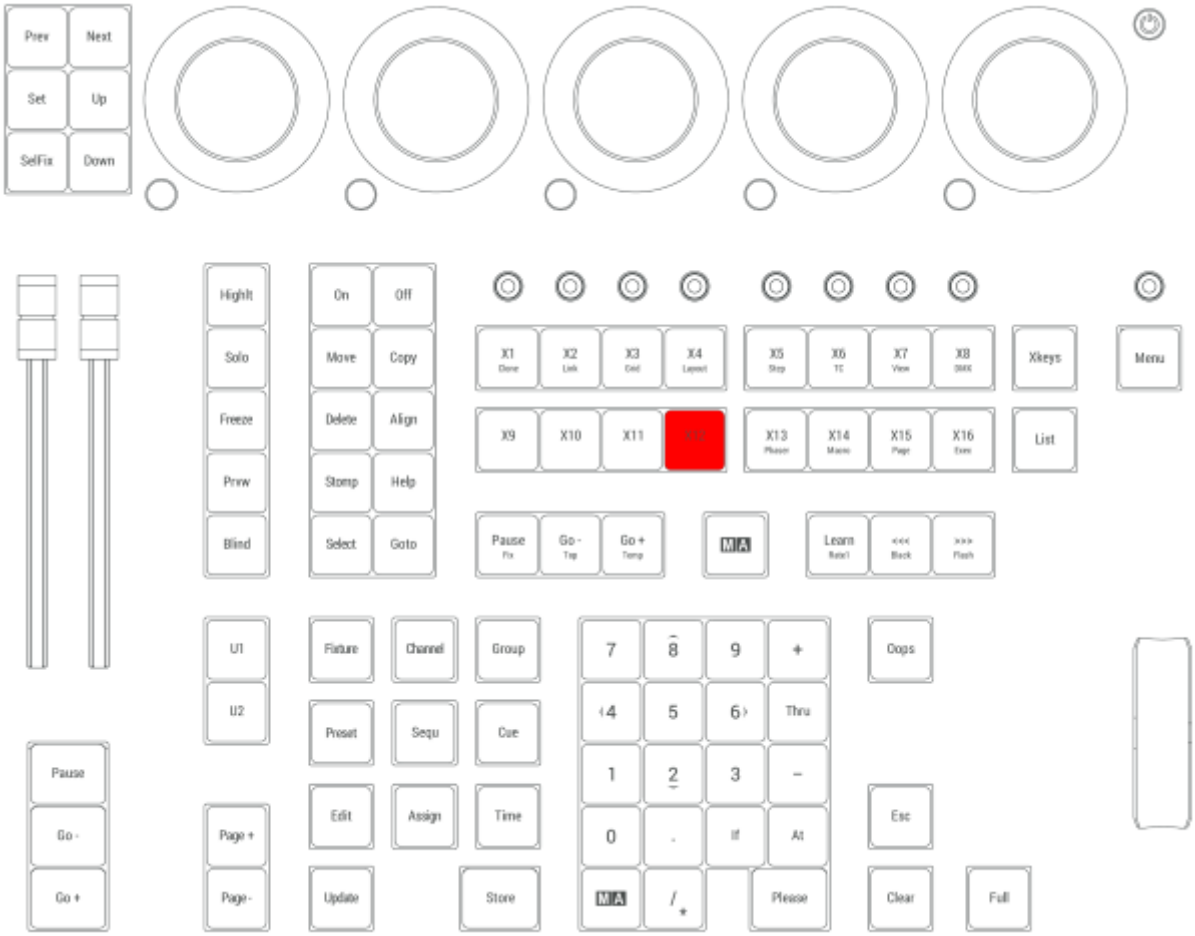
	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Location

X12 is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.76. X13 | Phaser

X13 | Phaser is executor 195.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

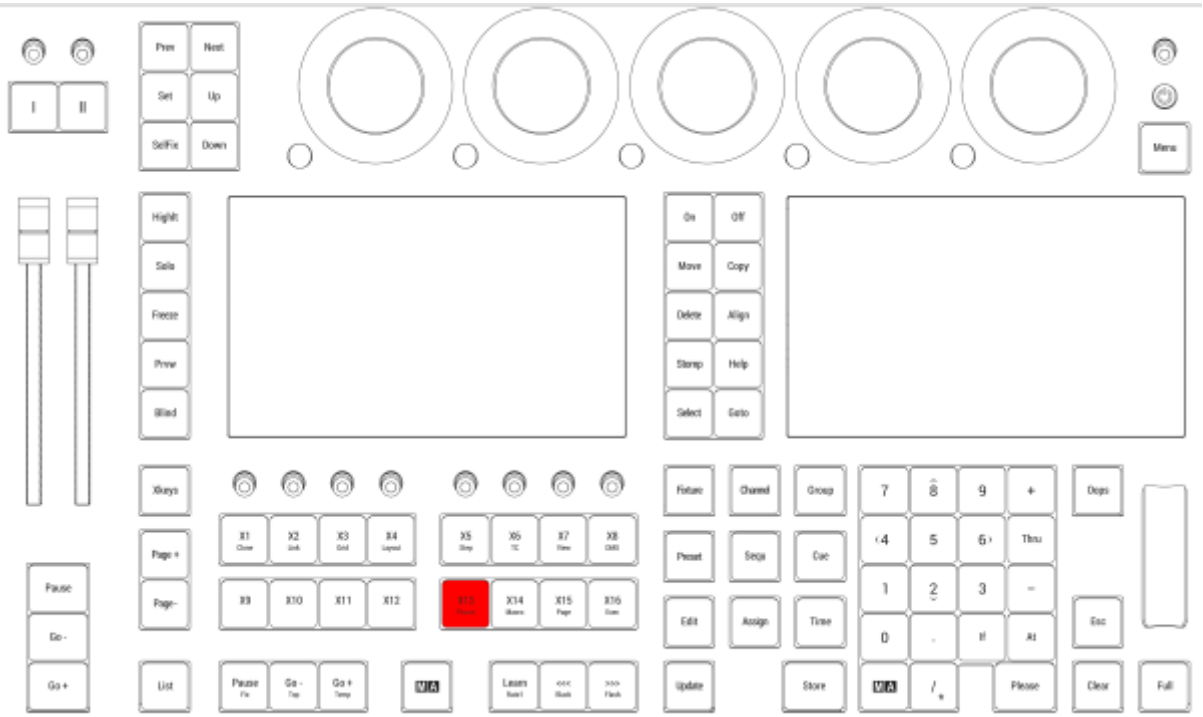
Phaser

Pressing and holding MA + X13 | Phaser opens the Phaser Editor.

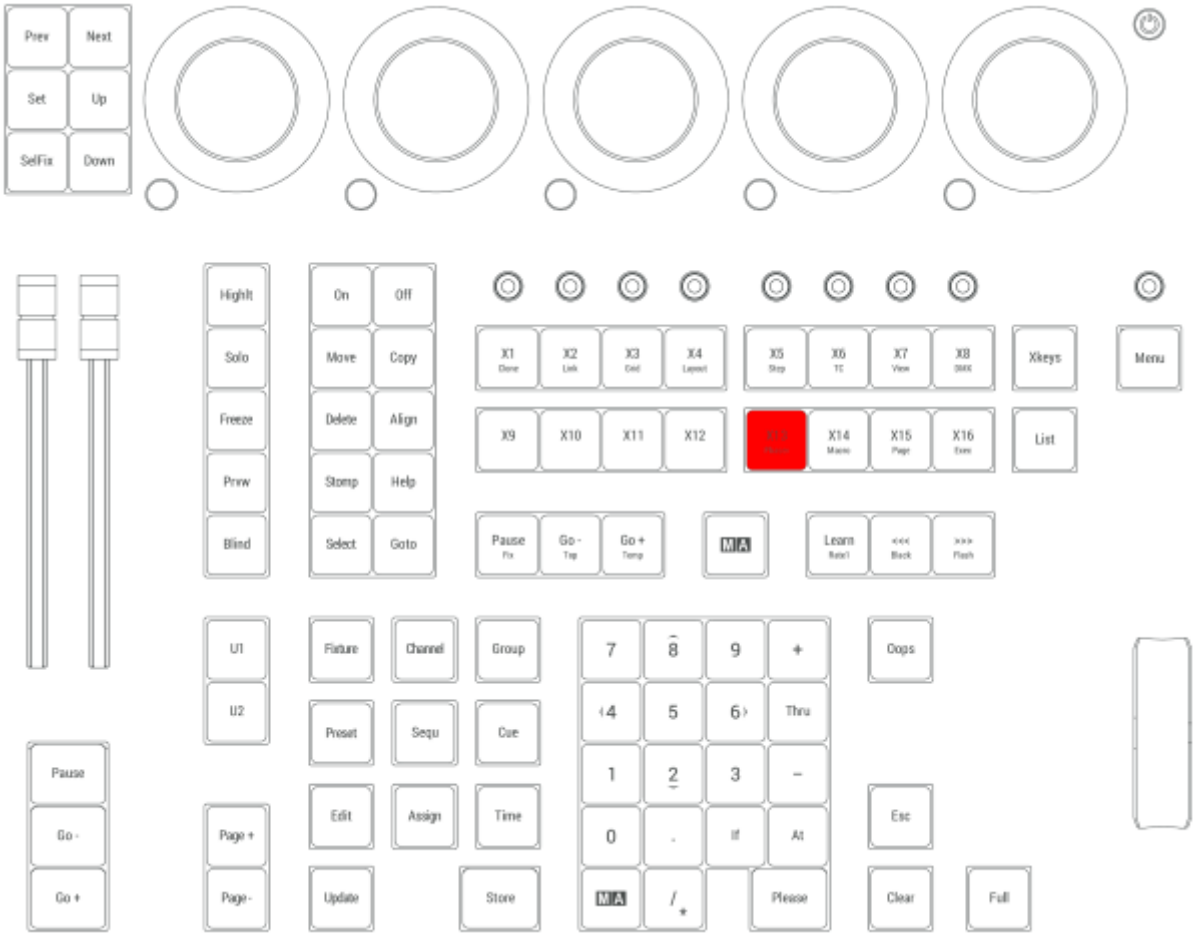
For more information about Phasers, see Phasers and Phaser Editor.

Location

X13 | Phaser is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.77. X14 | Macro

X14 | Macro is executor 196.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Macro

Pressing and holding MA + X14 | Macro enters the Macro keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Macro

For more information about Macro, see the Macro keyword.

Plugin

Pressing and holding MA + X14 | Macro + X14 | Macro enters the Plugin keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Plugin

For more information about Plugin, see the Plugin keyword.

Quickey

Pressing and holding MA + X14 | Macro + X14 | Macro + X14 | Macro enters the Quickey keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Quickey

For more information about Quickey, see the Quickey keyword.

Location

X14 | Macro is located in the command section.

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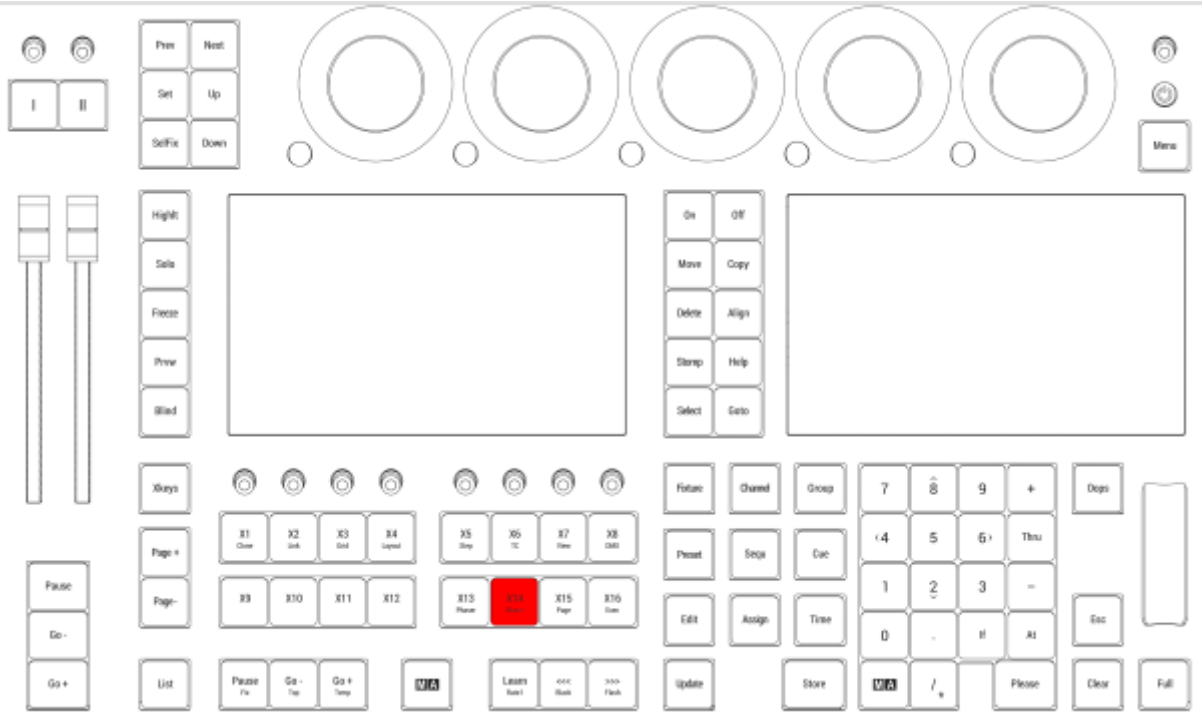
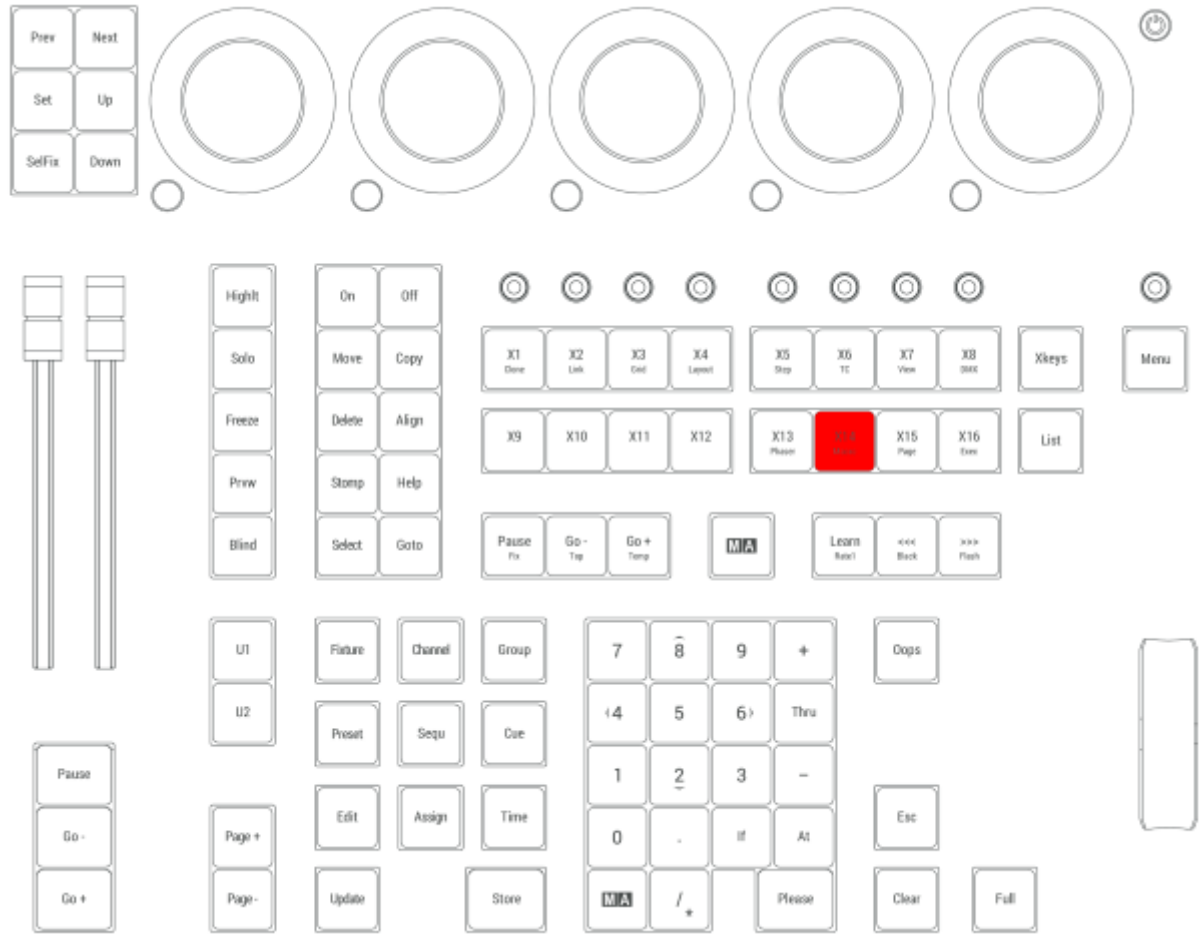


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.78. X15 | Page

X15 | Page is executor 197.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Page

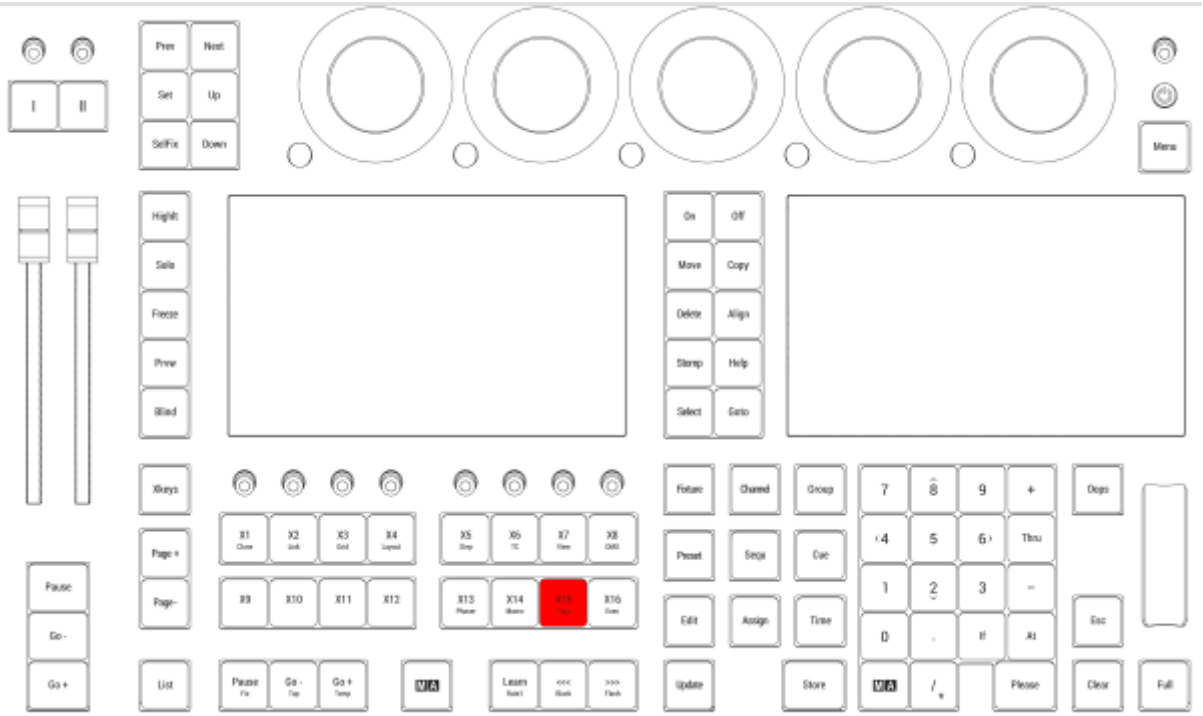
Pressing and holding MA + X15 | Page enters the Page keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Page

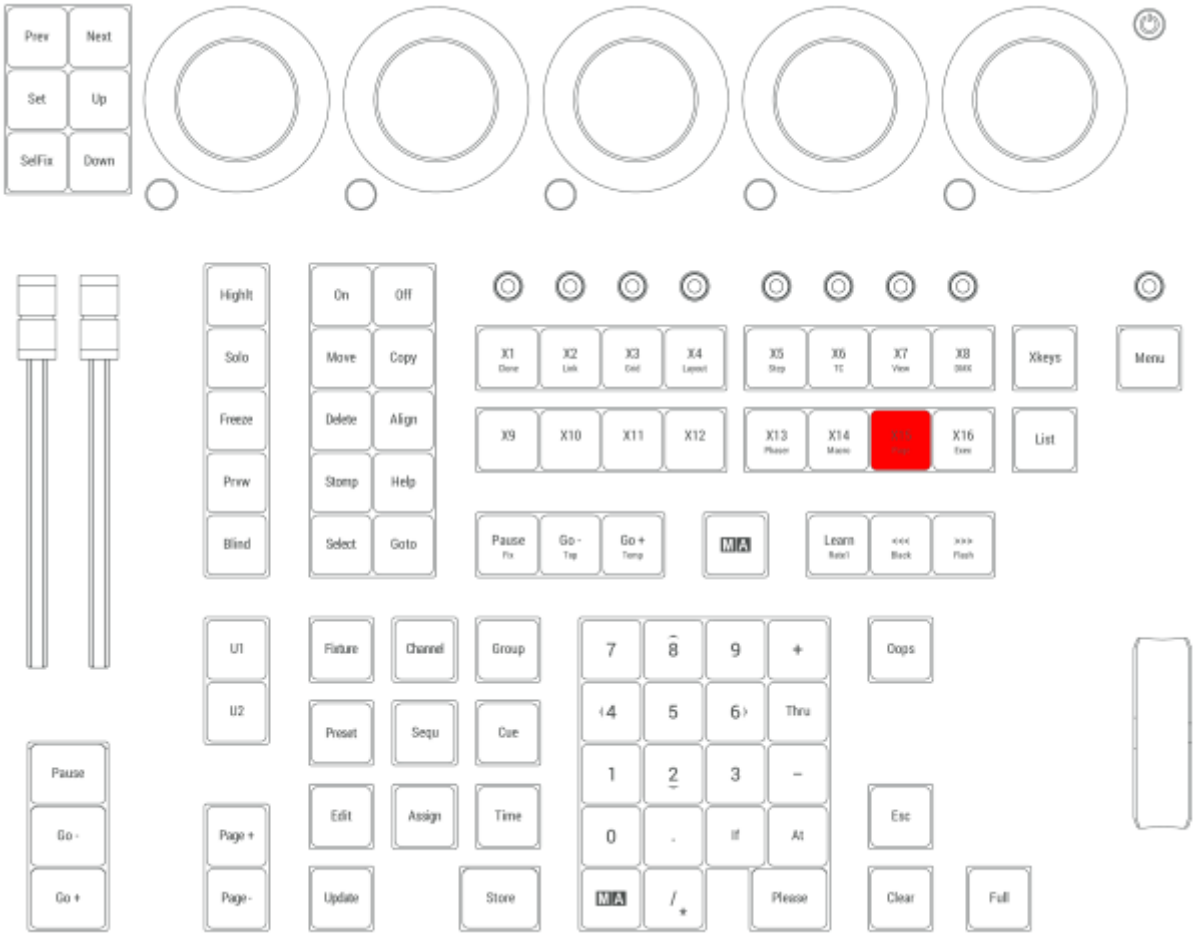
For more information about Page, see the Page keyword.

Location

X15 | Page is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.17.79. X16 | Exec

X16 | Exec is executor 198.

	Hint:
	All Xkeys behave like executors.

Executor

Pressing and holding MA + X16 | Exec enters the Executor keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Executor

For more information about Executor, see the Executor keyword.

SpecialExecutor

Pressing and holding MA + X16 | Exec + X16 | Exec enters the SpecialExecutor keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>SpecialExecutor

For more information about SpecialExecutor, see the SpecialExecutor keyword.

FaderMaster

Pressing and holding MA + X16 | Exec + X16 | Exec + X16 | Exec enters the FaderMaster keyword into the command line.

MA	User name[Fixture]>FaderMaster

For more information about FaderMaster, see the FaderMaster keyword.

Location

X16 | Exec is located in the command section.

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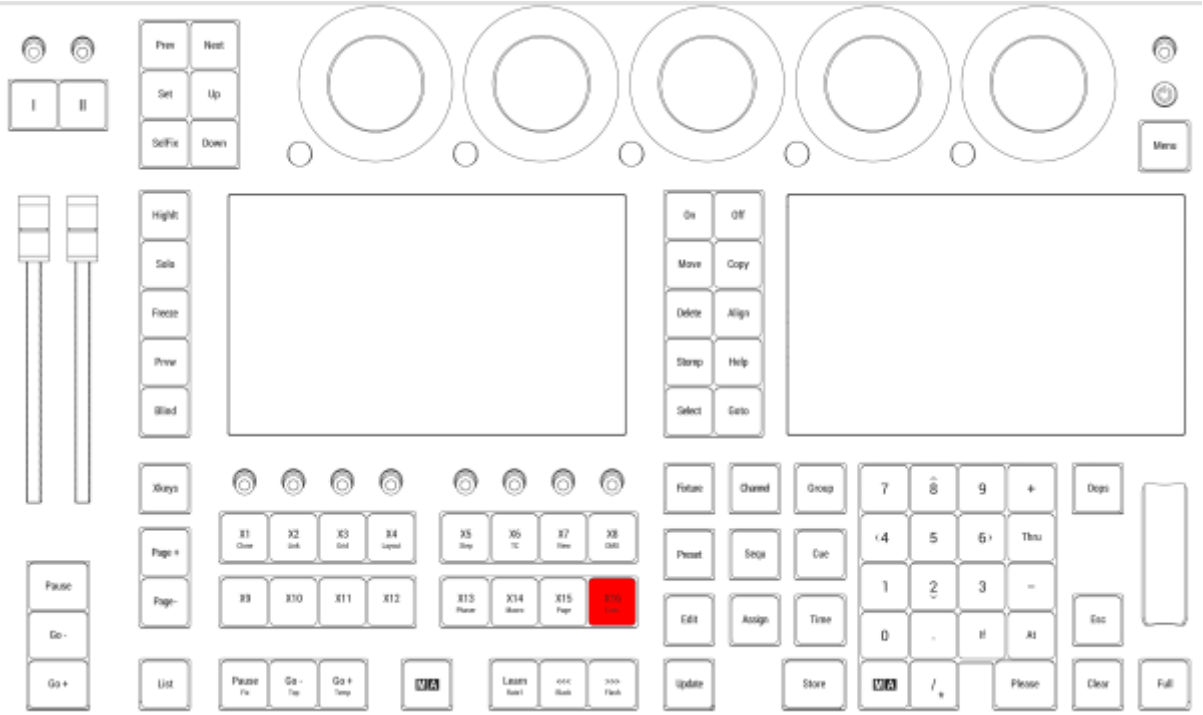
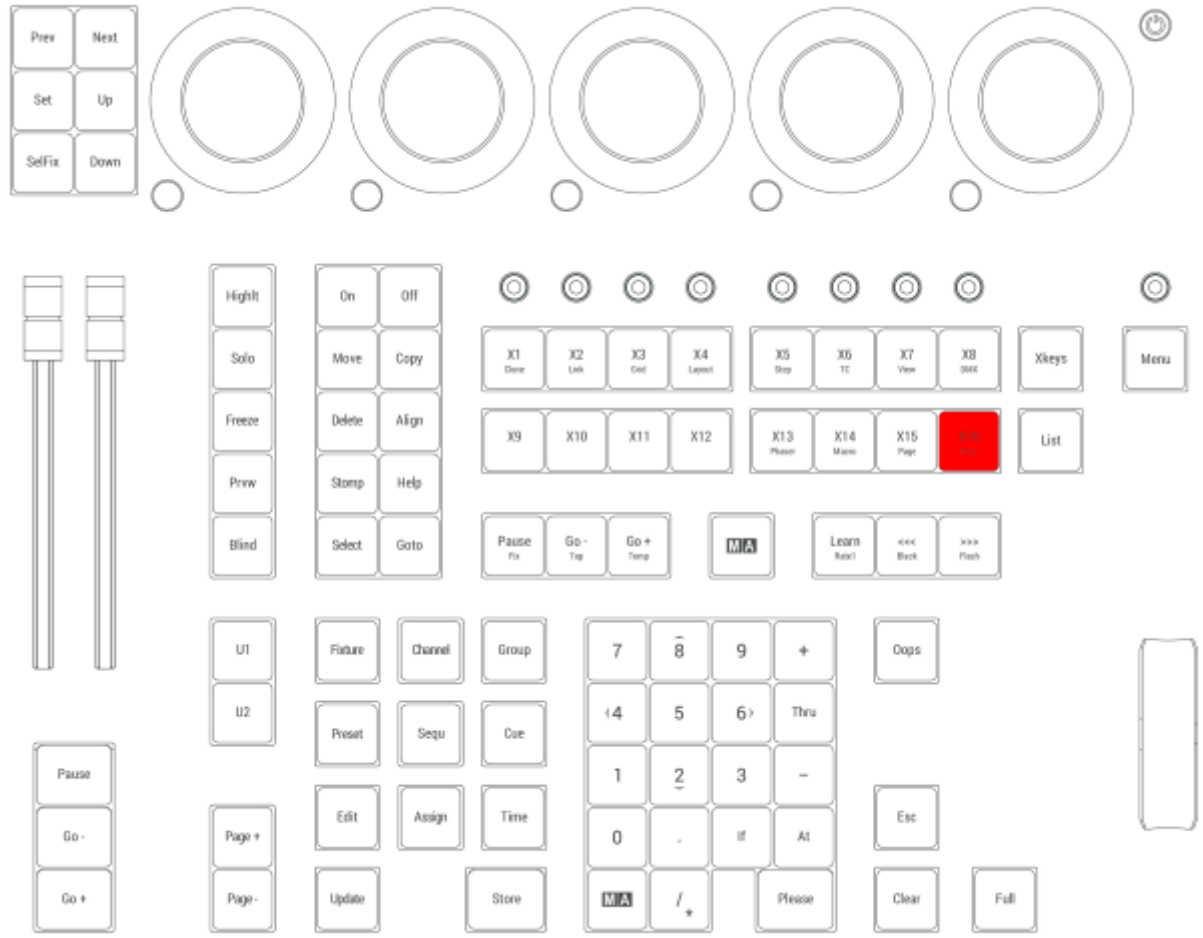


Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

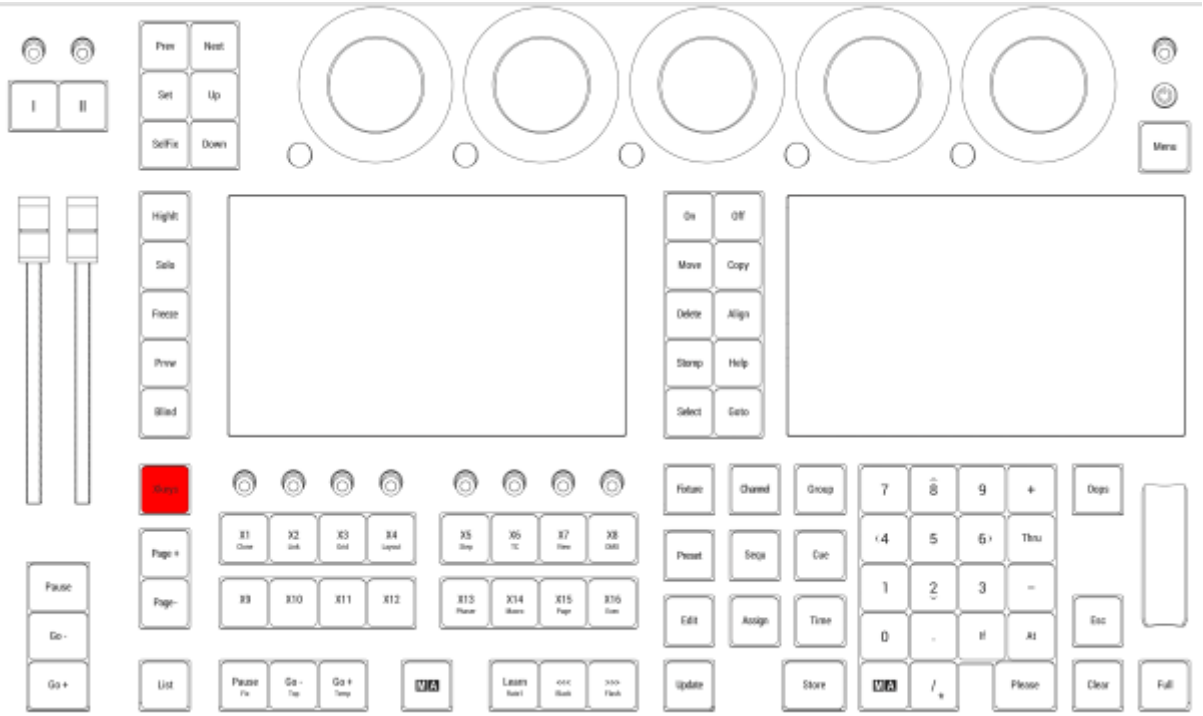
1.3.17.80. Xkeys

Pressing Xkeys enters the Xkeys keyword into the command line.

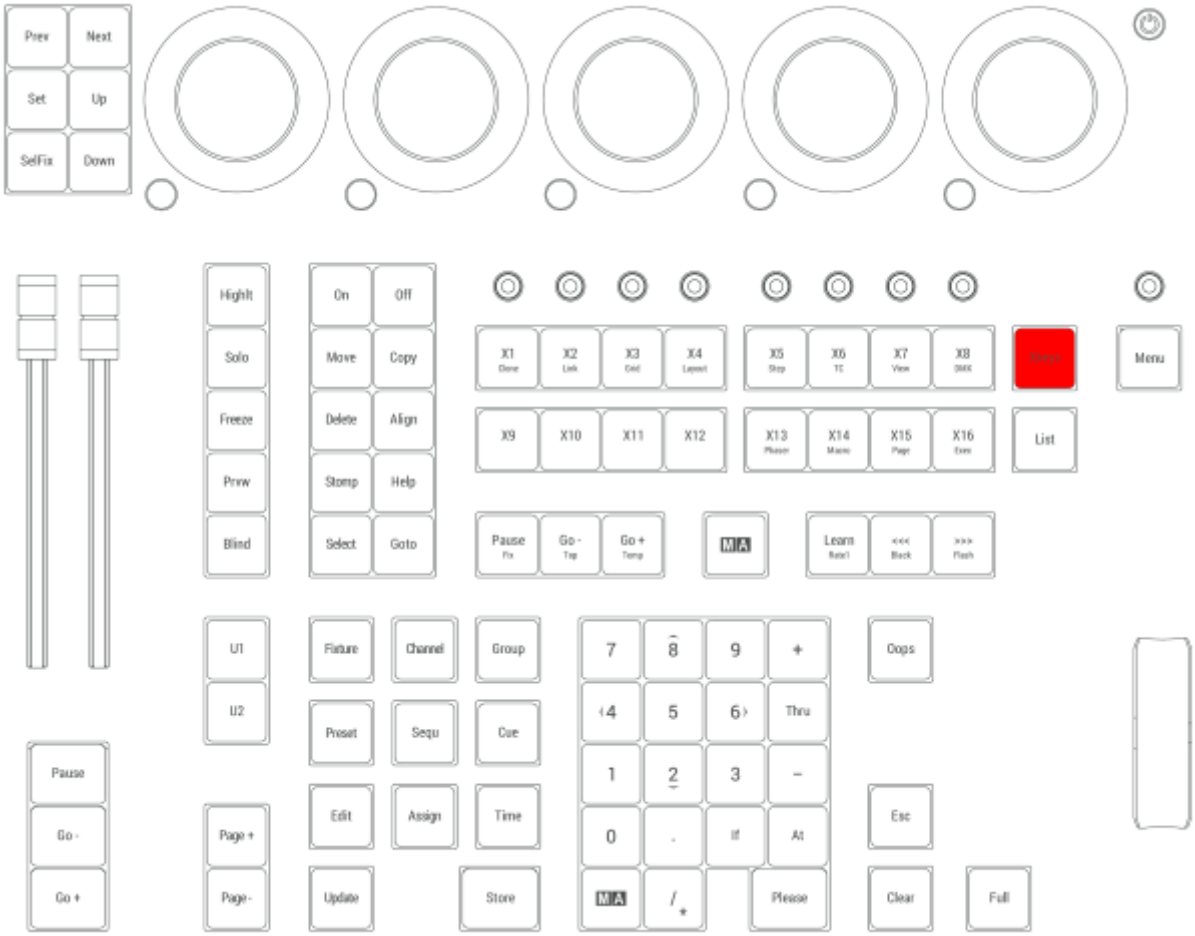
User name[Fixture]>XKeys

Location

Xkeys is located in the command section.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.18. Control Elements

Control Elements

The following chapters describe the different control elements of the grandMA3 devices.

Each chapter uses drawings of the grandMA3 product for visualization.

Control elements described in the chapters are marked in red.

Subtopics

- Command Area
- Master Area
- Custom Area
- Dual Encoders
- Level Wheel
- Grand Master
- Executor Elements

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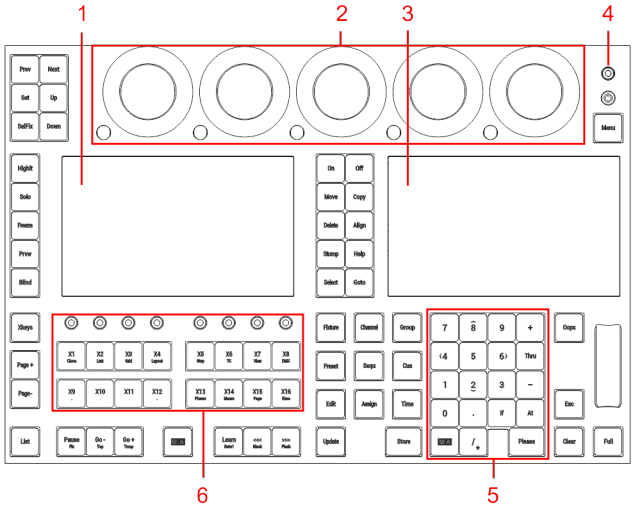
1.3.18.1. Command Area

grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and grandMA3 light (CRV)



Command area of *grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and grandMA3 light (CRV)*

1. Left command screen
2. Dual encoder section
3. Right command screen
4. Grand master
5. Number pad
6. Xkeys section

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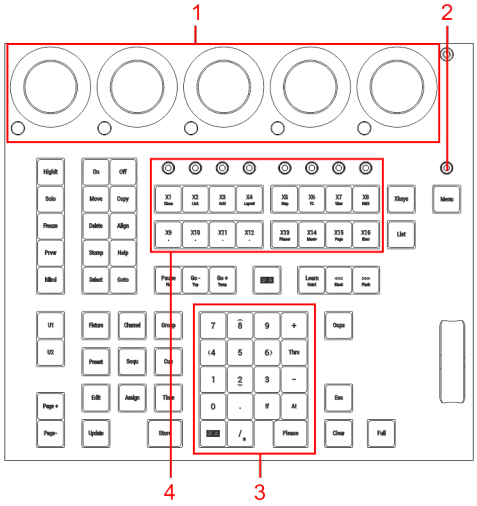
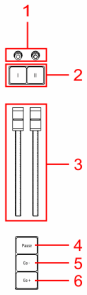
grandMA3 compact (XT) and grandMA3 onPC command wing (XT)



Command area of *grandMA3 compact (XT) and grandMA3 onPC command wing (XT)*

1. Dual encoder section
2. Grand master
3. Number pad
4. Xkeys section

1.3.18.2. Master Area



Master area *grandMA3 full-size (CRV)*

1. Master knobs 1+2
2. Master keys 1+2
3. Master faders 1+2
4. Pause key
5. Go- key
6. Go+ key

Go+, Go- and Pause

The Go+ [Large] key, the Go- [Large] key, and the Pause [Large] key are located in the lower part of the master area. These keys execute the Go+, Go- or Pause command for the selected sequence.

For more information, see Go+[Large] key, Go-[Large] key, o rPause[Large] key.

Master Fader 1 and Master Fader 2

The two faders in the master area are master fader 1 and master fader 2.

By default, master fader 1 is set to the master function for the selected sequence.

By default, master fader 2 is set to the crossfade function for the selected sequence.

To change the function of the faders, read the Assign Key and the Custom Master Section.

Master Key 1 and Master Key 2, Master Knob 1 and Master Knob 2

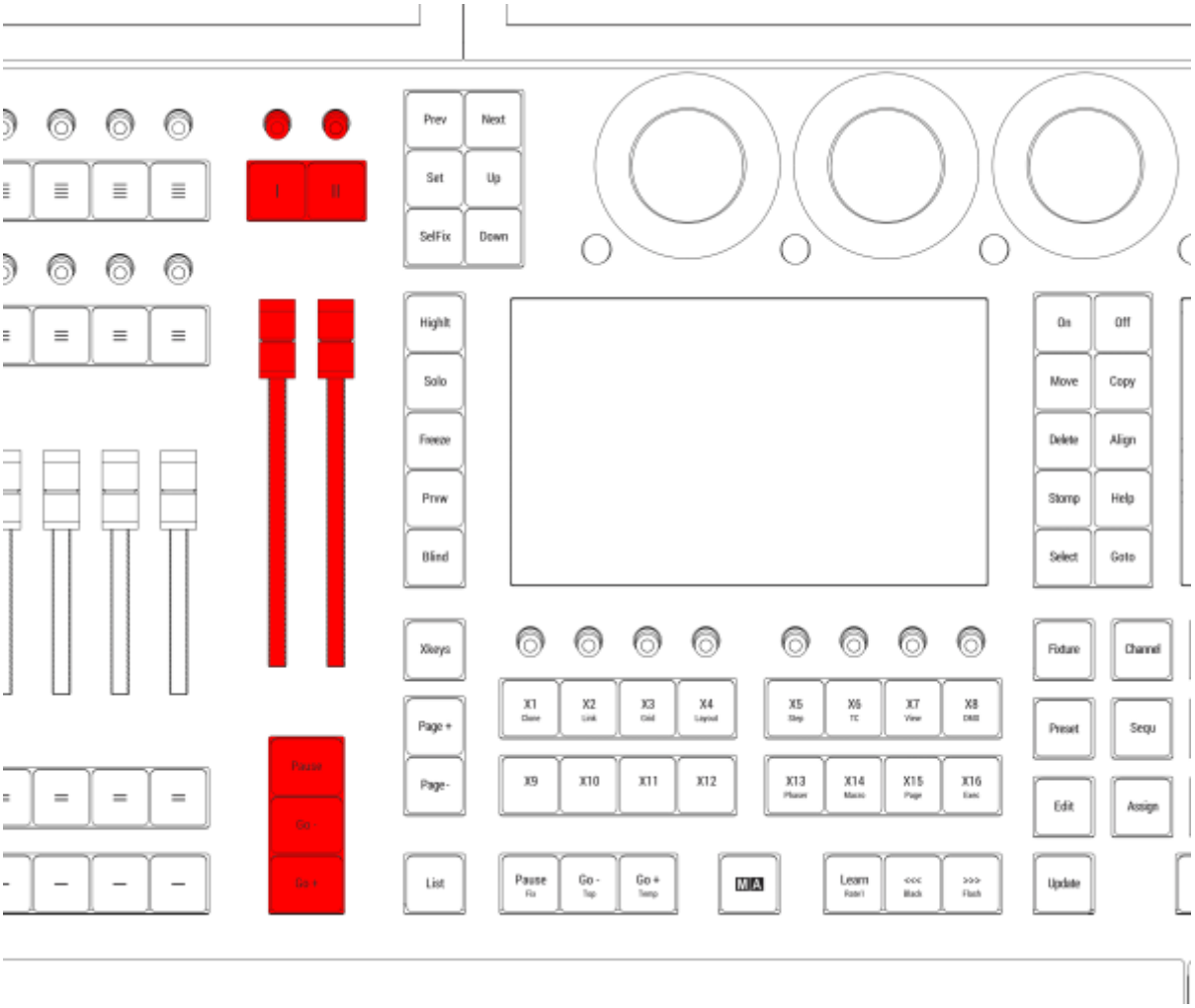
	Restriction:
	Master keys and master knobs are only available on grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and grandMA3 light (CRV) consoles.

The master keys 1+2 and the master knobs 1+2 are located in the upper part of the master area.

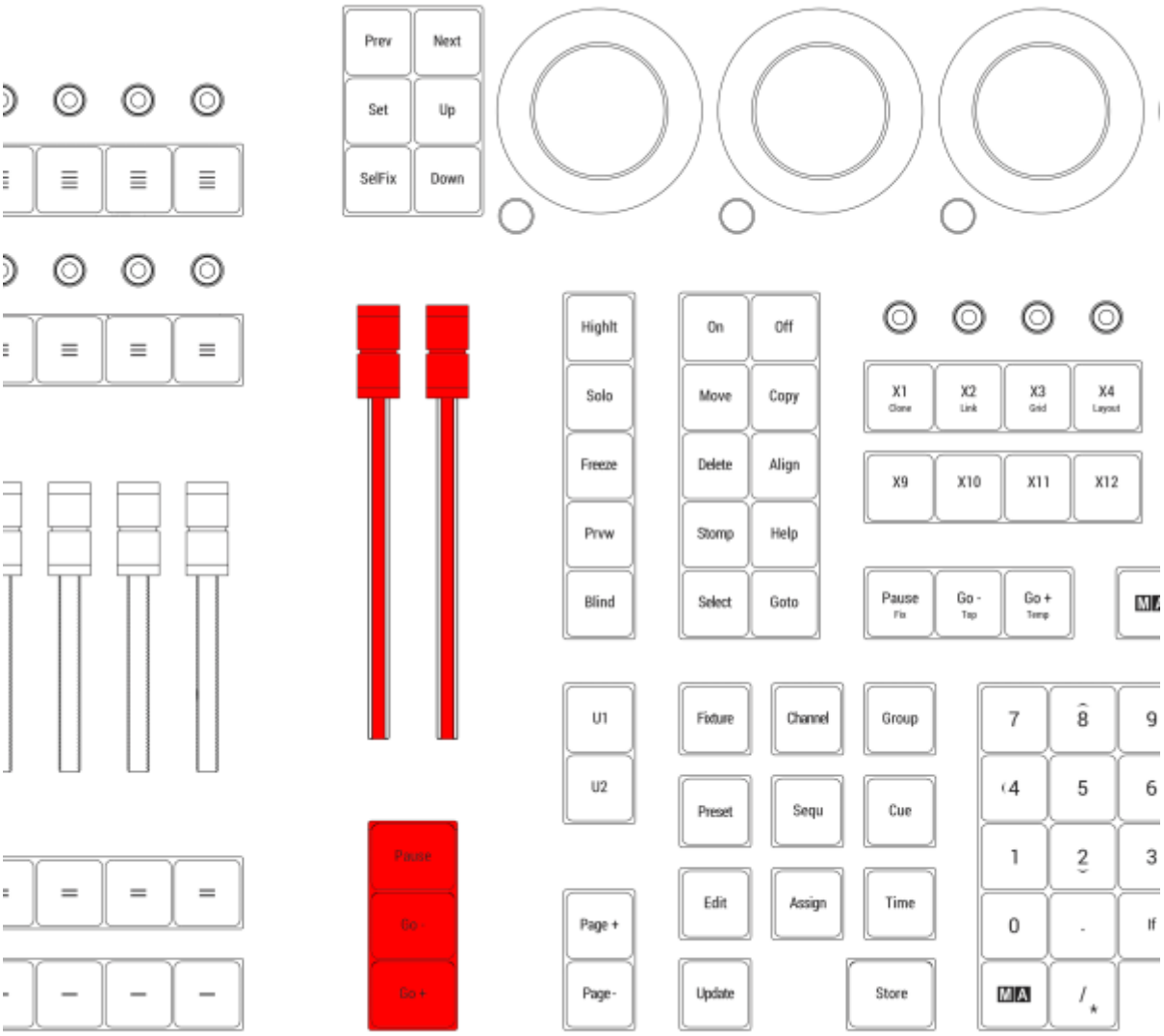
By default, these are set to toggle Highlight and Solo on and off and set the intensity of these.

To change the function of these buttons and knobs, please read the topics Special Executors and Assign Object to an Executor.

The master area is located between the command area and the executor area.



Location on grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and grandMA3 light (CRV) consoles

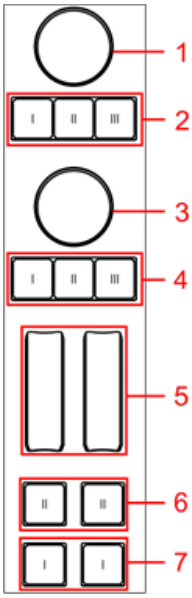


Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wings

1.3.18.3. Custom Area

	Restriction:
	The custom area is only available on grandMA3 full-size, grandMA3 full-size CRV, and grandMA3 extension consoles.

Custom Area



Custom area

1. Upper encoder
2. Upper encoder keys 1-3
3. Lower encoder
4. Lower encoder keys 1-3
5. Wheels 1+2
6. Wheels 1+2 upper keys
7. Wheels 1+2 lower keys

For more information on how to change the function of these control elements, see Special Executors.

1.3.18.4. Dual Encoders

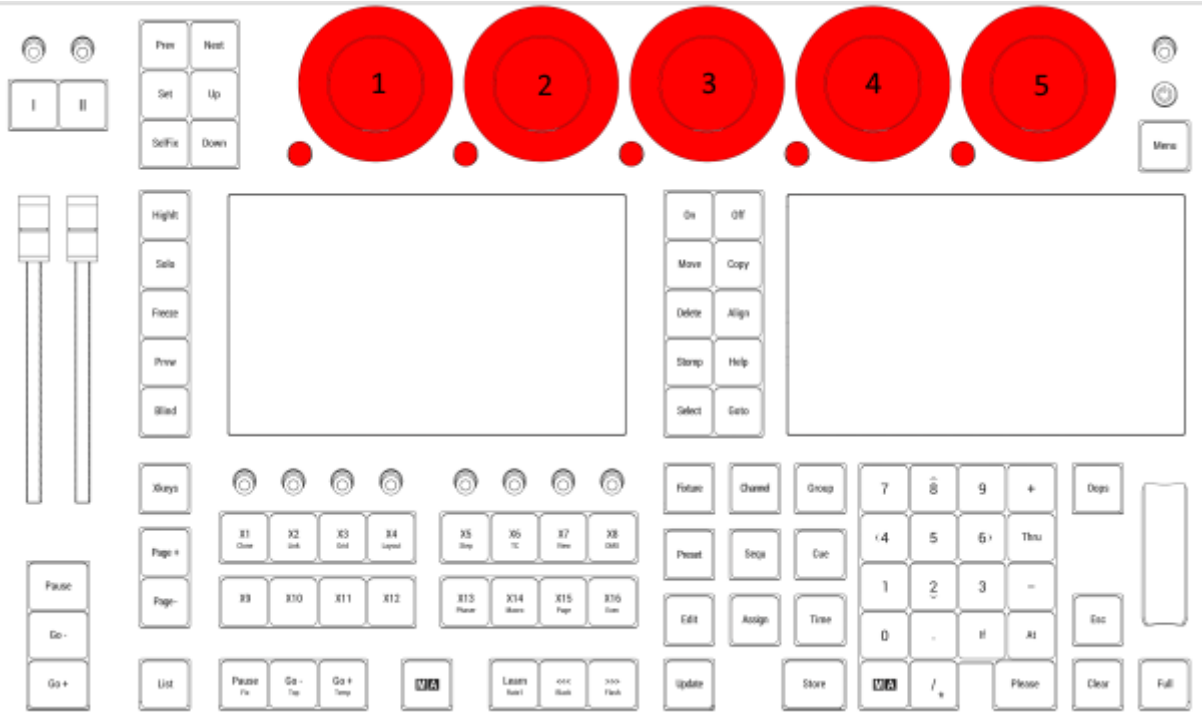
The five dual encoders are used to adjust the different attributes of the fixtures. There are four different actions on the encoders:

- Turn the inner ring to adjust the attribute "Coarse".
- Turn the outer ring to adjust the attribute "Fine".
- Press the inner ring to open a calculator to type in the value.
- Press and turn the inner ring to adjust the attribute "Coarse" with a higher speed.
- Press the dual encoder key to open a calculator to type in the value. The dual encoder key replaces the press function of the outer ring.

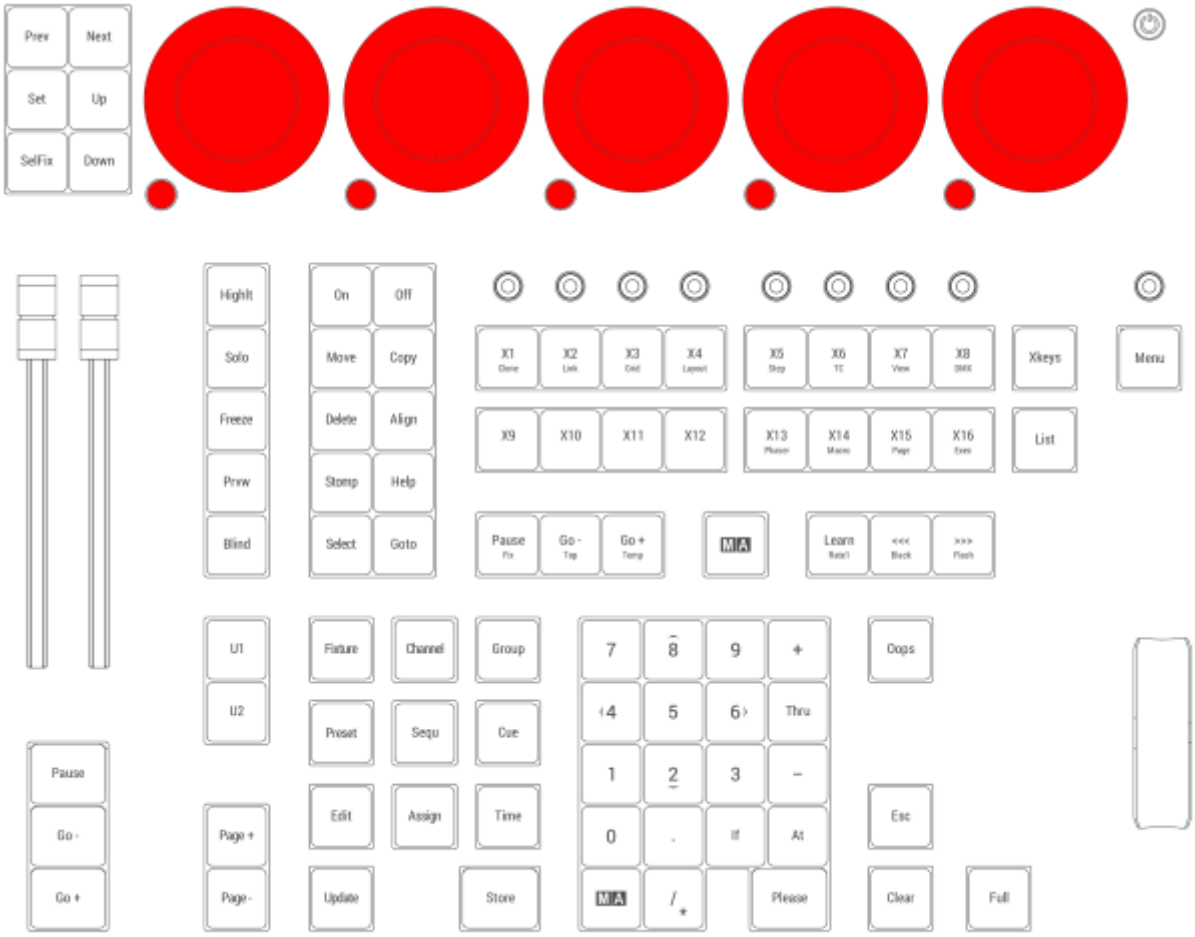
	Hint:
	For more information, see Readout Keyword and Encoder Resolution.

These encoders are placed above the command section.

You can define a customized encoder bar in the grandMA3 software. For more information, see Encoder Bar Pool.



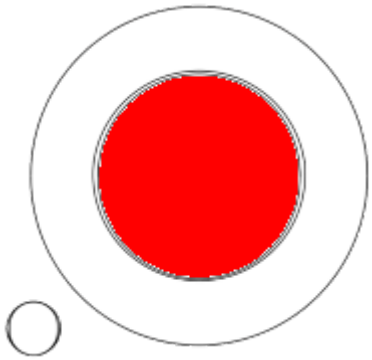
Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



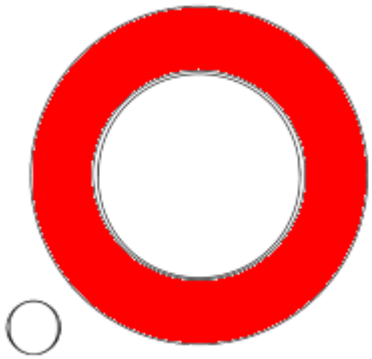
Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing and command wing XT

Each of the dual encoders is numbered 1 to 5 from left to right. There are three elements in each encoder:

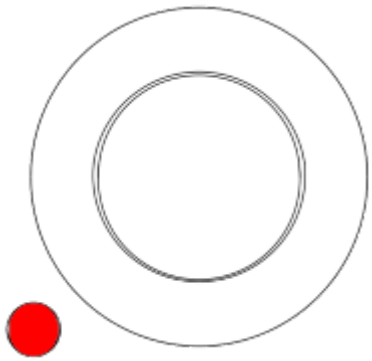
The inner ring



The outer ring



The dual encoder key

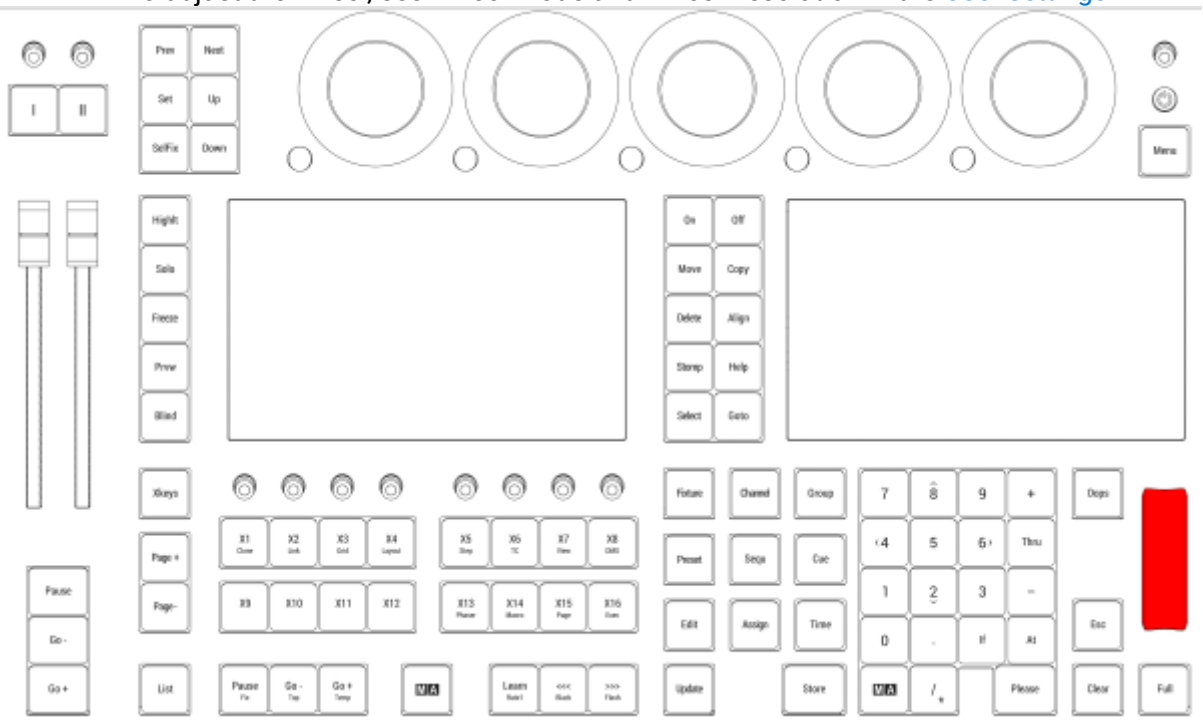


1.3.18.5. Level Wheel

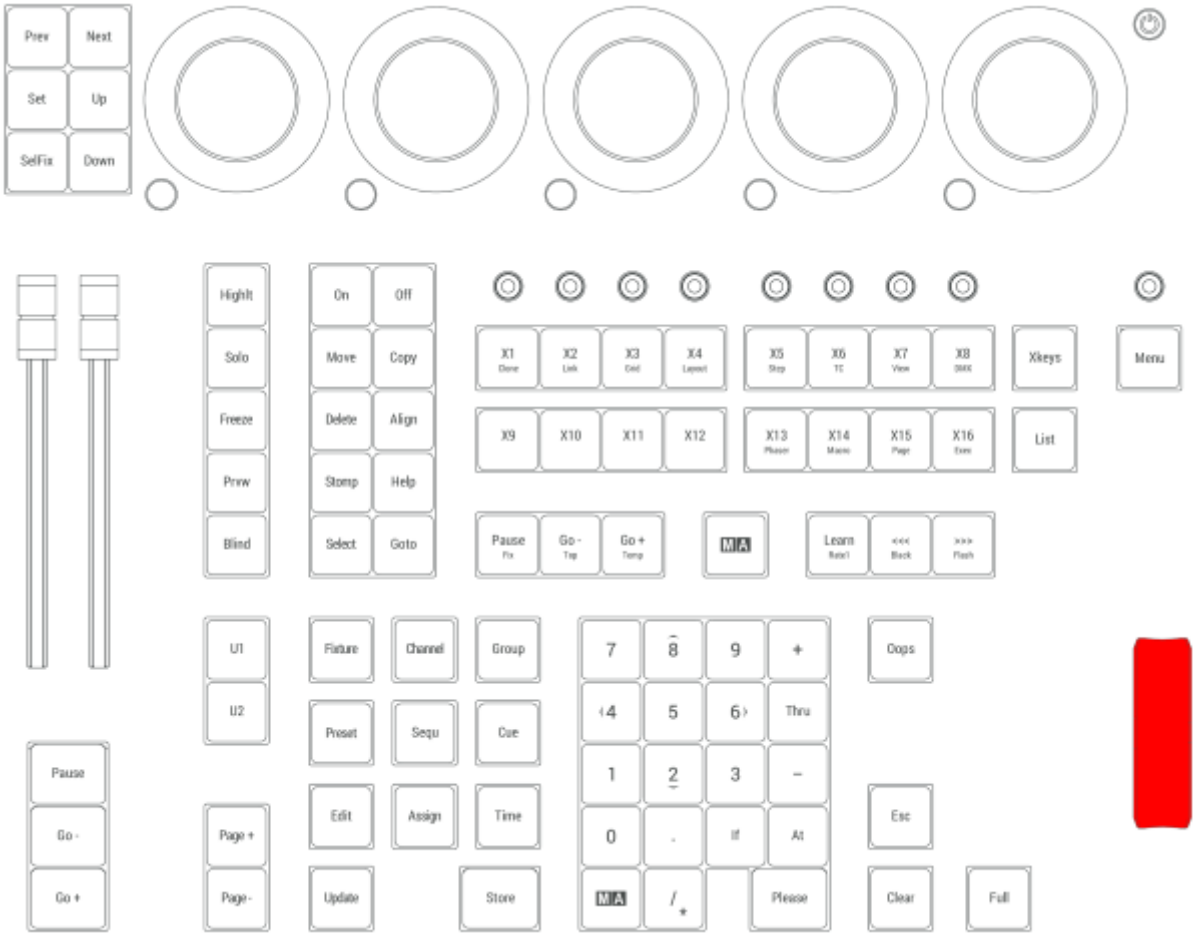
The level wheel is used to adjust the intensity of the selected fixtures.

The level wheel is placed on the right side of the numeric keys.

- To adjust the wheel, see Wheel Mode and Wheel Resolution in the User settings.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing/command wing XT

1.3.18.6. Grand Master

The Grand Master is used to limit the output of the intensity of all the fixtures patched in the show.

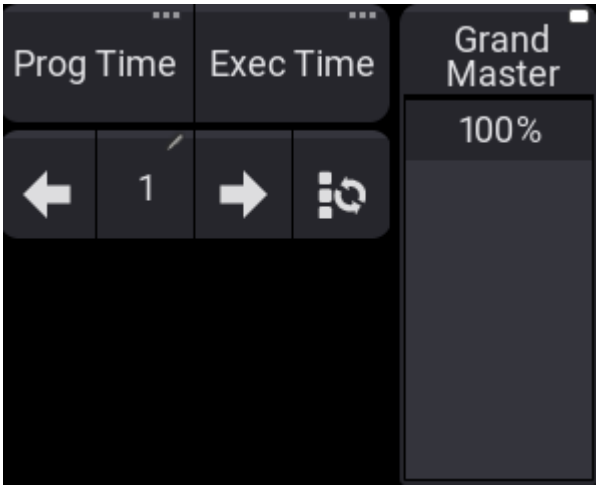
	Hint:
	Fixtures can be excluded from the grand master, for example, by setting **Master React** to None in the patch menu. For more information, see Add Fixtures to the Show

By default, turning the knob adjusts intensity. This can be changed in the Special Executor Configuration menu. To access the Special Executor Configuration menu:

1. Press Assign.
2. Press the Grand Master knob. The special executor configuration menu opens.

This menu can also be opened using the SpecialExecutor keyword in the command line. For more information, see SpecialExecutor keyword and Executor Configuration.

The Grand Master is also displayed on the right side of the encoder bar on screen 1:



Grand Master in the encoder bar

The Grand Master level can be set by the fader.

To enable or disable the Grand Master function, see Master Modes.

The Grand Master can also be assigned to any executor. For more information, see Assign object to an Executor.

	Hint:
	The Output layer and the DMX layer in both the Fixture Sheet and the Layout view as well as the DMX Sheet and the 3D window all display values as adjusted by the Grand Master

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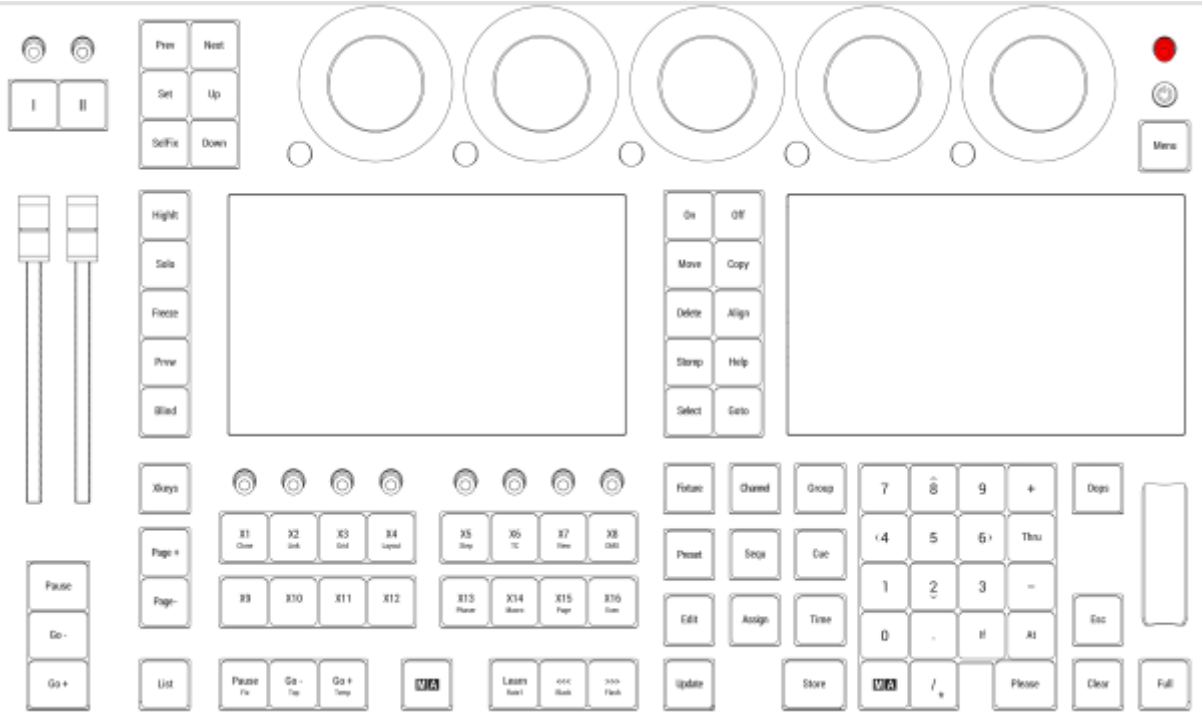
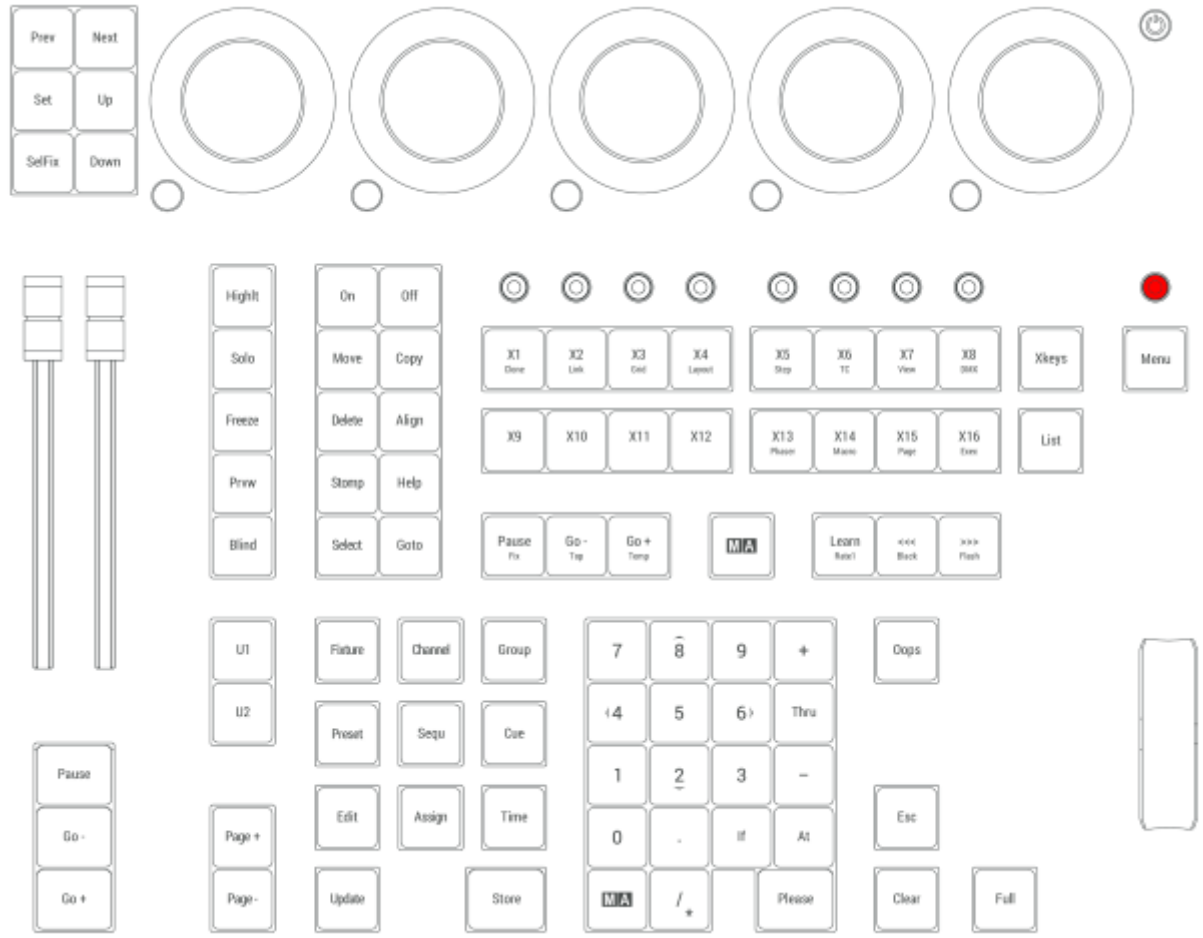
The Grand Master is located on the right side of the console.



Location on grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 light consoles



Location on grandMA3 compact consoles and grandMA3 onPC command wing

1.3.18.7. Executor Elements

Executors are used to playback and control elements of a show file in an accessible way. For example, they can be used to control a sequence.

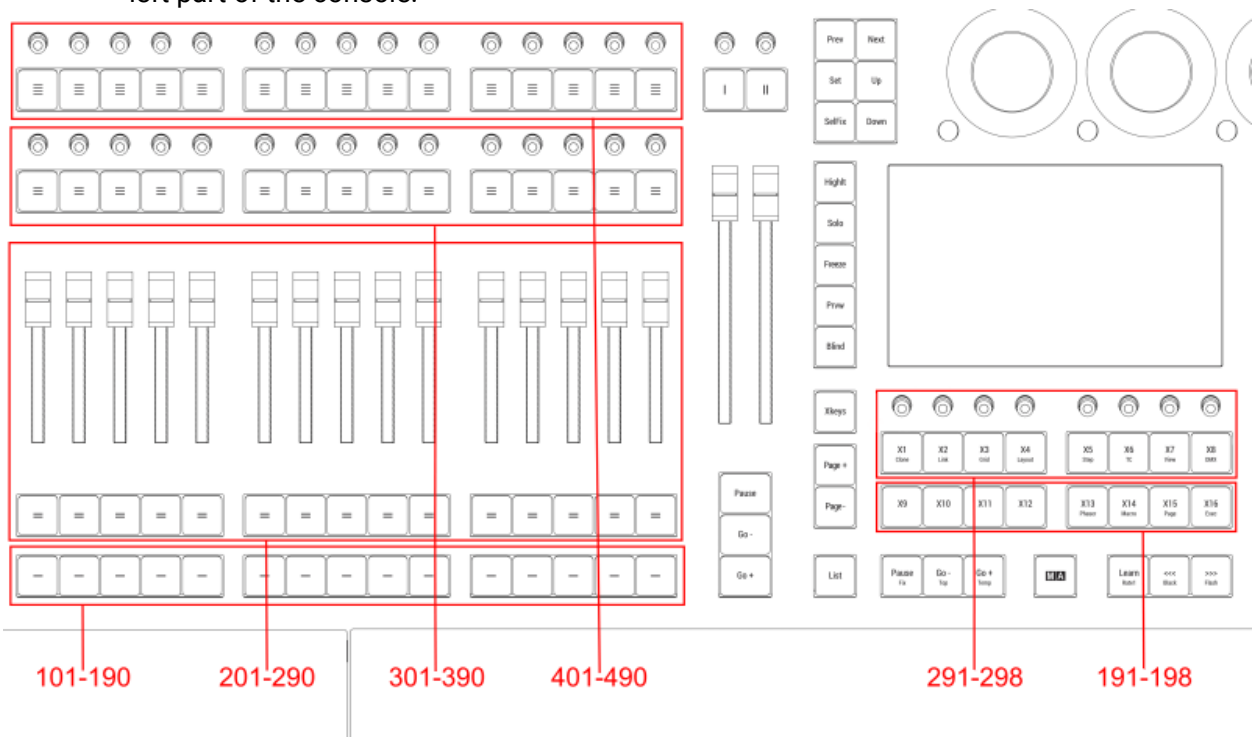
For more information, see Executors.

Objects can be assigned to executors via the user interface of the grandMA3 software. The following menu/window gives access to the executor:

- To open the Playbacks window, in the Add Window pop-up tap Common and Playbacks.
- To open the Playbacks menu, press F5 on the keyboard or tap in the control bar.

Depending on the hardware:

- The number of physical executors depends on the console type.
- The executors are handles to control objects in the show file. The executors are located on the left part of the console.



Executor location on large consoles

Executor 101 thru 190

The executors 101 thru 190 are located as the lower buttons in the executor section. On the hardware keys, these have labeled one horizontal line on top of them. In the Playback Control overlay or the Playback window, they are named by their number.

Executor 191 thru 198

The executors 191 thru 198 are located as the lower row of Xkeys (X9 to X16 | Exec). For more information, see Keys.

Executor 201 thru 290

The executors 201 thru 290 are located as the second lower buttons and the faders in the executor section. One button and the above fader is one executor. On the hardware keys, these have labeled two horizontal lines on top of them. In the Playback Control overlay or the Playback window, they are named by their number.

Executor 291 thru 298

The executors 291 thru 298 are located as the upper row of Xkeys (X1 | Clone to X8 | DMX). For more information, see Keys.

Executor 301 thru 390

The executors 301 thru 390 are located as the second upper buttons and knobs in the executor section. One button and one knob is one executor. On the hardware keys, these have labeled three horizontal line on top of them. In the Playback Control overlay or the Playback window, they are named by their number.

Executor 401 thru 490

The executor 401 thru 490 are located as the upper buttons and knobs in the executor section. One button and one knob is one executor. On the hardware keys, these have labeled four horizontal line on top of them. In the Playback Control overlay or the Playback window, they are named by their number.

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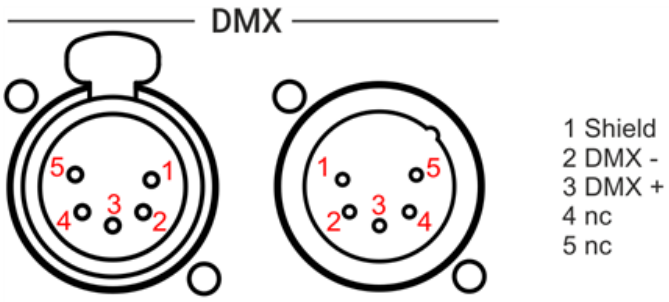
1.3.19. Connector Pin Assignment

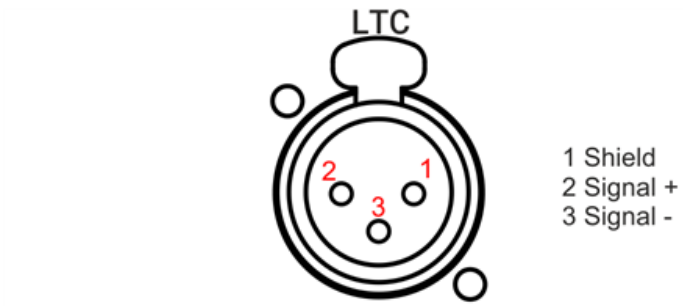
This page gives an overview of all connectors and their respective pinouts.

XLR Connectors

For more information, see Connect Desk Light.



For more information, see Connect DMX.



For more information, see Connect LTC.

1 Shield
2 Signal +
3 Signal -

For more information, see Connect Audio In.

D-Sub Connectors

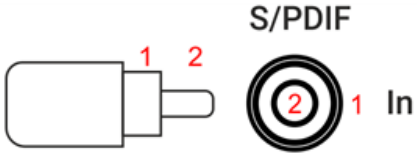
1 Remote 1
2 Remote 2
3 Remote 3
4 Remote 4
5 +10V DC, max. 100mA
6 Remote 5
7 Remote 6
8 Remote 7
9 GND

Thread UNC 4-40

GPI

for grandMA3 consoles, grandMA3 onPC command wing, command wing XT
For more information, see Connect DC Remote In.

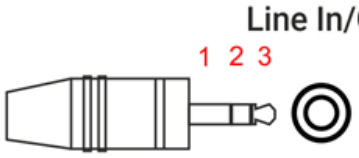
RCA Connectors



1 Shield
2 Signal

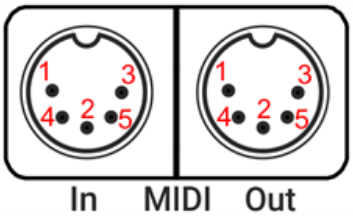
For more information, see Connect Sound Out.

1/8" (3.5mm) Jack Sockets



1 Shield
2 Signal R
3 Signal L

DIN Connectors



1 nc
2 Shield
3 nc
4 Signal+ (Voltage Reference Line)
5 Signal- (Data Line)

For more information, see Remote In and Out

Euroblock Terminals

Power

1 PE
2 N
3 L

Power connector: MC 1.5/ 3-ST1-5.08

LTC

1 Shield
2 Signal -
3 Signal +

LTC connector: FK-MC 0.5/ 3-ST-2.5

DMX

1 Shield
2 Signal -
3 Signal +

DMX connector: FK-MC 0.5/ 3-ST-2.5

MIDI

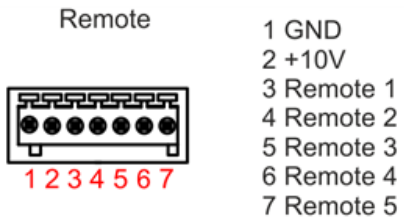
1 Shield
2 Signal- (Data Line)
3 Signal+ (Voltage Reference Line)

MIDI connector: FK-MC 0.5/ 3-ST-2.5

Remote

1 Remote 6
2 Remote 7
3 GND

Remote connector: FK-MC 0.5/ 3-ST-2.5



Remote connector: FK-MC 0.5/ 7-ST-2.5

For more information, see the corresponding quick manual, such as the grandMA3 Quick Manual: I/O Nodes Installation..

To show the rear panel connectors on the letterbox screens on the grandMA3 light and full-size:

1. Press Menu and then tap Connector Configuration.
2. To show the rear panel connector, enable Show Connectors button.

or use the command line:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "ConnectorView"

1.3.20. UPS Battery

The grandMA3 full-size, grandMA3 light, and their CRV versions all have rechargeable lithium-ion batteries for an uninterrupted power supply (UPS).

The purpose of the battery is to enable saving the show file and shutting down the console in case of a power loss.

	Restriction:
	Do not use the battery to bypass the console for a longer period! Do not move the console around while in UPS mode!

In case of a power loss:

- A Power Loss pop-up appears on every screen and command screen, depending on the console type.
- The power status icon in the command line turns red.

Power Status

There is an indicator of the power status on both the command line and in the Message Center.

Status indications include the following states:

Power is connected, and the battery is full.

Power is connected, and the battery is not full (and recharging).

(Pulsating) Power is disconnected and the battery is discharging.

Indicates a power disconnection for a station in a session. For example, when a grandMA3 onPC station is connected to a console and the console loses power, the icon on the grandMA3 onPC station turns yellow.

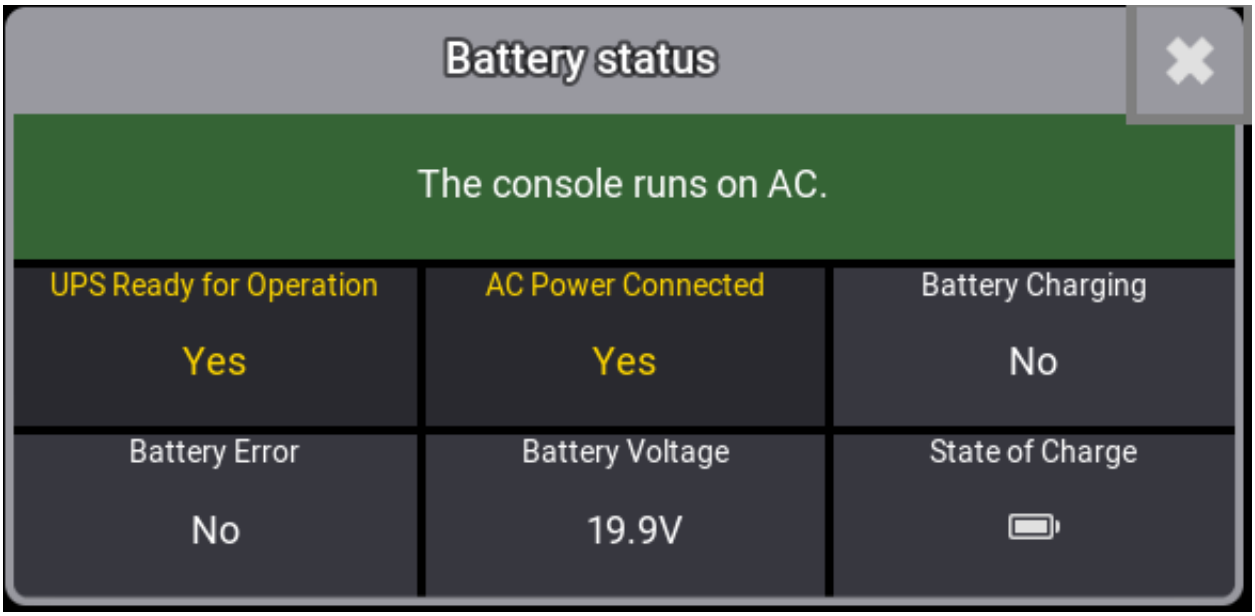
The battery icon is crossed when the station has no battery, for example, grandMA3 onPC.

	Important:
	When a device runs in battery mode, the system differentiates between the battery status of your own device and those of other devices in a session. Depending on the configuration, the label beneath the status icon will show either "**My**", "**My+Ext**", or "**Ext**" to indicate whether which device is affected.

Battery Status Pop-Up

Tap the power status indicator to open the Battery status pop-up.

The pop-up could look like this:



Battery status pop-up

The Battery status pop-up displays multiple relevant metrics for the battery and A/C power.

Power Loss Pop-up

While this pop-up is open, the percentage in parentheses (X%) decreases continuously. The percentage in parentheses is linked to the battery's power status.

In the pop-up window, three commands are available to tap:

Save and Shut Down: Saves the current show file and shuts down the console properly.

Shut Down: Properly shuts down the console without saving the show file.

Continue: The console continues running on battery power. Additional Power Loss pop-ups appear during battery discharge. When continued, the console will automatically shut down, reaching (0%). The console reboots automatically when the power supply is back.

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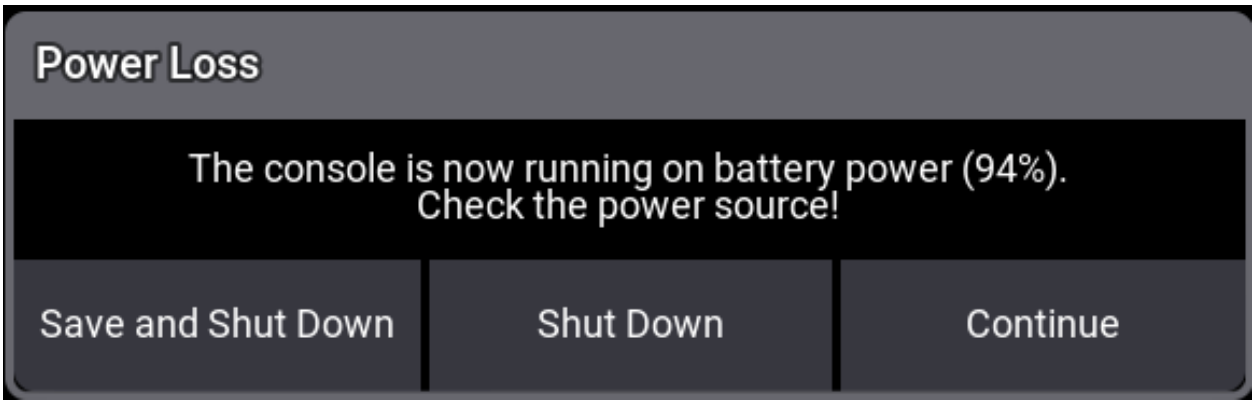
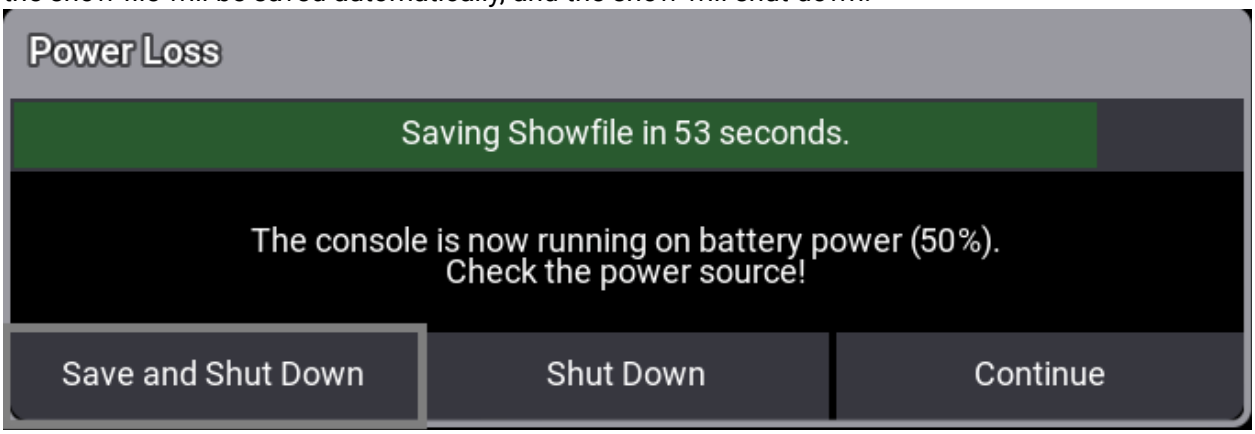


Power Loss - Pop-up.

A 50% power loss indicates another pop-up with a progress bar. When the progress bar reaches 100%, the show file will be saved automatically, and the show will shut down.



Power Loss - Progress bar

	Hint:
	To reboot the console after a proper shutdown, press Power when the power supply is back.

Battery Status Information

To avoid deep discharge, recharge the battery to 3/4 capacity ( ) once a year.

- To check the battery status, power on the console, boot it up, and monitor the UPS battery status icon in the command line. For more information, see Message Center.

Battery Transportation

- Follow the transportation regulations for each country. If it is necessary to discharge the battery to 1/4 capacity ( ) for air cargo, run the console in UPS mode until the battery voltage reaches 17 V. For more information, see Transport in the grandMA3 Quick Manual.

Software Check

The battery function of the grandMA3 console should be checked before every major show programming or at least every two months.

To check the battery:

1. Power up the grandMA3 console and wait until the battery is fully charged.
2. Load a new show file.
3. To disconnect the console from the power, flick the power switch on the back of the console to off (0). The console now runs on battery.
4. The Power Loss pop-up appears. To proceed with the battery check, tap Continue.
5. Let the console run on battery for four minutes. After four minutes, the battery status should not be lower than approximately 1/2 capacity.
6. To connect the console back to power, flick the power switch to on (I). Let the battery charge fully ( ) .

	Hint:
	It may take several minutes for the battery to indicate a charge after the power switch is turned on.
	Important:
	The discharge speed depends on several conditions. For example, the type of console, show size, or 3D rendering.
	Important:
	Battery degredation can vary depending on time and charge-discharge cycles.

1.4. System Overview

This section examines the different possibilities of a standalone console and the options for expanding the system

Subtopics

- Standalone Device
- Locally Networked Devices
- World Server
- Parameters

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1.4.1. Standalone Device

If a console is not connected to anything, then it is a **Standalone** system. It is also a standalone system using a grandMA3 onPC with a connected grandMA3 onPC command wing.

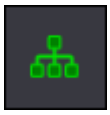
Any grandMA3 device that can create and run a session is called a **Station**.

Stations with network disabled are in **Standalone** mode.

A station is in **IdleMaster** mode when the network is On, and it is ready to be in a session with other stations, but currently, it is alone. A console connected to a network but not in a session with other stations is considered a master, ready to connect to other stations.

The current status is displayed in the Network menu. The title bar has an area that displays the status.

The current status is also displayed in the icon area on the right in the Command Line.

- This icon indicates the **IdleMaster** status.
- This icon indicates the **Standalone** status and that the network connection is turned off.
-  This icon indicates that the station is in a session as a **Connected** member. Learn more in the Locally Networked Devices topic.
- This icon indicates that the station is in a session as a **GlobalMaster**. Learn more in the Locally Networked Devices topic.

If the station is in a session and it needs to be set to Standalone mode, then turn off the network. This can be done using the GUI or the command line (LeaveSession keyword).

In **Standalone** or **IdleMaster** mode, the station is limited to controlling only the number of parameters the console/onPC unlocks.

It is only possible to use the DMX ports on the console/wings.

If DMX is output over an Ethernet connection, the console must be in a session. Even though it is not connected to other stations, it still needs to run an active session as IdleMaster.

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1.4.2. Locally Networked Devices

When more stations are connected in a session, then it is a networked system. Local networked systems are sessions running in the same network. This might be a big network spanning a big area, but if it is a closed system without contact with the rest of the world (for instance, through the internet), then it is considered a local networked system.

The smallest networked system is two stations running in a session together, where one is the master of the session, and the other is connected and running as a backup. A single station that outputs DMX locally is considered a standalone system.

Many systems have one console with one backup console or onPC and some networked devices to output the DMX.

If the devices that translate Ethernet data to DMX are MA nodes, then the DMX output is in sync, no matter where the DMX is output. So, a blackout cue on LED fixtures is in sync when some LEDs get a signal from the console and some LEDs from a node somewhere in the system.

Besides the stations, there are a lot of different devices that can be added to the system. Read more about the different devices in the Device Overview topics.

In all networked systems, there is one station, the session master, called **GlobalMaster**. This station is in charge of communication and executes commands triggered by remote inputs or from a command in a sequence.

Other stations in the system are in a **Connected** status. They are connected to the master station.

Traditionally, we recommend creating local networks with good-quality switches, cables, and equipment. Most systems are local systems without any connection to the outside world.

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1.4.3. World Server

Each station can be connected to the internet and a world server.

The station automatically tries to connect to a world server if an internet connection is detected.

The connection status of the world server can be displayed in the Command Line. A globe icon indicates the connection status.

If the globe is green, then the station is connected to the server.

Learn more about networking in the Networking topic.

Learn more bout how to display icons in the command line in the Message Center topic.

The address of the official world server, provided by MA Lighting, is **worldserver.malighting.de**

The server address can be changed in the Network Menu. Learn more about this in the Session topic.

The server offers two functions: Fixture type files and Crash Log upload.

Fixture Type Files

Fixture type files from the GDTF-share and grandMA3 Share are provided as a direct import to the show file. Learn more about manually importing GDTF in the Import GDTF topic and patching fixtures in the Add Fixtures to the Show topic.

Crash Logs

A station creates a crash log if it crashes. These log files are automatically sent to the server when there is a connection. This means that the file is sent the next time the station is connected. This is also true if the station returns from a job and is connected to the world server when it returns to the workshop and is connected to the Internet.

If Tech Support is needed, please make sure the station has been online and provide the Tech Support date and time the crash happened, and the station's serial number (grandMA3 onPC stations also have a generated serial number). The serial number can be found using the Version Keyword - grandMA3 onPC has an automatically generated unique serial number.

	Important:
	If these functions are not desired, then change the server address in the **Network menu** to "0".

1.4.4. Parameters

Most people are used to thinking in DMX channels when considering the number of fixtures a system can control.

MA Lighting cares more about **Parameters**.

What are Parameters

Parameters are the different functions in the patched fixtures that the system needs to calculate to output DMX data to the fixture.

The different parameters in the show file can be seen in the Parameter List.

The software calculates the different parameters with a higher precision than what is output via DMX. So, the software calculates the parameter once, and it is then scaled to the number of DMX channels a fixture uses - typically one or two per attribute.

It is possible that several parameters are relevant for the same DMX channel. For instance, if XYZ is activated, then a fixture has more parameters. In this case, pan/tilt parameters or XYZ parameters are prioritized, and the DMX value is calculated and sent to the fixture's actual functions. So, a fixture might have virtual parameters.

Parameters are often compared with the control **Attributes** in the software. But there might be small differences. We consider attributes to be the different elements we can control in a fixture. The parameters are the elements the system needs to calculate to translate our control input into DMX values.

Why Counting in Parameters and Not DMX

It is to your advantage. In the MA world, you do not pay extra for fixtures that are running 16-bit or 24-bit instead of the 8-bit used by one DMX channel.

More networked nodes or devices might be needed to output all the parameters that can be controlled.

Example:

A simple moving head with a dimmer might use 5 DMX channels. The channels can be defined like this:

Definition:	DMX Channel:
Dimmer	1
Pan	2
Pan Fine	3
Tilt	4
Tilt Fine	5

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The pan and tilt are one attribute each. Even though both pan and tilt each use two DMX channels, they are only counted as one each in the parameter count. This means that the fixture only costs 3 parameters.

Definition:	DMX Channel:	Parameter cost:
Dimmer	1	1
Pan	2	2
Pan Fine	3	free
Tilt	4	3
Tilt Fine	5	free

This can be a big advantage when many fixtures have 16-bit (or fine) channels.

What about Preprogramming and Parameters?

The show can be preprogrammed and visualized in the 3D window without any parameter unlocking hardware. The lights are still visualized.

If third-party visualizers are used, then grandMA3 hardware is needed to give access to the parameters. The grandMA3 viz-key can be added to unlock visualization on a third-party visualizer. Learn more about the grandMA3 viz-key in the Connect grandMA3 viz-key topic.

Subtopics

- Calculate Parameters
- Expand the Number of Parameters

1.4.4.1. Calculate Parameters

Calculating the needed number of parameters can be a big task, depending on the size of the setup.

It is generally true that most modern fixtures use fewer parameters than DMX channels.

The best way to see how many parameters a show needs is to patch all the fixtures and then open the **Details** in the System Info Window.

Here, the number of needed (used) parameters can be seen, as well as the number of currently available parameters.

Read the Expand the number of parameters topic to learn how to get more.

Parameter Count

Some devices provide parameters:

- **grandMA3 full-size and grandMA3 full-size CRV:**
  20 480 parameters.
- **grandMA3 light and grandMA3 light CRV:**
  16 384 parameters.
- **grandMA3 extension:**
  none parameters.
- **grandMA3 replay unit:**
  8 192 parameters.
- **grandMA3 compact XT:**
  8 192 parameters.
- **grandMA3 compact:**
  8 192 parameters.
- **grandMA3 processing unit XL:**
  16 384 parameters.
- **grandMA3 processing unit L:**
  8 192 parameters.
- **grandMA3 processing unit M:**
  4 096 parameters.
- **grandMA3 8Port Node**:
  none parameters.
- **grandMA3 4Port Node:**
  none parameters.
- **grandMA3 2Port Node:**
  none parameters.
- **grandMA3 8Port Node DIN-Rail**:
  none parameters.
- **grandMA3 4Port Node DIN-Rail**:
  none parameters.
- **grandMA3 2Port Node DIN-Rail**:
  none parameters.

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- **grandMA3 onPC rack-unit**:
  4 096 parameters.
- **grandMA3 onPC command wing XT:**
  4 096 parameters.
- **grandMA3 onPC command wing:**
  4 096 parameters.
- **grandMA3 onPC fader wing**:
  4 096 parameters.
- **grandMA3 onPC 8Port Node 4k:**
  4 096 parameters (when connected to grandMA2 onPC this node provides only 2 048 parameters).
- **grandMA3 onPC 4Port Node 4k:**
  4 096 parameters (when connected to grandMA2 onPC this node provides only 2 048 parameters).
- **grandMA3 onPC 2Port Node 2k:**
  4 096 parameters (when connected to grandMA2 onPC this node provides only 1 024 parameters).
- **grandMA3 onPC 8Port Node DIN-Rail 4k**:
  4 096 parameters (when connected to grandMA2 onPC this node provides only 2 048 parameters).
- **grandMA3 onPC 4Port Node DIN-Rail 4k**:
  4 096 parameters (when connected to grandMA2 onPC this node provides only 2 048 parameters).
- **grandMA3 onPC 2Port Node DIN-Rail 2k**:
  4 096 parameters (when connected to grandMA2 onPC this node provides only 1 024 parameters).
- **grandMA3 onPC Software**:
  none parameters.
- **grandMA3 onPC Software with a connected grandMA3 onPC DMX-key**:
  4 096 parameters.
- **grandMA3 onPC Software with a connected grandMA3 onPC DMX-key starter**:
  1 024 parameters.
- **grandMA3 onPC Software with a connected grandMA3 viz-key**:
  512 parameters.

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1.4.4.2. Expand the Number of Parameters

The grandMA3 processing units are the **only units** that expand the parameter count when using grandMA3 consoles.

Every grandMA3 processing unit added to the network also adds a number of parameters depending on the model!

There is a **maximum limit of 262 144 parameters** in a grandMA3 session.

The grandMA3 processing units help with parameter calculations.

Examples:

1 grandMA3 full-size (20 480) + 1 grandMA3 processing unit XL (16 384) = 36 864 parameters

1 grandMA3 full-size (20 480) + 15 grandMA3 processing unit XL (16 384) = 262 144 parameters (the calculation is 266 240, but the limit is 262 144)

1 grandMA3 light (16 384) + 1 grandMA3 processing unit M (4 096) = 20 480 parameters

1 grandMA3 light (16 384) + 15 grandMA3 processing unit XL (16 384) = 262 144 parameters

1 grandMA3 full-size (20 480) + 1 grandMA3 light (16 384) = 20 480 parameters (consoles cannot expand the parameter count, so the parameters from the console with the highest number are unlocked)

1 grandMA3 light (16 384) + 15 grandMA3 onPC 2Port Node 2k (4 096) = 16 384 parameters (nodes cannot expand the parameter count with consoles, so the parameters from the console are used)

1 grandMA3 light (16 384) + 1 onPC computer with a grandMA3 onPC command wing (4 096) = 16 384 parameters (onPC command wings cannot expand the parameter count with consoles, so the parameters from the console are used)

Using a grandMA3 onPC

When a grandMA3 onPC is used as the primary station (the system does not include any grandMA3 consoles), some grandMA3 **onPC** hardware is needed to unlock parameters.

The grandMA3 processing units also unlock parameters in an onPC system.

	Important:
	The maximum number of parameters allowed in a grandMA3 onPC system is 4 096.

Any amount of onPC hardware and processing units can be used with a computer or the grandMA3 onPC rack-unit. Every piece of hardware will add its parameters until the limit of 4 096 parameters is reached.

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grandMA3 xPort Nodes need to be onPC versions to unlock parameters.

These are the only two rules for parameters with grandMA3 onPC.

Remember, more units can be added to get more DMX ports even after reaching the parameter limit.

Examples:

grandMA3 onPC rack-unit (4 096) + grandMA3 onPC 2Port Node 2k (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC rack-unit (4 096) + grandMA3 onPC 4Port Node 4k (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC + grandMA3 onPC command wing (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC rack-unit (4 096) + grandMA3 onPC command wing (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC command wing XT (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC + grandMA3 onPC command wing (4 096) + grandMA3 onPC 2Port Node 2k (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC + grandMA3 onPC command wing (4 096) + grandMA3 onPC fader wing (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC + grandMA3 onPC 2Port Node DIN-Rail 2k (4 096) = 4 096 parameters

grandMA3 onPC + grandMA3 onPC 2Port Node 2k (4 096) + grandMA3 8Port Node (none) = 4 096 parameters (the 8Port Node is not an onPC node)

grandMA3 onPC + grandMA3 onPC command wing (4 096) + grandMA3 onPC 8Port node 4k (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit is reached and cannot be exceeded)

grandMA3 onPC + 1 grandMA3 processing unit M (4 096) = 4 096 parameters (the limit)

grandMA3 onPC + 1 grandMA3 processing unit XL (16 384) = 4 096 parameters (the limit is reached and cannot be exceeded)

grandMA3 onPC + connected grandMA3 viz-key (512) = 512 parameters

grandMA3 onPC + connected grandMA3 onPC DMX-key (4 096) = 4 096 parameters

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1.5. First Steps

This chapter describes how to prepare the grandMA3 consoles and the grandMA3 onPC for operation, from unpacking the devices to powering them on for the first time.

Subtopics

- Unpack the Device
- Check Scope of Delivery
- Position the Device
- Connect Power
- Connect Desk Light
- Connect External Screens
- Connect USB Devices
- Connect DMX
- Connect Audio In
- Connect MIDI
- Connect Sound Out
- Connect LTC
- Connect Ethernet
- Connect DC Remote In
- Connect grandMA3 extension
- Connect grandMA3 fader wing
- Connect grandMA3 viz-key
- Turn on the device for the first time
- Shut Down the System

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1.5.1. Unpack the Device

- Unpack the device. Remove all packing material, strips, and protection films.
- Keep the packing material for transport.

	Hint:
	The device was tested for proper function at the factory.

1.5.2. Check Scope of Delivery

The list below shows the scope of delivery. If anything is missing, contact your local distributor.

grandMA3 full-size

- 2 x LED desk light grandMA3
- 1 x Dust cover grandMA3 full-size
- 2 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 15 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

grandMA3 full-size CRV

- 2 x LED desk light grandMA3
- 1 x Dust cover grandMA3 full-size CRV
- 2 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 15 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

grandMA3 light

- 2 x LED desk light grandMA3
- 1 x Dust cover grandMA3 light
- 1 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 15 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

grandMA3 light CRV

- 2 x LED desk light grandMA3
- 1 x Dust cover grandMA3 light CRV
- 1 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 15 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

grandMA3 compact XT

- 1 x LED desk light grandMA3
- 1 x Dust cover grandMA3 compact XT
- 1 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 15 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

grandMA3 compact

- 1 x LED desk light grandMA3
- 1 x Dust cover grandMA3 compact
- 1 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 10 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

grandMA3 extension

- 1 x LED desk light grandMA3
- 1 x Dust cover
- 1x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 15 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

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grandMA3 replay unit

- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles

grandMA3 processing units

- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual processing unit

grandMA3 xPort Nodes

- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual Nodes

grandMA3 Nodes DIN-Rail

- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual Nodes DIN-Rail

grandMA3 I/O Nodes

- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual I/O Nodes

grandMA3 I/O Nodes DIN-Rail

- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual I/O Nodes

grandMA3 onPC command wing

- 1 x Dust cover
- 1 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 10 faders
- 1 x USB cable
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC command wing

grandMA3 onPC command wing XT

- 1 x Dust cover
- 1 x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 10 faders
- 1 x grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC command wing XT

grandMA3 onPC fader wing

- 1x Dust cover
- 1x USB cable
- 1x Magnetic plate for easy labeling of 10 faders
- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC fader wing

grandMA3 rack-unit

- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual onPC rack-unit

grandMA3 viz-key

- 1x USB cable (C/C)
- 1x USB cable (C/A)
- 1x grandMA3 Quick Manual viz-key

grandMA3 onPC DMX-keys

- 1x USB cable (C/C)
- 1x set of mounting screws
- 1x Safety Instructions

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1.5.3. Position the Device

Follow the instructions below:

- Do not place the device in a humid area.
- Place the device on a stable, flat, dry surface.
- Do not cover the ventilation holes.
- Do not expose the device to direct sunlight.
- Maintain a minimum distance of 15 cm (5.91 inches) between the multi-touch screen surface and radio intercom systems. Going below the minimum distance may cause unexpected behavior, such as unwanted multi-touch actions or mouse movements.

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1.5.4. Connect Power

Devices with powerCON Connector or powerCON TRUE1 TOP Connector

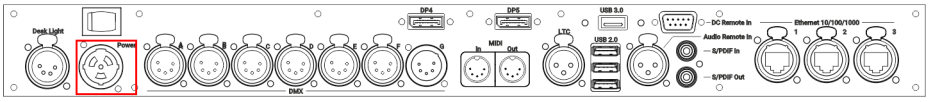
⚠	**Warning:** If only the powerCON TRUE1 connector or powerCON TRUE1 TOP connector is provided, connect a suitable cable to the connector. To connect a suitable cable to the powerCON TRUE 1 connector or powerCON TRUE1 TOP connector, contact the local distributor.

1. Insert the powerCON TRUE1 connector or powerCON TRUE1 TOP connector in the powerCON TRUE1 plug or powerCON TRUE1 TOP plug and twist it to lock clockwise.
   An audible click is heard.
2. Connect the other end of the cable to a suitable power source.

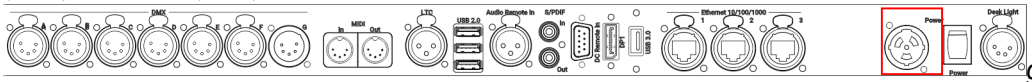
Devices with IEC Connector

1. Insert the IEC connector into the corresponding jack.
2. Connect the power plug.

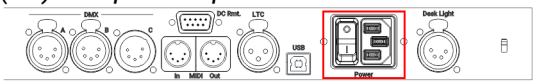
The device is connected to power.



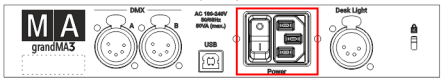
grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and light (CRV) rear panel – power



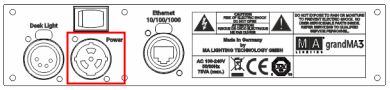
grandMA3 compact (XT) rear panel – power



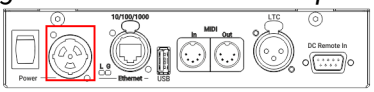
grandMA3 onPC command wing (XT) rear panel – power



grandMA3 fader wing *rear panel – power*



grandMA3 extension *rear panel – power*



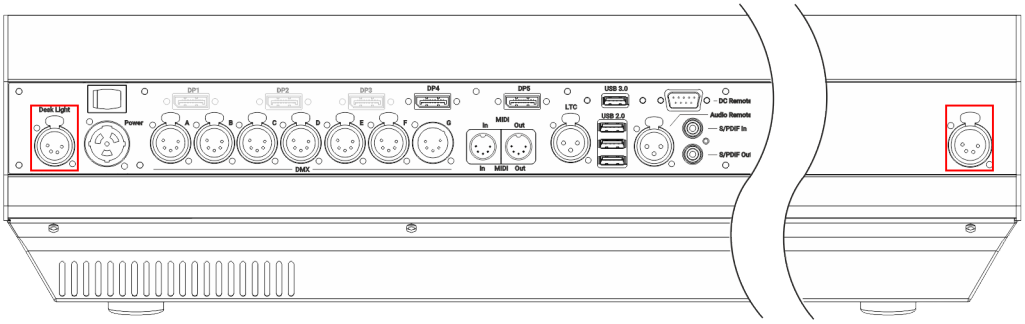
grandMA3 I/O Node *rear panel* – power

1.5.5. Connect Desk Light

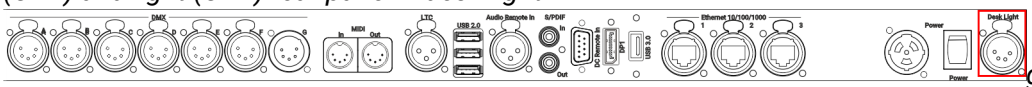
The grandMA3 comes with one or two desk lights, depending on the model. For more information see, delivery contents.

Connect the 4-pin XLR connector to the desk light connectors on the rear panel. The desk lights are connected.

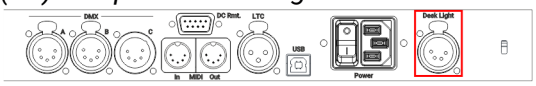
To adjust the light level, see Desk Lights.



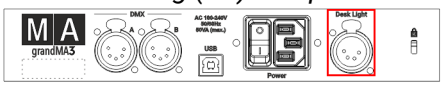
grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and light (CRV) rear panel – desk light



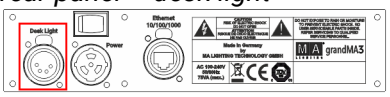
grandMA3 compact (XT) rear panel – desk light



grandMA3 onPC command wing (XT) rear panel – desk light



grandMA3 fader wing *rear panel – desk light*



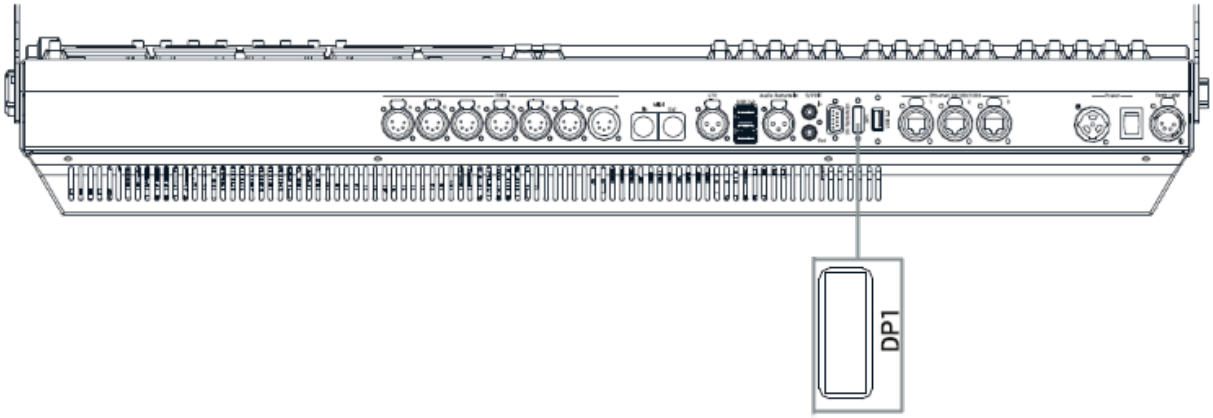
grandMA3 extension *rear panel – desk light*

For more information, see Connector Pin Assignment.

1.5.6. Connect External Screens

You can connect up to five external touch screens to a grandMA3 full-size CRV (Control Room Version). For more information on the number of DisplayPort connectors for each model, see the Quick Manual Consoles - Technical Data or the relevant device overview topic.

	Important:
	The grandMA3 series supports only native DisplayPort connectors on external screens.
	Important:
	In grandMA3 CRV versions, use at least one Full HD display and a touch display or a mouse.
	Hint:
	The grandMA3 compact and the compact XT models only have one DisplayPort called DP1.



Example of a DisplayPort connector on a grandMA3 compact XT

Screen Arrangement

Place the screens in the following order:

grandMA3 full-size screen order

- Screens 5 and 4 are always external screens.

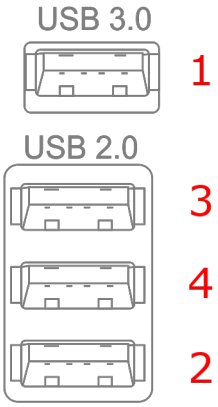
- Screens 3, 2, and 1 can be internal or external screens, depending on the product.
- The screen order is important for the mouse behavior from screen to screen.

Requirements for external monitors:

- Native DisplayPort connection
- Resolution of 1920 x 1080 (full HD)
- Microsoft Windows® 10 multi-touch compliance
- Separated USB connection for touch functionality

Connect external touch screens:

1. Make sure the console is turned off.
2. Place the first external screen right beside or above screen 1, and the second external screen left beside or above screen 3.
   The external screens will be numbered consecutively.
3. Connect the DisplayPort cable from screen 4 to the DP4 connector.
4. Connect the USB cable to the corresponding USB port.
5. Connect the DisplayPort cable from screen 5 to the DP5 connector.
6. Connect the touch screen USB cable to the appropriate USB port in the correct order, as shown below:

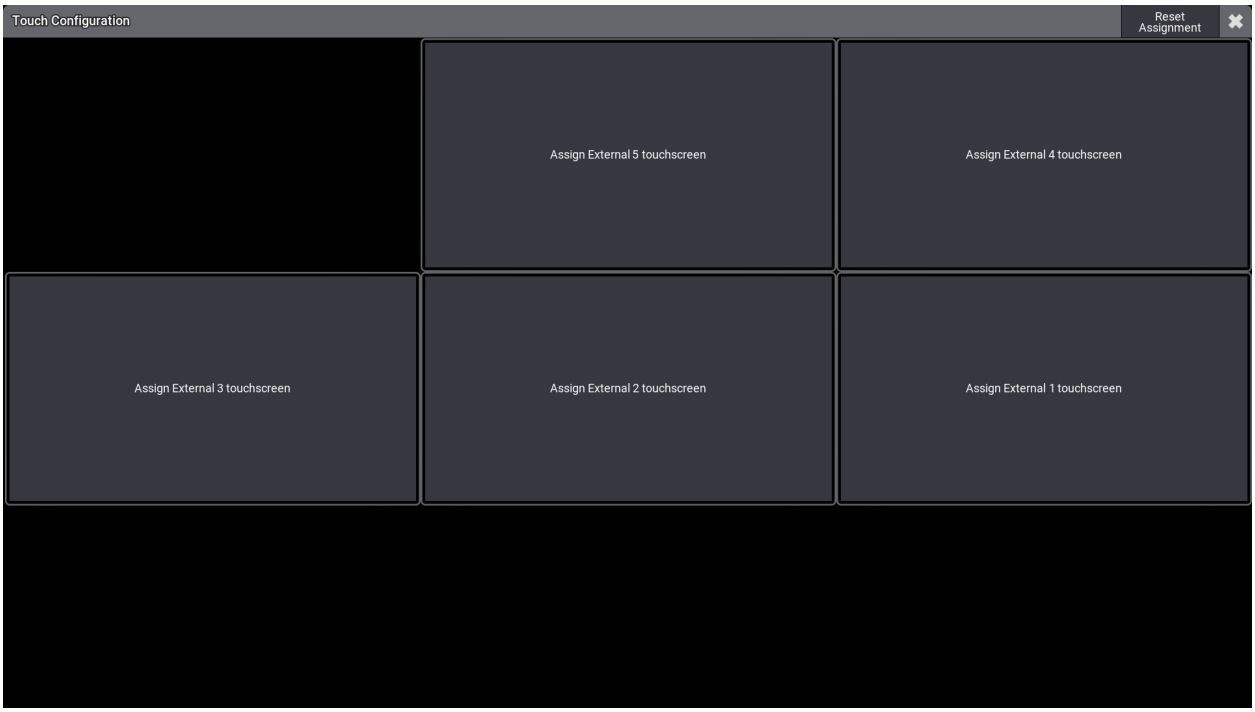


Screen allocation for a grandMA3 light CRV.

7. Press Power to boot up the console.

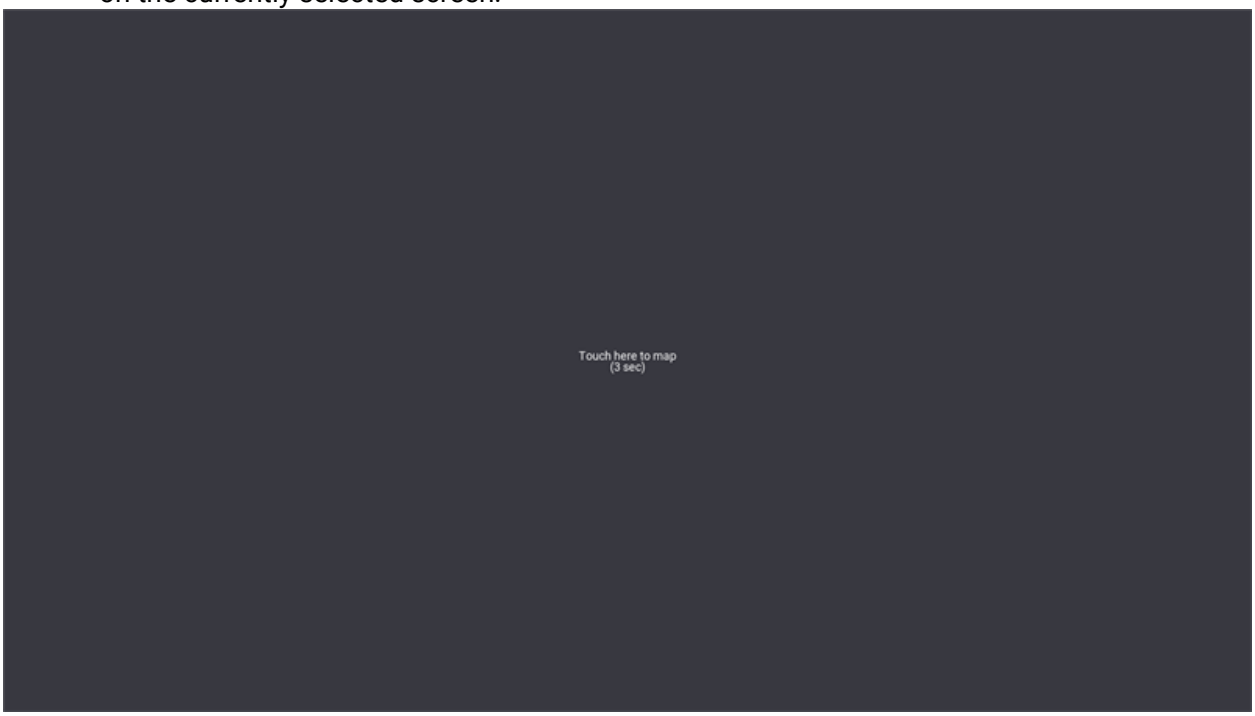
Touch Configuration

1. To adjust the touch configuration, tap , Settings and then tap Touch Configuration. The touch configuration menu opens:



grandMA3 full-size CRV touch configuration

2. To assign a touch input to a monitor, tap or use a mouse to click a monitor button in the touch configuration menu. For example, Assign External 1 touchscreen.
3. Touch the appropriate monitor screen to assign the touch input to that device. A menu appears on the currently selected screen:



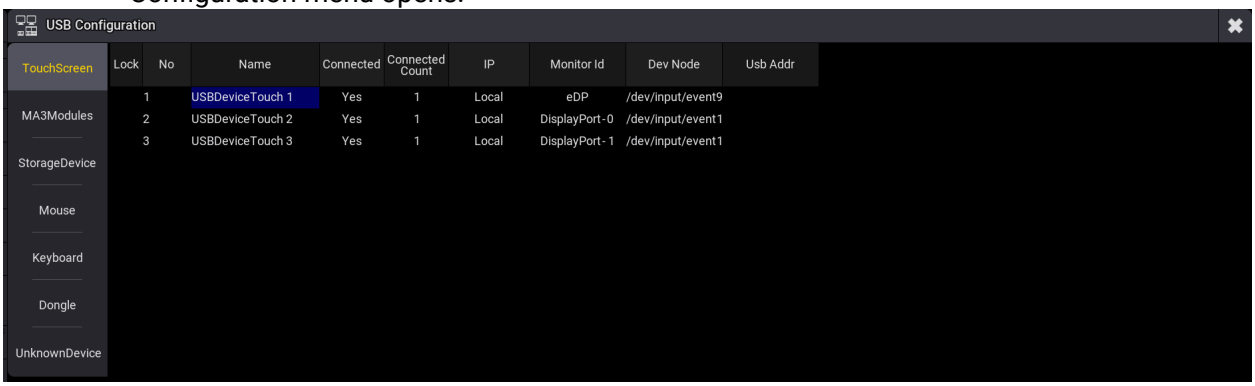
Touch mapping menu

4. The touch function is assigned to the monitor.
   - Reset Assignment: Resets the screen allocation.

	Hint:
	grandMA3 onPC settings do not have a Touch Configuration button, as they are handled by the operating system.

USB Configuration

- To check the USB settings, tap , Settings and then tap USB configuration. The USB Configuration menu opens:



USB configuration window with display information

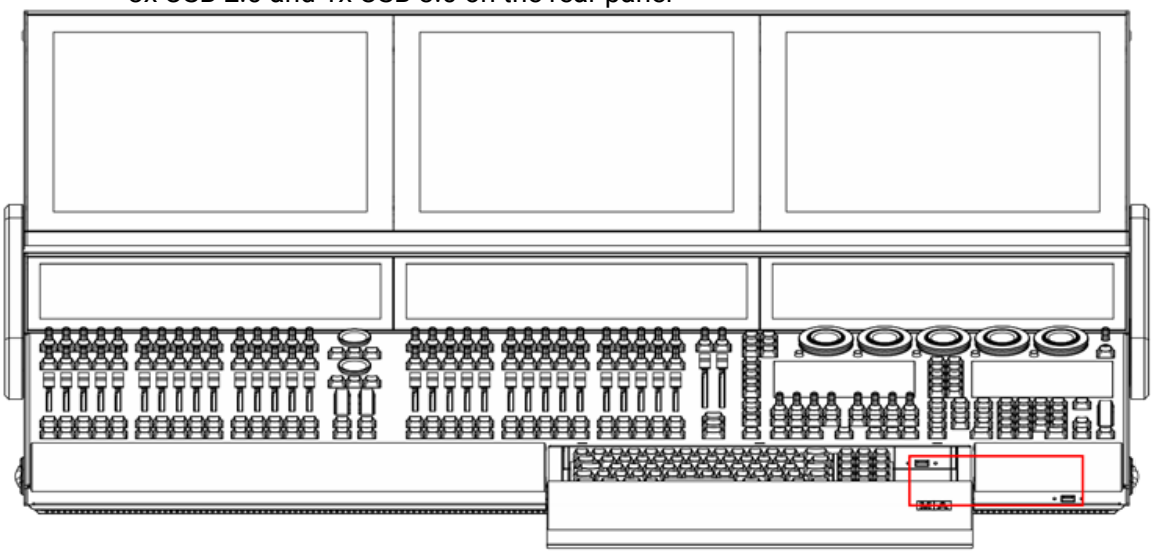
- Remove Absent: Removes disconnected monitors from the list above.

1.5.7. Connect USB Devices

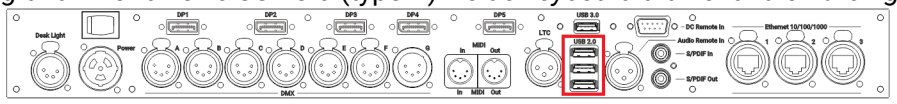
You can connect an external USB flash drive, USB hard drive, USB mouse, USB keyboard, or external touchscreen to the grandMA3 device via its USB ports.

Depending on the type of the grandMA3 device, there are up to 6 USB connectors:

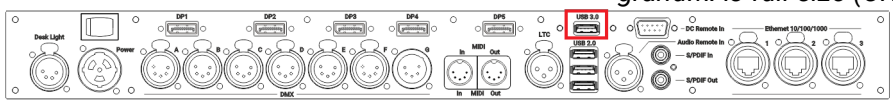
- 1x USB 3.0 at the front, on the right of the console
- 1x USB 3.0 inside the keyboard drawer
- 3x USB 2.0 and 1x USB 3.0 on the rear panel



grandMA3 full-size USB 3.0 (type A) *inside keyboard drawer and on the right*



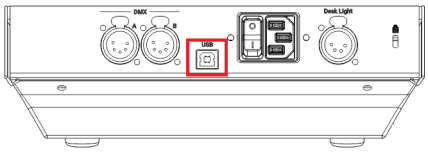
grandMA3 full-size (CRV) rear panel USB 2.0 (type A)



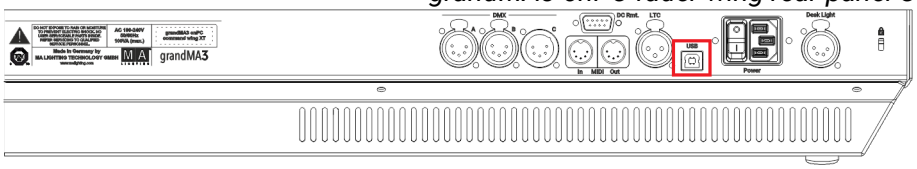
grandMA3 full-size rear panel USB 3.0 (type A)

grandMA3 compact (XT) rear panel USB 3.0 (type A)

To connect a grandMA3 onPC device with the computer or laptop, use the USB connector (type B):

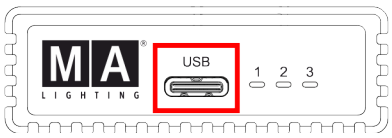


grandMA3 onPC fader wing rear panel USB 2.0 (type B)

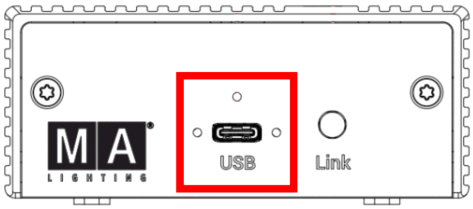


grandMA3 onPC command wing rear panel USB 2.0 (type B)

To connect a grandMA3 viz-key or a grandMA3 onPC DMX-key (starter) with the computer or laptop, use the USB connector (type C):



grandMA3 viz-key front panel USB 2.0 (type C)



grandMA3 onPC DMX-key (starter) front panel USB 2.0 (type C)

1.5.8. Connect DMX

You can connect DMX devices to the grandMA3 devices.

Depending on the type of the grandMA3 device there are up to eight DMX Out ports (for example, the grandMA3 8 port node) and one DMX In port (for example, the grandMA3 onPC command wing XT).

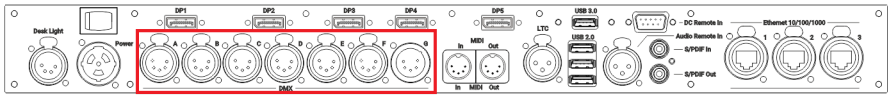
No matter which physical direction the connector has, it can be configured in the software and is therefore capable of both directions: in and out.

To adjust the DMX Remote settings, read the In and Out topic.

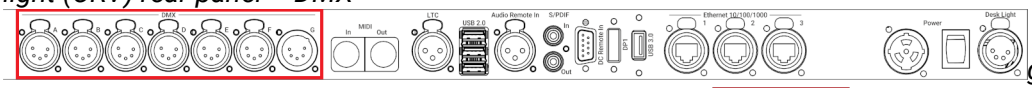
To configure the DMX ports (Off, Out, RDM, In), read the DMX Port Configuration topic.

- Connect the 5-pin XLR DMX cable to a DMX connector on the console and a DMX device.

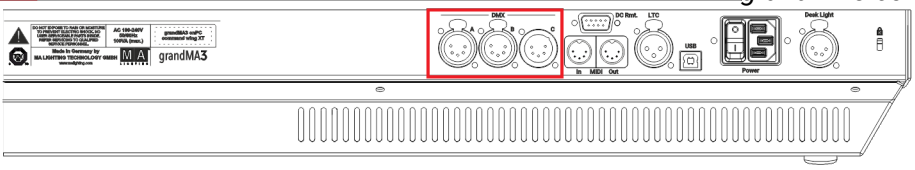
The DMX device is connected to the XLR connector.



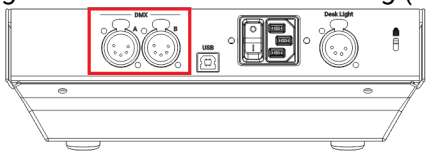
grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and light (CRV) rear panel – DMX



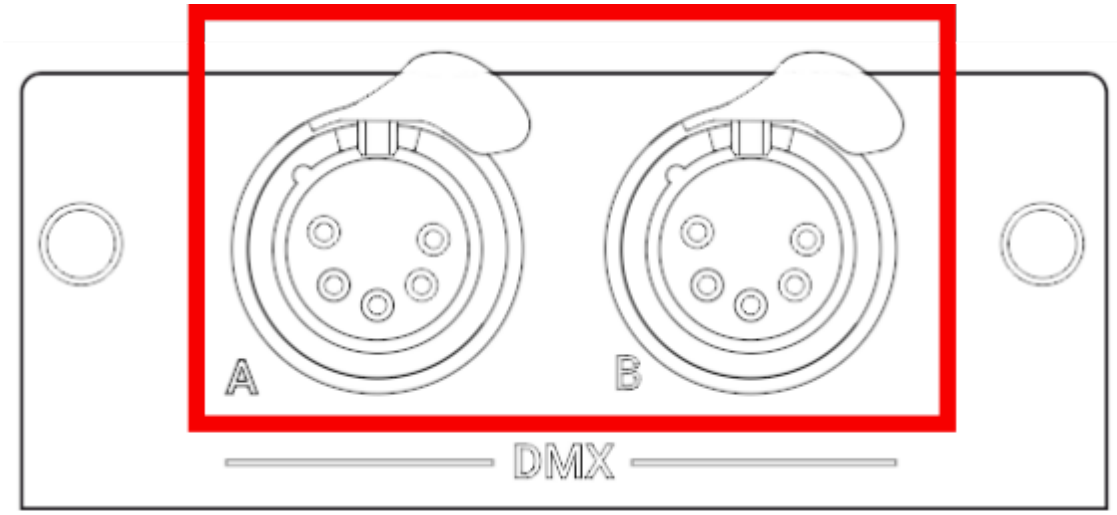
grandMA3 compact (XT) rear panel – DMX

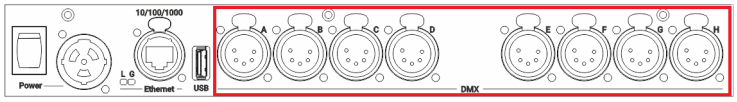


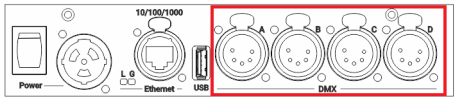
grandMA3 onPC command wing (XT) rear panel – DMX

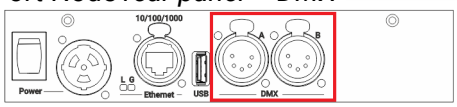


grandMA3 onPC fader wing *rear panel – DMX*



grandMA3 onPC DMX-key (starter) rear panel 

grandMA3 8Port Node *rear panel – DMX* 

grandMA3 4Port Node *rear panel – DMX* 

grandMA3 2Port Node *rear panel – DMX*

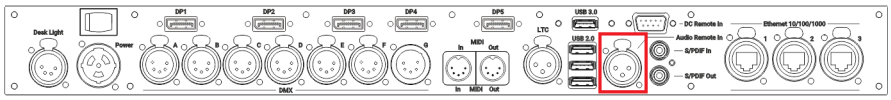
For more information about the pinout of the XLR connector, see Connector Pin Assignment.

1.5.9. Connect Audio In

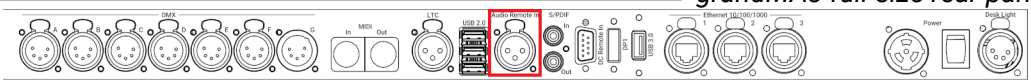
To use a sound trigger or BPM, connect a sound source to the grandMA3 device. For more information about sound, see Sound.

	Hint:
	The signal strength should be at least 50 mV.

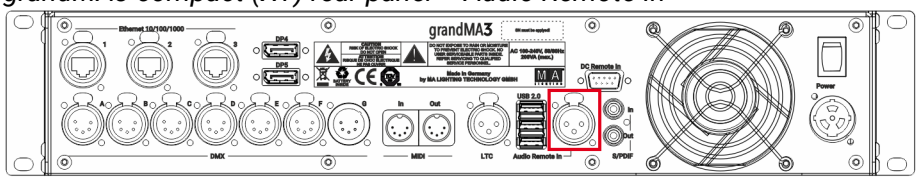
Connect the 3pin XLR sound source cable to the Audio Remote In connector on the rear panel.



grandMA3 full-size rear panel – Audio Remote In



grandMA3 compact (XT) rear panel – Audio Remote In



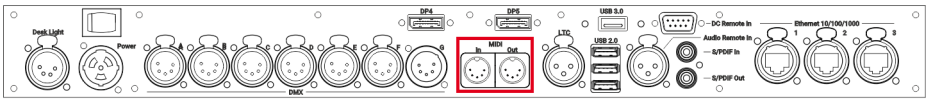
grandMA3 replay unit - Audio Remote In

To view the pinout of the XLR connector, see Connector Pin Assignment.

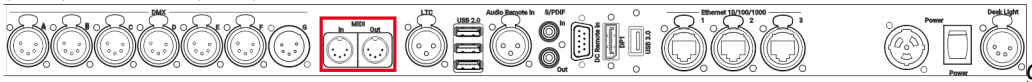
1.5.10. Connect MIDI

MIDI connectors can be used for MIDI input or output. For example, to send the MIDI timecode signal to the sound engineer.

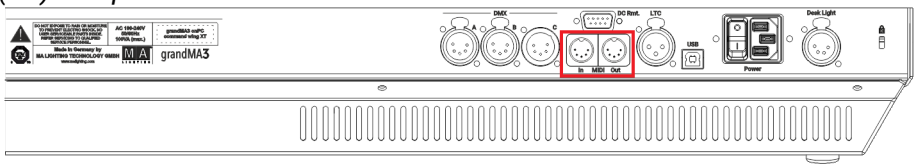
Location of MIDI Connectors on Different Products



grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and light (CRV) rear panel – MIDI



grandMA3 compact (XT) rear panel – MIDI



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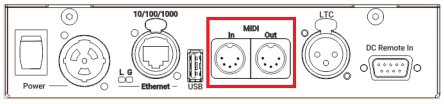
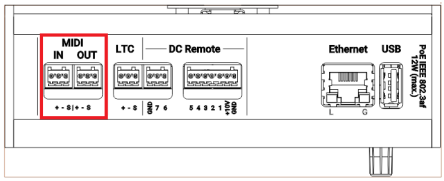


grandMA3 I/O Node *rear panel – MIDI*



grandMA3 I/O Node DIN-Rail *top panel – MIDI*

	Hint:
	For more information on DIN and Euroblock connector pinout, see Connector Pin Assignment.

Setting the MIDI Mode

To adjust the MIDI Remotes settings, see MIDI Data Mode in Remote In and Out.

To configure MIDI Port settings for each grandMA3 device, see Output Configuration.

1. To access the Output configuration window, press Menu and tap Connector Configuration.

-OR-

1. Use the command line to open the menu:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Menu "ConnectorConfig"

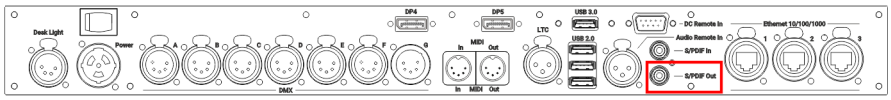
Paste to Command Line

2. To select a MIDI Data Mode, tap and hold or right-click **MIDI Data Mode**. A pop-up window opens.
3. To set the MIDI direction, select In, Out, or Through.
4. Connect the MIDI source to the DIN connector on the rear panel of the console.

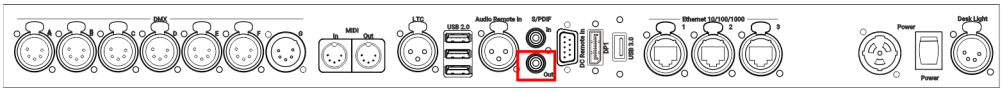
	Hint:
	MIDI Data Mode 'Through' receives and forwards MIDI Notes, MIDI Control Changes, and MIDI Program Changes.

1.5.11. Connect Sound Out

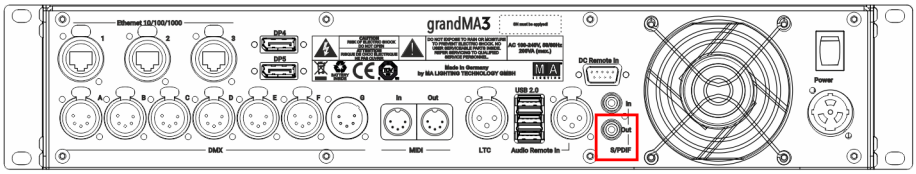
The following grandMA3 products have a S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) connectors on the rear panel to output sound. For more information on sounds, see the Sounds Pool topic.



grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and light (CRV) rear panel - S/PDIF Out



grandMA3 compact XT rear panel - S/PDIF Out



grandMA3 replay unit rear panel - S/PDIF Out

Sound Cards

To output sound, third-party USB sound cards can also be used. To connect sound via USB, see Local Settings and Sound.

The following sound cards have been successfully tested:

- Focusrite Saffire USB
- M-Audio Air Hub
- Palmer PLI 04 USB
- Radial USB-Pro

	Hint:
	Other sound cards that have not been tested may work as well.

1.5.12. Connect LTC

The LTC connector can be used for timecode input or for timecode output, e.g., to send the timecode signal to the sound engineer.

The LTC port direction can be configured in the Output Configuration.

To synchronize the console with an SMPTE timecode source, connect an SMPTE source to the LTC port.

	Information: The supported time formats are: - 24 fps - 25 fps - 30 fps If you send 29.97 or 30 drop frame, it will be interpreted as 30 fps.

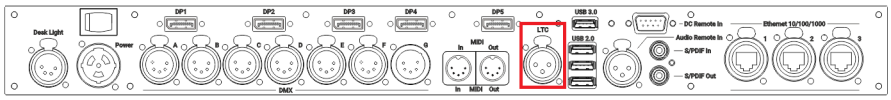
Sound and timecode signal levels

Min. level	Max. level	Recom. level
-11 dBu	+15 dBu	0 dBu
0.2 Veff	4.4 Veff	0.8 Veff

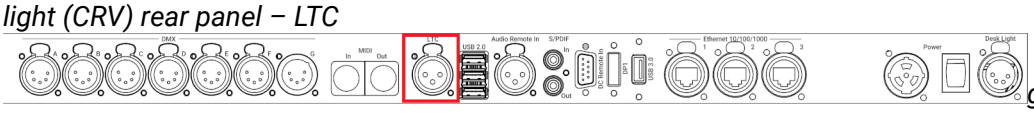
	Information: The signal strength should be at least 200 mV. Pin 1: Ground Pin 2: - (minus) Pin 3: + (plus)

- Connect the SMPTE source to the LTC connector on the console's rear panel.

The SMPTE source is connected to the LTC connector.



grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and light (CRV) rear panel – LTC



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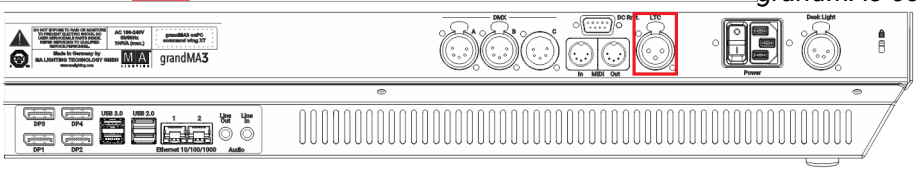
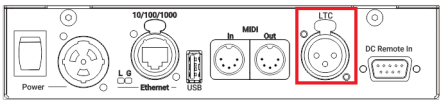
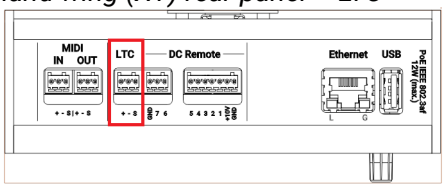


grandMA3 onPC command wing (XT) rear panel – LTC 

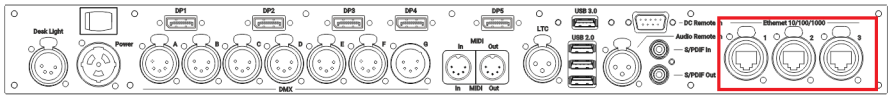
grandMA3 I/O Node *rear panel – LTC* 

grandMA3 I/O Node DIN-Rail *rear panel – LTC*

To view the pinout of the XLR and Euroblock connector, see Connector Pin Assignment.

1.5.13. Connect Ethernet

Depending on the grandMA3 device type, there are up to three Ethernet ports on the rear panel. To set the IP addresses for the Ethernet ports, see Interfaces and IP.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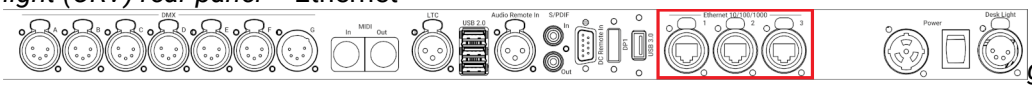
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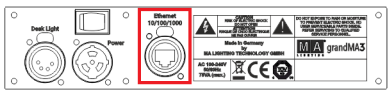
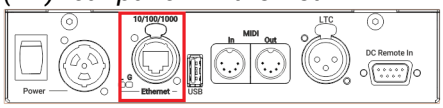

grandMA3 extension *rear panel* – Ethernet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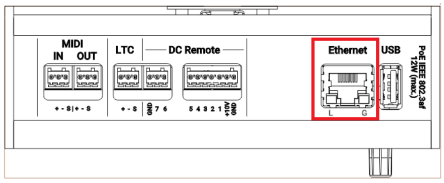
grandMA3 I/O Node DIN-Rail *rear panel* – Ethernet

	Hint:
	The naming of the Ethernet ports is individual; for example, the console shows Con1, Con2, and Con3. In the onPC software, the Ethernet ports are named by the operating system, for example Ethernet, Ethernet 2, etc.
	Hint:
	All Ethernet ports can use Art-Net and sACN as DMX protocols.
	Important:
	To avoid damage, Ethernet ports must not be connected to Power over Ethernet (PoE) except for grandMA3 devices qualified for PoE (for example, xPort Nodes PoE, onPC xPort Nodes PoE, or I/O Node PoE).

Ethernet Ports 1-3

Requirement: Use STP (shielded twisted pair) cable with an RJ45 connector, at least CAT-5e.

To connect one of the three Ethernet ports:

1. Connect one end of an Ethernet cable to the **Ethernet 1, 2, or 3**.
2. Connect the other end to a suitable switch.
3. Connect other grandMA3 equipment to the switch and the switch to the power supply.

Ethernet is connected to a port.

Ethernet LEDs

The L (link) LED flashes when the Ethernet connection is active.

The G (gigabit) LED flashes when a gigabit connection is available.

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1.5.14. Connect DC Remote In

To use the DC Remote In with grandMA3 consoles, onPC command wings, and I/O Nodes, connect a contact closure switch, for example, a light barrier or a push button.

For further information, see Remote keyword, Remote In and Out and Output configuration.

Up to 64 input channels can be used within a session.

	Hint: It is possible to move faders analog, for example, the Master Fader by using a grandMA3 console or I/O Node connected with a potentiometer (0 to +10V DC). The onPC products can be switched on and off but do not fade.

- Generate a switch or connect an external source that provides up to +10V DC to pin 1 so the console can respond to analog input number 1.
- The recommended resistance is 5 kohms to 10 kohms.
- To use the DC Remote, feed a voltage signal (maximum +10V DC) into the corresponding input pin. For more information, see the pinout image below.

To connect a switch:

- Take +10V DC voltage in pin 5 for the grandMA3 console or I/O Node

-or-

- +5V DC voltage for grandMA3 onPC command wing and command wing XT

-or-

- Take an external voltage source (+10V DC in grandMA3 consoles or I/O Nodes, and +5V DC in grandMA3 onPC command wing and command wing XT), and connect its ground to the device's common ground pin. Connect the +10V DC voltage source to one input pin 1-4 or 6-8 with a potential-free contact (switch, buzzer, motion detector, or any other switching device) in between.

Circuit examples:

- Potentiometer +10V DC in grandMA3 consoles or I/O Nodes

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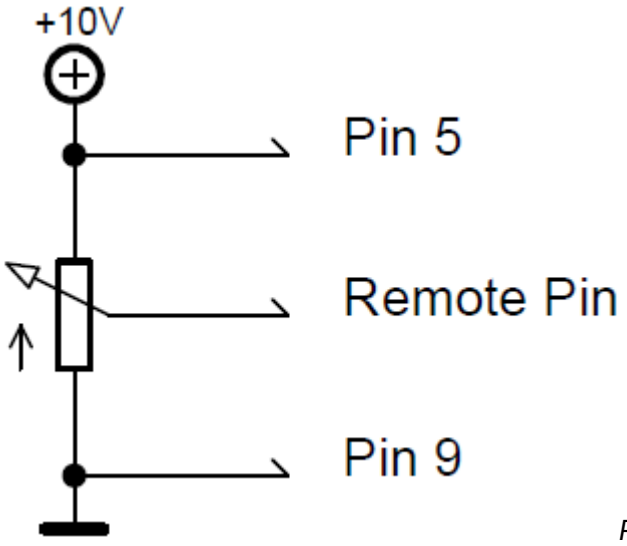
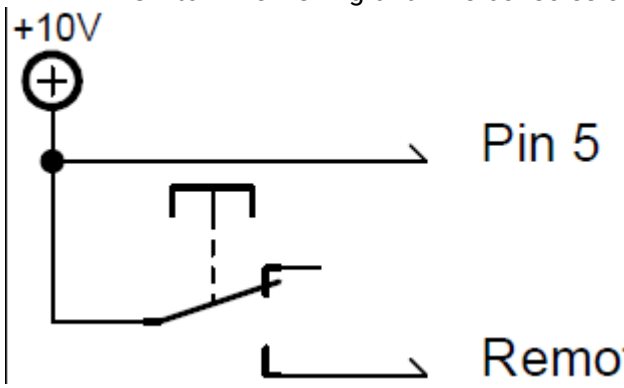


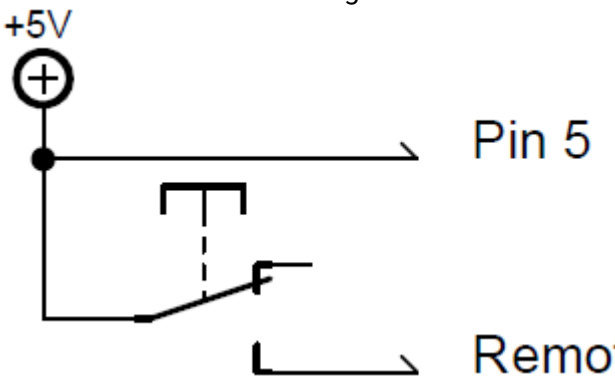
Potentiometer +10V DC

- Switch +10 DC in grandMA3 consoles or I/O Nodes



Switch +10V DC

- Switch +5V DC in grandMA3 onPC command wing and command wing XT

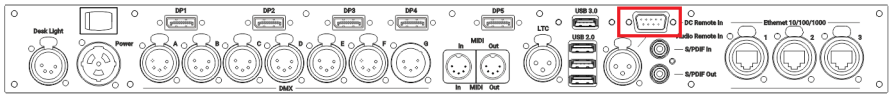


Switch +5V DC

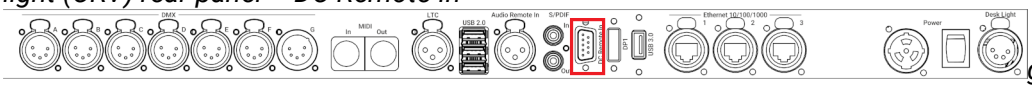
	Important:
	Pin layout in grandMA3 consoles or I/O Nodes: The grandMA3 consoles or I/O Nodes have a 9-pin D-sub, enabling 7 remote inputs: Pin 1-4 = input channels 1, 2, 3, 4 Pin 5 = +10V DC grandMA3 consoles or I/O Nodes/+5V DC grandMA3 onPC command wing and command wing XT Pin 6-8 = input channels 5, 6, 7 Pin 9 = common ground

- Connect a D-sub plug to the DC Remote In connector on the rear panel.

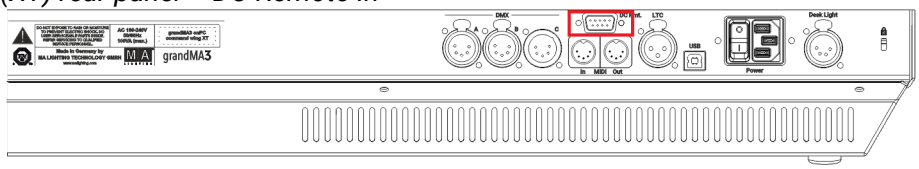
DC Remote In control is connected.



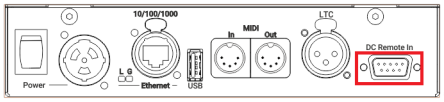
grandMA3 full-size (CRV) and light (CRV) rear panel – DC Remote In



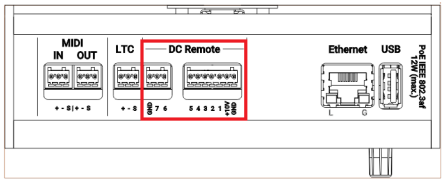
grandMA3 compact (XT) rear panel – DC Remote In



grandMA3 onPC command wing rear panel – DC Remote In



grandMA3 I/O Node *rear panel – DC Remote In*



grandMA3 I/O Node DIN-Rail *rear panel – DC Remote In*

To view the Pinout of the Sub-D connector, see Connector Pin Assignment.

1.5.15. Connect grandMA3 extension

The grandMA3 extension allows you to increase the number of physical executor handles for a grandMA3 full-size (CRV), grandMA3 light (CRV), or grandMA3 replay unit.

For more information, see grandMA3 extension.

The number of grandMA3 extensions connected to a grandMA3 console depends on the console type:

Device	Number of grandMA3 extensions
grandMA3 full-size / full-size CRV	1
grandMA3 light / light CRV	2
grandMA3 replay unit	3

Requirements:

- The grandMA3 extension needs to be in the same IP subnet as the console. For more information, see Networking.
- The grandMA3 extension software version must match the console software version.

To display the software version on an extension:

- Boot the extension. The software version is displayed in the lower-left corner.

To display the extension software version on a console:

1. Tap Menu and Network. The Network window opens.
2. Tap on the arrow ▶ next to Extension. The flip-menu opens.
3. The software version is shown under Version Big in the grandMA3 extension column.

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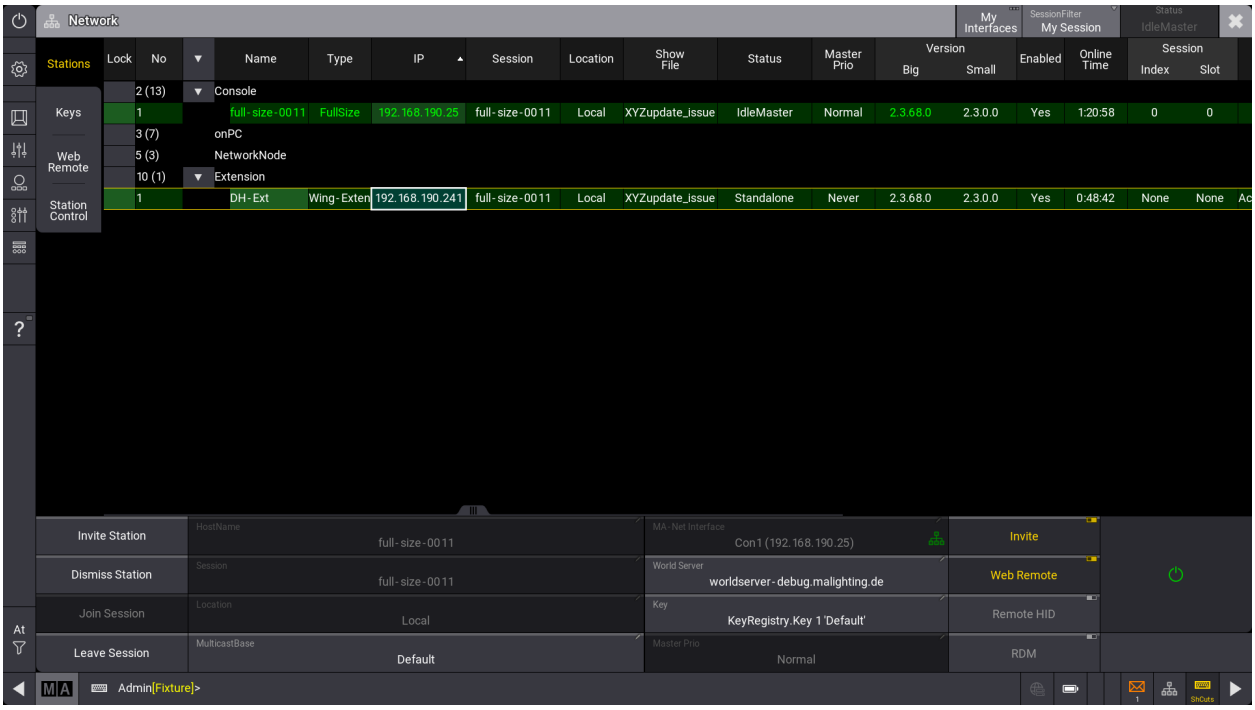


Network menu

	Hint:
	An extension only connects to a specific console. It is not a standalone device.
	Important:
	To establish a connection with an extension, the IP address of the extension must be in the same IP range as the console.

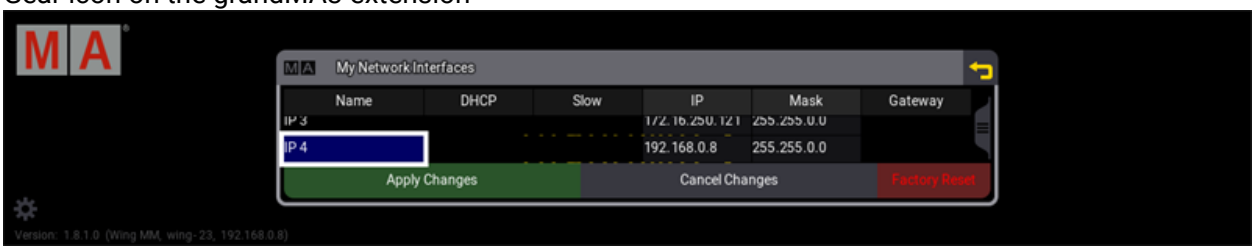
To change the extension's IP address remotely from a console or onPC station:

1. Tap Menu and Network. The network window opens.
2. Select the grandMA3 extension entry, then click IP address / tap and hold it.
3. Use the pop-up window to change the IP settings.

To change the IP address on the extension:

1. Turn on the extension.
2. Tap the gear icon to open the Network Interface. A network interface pop-up opens.
3. Tap on the IP address. The IP editor opens.

Gear icon on the grandMA3 extension



Network Interfaces on the grandMA3 extension

To establish a connection between a console and an extension:

1. Select the extension in the network menu on the console,
2. Tap Invite Station. The connection will be initiated.

	Important:
	It is not possible to invite the extension to a second console when it is already connected to another.

To disconnect the extension from a console, cancel the connection on the console the extension is connected to at the moment:

1. Select the extension in the network menu on the console.
2. Tap Dismiss Station. The connection will be disconnected.

It can now be connected to a different console.

The Remote IP column in the network menu shows which console the extensions are currently connected to.

When an extension is successfully connected to a console, it displays the first wing of executors by default.

To display a different executor wing:

- Tap Menu - Settings - Extension Configuration. In the Extension Configuration menu, you can only change the WingID for the connected extension.

Extension Configuration menu

There are 2 column modes: Condensed (default) and Full.

1. The condensed mode only displays information about the connection state, IP, and WingID.
2. The full mode also displays the columns "Connected", "Count", and "Device Type".
   - Connection State: Can be Yes or No. This cell cannot be edited by the user and indicates whether the extension is connected to the console.
   - IP: Displays the extension's IP address. This cell also cannot be edited by the user.
   - Wing ID: Displays the ID of the executor wing that the extension controls. This property can be changed by the user.
   - Connected Count: The higher the number, the more often the extension tried to connect to the console. In a faulty network environment, the number can increase quickly due to reconnection. This value cannot be edited by the user.
   - Device Type: This column displays the extension's device type. Typically, it is the grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder (MFE). This cell also cannot be edited.

The extension desk light is controlled together with the console's desk lights.

The custom section of an extension can mirror the console's Custom Area or be independent of it, depending on user settings.

For more information, see User settings.

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1.5.16. Connect grandMA3 fader wing

The grandMA3 onPC fader wing expands the onPC system with additional playback capabilities.

For more information about this device, see grandMA3 onPC fader wing.

	Important:
	It is only possible to connect fader wings to grandMA3 onPC systems. A maximum of two fader wings and a command wing can be connected.
	Important:
	Regardless of how many devices are connected to the grandMA3 onPC software, the maximum number of parameters is limited to 4 096. For more information, see Expand the Amount of Parameters.

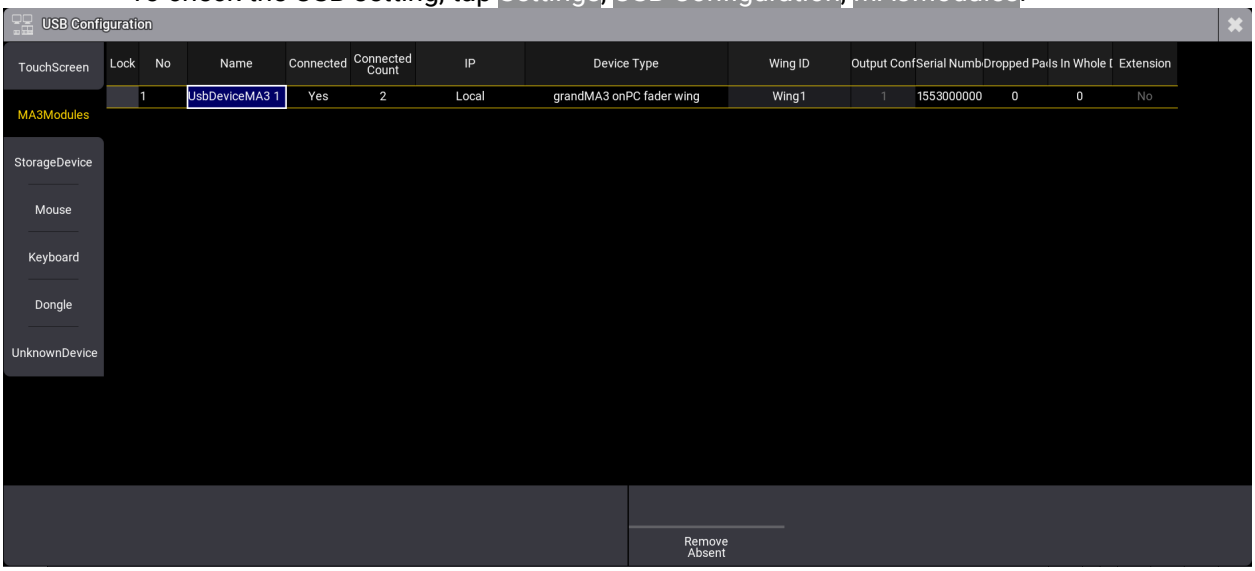
Connect the grandMA3 onPC fader wing

1. Connect the grandMA3 onPC fader wing with:
    - command wing XT
    - PC
    - Laptop
2. Start the grandMA3 command wing XT, PC, or laptop.
3. Switch on the grandMA3 onPC fader wing.

Expanding the Number of Executors

To connect a grandMA3 onPC fader wing in combination with a grandMA3 onPC command wing to expand the number of executors, the wing configuration has to be changed:

- To check the USB setting, tap Settings, USB Configuration, MA3Modules.



USB Configuration setting

Adjust the Wing ID

1. To adjust the wing ID of the command wing, tap or right-click WingID. A pop-up window opens.
2. To change the WingID to 2, tap Wing2.

1.5.17. Connect grandMA3 viz-key

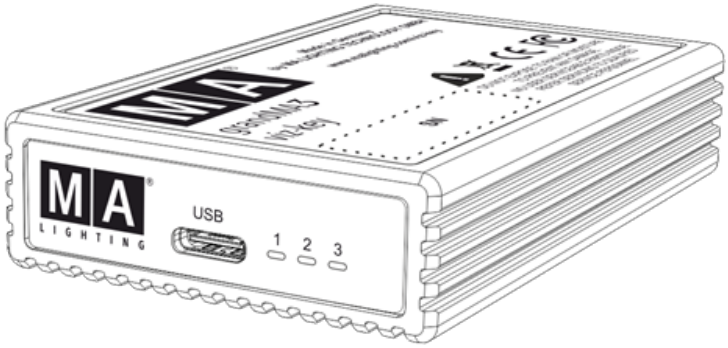
The grandMA3 viz-key is needed to:

- Establish a connection between a grandMA3 software and a third-party visualizer with an unlimited number of virtual parameters.
- Output 512 parameters via network.

If the correct version of grandMA3 onPC is installed on the visualizer workstation, no further download or installation is required.

When sufficient parameters are already available in a session, then the grandMA3 viz-key hardware is not required. To establish a session between a visualizer on which no grandMA3 onPC is running and a grandMA3 system, the matching grandMA3 viz-key software must be installed on the visualizer. This software is essential to establish a connection between the visualizer and the grandMA3 system, so even if no viz-key is required, it must be installed on the visualizer.

For more information, see Update grandMA3 viz-key.



grandMA3 viz-key

For general information about grandMA3 viz-key and the supporting companies, see the following website: https://www.malighting.com/grandma3/products/.

To see the quick manual for the grandMA3 viz-key, see Quick Manual viz-key.

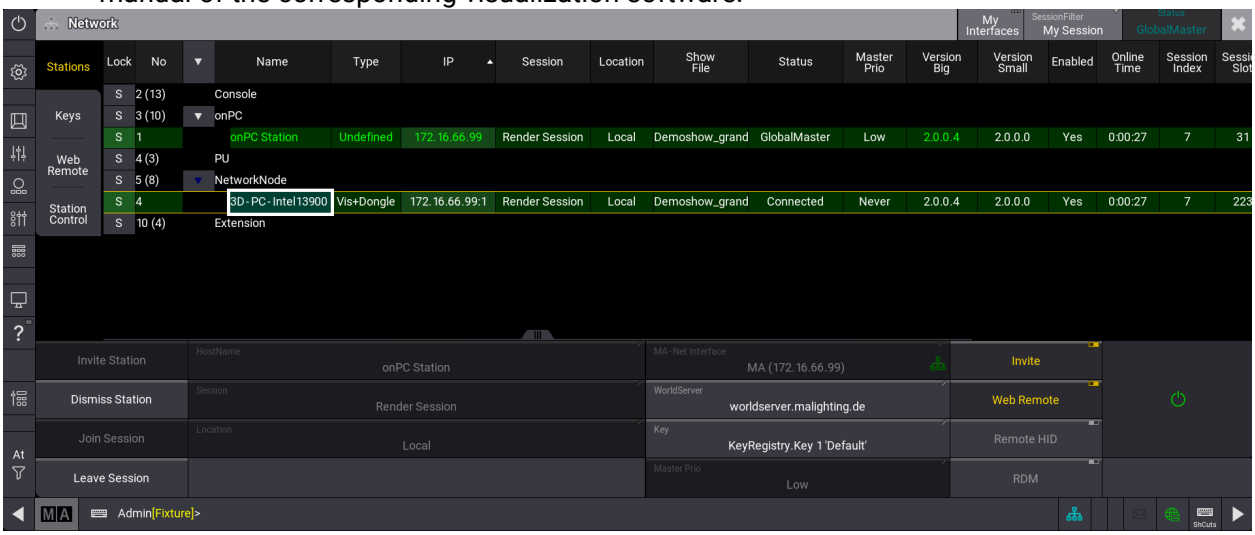
For a direct link to the information about the LEDs, see Quick Start.

Use Cases for a Viz-Key Connection

Connect a grandMA3 onPC and a third-party visualizer on the same workstation.

1. Connect the grandMA3 viz-key to the workstation via USB.
2. Open the grandMA3 onPC software.
3. Click . The menu opens.

4. Click Settings and then click onPC Local Settings in the dropdown menu.
5. Disable Connect to viz-key. For more information, see onPC Local Settings.
6. Start the third-party visualization software and set up a network connection. Make sure to use the correct grandMA3 software version and the correct IP address, please refer to the user manual of the corresponding visualization software.

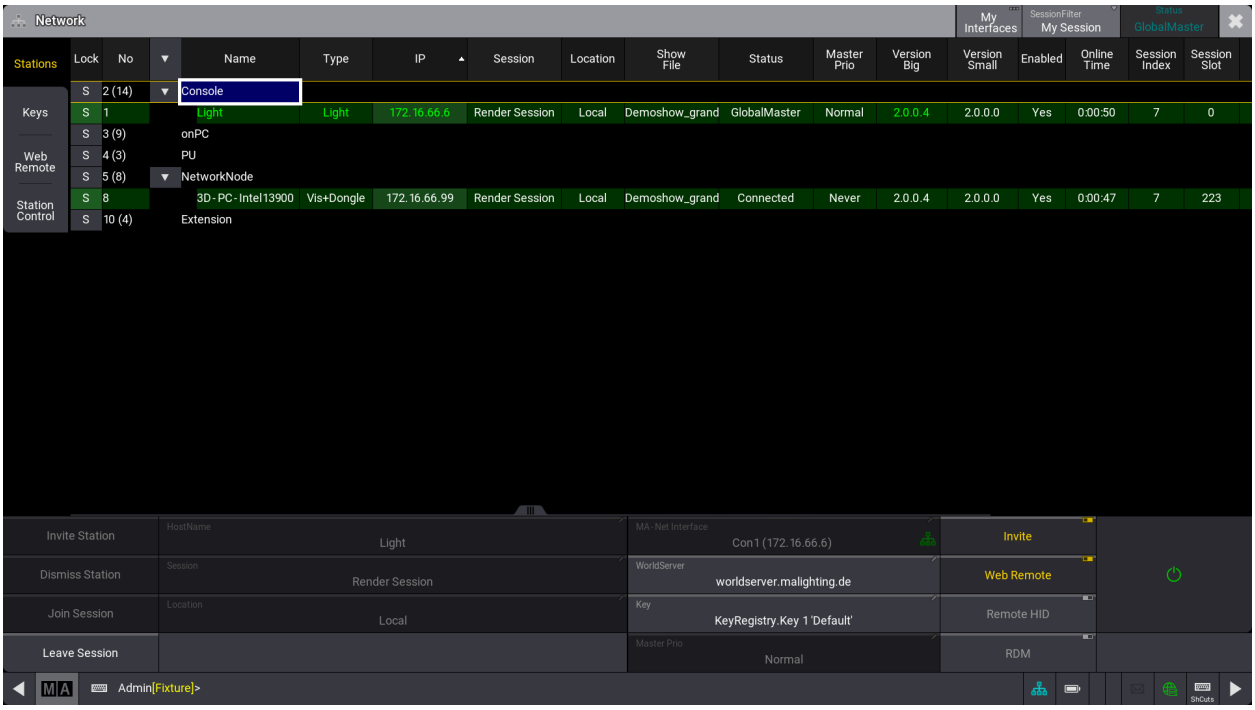


onPC station with visualizer connected

	Hint:
	Disable the connection between the viz-key and grandMA3 onPC to enable unlimited parameters, rather than the 512 available for visualization.

Connect a grandMA3 onPC station / grandMA3 Console to a Separate Visualization Workstation via Network

1. Connect the grandMA3 viz-key to the Visualizer workstation via USB.
2. Start the third-party visualization software and set up a network connection.
3. Invite the visualizer workstation to a session on the grandMA3 onPC station / grandMA3 console. The visualization workstation is connected to a session.



Console with connected visualizer workstation

	Hint:
	The configured session above gives access to more than the granted parameters of the corresponding grandMA3 devices for visualization.

Output DMX on grandMA3 onPC via a network protocol.

1. Connect the grandMA3 viz-key via USB to the workstation.
2. Open the grandMA3 onPC software.
3. Click . The menu opens.
4. Click Settings and then click onPC Local Settings in the dropdown menu.
5. Enable Connect to viz-key.
6. Create a session or use a network protocol to output DMX. For more information, see Create a Session and Ethernet DMX.

Viz-key Licence Update

To validate the license of the grandMA3 viz-key, an internet connection to the world server is required. Once validated, the license is valid for 10 days.

The grandMA3 viz-key has to be validated on the same workstation where it is used.

To indicate an invalid license, the **LicenceInvalid** status is displayed in the network menu.

To monitor the correct connection of the viz-key hardware, the hosttype **Vis+Dongle** is displayed on the corresponding instance.

1.5.18. Turn on the device for the first time

	Hint:
	The safety instructions and technical specifications can be found in the Quick Manual of the respective product, e.g. consoles: For information on safety instructions, see grandMA3 Quick Manual Consoles - Safety. For technical specifications, see Technical Data in the grandMA3 Quick Manual consoles.

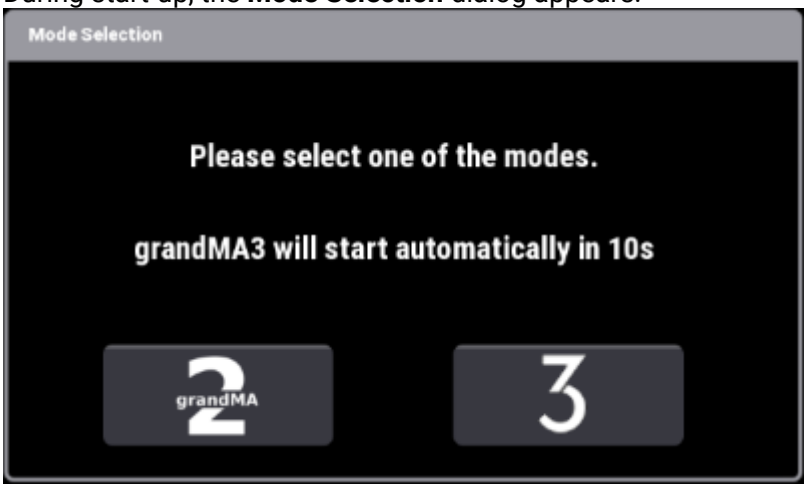
Turn on the grandMA3 Device

1. Unpack the grandMA3 device.
2. Remove packaging and cushioning material.
3. Place the device indoors on a stable surface.
4. Connect external monitors using the native DisplayPort connectors (optional).
5. Connect an external mouse or keyboard using the USB ports (optional).
6. Insert the power connector into the corresponding jack.
7. Connect the power plug to the mains.
8. Turn on the power switch on the rear panel.
9. Press the power key on the front panel.

The device starts booting.

Select Mode

During start-up, the **Mode Selection** dialog appears:

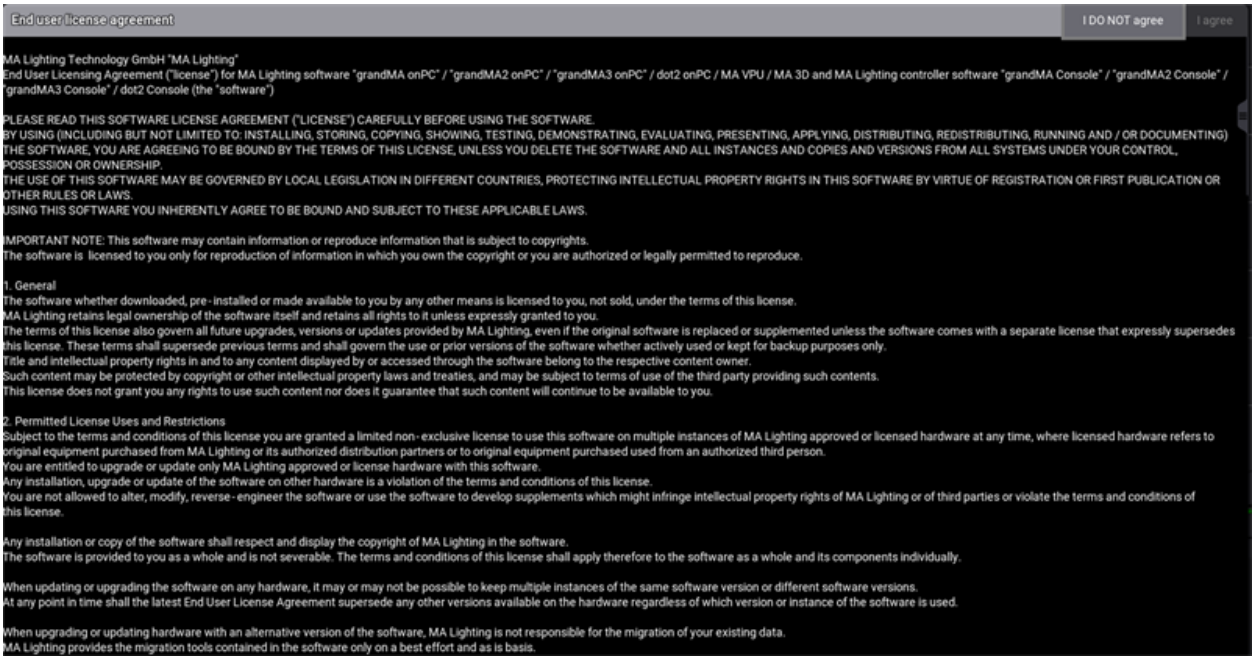


- Tap to select a mode.

For more information, see the Mode2 in the grandMA3 Mode2 section of the grandMA2 User Manual.

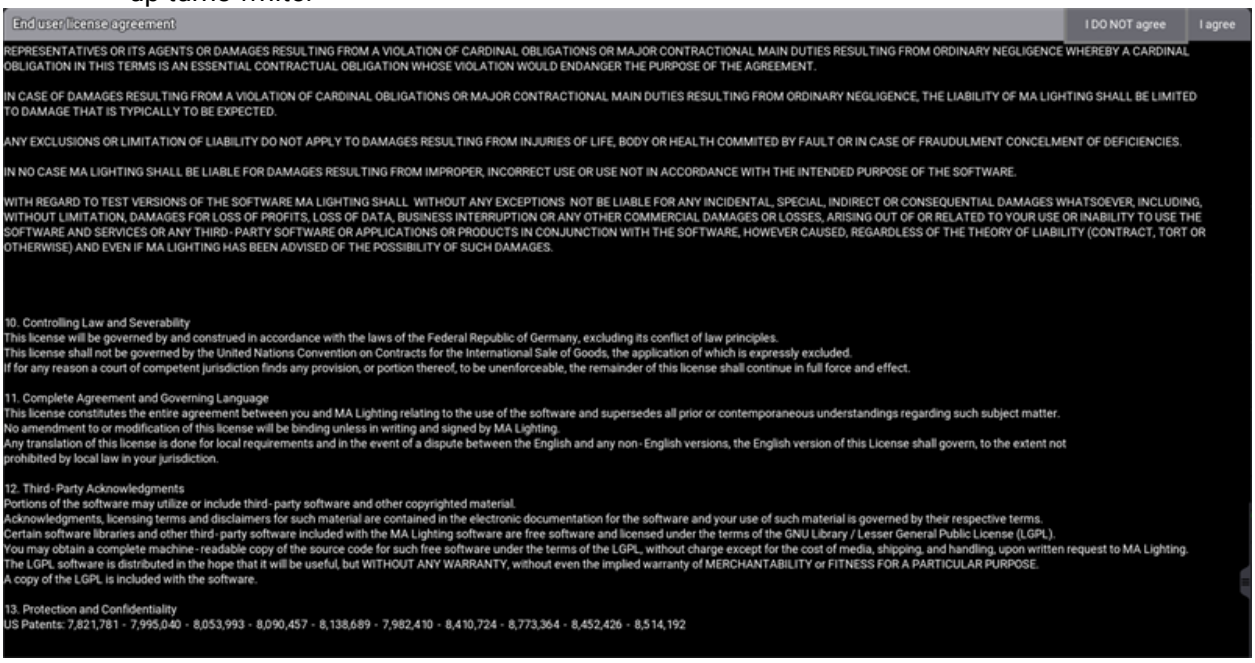
End-User License Agreement (EULA)

After selecting grandMA3 mode, the console starts to boot, and the pop-up **End-User License Agreement (EULA)** opens.



End-user License Agreement (EULA)

- Scroll down to read the complete EULA. The button I agree in the upper right corner of the pop-up turns white.



End-user License Agreement (EULA) I agree button

- To confirm the EULA, tap I agree.

	Hint:
	The EULA is only displayed the first time the console is booted and each time it is booted after a software update.

Release Notes

The splash screen of the current version appears, along with a reference to the release notes.

- To confirm the Release Notes, tap I agree.
- If you do not want the software to show the Release Notes again after booting, tap Show again to disable.

You can now use your grandMA3 device.

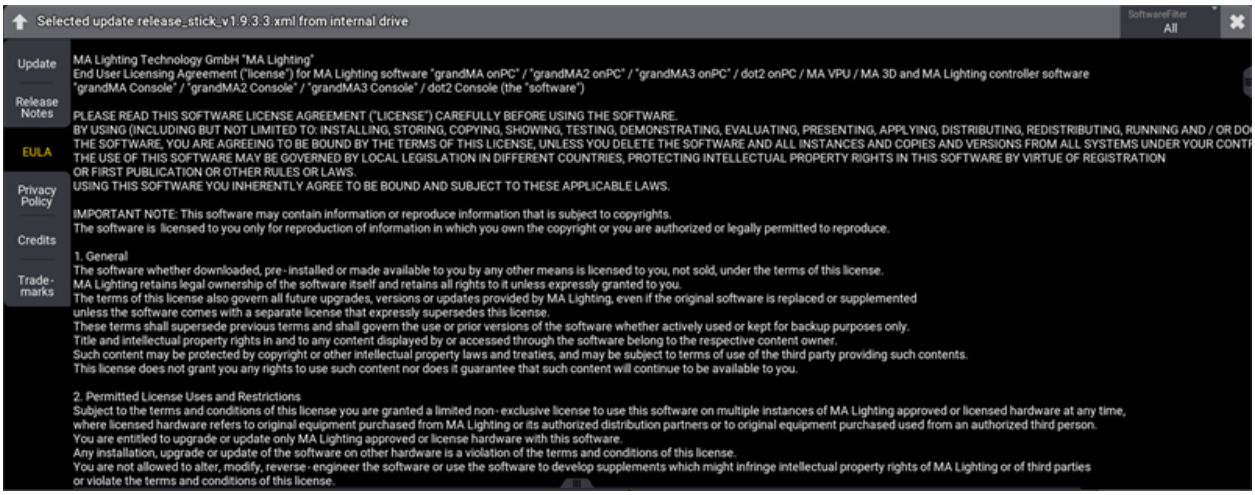
Third-party Software

The software includes standard codecs for playing videos and displaying images.

When you install third-party software, make sure that you have the required licenses.

Third-party software can be activated by accepting the additional third-party software agreement.

- To accept the additional third-party software agreement, open the Software Update menu. For more information, see Network Update.



- Tap EULA, then tap Third-Party Software.

- Tap I AGREE to accept the additional third-party software agreement

1.5.19. Shut Down the System

Before shutting down the system, save the show file via the Backup menu.

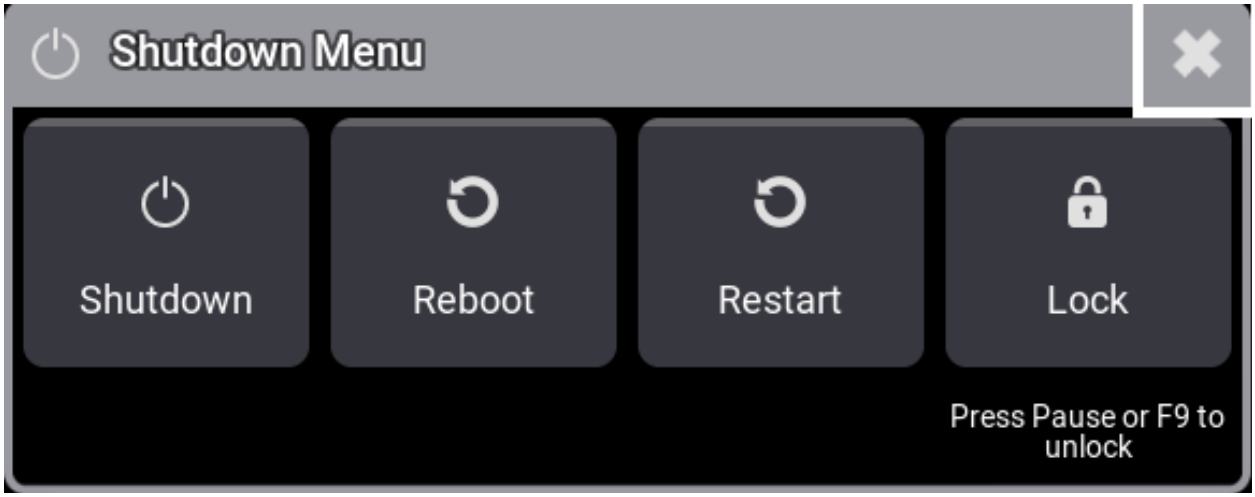
To start the shutdown procedure, use one of the following options:

Use the Software User Interface

- Tap the icon at the top of the control bar.

Paste to Command Line

The shutdown menu opens:



Shutdown Menu - Buttons

- To shut down, tap the icon.
- To reboot, tap the Reboot icon. This button is only available on consoles.
- To restart, tap the Restart icon.
- To lock the desk, tap the icon. For more information, see desk lock.

Use the Power Key

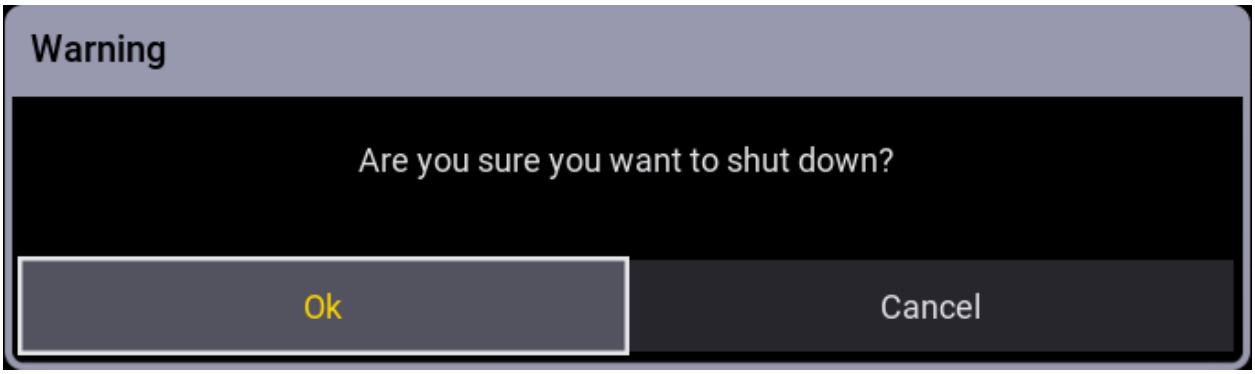
- Press the power key on the front panel.

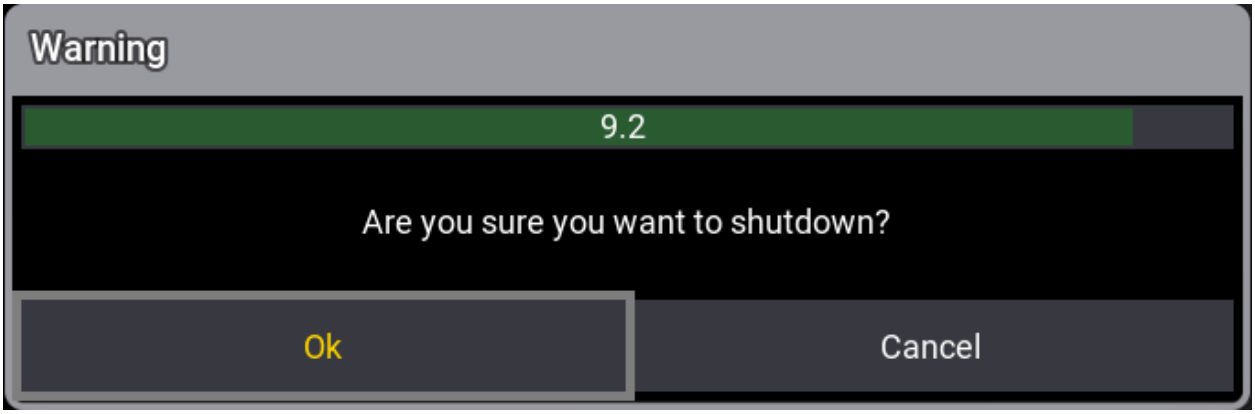
Use a Keyword

- Reboot keyword
- Restart keyword
- ShutDown keyword

Shutdown Warning Pop-Up

One of the following warning pop-ups appears:





- Tap OK.

The grandMA3 device shuts down.

	Hint:
	When using the ShutDown keyword, you can choose an option without a shutdown pop-up or without timer.
	Hint:
	If an attempt is made to shut down before saving the show file, a save show file pop-up will appear. For more information, see Save Show File.

- To shut down the current station without confirmation, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>ShutDown /NoConfirmation

- To shut down the current station without a timer, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>ShutDown /NoAutoClose

1.6. grandMA3 onPC

MA Lighting offers the perfect solutions for getting started with. Simply download the grandMA3 onPC software and connect to any of the grandMA3 onPC products to unlock parameters.

The amount of DMX outputs varies with each grandMA3 onPC product but all of them unlock parameters for the full grandMA3 software functionality. There is no compromise in feature set and the range of products allow you to make the right choice for your budget or individual needs.

You have a wide variety of options for onPC solutions: the grandMA3 onPC command wing, which offers the ultimate grandMA3 mobile solution, the grandMA3 onPC command wing XT, featuring a built-in MA mother board, the grandMA3 onPC xPort Nodes, which offer the most cost-effective DMX output solution for software only show control, the grandMA3 onPC DMX-key and the grandMA3 onPC DMX-key starter, which offer two DMX outputs in the most compact solution, and the grandMA3 onPC fader wing, which gives you additional faders in your grandMA3 onPC system.

Every grandMA3 onPC xPort Node is capable of handling MA-Net3, MA-Net2, sACN and Art-Net data and is fully RDM compliant. A 3.9" color display on the front face allows for simple configuration and provides a quick overview of the status of each Node.

All grandMA3 onPC xPort Nodes are equipped with a powerful processor and a 1,000Mbit/s Ethernet connection to ensure the most reliable and stable Ethernet to DMX and vice versa conversion.

The grandMA3 onPC xPort Nodes are high quality solutions that can handle busy Ethernet connections without ditching DMX or RDM messages.

Subtopics

- System Requirements
- Windows™® Installation
- Optimize Windows™®
- macOS® Installation
- Optimize macOS®
- onPC Terminal App
- Uninstalling Previous Versions of grandMA3 onPC Windows®
- onPC Local Settings
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1.6.1. System Requirements

If you would like to run grandMA3 on your PC, here is what it takes.

Type	Minimum	Recommended
Operating system	Windows® 10 64bit version 1803 or later, Windows® 11 64bit version 21H2 or later, Apple® macOS® Sonoma (version 14) or later, Admin rights are required for all operating systems.	-
Processor	6th Generation Intel® Core CPU™ processor-based platform or later with 4 or more cores and SSE 4.2 or comparable AMD® CPU, AVX2, Apple® M1® SoC CPU with 8 or more cores or later.	-
RAM	8 GB	16 GB
Hard disk	32 GB of available space	type SSD
Graphics card	Any graphic card with hardware acceleration, Vulkan 1.3 support, and 2048 MB VRAM, or Apple® M1® SoC GPU with 8 or more cores or later.	4 096 MB VRAM 32 GB unified memory
Resolution	1 920 x 1 080 or higher.	-
Network card	1000BASE-T	-

Additional requirements:

- To use the grandMA3 onPC in session with grandMA3 consoles, a minimum of 16 GB of RAM (24GB Unified Memory when using Apple® M1® SoC or later) is required.
- To use the online help and download the latest version of grandMA3 onPC, make sure that you have internet access.
- To save the software on a USB flash drive, use a USB 2.0 or 3.0 port.

	Known Limitation:
	The grandMA3 onPC software and the USB device drivers currently do not support Windows® 11 on ARM processors.
	Hint:
	In general, more cores and more cache memory are recommended instead of a higher processor clock speed.
	Hint:
	The maximum supported software version for Apple® macOS® High Sierra 10.13 and Apple® macOS® Mojave 10.14 is grandMA3 onPC version 1.8.8.2. The maximum supported software version for Apple® macOS® Catalina 10.15 and Apple® macOS® Big Sur 11 is grandMA3 onPC version 2.1.1.5. The maximum supported software version for Apple® macOS® Monterey 12 and Apple® macOS® Ventura 13 is grandMA3 onPC version 2.4.2.2.
	Important:
	We recommend always using the latest graphics card driver version.

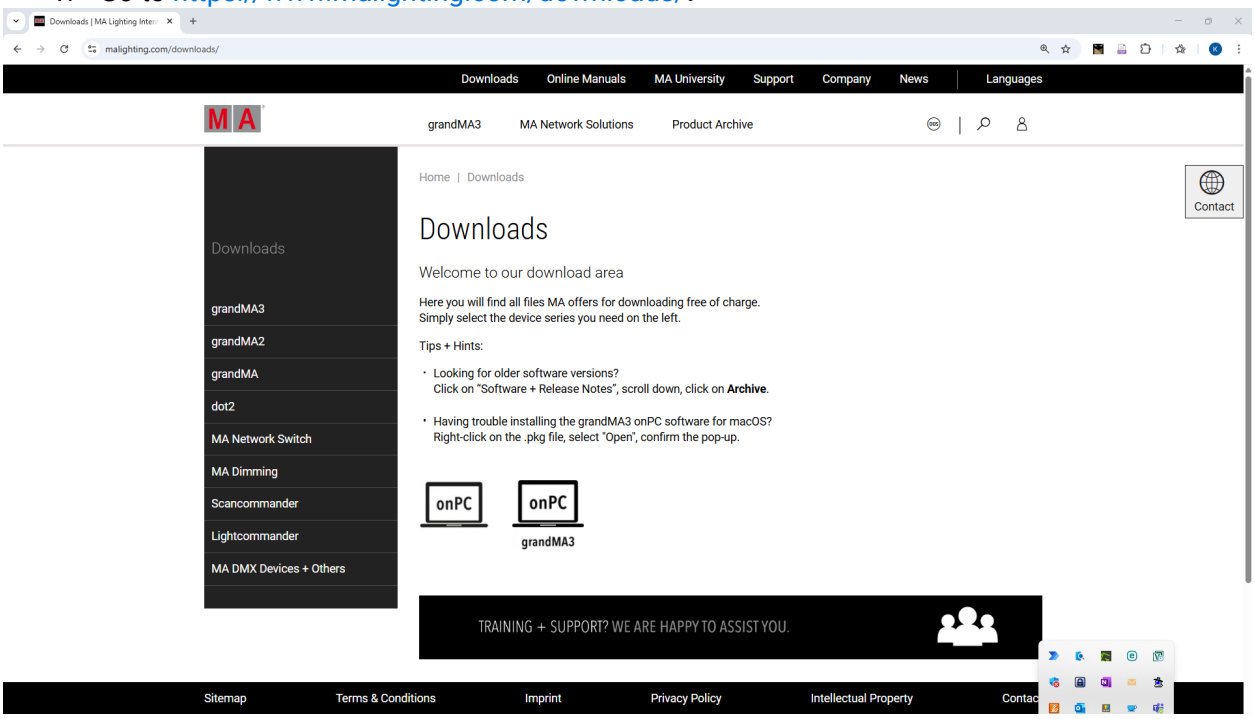
1.6.2. Windows™® Installation

To run the grandMA3 onPC software, copy and install the program files on your PC.

The installation is possible in every root directory or in the **standard directory** "C:\Program Files\MALightingTechnology".

To download the grandMA3 software:

1. Go to https://www.malighting.com/downloads/.



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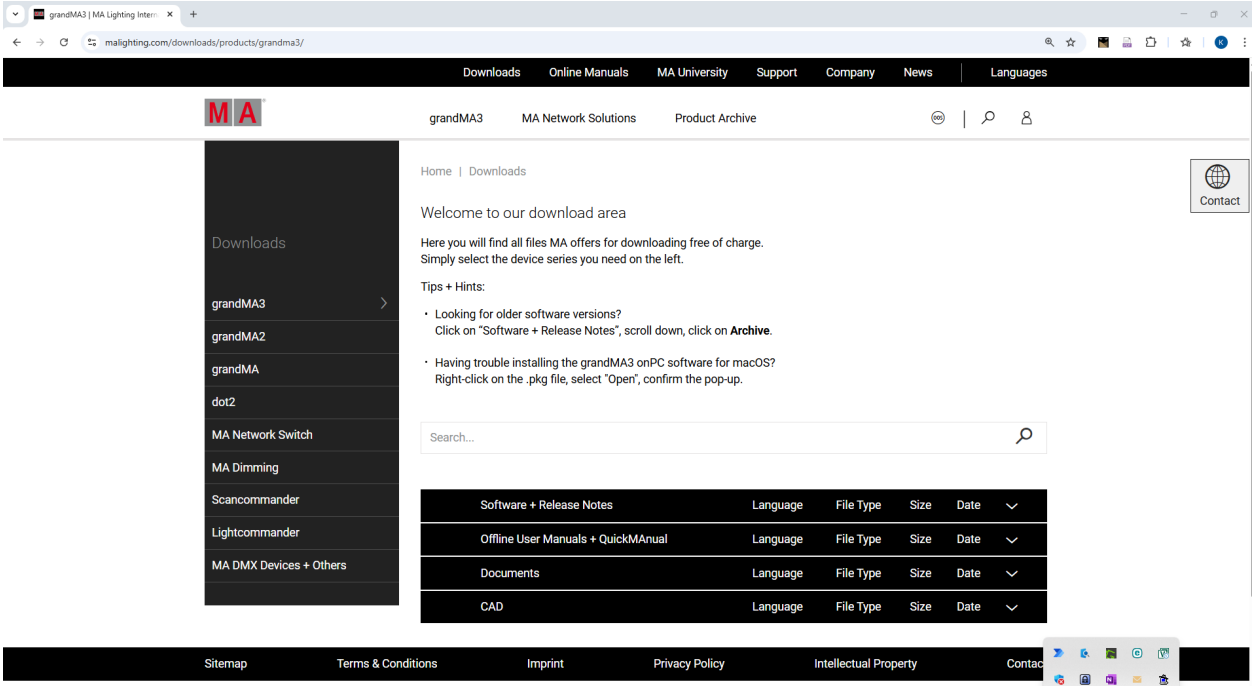
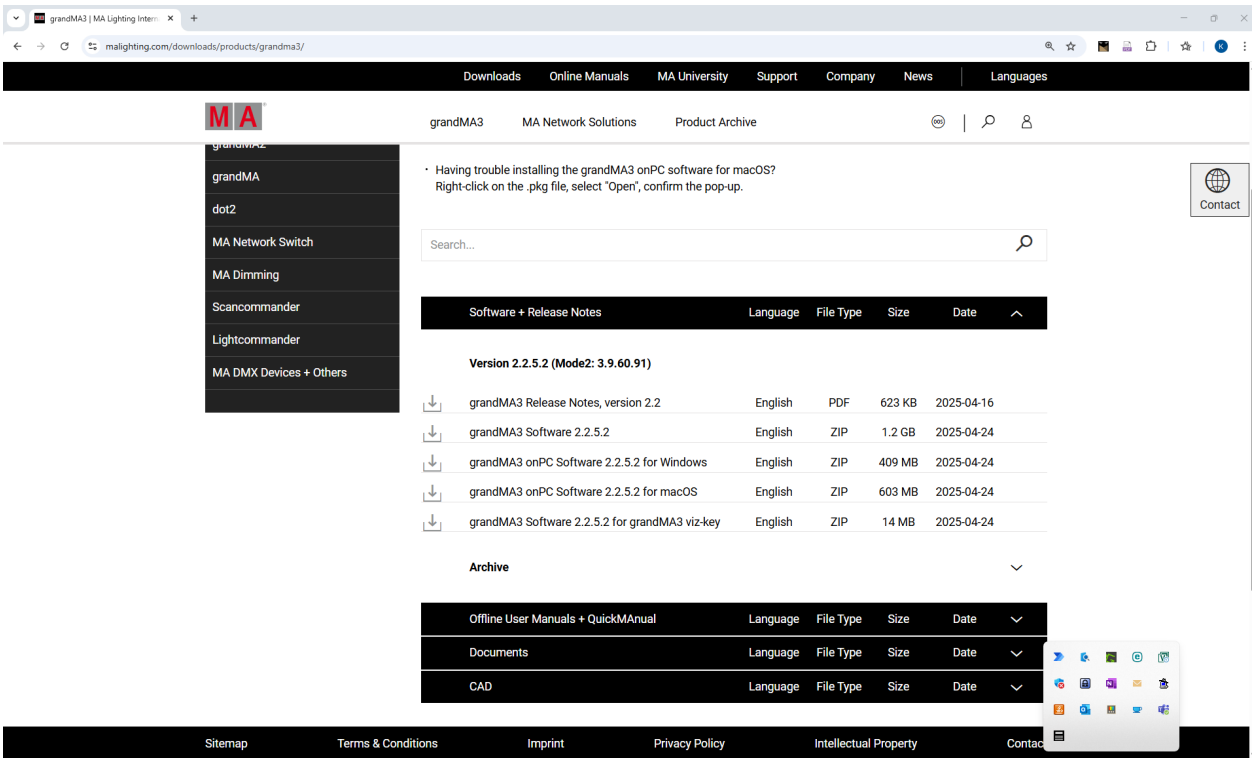
2. Click **grandMA3** in the bar on the left.



grandMA3 section

3. Click **Software + Release Notes** to find the latest software version.



grandMA3 Software section

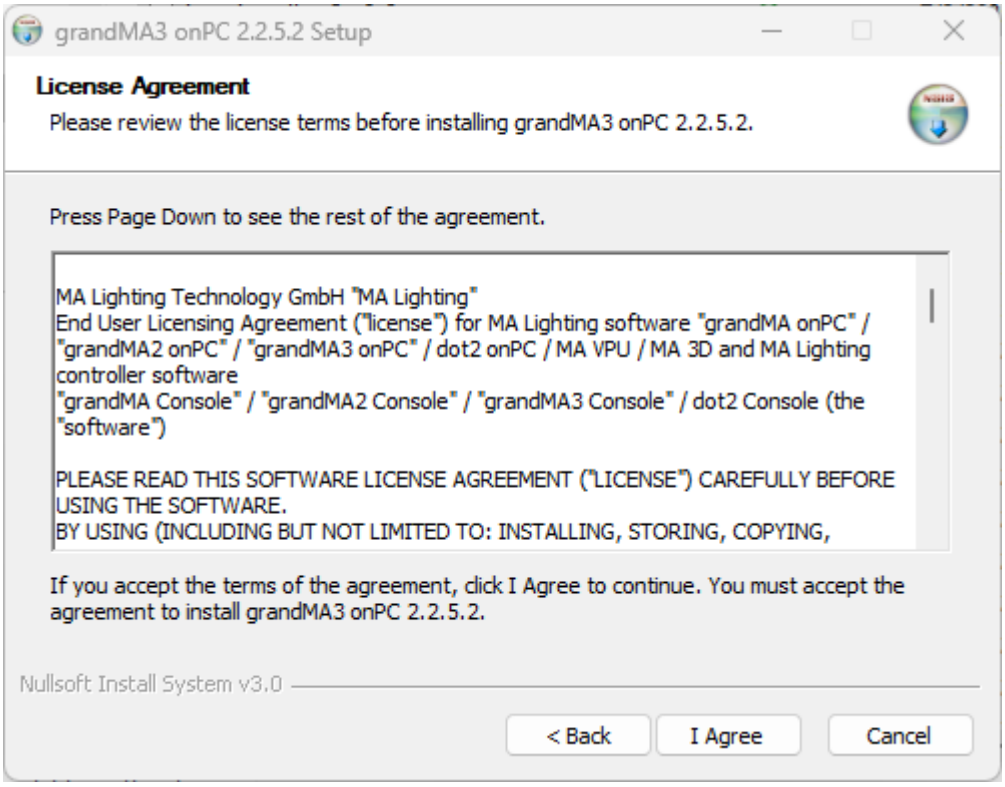
4. Click grandMA3 onPC Software x.x.x.x for Windows to download the desired installation package.

The download process starts.

- Extract the zip file.

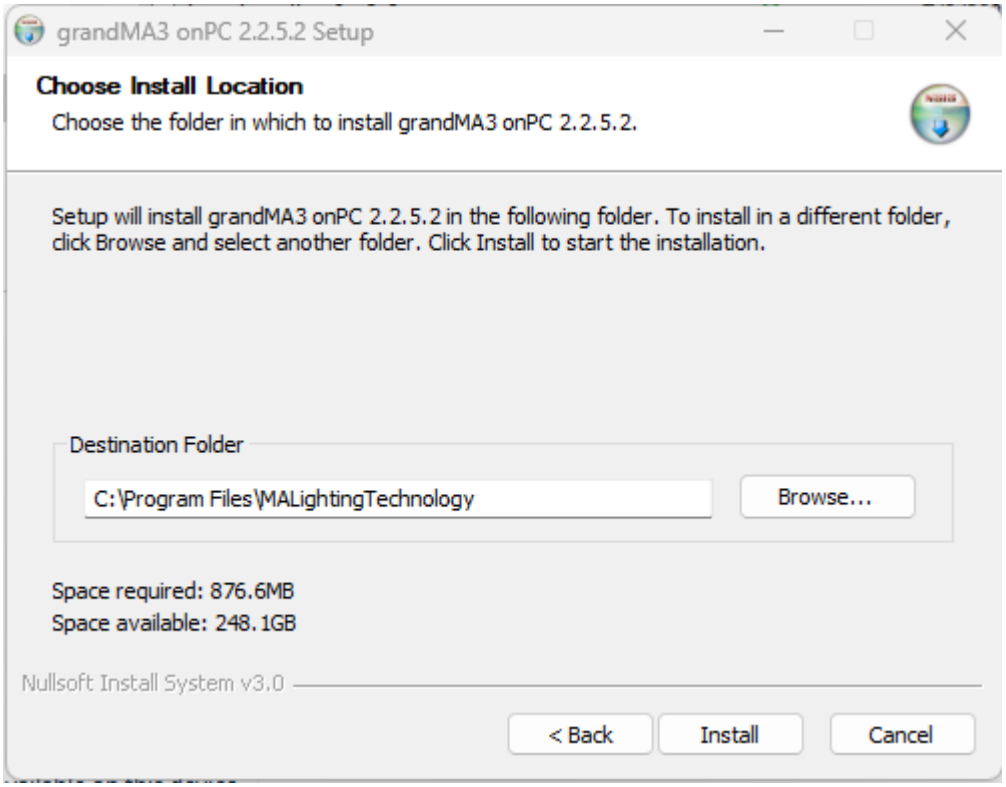
- Go to the subfolder "ma".
- Double-click the installation program grandMA3_onPC-vx.x.x.x.exe.
- Confirm with Execute.
  The installation program opens:

- Click Next. The End User License Agreement (EULA) appears:

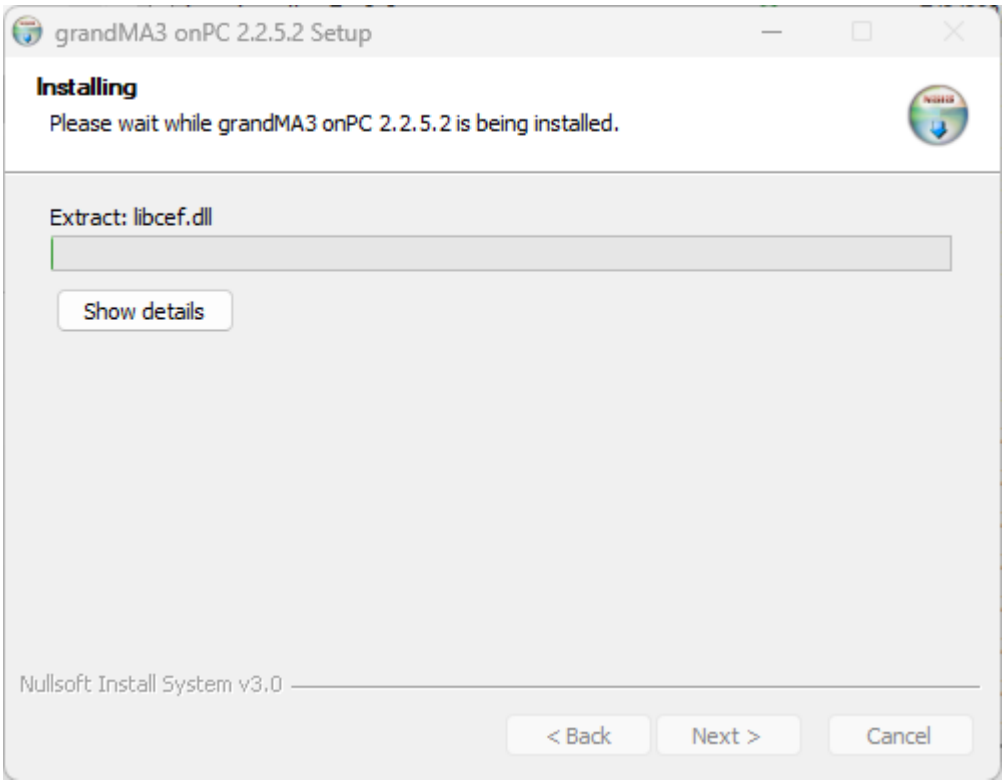


- Click I Agree to accept the agreement.

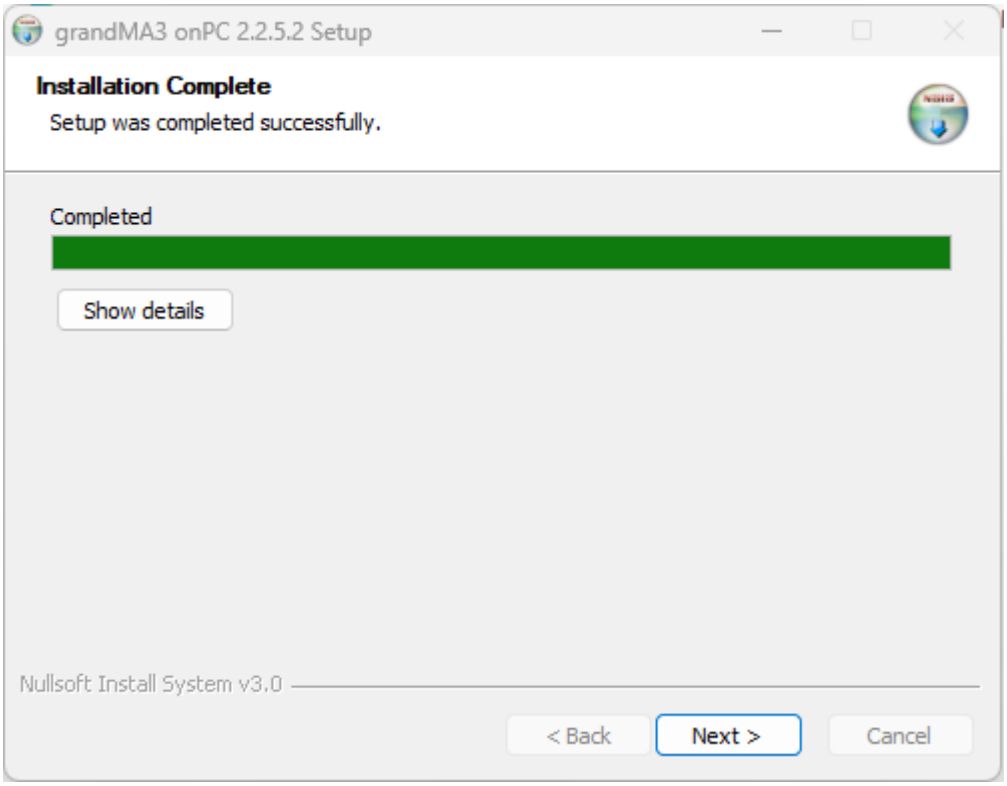
The Install Location window appears:



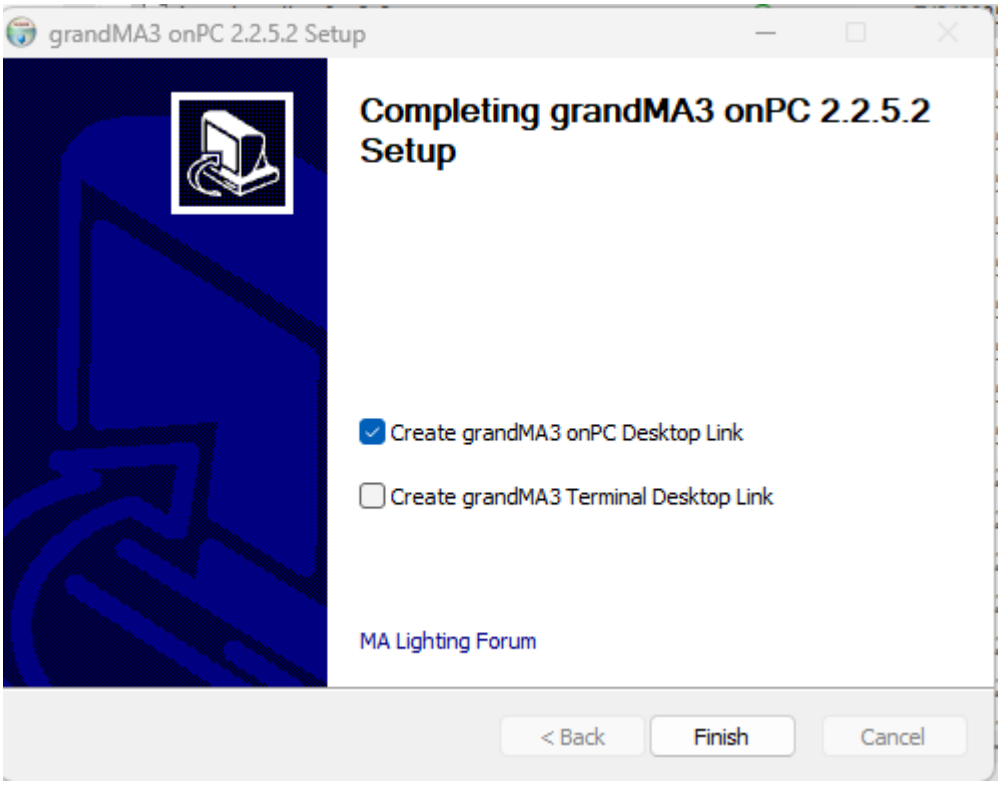
- Watch out for the suggested directory and change it if you would like to do so.
- The standard directory for the resources and user files is "C:\Program Files\MALightingTechnology".
- For more information, see Folder Structure in File Management.
- To confirm the installation directory, click Install.
- The program files are copied into the selected directory.



1. To install a USB driver, connect a usb stick before the installation.
2. During the installation, a pop-up window appears asking to install an USB driver. Tap Install.
3. Click Next to finish the installation.

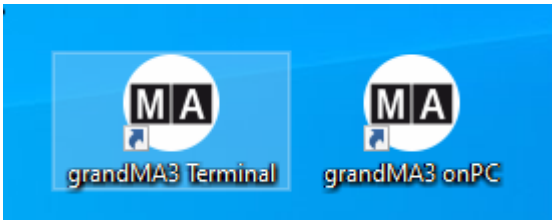


At the end of the installation process, you can choose to set a link to the terminal app or not.



It is disabled by default.

Click the checkbox if you want to create a desktop link to the terminal app.



grandMA3 onPC for Windows

As soon as the installation is finished, the MA icon appears on the desktop.

If several versions of the software have been installed, several subfolders are created in the main folder "C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology".

The MA icon on the desktop will always link to the latest version:

This is the main app.

	Important:
	grandMA3 onPC applications need to be run in administrator mode. For more information on how to force applications to run in administrator mode, see Optimize Windows™®.

1.6.3. Optimize Windows™®

- Turn on High-Performance Power Plan
- Optimize High-Performance Power Options
- Disable the Screen Saver
- System Requirement Warning
- Run in Administrator Mode
- Specify a Graphics Card

	Hint:
	The grandMA3 onPC software is available for Windows™® and macOS®.

Please refer to the system requirements topic to learn more about the computer specifications.

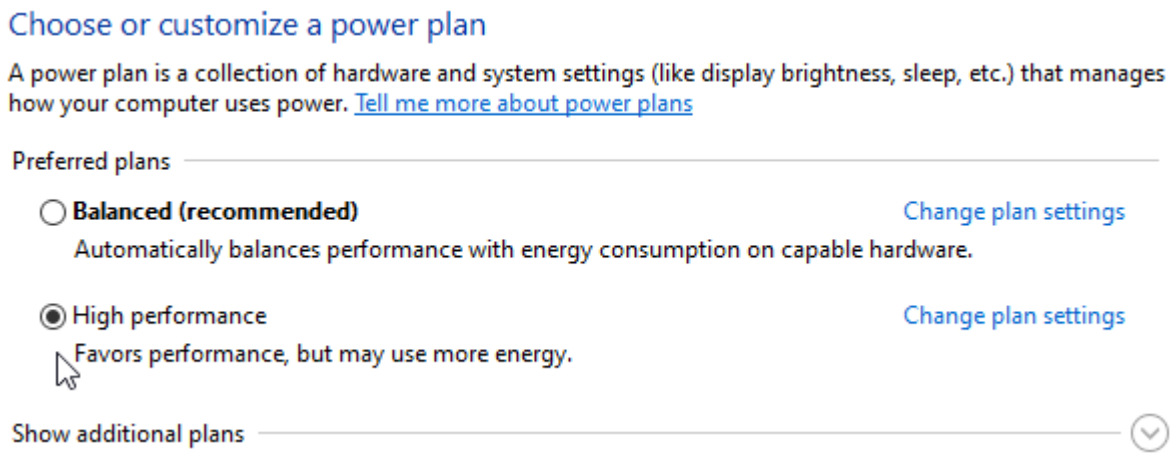
For more information about the grandMA3 onPC app, the terminal app, and the different version icons, read the Installation of grandMA3 onPC topic.

To run the grandMA3 onPC software even more efficiently, we recommend adjusting the following settings on your computer.

Turn on High-Performance Power Plan

To turn on the high-performance power plan:

1. Click the Start button.
2. Type Control Panel in the search bar.
3. In the search bar of the Control Panel, type power options.
4. Click Power Options.
5. Under Preferred plans, click High performance.



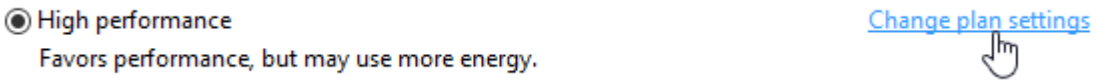
The high-performance power plan is turned on.

Optimize High-Performance Power Options

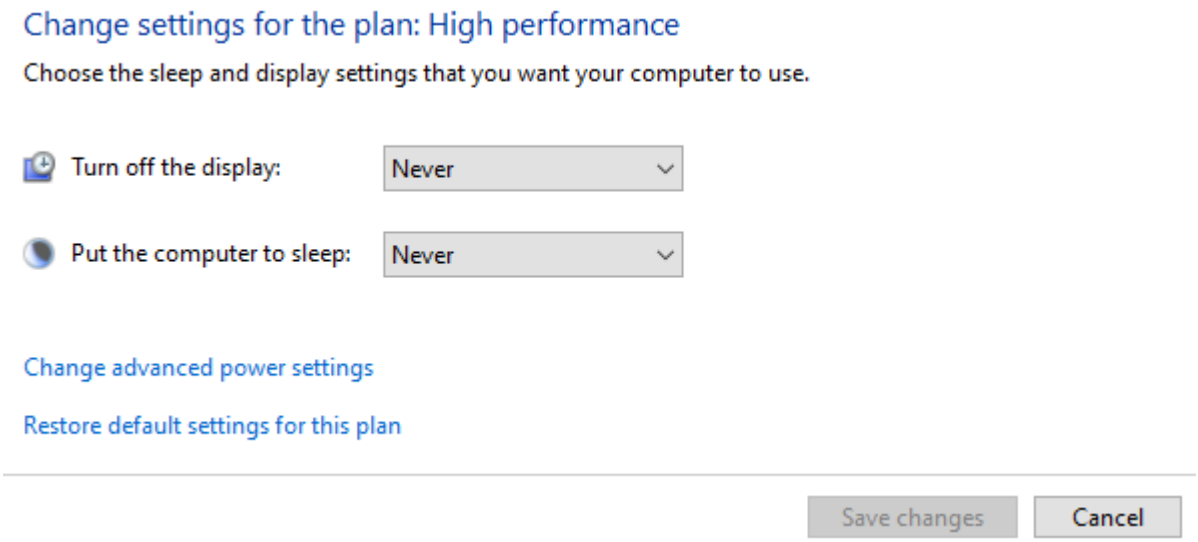
- Turn off everything that can interrupt the grandMA3 onPC.

To optimize the power options:

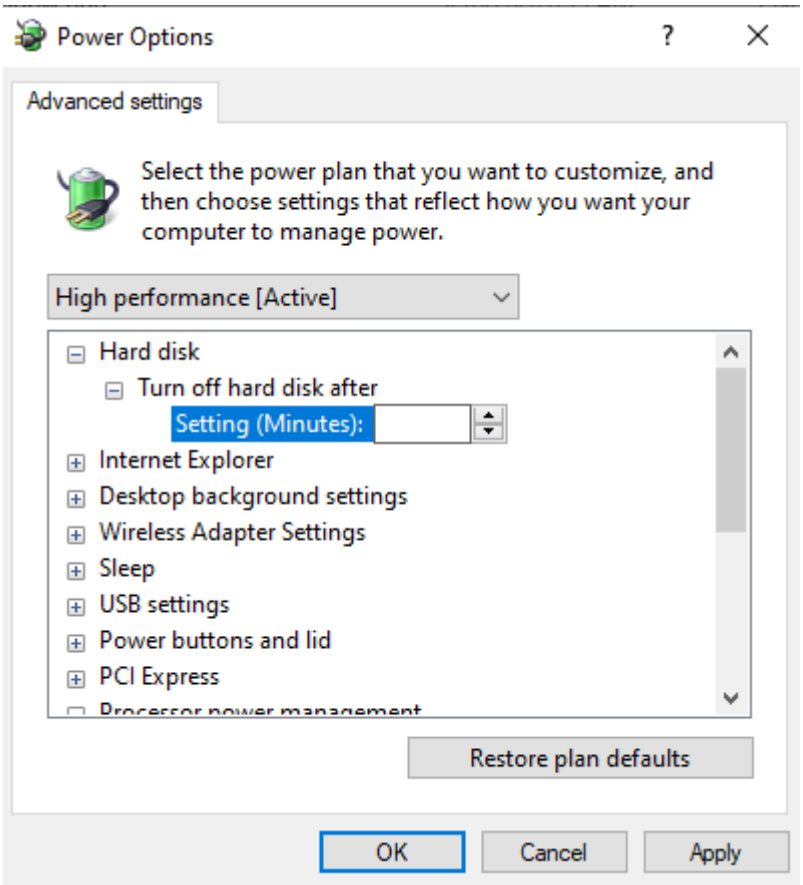
1. Click Change plan settings next to High performance



2. For **Turn off the display**, choose Never.
3. For **Put the computer to sleep**, choose Never.



4. Click Save changes.
5. Click Change advance power settings.



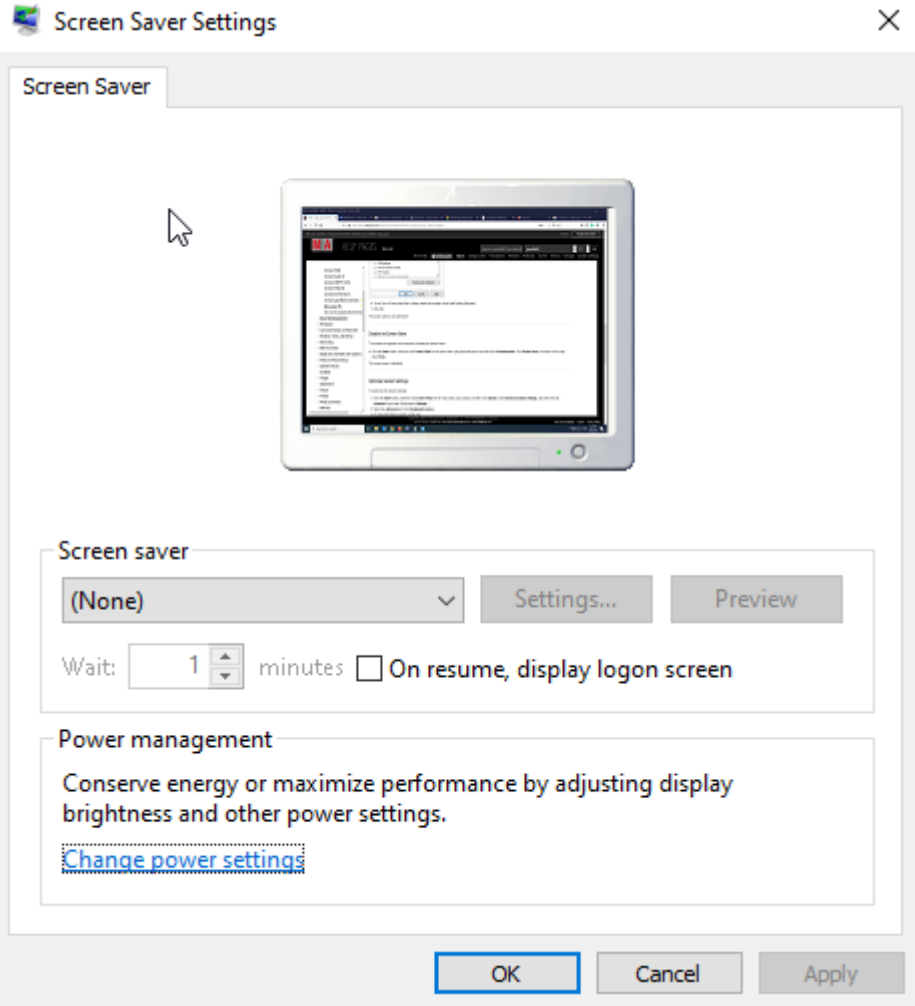
6. To set Turn off hard disk after to Never, delete the number in the field Setting (Minutes).
7. Click OK.

The power options are optimized.

Disable the Screen Saver

To conserve the graphic card resources, disable the screen saver.

1. Open the Control Panel.
2. In the search box, type Screen Saver.
3. Click Change Screen Saver to open the menu.
4. In the Screen saver select (None).
5. Click OK.



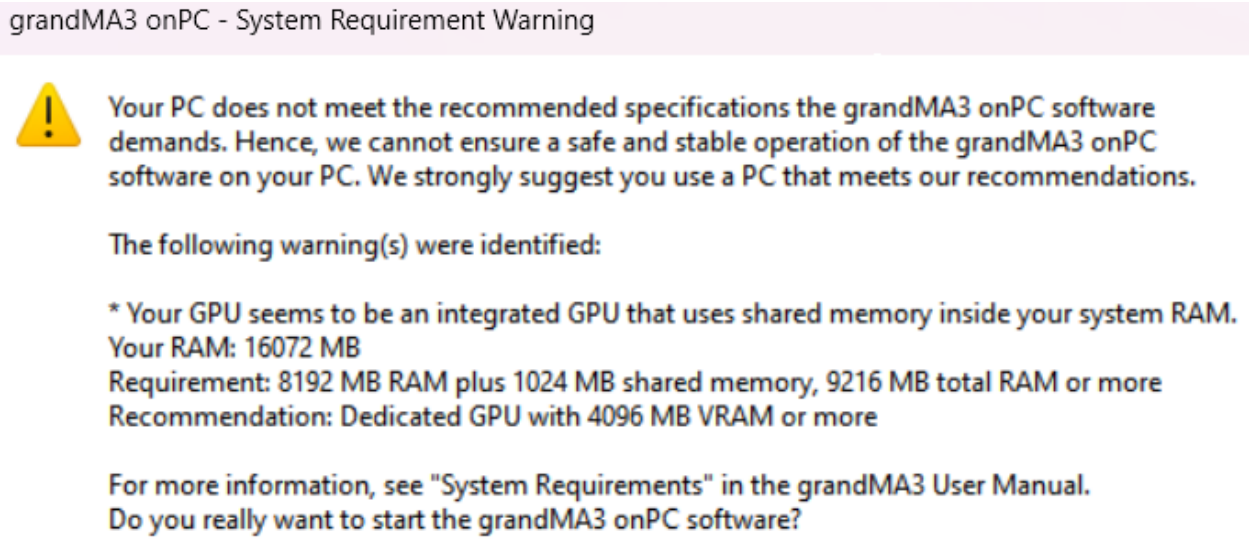
The screen saver is disabled.

System Requirement Warning

When starting the grandMA3 onPC software, a warning pop-up may appear due to hardware performance.

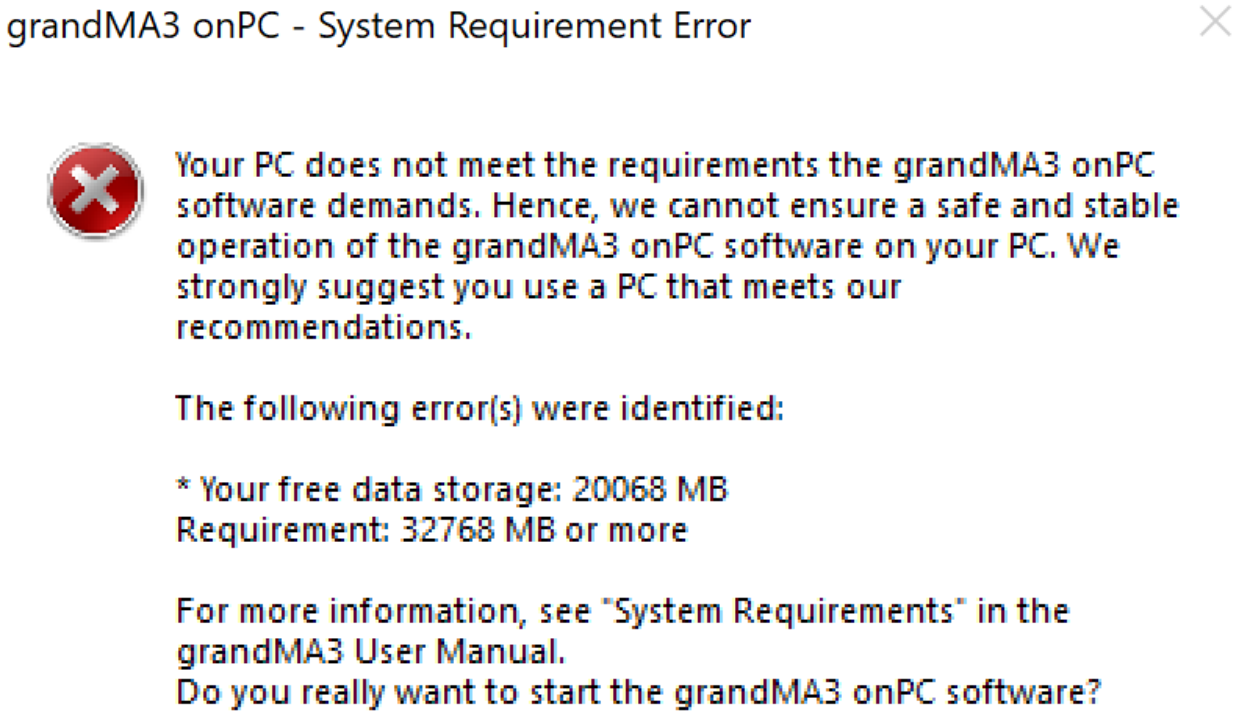
To suppress the system requirement pop-up, enable the Do not show this message again checkbox and then tap Yes.

	Hint:
	Note that each time you update grandMA3 onPC for Windows™®, the system requirements pop-up will appear again.



System Requirement Warning

An error pop-up may appear when starting the grandMA3 onPC software.



System Requirement Error

Run in Administrator Mode

grandMA3 onPC always needs to run using administrator user rights.

To force grandMA3 on PC to run in administrator mode on Windows™®:

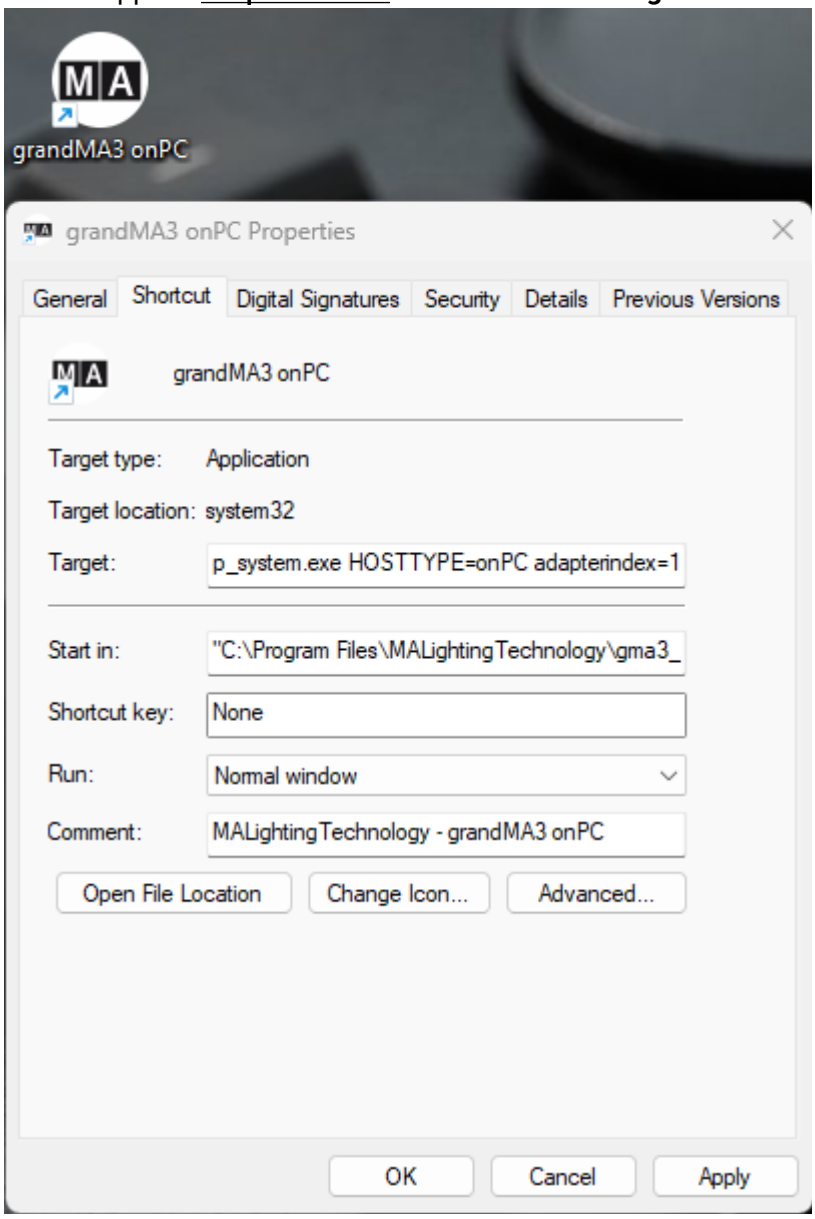
1. Right click the grandMA3 onPC application. A dropdown menu opens.

2. Click Run as administrator. A pop-up opens.
3. Confirm with Yes. The application starts.

Specify a Graphics Card

To assign the desired graphics adapter:

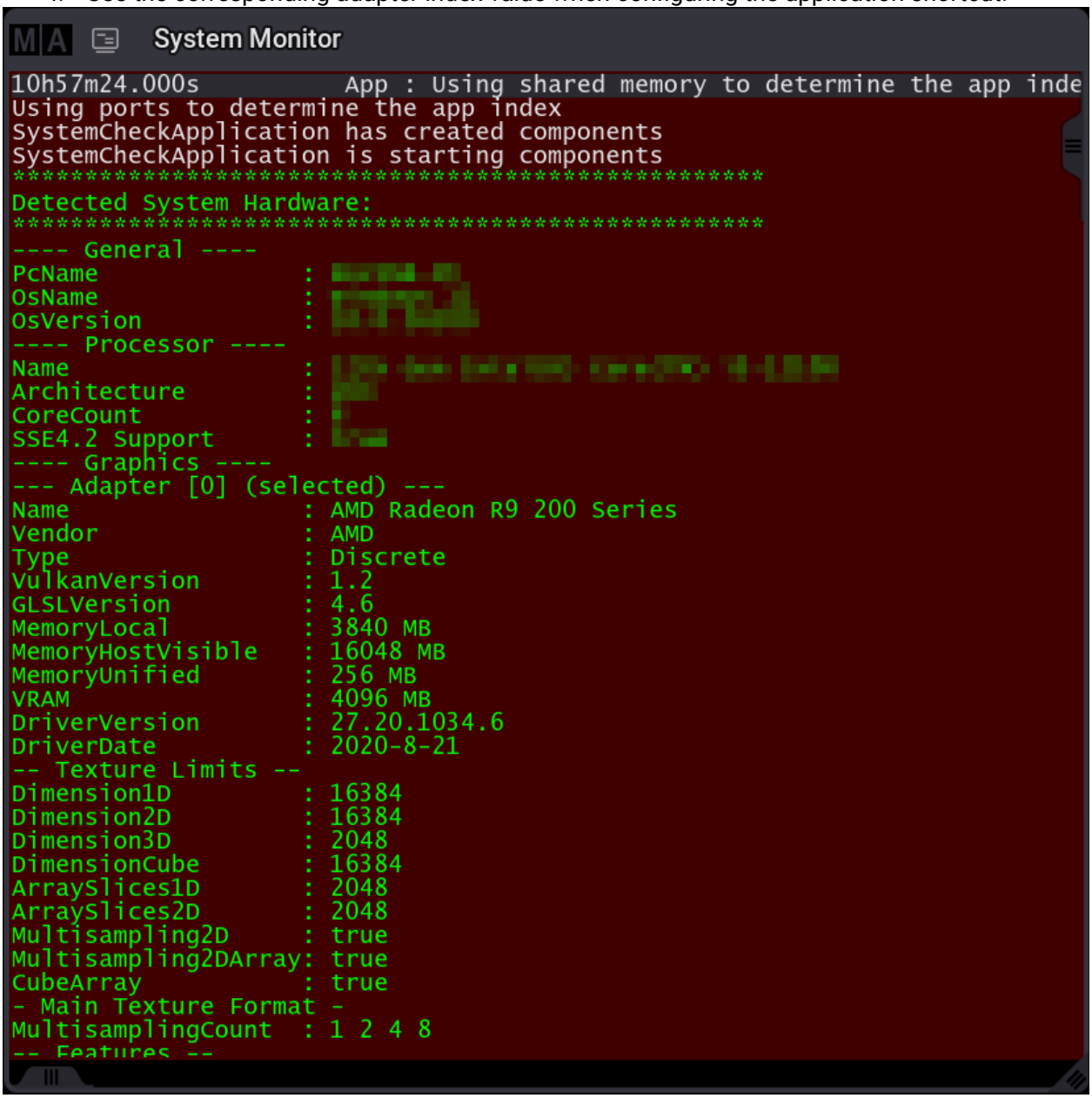
1. Right-click the grandMA3 onPC application. A dropdown menu opens.
2. Click Properties. The grandMA3 onPC Properties pop-up opens.
3. Click the Shortcut tab.
4. Append **adapterindex=X** to the end of the **Target** field. x is the index of the desired graphics card.



grandMA3 onPC PropertiesTo determine the adapter index:

1. Start the grandMA3 onPC software.
2. Open a System Monitor window.

3. Scroll to the top of the displayed information. Available graphics adapters are listed with their respective indexes, such as Adapter [0] (selected) or Adapter [1].
4. Use the corresponding adapter index value when configuring the application shortcut.

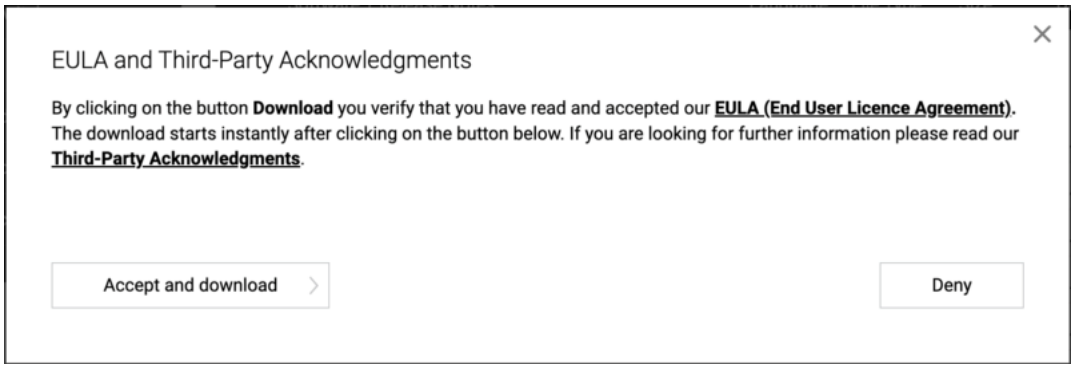


System Monitor - Adapter Index

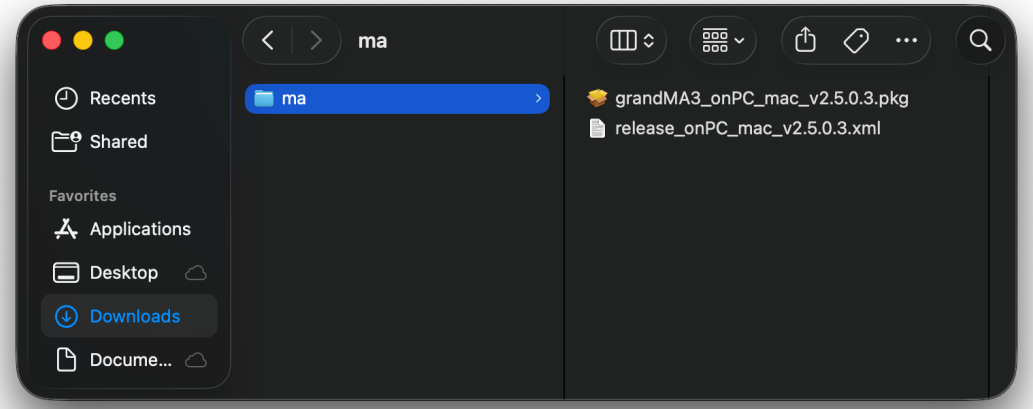
1.6.4. macOS® Installation

To install grandMA3 onPC on macOS:

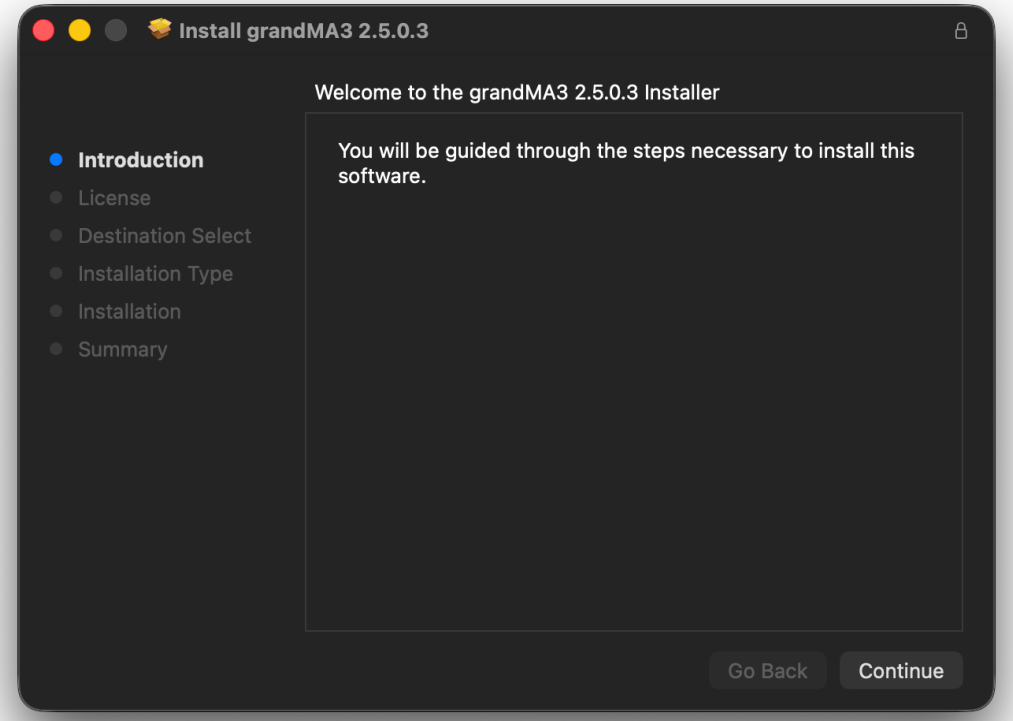
1. Download the installation file from https://www.malighting.com/downloads/.
2. On the left side of the web page, select the grandMA3 series.
3. Click Software + Release Notes.
4. Click grandMA3 onPC Software for macOS, x.x.x.x to download the installer.
5. The EULA and Third-Party Acknowledgments pop-up opens:



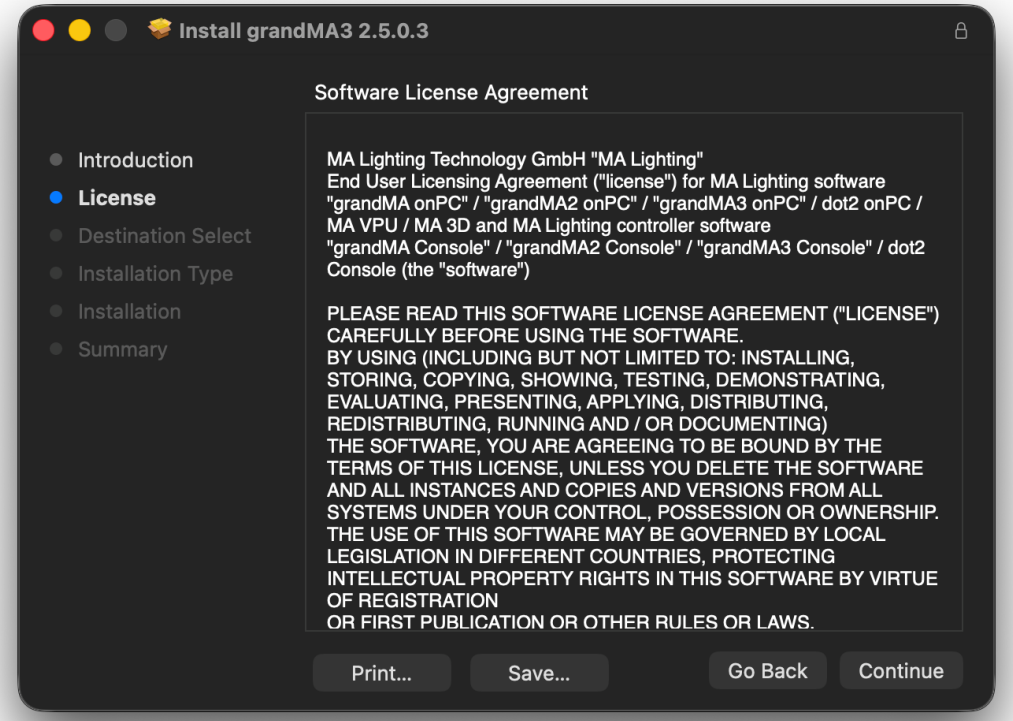
6. Click Accept and download.
7. Open the Downloads folder, then double-click grandMA3_onPC_mac_vx.x.x.x.zip. macOS extracts the archive and creates the ma folder.



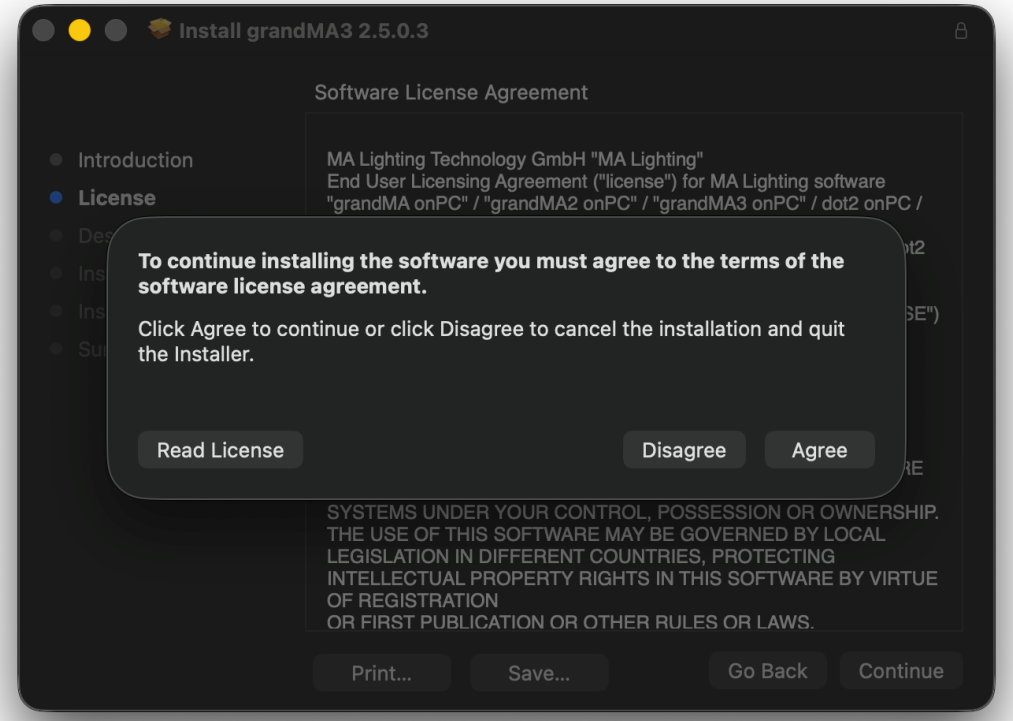
8. Open the ma folder, then double-click grandMA3_onPC_mac_vx.x.x.x.pkg. The Installer opens.



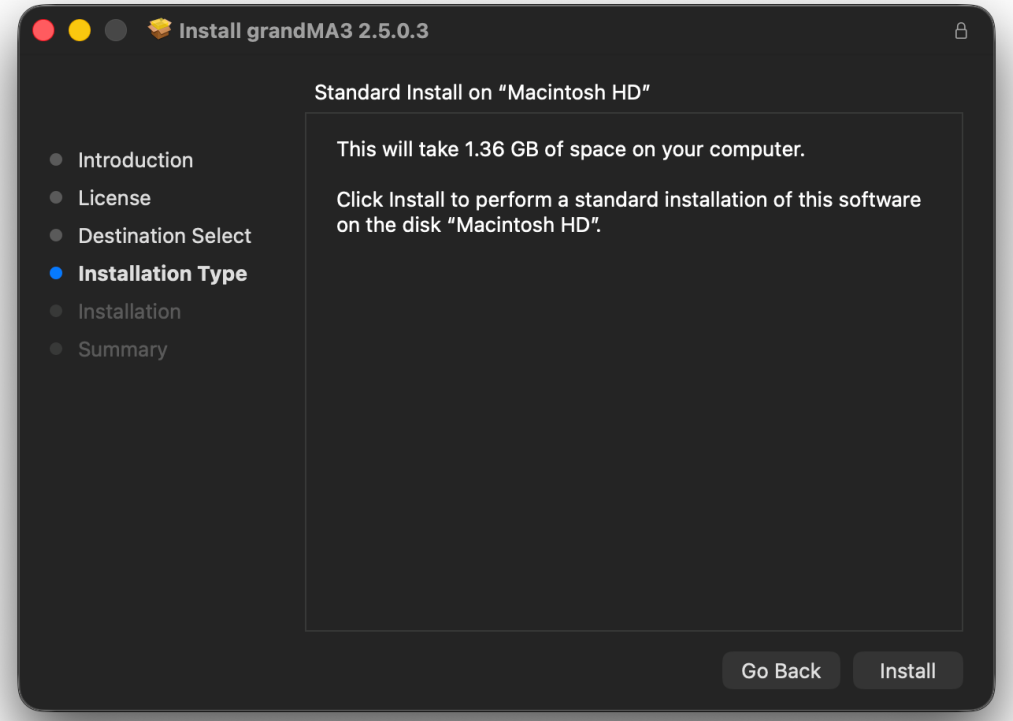
9. Click Continue. The software license agreement opens.



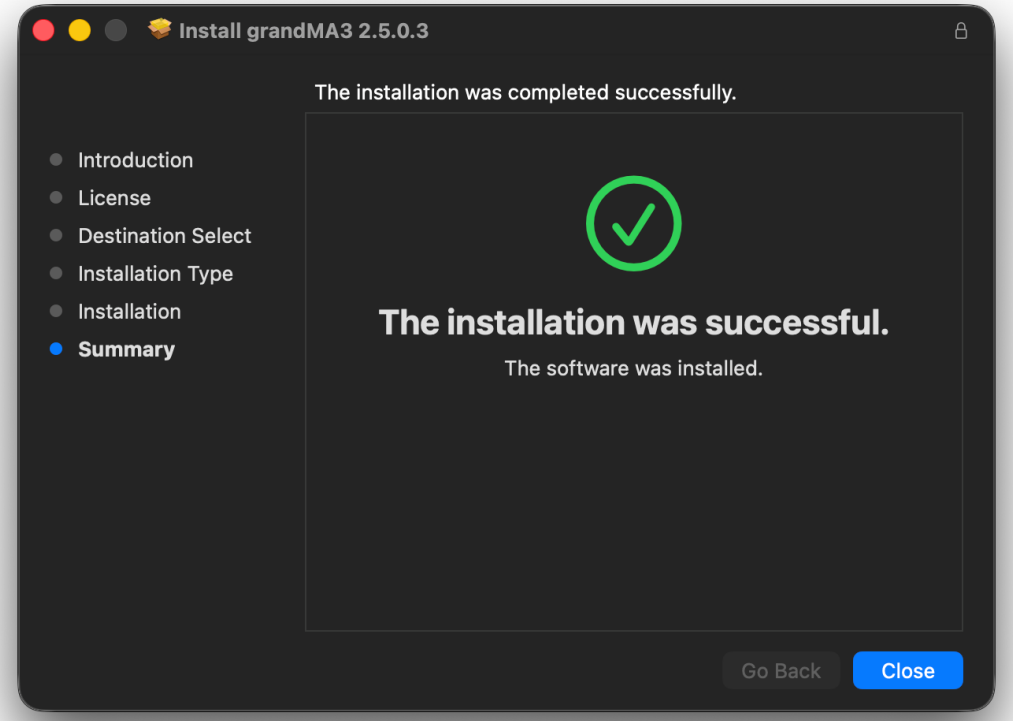
10. Click Continue.



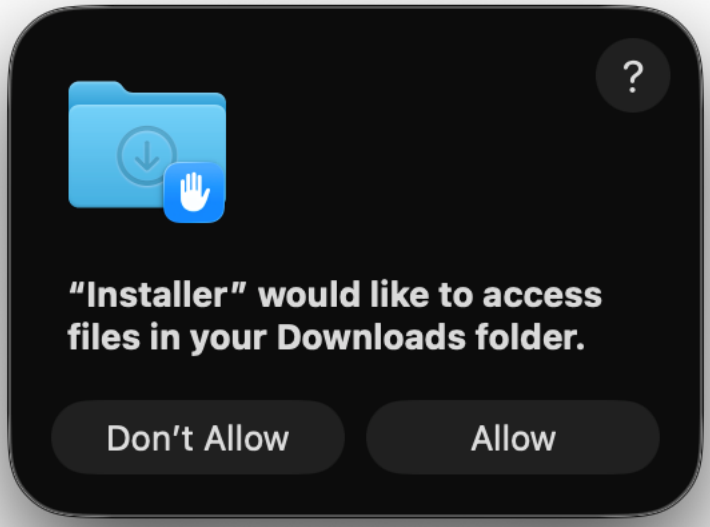
11. Click Agree.



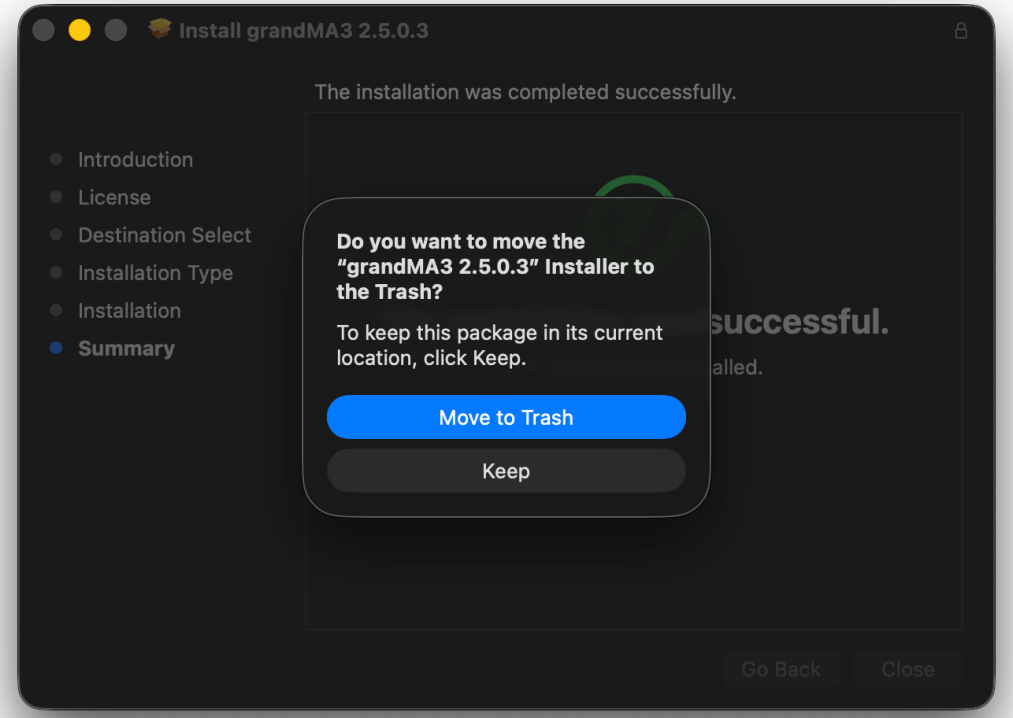
12. Click Install.



13. Click Close.
14. A pop-up asks for permission to access files in the Downloads folder.



15. Click Allow.
16. The Installer asks whether to move the installer package to the Trash or keep it in its current location.

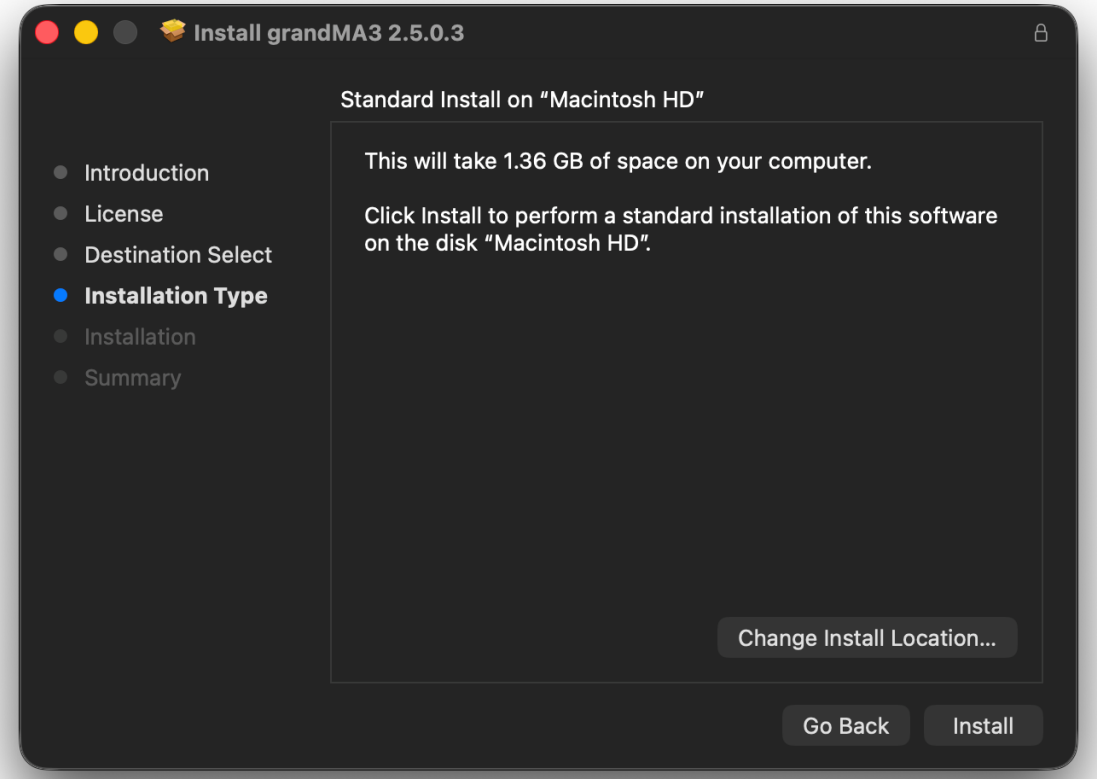


17. Click Move to Trash.

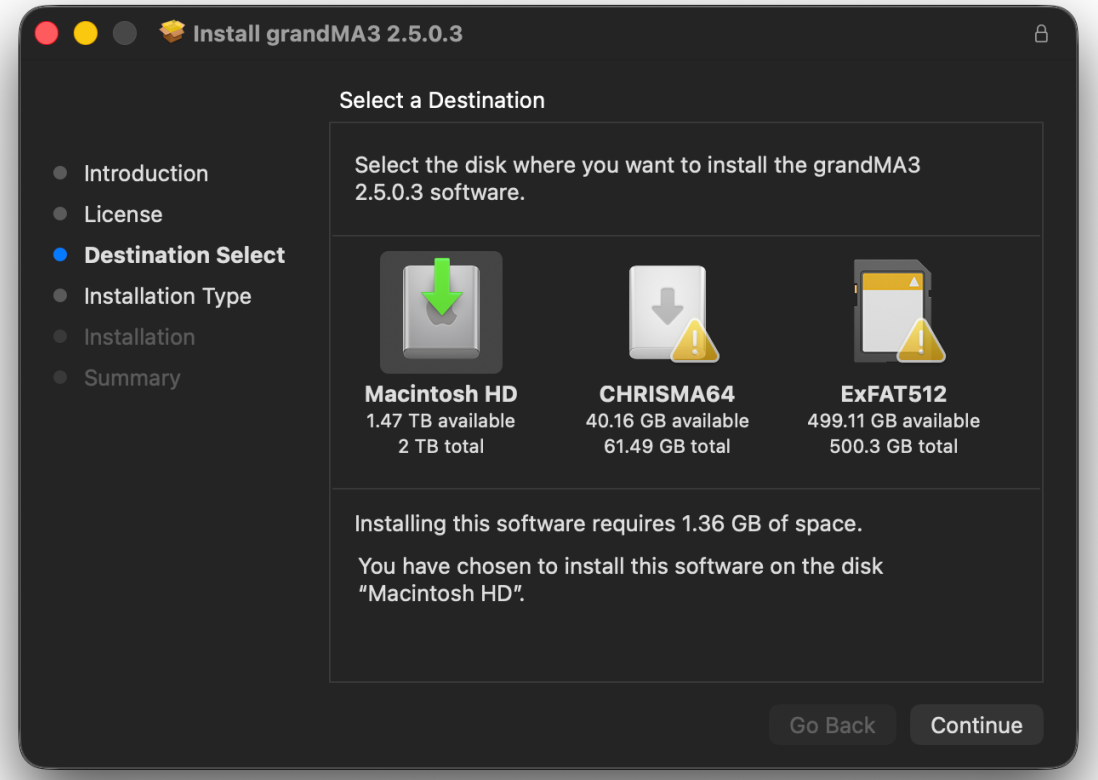
grandMA3 onPC is installed in the Applications folder.

Install Location Options

When macOS detects two or more eligible disks or drives, the Installer allows you to select another installation location.



1. Click Change Install Location, then select a location.

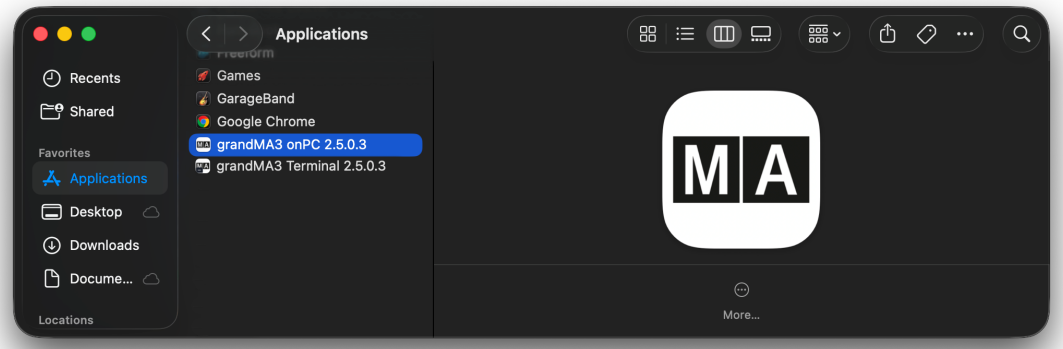


2. Click Continue, and continue with the installation.

	Hint:
	If the message Installation failed appears, move the ma folder from the Downloads folder to another location, such as the Desktop, then run the installer again.

Start grandMA3 onPC

1. In Finder, open the Applications folder.



2. Double-click the grandMA3 application for the version you want to start.

The startup splash screen appears while grandMA3 onPC is loading. The software version is displayed in the upper section of the application icon in the Dock.
Each installed grandMA3 onPC software version has a separate application, allowing multiple versions to remain installed and start independently.

	Hint:
	To ensure full functionality of grandMA3 onPC, grant access to Local Network, External Media (USB drives), and Microphone permissions when prompted by macOS.

Start Another Instance or grandMA3 Terminal

Up to five grandMA3 onPC instances can run simultaneously on the same device.

To start another grandMA3 onPC instance, use one of these methods:

- Right-click the grandMA3 application icon in the Dock, then select New onPC Instance.
- In grandMA3 onPC, select File > New onPC Instance.
- Press Command+N.

To start grandMA3 Terminal:

- Right-click the grandMA3 application icon in the Dock, then select Open grandMA3 Terminal.
- In grandMA3 onPC, select File > Open grandMA3 Terminal.
- Press Command+T.

	Hint:
	The new grandMA3 application can still be started from the legacy grandMA3 Launcher. The first time the legacy Launcher is opened after installing a new version, it starts the newly installed version. The next time the Launcher is opened, it starts the version that was previously selected in the Launcher.

Allow macOS Permissions

When grandMA3 onPC first accesses certain macOS services, macOS may ask for permission. Grant the requested permissions to ensure that the related grandMA3 onPC functions are available.

Local Network: Allows grandMA3 onPC to communicate with grandMA3 devices and other network participants on the local network. If access is denied, network communication is unavailable.
External Media: Allows grandMA3 onPC to access files on removable storage devices, such as USB drives. If access is denied, the software is unable to load from or save to these devices.
Microphone: Allows grandMA3 onPC to use audio input for features that use the Mac microphone or another audio input device. If access is denied, audio input is unavailable to grandMA3 onPC.

If **Local Network** access was denied:

1. Quit grandMA3 onPC.
2. Open System Settings > Privacy & Security.
3. Select Local Network.
4. Enable access for grandMA3.

5. Start grandMA3 onPC again.

If **External Media** access was denied:

1. Quit grandMA3 onPC.
2. Open System Settings > Privacy & Security.
3. Select Files & Folders.
4. Expand grandMA3, if necessary.
5. Enable access to Removable Volumes.
6. Start grandMA3 onPC again.

If **Microphone** access was denied:

1. Quit grandMA3 onPC.
2. Open System Settings > Privacy & Security.
3. Select Microphone.
4. Enable grandMA3.
5. Start grandMA3 onPC again.

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1.6.5. Optimize macOS®

The grandMA3 onPC software is available for macOS™® and Windows™®.

Please refer to the system requirements topic for more information on computer specifications.

For more information about the grandMA3 onPC software and the terminal app, read the Installation of grandMA3 onPC topic.

To run the grandMA3 onPC software even more efficiently, we recommend adjusting the following settings on your computer.

Follow the following steps for the best results.

	Hint:
	The same settings may be available for other operating system versions.

Apple® macOS® 26 (Tahoe)

- Open System Preferences, then click on Battery.
- Set **Low Power Mode** to Never.

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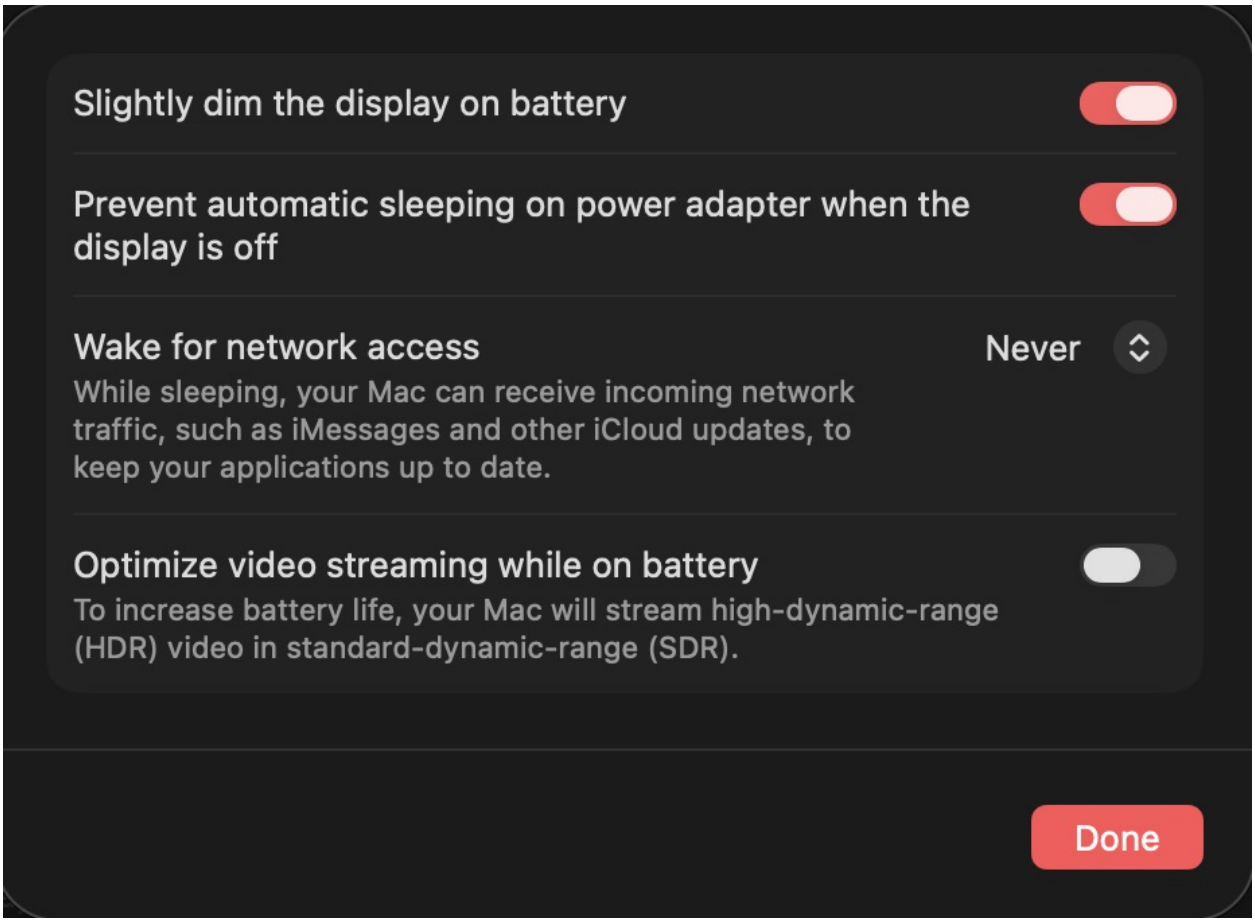
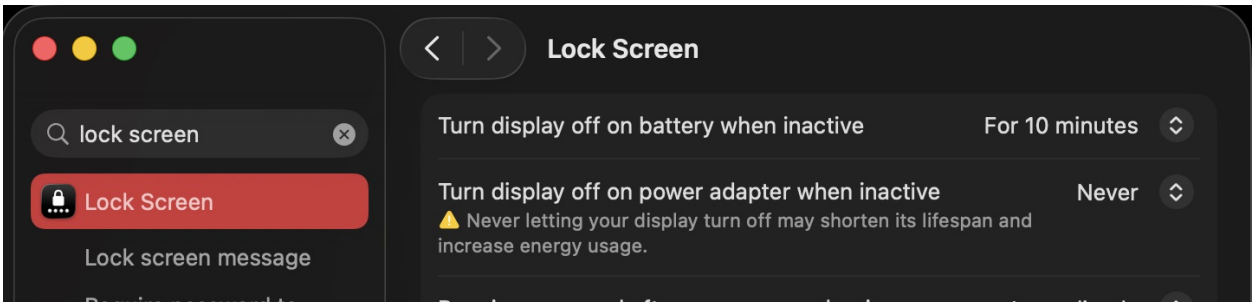
On the bottom right side of the menu, click on Options:



- Enable **Slightly dim the display on battery**.
- Enable **Prevent automatic sleeping on power adapter whe the display is off**.
- Set **Wake for network acces** to Never.
- Desable **Optimise video streaming while on battery**.

Lock Screen

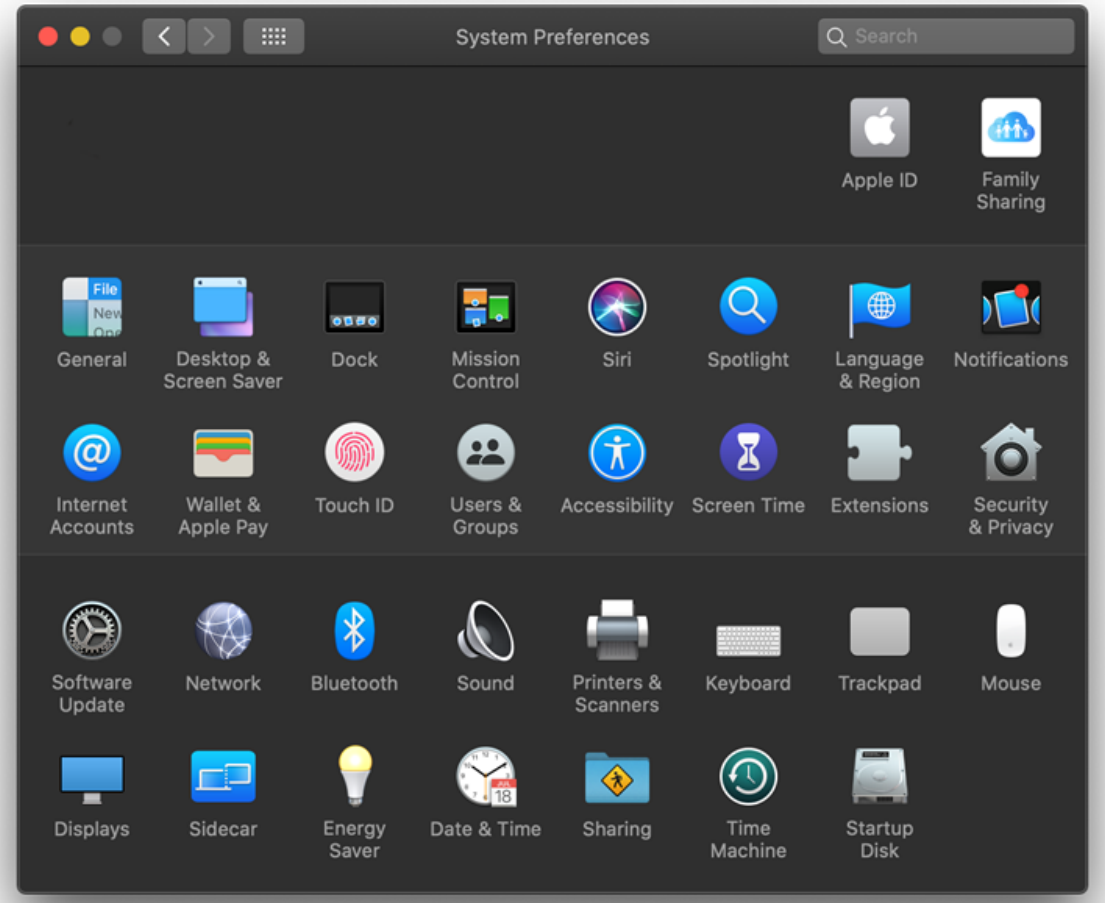
Open System Preferences, then click on Lock Screen:



Set **Turn display off on power adapter when inactive** to Never.

Apple® macOS® 10.15 (Catalina)

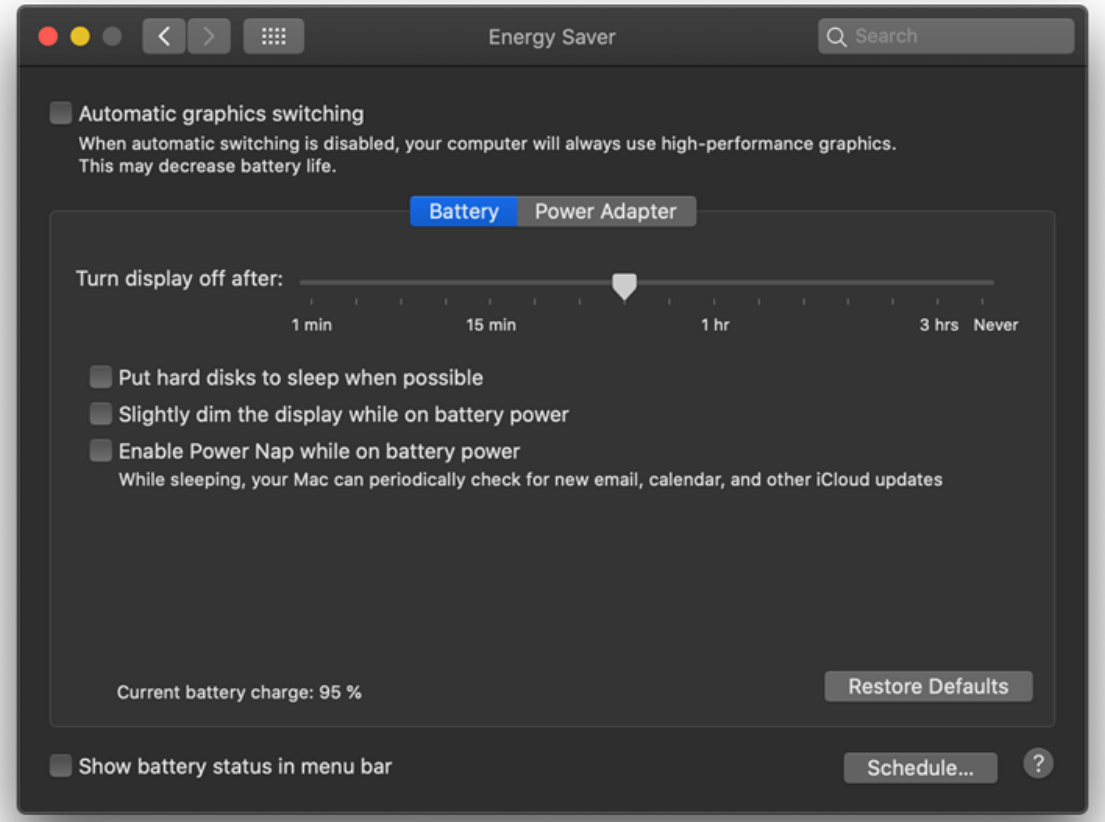
- Click Energy Saver in System Preferences.



System Preferences

Settings for Battery

- Automatic graphics switching: Off
- Turn display off after: Any time.
- Put hard disks to sleep when possible: Off
- Slightly dim the display while on battery power: Off
- Enable power nap while on battery power: Off

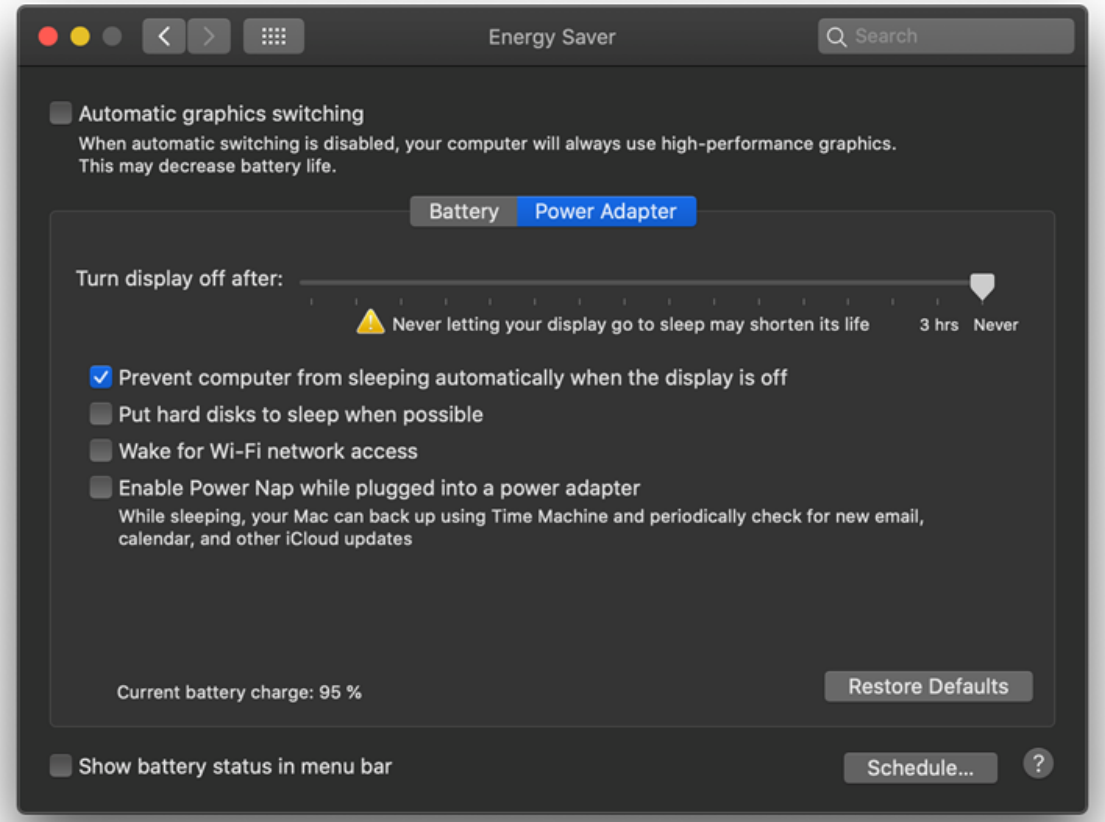


Battery

	Hint:
	Working with grandMA3 onPC under MacOS® using only the battery would also require high performance settings. It is recommended to always connect the computer to the power supply.

Settings for Power Adapter

- Automatic graphics switching: Off
- Turn display off after: Never.
- Prevent the computer from sleeping automatically when the display is off: On
- Put hard disks to sleep when possible: Off
- Wake for Wi-Fi network access: Off
- Enable power nap while plugged into a power adapter: Off

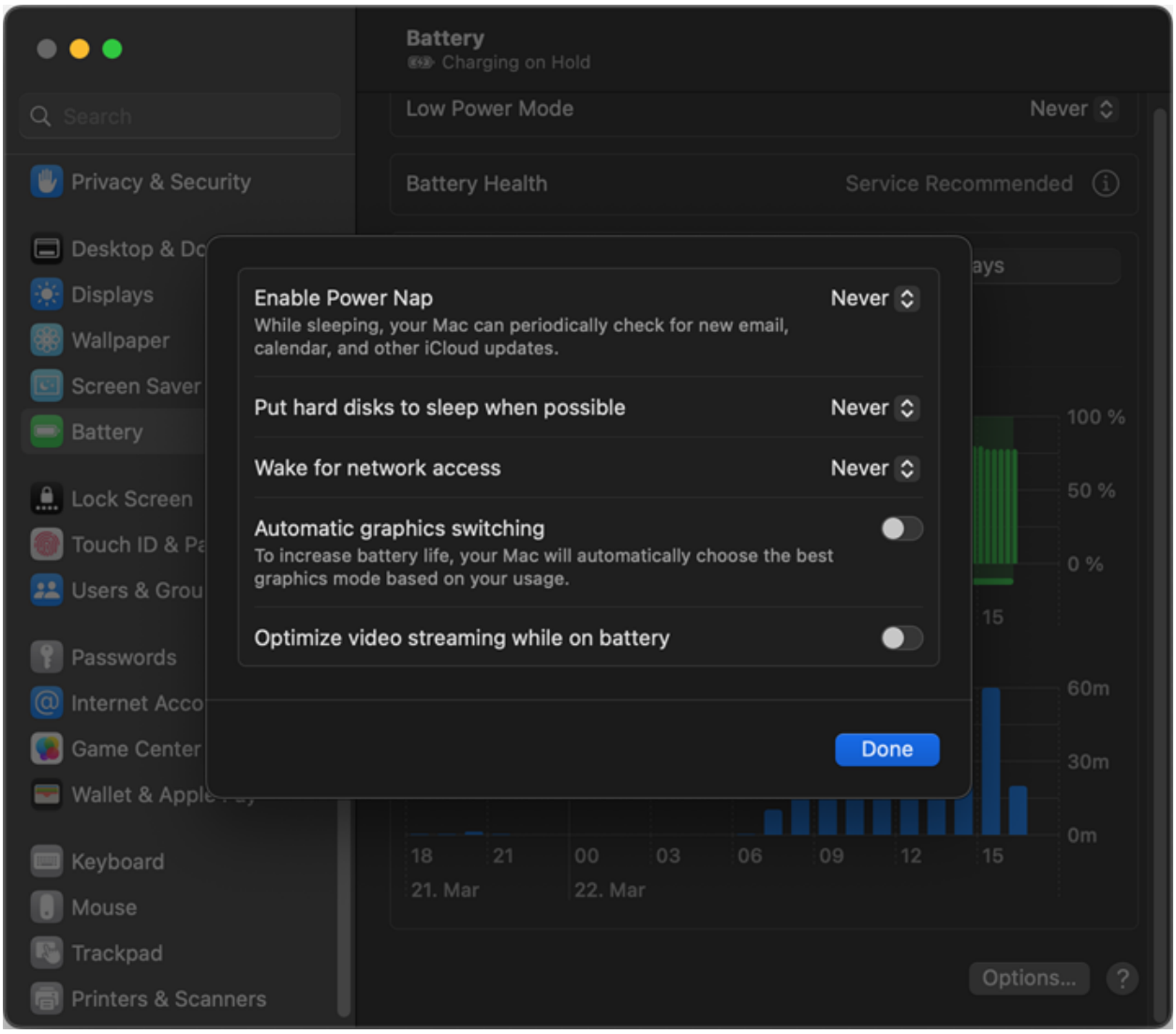


Power Adapter

Apple® macOS® 13 (Ventura)

Settings for Battery

1. Click Battery in System Preferences, then click Options.

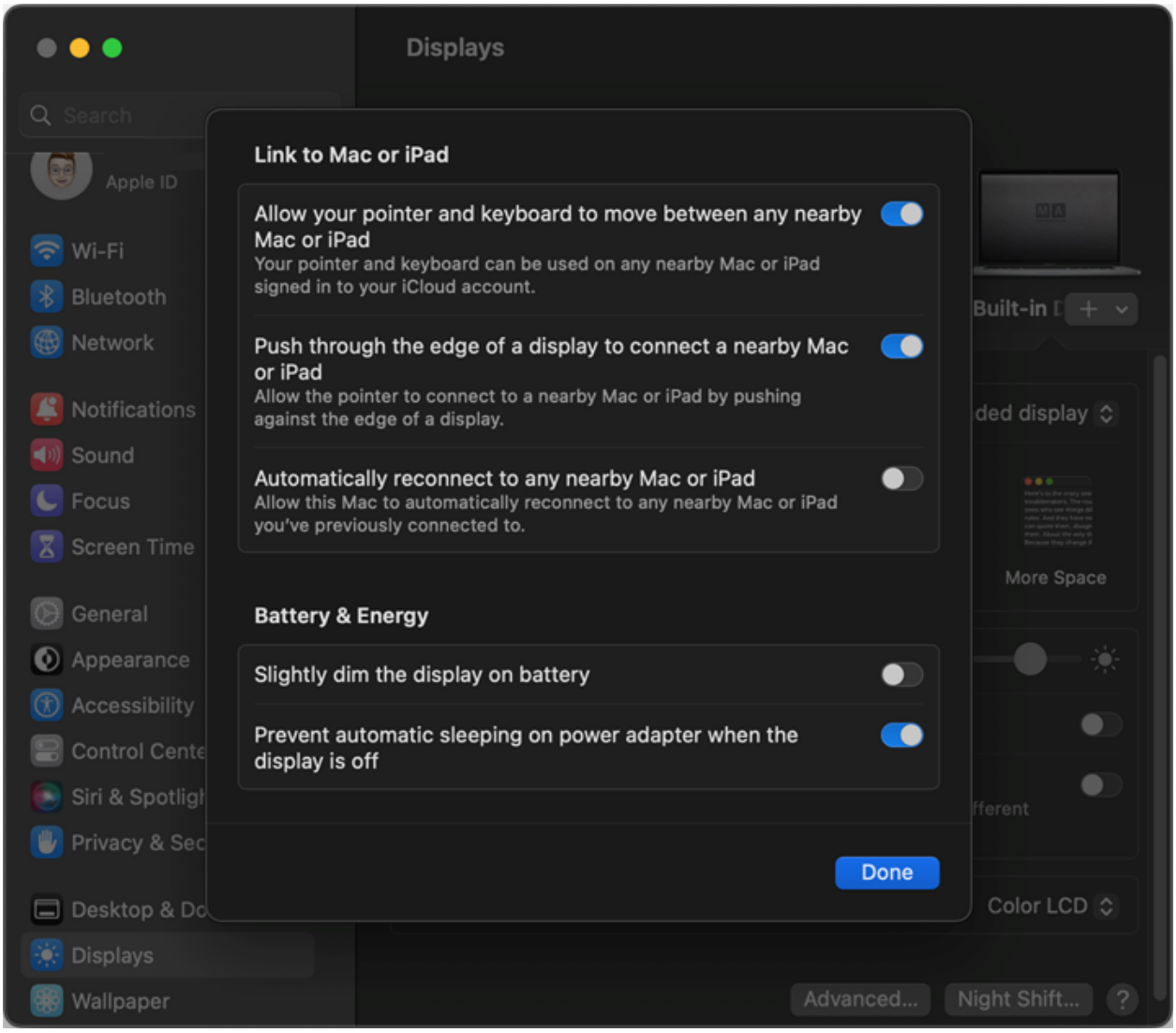


Battery settings

- Enable Power Nap: Never
- Put hard disks to sleep when possible: Never
- Wake for network access: Never
- Automatic graphics switching: Off
- Optimize video streaming while on battery: Off

Settings for Display

1. Click Displays in System Preferences, then click Advanced.

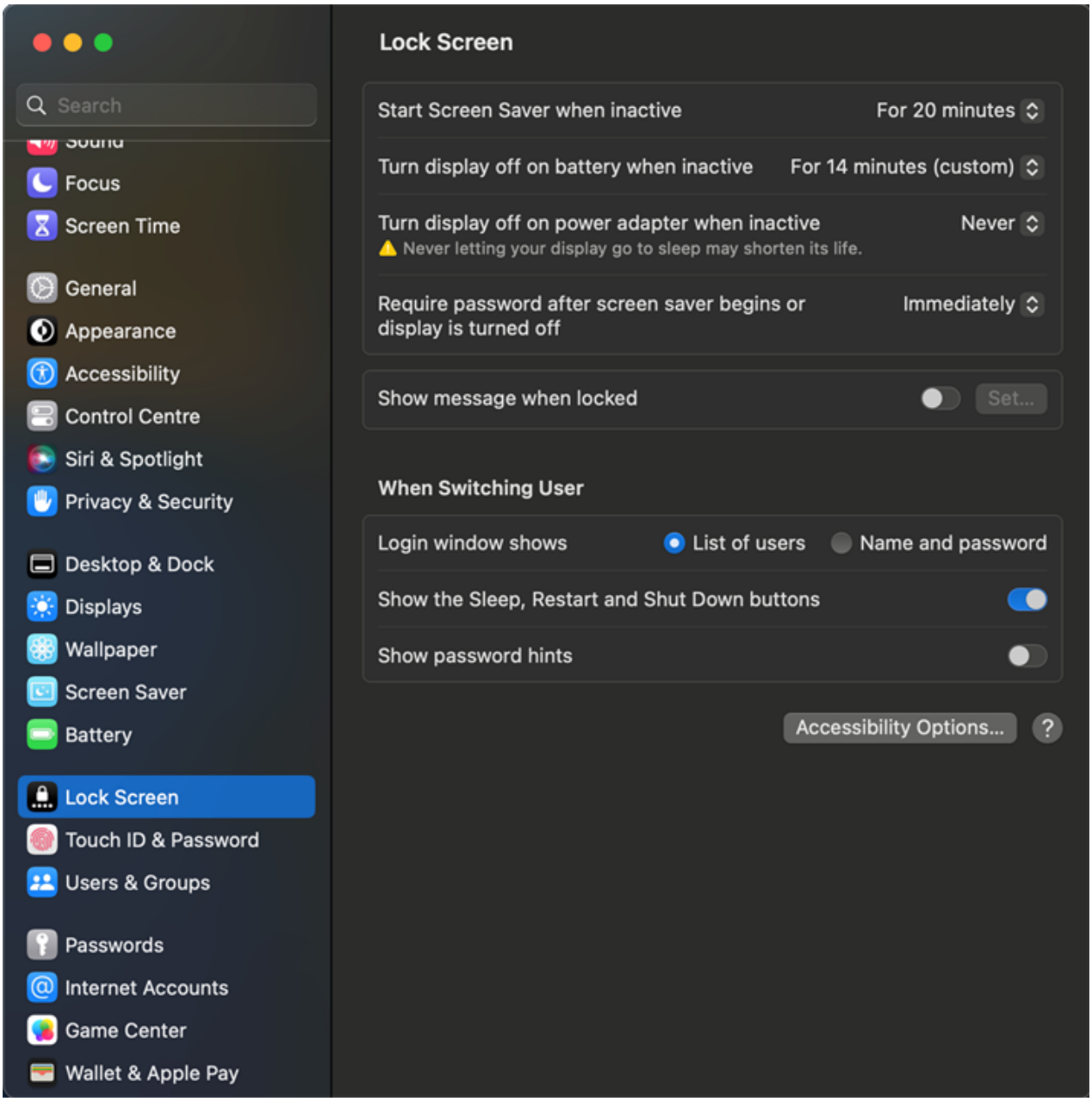


Display settings

- Slightly dim the display on battery: Off
- Prevent automatic sleeping on power adapter when the display is off: On

Lock Screen settings

1. Click Lock Screen in System Preferences.



Lock Screen settings

- Start Screen Saver when inactive: Any time
- Turn display off on battery when inactive: Any time
- Turn display off on power adapter when inactive: Never

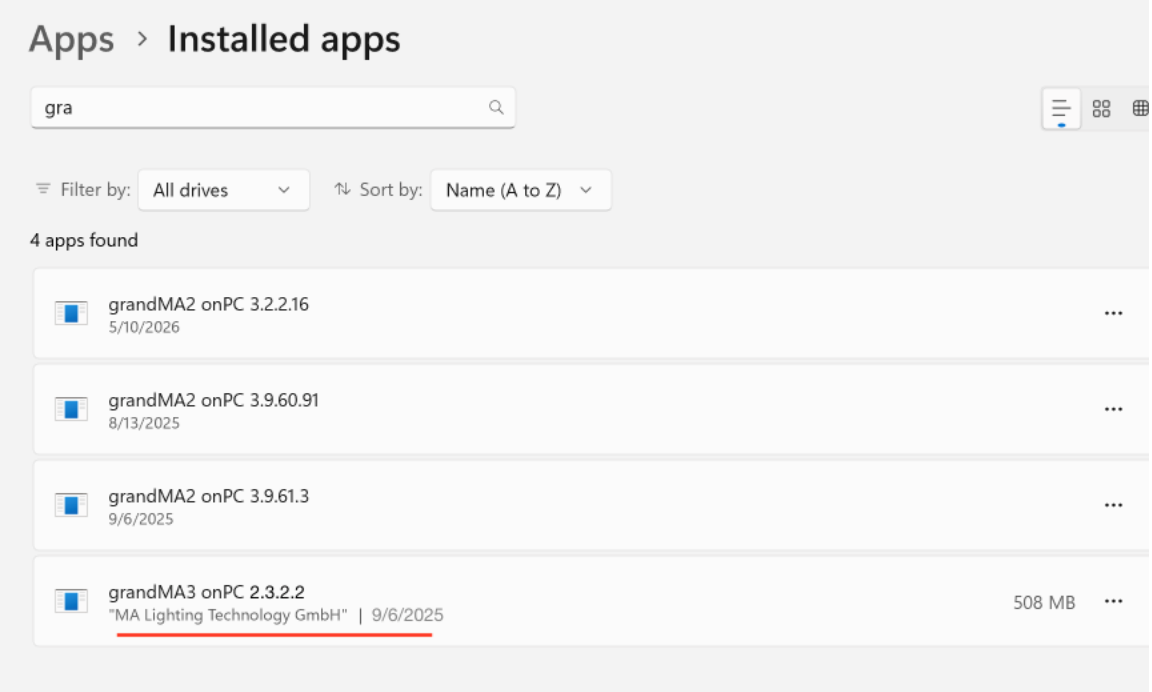
1.6.6. Uninstalling Previous Versions of grandMA3 onPC Windows®

Deleting or uninstalling the grandMA3 onPC application does not necessarily remove all version-specific grandMA3 files from the computer.
Additional version-specific files may be stored in the MALightingTechnology folder in the hidden Windows ProgramData directory.

	Important:
	Several versions of grandMA3 onPC can be installed on the same Windows computer. When uninstalling, make sure to select the correct version. Before removing a version, back up any show files or custom user data that may still be needed.

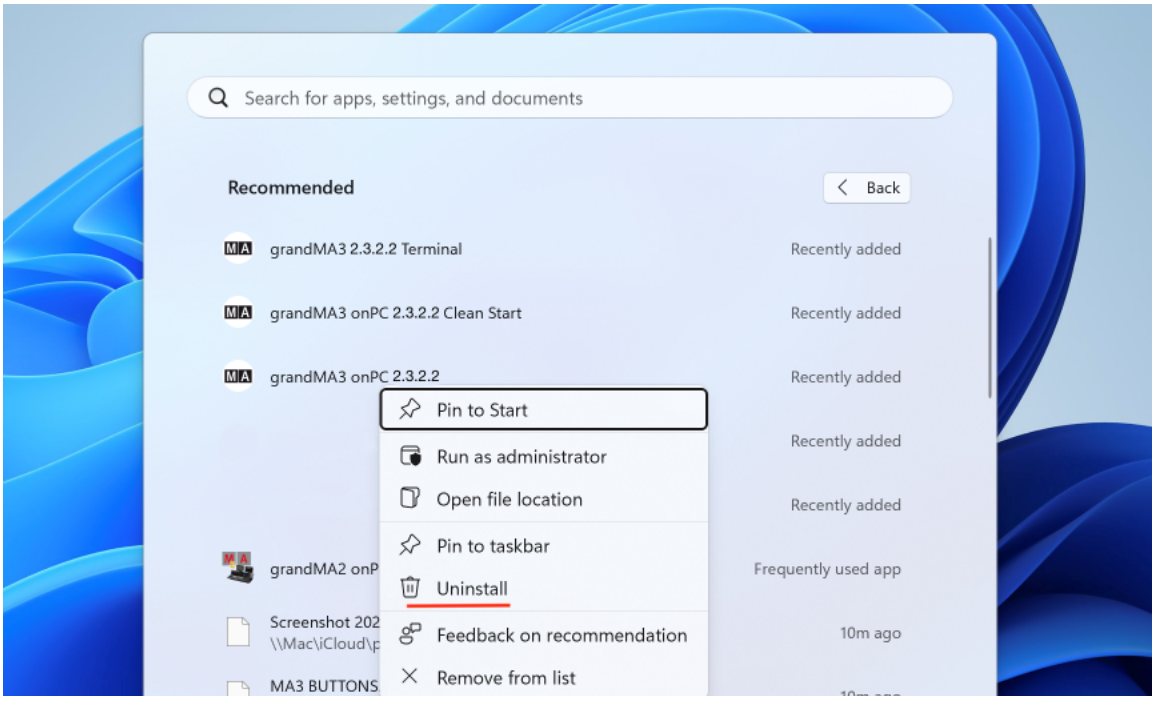
To fully remove previous versions of grandMA3 onPC from a Windows system, follow these steps:

1. Close grandMA3 onPC.
2. Open the Windows **Start** menu.
3. Open Settings.
4. Select Apps.
5. Select Installed apps.



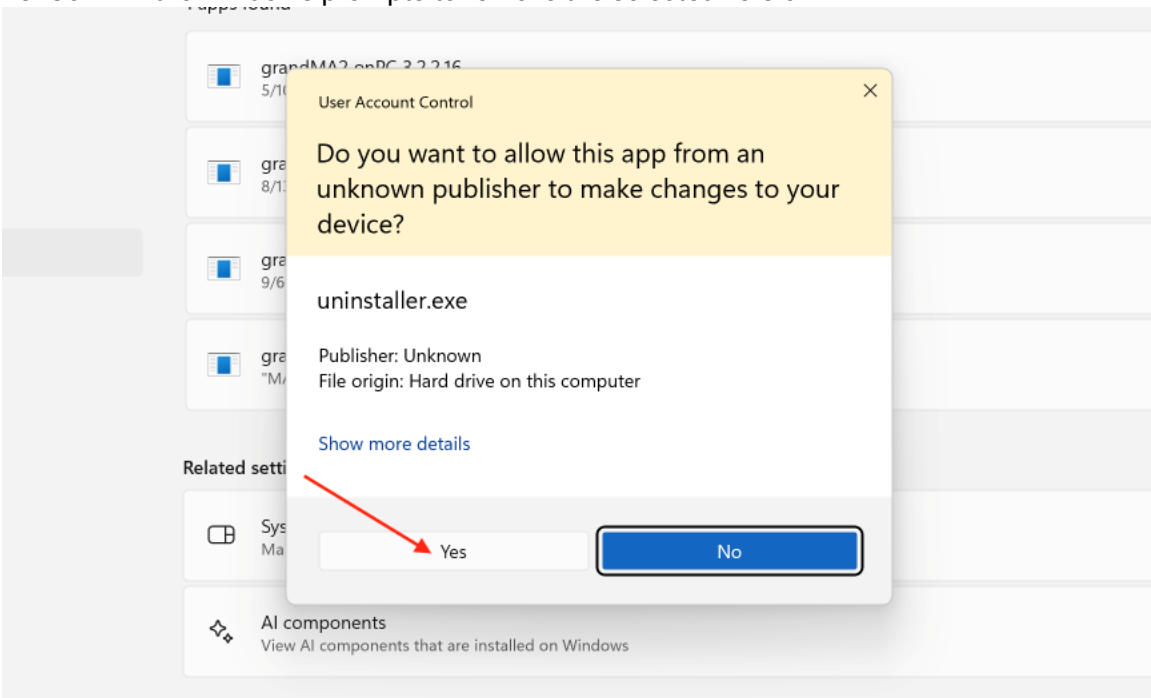
Installed Apps

6. In the list of installed apps, search for grandMA3 onPC.
7. Locate the version that should be removed.
8. Select More options ....
9. Select **Uninstall**.

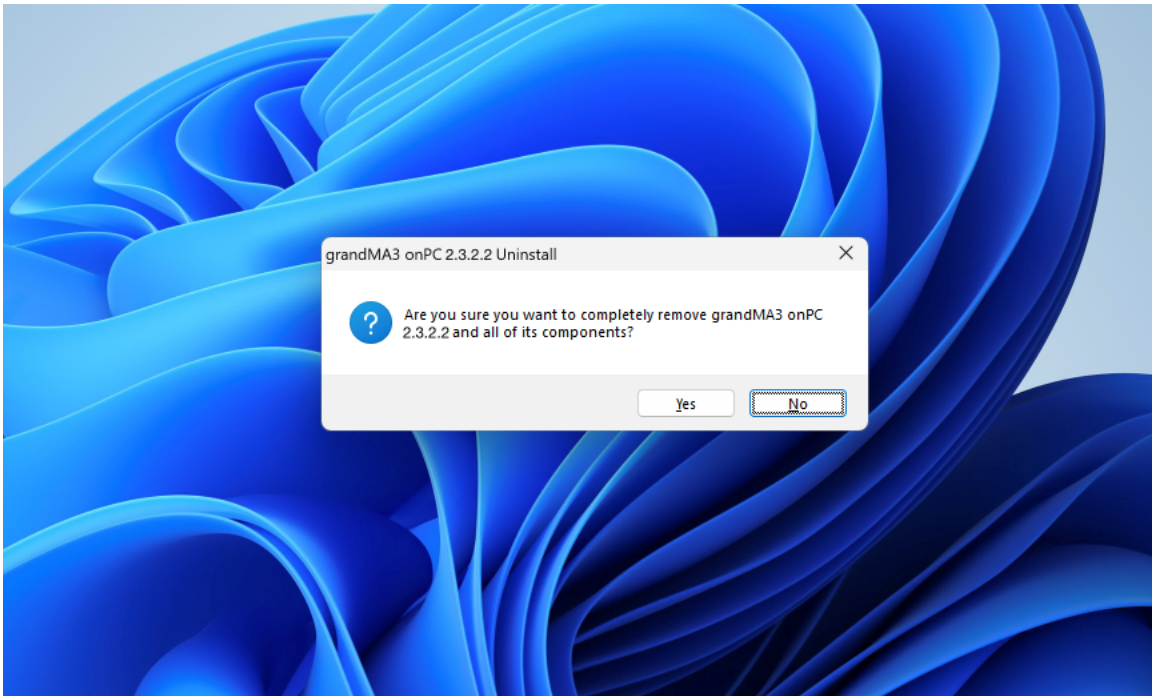


Click Uninstall

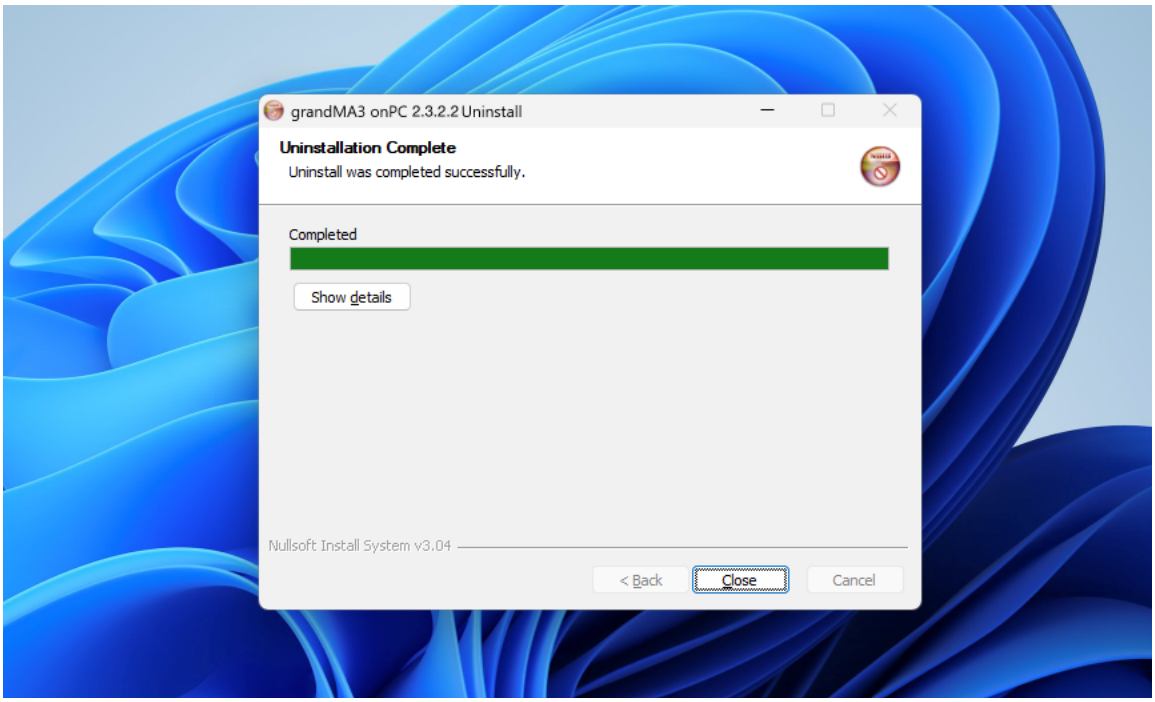
10. Confirm the Windows prompts to remove the selected version.



Confirm Uninstall11. Reconfirm Uninstall and click Yes.



Reconfirm Uninstall



Uninstall Complete

Only the selected version folders are removed. The currently installed grandMA3 application and shared user data remain unchanged.

Deleting the MALightingTechnology folder entirely is not recommended unless all installed grandMA3 versions and related files should be removed from the system.

	Important:
	Removing the application from the Applications folder only deletes the visible application bundle and does not automatically remove older installed versions stored inside the application package.

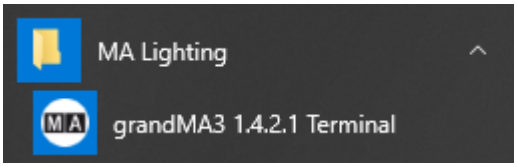
1.6.7. onPC Terminal App

The terminal app can be used to connect to the same station or any other grandMA3 station inside your network with the command line or the system monitor of the main app using the Terminal.

- To monitor the software of a connected network station, start the terminal app.
- To connect to the system monitor of a station in the network, enter: **sysmon [IP Address]**

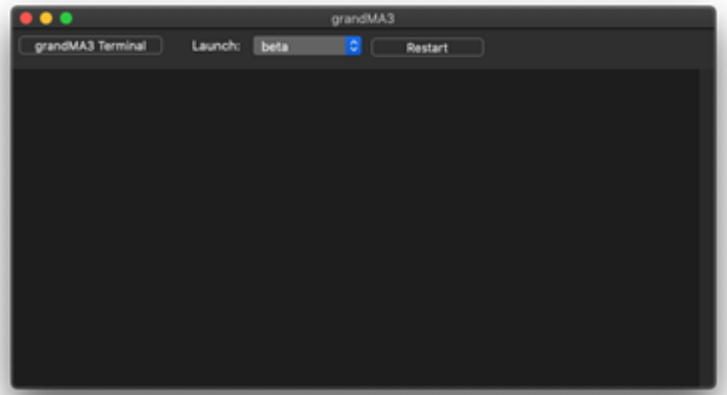
grandMA3 Terminal App on Windows

In Windows®, the grandMA3 Terminal app can be found in the start menu in the folder MA Lighting after the grandMA3 onPC software is installed:



grandMA3 Terminal App on macOS

In macOS®, click grandMA3 Terminal to start the grandMA3 Terminal after the granMA3 onPC software is installed:



Example:

1. Open the grandMA3 Terminal app on the computer.
2. Enter **sysmon 127.0.0.1** in the command section in the grandMA3 Terminal app. Press Enter.

grandMA3 1.8.1.0 Terminal

```
TerminalApplication has created components
TerminalApplication is starting components
This application is using realtime threads. Raising process priority.
TerminalApplication has started components
Terminal started. type 'exit' to quit
Unconnected>sysmon 127.0.0.1_
```

grandMA3 Terminal app with sysmon command

3. The terminal app is now connected to the system monitor of the grandMA3 onPC that is running on the same computer.

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1.6.8. onPC Local Settings

The onPC Local Settings allow various settings for grandMA3 onPC. In the grandMA3 console software, there is a similar but smaller settings pop-up called Local Settings.

For more information about MIDI, see Connect MIDI in First Steps, and MIDI Remotes in Remote In and Out.

For more about Sound, see Sound.

For more information about viz-key, see Update grandMA3 viz-key.

For more information about how to create a password, see Create User in Single User and Multi User Systems.

Open the onPC Local Settings

To open the settings menu on grandMA3 onPC software:

1. Click on the control bar. The Menu opens.
2. Click Settings. The Setting pop-up opens.
3. Click onPC Local Settings.

The onPC Local Settings menu opens.

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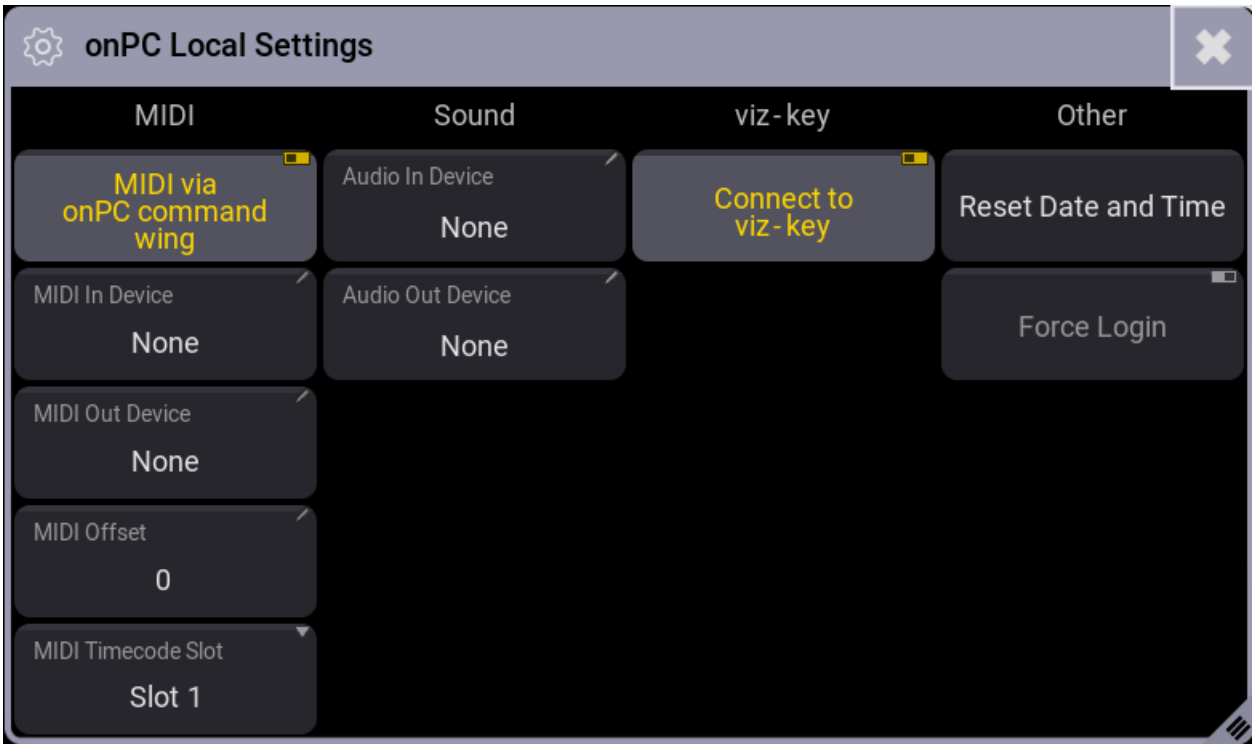


onPC Settings menu

MIDI

- MIDI via onPC command wing: To enable or disable MIDI from grandMA3 onPC command wing.
  If disabled, the device configured in MIDI In Device and MIDI Out Device is used.
  If enabled, the command wing MIDI and the device configured in MIDI In Device and MIDI Out Device are used.
- MIDI In Device: This opens a pop-up with possible MIDI devices. Tap one to select it.
- MIDI Out Device: This opens a pop-up with possible MIDI devices. Tap one to select it.
- MIDI Offset: This opens the calculator. For more information, see MIDI Remotes.
- MIDI Timecode Slot: Adjusts the MIDI Timecode Slot.

Sound

- Audio In Device: This opens a pop-up with possible Audio devices. Tap one to select it.
- Audio Out Device: This opens a pop-up with possible Audio devices. Tap one to select it.

viz-key

- Connect to viz-key: Enabled, to attach the viz-key dongle to the onPC.
- Connect to viz-key: Disabled, to attach the viz-key dongle to a visualizer that is running on the same computer as the onPC.

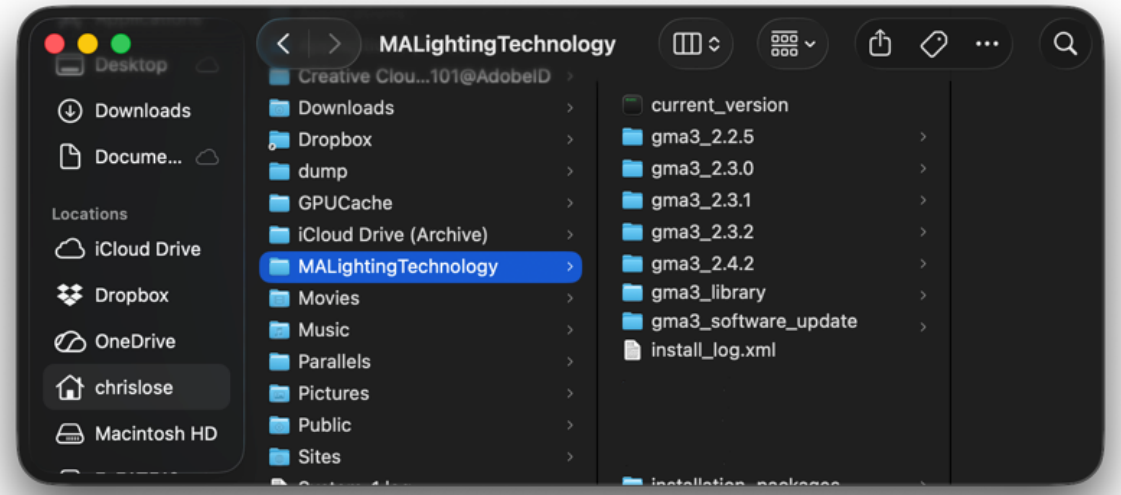
Other

- Reset Date and Time: Resets the date and time of the grandMA3 onPC application to the date and time of the operating system.
- Force Login: Forces the user to enter a password after starting up the grandMA 3 onPC application.

1.6.9. Uninstalling Previous Versions of grandMA3 onPC macOS®

Unlike other macOS applications, previous versions of grandMA3 onPC are not completely removed when the application bundle is deleted from the Applications folder.
Additional version-specific files are stored inside the MALightingTechnology folder in the user's home directory.

	Important: Before uninstalling a previous version, make sure that any required show files, user profiles, plugins, fixtures, or other custom files have been saved or backed up.



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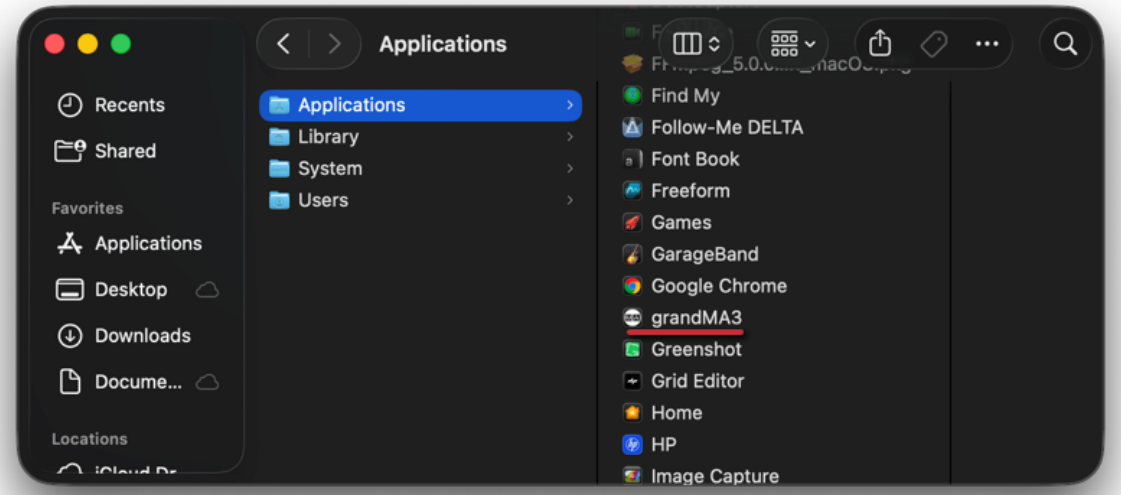
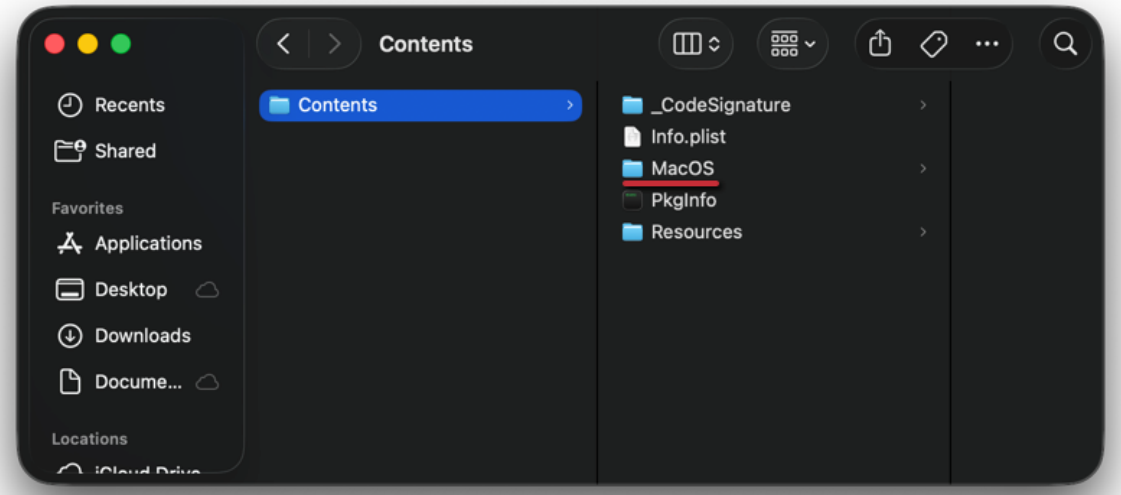
To fully remove older versions of grandMA3 onPC from a macOS system, follow these steps:

1. In the Finder, open the Applications folder.

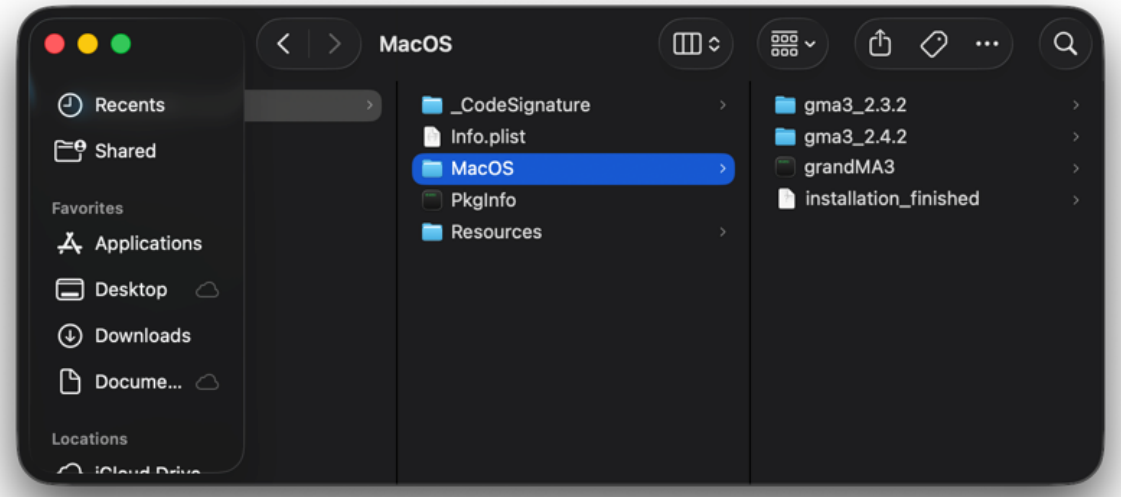


Applications
2. Right-click the grandMA3 application.
3. Select Show Package Contents.



Contents
4. Open the following folders in order:
- Contents
- MacOS

5. Locate the folders corresponding to previously installed grandMA3 versions.



MacOS
6. Delete the folders for the versions you want to remove.

Only the selected version folders are removed. The currently installed grandMA3 application and shared user data remain unchanged.
Deleting the MALightingTechnology folder entirely is not recommended unless all installed grandMA3 versions and related files should be removed from the system.

	Important:
	There is no separate uninstaller application for grandMA3 onPC on macOS. Removing the application from the Applications folder only deletes the visible application bundle and does not automatically remove older installed versions stored inside the application package.

1.7. Show File Handling

The show file contains all the information that is related to the show, including:

- Patch
- Fixture profiles
- Cues
- Timings
- 3D information
- Users and user profiles

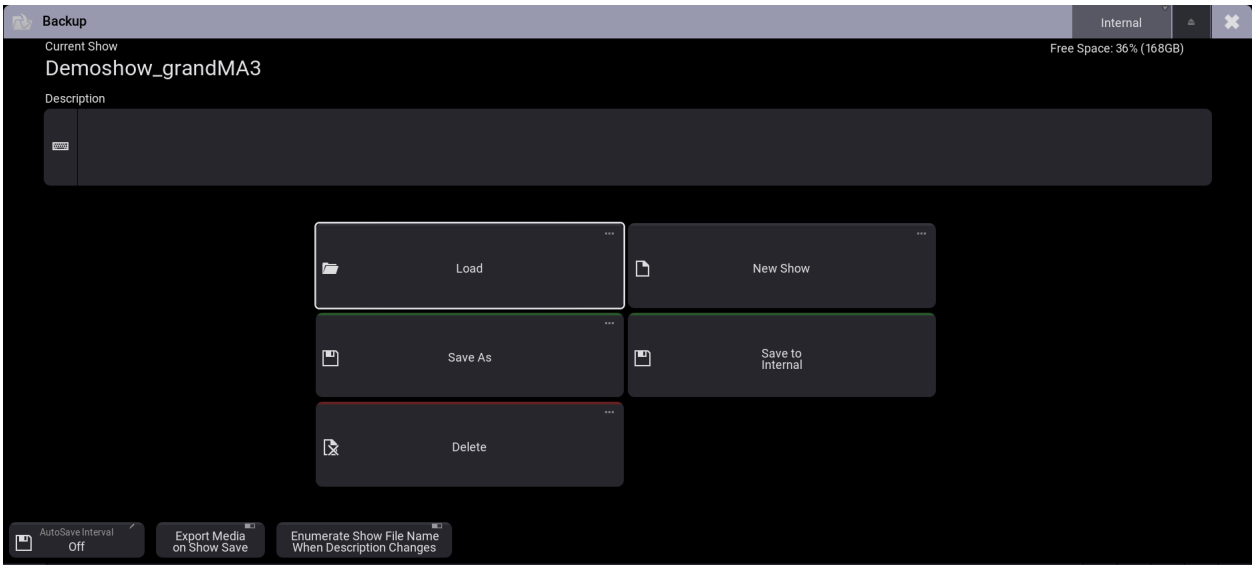
The software version of a show file can only be moved forward. A show saved on a USB stick that was programmed in a previous version can be loaded in a newer version. If the show is saved again to the USB stick in this new version, it cannot be restored to the old software.

- Save the old show before loading or renaming a new one, to keep changes.
- To keep a copy of the show file that is compatible with the old software version, save the show with a new name.
- For more information about the folder structure of Shows, Demo Shows, Backup Shows, and Template Shows, see File Management and Folder Structure.

All the management of the show files is handled in the Backup menu.

1. To access the Backup menu, press Menu.
2. Tap Backup.

The Backup menu is open:



Backup menu.

Or use the Menu command, to call the Backup menu.

	Important:
	Show files are limited to 10GB.

For more information about the current memory use, see System Information.

Select the Drive

The show files are stored on the internal drive or a USB stick. The internal drive is Drive 1, and the first USB stick is Drive 2. If more than one USB stick is connected, the order of the connection selects the drive number. That means that the latest connected drive has the highest number.

In the upper-right corner of the Backup menu, you can select the drive you are working on.
To select the drive:

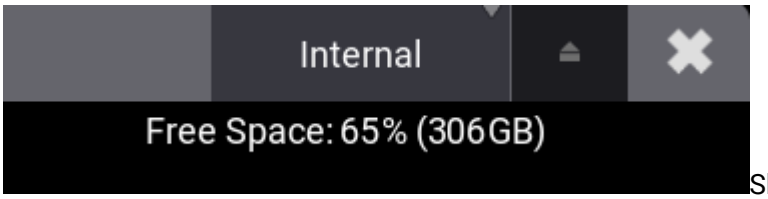
1. Tap Internal to toggle between the different drives connected, saved shows, or saved shows in older software versions.
2. Tap and swipe right on the drive, and a pop-up opens with the different opportunities.

The drive can also be selected via the command line, for example, the first USB drive:

User name[Fixture]>Select Drive 2

Free Disk Space

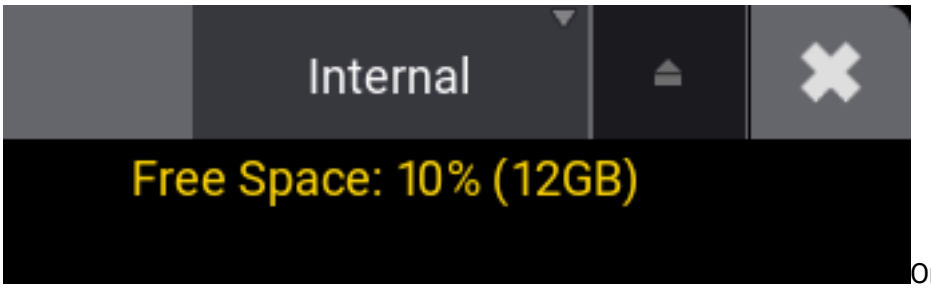
The Backup menu displays the free disk space of the selected drive in the upper right corner of the menu:



Showing free disk space in percent and gigabytes

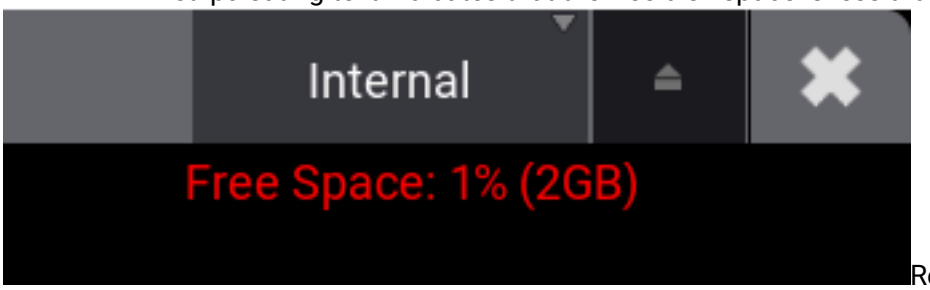
When free disk space is low:

- An **Orange** pulsating text indicates that the free disk space is less than 15 GB.



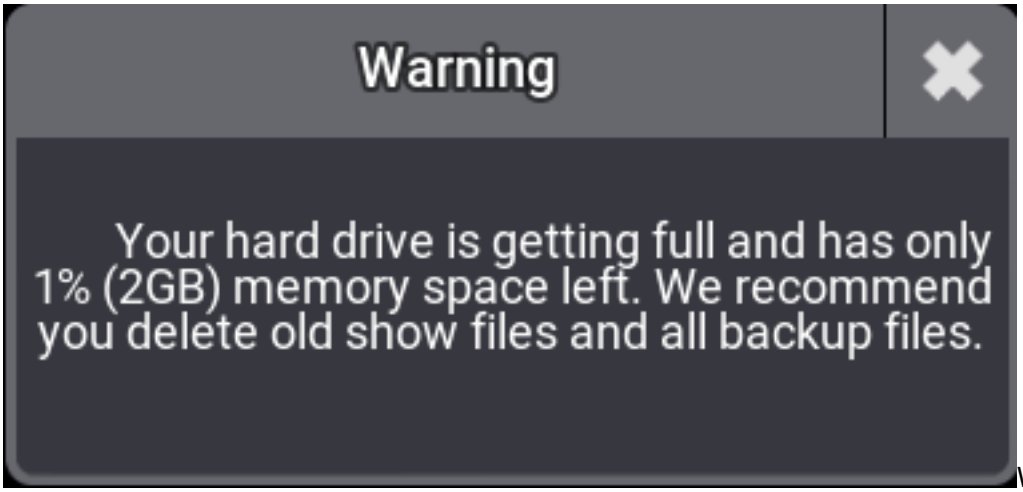
Orange indicator

- A **Red** pulsating text indicates that the free disk space is less than 5 GB.



Red indicator

- The following warning pop-up appears, when booting the software and the free disk space is less than 15 GB.



Warning pop-up.

Delete a Show File

Open the Backup Menu and tap Delete. Tap the show file to delete. Tap Delete in the bottom right corner, and the show file is deleted.

- Load a Show File
- Save a Show File
- New Show File
- Backup and Template Show Files
- Organize Show Files
- Demo Shows

1.7.1. Load a Show File

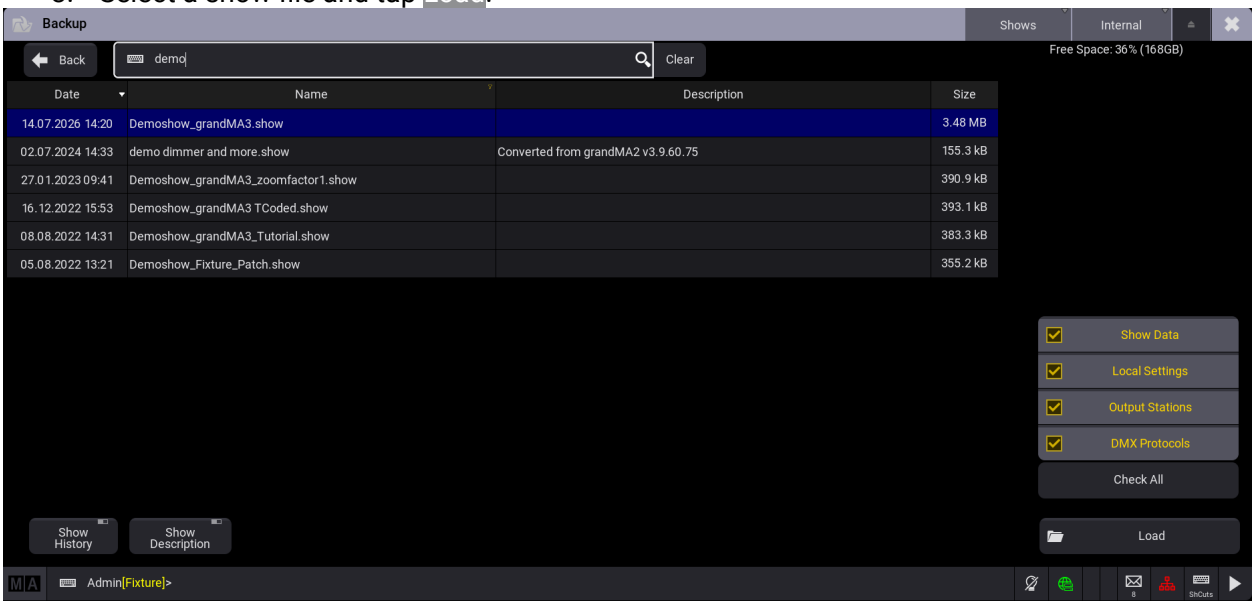
Show files are separated into Shows, Backup Shows, Demo Shows, and Template Shows. For more information, see Backup, Demo, and Template Show Files.

For more information about Show History and Show Description, see Organize Show Files.

Use the search field to filter for specific show files.

To load a show file:

1. Open the Backup menu and tap Load.
2. Tap the search field and start typing. The show file list is filtered
3. Select a show file and tap Load.



Load menu in the Backup menu with the four checkbox buttons on the right side.

To load a show via the command line, use the LoadShow keyword.

Load Show Segments

The following checkbox buttons define which segments of a show file are loaded:

- Show Data: Loads the show-relevant data from the show file. This includes the patch, pool objects, user, and user profiles. Show Data is enabled by default.
- Local Settings: Loads the local settings. For example, this includes web remote settings and onPC settings.
- Output Stations: Includes configuring all DMX ports, SMPTE settings, and MIDI settings.
- DMX Protocols: Loads the configuration of all available DMX protocols (Art-Net and sACN).

If a segment is not checked, the currently loaded settings are kept for that segment.

- Check All is a quick way to select all checkboxes.
- Load: The show file will be loaded. If no checkbox button is enabled, Load is disabled.

	Important:
	Show files that were saved with grandMA3 v1.8.8.2 or prior do not contain Local Settings, Output Configuration, and DMX Protocols saved inside. The show file needs to be saved first with grandMA3 v1.9 or higher.

Example

Watch the video to see how to open the demo show file in grandMA3.

To load the demo show file in grandMA3:

1. Press Menu. The menu opens.
2. Tap Backup. The backup menu opens.
3. Tap Load.
4. Tap and Hold Shows, a dropdown menu opens.
5. Select **Demo Shows**.
6. Tap Demoshow_grandMA3.show.
7. Tap Load. The demo is loaded.

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1.7.2. Save a Show File

Save To a Drive

	Hint:
	Saving a show file to an external drive automatically saves it to the internal drive.

To select and change the drive to save a show file on, for example, the USB drive:

1. Open the Backup menu.
2. Tap and hold Internal in the top right corner. A dropdown menu opens.
3. Select a drive, for example, the external USB drive **Removable D:**. Save To Internal automatically changes its name to the drive name.
4. Tap Save to Removable D:/ to save the show on the selected USB drive.

Quick Save

To save the show file quickly:

- Press Menu and tap Quick Save.

- OR-

- Pressing Menu 2x quickly also creates a Quick Save.

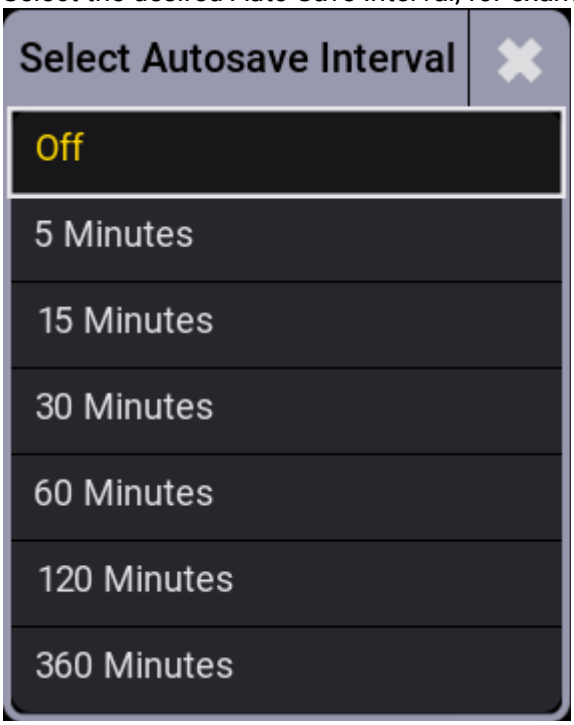
To save a show by using the command line, use the SaveShow keyword.

Auto Save

To save the show automatically in regular intervals:

1. Press Menu. The menu opens.
2. Tap Backup and AutoSave Interval. A dropdown menu opens.

3. Select the desired Auto Save Interval, for example, **15 Minutes**.



AutoSave Interval

4. Auto save is enabled, and a countdown to the next auto save will be displayed in the title bar of the Backup menu.

Backup menu - Titlebar with Autosave Interval enabled.

Save Show As

To save a show with a new name:

1. Open the Backup Menu and tap Save as.
2. Type a new name for the show file in the name field. Tap Save and confirm the pop-up window with OK. The show file is saved by its new name.

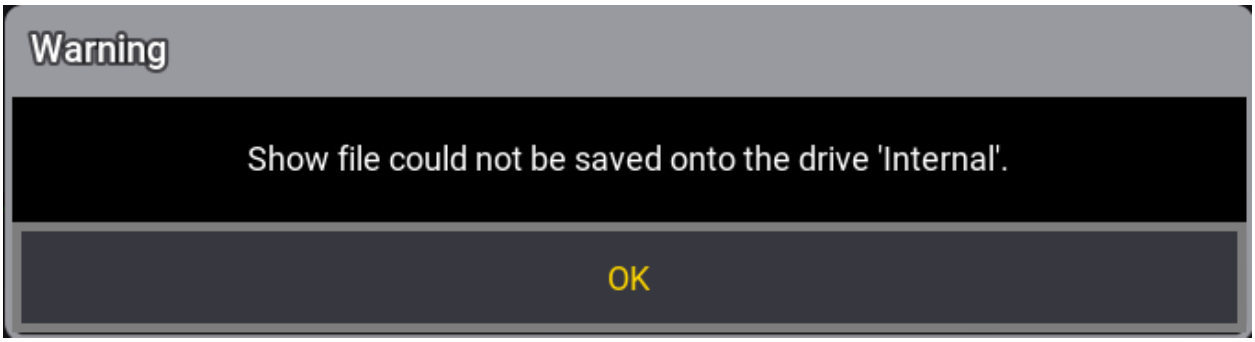
Edit Description

To edit the description of the show file:

1. Enable Edit Description. A text editor opens.
2. Type a text with the keyboard or use the on-screen keyboard ( ).

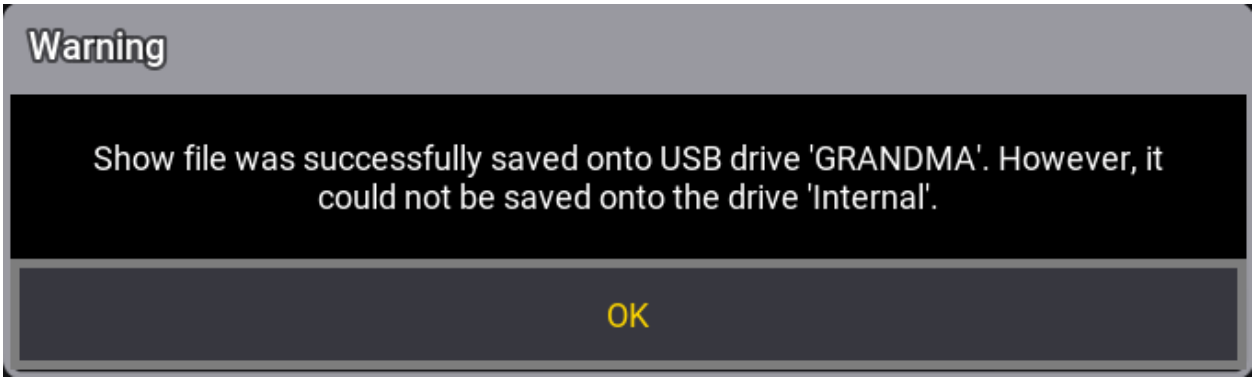
Full Disk Warning

If the show file cannot be saved due to a full disk, a warning pop-up appears:



Warning pop-up for an 'Internal' save failure

To indicate that the show file is partially saved, a pop-up appears:

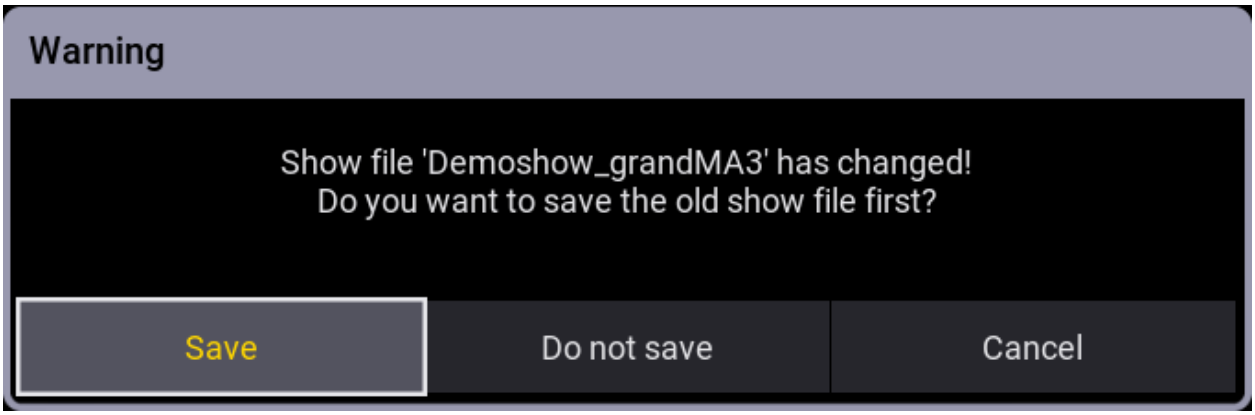


Warning pop-up for a partially saved show file

For more information about Free Disk Space, see Show File Handling.

Save Option When Shutting Down the Station

If an attempt is made to shut down before saving the show file, a Warning pop-up appears:



Save Show File pop-up

- **Save:** Saves the show file and then shuts down.
- **Do not save:** Shuts down without saving the show file.
- **Cancel:** Cancels the process.

	Hint:
	The show file name is limited to a maximum of 31 characters.

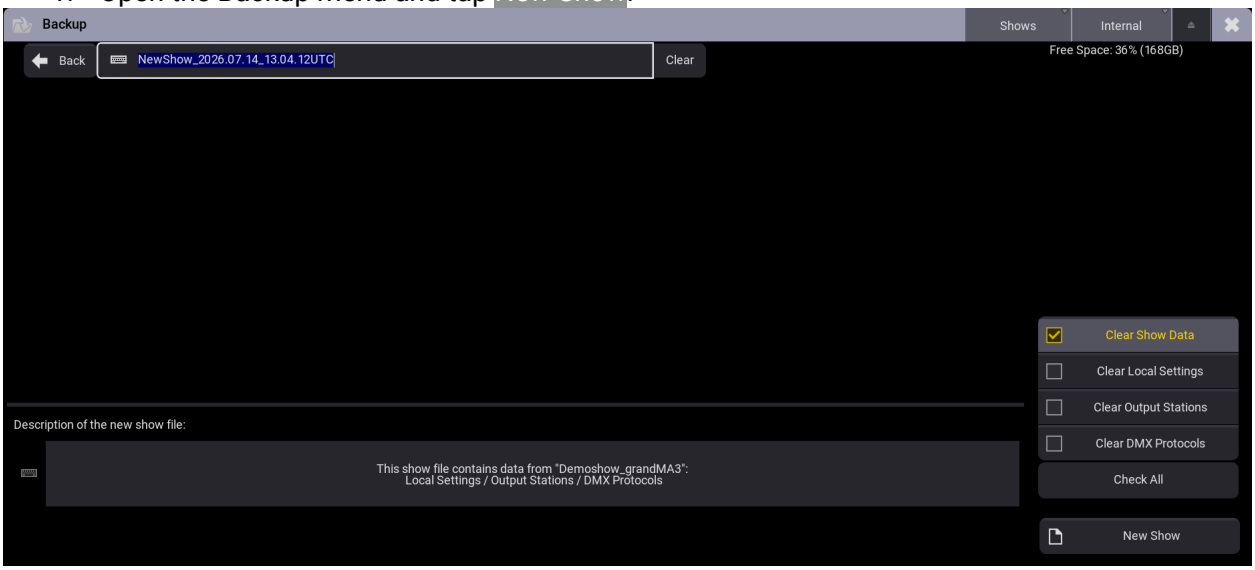
	Hint:
	The show file name must not contain the following characters: \ " $ * ? ^ | / : < > `

For more information about the shutdown process, see Shut Down the System.

1.7.3. New Show File

To create a new show file:

1. Open the Backup menu and tap New Show.



Backup menu - New Show

2. Type to overwrite the file name or keep the automatically generated show file name.
3. Select the show segments you would like to omit from the new show file. The description changes accordingly.
4. Tap New Show in the bottom right corner.
5. When the currently loaded show file has unsaved changes, a Warning pop-up appears.
6. Tap Save to store the currently loaded show. This might not be the right option. Tap Do not Save to not make any changes to the loaded show file. Tap Cancel to cancel the creation of a new show.

   -or-

   When the currently loaded show file has no unsaved changes, the Create New Show pop-up appears. Tap New Show. A new show file has been created.

Use the NewShow keyword to create a new show from the command line.

	Hint:
	It is possible to use local letters in the filename, like æ, õ, and ä.

Clear Show Segments

To define which segments of the current show file should be cleared for the new show, use the four checkbox buttons on the right side:

- Clear Show Data: Clears the show-relevant data from the show file. Includes the patch, pool objects, user, and user profiles. This checkbox is marked as default.

- Clear Local Settings: Clears the local settings. For example, this includes web remote settings and onPC settings.
- Clear Output Stations: Clears the setup of all DMX ports, the SMPTE settings, and the MIDI settings.
- Clear DMX Protocols: Clears the configuration of all available DMX protocols (Art-Net and sACN).

Selected data will be cleared after tapping New Show.

- Check All is a quick way to select all checkboxes.
- All enabled show segments will be omitted from the newly created show file.
- An automatically generated description text of the kept show segments can be found in the Description area. After creating a new show file, you can change the description in the backup menu.

	Hint:
	Make sure to select at least one checkbox to enable New Show.

1.7.4. Backup and Template Show Files

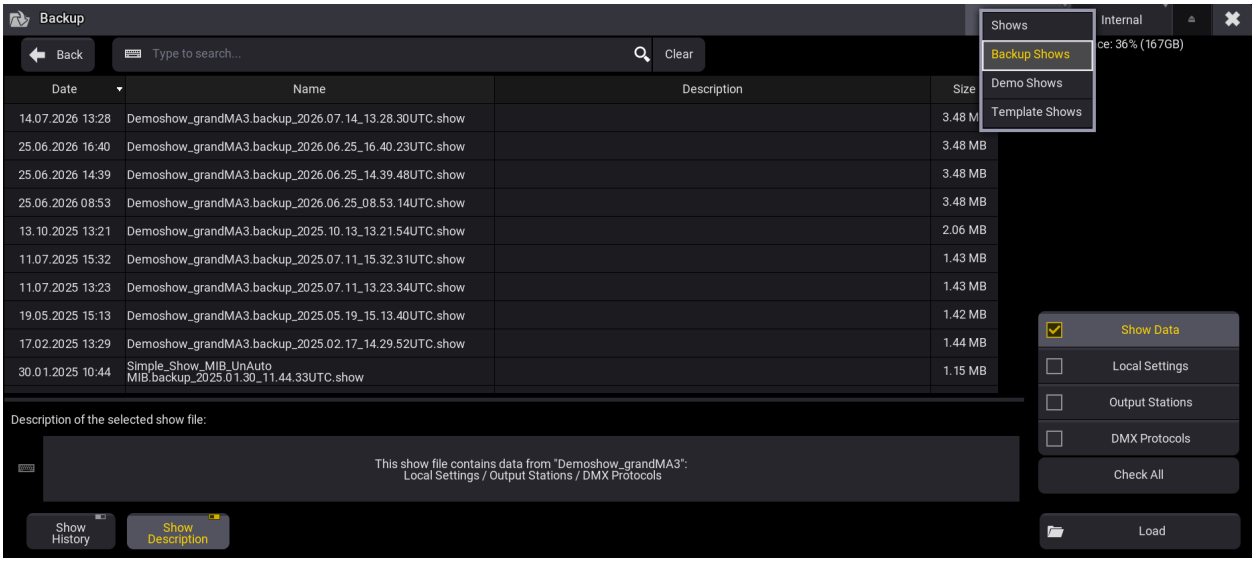
Show files are categorized into multiple folders. Shows is where the regular saved show files are stored, in Backup Shows a show file is automatically generated when saving a show file. In Template Shows predefined show files can be added by the user. Demo Shows are the predefined show files by MALighting. For more information, see Demo Shows.

To load a backup file, a demo show file, or a template show:

1. Open the Backup Menu and tap Load.
2. Tap Shows to toggle between Shows, Backup Shows, Demo Shows and Template Shows.
3. You can load a previously saved backup or a demo show.

	Restriction:
	It is not possible to save or create a new show file in the Backup Shows, Demo Shows, or Template Shows folder.

- Up to 10 backup files can be stored from the same show file. A backup is automatically generated when a show file is saved.
- The name of a backup show file contains:
  - Showfile Name
  - Backup
  - Date and Time in UTC format



Backup Files

Template Shows

To display show files in the Template Shows folder, the show file must be manually placed in a specific folder in the local device's library. For more information, see Folder Structure.

To place an already saved show file into the template show folder on a grandMA3 console, use an external SFTP client. For more information, see SFTP Connection to a Console .

Example

Requirements: A show file that can be used as a template is stored.

To add a show file to the template shows folder on grandMA3 onPC for Windows:

1. Open the desktop.
2. Open **C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\gma3_2.2.1\shared\shows** on your Windows machine.
3. Select a show file you want to use as a template and copy this show file.
4. Open **C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\gma3_library\templateshows** and paste the copied show file into the folder. The show file has been added to the template shows and can be selected in the backup menu.

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1.7.5. Organize Show Files

Show File History

To display the show file history:

1. Tap Load in the backup menu. Enable Show History in the bottom left corner of the menu.
2. Select a show file. The history of the selected show file is displayed at the bottom of the backup menu.

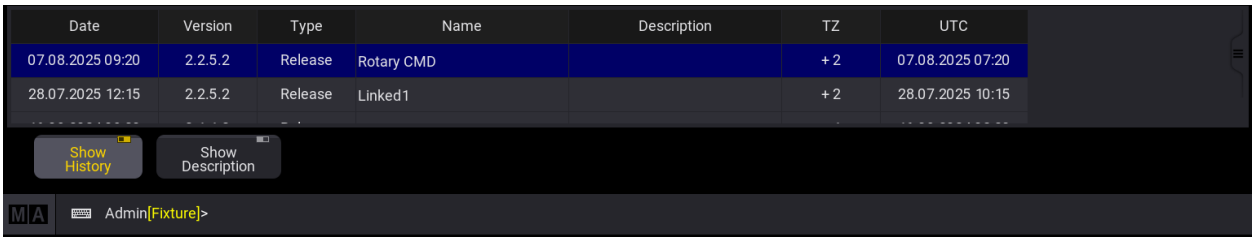
When loading the show file, the history gives information regarding:

- Date: Shows the date and time the show file was saved.
- Version: This shows the software version in which the show file was saved.
- Type: This shows the software type, for example, Release.
- Name: This shows the name of the show file.
- Description: This shows the description of the show file.
- TZ: This shows the time zone.
- UTC: This shows the date and time in UTC.

A new entry within the history will be entered when the show file is saved again, and one of these criteria has changed:

- Version
- Type
- Name
- Time zone
- Description

The newest entry is at the top of the history list.



Show file name with description and time stamp

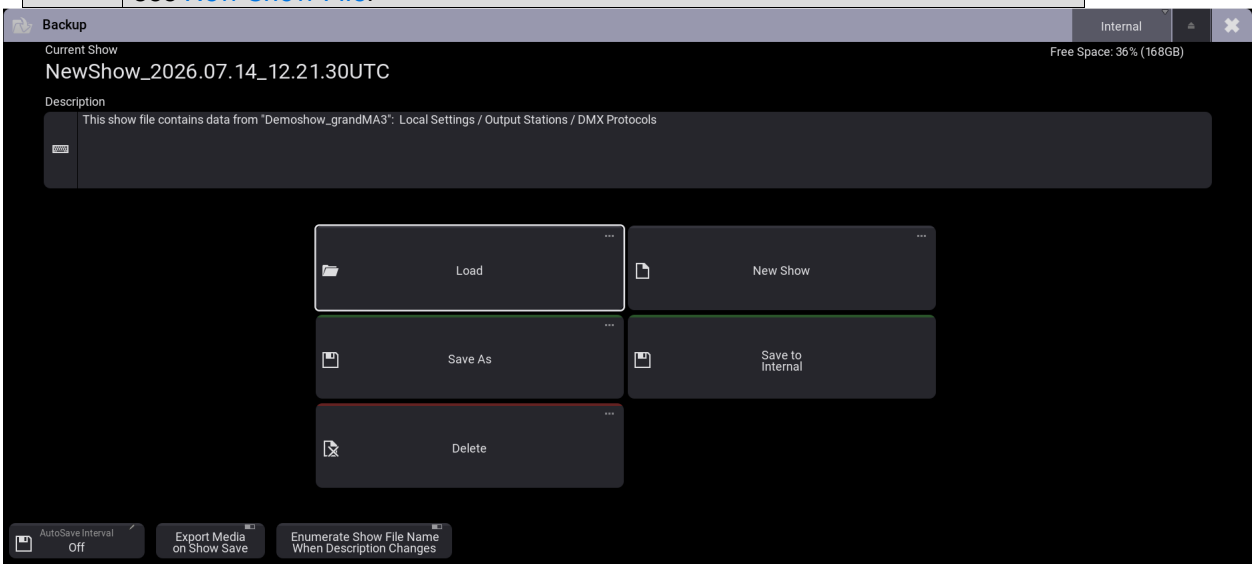
Add a Description

To add a description to the current show file, use the description area at the top of the backup menu. To add another line, press Please.

Modifying or entering a description will only be applied to the show file when saving it afterward.

Hint:

When you create a new show file with kept show segments, the defined show segments are displayed in the Description area. For more information, see New Show File.



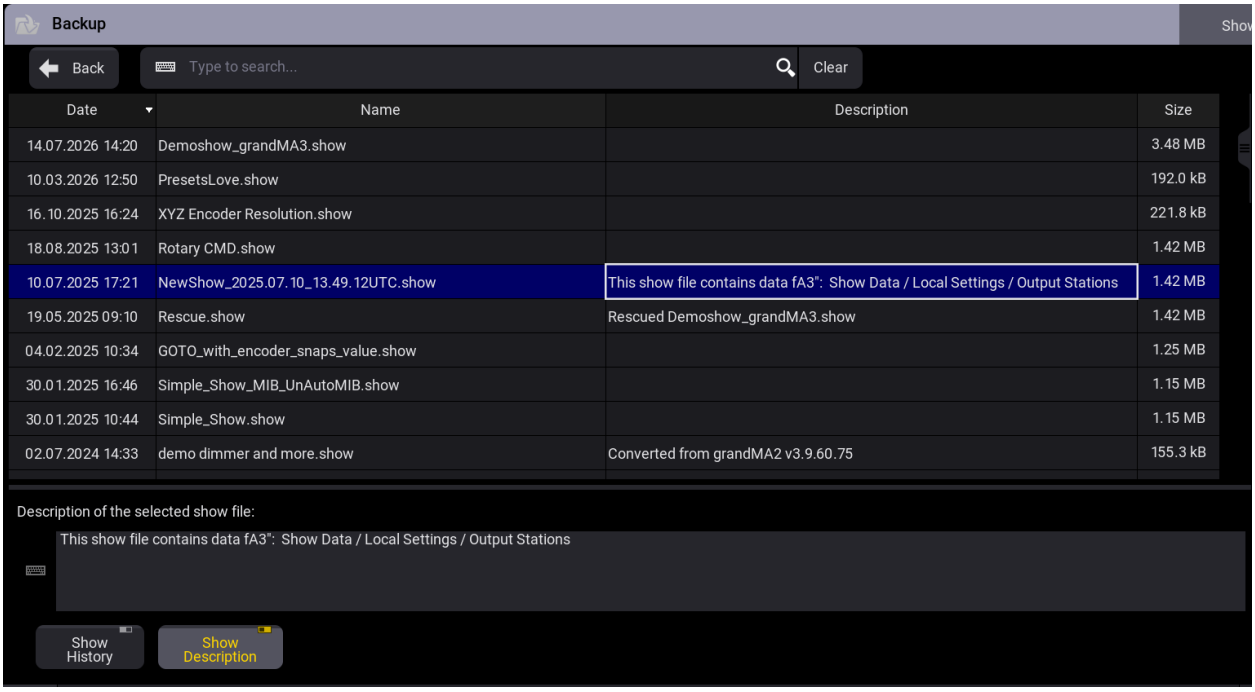
Show file name with description line

Display the Description

To see the description of a show file:

1. Press Menu and then tap Backup. The backup menu opens.
2. Tap Load. The first line of the description is already shown in the **Description** column.
3. Enable Show Description and select a show file. The whole description of the selected show file is shown.

The description can also be edited via Save As and displayed via Delete in the backup menu.



Backup menu - Show file description

Add Automatic Numbering

The setting Enumerate Show File Name When Description Changes in the backup menu automatically increments a 3-digit number. The number will be appended to the show file name if the description is changed when saving the show.

- To separate the show file name from the number, add a hyphen (-), an underscore (_), or any other character to separate the name from the numbers at the end of the show file name.
- Enumerating a show file can also be called with the /Enumerate option. For more information, see /Enumerate option keyword.

	Hint:
	If the original show file name is too long to add the number, the command line will return an error. In this case, the former show file name will be used again.

Example

To add a number consisting of up to three digits to the end of the show file name, follow these steps:

1. Press Menu and tap Backup. The backup menu opens.
2. Enable Enumerate Show File Name When Description Changes.
3. Add or edit the text in the description area.
4. Press 2x Menu to quickly save the show file or tap Save To in the backup menu. A three digit number has been added to the show file name.

Load a Show File During Startup

A show file or a plugin can be configured to load when the grandMA3 onPC application starts.

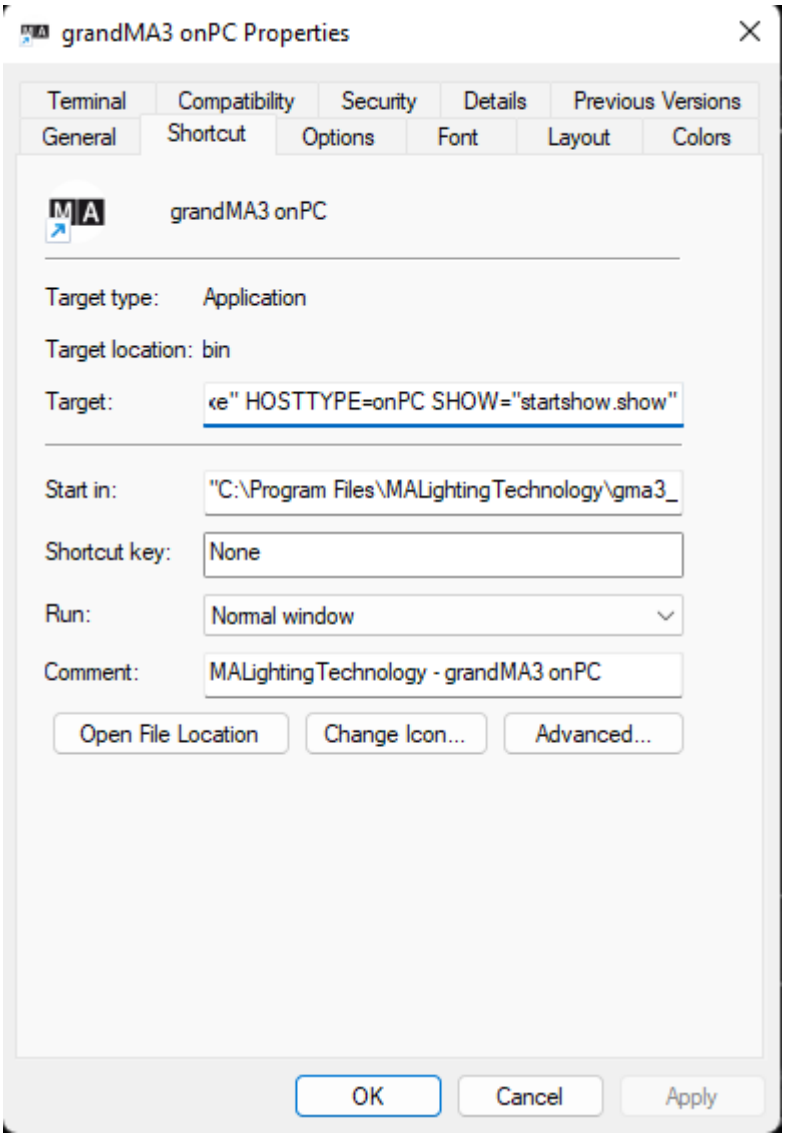
To do so, add the SHOW or RUNPLUGIN parameter to the shortcut that launches the onPC application:

- "C:\Program Files\MALightingTechnology\gma3_x.x.x\bin\app_system.exe" HOSTTYPE=onPC SHOW="startshow.show"
- "C:\Program Files\MALightingTechnology\gma3_x.x.x\bin\app_system.exe" HOSTTYPE=onPC RUNPLUGIN=\"startplugin.xml\"-y
    - x represents the grandMA3 version number.
    - y represents the number of the Lua component inside the plugin that shall be started, e.g., 1.
    - It is not recommended to specify a path for the plugin, although it can be placed in a subfolder.

In addition, the optional parameters NOLOAD and CLEANSTART are also available when starting onPC.

- NOLOAD will not load the last show file, but start with an empty show. Other device-related configurations are kept.
- CLEANSTART will reset device-related configuration to its default state and create an empty show file.

	Known Limitation:
	Do not use spaces in a show file name when loading a show during startup.



Windows 11 properties are shown as an example for the load show process.

Export Media on Show Save

This is an easy way to transfer all the media files used in a show file to a USB drive, for example, when moving the show to a different station. This option ensures that all media files are transferred, especially those with the "Installed" option activated. If you only transfer the show file, the installed media files will not be included.

To export media on show save, save the media files to the gma3_library folder by activating Export Media on Show Save.

grandMA2 to grandMA3 Show File Converter

For more information, see grandMA2 to grandMA3 Show File Converter.

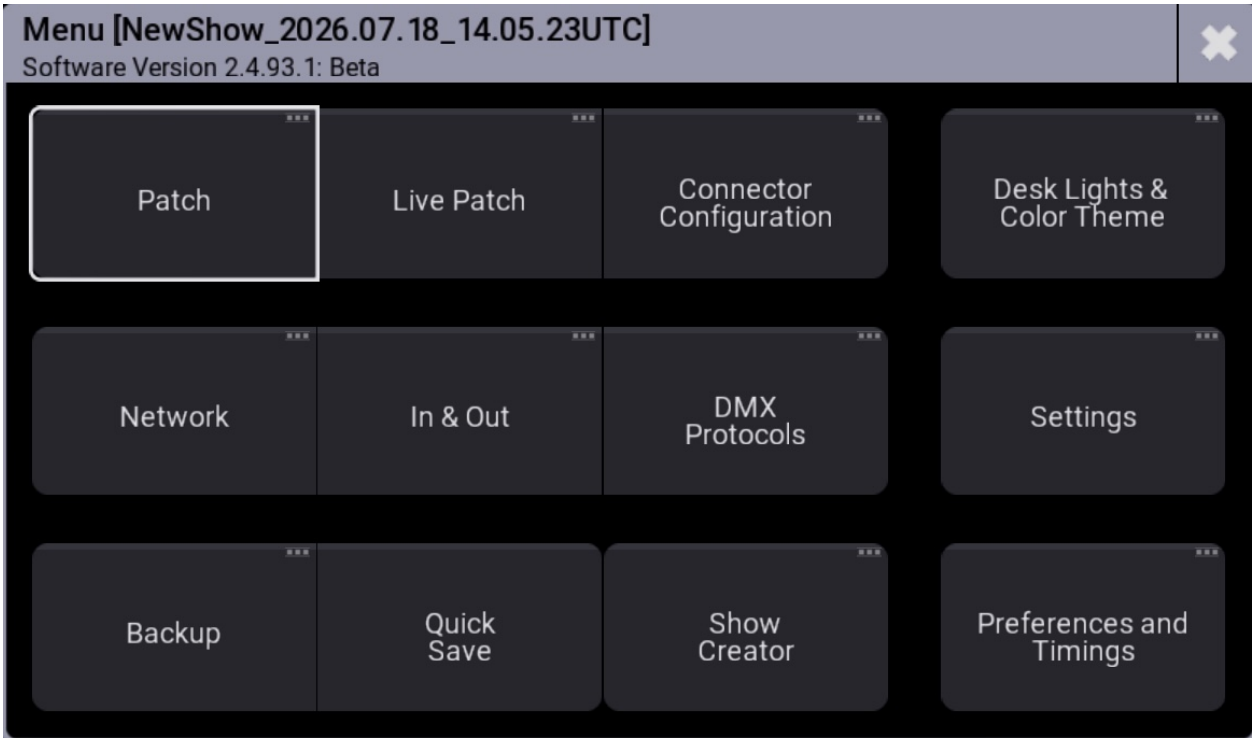
1.7.6. Demo Shows

Demo Shows are predefined show files created by MA Lighting. There are three demo show files. These shows can serve as starting points to help the user better understand basic and more complex tasks.

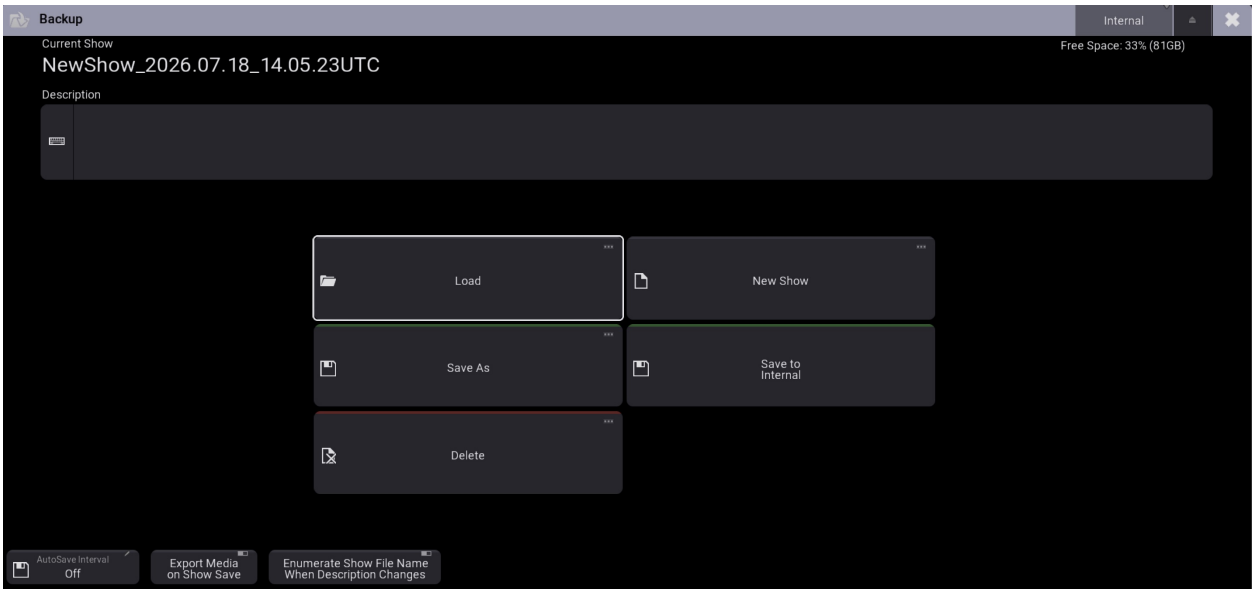
- Simple_Show: With 10 fixtures patched, this show file is a good starting point to familiarize yourself with the basics of the software.
- Demoshow_grandMA3: This show file is built with moving lights, LED tiles, and pars. It's often referred to in examples in the user manual.
- MA_StartShow: Built with macros and advanced layouts, this show file is a good starting point for busking live shows.

To open a Demo Show:

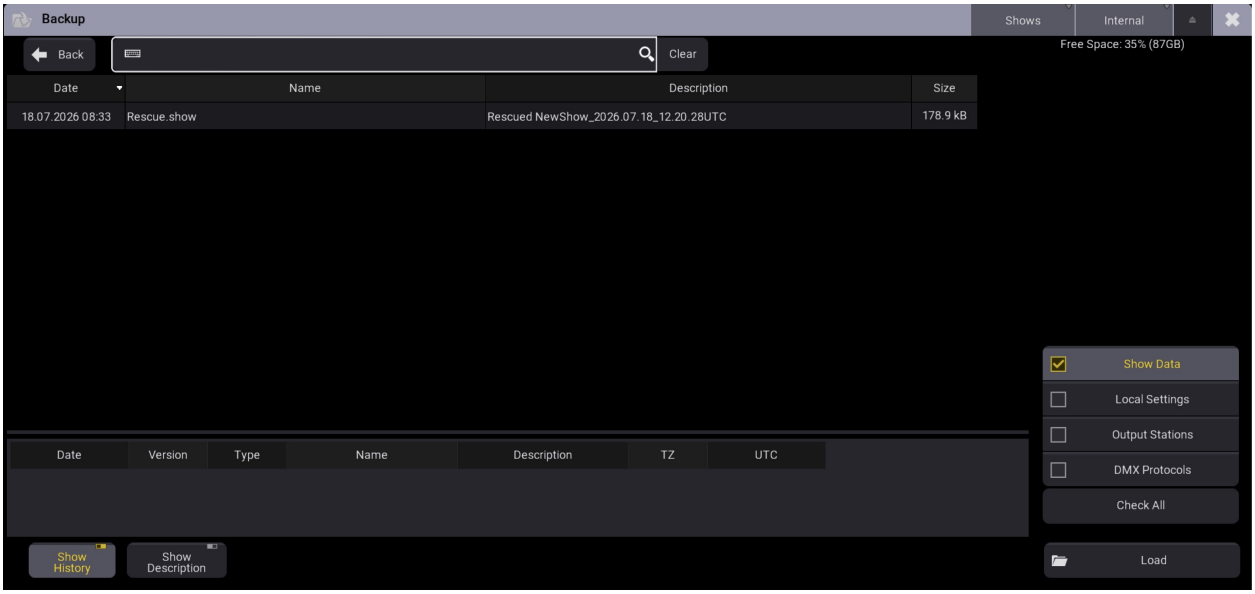
1. Press Menu, the menu pop-up opens:



2. Tap Backup, the backup menu opens:



3. Tap Load:



4. Tap and hold Shows in the title bar and select Demo Shows.
5. Select the desired Demo Show.
6. Check the boxes at the bottom right of the window to define which segment of the show file will be loaded. For more information, see Load a Show File.
7. Tap Load.

The demo show is loaded.

1.8. Workspace

In general, **Workspace** deals with the visual elements on screens and input modes such as:

- Windows
- Views
- Coloring
- Executor bar
- Encoder bar
- Gestures
- Keyboard shortcuts

It represents the usage of the working area in the grandMA3 console.

Subtopics

- User Interface
- Gestures
- Command Area
- Oops Menu
- Master Controls
- Masters Window
- Playback Controls
- Displays in grandMA3 onPC
- Encoder Bar
- Calculator
- Playback Bar
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- Colors

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1.8.1. User Interface

This section covers the control elements that help you operate the grandMA3 efficiently and effectively.

Subtopics

- Configuration of Displays
- Desk Lock
- User-Defined Area
- Command Line
- Control Bar
- Using Tables
- View Bar and View Buttons
- Adjustable Columns
- Temporary Filtering
- Trackpad Window

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1.8.1.1. Configuration of Displays

The displays are populated with a user-defined area and a collection of additional display elements. The additional elements offer quick access to helpful features, and their availability differs from screen to screen.

The following video gives an overview of the display configuration.

Pressing Menu then tapping Configure Display on any screen (excluding screens 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12) opens the Configure Display pop-up for that screen. The number of the display to be configured is displayed in the title bar of the pop-up. This pop-up can also be opened by tapping any empty user-defined area on the desired screen and tapping Configure in the upper-right corner of the Add Window pop-up.

Tap areas to activate or deactivate them

This pop-up is used to configure or change the display's appearance. It has different areas:

- **Show Title Bar:**
  Activate this button to see the window frame in the grandMA3 onPC. This is not an option in the MA hardware.

- **Show Control Bar:**
  Activate this to see the control bar on the left side of the display. For more information, see Control Bar.
- **Appearance:**
  Tap this to open the Select Appearance pop-up and select one of the existing appearances for this display. The appearance is added as a background for the screen area. For more information, see Appearances.
- **Reset size:**
  Tap this to reset the size of the user-defined area.
- **Width:**
  Tapping Width opens the calculator, and the width can be edited.
- **Height:**
  Tapping Height opens the calculator, and the height can be edited.
- **Scale:**
  The scale can be used to adjust the interface's size. This option is only available on onPC and on external screens. It is very useful for high-DPI screens or for screens with a lower resolution than Full HD. Tap and hold Scale to open the dropdown menu and select a value.
- **Show Feedback:**
  Activates a small feedback pop-up at the bottom of the display. This feedback appears briefly when the show is saved.
- **Show View Bar:**
  Activates the column of view buttons. For more information, see View Bar and View Buttons.
- **Show Command Line:**
  Activate this to see the command line input bar at the bottom of the display. For more information, see Command Line.
- **Show Encoder Bar or Show Playback Bar:**
  Activates the encoder bar or the playback bar at the bottom of the display.
- **WingID**:
  Defines the displayed wing in the command wing bar for each display individually.

	Hint:
	The user-defined area can be shared by multiple users using the corresponding Screen Config. A user-defined area bigger than the display will appear within a brown frame. A user-defined area smaller than the screen will be grayed out. For more information, see User-Defined Area.

The in the title bar closes the pop-up.

These additional elements can be hidden to increase the available user-defined area, or shown in different combinations on most screens, whether internal screens or external monitors.

Screen 1 with additional display elements hidden, allowing more user-defined area.

Screen 1 with all additional display elements shown.

Command line with additional feedback pop-up.

Screen 1, Screen 2, and Screen 3

Screen 1, Screen 2, and Screen 3 are the main screen workspaces on the console. The displays on these screens offer the largest available user-defined area on any of the internal screens. They can be configured with a selection of additional display elements.

By default, screen 1 includes the command line and the view bar. It can also be configured to display the control bar and encoder bar.

By default, screens 2 and 3 include the view bar. In addition, the grandMA3 compact XT includes the command line on screen 2. They can also be configured to display the command line, control bar, and playback bar.

Screen 4 and Screen 5

Screens 4 and 5 are on the optional external monitors. The displays on these screens offer a large amount of user-defined area. They can be configured with a selection of additional display elements. They can be configured to display the view bar, command line, control bar, and playback bar.

The scale option is available on screens 4 and 5 to support monitors with different resolutions.

Screen 6 and Screen 7

Screens 6 and 7 are the right and left command screens, respectively. The displays on these screens offer a small amount of user-defined area. They can be configured with a selection of additional display elements.

Screen 6 can be configured to display the view bar, command line, and control bar.

Screen 7 can be configured to display the view bar, command line, control bar, and playback bar. The playback bar available on screen 7 shows the status of objects assigned to the Xkeys.

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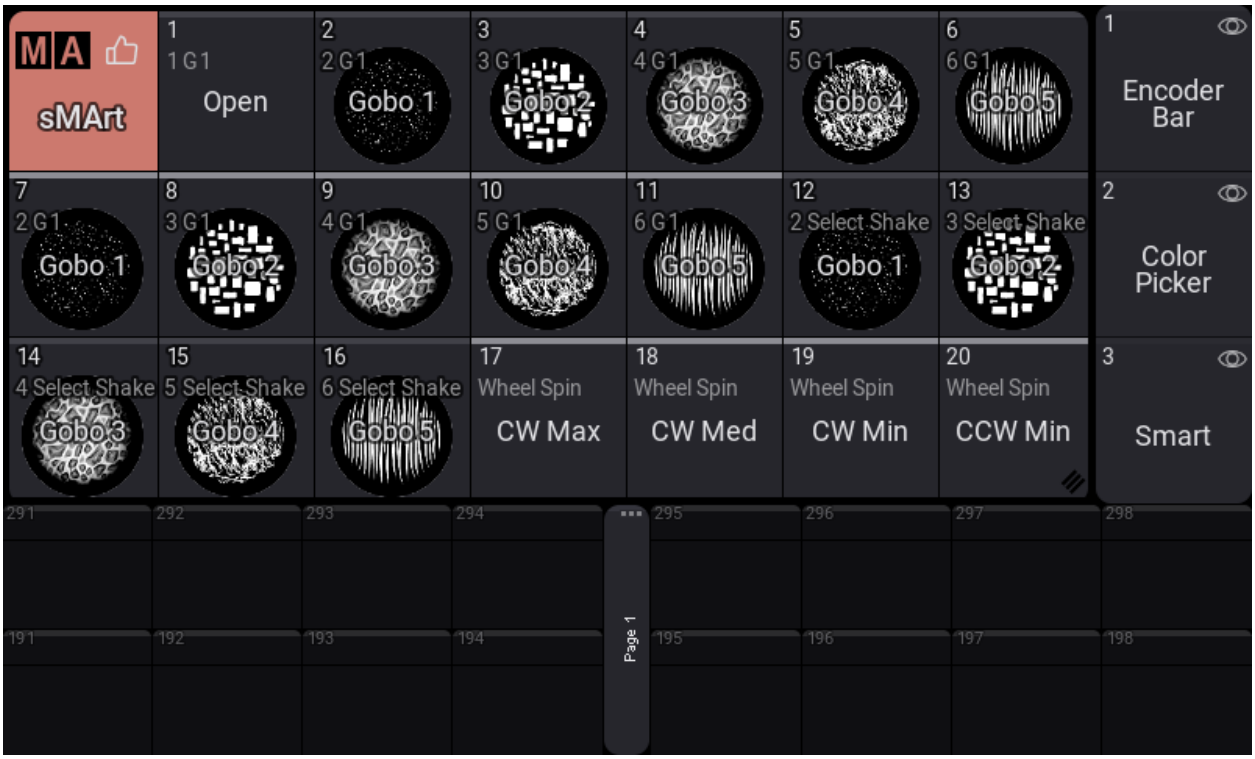


Screen 7 with view bar and playback bar visible, showing the assignments of the Xkeys.

Screen 8, Screen 9, Screen 10, Screen 11, and Screen 12

Screens 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are the letterbox screens, which are available on the grandMA3 full-size, light, and extension. The displays on these screens offer no user-defined area. The configurations of these displays cannot be changed. These screens are dedicated to displaying specific information and accepting user input.

Screen 8 displays the encoder bar and grand master.

Screen 9 displays the playback bar and master section.

Screens 10, 11, and 12 display the playback bar and custom section encoders and wheels.

1.8.1.2. Desk Lock

The desk lock is a useful tool that keeps unauthorized people from accessing the desk.

To lock the desk, use one of these options:

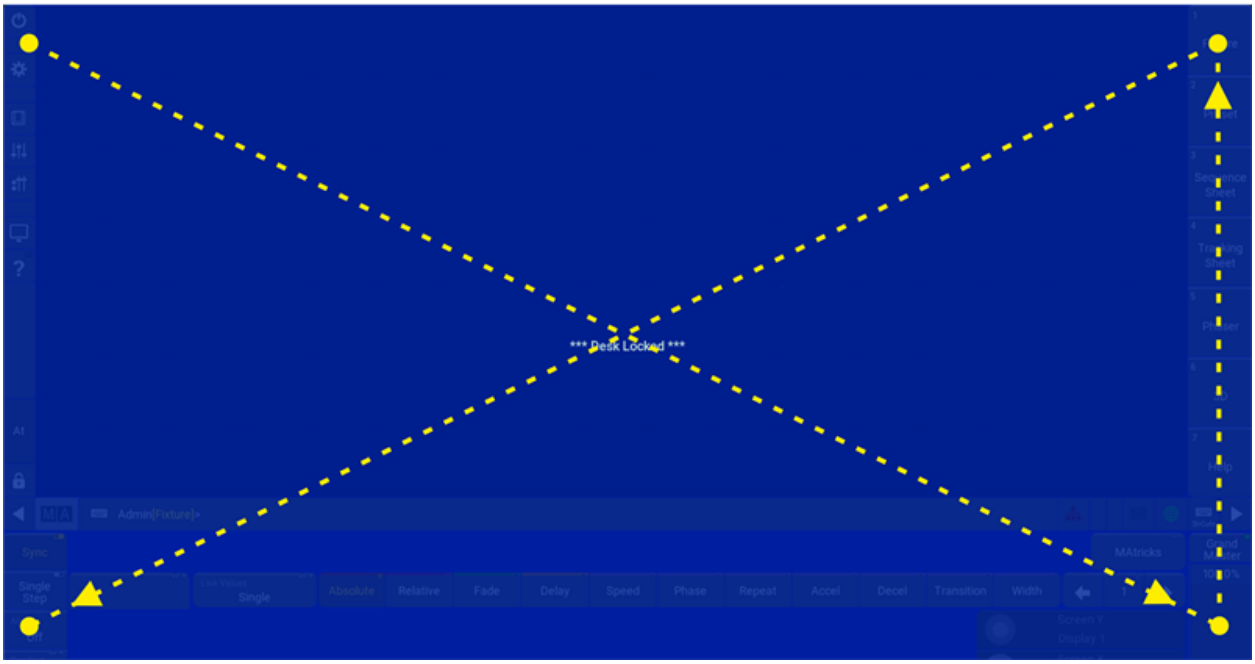
- Press MA + MA + Pause. For more information, see Pause | Fix Key.
- Press Pause on the keyboard.
- Press F9 on the keyboard.
- Tap the icon at the top of the control bar to open the shutdown menu. Then tap the icon.

Desk Locked

The desk is locked.

To unlock the desk, use one of these options:

- Press MA + MA + Pause.
- Press Pause on the keyboard.
- Press F9 on the keyboard.
- Tap the upper left corner, lower right corner, upper right corner, and lower left corner of any screen.

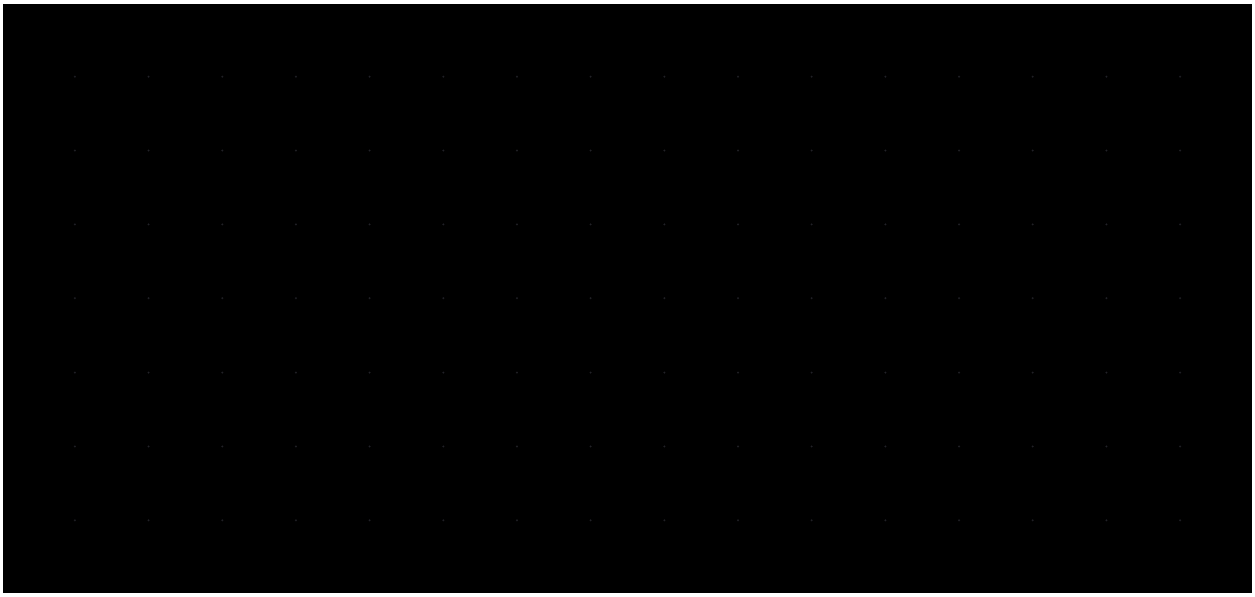


Touch pattern to unlock the desk.

The desk is unlocked.

1.8.1.3. User-Defined Area

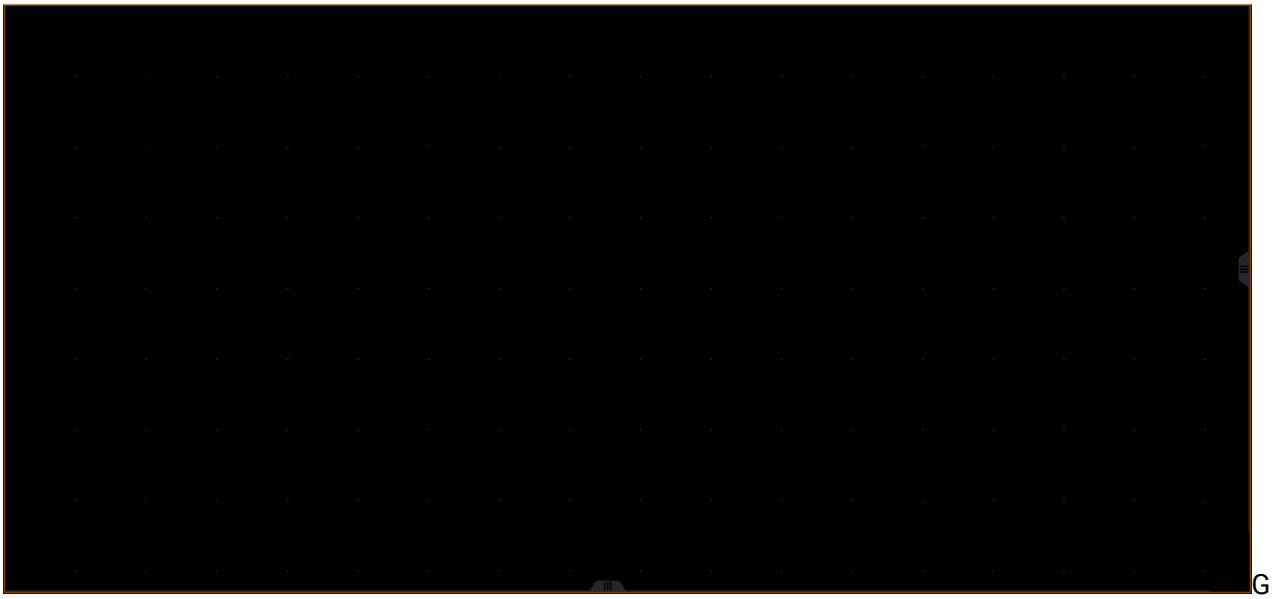
The user-defined area is located on screens 1 through 7. It appears as a grid of small dots.



Empty user-defined area with a grid of small dots

This is the area where windows can be added and arranged to be stored and recalled as views. For information on managing windows in the user-defined area and views, see Windows, Views, and Menus.

The Configure Display menu allows you to adjust the grid size within the user-defined area. It is possible to configure the grid of the user-defined area to a size larger or smaller than the available display space. For more information on the Configure Display menu, see Configuration of Displays.



Grid of the user-defined area configured larger than the available display space

If the grid is larger than the available display space, a dark orange outline appears around the edge of the user-defined area. Horizontal and vertical scroll bars appear, allowing access to the full grid area. The 3 finger scroll gesture also scrolls the user-defined area within the visible portion of the display. For more information, see Gestures.

Grid of the user-defined area configured smaller than the available display space

If the grid is smaller than the available display space, a partially transparent gray area appears over the excess area. Any previously stored views that utilize this area will still be recalled as stored. The gray area allows interaction with the contents of the windows beneath it, but windows cannot be resized or created outside the user-defined area.

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1.8.1.4. Command Line

The following categories are highlighted in this topic:

- Show or Hide the Control Bar
- Open the Command Line History
- Open the Virtual Keyboard
- Information in the Command Prompt
- Change the Default Keyword
- Set the Cursor in the Command Line
- Session Status and Quick Access to the Network Menu
- Hidden Progress Bar
- Message Center

The main purpose of the command line is to display active command syntax as it is entered and to display any errors generated by failed syntax. The command line also includes several helpful status indicators and quick-access buttons to frequently used features.

By default, the command line is located at the bottom of screen 1. It can also appear at the bottom of screens 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Command line as it appears on screen 7

Show or Hide the Control Bar

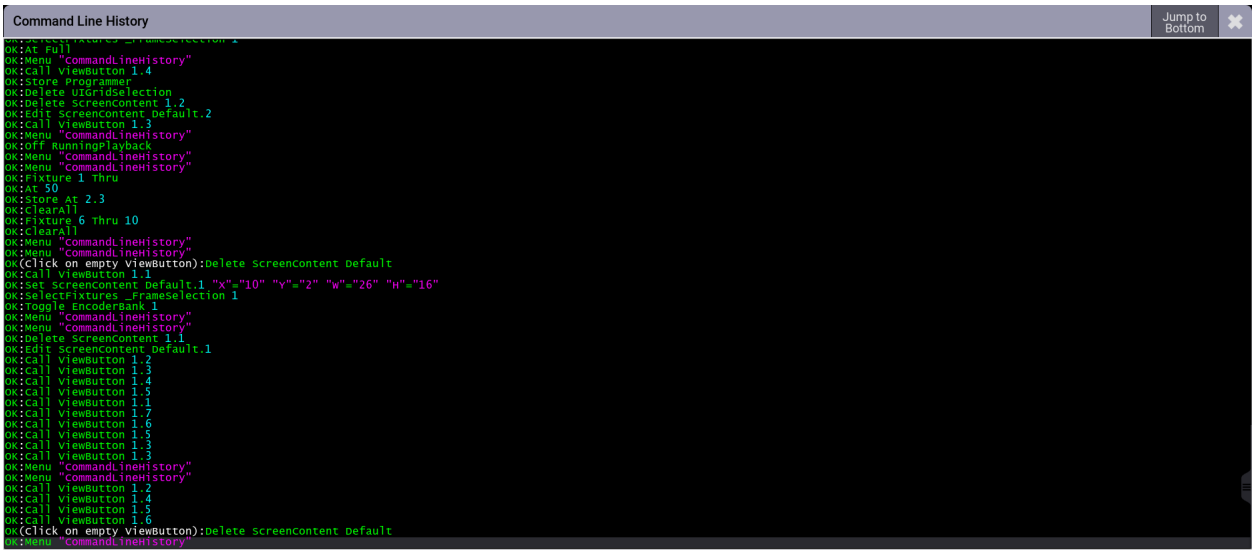
Tap the left arrow at the left edge of the command line to show or hide the control bar along the left edge of the screen.

Open the Command Line History

To open a temporary window showing the Command Line History:

- Tap MA on the left side of the command line

The Command Line History opens.



Command Line History

To close the window:

- Tap MA once again

-or-

- Tap in the upper right corner of the window

To open the window version of the Command Line History:

1. Open the Add Window dialog
2. Tap Common + Command Line History.

To show or hide the Command Line in the Command Line History window:

1. To open the Command Line History Window Settings, tap MA.
2. Enable Show Command Line.

	Hint:
	The content of the command line is synchronized across all visible command line inputs at the very same station. To synchronize the command line between a station and a connected web remote, see Linked Command Lines.

To select a recent command in the command line history:

1. Tap and hold a recent command in the history. When the command is selected, a pop-up opens, and the Command Line History background turns red.
2. Select one of the following options from the pop-up:
   a. Copy: Copies the command in the clipboard.
   b. Execute Again: Executes the command again.
   c. Copy and Overwrite to Command Line: Copies the command into the command line. Existing command line content will be discarded.

d. Add to Command Line: Copies the command to the end of the existing command line content.

3. Tap Jump To Bottom to set the Command Line History to the latest entry.

The Command Line History can display up to 2 048 lines.

For more information, see Add Window.

Open the Virtual Keyboard

To open a temporary command line window with a virtual keyboard:

- Tap on the left of the command line.

The window opens with a virtual keyboard.

Open virtual keyboard

To minimize the virtual keyboard:

- Tap .

To close the virtual keyboard:

- Execute a command by tapping Please.
- Tap in the upper right corner of the window.

To change the language on the keyboard:

- To cycle through the languages, tap the key that displays the language, for example, English, on the keyboard. For more information, see Keyboard Keyword.

Information in the Command Prompt

The command prompt is the point where the entered syntax appears. The prompt ends with the '>' symbol, but it includes two pieces of helpful information before it.

- **User Name**
  The username of the currently logged-in user is displayed at the beginning of the command prompt.
- **Default Keyword**
  The default keyword appears in yellow text in square brackets after the user name. The console uses the displayed default keyword for any numerical syntax entered without a specified object keyword.

It is possible to navigate the software's destination structure using the command line. In this case, the current destination location replaces the default keyword displayed on the command line. When returning to the root destination, the default keyword replaces the destination path display.

Change the Default Keyword

Possible default keywords of the command line can include:

- Fixture
- Channel
- Universal
- Houselights
- NonDim
- Media
- Fog
- Effect
- Pyro
- MArker
- Multipatch
- PSR

	Hint:
	Some of the listed keywords can be customized. For more information, see Custom ID.

To change the default keyword:

1. Enter the desired keyword into the command line. For example, press the Channel key.
2. Press Please.

Set the Cursor in the Command Line

When entering command line syntax using a keyboard, it is necessary to bring the keyboard focus to the command line.

To set the cursor in the command line:

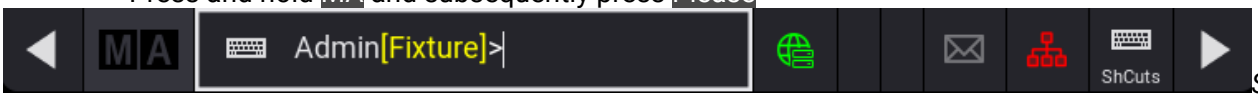
- Tap the command line

- or -

- Press Esc one or more times. Once all open menus and pop-ups are closed, the keyboard focus returns to the command line.

- or -

- Press and hold MA and subsequently press Please



Set cursor in the command line

The cursor is set and starts blinking after the prompt, and a white box surrounds the command line.

	Hint:
	A triangle symbol (◀) appears if the prompt is longer than the command line.

For more information, see Command Syntax and Keywords.

Session Status and Quick Access to the Network Menu

An indicator of network session status appears on the right side of the command line. Tapping the indicator toggles the network menu open or closed. The color of the network icon indicates one of the following session states:

- **Red:** Standalone
- **Black:** Startup
- **Gray:** IdleMaster
- **Light Blue:** GlobalMaster
- **Green:** Connected

For more information about networking, see Networking.

Show or Hide the View Bar

Tap the right arrow at the right edge of the command line to show or hide the bar of view buttons along the right edge of the screen.

Hidden Progress Bar

The process, e.g. when sending an update from a grandMA3 onPC station to a grandMA3 console, is indicated by a circle with a number in it on the right side of the command line. The number inside the circle indicates how many processes are running in the background.

Command Line - Hidden Progress Bar Tap the circle to show the regular progress bar.

Message Center

Depending on their status in the message center, other icons may also appear in the command line.

Tapping in the command line opens the message center window. For more information, see Message Center.

1.8.1.5. Control Bar

The control bar provides quick access to the shutdown command, essential menus, additional displays (in grandMA3 onPC), online help, and the At filter.

On console displays, the control bar is hidden by default on all screens. Within the onPC application, the control bar is shown along the left edge of screens 1 through 5 by default. In consoles and the onPC application, the control bar can appear along the left edge of screens 1 through 7.

To show or hide the control bar, tap Show Control Bar in the Configure Display pop-up for the desired screen or press the left arrow at the left side of the command line. For more information, see Configuration of Displays.

Another quick and easy way to toggle the control bar is to tap on the icon in the command line.

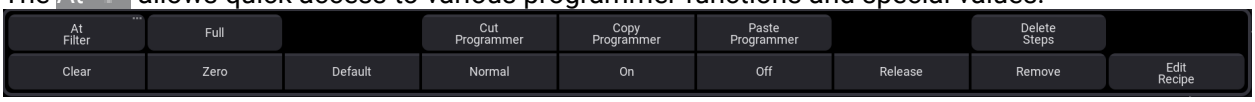
Control bar

- Tap the icon at the top of the control bar to open the shutdown menu.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to open the main menu. For more information, see Menus.

- Tap the icon in the control bar to open the command section pop-up. For more information, see Command Section.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to open the masters window. For more information, see Masters Window.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to open the custom master section pop-up. For more information, see Special Executors.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to open the playback controls pop-up. For more information, see Playback Controls.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to open the Encoder Bar pop-up.
- Tap the icon in the control bar for access to all of the available displays within the grandMA3 onPC application. This option is only available in grandMA3 onPC. For more information, see Displays in grandMA3 onPC.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to enter the Help keyword into the command line. For more information, see Help keyword.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to toggle the main encoder bar to the command wing bar in the grandMA3 onPC application. This option is only available in grandMA3 onPC. For more information, see Command Wing Bar.
- Tap the icon in the control bar to open the At Filter pop-up. For more information, see below.

At Filter Pop-Up

The At allows quick access to various programmer functions and special values.



At Filter pop-up

- Tap At Filter to open the temporary At Filter menu.
- Tap Cut Programmer, Copy Programmer, and Paste Programmer to cut, copy, and paste the contents of the programmer. For more information, see What is the Programmer.
- Tap Delete Steps to delete the current phaser step or steps from the programmer. For more information, see the Phasers.

- Tap Clear to access the same three clear keywords available by pressing the Clear key. For more information, see Clear Key.
- Tap Full, Zero, Default, Normal, On, Off, Release, or Remove to apply the desired special attribute value to the selection. On and Off apply to the selection. Full, Zero, Default, Release, and Remove apply to the selection's dimmer attribute. For more information,see Calculator.
- Tap Edit Recipe to enable edit recipe mode. For more information, see Recipe Editor Window.
- Tap and hold At to open the temporary At Filter. For more information, see At Filter Window.

1.8.1.6. Using Tables

In tables, you can actively enter, change, and modify values. Tables can be found, for example, in the Patch menu or the fixture type editor.

Tables can have parents and children in form of new "object lines".

- A parent is the main object
- A child is the sub-object of the parent
- A child can have several siblings and also children

In some tables, for example, the fixture type editor, the adding of children can be disabled or enabled. Therefore tap 'New object' line. Other tables do not have this option, for example, the patch. In the patch, it is always possible to add a fixture or a subfixture.

Simplify operation and edit in tables:

- **Move/Select**
  - To move the focus in a table, tap to select an object and use the arrow buttons of the integrated or virtual keyboard.
  - To move the selection from one column to another, tap the heading of the corresponding column.
  - Tap the heading twice to select the entire column.
- **Inertial scrolling**
  - Use two fingers to tap and quickly brush the table in either direction.
  - Depending on the momentum, the scroll slows down after a while until it comes to a halt.

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1.8.1.7. View Bar and View Buttons

Screens can have View Bars visible. The View bar can be on the right or at the top of the screen. The View Bar contains View Buttons.

The view buttons can be used to store and recall views and clear the screen.

Other objects than views can be assigned. The following objects are supported:

- Encoder Bars
- Macros
- MAtricks
- Plugins
- Quickeys
- Screen Configurations
- Timers
- Users
- Views

If a store action is performed on an empty view button without a specified object, the default object is a new view.

The screen size might limit how many view buttons are visible, but the view bar can be scrolled. If the view bar is scrolled, then there is an arrow icon (or) to scroll back to the first buttons.

The screen on the consoles can show 10 view buttons in a single column, with the view bar on the right, and 19 view buttons in a row at the top.

Configure the View Bar

Editing an empty area on the user-definable area opens the Configure Display pop-up:

Configure Display Pop-up

This pop-up can also be opened using the **Menu "DisplayConfig"** command. **Paste to Command Line**

There are other methods to open the pop-up.

The right side of the pop-up has the option to toggle the view bar by tapping Show View Bar. There is an arrow icon ( ) that toggles the view bar position between the right and top sides of the screen. There is also the option to add up to three columns or three rows (depending on the view bar position) by tapping + or limiting again down to one by tapping - below the Show View Bar.

Each column or row begins with its own hundred number, so there can be a total of 300 view buttons on each screen.

The downward-pointing triangle ( ) adds a button (or) to the last view button. Tapping this button scrolls the view buttons to the next set.

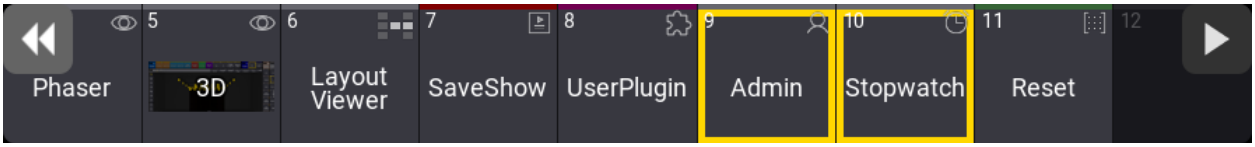
The view bars on each screen work independently, so they can have different sizes, locations, and scroll positions. View button 4 on screen 1 is "ViewButton 1.4". View button 4 on screen 2 would be "ViewButton 2.4".

Tapping an empty view button clears the screen.

Tapping and holding a view button activates the store view function, which opens the Store View pop-up. Read more about storing views in the Store and Recall Views topic.

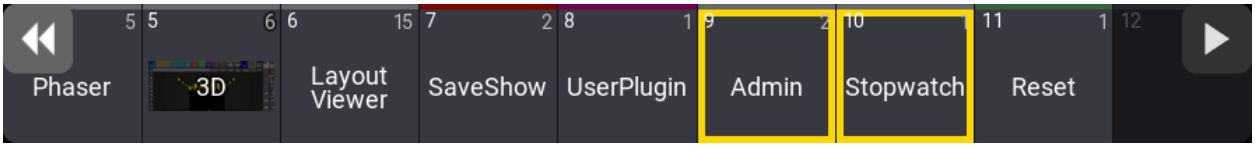
View Button Information

The view buttons show an icon in the upper right corner and a colored bar at the top indicating the object type.



The example above shows different objects in the view bar.

Pressing and holding MA show the object number instead of the object icon.



Notice that the icon for the view object is only shown if the view contains information about just one screen. If the view contains information for two or more, then the icon is replaced by an icon showing which screens it relates to - see view button 6 above.

Tapping objects in the view bar is the same as tapping the object in the respective pool - It executes the default pool action. For instance, tapping view button 9 in the image above selects user number 2 in the user pool.

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1.8.1.8. Adjustable Columns

In certain windows and sheets, the column arrangements can be customized. The following sections will be covered in this topic:

	Hint:
	To save and recall your arrangements, store them as Views or use Preferences. For more information, see Store and Recall Views, Store Settings, and Store Preferences

There are two ways to customize the columns: enable column editing in the grid and use gestures, or define the column arrangements in column sets.

The following windows and sheets in the Add Window pop-up use column editing to adjust the columns. For more information, see Gestures.

- Content Sheet
- Fixture Sheet
- Track Sheet
- Layouts and Layout Editor
- Timecode Editor and Timecode Viewer

In addition, the following windows and sheets are using Column Sets:

- Agenda Viewer.
- RDM Devices Viewer.
- Sequence Sheet.
- Track Sheet.

Column Editor in the Grid

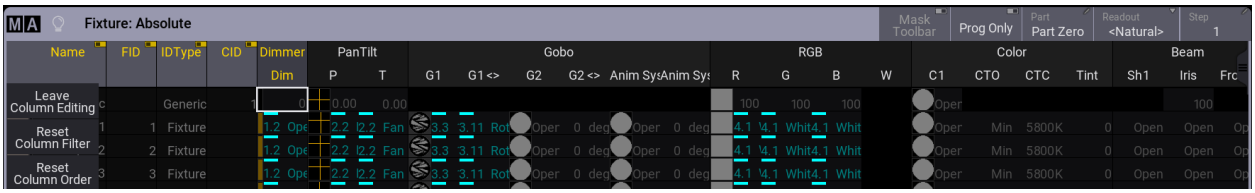
The following video provides a basic overview of the column editing feature using gestures.

Open Column Editing

To edit specific columns, open column edit mode in the corresponding window.

To open column editing:

1. Open the corresponding window, for example, the fixture sheet via the Add window dialog.
2. Perform a 2-finger scroll gesture in the header row of the window. A gear icon ( ) appears in the top left corner of the header.
3. Tap within three seconds. Three available buttons for column editing are shown.
4. Tap Enter Column Editing. The window contents will be displayed in light gray, and the columns are now ready for editing, as shown in the image below.



Fixture Sheet - Column Editing

Edit Columns

A drag-and-drop gesture is used to change the column order.

To change the column order in the corresponding window, for example, the fixture sheet:

1. Tap and hold a column header with one finger, for example, the Color header.
2. Drag the column left or right to the desired position. A red vertical line indicates the potential position of the column when releasing the finger.
3. Release the finger. The column has now moved to the new position. To reset all columns to their initial positions, tap Reset Column Order.
4. Tap Leave Column Editing. The edit column mode is closed.

Fixture Sheet - Column Editing mode with a red vertical line

	Hint:
	To move a column without entering column editing, long-press a column in the header area until the red vertical line appears.
	Restriction:
	Columns have zones where they can be moved. Excluded zones are marked in a dark red color. For example, as shown in the image above, it is not possible to move the Color column next to the Name column.

To filter columns in a corresponding window, for example, in the fixture sheet:

1. Open column editing.
2. Tap a column header to disable it, for example, Name. The column is greyed out.
3. Tap Leave Column Editing. The edit column mode is closed, and an icon in the top right corner of the window indicates that a column is hidden.
4. To reset all filters to their initial positions, tap Reset Column Filter in column edit mode.

Working with Column Sets

In certain windows and sheets (see above), columns can be adjusted and saved as column sets. This can be done in a column set editor. The editor can be found in the Columns tab of the corresponding window settings.

In the title bar of the corresponding window, the created column set can be selected. For more information on making the column selector visible in the title bar, see Title Bar Configuration.

The Column editor is divided into a scrollable grid on the left and a menu of buttons on the right.

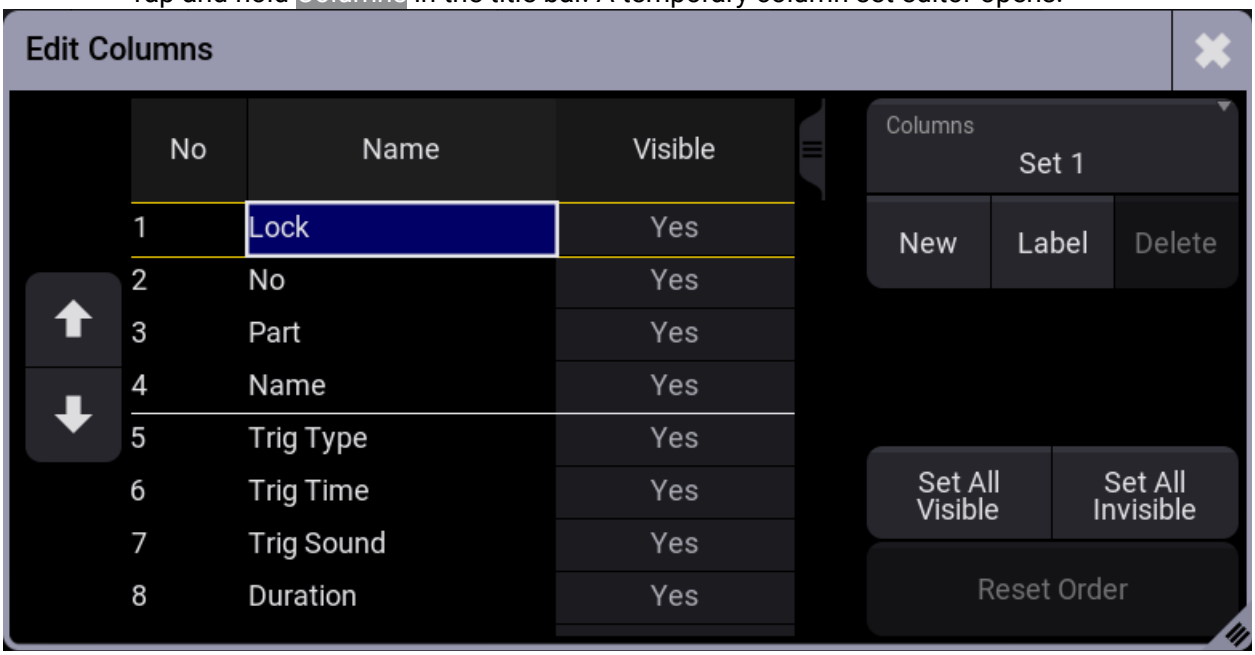
The following video provides a basic overview of how to customize columns using the column set editor.

To open the Column set editor, follow these steps:

1. Open a window via the add window dialog, for example, the Sequence sheet.
2. Tap MA in the title bar of the window. The window settings open.
3. Tap the Columns tab. The Column set editor is open.

or

- Tap and hold Columns in the title bar. A temporary column set editor opens.



Sequence Sheet - Temporary Columns pop-up

To create a new column set:

1. Tap, hold, and swipe Columns. A pop-up opens.
2. Drag and drop your finger over New at the bottom of the pop-up. A new column set is created.

or

- Tap New. A new column set is created.

The currently selected column set is used as a template for a new column set.

The column editor offers only columns that were visible in this sheet at any time before. For example, in the RDM Devices Viewer, as long as RDM has not been used yet, no columns other than Lock, No, and Name are available.

To enable or disable columns in the window:

1. Edit Yes/No in the Visible column.
2. Tap Set All Visible to enable all columns.
3. Tap Set All Invisible to disable all columns.

To change the order of the columns:

1. Select a specific column in the grid on the left.
2. Tap or to move the column up or down in the grid.
3. Reset Order will reset the order.

	Restriction:
	A horizontal white line divides the grid into two areas. It is not possible to move a column to the other area.

To select an existing column set:

1. Tap, hold, and swipe Columns. A pop-up opens.
2. Drag and drop your finger over the corresponding column set. The column set is selected.

To label a column set:

1. Select a column set.
2. Tap Label. The label editor opens.
3. Enter a name. Tap Please. A column set is named.

or

1. Enter **Label** into the command line.
2. Tap Columns in the title bar of the corresponding sheet.
3. The label pop-up for the selected column set opens.

To delete a column set:

1. Select a column set
2. Tab Delete. The column set is deleted.

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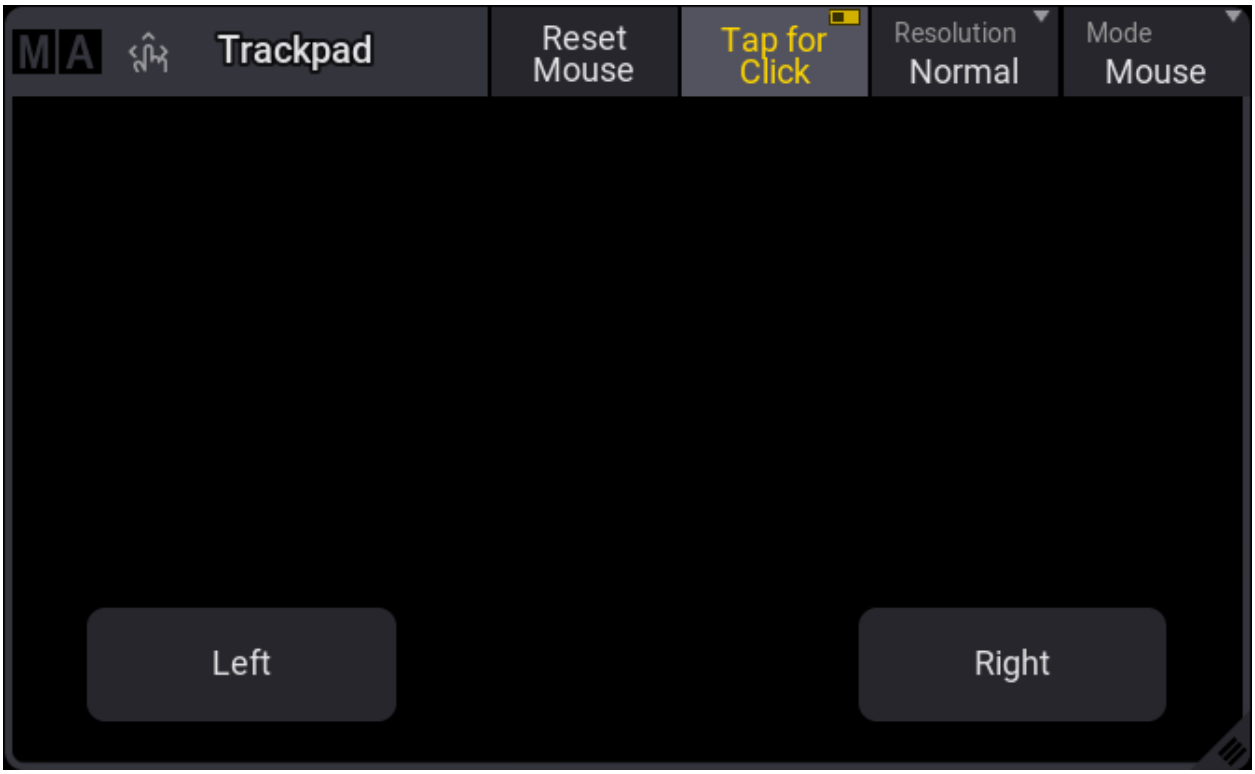
1.8.1.9. Trackpad Window

The trackpad window allows precise control of the mouse cursor and serves as an alternative method for positioning selected fixtures.

The trackpad window can appear within the user-defined area of screens 1 through 7. Views can store and recall the appearance and settings of the trackpad window. For more information on adding windows to the user-defined area, see Add windows.

Tap the Mode button in the upper-right corner of the trackpad window to toggle between mouse mode and pan/tilt mode, or tap and swipe to see a menu of available modes.

Mouse Mode



Trackpad window in mouse mode

Trackpad Mouse Cursor

While in mouse mode, tapping inside the main area of the trackpad window and swiping in any direction both show a cursor and move it in the direction of the swipe.

The main cursor in the console's user interface appears as a black arrow with a white outline. This cursor is not affected by the trackpad window. A separate cursor appears when using the trackpad in mouse mode. The trackpad mouse cursor appears as a white arrow with a light gray outline.

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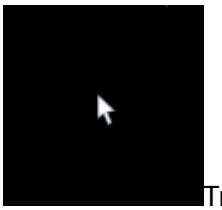
 Trackpad mouse cursor

The trackpad cursor initially appears slightly larger than normal. After three seconds, it reverts to its normal size. After five seconds of idle time, the trackpad cursor disappears.

The trackpad mouse cursor can move freely across the console's user interface on screens 1 through 5. Although the trackpad window can appear on screens 6 and 7, the trackpad cursor cannot appear on these screens.

Trackpad Window Buttons in Mouse Mode

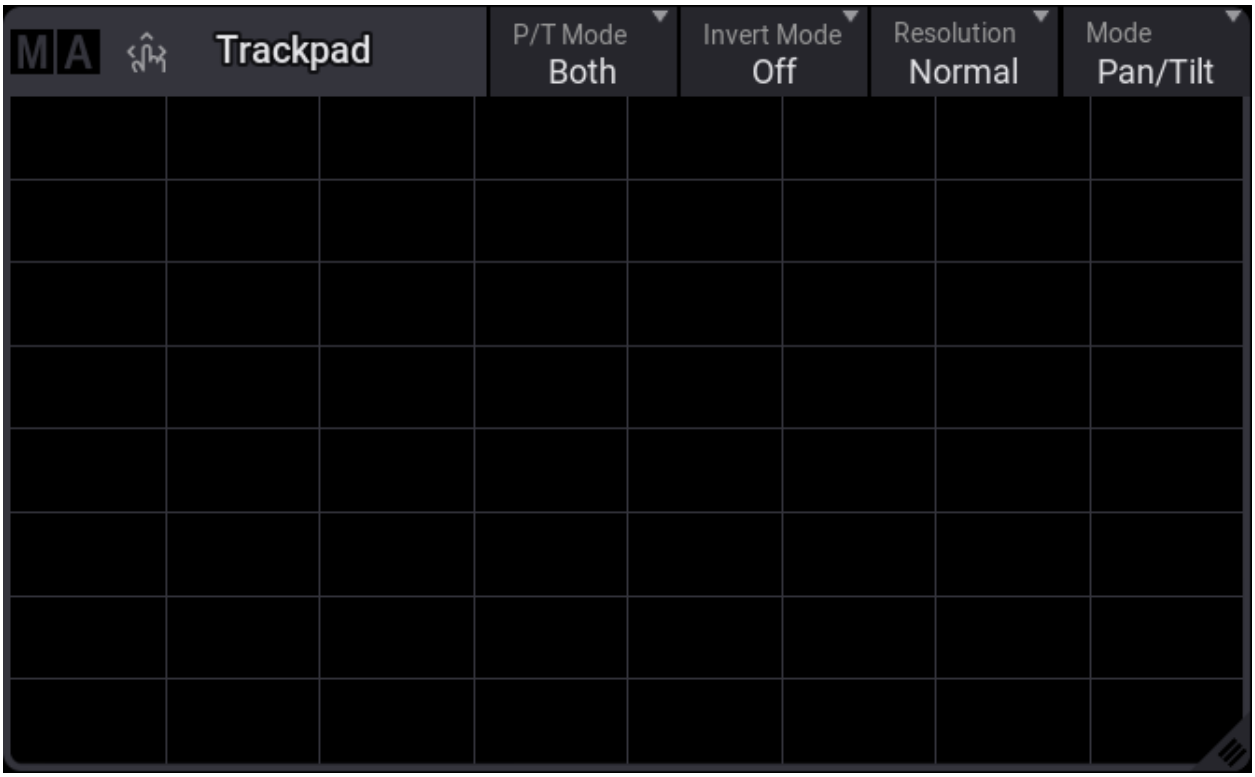
The main area of the trackpad window in mouse mode includes two buttons:

- Left: Tap for a left mouse click. This selects the item under the trackpad cursor. Tap and hold while swiping in the main area of the trackpad window with a second finger to mimic a 1 finger swipe gesture.
- Right: Tap for a right mouse click. This generates the same result as a 2-finger edit gesture.

The trackpad title bar in mouse mode includes tools that control its behavior. These tools include:

- Reset Mouse: Tap to respawn the trackpad mouse cursor in the center of screen 1.
- Tap for Click: When enabled, tapping anywhere in the main area of the trackpad window, except for the Right button, executes a left mouse click. When disabled, only a tap on the Left button executes a left mouse click.
- Resolution: Tap to cycle through the available resolution options for the trackpad, or tap and swipe to see a menu of options. This resolution setting is separate from the resolution setting in pan/tilt mode.

Pan/Tilt Mode



Trackpad Pan/Tilt mode

While in pan/tilt mode, horizontal swipes within the main area of the trackpad window adjust the pan attribute of any selected fixtures. Vertical swipes adjust the tilt attribute. Diagonal and curved swipes adjust both pan and tilt accordingly. The main area of the trackpad window in pan/tilt mode displays a simple grid as a visual guide.

The trackpad title bar in pan/tilt mode includes tools that control its behavior. These tools include:

- P/T Mode: Tap to cycle through the available pan/tilt modes, or tap and swipe to see a menu of available pan/tilt mode options. These options include:
  - Pan Only: This mode allows adjustment only of the pan attribute, ignoring vertical movement.
  - Tilt Only: This mode allows adjustment of the tilt attribute only, ignoring horizontal movement.
  - Both: This mode allows simultaneous adjustment of both the pan and tilt attributes.
- Invert Mode: Tap to cycle through the available invert modes, or tap and swipe to see a menu of available invert mode options. These options include:
  - Off: Both pan and tilt are adjusted normally.
  - Pan Invert: Pan inputs are interpreted in reverse of the normal direction. Tilt inputs remain normal.
  - Tilt Invert: Tilt inputs are interpreted in reverse of the normal direction. Pan inputs remain normal.
  - Both: Both pan and tilt inputs are interpreted in reverse of the normal direction.
- Resolution: Tap to cycle through the available resolution options for the trackpad's pan and tilt controls, or tap and swipe to see a menu of options. This resolution setting is separate from the resolution setting in mouse mode.

	Hint:
	The **TrackpadMode**, **Mouse Resolution**, **P/T Resolution**, **P/T Invert Mode**, and **P/T Mode** settings are also available in the **Trackpad Window Settings**

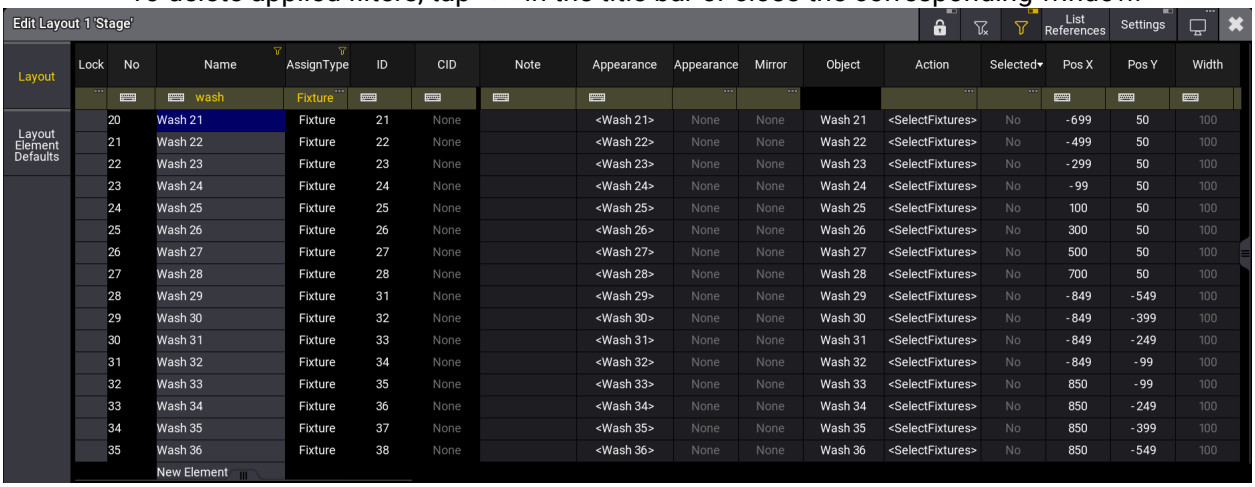
	pop-up. To open this pop-up, tap MA in the upper-left corner of the **Trackpad** window.

1.8.1.10. Temporary Filtering

Certain menus and windows, such as the Patch Menu, the Agenda window, or the Layout Editor, allow you to temporarily filter and search for specific terms in the grid.

	Hint:
	You can use multiple column filters simultaneously to refine the results.

- The filter area is displayed as a yellow row between the header row and the grid's first row. Tapping in the window title bar enables or disables the filter area.
- The in the filter area marks text input fields and the three dots (...) mark the selection fields.
- Applied filters are indicated with a yellow in the header of the corresponding column.
- To delete applied filters, tap in the title bar or close the corresponding window.



Edit Layout - Filter

Example

The following video gives you an overview.

To select a filter in the Layout Editor:

1. Open the grandMA3 Demoshow.
   Paste to Command Line
2. Type **Edit Layout 1** into the command line and then press Please. The editor opens. For more information about Layout Editor, see Edit Layout.
3. Make sure is enabled in the title bar.
4. Tap ... in the **Assign Type** column. A pop-up opens.
5. Select Fixture. The pop-up closes, and the grid shows only the rows with Assign Type set to Fixture.

To use the text input field filter in the Layout Editor:

1. Follow steps 1-3 from above.
2. Tap to clear all filters.
3. Tap in the **Name** column. A text input field opens.
4. Type **Wash** and press Please. The pop-up closes, and the grid displays rows with "Wash" in their names.

or

1. Tap the area to the right of the in the **Name** column. A text cursor is set.
2. Start typing. The Name column is filtered as you type.

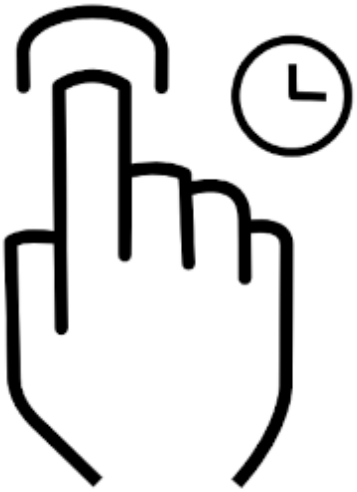
	Hint:
	If you disable the filter area ( ) while a filter is set and then enable it again, the previously set filter will still be active.

1.8.2. Gestures

Use gestures on the grandMA3 console's touchscreens to quickly navigate and adjust settings.

- **Tap**

Briefly tap the surface with a fingertip.



- **Tap & Hold**

Tap the surface and hold it for at least one second.

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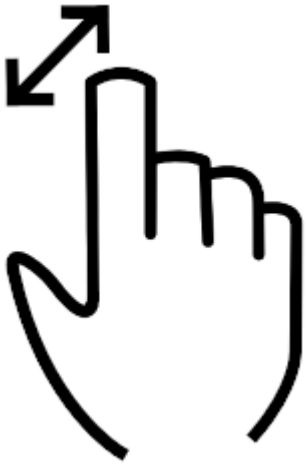
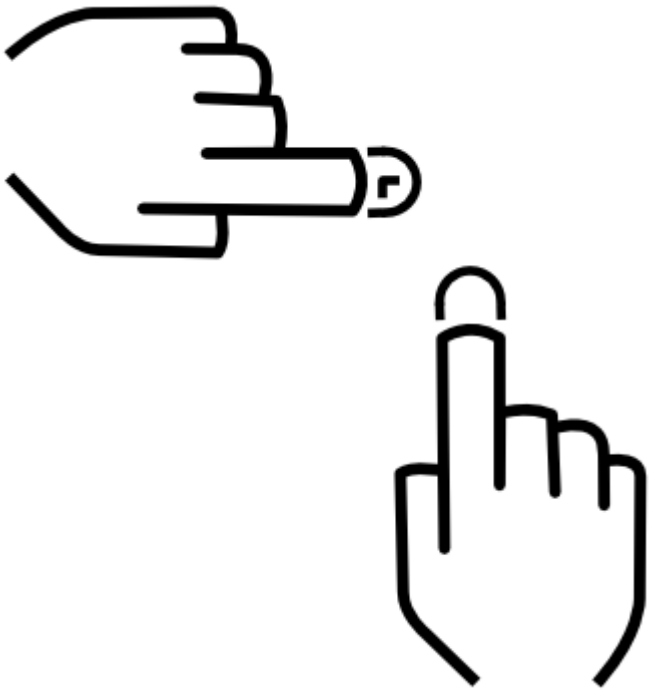


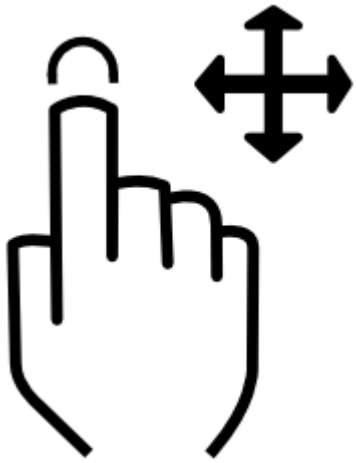
- **Zoom**

Tap the surface using two fingers and move them apart or toward each other.



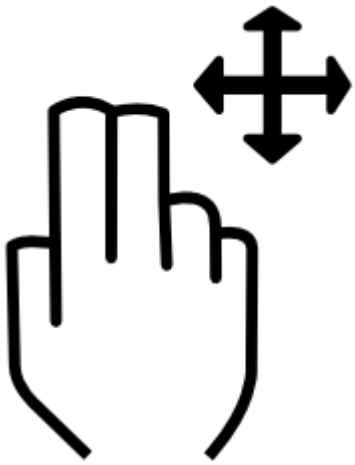
- **Resize**

1. Tap the title bar or the title field using any finger of one hand and hold it.
2. Briefly tap anywhere on the surface using a second finger.
3. Release both fingers.
4. The window is resized.



- **1 Finger Swipe**

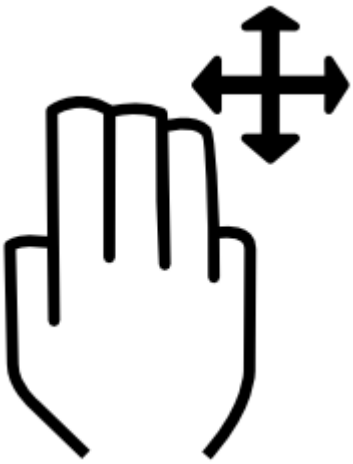
Tap and brush in any direction.



- **2 Finger Scroll**

To scroll within a window, tap the screen with two fingers and swipe in the desired direction.

	Hint:
	If using a mouse, hold down the left and right mouse buttons and move the mouse.



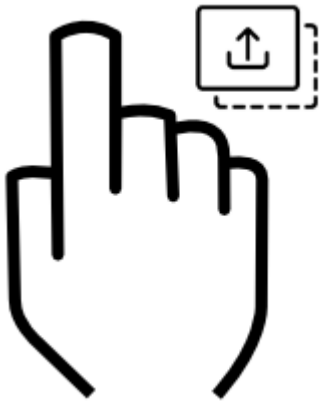
- **3 or More Finger Scroll**

Requirement:

- Set the height and/or width of the user-defined area larger than the available screen space. For more information, see Configuration of Displays.

To scroll the user-defined area within the available screen space, tap the screen with three or more fingertips and brush in the desired direction.

	Hint:
	When using a mouse, press and hold the option key (on macOS) or Alt key (on Windows), then hold down the right and left buttons and move the mouse.

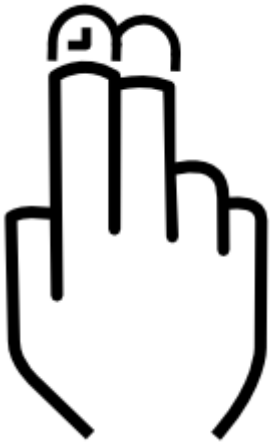


- **Drag & Drop**

Use this gesture to move and resize windows within the user-defined area as well as objects and elements within certain graphical editors (such as the 3D, Layout, Phaser Editor, or Timecode window).

1. Tap and hold with one finger.
2. Move the finger to the desired position.

3. Release the finger.



- **2 Finger Edit**

In sheets and other similar grids:
The **Precise Edit** user profile setting controls the behavior of the **2 Finger Edit** gesture when used in sheets and similar grids (such as the macro editor or patch menu).

Precise Edit disabled:

1. Tap the desired cell.
2. Tap with two fingers anywhere within the same window of the desired cell.

Precise Edit enabled:

1. Tap and hold one finger in the desired cell.
2. Tap anywhere on the same screen with a second finger.
3. Release both fingers.

In pools:
The **Precise Edit** user preference setting does not change the behavior of the **2 Finger Edit** gesture when it is used to edit objects within pools. To edit a pool object, follow the steps above under "**Precise Edit** enabled."

For more information about user profile settings, such as **Precise Edit**, see User Settings.

- **On-screen Encoder and Rotating Knob**

The on-screen encoders and rotating knobs types each have a setting in **User Profile settings** that defines how the on-screen elements work.

The User Profile settings have all the settings that apply to the user profile. See all the settings in the User Settings topic.

Rotate Style

To change the value using a gesture in the user interface:

1. Tap and hold the desired encoder or knob icon. The encoder icon turns dark.
2. Draw circles around the center of the encoder or knob in the direction of the desired change. Turning clockwise increases the value, and turning counterclockwise decreases it.
3. If desired, drag the pointer to another area of the screen. This moves the virtual center of the on-screen encoder to this new point. Larger circles result in finer control resolution.

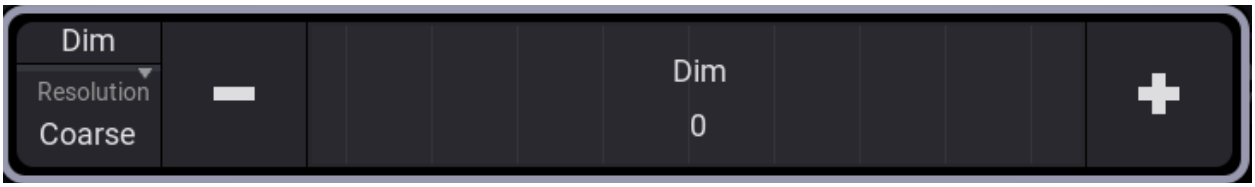
For more information about the on-screen encoder, see Encoder Toolbar. For more information about the on-screen knobs, see Executor.

Drag Style

Here is how to operate the encoders (including knobs) on a screen using the fingers:

1. Tap and hold the encoder, drag it outside the encoder, and release the finger.
2. A fader pop-up opens. Depending on the drag direction, it opens horizontally or vertically (see example below).
3. Tap into the fader area and hold it.
4. Moving the finger toward the bar changes the value.
5. When the desired value is set, release the finger.
6. The pop-up closes automatically when you lift your finger outside the encoder.
7. Tapping the encoder fader opens a calculator.
8. If the position is held for more than one second, the fader value gets locked.

This is an example of the horizontal drag encoder pop-up:



Horizontal version of the Drag rotating knob style

There are small differences between the knob and encoder styles.

The buttons - and + in the small pop-up allow changing the value by 10%. If there are assigned commands to the knobs for left and right rotation, then these are on the - and + buttons instead.

Tapping Resolution changes the value between the available resolutions. The knobs have **Slow** and **Fast**. The encoders have the **resolutions available** on the physical encoders. Depending on the chosen value, the value will change slower or faster when moving the fader in the pop-up.

The encoders have multiple resolutions. Typically, they are **Coarse**, **Fine**, **Increment**, and **Native**. Learn more in the Encoder Resolution topic.

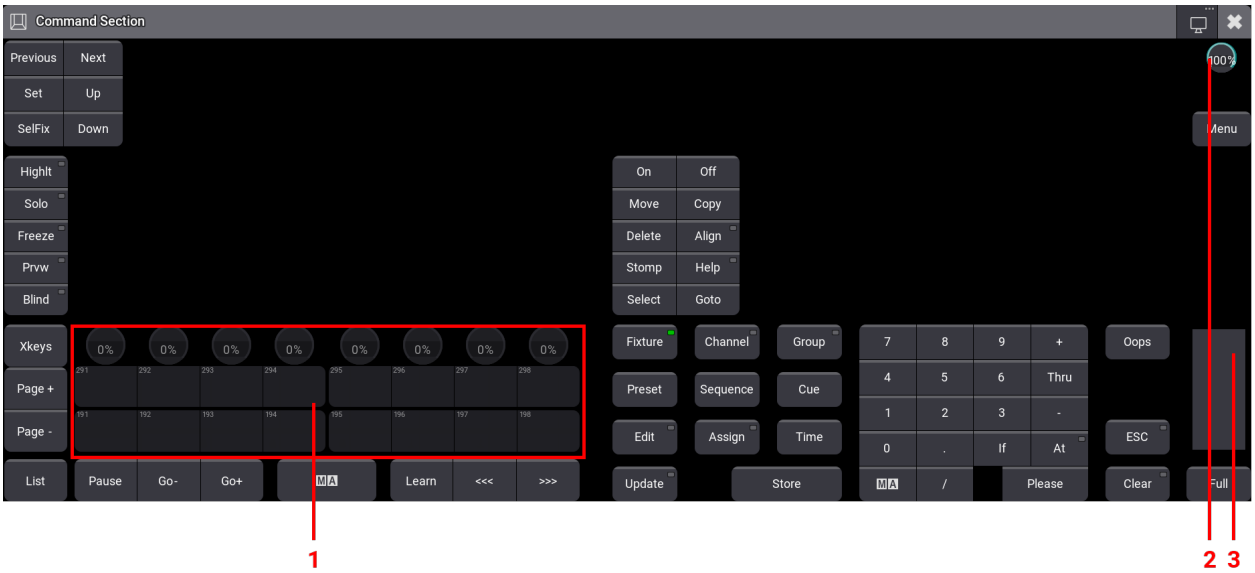
Each encoder pop-up displays which fader function is assigned to the encoder.

1.8.3. Command Area

This menu displays the Command Area of a console.

Consoles have a command area with physical hard keys. This on-screen version of the command area is useful when using an onPC.

To open the Command Section, tap in the control bar on the left of the screens 1 to 7 or F3 on a keyboard.



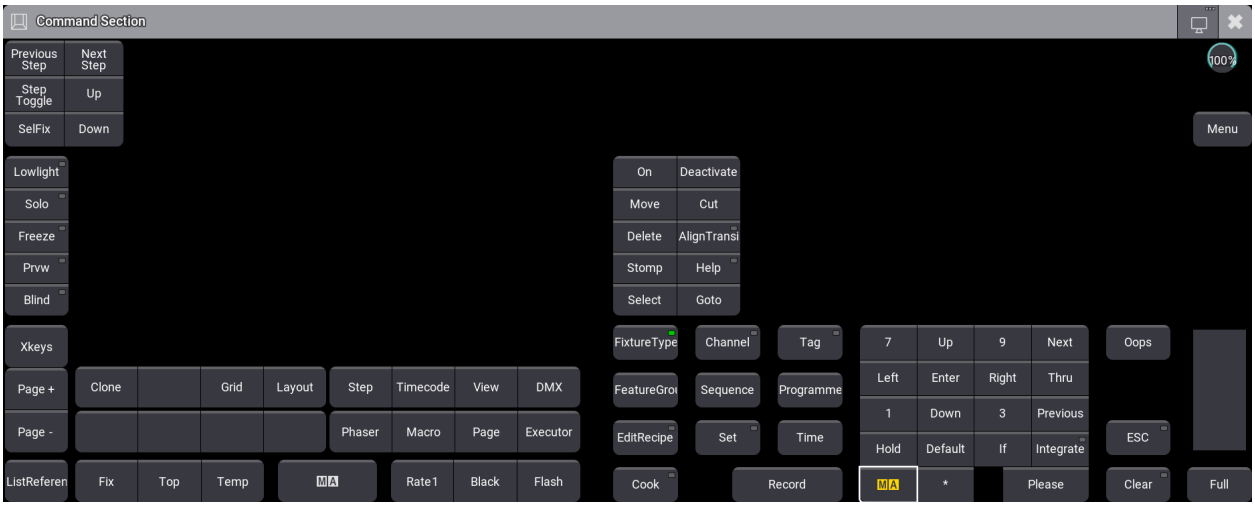
Command area

Apart from the command area, this menu also displays:

1. Xkeys
2. Grand master
3. Level wheel

The on-screen level wheel in this command area can be scrolled using a mouse with a scroll wheel. Move the pointer above the level wheel and scroll the wheel up or down to change the level.

To use the latch function, tap and swipe a MA key. The MA key turns yellow, and the keys of the Command Section changed, as shown below:



To unlatch, tap the latched MA key.

1.8.4. Oops Menu

The Oops menu displays the history of completed actions. Completed actions are displayed as a list and in chronological order. The action at the bottom shows the latest entry.

The latest action or multiple actions can be Oopsed. It is also possible to use Oops filters for various actions.

For more information about Oops, see Oops keyword and Oops hardkey.

	Important:
	All Oops entries are cleared when changing the Patch or loading a show file.

To get a first impression of the Oops menu, watch the video below:

To open the Oops menu:

- Press and hold Oops.
- Open the add window dialog. Tap More and then tap Oops.
- Execute the command **Menu "OopsOverlay"**. **Paste to Command Line**

Oops menu

The menu is separated into two columns:

- **Name**: Shows the executed command or the action that has been done.
- **Elapsed Time / Session Time**: Shows the elapsed time since the action has been executed.

To toggle between different time units, tap Columns in the title bar:

- Elapsed Time:

- Shows the time elapsed since the command was executed.
- Session Time: Shows the time off the day the command has been executed.

Oops Actions

Only the last action or a coherent amount of actions can be Oopsed. A selection of actions always include the latest one.

A blue background indicates the selected action.

Requirements:

- Change at least two values in the show file to create Oops events, for example, by setting dimmer, position and color values for fixtures.

To undo the last action:

1. The action at the bottom is selected, when opening the Oops menu.
2. Tap Oops Last Action located the bottom right corner in the Oops menu. The latest action is undone and is vanished.

To undo multiple actions:

1. Use 2 Finger Scroll or the scrollbar to scroll to a particular event in the Oops menu.
2. Tap on any listed event to undo it. This selects the latest event and all other events up to and including the selected event.
3. Tap Oops x Actions. The x stands for the selected number of actions.
4. The selected actions are undone and are vanished from the menu.

Toggle Oops Filters

The following Oops elements in the list can be filtered/hidden:

- Create Oops
- Oops Views
- Oops Programmer
- Oops Selection

	Hint:
	The four filters operate the corresponding settings of the User Configuration. For more information, see User Settings.
	Hint:
	/NoOops does not generate oops events when executing commands. For more information, see /NoOops Option Keyword.

- To create no events at all, disable Create Oops. Oops View, Oops Programmer and Oops Selection are grayed out.

Oops Confirmation

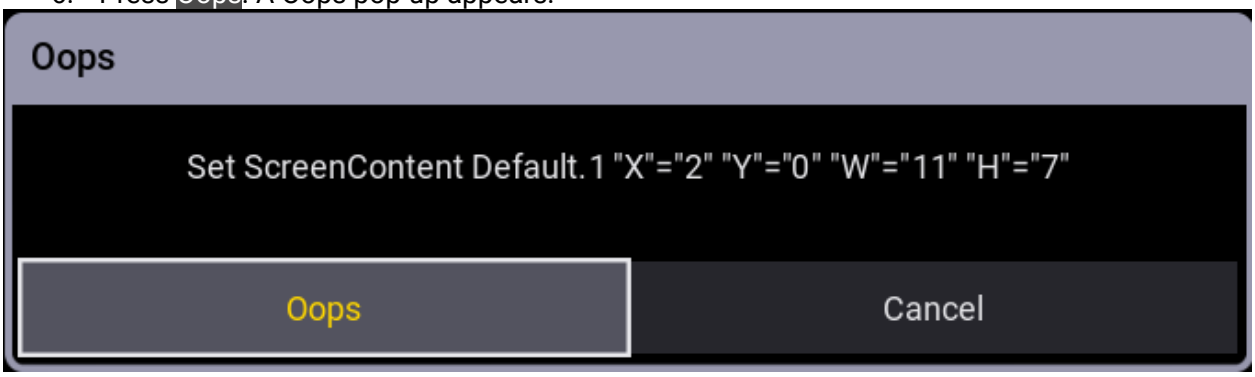
The setting Oops Confirmation defines when an Oopsed event has to be confirmed via a pop-up.

Oops Confirmation can be set to the following options:

- Always: Any Oopsed event needs to be confirmed.
- Main: Important actions needs to be confirmed, for example, storing, moving, or deleting objects.
- Never: No confirmation is needed. Oops Configuration is set to Never by default.

To change the Oops Confirmation to Always:

1. At least one Oops event is created.
2. Press and hold Oops. The Oops menu opens.
3. Tap, hold and swipe Oops Confirmation. A dropdown menu opens.
4. Select Always. The dropdown menu closes.
5. Close the Oops menu.
6. Press Oops. A Oops pop-up appears:



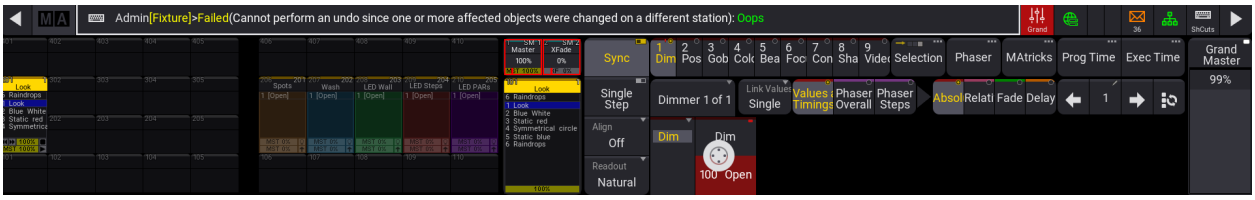
Undo pop-up

7. Tap Oops to confirm. The last action is undone.

Oops in a Session

Oopsing an action is possible in a session with multi-users. For more information, see Multi User Systems and Session.

Oops could fail while changes to the show file are being made via another station. If so, an error message will appear on the station where Oops is being used:

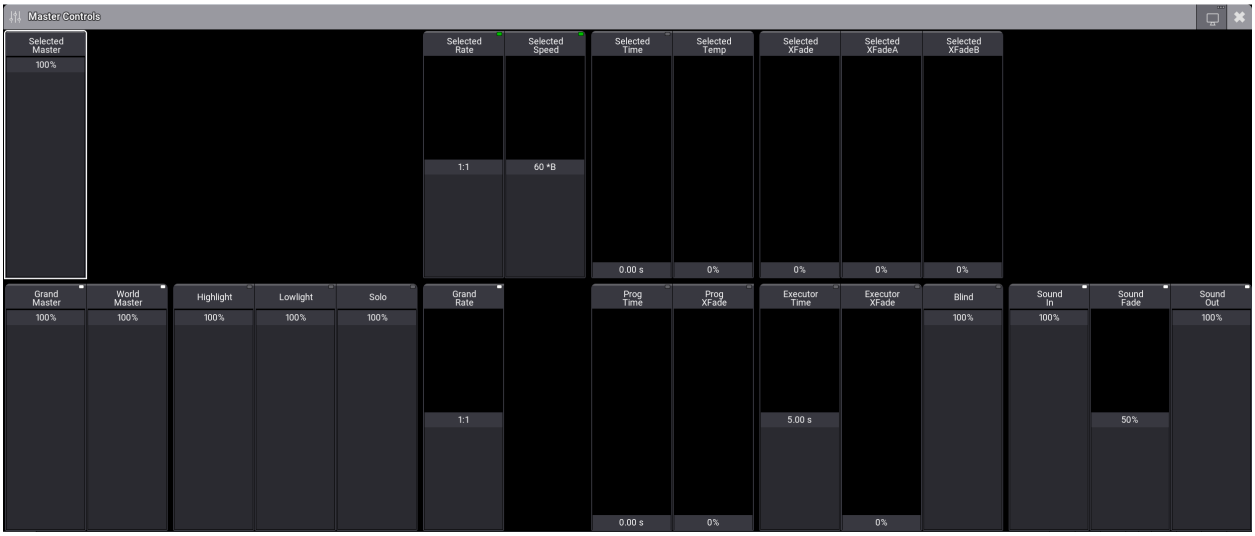


Error message

1.8.5. Master Controls

The menu Master Controls displays all selected and grand masters.

To open Master Controls, tap in the control bar on the left of screens 1 to 7 or press F4 on a keyboard.



Master Controls

1. Upper section is used in the selected sequence.
2. Lower section is used for global settings.

Adjust the value of the on-screen faders depending on their type:

- On-screen faders with indicators in the right corner of the title bar:
  - To change modes, see Masters.
  - To adjust values, tap and slide upward or downward.

- On-screen faders without indicators:
  - To adjust values, tap and slide upward or downward.

	Hint:
	You can enable or disable the on-screen faders **Highlight**, **Lowlight**, **Solo**, and **Blind** using HighIt, MA + HighIt, Solo, and Blind on the console.

1.8.6. Masters Window

The Masters window provides access to master controls, group masters, world masters, speed masters, playback masters, and timing masters. It provides an overview of the current master values and indicates which masters are not at their default values.

To open the Masters window:

- Tap in the control bar on the left of screens 1 to 7 or press F4 on a keyboard.
- Tap the screen to open the **Add Window** pop-up and then tap **More** - **Playback** - Masters. The window opens with the Master Controls tab selected.
- To open a temporary Masters window, press and hold Group. The temporary window opens with the Group Masters tab selected.
- Type **Menu MasterOverlay** into the command line. The window opens with the previously selected tab.

MA	User name[Fixture]>Menu MasterOverlay

Masters Window Tabs

The Masters window is divided into six tabs:

- **Master Controls**
- **Group Masters**
- **World Masters**
- **Speed Masters**
- **Playback Masters**
- **Timing Masters**

The Master Controls tab displays selected and global master controls. Each of the other tabs displays all masters of one type.
Groups are displayed in the Group Masters tab with their respective icon when their Mode is set to a value other than None.
All created worlds are displayed in the World Masters tab. All speed masters, playback masters, and timing masters are displayed in their corresponding tabs.

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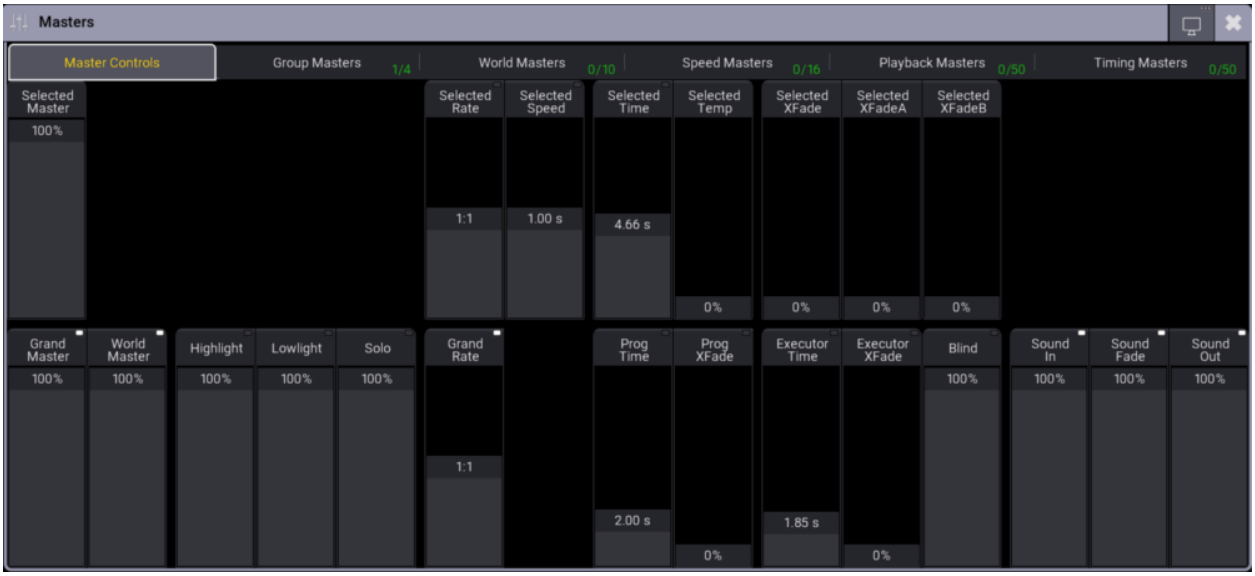
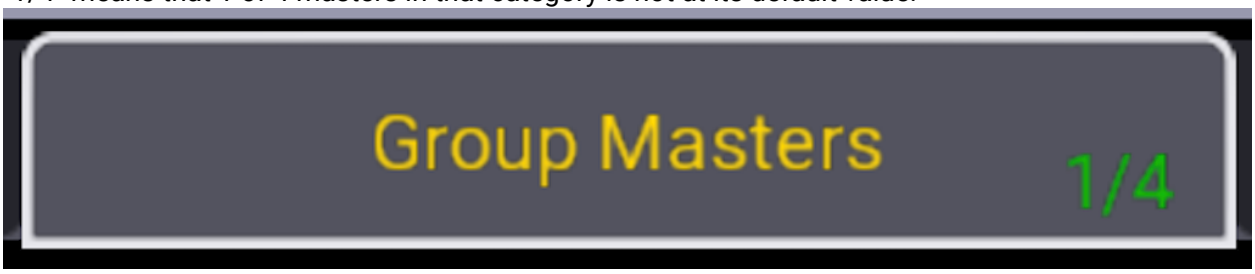


Masters Window - Master Controls

A green number in the lower-right corner of each tab shows the number of masters that are not at their default value, followed by the total number of masters in that category.

Example:

"1/4" means that 1 of 4 masters in that category is not at its default value.



Masters Window - Green Numbers

Master Display

Each master is displayed with its label in the title bar.

Below the title bar is a fader used to change the value of the master.

Each master also has buttons to quickly change or influence its value. The available buttons depend on the type of master.

For speed masters, playback masters, and timing masters, a disabled master is indicated by a red bar above the label.

Master Controls

The upper section displays on-screen faders for the selected sequence.

For more information, see Selected Masters.

The lower section displays on-screen faders with indicators in the upper-right corner of the title bar for global settings.

For more information on changing modes, see Masters.

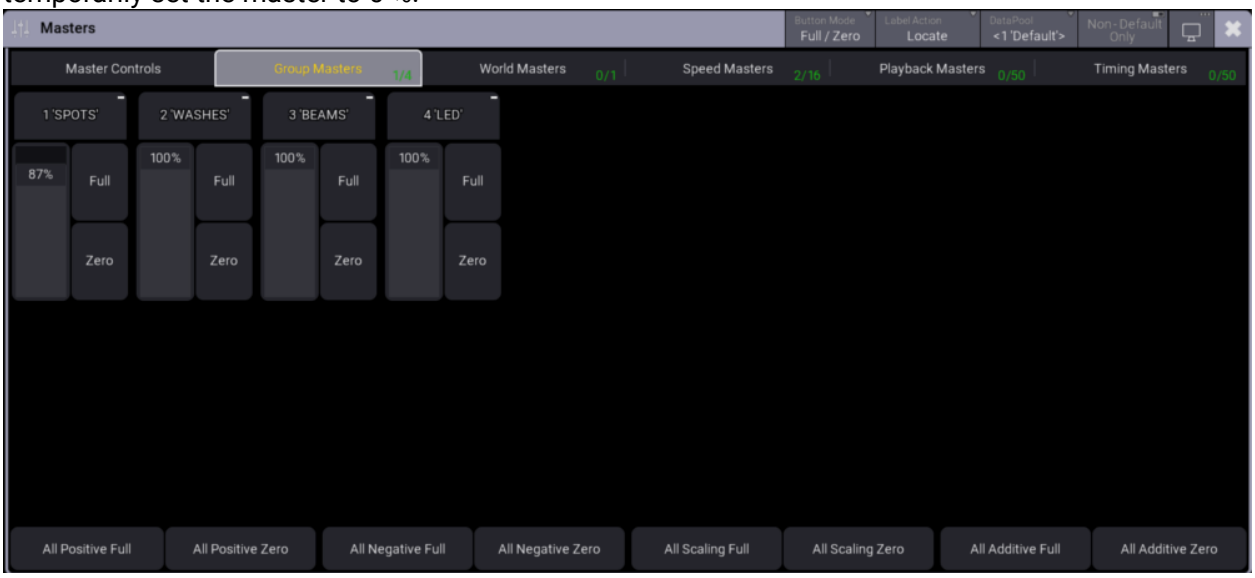
To adjust values, tap and slide upward or downward.

Group Masters

Two button modes are available for group masters:

- **Full / Zero**
- **Flash / Black**

To select the button mode, tap Button Mode Group / World in the title bar.
The selected button mode applies to both the Group Masters tab and the World Masters tab.
In **Full / Zero** mode, tap Full to set the master to 100 %, or tap Zero to set the master to 0 %.
In **Flash / Black** mode, tap and hold Flash to temporarily set the master to 100 %, or tap and hold Black to temporarily set the master to 0 %.



Masters Window - Group Masters

Group Masters Button Bar

The buttons in the Group Masters tab depend on the mode of the group master.

- **All Positive Full**

Sets all group masters with the mode **Positive** to 100 %.

- **All Positive Zero**

Sets all group masters with the mode **Positive** to 0 %.

- **All Negative Full**

Sets all group masters with the mode **Negative** to 100 %.

- **All Negative Zero**

Sets all group masters with the mode **Negative** to 0 %.

- **All Scaling Full**

Sets all group masters with the mode **Scaling** to 100 %.

- **All Scaling Zero**

Sets all group masters with the mode **Scaling** to 0 %.

- **All Additive Full**

Sets all group masters with the mode **Additive** to 100 %.

- **All Additive Zero**

Sets all group masters with the mode Additive to 0 %.

These actions can also be executed using the FaderMaster keyword together with the /Type option keyword.
Use this syntax:

FaderMaster Group ["Group_Name" or Group_Number] At [Value] /Type ["Type_Value"]

Example:

To set all groups with the mode **Positive** to 100 %, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>FaderMaster Group * At 100 /Type "Positive"

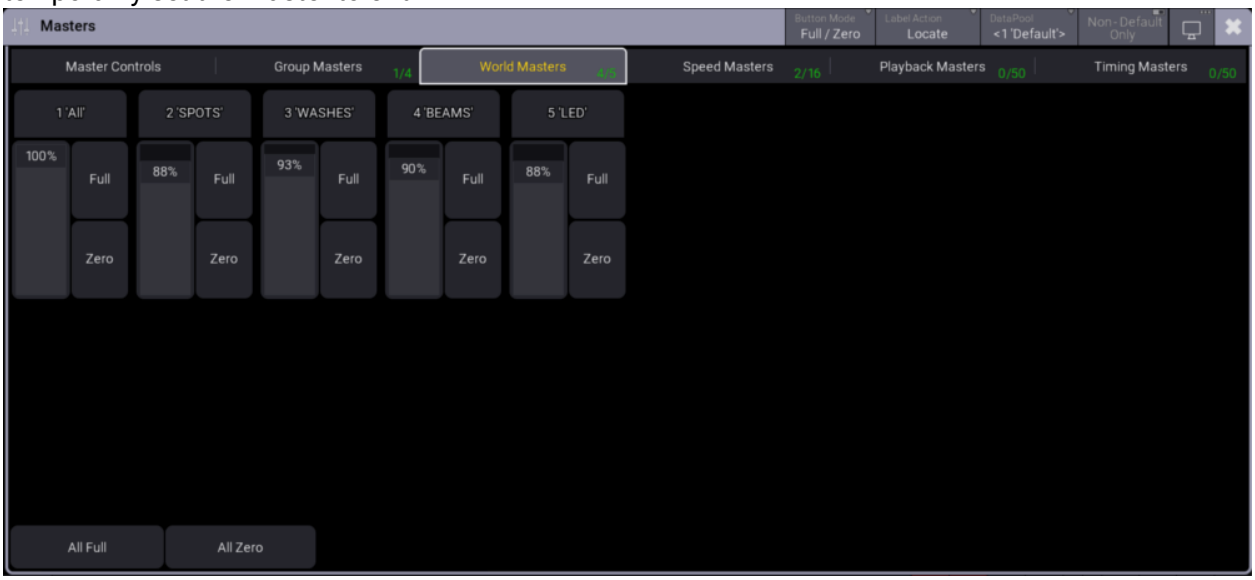
	Restriction:
	When setting group masters, world masters, speed masters, playback masters, or timing masters from the command line, the value is applied, but the specified fade time is ignored.

World Masters

Two button modes are available for world masters:

- **Full / Zero**
- **Flash / Black**

To select the button mode, tap Button Mode Group / World in the title bar.
The selected button mode applies to both the World Masters tab and the Group Masters tab.
In **Full / Zero** mode, tap Full to set the master to 100 %, or tap Zero to set the master to 0 %.
In **Flash / Black** mode, tap and hold Flash to temporarily set the master to 100 %, or tap and hold Black to temporarily set the master to 0 %.



Masters Window - World Masters

World Masters Button Bar

- **All Full**

Sets all world masters to 100 %.

- **All Zero**

Sets all world masters to 0 %.

Speed Masters

Two button modes are available for speed masters:

- **Learn**

- **Speed1**

To select the button mode, tap Button Mode Speed in the title bar.
The selected button mode only applies to the Speed Masters tab.

Speed masters have the DS and HS buttons, along with either Learn or Speed1, depending on the selected button mode.
Tap DS to double the speed master value.
Tap HS to halve the speed master value.
Tap Learn repeatedly at the desired tempo to apply the Learn function to the speed master.
Tap Speed1 to set the speed master to 60 BPM, 1.00 Hz, or 1.00 s, depending on User Speed Readout.

Masters Window - Speed Masters in Button Mode Learn

Speed Masters Button Bar

- **All Speed1**

Sets all speed masters to 60 BPM, 1.00 Hz, or 1.00 s, depending on User Speed Readout.

- **All Double Speed**

Doubles the speed of all speed masters. The new speed value is displayed in the fader of each speed master.
An asterisk (*) indicates that a speed multiplier was applied to the speed master.
The maximum is 57600 BPM, 960.00 Hz, or 0.00 s, depending on User Speed Readout.

- **All Half Speed**

Halves the speed of all speed masters. The new speed value is displayed in the fader of each speed master.
An asterisk (*) indicates that a speed divisor was applied to the speed master.
The minimum is 0.00 BPM, 0.00 Hz, or Stop, depending on User Speed Readout.

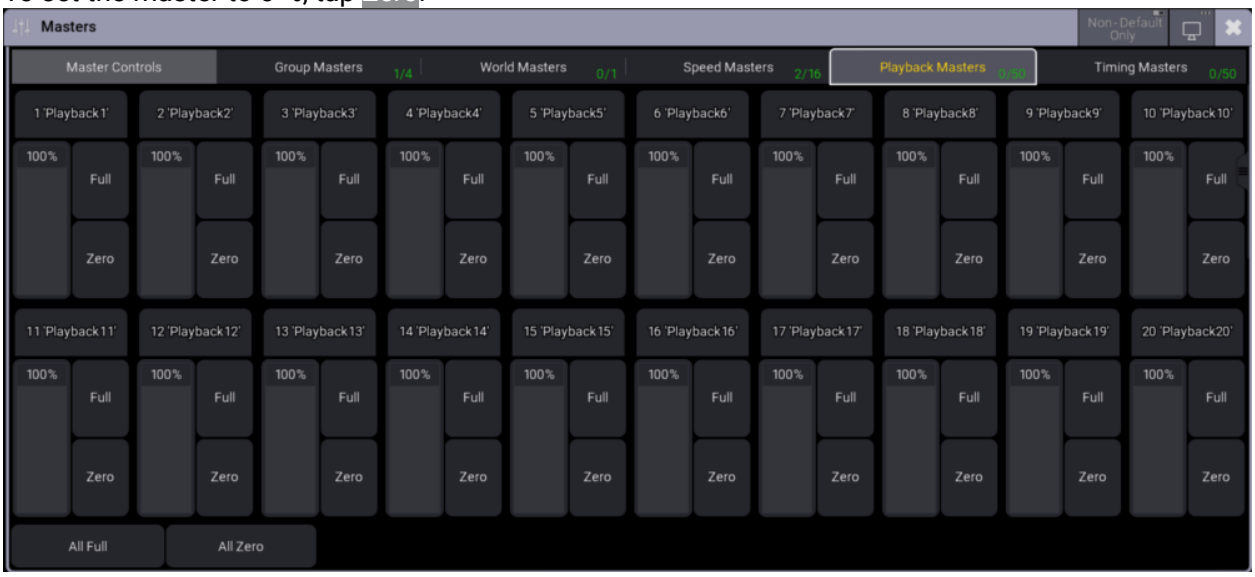
- **All Learn**

Applies the Learn function to all speed masters. Tap the button repeatedly to the desired speed.

Playback Masters

Playback masters have **Full** and **Zero** buttons.

To set the master to 100 %, tap Full.
To set the master to 0 %, tap Zero.



Masters Window - Playback Masters

Playback Masters Button Bar

- **All Full**

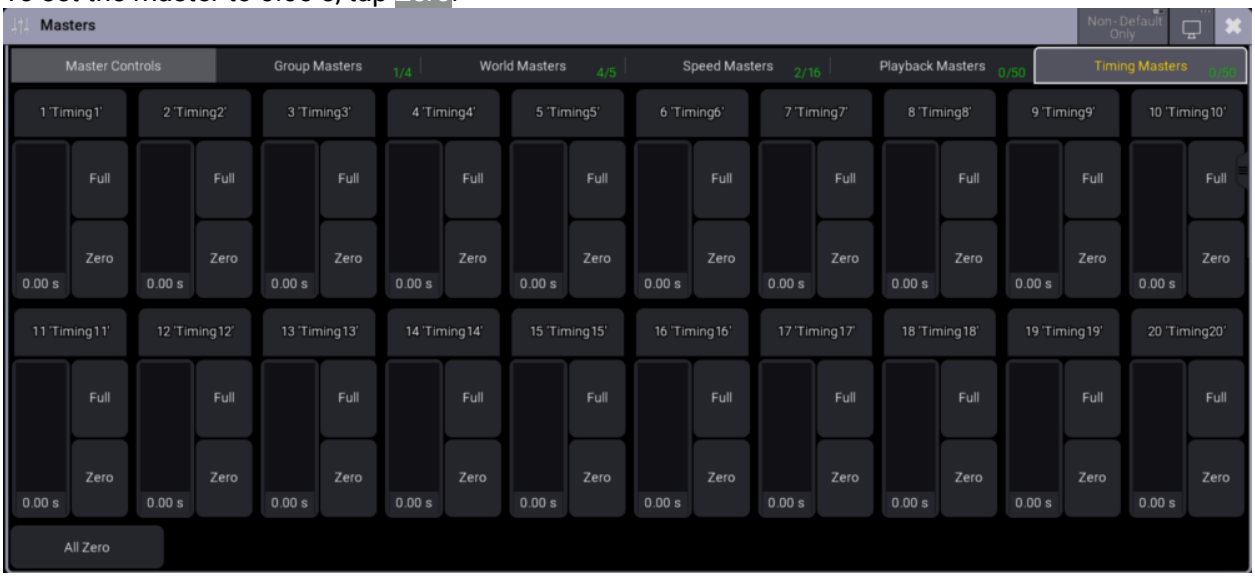
Sets all playback masters to 100 %.

- **All Zero**

Sets all playback masters to 0 %.

Timing Masters

Timing masters have **Full** and **Zero** buttons.
To set the master to 10.00 s, tap Full.
To set the master to 0.00 s, tap Zero.



Masters Window - Timing Masters

Timing Masters Button Bar

- **All Zero**

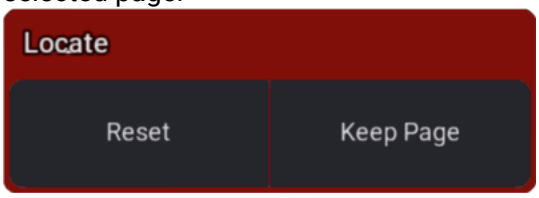
Sets all timing masters to 0.00 s.

Label Action

The Label Action setting determines what happens when the title bar of a master is tapped.

If Label Action is set to **Locate**, tap the title bar of a master to execute the Locate function.
The page and pool containing the master are indicated with a red background, the word Here, and a red outline.
In the temporary pop-up, choose **Reset** or **Keep Page**:

Tap Reset to deactivate Locate and close the pop-up.
Tap Keep Page to deactivate Locate, close the pop-up, and the playback bar stays on the currently selected page.



Reset or Keep Page

If Label Action is set to **SelectFixtures**, tap the title bar of a group master or world master to execute the SelectFixtures keyword for the fixtures assigned to the respective master.
Label Action is only available in the Group Masters and World Masters tabs.
Locate is the default setting.

	Hint:
	When Label Action is set to **SelectFixtures**, the grid order of the selected fixtures is not applied to the selection.

Button Bars

At the bottom of each tab, except Master Controls, buttons are available to set all masters of the selected type to the same value or to apply a common action.
The Button Bar can be enabled or disabled in the Masters Window Settings.

Window Settings

The title bar of the Masters window contains the following settings and buttons:

- **Non-Default Only**
  When enabled, only masters that are not at their default value are displayed. The default value depends on the master type.
- **DataPool**
  Link Selected is the Default
  This defines what data pool the pool window shows data from. This makes it possible to have pools showing objects from different data pools. For instance, a group pool window from the default data pool can be shown next to a different group pool window showing groups from a different data pool.

- **Label Action**
  Locate is the default setting.
  Available in the **Group Masters** and **World Masters** tabs of the Masters window. Selects the action of the master title bar. The available options are:
  - Locate
  - SelectFixtures
- **Button Mode Group / Masters**
  Available in the Group Masters and World Masters tabs.
  Tap and hold and select **Full/Zero** or **Flash/Black**. To set the master to 100 % or 0 % respectively, tap Full or Zero. To temporarily set the master to 100 % or 0 %, tap and hold Flash or Black.
- **Button Mode Speed**
  Tap Learn repeatedly at the desired tempo to apply the **Learn** function to the speed master.
  Tap Speed1 to set the speed master to 60 BPM, 1.00 Hz, or 1.00 s, depending on User Speed Readout.
- **Move Display Icon**

Available when the temporary Masters window is opened by pressing and holding Group.
Moves the temporary window to another screen.

	Hint:
	You can enable or disable the **Highlight**, **Lowlight**, **Solo**, and **Blind** functions using Highlt, MA + Highlt, Solo, and Blind on the console. The on-screen faders remain operable when these functions are disabled.

1.8.7. Playback Controls

The Playback Controls menu shows an on-screen version of the physical faders of a console and/or wings.

To open Playback Controls, tap in the control bar on the left of screens 1 to 7 or F5 on a keyboard.

For more information on the functionality of executors, see Executors.

Playback Controls from the Demoshow

1.8.8. Displays in grandMA3 onPC

The **Displays** pop-up allows toggling, showing, or hiding all 7 screens on the grandMA3 onPC.

To open the Displays pop-up on the grandMA3 onPC, tap in the control bar.

Displays pop-up

Displays can be toggled On or Off by tapping the relevant buttons.

	Restriction:
	Display 1 is grayed out and cannot be toggled. It is always On.

The number and the indicator turn yellow on the displays that are shown.

The pop-up can be closed by tapping the icon again in the control bar or by tapping the X in the upper right corner of the pop-up.

For information on menu locations, see Change Menu Locations.

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1.8.9. Encoder Bar

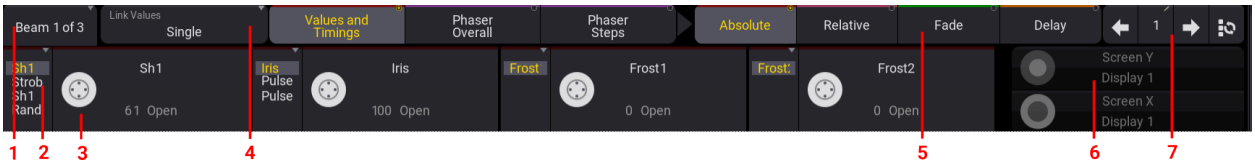
The encoder bar displays the attributes or functions linked to the encoders. The encoder bar also includes shortcuts for quick access to a selection of user profile settings and programming tools.

On the grandMA3 full-size, the grandMA3 full-size CRV, the grandMA3 light, and the grandMA3 light CRV; the encoder bar appears on screen 8. By default, the encoder bar appears at the bottom of screen 1 on all other grandMA3 consoles and the grandMA3 onPC software.

To show or hide the encoder bar on screen 1 on any grandMA3 console or the grandMA onPC software, tap Show Encoder Bar in the configure display menu on screen 1. For more information on the configure display menu, see Configuration of Displays.

The Encoder Bar is available as a window under the **More** and **All** tabs in the **Add Window** pop-up. For more information, see Add Windows.

The Encoder bar is also available as a pop-up. To open the encoder bar pop-up, tap in the control bar.



Encoder bar

The encoder bar includes the following main sections, for easier identification, they are marked with red numbers in the image above.

1. User profile settings and align mode.
    - Tap Sync to disable or enable synchronized playback of phasers in the programmer. For more information, see Sync in the Phasers.
    - Tap Single Step to enable or disable single step mode. If enabled, phasers in the programmer will be temporarily paused on the values of the currently selected step. Changing to a different step while Single Step is enabled will jump the fixtures to the values of the newly selected step. This allows you to finely adjust the values of individual steps without distraction of the rest of the phaser movements. Disabling Single Step resumes running the programmer phasers as normal. For more information, see Phaser Editor.

	Hint:
	Single Step is automatically enabled temporarily for some actions, such as tapping and dragging in the color picker, when using the Touchmode Follow in the 3D Viewer, or when using the ViewMode 2D to add or move steps in the Phaser Editor.

    - Tap Align to cycle through align modes or tap and swipe to open a pop-up menu containing all of the available align modes. For more information, see Align.

- Tap Readout to cycle through attribute value readout options or tap and swipe to open a pop-up menu containing all of the available readout options. For more information, see User Settings.

2. The encoder bank buttons appear along the top of the encoder bar. For more information, continue to the following subtopics.
3. The encoder toolbar occupies most of the area in the encoder bar. The layer toolbar is part of the encoder toolbar. For more information, see Feature Group Control Bar and Encoder Toolbar.
4. Tap Selection to open a temporary version of the Selection Grid. For more information, see Selection Grid.
5. Tap Phaser to open a temporary version of the Phaser Editor window. For more information, see Phaser Editor.
6. Tap MAtricks to open a temporary version of the MAtricks window. The background, top bar, and three dots in the upper-right corner of this button will change color to indicate that MAtricks is active. For more information on MAtricks, see MAtricks and Shuffle.
7. Time Control. Two on-screen fader controlling two different timing elements. They are called **Prog Time** (Program Time) and **Exec Time** (Executor Time). For more information, see time control.
8. The Grand Master appears at the right edge of the encoder bar. For more information, see Grand Master.

Encoder Bar Window Settings

The elements in the Encoder Bar window can be enabled or disabled.

To open the Encoder Bar Window Settings

1. Open the Add window dialog, open the More tab and then tab Encoder Bar. The Encoder Bar window opens.
2. Tap MA in the title bar of the window. The Encoder Bar window settings opens.

Tap the following settings to show or hide various elements of the Encoder Bar window:

- **Title Bar:**
  Press MA + MA (or Ctrl + Alt) to temporarily show the title bar.
- **User Profile Settings:**
  Buttons on the left.
- **Encoder Bank:**
  The buttons top left.
- **Tool Pop-Ups:**
  The buttons top right.
- **Timing Buttons:**
  The buttons Prog Time and Exec Time.
- **EncoderPage:**
  The encoder page selector.
- **Layer Toolbar:**
  The layer toolbar in the middle.

- **Step Buttons:**
  The step buttons on the right.
- **Encoder Label:**
  The active value and the name above the encoder.
- **Function Selector:**
  The channel function area.
- **Fader Encoders:**
  Changes the encoder to a fader style in the graphical user interface.
- **Grand Master:**
  The grand master fader.

Subtopics

- Encoder Toolbar
- Default Feature Group Control Bar
- Encoder Bar Pool

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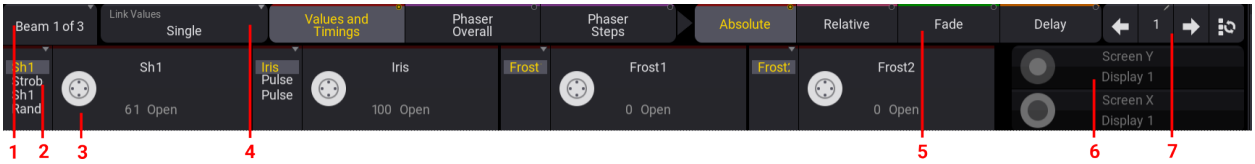
1.8.9.1. Encoder Toolbar

The encoder toolbar represents the largest portion of the encoder bar. The encoder toolbar is context-sensitive and displays different sets of controls as different editors become active. The default set of controls in the encoder toolbar provides access to and display of attribute encoder information.



Encoder toolbar

Attribute controls available in the encoder toolbar include:

1. **Encoder Page:** This button displays the name of the current feature. It also indicates the total number of pages available in the current encoder bank.
   Tap to cycle through features or tap and swipe to open a pop-up with available features. Encoder Pages can be customized. For more information, see Encoder Bar Pool.
   For more information about features and feature groups, see Feature Group.
2. **Channel function of the attribute:** These buttons display the current channel function of the attribute displayed directly to the right. They also display additional channel functions when available.
   Tap to cycle through subattributes or tap and swipe to open a pop-up with available subattributes.
3. **Attribute encoder display:** These buttons display the names of the attributes currently linked to the encoders, and show the values of those attributes.
   The center of the encoder icon includes an additional image, which changes depending on the current resolution of the encoder. For more information, see Encoder Resolution.
   To open the calculator, tap the attribute name field or the attribute value field. For more information about attributes and subattributes, see Attribute Definitions.
   For more information about the gesture for rotating a virtual encoder, see Gestures.
4. **Link button:** In cases where the same value, timing, phaser, or resolution adjustments should apply to multiple attributes, the link button offers a few options for defining multiple, simultaneous attribute destinations. For more information about the link button, see the section below.
5. **Layer toolbar:** The default layer is absolute. Tap any layer button in the toolbar to access the desired layer on the attribute encoders. For more information about the layer toolbar, see the section below.
6. **Screen encoder:** If the screen encoder is enabled in the user profile settings of the current user, this area displays the basic functionality of the screen encoder. If the screen encoder is disabled in the current user profile, the functionality of the fifth dual encoder will be similar to that of the

other four, and the display in this area will also be similar to the displays above the other four encoders. For more information, see User Settings.

	Hint:
	Setting Screen Encoder to **No** in the User Profile settings enables a fifth encoder for controlling attributes.

7. **Step bar:** The left and right arrows allow navigation between phaser steps in the programmer. The step number button displays the current phaser step in the programmer. Tap the step number button to open a calculator to choose a specific step. Tap the button to the right ( ) of the right-arrow to select all phaser steps. For more information about phaser steps, see Phasers.

Link Button

The link button maintains different link settings for the different types of layers found in the layer toolbar as well as encoder resolution. The text in the link button will update automatically to show the link setting of the current layer type. The available link settings are:

- **Single:**
  Adjustments made on one encoder apply only to the attribute on that encoder.
- **Feature:**
  Adjustments made to one encoder within a feature apply simultaneously to all attributes in the feature.
- **AtFilter:** Adjustments made to one encoder apply simultaneously to all attributes currently enabled in the at filter.
- **Active Only ( ):**
  If enabled, only attributes with active values in the programmer will get new values.
- **MultiStep Only ( ):**
  If enabled, new values are only applied to attributes with two or more active steps.

Link Values

Value layers include:

- Absolute
- Relative

When a value layer is selected, tap Link Values to cycle through the link options or tap and swipe to open a pop-up with all of the available link options. The available link options for value layers include:

- Single
- Feature

Link Timing

Timing layers include:

- Fade
- Delay

When a timing layer is selected, tap Link Timing to cycle through the link options or tap and swipe to open a pop-up with all of the available link options. The available link options for timing layers include:

- Single
- Feature
- AtFilter

Link Phasers

Overall

The overall phaser layers include:

- Speed
- SpeedMaster
- Phase
- Measure

Steps

The phaser step related layers include:

- Accel
- Decel
- Transition
- Width

Phaser Overall and Phaser Steps

When a phaser layer is selected, tap Link Phaser to cycle through the link options or tap and swipe to open a pop-up with all of the available link options. The available link options for phaser layers include:

- Single
- Feature
- AtFilter
- Active Only
- MultiStep Only

Link Resolution

While the MA key is pressed and held, tap Link Resolution to cycle through the link options or tap and swipe to open a pop-up with all of the available link options. The available link options for encoder resolution include:

- Single
- FeatureGroup

Layer Toolbar

Presets and cues can store and recall multiple layers of data for each attribute. The layer toolbar provides access to all available layers. Layers are color-coded. Markers and text backgrounds using matching colors in the attribute encoder displays, encoder bank buttons, fixture sheet, and sequence sheet denote active or stored data for the corresponding layer. For more information about colors, see Colors.

Tap a button in the layer toolbar to access data for the desired layer. The attribute encoders and any sheet with a layer selection set to auto will display the desired layer. For more information about value and timing layers, see What is the Programmer. For more information about phaser layers, see Phasers. For more information about using GridPosition to create MAgic presets, see Create New Presets.

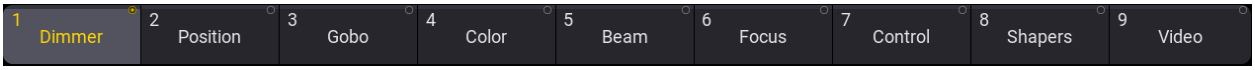
When the programmer is clear, the bars across the top of the attribute encoder and the channel function displays are gray. The selected layer group returns to **Values and Timings** and the **Absolute** layer. The layer selection in Phaser Overall and Phaser Steps stays as selected after clearing the programmer. As the selection changes, the bars across the top of any attributes and channel functions available in the current selection change color. The color coordinates with the color of the current layer in the layer toolbar.
The lights under the dual-encoders also follow the same behavior.

	Hint:
	The colors for each phaser-related layer can be changed in the color theme in the ColorGroup "ProgLayer". For more information, see Color Theme.

1.8.9.2. Default Feature Group Control Bar

The default feature group control bar appears along the top of the encoder bar. Each feature group used in the show file appears in the form of a radio button.

The feature group control bar is the MA default encoder bar. To create a customized Encoder bar, see the Encoder Bar Pool.



Feature group control bar with Dimmer selected

Adding fixtures, which use additional feature groups, to the patch automatically adds the necessary feature groups to the feature group control bar.

When the programmer is clear, the bars across the top of the feature group buttons are grey. As the selection changes, the bars across the top of any feature groups available in the current selection change color. The color coordinates with the color of the current layer in the layer toolbar.

Select a Feature Group

To select a feature group in the control bar, tap the desired feature group. The radio button is enabled, and the encoder toolbar adjusts to display the attributes of the selected feature group.

To change the feature group using a shortcut, press and hold Preset + press one of the numbers from 1 to 9 on the numeric keypad. For example, to change to the color feature group, press Preset + 4.

Active Programmer Values

To activate the attributes of a feature group in the programmer, tap twice on the desired feature group. The information activates and a colored marker appears on the feature group button. To deactivate, tap the feature group once again.

	Important:
	The color of the marker or markers on the feature group button corresponds to the active layer or layers of information. These markers will appear as long as there are active values, no matter how the values were activated.
	Hint:
	To activate information in a specific layer, tap the desired layer in the layer control bar in the encoder toolbar before tapping the feature group.

Feature Group as the Object of a Command

Many function keywords (including On, Off, Park, Unpark, Remove, Release, Stomp, and Default) can execute their commands using feature groups as their destination objects.

Example

To remove all dimmer values within the current selection from the programmer:

- Press Off and tap Dimmer.

The dimmer values of the current selection are removed from the programmer.

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1.8.9.3. Encoder Bar Pool

The Encoder Bar Pool can be used to create customizable encoder bars. The customization can be made in an editor, for example, defining the functionality per encoder, and defining the number of encoder banks and their encoder objects.

To always have a backup with the original feature group structure, the encoder bar pool object 1 is set as default and can not be deleted or edited, as it is system locked. For more information, see Feature Group Control Bar.

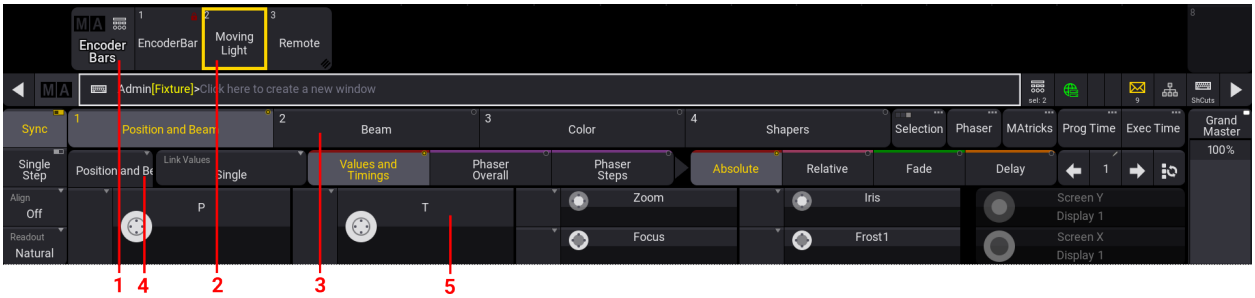
	Hint:
	Copy the default encoder bar to an empty pool object to use it as a template. Simply press Copy, tap the default encoder bar pool object and then tap an empty pool object.

When tapping on a pool object, the Encoder Bar and the Encoder Bar window change the user interface according to the settings previously made for those pools.

- To address Encoder Banks and Encoder Pages directly, use the EncoderBank Keyword.
- To switch between encoder bars, use the EncoderBar Keyword.

Encoder Bar Structure

The following graphic and the numbered list displays the basic structure and terminology of the encoder bar:



1. **Encoder Bar Pool:** This pool contains all the encoder bar pool objects. Each user profile has its own encoder bars pool.
2. **Encoder Bar Pool Object:** A pool can have several pool objects. For more information on how to setup pool objects, see **Pool Windows**.
3. **Encoder Bank Button:** There can be several encoder banks inside an encoder bar pool object. Allows you to link to Special dialog tab.
4. **Encoder Page:** Each encoder bank can have several encoder pages. Encoders get arranged in Encoder Pages.
5. **Encoder:** An encoder page can contain up to five dual encoders.

Create New Encoder Bar Pool Object

To open the Encoder Bars pool:

1. Open the Add Window dialog.
2. Tap Pools and then tap Encoder Bars. The Encoder Bars pool is open.

To create a new Encoder Bar Pool object:

- Press Edit and tap an empty encoder bar pool object. A pool object is added and the Encoder Bar editor opens.

To copy the default encoder bar pool object to an empty pool object:

- Press Copy, tap Encoder BarPool Object 1 and then tap an empty encoder bar pool object in the Encoder Bars Pool.

To assign an Encoder Bar pool object to a ViewButton:

- Press Assign, tap an encoder bar pool object, and then tap an empty view button.

To enable settings in the title bar of a pool object:

- Press Edit and tap an encoder bar pool object. The editor opens. Enable Settings in the title bar to see the six horizontal buttons on top of the editor:
    - **Name:** Opens the name field.
    - **Scribble:** Set a scribble. For more information, see Scribbles.
    - **Appearance:** Opens the appearance dropdown. For more information, see Appearances.
    - **Note:** Opens the note pop-up. For more information, see Notes.
    - **Tags:** Opens the tags pop-up. For more information, see Tags.
    - **Lock:** Locks the pool object. For more information, see Lock and Unlock Pool Objects.

Create an Encoder Bank

To create a new Encoder Bank:

1. Edit an encoder bar pool object, for example, empty encoder bar pool object 4. The editor opens and the focus is set to New Encoder Bank in the Name field.

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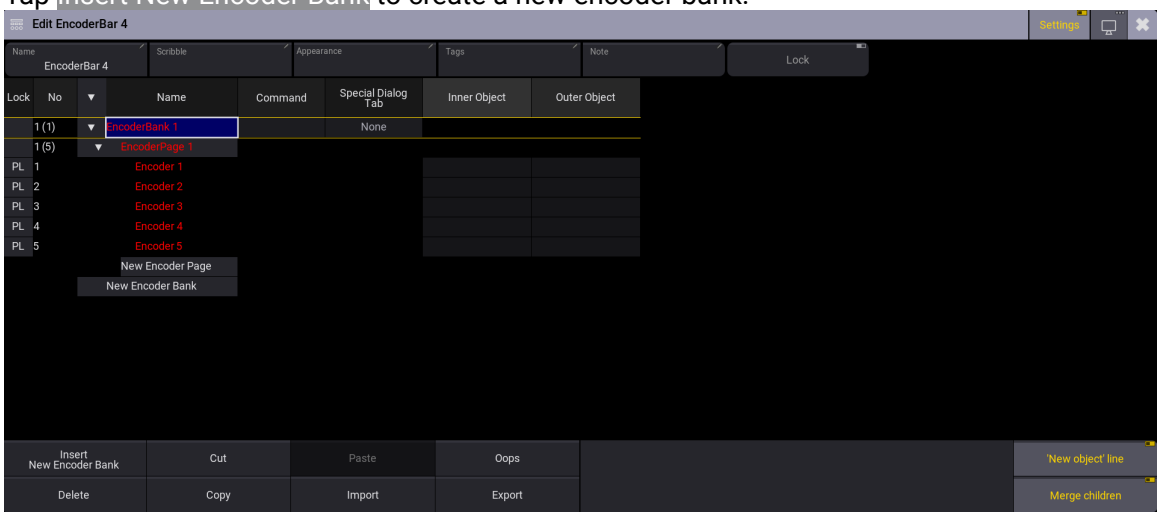
2. Tap Insert New Encoder Bank to create a new encoder bank.



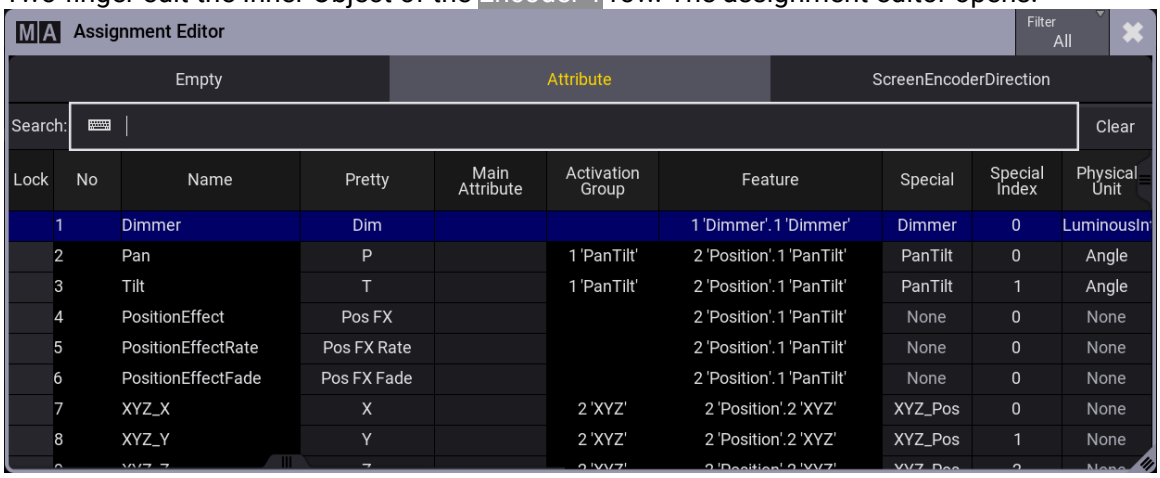
Encoder Bar Pool

3. Edit EncoderBank 1. The keyboard opens.
4. Rename the encoder bank, for example, Dimmer. Press Please.
5. Rename EncoderPage 1, for example, to Dim. The next step is to assign functions to encoders.

Assign Functions to Encoders

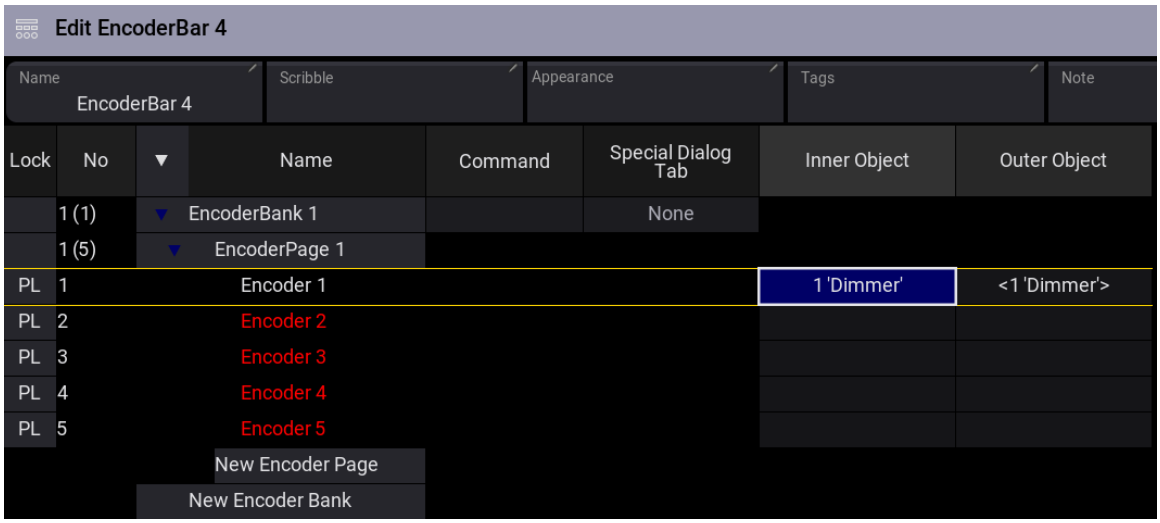
To assign functions to an encoder object:

1. Two-finger edit the Inner Object of the Encoder 1 row. The assignment editor opens.



Assignment Editor

2. Select an Attribute, for example, Dimmer. The assignment editor closes and the Inner Object is assigned to Dimmer.



Encoder Bar Editor

	Hint:
	Selecting an attribute for the inner object automatically sets the same attribute for the outer object (<Attribute>) and vice versa. It is possible to change the attribute afterward.

Using the Assignment Editor

To filter the assignment editor, tap and hold Filter in the Assignment Editor. A drop-down menu opens with the following options.

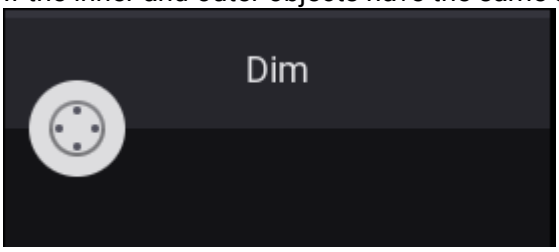
- **All:** Shows all attributes.
- **Used:** Shows all attributes used in the show.
- **Unused:** Shows all attributes not used in the show.
- **Selection:** Shows the attributes of the selected fixtures.

Another way to look for attributes is to use the search bar in the assignment editor.

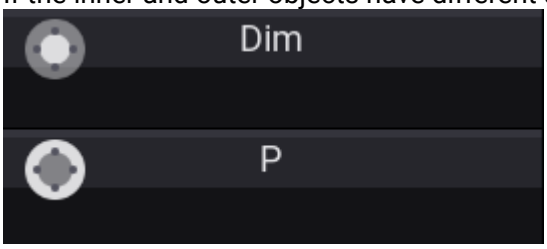
To clear the assignment of an encoder, tap Empty in the assignment editor.

To use encoders to scroll through the screens, tap ScreenEncoderDirection and select Screen Y for vertical scrolling and Screen X for horizontal scrolling.

If the inner and outer objects have the same attribute, the encoder is displayed in white:



If the inner and outer objects have different attributes selected, the encoder is separated:



Red Text in the Editor

- An empty / newly created encoder bank is not functional, which is indicated by red text. A functional encoder bank is achieved by assigning an encoder configuration line to an attribute that exists in any patched fixture.
- A non-functional assignment occurs when the encoder configuration line is set to an attribute that is not used by any patched fixture, which is indicated by red text.
- Red text on encoder pages indicates that no functional assignment has been made to any corresponding encoder configuration line.

Encoder Bank Command

It is possible to trigger a command when entering a pre-defined encoder bank.

See the video below to get an overview of this feature:

To set an encoder bank command:

1. Press Edit and tap an encoder bar pool object.
2. Edit the Command row next to an encoder bank. A pop-up opens.
3. Type a command, for example, **Call View "Dimmer Presets" /Screen "6"** and then press Please.
4. The pop-up closes and the command is set.

	Hint:
	If an encoder bank is already active, tapping the active encoder bank again will not execute the command.

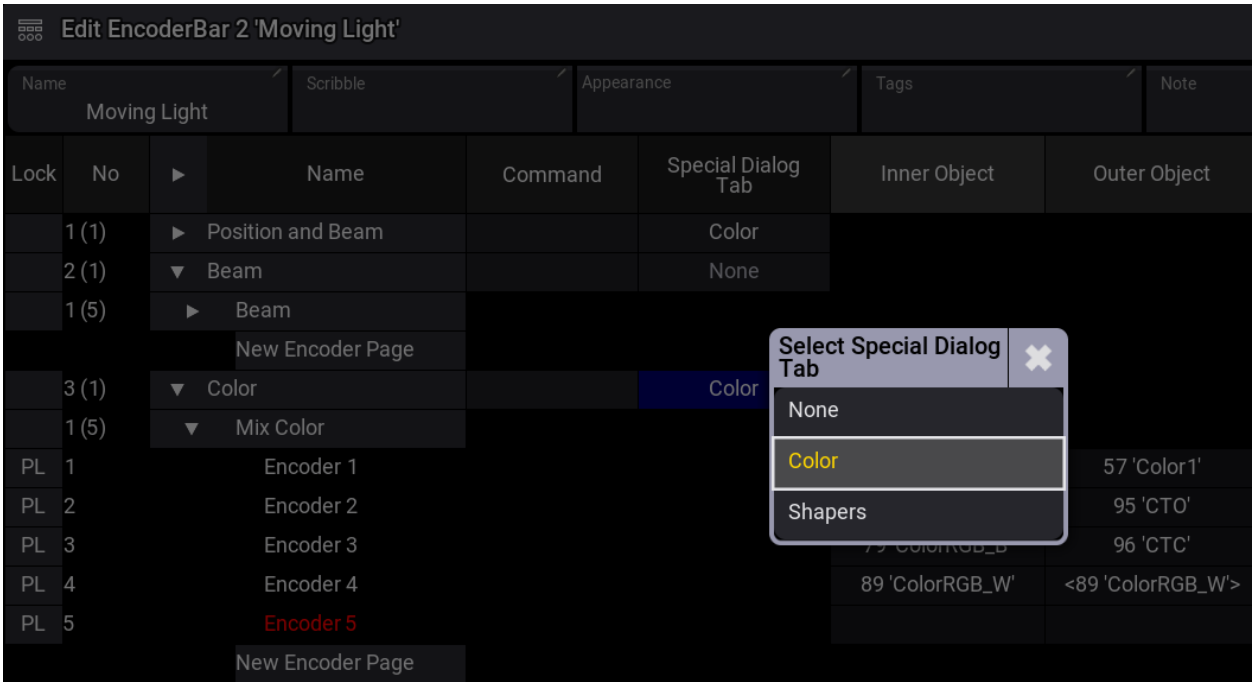
For more information, see the Command Editor.

Special Dialog Tab

To automatically switch the Special Dialog to a specific tab when entering the defined encoder bank:

1. Two-finger edit Special Dialog Tab in the grid. A dropdown menu opens.
2. Select a Special Dialog tab, for example, Color. The dropdown menu closes.
3. Open the Special Dialog window.

4. Enable Link Encoder Bank in the Special Dialog Window Settings - Display tab. For more information, see Special Dialog.
5. Enter the previous defined encoder bank, for example, Gobo and Animation. The Special Dialog tab switches to Color.



Encoder Bar Pool - Special Dialog Tab

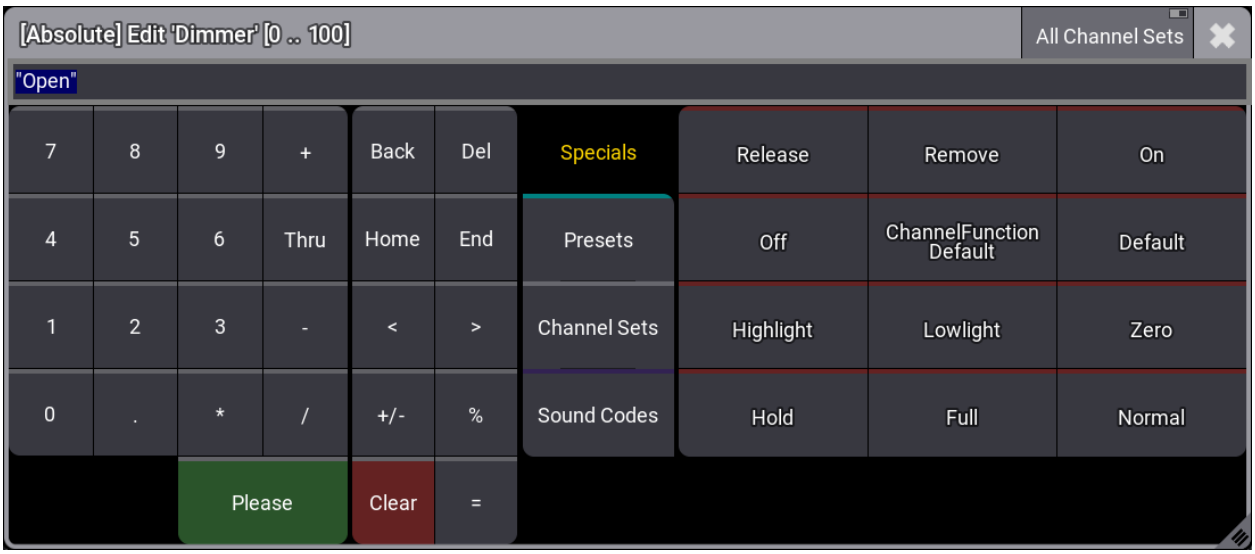
1.8.10. Calculator

When editing a field that accepts numeric values, the calculator appears. This includes pressing one of the dual encoders while it is displaying an editable value.

The calculator is a dynamic window, and its appearance changes depending upon the edited item and the type of value to be entered.

Example

- Edit a dimmer attribute



The calculator editing a dimmer attribute

The title bar displays several useful pieces of information about what the calculator is currently editing:

- **Layer:** If applicable, the first set of brackets contains the value layer.
- **Attribute** or **parameter:** The name of the attribute or parameter appears after the word "Edit."
- **Value Range:** The last set of brackets contains the allowed range of input values.

All Channel Sets: Shows the channel sets of all channel functions per attribute. For more information, see Encoder Resolution.

: A filter icon in the title bar indicates a filter selection.

Input Field

The input field appears below the title bar. When the calculator opens, the input field displays the current value of the edited object. The text of this value is completely selected so that any immediate entry will replace the existing value. Alternatively, the text can be deselected and retained as part of the entry.

Entering values with a percentage sign (%) in front of the value scales the former value by the new value. For example, the old value is 50, and entering % 50 results in a value of 25.

Standard Buttons

The following buttons appear in all calculators.

Number Pad

The calculator displays a number pad on the left. These buttons share the same functions in the calculator as the number keypad in the command section of the console.

Function Buttons

Function buttons appear to the right of the number pad. These buttons include:

- Back: Tap to delete characters to the left of the cursor.
- Del: Tap to delete characters to the right of the cursor.
- Home: Tap to set the cursor at the beginning of the input field.
- End: Tap to set the cursor at the end of the input field.
- <: Tap to move the cursor to the left.
- >: Tap to move the cursor to the right.
- +/-: Tap to insert a negative or a positive value. For more information see - [Minus] Key or the + [Plus] Key.
- %: Tap to enter the percent sign.
- =: Tap to enter the equals sign.
- Clear: Tap to delete the entire entry.
- Please: Tap to confirm and apply the value. The calculator closes.

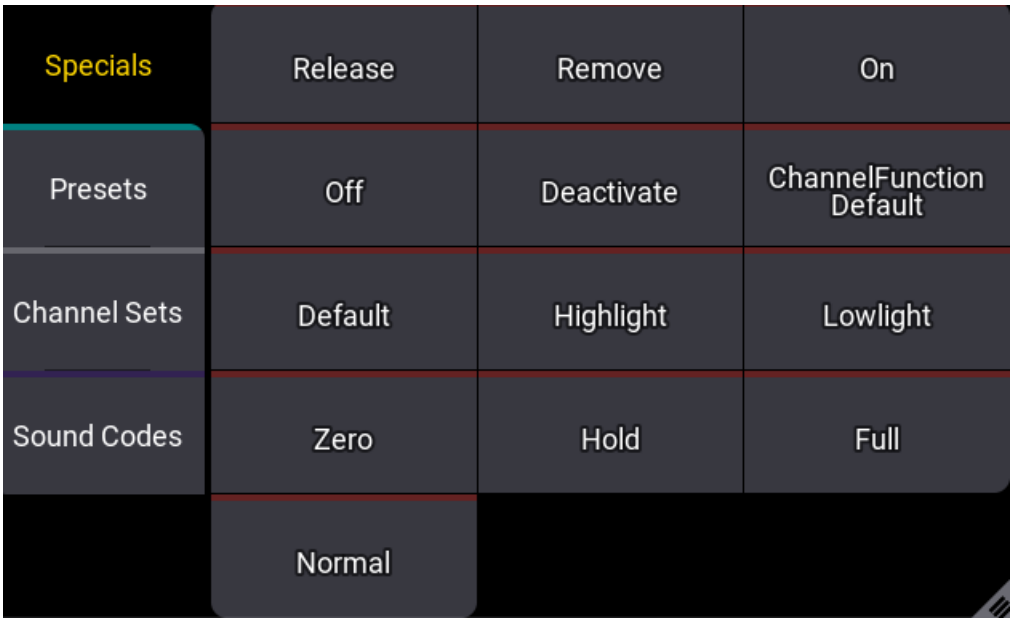
	Hint:
	Input from a standard keyboard, whether integrated under the console armrest or connected via USB, also populates the input field of the calculator. With one exception, keyboard shortcuts are disabled when entering text into a calculator. The exception is that T will enter the Thru keyword.
	Hint:
	When the input readout is set to one of the hexadecimal options, an additional row of buttons appears below the number pad, allowing entries of hexadecimal values A, B, C, D, E, and F.

Additional Input Options

Four tabs of additional input options appear to the right of the function buttons.

Specials

To open the special buttons tab, tap Specials.



Specials in the calculator

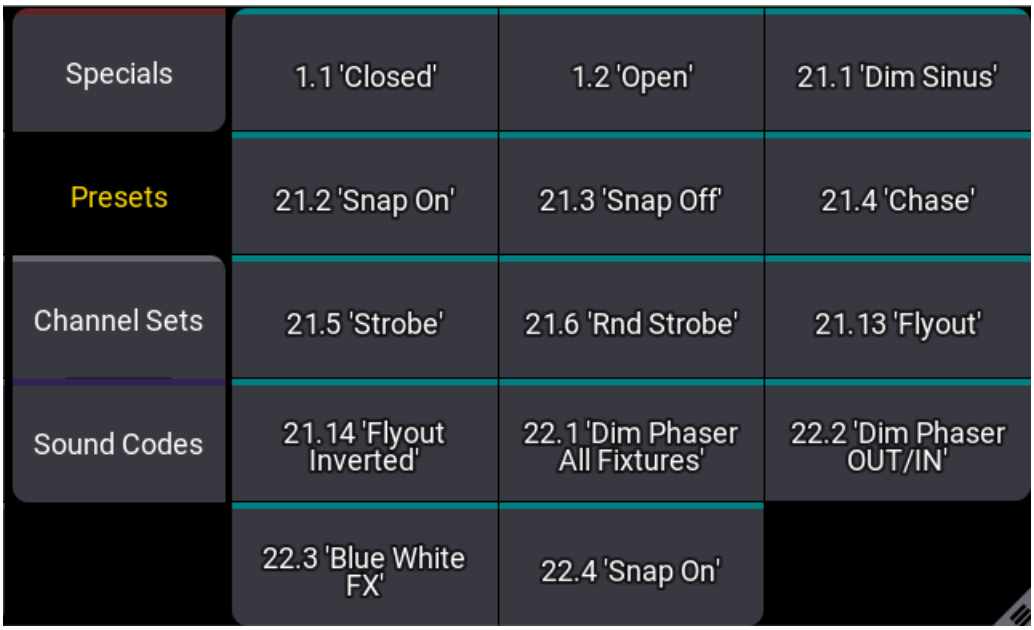
Use these buttons to enter special commands for attribute values:

- Release: Tap to enter a release value. For more information see the Release Keyword.
- Remove: Tap to enter a remove value. For more information see the Remove Keyword.
- On: Tap to activate values in the programmer without changing the value.
- Off: Tap to clear the values in the programmer.
- Deactivate: Tap to deactivate active data in the programmer. For more information see the Deactivate Keyword.
- ChannelFunctionDefault: Tap to set the attribute to the default value of the selected channel function. For more information see ChannelFunctionDefault Keyword.
- Default: Tap to enter the default value defined for the fixture type. For more information see the Default Keyword.
- Highlight: Tap to load the highlight value of the selected fixture into the programmer. For more information see the Highlight Keyword.
- Lowlight: Tap to load the lowlight value of the selected fixture into the programmer. For more information see the Lowlight Keyword.
- Zero: Tap to set the values to 0. For more information see the Zero Keyword.
- Hold: Tap to prevent an MIB action while the dimmer is closed. For more information see the Hold Keyword.
- Full: Tap to set values to 100%. For more information see the Full Keyword.
- Normal: Tap to set the normal value stored in the user profile. For more information see the Normal Keyword.

The at overlay in the control bar also offers quick access to limited versions of these special values. For more information, see the Control Bar topic.

Presets

To open the presets tab, tap Presets.



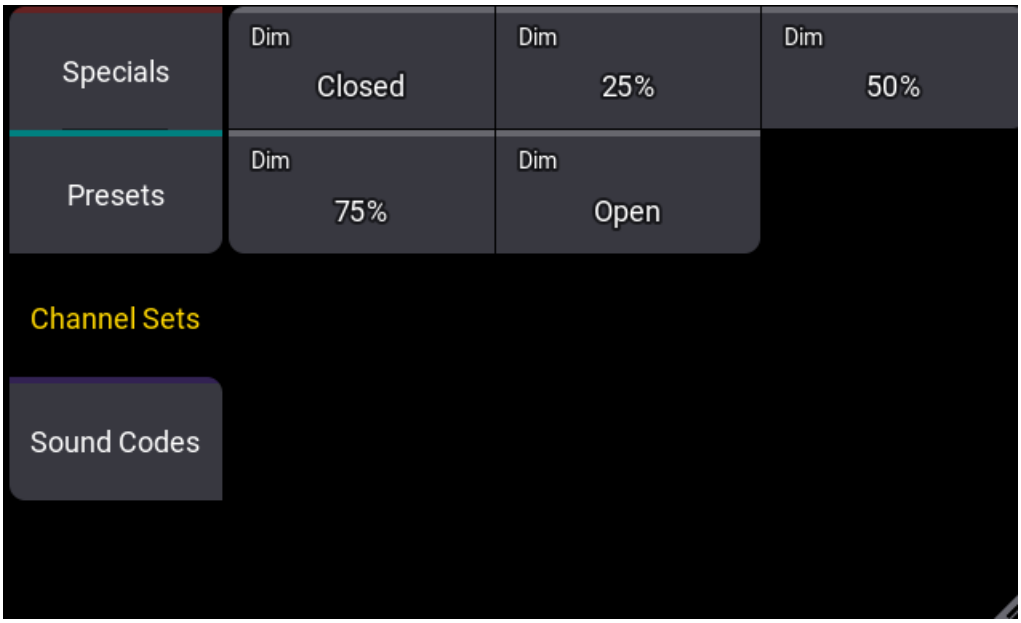
Presets in the calculator

Use these buttons to call presets for attribute values. This tab displays any preset from any preset pool in the currently selected data pool, which contains data that can be applied to the attribute currently edited by the calculator. Each button displays the preset number, using the format: [Feature Group].[ID], as well as the preset label. For more information on presets, see the Presets topic.

	Important:
	Only the buttons in the preset tab recall presets in the calculator. All other value sources in the calculator produce unlinked values that may be more difficult to reproduce or update.

Channel Sets

To open the channel sets tab, tap Channel Sets.



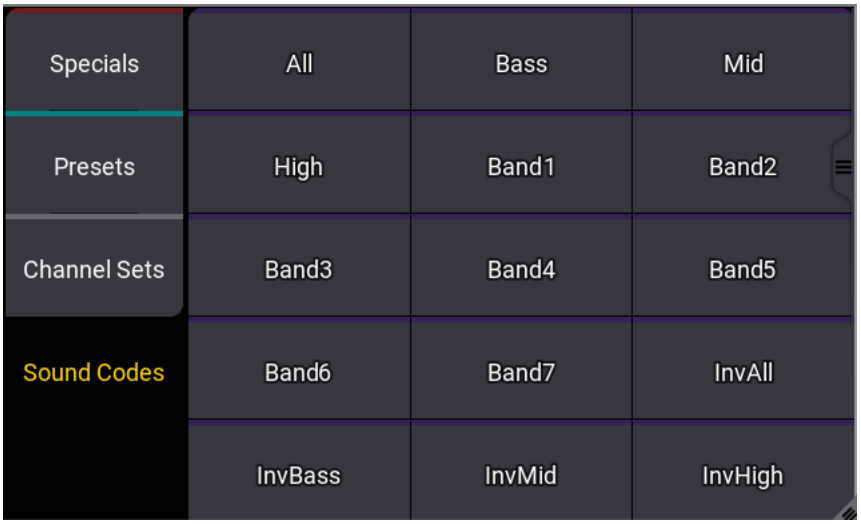
Channel Sets in the calculator

Use these buttons to enter attribute values based on channel sets defined for the fixture type. The channel sets displayed in this tab are the same as those displayed in the smart window. For more information on the smart window, see the Smart View topic.

	Hint:
	When editing attributes with multiple channel functions, a button for each channel function appears between the title bar and the input field of the calculator. Selecting a channel function shows only the relevant channel sets within the channel sets tab.

Sound Codes

To open the sound codes tab, tap Sound Codes.



Sound codes in the calculator

Use these buttons to link the attribute values to an incoming audio signal. Values can reference the total volume of the audio input or they can reference smaller frequency bands within the signal. The available options include:

- All: Use for the total volume of the incoming signal.
- Bass, Mid, and High: Use to reference one of three broad frequency bands.
- Band1 through Band7: Use to reference one of seven narrower frequency bands.
- Inv...: Use to reference the inverse value of any of the above options.

	Hint:
	Use the SoundIn and SoundFade masters to adjust how the console reacts to incoming audio signals.

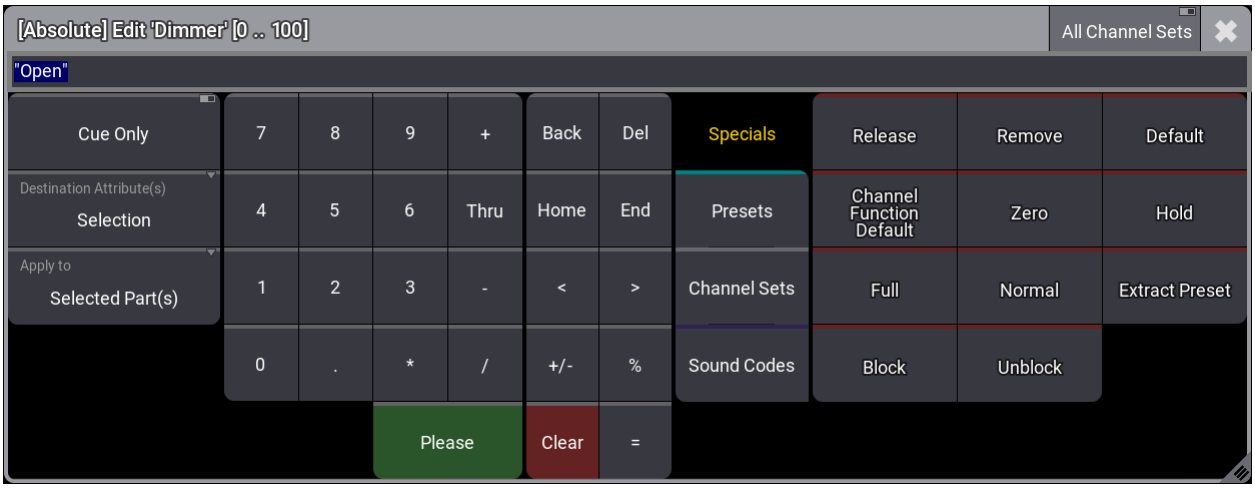
For more information about using sound input, see the Sound Window topic.

Track Sheet Calculator

When editing an attribute within the sequence sheet with the track sheet option enabled, the calculator offers additional options to the left of the number pad. To edit attributes in the track sheet, drag the cursor across the desired attributes and up or down over the desired cues or cue parts. Then, use a 2-finger tap to edit the highlighted cells. For more information on the track sheet mode of the sequence sheet, see Track Sheet Mode.

Example

- Edit a dimmer attribute in the track sheet



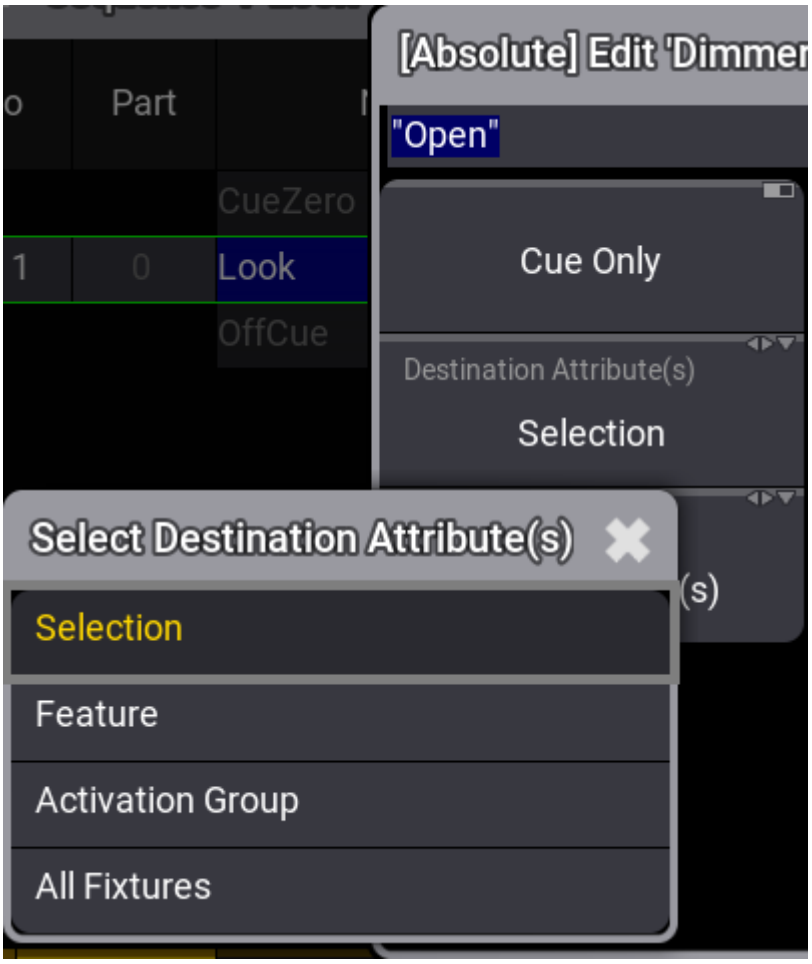
Calculator editing a dimmer in the track sheet

Cue Only

The cue only toggle appears at the top of the additional options to the left of the number pad. Toggle Cue Only off to allow changes to track forward. Toggle Cue Only on to prevent changes from tracking beyond the range of cues defined by the edit options. For more information on cue only, see the Store Cues topic.

Destination Attribute(s)

Tap Destination Attribute(s) to cycle through the available attribute destination options, or tap and swipe to see a menu of all available attribute destination options.



Attribute destination options

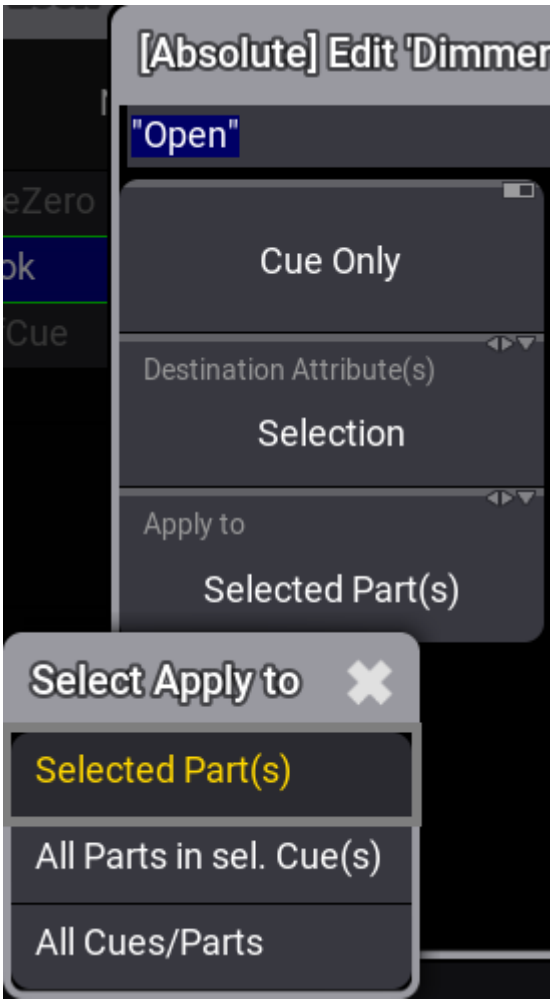
The select destination attributes menu includes the following options:

- Selection: Edits will only apply to the selected attribute cells.
- Feature: Edits will apply to all attributes within the feature group of the selected attribute cells, staying within the selected fixtures.
- Activation Group: Edits will apply to all attributes within the activation group of the selected attribute cells, staying within the selected fixtures.
- All Fixtures: Edits will only apply to all attributes of all fixtures within the cue part.

	Hint:
	Think of this option as expanding the effect of the edit horizontally within the track sheet.

Apply to

Tap Apply to to cycle through the available cue and part options, or tap and swipe to see a menu of all available cue and part options.



Apply to options

The apply to menu includes the following options:

- Selected Part(s): Edits will only apply to the selected cue part cells.
- All Parts in sel. Cue(s): Edits will apply to all parts within the selected cues.
- All Cues/Parts: Edits will apply to all parts of all cues within the sequence.

	Hint:
	Think of this option as expanding the effect of the edit vertically within the track sheet.

Time Calculator

When editing times, the calculator appears with different readout options and additional buttons.

Example

- Edit the wait time for a line in a macro

Calculator editing the wait time for a line in a macro

Additional buttons appear below the number pad. These buttons allow for quick entry of time units:

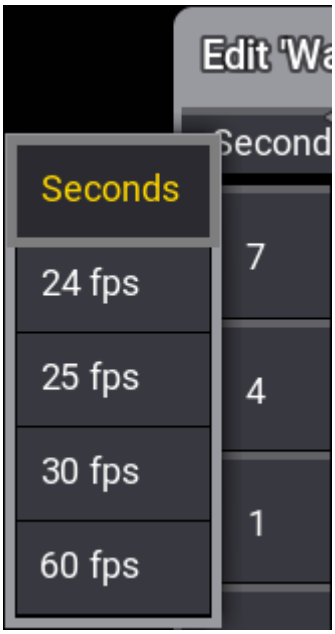
- D: Day
- H: Hour
- M: Minute
- S: Second
- F: Frame

Additional Input Options

Additional input options appear to the right of the function buttons. When editing a cell that can also contain triggers, this area displays trigger options.

Time Readouts

The readout selection appears to the left of the input bar. Tap the readout to cycle through the available readout options, or tap and swipe to see a menu of all available readout options.



Time readout options

1.8.11. Playback Bar

	Hint:
	For more information about executors, page navigation, and the playback window and settings, see What are Executors.

The playback bar displays the labels of the objects that are currently assigned to the corresponding executors.

The bar includes:

- The playback status of each object
- The controls assigned to the executor keys, faders, and knobs
- In some cases:
  - Master Area
  - Custom Area
  - Page navigation controls
  - Xkeys

Playback bar with custom area and page navigation

Executor Labels

The executor labels display information about the objects and executors.

The bar at the top of each label indicates the type of object using the color of the corresponding pool. If an appearance or scribble is assigned to an object, they are displayed in the background of the label. For sequences, this can be changed in the **Executor Display Mode** setting. For more information about settings in sequences, see Sequence Settings.

The executor number is displayed in the upper left corner of the label.

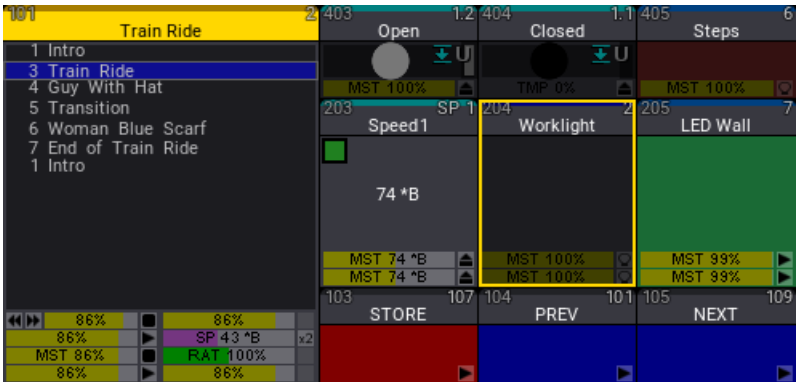
The pool index number is displayed in the upper right corner of the label.
For masters, an abbreviation additionally indicates the type of master.
The abbreviations for the master indicators are:

- **SM:** Selected Master
- **GM:** Grand Master
- **SP:** Speed Master
- **PB:** Playback Master
- **TM:** Timing Master

For more information on the different types of masters see Masters.

For sequences, a simplified list with cue numbers and cue names is displayed.
Active cues are indicated by a blue background.

The bars in the bottom of the executor display the state of the master faders and knobs.



Executor labels of different objects

To open the assign menu for an executor, tap the label of that executor in the playback bar.
For more information about the assign menu see Assign Object to an Executor.

To edit an object, tap and hold the label of that object in the playback bar. The assign menu opens to the Edit or Edit Setting tab, depending on which object is assigned to the executor.

Playback Bar on Different Screens

The playback bar is displayed permanently on some screens and optionally on other screens.
To show or hide the playback bar on a screen, tap Show Playback Bar in the Configure Display pop-up.

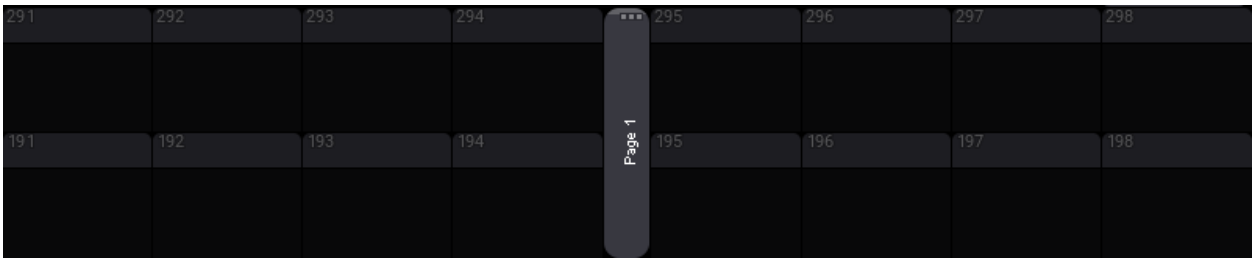
Depending on where an instance of the playback bar appears, the bar contains different information.

The following table provides an overview of which version of the playback bar appears on which screen:

Screen	Playback Bar Display Mode	Additional Elements in the Playback Bar
9	permanent	• Assignment and status of the master area • Page navigation
2	optional	
10	permanent	• Assignment and status of the custom area • Page navigation
11	permanent	
12	permanent	
3	optional	
4	optional	
5	optional	

Screen	Playback Bar Display Mode	Additional Elements in the Playback Bar
7	optional	• Assignment and status of the Xkeys

For more information about internal and external screens and their numbering, see Screen Allocation.



Playback bar with Xkeys.

A window showing the assignment and status of the Xkeys is available in the **Common** and **More** tabs in the Add Window pop-up. Additionally, a version of the playback bar is also available as a window in the **Common** and **More** tab in the **Add Window** pop-up. The **Playback** window does not include the custom area, master area, or the same page navigation controls as the **Playback Bar**. For more information on adding windows, see Add Windows.

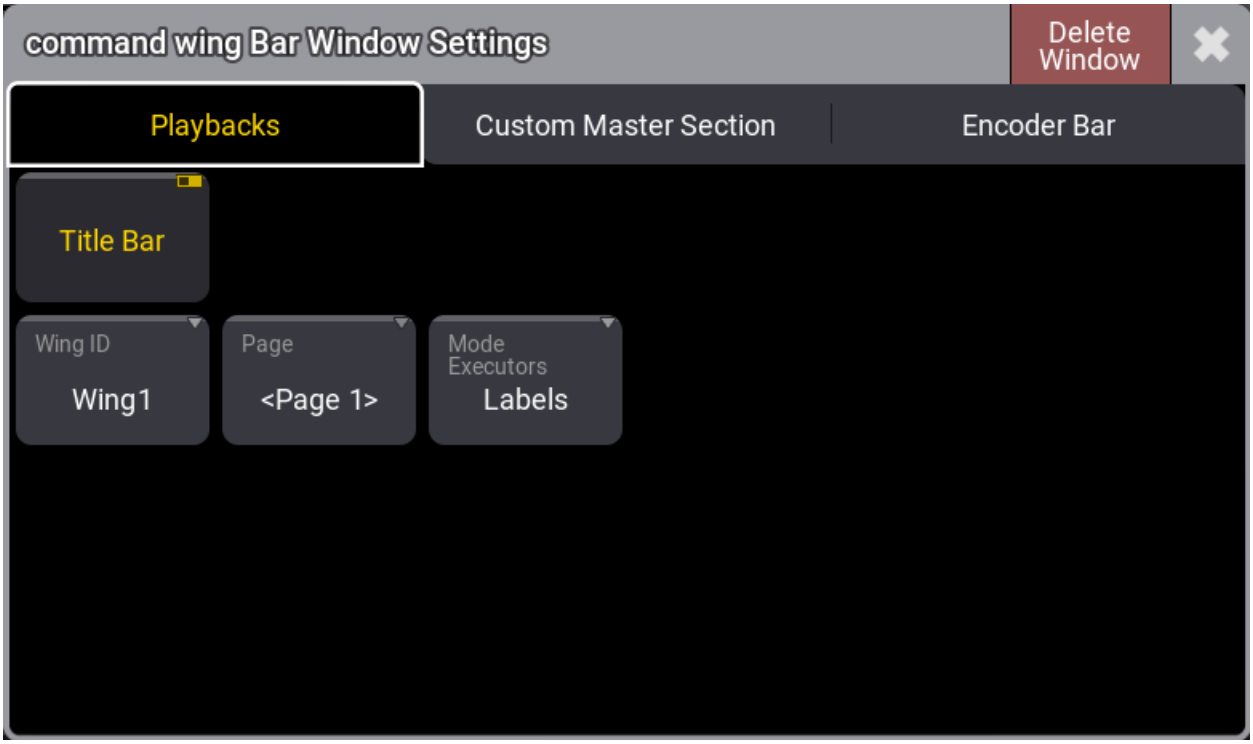
1.8.12. command wing Bar

The **command wing bar** combines a small version of the playback bar, including two sections of executors and the master area, with a compressed version of the encoder bar. This combined bar is helpful for optimizing screen space and minimizing the views necessary to move between programming and playback, especially when using the grandMA3 onPC software. The executors displayed on the playback side of the bar coincide with the executor sections available on the grandMA3 onPC command wing and command wing XT.

In the grandMA3 onPC software, tap in the control bar to toggle the **encoder bar** to the **command wing bar**. The command wing bar is also available as a window in the More tab in the **Add Window** pop-up. For more information on adding windows see Add Window.

command wing Bar

Tap MA in the upper-left corner of the command wing bar window to access the settings for the command wing bar window.



Command wing bar window settings pop-up

This pop-up includes the following tabs:

Playbacks:

- **Title Bar:**
  This shows or hides the window's title bar. It is On by default. If it is Off, then the title bar can be shown temporarily by pressing both MA keys in the control area. In grandMA3 onPC, the title bar can be temporarily shown by pressing Ctrl + Alt on Windows and Ctrl + Option on Mac.
- **Wing ID:**
  This defines which wing the window displays. Tap this setting to open a small **Select WingID** pop-up where the desired wing can be selected.
- **Page:**
  This sets the executor page the window relates to.
- **Mode Executors:**
  Tap to toggle the display of the executors in the window between Labels and Hardware Buttons.

Custom Master Section:

- **Title Bar:**
  This shows or hides the window's title bar. It is On by default. If it is Off, then the title bar can be shown temporarily by pressing both MA keys in the control area. In grandMA3 onPC, the title bar can be temporarily shown by pressing Ctrl + Alt on Windows and Ctrl + Option on Mac.
- **Master Section:**
  This toggle button hides or shows the master section.
- **Mode Masters:**
  Tap to toggle the display of the special masters in the window between Labels and Hardware Buttons.

Encoder Bar:

This tab includes the same settings as the encoder bar window settings. For more information on these settings, see Encoder Bar Window Settings.

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1.8.13. Colors

grandMA3 uses several colors to provide information about states of values and their origin. There are two editable color themes included in the software, and it is possible to create, import, and export additional color themes. The following topics give an overview of the colors defined in the default color theme, as well as an introduction to the color theme editor.

	Important:
	Use caution when editing the color theme, as it can make information on the screens difficult or impossible to read; for example, selecting the same color for both text and the background behind the text.
	Hint:
	MA + MA + Clear activates the default color theme and resets all values of that theme to the manufacturer defaults.

Subtopics

- System Colors
- Colored Indicators
- Color Theme
- Compare Tool

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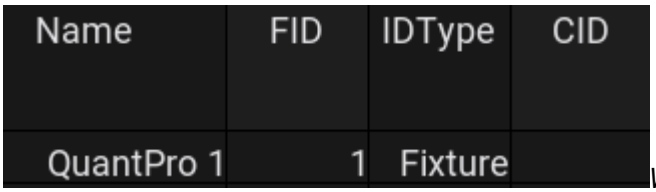
1.8.13.1. System Colors

Important:
The colors described here are included in the default color theme. For more information about alternate color themes, see Color theme.

Sheet Colors for Fixture Names and IDs

The fixture names and numbers in sheets have several different color combinations.

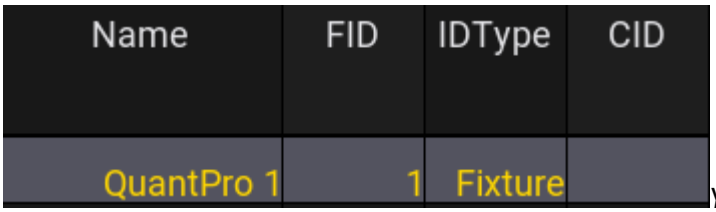
White:



White names and numbers with a black background

White fixture names and IDs on a black background indicate fixtures that are not selected. It is the default color combination.

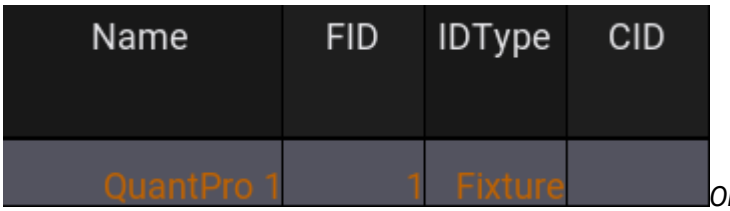
Yellow:



Yellow names and numbers on a gray background

Yellow fixture names and IDs on a gray background indicate fixtures that are selected.

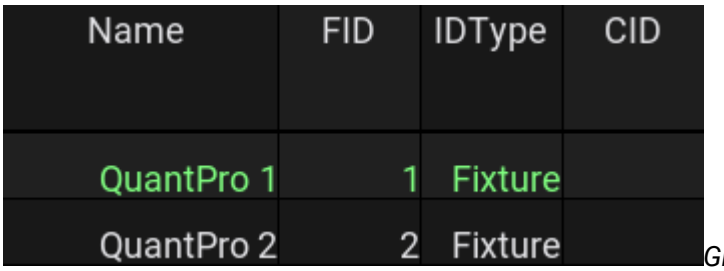
Dim Orange:



Orange names and numbers on a gray background

Orange fixture names and IDs on a gray background indicate fixtures that are in the current selection, but not the current sub-selection. For example, multiple fixtures are selected and Next has been pressed.

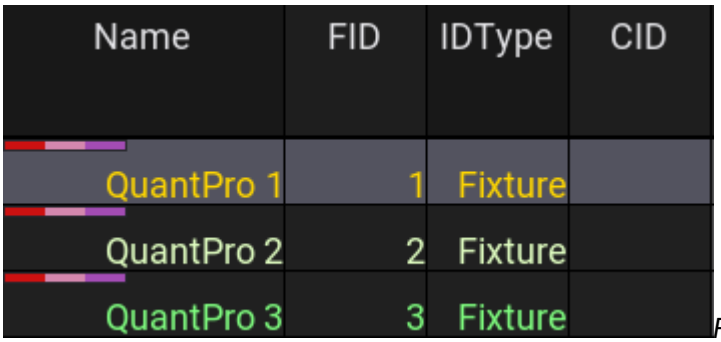
Green:



Green names and numbers on a light gray background

Green fixture names and IDs on a light gray background indicate fixtures with inverted encoder control of at least one attribute, based on selection and MAtricks settings. For more information, see MAtricks and Shuffle.

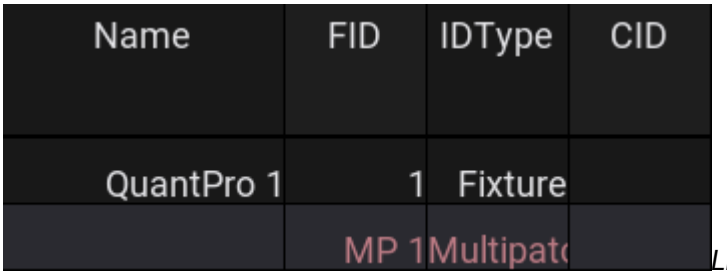
Light Green:



Fixture 2 appears with light green name and number on a medium gray background

Light green fixture names and IDs on a medium gray background indicate edge fixtures, based on selection and MAtricks settings. Edge fixtures do not follow all values. For example, when creating a mirrored circle with three fixtures and two wings, the edge fixture in the center will only tilt, but not pan. This is done in order to keep the symmetry.

Light Red:



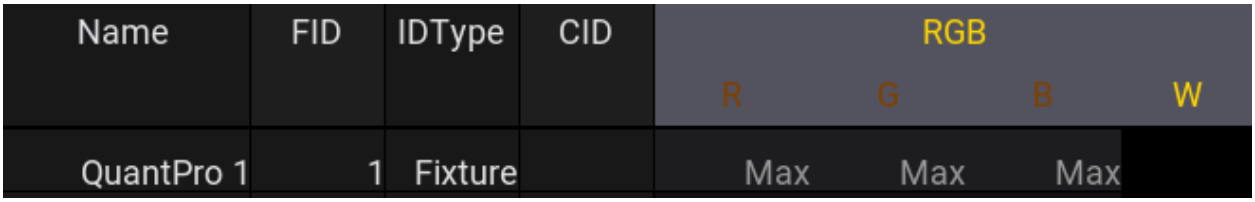
Light red names and numbers on a medium gray background

Fixture names and IDs in light red on a medium gray background indicate at least one multipatch instance of this primary fixture is selected. For more information, see Add Multipatch Fixtures.

Sheet Colors for Absolute Attribute Values

The cells showing attribute values in the fixture sheet and sequence sheet, with the track sheet mode enabled, have several combinations of text and background colors.

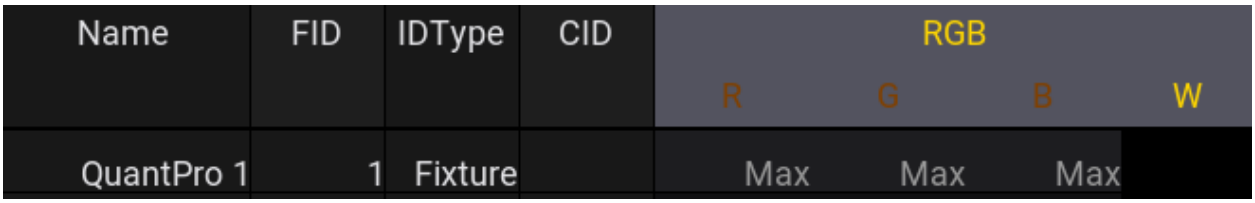
Black:



Black background for on the W attribute

There is no object to be edited. In this case, this fixture does not include a white color mixing attribute.

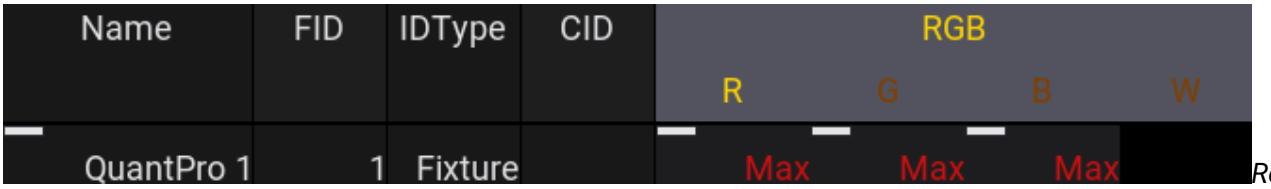
Light gray text with a gray background:



Light gray text with a gray background on R, G, and B attributes

The values of these attributes are at their default levels.

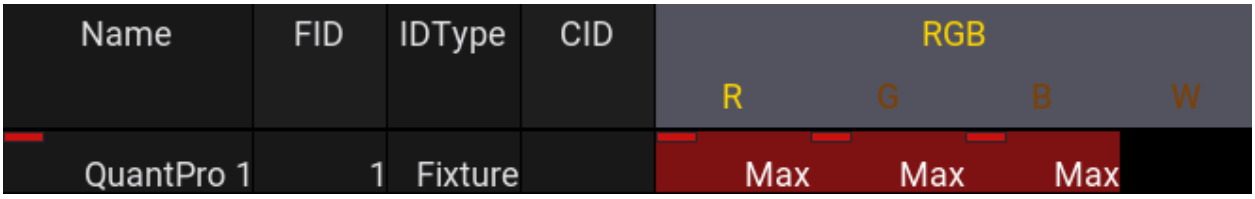
Red text with gray background:



Red text with gray background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes have values in the programmer, but they are not active. By default, they will not be included in any store or update actions.

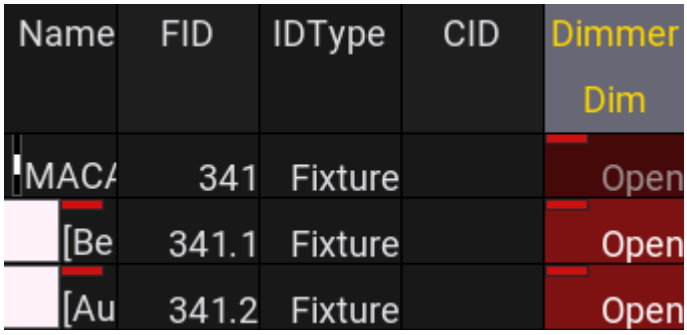
White text with a red background:



White text with a red background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes have active values in the programmer. By default, they will be included in any store or update actions.

Grey text with a dark red background



Grey text on dark red background on Dimmer attributes

The parent fixture has no dimmer attribute and therefore the dimmer values of its subfixtures are displayed.

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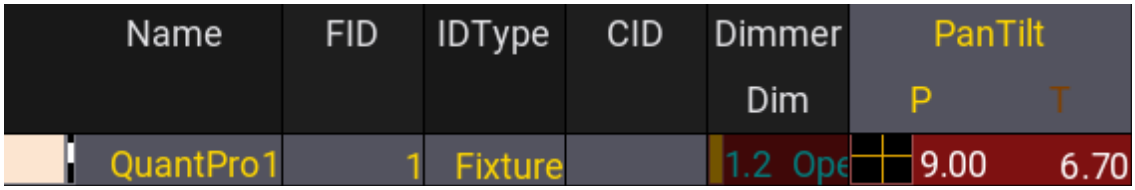
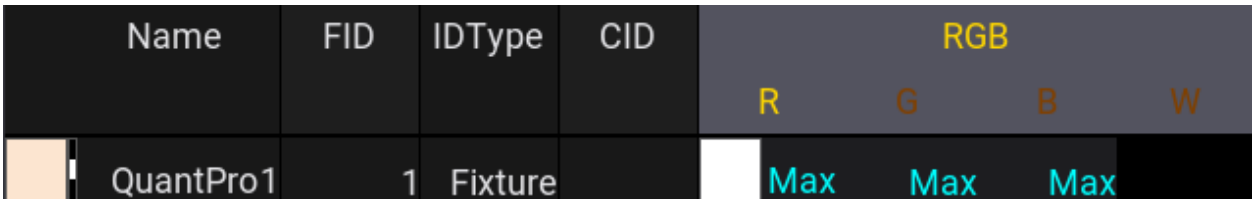


Grey text on dark red background on the Dimmer attribute

The value is part of a programmer part other than the selected one.

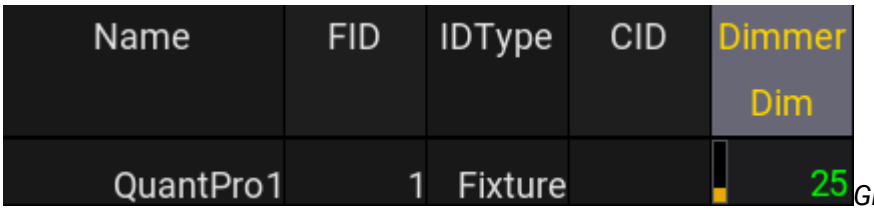
Cyan text with a gray background:



Cyan text with a gray background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes have new values in the current cue outputting from the selected sequence. A dimmer value displayed with cyan text indicates a new, higher value in the current cue outputting from the selected sequence.

Green text with a gray background:



Green text with a gray background on R, G, and B attributes

A dimmer value displayed with green text indicates a new, lower value in the current cue outputting from the selected sequence. This color is only used for descending dimmer values.

Magenta text with a gray background:

Name	FID	IDType	CID	RGB			
				R	G	B	W
QuantPro1	1	Fixture		Max	Max	Max	

Magenta text with a gray background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes have tracked values in the current cue outputting from the selected sequence.

White text with a gray background:

Name	FID	IDType	CID	RGB			
				R	G	B	W
QuantPro1	1	Fixture		Max	Min	Min	

White text with a gray background on G attributes

These attributes have blocked values in the current cue outputting from the selected sequence.

Yellow text with a gray background:

Name	FID	IDType	CID	PanTilt		Dimmer	RGB		
				P	T	Dim	R	G	B
QuantPro 1	1	Fixture		Center - 104.97		Open	Min	Max	Min

Yellow text with a gray background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes have new or blocked values in the current cue outputting from a sequence that is not selected. This color combination does not appear in the sequence sheet.

Black text with a deep sea green background:

Name	FID	IDType	CID	RGB		
				R	G	B
QuantPro 1	1	Fixture		Min	Max	Min

Black text with a deep sea green background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes have completed a move in black. For more information, see Move in black.

Black text with a dark blue background:

Name	FID	IDType	CID	RGB		
				R	G	B
QuantPro 1	1	Fixture		98	2	Min

Black text with a dark blue background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes are currently fading through a move in black command. This color combination does not appear in the sequence sheet.

Dim yellow text with a gray background:

Name	FID	IDType	CID	PanTilt		Dimmer	RGB		
				P	T	Dim	R	G	B
QuantPro 1	1	Fixture		Center - 104.97		Open	Min	Max	Min

Dim yellow text with a gray background on R, G, and B attributes

These attributes have tracked values in the current cue outputting from a sequence that is not selected. This color combination does not appear in the sequence sheet.

Dark blue background:

Name	FID	IDType	CID	Dimmer
				Dim
QuantPro 1	1	Fixture		32

Various colors of text with a dark blue background on Dim, P, and T attributes

These attributes are currently fading through cue transitions. Text colors continue to specify the source of the data. This background color combination does not appear in the sequence sheet.

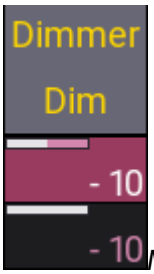
Sheet Colors for Additional Attribute Layers

Along with the absolute value, other layers of values may influence the output of an attribute. The color of the values from these layers matches the colors in the layer control bar in the encoder toolbar. For more information, see Encoder Toolbar.

The combinations of text and background colors for the additional layers all use the following pattern:

- White text on a background of the layer's color shows a value in the programmer.
- The text of the layer's color on a gray background shows a value from the current cue in the selected sequence.
- Yellow text on a gray background shows a value from a cue outputting from a sequence that is not selected.

Mauve background or text:



Mauve background and text.

There is a relative value on the dimmers of these two fixtures. The top value with a mauve background comes from the programmer. The bottom value with mauve text comes from the current cue in a selected sequence.

Green background or text:

Green background and text.

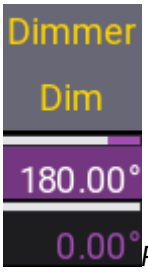
There is an individual fade time on the dimmers of these two fixtures. The top value with a green background comes from the programmer. The bottom value with green text comes from the current cue in a selected sequence.

Orange background or text:

Orange background and text.

There is an individual delay time on the dimmers of these two fixtures. The top value with an orange background comes from the programmer. The bottom value with orange text comes from the current cue in a selected sequence.

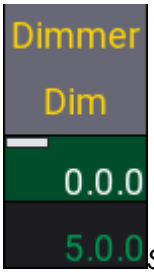
Purple background or text:



Purple background and text.

There is a phaser value on the dimmers of these two fixtures. All layers of phaser values share the same purple color. The top value with a purple background comes from the programmer. The bottom value with purple text comes from the current cue in a selected sequence.

Shamrock background or text:



Shamrock background and text.

There is a GridPos value on the dimmers of these two fixtures. Both values come from the programmer. The top value with a shamrock background shows an active GridPos value. The bottom value with shamrock text shows a deactivated GridPos value.

	Hint:
	Darkened versions of any of the programmer colors above indicate data from a programmer part that is not the current part shown in the sheet. For more information, see What is the Programmer.

1.8.13.2. Colored Indicators

Colored indicators come in the form of a bar or a thin line. Colored indicators appear in:

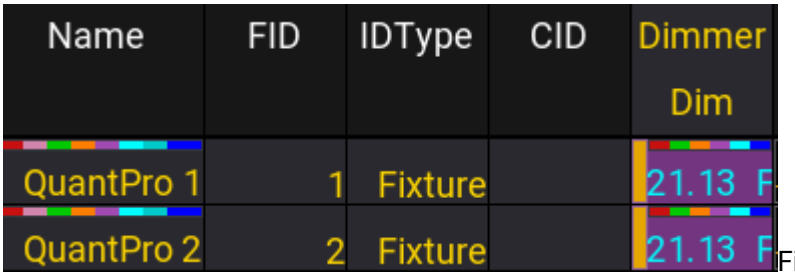
- Fixture Sheet
- Sequence Sheet with the Track Sheet option enabled or disabled
- Feature Group Control Bar
- Attribute encoder display

The name column in the Fixture Sheet and the Sequence Sheet, the **Feature Group Control Bar**, and the attribute encoders, show color-coded indicators for values, individual timing, and phasers in the programmer. Attribute columns in the fixture sheet show colored indicators indicating values, individual timing, and phasers either in the programmer or currently outputting from a sequence. Attribute columns in the sequence sheet show indicators for values, individual timing, and phasers stored within the displayed cues.

The feature group control bar appears along the top of the encoder bar. The default feature group control bar can include features such as Dimmer, Position, and Color.

Learn more in the Default Feature Group Control Bar.

Colors:



Fixture sheet with colored indicators on one fixture name and both dimmer attributes

Colored indicators above the name and dimmer value of fixture 1 indicate active information in the programmer. Indicators only above the dimmer value of fixture 2, but not above the name, indicate information output from a sequence.

- Red indicates active absolute programmer values.
- Mauve indicates active relative programmer values.
- Green indicates individual fade times.
- Orange indicates individual delay times.
- Purple indicates phaser values.
- Bright cyan indicates absolute values from a preset.
- Dark cyan indicates relative values from a preset.
- Blue indicates parked attributes.

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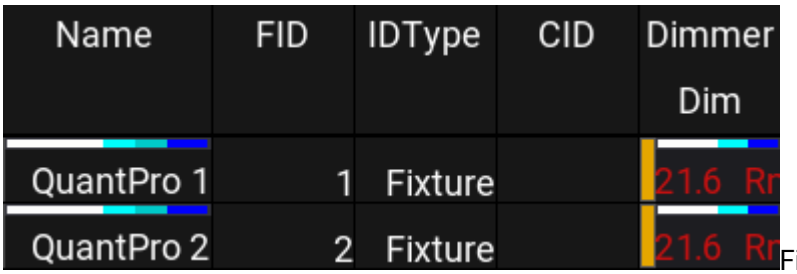
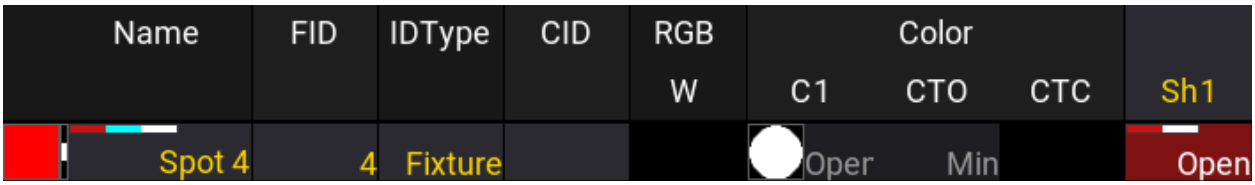


Fixture sheet with white indicators on the left

White indicators on the left side of the indicator bar show information in the programmer for layers. They will not be stored when storing active values. For more information, see Deactivate Keyword.

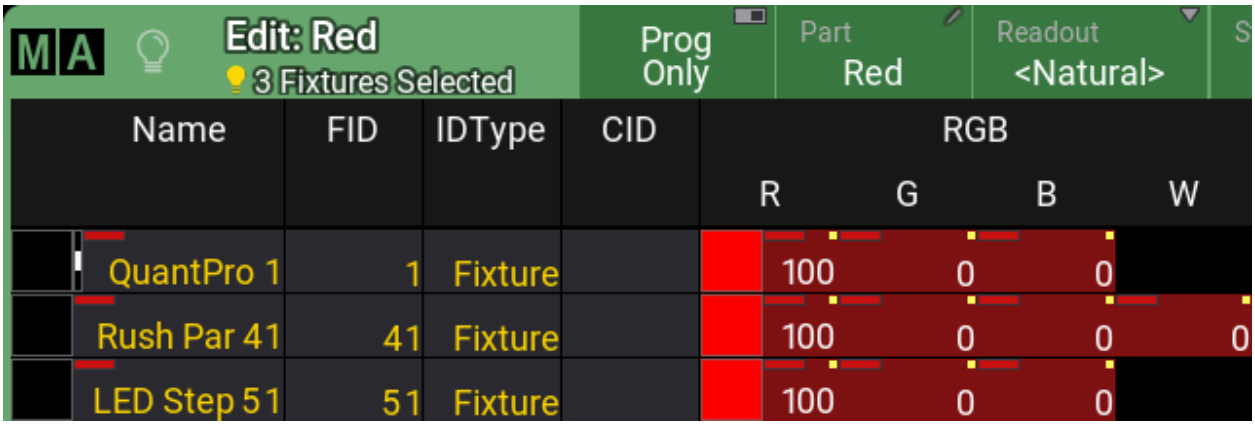
White indicators on the right in the Fixture Sheet:



Fixture sheet with white indicators on the right

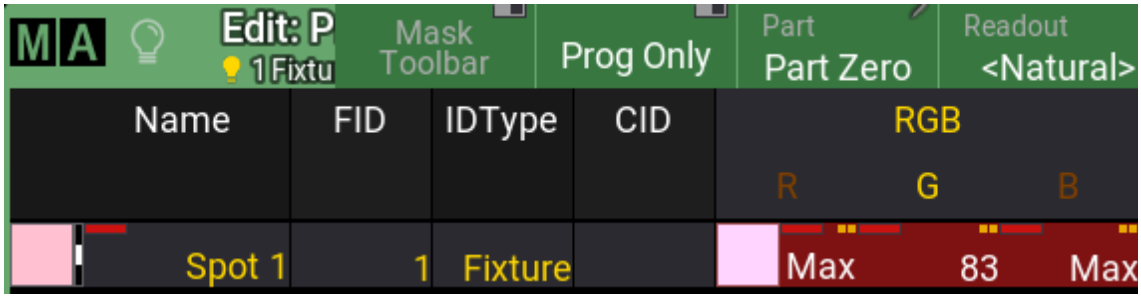
White indicators on the right side of the indicator bar in the fixture sheet shows that information comes from the DMX Tester, which will not be stored when storing active values. Active attribute values in the programmer will still be stored. For more information about the DMX Sheet and the Tester Encoder Bar, see DMX Tester.

Small, yellow indicators when editing a preset:



Fixture sheet while editing a global preset

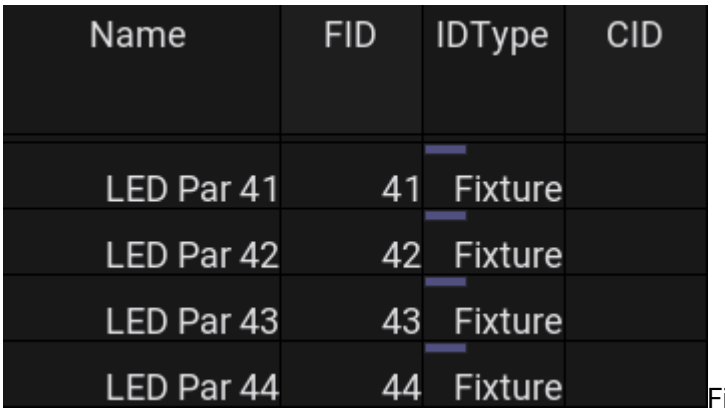
A single small, yellow indicator in the fixture sheet while editing a preset indicates an attribute holding the global value for that attribute for all fixtures of the same fixture type within the preset.



Fixture sheet while editing a universal preset

While editing a preset, two yellow indicators next to each other in the fixture sheet indicate an attribute holding the universal value for that attribute. Attributes with selective values, on the other hand, appear without a colored indicator. For more information on selective, global and universal presets, see Presets.

Indicators above the IDType:



Fixture sheet with colored indicators above the IDType.

Indicators above the IDType cell in the fixture sheet indicate a group master is currently influencing the output of the marked fixture.

- Lavender indicates fixtures that are currently influenced by an Additive group master.
- The Master React option set to "None" is not indicated by color.

For more information about group masters, see Group Masters. For more information about the Master React option, see Add Fixtures to the Show.

Indicators in the background of Name, FID, IDType, and CID:

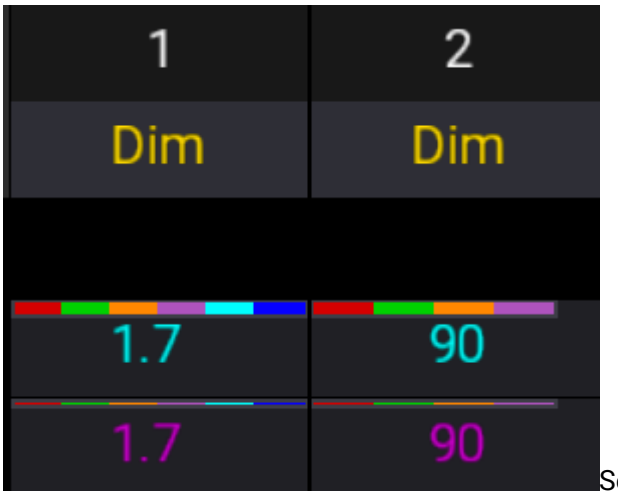
Indicators in the background of the Name, the FID, the IDType, and the CID cells in the fixture sheet indicate a group master is currently influencing the output of the marked fixture.

- Light pink indicates fixtures that are currently influenced by a Positive, Negative, or Scaling group master.

Name	FID	IDType	CID
LED Par 41	41	Fixture	
LED Par 42	42	Fixture	
LED Par 43	43	Fixture	
LED Par 44	44	Fixture	
LED Par 45	45	Fixture	
LED Par 46	46	Fixture	
LED Par 47	47	Fixture	

Fixture sheet with colored background indicator.

Colored indicators in the Sequence Sheet with the Track Sheet option enabled:



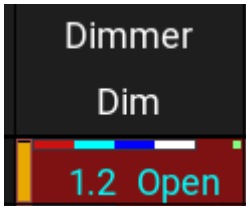
Sequence sheet attribute columns with colored indicators

Colored indicators in the sequence sheet include two different heights:

- Indicators in the form of a bar indicate a new value stored in the cue.
- Indicators in the form of a thin line indicate a tracked value.

For more information about the text colors, see System Colors.

Green squared indicators in the Fixture Sheet in the top right corner of an attribute cell:



*Fixture Sheet with recipe indicator*Green indicators in the fixture sheet indicate active recipe values. For more information about recipes, see Recipes.

1.8.13.3. Color Theme

Color themes allow for the customization of a wide variety of colors within the graphical user interface of the console. Alternate color themes can be activated quickly, changing the look of the interface on demand. Color themes can be exported to and imported from external sources. The console initially includes three color themes. The "default" color theme provides optimal readability when using the console under most lighting conditions. The "defaultDAYLIGHT" color theme creates a bolder interface for use in brighter conditions, such as daylight. The "default_legacy" color theme recreates the look of software version 2.4.2.2 or prior.

Activating Alternate Color Themes

Color themes can be imported using the menu.

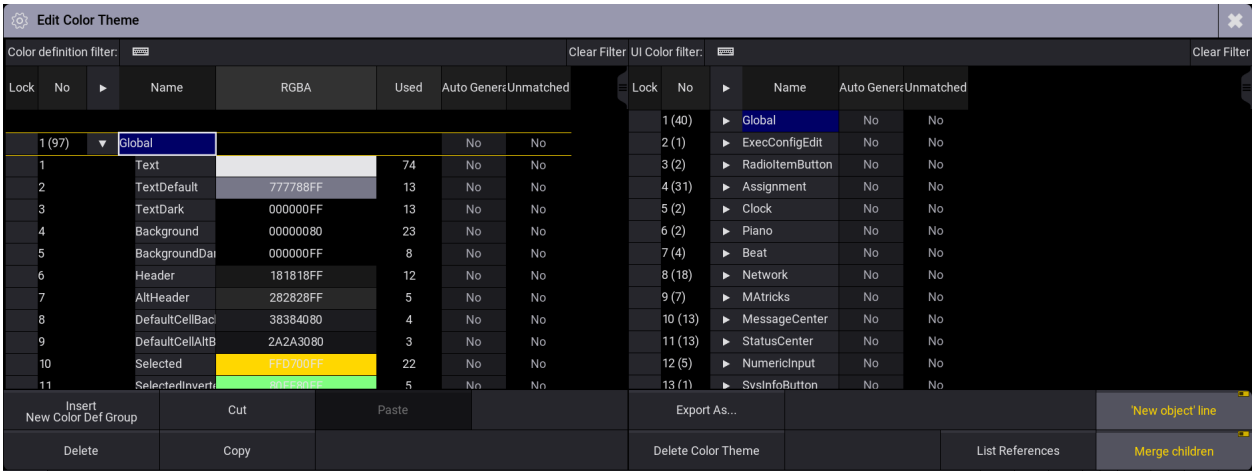
1. Open the Menu.
2. Tap Desk Lights & Color Theme in the top-right corner.
3. Tap Active Color Theme. This button will also display the name of the current color theme. For example, 'default'.
   The Import Color Theme pop-up opens.
4. Tap the desired color theme. If the color theme is on a USB drive, tap Internal in the title bar to select the drive.
5. Tap Import. The color theme is imported.

Color themes can also be imported using the command line. For example, use the following command to activate the "defaultDAYLIGHT" color theme:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import ColorTheme Library "defaultDAYLIGHT.xml" AT ColorTheme /NoConfirmation
```

Editing the Current Color Theme

Press Menu, tap Desk Lights & Color Theme and then tap Edit in the bottom-right corner. The color theme editor opens:



Color theme editor

The left side of the color theme editor includes a list of color definitions. These function like color presets for user interface elements. Any changes to color definitions will be reflected in all of the UI elements referencing those definitions. Find an explanation for each column in the grid, such as Name or RGBA, in the Compare Tool topic.

The right side of the color theme editor includes a list of user interface elements. This list shows the name of the UI color, a reference to a color definition, and the actual color defined by that reference. Changing the color definition reference to reference another color definition changes the color used for that element without altering any other elements. Deleting the reference for a UI element allows for a direct color definition for that element. This is analogous to storing a cue with hard values instead of referencing a preset.

Tap Export As... at the bottom of the menu to export the current color theme, either to the internal drive or to an external USB drive. To delete a color, tap a color configuration line and tap Delete.

1.8.13.4. Compare Tool

The color theme compare tool is part of the Desk Lights & Color Theme menu.

The compare tool is a useful feature when it comes to:

- Comparing color themes with each other.
- Easily find distinctions when comparing color themes via color indicators and colored rows.
- Transfer colors between one color theme and another.
- Live color editing.

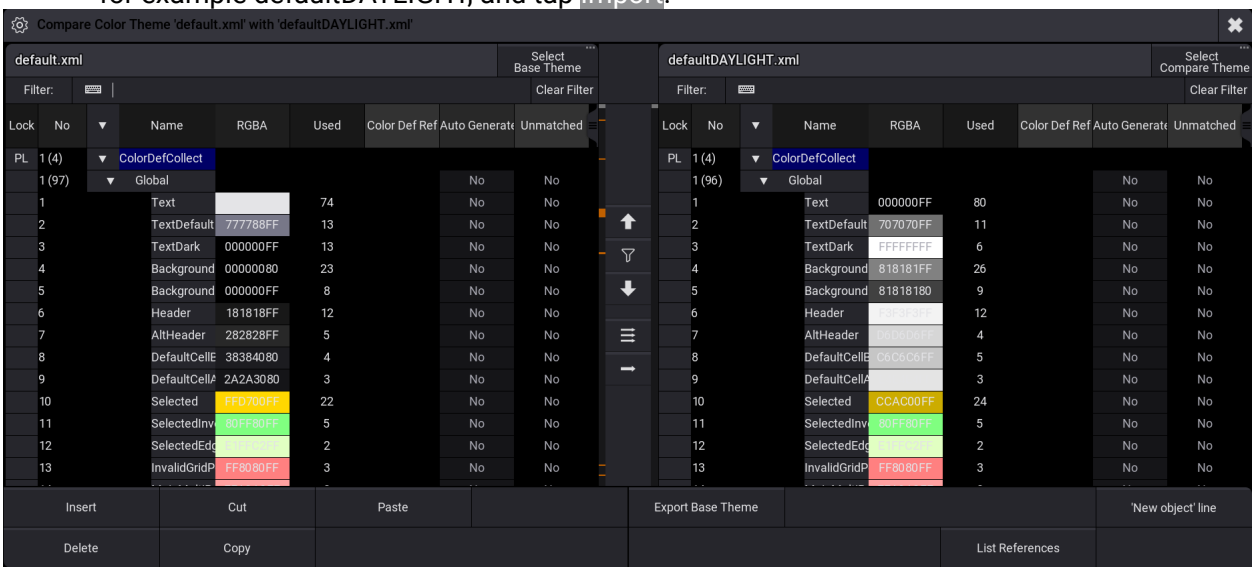
The color indicators and colored rows are defined as the following:

- **Orange**: This color exists in the base color theme, but is missing in the compared color theme, or vice versa.
- **Green**: This color was transferred from the base to the compared color theme, or vice versa.

For more information, see Color Theme.

To open the compare tool:

1. Open the Menu.
2. Tap Desk Lights & Color Theme.
3. Tap Compare. The compare tool opens. The currently active color theme will be taken as the base for comparison.
4. When opening the compare tool for the first time, a import pop-up opens. Select a color theme, for example defaultDAYLIGHT, and tap Import.



Compare tool is open

The different buttons of the compare tool are described below:

- Filter:
  Filters the color name.

- Clear Filter:
  Clears the filter.

- Select Base Theme:
  Opens the import base color theme pop-up.

- Select Compare Theme:
  Opens the import compare color theme pop-up.

- (Arrow up):
  Shows previous missing or merged color in the theme.

- (Object Filter):
  Shows only unmatched colors.

- (Arrow down):
  Shows next missing or merged color in the theme.

- (Merge all left):
  Merges all unmatched colors from the right into the left theme.

- (Merge all right):
  Merges all unmatched colors from the left into the right theme.

- (Merge left):
  Merges only selected unmatched colors from the left into the right theme.

- (Merge right):
  Merges only selected unmatched colors from the right into the left theme.

	Hint:
	To change the direction of the merge arrows, tap into the grid area of the specific color theme.

The grid is categorized in different columns:

- **Lock**:
  When it is set to "Yes", no color values can be changed.
- **No**:
  This is the color index number. Value in the bracket (x) shows the amount of colors in the particular structure tree.
- **Name**:
  Color name.
- **RGBA**:
  Shows the color definition.
- **Used**:
  This is the amount of color related references.

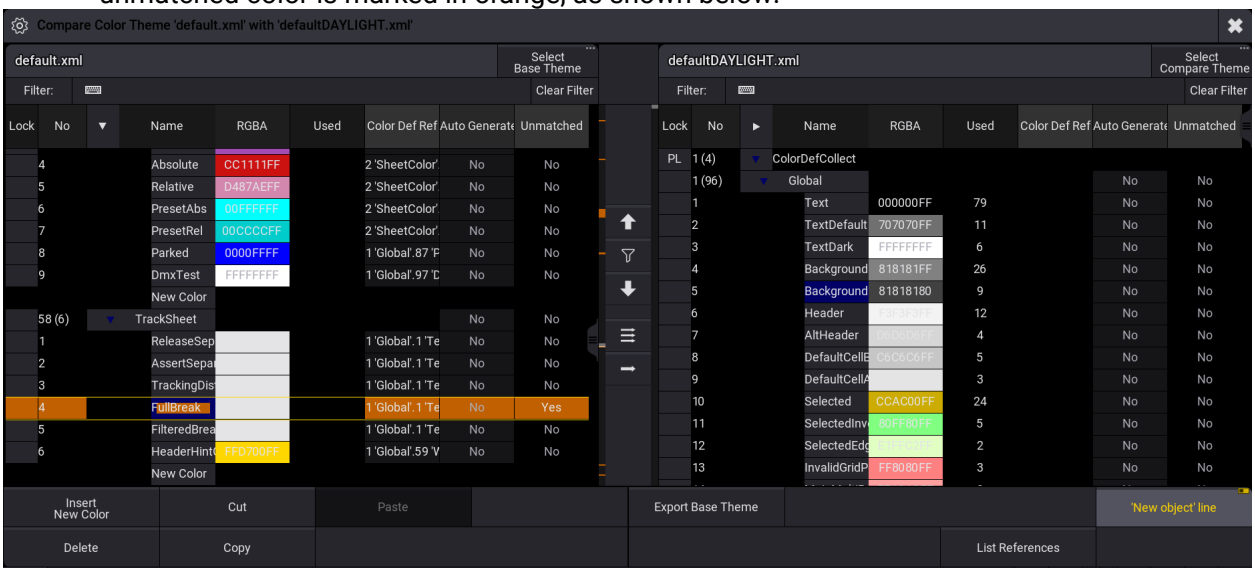
- **ColorDefRef**:
  For more information, see Color Theme.
- **Auto Generated**:
  Displays "Yes" in green within the configuration line when a color is merged.
  Alternatively, the value can be manually set to "Yes", for example, to visually highlight configuration lines that still require review.
- **Unmatched**:
  Is set to "Yes" and indicated in orange when a color is not matching the compared theme.

Example for a Color Theme Merge

Requirements:

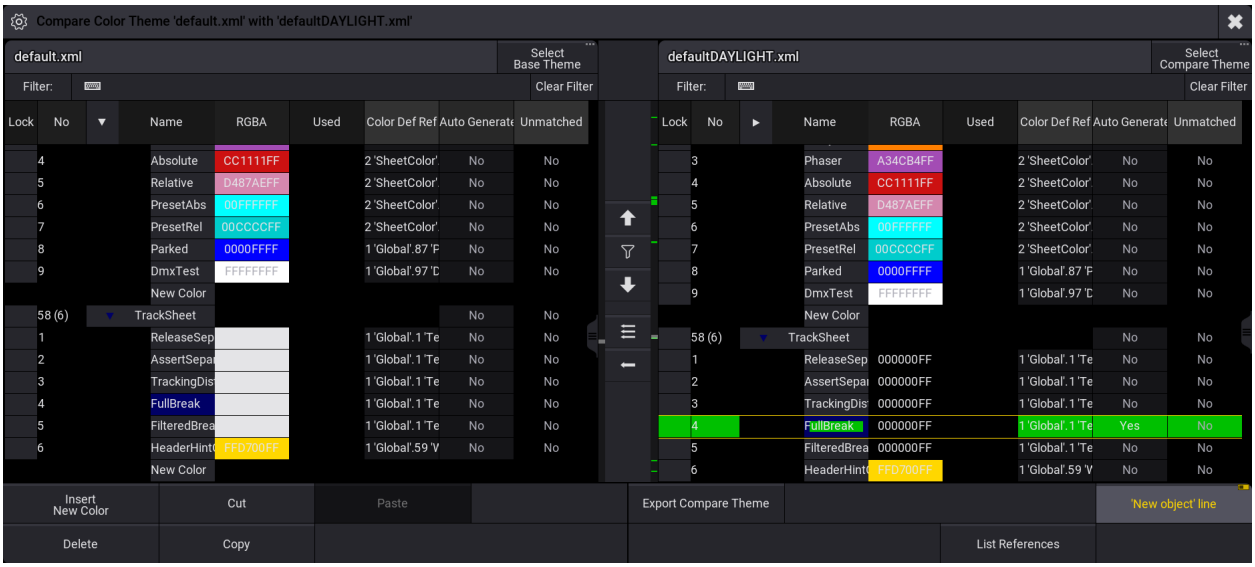
- Default is selected as base color theme.
- DefaultDAYLIGHT is selected as compare color theme.
- A color is deleted in the DefaultDAYLIGHT color theme. In the example below, FullBreak.

1. To quickly move the scroll bar to the next unmatched color in the color theme, tap . The unmatched color is marked in orange, as shown below:



Unmatched colors are marked in orange.

2. To merge all unmatched colors, tap .
   All merged colors are displayed in green rows. Notice that the column Auto Generated is set to Yes and the column Unmatched is set to No automatically in the defaultDAYLIGHT color theme as shown below:

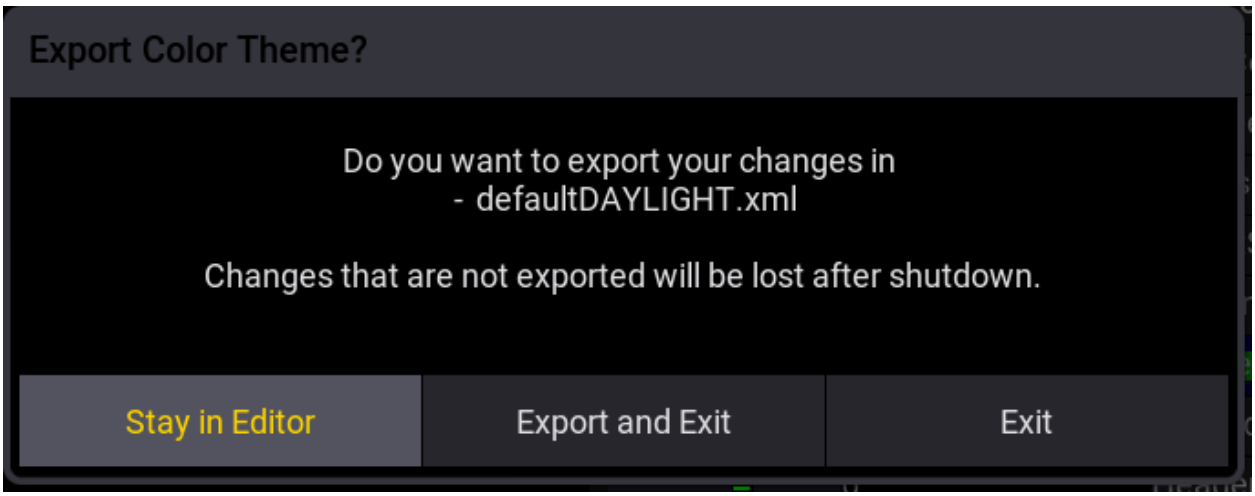


Missing colors merged into defaultDAYLIGHT color theme are shown in green.

3. To show only Auto Generated and Unmatched colors, tap . When enabling filter, the button turns yellow and the columns names "Auto Generated" and "Unmatched" get a yellow filter icon as well:
4. To change RGBA values for "FullBreak", right click the color in the RGBA column. The color editor opens.
5. Change the R value to 20 by using the dynamic color scroll bar. Tap Ok to close the editor. The color value has changed:

Export Color Theme

If closing the color editor without exporting the color theme first, the following pop- up with opens:



Export color theme pop-up.

- Stay in Editor:
  Pop-up closes and the color theme editor stays open.

- Export and Exit:
  Changes are exported to the color theme listed above.

- Exit:
  Closes the color theme editor. Changes will get lost after a shutdown.

To export the defaultDAYLIGHT.xml color theme as a new theme:

1. Tap into the right grid area of the compare tool to link the Export button to the corresponding defaultDAYLIGHT.xml file.
2. Tap Export Compare Theme as ... . The Export Compare Theme pop-up opens.
3. Type defaultDAYLIGHT_new.xml and then tap Export. The color theme is exported.

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1.9. Command Syntax and Keywords

Function of the Command Line

The command line is an essential way of communication between the console and its operator.

Using keywords, special characters, and numerical identifiers is how the operator tells the console what to do.

	Important: Depending on the use case, most commands can be executed using the Please key or Enter. It does not matter if you type them in the command line or use keys.

The basic syntax looks as follows:

[Function][Object]

Example

- To delete sequence 1, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Delete Sequence 1

- Or use the keys in the command section of the console and press:

Delete + Sequ + 1

Keywords

The keywords that are mostly used have their own corresponding keys.

For more information on the multiple functions of the keys see Keys.

	Important: All keywords can be entered in the command line using the internal or any other connected keyboard.

To view the commands issued to the console, tap MA in the left corner of the command line.

The **Command Line History** opens.

For more information on the usage of the command line in detail see Command Line.

Subtopics

- Syntax Rules
- Hierarchical Structure of Objects
- General Keywords
- Next Previous Concept
- Option Keywords
- Advanced Use of Command Line Syntax

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1.9.1. Syntax Rules

The command line syntax is used to create valid commands.

Function keywords, also called command keywords, behave like verbs in commands – they tell the objects what to do.

Object keywords are used to allocate objects in the show file.

Help keywords are used to create a relation between functions and objects.

Layer keywords address the layers of different parameters.

Cue timing keywords address different times of a cue transition.

Value readout keywords define the unit of displayed values.

Speed readout keywords define the unit of displayed speeds.

At value keywords are a sort of shortcuts which are used to set parameters to certain predefined values.

Playback keywords provide control over playback functionalities.

Fader keywords are related to anything that has to do with faders.

Operator keywords are symbols that perfrom mathematical opertions in a command.

Option keywords are temporary filters in commands. For more information on option keywords see Option Keywords.

To view all executed commands, see Command Line History.

General Rules

The general rules are:

- All objects have a default function which is used if no function is given.
- Most functions have a default object or an object type which is used if no object is given.
- Objects are arranged in a hierarchical tree structure. If an object does not support the function applied, the function is passed on to a child or parent object.

For more information see Hierarchical Structure of Objects.

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Terminology

- [Square brackets]:
  Description of non-literal content.
- (Parentheses):
  Description of optional content.
- "Quotation marks"/'Quotation marks':
  Quotation marks are used to enter a definite name or content. If the line ends after the word in quotation marks, the quotation marks at the end may be omitted. If the name or content is not a keyword and does not contain special characters, the quotation marks can be left out altogether.

	Important:
	If an option or any other part of the keyword command requires two types of quotation marks - single (') and double quotation marks (") - make sure to always use an equal pair. For more information see the RemoteCommand keyword.

- Capitalization:
  In general, capitalization is important as values are case-sensitive.

Example

Here the value "Positive" is capitalized. This is correct and the command will be executed.

Set Group 1 Property "Mode" "Positive"

Here the value "positive" is in lower case. This is wrong and the command will not be executed.

Set Group 1 Property "Mode" "positive"

- Only when using keyword commands, the console does not distinguish between upper case and lower case. In such topics, capitalization is used to improve readability only.

Use the Command Line

It is possible to abbreviate all the commands using the shortcuts of the corresponding keywords.

Each keyword has its own shortcut. Every keyword topic also names the respective shortcut.

For more information see General Keywords.

	Important:
	Shortcuts are subject to change as new keywords are added to the software. We advise you read the corresponding keyword topics and the release notes to check for recent changes.

Example

- To store cue 20 in sequence 8 using the overwrite option keyword, type:

Full version of the syntax:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 8 Cue 20 /Overwrite

Abbreviated version of the syntax:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>S Seq 8 Cue 20 /O

Very short version of the syntax:

- To copy cue 2 to cue 6 of the selected sequence, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Co 2 At 6

💡	**Hint:**
	The examples use the full version in the manual.

1.9.2. Hierarchical Structure of Objects

Overview

In grandMA3, many objects, such as fixtures, presets, settings, and stages, are structured hierarchically. This topic introduces the general selection syntax used to navigate these structures efficiently, with a focus on parent-child relationships and the use of the dot (.) keyword.

	Hint:
	To better understand how fixture selection works in grandMA3 and to learn more about selecting fixtures and their subfixtures using syntax commands, first see What are Fixtures and Select Fixtures.

The general selection applies to all object types that follow a hierarchical structure. For more information about the system's hierarchy, see List Keyword and ChangeDestination Keyword. To better visualize this concept, the following unordered list illustrates a part of the hierarchical structure of the system:

- ShowData
  - ShowSettings
    - DefaultPlaybackSettings
    - GlobalSettings
    - MidiSettings
    - SoundSettings
  - MediaPools
  - Patch
    - DMXCurves
    - AttributeDefinitons
    - Layers
    - Classes
    - Stages
    - FixtureTypes
      - "Mac Aura XB"
      - "LED Steps Small"
  - DataPools
    - Default
  - TimecodeSlots
    - TCSlot1
    - TCSlot2
    - ...

Dot Syntax Usage

- The dot (.) ends the selection at the current level and then moves one level deeper in the hierarchy.
- Instead of using the dot (.) as a separator, you can also use dedicated keywords for objects in the next level of the hierarchy. For example, **Page 1 Executor 201**.
- To select objects at the same hierarchical level within a command, use +. To select fixtures 5.2 and 5.3, type, **Fixture 5.2 + 3**. Only the subfixtures 2 and 3 of fixture 5 are selected.
- To select objects at multiple hierarchical levels within a command, the starting keyword has to be entered again. To select fixtures 5.2 and fixture 3, type, **Fixture 5.2 Fixture 3**. The subfixture 2 of fixture 5 and fixture 3 are selected.

Dot Syntax Behavior

It is not necessary to recall the subcategory of an object in a syntax command after the subcategory is already called using the dot (.). This behavior is shown in the examples below.

Do not use the following command:

Clone Fixture 101 At Fixture 102 If Preset 21.101 Thru 21.105

Use a command with an omission of "21." instead:

Clone Fixture 101 At Fixture 102 If Preset 21.101 Thru 105

Do not use the following command, as 1.3 incorrectly assumes that you are navigating one level deeper in the hierarchy, which is not possible in this particular example.

Move Preset 1.1 Thru 1.3 At 1.5

Use a command with an omission of "1." instead:

Move Preset 1.1 Thru 3 At 1.5

At resets the level of the hierarchical structure back to the top level.

Examples

Multi-Instance Fixtures

Requirements:

- An empty show file is loaded.
- The Fixture Sheet window is open with Prog Only enabled.
- A multi-instance fixture type is patched, such as Robe Robin 600X LEDWash / Mode 1 / Quantity 3.

1. To select a single fixture, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301
```

1. Press Clear. The programmer is cleared.
2. To select a fixture and its subfixtures, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301.

1. Press Clear.
2. To select the second subfixture of fixture 301, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301.2

1. Press Clear.
2. To select some individual subfixtures of fixtures 301, 302, and 303, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301 Thru 303.1 Thru

1. Press Clear.
2. To select some individual subfixtures of fixtures 301, 302, and 303, type:

User name[Fixture]>301.1 Thru Fixture 302.1 Fixture 303.2

1. Press Clear.
2. To select only the subfixtures 2 to 3 of fixtures 301 to 303, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301 Thru 303.2 Thru 3

1. Press Clear.
2. To select fixtures similar to a lasso selection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 302. Fixture 303 Fixture 303.1

1. Press Clear.
2. To select all subfixtures of all fixtures, but not the parent fixtures, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture Thru.Thru

For more information on multi-instance fixtures, see Parent Child Fixture Behavior.

Deleting Objects Using Syntax

The following examples are used in general and do not correspond to the demo show file.

To delete executor 201 on all pages, type:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Page Thru.201

or type:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Page Thru Executor 201

Navigating Directories Using Command Line

This section explains how to navigate through different directories within the grandMA3 system using command line inputs, including listing contents, changing destinations, and moving up one level in the directory structure.

To move one step up in the directory hierarchy:

1. Open the command line history
2. Type **List** and press Please. The grandMA3 directory opens.
3. Type **ChangeDestination ShowData** and press Please. The ShowData directory opens.
4. Type **List** and press Please to show the ShowData directory.
5. Type **ChangeDestination Patch** and press Please. The Patch directory opens.
6. To go one step up in the directory, type: **ChangeDestination ..** and press Please. This command returns you to the previous directory ShowData.
7. To go back to the normal command line, type: **ChangeDestination Root** and press Please.

	Important:
	While it is possible to use numeric identifiers in macros, we strongly recommend using names instead. Numeric values may change in future software versions, which could lead to broken or incorrect macro behavior.

For more information on the directory, see ChangeDestination Keyword.

1.9.3. General Keywords

Using keywords provides one of many possibilities to operate the grandMA3 console.

The following subtopics cover each of the available grandMA3 keywords. These are arranged in alphabetical order.

Each topic describes various means of entering the keyword into the command line, provides definition, proper syntax, and depicts examples of the keywords.

Subtopics

- ; (Semicolon)
- / (Slash)
- . (Dot)
- = (Equal)
- $ (Dollar Sign)
- #[Object]
- <<< (GoFastBackward)
- >>> (GoFastForward)
- - (Minus)
- * (Asterisk)
- % (Percent)
- + (Plus)
- Absolute
- Acceleration
- Action
- Agenda
- ActivationGroup
- Align
- AlignTransition
- Appearance
- Assign
- At
- Attribute
- AutoCreate
- AutoStore
- Bitmap
- Black
- Blind
- Block
- BPM
- Call
- CancelSoftwareUpdate
- Camera
- Capture
- ChangeDestination
- Channel
- ChannelFunctionDefault

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- ChangeMulticastBase
- ChannelSet
- Chat
- ChatJoin
- ChatLeave
- CleanUp
- Clear
- ClearActive
- ClearAll
- ClearSelection
- Clone
- CommandDelay
- Collect
- Collection
- Color
- ColorDefinition
- ColorTheme
- Configuration
- Console
- Cook
- Copy
- Cue
- CopyCrashLog
- CueAbsolute
- CueDelay
- CueFade
- CueInDelay
- CueInFade
- CueOutDelay
- CueOutFade
- CueRelative
- CueUpdate
- CurrentEnvironment
- CurrentUser
- CurrentUserProfile
- Cut
- DataPool
- Deceleration
- Deactivate
- Decimal8
- Decimal16
- Decimal24
- Default
- Delay
- DeleteGlobalVariable
- Delete
- DeleteOtherVersion
- DeleteUserVariable
- Disconnect
- Dismiss
- Display

- DMXAddress
- DMXLayer
- DMXReadout
- DMXUniverse
- DoubleSpeed
- Down
- DumpLog
- Drive
- DropOwnership
- Echo
- Edit
- EditSetting
- Eject
- Effect
- EditRecipe
- EncoderBank
- EncoderBar
- EndIf
- Environment
- Exchange
- Executor
- Export
- Extension
- Extract
- Fade
- FaderCrossFade
- FaderCrossFadeA
- FaderCrossFadeB
- FaderMaster
- FaderRate
- FaderSpeed
- FaderTime
- FaderTemp
- FeatureGroup
- Filter
- Fix
- Fixture
- FixtureClass
- FastSync
- FixtureLayer
- FixtureType
- Flash
- Flip
- Fog
- Freeze
- Full
- Gel
- Generator
- GetGlobalVariable
- GetUserVariable
- Go+

- Go-
- Goto
- Grid
- GridPosition
- GridStore
- GoboImage
- Group
- HalfSpeed
- Help
- HelpLua
- Hex8
- Hex16
- HelpKeyword
- Hex24
- Highlight
- Hold
- Houselights
- Hz
- If
- IfActive
- IfProgrammer
- IfOutput
- Image
- Import
- Index
- Insert
- Integrate
- Interface
- Invert
- Invite
- IP
- JoinSession
- Key
- Keyboard
- KeyboardShortcut
- Kill
- KnockIn
- KnockOut
- Label
- Layout
- LearnSpeed
- LeaveSession
- Library
- List
- ListOwnership
- ListReference
- Load
- Loaded
- Learn
- LoadShow
- ListCrashLog

- Lock
- LogIn
- LogOut
- Lowlight
- Lua
- LuaFile
- Macro
- MArker
- Master
- MAtricks
- Locate
- Measure
- Media
- MemoryInfo
- Menu
- Mesh
- Move
- Multipatch
- MyRunningPreset
- MyRunningMacro
- MyRunningSequence
- MyRunningSoundFile
- MyRunningTimecode
- MyRunningTimer
- Natural
- NDI
- MessageCenter
- NewShow
- Next
- MyRunningPlayback
- NextY
- NextZ
- NetworkNode
- NonDim
- Normal
- Note
- Off
- Offset
- On
- NetworkSpeedTest
- onPC
- OSC
- Oops
- OutputLayer
- Page
- Part
- Park
- Paste
- Patch
- Pause
- NShot

- Percent
- PercentFine
- Phase
- Physical
- Plugin
- Preset
- PresetUpdate
- Press
- Preview
- Previous
- PreviousY
- PreviousZ
- Programmer
- Property
- ProcessingUnit
- PSR
- Pyro
- Quickey
- Rate1
- RDM
- Readout
- Reboot
- Recast
- Reconnect
- Record
- Relative
- Release
- ReloadAllPlugins
- ReloadUI
- Remote
- RemoteHID
- RemoteCommand
- Remove
- RenderQuality
- Reset
- Restart
- Root
- RealtimeChannel
- RunningMacro
- RunningPreset
- RunningSoundFile
- RunningSequence
- RunningTimecode
- RunningTimer
- SaveShow
- ScreenConfiguration
- ReSync
- ScreenContent
- Scribble
- Seconds
- Select

- Selection
- SelectFixtures
- Sequence
- SendMIDI
- RunningPlayback
- SendOSC
- SendMVR
- Set
- SetGlobalVariable
- SetUserVariable
- Shuffle
- ShutDown
- SnapDelay
- SoftwareImport
- Session
- SoftwareUpdate
- SoundChannel
- Solo
- SpecialExecutor
- Speed
- Speed1
- SpeedMaster
- Stage
- Station
- StationSettings
- Step
- Stomp
- Shape
- Store
- Sound
- SwitchTograndMA2Software
- SwitchTograndMA3Software
- Swap
- Temp
- Thru
- Time
- Timecode
- TimecodeSlot
- Timer
- Toggle
- Top
- Tag
- TopUp
- Transition
- Type
- UIChannel
- UIGridSelection
- Unblock
- Generic
- Unlock
- Unpark

- Unpress
- Up
- Update
- UpdateContent
- User
- User1
- User2
- UserProfile
- Video
- Version
- View
- ViewButton
- Width
- World
- Zero

1.9.3.1. ; (Semicolon)

To enter the : (Semicolon) in the command line, type ;.

Description

The semicolon separates multiple commands.

Syntax

[Command]; [Command]

Example

- To turn off sequence 5 and delete group 3, type:

User name[Fixture]>Off Sequence 5; Delete Group 3

1.9.3.2. / (Slash)

To enter the / [Slash] in the command line, press /.

Description

The slash character has two functions:

- It is used to set options during a command.
  For more information see the Option Keywords.
- It is used as a separator in the calculator.

	Important:
	When adding option keywords to your commands, make sure to use the slash without spaces.

Syntax

[Command] /Option ["Option_Value"]

Example

- To store screen 2 on view button 2.7, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store ViewButton 2.7 /Screen "2"
```

Paste to Command Line

For information on the key and its location see the / [Slash] | * [Asterisk/Multiply] key.

1.9.3.3. . (Dot)

To enter the . [Dot] in the command line, press .

Description

The dot is a separator which is used in fractional digits and hierarchic IDs of objects.

	Important:
	Make sure to use the dot without spaces.

Syntax

[Command] [Value].[Value_Fraction]

[Command] [Parent_Number].[Child_Number]

Examples

- To call the second color preset for fixture 31.2, type:

User name[Fixture]> Fixture 31.2 At Preset 4.2

- To set the pan attribute to 50.5, type:

User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At 50.5

Paste to Command Line

For information on the key and its location see . [Dot] key.

1.9.3.4. = (Equal)

To enter the = [Equal] character in the command line, type **=**.

Description

The = [Equal] character is used when assigning a value to an object setting.

Many objects have different settings and these settings can be set using the setting name followed by the equal sign and then the desired value.

It is used in conjunction with the Set keyword.

	Hint:
	The equal character can be omitted in the command. In case a command could be misinterpreted, use this character.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] ["Setting"] = ["Option"]

Example

- To set the setting Enabled in macro line 1 of macro 3 to No, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Macro 3.1 "Enabled" = "No"
```

1.9.3.5. #[Object]

To enter the #[Object] character in the command line, type **#[Object]**.

Description

The #[Object] is used instead of object numbers or names in order to address an object. Using #[Object] makes it unnecessary to update macros or commands if the object was moved or the name of the object was changed.

Syntax

[Function] #[Object "Object_Name"]

[Function] #[Object Object_Number]

Examples

- To set the variable "MyHandle" to the handle of macro 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "MyHandle" #[Macro 1]
```

Paste to Command Line

or:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "MyHandle" At Macro 1
```

- To go to the next cue in sequence 23 using the handle of the sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Go+ #[Sequence 23]
```

- To delete macro lines 1 to 5 of macro 42 using the handle of macro 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete #[Macro 42].1 Thru 5
```

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1.9.3.6. $ (Dollar Sign)

To enter the $ (dollar sign) in the command line, type **$**.

Description

The $ (dollar sign) character is used to address variables using the command line.

For more information on how to set variables see SetUserVariable keyword and the topic Variables.

Syntax

[Function] $[Variable_Name]

Example

- To log into user, whose name is stored in the variable "JanePublic", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LogIn $JanePublic
```

1.9.3.7. <<< (GoFastBackward)

To enter the <<< [GoFastBackward] keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press <<<
- Type **<<<**
- Type the shortcut **<**

Description

The <<< [GoFastBackward] keyword is a playback keyword which is used to jump to the previous cue in a sequence, without using cue timing.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

	Hint:
	Instead of Goto it is also possible to use <<< in order to go to a specified cue.

Syntax

<<< [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To jump to the previous cue in sequence 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> <<< Sequence 3
```

- To jump to the previous cue in the sequence assigned to executor 103 (on the current page), type:

```
User name[Fixture]> <<< Executor 103
```

- To jump to the previous cue on all sequences assigned to executors on page 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]><<< Page 4
```

For information on the key and its location see the <<< [GoFastBackward] | Black key.

1.9.3.8. >>> (GoFastForward)

To enter the >>> [GoFastForward] keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press >>>
- Type **>>>**
- Type the shortcut **>**

Description

The >>> [GoFastForward] keyword is a playback keyword which is used to jump to the next cue in a sequence without using cue timing.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

	Hint:
	Instead of Goto it is also possible to use >>> in order to go to a specified cue.

Syntax

>>> [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To jump to the next cue in sequence 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> >>> Sequence 3
```

- To jump to the next cue in the sequence assigned on executor 103, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> >>> Executor 103
```

- To jump to the next cue on all sequences assigned to executors on page 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> >>> Page 4
```

- To jump to the next cue in the sequences assigned to executor 211 on page 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> >>> Page 5.211
```

For information on the key and its location see >>> [GoFastForward] | Flash key.

1.9.3.9. - (Minus)

To enter the - [Minus] keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press -
- Type **-** [Minus]

Description

The - [Minus] keyword is used to remove objects from a list or to indicate negative values.

If the - [Minus] keyword is used in order to indicate values, it will indicate absolute or relative values:

- A space between the - [Minus] and the value is automatically added. The space makes the value relative
- To obtain an absolute value, remove the space between the - [Minus]

Syntax

([Attribute] ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At - [Value]

[Object] ["Object_Name or Object_Number] - [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] [Number]

Examples

- To reduce the percentage readout of pan by 10 percent, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At - 10
```

Paste to Command Line

- To reduce 10 % from the current dimmer value in the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At - 10
```

Paste to Command Line

- To select the entire group 5 without selecting fixture 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Group 5 - Fixture 2
```

- To remove fixtures 5, 6, and 7 in the current selection of fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>- Fixture 5 Thru 7
```

For information on the key and its location see - [Minus] key.

1.9.3.10. * (Asterisk)

To enter the * [Asterisk] in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press and hold Shift + 8 on the internal keyboard
- Press and hold MA + /* on the numeric keypad of the console

Description

The * [Asterisk] is a placeholder which is used to substitute any other character or characters in a name.

- If used in calculations, the asterisk would define a multiplication.
- If used as object number, the asterisk would reperesent all objects within the specified object type.
- If used with names, the asterisk would act as a wildcard to match multiple objects.

Syntax

[Command] "Name*"

[Command] [Object] *

	Hint:
	The * [Asterisk] can be positioned anywhere within the name string.

Examples

- To select the fixtures of all groups beginning with "Mac" in the group pool object name, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Group "Mac*"
```

- To select all fixtures with a name beginning with "backt" and ending with "blue", type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Fixture "backt*blue"
```

- To enable all macro lines in macro 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Macro 5.* Property "Enabled" "Yes"
```

For information on the key and its location see / [Slash] | * [Asterisk/Multiply] key.

1.9.3.11. % (Percent)

To enter the % [Percent] keyword in the command line, type %.

Description

The % [Percent] keyword is a helping keyword that can be used as a scaling operator.

Syntax

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At % [Value]

Examples

Requirement: Set the dimmer to 70 %

- To reduce the dimmer value from 70 % to 35 % in a selected fixture, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At % 50
```

Paste to Command Line

- To set the tilt to 90 % of the current value in a selected fixture, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Tilt" At % 90
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.12. + (Plus)

To enter the + [Plus] keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press +
- Type **+**

Description

The + [Plus] keyword is a helping keyword that has various functions.

It is used to combine multiple objects in a list or to indicate relative values. When used as a relative indicator without a value, value 1 is used.

If used as a starting keyword, the + [Plus] keyword creates a selection list which is added to the current selection.

Syntax

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At + [Value]

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] + ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To delete cue 1 and 2 on the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Delete Cue 1 + 2
```

- To add 5 % to the current dimmer value, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At + 5
```

Paste to Command Line

- To add fixtures 5, 6 and 7 to the current selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>+ Fixture 5 Thru 7
```

For infomation on the key and its location see + [Plus] key.

1.9.3.13. Absolute

To enter the Absolute keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Time + Time + Time + Time
- Type **Absolute**
- Type the shortcut **Ab**

Description

The Absolute keyword is used to address the absolute layer.

Syntax

Absolute

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At Absolute [Value]

Examples

- To set the layer to absolute, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Absolute
```

- To set the color red to 10 in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "ColorRGB_R" At Absolute 10
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.14. Acceleration

To enter the Acceleration keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Acceleration**
- Type the shortcut **Acc**

Description

The Acceleration keyword is used to set the acceleration curve of a step in the phaser.

For more information see Phasers.

Syntax

Acceleration

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At Acceleration [Value]

Examples

- To set the layer to accelerate, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Acceleration
```

- To set the acceleration curve of the dimmer to 70, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Acceleration 70
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.15. Action

To enter the Action keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Action**
- Type the shortcut **Actio**

Description

The Action keyword is used to call functions that do not have a designated keyword.

Syntax

Action ["Function"]

Examples

- To store the pan/tilt position to calibration point 1 of the currently selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Action "StoreCalibrationPoint1"
```

Paste to Command Line

- To call the pan/tilt position of the currently selected fixture of calibration point 2 into the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Action "CallCalibrationPoint2"
```

- To solve the stage calibration, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Action "SolveCalibration"
```

1.9.3.16. Agenda

To enter the Agenda keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Agenda**
- Type the shortcut **Age**

Description

The Agenda keyword represents the single agenda events.

For more information see Agenda.

Syntax

[Function] Agenda ["Agenda_Name" or Agenda_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Agenda keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Date

Examples

- To assign sequence 1 to the agenda event 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Assign Sequence 1 At Agenda 1
```

Paste to Command Line

- To give the first agenda event the name "Sunset", type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Label Agenda 1 "Sunset"
```

Paste to Command Line

- To change the mode of the second agenda event to "Dawn", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Agenda 2 Property "Mode" "Dawn"
```

1.9.3.17. ActivationGroup

To enter the ActivationGroup keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ActivationGroup**
- Type the shortcut **AG** or type **Act**

Description

The ActivationGroup keyword represents attributes that are activated together.

For more information see Activation Group.

Syntax

[Function] ActivationGroup

Example

- To list all activation groups, type:

User name[Fixture]>List ActivationGroup

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.18. Align

To enter the Align keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Align
- Type **Align**
- Type the shortcut **Al**

Description

The Align keyword is a function keyword which is used to toggle through the align modes of the attribute encoders.

To toggle through the modes, repeatedly press Align.

Align Mode	Index Number
Off	0
/	1
<	2
>	3
><	4
<>	5

For more information on the align modes, see Operate Fixtures - Align.

Syntax

Align ["Align_Mode" or Align_Index_Number]

Examples

- To set the encoders to the first align mode, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Align "<"
```

Paste to Command Line

- To disable the align mode altogether, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Align 0
```

Paste to Command Line

For information on the key and its location see Align key.

1.9.3.19. AlignTransition

To enter the AlignTransition keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **AlignTransition**
- Type the shortcut **Alignt**

Description

The AlignTransition keyword is used to toggle between the align transition modes:

AlignTransition Mode	Index Number
Linear	0
Sinus	1
Slow	2
Fast	3

Syntax

AlignTransition ["AlignTransition_Name" or AlignTransition_Index_Number]

AlignTransition [Function]

Examples

- To set the AlignTransition to Sinus, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> AlignTransition "Sinus"
```

Paste to Command Line

- To toggle the AlignTransition to the previous align mode, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AlignTransition Previous
```

Paste to Command Line

- To toggle the AlignTransition to the next align mode, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AlignTransition Next
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.20. Appearance

To enter the Appearance keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X4 + X4
- Type **Appearance**
- Type the shortcut **Ap**

Description

The Appearance keyword is used to assign an appearance to an object.

For more information see Appearance.

Syntax

Assign Appearance ["Appearance_Name" or Appearance_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To assign appearance 3 to group 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Appearance 3 At Group 1
```

Paste to Command Line

- To assign appearance "Sunset" to group 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Appearance "Sunset" At Group 2
```

1.9.3.21. Assign

To enter the Assign keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Assign
- Type **Assign**
- Type the shortcut **As**

Description

The Assign keyword is a function which is used to assign objects to other objects.

To unassign objects in other objects, use the **Assign Off** command.

To set parameters for objects, use the Set keyword.

For more information see:

- Assign macros to keys and buttons
- Create new presets
- Use appearances
- Store and recall views

Syntax

Assign [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Assign Off [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Option Keywords

The Assign keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Tab

Examples

- To assign macro 2 to executor page 1 executor 402, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Macro 2 At Page 1.402
```

- To assign view 2 to display 2 and view button 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign View 2 At ViewButton 2.3
```

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- To assign appearance 3 to group 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Appearance 3 At Group 5
```

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- To assign appearance 1 to the sequences 2, 3 and 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Appearance 1 At Sequence 2 + 3 + 4
```

- To unassign tag "ArgleBargle" in sequence 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Off Tag "ArgleBargle" At Sequence 3
```

- To share data of sequence 1 with sequence 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Sequence 1 At Sequence 2
```

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- To revert sharing data of sequence 2 in sequence 1 and keep all settings of sequence 2,

1. Type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Sequence 2 At Sequence 3
```

2. After that, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Sequence 2
```

For more information on sharing data in sequences see Cues and Sequences.

	Hint:
	In terms of playback, mirrored sequences are independent from one another. However, their content is linked.

Requirements:

1. Open the grandMA3 demo showfile.
2. Tap view button 1 "Fixture" on screen 1. The Fixture Sheet opens on screen 1.
   - To assign the filter "Only Dimmer" to the Fixture Sheet on screen 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Filter "Only Dimmer" At ScreenContent 1.1.1
```

- To assign the world 1 to the Fixture Sheet on screen 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign World 1 At ScreenContent 1.1.1
```

For information on the key and its location see Assign key.

1.9.3.22. At

To enter the At keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press At
- Type **At**
- Type the shortcut **A**

Description

The At keyword is a function keyword and a helping keyword at once.

- As a function keyword it is used to apply values.
- As a helping keyword it is used along with other function keywords to indicate destination.

	Hint:
	At applies values live in the programmer. For information on how to apply values throughout the show file see the Clone keyword.

At is "the exception that proves the rule". At is one of the few functional keywords which accept objects before the function.

As a starting keyword, At is a function that applies values in the programmer to the current selection.

If value type Fade or Delay is used, the value list will be applied as individual fade/delay times.

Following an object list, At is a function that applies values to the object list. If the object list does not support the At function, the object list is resolved into a selection list and At applies values in the programmer.

Following an object list that follows a function, At is a helping keyword for the starting function.

General Syntax

At ([Value_Type]) [Value]

At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

[Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At ([Value_Type]) [Value]

[Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

[Destination] At [Source] (If [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) (/Option)

Syntax as a Helping Keyword

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To set the MasterFader of the sequence 1 to 30 %, type:

User name[Fixture]>FaderMaster Sequence 1 At 30

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- To set the dimmer attributes of the current selection to 75%, type:

User name[Fixture]>At 75

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- To set the fixture selection to the values of cue 3 in the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>At Cue 3

- To set the pan attribute of the selected fixtures to 20, type:

User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At 20

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- To set an individual delay time of 2 seconds to attribute 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Attribute 2 At Delay 2

- To copy group 4 to group 10, type:

User name[Fixture]>Copy Group 4 At 10

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- To set a speed to 60 using the speed readout specified in the user profile (for example, BPM), type:

User name[Fixture]>At Speed 60

	Hint:
	If you use the At command without specifying additional attributes, the natural readout of the dimmer of the user profile will be used.

Requirement: Enable single digit input first.

For more information on single digit input and how to enable it see User Settings.

- To apply a dimmer value of 50 to the currently selected fixtures as single digit input, type:

User name[Fixture]>At 5

- To apply a dimmer value of 40 to fixtures 1 to 4, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 4 At 4

For information on the key and its location see At key.

1.9.3.23. Attribute

To enter the Attribute keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Preset Preset
- Type **Attribute**
- Type the shortcut **Att**

Description

The Attribute keyword is an object keyword which is used to set attributes of a fixture.

The default function of attributes is Call. If you call an attribute, you can use the encoders to modify the values. Calling attributes also selects the attributes in the fixture sheet.

	Important:
	The number of an attribute may vary if new fixtures and attributes are added to the show file. We recommend you use the unique library name of attributes.
	Hint:
	• Attributes are organized by subattributes; • Subattributes are organized by features; • Features are organized by feature groups.

Syntax

[Function] Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]

Examples

- To view the list of attributes along with their corresponding names and numbers in the command line history, type:

User name[Fixture]> List Attribute

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- To set the attribute "Pan" to 120 degrees in the selected fixtures, type:

User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At 120

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- To knock out the first attribute, which is Dimmer, in the current selection, type:

User name[Fixture]> Off Attribute 1

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Requirement: Load the demo show and select fixture 1.

- To set the random strobe (channel function 4) of the selected fixture to a value of 4 Hz, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Shutter1StrobeRandom" At 4
```

1.9.3.24. AutoCreate

To enter the AutoCreate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **AutoCreate**
- Type the shortcut **Ac** or **Au**

Description

The AutoCreate keyword creates objects depending on predefined source objects. It can, for example, create groups in the fixture types of the patched fixtures.

	Hint:
	If your selection is defined as source list, the active MAtricks settings will be taken into cosideration whenever executing AutoCreate.

Syntax

AutoCreate [Source_Object] ["Source_Object_Name" or Source_Object_Number] At [Destination_Object] ["Destination_Object_Name" or Destination_Object_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The AutoCreate keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /All
- /ChannelSet
- /Merge
- /OddEven
- /Overwrite
- /Single

Examples

- To create single fixture groups starting with group pool object 1 using all selected fixtures, type:

User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate Selection At Group 1

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- To create single fixture groups for fixtures 1 to 10 starting with group pool object 1, type:

User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate Fixture 1 Thru 10 At Group 1

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Requirement:

1. Insert at least ten fixture types in the show file and patch at least two fixtures of every fixture type.
   - To create a group in the group pool object 42 containing all fixtures of fixture type 10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureType 10 At Group 42
```

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Requirement:

1. Create layers and classes within the patch.
2. Set fixtures to these layers and classes.

	Hint:
	The demo show already uses these settings.

- To create a group in the group pool object 301 using all patched fixtures that are set to class "Spots" within the patch, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureClass "Spots" At Group 301
```

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- To create single fixture groups starting with group pool object 401 using all fixtures of fixture type 9 that are also set to fixture class "Spots", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureType 9 + 10 If FixtureClass "Spots"
```

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- To create universal dimmer presets with a value increment of 25%, with the first preset being the 11th dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate Preset "Dimmer" At Preset 1.11 "DimmerIncrement" 25
```

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1.9.3.25. AutoStore

To enter the AutoStore keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **AutoStore**
- Type the shortcut **Autos**

Description

The AutoStore keyword is used to directly store presets in a fixture type. This can be useful, for example, when you have to use a fixture type in a different show file, and want to save time by creating your own standard set of presets.

Syntax

AutoStore FixtureType ["FixtureType_Name" or FixtureType_Number]

AutoStore Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number]

AutoStore Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] At FixtureType ["FixtureType_Name" or FixtureType_Number]

Option Keywords

The AutoStore keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Merge
- /NoConfirmation
- /Overwrite

Examples

- To store your presets into the fixture type Mac Aura XB, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoStore FixtureType "Mac Aura XB"
```

- To store all possible presets to fixture type 9, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoStore Preset *.* At FixtureType 9
```

- To store possible color presets to the fixture type of fixture 1, merging existing fixture type presets, type

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoStore Preset 4.1 Thru At Fixture 1 /Merge /NoConfirmation
```

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1.9.3.26. Bitmap

To enter the Bitmap keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Bitmap**
- Type the shortcut **Bi**

Description

The Bitmap keyword allows you to use media files such as images or videos, also called bitmap generator objects, and map them to the selection of fixtures.

Syntax

At Bitmap ["Bitmap_Name" or Bitmap_Number]

Example

Requirement:
Select fixtures and arrange them in the selection grid. By doing so you create a "fixture canvas" which, on the other hand, is used to map the media file of this bitmap object to your selection of fixtures.

- To apply the bitmap generator object "Unicorn" to your selection of fixtures, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>At Bitmap "Unicorn"

1.9.3.27. Black

To enter the Black keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + <<<
- Type **Black**
- Type the shortcut **Bla**

Description

Black is a playback keyword that is used to temporarily override the master level to zero on executing objects.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

	Hint: If you press and hold an executor, this playback keyword will directly interact with a sequence or preset. Additionally, it can also be used with pool objects: 1. Enter the keyword in the command line. 2. Tap and hold the pool object. 3. The action will be applied as long as you keep holding the pool object.

Syntax

Black (On or Off) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To override the master level of executor 201 to zero, type:

User name[Fixture]>Black On Executor 201

- To return the master level of executor 201 to the master fader, type:

User name[Fixture]>Black Off Executor 201

For information on the key and its location see <<<[GoFastBackward] | Black key.

1.9.3.28. Blind

To enter the Blind keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Blind
- Type **Blind**
- Type the shortcut **B**

Description

The Blind keyword is used to suppress the output of the live programmer. It is possible to program without putting the content live. Disabling Blind activates the programmer and the changes made during the mode.

Use the DMX sheet to see that the output is set to 0.

	Hint:
	Blind is a toggle function which means that entering Blind without using a helping keyword enables or disables it.

Syntax

Blind (On or Off)

Example

- To enable Blind and to disable the output of the programmer in return, type:

User name[Fixture]>Blind

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For information on the key and its location see Blind key.

1.9.3.29. Block

To enter the Block keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Block**
- Type the shortcut **Blo**

Description

Block is a function used to add data and prevent them from tracking. Tracked values are converted to stored values.

If the object list does not contain any references to any cues, the Block function is applied to the selected sequence.

If syntax does not contain any selection list filter, all fixtures will be used.

If syntax does not contain any attribute list filter, all attributes will be used.

Syntax

Block (Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number]) Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] (If Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] FeatureGroup ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number] or Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number] EndIf)

Examples

- To block all parameters in cue 2 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Block Cue 2
```

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To unblock parameters, use the Unblock keyword.

- To block pan and tilt of fixture 4 in cue 5 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Block Cue 5 If Fixture 4 FeatureGroup "Position" EndIf
```

1.9.3.30. BPM

To enter the BPM keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **BPM**
- Type the shortcut **Bp**

Description

The BPM keyword is used to set the speed of a fixture selection or a speed master using the unit BPM.

Syntax

At Speed BPM [Value]

Master [Master_Number] At BPM [Value]

Examples

- To set the speed layer to 5 bpm, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Speed BPM 5
```

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- To set the first speed master to 75 bpm, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Master 3.1 At BPM 75
```

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1.9.3.31. Call

To enter the Call keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press On On
- Type **Call**
- Type the shortcut **Cal**

Description

The Call keyword is used to apply an object or its content.

Syntax

Call [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Call keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Screen

Examples

- To call view button 2.1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Call ViewButton 2.1
```

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- To call macro 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Call Macro 2
```

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1.9.3.32. CancelSoftwareUpdate

To enter the CancelSoftwareUpdate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CancelSoftwareUpdate**
- Type the shortcut **Can**

Description

The CancelUpdateSoftware keyword is a function keyword which is used to cancel the running process of sending grandMA3 update files to other grandMA3 devices in the network.

Syntax

CancelSoftwareUpdate

Example

Requirement:

- Device must be in the network;
- Device must send update files to other stations.

- To cancel the running process of sending update files to other stations, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> CancelSoftwareUpdate
```

1.9.3.33. Camera

To enter this keyword into the console, use one of the options:

- Type **Camera**
- Type the shortcut **Cam**

Description

The Camera keyword selects a camera in the camera pool.

Syntax

([Function]) Camera ["Camera_Name" or Camera_Number]

Examples

- To display the auto camera of the 3D, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Camera 1
```

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- To select the front camera of the 3D, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Camera "Front"
```

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1.9.3.34. Capture

To enter the Capture keyword in the command line, use one of the following options:

- Press Stomp Stomp
- Type **Capture**
- Type the shortcut **Cap**

Description

The Capture keyword is a command keyword which is used to activate the current output values of specified parameters.

Capturing parameters during a running phaser or cue fade activates the actual values at the moment the command is executed. The result is a single step of static values resembling a freeze frame of the output.

	Important:
	The capture command produces only numeric values, losing any existing preset references.
	Important:
	The capture command translates the output of each parameter into the appropriate value on the absolute layer while activating a 0 value on the relative layer. For any parameter where the output was previously composed of a combination of absolute and relative values, the output will appear the same while relying only on the absolute layer with no relative offset.

Syntax

Capture [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To capture all attributes of the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Capture
```

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- To capture only the position attributes of the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Capture FeatureGroup "Position"
```

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1.9.3.35. ChangeDestination

To enter the ChangeDestination keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ChangeDestination**
- Type the shortcut **CD** or **Chang**

Description

The ChangeDestination keyword is a function keyword used to change the current destination of the command line.

Syntax

ChangeDestination ["Element_Name" or Element_Number]

ChangeDestination Root

ChangeDestination ..

Examples

- To enter the first element of the current destination, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination 1
```

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Result:

```
User name@MessageCenter>
```

- To enter the element of the current destination called Sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination Sequence
```

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- To leave the destination "Sequence", type:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Sequences> ChangeDestination Root
```

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Result:

```
User name[Fixture]>
```

- To go one level back in the tree structure, type:

```
User name@MessageCenter/Undefined> ChangeDestination ..
```

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Result:

```
User name@MessageCenter>
```

1.9.3.36. Channel

To enter the Channel keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel
- Type **Channel**
- Type the shortcut **Ch**
- Type **F** + **1**

Description

The Channel keyword is an object keyword used to select fixtures of the ID type Channel.

Use the Channel keyword as a default keyword for the command line when programming with channels. For more information see Workspace - Command Line - Change the Default Keyword.

Syntax

Channel ["Channel_Name" or Channel_Number]

Example

- To select channel ID 10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Channel 10
```

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For information on the key and its loction see Channel key.

1.9.3.37. ChannelFunctionDefault

To enter the ChannelFunctionDefault keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ChannelFunctionDefault**
- Type the shortcut **ChannelF**

Description

The ChannelFunctionDefault keyword is used to set all attributes to the default value of the first channel function.

Syntax

ChannelFunctionDefault

Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] At ChannelFunctionDefault

Example

- To set the all attributes of fixture 1 to their channel function default values, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Fixture 1 At ChannelFunctionDefault
```

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1.9.3.38. ChangeMulticastBase

To enter the ChangeMulitcastBase keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ChangeMulticastBase**
- Type the shortcut **Changem**

Description

The ChangeMulticastBase keyword is a function keyword used to change the current address of the Multicast Base.

For more information see Session.

Syntax

ChangeMulticastBase [Device_Type] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number] /Type "Type_Value"

ChangeMulticastBase IP [IP] /Type "Type_Value"

Option Keywords

The ChangeMulticastBase keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Type

Examples

- To change the address of multicast base to **Alternative**, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeMulticastBase Processing Unit Thru /Type "Alternative"
```

- To change the address of multicast base to **Default** on the device with the IP 192.168.0.4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeMulticastBase IP 192.168.0.4 Thru /Type "Default"
```

1.9.3.39. ChannelSet

To enter the ChannelSet keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ChannelSet**
- Type the shortcut **Channels**

Description

The ChannelSet keyword is used to take channel sets, such as gobos, actively into the programmer.

Syntax

At ChannelSet ["ChannelSet_Name" or ChannelSet_Number]

Example

- To activate the values of channel set 4 in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At ChannelSet 4
```

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1.9.3.40. Chat

To enter the Chat keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Chat**

Description

The Chat keyword is used to send messages via the world server in chat channels that were already joined. These chat messages are displayed in the message center.

Syntax

Chat "Text"

Example

Requirement: Join a chat channel using the ChatJoin Keyword

- To send the text "Cyan is a great color" as a chat message to all devices that joined the same chat channels, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Chat "Cyan is a great color"
```

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1.9.3.41. ChatJoin

To enter the ChatJoin keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ChatJoin**
- Type the shortcut **Chatj**

Description

The ChatJoin keyword is used to join a chat channel.

Syntax

ChatJoin ["ChatChannel_Name"]

Example

- To join the chat channel "Color", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChatJoin "Color"
```

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1.9.3.42. ChatLeave

To enter the ChatLeave keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ChatLeave**
- Type the shortcut **ChatI**

Description

The ChatLeave keyword is used to leave a chat channel.

Syntax

ChatLeave ["ChatChannel_Name"]

Example

Requirement: Join a chat channel first

- To leave the chat channel "Color", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChatLeave "Color"
```

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1.9.3.43. CleanUp

To enter the CleanUp keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CleanUp**
- Or type the shortcut **Clean**

Description

The CleanUp keyword is a command keyword that is used to delete objects that are not used and do not contain references in the show file. For example, you can clean up sequences that are not assigned to an executor.

Syntax

CleanUp [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The CleanUp keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Recipe
- /Selective
- /Type

Examples

- To delete all unassigned sequences, type:

User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Sequence Thru

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- To delete all unused color presets in preset pool 4, type:

User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Preset 4.*

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- To delete all images without reference, type:

User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Image 3.1 Thru

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1.9.3.44. Clear

To enter the Clear keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Clear
- Type **Clear**
- Type the shortcut **Cl**

Description

The Clear keyword is a function keyword which is used to clear the selection, active values, or the programmer.

Depending on the status of the programmer the Clear keyword successively:

1. Clears selection (deselects all fixtures);
2. Clears active values (deactivates all values);
3. Clears all (empties the entire programmer).

For information on the key see the Clear Key.

For more information on each function of the Clear keyword see ClearSelection, ClearActive, ClearAll.

Syntax

Clear

Example

- To clear the selection, active values or the programmer depending on the status or the content of the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Clear
```

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For information on the key and its location see Clear key.

1.9.3.45. ClearActive

To enter the ClearActive keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ClearActive**
- Type the shortcut **Ca** or **Clearac**

Description

The ClearActive keyword is used to deactivate all values in the programmer.

For information on the key see the Clear Key.

For more information on the additional functions of the Clear keyword see Clear, ClearAll, ClearSelection.

Syntax

ClearActive

Example

- To deactivate active values in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ClearActive
```

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1.9.3.46. ClearAll

To enter the ClearAll keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ClearAll**
- Type the shortcut **Cleara**

Description

The ClearAll function clears the selection and discards all values in the programmer.

For information on the key see the Clear Key.

For more information on the additional functions of the Clear keyword see Clear, ClearActive, ClearSelection.

Syntax

ClearAll

Example

- To clear the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ClearAll
```

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1.9.3.47. ClearSelection

To enter the ClearSelection keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Type **ClearSelection**
- Type the shortcut **CS or Clears**

Description

The ClearSelection keyword is a function keyword which is used to deselect the selected fixtures.

For information on the key see the Clear Key.

For more information on the additional functions of the Clear keyword see Clear, ClearActive, ClearAll.

Syntax

ClearSelection

Example

- To deselect selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ClearSelection
```

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1.9.3.48. Clone

To enter the Clone keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X1 | Clone
- Type **Clone**
- Type **Clo**

Description

Clone replicates data from one fixture or selection to another throughtout the show file. For more information on applying values live in the programmer only, see the At keyword.

Syntax

Clone [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (If [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Option)

Option Keywords

The Clone keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /MergeLowPriority
- /MergeHighPriority
- /NoDependencies
- /Overwrite

Examples

- To clone the entire show data from fixture 1 to fixture 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2
```

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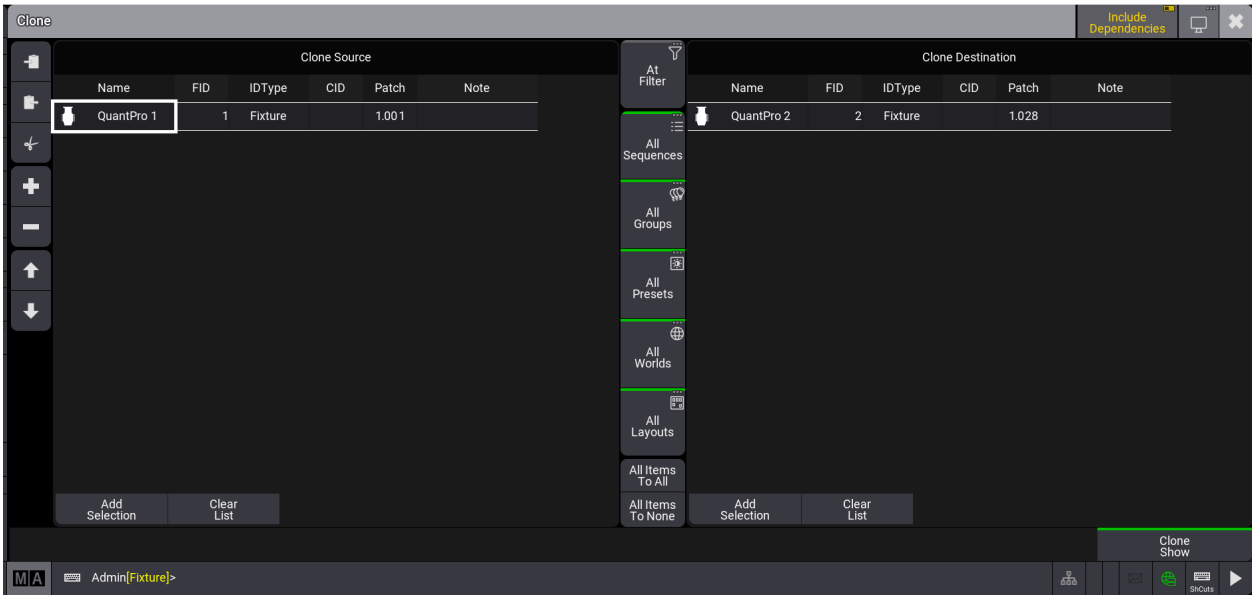
The Clone window opens.



Clone Window

For more information on cloning in the general user interface see Clone.

- To clone data from fixtures 1 and 2 to fixtures in group 10 within sequence 1 thru 10C only, type:

User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 + 2 At Group 10 If Sequence 1 Thru 10

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- To clone all objects within data pool 1 from fixtures 1 thru 12 to fixtures 101 thru 112, type:

User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 Thru 12 At Fixture 101 Thru 112 If DataPool 1

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For more information on data pools, see the Data Pools.

- To clone the pan attribute of fixture 1 to the tilt attribute of fixture 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 Attribute "Pan" At Fixture 2 Attribute "Tilt"

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	Hint:
	When cloning presets and cue data, all presets referenced by the destination objects are automatically cloned in addition.
	Hint:
	The syntax: Clone [Source_Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Destination_Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Option) produces the same results as: [Destination_Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Source_Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Option) All options described above work the same for both syntax structures.

	When cloning without the **Clone** keyword, keep in mind that the source and destination change places within the syntax. For more information on the **At** keyword, see the At keyword.

For information on the key and its location see X1 | Clone key.

1.9.3.49. CommandDelay

To enter the CommandDelay keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CommandDelay**
- Type the shortcut **Com**

Description

The CommandDelay sets the delay time when executing commands in a cue.

Syntax

CommandDelay [CommandDelay_Value]

([Function]) (Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number]) Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] CommandDelay [CommandDelay_Value]

Example

- To create cue 3 and set the cue's command delay to 4 seconds, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 3 CommandDelay 4

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1.9.3.50. Collect

To enter the Collect keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Select Select
- Type **Collect**
- Type the shortcut **Coll**

Description

The Collect keyword is used to add objects of the same type to a collection. For more information on collection see Collection Keyword.

	Hint:
	It is possible to collect empty pool objects during import or when storing.

Syntax

Collect [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To add the second preset of the color preset pool to the collection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Collect Preset 4.2

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- To add a different color preset to the collection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Collect Preset 4.10

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- To reset a collection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Collect

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1.9.3.51. Collection

To enter the Collection keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Fixture + Fixture + Fixture
- Type **Collection**
- Type the shortcut **Collecti**

Description

The Collection keyword is an object keyword used to represent the current collection of objects.

	Important:
	A collection stays always at the same spot it was collected at.
	Hint:
	Pool objects that are part of a collection have an orange frame around them. They also display the order of the collection which is located on top of a pool object.

.Syntax

[Function] Collection At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

Requirement: Create a collection of color presets

- To move the collection to the twentieth color preset, type:

User name[Fixture]>Move Collection At Preset 4.20

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1.9.3.52. Color

To enter the Color keyword in the command line, type **Color**.

Description

The Color keyword is an object keyword which is used, for example, to adjust the color of the color theme to your liking.

Syntax

Set Color ["ColorGroup_Name"."Text"] Property ["Property_Name" "Property_Value"]

Examples

- To set the color of the color theme to green, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Color "Global"."Text" Property "RGBA" "00FF00FF"
```

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1.9.3.53. ColorDefinition

To enter the ColorDefinition keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ColorDefinition**
- Type the shortcut **Colord**

Description

The ColorDefinition keyword is an object keyword which is used, for example, to adjust the color defintion of the color theme to your liking.

Syntax

[Function] ColorDefinition ["ColorDefinitionGroup_Name" or ColorDefinitionGroup_Number](.["ColorDefinition_Name" or ColorDefinition_Number]) (Property ["Property_Name"] ["Property_Value"])

Examples

- To set the color defintion "Text" in the ColorDefinitionGroup "Global" to red, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set ColorDefinition "Global"."Text" Property "RGBA" "FF0000FF"
```

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1.9.3.54. ColorTheme

To enter the ColorTheme keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ColorTheme**
- Type the shortcut **Col**

Description

ColorTheme is an object keyword which is used, for example, to adjust the color theme.

Syntax

[Function] ColorTheme

Examples

- To list all the elements of the color theme, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List ColorTheme
```

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- To enter the ColorTheme folder in the data structure, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination ColorTheme
```

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1.9.3.55. Configuration

To enter the Configuration keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Configuration**
- Type the shortcut **Con**

Description

A configuration contains a set of different button, key, fader, and encoder functions. It can be assigned to an executor.

Syntax

[Function] Configuration ["Configuration_Name or Configuration_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To assign configuration 2 to executor 101, type:

User name[Fixture]>Assign Configuration 2 At Executor 101

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1.9.3.56. Console

To enter the Console keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Console**
- Type the shortcut **Cons**

Description

The Console keyword is an object keyword which is used to address all grandMA3 consoles in the network.

Syntax

[Function] Console ["Console_Name" or Console_Number]

Examples

- To list all consoles that are in the same network, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Console
```

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- To invite console "FOH" to the session, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Invite Console "FOH"
```

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1.9.3.57. Cook

To enter the Cook keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Update
- Type **Cook**
- Type the shortcut **Coo**

Description

The Cook keyword is a command keyword which is used to concoct recipes of objects without accessing the editor.

For more information see Recipes.

Syntax

Cook [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Cook keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Merge
- /MergeLowPriority
- /Overwrite
- /Remove
- /Restart

Example

- To cook the recipes of the first dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cook Preset 1.1
```

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For more information see Recipes.

1.9.3.58. Copy

To enter the Copy keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Press Copy
- Type **Copy**
- Type the shortcut **Co**

Description

The Copy keyword is a function keyword which is used to create copies of an object.

If no object type is given and the command line destination is root (no destination), the default object type **– Cue –** is used for this function.

Syntax

Copy [Object] ["Source_Name" or Source_Number] At ["Destination_Name" or Destination_Number] (/Option)

Copy [Object] ["Source_Name" or Source_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Copy keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /CopyCueDestination
- /CopyCueSource
- /Default
- /Look
- /Merge
- /NoConfirmation
- /Overwrite
- /Release

Examples

- To copy group 1 to group 5, type:

User name[Fixture]>Copy Group 1 At 5

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- To copy group 1 to group 11; group 2 to group 12; and group 3 to group 13, type:

User name[Fixture]>Copy Group 1 Thru 3 At 11

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- To copy group 2 to group 6, 7, and 8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Group 2 At 6 Thru 8
```

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- To copy cue 2 to cue 6 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 2 At 6
```

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- To copy macro 2 to macro 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Macro 2 At 6
```

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For information on the key and its location see Copy key.

1.9.3.59. Cue

To enter the Cue keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Cue
- Type **Cue**
- Type the shortcut **C**

Description

	Important:
	Cue is the only object type that accepts numerical IDs as decimal fractions. The ID which is allowed for cues ranges from 0.001 to 9999.999. In all other objects, a dot indicates the ID of a parent or a child object.

Cue is an object type holding a look on stage.

Cues are arranged in sequences and are divided into parts.

For more information see the Cue and Sequence section.

The **Cue** keyword is an object keyword. Object keywords must have a function keyword in front of them to create a complete command. For more information on how to use the command syntax, see General Syntax Rules.

Cue has a default function called SelFix. This selects all the fixtures that have stored values in the cue.

If a sequence is not specified, then the selected sequence is used in the command.

Syntax

[Function] Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]

[Function] Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number] Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] ([Setting] ["Setting_Value"] (/Option)

Assign [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At (Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number]) Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]

Settings

In some settings you have to assign an object. These can be assigned using the Assign keyword.

Other settings may contain a text option or a value. Use the Set keyword for these settings.

Cues can also contain settings for MAtricks and recipe values. These can be changed using the Set Keyword.

Option Keywords

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The Cue keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Active
- /ActiveForSelected
- /AddNewContent
- /All
- /AllForSelected
- /Ask
- /CopyCueDestiation
- /CopyCueSource
- /CreateSecondCue
- /CueOnly
- /Default
- /DMX
- /GridMergeMode
- /Look
- /Merge
- /NoConfirmation
- /Output
- /Overwrite
- /Programmer
- /Release
- /Remove

Examples

- To select the fixtures with values stored in cue 3 of a selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 3
```

The default function for **Cue** is **SelFix** so **Cue 3** is the same as **SelFix Cue 3**.

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- To delete cue 2.5 in the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Cue 2.5
```

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- To store cue 2 in sequence 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 5 Cue 2
```

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- To store cue 3 in sequence 5 with a cue fade time of 7 seconds and an outfade of 11, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 5 Cue 3 CueFade 7/11
```

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1.9.3.60. CueAbsolute

To enter the CueAbsolute keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CueAbsolute**
- Type the shortcut **Cuea**

Description

CueAbsolute is a layer keyword. It is used to change the selected layer to the CueAbsolute layer. This layer can show information in, for instance, the fixture sheet. The layer shows the cue ID number for each parameter that has an absolute value from the active cues.

If a fixture sheet is set to **Auto** layer, then it will automatically change to show the selected layer.

A cue is composed of **[Sequence_Number].[Cue_Number]:[Part_Index]**

Syntax

CueAbsolute

Examples

- To select the CueAbsolute layer, type:

User name[Fixture]>CueAbsolute

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1.9.3.61. CopyCrashLog

To enter the CopyCrashLog keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CopyCrashLog**
- Type the shortcuts **Copyc**

Description

CopyCrashLog is a function keyword that is used to copy crash logs into the crash logs folder in the gma3_library folder on any device.

Syntax

CopyCrashLog (If Drive ["Drive_Name" or Drive_Number] /Option)

Option Keywords

The CopyCrashLog keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Remove

Examples

- To copy crash logs to one or more connected USB drives, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CopyCrashLog
```

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- To copy crash logs to the internal drive, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CopyCrashLog If Drive 1
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.62. CueDelay

To enter the CueDelay keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Time Time (If the Time Key Target is set to Cue. For more information see User Settings and Time Key.)
- Type **CueDelay**
- Type the shortcut **Cued**

Description

CueDelay can set both the indelay and the outdelay time of a cue. To do so, use a /. See examples further down.

For more information on how to set the delay times in objects see the Delay Keyword.

Syntax

(Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]) CueDelay [CueDelay_Time]

(Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]) CueDelay [CueInDelay_Time]/[CueOutDelay_Time]

Examples

- To enter a delay of 5 seconds in the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueDelay 5
```

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- To set an indelay of 6 seconds and an outdelay of 12 seconds in the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueDelay 6/12
```

Paste to Command Line

- To adjust the CueInDelay to 3 seconds, but leave the CueOutDelay as it was, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueDelay 3/
```

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- To enter a delay of 5 seconds in cues 1 to 4 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 1 Thru 4 CueDelay 5
```

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1.9.3.63. CueFade

To enter the CueFade keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Time (If the Time Key Target is set to Cue. For more information see User Settings and Time Key.)
- Type **CueFade**
- Type **Cuef**

Description

CueFade can set both the infade and the outfade time of a cue. To do so, use a /. See examples further down.

As a helping keyword for programming functions (for example Store), this keyword sets the fade time of a cue or a cue part.

Syntax

(Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]) CueFade [CueFade_Time]

(Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]) CueFade [CueInFade_Time]/[CueOutFade_Time]

Examples

- To enter a fade of 5 seconds in a cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueFade 5
```

Paste to Command Line

- To set an infade of 6 seconds and an outfade of 12 seconds in the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueFade 6/12
```

Paste to Command Line

- To adjust the CueInFade to 3 seconds, but leave the CueOutFade as it was, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueFade 3/
```

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- To enter a fade of 5 seconds in cues 1 to 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 1 Thru 4 CueFade 5
```

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- To enter a fade time of 1 hour 22 minutes 56.3 seconds in cue 1 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 1 CueFade 1h22m56.3
```

Paste to Command Line

Or press:

Time 1 . . . 2 2 . . 5 6 . 3

- To double the CueFade time, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueFade * 2
```

Paste to Command Line

- To subtract 3 seconds from the CueFade time, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueFade - 3
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.64. CueInDelay

To enter the CueInDelay keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CueInDelay**
- Type the shortcut **Cueind**

Description

CueInDelay sets the delay time of a cue.

Syntax

(Cue ["Cue_Name or Cue_Number]) CueInDelay [CueInDelay_Time]

Examples

- To enter an indelay of 5 seconds in the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueInDelay 5
```

Paste to Command Line

- To enter an indelay of 5 seconds in cues 1 to 4 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 1 Thru 4 CueInDelay 5
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.65. CueInFade

To enter the CueInFade keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CueInFade**
- Type the shortcut **Cuei**

Description

CueInFade sets the infade time of a cue.

Syntax

(Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]) CueInFade [CueInFade_Time]

Examples

- To enter an infade of 5 seconds in the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueInFade 5
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.66. CueOutDelay

To enter the CueOutDelay keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CueOutDelay**
- Type the shortcut **Cueoutd**

Description

CueOutDelay sets the outdelay time of a cue.

	Hint:
	CueOutDelay is only used by dimmer parameters that go to a lower value in the cue.

Syntax

(Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]) CueOutDelay [CueOutDelay_Time]

Examples

- To enter an outdelay of 5 seconds in the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueOutDelay 5
```

Paste to Command Line

- To enter an outdelay of 5 seconds in cues 1 to 4 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 1 Thru 4 CueOutDelay 5
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.67. CueOutFade

To enter the CueOutFade keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CueOutFade**
- Type the shortcut **Cueo**

Description

CueOutFade sets the outfade time of a cue.

	Hint:
	CueOutFade is only used by dimmer parameters that go to a lower value in the cue.

Syntax

(Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]) CueOutFade [CueOutFade_Time]

Examples

- To enter an outfade of 5 seconds in the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueOutFade 5
```

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- To enter an outfade of 5 seconds in cues 1 to 4 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 1 Thru 4 CueOutFade 5
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.68. CueRelative

To enter the CueRelative keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CueRelative**
- Type the shortcut **Cuer**

Description

CueRelative is a layer keyword. It is used to change the selected layer to the CueRelative layer. This layer can show information in, for instance, the fixture sheet. The layer shows the cue ID number for each parameter that has a relative value from the active cues.

If a fixture sheet is set to **Auto** layer, then it will automatically change to show the selected layer.

A cue is composed of **[Sequence_Number].[Cue_Number]:[Part_Index]**

Syntax

CueRelative

Example

- To select the CueRelative layer, type:

User name[Fixture]>CueRelative

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.69. CueUpdate

To enter the CueUpdate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CueUpdate**
- Type the shortcut **Cueu**

Description

CueUpdate keyword is an object keyword which addresses all cues that can be updated.

Syntax

[Function] CueUpdate [CueUpdate_Number]

Examples

- To list all the cues that can be updated in the command line feedback, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List CueUpdate
```

Paste to Command Line

It is the same list shown in the Update menu.

	Important:
	The number relates to the first element in the list. It does not represent the cue number.

- To update the first cue in the list, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Update CueUpdate 1
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.70. CurrentEnvironment

To enter the CurrentEnvironment keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CurrentEnvironment**
- Type the shortcut **CurEnv or Currente**

Description

The CurrentEnvironment keyword addresses the currently selected environment of the current user - Live or Preview.

Syntax

[Function] CurrentEnvironment (Property ["Property_Name"] ["Value"])

Example

- To set the align mode to >< (butterfly) in the current environment, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set CurrentEnvironment Property "AlignMode" "><"
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.71. CurrentUser

To enter the CurrentUser keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CurrentUser**
- Type the shortcut **CU** or **Cur**

Description

CurrentUser represents the user that is currently logged in.

Syntax

[Function] CurrentUser (["Property"] ["Value"])

Examples

- To list all properties and their values of the current user, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List CurrentUser
```

Paste to Command Line

- To assign appearance 12 to the current user, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Appearance 12 At CurrentUser
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.72. CurrentUserProfile

To enter the CurrentUserProfile keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **CurrentUserProfile**
- Type the shortcut **CUP**
- Or type the shortcut **Currentuserp**

Description

The CurrentUserProfile keyword represents the profile of the current user.

Syntax

[Function] CurrentUserProfile (["Property"] ["Value"])

Examples

- To set single step in the current user profile, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set CurrentUserProfile "SingleStep" "Yes"
```

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- To set the wheel resolution to normal in the current user profile, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set CurrentUserProfile "Wheelresolution" "Normal"
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.73. Cut

To enter the Cut keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Copy
- Type **Cut**

Description

The Cut keyword is a function keyword used to specify the source objects for a two-step action.

Syntax

Cut [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

The object is temporarily stored for later use as source object for the following Paste command.

For more information on Cut & Paste see the Paste Keyword.

Example

- To prepare the color preset 1 to be moved using the Paste keyword, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cut Preset 4.1
```

Paste to Command Line

1.9.3.74. DataPool

To enter the DataPool keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Preset + Preset
- Type **DataPool**
- Type the shortcut **Da**

Description

The DataPool keyword is used to address a data pool or objects outside the data pool you are currently in.

Syntax

[Function] DataPool [DataPool_Number] ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Example

- To go to the next cue in sequence 2 in the data pool 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Go+ DataPool 2 Sequence 2
```

1.9.3.75. Deceleration

To enter the Deceleration keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Deceleration**
- Type the shortcut **Dec**

Description

The Deceleration keyword is used to set the deceleration curve of a step in the phaser.

For more information see Phasers.

Syntax

Deceleration

[At] Deceleration [Value]

Examples

- To set the layer to deceleration, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Deceleration
```

- To set the deceleration curve of the dimmer to 85, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Deceleration 85
```

1.9.3.76. Decimal8

To enter the Decimal8 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Decimal8**
- Type the shortcut **Deci**

Description

The Decimal8 keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the 8bit decimal notation.

Syntax

At [Layer] Decimal8 [Value]

Examples

- To set the absolute layer to 255 in decimal8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute Decimal8 255
```

- To set the pan value in the absolute layer to 128 in Decimal8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "pan" At Absolute Decimal8 128
```

1.9.3.77. Deactivate

To enter the Deactivate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Off
- Type **Deactivate**
- Type the shortcut **Dea**

Description

The Deactivate keyword deactivates active data in the programmer. Values will not be stored when storing cues or presets as values are subject to store settings.

For more information see Store Settings and Store Preferences.

Syntax

Deactivate Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]

Example

- To deactivate the pan attribute in the currently selected fixutres, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Deactivate Attribute "Pan"

1.9.3.78. Decimal16

To enter the Decimal16 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Decimal16**
- Type the shortcut **Decimal1**

Description

The Decimal16 keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the 16bit hexadecimal notation.

Syntax

At [Layer] Decimal16 [Value]

Examples

- To set the dimmer for the selected fixtures on the absolute layer to 65535 in Decimal16, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute Decimal16 65535
```

- To set the pan attribute for the selected fixtures on the absolute layer to 32768 in Decimal16, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At Absolute Decimal16 32768
```

1.9.3.79. Decimal24

To enter the Decimal24 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Decimal24**
- Type the shortcut **Decimal2**

Description

The Decimal24 keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the 24bit decimal notation.

Syntax

At [Layer] Decimal24 [Value]

Examples

- To set the absolute layer to 1677721 in decimal24, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute Decimal24 1677721
```

- To set the pan value in the absolute layer to 800000 in Decimal24, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "pan" At Absolute Decimal24 800000
```

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1.9.3.80. Default

To enter the Default keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + .
- Type **Default**
- Type the shortcut **Def**

Description

The Default keyword is used to reset the attributes of your fixture selection to default values. If there is no attribute list, all attributes of the selected fixtures will be set to their default values.

Syntax

Default

Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] At Default (FeatureGroup ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number])

Store Default (/Option)

Examples

- To set the dimmer of fixture 1 to its default values, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Fixture 1 At Default
```

- To set the position attribute of fixture 2 to default, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 2 At Default FeatureGroup 2
```

Example: Store Special Values

Requirement:

Activate values in the programmer:

-Call a preset or turn the attribute encoders.

- To store the currently active values as default values, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Default
```

- To reset the special values in the currently active values, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Store Default /Remove

For more information on the special values see Parameter List.

1.9.3.81. Delay

To enter the Delay keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Time Time (If the Time Key Target is set to Fixture. For more information see User Settings and Time Key.)
- Press MA Time Time Time
- Type **Delay**
- Type the shortcut **Dela**

Description

Delay sets the delay time of an object.

For more information on the delay times for cues see CueDelay Keyword.

Syntax

Delay [Delay_Time]

Example

- To set an individual delay time of 4 seconds in the current selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Delay 4
```

1.9.3.82. DeleteGlobalVariable

To enter the DeleteGlobalVariable keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DeleteGlobalVariable**
- Type the shortcut **Deleteg**

Description

The DeleteGlobalVariable keyword is used to delete global variables in a show.

Syntax

DeleteGlobalVariable ["Name of Variable"]

Example

- To delete the global variable Urban Blues 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DeleteGlobalVariable "Urban Blues 3"
```

1.9.3.83. Delete

To enter the Delete keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Delete
- Type **Delete**
- Type the shortcut **D**

Description

The Delete keyword is a function keyword which is used to remove data in a show file.

Syntax

Delete [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Option Keywords

The Delete keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /NoConfirmation

Examples

- To delete group 1 in the group pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Delete Group 1
```

- To delete cue 2 in the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Cue 2
```

For information on the key and its location see Delete key.

1.9.3.84. DeleteOtherVersion

To enter the DeleteOtherVersion keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DeleteOtherVersion**
- Type the shortcut **Deleteo**

Description

The DeleteOtherVersion keyword is a function keyword that is used to delete the installation files of the software versions in a grandMA3 device.

Syntax

DeleteOtherVersion "release_type_x.x.x.x.xml;/Path/to/MALightingTechnology/installation_packages"

Example

- To delete the installation files of the version 1.6.3.67 on your Windows® computer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DeleteOtherVersion
"release_stick_v1.6.3.67.xml;C:/ProgramData/MALightingTechnology/installation_packages"
```

1.9.3.85. DeleteUserVariable

To enter the DeleteUserVariable keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DeleteUserVariable**
- Type the shortcut **Deleteu**

Description

The DeleteUserVariable keyword is used to delete user-specific variables.

Syntax

DeleteUserVariable ["Name of Variable"]

Example

- To delete the user-specific variable "Green 5", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DeleteUserVariable "Green 5"
```

1.9.3.86. Disconnect

To enter the Disconnect keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Disconnect**
- Type the shortcut **Disc**

Description

The Disconnect keyword disconnects the station from session. Contrary to Dismiss, the Disconnect keyword only disables the network of the station and does not reset the name of session and location of the device. Disconnect only works in devices that take part in the same session.

Syntax

Disconnect IP [IP_Number]

Disconnect [DeviceType] ["DeviceType_Name" or DeviceType_Number]

Example

- To disconnect the console with the name "SystemTech" from the session, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Disconnect Console "SystemTech"
```

1.9.3.87. Dismiss

To enter the Dismiss keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Dismiss**
- Type the shortcut **Di**

Description

The Dismiss keyword is used to throw stations out of your session.

Syntax

Dismiss [DeviceType] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number]

Dismiss IP [IP_Address]

Find the device number in the Network menu:

- To show the devices, unfold the device type.
- Along with other information, each device displays number, IP address, and name.

Examples

- To dismiss the console with the name "FOH2", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Dismiss Console "FOH2"
```

- To dismiss the Processing Unit with the number 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Dismiss ProcessingUnit 1
```

- To dismiss the station with the IP address 192.168.0.10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Dismiss IP 192.168.0.10
```

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1.9.3.88. Display

To enter the Display keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Display**
- Type the shortcut **Disp**

Description

Display is an object keyword which is used to manage the displays.

Syntax

[Function] Display

[Function] Display [Display_Number]

Examples

- To list all open displays, type:

User name[Fixture]> List Display

- To close display 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Display 2

- To retrieve display 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Display 2

1.9.3.89. DMXAddress

To enter the DMXAddress in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X8 | DMX + X8 | DMX
- Type **DMXAddress**
- Type the shortcut **Dmxa**

Description

The DMXAddress keyword is used to access DMX addresses directly using an absolute numbering method.

Syntax

[Function] DMXAddress [DMXAddress_Number]

DMXAddress [DMXAddress_Number] At ([Readout]) [Value]

Examples

- To select the fixture patched to universe 2, address 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelectFixtures DMXAddress 513
```

- To output 50% on the third DMX channel of universe 1 using the DMX testing function, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DMXAddress 3 At 50
```

- To output 42% on the DMX channels 8 to 15 on universe 2 using the DMX testing function, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DMXAddress 520 Thru 527 At 42
```

- To disable the DMX testing function on all DMX channels of all universes, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off DMXAddress Thru
```

For information on the key and its location see X8 | DMX key.

1.9.3.90. DMXLayer

To enter the DMXLayer keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DMXLayer**
- Type the shortcut **DMXL**

Description

DMXLayer is a layer keyword. It is used to change the selected layer to the DMXLayer. This layer can show information in, for instance, the fixture sheet.

The DMXLayer shows the values of the DMX sheet.

If a fixture sheet is set to **Auto** layer, then it will automatically change to show the selected layer.

Syntax

DMXLayer

Example

- To select the DMXLayer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> DMXLayer
```

1.9.3.91. DMXReadout

To enter the DMXReadout keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DMXReadout**
- Type the shortcut **DMXR**

Description

The DMXReadout keyword is used to set the readout of DMX values in the user profile. It affects the display of values when editing a fixture type or the normal value in the user profile.

Syntax

DMXReadout ["DMXReadout_Name" or DMXReadout_Number]

Example

- To set the DMXReadout to Hex8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DMXReadout "Hex8"
```

1.9.3.92. DMXUniverse

To enter the DMXUniverse in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X8 | DMX
- Type **DMXUniverse**
- Type the shortcut **Dmx**

Description

The DMXUniverse keyword is used to access DMX universes or all DMX channels of a universe.

Syntax

[Function] DMXUniverse ["DMXUniverse_Name" or DMXUniverse_Number]

DMXUniverse ["DMXUniverse_Name" or DMXUniverse_Number] At ([Readout]) [Value]

Examples

- To patch all DMX channels of universe 1 to universe 11, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Move DMXUniverse 1 At DMXUniverse 11
```

- To select the fixture patched to universe 2.001, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelectFixtures DMXUniverse 2.001
```

- To output 50% on the third DMX channel of universe 1 using the DMX testing function, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DMXUniverse 1.3 At 50
```

- To output 42% on the DMX channels 8 to 15 on universe 2 using the DMX testing function, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DMXUniverse 2.8 Thru 15 At 42
```

- To disable the DMX testing function on all DMX channels of all universes, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off DMXUniverse Thru
```

For information on the key and its location see X8 | DMX key.

1.9.3.93. DoubleSpeed

To enter the DoubleSpeed keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DoubleSpeed**
- Type the shortcut **DS** or **Dou**

Description

The DoubleSpeed keyword is a playback keyword which is used to change the speed of the speed masters, presets, or sequences to double the speed.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

DoubleSpeed [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To double the speed of sequence 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DoubleSpeed Sequence 2
```

1.9.3.94. Down

To enter the Down keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Down
- Type **Down**
- Type the shortcut **Do**

For more information see the Down Key.

Description

The Down keyword is a function keyword which is used to address the subfixture within the main fixture.

Syntax

Down

Example

- To select the subfixtures in the selected fixtures in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Down
```

For more information on the key and its location see Down key.

1.9.3.95. DumpLog

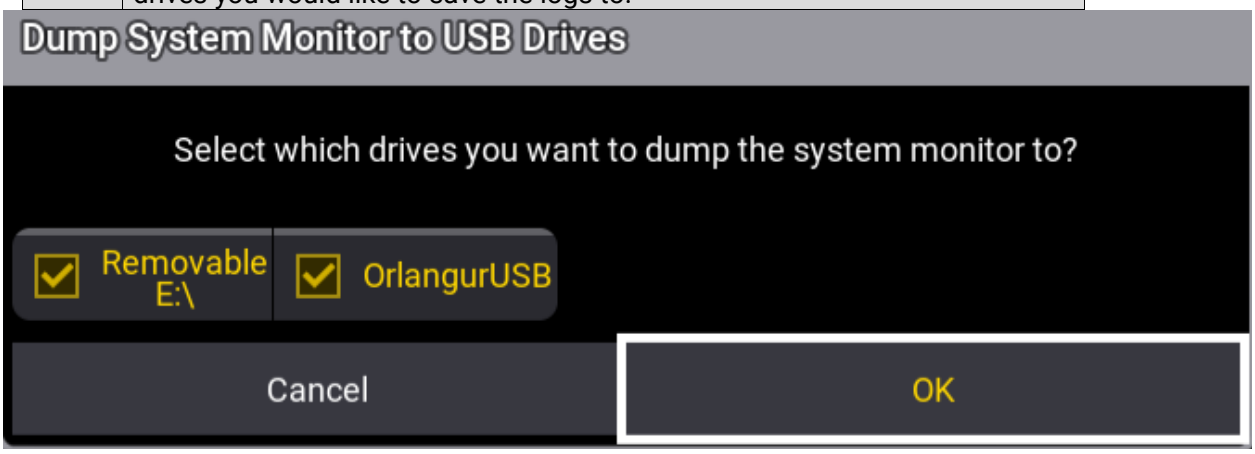
To enter the DumpLog keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DumpLog**
- Type the shortcuts **Du**

Description

DumpLog is a function keyword that is used to deposit the output of the system monitor in the form of a text file in case you should experience any inconsistencies or errors in the software. Hence, use this keyword if you are prompted by the tech support. Regardless of the location the files are stored to – internally or to a USB drive – the path is always **gma3_library.**

	Hint:
	If you insert one USB drive only, the logs will be automatically dumped onto this drive. If you insert more than one USB drive, you will have to specify the drives you would like to save the logs to.



Select Drive to Dump the Logs

Syntax

DumpLog

Option Keywords

The DumpLog keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Limit

Example

- To deposit the output of the system monitor, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>DumpLog

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1.9.3.96. Drive

To enter the Drive keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Drive**
- Type the shortcut **Dr**

Description

The Drive keyword is used to address physical drives, for instance, USB flash drives and the internal hard drive.

Syntax

[Function] Drive ["Drive_Name" or Drive_Number]

[Command] If Drive ["Drive_Name" or Drive_Number]

Examples

- To display all available drives, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Drive
```

- To load the show "Timecode" from the internal drive, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "Timecode" If Drive 1
```

1.9.3.97. DropOwnership

To enter the **DropOwnership** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **DropOwnership**
- Type the shortcut **Dro**

Description

The DropOwnership keyword is used when a user wants to edit an object that is currently owned by a different user. DropOwnership sends a request to release the ownership of an object.

	Important:
	If a running process owns the object to protect data integrity, DropOwnwership might not work right away. If this should be the case, we recommend you use the command again.

Syntax

DropOwnership [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To request dropping ownership of group 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> DropOwnership Group 1
```

- To request dropping ownership of macro 1, line 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DropOwnership Macro 1
```

or type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DropOwnership Macro 1.1
```

or

```
User name[Fixture]>DropOwnership Macro 1.*
```

1.9.3.98. Echo

To enter the Echo keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Type **Echo**
- Type the shortcut **Ec**

Description

The Echo keyword is used to display feedback in the windows **Command Line History** and the **System Monitor**.

Syntax

Echo ["Feedback_Text"]

Example

- To feedback "Hello, world!", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Echo "Hello, world!"
```

Result:

```
Hello, world!
OK
:
Echo "Hello, world!"
```

1.9.3.99. Edit

To enter the Edit keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Edit
- Type **Edit**
- Type the shortcut **E**

Description

Edit is a function keyword which is used to modify values.

Syntax

Edit [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Option Keywords

The Edit keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Tab

Example

- To edit sequence 1, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Edit Sequence 1

The Edit Sequence pop-up opens.

For more information on the key and its location see Edit key.

1.9.3.100. EditSetting

To enter the EditSetting keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Edit Edit
- Type **EditSetting**
- Type the shortcut **Edits**

Description

EditSetting is a function keyword which is used to modify the settings of an object.

Syntax

EditSetting [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Option Keywords

The EditSetting keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Tab

Examples

- To edit the object settings of group 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditSetting Group 1
```

The group settings pop-up opens.

- To edit the settings of object 5 in preset pool 21, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditSetting Preset 21.5
```

The Preset settings pop-up opens.

- To change the Cue Part default, enter EditSetting into the command line and then tap the preset.
  The Preset settings pop-up opens.
- Tap Cue Part, enter the new value and apply it by tapping Please.

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1.9.3.101. Eject

To enter the Eject keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Eject**
- Type the shortcut **Ej**

Description

The Eject keyword is used to eject a USB flash drive.

Syntax

Eject Drive ["Drive_Name" or Drive_Number]

Examples

- To eject drive 2 (USB flash drive) from the console, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Eject Drive 2
```

- To eject drive Enceladus, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Eject Drive "Enceladus"
```

1.9.3.102. EditRecipe

To enter the EditRecipe keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Edit
- Type **EditRecipe**
- Type the shortcut **Editr**

Description

The EditRecipe is a function keyword that enables the recipe editor.

Syntax

EditRecipe ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] or ["Recipe_Name" or Recipe_Number])

Examples

- To enable the edit mode in the recipe editor, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditRecipe
```

- To enable edit mode in cue 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditRecipe Cue 1
```

or type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditRecipe 1
```

- To enable edit mode in the second position preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditRecipe Preset 2.2
```

- To enable edit mode in the running cue in sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditRecipe Sequence 1
```

- To enable the edit mode in the running cue on executor 204, page 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>EditRecipe Page 1.204
```

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1.9.3.103. Effect

To enter the Effect keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until Effect appears in the command line
- Type **F + 7**
- Type **Effect**
- Type the shortcut **Ef**

	Hint:
	To use the Effect keyword, make sure you assign the Effect ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The Effect keyword is an object keyword which is used to call fixtures of the ID type Effect in the programmer.

The name of this keyword can change because it is a custom ID type. For more information see Custom ID Type.

Syntax

Effect ["Effect_Name" or Effect_Number]

Example

- To select the fixture that uses the Effect ID 10, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]> Effect 10

1.9.3.104. EncoderBank

To enter the EncoderBank keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X15 | Page + X15 | Page + X15 | Page
- Type **EncoderBank**
- Type the shortcut **Encoderban**

	Hint:
	You can define commands for each encoder bank. The command will be executed once you select the encoder bank. To do so, edit the command cell in the Encoder Bar editor first.

Description

The EncoderBank keyword is an object keyword which addresses encoder banks.

Syntax

[Function] EncoderBank ["EncoderBank_Name" or EncoderBank_Number].(["EncoderPage_Name" or EncoderPage_Number])

Examples

- To select the encoder bank "Fancy Stuff", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Select EncoderBank "Fancy Stuff"
```

- To switch to the encoder page "Song 2" of the encoder bank "Show", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Select EncoderBank "Show"."Song 2"
```

- To only consider the attributes of filter 5 while knocking in the encoder bank 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>On EncoderBank2 If Filter 5
```

1.9.3.105. EncoderBar

To enter the EncoderBar keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X15 | Page + X15 | Page
- Type **EncoderBar**
- Type the shortcut **En**

Description

The EncoderBar keyword is an object keyword which is used to switch between the encoder bars.

Syntax

[Function] EncoderBar ["EncoderBar_Name" or EncoderBar_Number]

Example

- To switch to the second encoder bar, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Select EncoderBar 2
```

1.9.3.106. EndIf

	Important:
	If the If keyword is already entered in the command line, pressing If again makes it an EndIf.

To enter the EndIf keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **EndIf**
- Type the shortcut **End**

Description

EndIf is a helping keyword that indicates the end of an If statement.

It enables If statements to be entered in the middle of a syntax. Upon processing, the If statement is moved to the end of the syntax, and is used as a filter or condition. This enables If syntax to be used in conjunction with pool items.

For more information see If Keyword.

Syntax

[Function] If [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] EndIf [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To create preset 1.1 using fixtures of group 5 type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store If Group 5 EndIf Preset 1.1
```

Result in the command line history:

```
OK
:  Store If Group 5  EndIf Preset 1 .1
```

1.9.3.107. Environment

To enter the Environment keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Environment**
- Type the shortcut **Env**

Description

The Environment keyword is used to grant access to the two environments of the user profile - normal and preview. Each environment has its own programmer, selection, At filter and other.

Syntax

[Function] Environment [Environment_Number] (Property ["Property_Name"] ["Property_Value"])

Examples

- To list the environments, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Environment
```

- To enable Single Step for Preview, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Environment 2 Property "SingleStep" "Yes"
```

1.9.3.108. Exchange

To enter the Exchange keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Move Move
- Type **Exchange**
- Type the shortcut **Exc**

Description

The Exchange keyword is a function keyword used to swap places.

Syntax

Exchange [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To exchange macro 1 for macro 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Exchange Macro 1 At Macro 3
```

1.9.3.109. Executor

To enter the **Executor** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X16 | Exec
- Type **Executor**
- Type the shortcut **Ex**

Description

The Executor keyword is an object keyword used as a control handle for other objects.

The default function for Executor objects is **Select**. This means that calling executors without any function specified selects the object assigned to the executor. This selection is now also controllable with the 100 mm fader section.

If you apply a function or reference a property not supported by the Executor object, the command will be passed on to its child: key, fader, or the object assigned to the executor.

Syntax

Executor [Executor_ID]

Select Page [Page_ID] Executor [Executor_ID]

Set Executor [Executor_ID] [Setting] = [Setting_Option]

For more information on setting the executor assignments using the interface, see the Assign Object to an Executor and the Executor Configurations.

Examples

- To remove executor 205 on the current page, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Executor 205
```

It does not delete the object assigned to the executor. It just deletes the assignment.

- To delete cue 3 of the sequence assigned to executor 205, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Executor 205 Cue 3
```

- To select executor 102 on page 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Select Page 4.102
```

- To change the setting "Key" of executor 201 to "Flash", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Executor 201 "Key" = "Flash"
```

For more information see Executors.

For information on the key and its location see X16 | Exec key.

1.9.3.110. Export

To enter the Export keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Export**
- Type the shortcut **Exp**

Description

Export is a function keyword which is used to save objects from the current show file as a smaller file.

If no file name is used in the command, the file name will use the name of the object.

By default, files will be exported to the relevant folder within the library folder structure, either on the local drive of the console or onPC station, or on a selected USB drive. For more information on grandMA3 folders see Folder Structure.

	Important:
	When exporting several objects at a time without indicating a file name for each pool object, a separate XML file will be exported. When exporting several objects at a time indicating a file name, all pool objects will be exported into a shared XML file.
	Hint:
	The Import and Export buttons offer a graphical user interface for import and export functions within the Show Creator Menu. For more information, see Import/Export.

Syntax

Export [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (If Drive [Drive_Number]) (/Option) ("Option_Value")

Option Keywords

The Export keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Gaps
- /GDTF
- /HighPrecision
- /NoDependencies
- /Path
- /Type

Examples

- To export macro 1 as the XML file "test", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Export Macro 1 "test"
```

- To export macro 1 using the macro name, type:

User name[Fixture]> Export Macro 1

- To export several macros to single XML files at a time, type:

User name[Fixture]> Export Macro 1 Thru 42

- To export macro 1 "test" to the first connected USB drive, type:

User name[Fixture]>Export Macro 1 "test" If Drive 2

1.9.3.111. Extension

To enter the Extension keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Extension**
- Type the shortcut **Exte**

Description

The Extension keyword is an object keyword which is used to address all extensions in the network.

Syntax

[Function] Extension ["Extension_Name" or Extension_Number]

Examples

- To list all extensions that are currently in the same network, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Extension
```

- To invite extension "FOH3" to the station where you execute the command, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Invite Extension "FOH3"
```

1.9.3.112. Extract

To enter the **Extract** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + At + At
- Type **Extract**
- Type the shortcut **Ext**

Description

The Extract keyword is a command keyword used to call the values of presets without references.

Syntax

Extract [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Extract keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Single

Example

- To call color preset 2, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Extract Preset 4.2

1.9.3.113. Fade

To enter the **Fade** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Time (If the Time Key Target is set to Fixture. For more information see User Settings and Time Key.)
- Press MA Time Time
- Type **Fade**

Description

The Fade keyword is a helping keyword which is used to indicate fade times.

As a helping keyword for playback functions (for example Goto), this keyword sets the time which is used to execute the function.

If it is used as a starting keyword, Fade will apply individual timing in the programmer for the current selection and attributes.

	Hint:
	As long as the command starts with a function, the Fade keyword and the fade value can be randomly used within the command.

To set the fade times for cues, read more in the CueFade keyword.

Syntax

([Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) Fade [Fade_Value]

Examples

- To crossfade to cue 3 in the selected sequence in 4 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Cue 3 Fade 4
```

- To set the individual fade time of 2 seconds to the dimmer of the current selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fade 2
```

- To set the dimmer value of the current fixture selection to 50 % and apply an individual fade time of 2 seconds to the dimmer of the current selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At 50 Fade 2
```

1.9.3.114. FaderCrossFade

To enter the FaderCrossFade keyword in the command line:

- Type **FaderCrossFade**
- Type the shortcut **FaderX** or **Faderc**

Description

The FaderCrossFade keyword represents the crossfade function of a sequence.

Crossfade gradually activates the next cue of a sequence in accordance with the position of the fader.

For more information see Executors.

Syntax

[Function] FaderCrossFade At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

FaderCrossFade [Object] ["Object_Name or Object_Number] At [Value]

Example

- To assign FaderCrossFade as executor 302, type:

User name[Fixture]>Assign FaderCrossFade At Executor 302

- To set the FaderCrossFade value of the fader range to 10% in sequence 5, type:

User name[Fixture]>FaderCrossFade Sequence 5 At 10

1.9.3.115. FaderCrossFadeA

To enter the FaderCrossFadeA keyword in the command line:

- Type **FaderCrossFadeA**
- Type the shortcut **FaderXA**

Description

The FaderCrossFadeA keyword represents the crossfade A function of a sequence.

Crossfade A gradually fades out dimmer attributes of a current cue in a sequence in accordance with the position of the fader.

For more information see Executors.

Syntax

[Function] FaderCrossFadeA At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

FaderCrossFadeA [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Value]

Example

- To assign FaderCrossFadeA as fader function as executor 303, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Assign FaderCrossFadeA At Executor 303
```

- To set the FaderCrossFadeA value to 10% of the fader range for sequence 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>FaderCrossFadeA Sequence 5 At 10
```

1.9.3.116. FaderCrossFadeB

To enter the FaderCrossFadeB keyword in the command line:

- Type **FaderCrossFadeB**
- Type the shortcut **FaderXB**

Description

The FaderCrossFadeB keyword represents the crossfade B function of a sequence.

Crossfade B gradually fades in dimmer attributes of the next cue in a sequence in accordance with the position of the fader.

For more information see Executors.

Syntax

[Function] FaderCrossFadeB At ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

FaderCrossFadeB [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Value]

Example

- To assign FaderCrossFadeB as fader function to executor 304, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign FaderCrossFadeB At Executor 304
```

- To set the FaderCrossFadeB value of the fader range to 10% in sequence 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>FaderCrossFadeB Sequence 5 At 10
```

1.9.3.117. FaderMaster

To enter the FaderMaster keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **FaderMaster**
- Type the shortcut **Faderm**
- Press MA + X16 | Exec + X16 | Exec + X16 | Exec

Description

The FaderMaster keyword applies the Master function to a number of objects such as executors, sequences, groups, masters, and other.

The master function controls the intensity of the assigned object.

For more information see Executors, Cues and Sequences, Groups, or Masters.

Syntax

Assign FaderMaster At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

FaderMaster [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Value] (Fade [Time])

Only sequences and presets can move the master using a fade time. Other objects snap to the value.

Option Keywords

The FaderMaster keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Type

Examples

- To assign FaderMaster to executor 204, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Assign FaderMaster At Executor 204

- To move FaderMaster 205 at position 50% in a 5 seconds fade:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>FaderMaster 205 At 50 Fade 5

1.9.3.118. FaderRate

To enter the FaderRate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **FaderRate**
- Type the shortcut **Faderr**

Description

The FaderRate keyword applies the Rate function to a number of objects such as executors, sequences, groups, masters, presets, and other.

Rate divides or multiplies the fade and delay time in a sequence by the value of the fader. If Speed from Rate is enabled, it is then also valid for the speed stored in cues.

For more information see Executors, Cues and Sequences, Presets, Groups, or Masters.

Syntax

Assign FaderRate At [Object] ["Object_Name " or Object_Number]

FaderRate [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Value]

Examples

- To assign FaderRate to executor 205, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Assign FaderRate At Executor 205
```

- To move the rate fader of sequence 1 to 1:1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>FaderRate Sequence 1 At 100
```

1.9.3.119. FaderSpeed

To enter the FaderSpeed keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **FaderSpeed**
- Type the shortcut **Faders**

Description

The FaderSpeed keyword applies the Speed function to a number of objects such as executors, sequences, groups, masters, and other.

It controls the speed of a phaser in a cue.

For more information see Executors, Cues and Sequences, Groups, or Masters.

Syntax

Assign FaderSpeed At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

FaderSpeed [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Speed_Readout] [Speed_Value]

Examples

- To assign FaderSpeed to executor 206, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign FaderSpeed At Executor 206
```

- To set the FaderSpeed of sequence 2 to 6 BPM, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>FaderSpeed Sequence 2 At BPM 6
```

1.9.3.120. FaderTime

To enter the FaderTime keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **FaderTime**
- Type the shortcut **Faderti**

Description

The FaderTime keyword applies the Time function to a number of objects such as executors, sequences, groups, masters, and other. It is used to overwrite the stored cue part times by setting a time value and activating the time function.

For more information about cue time overwriting see Cue Timing.

For more information on how to activate and deactivate the function see Time.

Syntax

Assign FaderTime At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

FaderTime [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Value]

Examples

- To assign FaderTime function to executor 207 on the selected page, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign FaderTime At Executor 207
```

- To set the FaderTime value to 50% of the time range for the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> FaderTime At 50
```

- To set the FaderTime value to 10% of the time range for sequence 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>FaderTime Sequence 5 At 10
```

1.9.3.121. FaderTemp

To enter the FaderTemp keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **FaderTemp**
- Type the shortcut **Fadert**

Description

The FaderTemp keyword applies the Temp function to a number of objects such as executors, sequences, groups, masters, and other.

Temp crossfades the first cue on when pulled up, and off when pulled down.

For more information see Executors, Cues and Sequences, Groups, or Masters.

Syntax

Assign FaderTemp At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

FaderTemp [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Value]

Examples

- To assign FaderTemp to executor 301, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign FaderTemp At Executor 301
```

- To set the temp fader of sequence 2 to 42%, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> FaderTemp Sequence 2 At 42
```

1.9.3.122. FeatureGroup

To enter the FeatureGroup keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Preset
- Type **FeatureGroup**
- Type the shortcut **FG** or **Fe**

Description

The FeatureGroup keyword is used to address feature groups.

Syntax

[Function] FeatureGroup ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number]

Example

- To set the value Remove in all attributes of the FeatureGroup "Dimmer" in the current selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Remove FeatureGroup "Dimmer"
```

1.9.3.123. Filter

To enter the Filter keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Group Group Group
- Type **Filter**
- Type the shortcut **Fil**

Description

The Filter keyword is used to call a filter. It represents an attribute and a layer filter.

For more information see Worlds and Filters.

Syntax

[Function] Filter ["Filter_Name" or Filter_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Filter keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Overwrite

Example

- To call filter 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Filter 4
```

1.9.3.124. Fix

To enter the Fix keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Pause
- Type **Fix**

Description

Fix is a function keyword which is used to latch executors on a page. The executors that are latched will always be displayed, even if you change the page.

Fix is a toggle function. This means that using Fix without any helping keyword toggles the fixing of the executors between enable and disable.

Syntax

Fix (On or Off) Executor [Executor_Number]

Fix (On or Off) Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number].[Executor_Number]

Examples

- To fix executor 101 through 105 on the current page, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Fix On Executor 101 Thru 105
```

- To toggle executor 103 between changing page, or not changing page, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fix Executor 103
```

1.9.3.125. Fixture

To enter the Fixture keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Fixture
- Type **Fixture**
- Type the shortcut **F** or **Fi**

Description

The Fixture keyword is used as an object keyword to access fixtures that have a fixture ID.

Syntax

Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number]

Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number].["SubFixture_Name" or SubFixture_Number]

Option Keywords

The Fixture keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /OddEven

Examples

- To select fixture 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Fixture 2
```

- To select the fifth subfixture of fixture 10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 10.5
```

- To call values of fixture 1 of the next cue in the selected sequence to programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 At Cue Next
```

- To call values of fixture 5 of the previous cue in the selected sequence to programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 5 At Cue Previous
```

For information on the key and its location see Fixture key.

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1.9.3.126. FixtureClass

To enter the FixtureClass keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Fixture + Fixture + Fixture
- Type **FixtureClass**
- Type the shortcuts **FC** or **Fixturec**

Description

FixtureClass is an object keyword which addresses the fixture classes of a show file.

Syntax

[Function] FixtureClass ["FixtureClass_Name" or FixtureClass_Number]

Option Keywords

The FixtureClass keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /All
- /OddEven
- /Single

Examples

Requirement: Create the class "Spots" in the patch and link fixtures to it.

- To create a group in the group pool object 301 that contains all patched fixtures that are set to class "Spots" in the patch, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureClass "Spots" At Group 301
```

- To select all fixtures that are set to the class "Spots" in the patch, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelectFixture FixtureClass "Spots"
```

1.9.3.127. FixtureLayer

To enter the FixtureLayer keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Fixture + Fixture
- Type **FixtureLayer**
- Type the shortcuts **FL** or **Fixturel**

Description

FixtureLayer is an object keyword which addresses the layers of fixtures in a show file.

Syntax

[Function] FixtureLayer ["FixtureLayer_Name" or FixtureLayer_Number]

Option Keywords

The FixtureLayer keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /All
- /OddEven
- /Single

Example

Requirement: Create the layer "Backtruss" in the patch and link fixtures to it.

- To select all fixtures that are set to layer "Backtruss" within the patch, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelectFixtures FixtureLayer "Backtruss"
```

1.9.3.128. FastSync

To enter the FastSync keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **FastSync**
- Type the shortcut **Fas**

Description

The FastSync keyword is a playback keyword that is used to determine the starting point of the phaser. The first step of the phaser is immediately started.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

FastSync [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To set the starting point of the phaser running in the sequence that is assigned to executor 128, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>FastSync Executor 128
```

1.9.3.129. FixtureType

To enter the FixtureType keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Fixture
- Type **FixtureType**
- Type the shortcuts **FT** or **Fixturet**

Description

FixtureType is an object keyword which addresses the fixture types of a show file.

	Important:
	Most edits and command line actions with the keyword FixtureType has to be done while in the Edit Setup mode. For more information, see ChangeDestination keyword.

Syntax

[Function] FixtureType ["FixtureType_Name" or FixtureType_Number]

Option Keywords

The FixtureType keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /All
- /OddEven
- /Single

Examples

Requirement:

- Enter the Patch menu first.
  For more information see Patch and Fixture Setup.

- To assign fixture type 2 to fixtures 1 through 4, type:

```
User name@ShowData/Patch/Stages/Stage 1> Assign FixtureType 2 At 1 Thru 4
```

- To select all patched fixtures of fixture type 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelectFixtures FixtureType 3
```

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1.9.3.130. Flash

To enter the Flash keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + >>>
- Type **Flash**
- Type the shortcut **Fla**

Description

The Flash keyword is a playback keyword which is used to temporarily overwrite master level in order to set it to full on executing objects without using times.

If the executor is disabled and Flash is applied, the executor is temporarily activated using zero timing.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

	Hint:
	If you press and hold an executor, this playback keyword will directly interact with a sequence or preset. Additionally, it can also be used with pool objects: 1. Enter the keyword in the command line. 2. Tap and hold the pool object. 3. The action will be applied as long as you keep holding the pool object.

Syntax

Flash (On/Off) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To overwrite the master level of executor 201 and to start in first step, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Flash On Executor 201
```

- To recall the overwriting, and set the executor to master fader and disable it, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Flash Off Executor 201
```

1.9.3.131. Flip

To enter the Flip keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Flip**
- Type the shortcut **Fli**

Description

The Flip keyword is used to access the different pan/tilt combinations that direct a moving head in the same direction.

Flip adds 180 degrees to the pan value of the fixtures and inverts the tilt angle. If the fixtures reach their physical breakpoint, the pan and tilt values will be set to the smallest possible value.
That is, Flip directs the fixture in the same direction using a different pan/tilt combinations.

	Hint:
	-If no selection list is entered, Flip is applied to the fixture selection. -If no number is entered, the function toggles through the different possible combinations. -The number of combinations depends on the possible degree value the fixture can pan in.

Syntax

Flip ([Flip_Number] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To set the pan and tilt of the fixture selection to the next pan/tilt combination, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Flip
```

- To set the pan and tilt of group 7 to the second pan/tilt combination that directs the fixtures in the same direction, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Flip 2 Group 7
```

1.9.3.132. Fog

To enter the **Fog** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until Fog appears in the command line
- Type **F + 6**
- Type **Fog**
- Type the shortcut **Fo**

	Hint:
	To use the Fog keyword, make sure you assign the Fog ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The Fog keyword is an object keyword which is used to call fixtures of the ID type Fog in the programmer.

The name of this keyword can change because it is a custom ID type. For more information see the Custom ID Type.

Syntax

Fog ["IDType_Name" or IDType_Number]

Example

- To select the fixture that uses the Fog ID 7, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Fog 7
```

1.9.3.133. Freeze

	Important:
	If Freeze is on, programmer values have a higher priority as playbacks. Only executor priority **Super** has a higher priority than **Freeze**.

To enter the Freeze keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Freeze
- Type **Freeze**
- Type the shortcut **Fr**

Description

Freeze is a function keyword which is used to change the priority of the programmer.

Freeze is a toggle function. This means that entering Freeze without any helping keyword toggles the Freeze mode on/off.

Syntax

Freeze (On/Off)

Example

- To turn on the freeze mode, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Freeze On
```

For information on the key and its location see Freeze key.

1.9.3.134. Full

	Important:
	Pressing Full instantly executes the keyword.

To enter the **Full** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Full**
- Type the shortcut **Fu**

Description

Full is a function keyword which is used to set the dimmer values to 100 %.

The default function is At. This means that entering Full sets the dimmer attributes of the current selection to 100 %.

Syntax

([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) Full

Examples

- To select fixture 1 thru 10 and set the dimmer to 100 %, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 10 Full
```

- To select channel 53 and set the dimmer to 100 %, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Channel 53 Full
```

For information on the key and its location see Full key.

1.9.3.135. Gel

To enter the **Gel** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Preset Preset Preset
- Type **Gel**

Description

The keyword Gel provides the opportunity to edit or apply swatch book colors using the command line.

Syntax

[Function] Gel ["Swatch_Name"."Gel_Name"]

[Function] Gel [Swatch_Number].[Gel_Number]

[Function] Gel [Swatch_Number]

[Function] Gel ["Swatch_Name"]

Examples

- To set the color of the selected fixtures to Lee's color Mauve, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Gel "Lee"."Mauve"
```

- To set the color of the selected fixtures to the 44th color of the eighth swatch book, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Gel 8.44
```

- To export the "Lee" swatch book, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Export Gel 8
```

1.9.3.136. Generator

To enter the **Generator** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Generator**
- Type the shortcut **Gen**

Description

The Generator keyword is an object keyword which is used to address the Generator pool objects.

Syntax

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At Generator ["Generator_Name" or Generator_Number]

Examples

- To call the second generator in the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Generator 2
```

- To apply the generator "Flicker" to the zoom attribute of the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Zoom" At Generator "Flicker"
```

1.9.3.137. GetGlobalVariable

To enter the GetGlobalVariable keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **GetGlobalVariable**
- Type the shortcut **Getg**

Description

The GetGlobalVariable keyword is used to display global variables along with their values in the command line history.

Syntax

GetGlobalVariable ["Variable _Name"]

Examples

- To display all variables in the command line history, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetGlobalVariable "*"
```

- To display all variables beginning with the letter f, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetGlobalVariable "f*"
```

1.9.3.138. GetUserVariable

To enter the GetUserVariable keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **GetUserVariable**
- Type the shortcut **Get**

Description

The GetUserVariable keyword is used to display user-specific variables along with their values in the command line history.

Syntax

GetUserVariable ["Variable_Name"]

Examples

- To display all user-specific variables in the command line history, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetUserVariable "*"
```

- To display all user-specific variables beginning with the letter f, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetUserVariable "f*"
```

1.9.3.139. Go+

To enter the Go+ keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Go+ | Temp
- Type **Go+**
- Type the shortcut **Go**

Description

The Go+ keyword is a playback keyword and it operates as a start signal for commands to be executed.

If the target object has cues, it will proceed to the next cue.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Go [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To go to the next cue of executor 101, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Go+ Executor 101
```

- To start macro 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Go+ Macro 2
```

For information on the key and its location see Go+ | Temp key.

1.9.3.140. Go-

To enter the Go- keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Go- | Top
- Type **Go-**

Description

The Go- keyword is a playback keyword that is used to activate the previous cue.

If the target object has cues, it will go back to the previous cue.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

	Hint:
	Instead of Goto it is also possible to use Go- in order to go to a specified cue.

Syntax

Go- [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To go to the previous cue of executor 101, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Go- Executor 101

For information on the key and its location see Go- | Top key.

1.9.3.141. Goto

To enter the **Goto** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Goto
- Type **Goto**
- Type the shortcut **Got**

Description

Goto is a function keyword that is used to jump in a list using the original cue timing of the cue where the values were initially stored. Setting fade times using the Goto keyword overrides the original cue timing. For more information see Relevant Playback Commands.

	Important:
	A set fade time overrides the original cue timing.

Syntax

Goto [Object]["Object_Name" or Object_Number or Next/Previous] (Fade [Fade_Time])

Examples

- To go to cue 103 of the selected executor, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Cue 103
```

- To go to cue 105 of executor 104, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Cue 105 Executor 104
```

- To go to cue 10 of executor 201 using a fade time of 2 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Cue 10 Executor 201 Fade 2
```

- To go to the next cue in the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Cue Next
```

- To go to the previous cue in sequence 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Sequence 42 Cue Previous
```

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For information on the key and its location see Goto key.

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1.9.3.142. Grid

To enter the Grid keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Press MA + X3 | Grid
- Type **Grid**
- Type the shortcut **Gri**

Description

The Grid keyword is used to set the grid cursor or span a grid area in the selection grid window. After the cursor is set, it is possible to arrange fixtures in the selection grid window. To position fixtures with a z-axis in the selection window, use the Grid keyword.

To set the grid cursor using the user interface see Selection Grid Window.

The grid command supports a space or a / (slash) as delimiters for command line input.

Syntax

Grid [x-axis]/[y-axis]/[z-axis]

Grid [x-axis] [y-axis] [z-axis]

Examples

- To move the blue grid cell cursor in the selection window to column 2, row 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Grid 2/2
```

- To position fixtures in a defined area in the selection window, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Grid 2/2 Thru 4/4
```

For information on the key and its location see X3 | Grid key.

1.9.3.143. GridPosition

To enter the GridPosition keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **GridPosition**
- Type the shortcut **Gridp**

Description

GridPosition is a layer keyword which represents the xyz grid coordinates of fixtures at a time as values were set in attributes. It is used to change the selected layer to GridPosition. This layer can show information in, for instance, the fixture sheet.

Syntax

GridPosition

Example

- To select the layer GridPosition, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>GridPosition
```

1.9.3.144. GridStore

To enter the GridStore keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **GridStore**
- Type the shortcut **GS** or **Grids**

Description

GridStore transfers grid positions of subfixtures to fixture types.

Syntax

GridStore

Example

Requirement:

1. Patch fixtures containing subfixtures, for example a Robe Spiider and select Mode4.
   For more information on patching see Add Fixtures to the Show.
2. Select one of the fixtures you patched and select subfixtures. To do so, press Down in the command area of your device or the command section of the onPC, or type the Down keyword in the command line.
3. Arrange the subfixtures in the selection grid.
   For more information see Selection Grid.

- To store the grid positions of subfixtures to the fixture type, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>GridStore
```

1.9.3.145. GoboImage

To enter the GoboImage keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **GoboImage**
- Type the shortcut **Gob**

Description

The keyword GoboImage is an object keyword. It is used to manage images of gobos using the command line.

Syntax

[Function] GoboImage ["GoboImage_Name" or GoboImage_Number]

Examples

- To edit gobo image 1 in the gobo pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit GoboImage 1
```

- To list all gobo images in the gobo pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List GoboImage
```

1.9.3.146. Group

To enter the Group keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Group
- Type **Group**
- Type the shortcut **G**

Description

The Group keyword is an object type that contains a certain selection of fixtures in a specific order along with xyz-coordinates used in the Selection window.

The default function of the Group keyword is SelFix. This means that calling groups without specifying any function selects the fixtures within the group.

For more information see the SelFix keyword.

Syntax

([Function]) Group ["Group_Name" or Group_Number]

Option Keywords

The Group keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /GridMergeMode
- /Merge
- /Overwrite
- /Remove

Examples

- To select the fixtures stored in group 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Group 3
```

- To list all stored groups of the group pool in the command line history, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Group
```

For information on the key and its location see Group key.

1.9.3.147. HalfSpeed

To enter the HalfSpeed keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **HalfSpeed**
- Type the shortcut **HS** or **Hal**

Description

The HalfSpeed keyword is a playback keyword which is used to change the speed of the speed masters, presets, or sequences to half the speed.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

HalfSpeed [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To half the speed of the first speed master, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>HalfSpeed Master 3.1
```

1.9.3.148. Help

To directly open the Help using the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Help
- Type **Help**
- Type the shortcut **H**

	Hint:
	For more information on how to open the help see Open the Help in the Console.

Description

Help is a function keyword which is used to open the Help pop-up for you to search for topics or to use the context sensitive help.

Syntax

Help ["Search_Term"]

Example

- To open the help topic of the Macro keyword, type:

User name[Fixture]>Help Macro

For information on the key and its location see Help key.

1.9.3.149. HelpLua

To enter the HelpLua keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **HelpLua**
- Type the shortcut **Helpl**

Description

HelpLua is a function keyword which is used to export a list of all grandMA Lua functions.

To learn more about Lua and the plugins, see Plugins.

Syntax

HelpLua

Example

- To list all specific grandMA3 Lua functions, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>HelpLua
```

The Lua functions are exported into the file "grandMA3_lua_functions.txt" in the grandMA3 library folder.

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1.9.3.150. Hex8

To enter the Hex8 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Hex8**
- Type the shortcut **Hex**

Description

The Hex8 keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the 8bit hexadecimal notation.

Syntax

At [Layer] Hex8 ["Value"]

Examples

- To set the absolute layer to FF in Hex8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute Hex8 "FF"
```

- To set the pan value in the absolute layer to DE in Hex8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "pan" At Absolute Hex8 "DE"
```

1.9.3.151. Hex16

To enter the Hex16 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Hex16**
- Type the shortcut **Hex1**

Description

The Hex16 keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the 16bit hexadecimal notation.

Syntax

At [Layer] Hex16 ["Value"]

Examples

- To set the dimmer for the selected fixtures on the absolute layer to FFFF in Hex16, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute Hex16 "FFFF"
```

- To set the pan attribute for the selected fixtures on the absolute layer to 8000 in Hex16, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At Absolute Hex16 "8000"
```

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1.9.3.152. HelpKeyword

To enter the HelpKeyword keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **HelpKeyword**
- Type the shortcut **Helpk**

Description

HelpKeyword is a function keyword which is used to list all grandMA3 keywords.

Syntax

HelpKeyword (["Search_Term"])

Examples

- To list all grandMA3 keywords in the command line history, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>HelpKeyword
```

- To list all existing keywords with the prefix "Fix", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>HelpKeyword "Fix*"
```

1.9.3.153. Hex24

To enter the Hex24 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Hex24**
- Type the shortcut **Hex2**

Description

The Hex24 keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the 24bit hexadecimal notation.

Syntax

At [Layer] Hex24 ["Value"]

Examples

- To set the absolute layer to FFFFFF in Hex24, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute Hex24 "FFFFFF"
```

- To set the pan value in the absolute layer to 800000 in Hex24, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "pan" At Absolute Hex24 "800000"
```

1.9.3.154. Highlight

To enter the Highlight keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Highlt
- Type **Highlight**
- Type the shortcut **Hi**

Description

The Highlight keyword is a playback keyword that is used to apply the defined highlight values on fixtures that are selected.

It is a toggle function. This means, entering Highlight without a helping keyword enables or disables the Highlight mode.

	Hint:
	To manually fade from the current value to the highlight value and back, use the Highlight fader. For more information see Master Controls.

For information on location see the Highlt Key.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

([Function]) Highlight (On/Off)

Examples

- To toggle the highlight mode, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Highlight
```

Example: Special Values

Requirement:

Activate values in the programmer:

-Call a preset or turn the attribute encoders.

- To store the currently active values as highlight values, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Highlight
```

For more information on the special values see Parameter List.

- To load the highlight values of the selected fixtures into the programmer, type:

User name[Fixture]>At Highlight

For information on the key and its location see Highlt [Highlight] key.

1.9.3.155. Hold

To enter the Hold keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + 0
- Type **Hold**
- Type the shortcut **Ho**

Description

The Hold keyword is a special value that prevents an MIB action while the dimmer is closed. Hold can only be applied to a dimmer attribute and is equivalent to a value of 0.

To prevent all fixtures (for example, scrollers) from performing an MIB action in the same cue, Hold can be used to distribute the movement across multiple cues.

To expressly perform a movement between two cues using an open dimmer, Hold can be used to enhance individual fixtures.

Syntax

(At) Hold

Example

- To set the selected fixtures to the value Hold, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Hold

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1.9.3.156. Houselights

To enter the **Houselights** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until Houselights appears in the command line
- Type **F + 3**
- Type **Houselights**
- Type the shortcut **Hou**

	Hint:
	To use the Houselights keyword, make sure you assign the Houselights ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The Houselights keyword is an object keyword which is used to call fixtures of the ID type Houselights in the programmer.

The name of this keyword can change because it is a custom ID type. For more information see the Custom ID Type.

Syntax

Houselights ["IDType_Name" or IDType_Number]

Example

- To select the fixture that uses the Houselights ID 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Houselights 5
```

1.9.3.157. Hz

To enter the Hz (Hertz) keyword in the command line, type: **Hz**

Description

The Hz (Hertz) keyword is used to set the speed of a fixture selection or a speed master using the unit hertz.

Syntax

At Speed Hz [Value]

Master [Master_Number] At Hz [Value]

Examples

- To set the speed layer to 60 hertz, type:

User name[Fixture]>At Speed Hz 60

- To set the first speed master to 3 hertz, type:

User name[Fixture]>Master 3.1 At Hz 3

1.9.3.158. If

	Important:
	To end an if statement in the middle of a longer syntax, use the EndIf keyword. For more information see EndIf Keyword.

To enter the If keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press If
- Type If
- Type the shortcut **I**

Description

The **If** keyword is a function keyword which is used to deselect fixtures in a selection.

As a helping keyword If sets a filter for the operation.

As a helping keyword for the Clone function If sets the scope of cloning.

For more information see the Clone Keyword.

Syntax

([Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) If [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Clone [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] If [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To deselect fixtures which are not in group 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>If Group 5
```

- To deselect fixtures which are not in group 3 and group 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Group 3 If Group 5
```

- To delete channel 4 in cue 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Cue 3 If Channel 4
```

- To delete attibute "Pan" of fixture 4 in cue 3, type:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Cue 3 If Fixture 4 Attribute "Pan"

- To clone fixture 1 to fixture 2 only in sequence 1, type:

User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2 If Sequence 1

- To activate only the attributes of filter 42 when knocking in feature group 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>On FeatureGroup 2 If Filter 42

- To open the label editor for all groups where appearance 20 is assigned, type:

User name[Fixture]>Label Group Thru If Appearance 20

For information on the key and its location see If key.

1.9.3.159. IfActive

To enter the IfActive keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press If If
- Type **IfActive**
- Type the shortcut **Ifa**

Description

IfActive is a function keyword that selects fixtures with active values in the programmer.

	Important:
	Executed on its own, the IfActive keyword only selects fixtures of the current command line default.
	Important:
	IfActive only works with dimmer values.

If no filter is entered, IfActive will select all fixtures with active values.

If a filter is entered, IfActive will select all fixtures which have this filter and also fixtures that have active values in the programmer.

Syntax

IfActive ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To select all fixtures with active values in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfActive
```

- To select fixtures within group 5 which also have active values in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfActive Group 5
```

1.9.3.160. IfProgrammer

To enter the IfProgrammer keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press If If If
- Type **IfProgrammer**
- Type the shortcut **Ifp**

Description

IfProgrammer is a function keyword that selects fixtures that contain values in the programmer.

	Important:
	Executed on its own, the IfProgrammer keyword only selects fixtures of the current command line default.
	Important:
	IfProgrammer only works with dimmer values.

If no filter is entered, IfProgrammer selects all fixtures containing values in the programmer.

If a filter is entered, IfProgrammer selects the fixtures which are in the filter and also which contain values in the programmer.

Syntax

IfProgrammer ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To select all fixtures containing values in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfProgrammer
```

- To only select the fixtures of group 5 which contain values in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfProgrammer Group 5
```

1.9.3.161. IfOutput

To enter the IfOutput keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press If
- Type **IfOutput**
- Type the shortcut **Ifo**

Description

IfOutput is a function keyword that selects fixtures based on their current output. This function works with presets and sequences only.

	Important:
	Executed on its own, the IfOutput keyword only selects fixtures of the current command line default.

Syntax

IfOutput ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To select all fixtures of the current command line default which have output on stage, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfOutput
```

- To select all fixtures that output the values stored in sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfOutput Sequence 1
```

- To select all fixtures that use the color preset "Green", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfOutput Preset "Color"."Green"
```

Requirement:

Select several fixtures where the dimmer is enabled and select several groups right after.

- To only select fixtures where the dimmer is open, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>IfOutput Selection
```

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1.9.3.162. Image

To enter the Image keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Image**
- Type the shortcut **Ima**

Description

The keyword Image is an object keyword. It is used to manage images using the command line.

Syntax

[Function] Image [ImagePool_Number].[Image_Number]

Examples

- To edit image 1 in the custom image pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Image 3.1
```

- To delete image 2 in the custom image pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Image 3.2
```

1.9.3.163. Import

To enter the Import keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Import**
- Type the shortcut **Im**

Description

Import is a function keyword that incorporates small portions of exported show file data, available as XML files, into the current show file.

The Import command loads data into the specified destination occupying the first free pool object when no certain pool object is given.

By default, files will be imported from the relevant folder within the library folder structure, either on the local drive of the console or onPC station, or on a selected USB flash drive. For more information on this folder structure see Folder Structure.

Syntax

Import [Object] Library "File Name.xml" (If Drive [Drive_Number]) (At ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) (/Option) ("Option_Value")

Option Keywords

The Import keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Path
- /Gaps
- /NoDependencies
- /NoRefresh
- /Type

Examples

Requirements: Destination is changed to fixture types.

- To import a MAC Aura XB as a new fixture type in the show file, type:

```
User name@ShowData/Patch/FixtureTypes> Import Library "MAC Aura XB"
```

Requirements: Destination is changed to macros.

- To import the macro color.xml to the first free pool object, type:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros> Import Library "color.xml"
```

- To import the same macro to macro 42 in the macro pool without changing the command line destination, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import Macro Library "color.xml" At Macro 42
```

Requirements: Destination is changed to macros.

- To import all macros from the library into the show file, type:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros> Import Library "*.xml"
```

1.9.3.164. Index

To enter the Index keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Index**
- Type the shortcut **Ind**

Description

Index keyword is a command keyword that addresses values where a property can have more than one value. For example, a fixture with at least two DMX breaks. The patch property has 2 values for this fixture.

	Hint:
	The values of the Index keyword are zero nominated.

Syntax

Set [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] ["Property"] Index [Index_Number] ["Value"]

Examples

Requirement:

- Fixture 1 has to have at least two DMX breaks.
  For example, the fixture type LED Wall 20x20

- To set the patch address of the second break to universe 2 address 1 without affecting the first address, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Fixture 1 "Patch" Index 1 "2.1"
```

- To disable the dimmer attribute in filter 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Filter 6 Property "Attributes" Index 0 "0"
```

1.9.3.165. Insert

To enter the **Insert** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Copy Copy Copy
- Type **Insert**
- Type the shortcut **In**

Description

The Insert keyword is a function keyword which is used to insert pool objects between two other and already occupied pool objects. The following pool objects will be moved to the next empty destination.

Syntax

Insert [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To move Group 5 onto Group 9 and move the latter one cell further, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Insert Group 5 At 9
```

1.9.3.166. Integrate

To enter the Integrate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + At
- Type **Integrate**
- Type the shortcut **Int**

Description

The Integrate keyword integrates step 1 of a preset into other steps of the programmer.

These steps can be stored into presets and cues.

Syntax

Integrate Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] Step [Step_Number]

Examples

Requirement: Example 1

- There are already active values in step 1 in the programmer

- To integrate step 1 of preset 1.1 into step 2 of the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Integrate Preset 1.1 Step 2
```

Requirement: Example 2

- Select fixtures and create preset 4.5
- Follow steps 1 to 4

1. To call preset 4.5 into the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Preset 4.5
```

2. To create the next step, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Next Step
```

3. To integrate step 1 of preset 4.2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Integrate Preset 4.2

4. To store the changes in the preset, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 4.5

1.9.3.167. Interface

To enter the Interface keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Interface**
- Type the shortcut **Inter**

Description

Interface is an object keyword which is used to set the network interface using the command line.

For more information see Interfaces and IP.

Syntax

[Function] Interface

Interface [Number]

Examples

- To list all network interfaces, enter the Interface folder in the data structure first:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination Interface
```

- To list the interfaces, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> List
```

1.9.3.168. Invert

To enter the **Invert** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Invert**
- Type the shortcut **Inve**

Description

Invert is a function to invert the selection status of fixtures.

If a fixture is selected, using this keyword deselects the fixtures. If a fixture is not selected, using the Invert keyword selects the fixtures.

Syntax

Invert Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number]

Example

Requirement: Fixtures 1, 3 and 5 are selected

- To invert the state of selection in the fixtures 1 to 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Invert Fixture 1 Thru 6
```

1.9.3.169. Invite

To enter the Invite keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Invite**
- Type the shortcut **Inv**

Description

Invite is a function keyword which is used to invite other stations into the session.

Syntax

Invite IP [Device_IP]

Invite [Device_Type] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number]

	Hint:
	The device types are: Console, Node, onPC, ProcessingUnit, Station, Extension.

Examples

- To invite console 6 to the session, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Invite Console 6
```

- To invite the node named "Truss" to the session, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Invite Node "Truss"
```

- To invite the station with the IP address 192.168.0.10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Invite IP 192.168.0.10
```

1.9.3.170. IP

To enter the IP keyword in the command line, type **IP**.

Description

IP is an object keyword which is used to manage devices with IP addresses.

It interacts with other function keywords and the IP address of the corresponding device.

Syntax

[Function] IP [IP Address]

Examples

For information on IP examples see:

- Dismiss keyword
- Reboot keyword
- RemoteCommand keyword
- ShutDown keyword

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1.9.3.171. JoinSession

To enter the JoinSession keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **JoinSession**
- Type the shortcut **J**

Description

JoinSession is a function keyword which is used to join a session.

Syntax

JoinSession IP [Device_IP]

JoinSession [DeviceType] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number]

	Hint:
	The device types are: Console, Node, onPC, ProcessingUnit, Station, Extension.

Examples

- To join the session of console 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>JoinSession Console 6
```

- To join the session on the station with the IP address 192.168.10.21, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>JoinSession IP 192.168.10.21
```

- To join the session of the node "Truss", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>JoinSession Node "Truss"
```

1.9.3.172. Key

To enter the Key keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Key**
- Type the shortcut **K**

Description

The Key keyword is used to address the network keys.

For more information on what network keys are see Create a Custom Key.

Syntax

[Function] Key ["Key_Name" or Key_Number] (Property ["Property_Name"] ["Value"])

Examples

- To store a new key, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Key 2
```

- To list all keys, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Key
```

- To set a different password for a newly created key, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Key 2 Property "Seed" "Concord Dawn"
```

- To not use key 2 for MAnet, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Key 2 Property "MANET" "No"
```

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1.9.3.173. Keyboard

To enter the Keyboard keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Keyboard**
- Type the shortcut **Keyb**

Description

Keyboard is an object keyword which is used to change the language of the on-screen keyboard.

Syntax

[Function] Keyboard

Keyboard ["Keyboard_Language" or Keyboard_Number]

Examples

- To list the keyboard languages, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> List Keyboard
```

- To set the keyboard to German, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Keyboard 1
```

- To set the keyboard to English, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Keyboard "English"
```

1.9.3.174. KeyboardShortcut

To enter the KeyboardShortcuts keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **KeyboardShortcut**
- Type the shortcut **Keyboards**

Description

The KeyboardShortcut keyword is an object keyword that is used to work with keyboard shortcuts using the command line.

Syntax

[Function] KeyboardShortcut [KeyboardShortcut_Number] (Property ["Property_Name"] ["Value"])

Examples

- To list all keyboard shortcuts, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> List KeyboardShortcut
```

- To assign, for example, the property "Shortcut" to the value "Space", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set KeyboardShortcut 161 Property "Shortcut" "Space"
```

- To delete the keyboard shortcut number 160, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete KeyboardShortcut 160
```

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1.9.3.175. Kill

To enter the **Kill** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Go- + Go-
- Type **Kill**
- Type the shortcut **Ki**

Description

The Kill keyword is a function keyword that executes the Go+ function on sequences and presets and disables all other played back sequences and presets.

If the sequences and presets are not protected against kill, they will be disabled by the Kill keyword.

For more information on Kill Protect see Sequence Settings.

Syntax

Kill [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To jump to the next cue on executor 102 and disable all other playbacks, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Kill Executor 102
```

1.9.3.176. KnockIn

To enter the KnockIn keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **KnockIn**
- Type the shortcut **Kn**

Description

KnockIn is used to take values that are located for example in sequences or presets actively into the programmer.

This is useful to the effect that you can actively take values that have already been stored into the programmer.

Syntax

Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] KnockIn ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]/["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number]

KnockIn Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number]

Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number] At KnockIn

Examples

- To knock in the attribute Color RGB_R in fixture 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 KnockIn Attribute "ColorRGB_R"
```

- To knock in all attributes of fixture 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>KnockIn Fixture 2
```

- To knock in only the dimmer values of fixtures 11 through 15, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Fixture 11 Thru 15 At KnockIn
```

1.9.3.177. KnockOut

To enter the Off keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **KnockOut**
- Type the shortcut **Knocko**

	Hint:
	The KnockOut keyword is used as a synonym of the Off keyword.

Description

The KnockOut keyword is used as a function and value keyword to:

- Knock out selections in the programmer
- Knock out active attributes in the programmer

Syntax

Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] KnockOut ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]/["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number]

KnockOut Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number]

Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number] At KnockOut

Examples

- To knock out the parameters of fixture 2 and 4 in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>KnockOut Fixture 2 + 4
```

- To knock out the attribute Color RGB_R in the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "ColorRGB_R"  At KnockOut
```

- To knock out the dimmer attribute in fixture 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 5 At KnockOut
```

1.9.3.178. Label

To enter the Label keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Assign Assign
- Type **Label**
- Type the shortcut **L**

Description

The Label keyword is used to give objects a name.

If multiple objects are labeled, and the name contains a free-standing number, the number will be enumerated for each object.

If you do not label an object, a pop-up appears.

If no object is specified when using the Label keyword, the cue in the selected sequence will be addressed. If the selected sequence is disabled, the sequence will be addressed.

Syntax

Label [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] ["Name"]

	Important:
	The name must not contain the following characters: \ " $ & * ? , . ; ^ { | } ~

Examples

- To label group 3 "Higgs Boson", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Group 3 "Higgs Boson"
```

- To label fixtures 1 to 10 as "Mac700 1", "Mac700 2" and so on, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Fixture 1 Thru 10 "Mac700 1"
```

- To rename the color preset "Red" to "Dark Red", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Preset "Color"."Red" "Dark Red"
```

- To label group 1 using the name of the selected attribute, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Group 1 At Attribute
```

- To label cue 1 "Insomnia", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label 1 "Insomnia"
```

- To address the current cue of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label
```

- To label cue 42 in the selected sequence given that the sequence is running, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label 42
```

- To label sequence 42 given that the selected sequence is disabled, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label 42
```

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1.9.3.179. Layout

To enter the Layout Keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X4 | Layout
- Type **Layout**
- Type the shortcut **Lay**

Description

Layout is an object keyword representing a layout of fixtures and other objects.

Syntax

[Function] Layout ["Layout_Name" or Layout_Number]

Examples

- To create layout 5 and add fixture selection to this layout, type:

User name[Fixture]>Assign Layout 5

- To add group 5 as a button in layout 4, type:

User name[Fixture]>Assign Group 5 At Layout 4

For information on the key and its location see X4 | Layout key.

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1.9.3.180. LearnSpeed

To enter the LearnSpeed keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Learn | Rate1
- Type **LearnSpeed**
- Type the shortcut **Learns**

Description

The LearnSpeed keyword is a playback keyword that is used to set the speed in phasers.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

LearnSpeed [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

To set the speed in a phaser:

- Press and hold Learn | Rate1 and press the executor key several times using the speed you would like to have your phaser at.

The phaser learns the speed you press the executor key at.

1.9.3.181. LeaveSession

To enter the LeaveSession keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **LeaveSession**
- Type **Leave**
- Type the shortcut **Le**

Description

LeaveSession is a function keyword which is used to leave the session you are currently in.

Syntax

LeaveSession

Example

- To leave the current session, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> LeaveSession
```

1.9.3.182. Library

To enter the **Library** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Library**
- Type the shortcut **Lib**

Description

Library is an object keyword that is used to access the corresponding library folder down to the root on the hard drive.

Syntax

[Function] Library

Examples

Requirements: Change destination to macros.

For more information see ChangeDestination Keyword.

- To list all macros stored in the macro library, type:

```
Admin@Root/ShowData/Pools/Global/Macros> List Library
```

- To import the first macro library, type:

```
Admin@Root/ShowData/Pools/Global/Macros> Import Library 1
```

Requirements: Change destination to fixture types.

For more information see ChangeDestination Keyword.

- To list all fixture types stored in the fixture types library, type:

```
Admin@Root/ShowData/LivePatch/FixtureTypes> List Library
```

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1.9.3.183. List

To enter the List keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Press List
- Type **List**
- Type the shortcut **Li**

Description

The List keyword displays show data, including objects and their properties, in the command line history.

It is possible to list any object or any property of:

- Cues of the selected executor
- Groups
- Presets

If the List command does not specify any type of object, the data of the current command line destination is displayed.

The List command can also display the contents of library folders on the console, onPC station, or connected USB drives.

	Hint:
	The /Path option instructs the software to access folders other than the defaults. For more information on the default folder structure, see the Folder Structure topic.

The List keyword is a function keyword.

Syntax

List [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

List [Object] Library (If Drive [Drive_Number]) (/Path [FolderPath]) (/Type [FileType])

	Important:
	When specifying a type, the word "System" or "User" must be capitalized. For more information see the option keyword /Type.

Examples

- To list the first ten fixtures of the Fixture Edit Setup, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>List Fixture Thru 10

- To list all existing attributes in the show file, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Attribute
```

- To list the first 5 groups of the group pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Group Thru 5
```

- To list the macros available to import from the default macro library folder on the first connected USB drive, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Macro Library If Drive 2
```

Example - List Properties of a Parent and Their Children's Properties

Important:
In case the children of an object should have various properties, they will be listed using names and numbers when executing List within the parent object.
To display the properties of a child directly, you have to specifically list the child.
However, the steps described here can also be used in other constellations consisting of a parent and their children.

In the following example we use StationSettings as the parent and DeskLightsCollect as one of their children.

1. Change the destination of the command line first:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination StationSettings
```

Result:

```
User name@StationSettings>
```

2. To list the properties of the station settings, type:

```
User name@StationSettings> List
```

The children are now displayed in the command line history:

```
OK:ChangeDestination "StationSettings"
LOCK NO     NAME
     1      TimeConfig
S    2      LocalSettings
S    3 (2)  DefaultDisplayPositionsCollect
S    4 (5)  DeskLightsCollect
     5      DisplaySurfaces
     6 (5)  GridColumnRegistry
OK:List
OK:Menu "CommandLineHistory"
```

The children of the Station Settings are listed

3. To list the properties of one child, for example DeskLightsCollect, type:

```
User name@StationSettings> List DeskLightsCollect
```

The properties of the child DeskLightsCollect are now displayed in the command line history:

```
OK:List "DeskLightCollect"
LOCK NO     NAME              LEDFEEDBACKDURATION
S    4 (5)  DeskLightsCollect 30
OK:List "DeskLightsCollect"
```

The properties of DeskLightsCollect are listed

4. To access the folder DeskLightsCollect within Station Settings, type:

```
User name@StationSettings> ChangeDestination DeskLightsCollect
```

Result:

```
User name@StationSettings/DeskLightsCollect>
```

5. To list the properties of the children of DeskLightsCollect, type:

```
User name@StationSettings/DeskLightsCollect> List
```

The children's properties are now displayed.

```
LOCK NO NAME          MASTER           MASTERADDRESS LEDENCODER       LEDFADER        LEDEXEC         LEDKEYBOARD
     1  DeskLights    %  50.0000029802               %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000
     2  Screens       % 100.0000059605               %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000
     3  LedMaster     % 100.0000059605               % 100.0000059605 % 100.0000059605 % 100.0000059605 % 100.0000059605
     4  LedBackground %  50.0000029802               %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000 %   0.0000000000 %  50.0000029802
     5  LedFeedback   %  50.0000029802               % 100.0000059605 %  50.0000029802 % 100.0000059605 % 100.0000059605
OK:List
```

Properties of DeskLightsCollect listed in the command line history

For information on the key and its loction see List key.

1.9.3.184. ListOwnership

To enter the ListOwnership keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ListOwnership**
- Type the shortcut **Listo**

Description

ListOwnership is used as a troubleshooting keyword in case of a multi-user access conflict.

If a multi-user access conflict occurs, use the ListOwnership keyword. It lists the objects that are currently locked for all users in the session, hence causing the conflict.

Syntax

ListOwnership ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To display all objects that are locked for all users and that might cause a multi-user conflict, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ListOwnership
```

- To display the ownership in macro 1 line 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ListOwnership Macro 1
```

or type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ListOwnership Macro 1.1
```

or:

```
User name[Fixture]>ListOwnership Macro 1.*
```

1.9.3.185. ListReference

To enter the ListReference keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + List
- Type **ListReference**
- Type the shortcut **Listr**

Description

ListReference is used to display references and/or dependencies in your show file.

Examples of references between objects, only to mention a few:

- Layout to group, to macro, or to fixture
- Preset to cue, to preset (embedded preset)

These references and/or dependencies depend on the use of the object in the show file.

Syntax

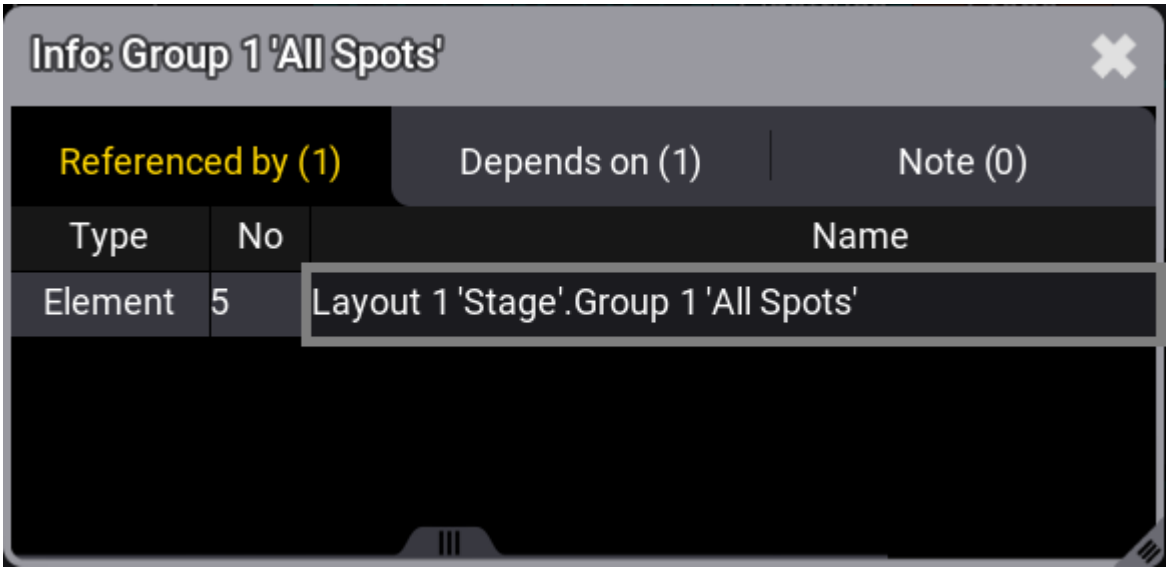
ListReference [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To list the references and dependencies of group 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ListReference Group 1
```

The info pop-up opens listing references and/or dependencies:



Current references, dependencies, or notes

- To list the references and dependencies of the color preset 7, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>ListReference Preset 4.7

	Hint:
	Depths are only shown in presets.

For more information on depth and other see Info Window.

For information on the key and its location see List key.

1.9.3.186. Load

To enter the Load keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Goto Goto
- Type **Load**

Description

The Load keyword is a playback keyword which is used to prepare an executor to jump to another cue rather than jumping to the next cue when a Go+ is performed on the executor.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Load [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To load cue 3 on the selected executor, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Load Cue 3
```

Cue 3 is loaded. To indicate that a cue is loaded, the display toggles between Cue 3 and Cue "Name".

- To load cue 5 on executor 114, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Load Executor 114 Cue 5
```

- To load cue +2 on executor 114, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Load +2 Executor 114
```

- To load the previous cue on executor 114, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Load Previous Executor 114
```

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1.9.3.187. Learn

To enter the Learn keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Learn**
- Type the shortcut **Lear**

Description

The Learn keyword is a playback keyword that is used to determine the starting point and the speed of a phaser at the same time. It is a combination of LearnSpeed and ReSync keywords.

For more information on the function Learn and phasers see Phasers.

Syntax

Learn([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Example

Requirement for the first example below: Select a sequence

- To apply Learn to the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Learn

- To adjust the effects onto the phase and speed of the phaser in sequence 15, type:

User name[Fixture]>Learn Sequence 15

For more information on the key and its location see Learn | Rate1 key.

1.9.3.188. Loaded

	Important:
	MA + Go+ [large] immediately executes the **Go+ Loaded** command.

To enter the Loaded keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Goto Goto
- Type **Loaded**
- Type the shortcut **Loade**

Description

The Loaded keyword is a function keyword which is used to simultaneously handle several cues in a sequence that are in the Load status.

For more information on Load see the Load Keyword.

Syntax

[Function] Loaded

Examples

Requirement: At least one cue has to be in the Load status.

- To start several loaded cues, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Go+ Loaded

- To disable sequences that are loaded, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Off Loaded

1.9.3.189. LoadShow

To enter the LoadShow keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **LoadShow**
- Type the shortcut **Lo**

Description

The LoadShow keyword is a function keyword that loads a show from the folders: shows, demo shows, or backup.

For more information on the folder structure of shows, demo shows, and backups, see Show File Handling and Folder Structure.

Syntax

LoadShow ["Show_Name"] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The LoadShow keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /All
- /DMXProtocols
- /LocalSettings
- /NoSave
- /NoShowData
- /OutputStations
- /Path
- /Save
- /Type

Examples

- To load the show file with the file name "MacBeth", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "MacBeth"
```

- To create a new show file with the name "Henrietta", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "Henrietta"
```

Important:

	To load the new show again, save the new show file after loading it. For more information see SaveShow keyword.

1.9.3.190. ListCrashLog

To enter the ListCrashLog keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ListCrashLog**
- Type the shortcuts **Listc**

Description

ListCrashLog is a function keyword that is used to list all crash logs in the system monitor.

Syntax

ListCrashLog

Example

- To list all crash logs in the system monitor, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ListCrashLog
```

1.9.3.191. Lock

To enter the Lock keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Lock**
- Type the shortcut **Loc**

Description

The Lock keyword is a function keyword that locks objects.

Objects that are locked are indicated by a padlock.

For more information on locks and their types see Lock and Unlock Pool Objects.

Syntax

Lock [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Option Keywords

The Lock keyword uses the following option keywords:

/Recursive

Examples

- To lock macro 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Lock Macro 1
```

To unlock objects see the Unlock Keyword.

- To lock the second color preset 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Lock Preset 4.2
```

- To lock sequence 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Lock Sequence 3
```

1.9.3.192. LogIn

To enter the LogIn keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **LogIn**
- Type the shortcut **Log**

Description

The LogIn keyword is a function keyword to log in another user.

Syntax

LogIn ["User_Name"] ["Password"]

Example

- To log out the current user and log in as user Jimmy Page with the password mac, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LogIn "Jimmy Page" "mac"
```

1.9.3.193. LogOut

To enter the LogOut keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **LogOut**
- Type the shortcut **Logo**

Description

The LogOut keyword is a function keyword which is used to log out the user and change to guest user.

Syntax

LogOut

Example

- To log out the user and change to guest user, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LogOut
```

1.9.3.194. Lowlight

To enter the Lowlight keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Highlt
- Type **Lowlight**
- Type the shortcut **Low**

Description

The Lowlight keyword is a playback keyword that is used to apply the defined lowlight values in fixtures that are subselected when highlight is enabled.

Lowlight is also a toggle function meaning that entering Lowlight without using a helping keyword enables or disables the Lowlight mode.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

([Function]) Lowlight (On/Off)

Example

- To apply the lowlight values to selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Lowlight
```

Example: Special Values

Requirement:

Activate values in the programmer:

-Call a preset or turn the attribute encoders.

- To store the currently active values as lowlight values, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Lowlight
```

For more information on the special values see Parameter List.

- To load the lowlight values of the selected fixtures into the programmer, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>At Lowlight

1.9.3.195. Lua

To enter the Lua keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Lua**
- Type the shortcut **Lu**

Description

The Lua keyword is used to execute commands in the script language Lua.

After entering Lua into the command line, type in the script language Lua version 5.4. The grandMA3 will directly execute the commands written in Lua.

To learn more about the grandMA3 specific Lua functions, see Plugins .

Syntax

Lua ["LuaCode"]

Examples

- To output "Hello World" in the Command Line History, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Lua "Printf('Hello World')"
```

Result:

Hello World

- To output "Hello World" in the system monitor, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Lua "Echo('Hello World')"
```

Result:

Hello World

1.9.3.196. LuaFile

To enter the LuaFile keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **LuaFile**
- Type the shortcut **Luaf**

Description

The LuaFile keyword is used to execute a Lua file directly without the need to import it into the grandMA3 show file.

Syntax

LuaFile ["AbsolutePathToLuaFile/FileName.lua"]

Example

- To execute the Lua file "execute_example.lua", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LuaFile
"C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\gma3_1.6.3\shared\resource\lib_plugins\examples\
execute_example\execute_example.lua"
```

1.9.3.197. Macro

To enter the **Macro** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X14 | Macro
- Type **Macro**
- Type the shortcut **M**

Description

The Macro keyword is an object keyword which is used to access Macros.

The default function for macro is Go+. This means calling macros without specifying any function starts the macro.

For more information see Macros.

Syntax

[Function] Macro ["Macro_Name" or Macro_Number]

[Function] DataPool ["DataPool_Name" or DataPool_Number] Macro ["Macro_Name" or Macro_Number]

Examples

- To start macro 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Macro 5
```

- To set the wait time of macro 3 line 4 to Go, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Macro 3.4 "Wait" "Go"
```

- To store a new and empty macro 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Macro 2
```

For information on the key and its loction see X14 | Macro key.

1.9.3.198. MArker

To enter the MArker keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until MArker appears in the command line
- Type **F + 9**
- Type **MArker**
- Type the shortcut **Mar**

	Hint:
	To use the MArker keyword, make sure you assign the MArker ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The MArker keyword is an object keyword that is used to select fixtures of the ID type MArker.

Syntax

MArker ["MArker_Name" or MArker_Number]

Example

- To select MArker 30, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>MArker 30

1.9.3.199. Master

To enter the **Master** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Master**
- Type the shortcut **Mas**

Description

The Master keyword is an object keyword that is used to address the different master functions, e.g., for the selected sequence, grand masters, speed masters and playback masters.

Syntax

[Function] Master ["MasterCategory_Name" or MasterCategory_Number].["Master_Name" or Master_Number]

Master [MasterCategory_Number].["Master_Name" or Master_Number] At [SpeedReadout] [SpeedReadout_Value]

Examples

- To assign the master to the selected sequence on executor 206, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Master 1.1 At Executor 206
```

- To assign the grand master to executor 207, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Master 2.1 At Executor 207
```

- To label the second speed master "Great Speed", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Master 3.2 "Great Speed"
```

- To assign the playback master 3 to executor 209 on page 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Master 4.3 At Page 6.209
```

For more information on how to assign objects to executors see Assign Object to an Executor.

- To set the first speed master to a speed of 42 BPM, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Master 3.1 At BPM 42
```

- To set the first speed master to a speed of 2 hertz, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Master 3."Speed1" At Hz 2

- To set the first speed master to a speed of 0.69 seconds, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Master 3."Speed1" At Seconds 0.69

	Hint:
	You can also set the speed readout of other objects such as sequences and presets.

1.9.3.200. MAtricks

To enter the MAtricks keyword in the command line, use one of the following options:

- Type **MAtricks**
- Type the shortcut **Mat**

Description

The MAtricks keyword behaves as an object type.

Used with an ID, MAtricks represents MAtricks objects stored in the MAtricks pool.

With the helping keywords On, Off, and Toggle, the MAtricks of the two selections may temporarily be enabled or disabled.

Furthermore, you can set the values of the MAtricks of the two selections.

Syntax

Set Selection (Selection_Number) MAtricks (Property) ["Property_Name" or Property_Value]

[Function] MAtricks ["MAtricks_Name" or MAtricks_Number]

Properties

X	Y	Z
XBlock	YBlock	ZBlock
XGroup	YGroup	ZGroup
XWings	YWings	ZWings
XWidth	YWidth	ZWidth
XShuffle	YShuffle	ZShuffle
XShift	YShift	ZShift

Examples

- To set the MAtricks X to 2 in the active selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Selection MAtricks "X" 2
```

- To set the MAtricks XBlock to 4 in selection 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Selection 2 MAtricks "XBlock" 4
```

- To disable MAtricks in the active selection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Off Selection MAtricks

- Toggle to activate MAtricks in the active selection, press Set or type:

User name[Fixture]>Toggle Selection MAtricks

- To reset the MAtricks in the first selection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Reset Selection 1 MAtricks

- To call the first MAtricks object in the MAtricks pool, type:

User name[Fixture]>Call MAtricks 1

- To label MAtricks 2 "Great", type:

User name[Fixture]>Label MAtricks 2 "Great"

- To assign the fourth MAtricks object of the pool to the first recipe in cue 1 part 0 of the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Assign MAtricks 4 At Cue 1 Part 0.1

- To apply the speed value of 10 Hz to the speed of the X property of the MAtricks selection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Set Selection MAtricks "SpeedFromX" "Hz 10"

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1.9.3.201. Locate

To enter the Locate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press and hold List
- Type **Locate**
- Type the shortcut **Loca**

Description

The Locate keyword is a function keyword that is used to locate objects that are assigned to executors and also locate ojects in pools. Repeatedly executing Locate on the same object cycles through all pages the pool object is assigned to. Other pool windows of the same object type will jump to the located object. If the object is located in numerous pages, a cycle count will be shown as long as you keep the object pressed.

Furthermore, the page can follow the located object. That is, the object that is assigned to an executor can be located in its pool. Once the object is located, it will start pulsating in red and the pool of the object will display a red and dotted frame.

If Locate is active, the executor starts to blink.

	Important:
	To cancel locate, press ESC.
	Hint:
	To execute Locate in the temporary command controls, latch List.

Syntax

Locate [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Locate Page (["Page_Name" or Page_Number]) Executor ["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number]

Locate Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number].["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number]

Locate Reset (/KeepPage)

Option Keywords

The Locate keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /KeepPage

Examples

- To locate the group "FireWorks", type:

User name[Fixture]>Locate Group "FireWorks"

- To cancel locate, type:

User name[Fixture]>Locate Reset

For information on the key and its location see List key.

For information on Locate in the Masters see Masters Window.

1.9.3.202. Measure

To enter the Measure keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Measure**
- Type the shortcut **Mea**

Description

The Measure keyword is used together with the phaser speed (speed layer) to define the length of time of a phaser. Knocking in the measure layer without specifying a value, will take the number of steps of the running phaser as the value.

For more information see Phasers.

	Hint:
	The measure layer also affects how the width of each step is calculated.
	Important:
	When using the measure layer, multiple width value combinations can produce identical results. To ensure predictable timing, we recommended you consider the width value of a step as the percentage of a beat and ensure that the total width of all steps in the phaser equals the number of beats specified in the measure layer.

Syntax

Measure

[At] Measure [Value]

Examples

Requirement:

To set values in the measure layer, create at least 2 steps in the programmer.

- To set the selected layer to measure, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Measure
```

- To set the measure of the selected feature group to 4 beats, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Measure 4
```

Result:

The phaser cycle now lasts 4 beats.

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1.9.3.203. Media

To enter the **Media** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **F** + **5**
- Type **Media**
- Type the shortcut **Med**

	Hint:
	To use the Media keyword, make sure you assign the Media ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The Media keyword is an object keyword which is used to call fixtures of the ID type Media in the programmer.

The name of this keyword can change because it is a custom ID type. For more information see the Custom ID Type.

Syntax

Media ["IDType_Name" or IDType_Number]

Example

- To select the fixture that uses the Media ID 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Media 2
```

1.9.3.204. MemoryInfo

To enter the **MemoryInfo** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MemoryInfo**
- Type the shortcut **Me**

Description

The MemoryInfo keyword is a command keyword that is used to indicate how much memory is occupied.

Syntax

MemoryInfo

Option Keywords

The MemoryInfo keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Limit
- /Sort

Example

- To check how much memory is occupied, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>MemoryInfo
```

1.9.3.205. Menu

To enter the **Menu** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Menu**
- Type the shortcut **Men**

Description

The Menu keyword is an object keyword which is used to address menus.

Syntax

([Function]) Menu ["Menu_Name" or Menu_Number]

Examples

- To open the menu Network, type:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "Network"

- To list all menus, type:

User name[Fixture]>List Menu

The command line feedback window lists all menus you can open using this keyword.

- To display the rear panel connectors on the letterbox screens, type:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "Connectorview"

For information on the key and its lcoation see Menu key.

1.9.3.206. Mesh

To enter the **Mesh** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Mesh**

Description

The Mesh keyword is an object keyword which is used to address meshes.

Syntax

[Function] Mesh ["Mesh_Name" or Mesh_Number]

Example

- To list all meshes of the show file, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Mesh
```

1.9.3.207. Move

To enter the Move keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Move
- Type **Move**
- Type the shortcut **Mo**

Description

The Move keyword is a function keyword which is used to move objects to another location giving them a new object ID.

If the destination is already occupied, the object will be moved to the target object. The previous target object will be moved to the next object until an empty object will be occupied.

Syntax

Move [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To move macro 1 to macro 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Move Macro 1 At 3
```

For information on the key and its location see Move key.

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1.9.3.208. Multipatch

To enter the Multipatch keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until Multipatch appears in the command line
- Type **F + 10**
- Type **Multipatch**
- Type the shortcut **Mu**

	Hint:
	To use the Multipatch keyword, make sure you create a Multipatch in an existing fixture first.

Description

The Multipatch keyword is a keyword which is used to address the multipatch fixtures of a fixture.

Syntax

Multipatch [Absolute_Multipatch_ID]

Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] Multipatch [Multipatch_ID]

Examples

- To select the second multipatch fixture of fixture 4, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 4 Multipatch 2

- To patch the third multipatch fixture of fixture 2 to DMX address 6 in DMX universe 42, type:

User name[Fixture]>Patch Fixture 2 Multipatch 3 42.6

1.9.3.209. MyRunningPreset

To enter the MyRunningPreset keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MyRunningPreset**
- Type the shortcut **Myrunningp**

Description

The MyRunningPreset keyword addresses preset playbacks that were started by my user profile and are currently running.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running presets are not equal to the numbers in the preset pool.

Syntax

[Function] MyRunningPreset ["MyRunningPreset_Name" or MyRunningPreset_Number]

Examples

- To disable the second and currently running preset started by my user profile, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off MyRunningPreset 2
```

- To list my running presets, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination MyRunningPreset
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set MyRunningPreset
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Preset" Property "SelectedMine" "Yes"
```

- Ater that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.210. MyRunningMacro

To enter the MyRunningMacro keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MyRunningMacro**
- Type the shortcut **Myrunningm**

Description

The MyRunningMacro keyword addresses macro playbacks that were started by my user profile and are currently running.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running macros are not equal to the numbers of the macro in the macros data pool.

Syntax

[Function] MyRunningMacro ["MyRunningMacro_Name" or MyRunningMacro_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first macro that you started and that is currently running, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off MyRunningMacro 1
```

- To list all your running macros, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination MyRunningMacro
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set MyRunningMacro
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Macro" Property "SelectedMine" "Yes"
```

- After that:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.211. MyRunningSequence

To enter the MyRunningSequence keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MyRunningSequence**
- Type the shortcut **My**

Description

The MyRunningSequence keyword addresses sequence playbacks that were started by my user profile and are currently running.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running sequences are not equal to the numbers of sequences in the sequences data pool.

Syntax

[Function] MyRunningSequence ["MyRunningSequence_Name" or MyRunningSequence_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first sequence that is running and which you started, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off MyRunningSequence 1
```

- To list all your running sequences, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningPlayback
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set MyRunningSequence Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Sequence" Property "SelectedMine" "Yes"
```

- After that:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.212. MyRunningSoundFile

To enter the MyRunningSoundFile keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MyRunningSoundFile**
- Type the shortcut **Myrunningso**

Description

The MyRunningSoundFile keyword addresses sound playbacks that were started by my user profile and are currently running.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running sound files are not equal to the numbers of sound files in the sound pool.

Syntax

[Function] MyRunningSoundFile ["MyRunningSoundFile_Name" or MyRunningSoundFile_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first sound file that is running and which you started, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off MyRunningSoundFile 1
```

- To list all your running sound files, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination MyRunningSoundFile
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set
MyRunningSoundFile Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Sound" Property
"SelectedMine" "Yes"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.213. MyRunningTimecode

To enter the MyRunningTimecode keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MyRunningTimecode**
- Type the shortcut **Myrunningt**

Description

The MyRunningTimecode keyword addresses timecode playbacks that were started by my user profile and are currently running.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running timecodes are not equal to the numbers of timecodes in the timecode data pool.

Syntax

[Function] MyRunningTimecode ["MyRunningTimecode_Name" or MyRunningTimecode_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first timecode that is running and which you started, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off MyRunningTimecode 1
```

- To list all your running timecodes, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningPlayback
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set MyRunningTimecode Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Timecode" Property "SelectedMine" "Yes"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.214. MyRunningTimer

To enter the MyRunningTimer keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MyRunningTimer**

Description

The MyRunningTimer keyword addresses timer playbacks that were started by my user profile and are currently running.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running timers are not equal to the numbers of timers in the timers data pool.

Syntax

[Function] MyRunningTimer ["MyRunningTimer_Name" or MyRunningTimer_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first timer that is running and which you started, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off MyRunningTimer 1
```

- To list all your running timers, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningPlayback
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set MyRunningTimer
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Timer" Property "SelectedMine" "Yes"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.215. Natural

To enter the Natural keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Natural**
- Type the shortcut **Na**

Description

The Natural keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the notation that is defined as natural in the different attributes.

For information on how to define which readout is used as natural readout in each attribute in the user interface, see Attribute Definitions.

Syntax

Attribute ["Attribute_Name"] At Natural [Value]

Example

- To set the pan attribute of the selected fixtures to value 26 using the readout that is defined as natural readout, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At Natural 26
```

1.9.3.216. NDI

To enter the NDI keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **NDI**
- Type the shortcut **ND**

Description

The keyword NDI is an object keyword that addresses NDI streams within the NDI folder of the video pool.

For more information on NDI and how to use it see Video - Use an NDI Source.

Syntax

[Function] NDI

Example

- To list all NDI streams that are used in the show file, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List NDI
```

1.9.3.217. MessageCenter

To enter the MessageCenter keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MessageCenter**
- Type the shortcut **Mes**

Description

The MessgeCenter keyword is an object keyword which is used to address the message center.

Syntax

Call MessageCenter (["Category.Priority"])

Examples

- To confirm all messages in the message center, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Call MessageCenter
```

- To confirm all messages of the priority Error in MA-Net, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Call MessageCenter "MA-Net.Errors"
```

- To confirm all messages of the category Warning, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Call MessageCenter ".Warning"
```

- To confirm all messges of the category Power and of the priority Error, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Call MessageCenter "Power.Error"
```

- To confirm all messages of the category Power, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Call MessageCenter "Power."
```

1.9.3.218. NewShow

To enter the NewShow keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **NewShow**
- Type the shortcut **New**

Description

The NewShow keyword is a function keyword that is used to create new shows.

Syntax

NewShow ["Show_Name"] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The NewShow keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /All
- /DMXProtocols
- /LocalSettings
- /NoShowData
- /OutputStations
- /Path

Example

- To create a new show file with the file name "La Bohème", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>NewShow "La Bohème"
```

1.9.3.219. Next

To enter the **Next** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Next or MA +
- Type **Next**
- Type the shortcut **N**

	Important:
	To execute the command directly, press Next.

Description

If no fixtures are selected and the default keyword is Fixture, the Next keyword selects the fixture with the lowest fixture ID.

If only one fixture is selected and the default keyword is Fixture, the Next keyword selects the following fixture.

If multiple fixtures are selected, the Next keyword selects the following fixture one after the other within the selected block of fixtures.

For more information see MAtricks and Shuffle.

	Important:
	The logic of object-related operations was extended using the Next keyword. For more information see the Store keyword and the Update keyword.

Syntax

Next

Option Keywords

The Next keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Wrap

Examples

- To step through single fixtures in the selected block of fixtures, press Next.

Name	FID	IDType	CID	Dimmer	PanTilt	
				Dim	P	T
AS QWO 1	1	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 2	2	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 3	3	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 4	4	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 5	5	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 6	6	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 7	7	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 8	8	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 9	9	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 10	10	Fixture		60	50	50
AS QWO 11	11	Fixture		0	50	50
AS QWO 12	12	Fixture		0	50	50
AS QWO 13	13	Fixture		0	50	50

Using Next in a selected block of fixtures

- To go to the next page in the page pool, type:

User name[Fixture]>Next Page

- To load the next cue in selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Load Next

For information on the key and its location see Next key.

1.9.3.220. NextY

To enter the **NextY** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **NextY**

Description

The NextY keyword is a command keyword that is used to move the main selection from fixture to fixture on the y-axis. This can be observed in the selection grid for example.

Syntax

NextY

Examples:

Requirement:

- Select more than one fixture on the y-axis:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Grid 0/0 Thru 4/4
MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 25

- To move this selection downward, that is, on the y-axis, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>NextY

1.9.3.221. MyRunningPlayback

To enter the MyRunningPlayback keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **MyRunningPlayback**
- Type the shortcut **MyRunningpl**

Description

The MyRunningPlayback keyword addresses playbacks that were started by my user profile and that are currently playing back.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running playbacks are not equal to the numbers in the playback pool.

Syntax

[Function] MyRunningPlayback ["MyRunningPlayback_Name" or MyRunningPlayback_Number]

Examples

- To disable all of your playbacks that are currently running, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off MyRunningPlayback
```

- To list all of my running playbacks, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination MyRunningPlayback
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set RunningPlayback
Property "SelectedMine" "Yes"
```

- Ater that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.222. NextZ

To enter the **NextZ** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **NextZ**

Description

The NextZ keyword is a command keyword that is used to move the main selection from fixture to fixture on the z-axis. This can be observed in the selection grid for example.

Syntax

NextZ

Examples

Requirement:

- Select more than one fixture on the z-axis:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Grid 0/0/0 Thru 4/0/4
MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 25

- To move this selection upward, that is, on the z-axis, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>NextZ

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1.9.3.223. NetworkNode

To enter the NetworkNode keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **NetworkNode**
- Type the shortcuts **Node** or **Networkn**

Description

The NetworkNode keyword is an object keyword which is used to display the grandMA3 nodes in the network.

Syntax

[Function] NetworkNode ["NetworkNode_Name" or NetworkNode_Number]

Examples

- To list all nodes that are currently in the same network, type:

User name[Fixture]>List NetworkNode

- To invite node "FOH3" into the session, type:

User name[Fixture]>Invite NetworkNode "FOH3"

1.9.3.224. NonDim

To enter the **NonDim** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until NonDim appears in the command line
- Type **F + 4**
- Type **NonDim**
- Type the shortcut **Non**

	Hint:
	To use the NonDim keyword, make sure you assign the NonDim ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The NonDim keyword is an object keyword which is used to call fixtures of the ID type NonDim in the programmer.

The name of this keyword can change because it is a custom ID type. For more information see the Custom ID Type Topic.

Syntax

NonDim ["NonDim_Name" or NonDim_Number]

Example

- To select the fixture that uses the NonDim ID 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>NonDim 1
```

1.9.3.225. Normal

	Important:
	Pressing At twice instantly executes the Normal keyword.

To enter the **Normal** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press At At
- Type **Normal**
- Type the shortcut **No**

Description

The Normal keyword is an object keyword which is used to set the dimmer of the fixtures to the defined normal value.

For information on how to change th enormal value see User Settings.

Syntax

Normal

Example

- To set the dimmer of the selected fixtures to the normal value, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Normal
```

1.9.3.226. Note

To enter the Note keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Note**
- Type the shortcut **Not**

Description

The Note keyword is used to add or edit a short note in an object.

For more information see Notes.

Syntax

Note [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (["Text"])

Examples

- To add a note in macro 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Note Macro 5
```

- To add a note called "Important" in plugin 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Note Plugin 42 "Important"
```

1.9.3.227. Off

To enter the Off keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Off
- Type **Off**
- Type the shortcut **Of**

Description

The Off keyword is used as a function keyword to:

- Stop an executor
- Knock out parameters in the programmer
- Knock out selections in the programmer
- Knock out active attributes in the programmer

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Off [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To knock out the parameters of fixture 2 and 4 in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off Fixture 2 + 4
```

- To knock out the values of sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off Sequence 1
```

- To turn off all sequences containing loaded cues, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off Loaded
```

For information on the key and its location see Off key.

1.9.3.228. Offset

	Hint:
	Store Offset is more precise when the resulting offsets are as small as possible. It is also possible to use relative values in the programmer.

To enter the Offset keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Update
- Type **Offset**
- Type the shortcut **Offs**

	Important:
	If you use the key combination MA + Update to enter the Offset keyword in the command line, make sure you enter the Store keyword in the command line first.

Description

The Offset keyword is a helping keyword that helps calculate the pan and tilt offset in fixtures.

Syntax

[Function] Offset

Example

Requirement:

1. Call a preset into the programmer or play a cue in the fixtures where you want to calculate the offset;
2. The position of the fixtures in 3D have to be aligned with the fixtures on real stage;
3. Adjust the pan and tilt values in the programmer so that the fixtures are in the same position on real stage.
   - To calculate and use offset in the selected fixtures, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Store Offset

1.9.3.229. On

1.9.3.230. NetworkSpeedTest

To enter the NetworkSpeedTest keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **NetworkSpeedTest**
- Type the shortcut **Net**

Description

The NetworkSpeedTest keyword is used to excute a test of the network connection in devices defined in the command.

Syntax

NetworkSpeedTest [DeviceType] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number]

Examples

- To execute a network speed test in all consoles that are available in the network, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>NetworkSpeedTest Console Thru
```

- To test all devices in your session, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>NetworkSpeedTest Session
```

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1.9.3.231. onPC

To enter the onPC keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **onPC**
- Type the shortcut **onp**

Description

The onPC keyword is an object keyword which is used to display all onPC stations in the network.

Syntax

[Function] onPC ["onPC_Name" or onPC_Number]

Examples

- To list all onPC stations that are currently in the same network, type:

User name[Fixture]>List onPC

- To invite the onPC station "FOH3" to the session, type:

User name[Fixture]>Invite onPC "FOH3"

1.9.3.232. OSC

To enter the **OSC** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **OSC**
- Type the shortcut **Os**

Description

The OSC keyword represents the open sound control data.

OSC keyword lists, exports or imports open sound control data in Remote Inputs.

Syntax

[Function] OSC

Examples

1. List all OSC data in an interface

1. Change destination to OSC:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination OSC
```

Result:

```
User name@ShowData/OSCBase>
```

2. To list OSC data in the interface, type:

```
User name@ShowData/OSCBase> List
```

2. Import OSC data in Remote Input

Requirement: Change destination to OSC.

For more information see Example 1.

- To import OSC data, type:

If the target already exists, the import pop-up will appear asking you to choose an option:

Target is occupied

- Choose an option.

The OSC is imported.

1.9.3.233. Oops

	Hint:
	Use **Undo** as a synonym of the Oops keyword.

To enter the Oops keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Oops
- Type **Oops** or **Undo**
- Type the shortcut **O**

Description

The Oops keyword is a function keyword which is used to cancel:

- The last action made in the command line;
- The last fixture selection;
- The last action made in the programmer.

Syntax

Oops

Option Keywords

The Oops keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /NoConfirmation

Example

- To undo the last operation, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Oops
```

For information on the key and its location see Oops key.

1.9.3.234. OutputLayer

To enter the OutputLayer keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **OutputLayer**
- Type the shortcut **Ou**

Description

OutputLayer is a layer keyword. It is used to change the selected layer to the OutputLayer. This layer can show information in, for instance, the fixture sheet.

Syntax

OutputLayer

Example

- To select the OutputLayer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>OutputLayer
```

1.9.3.235. Page

To enter the Page keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X15 | Page
- Type **Page**
- Type the shortcut **P**

	Important:
	Before calling a page, create a page in the page pool first.

Description

The Page keyword is an object keyword which is used to access pages.

Syntax

([Function]) Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number] ([/Option] ["Option_Value"])

Option Keywords

The Page keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Tab

Examples

- To change to page 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Page 2
```

- To label page 2 "Ray", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Page 2 "Ray"
```

- To call the page with the name "Ray", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Page "Ray"
```

- To change to the next page, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Next Page
```

For information on the Page- and Page+ keys and their location see Page- key, and Page+ key, or X15 | Page key.

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1.9.3.236. Part

To enter the Part keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Cue Cue
- Type **Part**
- Type the shortcut **Par**

Description

The Part keyword is an object keyword which is used to segment cues in parts.

Parts are useful for the assignment and the edit of different timings of groups of fixture parameters.

Syntax

[Function] Part ["Part_Name" or Part_Number]

Examples

- To create a second part of cue 3 in the selected executor, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 3 Part 2
```

- To delete part 3 of cue 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Cue 1 Part 3
```

1.9.3.237. Park

To enter the Park keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Pause Pause
- Type **Park**

Description

The Park keyword is a command keyword which is used to prevent DMX channels of fixtures to change their value.

Syntax

Park [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To park fixture 1 with all its attributes, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Park Fixture 1
```

- To park the current selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Park
```

It is also possible to enter Park into the command line and tap a cell in the fixture sheet to park a certain attribute.

To unpark fixtures and/or attributes, see the Unpark Keyword.

Important:
When parking a fixture and/or attribute it will park the corresponding DMX channel.

- To park all DMX channels of fixture 1 at 50%, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Park Fixture 1 At 50
```

Hint:
The command Park Fixture At will park all DMX channels of the fixture to the value that is set.

- To park only DMX channels for FeatureGroup 1 at 50, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Park Fixture 1 At 50 If FeatureGroup 1

- To park DMX universe 2, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Park DMXUniverse 2

To specify the universe:

1. Enter the Park keyword in the command line.
2. Tap the universe in the universe pool.

- To park DMX channel 20 on the first universe, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Park DMXUniverse 1.20

To specify the DMX channel:

1. Enter the Park keyword in the command line.
2. Tap the channel in the DMX sheet.

	Hint:
	If there are parked channels in a universe, they will be indicated by a blue **P** icon in the universe pool.

1.9.3.238. Paste

To enter the Paste keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Copy Copy
- Type **Paste**
- Type the shortcut **Pas**

Description

The Paste keyword pastes or moves previously cut or copied objects.

For more information see the Cut keyword and the Copy keyword.

Syntax

Paste Object ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Paste keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Date

Examples

- To cut and then paste group 1 to group 5, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Cut Group 1
MA	User name[Fixture]>Paste Group 5

- To copy and then paste cue 5 to cue 15, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 5
MA	User name[Fixture]>Paste Cue 15

- To copy and then paste macro 10 to macro 15, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Copy Macro 10
MA	User name[Fixture]>Paste Macro 15

	Important:
	The pasted object will have all the edits that were made to the source object after copying it to clipboard and before pasting it as a new target object.

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1.9.3.239. Patch

To enter the **Patch** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Patch**
- Type the shortcut **Pat**

Description

The Patch keyword is used to edit the patch address of single fixtures or entire fixture selections.

Syntax

Patch Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] [Universe.Address]

Patch Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] Thru ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number]

Examples

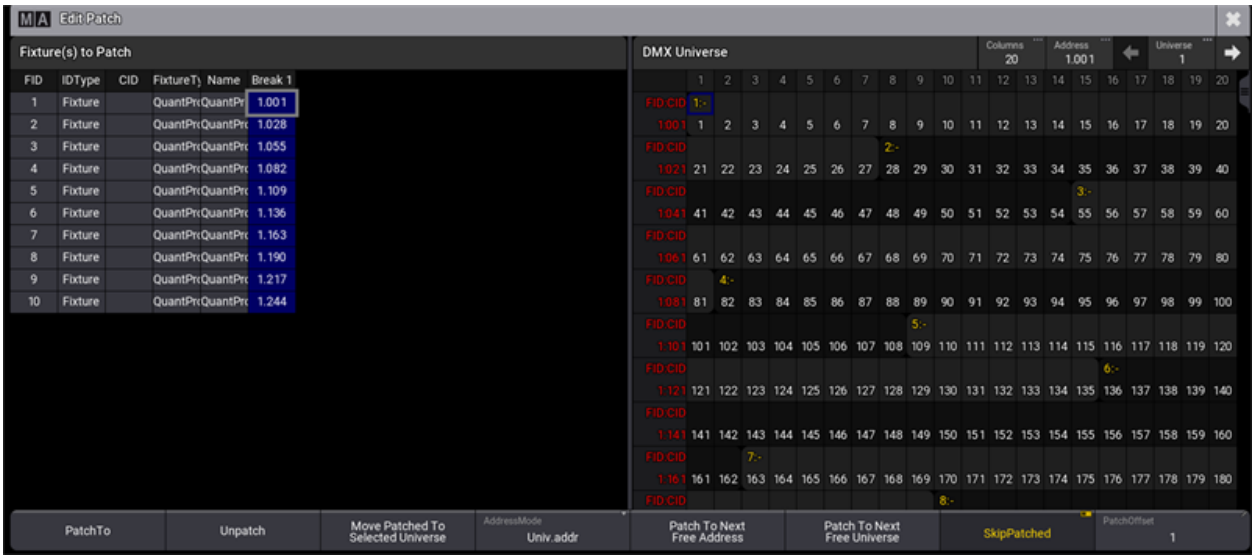
- To patch fixture 2 to the patch address 123 on universe 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Patch Fixture 2 3.123
```

- To edit the patch address of fixtures 1 through 10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Patch Fixture 1 Thru 10
```

The Edit Patch opens:



Edit patched fixtures

You can now patch the fixtures to a new patch address or unpatch them using the user interface.

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1.9.3.240. Pause

To enter the Pause keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Pause
- Type **Pause**
- Type the shortcut **Pau**

Description

The Pause keyword is a playback keyword which is used to pause:

- Crossfades between steps and cues;
- Timecode shows;
- Macros.

	Hint:
	Pause is a toggle function between **Pause On** and **Pause Off**.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Pause (On/Off) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To pause an active phaser in the sequence on executor 201, type:

User name[Fixture]>Pause Executor 201

- To restart the phaser in the sequence of executor 201, type:

User name[Fixture]>Pause Executor 201

For information on the keys and their location see Pause [large] key and Pause | Fix key.

1.9.3.241. NShot

To enter the NShot keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **NShot**
- Type the shortcut **Ns**

Description

The NShot keyword is used to set the number of phaser cycles. The NShot keyword also uses numbers with fractions.

For more information on how to use NShot see Phasers.

Syntax

At NShot [NShot_Number]

Examples

- To to set the number of phaser cycles to 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At NShot 5
```

- To set the number of phaser cycles to 2.5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At NShot 2.5
```

The phaser will complete two and a half cycles.

1.9.3.242. Percent

To enter the Percent keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Percent**
- Type the shortcut **Pe**

Description

The Percent keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection using the percent (%) notation.

Syntax

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At ([Layer]) Percent [Value]

Example

- To set the pan value in the absolute layer to 50 in percent, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At Absolute Percent 50
```

1.9.3.243. PercentFine

To enter the PercentFine keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **PercentFine**
- Type the shortcut **Percentf**

Description

The PercentFine keyword is used to set the values of a fixture selection taking into consideration two decimal places.

Syntax

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At ([Layer]) PercentFine [Value]

Examples

- To set the dimmer on the absolute layer to 50.35% in PercentFine, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute PercentFine 50.35
```

- To set the pan value in the absolute layer to 75.50%, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At Absolute PercentFine 75.50
```

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1.9.3.244. Phase

To enter the Phase keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Phase**
- Type the shortcut **Ph**

Description

Phase is an object keyword that is used to set the Phase layer.

For more information see Phasers.

Syntax

Phase

At Phase [Value] (Thru [Value])

Examples

- To change to the phase layer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Phase
```

Requirement:

In this example, at least 2 steps have to be active in the programmer.

- To set a phase of 0 through 360° in the selected attribute, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Phase 0 Thru 360
```

1.9.3.245. Physical

To enter the Physical keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Physical**
- Type the shortcut **Phy**

Description

The Physical keyword is used to set the physical values of a fixture selection using the Physical notation. It comprises RPM (rounds per minute), Hz (Hertz), degrees, or intensity.

Syntax

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At ([Layer]) Physical [Value]

Examples

- To set the dimmer value to 1.0 in the absolute layer using Physical, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Absolute Physical 1.0
```

- To set the pan value in the absolute layer to 75.60 degrees using Physical, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At Absolute Physical 75.60
```

1.9.3.246. Plugin

To enter the Plugin keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X14 | Macro + X14 | Macro
- Type **Plugin**
- Type the shortcut **Pl**

Description

The Plugin keyword is an object keyword which is used to access plugins.

The default function of the Plugin keyword is Go+.

Syntax

([Function]) Plugin ["Plugin_Name" or Plugin_Number](.["LuaComponent_Name" or LuaComponent_Number]) ("Argument_Value")

Examples

- To edit plugin 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Plugin 2
```

- To label plugin 1 "Weakon," type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Plugin 1 "Weakon"
```

Call a Plugin and Specify an Argument

Requirement:

- Create a plugin that uses an argument when calling a function.

In this example our plugin is plugin 1 of the plugin pool and the argument is called name in the definition of the function.

Lua

```lua
return function(display_handle, name)
        Printf("My name is "..name)
end
```

- To generate the sentence "My name is Richard Roe" in the command line history, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Plugin 1 "Richard Roe"
```

Result:

```
OK
:
Plugin 1 "Richard Roe"
My name is Richard Roe
```

Response in the command line history

"My name is Richard Roe" is now displayed in the command line history.

Call a Dedicated LuaComponent

Requirement:

- Create at least two lua components in the plugin.

For more information on how to create lua components see Plugins.

- To call the second LuaComponent of plugin 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Plugin 1.2
```

1.9.3.247. Preset

To enter the Preset keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Preset
- Type **Preset**
- Type the shortcut **Pr**

Description

With the Preset keyword, it is possible to:

- Select the fixtures stored in a preset;
- Apply the At function on the preset within the fixture or channel selection;
- Set a property in a preset.

A command containing only the Preset keyword and the preset ID performs the default function SelectFixtures. For more information see SelectFixtures keyword.

To give the fixture attributes a link to the preset, the At keyword needs to be added in front of the Preset keyword and the preset ID. For more information see At Keyword.

Syntax

Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number]

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] ([Setting] ["Setting_Value"] [/OptionKeyword])

Assign [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number]

Settings

Some settings need an object assigned. These can be assigned using the Assign Keyword.

Other settings contain a text option or a value. The Set keyword is used for these settings.

The following table displays the settings that need an object:

Setting	Object	Description
Appearance	"Appearance 1"	Assigns the appearance to the pool object.
InputFilter	"Filter 12"	Assigns a filter or world as an input filter to the pool object.
Scribble	"Scribble 1"	Assigns the scribble to the preset pool object.

The following table displays the settings that need an option or value:

Setting	Option/Value	Description
Name	"Preset Name"	Sets the name of the preset pool object.
MoveGridCursor	"Yes" or "No"	This defines if the grid cursor is moved after calling the preset.
CuePart	"Default" or a specific part number	This is the programmer cue part the preset will be called into.
MAgic	"Yes" or "No"	This defines if the preset is a magic preset or not.
PresetMode	Read only	This is information only about the preset mode.
StoredData	Read only	This is information only about the stored data.

Presets can also contain settings for MAtricks and recipe values. These can be changed using the Set keyword.

Option Keywords

The Preset keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Active
- /ActiveForSelected
- /AddNewContent
- /All
- /AllForSelected
- /Ask
- /Auto
- /DMX
- /Embed
- /ForceGlobal
- /Global
- /GridMergeMode
- /InputFilter
- /KeepActivation
- /Look
- /MAtricks
- /Output
- /Overwrite
- /PhaserData
- /Programmer
- /Selective
- /Universal

Examples

- To select the fixtures that can use preset 5 of the dimmer feature group, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelFix Preset 1.5
```

- To select the fixtures stored in any preset with the name "DarkRed", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelFix Preset *."DarkRed"
```

- To call a reference to preset 21.45 ("All 1" preset number 45) to the attributes of the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Preset 21.45
```

- To set the name of the position preset 3 to be "Stage Left", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Preset 2.3 Name "Stage Left"
```

- To assign world 5 as an input filter on position preset 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign World 5 At Preset 2.4
```

For information on the key and its location see Preset key.

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1.9.3.248. PresetUpdate

To enter the PresetUpdate keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Type **PresetUpdate**
- Type the shortcut **Presetu**

Description

The PresetUpdate keyword is an object keyword that contains all presets that can be currently updated.

To show the preset list, use the List keyword.

Syntax

[Function] PresetUpdate (["PresetUpdate_Name" or PresetUpdate_Number])

Examples

- To list all the presets that can be updated in the command line feedback, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List PresetUpdate
```

The same list is displayed in the Update Menu.

- To update the second preset that is part of the PresetUpdate List , type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Update PresetUpdate 2
```

1.9.3.249. Press

To enter the Press keyword in the command line, type **Press**.

Description

The Press keyword is used to simulate the pressed state of a key.

It is possible to assign this state to macros.

For more information see Macros.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

[Function] Press [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To execute Flash on the executor 203, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Flash Press Executor 203

To unpress a key, see Unpress Keyword.

1.9.3.250. Preview

To enter the Preview keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Preview
- Type **Preview**
- Type the shortcut **Previe**

Description

The Preview keyword is used to toggle the preview mode. For more information on preview see What is the Programmer.

Syntax

Preview (On/Off)

Example

- To toggle the preview mode, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Preview

The title bar and the frame around the windows that display the preview mode turn red.

For information on the key and its lcoation see Prvw [Preview] key.

1.9.3.251. Previous

To enter the Previous keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Prev or MA -
- Type **Previous**
- Type the shortcut **Prev**

Description

The Previous keyword has several functions:

- If no fixture is selected, the fixture with the highest ID number will be selected.
- If one fixture is selected, the fixture before this fixture will be selected.
- If MAtricks are active, the Previous keyword has special functions depending on the selected MAtricks options.

For more information on MAtricks see MAtricks and Shuffle.

	Important:
	The logic of object-related objects was extended using the Previous keyword. For more information see the Store keyword and the Update keyword.

Syntax

([Function]) Previous ([Object])

Option Keywords

The Previous keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Wrap

Examples

- To select the last fixture of the selected fixtures in the selection order, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Previous
```

- To go to the previous page in the page pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Previous Page
```

- To load the previous cue in the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Load Previous

For information on the key and its location see Prev [Previous] key.

1.9.3.252. PreviousY

To enter the **PreviousY** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Previousy**

Description

The PreviousY keyword is a command keyword that is used to move the main selection from fixture to fixture back to the previous position on the y-axis. This can be observed in the selection grid for example.

Syntax

PreviousY

Example

Requirement: Select more than one fixture on the y-axis

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Grid 0/0 Thru 4/4
MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 25

- To move this selection to the previous position on the y-axis, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>PreviousY

1.9.3.253. PreviousZ

To enter the **PreviousZ** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Previousz**

Description

The PreviousZ keyword is a command keyword that is used to move the main selection from fixture to fixture back to the previous position on the z-axis. This can be observed in the selection grid for example.

Syntax

PreviousZ

Example

Requirement: Select more than one fixture on the z-axis

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Grid 0/0/0 Thru 4/0/4
MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 25

- To move this selection to the previous position on the z-axis, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>PreviousZ

1.9.3.254. Programmer

To enter the Programmer keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Cue
- Type **Programmer**
- Type the shortcut **Pro**

Description

The Programmer keyword represents the programmer playback. It is used to enable, disable, or pause values in the programmer.

Syntax

[Function] Programmer ([ProgrammerPart_Number])

Examples

Requirement: Phasers are running

- To pause all phasers and transitions running in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Pause Programmer
```

- To create programmer part 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Programmer 42
```

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1.9.3.255. Property

To enter the Property keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Property**
- Type the shortcut **Prop**

Description

The Property keyword is an object keyword which is used to communicate with the console for you to set a specific property.

It is used in conjunction with the Set keyword, the SetUserVariable keyword, or the SetGlobalVariable keyword.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] Property ["Property_Name"](At + [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) ["Value"]

Examples

- To set the ValueReadout to Hex8 in the current user profile, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set CurrentUserProfile Property "ValueReadout" "Hex8"
```

- To assign the filter "Only Dimmer" of cue 5 to "Break", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Cue 5 Property "Break" At + Filter "Dimmer Only"
```

1.9.3.256. ProcessingUnit

To enter the ProcessingUnit keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ProcessingUnit**
- Type the shortcut **PU** or **Proc**

Description

The ProcessingUnit keyword is an object keyword which is used to address the grandMA3 processing units in the network.

Syntax

[Function] ProcessingUnit ["ProcessingUnit_Name" or ProcessingUnit_Number]

Examples

To list all processing units that are currently in the same network, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List ProcessingUnit
```

To invite processing unit "FOH3" into the session, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Invite ProcessingUnit "FOH3"
```

1.9.3.257. PSR

To enter the PSR keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until PSR appears in the command line
- Type **F + 11**
- Type **PSR**
- Type the shortcut **Ps**

	Hint:
	To use the PSR keyword, make sure you assign the PSR ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The PSR keyword is an object keyword which is used to select fixtures of the ID type PSR in the programmer.

	Hint:
	The PSR ID type will be automatically allocated when using PSR to ensure that all fixtures have at least a CID of the ID type PSR. For more information see Partial Show Read.

Syntax

PSR ["PSR_Name" or PSR_Number]

Example

- To select the the fixture that uses the PSR ID 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>PSR 2
```

1.9.3.258. Pyro

To enter the Pyro keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until Pyro appears in the command line
- Type **F + 8**
- Type **Pyro**
- Type the shortcut **Py**

	Hint:
	To use the Pyro keyword, make sure you assign the Pyro ID type and a custom ID to a fixture first.

Description

The Pyro keyword is an object keyword which is used to call fixtures of the ID type Pyro in the programmer.

The name of this keyword can change because it is a custom ID type. For more information see the Custom ID Type Topic.

Syntax

Pyro ["Pyro_Name" or Pyro_Number]

Example

- To select the the fixture that uses the pyro ID 8, type:

User name[Fixture]>Pyro 8

1.9.3.259. Quickey

To enter the Quickey keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X14 | Macro + X14 | Macro + X14 | Macro
- Type **Quickey**
- Type the shortcut **Q**

Description

The Quickey keyword is an object keyword that is used to address quickeys in the pool.

For more information see Quickeys.

Syntax

[Function] Quickey ["Quickey_Name" or Quickey_Number]

Example

- To edit quickey 1 in the quickey pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Quickey 1
```

1.9.3.260. Rate1

To enter the Rate1 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Learn
- Type **Rate1**
- Type the shortcut **Ra**

Description

The Rate1 keyword is a playback keyword that is used to reset the rate of a phaser to 1:1.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Rate1 [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To reset the rate of executor 105 back to 1:1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Rate1 Executor 105
```

1.9.3.261. RDM

To enter the RDM keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RDM**
- Type the shortcut **Rd**

Description

The keyword RDM is an object keyword that addresses RDM objects within the RDM folder.

For more information on RDM and how to use it see RDM.

Syntax

[Function] RDM

Examples

- Access the RDM folder first, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RDM
```

Result:

```
User name@ShowData/RDMData>
```

- To list all RDM objects in this folder, type:

```
User name@ShowData/RDMData>List
```

1.9.3.262. Readout

	Important:
	Changing the Readout is a user profile setting. That is, the Readout will be automatically set throughout the entire user profile. For more information see User Settings.
	Hint:
	-The Readout values are: Decimal8, Decimal24, Hex8, Hex24, Percent, PercentFine, Physical. -The names of the readout are case-sensitive, e.g., "**H**ex8", "**P**ercent".

To enter the Readout keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Readout**
- Type the shortcut **Rea**

Description

The Readout keyword is used to set the readout of fixtures in the usual notation.

Syntax

Readout ["Readout_Notation"]

Example

- To set the Readout to Hex8, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Readout "Hex8"

1.9.3.263. Reboot

To enter the Reboot keyword in the command line, use one of the following options:

- Type **Reboot**
- Type the shortcut **R**

Description

The Reboot keyword is a function keyword that is used to shut down the station in use and boot it up again.

A confirmation pop-up opens on the station in use.

	Hint:
	The device types are: Console, NetworkNode, onPC, ProcessingUnit, Session, Station, and Extension.

Syntax

Reboot (/Option)

Reboot IP [IP_Address] (/Option)

Reboot [Device_Type] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Reboot keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /NoConfirmation
- /NoSave
- /Save
- /Wait

Examples

- To reboot the connected grandMA3 processing unit 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Reboot ProcessingUnit 1
```

- To reboot the connected grandMA3 processing unit called "Stage Right", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Reboot ProcessingUnit "Stage Right"
```

- To reboot the console that uses the IP address 192.168.0.4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Reboot IP 192.168.0.4
```

1.9.3.264. Recast

To enter the Recast keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X1 | Clone + X1 | Clone
- Type **Recast**
- Type the shortcut **Reca**

Description

The Recast keyword is a command keyword which is used to update attributes that were added or removed in the presets. It will add or remove these values in cues where the preset is used.

Furthermore, recast can be used when configuring executors. When an executor configuration is used on several executors, and the assignment of handle for one of these executors changes, the changes will not automatically be transmitted to other executors using this configuration. When storing the changes into the executor configuration, it is possible to recast the executor configuration. All other executors using this configuration will then get the new handle assignment. For more information on executor configurations see the Executor Configurations.

	Known Limitation:
	Recast will only recast presets to cues where a preset link exists in the absolute layer.

Syntax

Recast Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number]

Recast Configuration ["ExecutorConfiguration_Name" or ExecutorConfiguration_Number]

Example

- The dimmer is open and the color is red in ten fixtures in the All preset 21.1. This preset is used in sequence 1. We now add position to the preset. To recast preset 21.1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Recast Preset 21.1
```

1.9.3.265. Reconnect

To enter the Reconnect keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Reconnect**
- Type the shortcut **Recon**

Description

The Reconnect keyword takes the station that was previously disconnected back to session.

	Hint:
	Reconnect only works from station to station where session credentials are the same (same name of session and location).

Syntax

Reconnect IP [IP_Number]

Reconnect ["StationType_Name" or StationType_Number].["Station_Name" or Station_Number]

Example

- To reconnect the device with the IP 192.168.0.4, type:

User name[Fixture]>Reconnect IP 192.168.0.4

1.9.3.266. Record

To enter the Record keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Store
- Type **Record**
- Type the shortcut **Rec**

Description

The Record keyword is used to record a timecode show using the command line.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Record (On/Off) Timecode ["Timecode_Name" or Timecode_Number]

Example

- To start recording timecode 3 in the timecode pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Record Timecode 3
```

1.9.3.267. Relative

To enter the Relative keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Time
- Type **Relative**
- Type the shortcut **Relativ**

Description

The Relative keyword is an object keyword which is used to set the relative layer.

Syntax

Relative

Attribute ["Attribute_Name"] At Relative [Value]

Examples

- To set the layer to relative, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Relative
```

- To set the color red to 10 in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "ColorRGB_R" At Relative 10
```

1.9.3.268. Release

To enter the **Release** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Delete Delete Delete
- Type **Release**
- Type the shortcut **Rel**

Description

The Release keyword enters release values in the programmer depending on attributes specified and the fixtures that were selected.

Release values that are stored using the merge function release previously tracked values in the tracking list. The fixtures use their default values.

If you release an object, the release is applied to the corresponding layer.

Syntax

Release [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To enter release values in the programmer in all attributes of the fixture selection in the corresponding layer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Release
```

- To enter release values in the programmer in the attribute "Pan" of the fixture selection in the corresponding layer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Release Attribute "Pan"
```

- To enter release values in the programmer in fixture 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Release Fixture 1
```

1.9.3.269. ReloadAllPlugins

To enter the ReloadAllPlugins keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ReloadAllPlugins**
- Type **Reloada**
- Type the shortcut **RP**

Description

The ReloadAllPlugins keyword is a function keyword that is used to reload the content of the external Lua files.

It is necesssary to reload the external Lua files after you edited them, as the edits can influence how Lua behaves.

You may want to test the integrity of the Lua system to make sure that it behaves as expected next time you load the show. This is important as the show file saved does not contain a snapshot of the Lua memory. It only contains the integrated functions and the code in the defined plugins.

When the show file is loaded, the external Lua files and the code of the plugins are reloaded. That is, the code of the Lua file on the harddrive is reread and loaded into the show file again. This then may result in a different state than that after you powered down the console or saved the show file.

	Hint:
	Double-check the executed command in the system monitor.

Syntax

ReloadAllPlugins

Example

- To restart the content of the external Lua files after programming using Lua, type:

User name[Fixture]>ReloadAllPlugins

1.9.3.270. ReloadUI

To enter the ReloadUI keyword in the command line, use one of the following options:

- Type **ReloadUI**
- Type **Relo**
- Type the shortcut **RU**

Description

The ReloadUI keyword is a function keyword that is used to refresh the user interface of the console.

Syntax

ReloadUI

Example

- To refresh the user interface of the console, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ReloadUI
```

1.9.3.271. Remote

To enter the Remote keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Remote**
- Type the shortcut **Rem**

Description

The Remote keyword is an object keyword that is used to access the remote input types.

You can store or delete remote input types and set parameters.

Syntax

[Function] Remote ["RemoteInputType_Name" or RemoteInputType_Number].["Remote_Name" or Remote_Number] (Property ["Property_Name"] ["Property_Value"])

Assign [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At Remote ["RemoteInputType_Name" or RemoteInputType_Number].["Remote_Name" or Remote_Number] (Property ["Property_Name"] ["Property_Value"])

The following table displays the available remote input types and their remote input type IDs.

Remote Input Type	Remote Input Type ID
DC Remote	1
MIDI Remote	2
DMX Remote	3

The IDs in the input type have to be in an order and have to start with 1.

Properties

The following table displays the properties you can set using the command line with the help of the Set Keyword.

	Hint:
	If an option or any other part of the keyword command requires two quotation marks, the outer quotation marks are "+" and the inner quotation marks are '+'.

Property	Property Value	Description
Lock	"Yes", "No"	Sets the lock status.
Name	"This is the name of the remote"	Sets the name of the remote.
Target	"World", "Sequence", "Macro", "Group", "Plugin", "View", "Master"	Sets the target of the action when the contact is active.
Fader	"Master", "X", "Temp", and all	Sets the fader the console should

Property	Property Value	Description
	the fader functions.	activate.
Key	"Fix", "Select", "SelFix", and all the key functions.	Sets the key the console should activate.
TriggerOn	"0%...100%"	Sets the value at which the trigger will be set to on.
TriggerOff	"0%...100%"	Sets the value at which the trigger will be set to off.
InFrom	"0%...100%"	Sets the starting point of the range of the incoming signal in use.
InTo	"0%...100%"	Sets the end point of the range of the incoming signal in use.
OutFrom	"0%...100%"	Sets the starting point of the range of the outgoing signal in use.
OutTo	"0%...100%"	Sets the end point of the range of the outgoing signal in use.
Enabled	"Yes", "No"	Sets the status to enabled or not enabled.
Only for DMX remotes: Address	1.001...1024.512 [universe].[dmx address]	Sets the DMX universe and address.
Only for DMX remotes: Resolution	"8bit", "16bit", "24bit"	Sets the DMX resolution. For 16 bit and 24 bit, the DMX channels have to be consecutive.
Only for MIDI remotes: MIDIChannel	"1, 2, 3, ..., 16"	Sets the MIDI channel.
Only for MIDI remotes: MIDIIndex	"1, 2, 3, ..., 128"	Sets the MIDI index.
Only for MIDI remotes: MIDIType	"Note", "NoteAttack", "NoteAttackDecay", "Control"	Sets the MIDI type. Note = MIDI note only NoteAttack = MIDI note and uses the velocity to regulate the master except note off NoteAttackDecay = MIDI note and uses the velocity to regulate the master with note off Control = Control change (CC) messages.
Only for DC remotes: DC start signal	"1, 2, 3, ..., 64"	Sets the DC start signal.

The start signal and the MIDI offset of the desired input console for DC Remotes and MIDI Remotes have to be set in the Output Configuration Menu.

Examples

- To set the key of the first DMX remote to Go+, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Remote 3.1 "Key" "Go+"
```

- To store a new MIDI remote, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Remote 2.1
```

- To assign sequence 2 to the second DMX remote, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Sequence 2 At Remote "DMXRemotes".2
```

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1.9.3.272. RemoteHID

To enter the RemoteHID keyword, use one of the options:

- Type **RemoteHID**
- Type **Remoteh**

Description

The RemoteHID keyword connects a mouse and/or an external keyboard with different stations.

Syntax

RemoteHID IP [IP Address]

RemoteHID onPC ["onPC_Name" or onPC_Number]

Examples

- To connect with the station which uses the IP 192.168.0.4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>RemoteHID IP 192.168.0.4
```

- To connect with the onPC station that is called "3D", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>RemoteHID onPC "3D"
```

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1.9.3.273. RemoteCommand

To enter the RemoteCommand keyword, use one of the options:

- Type **RemoteCommand**
- Type **RC**
- Type **Remotec**

Description

The RemoteCommand keyword remotely sends commands to other stations.

	Hint:
	The device types are: Console, NetworkNode, onPC, ProcessingUnit, Session, Station, and Extension.

Syntax

RemoteCommand IP [IP] ["Command to be Executed"]

RemoteCommand [Device_Type] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number] ["Command to be Executed"]

Example

- To remotely execute the command "Call ViewButton 2.1" on the station with the IP address 192.168.0.10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>RemoteCommand IP 192.168.0.10 "Call ViewButton 2.1"
```

- To remotely lock the desk on the station with the IP address 192.168.0.10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>RemoteCommand IP 192.168.0.10 'Menu "DeskLock" '
```

Alternatively type:

```
User name[Fixture]>RemoteCommand IP 192.168.0.10 "Menu 'DeskLock' "
```

For more information on the usage of quotation marks see General Syntax Rules.

For more mutual examples see the Station Keyword.

1.9.3.274. Remove

To enter the **Remove** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Delete Delete
- Type **Remove**
- Type the shortcut **Remov**

Description

The Remove keyword enters remove values in the programmer depending on the attributes specified and the fixtures that were selected.

Remove values that are stored using the merge function remove previously stored values.

If a stored value is removed, values from the previous cue will be tracked again.

Syntax

Remove Object ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To set all attributes of the current selection to Remove, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Remove
```

- To set the Remove value in all attributes of the feature group Position, however in only the selected layer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Remove FeatureGroup "Position"
```

1.9.3.275. RenderQuality

To enter the RenderQuality keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RenderQuality**
- Or type the shortcut **Ren**

Description

The RenderQuality keyword is an object keyword that is used to address the objects within the render qualities pool.

	Hint:
	The first eight render quality objects are locked by default.

Syntax

[Function] RenderQaulity ["RenderQuality_Name" or RenderQuality_Number]

Examples

- To list all render qualities, type:

User name[Fixture]>List RenderQuality

- To label the render quality 9 "Fabulous", type:

User name[Fixture]>Label RenderQuality 9 "Fabulous"

1.9.3.276. Reset

To enter the Reset keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Reset**
- Type the shortcut **Rese**

Description

The Reset keyword is a function keyword used to clear the settings of objects, for example the MAtricks.

Syntax

Reset [Object]

Example

- To reset the MAtricks settings of the current selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Reset Selection MAtricks
```

1.9.3.277. Restart

To enter the Restart keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Restart**
- Type the shortcut **Res**

Description

The Restart keyword is a function keyword that is used to restart the application. Restart behaves the same as closing the program and reopening it without shutting down the console.

	Hint:
	The device types are: Console, NetworkNode, onPC, ProcessingUnit, Session, Station, and Extension.

Syntax

Restart (/Option)

Restart [Device_Type] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number] (/Option)

Restart IP [IP_Address] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The Restart keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /NoConfirmation
- /NoSave
- /Save
- /Wait

Examples

- To restart the application of the console, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Restart
```

- To restart the application of the station using the IP address 192.168.0.32, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Restart IP 192.168.0.32
```

1.9.3.278. Root

	Important:
	We recommend using the index name of the root. If you use root index numbers, double-check after every release if the root index number is still valid. If the root index number has changed, adjust your macros.

To enter the Root keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Root**
- Type the shortcut **Ro**

Description

The Root keyword is an object keyword which is used to access the root in the object tree.

Syntax

Root [root-index]

Root [root-index].[sub-index]

Root [root-index].[sub-index].[sub-sub-index]

Example

- To change the destination back to root, type:

```
User name@Root/ShowData/LivePatch/ID Types/Fixture> CD Root
```

1.9.3.279. RealtimeChannel

To enter the RealtimeChannel keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RealtimeChannel**
- Type the shortcut **Real**

Description

The RealtimeChannel keyword is used to address realtime channels.

Syntax

[Function] RealtimeChannel

Example

- To list all realtime channels in a show file, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List RealtimeChannel
```

Realtime channels are also displayed in the parameter list of the patch.

For more information see Patch and Fixture Setup.

1.9.3.280. RunningMacro

To enter the RunningMacro keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RunningMacro**
- Type the shortcut **Runningm**

Description

The RunningMacro keyword addresses macros that are playing back.

It allows you to list or disable all running macros in a show file.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running macros are not equal to the numbers of macros in the macros data pool.

Syntax

[Function] RunningMacro ["RunningMacro_Name" or RunningMacro_Number]

Example

- To disable the first macro that is currently running, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off RunningMacro 1
```

- To list all running macros, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningMacro
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set RunningPlayback
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Macro"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.281. RunningPreset

To enter the RunningPreset keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RunningPreset**
- Type the shortcut **Runningp**

Description

The RunningPreset keyword addresses presets that are playing back.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running presets are not equal to the numbers in the preset pool.

Syntax

[Function] RunningPreset ["RunningPreset_Name" or RunningPreset_Number]

Example

- To disable currently running presets, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off RunningPreset
```

- To list all running presets, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningPreset
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set RunningPlayback
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Preset"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.282. RunningSoundFile

To enter the RunningSoundFile keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RunningSoundFile**
- Type the shortcut **Runningso**

Description

The RunningSoundFile keyword addresses sounds that are playing back.

It allows you to disable all running sounds in a show file.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running sounds are not equal to the numbers of sounds in the sound pool.

Syntax

[Function] RunningSoundFile ["RunningSoundFile_Name" or RunningSoundFile_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first sound that is currently running, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off RunningSoundFile 1
```

- To list all running sounds, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningSoundFile
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set RunningPlayback
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Sound"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.283. RunningSequence

To enter the RunningSequence keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RunningSequence**
- Type the shortcut **Run**

Description

The RunningSequence keyword addresses sequences that are playing back.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running sequences are not equal to the numbers in the preset pool.

Syntax

[Function] RunningSequence ["RunningSequence_Name" or RunningSequence_Number]

Examples

- To disable currently running presets, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off RunningSequence 1
```

- To list all running sequences, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningSequence
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set RunningPlayback
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Sequence"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.284. RunningTimecode

To enter the RunningTimecode keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RunningTimecode**
- Type the shortcut **Runningt**

Description

The RunningTimecode keyword addresses timecodes that are playing back.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running timcodes are not equal to the numbers of timecodes in the timecodes data pool.

Syntax

[Function] RunningTimcode ["RunningTimecode_Name" or RunningTimecode_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first timecode that is currently running, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off RunningTimecode 1
```

- To list all running timecodes, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningTimecode
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set RunningPlayback
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Timecode"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.285. RunningTimer

To enter the RunningTimer keyword in the command line, type **RunningTimer**.

Description

The RunningTimer keyword addresses running timers.

	Important:
	The numbers of the running timers are not equal to the numbers of timers in the timers data pool.

Syntax

[Function] RunningTimer ["RunningTimer_Name" or RunningTimer_Number]

Examples

- To disable the first timer that is currently running, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off RunningTimer 1
```

- To list all running timers, change destination first and type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningTimer
```

- Then type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>Set RunningPlayback
Property "SelectedPlaybackType" "Timer"
```

- After that type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.286. SaveShow

To enter the SaveShow keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SaveShow**
- Type the shortcut **Sa**

Description

The SaveShow keyword is a function keyword which is used to save the current show file.

If you do not enter a new show name, the show will be saved using the name of the current show.

	Important:
	If there is already a show file with the same show name, the console overwrites the existing show file.

For more information on the folder structure of shows, demo shows, and backups, see Show File Handling.

Syntax

SaveShow ("Show_Name") (/Option)

Option Keywords

The SaveShow keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Enumerate
- /Path

Examples

- To save the show as "Rhapsody", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SaveShow "Rhapsody"
```

- To save the show that is currently opened, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SaveShow
```

1.9.3.287. ScreenConfiguration

	Important:
	It is possible to create screen configurations for single user profiles. However, every user of the same user profile can use a different screen configuration. By default, every user profile has 2 screen configurations: Default and 3D

To enter the ScreenConfiguration keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ScreenConfiguration**
- Type the shortcut **Screenconf**

Description

The ScreeConfiguration keyword is an object keyword that addresses the different screen configurations of a user profile. For example, one setup for the operation of a console, and a second setup for the operation of a dedicated onPC station.

Syntax

[Function] ScreenConfiguration ["ScreenConfiguration_Name" or ScreenConfiguration_Number]

Examples

- To store a new screen configuration called "Average Joe", type:

User name[Fixture]>Store ScreenConfiguration 3 "Average Joe"

- To enter screen configuration 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>ScreenConfiguration 2

- To assign the screen configuration "Average Joe" to ViewButton 1.6, type:

User name[Fixture]>Assign ScreenConfiguration "Average Joe" At ViewButton 1.6.

For more information on ViewButtons see Store and Recall Views.

1.9.3.288. ScreenContent

To enter the ScreenContent keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ScreenContent**
- Type the shortcut **Scre**

Description

The ScreeContent keyword is used to represent the windows of a display.

Syntax

[Function] ScreenContent

[Function] ScreenContent [Screen_Number].["Window_Name" or Window_Number]

Option Keywords

The ScreenContent keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /AutoFit

Examples

- To delete all windows on all screens, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete ScreenContent *.*
```

- To delete all windows on screen 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete ScreenContent 1.*
```

- To set the width of the first window you created to 12 half columns in screen 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set ScreenContent 1.1 "W" "12"
```

1.9.3.289. ReSync

To enter the FastSync keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **ReSync**
- Type the shortcut **Resy**

Description

The ReSync keyword is a playback keyword that is used to gradually synchronize phasers. The starting point of the phaser is gradually adjusted to the execution of the ReSync keyword.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

ReSync [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To gradually adjust the phaser running in a sequence which is assigned to executor 128, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ReSync Executor 128
```

1.9.3.290. Scribble

To enter the Scribble keyword into the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X4 + X4 + X4
- Type **Scribble**
- Type the shortcut **Scr**

Description

Scribbles are little drawings that are used as visualizations instead of labels.

The scribble keyword is an object keyword that is used to access scribbles with a scribble ID.

It is also possible to label scribbles and address them by their label.

For more information about scribbles see Scribbles.

Syntax

[Function] Scribble ["Scribble_Name" or Scribble_Number] (At ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To edit scribble 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Scribble 1
```

The edit scribble pop-up opens.

- To assign scribble 1 to group 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Scribble 1 At Group 5
```

- To delete scribble 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Scribble 1
```

1.9.3.291. Seconds

To enter the Seconds keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Seconds**
- Type the shortcut **Sec**

Description

The Seconds keyword is used to set the speed of a fixture selection using the unit seconds.

Syntax

([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) At Speed Seconds [Value]

Examples

- To set the speed layer to 20 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Speed Seconds 20
```

- To set the first speed master to 6 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Master 3.1 At Seconds 6
```

1.9.3.292. Select

To enter the Select keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Select
- Type **Select**
- Type the shortcut **Sel**

Description

The Select keyword selects objects as default objects.

Every selected object is indicated by a yellow frame.

- The **selected sequence** is the target for all sequence-related commands, e.g., Store Cue 4.
- The **selected sequence** is displayed in the Sequence Sheet, if the **Link Type** is set to **Selected**.
- The **selected camera** is displayed in the 3D View, if the **Camera Selection** is set to **Link Selected**.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Select [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To select the sequence assigned on executor 105, type:

User name[Fixture]>Select Executor 105

- To select page 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Select Page 2

- To select world 1, type:

User name[Fixture]>Select World 1

- To select data pool 3, type:

User name[Fixture]>Select DataPool 3

For information on the key and its location see Select key.

1.9.3.293. Selection

To enter the Selection keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Fixture Fixture
- Type **Selection**
- Type the shortcut **Selecti**

Description

The Selection keyword is an object keyword that is used to represent the current selection of fixtures in the programmer. Each user profile has two selections – Selection 1 and Selection 2. For more information see MAtricks and Shuffle.

Syntax

[Function] Selection ([Selection_Number])

Option Keywords

The Selection keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /All
- /OddEven
- /Single

Examples

- To disable all programmer values of the current fixture selection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Off Selection

- To switch to selection 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Select Selection 2

1.9.3.294. SelectFixtures

To enter the **SelectFixtures** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press SelFix
- Type **SelectFixtures**
- Type the shortcut **Selectf**

Description

The SelectFixtures keyword is a function keyword that is used to create selections of fixtures in the programmer.

If only fixtures are selected, the SelectFixtures keyword adds additional fixtures to the selection.

If fixtures are selected and activated in the programmer, the SelectFixtures keyword replaces the selection by the SelectFixtures selection.

If the exact same SelectFixtures command is successively used:

- using it the second time activates all attributes of the selected fixtures in the programmer
- using it the third time deactivates all attributes of the selected fixtures in the programmer

SelectFixtures is the default function of most objects, for example, fixture or group or preset.

To clear the selection, press Clear.

Syntax

SelectFixtures [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To select all fixtures or channels stored in a sequence of the executor 101, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelectFixtures Executor 101
```

- To select all fixtures stored in dimmer preset 1.1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SelectFixtures Preset 1.1
```

For information on the key and its location see SelFix [SelectFixtures] key.

1.9.3.295. Sequence

To enter the Sequence keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Sequ
- Type **Sequence**
- Type **Seq**

Description

The sequence keyword is an object keyword that is used to select sequences in the sequence pool.

Syntax

[Function] Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number]

Option Keywords

The Sequence keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /CreateSecondCue
- /DMX
- /Merge
- /Output
- /Overwrite
- /Programmer
- /Release
- /Remove
- /Selection

Examples

- To select sequence 5 in the sequence pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Sequence 5
```

- To block all cues in sequence 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Block Sequence 5
```

For more information on the key and its location see Sequ [Sequence] key.

1.9.3.296. RunningPlayback

To enter the RunningPlayback keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **RunningPlayback**
- Type the shortcut **Runningpl**

Description

The RunningPlayback keyword addresses all running playbacks.

It allows you to list or disable all of the running playbacks in a show file.

Syntax

[Function] RunningPlayback ["RunningPlayback_Name" or RunningPlayback_Number]

Examples

- To disable all running playbacks, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off RunningPlayback
```

- To list all running playbacks, change destination to the running playbacks first:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination RunningPlayback
```

Result:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>
```

- To list all running playbacks, type:

```
User name@Temp/Cmdlines/Cmdline 1/RunningPlaybacks>List
```

1.9.3.297. SendMIDI

	Important:
	If you do not define a channel value, the MIDI messages will be automatically addressed to channel 1.

To enter the SendMIDI keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SendMIDI**
- Type **Sendm**

Description

The SendMIDI keyword is a command keyword that is used to output MIDI notes, MIDI control change messages, and MIDI program change messages.

Syntax

SendMIDI "Note" (Channel/)Note (Velocity) (Status)

SendMIDI "Program" (Channel/)Value

SendMIDI "Control" (Channel/)Controller (Value)

Examples

- To send out the MIDI note 42 on MIDI channel 2 with a velocity of 99, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMIDI "Note" 2/42 99
```

- To send out the MIDI note 37 on MIDI channel 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMIDI "Note" 37
```

- To send out the MIDI control value 64 to MIDI channel 1 controller 8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMIDI "Control" 1/8 64
```

- To send out a MIDI program change of 12, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMIDI "Program" 12
```

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1.9.3.298. SendOSC

To enter the **SendOSC** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SendOSC**
- Type the shortcut **Sen**

Description

The SendOSC keyword is a command keyword that is used to send an OSC command.

For more information see Remote In and Out.

Syntax

SendOSC [ID] "/[OSCAddress],[OSC Type],[Value]"

The supported types are:

- Int(i)
- Float(f)
- Blob(b)
- String(s)
- True(T)
- False(F)
- Null(N)
- Impulse(I)
- Timetag(t)

It is not necessary to set a value (Payload) for:

- True
- False
- Null
- Impulse
- Timetag

	Hint:
	When using the OSC types True, False, Nil/Null, Impulse and Timetag it is not necessary to enter a value.
	Hint:
	Several values can be sent at once when separated by commas.
	Important:
	When addressing an executor, a page must be specified as well.

Instead of using page and executor numbers, it is also possible to address them by name.

When addressing executor keys, a value of 0 will be interpreted as not pressed. Values greater 0 will be interpreted as button press.

If a prefix is specified for an OSCData entry, then this very prefix will be added to the sent string when using the OSCSend command.

	Hint:
	The supported OSC types to control faders, executor knobs, and buttons are: Integer32, Float32, True, False and Nil/Null. A True will be interpreted as 1, while a False will be interpreted as 0.
	Hint:
	The addresses defined for Page, Fader, ExecutorKnob, and Key are case-sensitive.

Examples

- To send an OSC command using the first configuration in the OSC menu with integer value 50 to fader 201 on page 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendOSC 1 "/Page1/Fader201,i,50"
```

- To send an OSC command using the first configuration in the OSC menu with integer value 100 to fader 201 on page 1 and a fade time of 5s, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendOSC 1 "/Page1/Fader201,ii,100,5"
```

- To send commands via OSC to the second grandMA3 station, the OSC address /cmd can be used. To store cue 1 via OSC, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendOSC 1 "/cmd,s,Store Cue 1"
```

1.9.3.299. SendMVR

To enter the SendMVR keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SendMVR**
- Type the shortcut **Sendmv**

Description

The keyword SendMVR can be used to commit and request MVR files, or to join and leave the connection to other devices during MVR-xchange.

Syntax

SendMVR ["Connection_Type"] ["Number]

SendMVR "Commit" ["Path_to_Folder/Name"] ["Name"]

Examples

- To establish a connection to the third service device, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMVR "Join" "3"
```

- To end connection to the the first service device, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMVR "Leave" "1"
```

- To commit the MVR file "BestShow.mvr" (which is located on C:\ProgramData\MA Lighting Technology\gma3_library\mvr) to the MVR-xchange group, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMVR "Commit" "C:\ProgramData\MA Lighting Technology\gma3_library\mvr\BestShow" "BestShow"
```

- To request the second file, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SendMVR "Request" "2"
```

1.9.3.300. Set

To enter the Set keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Assign
- Type **Set**

Description

The Set keyword sets values to properties of objects. It is also used to transfer values of properties to other properties, to other objects, and to different properties of other objects.

It is used in conjunction with the Property keyword or the = [Equal] keyword.

Syntax

Set [Object_Type] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] Property ["Property_Name"] ["Property_Value"]

Set [Object_Type] ["Target_Object_Name" or Target_Object_Number] Property ["Property_Name"] At [Object_Type] (["Source_Object_Name" or Source_Object_Number]) (Property ["Property_Name"])

Option Keywords

The Set keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /PatchOffset
- /Look

Examples

- To set sequence 8 to priority HTP, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Sequence 8 "Priority" 3
```

- To transfer the value of the Priority setting of sequence 1 to sequence 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Sequence 42 Property "Priority" At Sequence 1
```

- To transfer the name of the selected sequence to the name of group 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Group 5 Property "Name" At Sequence Property "Name"
```

- To transfer the value of the CueFade property of cue 9 to the CueDelay property of cue 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Cue 6 Property "CueDelay" At Cue 9 Property "CueFade"
```

- To set CueFade and CueDelay of cue 1 to three seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Cue 1 Property "CueFade" + "CueDelay" 3
```

- To transfer CueFade and CueDelay of cue 3 to cue 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Set Cue 1 Property "CueFade" + "CueDelay" At Cue 3
```

- To set a range of values for FadeX in the first recipe of cue 1, part 0 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Cue 1 Part 0.1 Property "FadeX" "0 Thru 5"
```

For information on the key and its location see Set key.

1.9.3.301. SetGlobalVariable

To enter the SetGlobalVariable keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SetGlobalVariable**
- Type the shortcut **Setg**

Description

The SetGlobalVariable keyword is used to set global variables in a show. It also supports the use of values in properties of other objects as a value of the variable.

Syntax

SetGlobalVariable ["Name of Variable"] [Numeric Value]

SetGlobalVariable ["Name of Variable"] ["Text_Value"]

SetGlobalVariable ["Name of Variable"] At [Object] ["Object Name" or Object Number] Property ["Property_Name"] (/Look)

Examples

- To set the global variable "Urban Blues" to the value of 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetGlobalVariable "Urban Blues" "3"
```

- To set the global variable "Hook" to the CueFade value of cue 2 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetGlobalVariable "Hook" At Cue 2 Property "CueFade"
```

- To set the global variable "PositionX" to the 3D X coordinate of fixture 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetGlobalVariable "PositionX" At Fixture 1 Property "PosX"
```

- To set the global variable "myShow" to the name of the show file that was loaded, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetGlobalVariable myShow At Root "MANetSocket" Property "ShowFile"
```

1.9.3.302. SetUserVariable

To enter the SetUserVariable keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SetUserVariable**
- Type the shortcut **Setu**

Description

The SetUserVariable keyword is used to set user-specific variables. It also supports the use of values in properties of other objects as a value of the variable.

Syntax

SetUserVariable ["Name of Variable"] [Numeric Value]

SetUserVariable ["Name of Variable"] ["Text_Value"]

SetUserVariable ["Name of Variable"] At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object Number] Property ["Property_Name"] (/Look)

Option Keywords

The SetUserVariable keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Look

Examples

- To set the user variable "Green" to the value 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "Green" 5
```

- To set the user variable "MyVar" to the CueFade value of cue 1 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "MyVar" At Cue 1 Property "CueFade"
```

- To set the user variable "mySeqPrioIdx" to the Priority index value of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "mySeqPrioIdx" At Sequence Property "Priority"
```

- To set the user variable myEncoderBar to the name of the selected encoder bar, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable myEncoderBar At EncoderBar Property "Name"
```

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1.9.3.303. Shuffle

To enter the Shuffle keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press SelFix SelFix
- Type **Shuffle**
- Type the shortcut **Shuf**

Description

Shuffle is a command keyword which is used to shuffle the order of the fixture selection. Shuffle is part of the MAtricks toolset.

For more information, see MAtricks and Shuffle.

Syntax

MAtricks [Axis] [Value] text

MAtricks [Axis] +

	Hint:
	The plus is a replacement of the value. You can either use plus/minus or a value.

Examples

- To shuffle the current selection on the y-axis, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>MAtricks "YShuffle" +

- To shuffle the current selection on the z-axis, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>MAtricks "ZShuffle" +

- It is also possible to set a certain value to any of the three shuffle settings. To set the shuffle to 4 for the x-axis, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>MAtricks "XShuffle" 4

	Hint:
	When deactivating or resetting the MAtricks, the original selection order will be restored.

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1.9.3.304. ShutDown

To enter the ShutDown keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Type **ShutDown**
- Type the shortcut **Sh**

Description

The ShutDown keyword powers down the grandMA3 console or closes the grandMA3 onPC.

It requires a confirmation in the local station and can be canceled within 10 seconds using a remote station.

	Hint:
	The device types are: Console, NetworkNode, onPC, ProcessingUnit, Session, Station, and Extension.

Syntax

ShutDown (/Option)

ShutDown [Device_Type] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number] (/Option)

ShutDown IP [IP_Address] (/Option)

Option Keywords

The ShutDown keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /NoAutoClose
- /NoConfirmation
- /NoSave
- /Save
- /Wait

Examples

- To shut down the current station and provoke a countdown pop-up, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ShutDown
```

- To shut down the station with the IP address 192.168.0.4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ShutDown IP 192.168.0.4
```

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1.9.3.305. SnapDelay

To enter the SnapDelay keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SnapDelay**
- Type the shortcut **Sn**

Description

The SnapDelay keyword sets a snap time.

The snap time is a delay time for attributes that do not fade, for example a gobo wheel or a color wheel.

Syntax

SnapDelay [Value]

Examples

- To set the snap time of the current cue of the selected sequence to 4 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SnapDelay 4
```

1.9.3.306. Session

To enter the Session keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Session**
- Type the shortcut **Ses**

Description

The Session keyword is an object keyword which is used to address all sessions in the network. If the name and number of session is not specified, your own session will be addressed.

The name of the session consists of the network properties "Session" and "Location" which are connected by @ – "Session@Location".

Syntax

[Function] Session ["Session_Name" or Session_Number]

Examples

- To restart all devices that have the same session credentials as your station, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Restart Session
```

- To shut down all devices that use the session name "Athena" with location "Caledonia", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ShutDown Session "Athena@Caledonia"
```

1.9.3.307. SoftwareImport

To enter the SoftwareImport keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SoftwareImport**
- Type the shortcut **So**

Description

The SoftwareImport keyword is a function keyword which is used to import installation packages of a grandMA3 installer permanently to the hard drive of your grandMA3 console or the grandMA3 onPC using a given path.

Syntax

SoftwareImport "release_type_vx.x.x.x.xml;Path/to/the/location/of/the/installer"

Example

- To import the installation packages of the grandMA3 stick v1.6.3.7 on the USB drive "Software" that is recognized as drive D on a Windows® computer, and where the files are located within the ma folder, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SoftwareImport "release_stick_v1.6.3.7.xml;D:/Software/ma"
```

1.9.3.308. SoftwareUpdate

To enter the SoftwareUpdate keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SoftwareUpdate**
- Type the shortcut **Softwareu**

Description

The SoftwareUpdate keyword is a function keyword which is used to update the software of every MA device or program in the network.

For more information on how to update the software and requirements see Update grandMA3 Consoles.

Syntax

SoftwareUpdate [StationType] [ID/"Name"] "release_type_x.y.z.a.xml;/Path/to/MALightingTechnology/installation_packages"

Example

Requirement:

1. The grandMA3 onPC runs on Windows®
2. Copy the files of the ma folder of the grandMA3_stick_v1.6.3.7.zip file to C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\installation_packages
   - To update the first console within your network to grandMA3 v1.6.3.7, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SoftwareUpdate Console 1 "release_stick_1.6.3.7.xml;C:/ProgramData/MAlightingTechnology/installation_packages"
```

1.9.3.309. SoundChannel

To enter the SoundChannel keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SoundChannel**
- Type the shortcut **SC** or **Soundc**

Description

The SoundChannel keyword represents sound codes in the attribute calculators.

Syntax

[Attribute List] [At] SoundChannel [ID/"Name"]

Example

- To set the value for Pan of the selected fixtures to Band1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At SoundChannel 5
```

For more information about using sound input, see Sound Window.

1.9.3.310. Solo

To enter the Solo keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Solo
- Type **Solo**
- Type **Sol**

Description

The Solo keyword is a function keyword which is used to set the intensity values of fixtures - that are not selected - to zero.

Only the fixtures that are selected generate visible output on stage.

If Solo is used standalone, it toggles between Solo on and Solo off.

To manually fade from the current value to solo and vice versa, use the Grand Solo.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Solo (On/Off) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To enable Solo, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Solo On
```

For information on the key and its location see Solo key.

1.9.3.311. SpecialExecutor

To enter the SpecialExecutor keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X16 | Exec + X16 | Exec
- Type **SpecialExecutor**
- Type the shortcut **SE or Sp**

Description

The SpecialExecutor keyword addresses special executors.

For more information on the configuration see Special Executors and Executor Configurations.

Syntax

[Function] SpecialExecutor ["SpecialExecutor_Name" or SpecialExecutor_Number]

Examples

- To open the menu **Special Executor Configuration**, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign SpecialExecutor 7
```

- To assign the functionality of grand master to SpecialExecutor 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Master 2.1 At SpecialExecutor 2
```

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1.9.3.312. Speed

To enter the Speed keyword in the command line, type **Speed.**

Description

The Speed keyword is used to set the speed of phasers.

For more information see Phasers.

Requirement:
To set values to speed, there must be at least 2 steps in the programmer.

Syntax

[At] Speed [Value]

Examples

- To set the selected layer to speed, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Speed

- To set the speed of the dimmer to 70 hertz, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>At Speed Hz 70

1.9.3.313. Speed1

To enter the Speed1 keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Speed1**
- Type the shortcut **Spee**

Description

The Speed1 keyword is used to reset the speed to 60 BPM.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Speed1 [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To reset the speed master of the sequence that is assigned to executor 201, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Speed1 Executor 201
```

1.9.3.314. SpeedMaster

To enter the SpeedMaster keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SpeedMaster**
- Type the shortcut **Speedm**

Description

The SpeedMaster is a layer keyword. It defines which speed master the phaser is to adapt its speed to in each attribute.

	Hint:
	You can set speed masters using the speed readouts BPM, Hertz, or Seconds. For more informations see the Master keyword.

Syntax

SpeedMaster

(Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number]) At SpeedMaster [SpeedMaster_Number]

Examples

- To set the layer to speed master, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SpeedMaster
```

- To set attribute "Pan" to SpeedMaster 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Attribute "Pan" At SpeedMaster 1
```

1.9.3.315. Stage

To enter the Stage keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Stage**
- Type the shortcut **Sta**

Description

The Stage keyword addresses stages in the 3D space.

Syntax

[Function] Stage [ID/"Name"] ["Property"] ["Value"]

Examples

- To store a new stage, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Stage 2
```

- To list all stages in the command line history, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Stage
```

- To set the center of stage 1 to 5 meters in the x direction of the Cartesian coordinate system, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Stage 1 "POSX" "5"
```

1.9.3.316. Station

To enter the Station keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Station**
- Type the shortcut **Stat**

Description

The Station keyword is an object keyword which is used to address all stations in the network. You can also invite stations to your session or dismiss them.

Hint:

A station is a physical device in the grandMA3 system that can participate in a session and exchange data with other devices in the network.

Stations include:

- Console
- NetworkNode
- onPC
- ProcessingUnit
- Extension

Syntax

[Function] Station ["DeviceType_Name" or DeviceType_Number].["Device_Name" or Device_Number]

Examples

- To list all existing stations types in the same network, type:

User name[Fixture]>List Station

- To invite console "FOH3" to your session, type:

User name[Fixture]>Invite Station "Console"."FOH3"

1.9.3.317. StationSettings

To enter the StationSettings keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **StationSettings**
- Type the shortcut **Stations**

Description

StationSettings keyword is used to address settings of your station.

Syntax

[Function] StationSettings (["StationSettings_Name" or StationSettings_Number] Property ["Property_Name"] [Value])

Examples

- To list all station settings, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List StationSettings
```

- To set your desk light to 25%, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set StationSettings "DesklightsCollect"."DeskLights" Property "Master" 25
```

1.9.3.318. Step

To enter the Step keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X5 | Step
- Type **Step**
- Type **Ste**

Description

The Step keyword is a command keyword which is used to define the step of the At command.

Syntax

[Function] Step [Step_Number]

Option Keywords

The Step keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Wrap

Example

Requirement: Step 1 has to contain information

- To select the next step in the programmer, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Next Step

- To select the previous step in the programmer, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Previous Step

For information on the key and its location see X5 | Step key.

1.9.3.319. Stomp

To enter the Stomp keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Stomp
- Type **Stomp**
- Type the shortcut **Stom**

Description

The Stomp keyword is a command keyword which is used to stop a running phaser.

Stomp knocks in the single-step value which was lastly used in the absolute layer of the attribute. In the relative layer, stomp knocks in a value of 0.
This can be a value which is being used in the programmer or a playback. If there is no single-step value, Stomp will use the default value.

Syntax

Stomp ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To stomp the phasers in the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Stomp
```

- To stomp the phasers of the feature group "Position" in the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Stomp FeatureGroup "Position"
```

- To stomp the running phasers in fixtures 1 to 10, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Stomp Fixture 1 Thru 10
```

- To stomp the phasers in all fixtures that are stored in the group "All Spots", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Stomp Group "All Spots"
```

For information on the key and its location see Stomp key.

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1.9.3.320. Store

To enter the **Store** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Store
- Type **Store**
- Type the shortcut **S**

Description

The Store keyword is a function keyword which is used to store objects in the show file.

If no object type or destination is given, the object type **Cue** will be used in the selected sequence.

If you do not specify a target during storing, the new object will occupy the first free spot in the pool.

However, you can store an object at a certain spot or later in a pool. To do so, use the Window Settings and set First Index. For more information see Common Window Settings.

Syntax

Store [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number or Next/Previous](/Option)

Option Keywords

The Store keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Active
- /ActiveForSelected
- /All
- /AllForSelected
- /Ask
- /Auto
- /AutoFit
- /CreateSecondCue
- /CueOnly
- /DMX
- /Embed
- /ForceGlobal
- /Global
- /GridMergeMode
- /InputFilter
- /KeepActivation
- /Look
- /MAtricks
- /Merge
- /NoConfirmation
- /OddEven

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- /Output
- /Overwrite
- /PhaserData
- /Programmer
- /Recipe
- /Remove
- /Screen
- /ScreenOnly
- /Selective
- /TrackingShield
- /Universal
- /Wait

For more information see Store Options and Store Preferences.

Examples

- To store cue 2 in the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store 2
```

For more information see Store Cues.

- To store the programmer values as cue 1 through cue 10 and cue 20 through cue 30, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1 Thru 10 + 20 Thru 30
```

- To store the programmer values as cue 42 of the selected sequence and directly label it, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 42 "Return of the Paranoid Android"
```

- To store a new group to the first free spot in the groups pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Group
```

- To store new values to the already existing cue 5 in the selected sequence, whlile cue 4 is active, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue Next
```

The Store Cue pop-up opens and you can now define how the values will be stored into the cue.

- To store values to the second next existing cue, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Cue Next 2

Important:
The examples that use **Next** can use **Previous** to **do the opposite**.

- To store vaues to the cue that is one digit apart from the curent cue in the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Cue + 1

- To store values to the cue that is 0.1 digits from the current cue in the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Cue + 0.1

- To store a new cue in the cue list while the focus is in cue 4, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Cue +

Important:
The examples that use **+** can use **-** to **do the opposite**.

For information on the key and its location see Store key.

1.9.3.321. Shape

To enter the Shape keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Shape**
- Type the shortcut **Sha**

Description

The Shape keyword is an object keyword that is used to access shapes in the shape pool.

Syntax

[Function] Shape ["Shape_Name" or Shape_Number]

Example

- To store shape 21, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Shape 21
```

1.9.3.322. Sound

To enter the Sound keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Sound**
- Type the shortcut **Sou**

Description

The Sound keyword addresses sound objects in the sound pool.

Syntax

[Function] Sound ["Sound_Name" or Sound_Number]

Example

- To assign sound 5 to executor 401 on page 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Sound 5 At Page 1.401
```

1.9.3.323. SwitchTograndMA2Software

To enter the SwitchTograndMA2Software keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SwitchTograndMA2Software**
- Type the shortcut **SwgMA2** or **Sw**

Description

The SwitchTograndMA2Software keyword is a command keyword that is used to remotely switch to Mode2 on a grandMA3 station.

Syntax

SwitchTograndMA2Software IP [IP_Address]

Example

- To remotely switch the grandMA3 station with the IP 192.168.0.4 to Mode2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SwitchTograndMA2Software IP 192.168.0.4
```

1.9.3.324. SwitchTograndMA3Software

To enter the SwitchTograndMA3Software keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **SwitchTograndMA3Software**
- Type **SwitchTograndMA3**
- Type the shortcut **SwgMA3**

Description

The SwitchTograndMA3Software keyword is a command keyword that is used to remotely switch to grandMA3 software on a grandMA3 station that is currently running in Mode2.

Syntax

SwitchTograndMA3Software IP [IP_Address]

Example

- To remotely switch a grandMA3 station with the IP 192.168.0.4 from Mode2 to grandMA3 software, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SwitchTograndMA3Software IP 192.168.0.4
```

1.9.3.325. Swap

To enter the Swap keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Swap**
- Type the shortcut **Swa**

Description

The Swap keyword is a playback keyword that starts the playback of a sequence and pulls down the dimmer of all other fixtures that are not part of the sequence or that are protected against Swap.

For more information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

- To disable the executor, release the executor key.

Pressing the executor button plays back the sequence using the swap functionality.
If you swap sequences that have the same playback master, one will go to zero should it not be swap-protected.

For more information on Swap Protect see Sequence Settings.

	Hint: If you press and hold an executor, this playback keyword will directly interact with a sequence or preset. Additionally, it can also be used with pool objects: 1. Enter the keyword in the command line. 2. Tap and hold the pool object. 3. The action will be applied as long as you keep holding the pool object.

Syntax

Swap (On/Off) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To playback sequence 5 and pull down the dimmers of all other running playbacks to 0, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Swap Sequence 5
```

1.9.3.326. Temp

To enter the Temp keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Go+
- Type **Temp**
- Type the shortcut **Te**

Description

The Temp keyword is a function keyword that enables an executor as long as you hold the executor key.

The Temp keyword follows cue timing, off timing, and the position of the master fader on the executor.

- To disable the executor, release the executor key

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

	Hint: If you press and hold an executor, this playback keyword will directly interact with a sequence or preset. Additionally, it can also be used with pool objects: 1. Enter the keyword in the command line. 2. Tap and hold the pool object. 3. The action will be applied as long as you keep holding the pool object.

Syntax

Temp (On/Off) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To temporarily enable executor 104, type:

User name[Fixture]>Temp On Executor 104

- To temporarily disable executor 104, type:

User name[Fixture]>Temp Off Executor 104

1.9.3.327. Thru

To enter the Thru keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Thru
- Type **Thru**
- Type the shortcut **T**

Description

The Thru keyword indicates the range of objects or values.

If the beginning or the end of the range is not defined, the objects or values that were used last are used again.

Syntax

[Beginning of Range] Thru [End of Range]

Examples

- To select fixture 3 through 6, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 3 Thru 6

- To select all fixtures starting with the first fixture and ending with fixture 10, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture Thru 10

- To delete all cues, beginning with cue 3 in the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Cue 3 Thru

- To select all fixtures in the fixture sheet of the current world, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture Thru

- To disable all executors in the current page, type:

User name[Fixture]>Off Thru

For information on the key and its location see Thru key.

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1.9.3.328. Time

To enter the Time keyword in the command line, type **Time.**

Description

The Time keyword is used to toggle the time overwrite function on sequences.

For more information see Cue Timing topic.

For more information on how to set time see FaderTime keyword.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Time (On/Off) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

	Hint:
	If the sequence ID is not defined, the sequence that is selected will be affected.

Examples

- To toggle the time function on the selected sequence, type:

User name[Fixture]>Time

- To enable the time overwrite in sequence 4, type:

User name[Fixture]>Time On Sequence 4

For information on the key and its loction see Time key.

1.9.3.329. Timecode

To enter the Timecode keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X6 | TC
- Type **Timecode**
- Type the shortcut **Ti** or **TC**

Description

The Timecode keyword is an object keyword used to select the timecode by default.

Using the Timecode keyword you can:

- store
- play (go)
- record
- edit
- label
- set properties of
- rewind (top)

timecode shows.

For more information see Timecode.

Syntax

[Function] Timecode ["Timecode_Name" or Timecode_Number] (Property ["Property_Name" or "Property_Value"])

Property

The following table displays the properties that can be assigned using the Set Keyword.

Property	Property Value	Description
Name	"Timecode show name"	Set the name of timecode show.
Time		Set position of the time cursor.
Duration	0s to 255h59m58.96s	Set the entire length of timecode show.
Offset	0s to 255h59m58.96s	To move the entire timecode show forward, set an offset in the timecode show.
Loop Mode	Loop Pause Off	Basic settings for Loop and how to pause or stop.
Loop Count	"Endless Repeat" (0), "No Repeat" (1), 2..1000	**Only for timecode shows syncing to the internal clock.** Set if the timecode show runs: Endless (Endless Repeat)

Property	Property Value	Description
		Once and stop (No Repeat) A specific number of times (number between 2 and 1000)
TimeMarkers		Time markers are used to select the track. They will be stored.
TCSlot	"Internal" (-2), "Link Selected" (-1), "Slot1" (0), "Slot2" (1), "Slot3" (2), etc.	Set the timecode show to a timecode slot.
AutoStart (only available with external timecode slot)	"Yes", "No"	**Only available when syncing to an external source.** If a timecode signal is received, the timecode show switches from the off mode to the play mode.
AutoStop	"Yes", "No"	**Only available when syncing to an external source.** If a timecode signal is received, the timecode show switches from the play mode to the off mode.
User Bits	0 .. FFFFFFFF, 0 .. 4294967296	**Only available when syncing to an external source.** To transmit several kinds of information, for example, a second Timecode Stream, set user bits in hex or decimal. So several incoming Timecode Streams can be discerned.

Examples

- To set timecode show "Intro" to a duration of 55 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Timecode "Intro" "Duration" "55"
```

- To store a new timecode show called "Napalm Skies" in the timecode pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Timecode "Napalm Skies"
```

- To rename timecode show "Intro" "Prelude", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Timecode "Intro" "Name" "Prelude"
```

- To start the timecode show "Prelude", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Go Timecode "Prelude"
```

- To rewind the timecode show "Prelude", type:

User name[Fixture]>Top Timecode "Prelude"

- To label timecode show 3 in the timecode pool, type:

User name[Fixture]>Label Timecode 3

The label pop-up opens and you can now label the timecode show.

For information on the key and its location see X6 | TC key.

1.9.3.330. TimecodeSlot

To enter the TimecodeSlot keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X6 + X6
- Type **TimecodeSlot**
- Type **Timecodes**

Description

The TimecodeSlot keyword is an object keyword which is used to address the timecode slots.

For more information see **What are Timecode Slots**.

Syntax

[Function] TimecodeSlot ["TimecodeSlot_Name" or TimecodeSlot_Number]

Examples

- To select timecode slot 4, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Select TimecodeSlot 4
```

- To start the timecode generator of TimecodeSlot 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Go+ TimecodeSlot 2
```

- To stop the timecode generator of timecode slot 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Off TimecodeSlot 2
```

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1.9.3.331. Timer

To enter the Timer keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X6 | TC + X6 | TC + X6 | TC
- Type **Timer**

Description

Timer is an object keyword which is used to access the timer objects.

Timers are stored in the Timer pool. There are two types of timers:

- **Stopwatch** - counting up from zero.
- **Countdown** - counting down to zero.

They can be controlled using the Timer pool or the command line.

For more information on timers see Timers topic.

Syntax

[Function] Timer ["Timer_Name" or Timer_Number] (Property ["Setting"] ["Setting_Value"])

Settings

In some settings you have to assign an object. To do so use the Assign Keyword.

Other settings contain a text option or a value. Use the Set keyword for these settings.

The following table displays the settings that have to have an object:

Setting	Object	Description
Appearance	"Appearance 1"	Assigns the appearance to the pool object.
Scribble	"Scribble 1"	Assigns the scribble to the preset pool object.

The following table displays the settings that have to have an option or value:

Setting	Option/Value	Description
Name	"Timer Name"	Sets the name of the timer pool object.
Note	"This is a note"	This is the note to the timer pool object.
TimerMode	"Stopwatch" / "Countdown"	Modes of the timer.
TimeReadout	One of the four readout options	Readout options in the timer.
RestartOption	"Continue on Go+" / "Reset on Go+"	Sets if the timer should restart or continue with a new Go+.
TimerLinkType	One of the five link options	Timers can be linked to sequences and can be activated or toggled.
CountdownAlertType	One of the four alert type options	Defines what should happen once the countdown has elapsed.

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Setting	Option/Value	Description
CountdownAlertRange	"Local" / "All Stations"	Defines where an alert pop-up should appear.
CountdownDuration	Time value	Sets the duration of the countdown.
AlertCommand	"Command Line Input"	The command that can be executed once the countdown has elapsed.
AlertText	"Text that appears in a pop-up"	The text is displayed in an alert pop-up.
FrameFormat	One of the five frame format options	A setting that defines which of five formats is used in the timer.
AlertDuration	Time value	Displays the duration of the alert pop-up.

For more information on the settings of the Timer see Timer.

Examples

- To run timer 1, type:

User name[Fixture]>Go Timer 1

- To change the timer mode in timer 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Set Timer 2 "TimerMode" "Countdown"

- To set timer 2 to a countdown time of 25 seconds, type:

User name[Fixture]>Set Timer 2 "CountdownDuration" 25

1.9.3.332. Toggle

To enter the Toggle keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press and hold MA and press Go+ Go+
- Type **Toggle**
- Type the shortcut **To**

Description

The Toggle keyword is a playback and a helping keyword that behaves as an On or Off keyword, depending on the on/off status of an object, function, or mode it is applied to.

If an object, function, or mode is enabled, Toggle disables it. If an object, function, or mode is disabled, Toggle enables it.

For more information see the On and Off Keywords.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Toggle [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]xt

Examples

- To disable the running executor 104, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Toggle Executor 104
```

1.9.3.333. Tag

To enter the Tag keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Group
- Type **Tag**
- Type the shortcut **Ta**

Description

The Tag keyword is a function keyword used to address tags.

Syntax

[Function] Tag ["Tag_Name" or Tag_Number] (At [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number])

Examples

- To assign tag 1 to sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Tag 1 At Sequence 1
```

- To unassign tag "RTFM" in sequence 2 , type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Off Tag "RTFM" At Sequence 2
```

- To delete the tag "Encore", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Tag "Encore"
```

1.9.3.334. Top

To enter the Top keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + Go-
- Type **Top**

Description

The Top keyword is a playback keyword which is used to jump to the beginning of a cue list or to set a timecode marker at the beginning of a timecode show.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

Top [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To jump to the top of the cue list on executor 105, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Top Executor 105
```

- To jump to the top of the cue list on executor 105 in 3 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Top Executor 105 Fade 3
```

- To jump to the top of the timecode show 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Top Timecode 1
```

1.9.3.335. TopUp

To enter the TopUp keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Set + Up
- Type **TopUp**
- Type the shortcut **Topu**

Description

The TopUp keyword is a function keyword which is used to select the highest level in the hierarchy of multi-instance fixtures whenever subfixtures are selected.

Syntax

TopUp

Example

- To jump to the main instance of the fixture within which subfixtures are selected, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>TopUp
```

1.9.3.336. Transition

To enter the Transition keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Transition**
- Type the shortcut **Tr**

Description

The Transition keyword is used to determine the length of the period in a step.

For more information see Phasers.

Syntax

Transition

[At] Transition [Value]

Examples

- To set the layer to transition, type:

User name[Fixture]>Transition

- To shorten the transition of a step to a half, type:

User name[Fixture]>At Transition 50

1.9.3.337. Type

To enter the Type keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Type**
- Type the shortcut **Ty**

Description

The Type keyword is used to address children of an object.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] [Number/"Name"] Type "Name of Type"

Example

- To store cue part 1 in a newly created sequence without specifying the cue number, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Store Part 1 Type "Part"

	Hint:
	To circumvent the pop-up "Select type of object", press an executor immediately after typing this command.

1.9.3.338. UIChannel

To enter the UIChannel keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **UIChannel**
- Type the shortcut **Ui**

Description

The UIChannel is an object keyword which represents an attribute in the fixture sheet.

	Important:
	Depending on the fixtures that are patched in the show file, the attributes that are represented in a UIChannel may differ.

Syntax

[List] UIChannel

UIChannel [UIChannel_Number] At [Value]

Examples

- To list all UIChannels in the command line, type:

User name[Fixture]>List UIChannel

- To set the UIChannel 9 to a value of 42, type:

User name[Fixture]>UIChannel 9 At 42

1.9.3.339. UIGridSelection

To enter the UIGridSelection keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **UIGridSelection**
- Type the shortcut **Uig**

Description

UIGridSelection keyword is used by the system to hold information about which objects are selected in a grid window. Grid windows include sheets. It **does not include** the Selection Grid window.

The keyword is primarily used internally by the system, but the selection can be used for normal operations that are executed on the selected objects.

	Important:
	The grid with the selection must have a focus so the UIGridSelection command can actually work.

Syntax

[Function] UIGridSelection

Example

Requirement:

- Several cues in a sequence.
- A macro containing a Copy UIGridSelection command. This is important so you can execute the command without moving the focus.

- To copy a selection of the cues to cue 41 using the UIGridCommand, follow these steps:

1. Select the desired cues in the sequence sheet.
2. Run the macro using the command keys (Important to use the keys to keep the focus in the cue selection).
3. Now the following command can be entered and executed in the command line:

```
User name[Fixture]>Paste Cue 41
```

1.9.3.340. Unblock

	Important:
	To block parameters, use the Block keyword.

To enter the Unblock keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Unblock**
- Type the shortcut **UB** or **Unb**

Description

Unblock is a function that converts blocked values into tracking values in cues.

If the object list does not contain any references to any cues, the unblock function is applied to the selected sequence.

If unblock does not contain any selection list filters, all fixtures will be used.

If unblock does not contain any attribute list filters, all attributes will be used.

Syntax

Unblock (Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number]) Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] (If Fixture ["Fixture_Name" or Fixture_Number] FeatureGroup ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number] or Attribute ["Attribute_Name" or Attribute_Number] EndIf)

Examples

- To unblock all parameters of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Unblock
```

- To unblock pan and tilt of fixture 4 in cue 5 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Unblock Cue 5 If Fixture 4 Attribute "Position" EndIf
```

1.9.3.341. Generic

To enter the **Generic** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Channel until Generic appears in the command line
- Type **F + 2**
- Type **Generic**
- Type the shortcut **Generi**

Description

The Generic keyword is an object keyword which is used to call fixtures of the ID type Generic in the programmer.

Syntax

Generic["Generic_Name" or Generic_Number]

Example

- To select the fixture that uses the Generic ID 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Generic 1
```

1.9.3.342. Unlock

	Hint:
	A padlock indicates a locked object.
	Hint:
	To lock objects, use the Lock Keyword.

To enter the Unlock keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Unlock**
- Type the shortcut **UL** or **Unl**

Description

The Unlock keyword is a function keyword which is used to unlock objects that were previously locked.

For more information on locks and their types see Lock and Unlock Pool Objects.

Syntax

Unlock [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Option Keywords

The Unlock keyword uses the following option keywords:

/Recursive

Examples

- To unlock cue 3 to edit the cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Unlock Cue 3
```

- To unlock world 3 to edit the world, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Unlock World 3
```

- To unlock the macro line 2 of the macro 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Unlock Macro 1.2
```

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1.9.3.343. Unpark

To enter the Unpark keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Go+ Go+
- Type **Unpark**
- Type **Unp**

Description

The Unpark keyword is a command keyword which is used to release a parked DMX channel or universe.

	Hint:
	If you unpark a universe, the blue **P** icon disappears in the universe pool.

Syntax

Unpark [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Examples

- To unpark fixture 1 with all its attributes, type:

User name[Fixture]>Unpark Fixture 1

- To unpark the current selection, type:

User name[Fixture]>Unpark

- To unpark DMX universe 2, type:

User name[Fixture]>Unpark DMXUniverse 2

1.9.3.344. Unpress

To enter the Unpress keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Unpress**
- Type the shortcut **Unpr**

Description

The Unpress keyword is used to simulate the unpressed state of a key.

It is possible to assign this state to macros.

For more information see Macros.

For information on how to assign executors see Assign Objects to an Executor.

Syntax

[Function] Unpress [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

- To disable Flash on the executor 203, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Flash Unpress Executor 203
```

1.9.3.345. Up

To enter the Up keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Up
- Type **Up**

Description

The Up keyword is a function keyword which is used to navigate upward in the fixture structure.

Syntax

Up

Example

- To go back to the main fixture in the fixture sheet in an upward manner, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Up
```

For information on the key and its location see Up key.

1.9.3.346. Update

To enter the Update keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Update
- Type **Update**
- Type the shortcut **U**

Description

The Update keyword is a function keyword which is used to update values in their source objects.

Syntax

Update [Object]["Object_Name" or Object_Number or Next/Previous]

Option Keywords

The Update Keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /AddNewContent
- /ForceGlobal
- /Global
- /InputFilter
- /OriginalContentOnly
- /Selective
- /Universal

Examples

- To update Preset 4.1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Update Preset 4.1
```

	Important:
	The following examples can only be applied to already existing cues!

- To update the previous cue to the current cue in the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Update Cue Previous
```

- To update the second previous cue to the current cue in the selected sequence type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Update Cue Previous 2

	Important:
	The examples that use **Previous** can use **Next** to **do the opposite**.

- To update the cue that is sitting one digit before the current cue in the selected sequence, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Update Cue - 1

- To update cue that is sitting 0.1 digits before the current cue in the selected sequence, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Update Cue - 0.1

For more information on the key and its location see Update key.

1.9.3.347. UpdateContent

To enter the UpdateContent keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **UpdateContent**
- Type the shortcut **UC** or **Updatec**

Description

The UpdateContent keyword is used to scan a media pool, for example images, and create XML files for media files.

Syntax

UpdateContent [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]

Example

The following example is explained using images.

Requirement:

1. A media file, for example an image, was added to the corresponding media folder, for example in grandMA3_lib/media/images, without an XML file.
2. Enter the media pool folder and then the image folder.
   For more information see ChangeDestination keyword.

- To create the XML files that are missing in the image folder of the media pool, type:

```
User name@ShowData/MediaPools/Images>UpdateContent Image
```

1.9.3.348. User

To enter the User keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **User**
- Type the shortcut **Us**

Description

The User keyword is used to log in or to change the user settings.

For more information on users and different settings see User Setting.

Syntax

User ["User_Name" or User_Number]

[Function] User ["User_Name or User_Number] ([Setting] [Setting_Value])

Settings

The User keyword uses a number of settings. Change the settings using the Set Keyword. If a setting has to have a pool object, use the Assign keyword to assign an object to the setting.

Here are the settings:

Setting	Object/Option/Value	Description
Name	Text	The name of the user. This can be used as user ID.
Scribble	Scribble pool object	The Scribble assigned to the User object.
Appearance	Appearance pool object	The Appearance assigned to the User object.
Password	Text	The password is not shown in clear text.
Profile	UserProfile object	The assigned User Profile.
ScreenConfig	Screen configuration object	The active screen configuration.
Rights	"Admin", "Setup", "Program", "Preset", "Playback", "View", or "None"	The access right assigned to the user.
Language	"de", "en", "ru", or "dk"	The language assigned to the user.
Keyboard	"German", "English", "Russian", or "Danish"	The keyboard layout assigned to the user's onscreen keyboard.

Example

- To list the details of all users, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List User
```

- To log in as "Admin", type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>User Admin

Alternatively see the Login Keyword.

- To assign appearance number 1 to User 2

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Assign Appearance 1 At User 2

- To change the rights to Playback for user Remote, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Set User "Remote" "Rights" "Playback"

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1.9.3.349. User1

	Important:
	The **User1** keyword can only be used on the grandMA3 compact, the grandMA3 compact XT, and the grandMA3 onPC command wing where the user key is located on the right of Special Executor 1 and 2.
	Hint:
	The **User1** keyword must be used as one word.

To enter the **User1** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press U1
- Type **User1**

Description

The **User1** keyword is a function keyword that toggles between the encoder bar and the Xkeys bar.

Syntax

User1

Example

- To toggle the encoder bar to the Xkeys bar, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>User1
```

For information on the key and its location see U1 key.

1.9.3.350. User2

	Important:
	The **User2** keyword can only be used on the grandMA3 compact, the grandMA3 compact XT, and the grandMA3 onPC command wing where the user key is located on the right of Special Executor 1 and 2.
	Hint:
	The **User2** keyword must be used as one word.

To enter the **User2** keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press U2
- Type **User2**

Description

The **User2** keyword is a function keyword that toggles between the encoder bar and the executor bar.

Syntax

User2

Example

- To toggle the encoder bar to the executor bar, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>User2
```

For information on the key and its location see U2 key.

1.9.3.351. UserProfile

To enter the UserProfile keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **UserProfile**
- Type **Userp**
- Type the shortcut **UPR**

Description

The UserProfile keyword is an object keyword. It can be used to adjust settings in the UserProfile.

For more information on user profiles see Create User. For information on different settings see User Settings.

Syntax

[Function] UserProfile ["UserProfile_Name" or UserProfile_Number] (Property ["Property_Name"] [Property_Value])

Examples

- To list all available user profiles, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List UserProfile
```

- To turn off the screen encoder in the default user profile, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set UserProfile "Default" "ScreenEncoder" "No"
```

1.9.3.352. Video

To enter the Video keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Video**
- Type the shortcut **Vid**

Description

The Video keyword is an object keyword. It is used to address videos using the command line.

Syntax

[Function] Video ["Video_Name" or Video_Number]

Examples

- To edit video 1 in the video pool, type:

User name[Fixture]>Edit Video 1

- To delete video 1 in the video pool, type:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Video 1

1.9.3.353. Version

To enter the Version keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Version**
- Type the shortcut **Ve**

Description

The Version keyword is a function keyword which is used to grant access to details of the version in the console or in the onPC software.

It displays the following details in the command line history:

- Version number
- Release type
- Build type
- Code type
- Host type
- Host sub type
- Station serial number
- Date of compilation
- Repository branch
- Repository hash
- Version number of Lua
- Version number of Lua sockets
- Version number of Lua file system

Syntax

Version

Example

- To view the details of the version, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Version

```
OK:Menu "CommandLineHistory"
Application version is 1.5.2.3
Release type Release
BuildType Release
HostType onPC, HostSubType wing-onPC
Station SN is 1551000000-900009
Compiled at Aug  3 2021 11:17:37
Repository branch UnknownBranch
Repository hash  63e789d047b6d2f224122576247907938c591258
Water mark
Lua core        : Lua 5.4
Lua sockets     : LuaSocket 3.0-rc1
Lua file system : 1.8.0
OK:Version
```

Version details in the command line history window

The version details are displayed in the command line history window.

1.9.3.354. View

To enter the View keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X7 | View
- Type **View**
- Type the shortcut **V**

Description

The View keyword calls or stores views on a screen.

Syntax

([Function]) View ["View_Name" or View_Number] (/Option ["Option_Value"])

Settings

The following table displays the properties that can be assigned using the Set keyword.

Setting	Option/Value	Description
Name	View name, for instance, "Stage External"	The name of the view.
Scribble	Scribble pool object	The assigned scribble object.
Appearance	Appearance pool object	The assigned appearance object.
ScreenContentMask	1 to 127	An internal number that indicates the screens used when it was saved.
RequestedW	1 to 327	The width of the view (grid width).
RequestedH	1 to 327	The height of the view (grid height).

Option Keywords

The View keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Screen

Example

- To call view 2 in the view pool on the screen where it is stored, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>View 2
```

For information on the key and its location see X7 | View key.

1.9.3.355. ViewButton

To enter the ViewButton keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press MA + X7|View + X7|View
- Type **ViewButton**
- Type the shortcut **ViewB**
- Type **VB**

Description

The ViewButton keyword is an object keyword which is used to call or store the object assigned on the view button.

Calling a view button only works if the object assigned to it supports it.

For more information see the Call Keyword.

Syntax

ViewButton [Screen_Number].["ViewButton_Name" or ViewButton_Number] (/Option "[Option_Value]")

[Function] ViewButton [Screen_Number].["ViewButton_Name" or ViewButton_Number] (/Option "[Option_Value]")

Option Keywords

The ViewButton keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /Screen

Examples

- To call the view assigned to ViewButton 4 on screen 2, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>ViewButton 2.4

	Important:
	If you do not specify the screen location using the /Screen option keyword, the view will be called to the screen that currently has focus.

- To assign the user pool object "Guest" to ViewButton 1.1, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Assign User "Guest" At ViewButton 1.1

- To remove the object assigned to ViewButton 4, screen 1, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Delete ViewButton 1.4

- To label the view that is assigned to ViewButton 5 on screen 2 "Layout", type:

User name[Fixture]>Label ViewButton 2.5 "Layout"

1.9.3.356. Width

To enter the Width keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **Width**
- Type the shortcut **Wi**

Description

The Width keyword is used to determine the width incorporating transition of the entire step.

For more information see Phasers.

Syntax

Width

[At] Width [Value]

Examples

- To set the layer to width, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Width
```

- To create a PWM effect, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>At Transition 0 + Width 50
```

1.9.3.357. World

To enter the World keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press Group Group
- Type **World**
- Or type the shortcut **W**

Description

The World keyword is an object keyword which is used to call worlds along with their filters, and limit the access to the parameters in the world.

By default, World 1 is always locked. That is, it neither can be edited nor deleted. World 1 includes all parameters (fixtures and attributes) of the show.

Syntax

[Function] World ["World_Name" or World_Number]

Option Keywords

The World keyword uses the following option keywords:

- /GridMergeMode
- /Merge
- /Overwrite
- /Remove

Examples

- To call world 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>World 3
```

- To label the world 3 "All Fixtures", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label World 3 "All Fixtures"
```

1.9.3.358. Zero

To enter the Zero keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Press .
- Type **Zero**
- Type the shortcut **Z**

Description

The keyword Zero is a helping keyword which is used to set the intensity of the dimmer to zero if fixtures or channels are selected.

Syntax

[Object List] Zero

Examples

- To set the intensity of the selected fixtures or channels to zero, type:

User name[Fixture]>Zero

- To set the intensity of fixture 1 trough 10 to zero, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 10 Zero

1.9.4. Next Previous Concept

The Logic of Next/Previous

- Steps through fixtures within a selection.
- Goes through pages in the page pool.
- Loads next or previous cues in the selected sequence.
- Ensures a fast workflow for key presses that minimize the distance you must move your hand or fingers at.
- It also has the syntax to target next and previous objects in a list, especially when working with cues.
  If Next/Previous is used as +/-, it also creates a new object before or after the current object.
- For more information see Next keyword and Previous keyword.

Easy Access to Next and Previous

In addition to the keys, you can access Next and Previous using shortcuts closer to the keypad:

- MA + is shortcut for Next
- MA - is shortcut for Previous

Opposed to the keys Next and Prev, these shortcuts will not immediately execute the command. Instead, they will execute it once you press Please.

Use Next/Previous in Combination with Store and Update

When used in combination with the Store keyword and Cue keyword, Next and Previous can be used to target existing cues in relation to the current cue.

([Function]) [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number or Next or Previous]

Method of Creating Objects

If you use the + (Plus) keyword and - (Minus) keyword without including the offset of numbers, it will create objects.

If you do not specify the offset of numbers when using + (Plus) or - (Minus) along with a function keyword, such as Store, Copy, Paste, Insert, Import, Goto et al., the syntax **Store Cue +** will insert a new cue before or after the current cue using an offset of 1; 0.1; 0.01; 0.001, depending on the space between the current and the already existing next or previous cue.

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Examples

- To create cue 12 while you are in cue 11, whereas cue 12 does not yet exist, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue +
```

- To copy cue 21 to a new cue between two existing cues, in this example cue 11 and 12, while you are in cue 11, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 21 At Cue +
```

The values of cue 21 will be copied onto a new cue with the number 11.1. In this example the offset equals 0.1 as cue 12 already exists.

Use + (Plus) and - (Minus) Keywords

1. When used in combination with the Store keyword and Cue keyword, + and - mathematically target numbers of cues relative to the current cue.

Examples

- To target a cue that is +0.1 from the current cue cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue + 0.1
```

If this object exists, the Store Cue Merge pop-up will appear. If the object does not exist yet, this command will create this very object.

- To target a cue that is +1 integer apart form the current cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue + 1
```

- If you are in cue 12 and you want to store values to cue 13.5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue + 1.5
```

If cue 13.5 already exists, the values will be updated. If cue 13.5 does not yet exist, a new cue 13.5 will be created.

In other words, the mathematical equation is: 12 + 1.5 = 13.5

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2. When used in combination with the Update keyword and Cue keyword, only cues that exist will be updated. If the addressed cue does not exist, an error message will be displayed.

Example

- To target a cue that is +1 integer apart form the current cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Update Cue + 1
```

	Important:
	Commands that use a **+** can use **-** to do the opposite. See the examples that follow.

Examples

- To target a cue that is -0.1 from the current cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue - 0.1
```

If this cue exists, the Store Cue Merge pop-up will appear. If the object does not exist yet, this command will create this very object.

- To target a cue that is -1 integer to the current cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue - 1
```

- If you are in cue 12 and you want to store values to cue 10.5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue - 1.5
```

If cue 10.5 already exists, the values will be updated. If cue 10.5 does not yet exist, a new cue 10.5 will be created.

In other words, the mathematical equation is: 12 - 1.5 = 10.5

- To target a cue that is - 1 integer away from the current cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Update Cue - 1
```

If the addressed cue does not exist, an error message will be displayed.

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1.9.5. Option Keywords

Option keywords can be seen as temporary filters in commands. You can use them to define your command in an even more detailed manner.

The result is always a single event – that is, it will not be set permanently as it is the case with settings for example.

Subtopics

- /Active
- /ActiveForSelected
- /AddNewContent
- /All
- /AllForSelected
- /Ask
- /Auto
- /Async
- /ChannelSet
- /CopyCueDestination
- /AutoFit
- /CopyCueSource
- /AutoStart
- /CreateReferenceObject
- /CreateSecondCue
- /CueOnly
- /Date
- /Default
- /DiscardChanges
- /DMX
- /DMXProtocols
- /Embed
- /Enumerate
- /File
- /ForceGlobal
- /GDTF
- /Gaps
- /Global
- /GridMergeMode
- /ForceUniversal
- /Indirect
- /InputFilter
- /HighPrecision
- /KeepActivation
- /Limit
- /LocalSettings
- /Look
- /MAtricks
- /Merge

- /KeepPage
- /MergeHighPriority
- /MergeLowPriority
- /MoveValues
- /MA
- /NoAutoClose
- /NoConfirmation
- /NDI
- /MVR
- /NoDependencies
- /NoOops
- /NoRefresh
- /NoSave
- /NoShowData
- /NoSubfolders
- /OriginalContentOnly
- /Output
- /OutputStations
- /OddEven
- /Overwrite
- /PatchOffset
- /Path
- /PhaserData
- /Programmer
- /Release
- /Remove
- /Recipe
- /Save
- /Screen
- /ScreenOnly
- /Selection
- /Selective
- /Single
- /Sort
- /SubTab
- /Recursive
- /Tab
- /TrackingShield
- /Type
- /Universal
- /Restart
- /Wait
- /Wrap
- /XResolution
- /YResolution
- /TransferProgrammer
- /TransferSelection

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1.9.5.1. /Active

To enter the **/Active** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Active**
- Type the shortcut **/Ac**

Description

The /Active option keyword stores all active values of the programmer no matter the selection.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Active

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Active option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

Example

Requirement: Active values in the programmer

- To store all active values in cue 1 of the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1 /Active
```

1.9.5.2. /ActiveForSelected

To enter the **/ActiveForSelected** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/ActiveForSelected**
- Type the shortcut **/Activef**

Description

The /ActiveForSelected option keyword stores all active attributes of the selected fixtures in the programmer.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /ActiveForSelected

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /ActiveForSelected option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

Example

Requirement: Selected fixtures with active values in the programmer

- To store all active attributes of the selected fixtures in cue 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1 /ActiveForSelected
```

1.9.5.3. /AddNewContent

To enter the **/AddNewContent** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/AddNewContent**
- Type the shortcut **/Ad**

Description

The /AddNewContent option keyword updates existing values of attributes and adds new values in presets or cues.

Syntax

Update [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /AddNewContent

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /AddNewContent option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Update keyword

Example

Requirement:

- Create presets or cues
- Playback presets or cues or activate presets in the programmer
- At least one attribute must have active values in the programmer

- To update existing and new attribute values in Preset 1.1, type:

User name[Fixture]>Update Preset 1.1 /AddNewContent

1.9.5.4. /All

To enter the **/All** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/All**
- Type the shortcut **/Al**

Description

The /All option keyword stores the values of all attributes when using Data Source Output or DMX.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /All

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /All option keyword:

- AutoCreate keyword
- Cue keyword
- FixtureClass keyword
- FixtureLayer keyword
- FixtureType keyword
- LoadShow keyword
- NewShow keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

	Hint:
	The /All option keyword also works in conjunction with the /Look option keyword.

Examples

- To store all attributes in cue 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1 /All
```

- To load the entire data of the show "Fiddler on the Roof", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "Fiddler on the Roof" /All
```

- To create a new show file called "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and clear all previous settings, type:

User name[Fixture]>NewShow "Rocky Horror Picture Show" /All

Requirement:

1. Select eight fixtures.
2. Set MAtricks XGroup to 2.
3. Set MAtricks X to 0.
   - To create group 21 in the group pool containing all main fixtures of the selection (odd fixtures of the current selection), type:

User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate Selection At Group 21 /All

Requirement: Create layers and classes and set fixtures to these.

For more information and how to use fixture classes and fixture layers see Patch and Fixture Setup - Classes and Layers.

Hint:
The demo show runs using this setting. For more information see Backup, Demo, and Template Show Files.

- To create a group at group pool object 301 with all fixtures that are set to class "Spots" within the patch, type:

User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureClass "Spots" At Group 301 /All

- To create a group at group pool object 201 with all fixtures that are set to layer "Backtruss" within the patch, type:

User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureLayer "Backtruss" At Group 201 /All

- To create a group at group pool object 42 with all patched fixtures of fixture type 9, type:

User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureType 10 At Group 42 /All

1.9.5.5. /AllForSelected

To enter the **/AllForSelected** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/AllForSelected**
- Type the shortcut **/Allf**

Description

The /AllForSelected option keyword stores all attributes of the selected fixtures in the programmer.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /AllForSelected

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /AllForSelected option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

	Hint:
	The /AllForSelected option keyword also works in conjunction with the /Look option keyword.

Example

Requirement: Selected fixtures with values in the programmer

- To store all attributes of the selected fixtures in cue 1, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1 /AllForSelected

1.9.5.6. /Ask

To enter the **/Ask** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Ask**
- Type the shortcut **/A**

Description

The /Ask option keyword is a default setting which is used to define the store option in an object that already has values. The /Ask option keyword triggers a pop-up where it is possible to set the store options.

Syntax

Store [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_ID] /Ask

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Ask option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Filter keyword
- Group keyword
- MAtricks keyword
- Preset keyword
- Sequence keyword
- Store keyword
- World keyword

Example

Requirement: An existing cue

- To store the new value to the existing cue and define how to store data to the destination, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 3 Cue 1 /Ask
```

1.9.5.7. /Auto

To enter the **/Auto** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Auto**
- Type the shortcut **/Au**

Description

The /Auto option keyword is used to store and update presets. Executing the /Auto option keyword sets the preset mode to **Auto**. For more information see Presets.

Syntax

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_ID].["Preset_Name" or Preset_ID] /Auto

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Auto option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Example

- To store the active values into color preset 3 using the Preset Mode "Auto", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 4.3 /Auto
```

1.9.5.8. /Async

To enter the **/Async** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Async**
- Type the shortcut **/Asy**

Description

The /Async option keyword is used to asynchronously execute remote commands.

Syntax

RemoteCommand IP [IP_Address] ["Command to be Executed"] /Async

RemoteCommand [DeviceType] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number] ["Command to be Executed"] /Async

Example

- To asynchronously execute the command "Delete Macro 1" on the console named "DimmerBeach", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>RemoteCommand Console "DimmerBeach" "Delete Macro 1 /NoConfirmation" /Async
```

1.9.5.9. /ChannelSet

To enter the **/ChannelSet** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/ChannelSet**
- Type the shortcut **/Ch**

Description

The /ChannelSet option keyword is used in conjuction with the AutoCreate keyword – whereby the AutoCreate command creates objects out of channel sets.

Syntax

AutoCreate [Source_Object] ["Source_Object_Name" or Source_Object_Number] At [Destination_Object] ["Destination_Object_Name" or Destination_Object_Number] /ChannelSet

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /ChannelSet option keyword:

- AutoCreate keyword

Example

- To create global beam presets out of channel sets of fixture type 9, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureType 9 At Preset * If FeatureGroup "Beam" /ChannelSet
```

1.9.5.10. /CopyCueDestination

To enter the **/CopyCueDestination** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/CopyCueDestination**
- Type the shortcut **/CopyCued** or **/CCD**

Description

The /CopyCueDestination option keyword defines how the copied data is used in the destination cue when copying cues.

For more information see Copy Cues.

Syntax

Copy (Sequence ["Source_Sequence_Name" or Source_Sequence_ID]) Cue ["Source_Cue_Name" or Source_Cue_ID] At (Sequence ["Destination_Sequence_Name" or Destination_Sequence_ID]) Cue ["Destination_Cue_Name" or Destination_Cue_ID] /CopyCueDestination "Value"

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /CopyCueDestination option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Copy keyword

Values

The /CopyCueDestination option keyword uses these values:

- Merge
- Overwrite

Example

Requirement: Create cues 1 and 2

- To copy cue 1 to cue 2 and merge the data of cue 1 with cue 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 At Cue 2 /CopyCueDestination "Merge"
```

1.9.5.11. /AutoFit

To enter the **/AutoFit** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/AutoFit**
- Type the shortcut **/Autof**

Description

The /AutoFit option keyword is used to position any window in the next unoccupied area of a specified screen respecting the minimum requirements of the window. If you are in a help topic, use the Command Bot which opens the corresponding UI window using this logic. For more information on our bot see Navigate in the Help.

Syntax

Store ScreenContent [Display_Number or Default] ["Window_Name"] /AutoFit

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /AutoFit option keyword:

- ScreenContent keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To open the fixture sheet in a free area of the screen you have currently the focus in, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store ScreenContent Default "WindowFixtureSheet" /AutoFit
```

1.9.5.12. /CopyCueSource

To enter the **/CopyCueSource** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/CopyCueSource**
- Type the shortcut **/Cop** or **/CCS**

Description

The /CopyCueSource option keyword defines how data is extracted in the source cue when copying cues.

For more information see Copy Cues.

Syntax

Copy (Sequence ["Source_Sequence_Name" or Source_Sequence_ID]) Cue ["Source_Cue_Name" or Source_Cue_ID] At (Sequence ["Destination_Sequence_Name" or Destination_Sequence_ID]) Cue ["Destination_Cue_Name" or Destination_Cue_ID] /CopyCueSource "Value"

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /CopyCueSource option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Copy keyword

Values

The /CopyCueSource option keyword uses these values:

- Content
- Status
- Look

Example

- To copy the status of cue 1 to cue 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 At Cue 2 /CopyCueSource "Status"
```

1.9.5.13. /AutoStart

To enter the **/AutoStart** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/AutoStart**
- Type the shortcut **/Autos**

Description

The /AutoStart option keyword is used to define which sequences will start if you enter the preview mode.

Syntax

Preview Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number] /AutoStart ("Option Value")

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /AutoStart option keyword:

- Preview keyword
- Sequence keyword

Values

The /AutoStart option keyword uses these values:

- Off – if several sequences are selected, using "Off" starts none of the sequences.
- Single – if several sequences are selected, using "Single" starts the last sequence.
- Multi – If several sequences are selected, all of them will be started.

Example

- To load sequences 1 to 3 into preview mode and start the last sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Preview Sequence 1 Thru 3 /AutoStart "Single"
```

1.9.5.14. /CreateReferenceObject

To enter the **/CreateReferenceObject** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/CreateReferenceObject**
- Type the shortcut **/Creater**

Description

The /CreateReferenceObject option keyword creates a referenced object when an object is imported. For example, an appearance which uses the imported image.

For more information on importing references see Import/Export Menu.

Syntax

Import [Object Type] Library "File Name.file_type" At [Object Type] ([Object_Number] [Object_ID]) /CreateReferenceObject

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /CreateReferenceObject option keyword:

- Import keyword
- Image keyword

Example

- To import an image and automatically create an appearance which references to the imported image, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import Image Library "Cloud.png" At Image 3.11
/CreateReferenceObject
```

1.9.5.15. /CreateSecondCue

To enter the **/CreateSecondCue** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/CreateSecondCue**
- Type the shortcut **/C**

Description

The /CreateSecondCue option keyword stores a cue using the next whole number provided the sequence has only one cue.

Syntax

[Function] (Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or "Sequence_ID"]) /CreateSecondCue

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /CreateSecondCue option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To store a second cue in the selected sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store /CreateSecondCue
```

1.9.5.16. /CueOnly

To enter the **/CueOnly** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/CueOnly**
- Type the shortcuts **/CO** or **/Cu**

Description

The /CueOnly option keyword blocks tracked values in the next cue or cue part to preserve the previous look on stage.

For more information see Store Cues and Store Settings and Store Preferences.

Syntax

[Function] (Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number]) Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] /CueOnly ["Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /CueOnly option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Delete keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Values

The /CueOnly option keyword uses these values:

- DimmerOnly – uses the Dimmer Cue Only and releases the recently stored dimmer attributes in the next cue.
- DimmerOnlyDefaultNew – uses the Dimmer Cue Only and sets recently stored dimmer attributes to the default value in the next cue.
- Off – does not use CueOnly
- On – uses CueOnly
- OnDefaultNew – uses Cue Only and sets new attributes within the sequence to the default value in the next cue.

Examples

- To store the current programmer values in cue 8 and to preserve the previous look in the following cue after cue 8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 8 /CueOnly
```

- To store the current programmer values in cue 6 and release the recently stored dimmer values in the next cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 6 /CueOnly "DimmerOnly"
```

- To store the current programmer values in cue 5 and set the dimmer attributes to default values in the next cue, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 5 /CueOnly "DimmerOnlyDefaultNew"
```

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1.9.5.17. /Date

To enter the **/Date** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Date**
- Type the shortcut **/Da**

Description

The /Date option keyword changes the start date of an agenda event that is to be pasted from clipboard. All other settings of this agenda event will not be changed and stay the same.

Syntax

Paste Agenda [Agenda_Number] /Date "DD.MM.YYYY"

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Date option keyword:

- Agenda keyword
- Paste keyword

Example

Requirement: An existing agenda event was copied to the clipboard.

- To copy agenda event 1 to the clipboard, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Agenda 1
```

- To paste agenda event 1 back from the clipboard to create an agenda event 2 with a new start date 11.11.2011 , type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Paste Agenda 2/Date "11.11.2011"
```

1.9.5.18. /Default

To enter the **/Default** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Default**
- Type the shortcut **/D**

Description

The /Default option keyword is used when copying cues. It replaces non-existing data in the destination cue by default values.

Syntax

Copy Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] /Default

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Default option keyword:

- Copy keyword
- Cue keyword

Example

- To copy cue 1 to cue 5 using default values, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 At Cue 5 /Default
```

1.9.5.19. /DiscardChanges

To enter the **/DiscardChanges** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/DiscardChanges**
- Type the shortcut **/DC** or **/Di**

Description

The /DiscardChanges option keyword is used to leave the Patch without storing the changes.

Syntax

ChangeDestination [Object] (["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) /DiscardChanges

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /DiscardChanges option keyword:

- ChangeDestination keyword

Example

Requirement: You are in the Patch and you made edits.

- To leave the patch without storing your recent edits in Stage1, type:

```
User name@ShowData/Patch/Stages/Stage1/Fixtures>ChangeDestination Root /DiscardChanges
```

1.9.5.20. /DMX

To enter the **/DMX** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/DMX**
- Type the shortcut **/Dm**

Description

The /DMX option keyword is used to store incoming DMX data to cues or presets.

For more information on data sources see Store Settings and Preferences.

Syntax

Store [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /DMX [/AllForSelected or /All]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /DMX option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Sequence keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To store the incoming DMX data to sequence 1 cue 42 in all attributes of the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 1 Cue 42 /DMX /AllForSelected
```

1.9.5.21. /DMXProtocols

To enter the **/DMXProtocols** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/DMXProtocols**
- Type the shortcut **/Dmxp**

Description

The /DMXProtocols option keyword is used to load the DMX protocol settings (Art-Net and sACN) of the show file.

Syntax

[Function] ["Show_Name"] /DMXProtocols

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /DMXProtocols option keyword:

- LoadShow
- NewShow

Examples

- To load the DMX protocols of the show file "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and its show data, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "A Midsummer Night's Dream" /DMXProtocols
```

- To create a new show and clear all DMX protocols, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>NewShow "Phobos" /DMXProtocols
```

1.9.5.22. /Embed

To enter the **/Embed** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Embed**
- Type the shortcut **/E** or **/EB**

Description

The /Embed option keyword is used to store presets that are active in the programmer into a preset. The values in the new preset reference the preset that was active in the programmer.

Syntax

Store Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /Embed

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Embed option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

Example

Requirement: Presets are activated in the programmer.

- To store the preset values that are currently active in the programmer together with the reference of these values into the second dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.2 /Embed
```

1.9.5.23. /Enumerate

To enter the **/Enumerate** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Enumerate**
- Type the shortcut **/En**

Description

The /Enumerate option keyword is used to add a count to the name of a show file.

	Important:
	The number is a three-digit number. If the name of the show file along with the enumeration reaches the limit of 31 characters, the excess characters will be cut and replaced by the enumeration instead.

Syntax

SaveShow "Show_Name" /Enumerate

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Enumerate option keyword:

- SaveShow keyword

Example

- To enumerate a show file type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SaveShow /Enumerate
```

1.9.5.24. /File

To enter the **/File** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/File**
- Type the shortcut **/Fi**

Description

The /File option keyword is used to specify the file name of objects during import or export.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (If Drive [Drive_Number]) /File ["File_Name"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /File option keyword:

- Export keyword
- Import keyword

Example

- To export the preset file Endor, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Export Preset 2.5 /File "Endor"
```

1.9.5.25. /ForceGlobal

To enter the **/ForceGlobal** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/ForceGlobal**
- Type the shortcut **/Forceg**

Description

The /ForceGlobal option keyword adds global data to a preset already containing selective data. Selective data which is not used will be removed in the preset of fixtures of the same fixture type. /ForceGlobal removes selective data when updating or storing using the merge option.

Syntax

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /ForceGlobal

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /ForceGlobal option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Example

- To replace the selective data by global data in all fixtures of the same fixture type in the second dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.2 /ForceGlobal
```

1.9.5.26. /GDTF

To enter the **/GDTF** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/GDTF**
- Type the shortcut **/Gd**

Description

The /GDTF option keyword is used during export of a fixture type that uses the GDTF format.

Syntax

Export FixtureType ["FixtureType_Name" or FixtureType_Number] "filename.gdtf" /GDTF

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /GDTF option keyword:

- Export keyword

Example

Requirement: Select a drive you would like to export your fixture to.

- To export a Mac Aura XB to the currently selected drive, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Export FixtureType "Mac Aura XB" "filename.gdtf" /GDTF
```

1.9.5.27. /Gaps

To enter the **/Gaps** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Gaps**
- Type the shortcut **/Ga**

Description

The /Gaps option keyword retains or suppresses empty spaces when importing or exporting a range of pool objects.

	Hint:
	/Gaps or **/Gaps "Yes"** retains empty spaces when importing or exporting a range of pool objects. **/Gaps "No"** suppresses empty spaces when importing or exporting a range of pool objects.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Gaps ("Yes" or "No")

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Gaps option keyword:

- Import keyword
- Export keyword

Example

- To import all macros from the library "mymacros.xml," starting with macro 11, while suppressing any empty spaces included in the library, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import Macro Library "mymacros.xml" At Macro 11 /Gaps "No"
```

1.9.5.28. /Global

To enter the **/Global** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Global**
- Type the shortcut **/G**

Description

The /Global option keyword is used to store or update global data into presets regardless their mode.

Syntax

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /Global

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Global option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Example

- To store the current programmer content as global data in the second dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.2 /Global
```

1.9.5.29. /GridMergeMode

To enter the **/GridMergeMode** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/GridMergeMode**
- Type the shortcut **/Gr** or **GMM**

Description

The /GridMergeMode option keyword is used when storing fixtures with their selection grid data into objects using the merge mode.

For more information see Store Settings and Preferences.

Syntax

Store [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Merge /GridMergeMode "Value"

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /GridMergeMode option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Group keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- World keyword

Values

The /GridMergeMode option keyword uses these values:

- AppendX
- Off

Examples

- To merge the currently selected fixtures in group 27 and append the new fixtures in the selection grid on the x-axis following the fixtures that were alrady stored, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Group 27 /GridMergeMode "AppendX"
```

- To merge the currently selected fixtures in group 28 and place them on their original position in the selection grid, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Group 28 /GridMergeMode "Off"
```

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1.9.5.30. /ForceUniversal

To enter the **/ForceUniversal** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/ForceUniversal**
- Type the shortcut **/Forceu**

Description

The /ForceUniversal option keyword adds universal data to a preset and sets preset mode to universal. Selective and global data will be removed in the preset.

Syntax

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /ForceUniversal

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /ForceGlobal option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Example

- To replace selective and global data by universal data in the second dimmer preset and set its preset mode to universal, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.2 /ForceUniversal
```

1.9.5.31. /Indirect

To enter the **/Indirect** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Indirect**
- Type the shortcut **/Ind**

Description

	Hint:
	The /Indirect Option keyword can be used with all object types to which you can assign other objects.

The /Indirect option keyword is used to directly edit an assigned object. Executing a command containing this option keyword opens the editor for the object to be modified.

Syntax

Edit [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] Property ["Property_Name"] /Indirect

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Indirect option keyword:

- Edit keyword
- Property keyword

Examples

- To open the appearance editor and edit the appearance that is assigned to group 8, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Group 8 Property "Appearance" /Indirect
```

- To edit the object that is triggered by the first agenda entry, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Agenda 1 Property "Object" /Indirect
```

1.9.5.32. /InputFilter

To enter the **/InputFilter** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/InputFilter**
- Type the shortcut **/I**

Description

The /InputFilter option keyword is used to enable or disable the filter of a feature group when storing or updating presets.

Syntax

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /InputFilter ["Option_Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /InputFilter option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Example

- To disable the input filter when storing the third dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.3 /InputFilter "No"
```

1.9.5.33. /KeepActivation

To enter the **/KeepActivation** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/KeepActivation**
- Type the shortcut **/KA** or **/K**

Description

The /KeepActivation option keyword is used to keep the programmer content still active after storing the preset.

Syntax

Store Peset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /KeepActivation

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /KeepActivation option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To store the current programmer content in the third dimmer preset and keep this data active in the programmer, type:

User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.3 /KeepActivation

1.9.5.34. /HighPrecision

To enter the **/HighPrecision** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/HighPrecision**
- Type the shortcut **/H**

Description

The /HighPrecision option keyword is used to increase the precision of metrics in fixture types during their export.

Beam exported **without using** /HighPrecision:

```
<Beam Name="H1_ColorPixel1" Model="CenterPixel" PosZ="-0.0730"[...]
```

Same beam exported **using /HighPrecision**:

```
<Beam Name="H1_ColorPixel1" Model="CenterPixel" PosZ="-0.072999998927116"[...]
```

Syntax

Export ["FixtureType_Name" or FixtureType_Number] /HighPrecision

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /HighPrecision option keyword:

- Export keyword

Example

- To export fixture type 3 with a higher precision, type:

User name[Fixture]>Export FixtureType 3 /HighPrecision

1.9.5.35. /Limit

To enter the **/Limit** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Limit**
- Type the shortcut **/Li**

Description

The /Limit option keyword defines how many entries will be displayed in the command line history.

	Hint:
	You can use **/Limit** together with the /Sort option keyword.

Syntax

MemoryInfo /Limit [Limit_Number]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Limit option keyword:

- DumpLog keyword
- MemoryInfo keyword

Examples

- To limit the number of entries to 3 in the MemoryInfo, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>MemoryInfo /Limit 3
```

- To store the last 10 lines of the log file, shown in the system monitor, onto a connected USB drive, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>DumpLog /Limit 10
```

1.9.5.36. /LocalSettings

To enter the **/LocalSettings** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/LocalSettings**
- Type the shortcut **/Loc**

Description

The /LocalSettings option keyword is used to load the local settings of a show file.

Syntax

[Function] ["Show_Name"] /LocalSettings

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /LocalSettings option keyword:

- LoadShow
- NewShow

Example

- To load local settings together with the show data of the show file "A Midsummer Night's Dream", type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "A Midsummer Night's Dream" /LocalSettings
```

1.9.5.37. /Look

To enter the **/Look** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Look**
- Type the shortcut **/L**

Description

The /Look option keyword stores all dimmer values of all fixtures in the show.

If the dimmer value of a fixture is zero, the /Look option keyword only stores dimmer values of the fixture as there is no visible output onstage.

If the dimmer value of a fixture is above zero, the /Look option keyword stores the values of all attributes of the fixture.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Look

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Look option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- SetUserVariable keyword
- SetGlobalVariable keyword

	Hint:
	The /Look option keyword can be used together with the /All option keyword or the /AllForSelected option keyword.

Examples

- To store all dimmer values and all attributes in fixtures, with dimmer open in cue 1, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1 /Look

- To store the dimmer values and all active attributes of the selected fixtures in the programmer to the second preset in the first All preset pool, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 21.2 /AllForSelected /Look

	Hint:

	If you use SetUserVariable or SetGlobalVariable in combiniation with /Look, the proper value of the UI will be used in the variable. Whereas, using SetUserVariable and SetGlobalVariable without /Look, will use the internal represantion of the value, for example in form of numbers.

Example with and without /Look

- To set the user variable "mySeqPrioName" to the priority LTP of sequence 42, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "mySeqPrioName" At Sequence 42 Property "Priority" /Look

- To set user variable "mySeqPrioNumber" to priority 6, which is LTP, of sequence 42, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "mySeqPrioName" At Sequence 42 Property "Priority"

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1.9.5.38. /MAtricks

To enter the **/MAtricks** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/MAtricks**
- Type the shortcut **/Mat**

Description

The /MAtricks option keyword is used to store the MAtricks settings in the preset whenever the MAtricks are active.

Syntax

Store Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /MAtricks

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /MAtricks option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To store the currently active MAtricks settings in the third dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.3 /MAtricks
```

1.9.5.39. /Merge

To enter the **/Merge** option keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Type /**Merge**
- Type the shortcut **/M**

Description

The /Merge option keyword merges new values with existing values.

The most recent values have a higher priority than the preexisting and will effectively overwrite these.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Merge

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Merge option keyword:

- Assign keyword
- AutoCreate keyword
- AutoStore keyword
- Cook keyword
- Copy keyword
- Cue keyword
- Group keyword
- Layout keyword
- MAtricks keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- World keyword

Example

- To merge the values of cue 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1 /Merge
```

1.9.5.40. /KeepPage

To enter the **/KeepPage** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/KeepPage**
- Type the shortcut **/Keepp**

Description

The /KeepPage option keyword is used if you want to cancel the locate function but still want the playback bar to stay on the currently selected page.

Syntax

Locate Reset /KeepPage

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /KeepPage option keyword:

- Locate keyword

Example

Requirement: Initiate the locate function

- To cancel locate and stay on the same page you are currently in, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Locate Reset /KeepPage
```

1.9.5.41. /MergeHighPriority

To enter the **/MergeHighPriority** option keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Type /**MergeHighPriority**
- Type the shortcut **/Mergeh**

Description

The /MergeHighPriority option keyword adds all data that is in the source to destination. Data originating in the source overwrite the entire data at destination.

Syntax

[Function] [Source_Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] At [Destination_Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /MergeHighPriority

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /MergeHighPriority option keyword:

- Clone keyword

Example

- To clone fixture 1 to fixture 2 overwriting the entire content of fixture 2 in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2 /MergeHighPriority
```

1.9.5.42. /MergeLowPriority

To enter the **/MergeLowPriority** option keyword in the command line, use one of these options:

- Type /**MergeLowPriority**
- Type the shortcut **/Mergel**

Description

The /MergeLowPriority option keyword adds data that is in the source to the destination only where it does not contain data. This option keyword preserves existing data at destination and is the least extreme form of merging.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /MergeLowPriority

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /MergeLowPriority option keyword:

- Clone keyword
- Cook keyword

Examples

- To clone data from fixture 1 to fixture 2 as a low priority merge in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2 /MergeLowPriority
```

- To cook recipes in the cue parts of sequence 5 using low priority merge, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cook Sequence 5 /MergeLowPriority
```

1.9.5.43. /MoveValues

To enter the **/MoveValues** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/MoveValues**
- Type the shortcut **/MV** or **/Mo**

Description

The /MoveValues option keyword is used to move values to part 0 when deleting cue parts.

Syntax

Delete Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] Part ["Part_Name" or Part_Number] /MoveValues

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /MoveValues option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Delete keyword
- Part keyword

Example

- To delete part 5 of cue 7, and move the values to part 0 of cue 7, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Cue 7 Part 5 /MoveValues
```

1.9.5.44. /NoAutoClose

To enter the **/NoAutoClose** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoAutoClose**
- Type the shortcuts **/Noa**

Description

The /NoAutoClose option keyword is used to suppress the countdown in pop-ups.

Syntax

[Function] (["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) /NoAutoClose

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NoAutoClose option keyword:

- ShutDown keyword

Example

- To shut down the station you are working with at the moment suppressing the countdown in the shutdown pop-up, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Shutdown /NoAutoClose
```

1.9.5.45. /MA

To enter the **/MA** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/MA**

Description

The /MA option keyword is used to address a secondary function of an executor.

Syntax

Assign [Function] At Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number].["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number] /MA

Assign [Function] At Executor ["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number] /MA

Example

- To assign Goto to MA + executor of page 1, executor 201, type:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Assign Goto At Page 1.20 /MA

1.9.5.46. /NoConfirmation

To enter the **/NoConfirmation** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoConfirmation**
- Type the shortcuts **/N** or **/NC**

Description

The /NoConfirmation option keyword is used to suppress the confirmation pop-ups when storing objects or shutting down the station.

Syntax

[Function] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /NoConfirmation

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NoConfirmation option keyword:

- Assign keyword
- AutoCreate keyword
- AutoStore keyword
- ChangeMulticastBase
- CleanUp keyword
- Clone keyword
- Cook keyword
- Copy keyword
- CopyCrashLog keyword
- Delete keyword
- DumpLog keyword
- Exchange keyword
- Insert keyword
- Import keyword
- NewShow keyword
- Oops keyword
- Paste keyword
- Reboot keyword
- Restart keyword
- ShutDown keyword
- Store keyword

Examples

- To shut down the station you are working with without provoking a confirmation pop-up, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Shutdown /NoConfirmation
```

- To store the programmer values as cue 2 without displaying the confirmation pop-up, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 2 /NoConfirmation
```

1.9.5.47. /NDI

To enter the **/NDI** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NDI**
- Type the shortcut **/Nd**

Description

The /NDI option keyword stores screenshots of NDI streams directly as images.

Syntax

Store Image ["MediaPool_Name" or MediaPool_Number].["Image_Name" or Image_Number] /NDI=[NDI_Number]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NDI option keyword:

- Store keyword
- Image keyword

Example

- To store a screenshot of the first NDI stream as image 13, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.13 /NDI=0
```

1.9.5.48. /MVR

To enter the **/MVR** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/MVR**

Description

The /MVR option keyword is used to export the patch as MVR file instead of a grandMA3 XML file.

Syntax

Export [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /File ["File_Name"] (If Drive ["Drive_Name" or Drive_Number]) /MVR

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /MVR option keyword:

- Export keyword

Example

- To export the entire patch as MVR file to drive 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Export Stage If Drive 1 /MVR
```

1.9.5.49. /NoDependencies

To enter the **/NoDependencies** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoDependencies**
- Type the shortcuts **/Nod**

Description

The /NoDependencies option keyword is used to import or export data without the dependent objects.

Syntax

[Function] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /NoDependencies

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NoDependencies option keyword:

- Clone keyword
- Export keyword
- Import keyword

Examples

- To import the sequence in the file "Mimas.xml" to sequence 4 without dependent objects, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import Sequence Library "Mimas.xml" At Sequence 4 /NoDependencies
```

Requirement: Fixture 1, which uses a selective preset, is stored in a cue of sequence 1. Only fixture 1 is part of this preset.

- To clone the data of fixture 1 to fixture 2 and use hard values in sequence 1 in fixture 2 where fixture 1 uses the selective preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2 If Sequence 1 /NoDependencies
```

1.9.5.50. /NoOops

To enter the **/NoOops** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoOops**
- Type the shortcut **/NU** or **/Noo**

Description

The /NoOops option keyword does not generate oops events when executing commands.

Syntax

[Command] /NoOops

General Keywords

Almost all of the keywords in the grandMA3 software can be combined with the /NoOops option keyword.

Example

- To store a new dimmer preset without creating an oops event for this action, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.4 /NoOops
```

1.9.5.51. /NoRefresh

To enter the **/NoRefresh** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoRefresh**
- Type the shortcut **/Nor**

Description

The /NoRefresh option keyword is used to suppress the refresh of libraries during import or export of objects.

	Hint:
	When listing the library files of a certain type and/or path, it may take a while to type the path and the options into the command line. When a file is to be imported after a type and/or path has been specified during a previous command, the type and/or path will typically need to be entered again as part of the import command. Using the **/NoRefresh** option, it is not necessary to reenter /Type and/or /Path as part of the import command.

Syntax

[Function] Object ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (If Drive [Drive_Number]) (/Option) ("/Option_Value")

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NoRefresh option keyword:

- Export keyword
- Import keyword

Examples

To use the /NoRefresh option to avoid reentering drive and path specifications:

- List all macro libraries within a specific path on a specific drive:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Library If Drive 2 /Path "/My_grandMA3_files/macro/archive"
```

- To import the second library from the list without reentering the drive and path, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import Library 2 /NoRefresh
```

1.9.5.52. /NoSave

To enter the **/NoSave** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoSave**
- Type the shortcut **/NS** or **/Nosa**

Description

The /NoSave option keyword defines for the show file not to be saved when loading a show, or shuttig down, restarting, or rebooting the console or your onPC.

	Important:
	The /NoSave option keyword only works in the conjunction with the /NoConfirmation option keyword.

Syntax

[Function] ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) /NoConfirmation /NoSave

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NoSave option keyword:

- LoadShow keyword
- Reboot keyword
- Restart keyword
- ShutDown keyword

Example

- To shut down the grandMA3 console without saving the show file, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ShutDown /NoConfirmation /NoSave
```

1.9.5.53. /NoShowData

To enter the **/NoShowData** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoShowData**
- Type the shortcut **/Nosh**

Description

The /NoShowData option keyword is used to keep current show data when loading shows.

Syntax

[Function] ["Show_Name"] /NoShowData

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NoShowData option keyword:

- LoadShow
- NewShow

Example

- To load all data, except the show data of the show file "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and keep the current show data, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "A Midsummer Night's Dream" /NoShowData
```

1.9.5.54. /NoSubfolders

To enter the **/NoSubfolders** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/NoSubfolders**
- Type the shortcut **/Nos**

Description

The /NoSubfolders option keyword is used to exclude subfolders when importing library files or listing libraries.

	Hint:
	Subfolders are created by the users.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /NoSubfolders

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /NoSubfolders option keyword:

- List keyword
- Import keyword

Examples

- To only show color themes in the main folders when listing, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>List ColorTheme /NoSubfolders
```

It might as well happen that there are two files with the same name located in the main folder and a subfolder.

- To import the macro library file "bestmacro.xml" located in the main folder, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import Macro Library "bestmacro.xml" At Macro 5 If Drive 2 /NoSubfolders
```

1.9.5.55. /OriginalContentOnly

To enter the **/OriginalContentOnly** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/OriginalContentOnly**
- Type the shortcut **/Or**

Description

The /OriginalContentOnly option keyword updates already existing values of attributes in their original location in presets or cues.

Syntax

Update [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /OriginalContentOnly

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /OriginalContentOnly option keyword:

- Update keyword

Example

Requirement:

- Create presets or cues
- Playback presets or cues or activate presets in the programmer
- The different attributes must have active values in the programmer

- To only update the existing values in preset 1.1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Update Preset 1.1 /OriginalContentOnly
```

1.9.5.56. /Output

To enter the **/Output** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Output**
- Type the shortcut **/Ou**

Description

The /Output option keyword is used to store incoming output data to cues or presets.

For more information on data sources see Store Settings and Preferences.

Syntax

Store [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Output [/AllForSelected or /All]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Output option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Sequence keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To store the incoming output data to sequence 1 cue 42 in all attributes of the selected fixtures, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 1 Cue 42 /Output /AllForSelected
```

1.9.5.57. /OutputStations

To enter the **/OutputStations** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/OutputStations**
- Type the shortcut **/Outputs**

Description

The /OutputStations option keyword is used to overwrite the current output stations with the output stations of the show file that will be loaded.

Syntax

[Function] ["Show_Name"] /OutputStations

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /OutputStations option keyword:

- LoadShow
- NewShow

Example

- To load the output stations of the show file "A Midsummer Night's Dream" together with its show data, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "A Midsummer Night's Dream" /OutputStations
```

1.9.5.58. /Overwrite

To enter the **/Overwrite** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Overwrite**
- Type the shortcut **/O**

Description

The /Overwrite option keyword is used to overwrite existing values.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Overwrite

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Overwrite option keyword:

- AutoStore keyword
- Cook keyword
- Clone keyword
- Cue keyword
- Filter keyword
- Group keyword
- MAtricks keyword
- Preset keyword
- Sequence keyword
- Store keyword
- World keyword

Examples

- To overwrite the existing values of cue 5 in sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 1 Cue 5 /Overwrite
```

- To clone the programmer data of fixture 1 to fixture 2 and overwrite all the data of fixture 2 in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2 /Overwrite
```

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1.9.5.59. /OddEven

To enter the **/OddEven** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/OddEven**
- Type the shortcut **/Od**

Description

The /OddEven option keyword is used to form two groups – odd and even – out of fixtures of a specific fixture type, class or layer, and range of fixtures and selection.

Syntax

AutoCreate [SourceObject] ["SourceObject_Name" or SourceObject_Number] At [DestinationObject] ["DestinationObject_Name" or Destination_Object_Number] /OddEven

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /OddEven option keyword:

- AutoCreate keyword
- Fixture keyword
- FixtureClass keyword
- FixtureLayer keyword
- FixtureType keyword
- Selection keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To auto create odd and even groups out of all patched fixtures using fixture type 13 starting in group 21, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureType 13 At Group 21 /OddEven
```

1.9.5.60. /PatchOffset

To enter the **/PatchOffset** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/PatchOffset**
- Type the shortcut **/Patc**

Description

When patching the /PatchOffset option keyword sets the offset of DMX addresses in fixtures. The DMX address has to be specified using breaks of the fixture type.

Syntax

Set (Object) [Object_Number] Property "Break[Number]" ["DMXAddress"] /PatchOffset [PatchOffset_Value]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /PatchOffset option keyword:

- Set keyword

Example

Requirement: Go to the Live Patch

For information on the Live Patch and how to use it in the grandMA3, see Live Patch.

- To set an offset of 50 starting at DMX address 10.1 in the first 13 fixtures in the patch, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set 2 Thru 14 Property "Break1" "10.1" /PatchOffset 50
```

1.9.5.61. /Path

To enter the **/Path** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Path**
- Type the shortcut **/Pa**

Description

The /Path option keyword defines the folder path where an imported or exported file is saved.

	Hint:
	-Enter a path beginning with a letter or number if the path is incorporated with the default folder structure. -Enter a path beginning with the forward-slash (/) character if the path begins at the root of the device. -Entering a path that does not already exist creates the necessary folders.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (If Drive [Drive_Number]) /Path "The/Path/To/My/Files"

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Path option keyword:

- Export keyword
- Import keyword
- LoadShow keyword
- SaveShow keyword

Examples

- To export macro 1, with the name "test," to a folder labeled "myfavorites" at the root of the first connected USB drive, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Export Macro 1 "test" If Drive 2 /Path "/myfavorites"
```

- To load the show file with the name "Fabulous" which was placed in the subfolder structure "/test" on the USB drive, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "Fabulous" If Drive 2 /Path "/test"
```

1.9.5.62. /PhaserData

To enter the **/PhaserData** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/PhaserData**
- Type the shortcut **/Ph**

Description

The /PhaserData option keyword is used to define if attribute data will be stored in presets.

Syntax

Store Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /PhaserData ["Option_Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /PhaserData option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword

Example

Requirement:

1. Select 10 fixtures.
2. Set XWings to 2.
3. Type in the command line:

```
User name[Fixture]>At 0 Thru 100
```

- To store all data, except the active programmer data, into the first preset of the third All preset pool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 23.1 /PhaserData "No"
```

1.9.5.63. /Programmer

To enter the **/Programmer** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Programmer**
- Type the shortcut **/P**

Description

The /Programmer option keyword is used to store active programmer data to cues or presets.

For more information on data sources see Store Settings and Preferences.

Syntax

Store [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Programmer

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Programmer option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Preset keyword
- Sequence keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- To store the programmer data to sequence 1 cue 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 1 Cue 42 /Programmer
```

1.9.5.64. /Release

To enter the **/Release** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Release**
- Type the shortcut **/Rel**

Description

The /Release option keyword is used when copying cues. It replaces non-existing data in the destination cue by released values.

Syntax

Copy Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] /Release

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Release option keyword:

- Copy keyword
- Cue keyword

Example

- To copy cue 1 to cue 2 using released values, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 At Cue 2 /Release
```

1.9.5.65. /Remove

To enter the **/Remove** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Remove**
- Type the shortcut **/R**

Description

The /Remove option keyword is used to remove values that are stored in attributes and active programmer values.

Syntax

[Function] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Remove

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Remove option keyword:

- Assign keyword
- Cook keyword
- CopyCrashLog
- Cue keyword
- Group keyword
- Layout keyword
- MAtricks keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword
- World keyword

Examples

- To remove the values that are active in the programmer and that are stored in cue 5 of sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 1 Cue 5 /Remove
```

- To remove all cooked data from sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cook Sequence 1 /Remove
```

- To delete crash logs on your device after copying them to a USB drive, type:

User name[Fixture]>CopyCrashLog /Remove

1.9.5.66. /Recipe

To enter the **/Recipe** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Recipe**
- Type the shortcut **/Rec**

Description

The /Recipe option keyword can only be used together with the CleanUp keyword and only if the /Type option keyword is set to **Recipe**.

Using /Recipe allows you to define more precisely which recipes are to be deleted.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (/Type "Recipe")(/Recipe "Recipe_Value")

General Keywords and Option Keywords

General keywords and option keywords that use the /Recipe option keyword.

- CleanUp keyword
- Store keyword
- /Type option keyword

Values

The /Recipe option keyword uses these values:

- **NoOutput:**
  Recipes that do not generate output are deleted. This combines the following values – NotCooked and CookedButOverwritten. When specifying /Type "Recipe" and not using /Recipe in addition, NoOutput will be applied.
- **NotCooked:**
  If the assigned preset cannot be used by the selection or if the assigned group is empty, **NotCooked** will remove such non-functional recipes.
- **CookedButOverwritten:**
  If a later recipe uses a preset with the values of the same attributes in the same selection, **CookedButOverwritten** will delete all recipes that could have been cooked successfully, but which do not generate output.
- **Normal:**
  Is only used in combination with the Store keyword. When storing recipes into a preset **Normal** keeps the selection of recipes of the programmer.
- **NoSelection:**
  Is only used in combination with the Store keyword. **NoSelection** stores recipe presets without selection.

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Examples

- To clean up all recipes that do not generate output in cue 2 part 0 of sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Sequence 1 Cue 2 Part 0 /Type "Recipe"
```

or:

```
User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Sequence 1 Cue 2 Part 0 /Type "Recipe" /Recipe "NoOutput"
```

- To clean up the recipes in the second position preset that could not be cooked, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Preset 2.2 /Type "Recipe" /Recipe "NotCooked"
```

Store a Recipe Preset without Selection

Requirement: There are several recipes in the programmer.

- First type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store /Recipe "NoSelection"
```

- Then tap a preset you would like to store this recipe to.

Result:

You can now generically apply this recipe preset to other fixtures.

1.9.5.67. /Save

To enter the **/Save** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Save**
- Type the shortcut **/Sa**

Description

The /Save option keyword defines for the show file to be saved when loading a show, shuttig down, restarting, or rebooting the console or your onPC.

	Important:
	The /Save option keyword only works in the conjunction with the /NoConfirmation option keyword.

Syntax

[Function] ([Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number]) /NoConfirmation /Save

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Save option keyword:

- LoadShow keyword
- Reboot keyword
- Restart keyword
- ShutDown keyword

Example

- To shut down the grandMA3 console and saving the current show file suppressing the confirmation pop-up, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ShutDown /NoConfirmation /Save
```

1.9.5.68. /Screen

To enter the **/Screen** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Screen**
- Type the shortcut **/S**

Description

The /Screen option keyword addresses screens when storing or calling views. It can be used in conjunction with the /ScreenOnly option keyword.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Screen

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Screen option keyword:

- Call keyword
- Store keyword
- View keyword
- ViewButton keyword

Examples

- To store screen 1 on the view button 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store View 1 /Screen "1"
```

- To call view 5 on screen 2, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>View 5 /Screen "2"
```

- To call the view which is assigned to view button 1, screen 2 on screen 3, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ViewButton 2.1 /Screen "3"
```

1.9.5.69. /ScreenOnly

To enter the **/ScreenOnly** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Screen**
- Type the shortcut **/Screeno**

Description

The /ScreenOny option keyword defines which parts of the screen will be used when taking screenshots. It is used in conjunction with the /Screen option keyword, the /XResolution option keyword and the /YResolution option keyword.

Syntax

Store Image ["MediaPool_Name" or MediaPool_Number].["Image_Name" or Image_Number] /ScreenOnly ["Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /ScreenOnly option keyword:

- Image keyword
- Store keyword

Values

The /ScreenOnly option keyword uses these values:

- Yes - This is the default if /ScreenOnly is not defined. The screenshot only includes the area that can be defined by the user.
- No - The entire screen will be used, including view bar, encoder bar and other.

Example

- To store a screenshot of the entire screen 1 as image 6, including view bar, encoder bar, and other, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.6 /Screen "1" /ScreenOnly "No"
```

1.9.5.70. /Selection

To enter the **/Selection** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Selection**
- Type the shortcut **/Selectio**

Description

The /Selection option keyword defines if the current selection will be stored in a recipe.

For more informtion on how recipes work see Recipes.

Syntax

Store Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number].["Recipe_Name" or Recipe_Number] /Selection ["Option_Value"]

Store Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number] Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] Part ["Part_Name" or Part_Number].["Recipe_Name" or Recipe_Number] /Selection ["Option_Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Selection option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Sequence keyword
- Store keyword

Example

- In order not to store the current selection into the recipe, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 3.2.1 /Selection "No"
```

1.9.5.71. /Selective

To enter the **/Selective** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Selective**
- Type the shortcut **/Se**

Description

The /Selective option keyword is used to store or update selective data into presets regardless their mode.

Syntax

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /Selective

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Selective option keyword:

- CleanUp keyword
- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Examples

- To store the current programmer content as selective data in the second dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.2 /Selective
```

- To remove selective data in the first color preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cleanup Preset 4.1 /Selective
```

1.9.5.72. /Single

To enter the **/Single** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Single**
- Type the shortcut **/Si**

Description

The /Single option keyword is used when extracting presets or when autocreating single fixture groups.

When extracting embedded presets or phaser presets where presets are integrated in the steps, Extract will call directly the values of the source presets.

Using the **/Single** option keyword together with the Extract keyword makes it possible to extract one level down in the hierarchy of presets.

	Important:
	The combination of the Extract keyword together with the /Single option keyword currently works with presets that are active in the programmer.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Single

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Single option keyword:

- AutoCreate keyword
- Extract keyword
- FixtureClass keyword
- FixtureLayer keyword
- FixtureType keyword

Examples

Extract Example

Requirement:

1. Create 2 color presets.
2. Embed these color presets into a different color preset:
   Embed the second color preset into the All preset 21.1.
3. Select fixtures and apply the All preset on them.
   - To call the embedded color preset into the programmer, type once:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Extract Selection /Single

- To activate hard values, type a second time:

```
User name[Fixture]>Extract Selection /Single
```

or:

```
User name[Fixture]>Extract Selection
```

AutoCreate and FixtureType Example

Requirement: Insert at least ten fixture types in the show file and patch at least two fixtures of every fixture type.

- To create single fixture groups starting with group pool object 42 that contain all patched fixtures of the fixture type 9, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureType 9 At Group 42 /Single
```

- To create single fixture groups that contain all patched fixtures of fixture types 9 and 10 starting with group pool object 101, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureType 9 + 10 At Group 101 /Single
```

AutoCreate FixtureLayer and FixtureClass Example

Requirement:

1. Create layers and classes within the patch.
2. Set fixtures to these layers and classes.
   - To create single fixture groups starting with group pool object 201 using all patched fixtures that are set to the layer "Backtruss" within the patch, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureLayer "Backtruss" At Group 201 /Single
```

- To create single fixture groups starting at pool object 301 with all fixtures that are set to class "Spots" within the patch, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>AutoCreate FixtureClass "Spots" At Group 301/Single
```

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1.9.5.73. /Sort

To enter the **/Sort** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Sort**
- Type the shortcut **/So**

Description

The /Sort option keyword defines how to sort results in the command line history.

	Hint:
	You can use **/Sort** together with the /Limit option keyword.

Use the following sort names to define the order you are using /Sort with:

Sort Name	Description
Asc	Sorts results in an ascending order.
Desc	Sorts results in an descending order.
None	Sorts results in the order of destination.

Syntax

MemoryInfo /Sort ["Sort_Name"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Sort option keyword:

- MemoryInfo keyword

Example

- To display the 5 objects that are occupying the most of memory, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>MemoryInfo /Sort "Desc" /Limit 5
```

1.9.5.74. /SubTab

To enter the **/SubTab** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/SubTab**
- Type the shortcut **/Su**

Description

The /SubTab option keyword is used to switch between tabs within tab bars in the PSR menu.

	Important:
	Currently the /SubTab option keyword is solely used by the PSR menu itself. As there is a defined order how to navigate in the PSR menu, only the PSR menu can use this option keyword and you cannot execute the command using the command line.

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1.9.5.75. /Recursive

To enter the **/Recursive** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Recursive**
- Type the shortcut **/Recu**

Description

The /Recursive option keyword is used to define which levels of objects you can lock or unlock.

Syntax

[Function][Object]["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Recursive

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Recursive option keyword:

- Lock keyword
- Unlock keyword

Examples

- To lock all levels within data pool 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Lock Datapool 1 /Recursive
```

Requirement: Lock at least two levels of objects.

- To unlock sequence 1 with all its cues but to keep cue parts locked, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Unlock Sequence 1 /Recursive 1
```

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1.9.5.76. /Tab

To enter the **/Tab** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Tab**
- Type the shortcut **/Ta**

Description

The /Tab option keyword is used to define which tab will open in the assign menu.

Syntax

[Function] Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number].["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number] /Tab ["Option_Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Tab option keyword:

- Assign keyword
- Edit keyword
- EditSetting keyword
- Page keyword

Values

The /Tab option keyword uses these values:

- Edit
- EditSetting
- Handle
- Object

Examples

- To open the edit tab of executor 201 on page 1 using the assign command, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Page 1.201 /Tab "Edit"
```

- To open the assign menu and display the handle tab using the edit command, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Page 1.201 /Tab "Handle"
```

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1.9.5.77. /TrackingShield

To enter the **/TrackingShield** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/TrackingShield**
- Type the shortcut **/T** or **/TS**

Description

The /TrackingShield option keyword is used to protect tracked attributes when storing values.

For more information see What is Tracking and Tracking Shield.

Syntax

[Function] Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] /TrackingShield ["TrackingShield_Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /TrackingShield option keyword:

- Cue keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Values

The /TrackingShield option keyword uses these values:

- DRZ or DimmerRisingFromZero
- DAZ or DimmerAboveZero

Example

- To store cue 5 and apply the tracking shield value "DAZ" (Dimmer above Zero), type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 5 /TrackingShield "DAZ"
```

1.9.5.78. /Type

To enter the **/Type** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Type**
- Type the shortcut **/Ty**

Description

The /Type option keyword can have different values depending on the keyword it is combined with.

The Import keyword and the Export keyword can be both used with the /Type "User" and "System".
The LoadShow keyword can be used with the /Type "Demo".
In a nutshell – the Import and the Export keyword both use library files and the LoadShow keyword uses show files.
The ChangeMulticastBase keyword uses the /Type "Default" and "Alternative".

When importing the desired file may be either a "User" file, which has been previously exported, or a "System" file, which is predefined and included with the system software. If this option is not defined within the import syntax, the console will first search the user library for the specified file name. If the file does not exist within the user library, the console will then search within the system files.

- **/Type "User"** restricts the console to only search within the user library of the selected drive.
- **/Type "System"** restricts the console to only search within the system files, ignoring the user library.
- **/Type "Demo"** restricts the console to only search within demo shows folder.
- **/Type "Template"** restricts the console to only search within the template shows folder.
- **/Type "NoReference"** deletes all objects that do not have any reference in the specified range. For example, "NoReference" will delete presets that are not used in cues or recipes.
- **/Type "Recipe"** deletes recipes in the specified object that do not generate output.
- **/Type "Default"** uses the default address of multicast base.
- **/Type "Alternative"** uses a different address should the default address cause any problems within the network environment. For more information see Protocol Details.
- **/Type "GridPosition"** removes gaps in grid positions and resets the offset to origin in groups. It can only be used with the CleanUp keyword.
- **/Type "Positive"** addresses goup masters with mode **Positive**.
- **/Type "Negative"** addresses group masters with mode **Negative**.
- **/Type "Scaling"** addresses group masters with mode **Scaling**.
- **/Type "Additive"** addresses group masters with mode **Additive**.

	Important:
	When no type is specified, the type "User" has priority.

Syntax

[Function] [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] (If Drive [Drive_Number]) /Type "Value"

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Type option keyword:

- ChangeMulticastBase keyword
- CleanUp keyword
- Console keyword
- Cue keyword
- Export keyword
- Extension keyword
- FaderMaster keyword
- Group keyword
- Import keyword
- IP keyword
- LoadShow keyword
- Master keyword
- NetworkNode keyword
- onPC keyword
- Part keyword
- Preset keyword
- ProcessingUnit keyword
- Session keyword
- Sequence keyword
- Station keyword

Examples

- To import the save_show macro from the system library instead of the user library to macro 21, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Import Macro Library "save_show.xml" At Macro 21 /Type "System"
```

- To load the demo show from the demo shows folder, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>LoadShow "Demoshow_grandMA3.show" /Type "Demo"
```

- To clean up all recipes that do not generate output in cue 2 part 0 of sequence 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Sequence 1 Cue 2 Part 0 /Type "Recipe"
```

- To clean up all presets that are not used in any other object, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Preset *.* /Type "NoReference"
```

or type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Preset *.*
```

- To clean up the gaps in the grid positions of group 1 and move the whole selection toward the origin of the selection grid, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>CleanUp Group 1 /Type "GridPosition"
```

- To set all group masters that are in mode Additive to zero, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>FaderMaster Group * At 0 /Type "Additive"
```

1.9.5.79. /Universal

To enter the **/Universal** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Universal**
- Type the shortcut **/U**

Description

The /Universal option keyword is used to store or update universal data into presets regardless their mode.

Syntax

[Function] Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number] /Universal

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Universal option keyword:

- Preset keyword
- Store keyword
- Update keyword

Example

- To store the current programmer content as universal data in the second dimmer preset, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Preset 1.2 /Universal
```

1.9.5.80. /Restart

To enter the **/Restart** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Restart**
- Type the shortcut **/Res**

Description

The /Restart option keyword is used if you want to start all recipes in the programmer anew.

	Hint:
	The /Restart option keyword comes very handy if you want to restart recipes with NShots in the programmer that ended or if you adjusted timings and now would want to see how it looks.

Syntax

Cook [Object] ["Object_Name" or Object_Number] /Restart (/Option)

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Restart option keyword:

- Cook keyword

Example

- To restart all recipes in the programmer, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cook Programmer /Restart /Merge
```

1.9.5.81. /Wait

To enter the **/Wait** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Wait**
- Type the shortcut **/Wa**

Description

In conjunction with the Store keyword /Wait option keyword defines the latency time in milli seconds after which your command will be executed. When used with remote calls such as reboot, restart or shut down, the /Wait option keyword defines the time in the countdown of the the pop-up that consequently appears after executing the command.

Syntax

[Function] /Wait [LatencyTime]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Wait option keyword:

- Store keyword
- Reboot keyword
- Restart keyword
- ShutDown keyword

	Hint:
	/Wait currently works with the keyword Store and remote calls such as ShutDown or Restart and other. The defined wait time in remote calls specifies the countdown time of the pop-up.

Examples

- To delay the Replace this syntax text **Store Cue 5** command by 3 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 5 /Wait 3000
```

- To set the countdown of the ShutDown pop-up to 20 seconds, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>ShutDown /Wait 20000
```

1.9.5.82. /Wrap

To enter the **/Wrap** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/Wrap**
- Type the shortcut **/W**

Description

The /Wrap option keyword loops through all steps and selects the first step after reaching the last step.

This option keyword works in both directions using Next and Previous.

Syntax

[Function] Step /Wrap

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /Wrap option keyword:

- Next keyword
- Previous keyword
- Step keyword

Example

- To loop through all steps in the selected fixtures and subsequently select the first step in the selection, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Next Step /Wrap
```

1.9.5.83. /XResolution

To enter the **/XResolution** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/XResolution**
- Type the shortcut **/X**

Description

The /XResolution option keyword defines the resolution of images on the x-axis during storing.

Syntax

Store Image ["MediaPool_Name" or MediaPool_Number].["Image_Name" or Image_Number] /XResolution ["XResolution_Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /XResolution option keyword:

- Store keyword

Example

- To store a screenshot of screen 1 with a resolution of 128 on the x-axis, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.2 /Screen "1" /XResolution "128"
```

1.9.5.84. /YResolution

To enter the **/YResolution** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/YResolution**
- Type the shortcut **/Y**

Description

The /YResolution option keyword defines the resolution of images on the y-axis during storing.

Syntax

Store Image ["MediaPool_Name" or MediaPool_Number].["Image_Name" or Image_Number] /YResolution ["YResolution_Value"]

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /YResolution option keyword:

- Store keyword

Example

- To store a sceenshot of screen 2 with a resolution of 256 on the y-axis, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.3 /Screen "2" /YResolution "256"
```

1.9.5.85. /TransferProgrammer

To enter the **/TransferProgrammer** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/TransferProgrammer**
- Type the shortcut **/TP** or type **Transferp**

Description

The /TransferProgrammer option keyword is used to transfer the programmer into preview mode.

Syntax

Preview Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number] /TransferProgrammer

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /TransferProgrammer option keyword:

- Preview keyword
- Sequence keyword

Example

- To transfer content of the programmer into the preview programmer when entering preview of sequence 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Preview Sequence 42 /TransferProgrammer
```

1.9.5.86. /TransferSelection

To enter the **/TransferSelection** option keyword in the command line, use one of the options:

- Type **/TransferSelection**
- Type the shortcut **/Tran**

Description

The /TransferSelection option keyword is used to transfer the selection of fixtures into preview mode.

Syntax

Preview Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number] /TransferSelection

General Keywords

General keywords that use the /TransferProgrammer option keyword:

- Preview keyword
- Sequence keyword

Example

- To transfer the selection of fixtures into the preview mode when entering preview of sequence 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Preview Sequence 42 /TransferSelection
```

1.9.6. Internal Keywords

Internal keywords are keywords that you may encounter in the command line history. However, they are designed for internal purposes only and are not intended for user interaction.

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1.9.7. Advanced Use of Command Line Syntax

To control the input in the command line use the List keyword any time.

For more information about the command line and the Command Line History, read Command Line.

To list all available destinations, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> List
```

```
LOCK NO        NAME
PL   1 (7)     MessageCenter
PL   2 (5)     StationSettings
PL   3 (3)     Interfaces
PL   4 (1)     KeyRegistry
PL   5 (2)     MAnetSocket
     6         Cloud
     8         NDI
PL   9 (7)     UsbNotifier
     10 (2)    WebServer
PL   11 (145)  VirtualKeys
PL   12 (18)   HardwareConfigurations
PL   13 (6)    KeyboardLayouts
PL   14 (24)   ShowData
PL   15 (8)    TimecodeSlots
     16 (2)    ColorTheme
     17 (537)  Menus
     18 (2)    Addons
     19 (4)    GraphicsRoot
PL   20 (30)   Temp
PL   21 (5)    Certificates
PL   22 (2)    DeviceConfigurations
PL   23 (2)    HardwareStatus
OK:List
Admin[Fixture]>
```

List view in Command Line History

When the List command returns multiple objects of different types, the settings for those objects are not displayed. To view the settings of a specific object, include the name or number of the object with the List keyword. For more information, see List keyword.

To enter a directory, type ChangeDestination followed by its name or number:

```
User name[Fixture]> ChangeDestination "ShowData"
```

Paste to Command Line

To list the contents of the current destination, type:

```
Admin@ShowData> List
```

To go up in the destination structure, type:

```
Admin@ShowData> ChangeDestination ..
```

Paste to Command Line

To return to the destination root displayed in the image above, type:

```
Admin@ShowData>ChangeDestination Root
```

Paste to Command Line

Examples

Change the Value of a Sequence Property

The included data is categorized in directories. In order to change a directory, use the command "Change Destination".

- To change the destination to Sequence, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> ChangeDestination Sequence
```

```
OK:ChangeDestination Sequence
Admin@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Sequences>
```

- To display the options in the command line feedback, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> List
```

```
LOCK NO    NAME        SCRIBBLE APPEARANCE AUTOSTART AUTOSTOP AUTOFIX AUTOSTOMP RELEASEFIRSTCUE
     1 (2) Default                         Yes       Yes      No      Off       Yes
     2 (4) Sequence 2                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
     3 (3) Sequence 3                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
     4 (3) Sequence 4                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
     5 (3) Sequence 5                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
OK:List
Admin@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Sequences>
```

- To change Autostomp from Off to Prio, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Set Sequence 1 Property "Autostomp" "Prio"
```

```
OK:Set Sequence 1 Property "Autostomp" "Prio"
Admin@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Sequences>
```

- To double check the options in the command line feedback, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> List
```

```
LOCK NO    NAME        SCRIBBLE APPEARANCE AUTOSTART AUTOSTOP AUTOFIX AUTOSTOMP RELEASEFIRSTCUE
     1 (2) Default                         Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
     2 (4) Sequence 2                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
     3 (3) Sequence 3                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
     4 (3) Sequence 4                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
     5 (3) Sequence 5                      Yes       Yes      No      Prio      Yes
OK:List
Admin@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Sequences>
```

Autostomp is now set to Prio.

Use Option Keywords for Commands

Using the command line enables to combine a keyword with different options.

To overwrite cue 5 with the current programmer content and rename the cue to "Great Look" and storing the data as cue only, type:

```
User name[Fixture]> Store Cue 5 "Great Look" /CueOnly /Overwrite
```

```
OK:Store Cue 5 "Great Look" /CueOnly "" /Overwrite ""
Admin[Fixture]>
```

Use Parentheses () to open the Text Input Field

Typing a command with parentheses **()** in the command line opens a text input field where you can define the content between the parentheses.

The content between the parentheses will appear in the title bar of the text input field after "Please enter". The string or number entered into the text input field will then be processed by the command. Using quotes ("x"), handles the input as a string. Without quotes (x), and the input is a number, it is handled as a number. If characters are entered and there is no keyword with the same name, the input will be handled as a string.

For example, typing **Fixture (the FID of the fixture)** in the command line, opens the text input field to define which fixture should be selected:

Text input field with 5 inserted

With 5 entered, Fixture 5 is selected.

This allows you to write commands with adjustable and varying content. The content outside of the parentheses stays the same, but the content between the parentheses changes, depending on what you type in the text input field. This is especially useful, for creating macros.

1.10. Windows, Views, and Menus

Windows are created on the **Screens**. The screens are the monitors. The different sizes of grandMA3 hardware have different amounts of screens. The grandMA3 onPC has quick access to open 5 displays with a large screen area and 2 displays with a small screen area. This offers access to the same primary screens as a grandMA3 full-size. For more information, see Screen Allocation.

There are several possible **Screen Configurations** for each user profile. A user always has a screen configuration assigned. Each screen configuration stores a set of view button assignments and the current window set up on the screens. The screen configurations can be selected in the User menu.

Most screens are empty in a new show. An empty screen is a blank space where each user can create their own arrangement of windows. This arrangement can be stored as a **View**.

On the right side or top of each screen, there can be a number of **View Buttons**. Views can be assigned to these buttons. This allows for fast access to recall a stored view or update a view by storing it again.

A new show has six factory-made views assigned to the first six view buttons on each of the big screens. The two smaller screens have four and two views assigned. These can be changed or deleted.

A **Menu** is a big pop-up that covers most of the screen. The software has several menus that give access to setting up the console, system, fixtures, and much more. For more information, see Menus.

Subtopics

- Add Window
- Rearrange Windows
- Store and Recall Views
- Remove Windows from a Screen
- Common Window Settings
- Title Bar Configuration
- Main Menu
- Change Menu Locations
- Pool Windows

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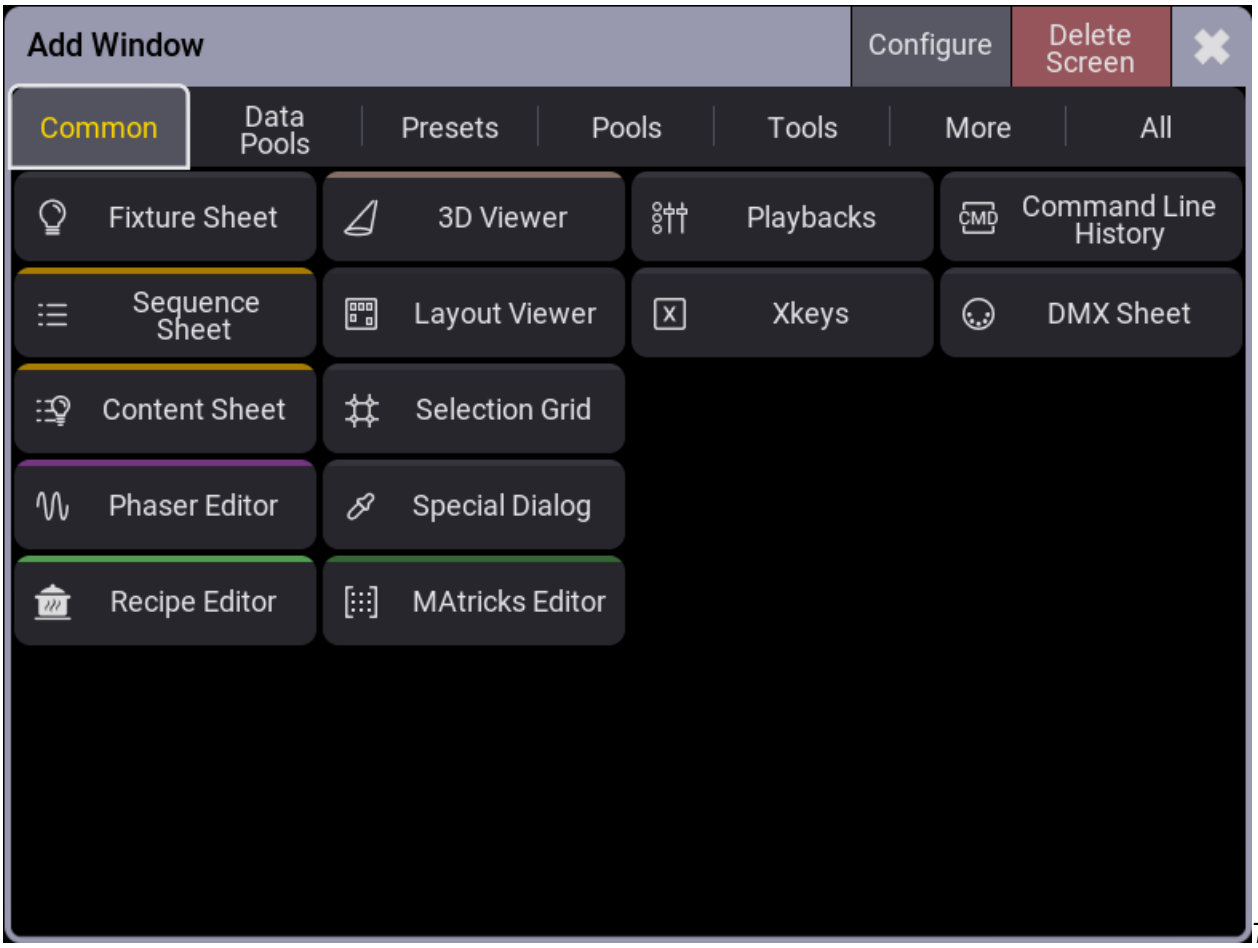
1.10.1. Add Window

Windows are added to the user definable areas on the screens.

The best way to add a window is by tapping inside an empty screen area. The window is added with the new window's upper left corner, where the screen is tapped.

Another option is to tap and draw a square on the empty screen to define the window size.

Tap the screen to open the **Add Window** pop-up:



Tap a button with the desired window to create it

Windows are divided into tabs: **Common**, **Data Pools, Presets, Pools, Tools**, **More**, and **All**. Tapping the different tabs reveals buttons with windows for each section.

Tap the desired button to create the window. This creates a new window. By default, the first stored preferences of a window are loaded. This applies to all windows except pool windows.

The pop-up's title bar has two buttons. The red Delete Screen button removes all windows from the screen.

The Configure button opens the **Configure Display** pop-up. This can be used to customize some settings regarding tools on the side of the display and change the size of the user area. Read more in the Configurations of Displays topic.

List of current windows that can be created using the **Add Window** pop-up:

Common

A fixed selection of commonly used windows. (These windows are also represented in other tabs):

- Fixture Sheet
- Sequence Sheet
- Content Sheet
- Phaser Editor
- Recipe Editor
- 3D Viewer
- Layout Viewer
- Selection Grid
- Special Dialog
- MAtricks Editor
- Playbacks
- Xkeys
- Command Line History
- DMX Sheet

Data Pools

All object pools that are part of a data pool:

- Bitmaps
- Executor Configurations
- Filters
- Generators
- Groups
- Layouts
- Macros
- MAtricks
- Pages
- Plugins
- Quickeys
- Sequences
- Shapes
- Timecodes
- Timers
- Worlds

Presets

All preset pools:

- Dynamic
- Phaser
- All 2
- All Presets
- All 4
- All 5
- Dimmer
- Position
- Gobo
- Color
- Beam
- Focus
- Control
- Shapers
- Video

Pools

All pools that are part of the show data or the user profiles:

Show Data:

- Appearances
- Data Pools
- Gels
- Scribbles
- Tags
- Timecode Slots
- Universes
- Users

Media:

- Gobos
- Images
- Meshes
- Sounds
- Symbols
- Videos

User Profile:

- Cameras
- Encoder Bars
- Render Qualities
- Views

Tools

General windows for displaying show data:

Sheets:

- Content Sheet
- DMX Sheet
- Fixture Sheet
- Sequence Sheet

Programmer Tools:

- At Filter
- Recipe Editor
- Selection Grid
- sMArt
- Special Dialog

Viewers and Editors:

- 3D Viewer
- Agenda Viewer
- Clock Viewer
- Layout Viewer
- MAtricks Editor
- Phaser Editor
- RDM Devices Viewer
- Sound Viewer
- Timecode Viewer

More

All different bars, playback windows, or info and system-related windows:

Bars:

- Align Bar
- command wing Bar
- Encoder Bar
- Selection Bar
- Step Bar

Playback:

- Custom Master Section
- Masters
- Running Playbacks
- Playback
- Xkeys

Info and System:

- Command Line History

- Help
- Info
- Message Center
- Oops
- System Info
- System Monitor
- Trackpad

All

The **All** tab contains all windows in an alphabetical list that can be filtered and sorted.

1.10.2. Rearrange Windows

Tapping a free space on a screen opens the Add Window pop-up. The tapped grid field is used as the upper left corner of the created window. From here, the window takes all the available space it can and becomes as big as possible, trying to fill all available space on the screen.

Tap, hold, and drag on an empty screen to draw a square. Releasing the screen opens the Add Window pop-up, and the selected window fills the drawn square.

The window size can often be made smaller.

In the lower right corner of each window, there is a small resize corner:

Tap or click, and holding this corner allows it to be moved. Moving it resizes the window.

Windows can also be resized by tapping and holding in the title bar while tapping another location on the screen. The window will fill the available space.

Double tap the title bar to resize the window to the largest possible size on the screen. In pool windows double tap on the title field below the MA logo.

Windows can also be moved or resized by moving the entire window. Tap or click and hold the title bar while moving it on the screen. It will show the grid, and the window can be dragged and dropped to a new position.

Windows cannot overlap each other, so they can only be as big as the free space allows. If a window is moved up against another window, it will resize.

The windows snap to a dotted grid. This grid is used when windows are created, resized, and moved. There are half-size grid dots, but pools and preset windows are limited to a full grid size when resized.

Some windows have a minimum size limit. For instance, a Fixture Sheet window needs to be a minimum of 3 x 2 grid fields.

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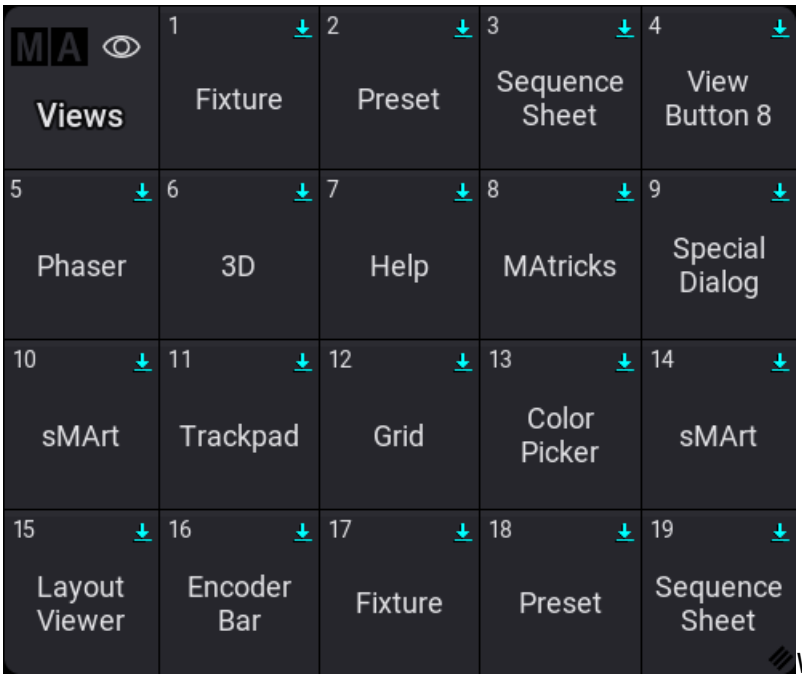
1.10.3. Store and Recall Views

The arrangement of windows is called a **View**. Views are stored in a **View Pool**. The pool can be created as a window.



View pool window

Views can be assigned to **View Buttons** and **Executors**.

ViewButtons are located in the View Bar. The view bar is usually located on the right side of screens. View bars can be shown or hidden and they can be on the right side or the top of screens. Learn more in the View Bar and View Button Topic.

Executors are handles used to control other objects. They are often used to control sequences, but they can control other objects. For instance, calling different views. Learn more in the Executor topic.

Store Views

A view is stored using the standard store syntax and the View keyword. This means it is possible to use the keys, keys in combination with buttons on the screens, or the command line.

Storing a view opens the **Store View Options** pop-up.

Select what screens to store in a view.

This is used to directly label the view and select which screens should be stored in the view. Each screen has a button that can be turned On or Off. The last touched screen is selected as a default. There are two buttons at the bottom that give fast access to select All or None of the screens. Tap OK to store the window arrangement of the selected screens or press Please to confirm the options.

It is also possible to store a screenshot of the view if a single screen is selected. This can automatically be created by toggling the screenshot button ( ). Activating the screenshot function automatically creates an image, which is assigned to an appearance, which in turn is assigned to the view pool object. It also removes the text label. A label can be added again. This will be on top of the image. View number 17, in the image above, has a screenshot.

If a view has stored information about two or more screens, then there is an icon on the view pool object indicating the relevant screens in a brighter color than the others in a grid matching the screen grid in the Store View Options pop-up. View number 20, in the image above, has stored windows for Internal 1 and 2.

If the command line is used, the screens can be specified using the /Screen option keyword. For more information, please read the Store keyword and View keyword topics.

Store Using Keys

1. Press Store.
2. Press and hold MA while pressing X7 | View.
   This puts the View keyword in the command line.
3. Use the numeric keys to type the view number.
4. Execute the command by pressing Please.

5. Select the desired screens in the pop-up and press Please to confirm the options.

If point 3 is skipped (not adding a number), the first available view in the pool is stored.

Store Using a Combination of Keys and Touch Screens

Requirement:

- A visible **View Pool** on one of the screens.

To store a new view:

1. Press Store.
2. Tap an available pool object in the view pool to create a new view or one of the existing pool objects to overwrite the existing view.
3. Select the desired screens in the pop-up and tap OK to confirm the options.

The last touched object (the object with the white frame) can be labeled if you start typing on the keyboard. Any of the labeling methods described in the Label Pool Objects topic can also be used.

Store Using Command Line

Storing using the command line is very simple. The two keywords needed are Store and View.

For example, storing the window arrangement on screens 1 and 2 as view 15 with the "layout" label:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store View 15 "layout" /Screen "1,2"
```

See more in the View keyword topic.

Store a View Directly on a View Button

A new view can be stored on a **View Button**. This creates a view in the view pool and immediately assigns it to the view button.

1. Press Store.
2. Tap a view button.
3. Select the desired screens in the pop-up and tap OK to confirm the options.

- OR -

1. Press and hold a view button until the pop-up appears.
2. Select the desired screens in the pop-up and tap OK to confirm the options.

Now, there is a new view in the pool, and it is assigned to the view button.

Any of the described label functions can be used with the view buttons.

Assign Existing View to a View Button

The above method is for creating a new view and having it available on a view button. Existing views can also be assigned to the view buttons.

Again, there are three primary ways to do it: Keys, keys and screens, and command line.

Assign View Using Keys

1. Press Assign.
2. Press and hold MA while pressing X7 | View once.
3. Use the numeric keys to type the view number.
4. Press At.
5. Press and hold MA while pressing X7 | View twice (this gives the ViewButton keyword).
6. Use the numeric keys to type the view button number.
7. Execute the command by pressing Please.

Example:

To assign view four at view button seven on screen number one, the following key presses are needed:

Assign MA + X7 | View 4 At MA + X7 | View MA + X7 | View 1 . 7 Please

This is the command result:

User name[Fixture]>Assign View 4 At ViewButton 1.7

Assign View Using Keys and Screens

Requirement:

- A visible **View Pool** on one of the screens and visible view buttons.

To assign a view:

1. Press Assign.
2. Tap the desired view in the view pool.
3. Tap the desired view button.
4. Assign View Using the Command Line

The Assign, View, and ViewButton keywords are needed for this command.

Assign View ["View_Name" or View_Number] At ViewButton ["Display_Name" or Display_Number].[ViewButton_Number]

Assign Existing Views to an Executor

Existing views can be assigned to executors.

Again, there are three primary ways to do it: Keys, keys and screens, and the command line.

Assign View Using Keys

When objects are assigned to executors on a specific page using the keys and command line, then the object needs to be assigned to the child of the page using the Page keyword. The executors are children of the page.

If the object needs to be assigned to executors on the active page, it can be assigned to the executor using the Executor keyword.

1. Press Assign.
2. Press and hold MA while pressing X7 | View once.
3. Use the numeric keys to type the view number.
4. Press At.
5. Press and hold MA while pressing X16 | Exec once.
6. Use the numeric keys to type the executor number (executor on the active page).
7. Execute the command by pressing Please.

Example:

To assign view 9 at executor X1 | Clone (executor 291) on executor page 3, the following key presses are needed:

Assign MA + X7 | View 9 At MA + X15 | Page 3 . 2 9 1 Please

This is the command result:

Assign View Using Keys and Screens

Requirement:

- A visible **View Pool** on one of the screens and access to executors.

To assign a view:

1. Press Assign.
2. Tap the desired view in the view pool.
3. Tap the desired executor.

Assign View Using the Command Line

The Assign, View, and Page or Executor keywords are needed for this command.

Assign View ["View_Name" or View_Number] At Executor ["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number]

Assign View ["View_Name" or View_Number] At Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number].[Executor_Number]

Recall Views

Stored views are recalled to load the view.

If a view is recalled without specifying a destination (which screen should the view be recalled to), then it, by default, opens on the screen where it was stored. The destination can be set using the /Screen preference. See the example below and learn more in the View keyword topic. If the view is stored with two or more screens, then the views are always recalled on the stored screens.

When the view is assigned to a view button, then pressing the view button recalls the view on the same screen as the view button.

Tapping a view in the pool recalls the view on the same screen as the tapped view pool.

Pressing an executor to recall a view uses the default behavior described above.

If a view is recalled using the command line without specifying a destination, it is recalled on the screen where the command line has focus (the command line can be on several screens). Specifying a destination in the command line overrides this default behavior.

(Call) View ["View_Name" or View_Number]

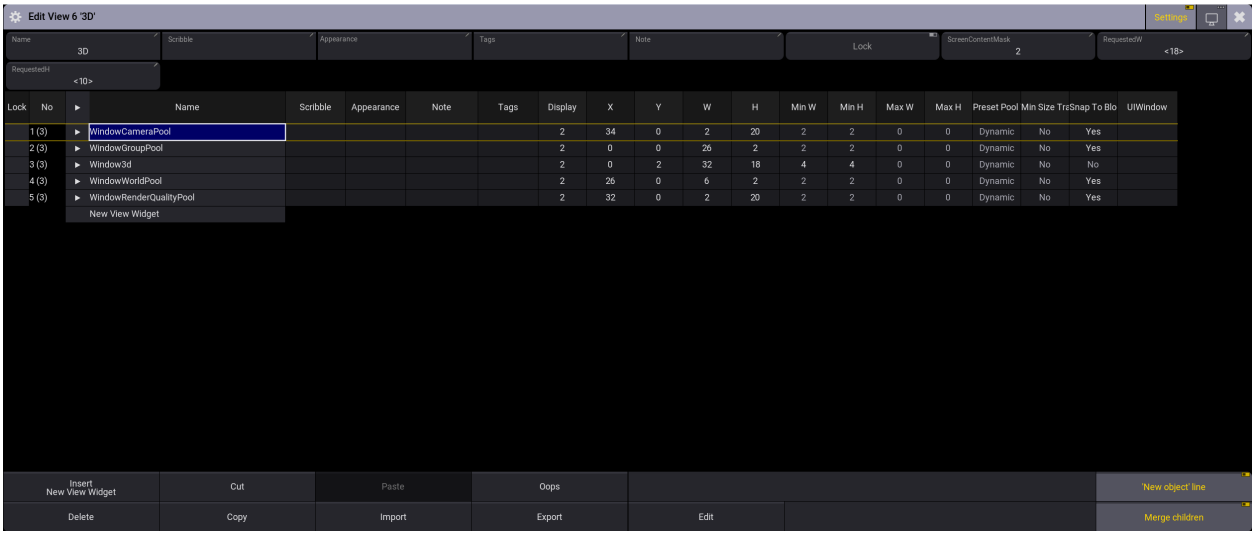
(Call) View ["View_Name" or View_Number] /Screen "[Screen_Number]"

Update Views

A view is updated simply by storing it again and overwriting the existing view. This can be done directly in the view pool or on the view button using the methods described above.

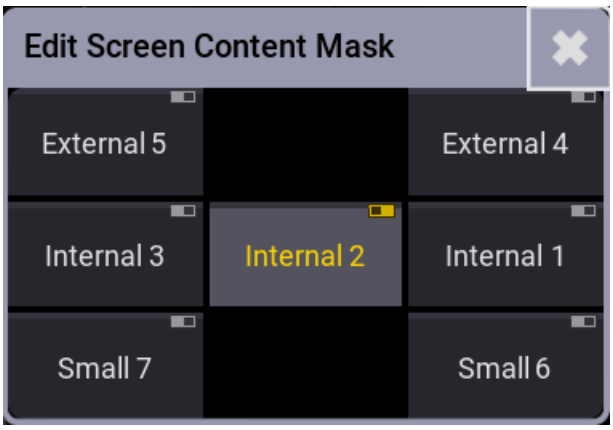
Edit a View Object

A view object can be edited. This opens the View Editor.



This editor has a table view with each window as a row and all the different settings for the windows in columns. The window objects (called "ViewWidget") can be unfolded by tapping the white arrow. This exposes all the settings for the window.

At the top of this editor, the settings can be visible (like in the example above). This has the standard settings for Name, Scribble, Appearance, Note, and Lock. There are also three settings specific to the views. The **ScreenContentMask** is a numeric representation of which screens are stored in the view. Tapping this opens a small **Edit Screen Content Mask** pop-up.



This is similar to the screen grid from the **Store View Options** pop-up.

The **RequestedW** and **RequstedH** settings define the size this view would like the screen to have.

Selecting a window in the list and tapping Edit in the bottom bar opens the relevant window settings pop-up.

1.10.4. Remove Windows from a Screen

There are three different ways to remove or delete a window from a screen: A single window can be deleted, all windows on a screen can be deleted, or all windows can be deleted on all screens.

This can be done using the command line or the GUI. This topic is about the GUI method. For information about the command method, please see the Delete keyword and the ScreenContent keyword.

Delete a Single Window on a Screen

Requirement:
A window needs to be on the screen.

1. Tap the MA icon in the windows title bar.
   - The settings pop-up appears.
2. Tap the Delete Window button in the title bar of the settings pop-up.

The window is now deleted from the screen.

Delete All Windows from a Screen

There are several methods to do this. Use the **Add Window pop-up**, the **Display pop-up**, or tap an empty View Button.

Add Window Method

Requirement:
An empty area on the screen.

1. Tap the empty area on the screen.
2. Tap the Delete Screen button in the **Add Window** pop-up.

All windows are now deleted from the screen.

Display Method

1. Open the Menu and Display pop-up by pressing the Menu key or tap the icon in the **Control Bar**.
2. In the Display pop-up, tap the Delete This Screen button on the screen that needs to be deleted.

All windows are now deleted from the screen.

Delete All Windows from All Screens

1. Open the Menu and Display pop-up by pressing the Menu key or tap the icon in the **Control Bar**.
2. In the Display pop-up, tap the Delete All Screens button on any of the screens.

All windows are now deleted from all screens.

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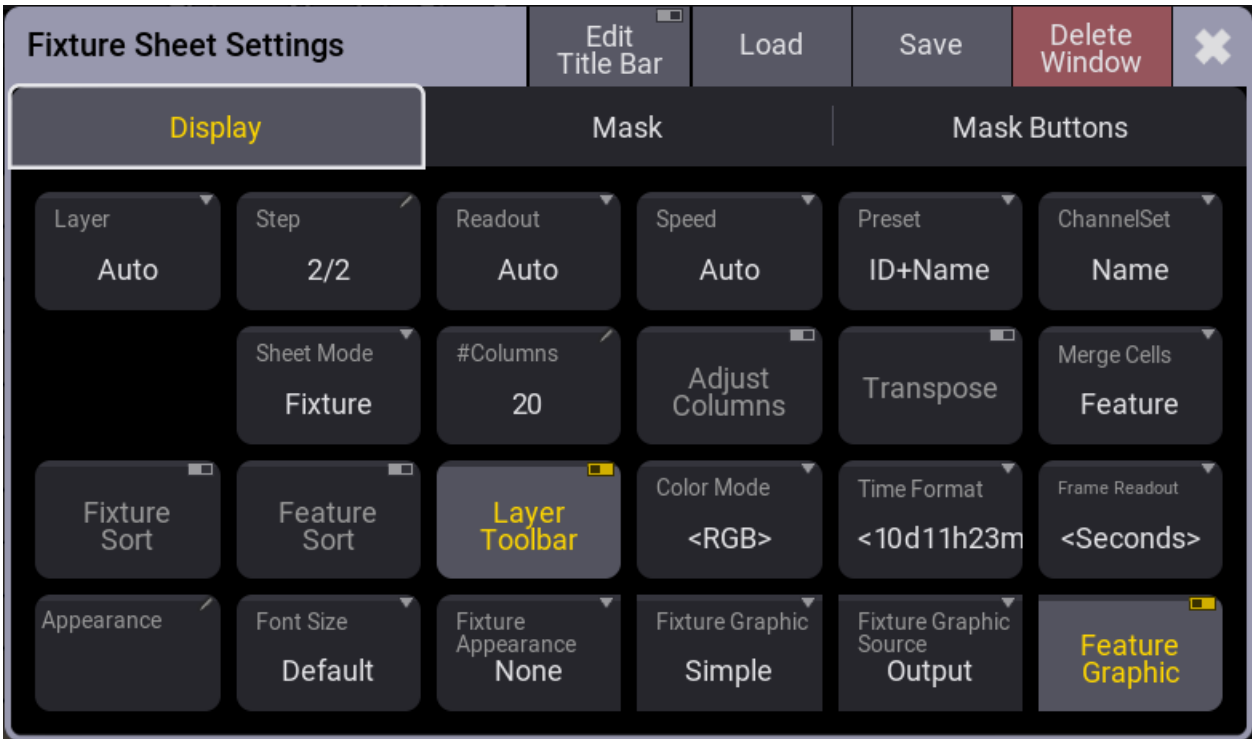
1.10.5. Common Window Settings

All windows have settings.

The settings can be accessed by tapping the MA logo in the title bar or title field.

The settings vary depending on the window. The settings are organized in different sections, visualized by different tabs.

The **Display** section looks like this for the **Fixture Sheet**:



Fixture Sheet Settings - Display tab

There are some common buttons in the settings title bar. The red Delete Window button deletes the window from the screen. The ✖ closes the settings pop-up. To show or hide buttons in the title bar, tap Edit Title Bar. See Title Bar Configuration for more information.

The Save button stores the current settings as a user preference. The Load button is used to load stored preferences. Read more below to learn more about how to store and load preferences.

The number of tabs changes depending on the window. Some windows have a lot of settings; some have fewer.

Changing a setting does not close the settings pop-up.

Some settings open small selection pop-ups listing the different properties for the setting.

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Display / Sheet

This tab has settings regarding the way the window displays sheet information. The settings here vary a lot depending on the window. The settings that are special for a single window type are described in the topic about the window. Some of these settings are in a Display tab in the Phaser Editor some of the settings are in the Sheet tab.

The following is a list of the settings that are shared between two or more windows:

- **2 Finger Edit:**
  This toggle button enables the possibility to edit objects by using the two-finger gesture or right-clicking.
- **#Columns:**
  This input button sets the number of columns a sheet should display.
- **Adjust Columns:**
  This On/Off button makes a sheet adjust the column width to match the window size and the number of columns.
- **Appearance:**
  This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- **Auto Scroll:**
  This On/Off button activates the auto-scrolling function. This will keep the active object visible in the window by scrolling the sheet or grid.
- **Channel Set**:
  This setting defines the readout of values that are part of channel sets. It has three options:
  - **Value**:
    Displays only the value.
  - **Value + Name**:
    Displays the value and channel set name.
  - **Name**:
    Displays only the channel set name.
- **Color Mode**:
  This switches the color readout between RGB and CMY. The default value is to follow the setting in the User Profile. The user profile setting is shown between "<>".
- **Cue Only**:
  This defines if the cue only function is On/Off when editing values.This setting is valid for the **Sequence Sheet in Track Sheet mode** and **Content Sheet**.

  The Sequence Sheet can be in "Track Sheet" mode where the attribute values are shown and can be edited. Learn more in the Sequence Sheet topic.

  The Content Sheet shows the cue content. It can show the current, previous, next, or specific cue. The sheet also displays the attribute values, which can be edited in the sheet.
  Learn more in the Content Sheet topic.
- **Display Mode**:
  This is used to define what the pool object displays. It has the following options:
  - **Text and Symbol**:
    Both the text (name) and symbol are shown on the pool object if they are different than the default values and not empty.

    - **Text**:
      Only the pool object's name is shown. If the pool object only has the default name, it is not shown.
    - **Symbol**:
      Only the symbol is shown. If no symbol is generated, then the pool object is empty.
    - **Auto**:
      This results in only the symbol being displayed if a symbol exists. Otherwise, the text (name) is displayed.
- **Executors**:
  This is an On/Off button that shows or hides the executors. If executors are hidden and labels are shown, they look like the executor labels in the Playback Bar on the letterbox screens.This setting is valid for the **Playback** and **Xkeys** windows.
  The Playback Window shows on-screen executors and their labels.
  Learn more in Executors topic.
  The Xkeys Window shows an on-screen version of the XKeys buttons and labels.
  Learn more in the Playback Bar topic.
- **Feature Graphic**:
  This shows or hides a small graphic next to each feature in the sheets showing the features.
- **Feature Sort**:
  This On/Off button activates feature sorting. The selected feature is moved before the other features in the sheets showing features.
- **Fixed Target**:
  This setting defines the sequence a sheet displays if the **Link Type** is **Fixed**. Tapping this setting opens an **Assignment Editor** pop-up where a sequence can be selected.
- **Fixture Appearance**:
  This defines how the appearance of the fixtures is shown in the sheets. There are three options:
    - **None**:
      The fixture appearance is not shown.
    - **Enabled**:
      The appearance of the fixture type is shown.
    - **Graphic**:
      The appearance is shown with a colored background to match the output.

  This is valid for the **Fixture Sheet** and **Content Sheet**.
  The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
  Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.
  The Content Sheet shows the cue content. It can show the current, previous, next, or specific cue. The sheet also displays the attribute values, which can be edited in the sheet.
  Learn more in the Content Sheet topic.
- **Fixture Graphic**:
  This defines which graphics are displayed in front of the name column in sheets showing the fixture graphic. Resizing the name column to a very small size will hide the graphic.
  This setting has the following options:
    - **None**:
      No graphic is shown.
    - **Flip**:
      Adds the flip indicator for fixtures with position attributes on the left side of the **Name** column.

    - **Simple**:
      Adds a simple square graphic indicating combined color and dimmer values next to the flip indicator in the **Name** column.
    - **Gobo**:
      Adds a gobo image on the simple graphic. It only displays the gobo of one gobo wheel at a time. Gobo wheels in ascending order define which gobo is displayed. For example, when Gobo 1 is set to open, then the gobo of Gobo 2 is displayed.
- **Fixture Sort**:
  This On/Off button activates the sorting of fixtures. The fixtures are sorted in the selection order to the top or left hand side of the sheet showing the fixtures.
- **Font Size**:
  This selects the font size in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is the same as size 18.
- **Frame Readout**:
  This defines the frame readout for this window. It can be used to overwrite the default set in the user profile.
- **Follow Preview:**
  When enabled and preview is disabled, then the live output is displayed. When both are enabled, then the preview output is displayed. When disabled, the live output is always displayed.
- **Labels**:
  This is an On/Off button that shows or hides the labels. This setting is valid for the **Playback** and **Xkeys** windows.
  The Playback Window shows on-screen executors and their labels.
  Learn more in Executors topic.
  The Xkeys Window shows an on-screen version of the XKeys buttons and labels.
  Learn more in the Playback Bar topic.
- **Layer:**
  This selects which layer is displayed in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of the layers. A special property is **Auto**. This property makes the window follow the selected layer in the Encoder Bar.
- **Layer Toolbar**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides a layer toolbar at the bottom with the different Layers.
- **Link Type**:
  This setting defines which sequence is shown in the sheet.
  There are three different link types. The options are:
    - **Fixed**:
      The sheet displays the information from a specific sequence. The selection is made in the Sheet Settings. Read about the **Fixed Target** setting above. It can also be set using the Assign and Sequence keywords and tapping the sheet's title bar.
    - **Selected**:
      The sheet displays information from the selected sequence.
    - **LastGo**:
      This automatically shows the latest sequence to receive one of the trigger commands (<<<, >>>, Go+, Go-, Goto, Load, On, Select, Top, Temp, Flash, Toggle On, Pause). This includes if the sequence is triggered from a running timecode recording. A sequence can be excluded from LastGo by turning Off the **Include Link Last Go** setting in the Sequence Settings. LastGo only shows sequences triggered by the same user profile.

  This is valid for the **Sequence Sheet** and the **Content Sheet**.

The Sequence Sheet shows the cues in a sequence and all the settings related to cue transition. It also has a mode called Track Sheet that shows the attributes values in the cues.
Learn more in the Sequence Sheet topic.
The Content Sheet shows the cue content. It can show the current, previous, next, or specific cue. The sheet also displays the attribute values, which can be edited in the sheet.
Learn more in the Content Sheet topic.

- **Merge Cells**:

  This option merges cells so that repeated values appear only once when adjacent cells contain the same value and belong to the same feature or feature group.
  For example, if the red, green, and blue values are all “100,” the value “100” is displayed only once.

  - **None**:
    Cells are not merged.
  - **Feature**:
    Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature are merged when their values are identical.
  - **Feature Group**:
    Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature group are merged when their values are identical.
- **Page**:
  This sets the executor page the window relates to. This setting is valid for the **Playback window**, **command wing Bar window**, and the **Xkeys window**.
  The Playback Window shows on-screen executors and their labels.
  Learn more in Executors topic.
  The command wing Bar is a window that shows labels matching the grandMA3 onPC command wing hardware. It can also be helpful when using the grandMA3 onPC on a single FullHD monitor.
  Learn more in command wing Bar topic.
  The Xkeys Window shows an on-screen version of the XKeys buttons and labels.
  Learn more in the Playback Bar topic.
- **Preset**:
  This defines how the preset information is displayed in the sheets. There are six properties which are different combinations of these three elements:
  - **ID**:
    Shows the ID number of the preset.
  - **Name**:
    Shows the name of the preset.
  - **Value**:
    Shows the values stored in the preset.

  This is valid for the **Fixture Sheet**, **Sequence Sheet**, and **Phaser Editor**.
  The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
  Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.
  The Sequence Sheet shows the cues in a sequence and all the settings related to cue transition. It also has a mode called Track Sheet that shows the attributes values in the cues.
  Learn more in the Sequence Sheet topic.
  The Phaser Editor is an editor that can be used to see, create, and edit Phaser information and values.
  Learn more in the Phaser Editor topic.

- **Readout:**
  This selects the value readout for fixture attributes. It is a swipe button that opens a list of readout types with the following options:
  - **Auto**:
    This makes the sheet follow the selected readout in the Encoder Bar.
  - **Natural**:
    Each attribute has a defined Natural readout. This is defined in the Attribute Definition. Selecting this option will show the different readouts defined for the attributes.
  - **Percent**:
    This is a range from 0 to 100.
  - **PercentFine**:
    This is a range from 0.00 to 100.00.
  - **Physical**:
    This uses the physical range defined in the fixture type definition.
  - **Decimal8**:
    This is a decimal range from 0 to 255.
  - **Decimal16**:
    This is a decimal range from 0 to 65 535.
  - **Decimal24**:
    This is a decimal range from 0 to 16 777 215.
  - **Hex8**:
    This is a hexadecimal range from 00 to FF.
  - **Hex16**:
    This is a hexadecimal range from 0000 to FFFF.
  - **Hex24**:
    This is a hexadecimal range from 000000 to FFFFFF.
- **Setup**:
  This changes the window into a setup mode, where the content or setup of the window elements can be manipulated.
- **Sheet Mode**:
  The sheet mode changes how the sheets look. There are four different modes:
  - **Fixture**:
    This shows a matrix with the fixtures in rows and the attributes in columns.
  - **Channel**:
    This shows the fixtures as tiles with the dimmer attribute.
  - **Dimmer+**:
    Looks similar to the **Channel** mode. However, it additionally displays the attributes of the selected feature group. Vertical gray separators are displayed when there is a jump in IDs and when the IDType changes for fixtures that do not have a fixture ID. This mode can display the **Fixture Graphics**, but does not display the **Feature Graphics**.
  - **Sheet/Filter**:
    Similar to **Dimmer+**. However, it displays all attributes unless there is a defined filter in the **Mask** tab of the sheet settings.

  This setting is valid for the **Fixture Sheet** and the **Content Sheet**.
  The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
  Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.

The Content Sheet shows the cue content. It can show the current, previous, next, or specific cue. The sheet also displays the attribute values, which can be edited in the sheet.
Learn more in the Content Sheet topic.

- **Show Grand Master**:
  This shows or hides the Grand Master section in the window. This is valid for the **Custom Master Section window**, **command wing Bar window**, and **Encoder Bar window**.
  The Custom Master Section is a window that shows on-screen versions of the two custom areas, the master area, and the grand master knob. It also shows the labels for these elements.
  Learn more in the Special Executors topic.
  The command wing Bar is a window that shows labels matching the grandMA3 onPC command wing hardware. It can also be helpful when using the grandMA3 onPC on a single FullHD monitor.
  Learn more in command wing Bar topic.
  The Encoder Bar window shows on-screen versions of the encoder bar. It can be useful to create custom interfaces.
  Learn more in the Encoder Bar topic.
- **Show Master Area** or **Show Master Section:**
  This shows or hides the Master area in the window. This is valid for the **Custom Master Section window** and **command wing Bar window**.
  The Custom Master Section is a window that shows on-screen versions of the two custom areas, the master area, and the grand master knob. It also shows the labels for these elements.
  Learn more in the Special Executors topic.
  The command wing Bar is a window that shows labels matching the grandMA3 onPC command wing hardware. It can also be helpful when using the grandMA3 onPC on a single FullHD monitor.
  Learn more in command wing Bar topic.
- **Show Title Bar / Title Bar**:
  This shows or hides the window's title bar. It is On by default. If it is Off, then the title bar can be shown temporarily by pressing both MA keys in the control area. In grandMA3 onPC, the title bar can be temporarily shown by pressing Ctrl + Alt on Windows and Ctrl + Option on Mac.
  This is valid for **Clock Viewer**, **Encoder Bar window**, and **Layout Viewer**.
  The Clock Viewer shows the time. It can be the system time, the time of a timezone, the timer of a timer, or timecode slot.
  Learn more in the Clock viewer topic.
  The Encoder Bar window shows on-screen versions of the encoder bar. It can be useful to create custom interfaces.
  Learn more in the Encoder Bar topic.
  The Layout Viewer shows a layout. The shown layout can follow the selected layout or always show a specific layout.
  Learn more in the Layout topics.
- **Speed**:

  This sets how the speed value is displayed. It has the following options: Auto (following the User Profile setting), Hertz, BPM (Beats Per Minute), and Seconds.

  This setting is valid for the **Fixture Sheet** and **Phaser Editor**.
  The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
  Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.

The Phaser Editor is an editor that can be used to see, create, and edit Phaser information and values.
Learn more in the Phaser Editor topic.

- **Step:**
  This selects which step to display. Steps are used with Phasers. It is a property input button that opens a calculator pop-up. This setting is valid for the **Fixture Sheet** and **Sequence Sheet**.
  The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
  Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.
  The Sequence Sheet shows the cues in a sequence and all the settings related to cue transition. It also has a mode called Track Sheet that shows the attributes values in the cues.
  Learn more in the Sequence Sheet topic.
- **Time Format**:
  This defines the time format for the windows. This can be used to select a different format than the default set in the user profile. This setting is valid for the **Fixture Sheet** and **Sequence Sheet**.
  The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
  Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.
  The Sequence Sheet shows the cues in a sequence and all the settings related to cue transition. It also has a mode called Track Sheet that shows the attributes values in the cues.
  Learn more in the Sequence Sheet topic.
- **Transpose:**
  This On/Off button flips the columns and rows in windows.
- **View Mode**:
  The view mode defines how the different data and information are displayed in the view. The view mode can be changed in the settings or the title bar of the window.

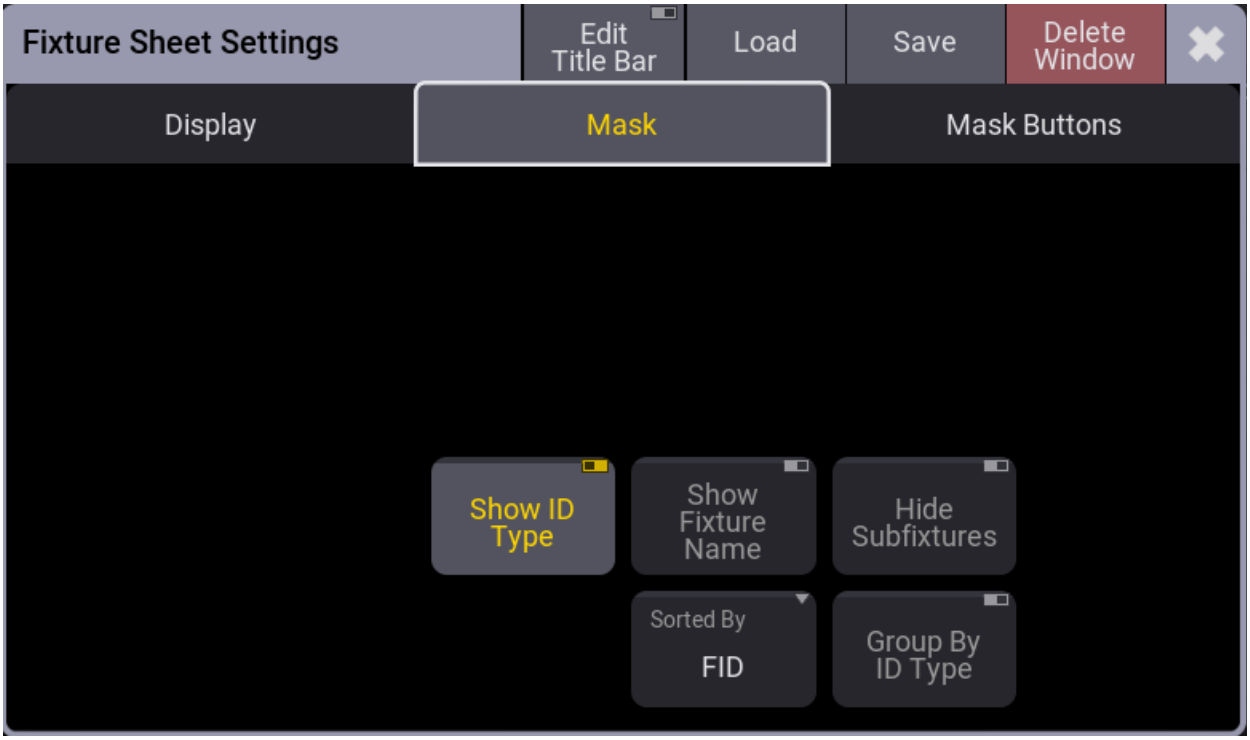
The Agenda Viewer has the following view modes: Sheet, Year, Month, Week, and Day.
The Phaser Editor has the following view modes: Auto, 2D, 1D, and Sheet.
The Sound Viewer has the following view modes: Wave, Sound, and Beat.
The Timecode Viewer has the following view modes: Text, Timeline, and Both.

- **Wing ID:**
  This defines which wing the window displays. Tap this setting to open a small **Select WingID** pop-up where the desired wing can be selected. This setting is valid for the **command wing Bar window** and **Playback window**.
  The command wing Bar is a window that shows labels matching the grandMA3 onPC command wing hardware. It can also be helpful when using the grandMA3 onPC on a single FullHD monitor.
  Learn more in command wing Bar topic.
  The Playback Window shows on-screen executors and their labels.
  Learn more in Executors topic.

	Hint:
	Showing a window that has the **Show Title Bar** setting in a true full-screen version can be achieved by hiding all other visual elements on the screen using the Configure Display pop-up and then turning Off the Show Title Bar setting for the window.

Mask

All sheets (fixture, sequence, content, and DMX sheet) and the layout viewer have a mask tab in the window settings. All settings offer different options to show or hide information in the window and how content is sorted.



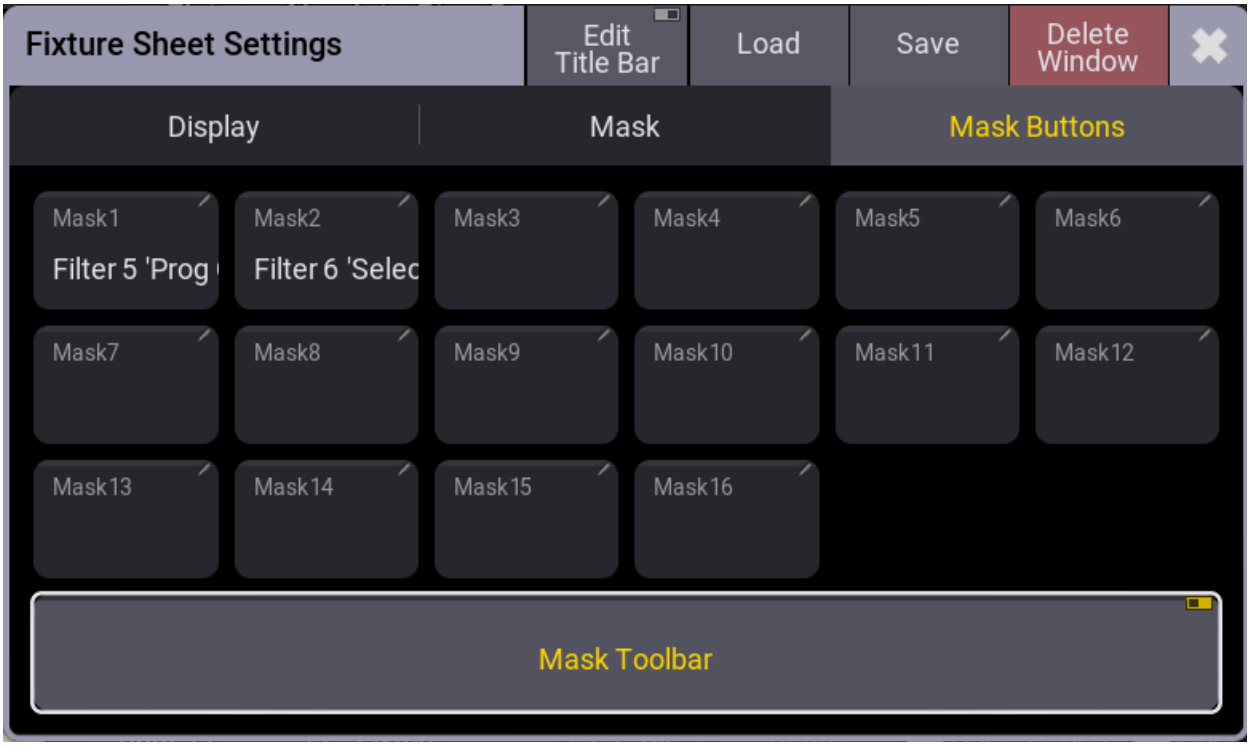
Fixture Sheet Settings - Mask tab

The following is a list of the settings that are shared between two or more windows:

- **Group By ID Type:**
  This organizes the sheet by ID type, grouping together fixtures with the same ID type.
- **Show Fixture Name:**
  This shows the name of the fixtures on the sheet. This setting is only relevant when the **Sheet Mode** is different than **Fixture** in the fixture sheet. In the sequence sheet this setting is only relevant when Track Sheet is enabled.
- **Show ID Type:**
  This shows the ID Type of the fixtures on the sheet. This setting is only relevant when the **Sheet Mode** is different than **Fixture**.
- **Show Notes:**
  This On/Off button shows or hides the notes for the selected cue at the bottom of the sheet. Read more about it in Notes.
- **Sorted By:**
  This defines how the sheet is sorted. The two options are:
  - **FID:**
    The sheet is sorted by FID.
  - **CID:**
    The sheet is sorted by CID.

Mask Buttons

For all sheets, use the Mask Buttons tab to assign filters and worlds for Sheet Masking and filtering content of the sheet.



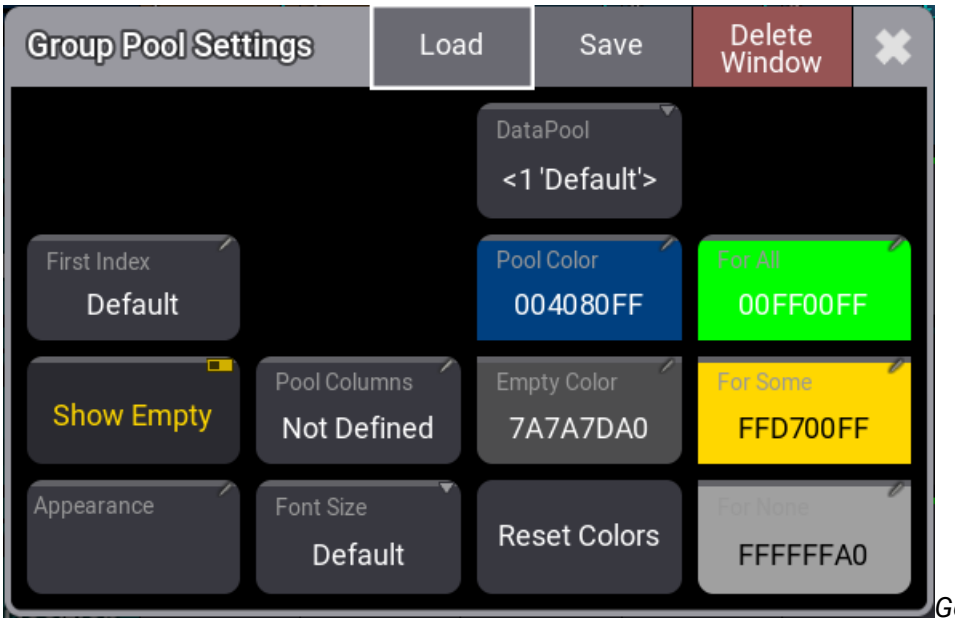
Fixture Sheet Settings - Mask Buttons tab

These are the settings of the Mask Buttons tab:

- **Mask 1-16**:
  This displays the assigned object for sheet masking. Tapping a sheet mask button, for example Mask 1, opens the Assignment Editor.
- **Mask Toolbar**:
  This enables the Mask Toolbar in the sheet. To display the mask toolbar in the sequence sheet, Track Sheet must be enabled.

Pool Settings

Most pools have the same few settings. Some pools might have extra settings. The Group and Preset pools have three extra settings regarding the colored bar above each pool object. The sMArt window behaves much like a pool and shares most of the pool settings.



General pool window settings

These are the common settings for pools:

- **First Index:**
  This defines where a new pool object should be stored. The default is **1**. Set a value between **1 - 9999** to define where a pool object should be stored. An individually defined index is indicated by an **>=x** in the top left corner of the corresponding pool.

  To store an object to the slot set in First Index, use Store without a specific number:

  Store [Pool] Please

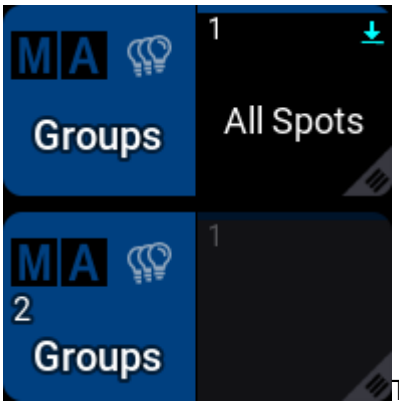
  Only exception are Preset Pools. The number followed by "Preset", indicates the preset pool. For example, to store a dimmer preset using the First Index setting, type:

  User name[Fixture]> Store Preset 1

- **Show Empty**:
  This toggle button can hide or show empty pool objects.
- **Appearance**:
  This sets which appearance is applied behind the pool objects.
- **Pool Columns**:
  This defines the width for the pool objects. It does not change the size of the window. It defines how many columns of pool objects are in the window. If the window is wider than the number of columns, then the extra space is displayed as black (default color). If the window is smaller than the number of columns, the pool window can be scrolled horizontally. If the pool has a set width, then there is an icon (⏭) in the upper right corner of the title field.
  The **Not Defined** value dynamically sets the width to match the window size even when the window is resized.
  The **Take Current Width** sets the width to match the current size of the window. It does not dynamically change if the window is resized.
- **Font Size**:
  This sets the font size property from 10 to 32. There is also a default property. This is the same as size 18. This simply changes the font size on the pool objects.

- **DataPool** (only available for some pools):
  This defines what data pool the pool window shows data from. This makes it possible to have pools showing objects from different data pools. For instance, a group pool window from the default data pool can be shown next to a different group pool window showing groups from a different data pool.

The data pool number is shown in the lower right corner of the pool title button. The number is only shown if the pool window supports showing different data pools and if there is more than one data pool in the show.



Two group pools with different data pools

- **Pool Color**:
  This is the color for the title button in the pool.
- **Empty Color**:
  This color is applied to empty pool objects.
- **Reset Colors**:
  This resets the colors to the colors in the default color theme.
- **Use Object Action:**
  This defines if the selected object action is executed instead of the selected pool action. Pool windows with Use Object Action enabled, are marked with a (). Pool objects indicate the selected object action setting with a light grey icon in the foreground of the object. If the object action is set to **None**, there is a gray overlay on top of the pool object.

Preset and group pools also have:

- **For All**:
  This color is used when the preset can be used by all of the selected fixtures.
- **For Some**:
  This color is used when some of the selected fixtures can use the preset.
- **For None**:

  For presets, this color is used when the preset cannot be used by any of the selected fixtures. For groups, this color is used for the indicator bar when none of the fixtures in the currently selected world are part of the group. If the current selection is not part of the group, the indicator bar uses the same color as the Group Pool window.

Tapping one of the color settings opens an **Edit Color** pop-up.

The buttons in the title bar are the same as the ones for other window settings - read above.

Default Pool Action

This defines the default action executed when a pool object is tapped without a (relevant) keyword in the command line.
Pools can have some of the following actions (the available actions depend on the type of pool):

- **At** ( ):
  When there is no selection in the programmer, tapping a preset does nothing. When the programmer has a selection, tapping it calls the preset into the programmer.
- **Call**( ) - default action for filters:
  This action calls the tapped pool object.
- **SelFix/At** ( ) - default action for presets:
  When there is no selection in the programmer, tapping a preset will select the fixture that can use the preset. Tapping it again calls the preset into the programmer.
  When the programmer has a selection, tapping a preset the first time will call the preset into the programmer.
- **SelFix/Extract** ( ):
  This value acts similarly to SelFix/At, but instead of calling the preset reference into the programmer, the values will be called extracted into the programmer.
- **Select** ( ) - default action for sequences:
  Tapping the pool object selects it.
- **Toggle** ( ):
  Tapping a pool object activates it or switches it off, depending on its current state.
- **Go+** ( ):
  Starts playback of the pool object or goes to the next cue in the sequence.
- **Flash** ( ):
  Flashes a pool object as long as it is tapped. Flash ignores fade times.
- **Temp** ( ):
  Plays back a pool object as long the pool object is pressed. Temp respects the fade times.
- **Top** ( ):
  Restarts the timecode pool object at the beginning.
- **Pause** ( ):
  Pauses the timecode pool object. Tap again to play it back.
- **Off** ( ):
  Stops the recording of the timecode pool object and pauses it when it is played back.
- **Goto** ( ):
  Opens a pop-up to play back a specific cue from the sequence pool object.
- **Load** ( ):
  Opens a po-up to load a specific cue from the sequence pool object.
- **None** ():
  No action is triggered when tapping on the pool object.

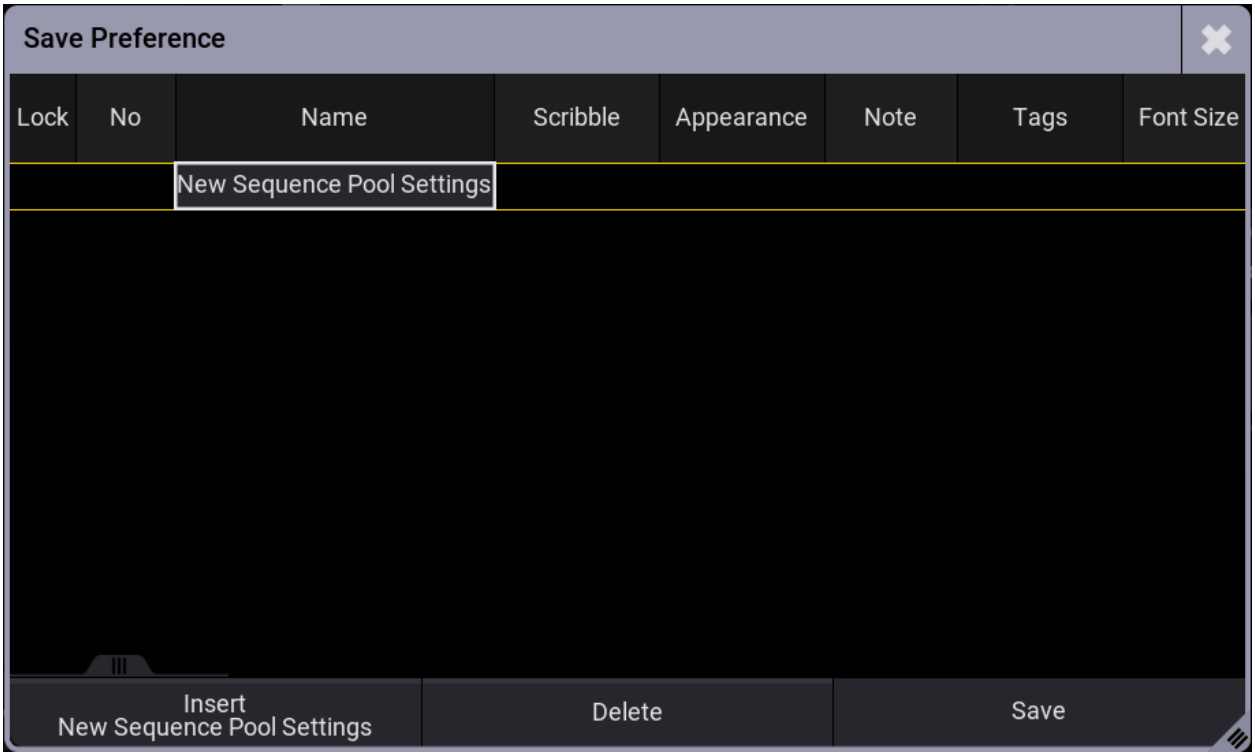
A small icon in the upper right corner of the pool title object indicates the default action.

Pools with default pool actions

Save and Load Preferences

Setting preferences can be stored and loaded for each window and pool. These preferences are stored in the user profile. This means that exporting and importing a user profile includes these preferences.

Tapping Save opens a **Save Preferences** pop-up:



Save Preference pop-up

Save a New Preference

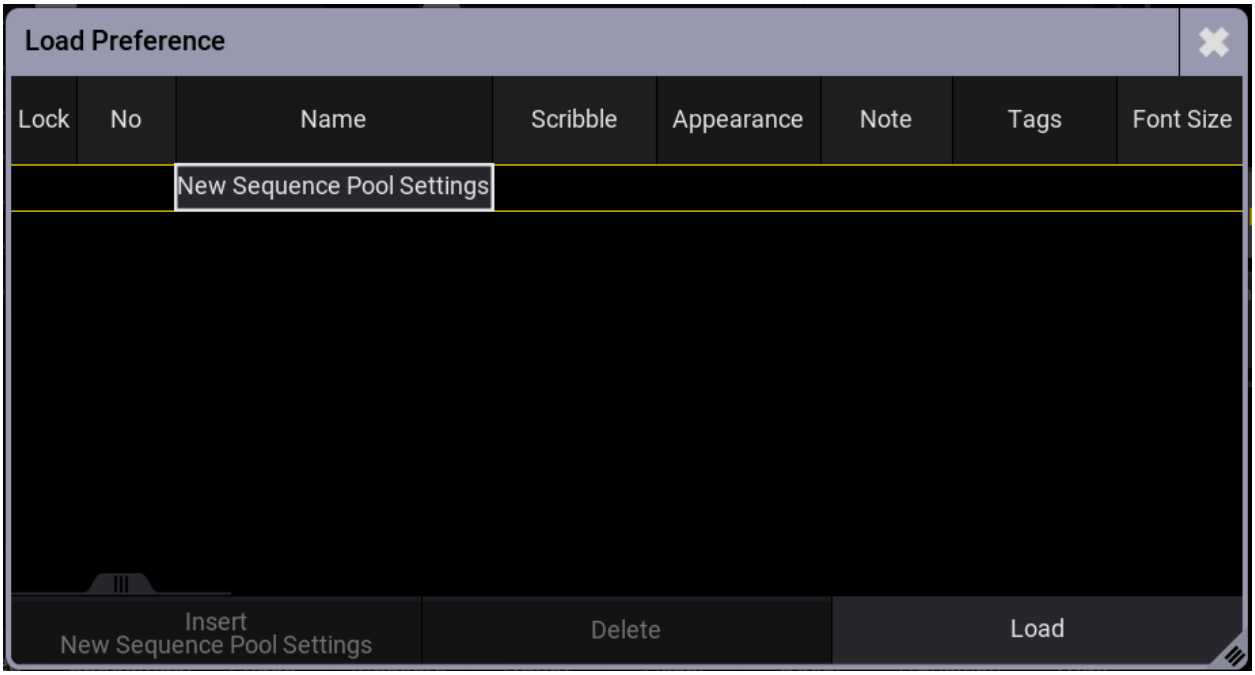
1. Open the **Settings** pop-up.
2. Tap Save in the settings title bar.
3. Tap Insert new [Type] (this button changes a little for each window, and the type shows what type of settings are being inserted).
4. Edit the name field and give it a name.
5. Tap Save in the preference pop-up.

	Hint:
	When saving a new preference, no preference exists yet, and the focus is on "New ...", it is enough to tap Save to save the preference.

Update the Preference

1. Open the **Settings** pop-up.
2. Tap Save in the settings title bar.
3. Tap the desired preference in the list.
4. Tap Save in the preference pop-up.

Load a Preference



Load preference pop-up

1. Open the **Settings** pop-up.
2. Tap Load in the settings title bar.
3. Select the desired preferences.
4. Tap Load in the preference pop-up to confirm.

Delete a Preference

1. Open the **Settings** pop-up.
2. Tap Save in the settings title bar.
3. Select the desired preferences.
4. Tap Delete in the preference pop-up.
5. Close the pop-up by tapping the in the upper right corner.

1.10.6. Title Bar Configuration

Many windows with a title bar can edit the arrangements of the buttons in the title bar.

These settings follow the user profile so that different users can have different default preferences. The setting is also stored with the view. For instance, a view can have several fixture sheets with some buttons in one window and others in a different window.

The title bar buttons can be edited in the window settings. Open the settings by tapping the MA logo in the upper left corner.

The settings title bar has an Edit Title Bar. Toggling this On changes how the setting pop-up works and looks.

Fixture Sheet Setting with Edit Title Bar On

Some settings can have a button in the title bar. These settings can be toggled to **Yes** in the different tabs in the setting pop-up.

The number on the lower right side of the settings shows the order of the button counting from right to left. The latest activated button will have the highest number and be on the left side in the title bar.

The green number in the tab displays how many settings are set to **Yes** out of the possible settings in the tab. For instance, "3/13" is three out of 13 possible settings with a button in the title bar.

Turning the edit mode On also adds an extra tab called Title Buttons.

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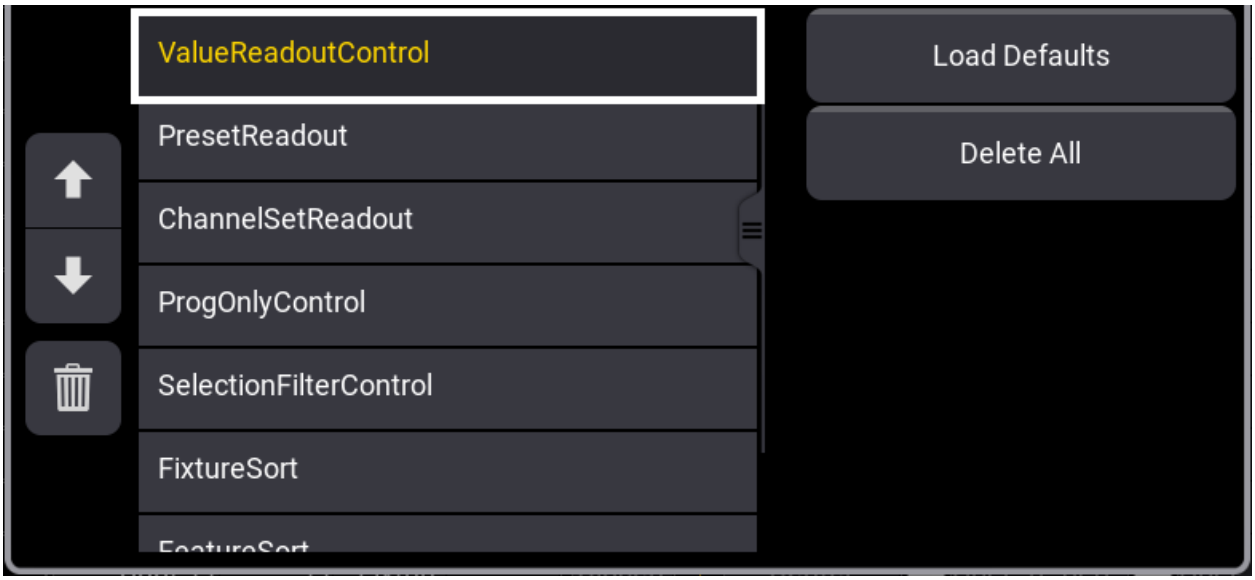


Title Buttons tab

This tab is split into two sides.

The left side lists all the active title bar buttons. The Selected button can be moved up or down using the arrow buttons on the left side. The selected button can also be deleted by tapping the icon.

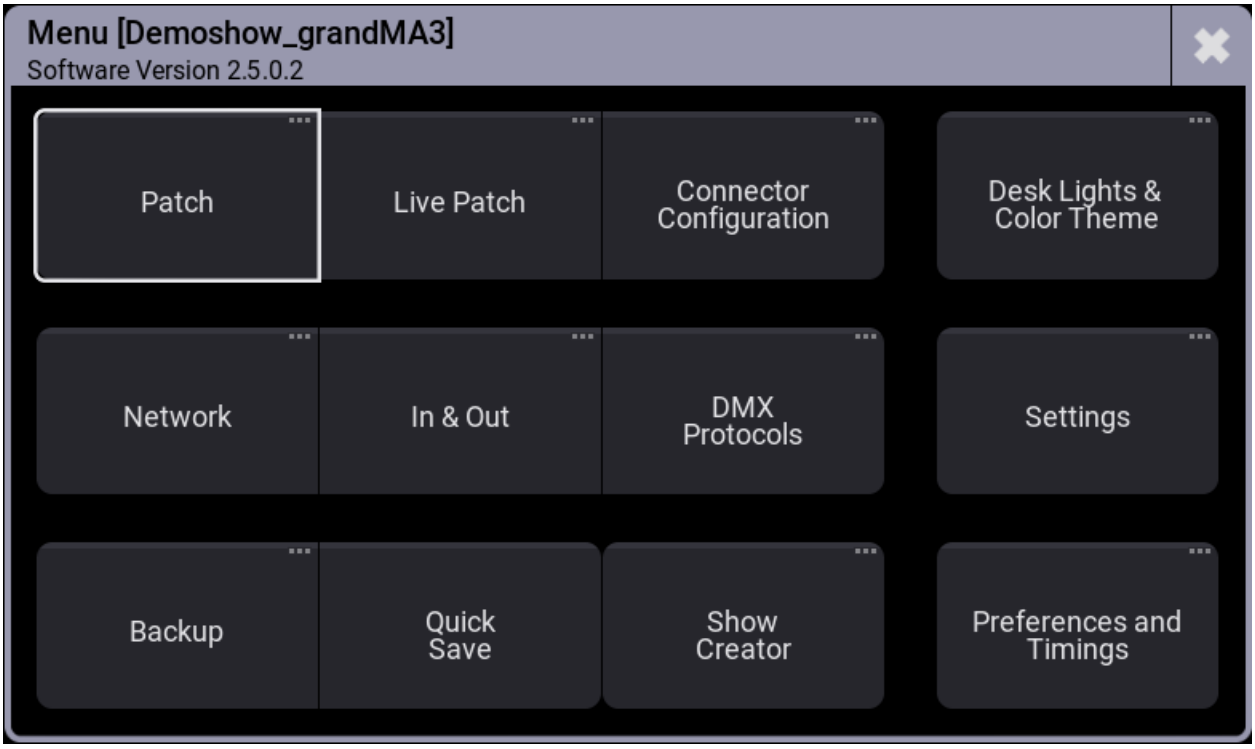
The top button is on the right side of the title bar.

The right side of this tab has two buttons. Load Defaults loads the default button configuration for the window. Delete All delete all the buttons from the title bar.

1.10.7. Main Menu

There are many different menus in the grandMA3 software. Most are described in relevant sections. For instance, the patch menu is described in the Patch section.

There is a **Menu pop-up** that gives access to many of the different menus.



Menu pop-up with buttons that open a lot of menus

This pop-up can be opened in multiple ways:

- On physical hardware, there is a Menu key. Press this to open the pop-up.
- In the Control Bar on the left side of most displays, on the onPC, there is a gear icon . Tap this to open the pop-up.
- It can be opened using the command line:

```
User name[Fixture]>Menu "MenuSelector"
```

The menu pop-up gives access to the following menus:

- **Patch**:
  This is where fixtures are added and is all about fixture setup. Read more in the Patch and Fixture Setup section.
- **Live Patch**:
  This menu gives access to the fixture setup, which can be changed without a new show upload. Read more in the Patch and Fixture Setup section.

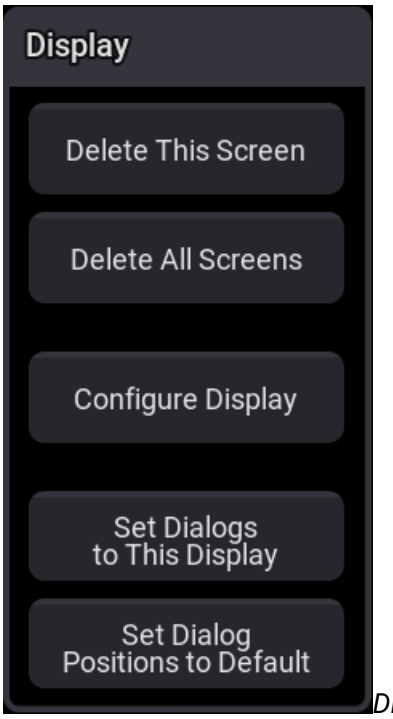
- **Connector Configuration**:
  The connector configuration changes the local physical DMX ports on the MA equipment.
- **Desk Lights & Color Theme**:
  This opens a pop-up that gives access to customize the look of the software.
- **Network**:
  This menu is used to set up all about the network and sessions. Read more in the Networking section.
- **In & Out**:
  This opens the In & Out menu with settings for DC remote, MIDI remote, DMX remotes, OSC, and PSN.
- **DMX Protocols**:
  This menu is used to set up DMX network protocols.
- **Settings**: This opens a small sub-menu that has these options:
  - **User Configuration**:
    This menu is used to set up users and user profiles. Read more in Single User and Multi-User Systems section.
  - **Date and Time**:
    This menu is used to change the time and date in the console. Read more in Date and Time.
  - **USB Configuration**:
    This is used to configure USB devices. This should normally not be changed manually.
  - **Software Update**:
    This menu is used to update the software.
  - **Touch Configuration** (consoles only):
    This menu is used to assign touch screens to the USB inputs.
  - **Extension Configuration**:
    This menu shows the connected grandMA3 extensions.
  - **onPC Local Settings** (onPC only):
    This is a pop-up with onPC settings.
  - **Local Settings** (consoles only):
    This is a pop-up with settings for the local console.
- **Backup**:
  The backup menu is used to save and load shows. Read more in Show File Handling.
- **Quick Save**:
  This is not a menu but a shortcut to saving the show with the same show file name.
- **Show Creator**:
  This opens the Show Creator menu that can be used to create presets and groups. It is also possible to import and export different objects of the show file.
- **Preferences and Timings**: In this menu many different default and timing settings can be set. The sub-menu has the following options:
  - **Cues**:
    In this tab cue timings and MIB preferences can be set. Read more in Cue Timing and Move In Black.
  - **Sequences**:
    In this tab default sequence settings can be set. Read more in Sequence Settings.
  - **Presets**:
    In this tab default settings regarding presets can be set. Read more in Presets .
  - **Timecodes**:
    In this tab default settings for timecodes can be set. Read more in Timecode Settings .

- **Layout Elements**:
  In this tab templates for layout elements can be adjusted. Read more in Edit Layout.
- **Keyboard Shortcuts**:
  Use this tab to customize keyboard shortcuts. Read more in Keyboard Shortcuts.
- **Executor Config.**:
  This tab allows setting default executor configurations for each object type, except for quickeys. Read more in Executor Configurations.
- **Timings**:
  In this tab playback timings and MIB timings can be set. Read more in Assign Object to an Executor and Move In Black.
- **Masters**:
  In this tab, all masters are represented by a swipe button and can be set to **Always On**, **Toggle**, or **Disabled**. Read more in Masters.
- **Groups**:
  Here group masters default settings and store settings can be set. Read more in Group Masters.
- **Global**:
  In this tab global and miscellaneous settings can be set. Read more in Timecode Settings.

	Important:
	It depends on the setting and the object itself when the defaults are applied. For example, for cues, sequences, presets, and timecodes, the defaults are applied when a new object is created. Changing the default action of a layout element immediately changes a linked layout element action. Be sure to check the topics linked to each tab for more information on how and when defaults are applied.

Display Pop-up

Opening the **Menu pop-up** also opens a **Display pop-up**.



Display pop-up in the right-hand lower corner of all screens

This pop-up appears on all screens except the letterbox screens.

Most of the actions performed using this pop-up relate to the specific screen where the menu is touched. For instance, deleting a screen (removing the windows from the screen).

- **Delete This Screen**:
  This clears all windows from this screen. Read more in Remove Windows from a Screen.
- **Delete All Screens**:
  This clears all windows from screens. Read more in Remove Windows from a Screen.
- **Configure Display**:
  This opens the Configure Display pop-up. Read more in Configuration of Displays.
- **Set Dialogs to This Display**:
  This makes all menus open on this screen. Read more in Change Menu Locations.
- **Set Dialog Positions to Default**:
  This resets all menus to open on the default screen. Read more in Change Menu Locations.

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1.10.8. Change Menu Locations

Some menus can be moved between the screens.

Menus that can be moved have a display icon in the title bar:

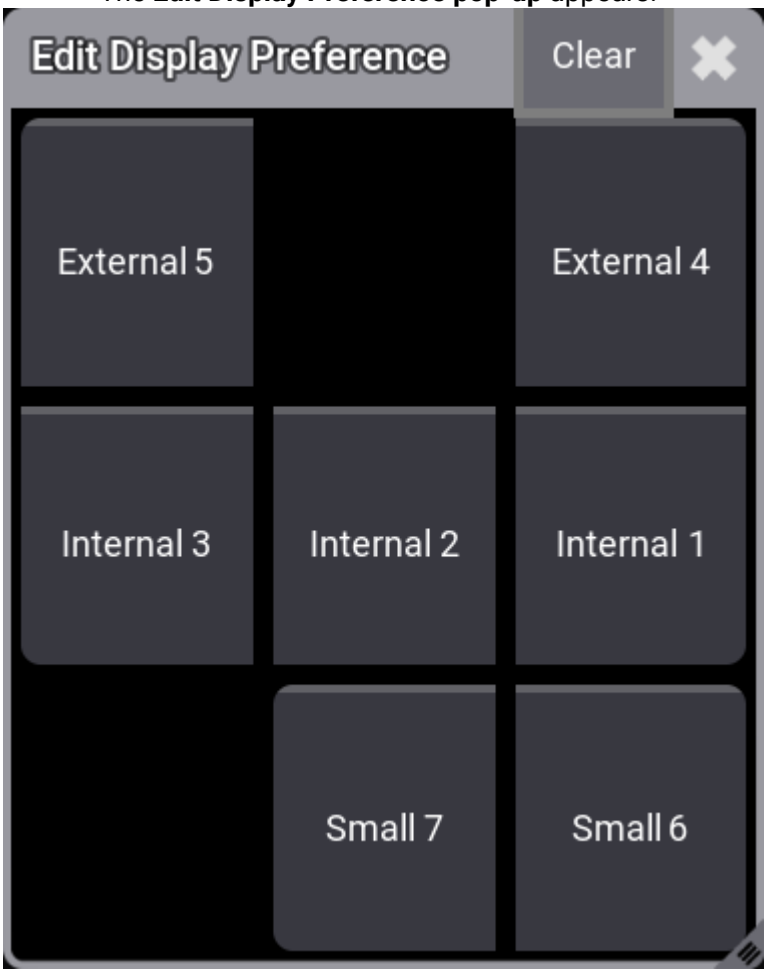
Display icon next to the close X

Move a Menu to a Different Screen

Requirement:

- Open a menu that can be moved. For instance the Playback Controls Menu.

1. Tap the display icon in the title bar.
   The **Edit Display Preference pop-up** appears:



Use the Edit Display Preference pop-up to select a new location

2. Tap the button corresponding to the desired screen.

	Hint:
	Tap the Clear button or the ✖ to cancel the move.

Move all Menus to a Screen

It is possible to select a screen where all moveable menus open.

1. Open the Menu and Display pop-up.
2. In the Display pop-up tap the Set Dialog to This Display button on the screen where the menus should open.

Reset Movable Menus Screen

The screen selection can be reset. This is useful if a show changes from a smaller hardware platform. For instance, if the show is programmed on a grandMA3 full-size and menus are moved to screen 3 and now the show is opened on a grandMA3 light without screen 3.

1. Open the Menu and Display pop-up.
2. In the Display pop-up tap the Set Dialog Positions to Default button on the screen where the menus should open.

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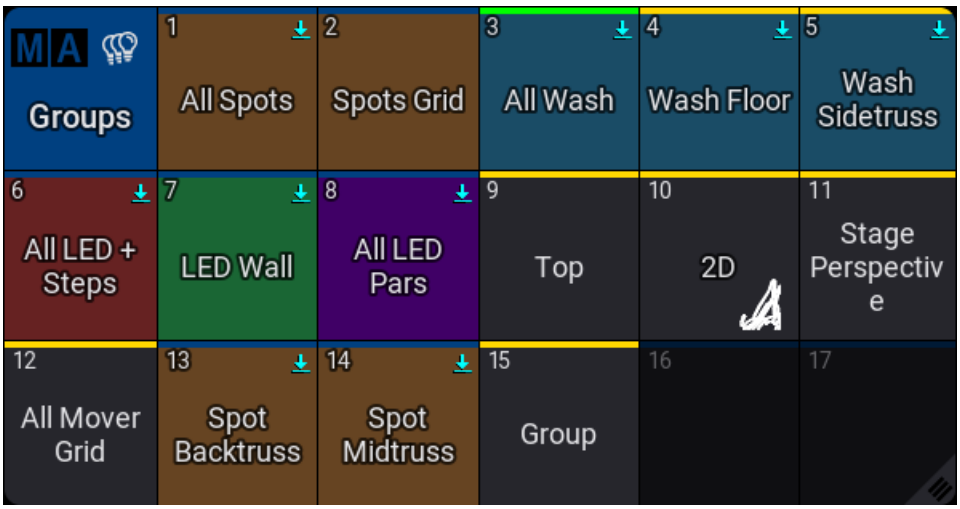
1.10.9. Pool Windows

Most of the show data in grandMA3 are organized in pools, which are part of a **Data Pool**. So, in essence, everything except the patch and fixture setup are stored inside a Data Pool. This makes having several shows with the same fixture setup but different data pools easy.

Pools contain a lot of different data. For instance, the Groups pool contains information about the selections of fixtures. The Views pool contains information about the arrangement of windows on a screen.

Pools are made like any other window - read more in Add Windows. Pool arrangement and resizing are just like any other window - read more in Rearrange.

This is an example of the Groups pool:



Groups pool

Each pool has a title field. In the example above it is the first blue square with the MA logo, the pool icon (if available), and the name of the pool.

Tapping the logo opens the settings for the entire pool - read more about the window settings in Window Settings. Read the relevant topics for details about the pool or preset specific settings.

Some pools have specific uses. This topic and the following subtopics describe the general concepts. Read the specific topics to learn the details of each type of pool.

Pool Object

All other fields except the title field contain a **Pool Object**. If something is stored in the pool object, it has a lighter gray color (default color) and a label (see the example pool above). It can also contain pool-specific information like a master level or icons that show information about the content or pool object settings.

The number in the upper left corner of each pool object is the unique pool number identifier. It can be used when the object is called. For instance, using Group 1 in the command line is the first object in the groups pool. The name of the pool object can also be used to call the group. For example, Group "All Spots" calls (all) the groups with that name. Asterisk can be used as a joker sign when using object names. Typing Group "All*" calls all the group objects where the name starts with **All**.

Working with or using pool objects can be done in many ways. The examples in the subtopics use the command line, but many of the operations could also be performed using the keys, screens, or any combination thereof.

Some pools have **Selected** pool objects. It is visualized with a yellow frame around the selected pool object.

World 1 is selected

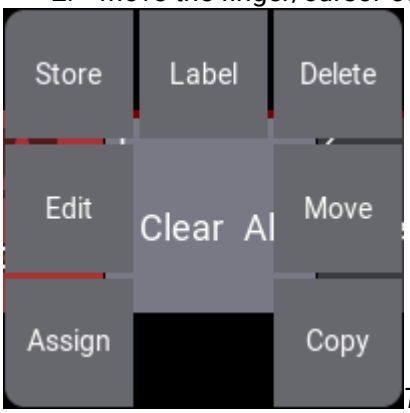
A different pool object can usually be selected by tapping the object in the pool or using the Select keyword.

Swipey Commands

Each pool object can open a set of **Swipey Commands**. They give quick access to some common operations with the pool object.

This is how to open the swipey commands:

1. Tap and hold the pool object.
2. Move the finger/cursor outside the pool object while keep pressing the screen.



The open Swipey Commands

3. Keep the screen pressed and move the finger/cursor to the desired command.
4. Release the screen.

These are the available commands with the swipeys:

- **Assign:**
  This adds "Assign" and the pool object type and number in the command line. Waiting for more user input.
- **Edit**:
  This starts the edit mode for the pool object - this is about the content of the pool object.
- **Edit Setting**:
  This opens a small editor that gives access to editing this pool object's settings - this is about the settings for the pool object.
- **Store:**
  This executes "Store" plus the pool object type and number. This is useful for storing new pool objects - for instance, groups.
- **Label**:
  This executes "Label" plus the pool object type and number.
- **Delete:**
  This executes "Delete" plus the pool object type and number - The result is deleting the pool object.
- **Move**:
  This adds "Move" plus the pool object type and number in the command line. Waiting for the user to tap the new location.
- **Copy**:
  This adds "Copy" plus the pool object type and number in the command line. Waiting for the user to tap the new location.

Subtopics

- Create Pool Objects
- Move Pool Objects
- Insert Pool Objects
- Copy Pool Objects
- Lock and Unlock Pool Objects
- Delete Pool Objects

1.10.9.1. Create Pool Objects

This is a general description of how to create pool objects.

The Store keyword is used when creating pool objects. This stores the relevant information in the pool object if the relevant information is available.

For instance, to store a preset, the programmer needs to have valid values. If the relevant values are not available, an empty pool object is created.

Some pool objects are a bit more complex. For instance, storing a pool object in the image pool. The pool that can be added on a screen, is not just called "Images" as the title suggests. It is actually image "pool" 3.

So, storing something on pool object 2 needs the following input:

User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.2

This only stores an empty pool object.

Some objects are better to Edit when creating them. This opens the relevant editor to create the object.

Images are an example of such an object.

User name[Fixture]>Edit Image 3.2

This command creates the pool object and immediately opens the editor for the image pool object. Read more about images in the Images section.

Some pool objects can be created by pressing and holding an empty pool object. If there is relevant information in the programmer, then this might be stored in the new pool object.

For instance, having a selection of fixtures in the programmer and pressing and holding an empty group pool object for about 2 seconds will create a new group with the fixture selection.

It is also possible to use the **Store** keyword in combination with a pool but without a specific number:

User name[Fixture]>Store Group

This stores a new pool object with the relevant information at the first available empty spot in the pool.

	Hint:
	It is also possible to create a pool object using a Swipey Command.

1.10.9.2. Move Pool Objects

Pool objects are moved using the Move keyword.

A single object can be moved, or a selection of objects can be moved at once.

Example

Macro 5 needs to be moved to the empty macro pool object 20:

```
User name[Fixture]>Move Macro 5 At 20
```

If the destination is not empty, then the existing object will move one place further. If this object is also occupied, it will move further, and so on, until no occupied object has to move anymore. Thus potentially moving all the arranged pool objects.

	Important:
	Please have a look at the Exchange keyword for objects exchanging positions.
	Hint:
	It is also possible to move a pool object using a Swipey Command.

1.10.9.3. Insert Pool Objects

Pool objects can be inserted between other pool objects of the same type. This can be useful for organizing the pools.

It is done using the Insert keyword.

The inserted pool object is inserted before the destination object number.

Example

For example, inserting view 42 between views 9 and 10:

```
User name[Fixture]>insert View 42 At 10
```

The old view 10 and other views from 10 to the next empty pool object are then moved one number up.

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1.10.9.4. Copy Pool Objects

Pool objects can be copied to an empty location using the Copy keyword.

A single object or a selection of several objects can be copied at once. Using the selection order, they are positioned at the new location.

Example

Copy sequence 1 at pool object 22 using the following command:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Copy Sequence 1 At 22

If the destination is not empty, then the old object will be overwritten. There is a pop-up asking if this is desired.

	Hint:
	It is also possible to copy a pool object using a Swipey Command.

1.10.9.5. Lock and Unlock Pool Objects

Pool objects can be locked using the Lock keyword.

If a pool object is locked, then there is a small lock icon in the upper right corner of the pool object and in the upper left corner of the editor of the locked object.

The lock icon can have three different colors indicating different types of locks:

- **Red**:
  This lock is the System Lock. It is locked by the system and cannot be unlocked. In sheets, this is abbreviated as "SL".
- **Gray**:
  This lock is the Position Lock. It is locked by the software structure and cannot be unlocked. In sheets, this is abbreviated as "PL".
- **Orange**:
  This lock is the User Lock. It is locked by the user, and it can be unlocked. In sheets, this is abbreviated as "UL". Copying a user-locked object automatically unlocks the target object.

	Hint:
	The big red lock icon that can appear on pool objects is not a locked object using this lock mechanism. It is temporarily blocked by a user editing the object. Learn more in Object Ownership.

Example

Locking appearance number 4 is done using the following command:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Lock Appearance 4

Unlock Pool Objects

User locked objects can be unlocked using the Unlock keyword. The syntax is the same as locking except for the keyword.

Example

Unlocking appearance number 4 is done using this command:

MA	User name[Fixture]>Unlock Appearance 4
	Hint:
	Copying an object that is locked by the user automatically unlocks the target object.

1.10.9.6. Delete Pool Objects

Removing pool objects can be done using the Delete keyword.

When an object is deleted, grandMA3 will try to make everything look the same. For instance, deleting a preset will move the values stored in the preset into the different cues where the preset was used. This is not always possible, for instance, if an executor is controlling a sequence and the sequence is deleted, then it is gone, and the executor is empty.

Example

Delete view 42:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Delete View 42

It can also be a range of numbers, for instance.

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Delete View 42 Thru 90

Deleting pool objects can be undone with Oops. It will bring back the pool objects, but it might not restore links to the object.

	Hint:
	It is also possible to delete a pool object using a Swipey Command.

1.11. Networking

Networking allows for the expansion of a single standalone console to a complete system with DMX nodes and extra processing powers.

The rear panel of all the consoles has three Ethernet connectors, which can be used to connect to three different networks.

Networking is used for:

- Connecting several MA3 devices in a session
- Output and input Ethernet-based DMX
- MVR-xchange to link compatible software
- Internet connection

MA Session

Sessions are a way to expand a single console. They allow for connecting multiple consoles in a multi-user setup where several programmers can work in the same show. grandMA3 Processing Units can be added to move DMX calculations away from the consoles and into processors located where needed. grandMA3 xPort Nodes listen to a session and function as DMX interfaces, allowing decentralized synchronized DMX distribution.

A session is needed to connect grandMA3 devices. Read about sessions here.

Ethernet DMX

grandMA3 can output DMX using Art-Net and sACN. It is possible to set up a specific Ethernet port to output the network DMX. Read more in the DMX In and Out topics.

MVR-xchange

MVR-xchange can be used to exchange MVR information in a network. Learn more about this in the MVR-xchange topic.

Internet Connection

The grandMA3 system is designed to connect to the Internet, more specifically, to World Servers. These servers can provide different services to the connected stations.

It is recommended to separate the light network from the Internet and use one of the three Ethernet connectors on the back of the MA hardware stations to connect to a network with Internet access. This will maintain a separation between the Internet and the light network and still provide access to the services on the world server.

For more information, see the World Server topic and the Interfaces and IP topic.

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An Internet connection also makes it possible to see the manual videos in the software version of the manual.

Internal Connections

A console uses internal network connections to connect different sections of the internal components. This might be visible at some locations but should never be changed by users.

Enabling or Disabling the Network Connection

The network needs to be enabled to communicate. This includes transmitting DMX using Ethernet.

Turning network On or Off is done from the **Network menu** - read about the network menu in the Sessions topic.

In the lower right corner of the network menu, there is a button to toggle the network connection.

Network enable button

If the icon is red, the network is turned Off. If it is green, it is On.

Subtopics

- Interfaces and IP
- Session
- Web Remote
- Network Design
- Network Tests
- Regulations and Standards
- Station Control

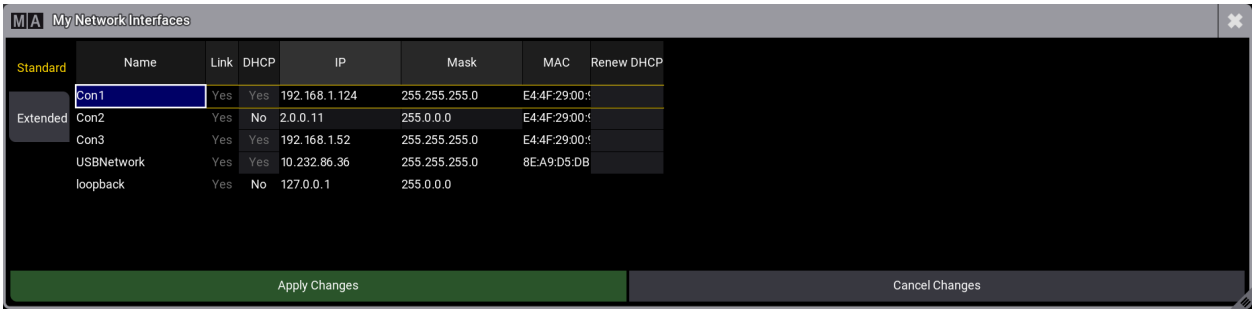
1.11.1. Interfaces and IP

The Network Interface menu lists the available interfaces, and in the grandMA3 hardware, it can be used to change the settings.

Open the Network Interface Menu

1. Press Menu.
   - Opens the menu select pop-up.
2. Tap Network.
   - Opens the Network menu.
3. Tap My Interfaces.
   - Opens the Network Interfaces pop-up:

Click this button to open the pop-up. Paste to Command Line

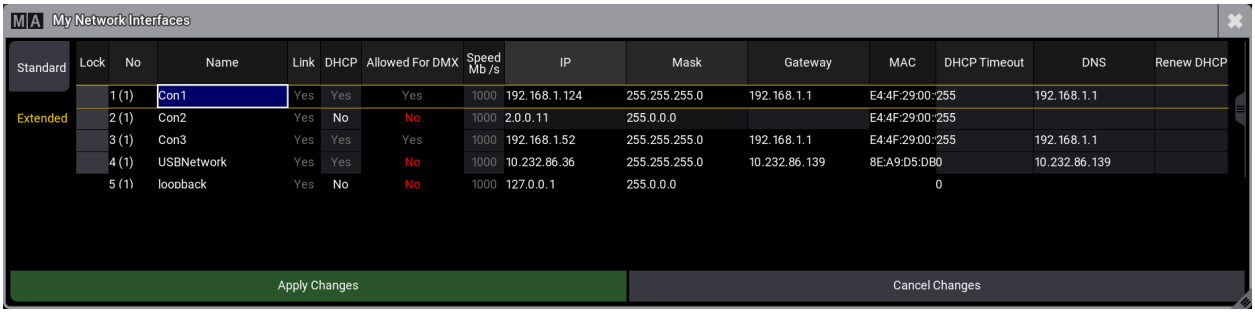


See the Standard tab in Network Interfaces

	Restriction:
	If you see an interface with "imx6" then it is for internal communication inside the console. Do not make any changes to this interface.

The pop-up has two versions: **Standard** and **Extended**. The screenshot above shows the Standard version. The Extended version has more settings, but otherwise, it is the same. It is possible to toggle between the two versions by tapping the tabs on the left.

The Extended version looks like this:



The Extended version of the Network Interfaces pop-up

Every cell with a light gray background can be edited.

The grandMA3 consoles have three network interfaces, with connectors on the rear panel, that can be used to connect with external equipment. The connectors are named **Con1**, **Con2**, and **Con3** in the Network Interface menu.

In the grandMA3 onPC, it is not possible to edit the IP addresses in the Network Interface menu. This needs to be done in the computer operating system.

Short Description of All the Available Columns

- **Lock**:
  Changing the value to **UL** in this cell locks the interface from being edited.
- **No**:
  This is the interface number.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the interface.
- **Link**:
  This cell says **Yes** if there is an active connection on the connector. It says **No** in red if there is no connection.
- **DHCP**:
  This cell says **Yes** if DHCP is activated for the interface. No means that DHCP is turned Off, and it is possible to manually set a static IP address information. Read about DHCP and Choosing an Address Range below.
- **Allowed For DMX**:
  This cell says **Yes** if the interface can be used to transmit or receive DMX.
- **Speed Mb/s**:
  This cell indicates the detected network speed.
- **IP**:
  This is the IP address for the interface. If DHCP is set to "No", this cell can be edited on the console to change the IP address for the interface. CIDR notation is accepted as input to also set the subnet mask. It says "No Cable" if it is disconnected. Read about Choosing an Address Range below.
- **Mask**:
  This is the subnet mask for the interface. If DHCP is set to "No", this cell can be edited on the console to change the subnet mask for the interface.
- **Gateway**:
  This is the gateway address for the interface. If DHCP is set to "No", this cell can be edited on the console to change the gateway address for the interface.
- **MAC**:
  This is the MAC address for the interface. This is information only and cannot be edited.
- **DHCP Timeout**:
  This sets the timeout for the software to wait for a response from a DHCP server. If the timeout is reached, then the software automatically sets an IP from the Link-local address block. Read about DHCP and Choosing an Address Range below.
- **DNS**:
  This is the DNS (Domain Name Server) address.
- **Renew DHCP**:
  This can be set to "Yes". When the pop-up is closed with Apply Changes, then the software will make a new request to a DHCP server. The next time the pop-up is opened, the field will be empty again. Read about DHCP and Choosing an Address Range below.

What is DHCP

DHCP is a system where IP addresses are distributed from a DHCP server. If this is On (the field says "Yes"), it is impossible to set the IP address locally.

Edit the field to turn On or Off DHCP on the console.

Choosing an Address Range

It is recommended that an active choice be made regarding which IP address range to use. The grandMA3 system is built to connect to the Internet (through a properly configured router) to access the world server and fixture shares. With this in mind, choosing an IP address range that falls within the **private address space** is recommended. Private address spaces are ranges of IP addresses reserved for use on local LANs, and there should be no servers on the Internet using these ranges. Communication between private IP addresses is usually not routed to the Internet.

IPv4 addresses are divided into classes (A, B, C, D, and E). The first three of these classes contain the IP addresses we can use to set an address. Each of these three classes has a private address space.

RFC 1918 Name	IP Address Range	Number of Addresses	Largest CIDR Block (subnet mask)	Host ID Size	Mask Bits	Classful Description
24-bit block	10.0.0.0 - 10 .255.255.255	16 777 216	10.0.0.0/8(255.0.0.0)	24 bits	8 bits	Single class A network
20-bit block	172.16.0.0 - 172.31.255.255	1 048 576	172.16.0.0/12(255.240.0.0)	20 bits	12 bits	16 contiguous class B networks
16-bit block	192.168.0.0 - 192.168.255.255	65 536	192.168.0.0/16 (255.255.0.0)	16 bits	16 bits	256 contiguous class C networks

Source: Wikipedia - Private_network

The ranges above are often limited further. For instance, a range using 24 bits in the subnet mask (255.255.255.0).

Another option is to use the link-local range. The valid IPv4 unicast range is 169.254.0.0 - 169.254.255.255 (or 169.254.0.0/16). This range is best known for automatic addressing processes. The link-local range should not be limited by a smaller subnet mask, so the potential number of devices in the same subnet is quite large (65 536 - 256 - 256 = 65 024).

The network interface card assigns the link-local address when a static address is not set, and there is no response from a DHCP server.

The link-local range can be used, but it might be better to configure a static IP address from one of the private address ranges.

	Important:
	The most important part is that the grandMA3 devices must be in the same IP address range to communicate with each other.

Set the IP Address in the Console

	Restriction:
	The IP address range 192.168.33.x is not allowed to be used for the network interfaces Con1, Con2, or Con3.

1. Navigate to the Network Interfaces menu (read above).
2. Make sure DHCP is turned Off (the cell says "No") for the network connector (read above).
3. Edit the IP cell and write the new IP address (IPv4 only). The CIDR notation can be used to set the subnet mask while typing the IP address. For example, **192.168.101.11/24** gives the subnet mask to **255.255.255.0**.
4. Edit the Mask cell and write the subnet mask.
5. Optionally edit the Gateway cell to set a gateway address if needed.
6. Tap Apply Changes to use the new settings.

The changed IP address is used without the need for a reboot.

	Hint:
	For more information about the **Auto** option of the MA Net interface, see Session.

USB Network

A USB network can be used to provide World Server access on grandMA3 consoles through a USB connection. This is typically achieved by connecting a mobile phone or Internet router to the console via the USB port.

After connecting a mobile device, make sure to activate phone tethering or USB Internet on the mobile device.

USB Network must be activated on the station. This can be done in the Station Control.

The connection status can be seen in the Message Center and the status section in the Command Line.

If the USB network is connected and internet sharing is activated, and the "Link" column says "No", then make sure DHCP is active and try to renew the DHCP or reboot the console. This can help the USB device and console recognize each other and set the correct IP address.

	Restriction:
	Phone tethering is only supported on devices that are compatible with Android™ and iOS™. Compatibility with all mobile phones is not guaranteed.

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1.11.2. Session

MA devices are connected in **Sessions.**

Controlling devices (grandMA3 onPC, grandMA3 replay unit, and grandMA3 consoles) are called **Stations**.

Multiple sessions can exist in the same network and are identified by a session name and location.

	Hint:
	Learn more about different ways the grandMA3 system can work in a networked environment in the System Overview.

Session Rules

The grandMA3 Session is an essential part of a working system.

The rules for accomplishing and maintaining a stable session are listed below to help understand the system's behavior.

- A session always creates a **Master** station.
- A session always creates a unique, matching **Session Index**, which the user cannot set.
- A session always needs a unique, matching **Session Name** across all members.
- A session always needs a matching **Location** across all members.
- All session members (stations) are displayed with a green background in the **Stations** tab in the **Network Menu**.
- All members must have the same **Streaming Version** of the software - the first three numbers of a software version number.
- Devices can be invited or intentionally join the session.
- Devices can be protected from being invited.
- Devices that lost the connection to their session will be auto-invited when coming back online - if stated in the network list of the show file and the Invite button is activated.
- Two devices with the same Session Index in the same network will cause a session data conflict when both are in Master states. The session data conflict only needs user interaction if the system cannot solve it automatically.
- All DMX network protocols will be output from the **Master** station only.
- A maximum of 32 sessions are possible in one network domain with a maximum of 1 fully loaded session (262 144 Parameter) as a total.
- Consoles in session with the same user logged in will work in **Full-Tracking Mode**.
- Consoles in session with different users logged in will work in **Multi-User Mode**.
- The network needs a latency of less than 2ms for data-package transmission (for synchronization) to avoid output jitter!
- The session timeout (before action will be taken when a station loses connection) is 5s!

Many of the elements above can be seen and edited in the network menu.

MA devices recognized in the network can be seen in the network menu.

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The menu can be accessed in multiple ways.

	Important:
	When stations are in network overload, up to three progress bars indicate the stations that are most overloaded. This can be the case when transferring huge amount of data in the session, for example when copying a huge data pool or during show data negotiation.

Open the Menu Using the Command Line

Type the following command in the command line input and execute it:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "Network"

Paste to Command Line

Open the Menu from the Menu Pop-up

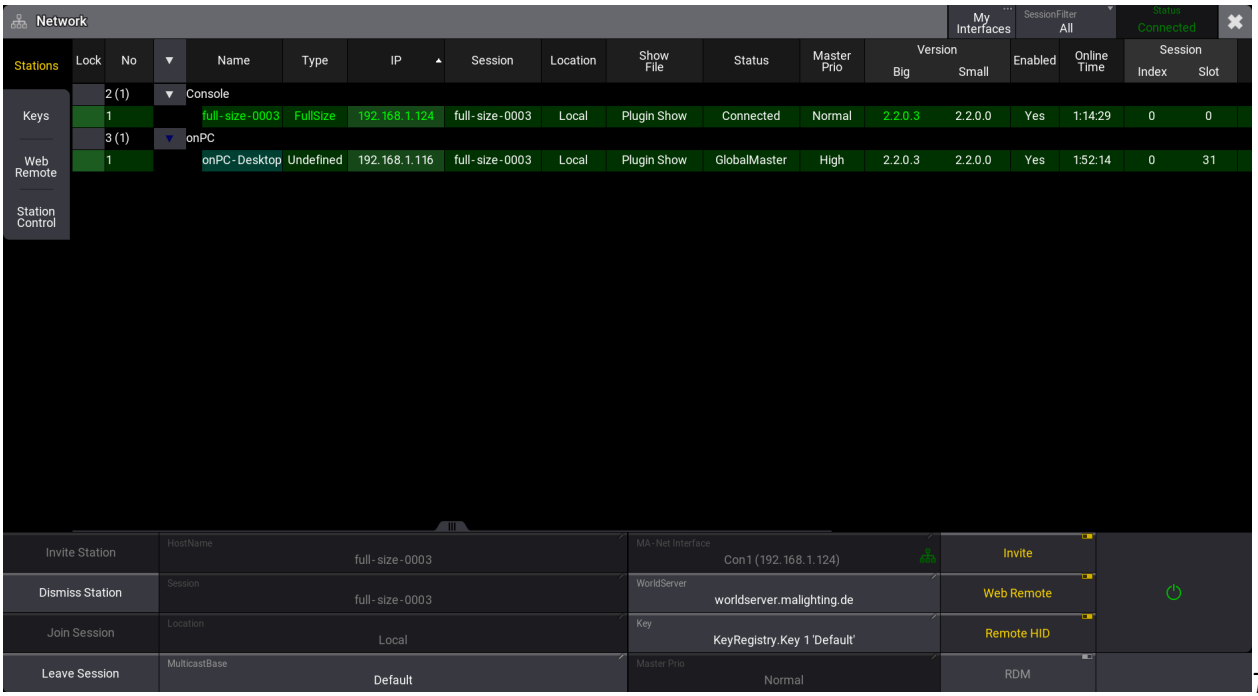
This is a combination of keys and buttons. It executes the same command as above.

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Network on the menu selection pop-up.

Open the Menu Using the Dedicated Button

The Command Line has a dedicated button for the network menu (it can have different colors):

Tap this button to open the menu.



The Network menu lists all MA devices in the network

The title bar has the normal close button (✖). Next to this are buttons that display the device's current status, a filter button, and a button that opens a My Interfaces pop-up where the network interfaces are listed and can be modified.

The possible filters are:

- **All**:
  This lists all stations.
- **My Session**:
  This only lists the stations that are in the same session as this station.
- **Not My Session**:
  This lists the stations that are not part of this station's session.
- **Wrong Version**:
  This lists stations that have software version numbers that are different from this station.
- **My Location**:
  This lists the stations that have the same **Location** value. Read about the location setting below.

The tool buttons on the left side have four buttons: Stations, Keys, Web Remote, and Station Control.

There are four buttons on the left side at the bottom: Invite Station, Dismiss Station, Join Session, and Leave Session.

Some input buttons change the session settings for the station being operated.

This is a short explanation of each field:

- **HostName**:
  The name of this device. The name can be changed freely. It does not influence the session. It

can be used to identify individual devices. It can only be edited when the station is not in a session.

- **Session**:
  The name of the session. Three elements need to match before devices can connect in the session. The session name, the **Location**, and the **Key**. It can only be edited when the station is not in a session.

	Hint:
	If the session switches from usual UDP communication to TCP only communication, "TCP" is indicated in orange in the bottom right corner of the **Session** cell on the master station. For more information, see Protocol Details.

- **Location**:
  The session location. It can be anything. It does not need to be the actual location for the session. It is used together with the session name to identify the session. It can only be edited when the station is not in a session.
- **Multicast Base**:
  The multicast base value defines the first three numbers in the multicast IPv4 address for the MA-Net3 session. The options are **Default** and **Alternative**. Learn more about the multicast addresses in Protocol Details. Changing this setting while in a session also changes this setting for all grandMA3 devices in the session. Changing it while not in a session only changes the setting for this station.
  Changing the base address opens a pop-up that warns about the potential drawbacks of the change and asks for confirmation.

	Hint:
	Be careful when changing the Multicast Base address, as it affects the entire network structure. Each grandMA3 device must use the same multicast address to enable communication between devices.

- **MA-Net Interface**:
  Tapping the Interface field opens a small **Select Interface pop-up**. This lists the possible network interfaces, including an Auto option (Read more about this option below). Read more about changing the IP addresses in Interfaces and IP.
- **World Server**:
  This input field is used to define what world server to contact. Read more about it in World Server.
- **Key**:
  The key is a password for the session. Tapping this field opens a small **Select Key pop-up** that lists the possible keys - including the option to create a new one. Read more about key creation in Create a Custom Key.
- **Master Priority**:
  This field is used to set the priority for this device. Tapping this field opens the small **Select MasterPriority pop-up**. It can only be edited when the station is not in a session.
  There are several levels of priority: **Never** (not able to be master), **Very Low**, **Low**, **Normal**, and **High**. If stations have the same priority, then the station with the lowest slot number becomes master. Slot numbers are automatically assigned depending on the order of devices joined in the session. The slot number is listed in the station table.

	Hint:
	Each station in a session has a priority. The session needs to have one station, which is the master in the session. If there is only a station with the never priority, then the session is terminated since this station can never become the master.

- **Invite**:
  This On/Off button toggles **Invites**. Disabling this prevents this station from being invited into a session. It is still possible to join a session from this station, but it is an action that needs to be performed locally at the station.
- **Web Remote**:
  This On/Off button toggles the **Web Remote** access. Turning this off prevents web remote connections.
- **Remote HID**:
  This On/Off button toggles **Remote HID**. Learn more about this in Remote HID.
- **RDM**:
  This is a global RDM On/Off button. Learn more about RDM in the RDM section.
- **Enable button** ( ):
  This button enables or disables the network connections.
  - A red icon means the network connection is disabled. The text beneath the icon describes whether a session is created or joined if the network is enabled.
  - A green icon means the network connection is enabled.
  - A green icon with a red background means the connection is enabled, but the interface is not connected.

Auto Option in MA-Net Interface Select Interface Pop-up

The dropdown for selecting the interface used for MA-Net in the network menu has an **Auto** option.

When the MA-Net interface is set to Auto, the grandMA3 software determines the interface to use. In this case, the IP of the selected interface is set into angle brackets on the MA-Net Interface button, for example, <192.168.0.4>.

The order of the following rules specifies the automatically determined interface in Auto mode:

1. When a Class C IP address (192.168.x.y) is found, the interface with this IP will be taken. No matter the link state of this interface. (With onPC on Mac, the interface link state must be active.)
2. When no Class C IP is found, the software searches for a Class B IP (172.16.x.y). Only if the interface has an active link state.
3. If also no Class B IP address is available, a Class A IP in the range of 10 (10.x.y.z) will be searched only if the interface has an active link state.
4. If this also fails, a Class A IP in the range of 2 (2.x.y.z) will be searched only if the interface has an active link state.
5. The loopback interface will be used if no Class A IP is available.

Changing the selected interface from Auto to the preferred interface is always possible.

After a full install, the first interface will be selected as the default interface on grandMA3 consoles, processing units, and xPort nodes.

Per default, grandMA3 onPC on Windows and macOS will be set to Auto.

The **Stations** view of this menu displays all the MA devices organized by type. The devices with the green background are connected devices. The device with green text is the one you are currently viewing.

This is a short description of the columns:

- **Lock**:
  A row can be locked by the user. Editing the field toggles between empty and "UL" (User Locked).
- **No**:
  This is the device number. Each type (console, onPC, etc.) can have devices. Each device has a device number.
  Notice that a row can be a child of a parent object. If there is a number in parentheses, then it is the number of children in the parent object.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the device or device type.
- **Type**:
  This shows the type for each device. OnPCs might be listed as "Undefined".
- **IP**:
  This is the IP address for the device's MA-Net interface.
- **Session**:
  This is the name of the session the device is a part of.
- **Location**:
  This is the location for the session. For devices to connect, the session name, location, and key must match.
- **Show File**:
  This is the name of the active show file on the device.
- **Status**:
  This is the device's session status.
- **Master Prio**:
  This is the priority for the station.
- **Version Big**:
  This is the software version for the device. The **Version Big** number indicates the version number that needs to match for stations and processing units to connect in a session.
- **Version Small**:
  This is the software number that needs to match for grandMA xPortNodes to be able to connect to a session.
- **Enabled**:
  This shows if the network connection is enabled.
- **Online Time**:
  This is the time the device has been online in the session. When the station connects to a session, then the online time resets.
- **Session Index**:
  Each session is automatically assigned a number. This is the session number for each device. There is a maximum of 32 sessions in the same network.
- **Session Slot**:
  Each station in a session has a unique slot ID. This is the ID number for each device.
- **Remote IP**:
  Some MA devices are connected to a station. For instance, the grandMA3 extension. This field shows the IP address of the station these devices are connected.
- **Mask**:
  This is the station's sub-net mask.
- **Flow Control Level**:
  This shows information about congestion and data loss in a session. It displays, on a scale of 0 to 255, the intensity of flow control.

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- **NACK Count Per 1m/5m/10m**:
  This shows information about negative acknowledgments (Nack). Nack's can happen when network packages fail to properly get though the network.
  This shows the amount of nacks in the last one, five, and ten minutes. It can be reset by editing the cell. This also resets the total count (read below).
- **NACK Count Total**:
  This shows the total amount of nacks since the session started. It can be reset by editing the cell. This also resets the nack counters described above.

	Important:
	Please check the network environment of a device if rates of nacks are constantly above 0.
	Important:
	The NACK's are only shown on the master station in a session.

Session Maximums

There are some maximum numbers for a session. These describe some limits in a session that can be good to know.

There should only be one fully loaded session in a network domain. If more is needed, great care should be taken to ensure the network can manage the traffic without creating bottlenecks.

These numbers are for one session.

A session can control up to **262 144 parameters**. The Parameters topic explain this and how the parameters can be expanded to the limit.

MA Devices

All MA devices in a session belong to one of the following three categories.

Category A - maximum **32 devices** in a session.

These stations and devices calculate the show file information and parameters for the output. This includes grandMA3 consoles, grandMA3 replay-units, grandMA3 onPC stations, and grandMA3 processing units.

	Hint:
	When adding several devices to the session simultaneously, they will be added following their internal order in the software. This order is represented by the No column in the Network menu.

A grandMA3 onPC counts as one station, no matter how many onPC wings are connected. The grandMA3 onPC wings do not count as devices in the session.

All category A devices should be on the same switch or at least on directly connected switches.

Category B - maximum **64 devices** in a session.

Depending on their task, these stations and devices handle specific show file information. This includes grandMA3 consoles, grandMA3 replay-units, and grandMA3 onPC stations which have session priority “Never”.

Also, grandMA3 processing units can be in category B. The system automatically moves processing units into this category whenever category A is full. In this way, the maximum parameter count in a session can be reached, no matter how many processing units of a specific type (M, L, or XL) are needed.

Category C - maximum **128 devices** in a session.

These are MA devices that use the calculated parameters and are in session. MA Nodes running in grandMA3 mode are category C devices.

	Important:
	Network nodes that run in sACN or Art-Net mode do not count against the limitation.

Subtopics

- Create a Session
- Join a Session
- Leave a Session
- Invite a Station into a Session
- Dismiss Stations from a Session
- Create a Custom Key
- Session Master Selection

1.11.2.1. Create a Session

Requirement:

Network connections must be established, and the correct IP address configured. For more information, see Interfaces and IP.

Create a Session with the User Interface

1. Open the Network menu.
2. Tap the buttons at the bottom that need to be edited.
   - Make sure the correct interface is selected.
   - Make sure the Session name and Location values are correct.
   - Make sure the correct Key is selected.
3. If the network connection is disabled (the network icon ( ) in the Command Line is red), then tap the big enable/disable button in the lower right corner of the Network menu.
   - The network icon should become green.

1.11.2.2. Join a Session

Requirement:

Network connections need to be made, and the correct IP address should be set - For more information, see Interfaces and IP. There needs to be a running session that can be joined.

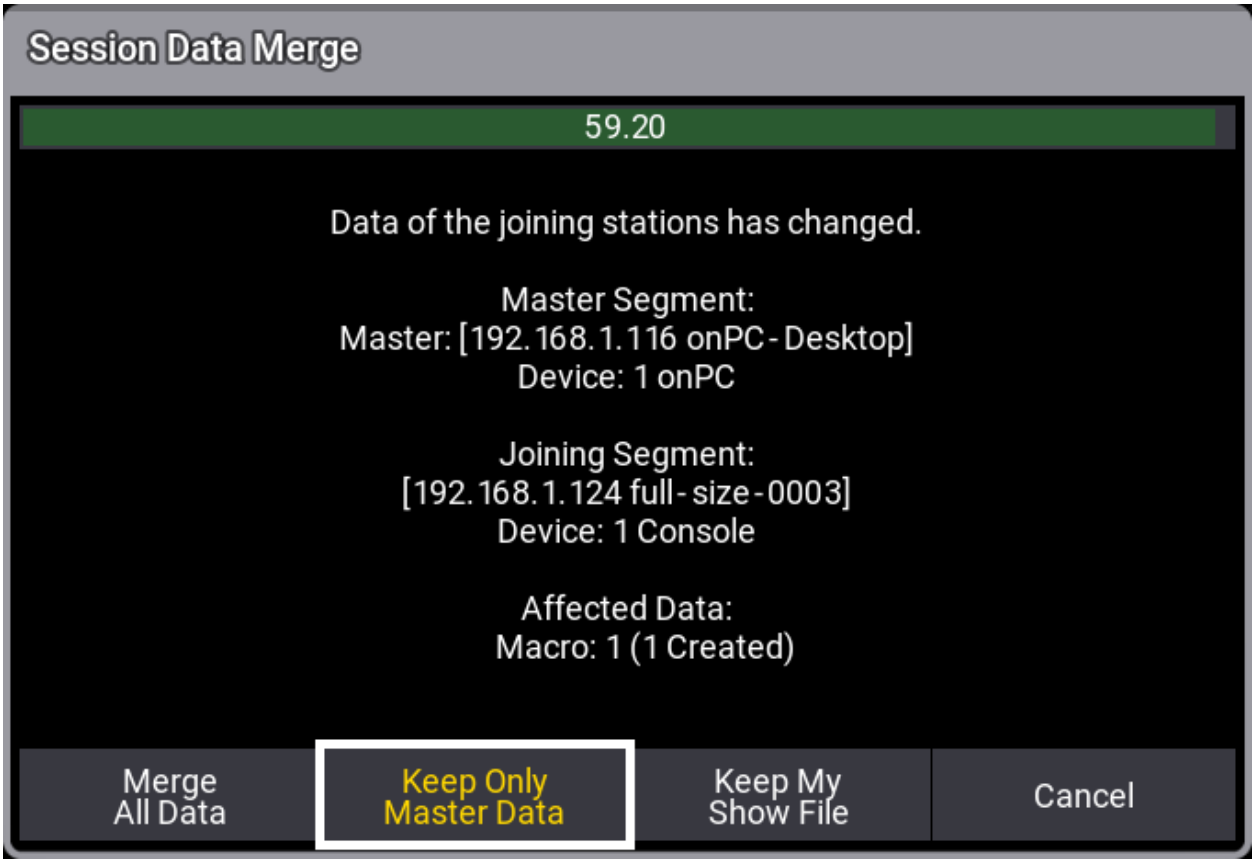
When a console or onPC station wants to join a session or gets invited into a session, the session recognizes that the station joining was already a part of the session at a previous point.

If this is not the case, the station joins the session and gets the show file.

If the same show file is loaded on both sides, the grandMA3 software can merge both show files. This is useful in undetected scenarios, such as a station being disconnected for a time from the rest of the session (maybe because of a defect in the network cable or other causes of failure).

If, on both sides (the remaining session and the disconnected station), users worked further on the show file, they had to choose between one of the two show files. This means they had to reprogram the changes of the lost show file to the one that is kept. The Merge All Data option combines the data of both show files in one show file.

This is the small pop-up asking what to do:



Session Data Merge pop-up

Hint:

	The default selected option and the timeout time can be adjusted in the Station Control menu. Learn more in the Station Control topic.

The **Session Data Merge** pop-up is visible for a set amount of time (default is 60 seconds). After the timeout has elapsed without a response, the session data merge will use the default option.

To pause the timeout counter, tap in the text area of the pop-up. When a station, as described above, joins the session again, a pop-up informs the user about a Session Data Merge.

The pop-up lists the affected data. It is the elements that are different between the shows.

There are four options to choose from:

- **Merge All Data**:
  Merges the changes of all connecting stations into one show file.
- **Keep Only Master Data**:
  The changes in the show file data of the connecting devices are ignored. The show file of the Master side is maintained. Before overriding the show file of the connecting devices, the show file will be saved automatically on the connecting stations.
- **Keep My Show File**:
  Choosing this option means that the show data on this station will be the new session show data. This deletes any unsaved data on the other stations.
- **Cancel**:
  The connecting stations will not join the session of the Master side and be made Standalone. Then it can be investigated which show file is correct, back up each show file, etc.

Merging the data of two show files is supported for these object types at the moment:

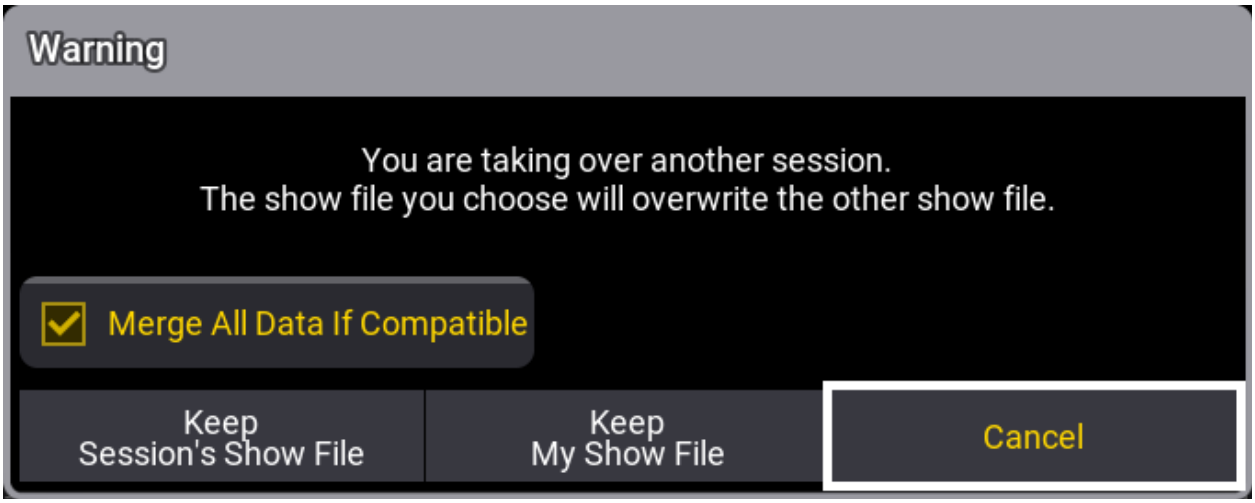
- Sequences with Cue and Cue Part
- Presets
- Recipes
- Programmer and Programmer Parts
- Timecodes
- Macros, Plugins, and PluginComponents
- Pages and Executors
- Images and Videos
- DataPools
- Groups
- All other pools not explicitly mentioned here

	Known Limitation:
	- Changes made to the patch during the disconnection of a station disable the possibility of merging. - Merging the deletion of parts of objects during the disconnection of a station is not fully working yet. (for example, deleting one macro line or deleting a recipe line) - Merging the movement of objects during the disconnection of a station creates duplicates: At the original spot and the new spot. This may result, for example, in having different sequences assigned to the same executor on different stations.

Joining Station with Higher Priority

When a station with a higher priority joins a session, a choice needs to be made about which show file to use. The high priority station might have the most important show file, but the session show file might be the important one.

This situation prompts a warning pop-up like this:



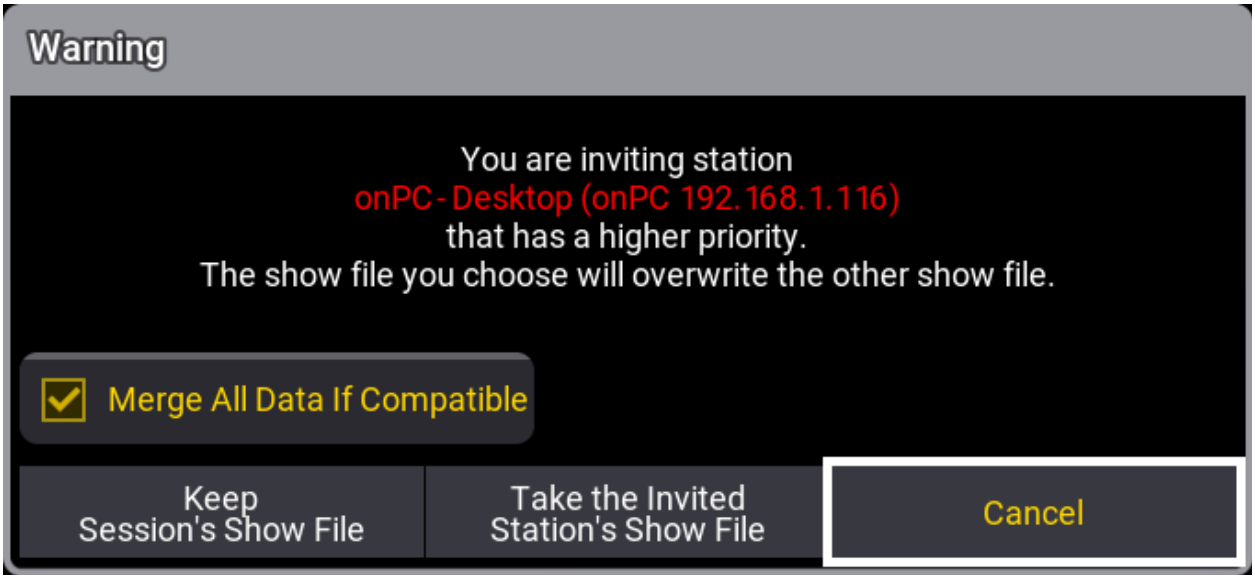
Warning pop-up about the joining station's higher priority. This warning pop-up has some information about the show file takeover. It has some options.

- **Merge All Data If Compatible**:
  This is a toggle option that is valid when a show file is transferred. When it is active, it tries to merge the two show files, but it prioritizes the selected show file.
- **Keep Session's Show File**:
  This option will prioritize the session's show file. If **Merge All Data If Compatible** is inactive, the joining station will load the show file from the current session master.
- **Keep My Show File**:
  This option will use the show file running on this joining station. If **Merge All Data If Compatible** is inactive, the joining station will transfer its show file to the session members. This deletes any unsaved data on the other stations.
- **Cancel**:
  This will cancel the join process.

This warning pop-up appears instead of the **Session Data Merge pop-up** described above.

Inviting a Station with Higher Priority

When a station with a higher priority is invited into a session, a pop-up appears asking for a decision about the show file.



Warning pop-up about the invited station's higher priority. The pop-up shows information about the station name, type, and IP address.

Most of the options are described above.

- **Take the Invited Station's Show File**:
  This option will prioritize the show file on the invited station. If **Merge All Data If Compatible** is inactive, the joining station will transfer its show file to the session members. This deletes any unsaved data on the other stations.

Join a Session Using the User Interface

1. Open the Network menu.
2. Tap the buttons at the bottom that needs to be edited:
   - Make sure that the correct interface is selected.
   - Make sure the correct Key is selected.
3. Tap the station with the desired running session.
4. Tap Join Session.
   - The network icon and the stations should become green.
5. If the **Session Data Collision pop-up** appears, then select the desired option.

Join a Session Using the Command Line

1. Use the JoinSession keyword to join an existing session or create a new one.

	Restriction:
	It is only possible to join a session if the joining station has the same key as the currently active key on the selected station (step 3 above) currently in the session. This means that the station that wants to join a session selects a station already in the session. The station already in the session got a selected key. The joining station needs to have the same key selected to be able to join the session.

1.11.2.3. Leave a Session

Requirement:

The station needs to be a session member to be able to leave the session.

Leave a Session Using the User Interface

1. Open the Network menu.
2. Tap Leave Session or turn the network Off using the network connection button.

Leave a Session Using the Command Line

- Use the LeaveSession keyword to leave the session.

	Important:
	When leaving the session during an active show download, the station will fall back to the previously loaded show file that was loaded before the show download started.

If there are other stations in the session with a priority above never, then the session is still active.

1.11.2.4. Invite a Station into a Session

Stations can be invited into a session if **Invite** is turned On in the Network menu on the station being invited.

	Important: If the priority of the joining station is higher than the current session master, the show file from the joining station will be used instead of the show file used in the session before the invite.

Requirement:

A session needs to be running, and the station being operated needs to be part of the session. See how in the Create a Session topic.

Using the User Interface

Stations are located and invited using the Network menu.

1. Navigate to the Network menu. See how to use the link above.
2. Locate and tap the station in the list of available stations (stations in the network but not connected to a session).
3. Tap Invite Station at the bottom of the Network menu.

Using the Command Line

Stations are invited using the Invite keyword.

	Restriction: Inviting a station into a session is only possible if the joining station has the same key in the key registry as the one currently selected on the inviting station when the Invite button is tapped.

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1.11.2.5. Dismiss Stations from a Session

Stations that are part of a session can be dismissed by another station.

Requirement:

A session needs to be running, and the station being operated needs to be part of the session. The station to be dismissed also needs to be in the same session. See how to create sessions in the Create a Session topic.

Using the User Interface

Stations are located and dismissed using the Network menu.

1. Navigate to the Network menu - see how using the link above.
2. Locate and tap the station in the list of stations that are connected to the session (stations with a green background color).
3. Tap Dismiss Station at the bottom of the Network menu.

The selected station is now kicked out of the session.

Using the Command Line

Stations are dismissed using the Dismiss keyword.

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1.11.2.6. Create a Custom Key

Keys are passwords for sessions.

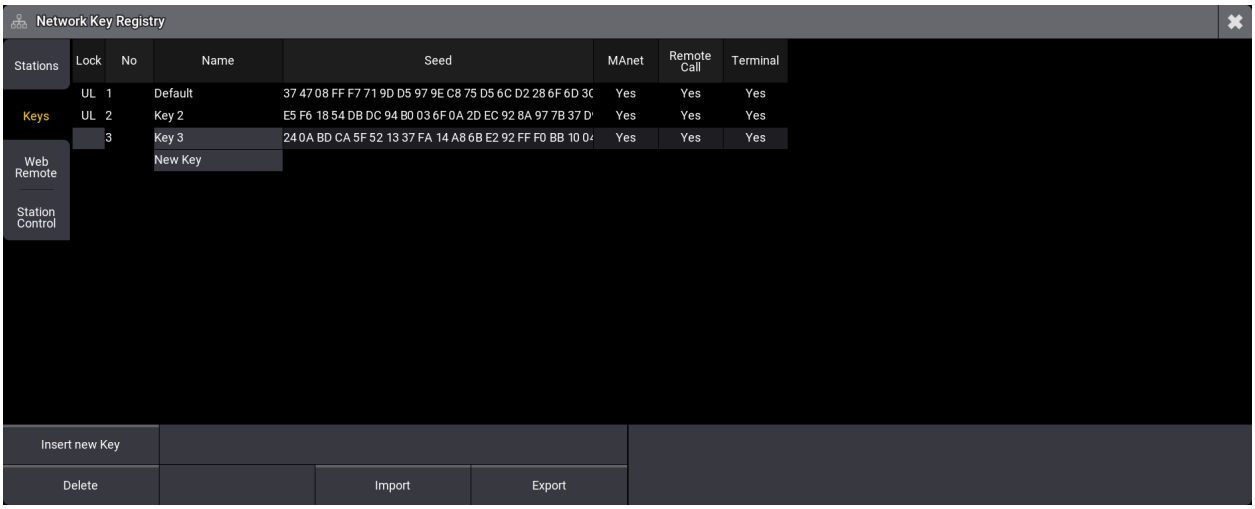
The same default key is a part of every new show file. It is used unless a custom key is created and used instead.

The key is a long hexadecimal hash value generated by a seed word or a set of characters.

Keys can be Inserted/Created, Deleted, Imported, and Exported. Locked keys cannot be edited or deleted.

Keys are used when a session is created and when stations are invited.

All the described key operations are done from the **Network Key Registry** menu.



Open the Network Key Registry from the Network menu

Open the Network Key Registry Menu

1. Press the Menu key.
2. Tap the Network button.
3. Tap the Keys button on the left menu.

This opens a menu like the one in the image above.

There are a few columns in the menu:

- **Lock**:
  This column indicates if the key is locked. The default key is locked as a default. When a seed is changed, the key is automatically locked. Edit this field to unlock a key.
- **No**:
  This is the key number.
- **Name**:
  This is a user-friendly name for the key. The name can be edited if the key is unlocked.
- **Seed**:
  The seed is a hash value. This can be edited on unlocked keys. Any text input can be a seed to

create a hash value. The hash value cannot be manually input as this would create a new hash using the input as a seed. The original seed input needs to be known to be able to recreate the hash manually. The default value for a new key is the same seed value as the default key.

- **MAnet**:
  When this is set to **Yes**, the key gives access to the MAnet area. This is, for instance, the possibility of joining a session.
- **Remote Call**:
  When this is set to **Yes**, the key gives access to the Remote Call area, which is, for instance, the possibility to use the web remote into a station, network updating the software, RemoteCommand, and other commands that affect other stations (for instance, reboot and shut down of other devices).
- **Terminal**:
  When this is set to **Yes**, the key gives access to the Terminal area. This is, for instance, access to a station's terminal interface.

	Important:
	Please leave the **MAnet**, **Remote Call**, and **Terminal** columns set to "Yes" for the default key. Changing these might give unexpected results.

Using Keys in Sessions

The key is selected before the session is started. If a custom key is selected, other stations need to have the key in the registry list to join or be invited into a session.

The keys can be exported to a USB memory stick and imported into other stations.

Or, if the seed is known, the custom key can be recreated on other stations using the same seed value.

If a station does not have the key used when the session was created, it cannot be a part of it. The joining station does not need to have the key selected in the **Network Menu** but must be in the **Network Key Registry** list.

Requirement for the next few operations:

The **Network Key Registry** menu is opened.

Create a new Key

Keys are created like most new elements.

1. Select the row where the key should be inserted.
2. Tap Insert new Key.
3. (Optional) Edit the **Name** field to give the key a useful name.
4. Edit the **Seed** field and type a word or a random set of characters. This input is converted to a hash number.

Notice that the row is locked as soon as the seed field changes. It can be unlocked and edited afterward. The lock is to prevent accidental change of the key.

	Hint:
	If the same seed text is applied, the key can be reproduced on other

	stations.

Delete a Key

A locked key cannot be deleted. Follow these steps to delete a key.

1. Select the row with the key to be deleted.
2. Edit the **Lock** field to unlock the row - the field should be empty for unlocked.
3. Tap Delete.

The key is now deleted.

Export a Key

Keys can be exported and brought to other stations manually.

1. Select the row with the key to be exported.
2. Tap Export.
3. Select the desired drive in the pop-ups title bar.
4. Give the exported file a name.
5. Tap Export in the pop-up.

The key is now exported to the selected drive.

Import a Key

Keys can be imported into a station.

1. Select the "New Key" row.
2. Tap Import.
3. Select the desired drive in the pop-ups title bar.
4. Select the desired file.
5. Tap Import in the pop-up.

The key is now imported to the station.

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1.11.2.7. Session Master Selection

Some rules define what station becomes the master of a session.

A key element to this is the stations' priorities.

Inviting Stations into a Session

A session always has a master. If there is only one station in the session, it is **IdleMaster**. If there are more stations, it is **GlobalMaster**.

Adding another station to the session can have different outcomes:

- The joining station has a **lower priority**:
  The station joins the session and downloads the showfile. The station's status becomes **Connected**.
- The joining station has the **same priority**:
  The station joins the session and downloads the showfile. The station's status becomes **Connected**.
- The joining station has a **higher priority**:
  The station joins the session, takes over the **GlobalMaster** status, and uploads its show to all connected stations. The show is replaced.

Session Master Selection Rules

A set of rules takes effect in a situation where a new master needs to be selected among the remaining stations.

This situation can appear if the current session master disappears. For instance, if the network connection disappears.

It also happens when several stations booting up were previously part of a session.

Three rules define how the master is selected. They are in prioritized order:

1. The station with the highest priority wins. If there is more than one station with the same priority, go to rule two.
2. The stations' online time defines the master. The highest online time (+/- 5 seconds) wins. If more than one station has the same online time (+/- 5 seconds), go to rule three.
3. The station with the lowest IP address becomes the master.

The online time can be seen in the Network Menu.

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1.11.3. Web Remote

The stations can be remotely controlled by any modern browser connected to the system. This includes Wi-Fi-connected devices.

A maximum of five devices can connect to a single station simultaneously.

Each remote device connects to a specific station. The remote browser shows the same controls and encoder view at the bottom of the display as the grandMA3 Compact, grandMA3 Compact XT, and grandMA3 onPC display 1. The user-definable area is the same as screen 1 on any console or onPC. The web remote will try to log in as the user **Remote** when connecting, and the view and windows on screen 1 follow the logged-in user's screen configuration. The web remote can log in as a different user than the one currently logged in on the connected station. Learn more about multiuser setups in the Single User and Multi User Systems section.

	Restriction:
	Admin, Guest, and 3D users cannot log in to web remote devices.

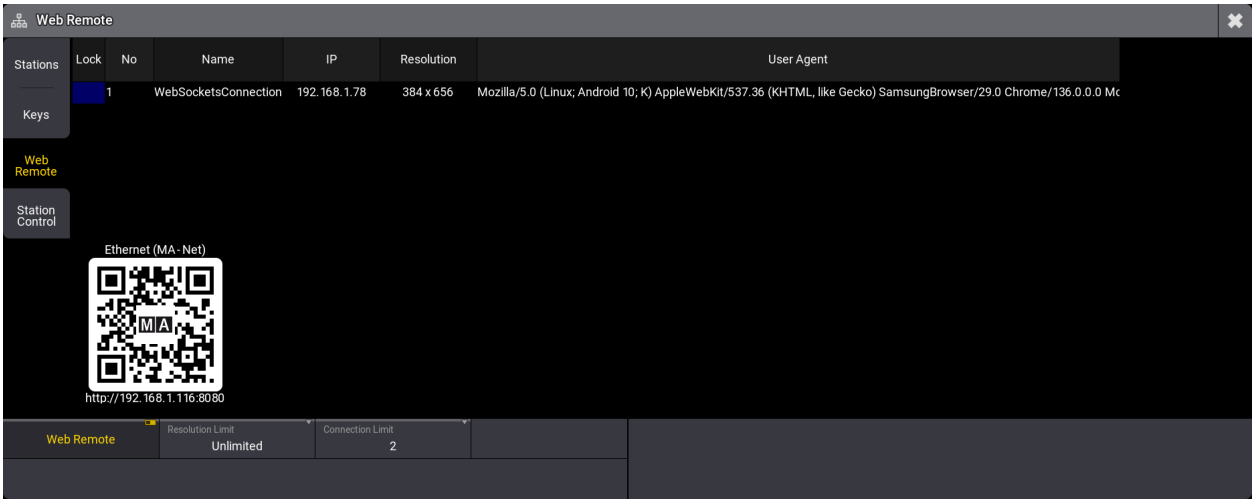
Any window or view that can be created on a console or onPC can be used in the remote. The system will try to provide a high refresh rate of the content, but it is affected by the connection speed and the resolution.

Connect with a Web Remote

Web remotes need to be enabled in the station. This can be done in the **Network Menu** - see the Session topic to learn how to access this menu.

The network menu and Station Control have a toggle button that turns the web remote On or Off.

The same setting is mirrored in the actual **Web Remote** menu, which can be accessed by tapping Web Remote on the left side of the network menu.



Web Remote menu with one connection

1. Make sure web remote is turned On in the station.

2. Open a browser on a network-connected device.
3. Type the IP address of the station and include **:8080** after the address to specify the port number or use a phone/tablet to scan the QR code with the link address.
   The result should be a browser window with a grandMA3 display.

Now, there is access to remote control of the station with the user rights provided by the logged-in user.

Each network interface on the station displays a QR code, which can be scanned to open the same browser page as described above. If the interface does not have a link, then the QR code is shown in red.

A special pop-up can be displayed using the following command:

Menu "WebremoteView"

Paste to Command Line

This pop-up shows the QR codes.

A new show file has a user called **Remote**. This uses the default user profile but with a different screen configuration. Remote is also a keyword, so if it is desired to log in as this user, type the following in the command line:

MA	User name[Fixture]>LogIn "Remote"
	Hint: Putting the user name in quotation marks is essential for the software to treat it as a name, not as a keyword.

It is possible to log in as a specific user, including a user password directly in the URL typed in the browser. This is the format:

http://[IP]:8080/?user=[User name]&password=[password]

For example,

http://127.0.0.1:8080/?user=McClane&password=YippeeKiYay

The Web Remote menu shows the connected devices. It is just information about the IP address, operating system, and browser.

Three different settings can be changed in the menu.

The remote connection can be turned On or Off.

A **Resolution Limit** can be set. There are options to limit it to 480p, 720p, 1080p, 1440p, 4K, or unlimited. This limit is the same for every device that connects.

Different hardware has different resolution limitations. The limitation is the maximum resolution the device can transmit.

- grandMA3 consoles and grandMA3 replay unit: 1440p
- grandMA3 command wing XT: 4K
- grandMA3 onPC: Unlimited

If a device with a lower resolution connects, the transmitted resolution is adapted to the receiving device's resolution.

Connection Limit can be used to set a number between 1 and 5. This is the maximum amount of simultaneous connections allowed on the grandMA3 onPC. A grandMA3 console or grandMA3 replay unit supports up to 2 connections.

Linked Command Lines

A button on the connected remote device is next to the host command line input.

This can be activated to link the remote command line input to the host command line input.

Linked command lines change the background color on both the remote and the host station. It could look like this:

Linked command line example

Notice that the command input in the image above is not a valid command. It is just an example.

Any command input on any linked command line is immediately shown on all the linked command lines where the users are logged in with the same user profile. Any commands are executed at the host station.

1.11.4. Network Design

Creating a robust network for a grandMA3 system can be complex as the system scales.

Small systems might not require expensive switches and infrastructure to work, but pushing the grandMA3 system also pushes the network infrastructure.

General Control System Requirements

- The output of an MA Lighting control system only changes by intention (of the user).
- The output of an MA Lighting control system complies with the standards, proprietary open standards, and protocols (see a complete list in the Regulations and Standards topic):
    - DMX512-A.
    - sACN.
    - SMPTE Timecode.
    - Open Sound Control (OSC).
    - DIN SPEC 15800 (GDTF).
    - Art-Net.
    - PSN.
    - MVR.
- The output of an MA Lighting control system is synchronized for all physical output ports over all attached MA devices and all transmitted protocols.
- The output of an MA Lighting control system is considered to be “real-time” (The term “real-time” can be defined by: All latencies between input events and output reactions are determined and known.)
- Show files are upward compatible, and exceptions shall be announced. (This might not always be possible due to rare technical reasons. If so, MA will state this with the release notes of the software update as ‘known limitations’!)

The list above defines a set of rules that must be true within a correctly configured network.

Network Speed

The amount of data transmitted over a grandMA3 network varies with the number of grandMA3 devices and configured parameters.

A grandMA3 system is always defined based on one (1) maximum utilized session in a network. This maximum is defined in the Session topic.

With this in mind, a network speed of 1 Gbit/s is required for the MA-Net3 protocol. This means that the ports on the switches should be configured as "Access" ports and have a minimum capacity of 1 Gbit/s. The switches should be "non-blocking".

The maximum latency on the "broadcast domain" should be 2 milliseconds or less.

The MA-Net3 protocol uses multicast, and all grandMA3 devices support IGMP membership requests.

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All devices should use the same bandwidth capacity. This means that if there is an older network node translating a DMX streaming protocol (like Art-Net) only capable of 100 Mbit/s speed, this protocol should be separated to a different VLAN (or network) limited to this speed.

In a Gigabit network, the average bandwidth reserved for MA-Net3 is 200 Mbit/s. MA-Net3 does not allow for traffic shaping.

Cable Quality and Lengths

Since the network speed is defined as 1 Gbit/s, the quality of the copper cabling should be Cat.5e or better.

The cable length is defined in a set of standards for fixed installations (EN 50173). These specify a set of rules for installations that should be followed.

For “flying installations” or "one-offs", a different type of cable is used (stranded core / "patch" cables). This type does not support the same lengths as a proper fixed installation (using solid core cables). Using a maximum length of 75 meters / 246 feet between devices is recommended for these systems. This length is tested by MA Lighting using new quality cables. If the cable is damaged, it should not be used.

These lengths are about the distance between devices, such as a grandMA3 console and the switch.

Connecting switches can have higher demands. The speed between the switches might be higher than 1 Gbit/s and thus have higher quality demands on the cabling.

Switch Settings

If more than one switch is used, and the switches are used for more than MA-Net3, then it is recommended to separate the MA-Net3 into a different VLAN.

Please consider that the MA-Net3 should have 1 Gbit/s available, so if the switches do other things as well, there needs to be more than 1 Gbit/s connection between the switches.

When using multiple switches, please ensure the switches support Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) to route the multicast correctly between the switches.

Switches should have all ports go online simultaneously after a reboot. Delayed port-by-port reboot behavior is not supported at this time.

The IP addresses used in a MA system should follow the recommendation RFC-1918 about address allocation in private internets.

If the MA Worldserver is desired, then a VLAN (or separate network) should be used. This network segment should be routed to the Internet.

EEE or Green Ethernet

Energy-Efficient Ethernet (IEEE 802.2az) or Green Ethernet is a system supported by some network switches. The idea is to save some energy on the network ports that do not have a lot of traffic. This includes some negotiations between the switch and the connected device. Unfortunately, this does not

always result in a successful setting, and the network port could be disabled and enabled when the negotiation fails. This is not good in a MA-Net3 setup.

Disabling any energy-saving functions in the network switch is highly recommended.

If the switch is unmanaged with EEE enabled, it is recommended not to use it.

Bandwidth Calculation for Best Practise Networks

The DMX output of MA devices needs a refresh rate of 30Hz. Therefore all “real-time” data needs to be present within 33ms.

To avoid any visible jitter, the synchronization data packet is allowed to have a maximum latency over the whole system of 2ms.

Within each refresh of 33ms, all necessary data must be transferred to the end devices.

The maximum possible number of parameters will be 262 144 with 24-bit DMX data. Only a mixed calculation is possible with a 1 024 DMX universe limit. The maximum for 262 144 parameters each of 16bit will end up in 1024 DMX universes and therefore:

1 024 Universes * 512 packets * 10 bit * 30 Hz = 158 MBit/s

This will be the average bandwidth needed to allow the “real-time” traffic (as described in the requirements above) to pass through. At the same time, the latency cannot be more than 2ms. This is a worst-case scenario with the maximum possible DMX data.

There is more data to be transmitted than just the DMX data; therefore, the average bandwidth for Gigabit systems is set to 200 MBit/s.

Higher bandwidth for faster show upload might be required, especially in bigger installations.

More bandwidth is needed if additional DMX-over-Ethernet protocols are used in parallel and/or Web-Remote(s).

The calculation will be the same, and the bandwidth of additional DMX-over-Ethernet data must be added.

DSCP and QoS

The different types of grandMA3 network traffic is divided into five categories. Each category can have its own setting defining how the switches should prioritize the network packages for this category. These settings can alter the traffic flow and should only be done if a specific need exists. Learn more in the Station Control topic.

Testing the Network Environment

A grandMA3 network system will be recognized as a smooth operating system if there are no data retransmissions and no DMX dropouts on any device in the session.

Any retransmission of data packages in the overall system will be shown in the System Monitor of every device within the session. Session stability and reliability are measures of network quality and vice versa.

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The **Network Menu** has columns showing the number of negative acknowledgments (NACKS) for each connected station in the system. NACKS are indicators of packages being dropped or not getting through to the recipient.

The **Network Menu** is used to see all the stations and sessions in a network. Learn more in the Session topic.

Retransmission means a data package has not reached its destination in order or at all. The question arises of which retransmission count is acceptable. In other words, when to worry about network stability.

The answer cannot be a quantity – the answer is a situation-dependent measure.

Here are some guidelines for quality insurance of the network session handling:

- A few Retransmissions (0 – 50) on a regular or irregular basis – The system is considered stable.
- Multiple Retransmissions (> 50) on an irregular basis – The system has issues.
- Multiple Retransmissions (>100) on a regular basis – The system needs investigations!
- High number of Retransmissions (> 200) on an irregular basis – The system needs investigations!

	Important:
	During a show upload, the number of retransmissions can be very high due to the heavy use of communication on all layers, and retransmissions are expected. The system is considered to be stable.

A network speed test can be performed to test the network speed. This will test the connections between the station activating the test and the selected stations. The result will show if the connection has issues. Do not perform this test while in a show. Learn more in the NetworkSpeedTest keyword topic.

DMX dropouts are not allowed within the session at any time.

Subtopics

- Protocol Details
- Wireless Networks WLAN - WiFi

1.11.4.1. Protocol Details

The grandMA3 system supports different network protocols.

	Hint:
	See a list of protocols in the Regulations and Standards topic.

The following are some details about each protocol that might be useful for setting up rules in network switches and routers.

MA-Net3

General Traffic

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 30020

IP addresses (default Base address):

- 236.4.1.0 - Administration group for all devices and sessions
- 236.4.1.1 - General communication (session data)
- 236.4.1.2 - Extended communication (session data)
- 236.4.1.3 - Extended DMX (session data)
- 236.4.1.4 - Reserved (session data)

Additional Information:

The IP addresses mentioned above belong to the session with index number 1. Subsequent session indexes use different addresses using the formula "BaseIP+4*X" where "X" is the session index number, and "IP" is the address mentioned above. This only changes the last octet of the address.

So the default IP addresses specific to session index 3 are:

- 236.4.1.13
- 236.4.1.14
- 236.4.1.15
- 236.4.1.16

This allows for 32 sessions in a network.

Alternate Multicast Base

The default multicast base address (236.4.1.X) is within an IANA reserved block (according to RFC5771 - IANA Guidelines for IPv4 Multicast Address Assignments).

If this causes any problem in the network environment, then an alternative multicast base address can be selected in the Network Menu.

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The option called **Alternative** uses the 239.4.1.X address as a base. The fourth number is the same as described above.

Alternate Traffic

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 30022+

Additional Information:

This is used when a station needs to send a lot of information to a different station, for instance, with a network update.

MA Worldserver

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 30021

Additional Information:

This must be routed to the Internet to access the official worldserver from MA Lighting.

MA Web-Remote - HTTP

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 80

MA Web-Remote - Websocket

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 8080

Art-Net (revision 1.4db)

Transport layer: UDP - Broadcast

Port number: 6454

and

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 6454

Additional Information:

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In Auto-Mode, grandMA3 Art-Net will be sent as Unicast unless there are more than five receivers (default value in Broadcast Threshold) of the same DMX universe in the network. Then the protocol switches automatically to Broadcast.

The default Broadcast Threshold is set to five but can be changed in the Art-Net menu.

sACN

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 5568

IP addresses: 239.255.x.y

and

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 5568

Additional Information:

The default uses a Multicast address for each sACN DMX universe corresponding to a specific universe. The first two numbers in the IPv4 address are fixed. The two following numbers are calculated to match the universe number.

For instance, sACN universe 1 is on IP 239.255.0.1, and sACN universe 256 is on IP 239.255.1.0

PSN - PosiStageNet

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 65565

IP addresses: 236.10.10.10

Additional Information:

The Multicast address and port number can be changed in the PSN menu.

OSC - OpenSoundControl

Transport layer: TCP / UDP

Port number: 8000

Additional Information:

The transport layer protocol, address, and port number can be changed in the OSC menu.

NDI - Network Device Interface

mDNS communication

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 5353

IP addresses: 224.0.0.251

Alternate Discovery

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 5959

Base TCP Connection for Stream

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 5961+

UDP Shared with TCP Connections

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 5960+

UDP / TCP Receiving

Transport layer: UDP / TCP

Port number: 6960+

UDP / TCP Sending

Transport layer: UDP / TCP

Port number: 7960+

MVR-xchange

mDNS communication for discovery

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 5353

IP addresses: 224.0.0.251

MVR-xchange

Transport layer: TCP

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Port number: 42424

Additional Information:

Only TCP exchange is supported at the moment. Learn more about MVR-xchange in the MVR-xchange topic.

SFTP

Transport layer: TCP - Unicast

Port number: 22

SNMP

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 161 and 162

Additional Information:

SNMP v1 and v2c. Public community.

AVAHI

Transport layer: UDP - Multicast

Port number: 5353

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1.11.4.2. Wireless Networks WLAN - WiFi

A wireless connection should only be used with the web remote.

Do not try to run a session on a WiFi connection. Please read the Network Design topic and understand why it is not possible.

Wireless networks (WiFi) manipulate the data packets to optimize the wireless network. This works for standard HTTP and HTTPS traffic, but not for MA-Net3.

Please use proper access points for the wireless network.

The access points shall be connected to a port on a network switch, and all access points should be in a separate VLAN. This ensures that all multicast traffic can be filtered out of the wireless network.

The access points must be filtered to only allow MA Web Remote traffic “on air” to avoid delays caused by too much traffic between the wireless device used for MA Web Remote and the rest of the MA System. This filtering could be done in the switch or the access points.

In the software, the maximum resolution transmitted for the Web Remote can be set (and limited) to allow for better performance in a slow wireless network - see the Web Remote topic.

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1.11.5. Regulations and Standards

The grandMA3 system conforms to and suggests a series of network-related regulations and standards.

- ISO/IEC 11801:2002 - International standard for structured data cabling
- EN 50173 - European standard for structure data cabling
- ANSI/TIA-568 - Standard for commercial building cabling products and services
- ANSI/IEEE 802.3 IEEE - Standard for Information Technology (Cabling)
- ANSI/IEEE 802.11 IEEE - Standard for Information Technology (WiFi)
- RFC 1918 - Address Allocation for Private Internets
- RFC 9776 - Internet Group Management Protocol, version 3 (IGMP v3)
- RFC 4594 - Configuration Guidelines for DiffDerv Service Classes
- ANSI E1.11 - 2008 (R2018) Entertainment Technology USITT DMX512-A Asynchronous Serial Digital Data Transmission Standard for Controlling Lighting Equipment and Accessories (DMX)
- ANSI E1.31 - 2018 Entertainment Technology Lightweight streaming protocol for transport of DMX512 using ACN (sACN)
- ANSI E1.20 - 2010 Entertainment Technology RDM Remote Device Management Over DMX512 Networks (RDM)
- Art-Net 4 - revision 1.4db
- PSN 2.03
- NDI 5.6
- DIN SPEC 15800:2022 – Entertainment Technology - General Device Type Format (GDTF)

Some of the protocols have some more details in the Protocol Details topic.

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1.11.6. Network Tests

When the network is built and the devices are connected, different tools can help troubleshoot or gather information about the network.

Flow Control Level

The flow control number shows information about congestion and data loss in a session. It displays, on a scale of 0 to 255, the intensity of flow control. The higher the number, the more congestion at the station. If the number is above 0 for a prolonged time, then it could indicate a lack of bandwidth in the network, a bad connection, or a poorly configured network switch.

The flow control level number can be seen in the Stations tab in the Network menu.

Nack Count

Another indicator of the network status is also found in the Session view in the Network menu. On the Global Master of the session, a Nack count can be seen for the connected stations.

Nacks are negative acknowledgments. Nacks can happen when network packages fail to get through the network properly.

There are four different numbers. The first three show the number of nacks in the last minute, five minutes, and 10 minutes. If these numbers are consistently above 0, then some issues prevent network packages from being transmitted between the master and the station - for instance, a bad connection or missing bandwidth (overflow of packages).

The last number shows the total amount of nacks since the session started or since it was last reset.

NetworkSpeedTest Command

Using the command line, a network speed test can be performed. This gives an indication of the connection from the devices used to perform the test to the devices being tested. This means when the test is performed by a console, to all the processing units (PU) in the network, then the result indicates the connection speed between the console and each processing unit.

The test does not have a dedicated graphical user interface. The test is performed using the NetworkSpeedTest keyword in the command line input. The result from the test is displayed in a pop-up.

The test can be performed on specific devices based on their device type number or name. It is also possible to test the connection to all the devices in the session.

The following devices can be tested:

- Console
- onPC
- ProcessingUnit (PU)
- NetworkNode

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The list of devices can be seen in the Stations tab in the Network Menu. Here, the devices are organized in sections with the different types. The device number can be seen in the "No" column. The name is in the "Name" column.

An alternative way to see a list of the devices, including their numbers and names, is with the Command Line History window and the List Keyword.

For example, to list all the consoles in the network, execute the following command:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Console
```

Paste to Command Line

The syntax to test a specific device is **NetworkSpeedTest [DeviceType] ["Device_Name" or Device_Number]**

Example testing the network speed to console number 1:

```
User name[Fixture]>NetworkSpeedTest Console 1
```

Example testing the network speed to an onPC named "Main-Backup":

```
User name[Fixture]>NetworkSpeedTest onPC "Main-Backup"
```

The syntax to test all devices of a specific type is **NetworkSpeedTest [DeviceType] Thru**

It is possible to test all the devices in a session with one command.

The syntax to test all devices in a session is **NetworkSpeedTest Session ([Session_Number])**

If the number is omitted, then the session number for the station is used.

Example testing the network speed for all devices in session number 2:

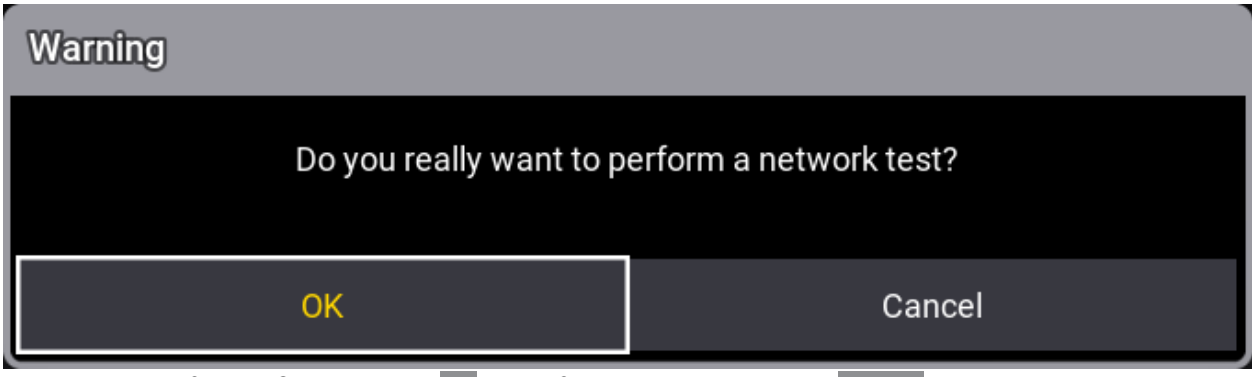
```
User name[Fixture]>NetworkSpeedTest Session 2
```

Example testing the network speed for all devices in the current session (for the station executing the command):

```
User name[Fixture]>NetworkSpeedTest Session
```

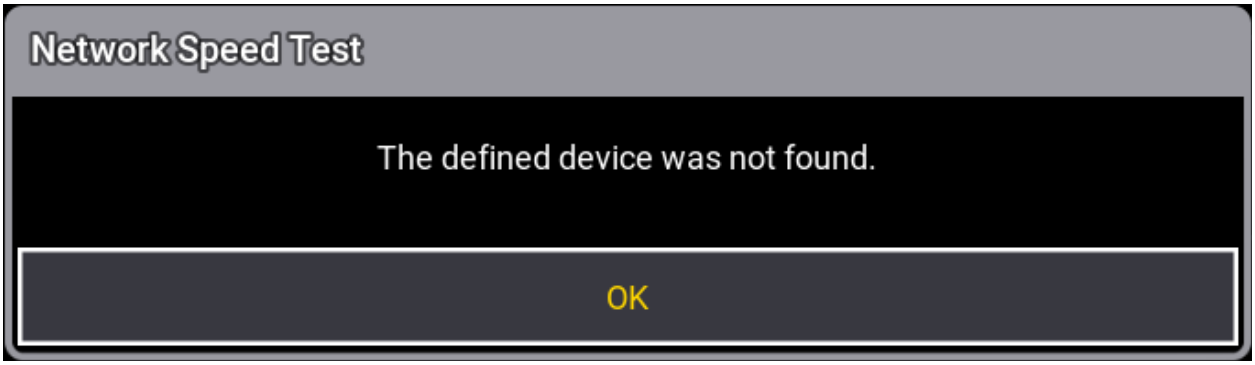
Paste to Command Line

When the command is executed, a pop-up appears asking for confirmation that the test should be performed.



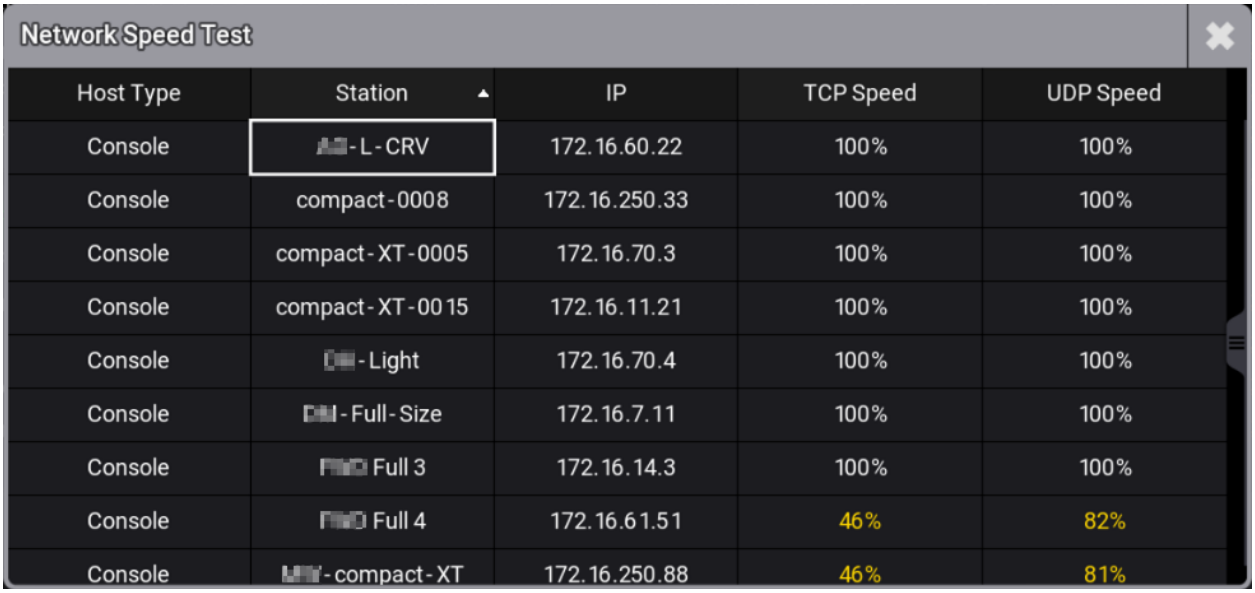
Pop-up asking for confirmationTap OK to perform the test. Tapping Cancel will stop the test.

If the requested device is not found in the network then a pop-up like this is shown.



Pop-up informing that the requested device could not be found

If the device is found, a pop-up will appear showing the result.



Host Type	Station	IP	TCP Speed	UDP Speed
Console	-L-CRV	172.16.60.22	100%	100%
Console	compact-0008	172.16.250.33	100%	100%
Console	compact-XT-0005	172.16.70.3	100%	100%
Console	compact-XT-0015	172.16.11.21	100%	100%
Console	-Light	172.16.70.4	100%	100%
Console	-Full-Size	172.16.7.11	100%	100%
Console	Full 3	172.16.14.3	100%	100%
Console	Full 4	172.16.61.51	46%	82%
Console	-compact-XT	172.16.250.88	46%	81%

Pop-up showing the result of the speed test to all consoles in a networkThis pop-up displays a list of the devices tested.

It has the following columns:

- **Host Type**:
  This is the device type.

- **Station**:
  This the name of the device.
- **IP**:
  This is the IP address for the device.
- **TCP Speed**:
  This displays the speed of the TCP packages. It is shown as a percentage.
- **UDP Speed**:
  This displays the speed of the UDP packages. It is shown as a percentage.

The result cannot be exported, saved, or recalled. This pop-up is the only way to see the result.

The test measures the efficiency with which data moves between the device and the network, presenting the results as a percentage.

- A result close to 100% indicates optimal performance.
- A percentage significantly lower than 100% may suggest a device experiencing connectivity issues or other system-related challenges.
- If all devices show a similar percentage, that is a good sign. The network is likely functioning consistently.
- If one device shows a much lower percentage than the others, it is worth taking a closer look at that specific device to ensure everything is working properly.

The test can help identify potential issues so that a smooth and reliable network experience can be maintained.

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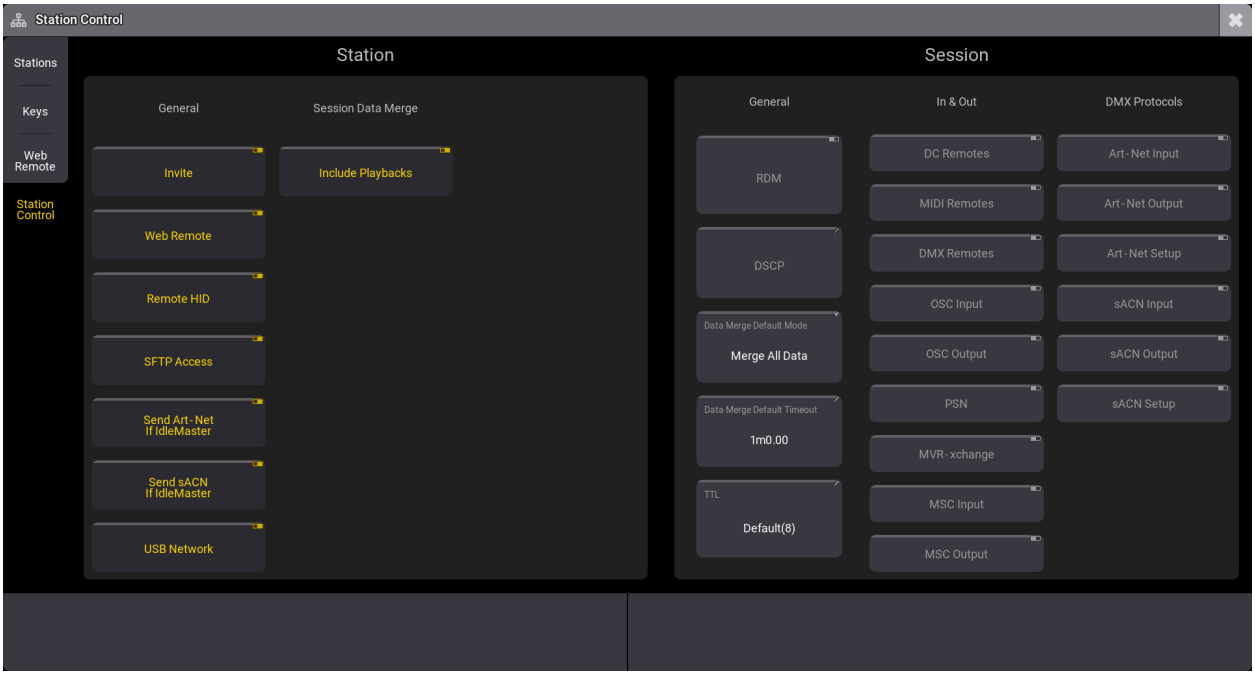
1.11.7. Station Control

The Station Control menu provides quick access to settings for station and session communication.

Many of the settings in this menu can also be found elsewhere in the system.



Station Control menu The menu is split into two sides. The left side is settings related to this specific station. The right side is settings that relate to the entire session.

Station

The station side has two columns: **General** and **Session Data Merge**.

General has the following toggle buttons:

- **Invite**:
  This is the same as the **Invite** setting in the Network Menu.
- **Web Remote**:
  This is the same as the **Web Remote** setting in the Network Menu.
- **Remote HID**:
  This is the same as the **Remote HID** setting in the Network Menu.
- **SFTP Access**:
  This setting toggles whether this station can be accessed using the SFTP connection. Learn more about SFTP in the SFTP Connection topic.
- **Send Art-Net If IdleMaster**:
  This is the same as the **Send Art-Net If IdleMaster** setting in the Art-Net Menu.
- **Send sACN If IdleMaster**:
  This is the same as the **Send sACN If IdleMaster** setting in the sACN Menu.
- **USB Network**:
  Turning this On enables USB networking. This feature allows the station to access the World

Server using the internet connection on a mobile device with USB-internet sharing activated. Learn more in the Interfaces and IP topic.

	Restriction:
	Phone tethering is only supported on devices that are compatible with Android™ and iOS™. Compatibility with all mobile phones is not guaranteed.

Session Data Merge only has one toggle button:

- **Include Playbacks**:
  This defines if the changes of playbacks are to be considered in the **Session Data Merge**. If it is enabled, the changes made on playbacks will be taken into account.

  Session Data Merge happens when stations connect in a session, and the data from two stations are merged.

Session

The session side has three columns: **General**, **In & Out**, and **DMX Protocols**.

General has the following buttons:

- **RDM**:
  This is the same as the **RDM** setting in the Network Menu.
- **DSCP**:
  DSCP settings define the Quality of Service (QoS) setting for the data packages. This is information added to the package, and the network switches have settings defining the prioritization of the data packages. Read more below.
- **Data Merge Default Mode**:
  This defines the default data merge mode. This is the preselected option in the **Session Data Merge pop-up**. This option will be selected when the timeout (read below) expires unless the user manually selects an option. The options are:
  - **Cancel**:
    The connecting stations will not join the session of the Master side and be made Standalone. Then, it can be investigated which show file is correct, back up each show file, etc.
  - **Merge All Data**:
    Merges the changes of all connecting stations into one show file.
  - **Keep Only Master Data**:
    The changes in the show file data of the connecting devices are ignored. The show file of the Master side is maintained. Before overriding the show file of the connecting devices, the show file will be saved automatically on the connecting stations.

  This pop-up allows the user to select how data is merged between the session and connecting stations. It is described in the Join a Session topic.

- **Data Merge Default Timeout**:
  This defines the timeout time for the **Session Data Merge pop-up**. **Unlimited** is an option. This

disables the timeout, and the user must make a manual selection. If the time is set to 0, then the pop-up will not appear and the default mode (see above) is used.

This pop-up allows the user to select how data is merged between the session and connecting stations. It is described in the Join a Session topic.

- **TTL** (Time To Live):
  The TTL value specifies the lifespan of an IP packet. Each time the packet passes the next hop (for example, a router or gateway), its TTL is reduced by one, and the packet is discarded when the value reaches zero. Tap TTL and set a value using the calculator. The Default value is "8".

	Hint:
	Admin rights are needed to change DSCP, Data Merge Default Mode, Data Merge Default Timeout, and TTL.

In & Out has the following toggle buttons:

- **DC Remotes**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Input** setting in the DC Remotes menu.
- **MIDI Remotes**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Input** setting in the MIDI Remotes menu.
- **DMX Remotes**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Input** setting in the DMX Remotes menu.
- **OSC Input**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Input** setting in the OSC menu.
- **OSC Output**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Output** setting in the OSC menu.
- **PSN**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Input** setting in the PSN menu.
- **MVR-xchange**:
  This is the same as the **Enable** setting in the MVR menu.
- **MSC Input**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Input** setting in the MSC menu.
- **MSC Output**:
  This is the same as the **Enable Output** setting in the MSC menu.

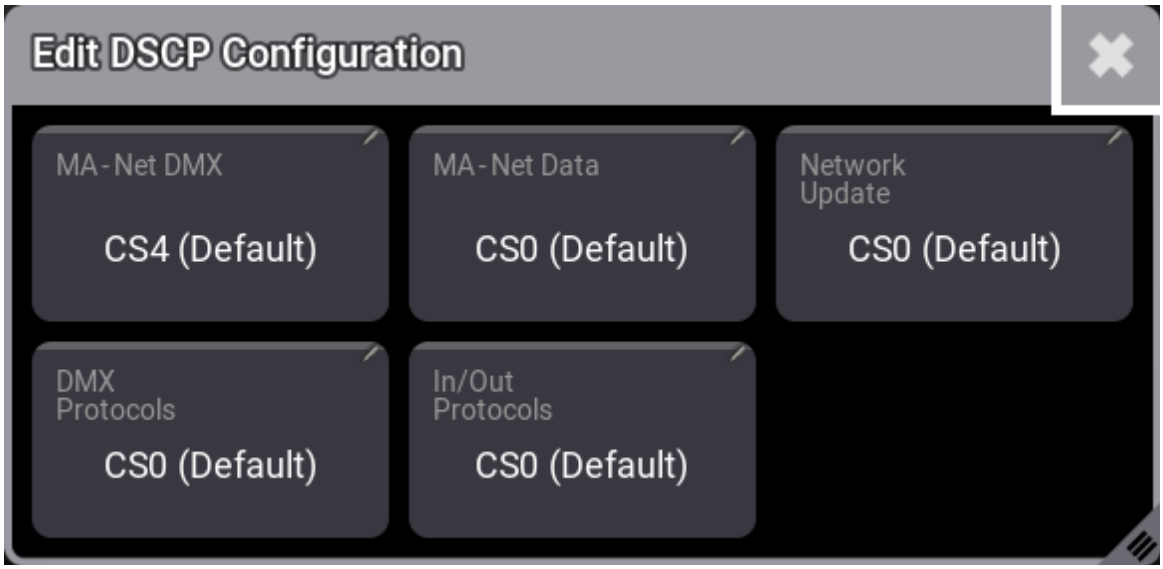
DMX Protocols has the following toggle buttons:

- **Art-Net Input**:
  This is the same as the **Art-Net Input** setting in the Art-Net Menu.
- **Art-Net Output**:
  This is the same as the **Art-Net Output** setting in the Art-Net Menu.
- **Art-Net Setup**:
  This is the same as the **Art-Net Setup** setting in the Art-Net Menu.
- **sACN Input**:
  This is the same as the **sACN Input** setting in the sACN Menu.
- **sACN Output**:
  This is the same as the **sACN Output** setting in the sACN Menu.
- **sACN Setup**:
  This is the same as the **sACN Setup** setting in the sACN Menu.

DSCP

The network data packages from a session are divided into five different categories. Each category has a setting defining the DSCP value. The higher the value, the higher the priority.

Read about the setting above. Editing the DSCP setting opens the **Edit DSCP Configuration pop-up**.



Edit DSCP Configuration pop-up.

The five categories are:

- MA-Net DMX
- MA-Net Data
- Network Update
- DMX Protocols
- In/Out Protocols

The different options for each category are:

DSCP Name	DSCP Value
CS0	0
CS1	8
AF11	10
AF12	12
AF13	14
CS2	16
AF21	18
AF22	20
AF23	22
CS3	24
AF31	26
AF32	28
AF33	30
CS4	32
AF41	34
AF42	36
AF43	38
CS5	40

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DSCP Name	DSCP Value
Voice-Admit	44
EF	46
CS6	48
CS7	56

It is recommended that the default value be changed only if there is a specific need to do so.

Learn more about DSCP on Wikipedia (external link) or iana.org (external link).

	Restriction:
	On grandMA3 onPC for Microsoft Windows® the DSCP values are overwritten with the default value CS0.

1.12. DMX In and Out

There are several ways to get DMX in and out of the grandMA3 system.

All DMX ports on all devices can be configured as DMX inputs or outputs.

DMX behavior varies depending on whether it is transmitted via physical ports or network protocols, and how those outputs are configured.

This is configured in the **Output Configuration** menu. For more information, see DMX Port Configuration.

DMX can also be transferred using standard network protocols, referred to as Ethernet DMX.

DMX Refresh Rate

The DMX standard used by the system (ANSI E1.11 - 2008 (R2018)) supports a wide range of refresh rates and does not require all channels to be transmitted every time.

However, the grandMA3 system implements DMX using the following rules:

- The entire DMX universe is sent each time.
- The maximum DMX rate is 30 Hz.
- The minimum DMX rate is 1 Hz.
- The default refresh rate is 30 Hz.
- The refresh rate can drop, but not below the minimum, in universes without value changes. This can occur on XLR ports set to **"RDM"** and when DMX is output using Art-Net or sACN.

  DMX output can be XLR ports on compatible grandMA3 hardware or via Ethernet DMX. The XLR ports set to "Out" do not slow down the DMX refresh rate. The other methods can slow it down.

- Universes can have different refresh rates. For instance, a universe without any changes can be at 1 Hz, and a universe with a running phaser can be at 30 Hz.

See the subtopics for more information about refresh rates.

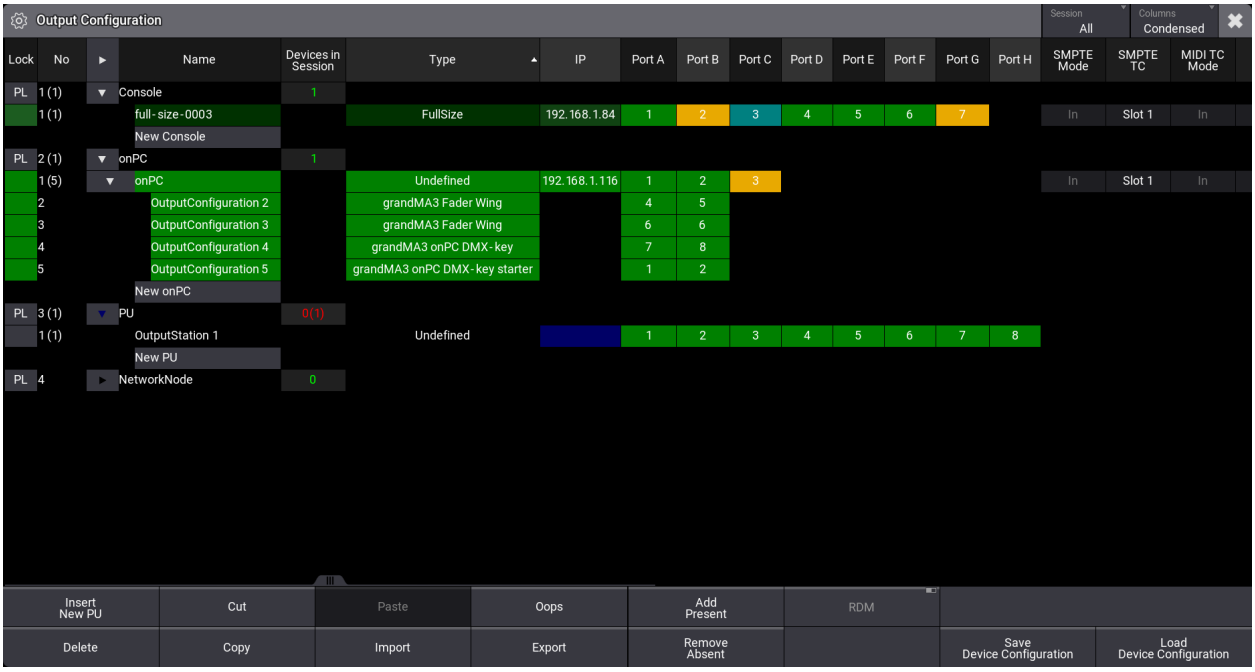
Subtopics

- DMX Port Configuration
- Ethernet DMX
- DMX Priorities

1.12.1. DMX Port Configuration

The DMX outputs and inputs are configured in the **Output Configuration** menu. They are labeled from **A** and alphabetically upwards.

There are many columns for SMPTE, MIDI, DC, and Ethernet interfaces, but these elements are not described in this topic. Please read about them in the Timecode section, Remote In and Out topic, and Ethernet DMX.



Output configuration menu with console onPC and PU

Access the menu by pressing the Menu key and then tap Connector Configuration.

-OR-

Use the command line to open the menu:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "ConnectorConfig"

Paste to Command Line

	Hint:
	See Ethernet DMX for how to send and receive DMX using Ethernet.

The menu lists grandMA3 devices. There is a button in the title bar called Session. This filters the list to show **All** devices in the network or only the ones **In Session**.

The devices are organized in Console, onPC, PU, and NetworkNode sections that can be unfolded to see the devices in each category. Real hardware devices are matched to devices in this list by IP addresses.

There is a **Devices in Session** column. It shows the number of each device type in session with the current device in green. If a device is missing, the number is red, and the expected number is in parentheses next to the actual number of devices.

The menu has different modes for displaying columns. There is a button in the title bar called Columns. This has three modes:

- **Full**:
  This shows all columns.
- **Condensed**:
  This mode condenses the XLR columns to one for each port and displays all other columns.
- **XLR Only**:
  This only shows the XLR ports in a condensed version.

	Hint:
	Read the What are Timecode Slots topic to learn about the SMPTE and MIDI settings. Read the DC Remotes topic to learn about the DC Start setting. Read the Ethernet DMX topics to learn about the Art-Net and sACN settings. Read the OSC topic and the PSN topic to learn about these settings.

DMX Ports

Each DMX port has four different settings (only visible when in **Full** mode):

Mode:

Each port can have four different modes:

- **Off** (gray background color in the cell):
  The port is turned Off.
- **Out** (green background color in the cell):
  DMX is sent out without RDM traffic. The universe is defined in the XLR field. This is the default mode.
  DMX refresh rate is a constant at 30 Hz.

  DMX refresh rates define how many times a DMX universe is sent per second. Learn more about refresh rates in the DMX In and Out Topic.

- **RDM** (dark sea green background color in the cell):
  DMX is sent out, and RDM is active. The universe is defined in the XLR field.
  DMX refresh rate is variable and can change between 1 Hz to 30 Hz.

  DMX refresh rates define how many times a DMX universe is sent per second. Learn more about refresh rates in the DMX In and Out Topic.

- **In** (yellow background color in the cell):
  DMX is received and merged into the universe specified by the XLR number. The merge uses the priority defined in Prio.

Failure Mode:

This setting defines the failure behavior for the DMX port. A failure could be the software application crashing. A set of "Timeout" values can be chosen to select a predefined time for which the last calculated DMX output should be maintained. When the timeout runs out, then the DMX output will stop. A "Hold" value will hold the DMX output as long as there is power.

XLR:

This is a number that defines what universe the port relates to. Fixtures can be patched in universes 1 to 1 024.

Merge:

This option is only visible when the port mode is **In**.

The options are:

- **Off**:
  The incoming DMX is not merged.
- **Prio**:
  The priority set in the **Prio** column is used. The highest priority wins.
- **HTP**:
  The highest DMX value is used.
- **LowTP**:
  The lowest DMX value is used.

Prio (Priority):

The priority is used for merging DMX inputs. It is only used and can only be edited when the port mode is **In**, and the merge is set to **Prio**.

Editing this field opens a small select pop-up with the options.

The options are (from highest priority to lowest):

- **Super**:
  This priority is the LTP priority above any other playbacks and even above the programmer.
- **Prog**:
  The Programmer priority is between Super and the other priorities.
- **Highest**:
  Highest LTP priority - like LTP but higher than both LTP and High.
- **High**:
  High LTP priority - like LTP but a higher priority than normal LTP.
- **LTP (Latest Takes Precedence)**:
  This is the normal LTP priority. The newest attribute value is prioritized over the old value.
- **Low**:
  Low LTP - This is a lower LTP priority.
- **Lowest**:
  Lowest LTP - This is a lower priority than both LTP and Low.

	Important:
	The port configuration is stored in each device where it is set. The device's port configuration is retained when it connects to a session until it is changed while it is connected to a session.

Add and Remove Devices

The list of devices is automatically updated with new devices in the network.

Tapping Add Present updates the list with new devices.

Tapping Remove Absent removes devices from the list that are no longer in the network.

Devices can be added without being present in the network. Unfold the desired device type in the list and tap the New [device type] followed by Insert new [device type].

Adding grandMA3 onPC wings and onPC DMX-Keys to a grandMA3 onPC

Each grandMA3 onPC has three DMX ports as a default. These represent the three ports on a grandMA3 command wing. Each grandMA3 onPC can have one command wing attached.

Two grandMA3 onPC fader wings can be attached to each grandMA3 onPC. One of each of the grandMA3 onPC DMX-keys can be added. Connected devices should automatically be detected, and the output configuration should appear. Otherwise, press and hold New Output Configuration.

Clicking this button up to four times adds the two grandMA3 onPC fader wings and one of each of the grandMA3 onPC DMX-keys. Now the ports can be configured for the devices. The "Type" of the output configuration indicates the different hardware.

Import and Export of Entire Device Configuration

The device configuration for all the devices in the list can be stored in a single configuration file. This configuration can then be loaded again to restore the settings based on the file. This makes storing and loading configurations for different shows or setups easy.

	Hint:
	The device configuration file includes the Output Configuration and the DMX Protocol (Ethernet DMX protocols) settings.

Save Device Configuration

1. Make sure the configuration is as desired.
2. Tap Save Device Configuration. This opens the **Save Device Configuration as:** pop-up.
3. Type a name for the configuration and ensure the desired drive is selected in the title bar of the pop-up.
4. Tap Save.

Load Device Configuration

1. Tap Load Device Configuration. This opens the **Load DeviceConfiguration from:** pop-up.
2. Select the desired configuration file.
3. Tap Load.

Import and Export of Output Configuration for Single Devices

Each device keeps its own output configuration. The configuration of single devices can be exported to a file and then imported again.

Export an Output Configuration

1. Select the devices that need to be exported.
2. Tap the Export button -> a file browser opens.
3. Select the desired drive.
4. Give the file a name and tap enter/please.

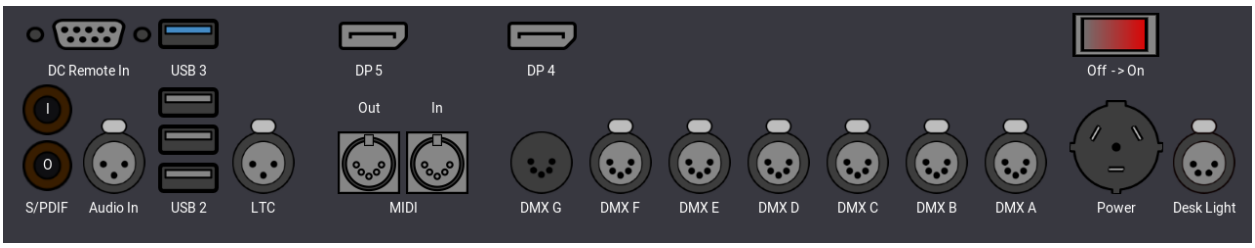
A file can contain the configuration for one or multiple devices. It is just a matter of selecting one or several devices before the export.

Import an Output Configuration

1. Select the desired devices.
2. Tap the Import button -> a file browser opens.
3. Select the desired drive.
4. Select the files that have a configuration for the selected devices.

Show Connectors

On the light and full-size consoles, there is a button called Show Connectors. This can be toggled On and shows an image with the relevant connectors on the letterbox screens. This indicates where the different connectors are located on the back of the console. The XLR ports are labeled DMX A to DMX G in this image.



Connector image on the right letterbox screen (grandMA3 full-size model)

The image can also be toggled using the following command:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "ConnectorView"

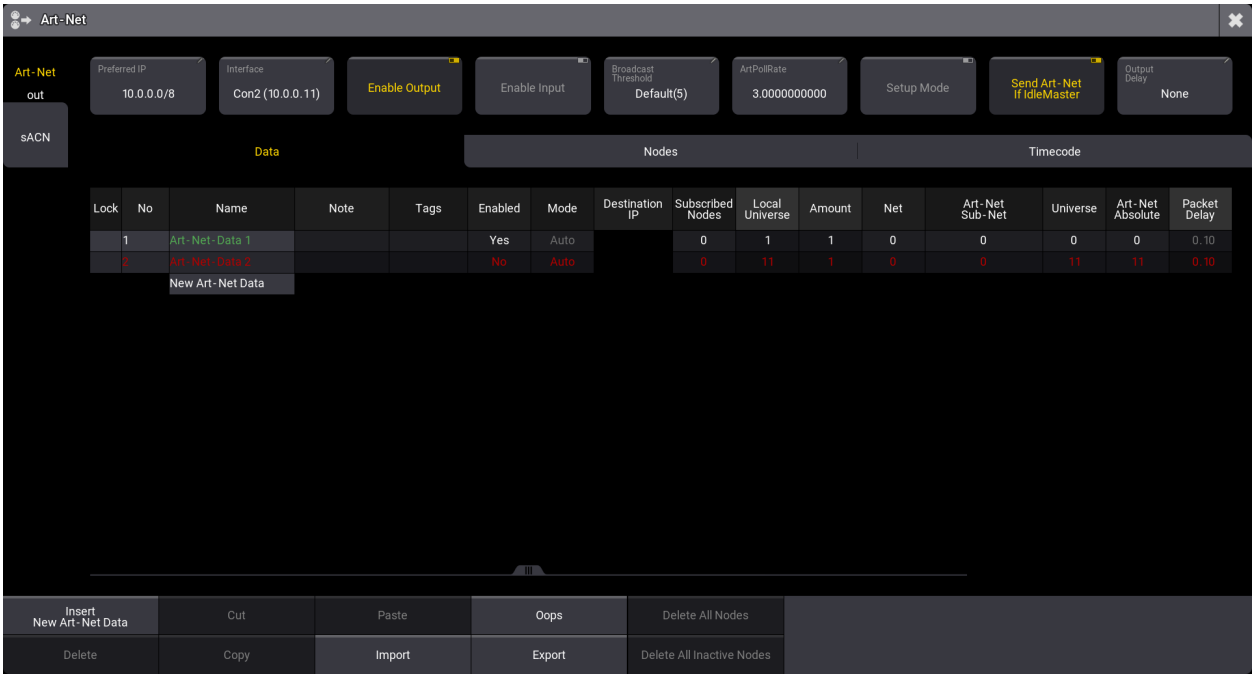
Paste to Command Line

1.12.2. Ethernet DMX

There are currently two supported protocols for sending and receiving DMX using the network: sACN and Art-Net.

The session master station outputs the network DMX. The visual feedback for sending or receiving network DMX can appear differently across stations in the session, so it should be viewed and adjusted on the master station to reflect the actual output/input status.

Both are set up and changed in the **DMX Protocols** menu:



DMX protocol configuration for Art-Net

Access the menu by pressing Menu and then tap DMX Protocols.

Tapping the DMX Protocols button opens the menu for the first protocol. The example above is the Art-Net menu.

The menus can also be opened using the command line:

For Art-Net:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "ArtNet"

Paste to Command Line

For sACN:

User name[Fixture]>Menu "sACN"

Paste to Command Line

On the left side menu, there are two buttons, one for each menu.

See the subtopics for information about the two protocols.

Subtopics

- Art-Net Menu
- sACN (streaming ACN) Menu
- Transmit DMX Using Art-Net

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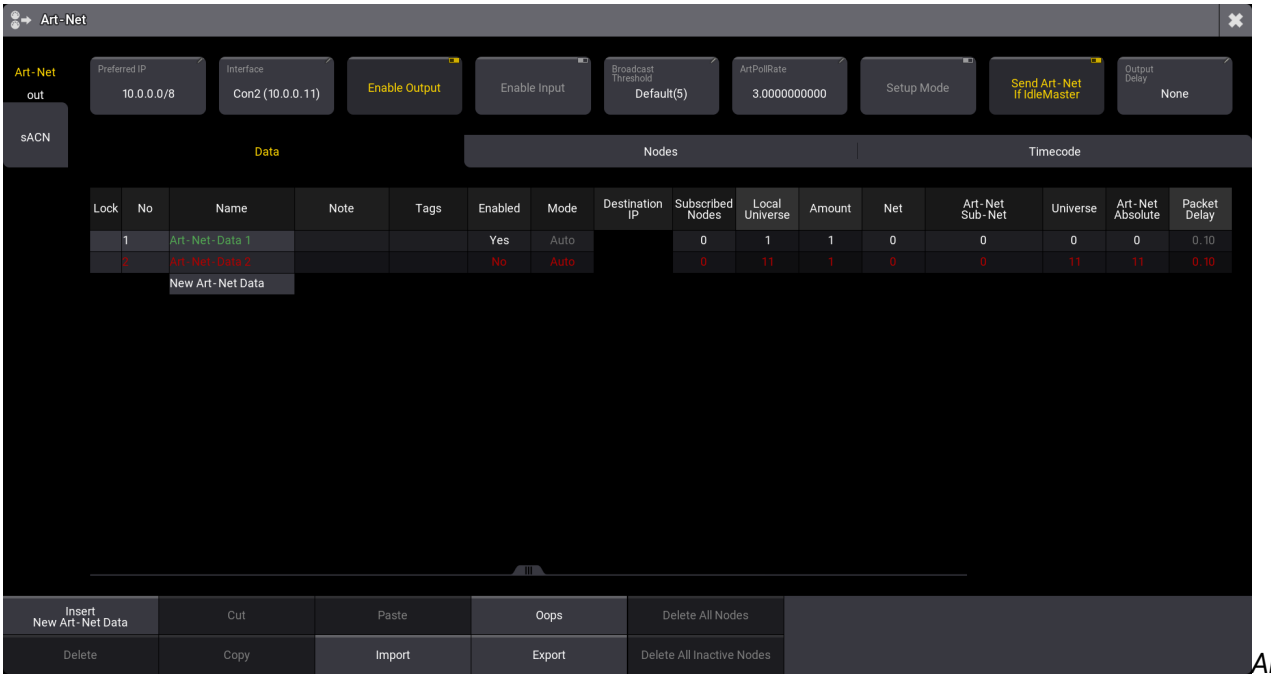
1.12.2.1. Art-Net Menu

Art-Net is a royalty-free protocol developed by Artistic Licence (https://artisticlicence.com/).

grandMA3 supports Art-Net 4.

	Hint:
	The DMX output via Art-Net can vary in refresh rates. It follows the rules specified in the DMX In and Out topic.

It is configured in the Art-Net menu:



Art-Net configuration menu

See the Ethernet DMX topic for information on how to open this menu.

See the Transmit DMX using Art-Net topic for an explanation of the steps needed to transmit Art-Net.

Config Buttons

There are some buttons at the top of the menu:

- **Preferred IP**:
  This is the preferred IP address or address range used by the Art-Net protocol. The Interface can be set to **Auto**, allowing this setting to select the interface that matches the preferred setting. Tap this input button to open a small number input pop-up. The preferred number has to be input as an IP address with the subnet mask written in CIDR notation. For instance, 10.0.0.0/8 tells the system that it prefers an IP address that starts with 10. The rest of the numbers do not matter (the "/8" is the same as the subnet mask 255.0.0.0). This setting is individual for each station.

- **Interface**:
  Tap this button to open the Select Interface pop-up to select the desired network interface. This interface will be used for all Art-Net in and out. The **Auto** option can be used to allow the **Preferred IP** setting to select the interface. The interface is written inside "<" and ">" when it is selected by the preferred setting. This setting is individual for each station.
- **Enable Output**:
  This On/Off button must be On for Art-Net to be transmitted. Data also needs to be configured for output - read more below.
- **Enable Input**:
  This On/Off button must be On for Art-Net to be received. Data also needs to be configured for input - read more below.
- **Broadcast Threshold**:
  This input button sets the amount of Art-Net receivers for a universe before the master starts to send the universe as broadcast. This is only valid if the mode is set to **Auto**. If the number of receivers is below the threshold, the universe is sent as Unicast. If it is above, then the universe is sent as Broadcast.
- **ArtPollRate**:
  This input sets the time between each ArtPollRequest packet sent by the master station.
- **Setup Mode**:
  This On/Off button is used to toggle the setup mode. This mode can be used to transmit and receive configuration data only. If the output and input are turned Off, only the configuration data is transmitted and received.
- **Send Art-Net If IdleMaster**:
  This On/Off button defines if the station transmits Art-Net data when it is Idle Master. In a session, the Global master transmits the network DMX. If the station is not in a session with other devices, it is Idle Master. Turning this setting On will make the station output network DMX when it is Idle Master. This must be On if a single station is to output networked DMX. Learn more about standalone devices and networked devices in the System Overview section. This setting is individual for each station.
- **Output Delay**:
  This can set an output delay between 0ms and 30ms. This delays the entire Art-Net output compared to the outputs coming from MA-Net devices.

	Important:
	• Enabling Setup Mode allows Art-Net configuration data to be sent and received even when **Enable Output** and **Enable Input** is Off. • When Setup Mode is Off, and output is enabled, DMX and configuration data are transmitted. • When Setup Mode is Off, and input is enabled, DMX and configuration data are received.

There are three tabs below the buttons. They are **Data**, **Nodes**, and **Timecode**. Data is used to configure the output and input. Nodes can be used to see the discovered nodes in the network. If the nodes support it, this can also be used to configure the ports on the node. Timecode is used to configure Art-Net timecode. Learn more about ArtTimeCode and how to set it up in the External Connections topic.

Data Tab

The data tab is a grid of rows and columns. Each row is an Art-Net configuration.

The text on the entire row is red if the row is not valid or not enabled.

The name text is flashing green when data is transmitted. It can appear solid green if the output is constantly changing.

The name text color is flashing orange when data is received. It can appear solid orange if the input is constantly changing.

This is a short description of the columns:

- **Lock**:
  The row can be locked to prevent changes.
- **No**:
  This is the row number.
- **Name**:
  Each row can have a name. This can be used as short info for the row.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to each row for information purposes.
- **Tags**:
  A tag can be added to each row. Learn more about tags in the Tags topic.
- **Enabled**:
  This **Yes** or **No** field is used to enable the row to transmit or receive Art-Net. No is the default.
- **Mode**:
  The mode defines what the row is doing. There are four options:
  - **Broadcast**:
    This transmits Art-Net using broadcast.
  - **Unicast**:
    This transmits Art-Net using unicast.
  - **Auto**:
    This transmits Art-Net. It uses the **Broadcast Threshold** number to determine if universes should be transmitted using broadcast or unicast. If the number of universe subscribers (determined by ArtPollRequests) are below the threshold, then it is sent using unicast. If it is above the threshold, then it is broadcasted.
  - **Input**:
    The row receives Art-Net and merges it into the defined universe.

	Restriction:
	The total input count (Art-Net and sACN) must not exceed 128 Universes.

- **Destination IP**:
  This field is only active if the unicast mode is selected. This is the IPv4 address of the receiving device.
- **Subscribed Nodes**:
  This field provides information about the number of subscribing devices. This is determined using ArtPollRequests.
- **Local Universe**:
  This is the grandMA3 universe to be transmitted or the universe that should receive incoming Art-Net DMX. This is the first universe in the range if the amount is more than one.
- **Amount**:
  This is the amount of grandMA3 universes to be transmitted or received.
- **Net**:
  The net number is a value between 0 and 127. There are 128 different nets since Art-Net III. Each net is a complete group of **Sub-Nets** and **Universes**. This allows for addressing a total of 32 768 Art-Net universes. To be compatible with Art-Net I and Art-Net II devices, please use net 0.

- **Art-Net Sub-Net**:
  There are 16 sub-nets in Art-Net. They can be input in decimal numbers from 0 to 15 or 0 to F in hex numbers.
- **Universe**:
  There are 16 universes in each sub-net. They can be input in decimal numbers from 0 to 15 or 0 to F in hex numbers.
- **Art-Net Absolute**:
  This is the absolute universe number. It is calculated based on the net, sub-net, and universe numbers. It can also work the other way. A universe number can be input here, and then the net, sub-net, and universe numbers are calculated based on the input.
- **Packet Delay**:
  A delay can be set up between each transmitted universe. This can be helpful for older nodes with slower network cards. Sending many universes at once can flood the node. Adding a small delay helps. This setting is only available for outputting modes.
- **Merge Mode**:
  The Merge Mode defines how incoming sACN merges into universes. When changing the Merge Mode for a configuration line, all universes defined by Local Universe and Amount are changed together. In the DMX Universes-tab of the Patch and Live Patch menu or by editing a universe in the universe pool, it is still possible to independently change the Merge Mode for single universes. As soon as two or more universes of a configuration line have different Merge Modes, the Merge Mode cell will display **...** to indicate this. The Merge Mode and Input Priority are described in the DMX Port Configuration topic.
- **Input Priority**:
  This is the priority of the received Art-Net. This can only be changed when the mode is input. Follow the link above to learn more.
- **Enable RDM**:
  RDM via Art-Net can be enabled for the Art-Net universes specified in the row.

Nodes Tab

Each node detected is a row. Each node has one or more sub-rows with "binds". Each bind can only have 4 ports. If a device has more than 4 ports, then the device has multiple binds.

- **Lock**:
  The row can be locked to prevent changes.
- **No**:
  This is the row number.
- **Name**:
  Each row gets a name from the device. The name can be edited if the device supports it. The name text turns red if a node has been online but is now inactive.
- **IP**:
  The IP address of the device. The address can be edited if the device supports it.
- **Net**:
  Each bind has a net number. The number can be edited if the device supports it.
- **Sub-Net**:
  Each bind has a sub-net number. The number can be edited if the device supports it.
- **Output Port**:
  This is the universe number of output ports on the device. The number can be edited if the device supports it.

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- **Input Port**:
  This is the universe number of input ports on the device. The number can be edited if the device supports it.

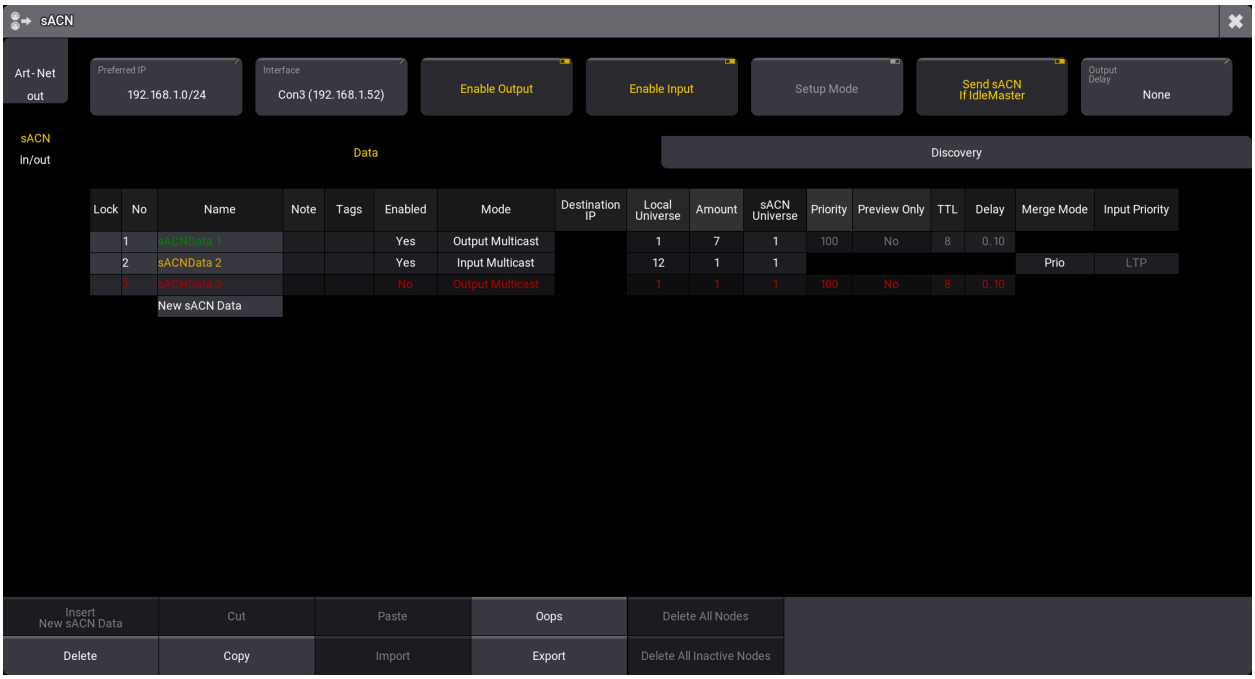
1.12.2.2. sACN (streaming ACN) Menu

ACN (and streaming ACN) is an ANSI/ESTA international standard. Further readings: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architecture_for_Control_Networks.

ACN (Architecture for Control Networks) is a suite of protocols. It uses a lot of elements that are currently not supported by grandMA3. However, the ACN protocols also have a version that transports DMX data. It is called 'Lightweight streaming protocol for transport of DMX512 using ACN' or more popular "streaming ACN" or "sACN". It is the international standard number E1.31.

	Hint:
	The DMX output via sACN can vary in refresh rates. It follows the rules specified in the DMX In and Out topic.

It is configured in the sACN menu:



sACN menu

See the Ethernet DMX topic for information on how to open this menu.

Config Buttons

There are some buttons at the top of the menu:

- **Preferred IP**:
  This is the preferred IP address or address range used by the sACN protocol. The Interface can be set to Auto, allowing this setting to select the interface that matches the preferred setting. Tap this input button to open a small number input pop-up. The preferred number has to be input as an IP address with the subnet mask written in CIDR notation. For instance,

192.168.1.0/24 tells the system that it prefers an IP address that starts with 192.168.1. The last number does not matter (the "/24" is the same as the subnet mask 255.255.255.0). This setting is individual for each station.

- **Interface**:
  Tap this button to open the **Select Interface pop-up** to select the desired network interface. This interface will be used for all sACN in and out. The **Auto** option can be used to allow the **Preferred IP** setting to select the interface. The interface is written inside "<" and ">" when the preferred setting selects it. This setting is individual for each station.
- **Enable Output**:
  This On/Off button must be On for the master to transmit sACN. Data also needs to be configured for output - read more below.
- **Enable Input**:
  This On/Off button must be On for the master to receive sACN. Data also needs to be configured for input - read more below.
- **Setup Mode**:
  This On/Off button is used to toggle the setup mode for nodes. This allows configuration data to set up the nodes without sending sACN DMX data into the network.
- **Send sACN If Idle Master**:
  This On/Off button defines if the station transmits sACN data when it is Idle Master. In a session, the Global Master transmits the network DMX. If the station is not in a session with other devices, it is Idle Master. Turning this setting On will make the station output network DMX when it is Idle Master. This must be On if a single station is to output networked DMX. Learn more about standalone devices and networked devices in the System Overview section. This setting is individual for each station.
- **Output Delay:**
  This can set an output delay between 0ms and 30ms. This delays the entire sACN output compared to the outputs coming from MA-Net devices.

	Important: • Enabling Setup Mode allows sACN configuration data to be sent and received even when **Enable Output** and **Enable Input** is Off. • When Setup Mode is Off and output is enabled, then DMX and configuration data are transmitted. • When Setup Mode is Off and input is enabled, then DMX and configuration data are received.

Below the buttons, there are two tabs: **Data** and **Discovery**. Data is used to set up output and input, while Discovery can be used to see the transmitting nodes in the network.

Data Tab

The data tab is a grid of rows and columns. Each row is an sACN configuration. The text color of the name field indicates the status of the row.

The text on the entire row is red if the row is not valid or not enabled.

The name text is flashing green when data is transmitted. It can appear solid green if the output is constantly changing.

The name text color is flashing orange when data is received. It can appear solid orange if the input is constantly changing.

This is a short description of the columns:

- **Lock**:
  The row can be locked to prevent changes.
- **No**:
  This is the row number.
- **Name**:
  Each row can have a name. This can be used as short info for the row.
- **Note:**
  A note can be added to each row for multiline information.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to each row. Learn more about tags in the Tags topic.
- **Enabled**:
  This Yes or No field enables the row to transmit or receive sACN. Yes is the default.
- **Mode**:
  The mode defines what the row is doing. There are four options:
  - **Output Multicast**:
    When choosing Output Multicast, sACN will be sent as multicast to the relevant multicast addresses.
  - **Output Unicast**:
    When choosing Output Unicast, a valid IP address has to be entered in the **Destination IP** column. Universes configured in this row will be sent as unicast to this IP address.
  - **Input Multicast**:
    Input Multicast will join the Multicast group of the relevant DMX Input Universe. Input Multicast is limited to max. 20 Universes. A warning pop-up appears if more than 20 rows are configured as Input Multicast, and all rows beyond multicast input row 20 will be invalid.
  - **Input Unicast**:
    Input Unicast is not limited and receives sACN data for the relevant universe without joining any multicast group.

	Restriction:
	The total input count (sACN and Art-Net) must not exceed 128 Universes.

- **Destination IP**:
  This field is only active if the output unicast mode is selected. This is the IPv4 address of the receiving device.
- **Local Universe**:
  This is the grandMA3 universe to be transmitted or the universe that should receive incoming sACN DMX. If the amount is more than one, then this is the first universe in the range.
- **Amount**:
  This is the amount of grandMA3 universes to be transmitted or received.
- **sACN Universe**:
  This is the sACN universe number the grandMA3 universes is transmitted to or the universe number that is listened to if Input is selected. If the amount is more than one, then this is the first universe in the range.
- **Priority**:
  The allowed value is 0 to 200. The highest number has the highest priority. The default value is 100. This priority is used for transmitted sACN.

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- **Preview Only**:
  sACN data can be sent as preview data. This can, for instance, be used to send DMX to visualizers.
- **TTL** (Time To Live):
  Time To Live is a number used to tell routers and some switches how far through the network the sACN data should be transmitted. This is only relevant for output modes. The default value is 8 and this should usually not be changed.
- **Delay**:
  A delay can be set up between each transmitted universe. This can be helpful for older nodes with slower network cards. Sending many universes at once can flood the node. Adding a small delay helps.
- **Merge Mode**:
  The Merge Mode defines how incoming sACN merges into universes. When changing the Merge Mode for a configuration line, all universes defined by Local Universe and Amount are changed together. In the DMX Universes-tab of the Patch and Live Patch menu or by editing a universe in the universe pool, it is still possible to change the Merge Mode for single universes independently. As soon as two or more universes of a configuration line have different Merge Modes, the Merge Mode cell will display **...** to indicate this. The Merge Mode and Input Priority are described in the DMX Port Configuration topic.
- **Input Priority**:
  This is the priority of the received sACN. sACN input of grandMA3 ignores sACN priorities and uses this priority instead.

Discovery Tab

This tap displays the transmitting nodes in the network. Each node detected is a row, and each node has one or more sub-rows with "pages".

- **Lock**:
  The row can be locked to prevent changes.
- **No**:
  This is the row number.
- **Name**:
  Each row gets a name from the device. The name cannot be edited.
- **Universe List**:
  This is a list of the universes the node transmits.

1.12.2.3. Transmit DMX Using Art-Net

This is a short example of setting up DMX transmission using Art-Net. Learn more about the Art-Net menu in the Art-Net Menu topic.

The idea in this example is that some lights are patched in universes one to five. The fixtures are connected to Art-Net nodes, and the nodes need to get the Art-Net data from the grandMA3. There is also a media server that uses a single universe. It is patched in universe 21 and needs to receive Art-Net universe 21 (hex number 1:5).

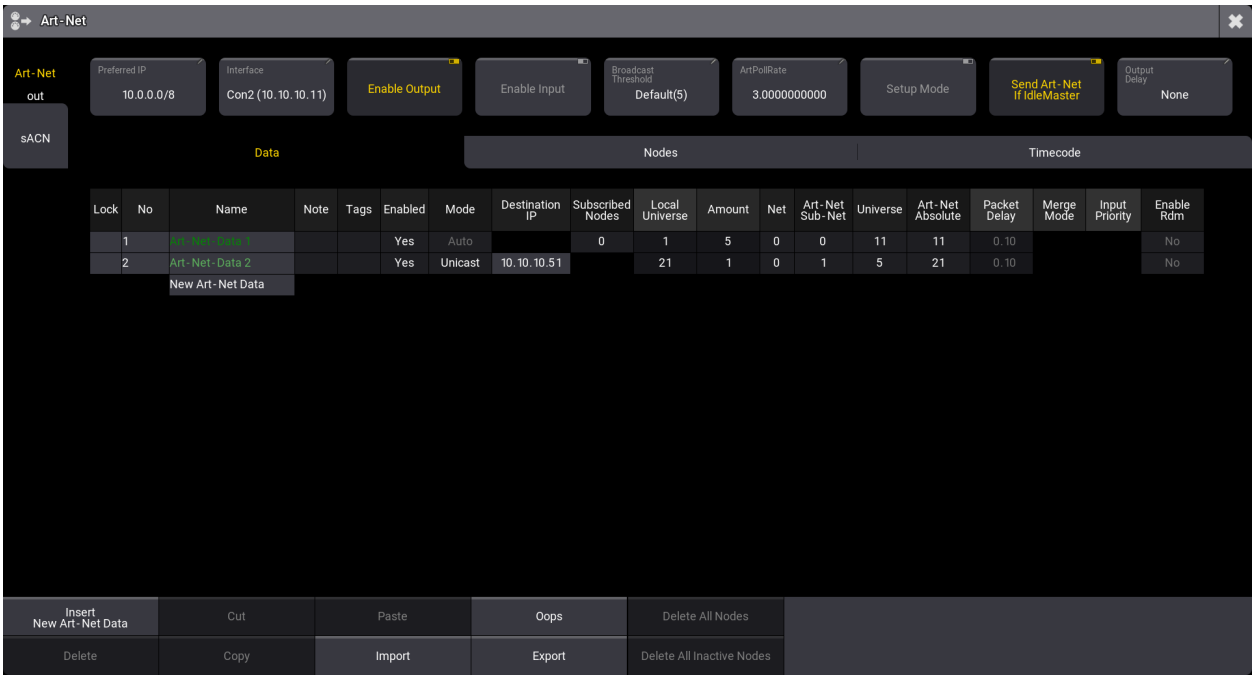
The Art-Net nodes are set up to receive from Art-Net universe 11 (hex number 0:B), so the grandMA3 universe one needs to be sent to this Art-Net universe. The media server is a specific device with a defined Art-Net IP address, and this data can be sent using unicast. In this example, the media server IP address is set to 10.10.10.51.

The example assumes a patched setup that matches the universes. This is not actually needed for demonstration purposes. If the grandMA3 onPC is used to try this example, there might not be enough parameters to allow actual output.

These are the steps needed:

1. Open the Art-Net menu by pressing Menu and then tap DMX Protocols. Make sure the Art-Net menu is visible by tapping Art-Net.
2. The first line is going to be universe one to five. Edit the following cells to match these options:
    a. Enabled = Yes
    b. Mode = Auto
    c. Local Universe = 1
    d. Amount = 5
    e. Art-Net Absolute = 11
3. A second line is needed for the universe that needs to go to a specific destination. Tap New Art-Net-Data below line 1.
4. Tap Insert new Art-Net-Data in the button menu at the bottom of the screen.
5. Now, the line exists. Edit the new line to match these options:
    a. Enabled = Yes
    b. Mode = Unicast
    c. Destination IP = 10.10.10.51
    d. Local Universe = 21
    e. Amount = 1
    f. Art-Net Absolute = 21 (notice that this automatically calculates the correct Art-Net Sub-Net and Universe number)
6. Finally, tap the Enable Output until it is On to activate the transmission of DMX data via Art-Net

That was it. It should look something like this:



Final Art-Net example setup

If the station is not connected to other stations or nodes in a session, it is **Idle Master**. If the station needs to output Art-Net in a setup like this, the **Send Art-Net if Idle Master** setting needs to be turned On. If the station is in a session with other stations, then it is the **Global Master** in the session that transmits the Art-Net data.

The menu can be closed by tapping the cross (✖) in the upper right corner.

1.12.3. DMX Priorities

Multiple DMX sources can affect the same parameter. The console resolves competing values based on source priority, merge behavior, playback priority, output modifiers, and selection overrides.
The following overview describes the most common priority layers.

DMX Data Source Priorities

1. External input sources, such as sACN, Art-Net, DMX In, and PSN.
2. DMX Tester.
3. Parked values.
4. Playbacks with Super priority.
5. Programmer (Freeze enabled).
6. Standard playback priorities.
    a. Swap
    b. HTP
    c. Highest
    d. High
    e. LTP
    f. Low
    g. Lowest
7. Programmer (Freeze disabled).

Merge Behaviors

1. HTP: Highest dimmer value takes precedence.
2. LTP: Latest attribute value takes precedence.

Output Modifiers

1. Grand Master
2. World Masters
3. Group Masters

Selection Overrides

1. Highlight
2. Lowlight
3. Solo

Explanation of Each Layer

1. External Input Sources (sACN / Art-Net / PSN / DMX In)

External inputs, such as sACN, Art-Net, and DMX In take the highest priority depending on how they are merged in. Their behavior depends on Merge Mode and Input Priority.

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Merge Mode includes Prio, HTP, LowTP, and Off.

Input Priority includes Super, Prog, Highest, High, LTP, Low, and Lowest.

For more information, see DMX Port Configuration.

PSN can continuously provide position data and behaves according to the merge settings of the universe to which the linked MArkers are patched.

For more information, see PSN.

2. DMX Tester

Overrides most console-generated output, including programmer values, playbacks, and parked values. Used for troubleshooting and direct address output.

For more information, see DMX Tester in the DMX Sheet topic.

These values are kept until the DMX Tester is cleared using the command line or the Tester Encoder Bar.

3. Parked Values

Parked values lock DMX output until they are unparked.
They are often used for work lights, stuck channels, or protected dimmers.

For more information, see Park Keyword.

	Hint:
	Parked fixtures will still respond as normal in layout views even though their DMX output is parked
	Hint:
	Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo, will not affect parked values

4. Playbacks with Super Priority

Special playback priority that overrides other playbacks and programmer.
It is often used for strobes, bumps, or emergency looks.

	Hint:
	Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo take priority over a super playback. Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo affect output at the selection level and can override playback values, but do not override parked values.

5. Programmer (Freeze enabled)

When Freeze is enabled, the programmer behaves like a standard LTP layer and can be overridden by Super priority playbacks. This prevents most played back cues from overriding programmer values.

For more information about Freeze see Freeze keyword.

6. Standard Playbacks

Sequence options. For more information, see Sequence Priorities.

Playback priority types:

Priority	Typical Use
Swap	Temporary bump / solo
Highest	Highest priority among playbacks
HTP	Dimmer playbacks
High	Higher LTP layer
LTP	Standard playback
Low	Background looks
Lowest	Lowest priority among playbacks

7. Programmer (Freeze Off)

This is the default programmer behavior. Has roughly the same priority level as normal playbacks. Can be overridden by cues depending on attribute logic.

Merge Behaviors

1. HTP: Highest dimmer value takes precedence.

2. LTP: Latest attribute value takes precedence.

For more information about HTP and LTP, see Sequence Priorities.

Output Modifiers

1. Grand Master

Global intensity limiter across the show. Grand Master values are applied after data is calculated but before DMX output. For more information, see Grand Master.

2. World Masters

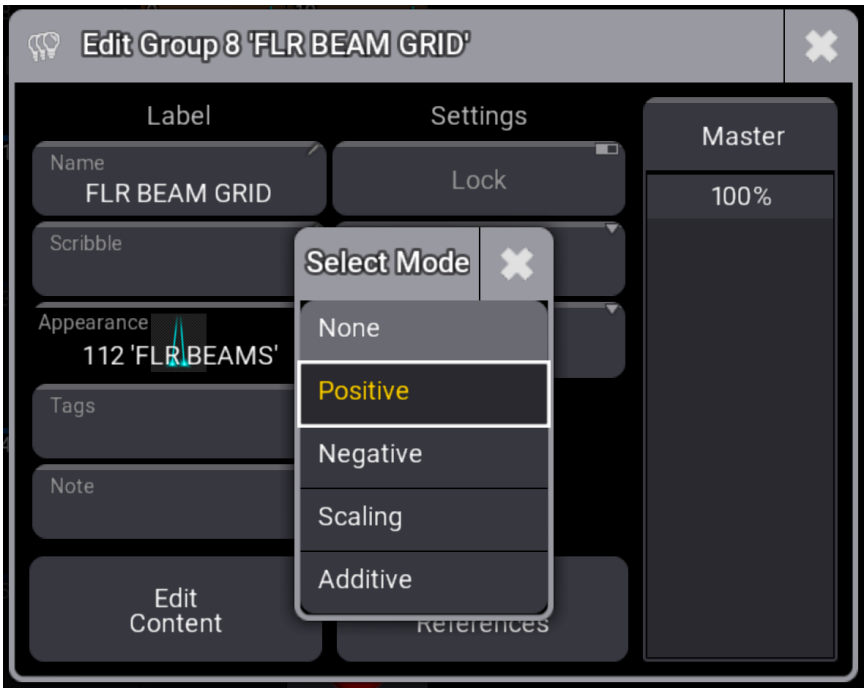
Dimmer master for the selected world. For more information, see World Master.

3. Group Masters

Dimmer masters for fixture groups. Typically used for: Busking, zone control, blackout layers.

Group Master Modes can affect output.

	Hint:
	Negative, Positive, and Scaling modes have a higher priority than Highlight.



Group Master Modes

Selection Overrides

Selection overrides temporarily modify output for selected fixtures and take precedence over playback values, but do not override parked values.

1. Highlight
2. Lowlight
3. Solo

For more information, see Highlight, Lowlight, Solo

	Hint:
	Highlight has priority over other values in the programmer.
	Hint:
	Solo takes priority over all playbacks.

1.13. Single User and Multi User Systems

The grandMA3 system can handle small and big systems with one or many users simultaneously.

grandMA3 systems are often referred to as a **Session**.

An Ethernet network can have several sessions running.

A session can have one, some, or many MA devices as members or listeners.

This page describes some differences between the two primary ways to have a system.

Single User Session

In a single-user session, there is one operator/programmer. This person might have one or several stations (consoles or onPC).

When there is only one user, all stations are logged in as the same **User**.

This is also called a **Full Tracking Backup**. The stations are all in sync and share views, and the programmer content is the same on all stations.

This is useful for the single operator. If one station fails, the operator can move to another station and continue working without losing anything.

A version of this involves a single operator adding multiple **Users** with the same **User Profile** but different **Screen Configurations**. This allows the user to have different views on the stations' screens while still having the same programmer content.

The single operator will usually have full admin rights to the entire system.

Multi User Session

In a multi-user session, there are several operators. They might use the same stations and take turns (working in shifts or at different process phases). It can also be a system with multiple users working simultaneously on different stations.

For this setup, the operators must create more **Users** and, most likely, more **User Profiles**. Each operator will then log into the station using their User and may control the complete system or just a part of the system.

The stations share the show file, and the sequences are all in sync, but the users can have different views on the screens, and their programmer is not shared - the output is.

Sometimes systems are a combination of multi-users and full tracking backups. There are several operators (Multi User), but each operator has two (or more) stations logged in with their user (Full Tracking Backup).

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In a multi-user system, it is possible to have users with different operator rights. There are several levels of rights. They span from complete access to only being allowed to change the view.

Subtopics

- Create User
- User Settings
- Users and Profiles Configuration
- Object Ownership
- Screen Configuration

1.13.1. Create User

A **User** is also a login name.

Some things are connected to the user. For instance, each user can have different operating rights and different languages. Read more in the User Settings topic.

The users are stored in a **User pool**. Read more about creating windows in the Add Windows topic.

The User pool with logged-in Admin user

The currently logged-in users have a green colored top bar.

Tapping one of the other users logs in as this user. If the user has a password, then a **Please Login pop-up** appears.

Please Login pop-up asking for password

	Important:
	The password is case-sensitive.

Type the correct password to log in.

	Important:
	The password for the Admin user gets reset when loading the show. The default password for the admin is empty or nothing. The password of the Guest cannot be changed. The default password for the guest is empty or nothing.

A show file always has some default users**.** They use the same **User Profile**.

User Profiles are the ones that hold information about programmer content, selected sequence, current page, cameras, etc.

If two users share the same user profile, they share all the information stored in it.

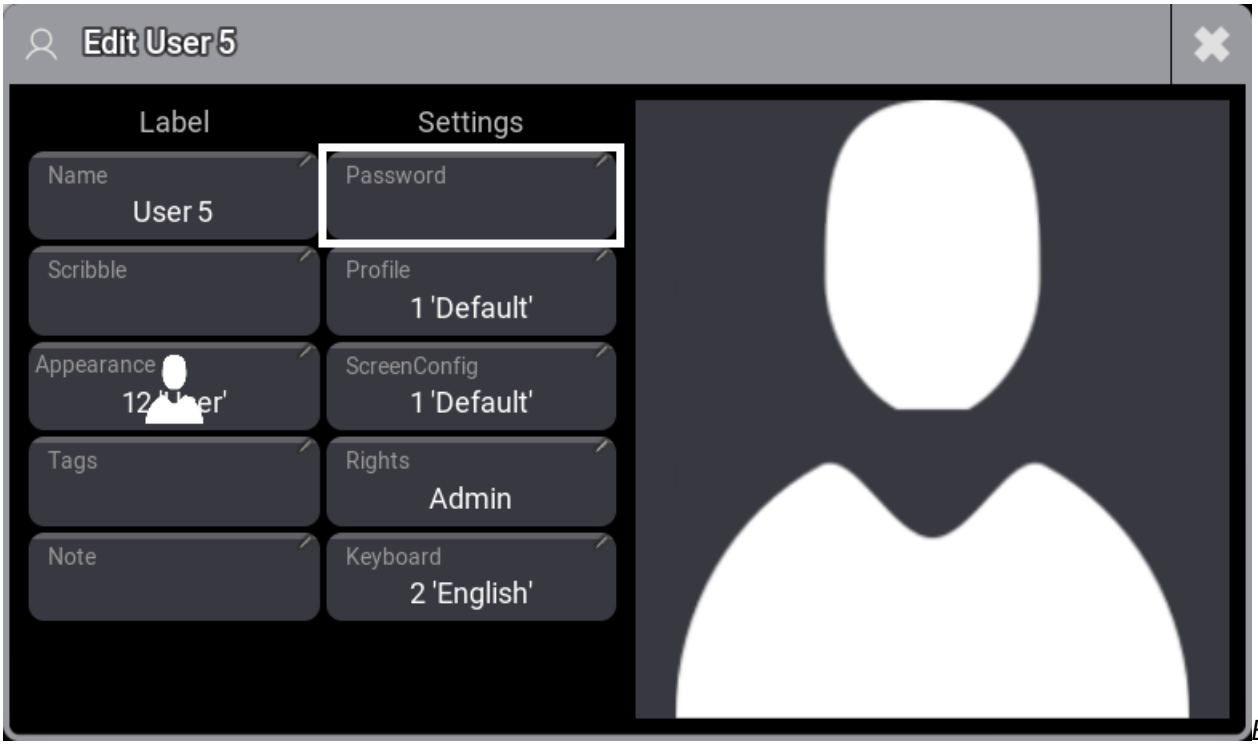
If the user profiles differ, two operators can have different selections, programmer values, views, etc. - Multi User System.

Each **User** must have a **User Profile** assigned - Read more about this and how to create user profiles in the User Settings topic.

Create a New User

The easiest way to create a new user is to edit an empty object in the user pool, for instance, by using swipeys.

This opens the **Edit User pop-up**



Edit User pop-up with a new user

The name should be changed at a minimum. This is also the name used when logging in using the LogIn keyword.

The big area on the right side of the pop-up shows the user's selected appearance (the image above shows an appearance).

The rest of the settings in the editor are explained in the User Settings section.

1.13.2. Users and Profiles Configuration

Many settings are associated with users and user profiles. User settings define login information, rights, and other properties of an individual user.
User profile settings define the programming preferences and interface behavior shared through the assigned user profile.
There are two places in the GUI where user settings can be viewed and edited.

User Settings

The first place is the Users pool. Editing a pool object opens an editor where the settings can be changed. For more information about the Users pool, see Create User.

The second place is the **User Configuration menu**. Navigate to it using these steps:

1. Press the Menu key.
2. Tap the Settings button.
3. Tap the User Configuration button.

The User Configuration menu can also be opened using this command **Menu "UserConfiguration"**. **Paste to Command Line**

This opens the list of users in the show. Edit any field to change the setting.

The following user settings are available:

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the user. This is the login name used with the LogIn Keyword.
- **Scribble**:
  A user can have a scribble assigned. The scribble is only used in the User pool.
- **Appearance**:
  A user can have an appearance. The appearance is used in the user pool and when the station is locked.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to the user.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be assigned to the user.
- **Password**:
  This is an optional password that can be assigned to the user. It needs to be provided when the user is logging in.
- **Profile**:
  Each user has a User Profile assigned. Read more below.
- **Screen Config**:
  Different screen configurations can be created. This input field defines the selected screen configuration. The selected screen configuration is called when the user logs in. For more information, see Screen Configuration.

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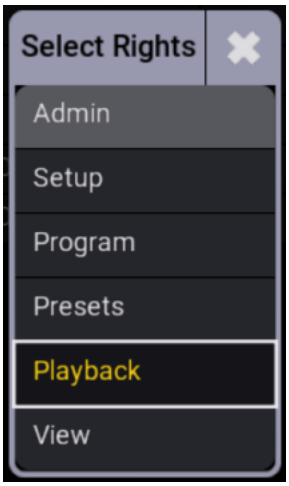
- **Rights**:
  Defines the user's access level. For more information, see User Rights below.
- **Keyboard**:
  The on-screen keyboard can have different layouts. This setting can be used to select one of the available layouts.
- **Privacy Policy** (Only in the User Configuration menu):
  This setting can be toggled between Yes and No. Yes means that this user has agreed to the **Privacy Policy**. The policy can be found in Menu - Settings - Software Update - Privacy Policy.
- **Web Remote Login** (Only in the User Configuration menu):
  This is information only. It indicates if the user can log in using the web remote.

User Rights

There are six user-right levels. Each level determines which operations and areas of the software are available to the user.



The Select Rights pop-up is used to select a user-right level.

The user-right levels are:

- **Admin**:
  This level allows the user to change all console, system, and show settings.
- **Setup**:
  This level provides access to setup-related settings but restricts access to some console functions.
- **Program**:
  This level allows most programming operations but restricts major patch changes. The user can access the Live Patch but not the full Patch.
- **Presets**:
  This level allows users to update existing presets and change the preset update mode of their user profile. This also allows the user to use Store /Merge.
  However, the user cannot edit cue content, store new presets, store new objects, or edit recipes.
  Setup functions are not available in the Layout Viewer or 3D Viewer.
- **Playback**:
  This level allows the user to run a programmed show, but does not allow the user to store changes.

- **View**:
  This level does not allow the user to work in the programmer. The user can call views and log in as a different user.

User Profile Settings

User profiles contain most of the settings related to programming and operating the software. These include programmer information, views, selected elements, values, preferences, and other user-specific data.

Many elements are stored automatically as the software is used. Other profile settings can be edited in the Profiles tab of the User Configuration menu.

To open the Profiles tab:

1. Press the Menu key.
2. Tap the Settings button.
3. Tap the User Configuration button.
4. Tap the Profiles button on the left menu.

The user profile settings can also be opened using this command **Menu "UserConfiguration" /Tab "Profiles"**. **Paste to Command Line**

Some of these settings can also be changed in relevant places in the software. For instance, the value readout setting can be changed in the Encoder Bar.

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the user profile.
- **Note**:
  This is a note for the user profile.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to the user profile.
- **DMX Readout**:
  This is used to change the readout of DMX values. This is useful when editing Fixture Types.
- **Normal Value**:
  This is the intensity value used when the Normal Keyword is used - typically by pressing the At key twice. It is a DMX value, so the DMX readout setting affects how to input a value in this field.
- **Wheel Resolution**:
  This can be used to change the resolution of the wheels on the consoles. The options are: Coarse, Normal, and Fine.
- **Wheel Mode**:
  This setting changes how the wheels work. Read more below.
- **Knob UI Style**:
  This defines how on-screen rotating knobs can be adjusted. There are three modes:
  - **None**: This disables using gestures to adjust the values of knobs.
  - **Rotate**: Change the value by rotating around the encoder or knob.

    - **Drag**: This can open a special pop-up that can be used to edit the value. For more information, see Gestures.
- **Encoder UI Style**:
  This defines how on-screen encoders can be adjusted. There are three modes:
    - **None**: This disables using gestures to adjust the values of encoders.
    - **Rotate**: Change the value by rotating around the encoder or knob.
    - **Drag**: This can open a special pop-up that can be used to edit the value. For more information, see Gestures.
- **Precise Edit**:
  This function is used when editing values in sheets. It can be difficult to hit a field precisely in a sheet with fingers. Turning this Off makes it easier to select a field without accidentally creating a new selection. For more information, see Gestures.
- **Screen Encoder**:
  When this option is enabled, the rightmost dual encoder becomes a screen encoder. Turning the inner encoder moves the focus in a vertical direction while the outer encoder scrolls in a horizontal direction. To create a lasso selection in a grid, like in the patch menu, press and hold the inner encoder while turning it. Press and release the inner encoder or the dual encoder key to edit the currently focused object.
  The screen encoder label also indicates the display on which the encoder is currently active. This option is enabled by default.
- **Time Key Target**:
  The Time key can have two different targets: Cue or Fixture. This defines if the key defaults to keywords relating to cue timing or fixture layers.
- **Encoder Bar Type**:
  This setting can be useful in grandMA3 onPC or the grandMA3 compact consoles. It changes the look of the Encoder Toolbar at the bottom of screen 1. See also the User1 and User2 keywords.
    - **Default**: The standard Encoder Bar is displayed.
    - **Exec**: The Executor Bar is displayed with labels for the executors.
    - **Xkeys**: The labels for the Xkeys are displayed.
- **TCSlot**:
  This displays the currently selected timecode slot. For more information, see Timecode Slots.
- **Value Readout**:
  This is the default value readout. Many sheets can be set to show a readout, which can be a specific readout type or follow this default type. This setting can be changed in the Encoder Bar.
- **Speed Readout**:
  This is the default speed readout. The options are Hertz, BPM, and Seconds. Speed is used in Phasers.
- **Preset Readout**:
  This changes the way presets are displayed in Fixture and Sequence Sheets. The preset can be displayed with a combination of three elements:
    - **ID**: The ID number of the preset.
    - **Name**: The name of the preset.
    - **Value**: The values in the preset.
- **Help Popup Zoom Factor**:
  This is the default zoom factor in the help pop-up.
- **Overlay Fade**:
  This time sets a fade time used by pop-ups and menus in the user interface. The default time is 250 ms.

- **Time Readout**:
  This is the default time readout for the user profile. Read more about the readout below.
- **Frame Readout**:
  This is the default frame readout for the user profile. Read more about the readout below.
- **Color Readout**:
  This is the default color readout. This default is used in the Encoder Toolbar and most sheets - unless a different readout is selected for the sheet.
- **Oops Views**:
  This setting toggles if view operations are oopsable. **Create Oops** needs to be enabled for this function to work.
- **Oops Programmer**:
  This setting toggles if programmer operations are oopsable. **Create Oops** needs to be enabled for this function to work.
- **Oops Selection**:
  This setting toggles if selection operations are oopsable. **Create Oops** needs to be enabled for this function to work.
- **Create Oops**:
  This setting toggles if the Oops function in general is turned On or Off. "Yes" means that the Oops function is On.
- **Oops Confirmation**:
  - **Always**: All oops actions need confirmation.
  - **Main**: This will require a confirmation for the following actions:
    - Create
    - Delete
    - Exchange
    - File actions while loading from a file.
    - Insert
    - Layout
    - Move
    - Remove
  - **Never**: Actions are oopsed without confirmation.
- **Mirror Special Executor Pages**:
  This setting is for the custom section of the grandMA3 extension. If the setting is "Yes" then the extension has the same assignment as the custom section of the station the extension is connected to. If the setting is "No", then each extension can have its own assignments in the custom section. grandMA3 extensions with the same WingID are always mirrored - they are essentially defined as the same. Learn more about connecting grandMA3 extensions in Connect grandMA3 extension.
- **Show Appearance In Cue Input**:
  This setting is used to define if the cue appearances are shown in pop-ups where cues can be selected. For instance, the pop-ups that appear using the Goto and Load commands without a specified target.
- **Show Settings In Editors**:
  Toggling this shows or hides the settings in some editors. This setting is also in the title bar of the editors, where this can be toggled.
- **Single Digit Input**:
  If this is set to "Yes", then all input integer dimmer values below 10 are multiplied by 10. The following rules apply:
  - Whole numbers from 1 to 9 are applied as values 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, or 90.
  - Digits with decimal places, for example, 1.5, are deemed as 1.5.

    - When specifying any attribute in a command (Attribute "Dimmer" ...), single digit input is not applied.
    - When using the At command without any additional attributes being specified, the value is taken by the natural readout of the dimmer of the user profile.
- **Resolve Executor Assignments**:
  This setting is used in the Command Editor. When it is "Yes" and a command is edited by pressing executor buttons, then the handle of the object is used instead of the reference to the executor.
- **Preview Variables**:
  This setting changes how variables are previewed in the Command Editor. When this is "Yes", the command preview displays the specified variable's content. This only works if the variable already exists at that time.
- **Create Command Handle**:
  When this is set to "Yes", then **Create Handle** is active by default in the **Edit Command pop-up**. For more information, see Command Editor.
- **Show Connectors**:
  This setting shows or hides the Connector image pop-up. For more information about the Connector image, see Output Configuration.
- **DMX Tester Address Mode**:
  The following settings relate to the DMX Tester.
    - **Uni**: This splits the DMX address into universes and universe addresses.
    - **Abs**: This shows the DMX address as an absolute DMX address.
- **DMX Tester Retain Mode**:
  Toggles the retained mode in the DMX tester.
- **DMX Tester Mode**:
    - **All**: All DMX addresses are available for testing.
    - **Patched**: Only patched addresses can be tested.
    - **Unpatched**: Only unpatched addresses can be tested.
- **DMX Tester Test Value**:
  This is the test value used by the DMX tester.
- **Move Grid Cursor**:
  This is the same setting as the one available in the **Selection Grid** window. For more information, see Selection Grid.
- **KnockIn MIB**:
  Learn details about this feature in Move In Black.
    - **Off**: The feature is not active and will not knock in any attribute values.
    - **Post**: When pre-positioned fixtures (MIB state) are selected and the dimmer attribute is activated above 0, all the pre-positioned values of the selected fixtures are activated in the programmer.

User Attribute Preferences

To edit the attribute preferences of a user profile, select the profile and tap Edit Encoder Bar.

These settings define the profile's preferred natural readout for each attribute. They also define encoder resolutions and encoder press multipliers.

Resolution multipliers define the factor by which an encoder changes a value when the encoder is pressed or, in the case of the dual encoders, the difference between the inner and outer ring.

The following general settings are available at the top of the pop-up:

- **Time Layer Resolution**:
  Sets the encoder resolution for the time-related layers, including Fade and Delay.
- **Phase Layer Resolution**:
  Sets the encoder resolution for the phaser-related layers, including Speed, SpeedMaster, Phase, Measure, NShot, Acceleration, Deceleration, Transition, and Width.
- **Dual Encoder Factor**:
  This defines the multiplier the outer encoder ring uses in relation to the inner encoder ring.
- **Dual Encoder Press Factor**:
  This defines the multiplier for the outer encoder ring when the dual encoder key is pressed while turning the outer encoder ring.
- **Link Resolution**:
  This setting defines how the encoder resolution is linked between features. The options are **Single** and **Feature Group**. For more information, see Encoder Toolbar.

The rest of the pop-up lists all the attributes in rows.

The following settings can be changed for each attribute:

- **Natural Readout**:
  The Natural readout allows defining the desired readout type per attribute. For instance, dimmer values are best displayed in percentage readout. In contrast, pan or tilt values are better readable using the physical readout, which displays the pan and tilt values as degrees. This setting selects the desired readout when Natural is selected in sheets and encoders. The user-defined readout has a higher priority than the readout defined for the attribute. The user-defined readout can be linked to the default (from the attribute definition). This option is called Default, and the actual readout is shown in angle brackets.
- **Encoder Resolution**:
  The encoder resolution defines how big an attribute value change will be when turning a dual encoder by 1 click. This setting can also be changed by pressing MA and tapping the channel function area in the encoder toolbar. For more information, see Encoder Resolution.
- **Encoder Press Factor**:
  This multiplier is used when the inner encoder is pressed and turned for this attribute.
- **Ignore Channel Functions**:
  When this is set to "Yes", the Channel Sets area displays the channel sets of all channel functions at the same time.

Learn more about the different resolutions available in Encoder Resolution.

Wheel Mode

The Wheel Mode setting defines how the level wheel changes multiple dimmer values. There are four wheel modes:

Additive:
Additive keeps the difference between dimmer values until they reach 0 % or 100 %, using the level wheel. After either limit is reached, the difference between the values is no longer maintained.

Example:
Fixture 1 has a value of 50, and fixture 2 has a value of 60. When the level wheel is used to take them both up to 100 and then back down, they both go down from 100 at the same time and at the same level.

Incremental:
Incremental always maintains the difference between the dimmer values, even after one or more values reach 0 % or 100 %.

Example:
Fixture 1 has a value of 50, and fixture 2 is at 60. When the level wheel is used to take them both up to 100 and then back down, fixture 1 will start coming down first, and then fixture 2 will follow when fixture 1 is at 90.

Prop.+ (Proportional positive):
When using the level wheel to turn up the dimmer values, the difference in the dimmer values will **decrease**. Turning up to 100 % will make all dimmer values reach 100 % at the same time.

Prop.- (Proportional negative):
When using the level wheel to turn up the dimmer values, the difference in the dimmer values will **increase**. Turning down the values will make all dimmer values reach 0 % at the same time.

Time and Frame Readout

The Time Readout and Frame Readout settings define how time values are displayed by default for the user profile. These defaults are used throughout the software unless they are overridden in an individual window. Window-specific settings take priority over the user-profile defaults.

	Hint:
	The readout can be changed for individual sheets in the Common Window Settings.

Timecode is an example of an area with many layers in the hierarchy. For more information, see Timecode Show.

	Hint:
	The time readout defined in the user profile is always used in the Encoder Bar, even if a different readout is selected for an individual window, such as a Fixture Sheet.

The timing calculator value indicator is aligned with the preselected frame readout.

For improved readability, trailing zeros are suppressed when Seconds is selected. When a frame unit is selected, trailing zeros are displayed.

To easily distinguish between fractions of a second and frames, fractions of a second are separated from seconds using a dot (.), while frames are separated from seconds using a colon (:).

The time options are:

- **10d11h23m45**:
  The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators.
- **251h23m45**:
  This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators. The hour number can become more than 24 if time is more than a day.
- **10.11:23:45**:
  The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using a dot and colons as separators.
- **251:23:45**:
  This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using colons as separators. The hour number can become more than 24 if time is more than a day.

The frame options are:

- **Seconds**
- **24 fps**
- **25 fps**
- **30 fps**
- **60 fps**

fps:

frames per second

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1.13.3. User Settings

Many settings are connected to the **User** and the **User Profile**.

User Settings

There are two places in the GUI where the settings can be viewed and edited.

The first place is the Users pool. Editing a pool object opens an editor where the settings can be changed. Learn more about the users pool in the Create User topic.

The second place is the **User Configuration menu**. Navigate to it using these steps:

1. Press the Menu key.
2. Tap the Settings button.
3. Tap the User Configuration button.

The User Configuration menu can also be opened using this command Menu "UserConfiguration". **Paste to Command Line**

This opens the list of users in the show. Edit any field to change the setting.

There are some different user settings.

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the user. This is the login name used with the LogIn keyword.
- **Scribble**:
  A user can have a scribble assigned. The scribble is only used in the User pool.
- **Appearance**:
  A user can have an appearance. The appearance is used in the user pool and when the station is locked.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to the user.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be assigned to the user.
- **Password**:
  This is an optional password that can be set to the user. It needs to be provided when the user is logging in.
- **Profile**:
  Each user has a User Profile assigned. Read more below.
- **Screen Config**:
  Different screen configurations can be created. This input field defines the selected screen configuration. The selected screen configuration is called when the user logs in. Learn more in the Screen Configuration topic.
- **Rights**:
  There are six different levels of rights. Read more below.

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- **Keyboard**:
  The on-screen keyboard can have different layouts. This setting can be used to select one of the available layouts.
- **Privacy Policy** (Only in the User Configuration menu):
  This setting can be toggled between Yes and No. Yes means that this user has agreed to the **Privacy Policy**. The policy can be found in Menu - Settings - Software Update - Privacy Policy.
- **Web Remote Login** (Only in the User Configuration menu):
  This is information only. It indicates if the user can log in using the web remote.

User Profile Settings

The user profiles contain most of the settings relevant to the users. The programmer information, views, selected elements, values, preferences, and much more.

Many of these elements are stored and selected by using the software. Some settings can be set in the **User Profiles** menu.

Navigate to the menu:

1. Press the Menu key.
2. Tap the Settings button.
3. Tap the User Configuration button.
4. Tap the Profiles button on the left menu.

The user profile settings can also be opened using this command **Menu "UserConfiguration" /Tab "Profiles"**. **Paste to Command Line**

Some of these settings can also be changed in relevant places in the software. For instance, the value readout setting can be changed in the Encoder Bar.

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the user profile.
- **Note**:
  This is a note for the user profile.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to the user profile.
- **DMX Readout**:
  This is used to change the readout of DMX values. This is useful when editing fixture types.
- **Normal Value**:
  This is the intensity value used when the Normal keyword is used - typically by pressing the At key twice. It is a DMX value, so the DMX readout setting affects how to input a value in this field.
- **Wheel Resolution**:
  This can be used to change the resolution of the wheels on the consoles. The options are: Coarse, Normal, and Fine.
- **Wheel Mode**:
  This setting changes how the wheels work. Read more below.
- **Knob UI Style**:
  This defines how on-screen rotating knobs can be adjusted. There are three modes:

    - **None**: This disables using gestures to adjust the values of knobs.
    - **Rotate**: Change the value by rotating around the encoder or knob.
    - **Drag**: This can open a special pop-up that can be used to edit the value. Read more in the Gestures topic.
- **Encoder UI Style**:
  This defines how on-screen encoders can be adjusted. There are two modes:
    - **None**: This disables using gestures to adjust the values of encoders.
    - **Rotate**: Change the value by rotating around the encoder or knob.
    - **Drag**: This can open a special pop-up that can be used to edit the value. Read more in the Gestures topic.
- **Precise Edit**:
  This function is used when editing values in sheets. It can be difficult to hit a field precisely in a sheet with fingers. Turning this Off makes it easier to select a field without accidentally creating a new selection. Learn more about this in the Gesture topic.
- **Screen Encoder**:
  When this option is enabled, the rightmost dual encoder becomes a screen encoder. Turning the inner encoder moves the focus in a vertical direction while the outer encoder scrolls in a horizontal direction. To create a lasso selection in a grid, like in the patch menu, press, hold and turning the inner encoder. Press and release the inner encoder or the dual encoder key to edit the currently focussed object.
  The screen encoder label in the encoder also displays which display the encoder is currently active. This option is enabled by default.
- **Time Key Target**:
  The Time key can have two different targets: Cue or Fixture. This defines if the key defaults to keywords relating to cue timing or fixture layers.
- **Encoder Bar Type**:
  This setting can be useful in grandMA3 onPC or the grandMA3 compact consoles. It changes the look of the Encoder Toolbar at the bottom of screen 1. See also the User1 and User2 keywords.
    - **Default**: The standard Encoder Bar is displayed.
    - **Exec**: The Executor Bar is displayed with labels for the executors.
    - **Xkeys**: The labels for the Xkeys are displayed.
- **TCSlot**:
  This displays the currently selected timecode slot. Read more in the What are Timecode Slots topic.
- **Value Readout**:
  This is the default value readout. Many sheets can be set to show a readout, which can be a specific readout type or follow this default type. This setting can be changed in the Encoder Bar.
- **Speed Readout**:
  This is the default speed readout. The options are Hertz, BPM, and Seconds. Speed is used in Phasers.
- **Preset Readout**:
  This changes the way presets are displayed in Fixture and Sequence Sheets. The preset can be displayed with a combination of three elements:
    - **ID**: The ID number of the preset.
    - **Name**: The name of the preset.
    - **Value**: The values in the preset.
- **Help Popup Zoom Factor**:
  This is the default zoom factor in the help pop-up.

- **Overlay Fade**:
  This time sets a fade time used by pop-ups and menus in the user interface. The default time is 250 ms.
- **Time Readout**:
  This is the default time readout for the user profile. Read more about the readout below.
- **Frame Readout**:
  This is the default frame readout for the user profile. Read more about the readout below.
- **Color Readout**:
  This is the default color readout. This default is used in the encoder toolbar and most sheets - unless a different readout is selected for the sheet.
- **Oops Views**:
  This setting toggles if view operations are oopsable. **Create Oops** needs to be enabled for this function to work.
- **Oops Programmer**:
  This setting toggles if programmer operations are oopsable. **Create Oops** needs to be enabled for this function to work.
- **Oops Selection**:
  This setting toggles if selection operations are oopsable. **Create Oops** needs to be enabled for this function to work.
- **Create Oops**:
  This setting toggles if the Oops function in general is turned On or Off. "Yes" means that the Oops function is On.
- **Oops Confirmation**:
  - **Always**: All oops actions need confirmation.
  - **Main**: This will require a confirmation for the following actions:
    - Create
    - Delete
    - Exchange
    - File actions while loading from a file.
    - Insert
    - Layout
    - Move
    - Remove
  - **Never**: Actions are oopsed without confirmation.
- **Mirror Special Executor Pages**:
  This setting is for the custom section of the grandMA3 extension. If the setting is "Yes" then the extension has the same assignment as the custom section of the station the extension is connected to. If the setting is "No", then each extension can have its own assignments in the custom section. grandMA3 extensions with the same WingID are always mirrored - they are essentially defined as the same. Learn more about connecting grandMA3 extensions in the Connect grandMA3 extension topic.
- **Show Appearance In Cue Input**:
  This setting is used to define if the cue appearances are shown in pop-ups where cues can be selected. For instance, the pop-ups that appear using the Goto and Load commands without a specified target.
- **Show Settings In Editors**:
  Toggling this shows or hides the settings in some editors. This setting is also in the title bar of the editors, where this can be toggled.
- **Single Digit Input**:
  If this is set to "Yes", then all input integer dimmer values below 10 are multiplied by 10. The following rules apply:

    - Whole numbers from 1 to 9 are applied as values 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, or 90.
    - Digits with decimal places, for example, 1.5, are deemed as 1.5.
    - When specifying any attribute in a command (Attribute "Dimmer" ...), single digit input is not applied.
    - When using the At command without any additional attributes being specified, the value is taken by the natural readout of the dimmer of the user profile.
- **Resolve Executor Assignments**:
  This setting is used in the Command Editor. When it is "Yes" and a command is edited by pressing executor buttons, then the handle of the object is used instead of the reference to the executor.
- **Preview Variables**:
  This setting changes how variables are previewed in the Command Editor. When this is "Yes", the command preview displays the specified variable's content. This only works if the variable already exists at that time.
- **Create Command Handle**:
  When this is set to "Yes", then **Create Handle** is active by default in the **Edit Command pop-up**. Learn more in the Command Editor.
- **Show Connectors**:
  This setting shows or hides the Connector image pop-up. Learn more about the Connector image in the Output Configuration topic.
- **DMX Tester Address Mode**:
  The following settings relate to the DMX Tester.
    - **Uni**: This splits the DMX address into universes and universe addresses.
    - **Abs**: This shows the DMX address as an absolute DMX address.
- **DMX Tester Retain Mode**:
  Toggles the retained mode in the DMX tester.
- **DMX Tester Mode**:
    - **All**: All DMX addresses are available for testing.
    - **Patched**: Only patched addresses can be tested.
    - **Unpatched**: Only unpatched addresses can be tested.
- **DMX Tester Test Value**:
  This is the test values used by the DMX tester.
- **Move Grid Cursor**:
  This is the same setting as the one available in the **Selection Grid** window. Learn more in the Selection Grid Window topic.
- **KnockIn MIB**:
  Learn details about this feature in the Move In Black topic.
    - **Off**: The feature is not active and will not knock in any attribute values.
    - **Post**: When pre-positioned fixtures (MIB state) are selected and the dimmer attribute is activated above 0, all the pre-positioned values of the selected fixtures are activated in the programmer.

User Attribute Preferences

From the profile setting, the **User Attribute Preferences** can be accessed by tapping Edit Encoder Bar.

This is used to set the user profiles preferred readout type for the natural readout. It also has different resolutions and encoder press resolution multipliers.

Resolution multipliers define the factor by which an encoder changes a value when the encoder is pressed or, in the case of the dual encoders, the difference between the inner and outer ring.

At the top, there are some settings:

- **Time Layer Resolution**:
  Sets the encoder resolution for the time-related layers.
- **Phase Layer Resolution**:
  Sets the encoder resolution for the phaser-related layers.
- **Dual Encoder Factor**:
  This defines the multiplier the outer encoder ring uses in relation to the inner encoder ring.
- **Dual Encoder Press Factor**:
  This defines the multiplier for the outer encoder ring when the dual encoder key is pressed while turning the outer encoder ring.
- **Link Resolution**:
  This setting defines how the encoder resolution is linked between features. The options are **Single** and **Feature Group**. Learn more about this setting in the Encoder Toolbar topic.

The rest of the pop-up lists all the attributes in rows.

Three different columns with values can be changed for each attribute:

- **Natural Readout**:
  The Natural readout allows defining the desired readout type per attribute. For instance, dimmer values are best displayed in percentage readout. In contrast, pan or tilt values are better readable using the physical readout, which displays the pan and tilt values as degrees. This setting selects the desired readout when Natural is selected in sheets and encoders. The user-defined readout has a higher priority than the readout defined for the attribute. The user-defined readout can be linked to the default (from the attribute definition). This option is called Default, and the actual readout is shown in angle brackets.
- **Encoder Resolution**:
  The encoder resolution defines how big an attribute value change will be when turning a dual encoder by 1 click. This setting can also be changed by pressing MA and tapping the channel function area in the encoder toolbar. Learn how in the Encoder Resolution topic.
- **Encoder Press Factor**:
  This multiplier is used when the inner encoder is pressed and turned for this attribute.
- **Ignore Channel Functions**:
  When this is set to "Yes", the Channel Sets area displays the channel sets of all channel functions at the same time

Learn more about the different resolutions available in the Encoder Resolution topic.

Wheel Mode

There are four different level wheel modes:

Additive:
Additive keeps the difference between dimmer values until they reach 0% or 100%, using the level wheel. After 0% or 100 % is reached, the values will be leveled out.

Example:
Fixture 1 has a value of 50, and fixture 2 is at 60. When the level wheel is used to take them both up to 100 and then back down, they both go down from 100 at the same time and at the same level.

Incremental:
Incremental would always keep the difference between the dimmer values, even if you reached 0% or 100% by using the dimmer wheel.

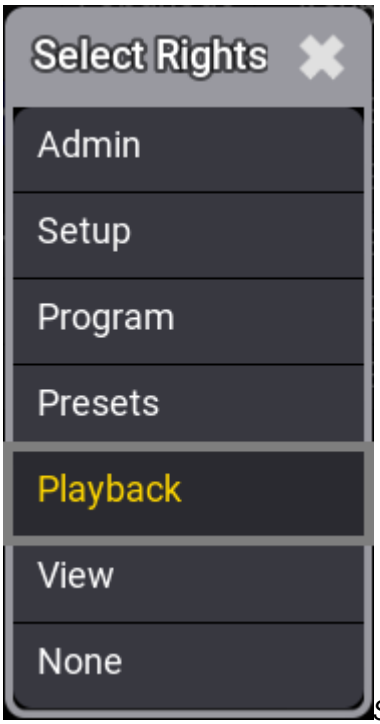
Example:
Fixture 1 has a value of 50, and fixture 2 is at 60. When the level wheel is used to take them both up to 100 and then back down, fixture 1 will start coming down first, and then fixture 2 will follow when fixture 1 is at 90.

Prop.+ (Proportional positive):
When using the level wheel to turn up the dimmer values, the difference in the dimmer values will **decrease**. Turning up to 100% will make all channels reach 100% at the same time.

Prop.- (Proportional negative):
When using the level wheel to turn up the dimmer values, the difference in the dimmer values will **increase**. Turning down the values will make all channels reach 0% at the same time.

User Rights

There are seven different levels of user rights in the system. They are a user setting - read more above.



Select Rights pop-up is used to select one of the rights levels

The settings are:

- **Admin**:
  This is the right to change everything in the console, system, and show.

- **Setup**:
  This will limit access to some of the elements in the console. There are other console settings that can be accessed.
- **Program**:
  At this level, the user cannot make major changes to the patch. It only gives access to the "Live Patch". Most programming operations can be done.
- **Presets**:
  This level allows for updating existing presets. However, the user cannot edit the cue content.
- **Playback**:
  This level allows playback and running a programmed show. But the user cannot store anything.
- **View**:
  With this user right, it is not allowed to use a programmer. The user is allowed to call views and log in as a different user.
- **None**:
  The user is only allowed to log in as a different user.

Time and Frame Readout

The applied values are used in most places the time is displayed.

	Hint:
	The Readout can be changed for individual sheets in the window settings.

There is a hierarchy of the readout/format settings. The default is set in the user profile. If this default is changed in a window, then the window setting is used.

Timecode is an example of an area with many layers in the hierarchy. Read more about the timecode in the Timecode section.

	Hint:
	The user profile defined time readout is used in the encoder bar even if the readout for an, for instance, fixture sheet is changed separately.

The timing calculator value indicator is aligned with the preselected frame readout.

To provide better optical representation, the trailing zeros from frames or seconds are always suppressed. When the frame readout is set to a frame unit, the times will always display trailing zeros.

To easily distinguish between fractions of a second and frames, fractions of a second are separated from second using a dot (.), while frames are separated from seconds using a colon (:).

The time options are:

- **10d11h23m45**:
  The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators.
- **251h23m45**:
  This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators. The hour number can become more than 24 if time is more than a day.

- **10.11:23:45**:
  The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using a dot and colons as separators.
- **251:23:45**:
  This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using colons as separators. The hour number can become more than 24 if time is more than a day.

The frame options are:

- **Seconds**
- **24 fps**
- **25 fps**
- **30 fps**
- **60 fps**

	Hint:
	If frame readouts (24, 25, 30, 60 fps) are used, fractions are separated by a colon, and fractions of seconds are divided by dots.

Fps means frames per second.

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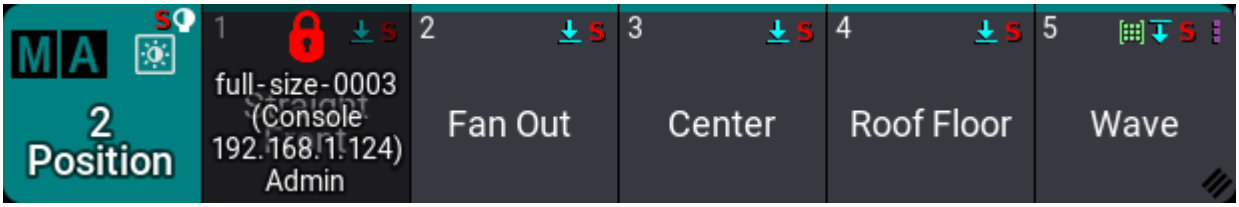
1.13.4. Object Ownership

A multi-user setup presents a situation where multiple users can try to edit the same object. This could cause unpredictable problems.

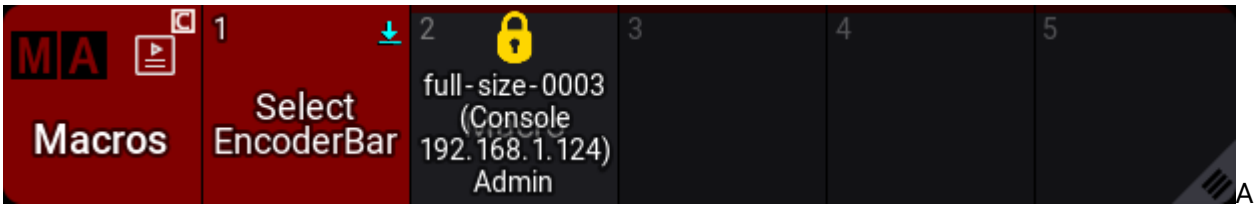
The grandMA3 system has a locking mechanism that temporarily prevents multiple users from editing the same object.

When a user starts to edit an object, the other users are presented with a pulsing lock icon and some text offering information about the station and the user editing the object.



Position preset 1 is being edited by a different user

An object can be fully locked by another user editing the entire object. A big red lock indicates this (see the example above). A big yellow lock indicates that an object is partially locked. This means that only a part of the object is being edited and is currently locked. Other elements of the object can still be edited.



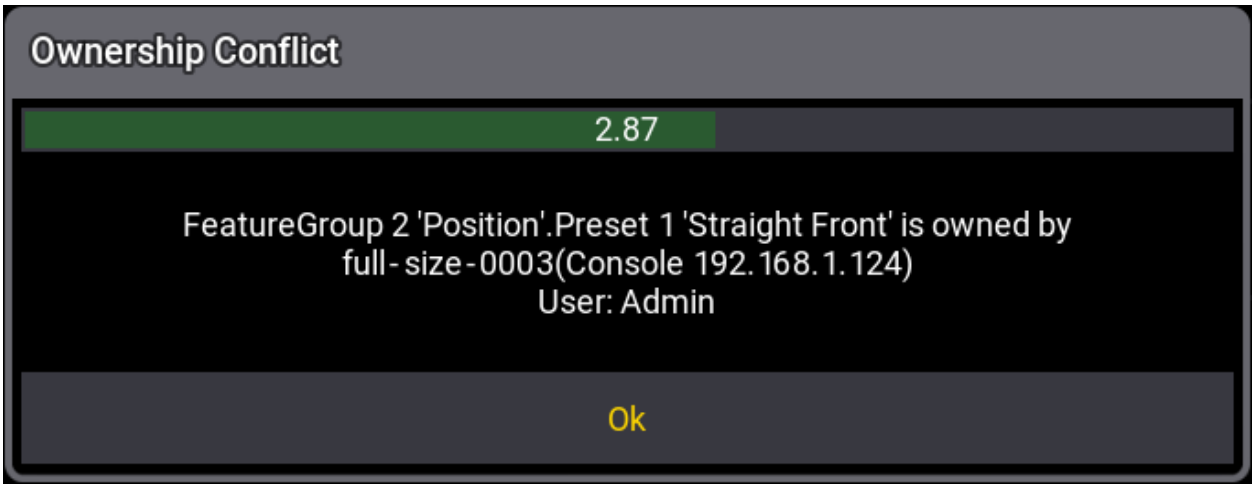
A macro line is being edited by a different user

All users can use the objects while they are being edited, but using the object before the edit is done might not reflect the edited values.

The user editing the object has ownership of the object while it is being edited. The station being used to edit the object will have a green frame in the relevant window while it is being edited.

Suppose the editing user is logged into several stations. In that case, other stations with this user display a yellow frame around the windows to indicate the user has started editing an object on a different station.

If a different user tries to edit a temporarily locked object, a pop-up appears with additional information:

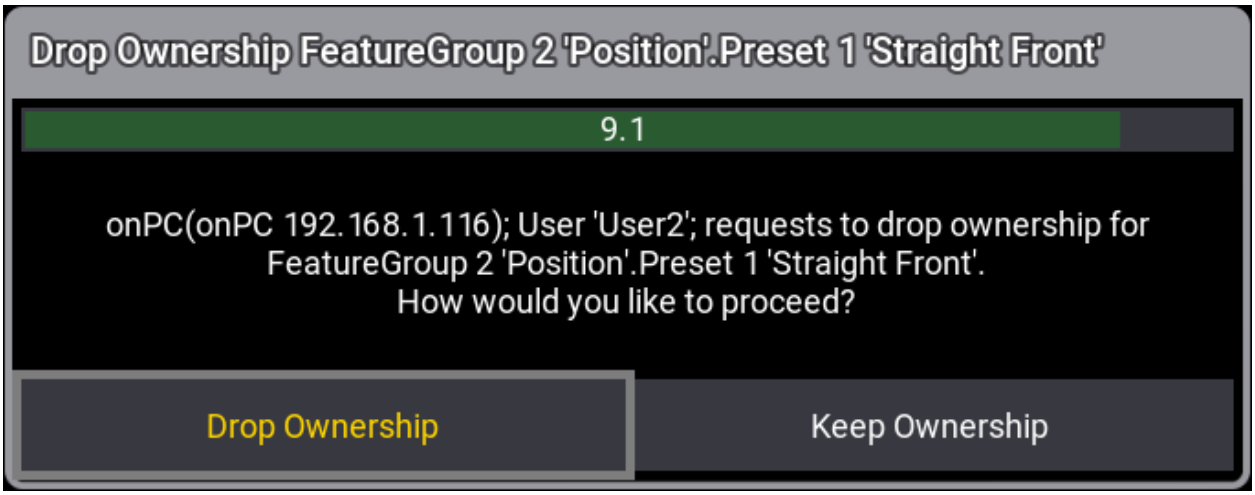


Ownership Conflict pop-up

The pop-up has a 10 seconds countdown that automatically closes the pop-up. It can be closed before the countdown ends by tapping Ok.

A user can try to get ownership of a temporarily locked object using the DropOwnership keyword.

This presents a pop-up at the stations belonging to the user who owns the object:



Drop Ownership pop-up

In this pop-up, the current owner can choose to drop the ownership by tapping Drop Ownership or keep it by tapping Keep Ownership.

This pop-up also has a countdown of 10 seconds. If the time runs out, then the ownership is dropped. This is the default action that allows other users to get objects currently owned by a user who has left the stations and simultaneously allows a user to keep ownership as an active choice.

The ListOwnership keyword can list all or specific ownerships in a session. The result is shown in the Command Line History window.

	Hint:
	Objects can also be locked by automatic processes that start as a follow-up of the user's actions. For example, when a user updates a preset, the Total Reference Update

	mechanism locks the needed objects with ownership while running. The automatic process owns the objects while the update process is running.

1.13.5. Screen Configuration

Screen Configurations contain information about which windows are visible in the different **User-Defined Areas** and the size of the user-defined areas. The screen configuration also contains information about what is assigned to the **View Buttons**.

The User-Defined Areas are the areas on screens 1 through 7 where windows can be added and arranged to be stored and recalled as views. Learn more about this in the User-Defined Area topic.

The view buttons can be used to store and recall views and clear the screen. They can also have other objects than views assigned. Learn more about View Buttons in the View Bar and View Button topic.

The screen configurations do not have a pool of objects to interact with. They are part of the user profile, which means that each user profile has its own set of screen configurations.

Each user has one of the screen configurations assigned. The current configuration can be changed in the User Settings.

Screen configurations can be assigned to Executors and View Buttons. This makes it possible to change the current user's assigned screen configuration quickly. Screen configurations can also be called using the ScreenConfiguration keyword. Follow the link to the keyword to see examples of creating, calling, and assigning screen configurations.

The screen configurations can be used to have different sets of views on the screens and different View Button setups.

Examples of Use

Example 1 - Operator with Main and Backup Console:

A single operator has two consoles.

If the operator has one User with a User Profile, then both consoles would be logged in with this User, and the consoles would have the same programmer content and the same views on the screens.

Instead of having a mirrored console, the operator could expand the workspace and actively use the backup console to show other views. In this case, the operator creates a second User, "MyBackupConsole". This user has the same User Profile but has a different Screen Configuration. The backup console then uses this new User.

Now, the backup console still has the same programmer content but can show different views than the main console. The operator can now actively use both consoles and still have the backup function in case of failure.

Example 2 - Operator with a Console and a 3D Computer:

A single operator has one console and a computer with powerful graphic capabilities.

The desire is to use the computer as a 3D visualizer that the operator can use to show the playback state and to see **blind** programmer content.

The blind function hides programmer values from the output. This can be used to program elements without it being shown in the output. Learn more in the What is the Programmer topic.

To be able to follow the operator into blind, the onPC in the computer needs to log in as a User with the same User Profile as the operator, but to avoid it showing the same views as the console, it can be a User with a different Screen Configuration. Now, the onPC can show a single big **3D Viewer window**, and the operator can freely use the console.

The 3D Viewer shows a virtual 3D space with the stage setup. Learn more in the 3D Viewer topic.

Example 3 - Operator on a Console and Designer with a Web Remote:

An operator is using a console to program a show. The lighting designer wants to see some information about the sequence and fixture values.

One way to accomplish this is by allowing the designer to connect their laptop to the lighting network using WiFi.

The designer can open a browser window and log in on the console using their own User with their own Screen Configuration. The designer User has limited rights but uses the same User Profile as the operator to see programmer content and to be able to manipulate some attribute values.

If the operator needs to help the designer set up the windows or change a setting, then the operator can change to the same Screen Configuration, make the changes, and then change back to their own Screen Configuration.

Create a New Screen Configuration

The examples in the ScreenConfiguration keyword include an example of creating a new Screen Configuration using the command line.

It is also possible to create a new screen configuration when editing the **ScreenConfig** setting in the User Settings. Edit the setting and tap New. This does not give access to label the screen configuration. This still needs to be done using the command line.

Copy a Screen Configuration

The examples in the keyword topic (link above) show how to create a new Screen Configuration, but it could also be relevant to copy an existing screen configuration.

This can be done using the following syntax:

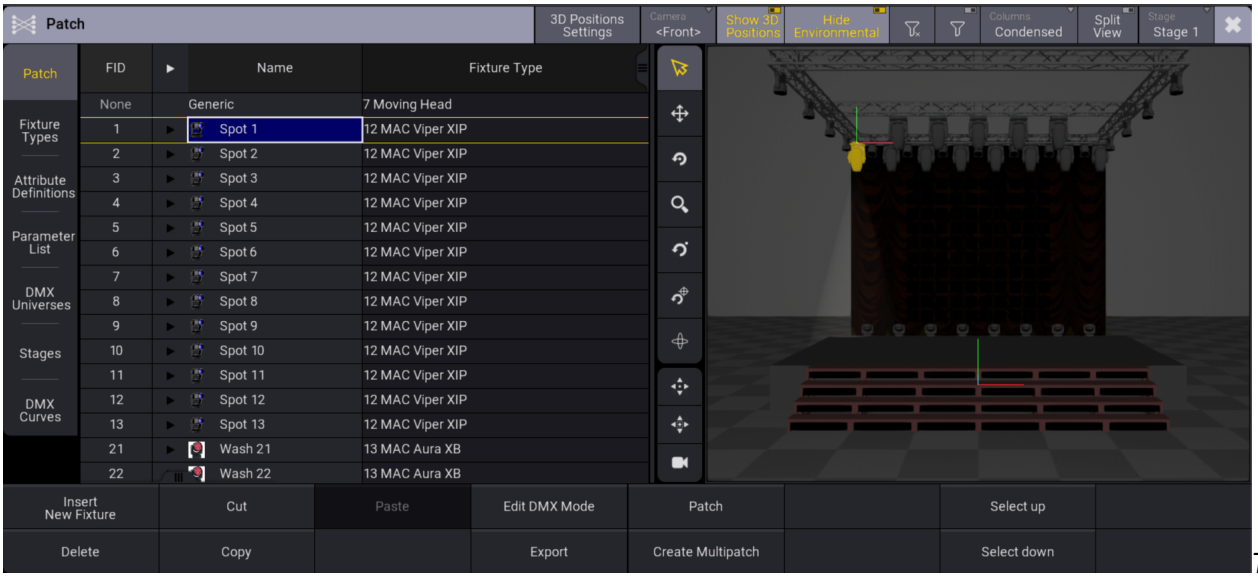
Copy ScreenConfiguration ["ScreenConfiguration_Name" or ScreenConfiguration_Number] At ScreenConfiguration ["ScreenConfiguration_Name" or ScreenConfiguration_Number]

The copy operation can be used to create a new screen configuration or copy into an existing one.

1.14. Patch and Fixture Setup

Fixtures need to be added to the show file before they can be controlled or operated.

Fixtures are added to the show using the **Patch** menu.



The patch menu with some fixtures patched

The patch menu also gives access to Fixture Types, Attribute Definitions, Parameter List, DMX Universes, Stages, and DMX Curves.

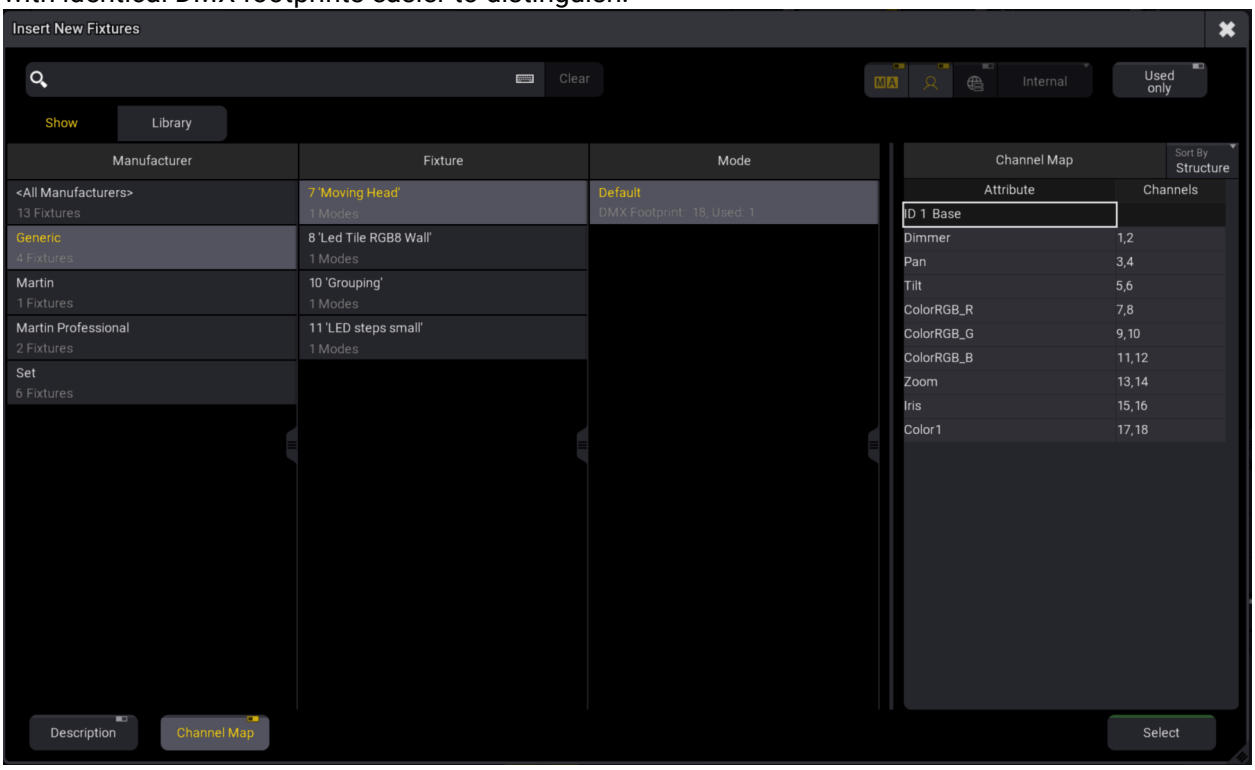
The bottom of the Patch menu contains several buttons. This is a short explanation of them:

- **Insert New Fixture** / **Insert**:
  Tap this button to insert a new fixture or object in a new row above the currently selected row.
- **Delete**:
  Deletes the selected row(s).
- **Cut**:
  Tap this button to cut the selected row(s) to the clipboard. This can be combined with Paste (see below) to reorder the objects in the patch.
- **Copy**:
  Tap this button to copy the selected row(s) to the clipboard.
- **Paste**:
  Tap this button to paste the clipboard content into new rows above the currently selected row.
- **Edit DMX Mode**:
  Tap this button to open the fixture type editor for the current DMX mode of the first selected fixture. For more information about editing fixtures, see Fixture Types.
- **Export**:
  Tapping this opens a Patch Export pop-up. This can be used to export the entire patch or only the selected fixtures. The export can be in the grandMA3 format (XML file in the **/gma3_library/patch** folder) or the MVR format (MVR file in the **/gma3_library/mvr** folder).

- **Patch**:
  Tapping this opens the Edit Patch pop-up for the selected fixture(s). For more information, see Add Fixtures to the Show.
- **Create Multipatch**:
  Tap this to add multipatch fixtures to the currently selected fixture(s). For more information, see Add Multipatch Fixtures.
- **Select Up** / **Select Down**:
  These two buttons can be used to navigate up and down in the patch structure.
  For example, when a selected grouping fixture contains fixtures, tap Select Down to select its sub-fixtures.
  Tap Select Up to return to the grouping fixture.

Channel Map

The Insert New Fixture and **Fixture Type Import** dialogs display the channel map on the right side of the window. The channel map shows the attribute assigned to each DMX channel. This makes fixture types with identical DMX footprints easier to distinguish.



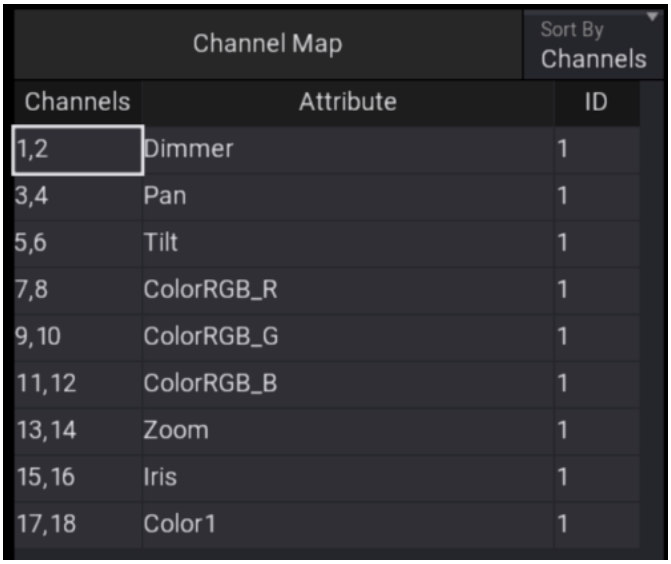
The channel map in the Insert New Fixture dialog

Tap Channel Map to enable or disable the channel map. The channel map is enabled by default.

The Channel Map button

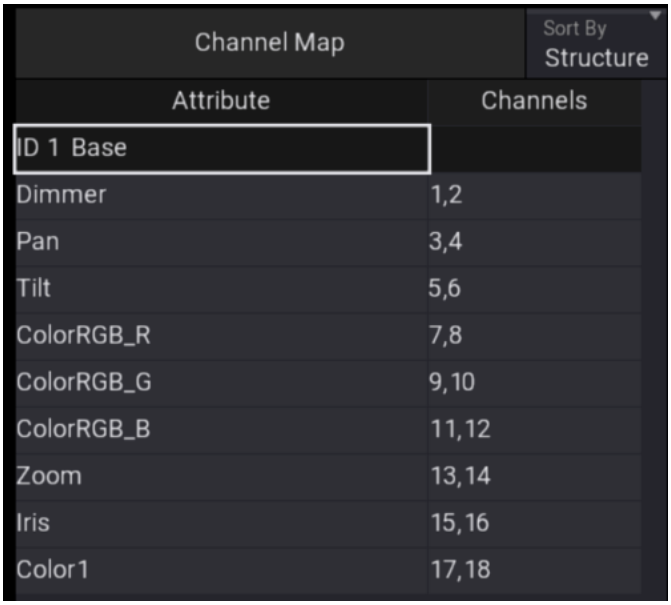
Tap Sort By in the upper-right corner of the channel map to select one of the following views:

- **Channels**:
  Displays the DMX channels and their assigned attributes in ascending channel order. This is the default view.



The channel map sorted by Channels

- **Structure**:
  Displays the fixture type hierarchy based on the fixture geometries. The elements are sorted by ID.



The channel map sorted by Structure

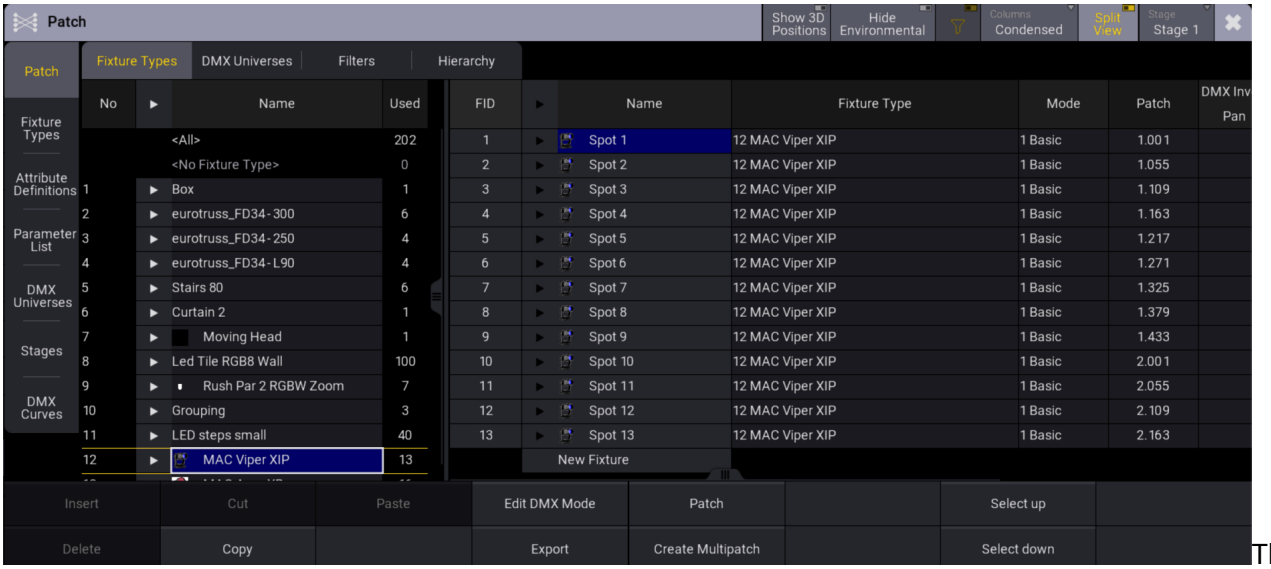
	Hint:
	Import of MVR can be found in the Partial Show Read section of the Show Creator. Export MVR is part of the Patch Export pop-up that opens when tapping Export. See more above.

Buttons might be grayed out if they are not available.

The patch menu has two different modes. The image above shows the **Condensed** mode. This mode hides a lot of columns that might not be needed. The other mode is called **Full**. This shows all columns in the patch menu. The mode can be toggled by tapping Columns in the title bar.

The fixture list can also be filtered using the filter settings in the title bar or by activating Split View.

Split view filters the fixtures by different column properties.



The full Patch menu in Split View

The different split options appear as tabs that can be selected to filter the fixture list.

The list of fixtures is separated into two sides. The left side lists the different elements of the selected split filter. The right side lists the fixtures that qualify based on the object selected on the left side.

The tabs and split options (in Full mode) are:

- **Fixture Types**:
  The left side lists the imported fixture types, including <All> (all fixtures) and <No Fixture Type> (fixtures without an assigned fixture type). For more information, see Fixture Types.
- **DMX Universes**:
  The left side lists the DMX universes, including <All> (all universes) and <Unpatched> (fixtures without an assigned DMX address). For more information, see DMX Universes.
- **Filters**:
  The left side lists the filters in the Filter pool, including <All> (all fixtures). For more information, see World and Filters.
- **Hierarchy**:
  The left side lists the hierarchical structure of the patch. It lists the parent elements and can be unfolded. The right side displays the elements directly dependent on the selected object on the left side.
- **ID Types**:
  The left side lists the different defined ID types, including <All> (all fixtures) and <No ID> (fixtures without an assigned FID or CID). For more information, see What are Fixtures.
- **Layers**:
  The left side lists the different defined layers, including <All> (all fixtures) and <No Layer> (fixtures without an assigned layer). For more information, see Classes and Layers.
- **Classes**:
  The left side lists the different defined classes, including <All> (all fixtures) and <No Class> (fixtures without an assigned class). For more information, see Classes and Layers.

It is possible to have a small version of the 3D stage open in the patch. It can be toggled On or Off with Show 3D Positions in the title bar. It is visible in the first example image above.

When it is On, it is visible on the right side of the menu. It can be adjusted in size by moving the separator. Also, when it is On, a 3D Positions Settings appears in the title bar. Tapping this opens a limited version of the settings for the 3D viewer.

The settings have two tabs: **Misc** and **Label**.

The tab Misc offers these settings:

- **Wireframe**:
  Enables the rendering of the 3D scene as wireframe. By default, this setting is disabled.
- **Beam**:
  Changes the visualization of the beam. Available values are "Simple" and "Line". Simple is the default value.
- **BodyQuality**:
  Changes the visualization of the fixture body:
  - **Box**:
    The whole bounding box of the fixture is visualized as one box.
  - **Standard** (Default):
    The fixture is visualized with its original meshes until the vertex limit of 1 200 vertices is reached. If the overall vertex count of the fixture exceeds 1 200 vertices, the fixture is visualized with default meshes.
  - **Ultra**:
    The fixture is visualized with its original meshes, no matter its vertex count.

The Label settings are the same as for the normal 3D (link below).

When the 3D area has focus (for instance, when tapped), the encoder toolbar changes to the 3D encoder toolbar.

The 3D area in the patch does not visualize the current DMX output. The selected fixture in the patch shows an intensity output of 100%. The zoom of a fixture is visualized with the default value of the zoom attribute or, respectively, with the value of the Beam Angle of its Beam Geometry if a fixture does not have a zoom attribute. Other functions of the fixture (for example, color, iris, or gobo) are not visualized in the 3D area in the patch.

For more information about 3D and these settings, see 3D Viewer.

Subtopics

- What are Fixtures
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- Live Patch
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1.14.1. What are Fixtures

Fixtures are the different devices that can be controlled by the grandMA3.

Fixtures are added using the patch menu. Each fixture is a row in the patch menu. Each row has some settings organized in columns. Two of the columns are **Fixture Type** and **Mode**. Fixture Type is the definition or description of the physical fixture, and the DMX definition of the fixture might be separated into different modes. Each fixture type can have several different modes. Only one mode can be selected for each fixture in the patch. Read more about editing and creating fixture types in the Fixture Types section.

Fixtures contain different **Attributes** or **Parameters**. The parameters can have different values. Individual parameters are the ones manipulated when controlling the fixtures' attributes. For instance, changing the dimmer attribute for ten fixtures changes the dimmer parameter on each of the ten fixtures. Read more about attributes in the Attribute Definitions topic.

Fixtures in the grandMA3 are selected using an ID. There are 12 different **ID Types**. These ID Types can be used to organize the fixture list. Six of the ID Types are **Generic**, **Fixture**, **Channel**, **MArker**, **Multipatch**, and **PSR** - they are locked and cannot be renamed. The **Generic** type can be used to completely preprogram the show. And then onsite the fixture type can be replaced with the local ones. **PSR** is a fixture type that the system uses when utilizing the **Partial Show Read** function. It should not be used when manually adding an ID.
Multipatch (MP) ID type is a special type used to create multi-patch versions of a fixture - learn more in the Add Multipatch Fixture topic.
The remaining six ID types can be renamed to match the needs of the show. These are called **Custom ID** because they can be customized. The default names are **Houselights**, **NonDim**, **Media**, **Fog**, **Effect**, and **Pyro**. Each of these is a keyword. Renaming them changes the corresponding keywords. Read about the ID type keywords following these links: Fixture, Channel, Generic, Houselights, NonDim, Media, Fog, Effect, Pyro, MArker, Multipatch, and PSR.

Partial Show Read is used to access elements from a different show file. The function needs to compare the patch, and that is why this ID type exists. When the patch is compared and possibly combined, then elements can be transferred from the other show into the recurrent one. Learn more in the Partial Show Read topic.

A fixture can have a **Fixture ID** (FID) and one other **ID Type** (CID) with the same or a different ID number. A fixture needs at least one ID to be operated.

Fixtures are added to a stage. In a new, empty show, there is a standard stage (Stage 1). More stages can be added to organize the setup. Read more about Stages in the Stages topic and about placing fixtures in the Position Fixtures in the 3D Space topic.

Fixtures can have **Class** and **Layer** information. These are two different ways to organize or group the fixtures. Read more in the Classes and Layers topic. The patch menu can be filtered to hide or show fixtures, for instance, using specific classes or layers.

Another way to organize the patch is to add fixtures as a "child" (structurally below a "parent") to another fixture. A special **Grouping** fixture is very useful for this. It is an "empty" fixture in the generic

manufacturer group. This can be useful if there are many fixtures of one type, for instance, 100 LED panels. A grouping fixture would be added to the patch, and the LED panels would be added inside or below the grouping fixture. The grouping fixture can have an ID. Selecting this ID then controls the LED panels inside or below the grouping fixture. An example of this structure can be seen in the demo showfile.

Fixtures also need to be patched to a DMX address in the grandMA3. If it does not have a DMX address, then the system does not know where to send the parameter values.

Example 1

A row is added to the patch menu. A Robe MegaPointe is assigned to the row. Now, the fixture exists in the patch menu. The fixture needs an ID to be selected and controlled. The fixture gets FID (Fixture ID) 1. Now, the fixture can be selected using the **Fixture 1** command. For the fixture to react, it needs to have the same DMX address as set in the fixture itself, and it needs to be connected to a DMX port set to the correct universe. The fixture gets address 3.54. The universe number is 3, and the DMX address in that universe is 54 - this needs to match the fixture setting.

Example 2

A row is added to the patch menu. A generic dimmer (8-bit) is assigned as the mode. The fixture is a part of the building and is used for house lights. The ID Type is changed to **Houselights**, and CID (Channel ID / Custom ID, depending on the ID type) is changed to 101. It does not get an FID. It can now be selected by pressing Channel three times to get the houselights keyword and the numbers 1 0 1.

The fixture gets the Patch address 1.101 (universe 1, address 101).

	Hint:
	The channel key is used to get all other ID types than **Fixture**. Pressing it multiple times toggles through the ID types.

1.14.2. Add Fixtures to the Show

This is the process of adding new fixtures (or devices) to the show and the patch using the GUI.

Quick Steps in a new show:

1. Open the Patch Menu.
2. Follow the steps in the wizard:
   a. Select the fixture type.
   b. (optional) Add a custom name.
   c. Type the quantity.
   d. Type the first ID number.
   e. (If in **Full** mode) Select a Layer and class (**None** is an option).
   f. Type the patch address for the first fixture.
   g. Tap Apply.
3. Close the Patch menu and tap Save and Exit to save the changes.

These are steps needed for adding the first fixtures to a new show - read below for details.

Tap the video below to see the example.

Quick Steps in a show with existing fixtures:

1. Open the Patch Menu.
2. Select the row where the new fixtures should be inserted and tap the Insert New Fixture button.
3. Make sure the desired source is selected.
4. Select the desired fixture type (use the filter to limit the list) and tap Select.
5. Fill in the rest of the fields in the wizard and tap Create !.
6. Edit any desired field in the patch grid before closing the Patch menu.
7. Close the Patch menu and save the changes.

These are steps needed to add more fixtures in an existing show - read below for details.

Tap the video below to see the example.

Everything about adding fixtures is done from the Patch menu.

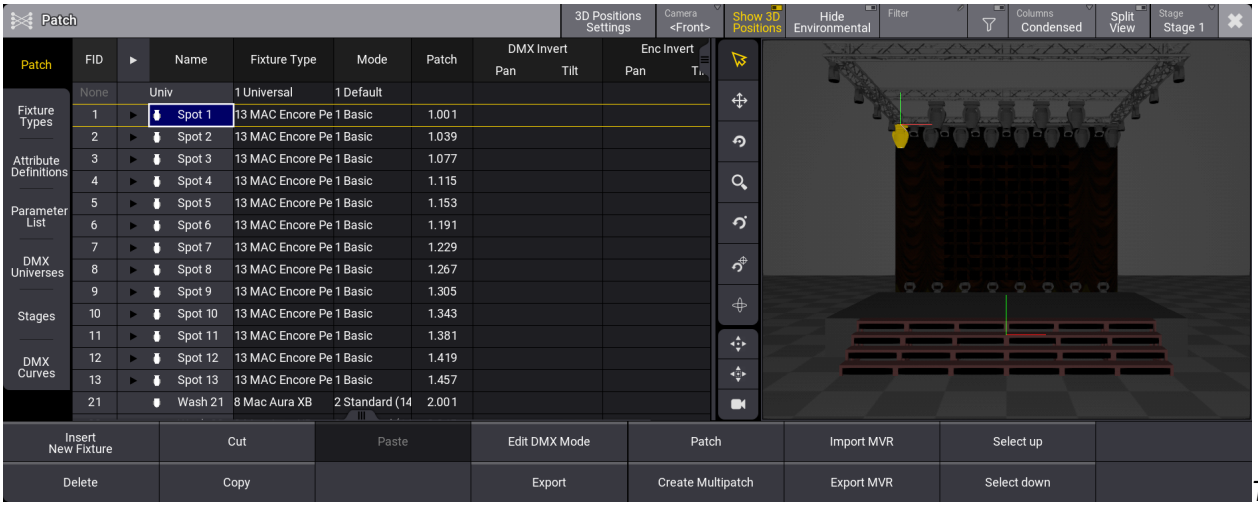
Navigate to the Patch Menu

The Patch menu needs to be open to add fixtures.

1. Press the Menu key.
2. Tap the Patch button in the menu pop-up.

Paste to Command Line

The patch menu is now open.



The open Patch menu - in condensed mode - with some fixtures

When the menu is opened the first time, a wizard helps to add the first fixtures to the show, and instead of the patch menu, there is a guide through the fixture selection and the **Insert New Fixtures** pop-up (see below).

Insert a Device in the Patch

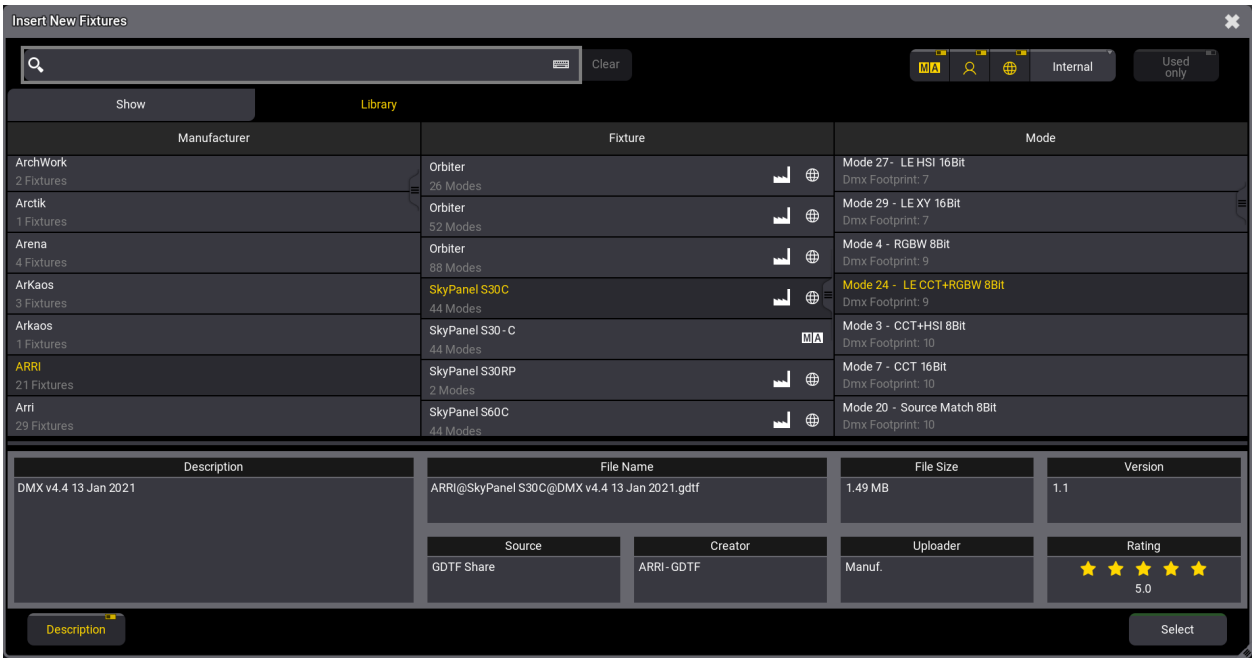
Each fixture needs a row in the patch menu.

The fixtures belong to a "parent" stage object. The default parent is **Stage 1**. Several stages can be created - read more in the Stage topic.

The selected stage can be changed using the stage button in the title bar.

1. Select the stage where the fixtures should be added using the button in the title bar.
2. Tap the New Fixture area on the list if it needs to be added to the bottom, or tap an existing fixture to insert new fixtures above the selected fixture.
3. Tap Insert New Fixture.

This opens the **Insert New Fixture** wizard pop-up on the **Select DMX Mode to use** part.



Select a fixture in the libraries

Below the search bar are two tabs: **Show** and **Library**. Show lists the fixture types already imported into the show file. This list can be limited to only showing the patched fixture types. This can be done by activating the Used only button. The **Library** tab lists the different fixture types that can be used. With library selected, there are extra buttons available on the right side.

One button selects the drive. This makes it possible to select the internal drive, previously installed versions library, or an external USB drive. In the image above, it is the Internal button. The button is labeled to show the selected drive. Next to this button, there are small toggle buttons that select different sources.

The sources are MA (grandMA2 converted fixture files and grandMA3 fixture files), User , and Shares (GDTF share and grandMA3 fixture share). The share button is only available when there is an active connection to a World Server (learn more in the World Server topic).

	Restriction:
	grandMA2 fixture files cannot be loaded directly into the grandMA3. The grandMA2 converted source mentioned above is the grandMA2 library converted to match the grandMA3 structure. Fixture files are converted when a grandMA2 file is stored as a grandMA3 file. Learn more in the grandMA2 manual / Using the Backup Menu / Save as grandMA3.

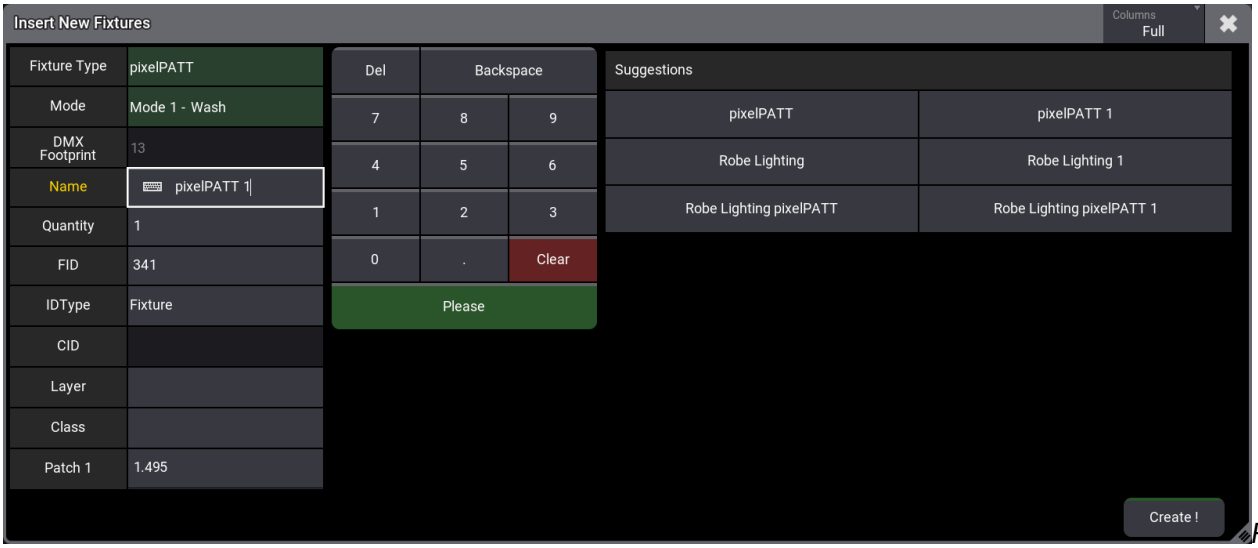
4. Select the desired drive and activate the desired sources.

The fixture libraries are sorted by manufacturers in the left column. Selecting a manufacturer lists the fixtures from that manufacturer in the center column. Selecting a fixture lists the available modes in the right column.

At the bottom, a Description button can show an area with extra information about the selected fixture type file.

5. The list can be filtered by typing a word in the **Search** input. The search is across manufacturers, fixtures, and modes (If a fixture has multiple modes, it will show them all, but only fixtures that include the searched mode).
6. Select the desired fixture and mode from the list and tap Select.

This reveals the **Insert New Fixtures Wizard**. This has a list of elements that need information to add the fixtures to the patch. The wizard comes in two different modes, depending on the **Columns** mode of the patch. This mode can be toggled in the Columns button in the title bar. When the mode is **Full,** then there are more elements (ID Type, CID, Layer, and Class). This is the full version of the pop-up:



Fill out all the desired fields in the right column to insert fixtures

7. All the fields in the right column can be filled with information. The required fields have a value suggestion. These can be edited to suit the needs. All the information can also be edited afterward in the patch menu. The area on the right side adapts to help fill out the selected field. It might have suggestions for input.
8. Accept the suggested values, or edit them to suit the needs.
9. Tap Create ! to add the fixtures.

A row now represents each new fixture in the patch menu. Read below for an explanation of each column in the patch menu and detailed information about changing some values.

Short Explanation of Most Columns in the Patch Menu

The patch menu has many columns. This is a short explanation of each. Remember that the patch menu has a condensed and full mode. Select Full to see all the columns.

- **FID**:
  This is the Fixture ID of the fixture. Read more in the **Assign an ID to fixtures** below.
- **IDType**:
  This is the ID Type of the fixture. Read more in the **Assign an ID to fixtures** below.
- **CID**:
  This is the fixture's CID. Read more in the **Assign an ID to fixtures** below.

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the fixture. If there are subfixtures, then a right-pointed arrow can be tapped to unfold the subfixtures.
- **FixtureType**:
  This is the name of the selected fixture type.
- **Mode**:
  This is the mode of the selected fixture.
- **Patch**:
  This is the first DMX address of the fixture. Read more in the **Assign DMX address to fixtures** below.
- **Layer**:
  Fixtures can be organized in Layers. This is the layer information for the fixture. Read more in the Classes and Layers topic.
- **Class**:
  Fixtures can be organized in Classes. This is the class information for the fixture. Read more in the Classes and Layers topic.
- **Offset Pan**:
  This offset value can offset the DMX output for the Pan attribute.
  It is applied just before the DMX output, which means the offset is not shown in the programmer, cues, or presets. The offset can be useful if, for instance, a fixture is hung differently than what has been programmed, especially in a touring situation where it is not a permanent change. The offset value can be set in physical degrees.
- **Offset Tilt**:
  This is the same as the Offset Pan but for the tilt attribute. Read above.
- **DMX Invert Pan**:
  The Pan DMX output can be inverted by editing this field. This can be useful depending on how the fixtures are mounted. See more below in What Should Be Inverted.
- **DMX Invert Tilt**:
  The Pan DMX output can be inverted by editing this field. This can be useful depending on how the fixtures are mounted. See more below in What Should Be Inverted.
- **Invert 3D Pan**:
  This setting inverts the pan attribute in the grandMA3 3D visualizer without affecting the DMX output. See more below in What Should Be Inverted.
- **Invert 3D Tilt**:
  This setting inverts the tilt attribute in the grandMA3 3D visualizer without affecting the DMX output. See more below in What Should Be Inverted.
- **Enc Invert Pan**:
  Editing this field allows the pan to be inverted for the encoder rotation, which can be useful depending on how the fixtures are mounted. See more below in What Should Be Inverted.
- **Enc Invert Tilt**:
  Editing this field allows tilt to be inverted for the encoder rotation. Depending on how the fixtures are mounted, this can be useful. See more below in What Should Be Inverted.
- **Pos X**:
  This is the fixture's position on the X-axis in the 3D window.
- **Pos Y**:
  This is the fixture's position on the Y-axis in the 3D window.
- **Pos Z**:
  This is the fixture's position on the Z-axis in the 3D window.
- **Rot X**:
  It is the rotation of the fixture on the X-axis in the 3D window.

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- **Rot Y**:
  It is the rotation of the fixture on the Y-axis in the 3D window.
- **Rot Z**:
  It is the rotation of the fixture on the Z-axis in the 3D window.
- **Scale X**:
  This can scale the fixture/object on the X-axis in the 3D window. The scale value is a factor, with 1 being the default. A higher number makes the object bigger, and a lower number makes it smaller.
- **Scale Y**:
  This can scale the fixture/object on the Y-axis in the 3D window. The scale value is a factor, with 1 being the default. A higher number makes the object bigger, and a lower number makes it smaller.
- **Scale Z**:
  This can scale the fixture/object on the Z-axis in the 3D window. The scale value is a factor, with 1 being the default. A higher number makes the object bigger, and a lower number makes it smaller.
- **Gel Color**:
  Here, a color that will be added to the fixture's output can be defined. This is useful for adding gels to conventional fixtures. This is visualized in the console and 3D Viewer.
- **Note**:
  This adds a multiline note to the fixture.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be assigned to the fixture.
- **Beam Angle**:
  Here, the fixture's beam angle can be defined. This is useful for conventional fixtures where different angles might be needed. This is visualized in the 3D window.
- **Shadow Quality**:
  This setting defines the render quality of the shadows created when this fixture's light beam hits a different object that casts shadows. A higher level of quality improves the real-world look, but it also increases the calculations needed for the 3D visualization. The options are **None**, **Low**, **Medium**, **High**, and **Very High**.
  Cast Shadows need to be set to Yes for the shadows to be rendered (see below). This setting is not available for environmental fixture types.
- **Cast Shadow**:
  Each fixture can cast a shadow or not. This setting defines if this fixture should cast a shadow.
- **Follow Target**:
  Turning this to Yes makes the fixtures or 3D objects something that can be selected or picked using the **Follow** function in the 3D Viewer.
- **Selectable 3D**:
  This is a Yes or No (text is hidden) field. Yes means that the fixture can be selected using the selection tool in the 3D Viewer. Turning this off (No option) for stage elements that do not need to be controlled can be useful.
- **Visible 3D**:
  This is a Yes or No (text is hidden) field. Yes means that it is shown in the 3D Viewer.
- **MIB**:
  This can be set to **Yes** to disable the MIB function for the fixture and its attributes. Learn more about MIB in the Move In Black topic.
- **Target Space**:
  The MArker fixtures use this. This is the selected target space for the MArker fixture. It defines the available space where fixtures can move their light beams when selecting this MArker fixture. Learn more in the MArker Fixture topic.

- **Movement Space**:
  The MArker fixtures use this. This is the selected movement space for the MArker fixture. It defines the space wherein the MArker fixture can move. Learn more in the MArker Fixture topic.
- **Master React**:
  This setting has three options: **None**, **Group**, and **Grand**. This defines if the intensity is affected by a master. If Grand is selected, then group masters will also affect the fixture. If Group is selected, then additive group masters are not affected by the grand master. None makes the fixture ignore both group masters and grand masters. None also excludes this fixture from the solo function. Learn more about solo in the Solo keyword.
- **Grid Rot and Inv**:
  These six settings allow for modifying the arrangement of subfixtures in the selection grid. For instance, if a linear LED bar has multiple LED cells defined in the fixture type, it will use the information in the fixture type to show the individual cells when the subfixtures are shown in the selection grid. The Grid settings can be used to rotate and invert the representation of subfixtures in the Selection Grid.
- **Material Overwrite**:
  A fixture type's material can be overwritten for specific fixtures using this setting. Editing this cell opens a **Select Material Overwrite pop-up** with all the appearances. Selecting one will use the selected to overwrite the material defined in the Fixture Type. This feature can be very useful for environmental elements. For instance, to use a several planes as different video walls or displays with content from different NDI appearances.
- **Appearance**:
  An appearance can be assigned to the fixture. This appearance is used in the patch menu and in the Fixture Sheet if the sheet has the setting Fixture Appearance set to "Enabled " or "Graphic".

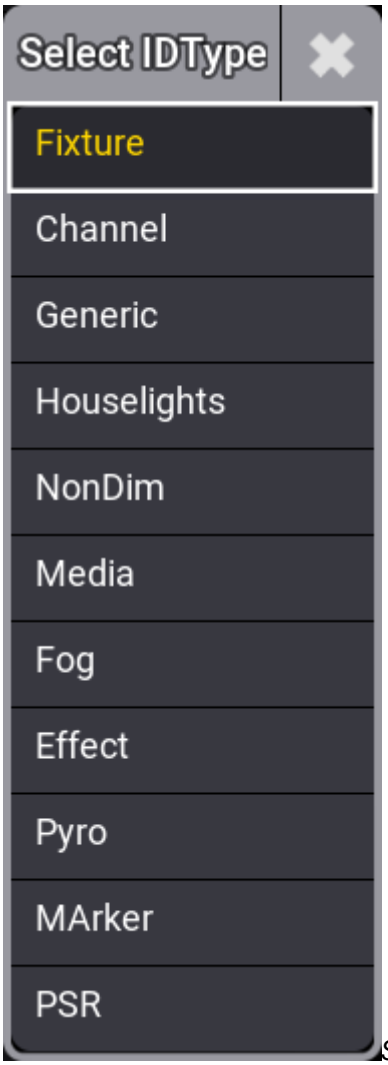
Assign an ID to Fixtures

The fixtures need at least one ID to be selected and controlled.

There are two types of ID numbers for each fixture. Fixtures can have both or just one of the two - but it needs at least one.

The **FID** is the default fixture ID. The number here is used with the Fixture keyword.

The **CID** is the second ID. This can be used if the **IDType** differs from "Fixture". Editing the IDType field opens the **Select IDType** pop-up.



Select the desired IDType

This lists the different valid IDTypes. Select one that is not "Fixture" to use the CID.

	Important: There are types called **Generic**, **MArker**, and **PSR**. Generic is a special type that can be used for fixtures that can be used to contain generic or universal values. MArker is used for special MArker fixtures used to change Pan Tilt values by referencing points in the 3D stage. PSR is used with Partial Show Read. These IDTypes should not be used for normal fixtures.

1. Select the ID fields in one of the two ID columns (FID or CID) for the fixture rows where an ID is to be assigned. The selection order is important.
2. Type a number on the keyboard and assign the number by pressing Please.

Now, the fixtures have an ID. The numbers are assigned sequentially based on the selection order.

Assign DMX Address to Fixtures

The fixtures need to be assigned a DMX universe and address before being able to create any output.

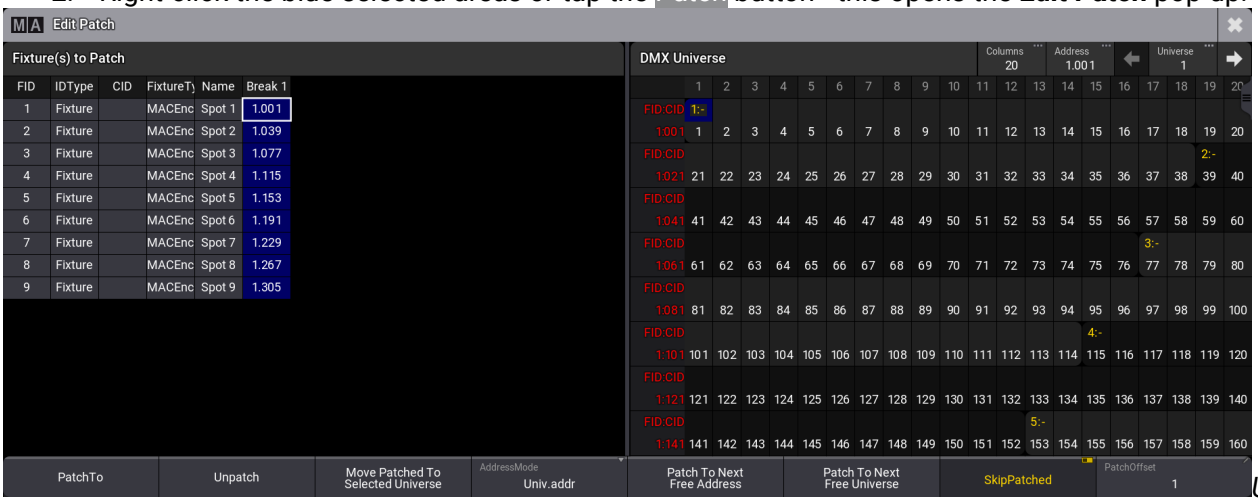
There are two primary options for giving the fixtures an address. One is to type the desired address directly in the patch field, and the other is to use the dedicated **Edit Patch** pop-up.

Type the number:

1. Select the fields in the Patch column for the fixture rows where the address will be assigned. The selection order is important.
2. Type the DMX universe and address separated by a dot (for example, **2.1**) on the keyboard and assign the address by pressing Please.

Use the Edit Patch menu:

1. Select the fields in the Patch column for the fixture rows where the address will be assigned. The selection order is important.
2. Right-click the blue selected areas or tap the Patch button - this opens the **Edit Patch** pop-up.



Use the Edit Patch pop-up to get a visual overview of the DMX universe

This pop-up is divided into two sides. On the left side, there are all the selected fixtures. On the right side is a view with all the DMX universes and addresses. The purpose of the menu is that fixtures can be selected on the left side, and the universe list on the right side shows where there is available space in the universes. There are several ways to navigate universes and assign the fixtures to the selected DMX address.

The numbers on the right side are red if the universe is not granted.

The pop-up also opens a dedicated encoder toolbar:

Edit patch encoder toolbar is used for easy navigation

This toolbar can be used to select fixtures, universe, and address.

This is one way to do it:

1. Select the fixtures in the correct order.

2. Use the encoders to navigate to the desired address.
3. Tap the **Address** encoder to assign the fixtures to the address.

The Edit Patch pop-up has several buttons at the bottom:

- **PatchTo**:
  Opens a small pop-up where the desired patch address can be typed.
- **Unpatch**:
  This removes the patch address from the fixtures.
- **Move Patched To Selected Universe**:
  This moves the fixtures to the selected universe and keeps the DMX address.
- **AddressMode**:
  This toggle button changes how the DMX address is displayed. They can be split up into universes and a range DMX address from 1 through 512 - this option is called **Univ.addr**. The other option is **Absolute**, which shows the addresses continuously starting from number 1 and upwards.
- **Patch To Next Free Address**:
  This gives the fixtures the next available DMX addresses.
- **Patch To Next Free Universe**:
  This patches the fixtures to the next empty universe.
- **SkipPatched**:
  This will skip addresses that have patched fixtures when scrolling through the universes.
- **PatchOffset**:
  This can set the desired number of DMX channels between the fixtures. If the number is lower than the number of channels the fixtures use, they are patched as close as possible. If the number is more than the used channels, then the PatchOffset number is used.

The **Edit Patch** menu auto closes when all the selected fixtures are patched.

Filtering the Patch Menu

Filtering in the patch menu can be useful when there are a lot of fixtures and stage elements.

There are several ways to filter the fixtures in the patch menu.

An existing filter can be assigned using the Filter input in the title bar. Tapping this opens a small select pop-up that lists all existing filters (read about creating a filter in the Create a Filter topic). Two other options are **None** (no filter) and **New** (create a new filter). Select the desired filter.

Filtering needs to be turned On for the filter to be active. Tap the filter icon ( ) (between Filter and Columns) to turn it On. This button toggles On or Off.

Turning filters On also exposes column filters. An extra row is displayed above the fixture rows just below the column titles. Any column value can filter the patch simply by editing the filter field for a column. Only one filter value can be applied to each column.

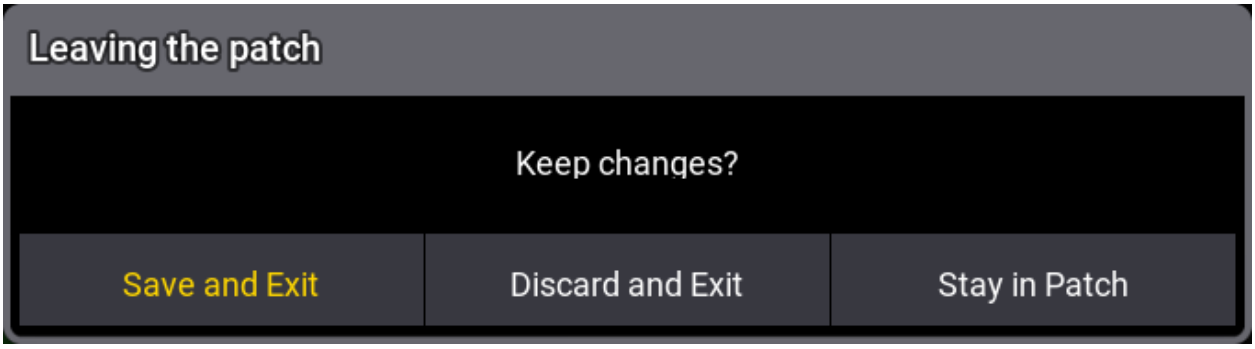
Edit a column filter field to assign a value. Some fields open a small selection pop-up with a list of available values, while others are input fields where text needs to be written.

The column filters can be combined with a filter from the pool.

The **Split View** is also a way to filter the patch. Learn more about the split view in the Patch and Fixture Setup topic.

Closing the Patch Menu

There is a pop-up asking what to do when exiting the patch menu.



Leave patch pop-up with options

This asks if the changes should be kept.

Tap Save and Exit to save the changes and leave the patch menu. Tap Discard and Exit to cancel any changes and leave the patch menu. Tap Stay in Patch to stay in the patch menu.

What Should Be Inverted

Pan and Tilt attributes can be inverted using three different invert functions. Which one is the correct one in different scenarios?

The problem can be identifying the correct issue.

Situation 1 - Pan/Tilt direction is not the same in grandMA3 3D and the real world (including 3rd-party visualizer)

There is probably an error in the physical description for the Fixture Type. The fixture type definition includes information about the rotation of the moving head in relation to the DMX value.

The DMX channel called "Yoke_Pan" often has a defined DMX range of 0 to 255 and a Physical range of 270 to -270 degrees. And a default DMX value of 127. The issue is the physical rotation direction when the DMX value increases. The physical value defines one direction, but if this doesn't match the real fixture, then the grandMA3 3D will turn the fixture in the opposite direction from the real fixture.

Inverting the 3D in the patch can be used in this situation to change the rotation direction in the grandMA3 3D.

This inversion does not change the DMX output.

	Important:
	If XYZ is activated for the fixture type, then the physical description in the fixture type should be changed to match the real direction. If both Invert 3D

	and XYZ are active, then the DMX value is inverted!

Situation 2 - Pan/Tillt is inverted for some or all fixtures in the real world compared to both grandMA3 3D and a 3rd-party visualizer

If fixtures are turning in the opposite direction in the real world than shown in grandMA3 3D and 3rd-party visualizers, then the DMX values should be inverted.

It might be better to invert the pan or tilt in the fixtures (if they have that setting). The difference is whether the DMX is inverted from the source (grandMA3 system) or at the destination (the fixture). The result is the same. Choose the one that is the easiest. Also, keep in mind the possible workload of updating stored positions in the showfile.

Situation 3 - Some fixtures are positioned opposite other fixtures of the same type and should move in the same direction when turning the encoders

Imagine two rows of fixtures standing on the floor. The fixtures are oriented towards the space between the rows. Turning the Tilt encoder makes the fixture tilt down towards the fixture on the other row. Now turning the Pan encoder makes the two rows turn in opposite directions. It might be nicer if the two rows turned to the same side. This can be achieved by inverting the encoder for one of the rows.

Tilt encoder inversion can be helpful if the desire is for hanging and standing fixtures to tilt up or down together rather than in opposite directions.

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1.14.3. Add Multipatch Fixtures

Multipatch fixtures are virtual fixtures where every parameter follows the primary fixture (the fixture they mirror).

These multipatch fixtures can be used when multiple physical fixtures are controlled by the same ID. The virtual fixtures do not require any extra parameters as long as the primary fixture has a patched and granted DMX address. They can have their own patch address, and there will be DMX output to these addresses. For more information about granted in DMX Universes, see DMX Universes.

The multipatch fixtures can be assigned to layouts and positioned in the 3D. They are not part of the selection grid and can, therefore, not be used in MAtricks.

Changing the parameters on a selected multipatch fixture actually changes the parameters of the primary fixture. All multipatched fixtures to this primary fixture will reflect the changed values.

Changing the location of the primary fixtures in the patch or adding multipatch fixtures to other fixtures might renumber all the multipatch fixtures.

Multipatch fixtures can be selected individually. The selection color is light red instead of yellow (default colors). In the fixture sheet, the primary ID will flash between yellow and light red when a multipatch fixture is selected.

They can be selected using the command line using their unique multipatch CID or by an index number of the primary fixture.

Example

Have a setup like this:

FID	IDType	CID	▶	Name	Fixture Type	Mode	Patch
None	Generic	1		Univ	1 Universal	1 Default	
1	Fixture	None	▶	Spot 1	13 MAC Viper XIP	1 Basic	1.001
MP 1	Multipatch			<Spot 1>	<13 MAC Viper XIP>	<1 Basic>	6.001
MP 2	Multipatch			<Spot 1>	<13 MAC Viper XIP>	<1 Basic>	6.055
2	Fixture	None	▶	Spot 2	13 MAC Viper XIP	1 Basic	1.055
MP 1	Multipatch			<Spot 2>	<13 MAC Viper XIP>	<1 Basic>	6.109
MP 2	Multipatch			<Spot 2>	<13 MAC Viper XIP>	<1 Basic>	6.163

Patch with two fixtures with two multipatched fixtures each

The first multipatch fixture on FID 2 has the hidden multipatch CID number of 3 - it is the third multipatch fixture in the entire patch.

It can be selected by this syntax: Multipatch 3 or Fixture 2 Multipatch 1.

	Hint:
	The hidden multipatch CID should not be used to select the fixtures. The CID number will possibly change if changes are made to the patch. The number is not fixed. It is recommended to use the index number based on the primary fixture (the second example above).

Learn more about the keyword in the Multipatch keyword topic.

Add Multipatch Fixtures

Requirement:

Have some fixtures patched to the show.

1. Enter the Patch menu by pressing Menu and then tap Patch.
2. Select the primary fixture that needs multipatched fixtures.
3. Tap Create Multipatch.
4. Enter the number of needed multipatch fixtures in the **Amount of MP fixtures** pop-up and confirm it by tapping Please.

The new multipatched fixtures can now get a DMX patch address. The multipatch fixtures are limited in what can be changed, but name and location information are part of what can be changed for the fixtures.

5. When all the needed information is assigned to the new multipatch fixtures, the patch menu can be closed by tapping and saving the changes.

Tap the video below to see the example.

1.14.4. My Virtual Rig (MVR)

MVR (My Virtual Rig) is a file format that is used to share data for a stage set up between a lighting console, a visualizer, a CAD program or similar tools. This allows for transferring parametric and geometric data between different programs.

It is a complementary system to the GDTF files.

MVR is described in the GDTF help pages (external link): https://gdtf-share.com/help/en/help/mvr/index.html

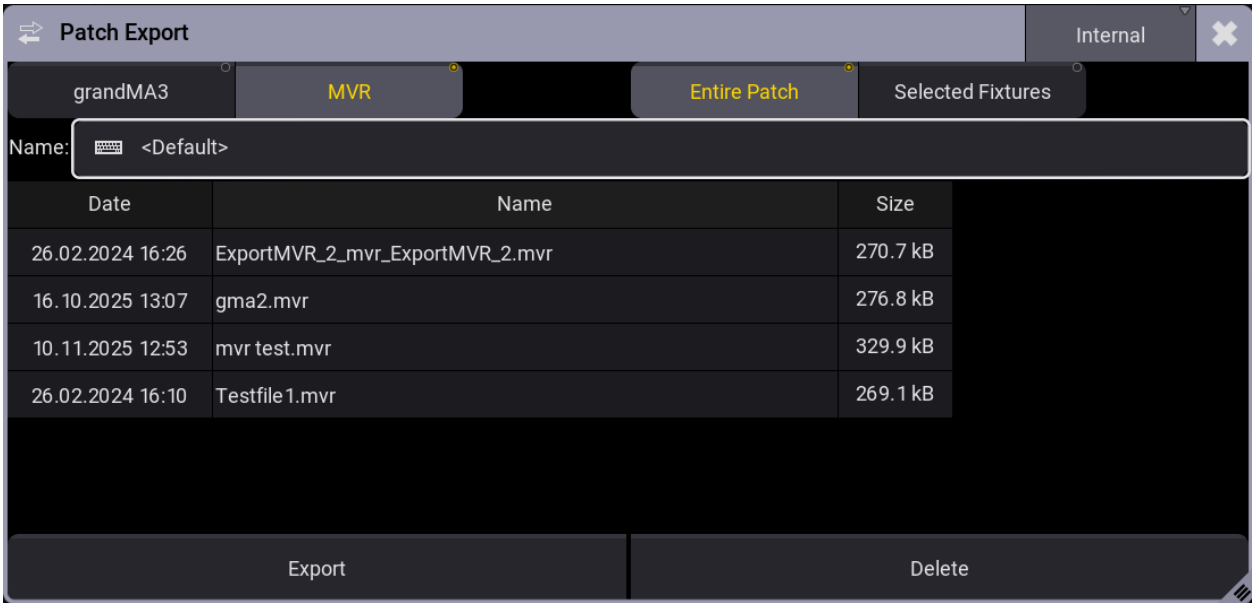
Import MVR

Partial Show Read has been enhanced to support MVR integration. For more information, see Partial Show Read (PSR).

Export MVR

To export the patch as an MVR file, open the **Patch** menu. The exported file will be saved in the following directory on the selected drive: MALightingTechnology\gma3_library\mvr.

At the bottom of the menu, tap the Export button to open the **Patch Export** pop-up window, which could look like this:



Patch menu - Export

In this window, you can:

- Select the desired drive.
- Enter a file name in the **Name** field.
    - If you leave it as `<Default>`, the current show file name will be used automatically.
- View existing MVR files on the selected drive.

Export Options

There are two export file types:

- grandMA3
- MVR (selected by default)

For more information, see Patch and Fixture Setup.

On the right side of the pop-up, you can choose the scope of the export:

- Entire Patch: Exports the entire patch including fixture files, stage elements, and organizational elements like the Classes and Layers.
- Selected Fixtures: Exports the selected fixtures including fixture files, stage elements, and organizational elements.

Tap Export to begin the export process and generate the MVR file.
Tap Delete to remove the currently selected file from the list.

/MVR exports fixtures in MVR format. For more information, see /MVR keyword.

	Hint:
	It is a good idea to store the show file **before** exporting it to the MVR file.

MVR-xchange

The MVR menu in the In & Out menu offers a platform to exchange and manage MVR files via a network connection. For more information, see MVR-xchange.

1.14.5. Live Patch

The **Live Patch** menu is a version of the Patch menu with limited functionality. It looks like the patch menu, but some buttons are missing and some columns have a dark background - these columns cannot be edited.

The idea behind Live Patch is that it is only possible to change the elements that do not require a new show upload to the system.

This means that fixtures/objects cannot be added or removed.

In the live patch it is possible to change the following columns:

- Name
- Patch
- Offset Pan
- Offset Tilt
- DMX Invert Pan
- DMX Invert Tilt
- Invert 3D Pan
- Invert 3D Tilt
- Enc Invert Pan
- Enc invert Tilt
- Position and Rotation
- Gel Color
- Note
- Tags
- Beam Angle
- Shadow Quality
- Cast Shadow
- Follow Target
- Selectable 3D
- Visible 3D
- Master React
- Values for automatic position calculation
- Grid rotation and invert values
- Material Overwrite
- Appearance

The automatic position calculation columns are for the four points used for automatic fixture position calculation. Read more about this in the Position Fixtures in the 3D Space topic.

Follow the link to the Patch menu (above) to read more about the other columns.

Changes made in the live patch are applied immediately.

The lowest button on the left side gives access to an additional RDM Fixtures menu. This lists fixtures discovered using RDM. Learn more about RDM in the RDM section.

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1.14.6. DMX Sheet

The DMX sheet displays the actual DMX output from the system. It shows the result from the sequences, programmer, incoming merged DMX, and any masters that might limit the output.

The sheet can be created as a window on any empty space on the screens. The minimum size is 1.5 squares wide and 2 high. It is created like any other window using the Add Window pop-up.

DMX sheet with patched fixtures

The main part of this window displays a big grid with every DMX address represented by its own square. This makes it a very long list (all 1024 universes are there).

The first column on the left side is a label for the second column.

There are two ways to see the DMX address: Absolute DMX address and the normal Universe divided. This can be changed in the Sheet Settings. The absolute address mode displays the DMX addresses as a continuous number. This means that the first address in the second universe will not be written as "2:001" but as "513" (512 addresses from the first universe + 1 from the second).

The top row displays the column number. Since the grid is a matrix, the column number should be added to the address shown in the vertical bar - the actual calculation for the square number is the number in the left column plus the number in the top row minus one.

Each square can display up to three different types of information:

- **Value**:
  This setting shows or hides the DMX value of the DMX channel in the sheet.
- **Attribute**:
  Toggling this setting shows or hides the attribute related to the DMX channel in the sheet.

- **ID**:
  This setting shows or hides the FID and CID number assigned to the fixture patched to the DMX channel in the sheet.

The three elements can be turned On or Off individually in the mask settings (read the Sheets Settings below for more about the settings).

If a fixture uses more than one DMX channel, the rounded corners are on the first and last attribute/DMX channel. The background color alternates between two shades of gray to indicate different fixtures.

Detail of the DMX sheet

In the example above, some RGB LED fixtures are patched. The selected fixture (FID 201) gets a yellow text color in attributes and FID:CID.

If labels in the leftmost column have red text, then the channels/universes are not granted. Read more about getting more parameters in the Expand the Amount of Parameters topic.

If the cursor is moved to a square, information about that square is displayed in a text line at the bottom of the window (see the image above for an example).

The two images show two different ways the value can be visualized in the DMX sheet. The first is called **Background**, and the second is **Bar**. They can be changed or turned Off in the Sheet Settings. The setting is called **Level Bar**. A third option for this is the **Progammer**. It shows the same background color as the fixture sheet.

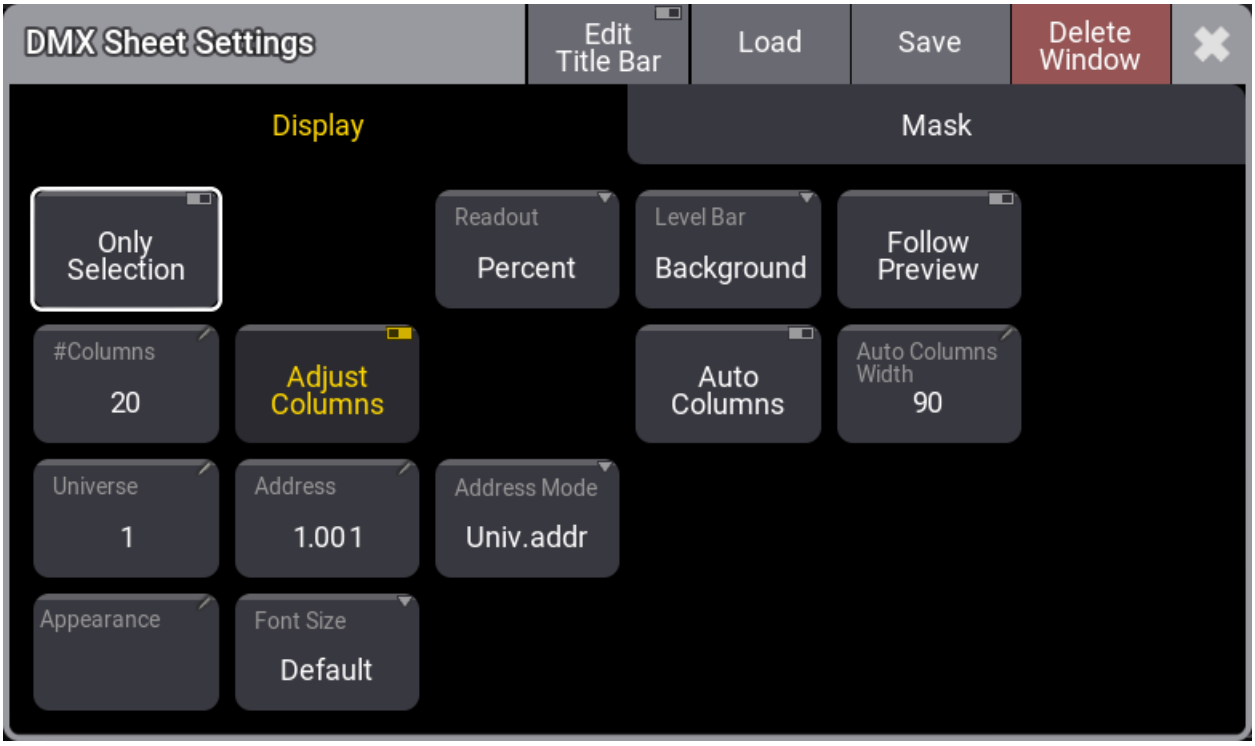
DMX Sheet using the Programmer view style

See more in the sheet settings below.

Sheet Settings

The DMX sheet has some settings that define how the sheet shows the data.

Tap the MA logo in the upper left corner of the window to open the settings. It opens the Display tab as a default.



DMX Sheet Settings - Display tab

This is a short description of all the Display settings for the DMX Sheet:

- **Only Selection**:
  This On/Off button when enabled, automatically scrolls to the universe of the first fixture selected in the programmer. It automatically turns Off if a specific universe is selected.
- **#Columns**:
  This input button sets the number of columns a sheet should display.The settings **Transpose** and **Adjust Columns** must be switched On except in the DMX Sheet.
- **Universe**:
  This input button can change the universe a sheet should display. Tapping it opens a number input where a universe number can be typed. There is a special option called **Selected**. This makes the sheet scroll to the selected universe.
- **Appearance**:
  This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- **DmxTestBar** (only when Edit Title Bar is On):
  This setting is only visible when the Edit Title Bar is On. Thus, changing the setting is only possible when the setting is visible in the title bar.
  The setting is an On/Off button that shows or hides the DMX tester encoder bar when the DMX Sheet has focus. Learn more in the DMX Tester section.
- **Adjust Columns**:
  This On/Off button makes a sheet adjust the column width to match the window size and the number of columns.
- **Address**:
  This input button opens a calculator where a DMX address can be typed. This address defines the address the sheet should scroll to.
- **Font Size**:
  This selects the font size in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is the same as size 18.
- **Readout**:
  This selects the value readout for DMX channels. It is a swipe button that opens a list of readout types with the following options:
  - **Percent**:
    This is a range from 0 to 100.
  - **Decimal**:
    This is a decimal range from 0 to 255.
  - **Hex**:
    This is a hexadecimal range from 00 to FF.
- **Address Mode**:
  This toggle button changes how the DMX address is displayed. It can be split up into universes and a range of DMX addresses from 1 through 512 - this option is called **Univ. add**. The other option is **Absolute**, which shows the addresses continuously starting from number 1 and upwards.
- **Level Bar**:
  This input field changes the level bar setting in the sheet. There are three options:
  - **Off**:
    The value only visualizes the level.
  - **Background**:
    The background changes from dark green to bright green as the value rises.

  - **Bar**:
    The value is visualized as a bar that moves from left to right as the value rises.
  - **Programmer**:
    The value is visualized in the same color as in the programmer.
- **Auto Columns**:
  This On/Off button activates a function that automatically adjusts the number of columns in the DMX Sheet.
  Adjust Columns need to be active for this to work. **#Columns** is automatically adjusted by this function.
- **Universe Up** (only when Edit Title Bar is On):
  This is not a traditional setting. It is a button that can be visible in the title bar. Tapping the button will select the next universe.
  This setting is only visible when **Edit Title Bar** is On. Thus, using the button is only possible when it is visible in the title bar.
- **Follow Preview**:
  When enabled and preview is disabled, then the live output is displayed. When both are enabled, then the preview output is displayed. When disabled, the live output is always displayed.
- **Auto Column Width**:
  This On/Off button activates a function that automatically adjusts the number of columns in the DMX Sheet.
  Adjust Columns need to be active for this to work. **#Columns** is automatically adjusted by this function.
- **Universe Down** (only when Edit Title Bar is On):
  This is not a traditional setting. It is a button that can be visible in the title bar. Tapping the button will select the previous universe.
  This setting is only visible when **Edit Title Bar** is On. Thus, using the button is only possible when it is visible in the title bar.

The mask tab contains the three On/Off toggle buttons called **Value, Attribute**, and **ID**. They are described in the text above.

DMX Tester

The DMX channels can have output from the DMX tester.

This can be done using the DMXAddress and DMXUniverse keywords.

It can also be done using the **DMX Tester** encoder bar. It can be shown by turning on the Tester Encoder Bar in the title bar of the DMX Sheet.

Encoder bar - DMX Tester

This encoder bar allows fast access to DMX addresses, a test value, and the option to patch the selected address to an existing fixture. A row of buttons gives fast access to some useful functions.

On the left side of the bottom row, there is a button that changes the address mode for the encoders. It can be Uni for **Universe** and **Address** separation on the first and second encoder or Abs for absolute DMX addressing on the second encoder.

The third encoder (Tester Output) defines the DMX value used for the test. Changing the readout for the DMX sheet also changes the readout for this encoder.

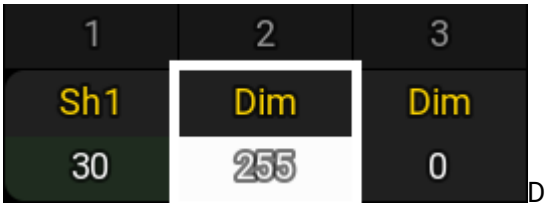
The fourth encoder can be tapped to open a **Fixture(s) to Patch** pop-up. This can be used to select an existing fixture that should be patched to the selected DMX address.

DMX addresses can also be selected by tapping on the DMX sheet.

The buttons above the encoder control have the following functions:

- **Retain**:
  Turning this On will keep the value from the tester active in output for any DMX address selected using the tester. Retain Off releases the previous addresses from the tester.
- **DMX Channels**:
  This button toggles between three different values:
  - **All**:
    Any DMX address can be selected using the encoders.
  - **Patched**:
    This allows only patched DMX addresses to be selected using the encoders.
  - **Unpatched**:
    This allows only unpatched DMX addresses to be selected using the encoders.
- **Select All**:
  Tapping this selects all the DMX addresses affected by the DMX tester.
- **Release Selected**:
  This will release the currently selected DMX address from being affected by the DMX tester.
- **Release Unselected**:
  This will release all other DMX addresses except the currently selected one from being affected by the DMX tester.
- **Release All**:
  This will release all DMX addresses from being affected by the DMX tester.
- **Park Selected**:
  This can park the currently selected DMX address at the current DMX value.
- **Unpark Selected**:
  This can be used to unpark the currently selected DMX address.

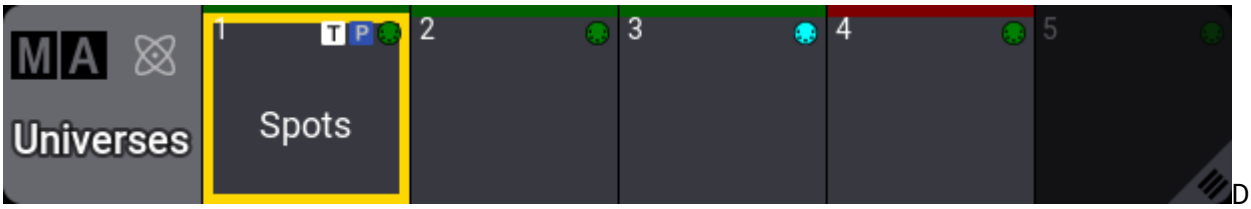
When a DMX tester affects a DMX channel, the background color for the value is white.



DMX address 2 is being tested

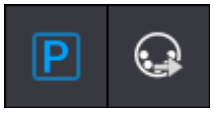
The DMX Universe pool shows when a universe has parked DMX addresses with a small P icon. Universes where the tester affects DMX channels also have a small T icon.

It could look like this in the pool:



DMX universe pool with parked addresses and actively testing addresses

Icons can also be displayed in the command line input bar.

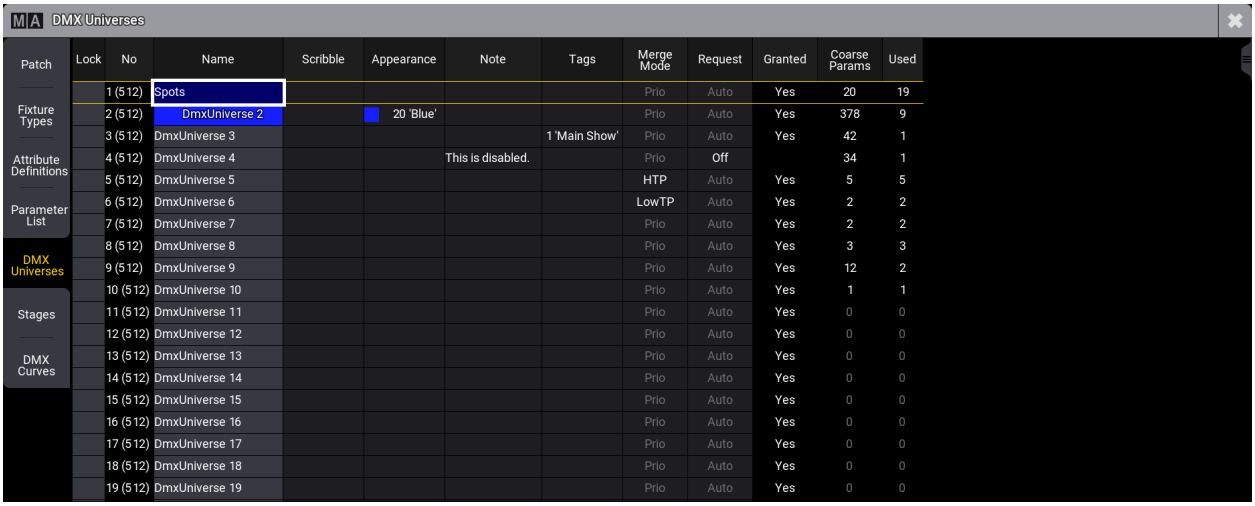


The Park and DMX Tester icons in the command line input.

Learn more in the Message Center topic.

1.14.7. DMX Universes

All the 1024 DMX universes are listed in the DMX Universes menu. This can be accessed by Menu - Patch - DMX Universes.



Lock	No	Name	Scribble	Appearance	Note	Tags	Merge Mode	Request	Granted	Coarse Params	Used
	1 (512)	Spots					Prio	Auto	Yes	20	19
	2 (512)	DmxUniverse 2		20 'Blue'			Prio	Auto	Yes	378	9
	3 (512)	DmxUniverse 3				1 'Main Show'	Prio	Auto	Yes	42	1
	4 (512)	DmxUniverse 4			This is disabled.		Prio	Off		34	1
	5 (512)	DmxUniverse 5					HTP	Auto	Yes	5	5
	6 (512)	DmxUniverse 6					LowTP	Auto	Yes	2	2
	7 (512)	DmxUniverse 7					Prio	Auto	Yes	2	2
	8 (512)	DmxUniverse 8					Prio	Auto	Yes	3	3
	9 (512)	DmxUniverse 9					Prio	Auto	Yes	12	2
	10 (512)	DmxUniverse 10					Prio	Auto	Yes	1	1
	11 (512)	DmxUniverse 11					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	12 (512)	DmxUniverse 12					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	13 (512)	DmxUniverse 13					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	14 (512)	DmxUniverse 14					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	15 (512)	DmxUniverse 15					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	16 (512)	DmxUniverse 16					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	17 (512)	DmxUniverse 17					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	18 (512)	DmxUniverse 18					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0
	19 (512)	DmxUniverse 19					Prio	Auto	Yes	0	0

DMX Universes menu

The menu has several columns showing information about each universe.

- **Lock**:
  This shows **UL** if a user locks the row.
- **No**:
  This is the universe number.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the universe. It can be a good idea to give the universes a name for a better overview.
- **Scribble**:
  A scribble can be assigned to the universe.
- **Appearance**:
  An appearance can be assigned to the universe.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to the universe. Universes with a note have the note icon ( ) in the pool object - see below. Learn more in the Notes topic.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to the universe. Universes with a tag have the tag icon ( ) in the pool object - see below. Learn more in the Tags topic.
- **Merge Mode**:
  This is the merge mode used with incoming DMX data. These are described in the DMX Port Configuration topic.
- **Request**:
  A universe can be requested or not. Requesting a universe means a desire to send DMX data to the universe. This request might not be granted - generally because there are not enough unlocked parameters (read more in Expand the Amount of Parameters topic). The setting has three options:

- **Auto** (default): This automatically requests the universe if something is patched.
- **On**: This requests the universe.
- **Off**: This does not request the universe. It can be helpful to turn off the request if there are not enough unlocked parameters, but a test is needed for a specific universe, for instance, during preprogramming.

- **Granted**:
  This shows if the output of the universe is granted. It says "Yes" if the universe is requested and granted. This field is information only.
- **Coarse Params**:
  This is the number of parameters patched to the universe.
- **Used**:
  This is the number of fixtures patched to the universe.

Universe Pool

The universe pool has a pool object for all the 1024 universes that the system can handle.

The pool is a window created like any other window. Learn how in the Add Windows topic.

DMX universe pool

Each pool object represents a DMX universe.

The pool object shows some information about the universe.

There is a colored bar at the top of the pool object. This is green if the universe is requested and granted. It is red if it is not granted. It flashes bright green when the DMX data is output. If the output changes continuously, for instance, when a fixture moves in a circle, then the DMX output changes with a high frequency, and the green color appears constantly bright.

Pool objects have a **P** (Prio), **H** (HTP), or **L** (LowTP) to indicate the **Merge Mode**. Learn more in the DMX Port Configuration topic.

A small blue park icon (P) indicates if the universe contains parked DMX channels.

There is a small white tester icon (T) to indicate if there are DMX channels affected by the DMX Tester.

There are also icons for Tags ( ) and Notes ( ) if the universe has any of these attached.

If a universe is assigned to a DMX port, there is a small port icon. This can have different colors depending on whether the port is set to output (green), input (orange), output and input (bright cyan), if it is output with RDM enabled (dark cyan), or if it does not output DMX (black).

There are indicators to show if the universe is output using sACN (a small "S") or Art-Net (a small "A"). These are black and flash green when the DMX output values are updated. If the output value changes constantly, then it appears solid green.

Indicators also show if DMX data is merged into the universe from sACN or Art-Net. This is indicated with an orange text: **sACN In** and **Art-Net In**. This is a dark orange text to show the assignment. It flashes orange when there is an incoming signal. If the incoming values are constantly changing, then they appear as a solid orange color. See universes 8 and 10 in the example image above to see the difference between input and a pause in the signal.

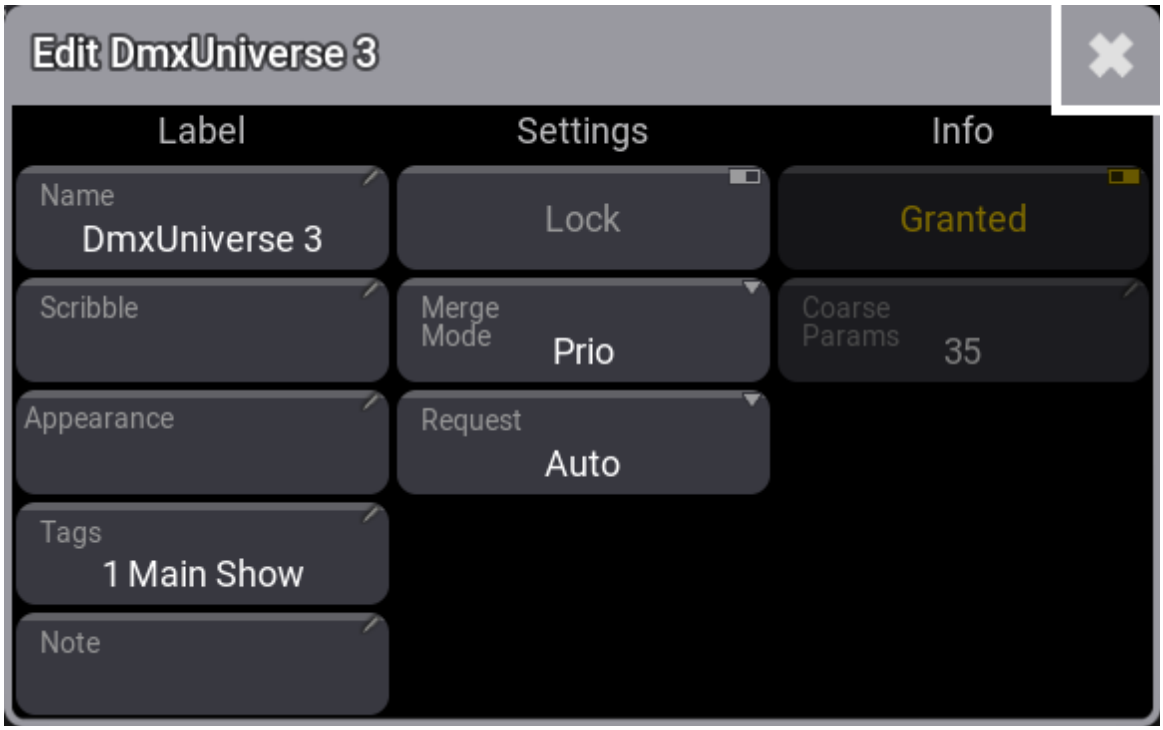
The final indicator is the PSN In. This appears on universes with MArker fixtures mapped to a PSN source. It also flashes orange when a PSN signal is received and can appear solid with constant changes to the incoming values. Learn more about mapping PSN in the PSN topic.

Read the topics in the DMX In and Out section to learn how to set up the DMX ports and how to set up Art-Net and sACN.

Moving a universe in the pool also changes the universe for the fixtures patch in the universe but keeps the respective DMX start addresses.

A universe can be selected by tapping it in the pool or using the Select keyword together with the DMXUniverse keyword. The DMX Sheet can be set up to show only the selected universe in the sheet settings - using the universe setting.

Editing a pool object opens the Edit DMX Universe pop-up:



Edit DMX Universe pop-up

It is possible to edit the same settings as in the DMX Universe menu.

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1.14.8. Remove Fixtures from the Show

Removing or deleting a fixture row in the Patch menu removes all programmed information from the show.

It can not be done from the Live Patch menu.

Removing the DMX address or the ID number does not remove the programmed values, but the fixture can no longer be edited, and it does not produce any output. It is also not visible in the Fixture Sheet.

Remove a Fixture from the Patch

Requirement: Patched fixtures.

1. Open the Patch Menu.
    a. Press Menu
    b. Tap Patch
2. Select the fixtures in the patch.
3. Tap Delete
4. Close the Patch menu and tap Ok to accept the changes.

The fixtures are deleted and all programming with those fixtures is lost. It cannot be oopsed.

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1.14.9. Position Fixtures in the 3D Space

The 3D Viewer Window shows a 3D visualization of the fixtures and objects in a 3D space.

The fixtures need to be positioned in the 3D space for this to truly be a powerful tool. The virtual fixtures should be positioned and rotated to match the real-world fixtures.

There are three primary ways to change the fixture position: Using the patch, using the 3D Viewer, or position calibration.

Position Fixtures Using the Patch

The best way to position the fixtures from the patch is from the Live Patch:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Live Patch.
3. Make sure the menu is in **Full** column mode.

In the patch, there are rows for each fixture, and there are columns with position and rotation values:

Pos			Rot		
X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
-1.900m	1.000m	6.100m	0.00	0.00	0.00
-0.950m	1.000m	6.100m	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.000m	1.000m	6.100m	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.950m	1.000m	6.100m	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.900m	1.000m	6.100m	0.00	0.00	0.00
-2.800m	1.800m	0.800m	-180.00	0.00	0.00
-2.000m	1.800m	0.800m	-180.00	0.00	0.00
-1.200m	1.800m	0.800m	-180.00	0.00	0.00

Position and Rotation values in the Patch.

New fixtures are always added at the zero-point location and with zero rotation.

The zero points are 0.000 meters for all three position axes (X, Y, and Z) and 0.00° for all three rotation axes.

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- X position is usually regarded as the Stage Left and Stage Right indication. A positive value is in the stage left direction.
- Y position is usually the Downstage and Upstage direction. A positive value would move the fixture more upstage.
- Z position is the height. A positive value would move the fixture above the stage.
- X rotation is rotating the fixture around the fixture's own X-axis. A positive value is rotating the top of the fixture towards downstage.
- Y rotation is rotating around the fixtures' own Y-axis. A positive value rotates the top towards stage left.
- Z rotation is rotating around the fixtures' own Z-axis. A positive value rotates the fixture counter-clockwise, as seen from the top.

The grandMA3 software currently only works with meters and degrees.

Do the following steps to edit the fixtures' position and rotation:

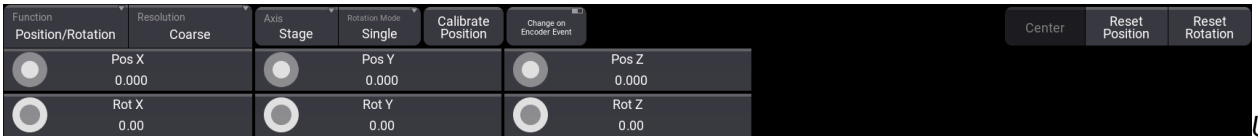
1. Locate the rows for the fixtures that need to be positioned.
2. Edit the needed fields.
3. Type the new position.

The Show 3D Positions can be activated to show the 3D space with the fixtures. The fixtures represented by the selected rows are highlighted in yellow in the 3D space.

Position Fixtures Using the 3D Viewer

The 3D Viewer can be used to position and rotate the fixtures. It needs to be in **Setup** mode, which can be activated by tapping Setup in the title bar.

This mode changes the encoder toolbar into this:



Use the encoders to position and rotate fixtures

Different buttons in this toolbar change how the fixtures are affected by the encoders. Some standard functions do not change; others change depending on selected functions.

The general workflow is this:

1. Select the fixtures that need to be moved.
2. Change the settings in the toolbar to match the wanted action.
3. Use the encoders to adjust the values.

The values on the encoders show the relevant values depending on the selected fixtures. Turning the encoders changes the values and, thus, the position or rotation of the selected fixtures.

These are the different standard buttons for position and rotation:

- **Function**:
  This button toggles between two different modes: **Position/Rotation** and **Arrangement**. This changes the function of the encoders to either change the position and rotation of the selected fixtures or to different arrangement types. Read about the Arrangement tool below.
- **Resolution**:
  This setting has three different resolutions. The setting affects the encoder resolution in both **Position/Rotation** and **Arrangement**. The options are:
  - **Coarse**:
    Each click on the encoder moves 10 cm or turns 1 degree.
  - **Fine**:
    Each click on the encoder moves 1 cm or turns 0,1 degrees.
  - **Increment**:
    Each click on the encoder moves 1 mm or turns 0,01 degrees.
- **Axis**:
  The axis is used when a fixture is moved or rotated. The two options here are **Stage** and **Object**. This means that the selected fixtures can be positioned and rotated using their own axis (Object) or the stage or world axis (Stage).
- **Rotation Mode:**
  When multiple fixtures are selected, the rotation mode can be changed between **Single** or **Group**. This determines if rotation is done for each fixture or if the selection of fixtures is treated as a group and thus rotated as one object.
- **Calibrate Position**:
  This opens the Position Calibration menu. Read more about it below.
- **Change on Encoder Event**:
  This determines when changes are distributed through the network to other stations. When it is On, then the new position is sent immediately. When it is Off, then the new information is sent two seconds after the encoders stop turning.
- **Reset Position:**
  Tap this button to reset the fixture position to 0 in all positions.
- **Reset Rotation**:
  Tap this button to reset the rotation to 0 on all axes.

Position Arrangement Tool

The position arrangement tool consists of three different arrangement or layout types. It can be used to arrange the selected objects in a **Line**, **Grid**, or **Circle**.

The tool is accessed by changing the Function in the encoder toolbar to **Arrangement**. Each of the three layout types has its own encoder functions and their own buttons. There are some common arrangement buttons:

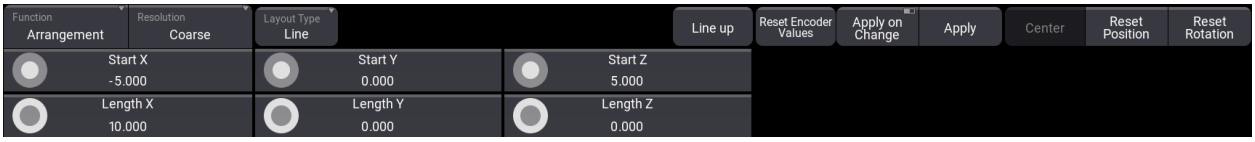
- **Layout Type**:
  There are three types of arrangement: **Line**, **Grid**, and **Circle**. These different types change the available buttons in the encoder bar and the functions of the encoders.
- **Reset Encoder Values**:
  Resets the values on the encoder to the default values.

- **Apply on Change**:
  This controls whether arrangement changes are applied and distributed immediately (On) or only marked by a purple indicator of the would-be location (Off).
- **Apply**:
  If **Apply on Change** is Off, then this button needs to be tapped to confirm the new arrangement location.
- **Center**:
  This is active in **Grid** or **Circle**. It sets the center of the grid or circle to the 0 point based on the **Axis Group Type** (read below). This function is applied immediately and does not obey the **Apply on Change** setting.

When an arrangement is being adjusted, then there are purple fixtures in the 3D window with ID numbers to indicate where the fixtures would end up if the arrangement settings are applied.

Line

This is used to position the fixture on a single row.

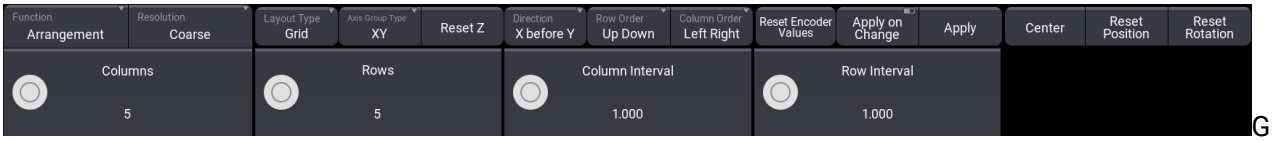


Line Arrangement Encoder Toolbar

The encoders change to set a start and a length for all three axes. There is a special button called **Line up**. Tap this to align the base of the fixture to match the line.

Grid

The grid arrangement moves the fixtures into rows and columns. It is a 2D grid.



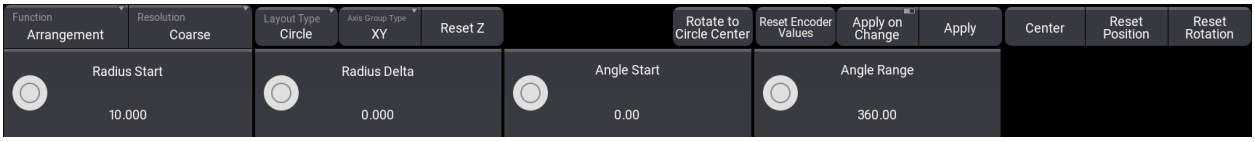
Grid Arrangement Encoder Toolbar

The encoders change to set the number of columns and rows and the interval spacing between the columns and rows. There are some special buttons:

- **Axis Group Type**:
  This sets the orientation of the grid. It shows the two axes that are used as columns and rows.
- **Reset Z** / **Reset X** / **Reset Y**:
  This button resets the position on the third axis. The one not affected by the grid.
- **Direction**:
  This changes the direction of the grid. It changes the order of the two axes.
- **Row Order**:
  Tap this button to reverse the direction of the row.
- **Column Order**:
  Tap this button to reverse the direction of the row.

Circle

The circle arrangement tool is used to position fixtures in circles and spirals.



Circle Arrangement Encoder Toolbar

The encoders change to set the Radius Start size, Radius Delta (sets if the radius changes size), Angle Start, and Angle Range. Angle Start sets where the first fixture is on the circle. Angle Range is used when creating semi-circles (value below 360) or even multiple circles (value above 360).

There are some special buttons:

- **Axis Group Type**:
  This sets the orientation of the circle. It shows the two axes that are used.
- **Reset Z** / **Reset X** / **Reset Y**:
  This button resets the position on the third axis. The one not affected by the circle.
- **Rotate to Circle Center**:
  This rotates the fixture bases to match the circle. Tapping this button several times rotates the fixtures, each time to a different rotation.

Position Fixtures Using Position Calibration

The fixture position calibration system calculates the fixture position based on the pan and tilt values needed to hit three or four known points in the real world. While using only points one, two, and three can be enough, the best result is achieved using all four points.

The four points do not need to be the same for all fixtures. Each fixture can have its own four points. The points are visible in the 3D window as a red, green, blue, and yellow octahedron when the window is in setup mode, and the **Position Calibration** pop-up is open.

The pop-up is opened by tapping the Calibrate Position on the encoder bar - read above.

FID	Name	P1 X	P1 Y	P1 Z	P1 Pan	P1 Tilt	P2 X	P2 Y	P2 Z	P2 Pan	P2 Tilt	P3 X	P3 Y	P3 Z	P3 Pan	P3 Tilt	P4 X	P4 Y	P4 Z	P4 Pan	P4 Tilt
1	Spot 1	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
2	Spot 2	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
3	Spot 3	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
4	Spot 4	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
5	Spot 5	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
6	Spot 6	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
7	Spot 7	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
8	Spot 8	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
9	Spot 9	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
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12	Spot 12	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00
13	Spot 13	-5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	-5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00	5.000	-5.000	0.000	270.00	134.00

Position calibration pop-up with some selected fixtures and their values

The pop-up shows the selected fixtures as rows and four colored sections of columns.

Each color section has X, Y, and Z values for the calibration point, and the Pan and Tilt values needed to hit the point.

At the bottom, there are buttons to store and recall the pan and tilt values for each point. There is also the Solve needed to start the position calculation.

To record the pan/tilt position that matches the calibration point, tap Store Px. Call Px can be used to recall a stored position to refine it.

	Hint:
	Four calibration points are recommended. Using three calibration points deteriorates the quality of the calibration.

To calibrate fixtures, use this workflow:

1. Open the **Position Calibration** pop-up.
2. Select the fixtures to calibrate.
3. Define the real-world coordinates of the calibration points (P1 - P4) in the position calibration pop-up for each fixture.
4. Position each fixture using pan and tilt to each of the calibration points, and store these positions.
5. Tap Solve.
6. Close the pop-up.

Now, the fixtures should move and rotate in the 3D window to match the real-world values.

Using the Command Line

Storing calibration points, calling calibration points, and solving the calibration can be done using the Action keyword.

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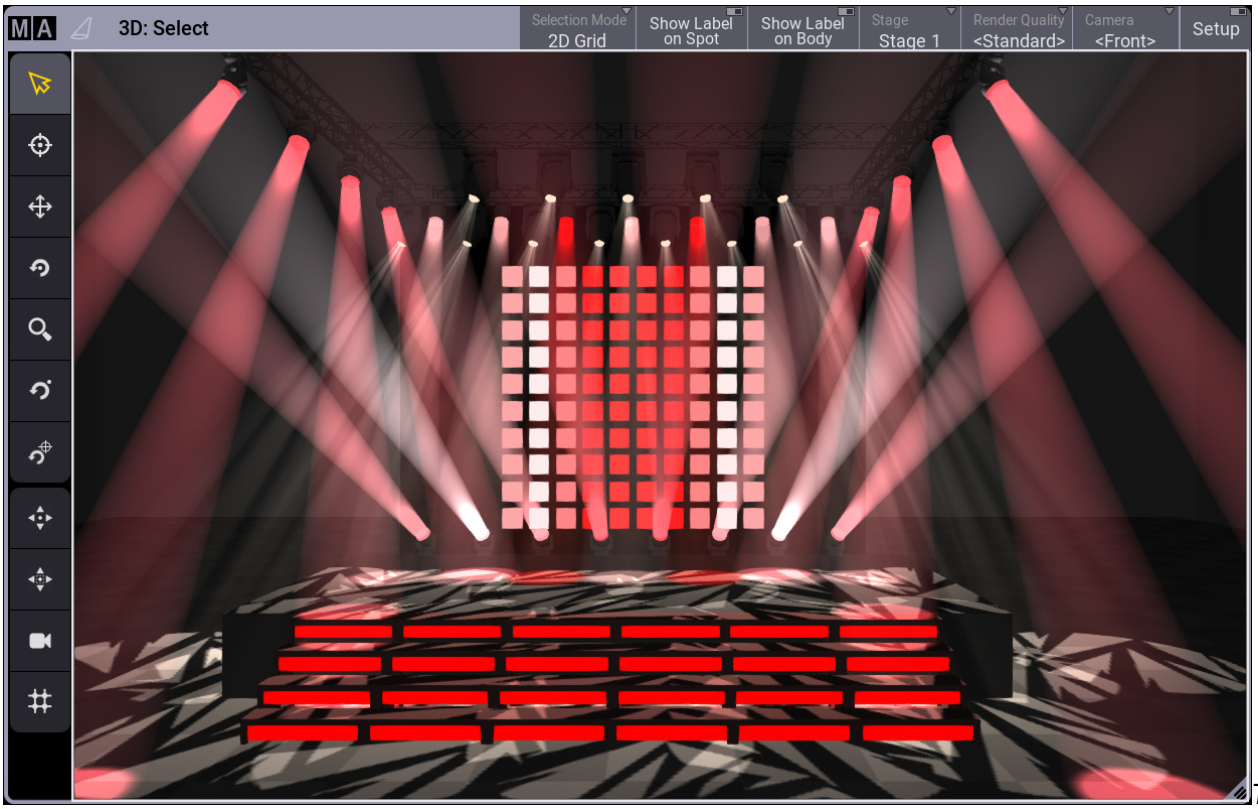
1.14.10. 3D Viewer

The 3D Viewer shows a 3D visualization of the virtual space where fixtures and 3D elements can be positioned and rotated.

The fixtures can project a light beam that moves and changes color when the values for the fixtures are changed.

Haze can be rendered to make the beams look more realistic in the air. For more information, see Render Quality.

All the fixtures and other stage objects can be positioned and rotated in the Patch, Live Patch, or using this window.



The 3D Viewer with some fixtures

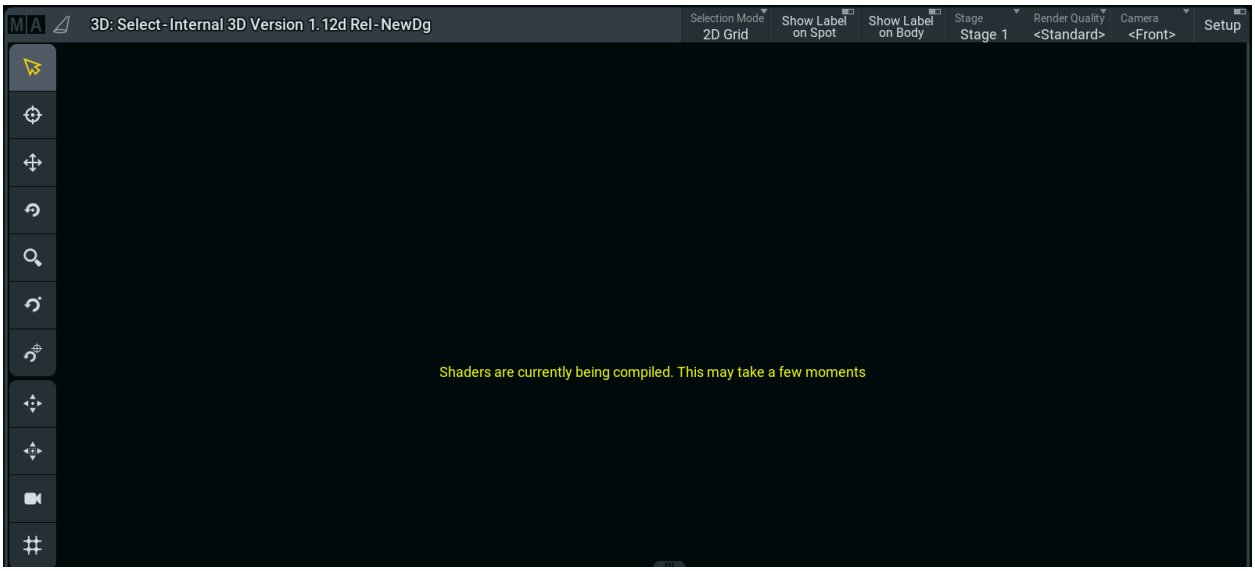
The **Stage** object can be visualized as a box or just a floor. The box can be looked into, but not out of. Read more below.

Fixtures can be interacted with in the 3D Viewer like the Fixture Sheet. For instance, it can be used in combinations with commands.

Virtual cameras are used to see 3D space. These define the position, direction, and other settings from where and how the 3D space is viewed. The cameras are stored in the Camera Pool.

	Important:

	While the 3D is initializing, the status of the shader compilation is displayed in an yellow text in the 3D viewer. This may take a few moments. If the shader compilation fails, an error message appears.



3D Viewer - Shaders are beeing compiled.

Title Buttons

There are several default buttons in the title bar. The available buttons in the title bar can be edited using the window settings. Learn more in the Title Bar Configuration topic.

Some of the default buttons are swipe buttons that open a list of the available options.

Three toggle buttons turn On or Off labels and turn On or Off the Setup mode.

The others give fast access to select Selection Mode, Stage object, Render Quality, and Camera selection.

There can be several stages in the patch. Each 3D Viewer can show one of these stages or all stages. Read more about stages in the Stages topic.

Read about all the settings below.

Left Side Tool Buttons

There can be a toolbar on the left-hand side of the window. These tools control what happens when the window is touched and change camera positions (read more about the cameras below).

The ones that change the touch mode are tapped to select the mode, and when the window is touched, the mode dictates what happens.

The selected mode is displayed in the window title bar. Most tools are grayed out and disabled if the selected camera is locked.

This is the explanation of the different tool buttons:

- **(Select):**
  Sets the touch mode to **Select**. This is used to select fixtures in the window. The fixtures can be tapped or selected using a selection lasso.
- **(Follow):**
  Sets the touch mode to **Follow**. This makes all the selected moving lights point to the touched stage area. The follow function obeys the Align settings.
- **(Move):**
  The mode is set to **Camera Move**. Move means changing the camera's position without changing the camera's pan and tilt values. The scroll wheel on a mouse moves the camera forward and backward in the view based on the location of the pointer (not necessarily the center).
- **(Rotate Center):**
  Sets the mode to **Camera Orbit**. This mode orbits the camera around the center of the window, keeping it pointed toward the center. The scroll wheel on a mouse moves the camera closer to or away from the location of the pointer (not necessarily the center).
- **(Zoom):**
  Changes the mode to **Camera Zoom**. This mode moves the camera in and out of the 3D Viewer. This can also be done in the other modes using a scroll wheel on a mouse.
- **(Rotate Pivot):**
  Changes the mode to **Camera Pivot**. This pivots the camera around a pivot point that does not have to be the center. The pivot point can be set (read about the next button) and is remembered until a new point is set. The scroll wheel functions just like the rotate center mode.
- **(Set Pivot):**
  This button is used to set a new pivot point in the window. The rotate pivot mode is selected as soon as the point has been set (by clicking or touching the window).
- **(Focus)** - only available when **Setup** is On:
  This tool can focus static fixtures (fixtures without position attributes). Select the desired fixture, tap this tool, and tap the location in the 3D Viewer where the fixture should be pointed. This tool affects the rotation values of the fixture.
- **(Fit):**
  Tapping this button moves the camera to fit the entire stage area into the view.
- **(Fit Selected):**
  Tapping this button moves the camera to fit the selected fixtures into the view without orbiting the camera.
- **(Camera):**
  This button reloads the selected camera to the settings set in the camera pool object.
- **(3D view to Selection Grid)**:
  Tapping this tool creates grid values for the Selection Grid, using the current view of the fixtures.

Moving the Camera

The cameras are pool objects in the Camera Pool. A camera can be moved to different locations and pointed in different directions.

This information can be edited in the pool, but the position and direction are easier to change in the 3D Viewer - read about the left-hand side tool buttons above.

A scroll wheel on a mouse moves the camera closer to or away from the location of the pointer.

Editing the camera in the pool allows changing the camera mode and type. Read more in the camera pool topic (link above).

Moving the Fixtures

The fixtures' position and rotation can be set in the patch or live patch. But they can also be positioned live in the 3D Viewer.

Read more about this in the Position Fixtures in the 3D Space topic.

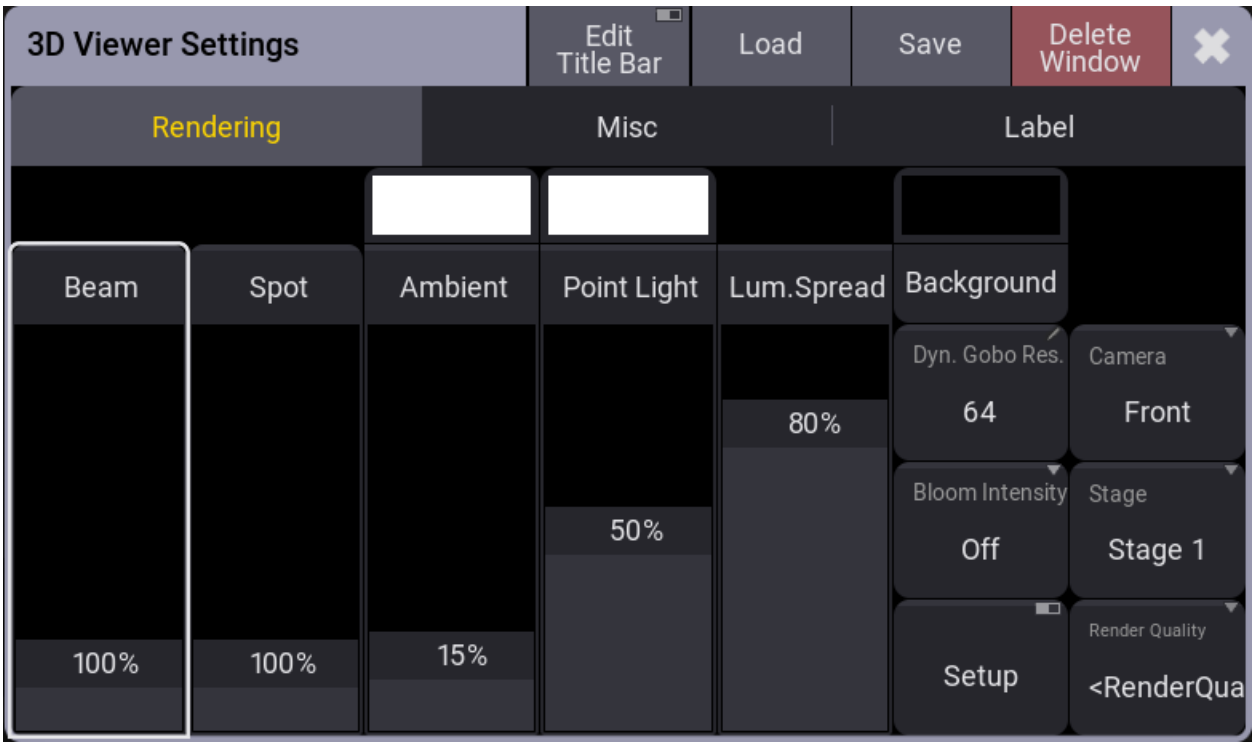
3D Viewer Settings

The settings can be opened by tapping the MA logo in the upper left corner of the 3D Viewer.

This opens a settings pop-up. This pop-up has tabs called **Rendering**, **Misc**, and **Label**.

Rendering Settings

The rendering settings are about light levels, colors, and rendering quality.



Rendering tab in 3D View Settings

There are four on-screen faders:

- **Beam:**
  This is the visibility of the light beam from all fixtures.

- **Spot**:
  This is the general intensity of the visualization of the light beam reflection where it hits a surface.
- **Ambient**:
  This is the ambient light level inside and outside the stage box. It is a very diffuse light that removes some of the contrast in the 3D Viewer.
- **Point Light**:
  This is a light source from the direction of the camera. It is used to light up the elements in the 3D space.
- **Lum. Spread** (Luminous Spread):
  This controls how visible the difference in brightness between different fixture types is. The fixture type with the highest luminous intensity defines this intensity as 100% brightness in the 3D Viewer window. When fixture types are used that have a much lower Luminous Intensity, they will be rendered much darker at their 100% dimmer output.
  To allow adjustment to this intensity difference (and therefore deviate from reality) to better see the darker fixture, the Luminous Spread setting can be used with different values:
  - When this setting is set to 100%, the Luminous Intensities are rendered as before.
  - Setting the Luminous Spread to 0% renders all fixtures beams with the same maximum brightness.
  - The default of Luminous Spread in the 3D Viewer window settings is set to 80%.

The ambient and point light can be colored, similar to putting a gel in front of the light. The area above the faders can be tapped to open a color selector pop-up.

The **Background** can also be colored. The ambient light must be turned up for this color to be visible.

There are some buttons:

- **Dyn. Gobo Res.** (Dynamic Gobo Resolution):
  This is the resolution of dynamically created gobos.
- **Bloom Intensity**:
  The blooming effect can be turned On or Off. Tapping this button toggles between the two.
- **Setup**:
  Turning the setup On makes it possible to move the fixtures and 3D objects using the 3D Viewer and encoder bar. Read more about this in the Position Fixtures in the 3D Space topic.
- **Camera**:
  This is used to select one of the cameras from the camera pool. If it is set to follow the selected camera, the name is inside angled brackets. Read more about cameras in the Camera Pool topic.
- **Stage**:
  This selects what stage the 3D Viewer shows. A single stage can be selected, or all stages can be shown. Read more about stages in the Stages topic.
- **Render Quality**:
  This is used to select one of the render qualities. Read more in the Render Quality topic.

Some of these are swipe buttons, so remember that the options can be reached easily by swiping out of the button.

Misc Settings

The second tab is called **Misc**.

Misc tab in the 3D View Settings

The Misc. tab has the following settings:

- **Show fps:**
  Turning this On displays frames per second information in the upper right corner of the window.
- **Wireframe:**
  Turning this On shows the 3D Viewer as a wireframe instead of a shaded view.
- **Priority**:
  Turning this On gives the 3D Viewer a high priority. It is only recommended to turn this On when used on a computer with a high-quality graphics card. It takes away resources from a console interface, making it react slower to user input.
- **Mark Faulty Meshes**:
  This marks meshes that are unloaded or faulty.
- **Show Selection**:
  Selected fixtures are marked with a yellow body color for the primary fixtures and a light red color for multipatch fixtures when this is On. Learn more about multipatch in the Add Multipatch Fixtures topic.
- **Lens Shading**:
  This defines whether the selection is shown on the lens of a geometry type “Beam”. The shaded selection is drawn when it is On.
- **Touch Mode**:
  Touching and swiping in the 3D Viewer can interact with the window differently. This setting defines how. Tapping it toggles through the following options: **Select, Follow, Focus**(Only valid when Setup is On)**, Camera Orbit**, **Camera Zoom**, **Camera Pivot, Camera Move**, and **Camera Set Pivot**.

The Camera options move the camera - Read more above. The **Select** option is used to select fixtures in the view.

- **Selection Mode:**
  This defines how the fixtures are selected and positioned in the Selection Grid. The selection mode has two different options:
  - **2D Grid**:
    The 2D grid selection offers two different modes, **Planar** and **Perspective**. Using the lasso selection to select fixtures in the 3D Viewer adds them as a two-dimensional selection to the selection grid. In planar mode, the camera position does not affect the selection order. Only the real position of the fixtures is significant. In perspective mode, the camera's orientation also influences the selection's order in the selection grid.

    To select fixtures in the 3D Viewer using the planar selection, draw a lasso starting with a horizontal or vertical mouse movement. The color of the lasso changes to green when the selection is locked to planar mode. To select fixtures in perspective mode, draw a lasso starting with a diagonal mouse movement. The color of the lasso changes to cyan when the selection is locked to perspective mode.

  - **Linearize**:
    The selection is linearized to only the X-axis of the selection grid depending on which direction the selection lasso was created (top/bottom - left/right). This selection mode is indicated with a yellow lasso.

	Hint:
	The projection distortion of the camera of the 3D Viewer may affect the position of the fixtures in the selection grid if the perspective selection is used. To prevent this, use a 2D camera in the 3D Viewer.

- **Mark Unpatched**:
  This marks the body of unpatched fixtures with a dark red color when On.
- **Prism Lines**:
  This shows a line for each prism facet when the **Beam Quality** is set to **Line**.
- **Point of Origin**:
  This shows a point of origin axis marker. It is typically at the zero point of the stage.
- **Show Pigtails**:
  This shows the "Pigtail" element if the GDTF model defines it.
- **Arrangement**:
  This is a collection of settings for visualizing the purple arrangement "ghosts" markers. They are seen when using the arrangement tool to position fixtures.
  - **Mark Type**:
    There are two options: **Dynamic** or **Small**. Dynamic shows a box matching the size of the fixture. Small is just a small square marker.
  - **Depth**:
    Set if the depth of the 3D space is considered when showing the marks. This could lead to marks being hidden behind objects. If the depth is switched off, the marks are always drawn in front of other objects.
  - **Alpha**:
    Define the transparency of the marker objects.
- **Show Lines**:
  This can display the direction of the fixture beam with a thin colored line running from the fixture's light source. Unselected fixtures have a red line, selected fixtures have a yellow line, and subselected fixtures have a brown line.

- **None**: The lines are not displayed.
- **All**: A line is displayed from all fixtures except those with Beam Type set to None and Glow. Learn more about Beam Types in the Geometries topic.
- **All Dimmer 0**: All moving fixtures with a dimmer value of zero display the lines.
- **Selected**: All selected moving lights display the lines.
- **Selected Dimmer 0**: All selected moving lights with a dimmer value of zero display the lines.

- **Render Environmental**:
  This toggles if the environmental elements are rendered or hidden.
- **Draw Target Spaces**:
  This setting show or hide a square wireframe for MArker fixtures' target spaces.
- **Show Title Bar**:
  This setting shows or hides the title bar for the window.
- **Show Tool Bar**:
  This shows or hides the toolbar on the left-hand side. The toolbar is always visible when **Setup** is On.
- **Follow Preview**:
  The 3D Viewer will show the preview space when this is active. Turning this setting Off, will keep the 3D viewer in the live space.

Label Settings

The tab is called Label. It is settings about the labels that can be turned On or Off for the spots and the fixture bodies.

Label tab in the 3D View Settings

- **Show Label on Body**:
  This On / Off button enables labels to be drawn on the fixture's body.
- **Show Environmental Label**:
  This On / Off button enables labels to be drawn on environmental fixtures.

- **Show Label on Spot**:
  This On / Off button enables labels to be drawn in the center of the fixture's spot. A fixture can also be selected using the rubber band selection on a label.
- **Select by Label**:
  This setting is possible when **Show Label on Spot** is active. It makes it possible to select fixtures by selecting the spot labels in the 3D Viewer when this setting is On.
- **Add Fixture ID** / **Add CID** / **Add Patch** / **Add Name**:
  These On/ Off buttons define the information displayed on the label.
- **Background Alpha**:
  This on-screen fader sets the transparency of the label's background.
- **Text Alpha**:
  This on-screen fader sets the transparency of the text displayed on the label.
- **Font Size**:
  This button sets the font size of the text displayed on the label. Tapping this toggles through the available Font Sizes. It can be swiped to open a small Select Label Font Size pop-up with all the size options.
- **Max Label Count**:
  This input field sets the maximum count of labels that are displayed at the same time. If the number of labels exceeds the maximum label count, the labels closest to the camera will be displayed.
- **Selection Only**:
  This On / Off button defines whether labels are displayed for all fixtures or only for selected or partly selected fixtures.
- **Selection Priority**:
  This On / Off button defines whether labels of selected fixtures are displayed on top of not selected fixtures.
- **Spot Subfixture ID**:
  This On / Off button defines if the label of the spots shows the Fixture ID of the corresponding sub fixture (On). Otherwise, all spots of a fixture show the Fixture ID of the main fixture (Off).
- **Reset Properties**:
  Tap this button to reset the label properties to their factory defaults.

Setting Up a 3D Computer

The grandMA3 consoles can show a 3D Viewer with the fixtures and the stage setup. However, the consoles are optimized to be the human interface used to program the light.

If a high-quality and high-framerate 3D render machine is needed, the best solution is to have a high-performing computer with good graphics cards. This computer must have the grandMA3 onPC installed and optimized for 3D graphics.

The grandMA3 onPC needs to be in a session with the console. The grandMA3 onPC could be logged in as the default 3D user who uses a different **Screen Configuration** but has the same user profile as the default admin user. The grandMA3 onPC should be logged in with a user with the same profile as the user looking at the 3D computer. This ensures that the 3D computer follows the user into preview mode.

Screen Configurations contain information about which windows are visible in the different User-Defined Areas and the size of the user-defined areas. The screen configuration also contains information about what is assigned to the View Buttons. Learn more in the Screen Configuration topic.

The 3D computer could have one big 3D Viewer with all the render settings set to the best quality, and the 3D Viewer setting called **Priority** should be On (see settings above).

The window can also be set to hide the title bar to maximize 3D viewing space using the Window Settings. Other elements, like the view buttons, encoder bar, etc., can also be hidden using the Configure Display pop-up.

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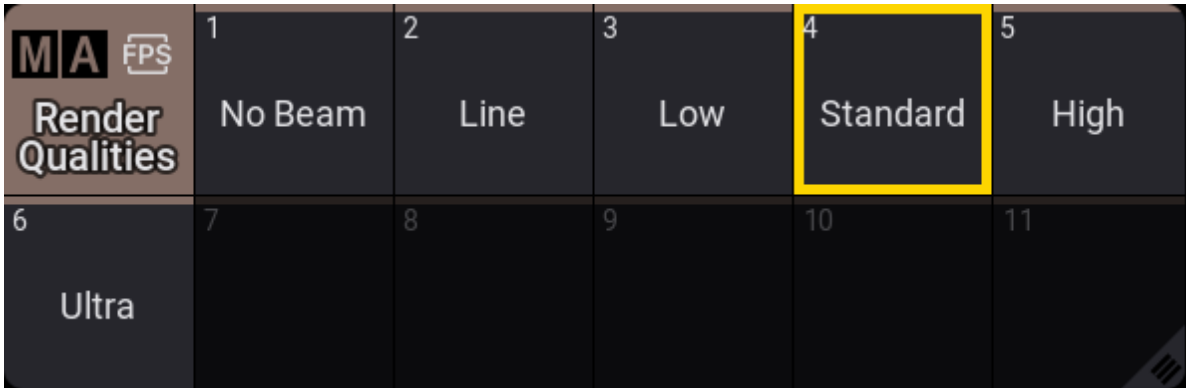
1.14.11. Render Quality

The render quality defines how the light and fixture bodies are rendered in the 3D Viewer.

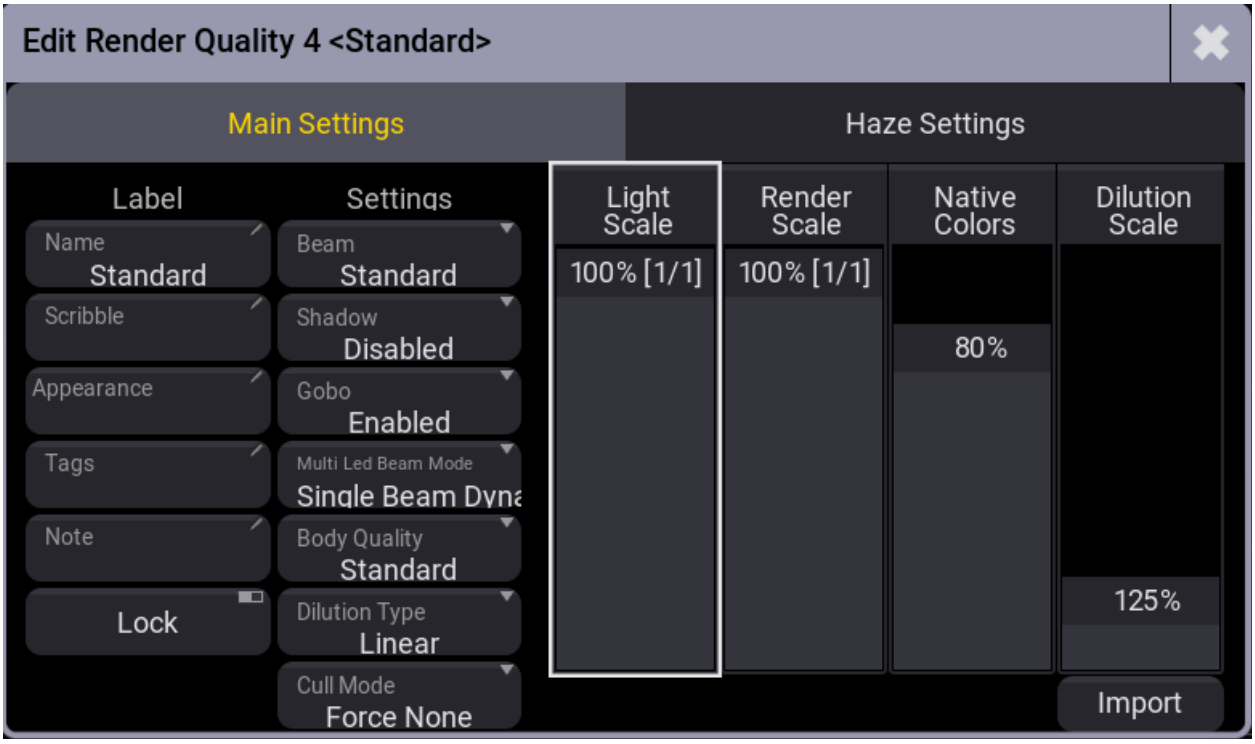
All the render settings are stored in a **Render Quality** pool object and can be easily selected in the pool.



Render Qualities pool

There are some predefined render qualities in the pool. There is always a selected object. The 3D Viewer can use any render qualities or be linked to the selected pool object.

New pool objects can be made and edited to change the render settings.



Render Quality Editor - Main Settings

The editor has two different tabs. The one called "Main Settings" deals with the general settings defining how detailed the rendering should be.

The main settings contain the following:

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the pool object. Tapping it allows changing the name.
- **Scribble**:
  This is the assigned scribble, and tapping it allows selecting a scribble or creating a new one.
- **Appearance**:
  This is the assigned appearance. Tapping allows for selecting an appearance or creating a new one.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to the render quality.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to a render quality.
- **Lock**:
  The render quality can be locked to prevent unwanted changes.
- **Beam**:
  This toggles through a list of different simulation qualities that can be selected for the light beam. It goes from low to high quality. The higher quality uses more computer resources.
  - **No Beam**:
    This does not render any beams. This mode does not show any gobos or spot rendering.
  - **Line**:
    This renders a simple line as the beam. This mode does not show any gobos or spot rendering.
  - **Standard**:
    This is a simple light beam from the fixture.
  - **High**:
    This mode adds more reality to the light beam.
  - **High Fancy**:
    This is a more precise calculation of light dissipation.
- **Shadow**:
  Turns On or Off if the beam shall throw shadows when hitting another object. Therefore, the 3D object needs the setting Cast Shadow enabled within the patch, and the **fixture's Shadow Quality** must be set to a value above **None**.

  Each fixture has a Shadow Quality setting in the Patch. Learn more in the Add Fixture to the Show topic.

- **Gobo**:
  This setting defines whether gobos shall be rendered within the beam and spot. It has three different options:
  - **Disabled**:
    Gobos are not rendered.
  - **Enabled**:
    Gobos are rendered.
  - **Animated**:
    This means that in addition to the gobo, gobo animations like gobo shake or gobo wheel spin are rendered. When gobo is only set to enabled, these animations will not be rendered.
- **Multi LED Beam Mode**:
  This defines how multi-emitter fixtures render the light beam. The options are:

    - **Separated Beams**:
      This renders a beam for each emitter.
    - **Single Beam Mean Color**:
      This renders a single beam using the mean color.
    - **Single Beam Dynamic Gobo**:
      This takes the output of the emitters and creates a "virtual dynamic gobo". This is then rendered as a single beam.
- **Body Quality**:
  This defines the quality of the fixture body rendering. The options are
    - **None**:
      No meshes of fixtures are visualized. Nevertheless, environmental objects are displayed.
    - **Box**:
      A whole fixture's body is visualized as one box. This box has the dimensions of the fixture.
    - **Low**:
      Every geometry of a fixture is visualized as a box. This is not changed if one of the fixture's meshes is a default cylinder.
    - **Simple**:
      Fixtures with a common geometrical structure of a moving head (Base - Yoke - Head - Lens with or without Pigtail) are visualized with grandMA3 default meshes. All other fixtures are visualized in "Low" mode.
    - **Standard**:
      Fixtures with a vertex count above 1 200 are visualized in "Simple" quality mode. The meshes of fixtures with a vertex count lower than 1 200 are not changed.
    - **High**:
      Fixtures with a vertex count above 10 000 are visualized in "Standard" quality mode. The meshes of fixtures with a vertex count lower than 10 000 are not changed.
    - **Ultra**:
      The fixtures are visualized with their original meshes, no matter the vertex count.
- **Dilution Type**:
  This defines the dilution intensity of the beam and the spot relative to the distance. These are the options:
    - **None**:
      The beam and spot keep their brightness over the distance.
    - **Linear**:
      Corresponds to a linear attenuation of the intensity over the distance.
    - **Correct**:
      Corresponds to a more realistic attenuation.
- **Cull Mode**:
  This defines how objects or surfaces are rendered: These are the options:
    - **Force None**: Covers both sides of a triangled mesh.
    - **From Material**: Takes the predefined cull mode of the mesh.
- **Light Scale**:
  This changes the resolution of the light rendering in the 3D Viewer. 100% means that the 3D Viewer is rendered with its native resolution. 10% means that the resolution of the light in the 3D Viewer is divided by 5 in width and height.
- **Render Scale**:
  This changes the resolution of the whole rendering in the 3D Viewer. 100% means that the 3D Viewer is rendered with its native resolution. 10% means that the resolution of the 3D Viewer is divided by 5 in width and height.

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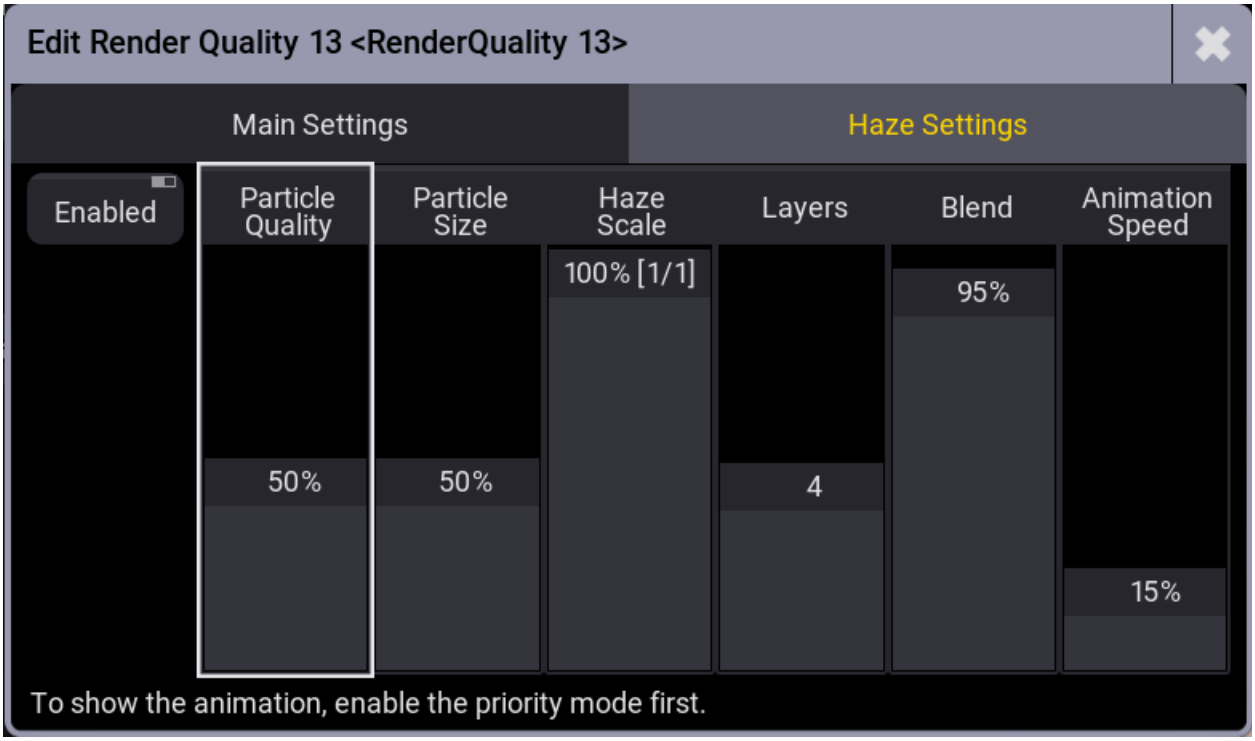
- **Native Colors**:
  This fader interpolates between the native representation of colors and the intensities of the beams and spots. An automatic method that changes the colors and intensities so that the rendered beams are easier to separate. A higher value for native colors can make distinguishing between individual overlapping beams impossible but provides stronger colors and higher contrasts.
- **Dilution Scale**:
  This defines the beam intensity dilution of the beam dilution. The higher the value, the less the beam is attenuated, resulting in a beam that remains visible over further distance.

Render Scale and Light Scale can be used in combination. Setting both to 1/2 means that the whole 3D Viewer is rendered with half of its resolution, while the light is rendered with a quarter of its resolution.

The Import button allows for importing the settings of the **exported** render quality objects.

Pool objects can be exported using the Show Creator menu or the Export Keyword.

The Haze Settings tab looks like this:



Render Quality Editor - Haze Settings

These settings are about an animated haze that can be visualized in the 3D Viewer. This requires some graphic powers that exceed the intended use of the graphics cards in the consoles. It is recommended that this feature be used on a grandMA3 onPC with a powerful graphics card.

Using this feature makes the 3D Viewer look more realistic.

The 3D Viewer must activate the **Priority setting** to visualize the haze animation.

The priority mode is used to prioritize the 3D rendering. It takes away resources from displaying other UI elements. Learn more about it in the 3D Viewer topic.

The haze exists inside a volume space. The space is defined by the location of the patch's non-environmental devices positioned in the stage space.

If this volume space is too big, the haze rendering is disabled. If this happens, a warning will appear in the upper left corner of the 3D Viewer: "Haze has been automatically disabled as the maximum volume defined by the non-environmental fixtures is in [size of volume]% overload.". The haze rendering is enabled again when the volume space is made smaller. It is an internal setting that defines whether or not the haze is rendered. This does not change the "Enable" setting mentioned below.

Another restriction to the haze rendering is the show data limit on the show file. As soon as 90% of the 10GB data limit is reached, the haze rendering will be disabled, and a corresponding warning text will be displayed in the 3D Viewer.

These are the haze settings:

- **Enable**:
  This toggles if the haze rendering is activated. Limitations might internally disable the haze rendering, so this setting defines if the rendering is desired.
- **Particle Quality**:
  This defines how accurately the clouds of haze are rendered. The higher the value, the better the quality.
- **Particle Size**:
  This defines the size of the haze particles. A low value makes the haze more like clouds. A higher value makes the haze more dense.
- **Haze Scale**:
  This changes the resolution of the haze texture. The higher the number, the more detailed the texture, and then more resources are needed to calculate the rendering.
- **Layers**:
  This defines how many layers of haze are used in depth. The higher the value, the more spatial the haze looks.
- **Blend**:
  This defines how well the haze is blended in the air. The lower the values, the more it blends into the air and seems more even. A higher value makes it appear more realistic.
- **Animation Speed**:
  The speed at which haze moves around. The haze will not be animated if the 3D viewer does not have Priority enabled.

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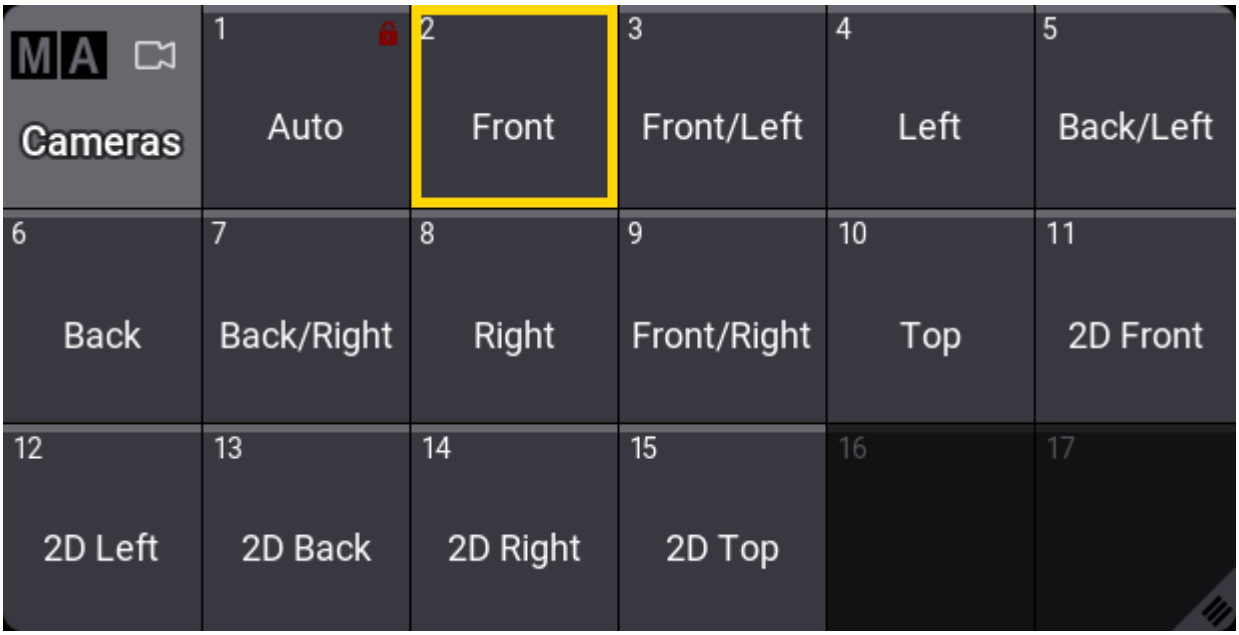
1.14.12. Camera Pool

The cameras are used in the 3D viewer to see the fixtures in the 3D virtual stage.

Multiple cameras can be arranged to see fixtures and 3D objects from different angles and with different camera settings.

The cameras are all in the **Camera Pool**.



Camera pool with some cameras and a selected camera

There are some default cameras in the pool in a new show. Most of these can be edited, but the "Auto" camera is locked.

The "Auto" camera is a special camera that automatically zooms and pans to keep the selected fixtures in the center of the 3D window. When no fixtures are selected, it shows the entire stage.

A camera can be selected by tapping it in the pool or using the command line. For example, selecting camera number 3 can be done with this command:

User name[Fixture]>Select Camera 3

Paste to Command Line

The selected camera has a yellow frame.

Editing an empty pool object creates a new camera that copies the currently selected camera.

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Editing an existing camera object opens the **Edit Camera** pop-up:

Edit Camera pop-up for the front camera.

This pop-up contains all the values needed for the camera.

Changing the values here changes the camera.

- **Name:**
  This input box can be used to change the name of the camera.
- **Scribble**:
  A scribble can be assigned to the camera pool object.
- **Appearance**:
  An appearance can be assigned to the camera pool object.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be assigned to cameras.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to the camera.
- **Camera Mode**:
  The cameras can have a 3D perspective or a flat 2D projection. Editing this field allows selecting one of the predefined 2D camera angles. Selecting a 2D camera disables some of the other values in this pop-up.
  The 3D camera mode gives access to all values in this pop-up.
- **FOV** (Field Of View):
  The Field of view or Field of vision describes how wide or narrow the camera looks at the 3D stage.
- **Roll**:
  The roll value can be used to roll the camera. The value specifies the degree to which the camera will be rolled. A positive value rolls the camera clockwise. A negative value rolls the camera counterclockwise. The default value is "0", which makes the camera horizontal.

- **Zoom**:
  The zoom value is very useful with 2D cameras. The zoom value goes from 0.01 to 1. It goes from narrow to wide.
- **Pos X:**
  This is the camera position on the X-axis.
- **Pos Y:**
  The camera's position on the Y-axis.
- **Pos Z:**
  The camera's position on the Z-axis.
- **Pan:**
  This value pans the camera. Positive values turn the camera clockwise.
- **Tilt:**
  This tilts the camera up and down. A positive value points the camera down.

Moving the camera and changing the pan and tilt values directly in the 3D window might be easier. There are nice tools for manipulating the camera. Read more about this in the 3D window topic.

The values are applied to the camera when Reload Camera is tapped.

Close the pop-up by tapping the in the upper right corner of the pop-up.

1.14.13. Stages in grandMA3

In grandMA3 there are virtual stages. The fixtures added to the patch are placed in a stage. The fixtures can be positioned in this 3D virtual stage.

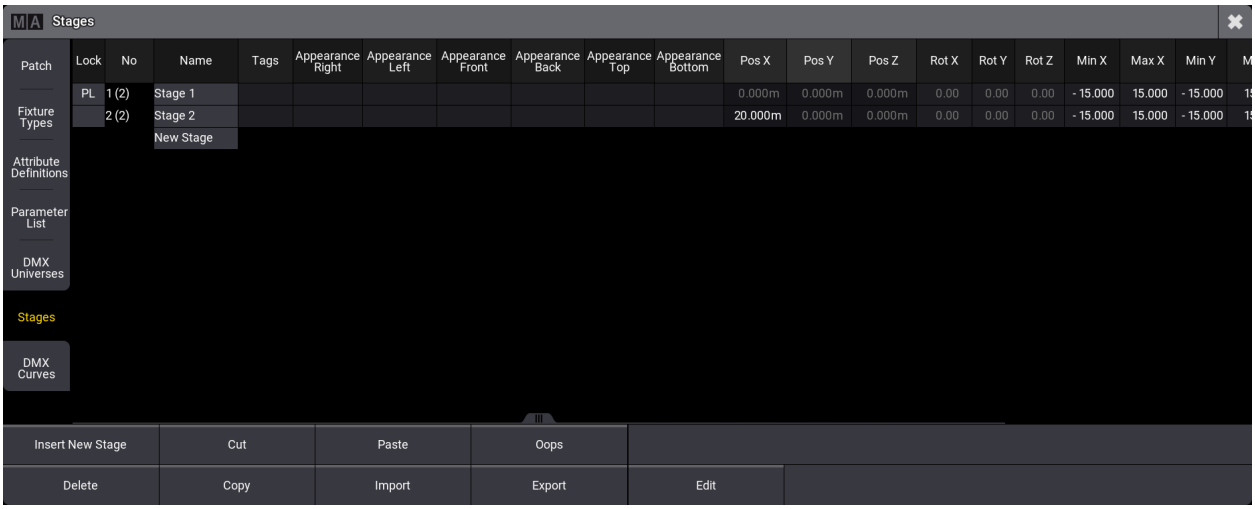
It is possible to create more stages. This could be useful in a house with several physical stages, a television station with several studios, a theme park with several different areas, or for adding a festival rig to a touring show.

The stages have location and dimension information.

Add a Stage in the Patch

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Patch in the menu pop-up.
3. Tap Stages on the left side.
4. Tap Insert new Stage at the bottom.

A new stage has now been added above the line that had focus.



Stages menu with two stages

The stages can be named for organizational purposes. Tags can be assigned to a stage, and the stage can have a note.

The standard size for a new stage is 30 meters wide (X) and deep (Y), with a zero in the middle. The height (Z) is from zero to 15 meters high.

The stage displayed in the 3D window will automatically expand the visible box, but will not change the dimension defined for the stage object.

The stage setup allows for changing the positions and rotation of the stages. A 3D Viewer can show one or all of the stages.

The buttons at the bottom make it possible to insert new stages.

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The stages can also be deleted. Be careful with this!

	Important:
	Fixtures are patched inside the stages. Deleting a stage also deletes all the fixtures in that stage, including all the information programmed about those fixtures.

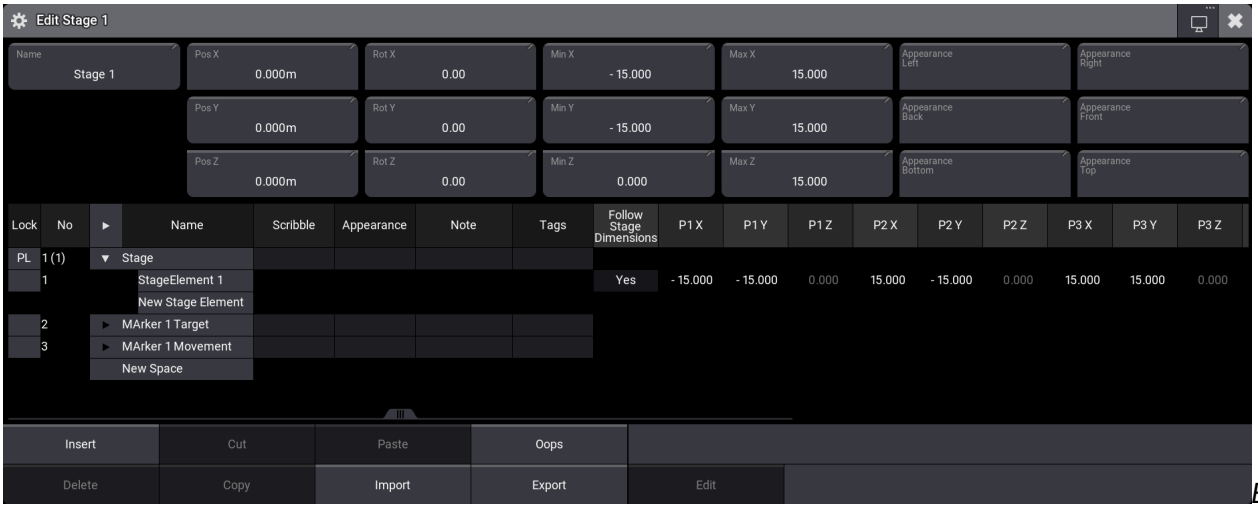
If the stages need to be reorganized, they can be copied, cut, and pasted to move them in the list.

A stage can also be exported and imported. Remember that the stage contains the fixtures. The exported stage object contains the patched fixtures and any other stage objects inside the stage.

For more information about adding fixtures to the stage, please follow the first link at the top.

Edit a Stage

A selected stage in the stage menu can be edited by tapping Edit at the bottom. This opens the **Edit Stage** menu.



Edit stage menu for stage 1

The top part of this editor has input fields for almost the same settings as the **Stage** menu.

The lower part is used to add and edit a stage **Space** object and stage **Elements**. The elements are flat surfaces that can be combined to create boxes or areas that the light can hit.

A stage space defines a volume in the stage. This space is relevant when using XYZ programming. It defines the size of the space the fixtures can point to. Read more about this in the XYZ section.

A stage space can have multiple stage elements inside. These elements are defined by four corners, each with an X, Y, and Z coordinate.

Stage spaces and elements can be created, deleted, copied, cut, pasted, oopsed, imported, and exported like many other objects.

Export and Import are especially nice if a lot of time has been spent on creating a 3D set using stage elements.

	Hint:
	More complex 3D objects can be added to the Patch. They are found in the "Set" manufacturer.

A new stage always has a Stage Space and a default Stage Element (the "floor").

Adding MArker fixtures automatically adds stage spaces for Target and, if needed, for the Movement. Read more about this in the MArker Fixture topic.

1.14.14. Classes and Layers

Fixtures can be organized and grouped in both **Class** and **Layer**.

It is inherited from the MVR (My Virtual Rig) import and from the CAD drawing programs, where fixtures can be organized using classes and layers.

In grandMA3 there is no real difference between a class or a layer.

Each fixture can have one of each assigned.

The class and/or layer can be used when applying filters in the patch.

Classes and layers can be created manually.

Create a Class or Layer

The following description is for a layer, but the process is the same for classes. Just exchange all the places it says "Layer" or "FixtureLayer" with "Class".

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Patch in the menu pop-up -> this opens the patch menu.
3. Activate Full columns in the title bar.
4. Activate Split View in the title bar.
5. Tap Layers.
6. Tap the location in the list where the new layer should be or tap New Fixture Layer at the bottom of the list.
7. Tap Insert new Fixture Layer.

A new class or layer is now added.

The name can be changed.

Classes and layers can also be created by editing the class or layer field for the fixture. See the description below, but instead of selecting an existing class or layer, tap New. This creates a new class or layer, and the name pop-up appears to give the new class or layer a name.

Assign a Class or Layer to a Fixture

Classes and layers can be assigned to fixtures in the patch menu when it is in **Full** column mode or when the **Split View** is active in layers or classes.

When the column mode is full, they also appear as options in the Fixture Wizard (read about it following the link above).

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Editing the class or layer cells opens small select pop-ups where the existing classes or layers can be selected. There is also the option to select **None**. This can be used to remove a class or layer from a fixture.

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1.14.15. Attribute Definitions

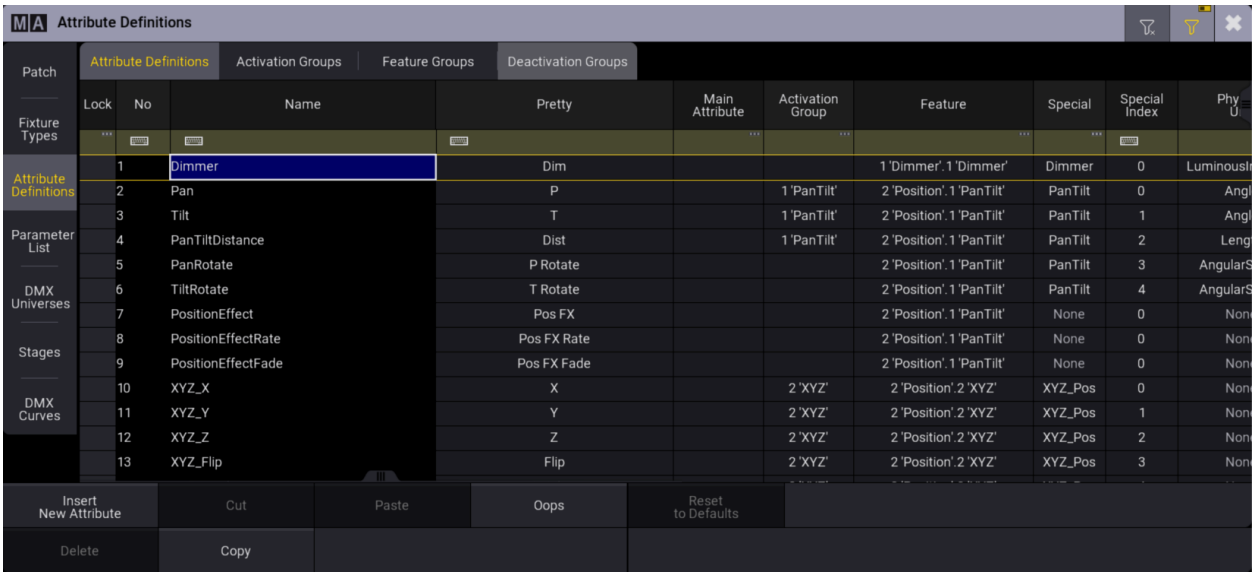
Attributes are the building blocks of fixture types. The same building blocks are used throughout the console, and they are what is controlled using the Encoder bar when operating fixtures.

Each show file has a limitation of 1 024 different attributes.

Attribute definitions describe the relation between Main Attributes and sub-attributes. Attributes are organized in Activation Groups, Feature Groups, and Deactivation Groups.

There is a set of 366 predefined attributes with a complete setup and relations. They can be edited, and custom attributes can be created.

It is all done from the sub menus in the patch menu.



Attribute Definitions

The attribute definitions have the following columns:

- **Lock**:
  This column can be used to lock the rows and protect them from editing.
- **No**:
  This is an auto-generated row number.
- **Name**:
  This name needs to be a unique identifier. When it is typed, it is locked and cannot be edited.
- **Pretty**:
  This is the name displayed above the encoders. This input accepts local country characters if typed using grandMA3 onPC.
- **Main Attribute**:
  This is used to define a hierarchy between the attributes. Editing a cell in this column opens a small **Select Main Attribute** pop-up. Selecting the main attribute makes this attribute a subattribute of the main attribute.

- **Activation Group**:
  Activation groups are used to activate a group of attributes as soon as one of the members in the group is activated. For more information, see Activation Group.
- **Feature**:
  Features are part of the hierarchy system. Attributes need to be a part of a feature. For more information, see Feature Group.
- **Special**:
  This is information only. It shows how the attribute is visualized in the 3D window.
- **Special Index**:
  This is information about the index number for the special value.
- **Physical Unit**:
  The physical units describe the physical properties of the attribute. Read more below.
- **Geometry Type**:
  This can be used as a standard geometry type when using the attribute in new Fixture Types. For more information about geometry types, see Fixture Types.
- **Color**:
  Any attribute can have a color but it is only relevant for the attributes that use "ColorComponent" as the physical unit. Here the color information defines the color of the LED emitter.
- **Intensity**:
  The intensity value can be used to define the relationship between the Color Components. It is used by the color engine to compensate if, for instance, the blue emitters are much brighter than the green. This intensity information can also be defined in the fixture types. The information in the attribute definition is used if nothing is defined in the fixture type.
- **Natural Readout**:
  This is the readout type used when **Natural** readout is selected.
- **Encoder Resolution**:
  This defines the resolution of the encoder controlling the attribute.
- **Log Channels**:
  This is information only. It shows how often the attribute is used in logical channels of fixture types added to the show.
- **Channel Functions**:
  This is information only. It shows how often the attribute is used in channel functions of fixture types added to the show.
- **Hide**:
  This can be used to hide the attribute on the interface. It will not be visible on encoder bars or on any sheets. If the attribute is matched with a DMX channel then it will still be visible in the DMX sheet.
- **MIB**:
  This can be used to deactivate MIB for an attribute. Edit the cell to set it to Disabled to exclude this attribute. For more information about MIB, see Move In Black.

Each column can be filtered by entering input in the yellow input fields at the top of each column. For more information, see Temporary Filtering.

Add an Attribute Definition

It is recommended to use one of the factory-defined attributes, if possible.

Custom attribute definitions can be created following these steps:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Patch.
3. Tap Attribute Definitions on the left side.
4. Select the line in the list, where the new definition should be above.
5. Tap Insert New Attribute at the bottom.
6. Fill in all the relevant cells.
7. Close all the menus and tap Ok to accept the changes to the setup.

Now the definition exists and can be used to create new custom devices.

Physical Units

The physical units are used to describe the physical part of the attribute - if relevant.

For some attributes, this is not relevant. For instance, the selection of a Gobo is linked to an image of the gobo projected, but it is not defined as a physical unit (it is a wheel slot information). Physical unit information is relevant for the attributes that define the rotation of the selected gobo. So the attribute defining the gobo position (index) uses **Angle** as a physical unit. The attribute defining the continuous rotation of the gobo uses **AngularSpeed** as the physical unit.

Editing the cells for physical units (see the column descriptions above) opens the **Select Physical Unit** pop-up.

There are many physical units available on the list. Select the one matching the needed unit.

Subtopics

- Activation Group
- Feature Group
- Deactivation Group

1.14.15.1. Activation Group

An activation group is used when there are several attributes where it makes sense that they are activated together.

For instance, storing pan and tilt values together often makes sense. Having them in the same activation group makes this possible. Activating one of them also activates the other.

There are factory-defined groups that are used with the factory-defined attributes. Custom groups can be made and then used in the Attribute Definitions. The group needs to be created before it can be used.

Attribute Definitions | Activation Groups | Feature Groups | Deactivation Groups

Lock	No	Name	Attrib Count	Deactivation Group
	1	PanTilt	3	1 'Position'
	2	XYZ	5	1 'Position'
	3	ColorRGB	18	2 'Color'
	4	ColorHSB	4	2 'Color'
	5	ColorCIE	3	2 'Color'
	6	Gobo1	9	
	7	Gobo1Pos	3	
	8	Gobo2	9	
	9	Gobo2Pos	3	
	10	Gobo3	9	
	11	Gobo3Pos	3	
	12	AnimationWheel1	7	
	13	AnimationWheel1Pos	3	

The standard Activation Groups

The menu has the following columns:

- **Lock**:
  This can be used to lock the row from being edited.
- **No**:
  This is an auto-generated row number.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the activation group.

- **Attrib Count**:
  This is a counter showing how many attributes are part of the group.
- **Deactivation Group**:
  This column selects a **Deactivation Group** for two or more activation groups. Read more about this in the Deactivation Group topic.

Each column can be filtered by entering input in the gray-green input fields at the top of each column.

	Important:
	Editing the existing Activation Groups is not recommended. Editing them can result in not automatically storing all expected values.

Create and Use a New Activation Group

To create a new activation group:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Patch.
3. Tap Attribute Definitions on the left side.
4. Tap Activation Groups on the top tabs.
5. Select the line in the list, where the new group should be above.
6. Tap Insert New ActivationGroup at the bottom.
7. Edit the name field to add a descriptive name.
8. Optionally edit the **Deactivation Group** cell to add a deactivation group.
9. Tap Attribute Definitions on the top tabs.
10. Assign the new group to the relevant attributes in the **Attribute Definitions** menu.
11. When finished, close the menus and tap Save and Exit in the pop-up asking if the changes should be kept.

For more information on how to use the **Activation Group** read the Attribute Definition topic.

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1.14.15.2. Feature Group

Feature groups are part of the structure and hierarchy of the entire show.

This structure is visible and used in the Feature Group Control Bar in the default Encoder Bar.

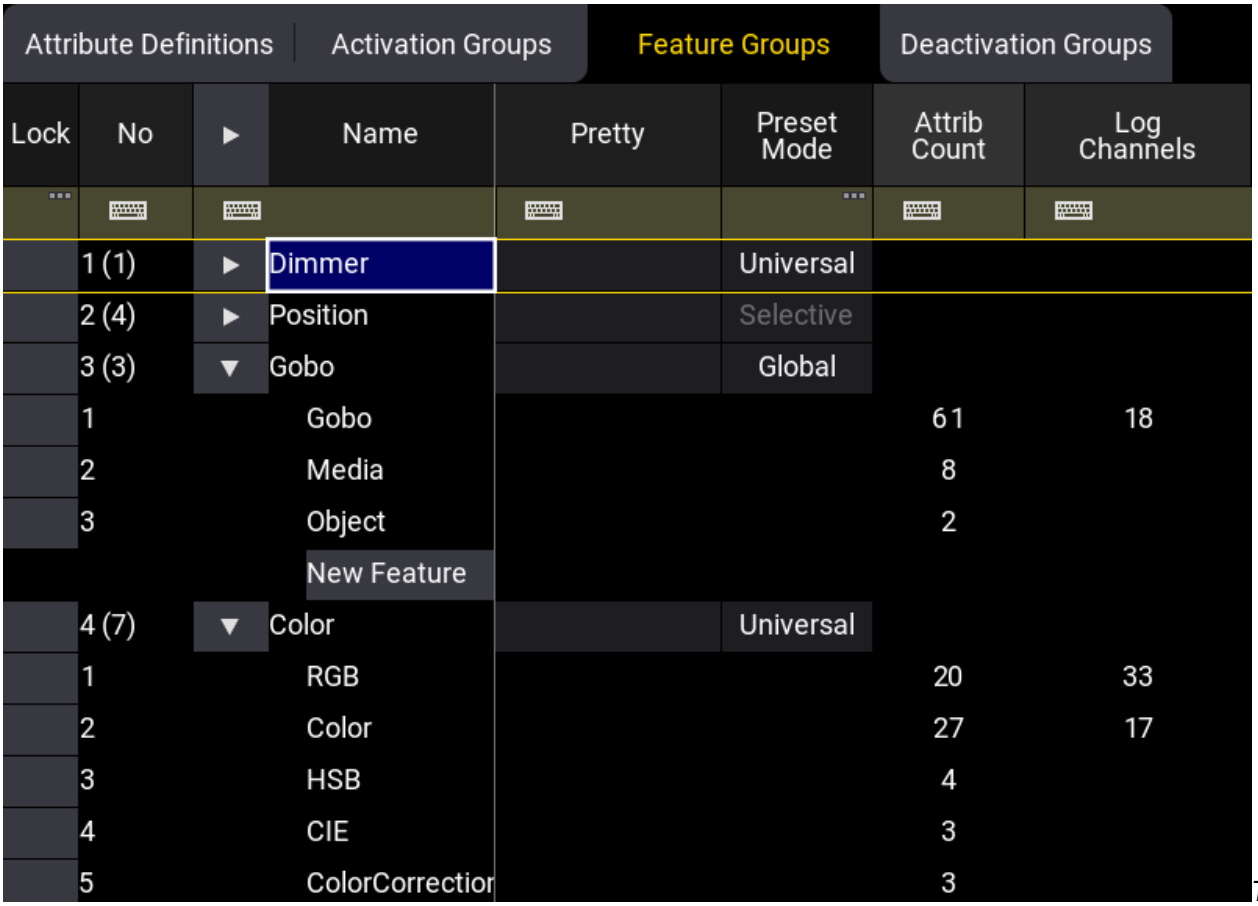
	Important:
	Be aware that editing the Feature Groups settings can have serious consequences for the structure of the show. Editing the existing groups is only recommended if the consequences is known. Maybe use the custom Encoder Bars to manage encoder set up.

A **Feature Group** contains at least one **Feature**.

The feature is assigned to attributes in the Attribute Definitions. All attributes need to have an assigned feature.

A feature group automatically has a **Preset Pool** where the attributes in the feature group can store values. Read more about presets in the Presets topics.

The feature group and feature need to be created before they can be used.



The standard Feature Groups with Features

The menu has 6 columns:

- **Lock**:
  This can be used to lock the row from being edited.
- **No**:
  This is an auto-generated row number for the feature group. The number in parentheses is the number of features inside the group.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the feature. This needs to be a unique name.
- **Pretty**:
  This is a custom label for the feature group. It can have local characters or a different spelling. For instance "Color" could be labeled "Colour".
- **Preset Mode**:
  This is the default type used when storing values in the preset pool.
- **Attrib Count**:
  This is information only. This is a counter showing how many attributes use the feature.
- **Log Channels**:
  This is information only. It shows how often the feature is used in logical channels of fixture types added to the show.

Each column can be filtered by entering input in the gray-green input fields at the top of each column.

Create and Use a New Feature Group and Feature

Create a new feature group and feature following these steps.

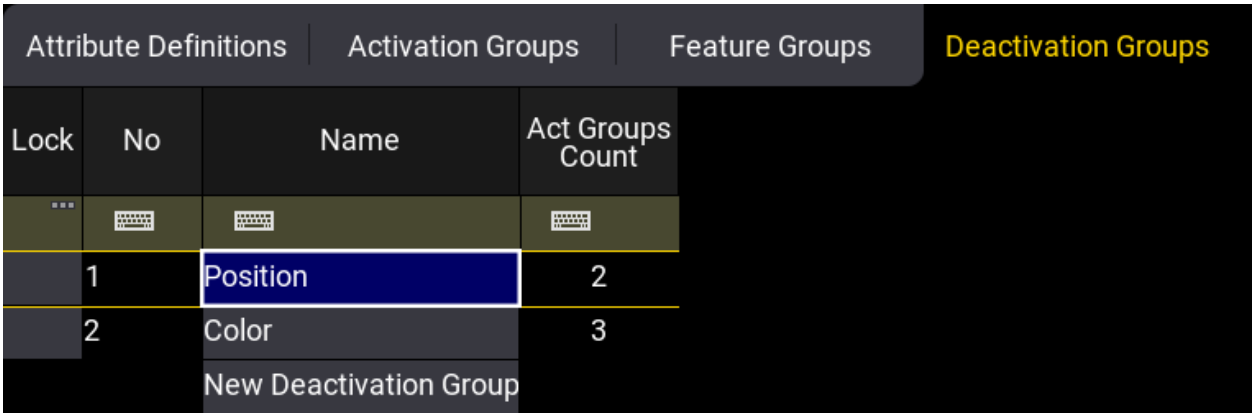
1. Press Menu on the console.
2. Tap Patch to select the patch menu.
3. Tap Attribute Definitions on the left side.
4. Tap Feature Groups on the top tab.
5. Select the row in the list, where the new group should be above.
6. Tap Insert New Feature Group at the bottom.
7. Fill in the name of the group.
8. Tap the triangle icon ▶ next to the new group to expand the group.
9. Tap the New Feature area in the new group.
10. Tap Insert and write the name of the feature. Repeat until all the needed features have been created.
11. Tap Attribute Definitions on the top tab.
12. Assign the new features to the relevant attributes.
13. When finished close all the menus and tap Save and Exit in the pop-up asking if the changes should be kept.

For more information on how to use the **Feature Group** read the Attribute Definition topic.

1.14.15.3. Deactivation Group

Deactivation Groups are groups of **Activation Groups**. A deactivation group makes sure that only one set of valid attribute values are active for the actual DMX channels being output. This is to avoid DMX channels getting conflicting information. The deactivation group knocks out other groups of attributes when a value is assigned to a different activation group than the one already active.

For example, when having active pan and/or tilt values in the programmer, the deactivation group "Position" takes care that these attributes will be knocked out when activating XYZ attributes instead.



Default deactivation groups

By default, there are 2 automatically generated deactivation groups: Position and Color.

The menu has the following columns:

- **Lock**:
  This can be used to lock the row from being edited.
- **No**:
  This is an auto-generated row number.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the activation group.
- **Act Groups Count**:
  This is the number of activation groups using the deactivation group.

Each column can be filtered by entering input in the gray-green input fields at the top of each column.

The deactivation groups are assigned to activation groups in the **Activation Groups** tab.

	Important:
	Editing the existing Deactivation Groups is not recommended. Editing them can result in conflicting values being stored.

Create and Use a New Deactivation Group

Create a new deactivation group following these steps.

1. Press Menu.

2. Tap Patch.
3. Tap Attribute Definitions on the left side.
4. Tap Deactivation Groups on the top tabs.
5. Select the line in the list, where the new group should be above.
6. Tap Insert New DeactivationGroup at the bottom.
7. Edit the name field to add a descriptive name.
8. Tap Activation Groups on the top tabs.
9. Assign the new deactivation group to the relevant activation groups in the **Activation Groups** menu.
10. When finished, close the menus and tap Save and Exit in the pop-up asking if the changes should be kept.

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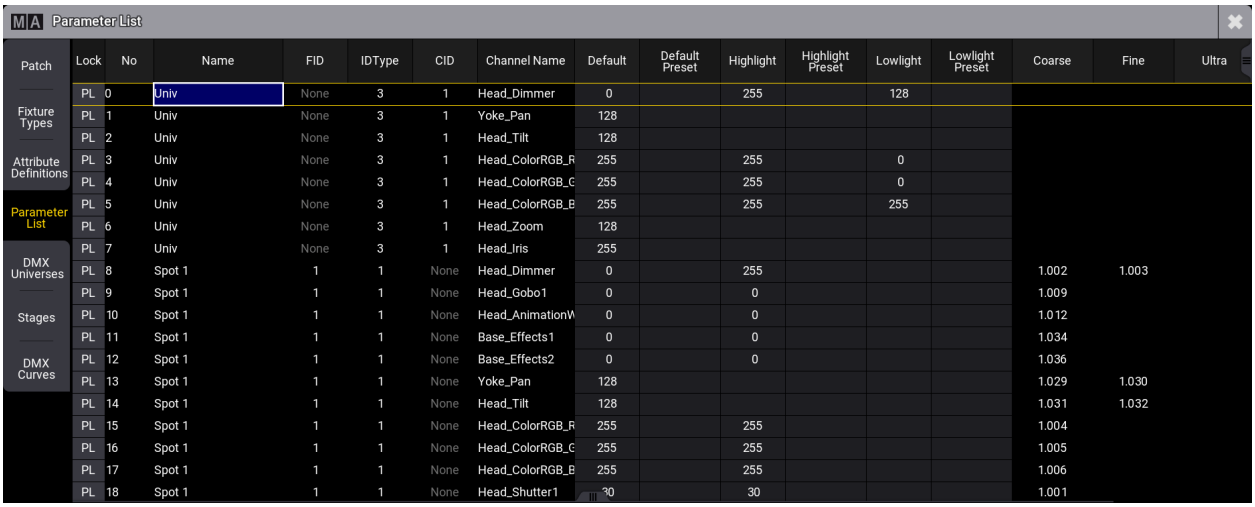
1.14.16. Parameter List

The Patch menu gives access to the list of all the parameters by tapping the Parameter List button in the menu on the left of the Patch Menu.

These parameters are also called RTChannels (Realtime Channels).

This menu lists all the parameters in the show.



Lock	No	Name	FID	IDType	CID	Channel Name	Default	Default Preset	Highlight	Highlight Preset	Lowlight	Lowlight Preset	Coarse	Fine	Ultra
PL	0	Univ	None	3	1	Head_Dimmer	0		255		128				
PL	1	Univ	None	3	1	Yoke_Pan	128								
PL	2	Univ	None	3	1	Head_Tilt	128								
PL	3	Univ	None	3	1	Head_ColorRGB_R	255		255		0				
PL	4	Univ	None	3	1	Head_ColorRGB_G	255		255		0				
PL	5	Univ	None	3	1	Head_ColorRGB_B	255		255		255				
PL	6	Univ	None	3	1	Head_Zoom	128								
PL	7	Univ	None	3	1	Head_Iris	255								
PL	8	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_Dimmer	0		255				1.002	1.003	
PL	9	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_Gobo1	0		0				1.009		
PL	10	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_AnimationW	0		0				1.012		
PL	11	Spot 1	1	1	None	Base_Effects1	0		0				1.034		
PL	12	Spot 1	1	1	None	Base_Effects2	0		0				1.036		
PL	13	Spot 1	1	1	None	Yoke_Pan	128						1.029	1.030	
PL	14	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_Tilt	128						1.031	1.032	
PL	15	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_ColorRGB_R	255		255				1.004		
PL	16	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_ColorRGB_G	255		255				1.005		
PL	17	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_ColorRGB_B	255		255				1.006		
PL	18	Spot 1	1	1	None	Head_Shutter1	30		30				1.001		

Parameter List menu

The menu is a big table with the parameters in rows. This is a short explanation of the different columns:

- **Lock**:
  This indicates a "PL" (Position Locked) if the row is locked.
- **No**:
  This is the parameter number.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the fixture.
- **FID**:
  This is the FID of the fixture using the parameter.
- **IDType**:
  This is the ID number of the fixture ID type.
- **CID**:
  This is the CID for the fixture using the parameter.
- **ChannelName**:
  This is the name of the channel in the fixture definition.
- **Default**:
  This is the default value for the parameter.
- **Default Preset**:
  If the default value is referencing a preset, then the preset number and name are shown here.
- **Highlight**:
  This is the highlight value for the parameter.

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- **Highlight Preset**:
  If the highlight value is referencing a preset, then the preset number and name are shown here.
- **Lowlight**:
  This is the lowlight value for the parameter.
- **Lowlight Preset**:
  If the lowlight value is referencing a preset, then the preset number and name are shown here.
- **Coarse**:
  This is the DMX address for coarse control of the parameter.
- **Fine**:
  This is the DMX address for fine control of the parameter.
- **Ultra**:
  This is the DMX address for ultra-fine control of the parameter.
- **DMX Curve**:
  This field can be used to select one of the existing DMX curves. Learn about DMX curves in the DMX Curve topic.

Only the default, highlight, lowlight values and presets, and the DMX curves can be changed in this list.

A filtered version of this list is also shown when a fixture is edited. It is filtered to only show the attributes (or RTChannels) for the fixture being edited.

Change the Default, Highlight, and Lowlight Values

The values in the Default, Default Preset, Highlight, Highlight Preset, Lowlight, and Lowlight Preset columns can be edited in this menu or when editing the fixture.

It is also possible to store the programmer's content to these elements. It automatically assigns presets that might be in the programmer into the preset column.

To reset any of the special values, set the corresponding attributes to remove values in the programmer and Store /Merge them to the desired type of special values. Or set any value for the corresponding attributes and do a Store /Remove.

It is done using the Default, Highlight, and Lowlight keywords and the /Remove and /Merge option keywords.

Examples:

Store a new default position for a group of fixtures.

1. Clear the programmer for any existing values and selection.
2. Select the desired fixtures.
3. Give them the desired position, for instance, from a preset.
4. Be careful not to have undesired values in the programmer (for instance, intensity values).
5. Execute this command: **Store Default**.
6. Clear the programmer and verify the new default position.

Remove the currently stored highlight values for a selection of pan and tilt attributes.

1. Clear the programmer for any existing values and selection.
2. Select the desired fixtures.
3. Give the pan and tilt attributes some value - the actual value does not matter. It only matters that there are active programmer values for the desired attributes.
4. Be careful not to have undesired values in the programmer (for instance, intensity values).
5. Execute this command: **Store Highlight /Remove**.
6. Clear the programmer and verify the new highlight position.

To reset the special values of default and lowlight, follow the example above but replace Highlight with Default, or Lowlight.

In addition, storing with the /Release option keyword to the special values will do the same as Remove.

	Important:
	For which fixtures the special values will be changed when using the command line approach, the Use Selection setting and the If not empty setting of the Store Options are important. To learn more about the Use Selection setting and the If not empty setting, read in the Store Options topic.
	Restriction:
	It is only possible to store special values using absolute values. Relative values will be ignored.
	Restriction:
	Presets with more than 1 step ("Phaser presets") will only use step 1 when using them as special values.

1.14.17. DMX Curves

Attributes use DMX curves. As a default, they use a linear transition from 0% to 100%. Other DMX curves can be created and assigned to parameters.

There are three types of DMX curves: MinMax, Switch, and Custom.

	Restriction:
	A show file can contain 9 999 DMX curves.

Importing fixture types that use special DMX curves adds the curves to the list.

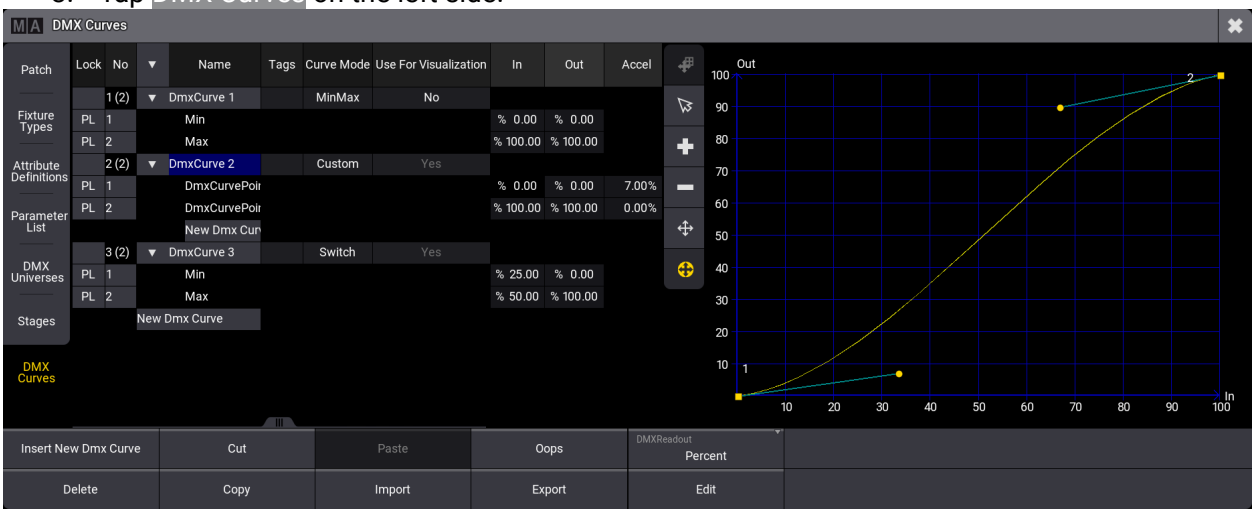
Curve values can be seen and edited in different readouts. These can be changed in the menu at the bottom by tapping the DMXReadout button.

Other buttons at the bottom give access to Cut, Copy, and Paste the curves in the list. There is also a button that deletes a curve. If the curve is used, it might be impossible to delete it.

The curves are displayed, created, and edited in the DMX Curves menu found in the patch.

Open the DMX Curves Menu

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Patch.
3. Tap DMX Curves on the left side.



DMX Curve menu

The DMX Curve menu is split into left and right sides. The left side lists the curves, and the right displays the selected curve.

The curve settings are listed on the left side. The curves can be unfolded (tap the white right-pointing triangle), and the different points on the curves can be seen and edited in the table mode. In and Out show the relationship between the incoming value and what it is translated to in the curve.

The right side can also be used to edit curves. It has a standard toolset for selection ( ), addition of point ( ), removal of point ( ), move point ( ), and move point handle ( ). Not all tools not available for all curve modes.

The column called **UseForVisualization** defines whether the DMX output, as defined by the DMXCurve, shall be visualized in the 3D Viewer.

	Important:
	When enabling this property for DMXCurves created by color-calibrated fixtures, the colors in the 3D Viewer will not match the actual output on stage!

All DMX curve changes are made inside the patch menu. This means that the menu needs to be closed and changes saved for them to take effect. To finish all DMX curve changes, leave and save the patch changes. Or exit without saving to cancel any changes.

Create a New MinMax Curve

MinMax curves are linear DMX transitions from a minimum to a maximum value. These can be useful to limit output values in, for instance, dimmers or the pan and tilt movements of fixtures.

1. Open the DMX Curves menu.
2. Tap a location in the curves list on the left side where the new curve should be.
3. Tap Insert new Dmx Curve at the bottom - the default curve mode for a new curve is **MinMax**.
4. Edit the name to give it a custom name.
5. Edit the Min and Max values to match the needs.

Create a New Switch Curve

Switch curves use two points to create a switch point where the output value instantly changes from one output value to the other.

1. Open the DMX Curves menu.
2. Tap a location in the curves list on the left side where the new curve should be.
3. Tap Insert new Dmx Curve at the bottom.
4. Edit the Curve Mode value to open the small **Select Curve Mode** pop-up.
5. Tap Switch in the pop-up.
6. Edit the name to give it a custom name.
7. Edit the Min and Max values of the two points to match the needs.

Having two points in the switch allows for setting a value needed for switching On and another value for switching Off. This can help with hysteresis.

Example:

1. Create a new switch curve.
2. Set the **Min** point to In = 70% Out = 0%
3. Set the **Max** point to In = 80% Out = 100%

This creates a switch that needs a value of 80% and above to turn On (output 100%) and a value of 0% to 70% to turn Off (0% output)

Create a New Custom Curve

Custom curves can be used for many different things, such as matching the emitter output of LED fixtures.

1. Open the DMX Curves menu.
2. Tap a location in the curves list on the left side where the new curve should be.
3. Tap Insert new Dmx Curve at the bottom.
4. Edit the Curve Mode value to open the small **Select Curve Mode** pop-up.
5. Tap Custom in the pop-up.
6. Edit the name to give it a custom name.
7. Points can be added using the Add tool on the right side or by creating a New Dmx Curve Point in the table view on the left side.
   To create a point using the tools:
   a. Tap the Add tool (+)
   b. Tap in the curve where the point should be added
8. Edit the Min and Max values and the Accel (acceleration) and Decel (deceleration) of the points to match the needs. This can be done in the table or by using the graph editor on the right side.

	Important:
	A curve might give a warning if the output at some point is lower than a previous output value. Curves with a warning have the name displayed with a red text color.

Export and Import Curves

Curves can be exported to a drive.

1. Select the desired drive.
2. Tap Export.
3. Select the desired drive.
4. Write a name in the name input field.
5. Tap Export in the pop-up.

Curves can be imported to the show.

1. Select a location in the curve list.
2. Tap Import.
3. Select the desired source drive.
4. Select the desired curve.
5. Tap Import in the pop-up.

Assign Curve to a Parameter

The curves can be assigned to parameters in the Parameter List. This applies the curve to a specific DMX channel.

1. Open the Parameter List in the menu on the left side.
2. Locate the parameter that needs to use the custom curve.
3. Edit the DMX Curve field and select the custom curve in the small select pop-up.

Assign Curve to a Fixture Type

DMX Curves can be assigned to an attribute in a Fixture Type. This applies the curve to the selected attribute for all the fixtures of this type.

1. Open the Fixture Types in the menu on the left side.
2. Select the desired fixture in the list.
3. Tap Edit in the menu at the bottom.
4. Tap the DMXModes tab at the top.
5. Edit the DMX Curve field for the desired attribute.
6. Select the wanted curve in the pop-up.
7. Close the FixtureType editor pop-up by tapping the X in the upper right corner.

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1.15. Operate Fixtures

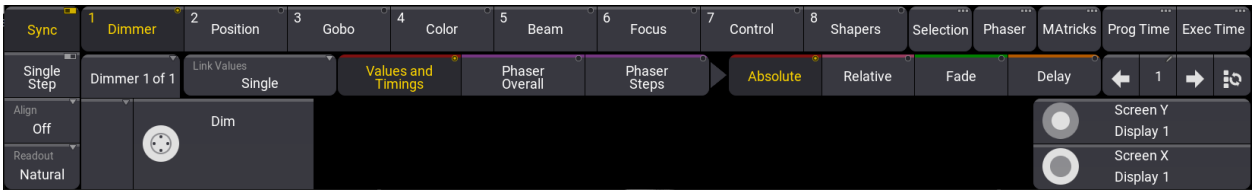
When the fixtures are added and patched in the show, see Patch and Fixture Setup. The next step is to select and operate them.

Different fixture types can perform different tasks. Most fixtures have some intensity control, but if it is a moving light, it will also have pan-and-tilt control. If the fixture can change color, it will have a color wheel, an RGB, a CMY, or a scroller. If it is a media server, there are many other settings to control, such as which clip to play. All these different control elements are referred to as Attributes.

	Hint:
	Knowing the patched fixtures and their capabilities (attributes) is essential. Do not waste time trying to mix the perfect color if the fixture has a fixed color wheel.

To learn more about the fixture sheet and attributes, see Fixture Sheet and Attribute definitions.

One of the primary ways to operate fixtures is via the Encoder Bar.



Encoder Bar

The **Encoder Bar** provides quick access to available attributes for the selected fixtures and can be customized. See Encoder Bar Pool.

The Dual Encoders change function depending on the selected Feature Group, for instance, Position.

There is a window for color and shapers control, the Special Dialog. It is an excellent tool for selecting a color independently of the fixture's color system.

The sMArt window provides quick access to fixture-defined values. For instance, most fixtures with a gobo wheel display information on the required value to select the gobo slots.

Dimmer

Dimmer is a universal attribute because most fixtures provide some form of intensity control.

There are many ways to set the dimmer value on selected fixtures. Here are some of them:

- Use the level wheel to set the value.
- Use the numeric keys to set a specific value, for example, At 3 0 Please.
- Press Full to give the fixture 100% intensity.
- Select **Dimmer** in the encoder bar and use the dual encoders to set a value.

- Select **Dimmer** in the encoder bar and press on the inner ring of the dual encoder to open the calculator. Use this to set a specific value.
- Tap and hold a cell in the fixture sheet under the **Dimmer** column to open the calculator and set a value.
- Use a dimmer preset.
- Enter the **Normal Value** by pressing At At. See User Settings.

Subtopics

- Align
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1.15.1. Parent Child Fixture Behavior

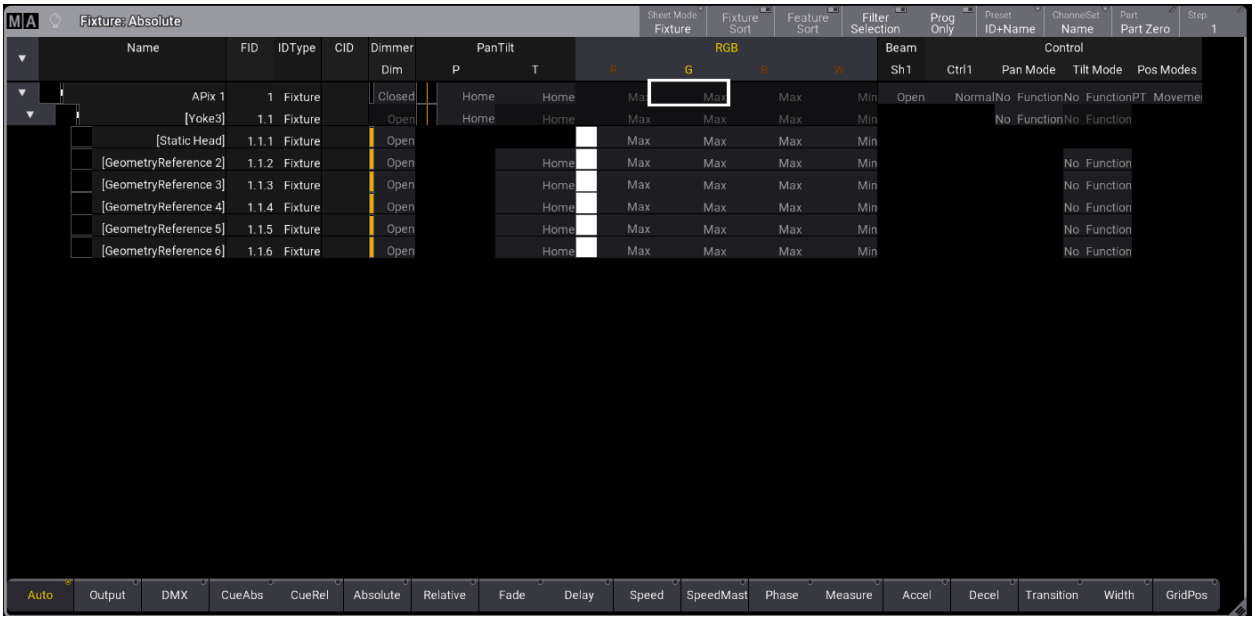
When a fixture has one or more subfixtures, changing the values of an attribute of a subfixture that doesn't exist will change the values of the corresponding attribute of the main fixture. See Parent Child Concept.

To understand better, follow the steps below.

Requirements for the following examples:

1. Patch an Ayrton AlienPix RS and select mode Extended 16 Bit (52 ch). For more information, see Patch and Fixture Setup.
2. Set the fixture ID (FID) to 1.
3. Leave the patch and tap Save and Exit.
4. Open a fixture sheet. See Add Window.
5. Expand the fixture sheet by typing the arrow on the left-hand side of the window.

The fixture sheet looks like this in Fixture Sheet Mode. See Fixture Sheet Modes.



Changing Values of Non-Existing Attributes

For the following example, follow these steps:

1. Enter in the command line:

   User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1.1.1

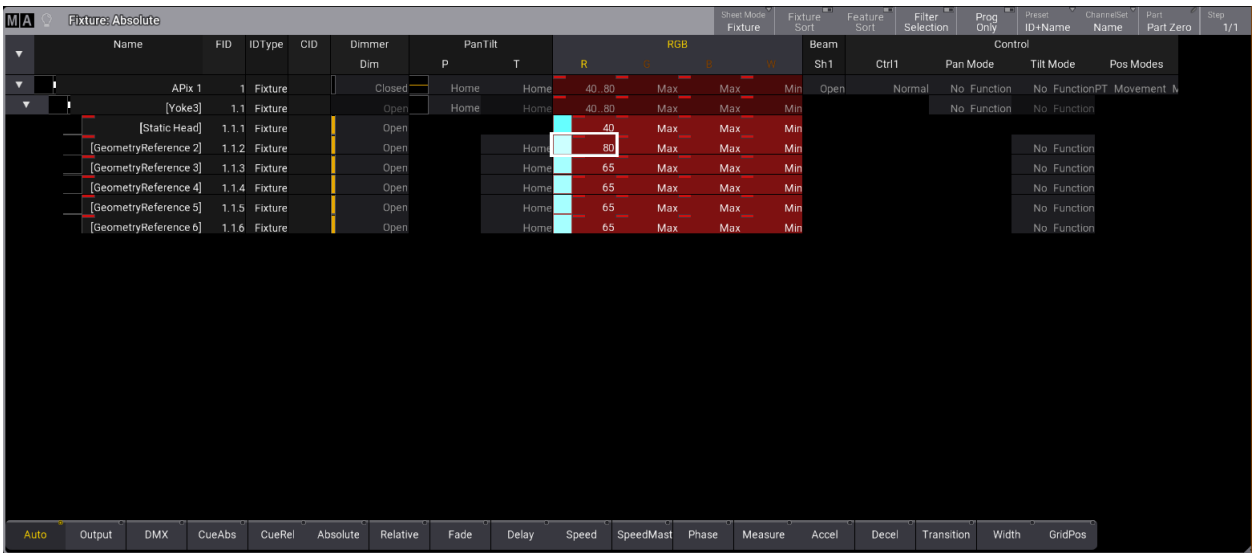
2. Tap Position in the encoder bar.
3. Press the inner ring of the **Pan** encoder wheel to open the calculator.
4. Enter 50 and tap Please.

Since there is no **Pan** attribute for subfixture 1.1.1, the **Pan** attribute value for fixture 1.1 was changed to 50 even if it was not selected. See the image below.

Changing subfixtures Attribute Values

When subfixture attributes are selected and their corresponding attribute values are changed, the main fixtures' values are displayed with a dark red background. The cells in the main fixtures will display the lowest and highest attribute values for their corresponding subfixtures.

In the image below, the red attribute value was set to 40 for subfixture 1.1.1, 80 for fixture 1.1.2, and 65 for subfixtures 1.1.3 through 1.1.6.

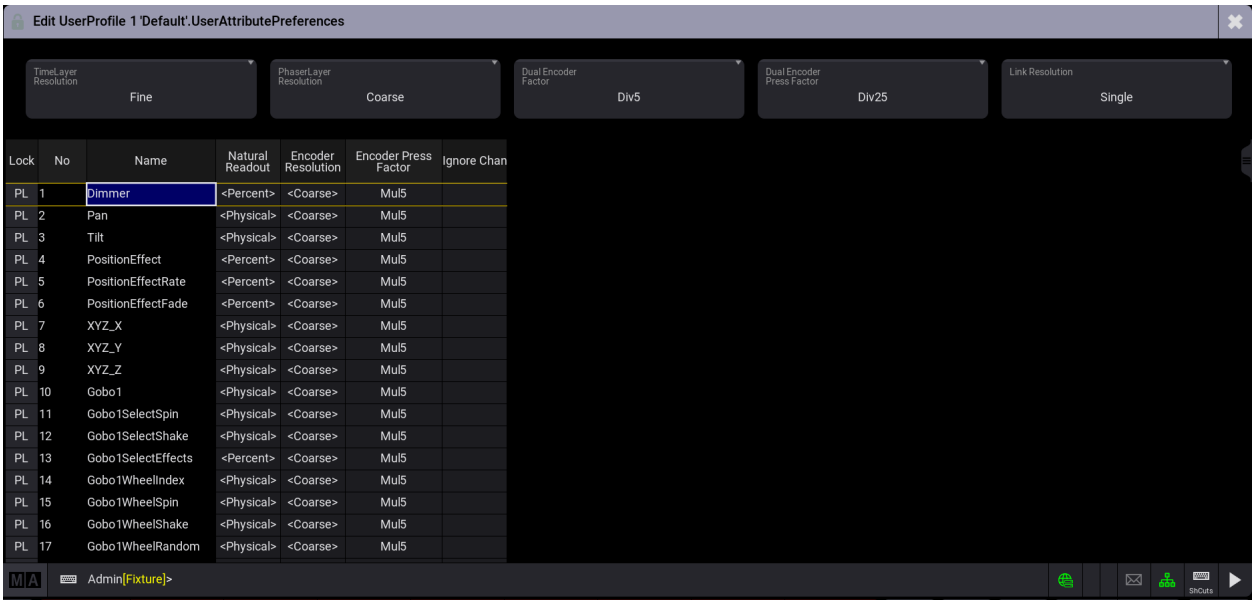


1.15.2. Encoder Resolution

Sometimes precise handling is required, and you may want to change an encoder's resolution.

The default encoder resolution of attributes can be defined from the user configuration menu:

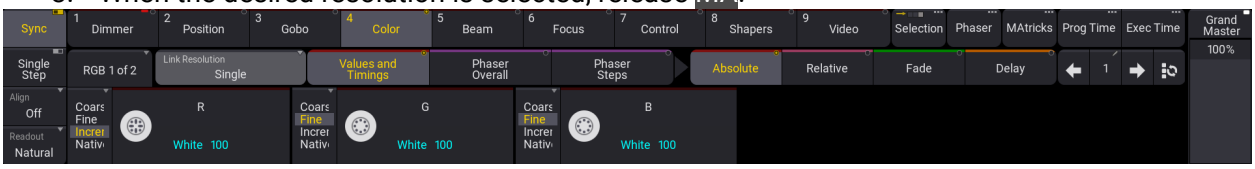
1. Press Menu, tap Settings, and tap User Configuration. The user configuration menu opens.
2. On the left side of the window, tap Profiles.
3. Select the **Profile** to be edited.
4. Tap Edit Encoder Bar at the bottom of the window, and the User Attribute Preferences menu opens:



The encoder resolution can be changed directly on the encoder. For more information, see Encoder Bar.

To do so:

1. Press and hold MA, this will display the possible resolutions in the channel function area of each encoder.
2. The resolution can be changed for a single feature or a feature group. To toggle between the two options, hold MA and tap Link Resolution. Then tap the resolution area of an encoder; the encoder's selected resolution will change to the next resolution. Read about in Feature Group and Attribute Definitions.
3. When the desired resolution is selected, release MA.



Encoder bar attribute resolution

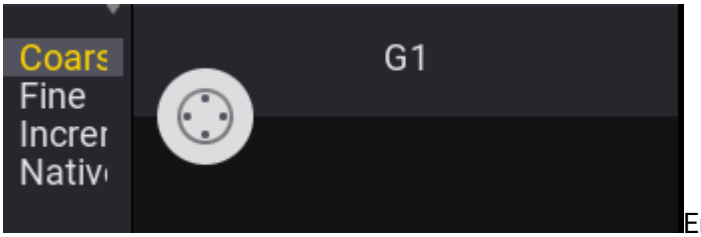
	Hint:
	- For one rotation, an encoder has 24 clicks. - 5 rotations of an encoder are needed to cross the whole range of the attribute from its minimum to maximum.

The possible resolutions are:

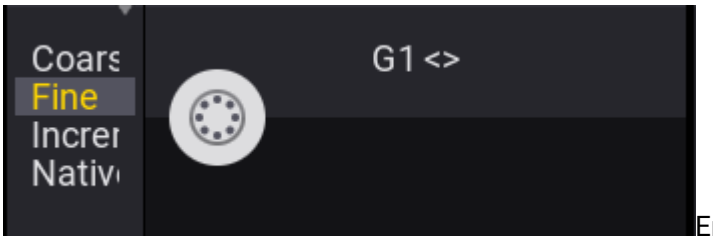
1. **Coarse**: One encoder turn click will change the value depending on the readout:
    - Percent: 1
    - PercentFine: 1
    - Physical: (MaxValue-MinValue)/ (24*5)
      When multiple fixture types are selected, the smallest physical range among them is used to determine the size of one click. This allows the same value to change when, for example, the tilt encoder is turned.
    - Dec8: 255/(24*5), therefore 1 click equals 2.125
    - Dec16: 65 535/(24*5), therefore 1 click equals 546.125
    - Dec24: 1 677 216/(24*5), therefore 1 click equals 13 976.8
    - Hex8: 255 (=FF)/(24*5), therefore 1 click equals 2.125
    - Hex16: 65 535 (FFFF)/(24*5), therefore 1 click equals 546.125
    - Hex24: 1 677 216 (=FFFFFF)/(24*5), therefore 1 click equals 13 976.
2. **Fine**: Fine has a 10x finer resolution than coarse.
3. **Increment**: When the resolution is set to Increment, a single encoder turn click changes the lowest digit of the displayed readout.
4. **Native**: The value Layers absolute and relative offer this mode, which directly accesses the smallest possible change in the parameter resolution.

	Hint:
	When Native mode is selected, if a dimmer channel is based on 8/16/24 bit, one encoder turn always results in a one-digit change in DMX output.

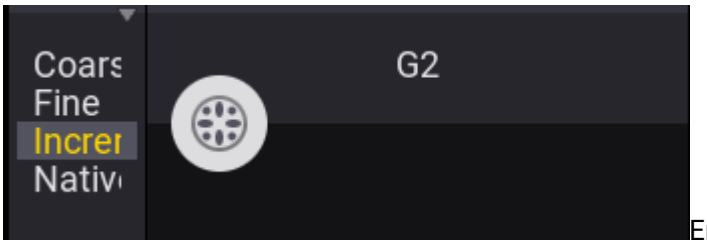
An encoder displays the current resolution in the center of the encoder symbol within the encoder bar:



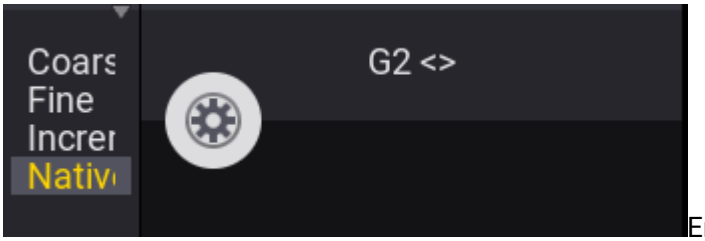
Encoder resolution coarse



Encoder resolution fine



Encoder resolution increment



Encoder resolution native

Furthermore, the factors of value change between turning the inner encoder and all other encoder actions can be defined. See User Settings for more information.

All factors can be selected from a list of predefined factors:

Predefined Factors	Background Used Factors
Div50	0.02
Div25	0.04
Div10	0.1
Div5	0.2
Div2.55	0.39
Div2	0.5
One	1
Mul2	2
Mul2.55	2.55
Mul5	5
Mul10	10
Mul25	25
Mul50	50
Disable	0

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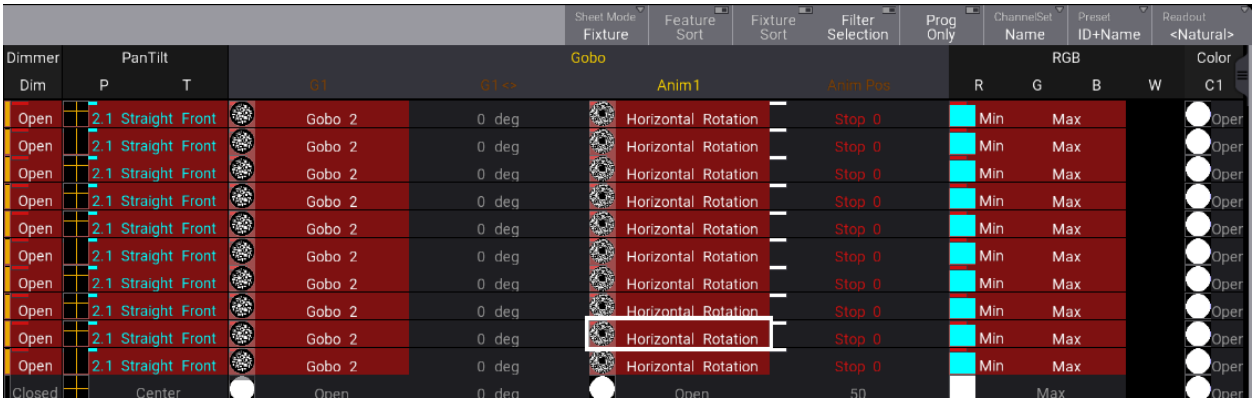
1.15.3. Graphics

Graphics can be set for features and fixtures.

Feature Graphic

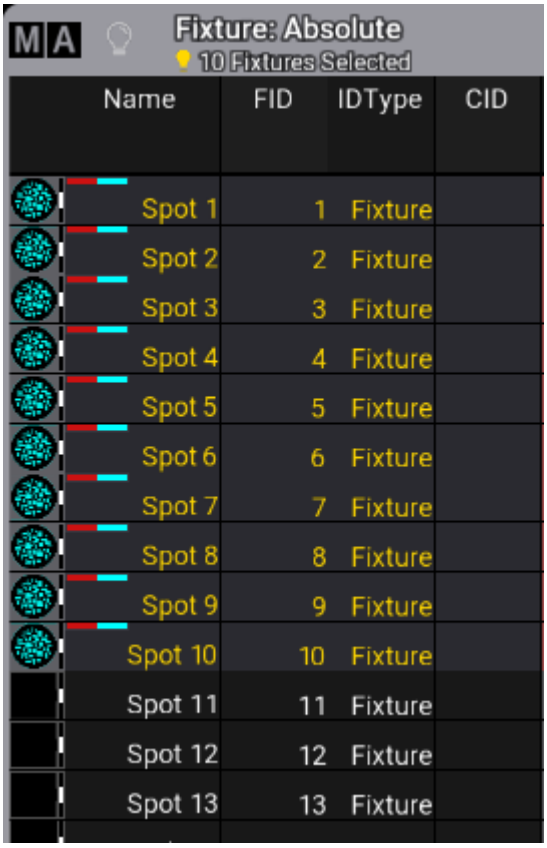
The attributes of the features **Dimmer**, **PanTilt**, **Gobo**, **RGB, and Color1** can have a small symbol displaying a graphic representation of the attribute values:



- Tapping Feature Graphic in the Fixture Sheet settings window, the Content Sheet settings window and the Sequence Sheet settings window will show or hide these symbols in the corresponding sheet.

Fixture Graphic

A graphic representation of different output values can be displayed in all sheet modes except Channel Sheet Mode:



Open the fixture sheet settings and tap Fixture Graphics.

There are four values:

1. **None**: No icon will be displayed.
2. **Flip**: Only the flip indicator bar will be displayed.
3. **Simple**: A square icon will display the intensity and color output combination.
4. **Gobo**: The intensity, color output, and the used gobo are displayed. Only the gobo of one gobo wheel is displayed at a time. For example, when gobo 1 is set to open, gobo 2 is displayed.

The flip indicator bar is visible except when **None** is selected. It is displayed as a vertical bar with a white rectangle. The rectangle's position indicates the flip area (combination of pan and tilt values) where the fixture is located. More significant is the range of pan and tilt; the more combinations of pan and tilt are possible that point to the same position on stage.

Tap Fixture Graphic Source to define which values to visualize.

These are the different values:

- **Auto**: The values are visualized according to the selected layer of the Layer Toolbar.
- **Value**: The icon displays the output of the Absolute Layer and the Relative Layer.

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- **Output**: The values are visualized according to the Output Layer.
- **DMX**: The values are visualized as the resulting DMX values.

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1.15.4. Select Fixtures

First, fixtures must be selected to operate and change attribute values (for example, dimmer, pan, tilt, or zoom).

To select fixtures, use one of the following methods:

- Type the fixture ID in the command line using the numeric keys.
- Tap at the fixtures in a Fixture Sheet.
- Draw a lasso around the fixtures in the 3D Viewer.
- Tap a Group Pool object. See Create Groups.
- Tap a Preset Pool object. See Create New Presets.

	Hint:
	See the System Colors topic to learn more about the font colors used when selecting or deselecting fixtures in the fixture sheet.

Examples

Requirements:

- 10 patched fixtures. See Add Fixtures to the Show.
- A fixture sheet window is open.

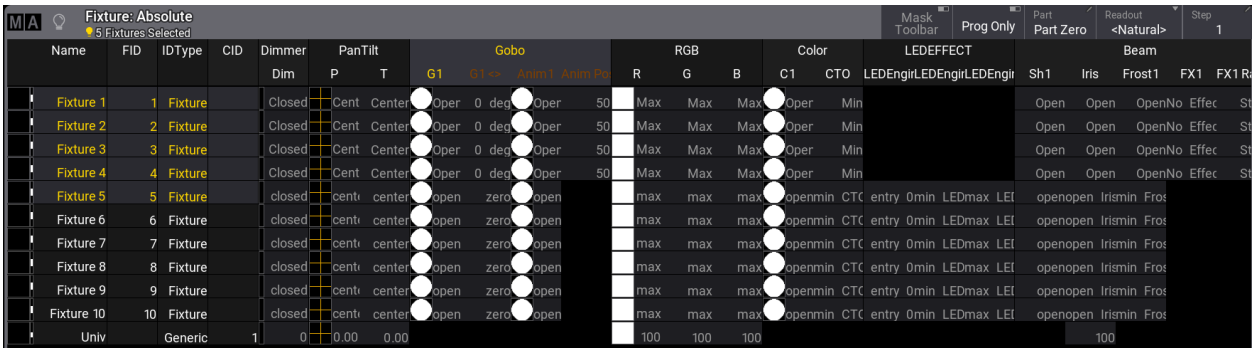
To select fixtures 1 thru 5, press the following hardkeys on the console or use the command section menu :

Fixture 1 Thru 5 Please

This command is visible in the command line input:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 5

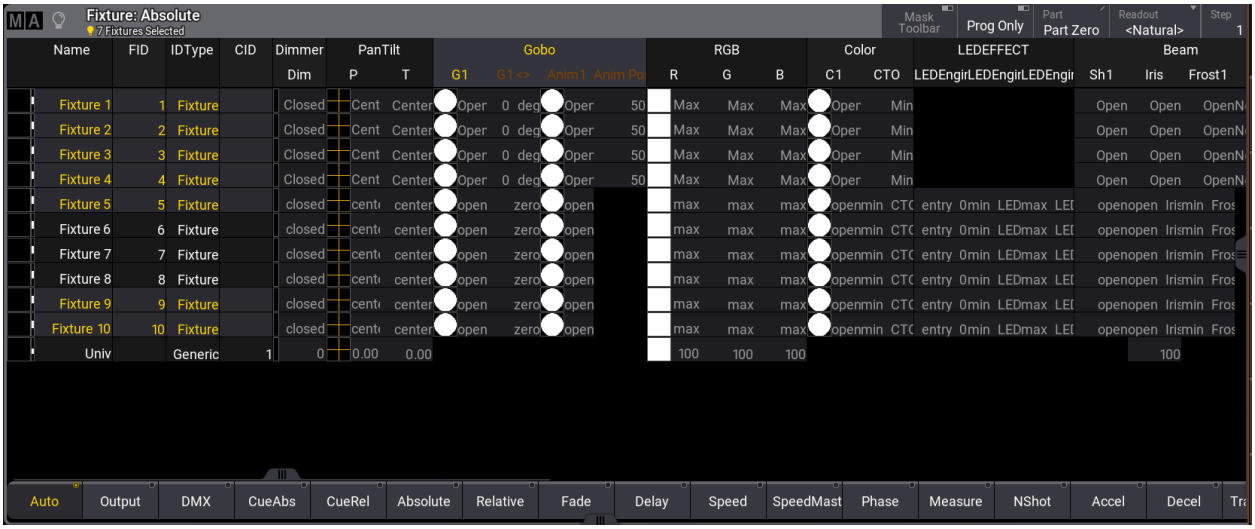
Fixtures 1 thru 5 are selected. The five selected fixtures are in a yellow font in the Fixture Sheet window:



To exclude fixtures from a selection, for example, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 10 - 6 Thru 8

Fixtures 1 to 5 are selected, 6 to 8 are deselected, and 9 and 10 are selected:



To make the same selection of fixtures as shown in the example above, using a different syntax, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 5 + 9 Thru 10

To select fixtures in two commands, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 5

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 9 + 10

To select fixtures 9 and 10 in the example above, use + or Thru.

Important:

Some keys are used to navigate the fixture sub-selection within the MAtricks function. The keys have an on-screen version called the Selection Bar, which can also be used to select fixtures.

Recursive Selection of Fixtures

Some fixtures have multiple subfixtures. The following examples demonstrate how to select fixtures and their subfixtures in various orders and hierarchies using an additional dot (.) character.

Hint:

See the First Patch topic in the Quick Start Guide to learn more about subfixtures.

Requirement for this example:

- 10 Ayrton Alienpix - RS Ex 16-bit patched. See Add Fixtures to the Show.
- Fixtures are numbered from 301 to 310.
- A fixture sheet window is open.

To select fixture 301, type:

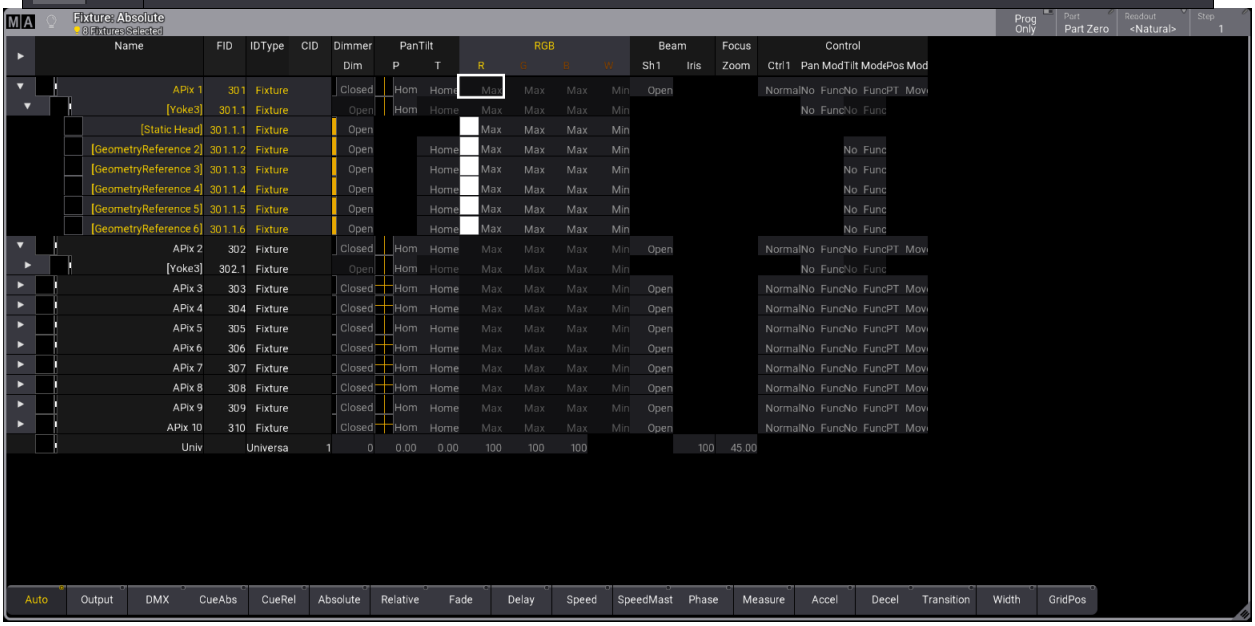
User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301

Only the main fixture is selected.

- A dot (.) can be added to the main fixture's selection syntax to select all subfixtures quickly.

To select fixture 301 and all its subfixtures, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301.



All AlienPix (fixtures and subfixtures) are selected.

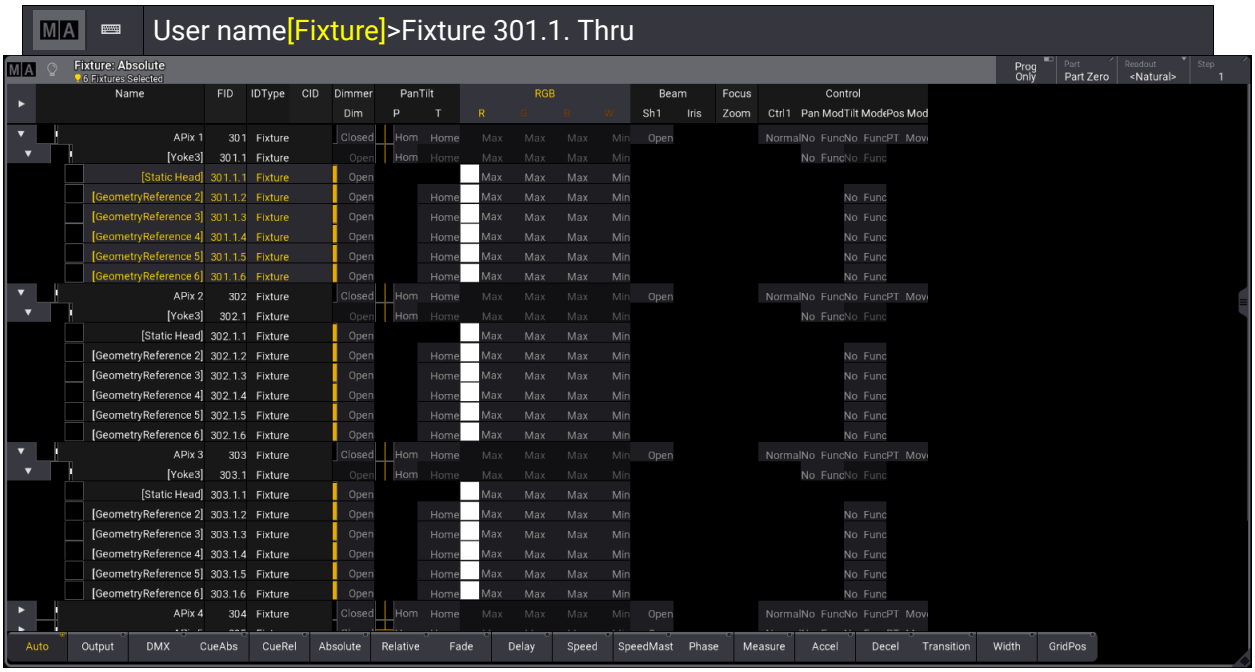
To select the main fixtures and all subfixtures of fixtures 301 thru 303, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 301 Thru 303.

All AlienPix (fixtures and subfixtures) are selected.

- The dot selects the subfixtures downwards from the specified level. Therefore, selecting only the pixels of an AlienPix is also possible.

To select all pixels of an AlienPix, type:



All pixels of an AlienPix are selected.

To select pixels of an AlienPix in particular, type:

Particular selection of pixels.

General Fixture Selection

To select all fixtures and subfixtures, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture Thru .

To select all parents of all fixtures, type:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture Thru

1.15.5. Align

A dedicated Align key, an Align Keyword, and an **Align Bar** can be created as a window. Align is accessible on the left side of the encoder bar.

Align is used to distribute attribute values between two or more values. There are five different align modes. Read about them below.

This is a convenient window if align is used frequently. Read the descriptions below to understand the different modes.

The default is a linear transition between the values, which can also be adjusted. There are four different **Align Transition** options:

- **Linear** (default):
  Spreads the values with the same spacing.
- **Sinus**:
  Spreads the values as if the fixtures were placed on a sine curve. The values themselves will not represent the sinus form. Depending on the Align mode, this results in smaller value gaps at the beginning and end of the range and larger gaps towards the center, or vice versa.
- **Slow**:
  The gaps between the values will be small at the beginning of the range and increase toward the end.
- **Fast**:
  The gaps between the values will be large at the beginning of the range and decrease toward the end.

These can be accessed using the AlignTransition keyword, the **Align key**, or the **Align Bar**.

The Align function can be used for different attributes. Dimmer, position, and color are the most common. The examples below use tilt or dimmer attributes.

By default, the align mode is set to Off, and the transition is Linear. The result is that the encoder will adjust all the selected fixtures equally.

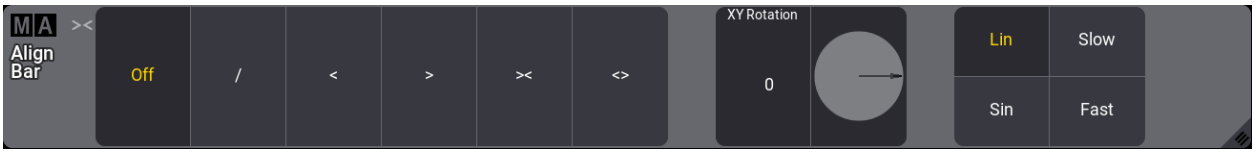
	Important:
	The selected order of the fixtures is important. The attribute will be adjusted proportionally to the selected order.

The align mode is active until a new attribute is adjusted.

Align Bar

The **Align Bar Window** provides quick access to all align functions. It has both the align modes and the align transitions.

It can be created like any other window using the Add Window pop-up. It is located in the More tab.



Align Bar window

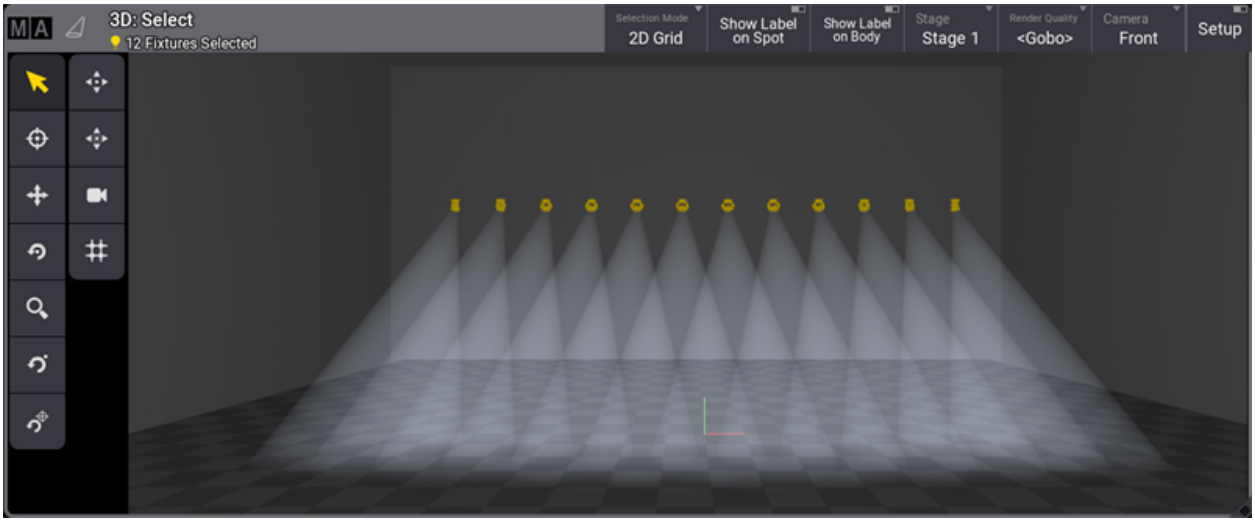
Align Bar window half-height

For the following examples, fixtures 1 thru 12 were patched from left to right. For more information, see Patch and Fixtures Setup.

Align /

This mode is excellent for fanning fixtures. Follow the steps below to create a linear fan out.

1. Select fixtures 1 thru 12.
2. Set the dimmer to full.
3. Tilt the fixtures up using the encoder wheel.
4. From the Encoder bar, tap Position.
5. Tap and hold Align on the left side of the encoder bar**.** This will open the align dropdown menu, then select **/**.
6. Turn the **Pan** encoder wheel clockwise to fan the fixtures out and counterclockwise to fan the fixtures in.



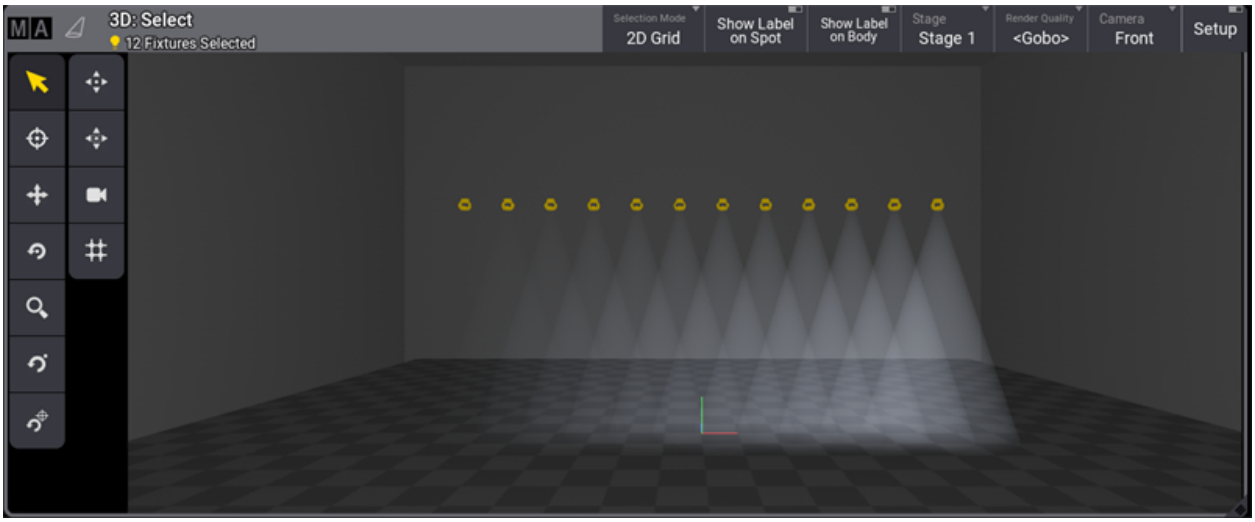
Align mode / with pan

Align <

This align mode increases the values from the first selected fixture.

1. Select fixtures 1 thru 12.
2. From the Encoder bar, tap Dimmer.

3. Tap and hold Align on the left side of the encoder bar**.** This will open the align dropdown menu, then select **<**.
4. Turn the **Dimmer** encoder wheel clockwise.

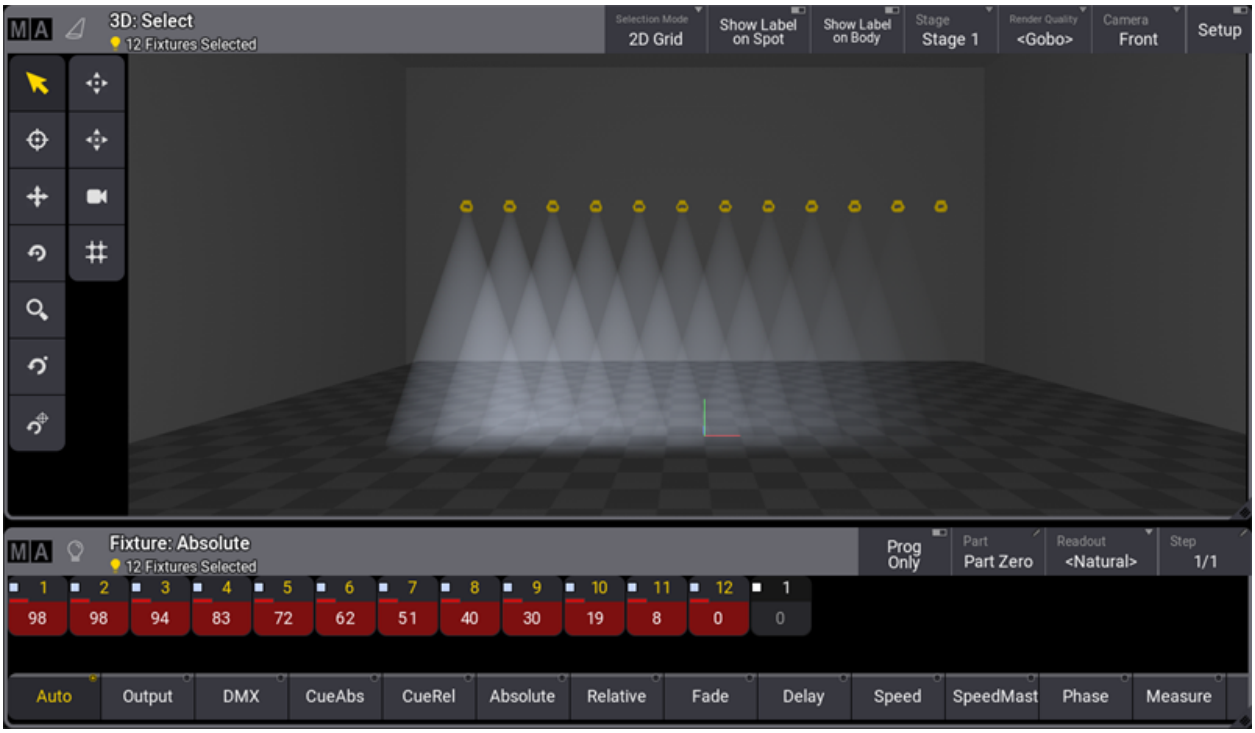


Align mode <

Align >

This align mode increases the values from the last selected fixture.

1. Select fixtures 1 thru 12.
2. From the Encoder bar, tap Dimmer.
3. Tap and hold Align on the left side of the encoder bar**.** This will open the align dropdown menu, then select **>**.
4. Turn the **Dimmer** encoder wheel clockwise.

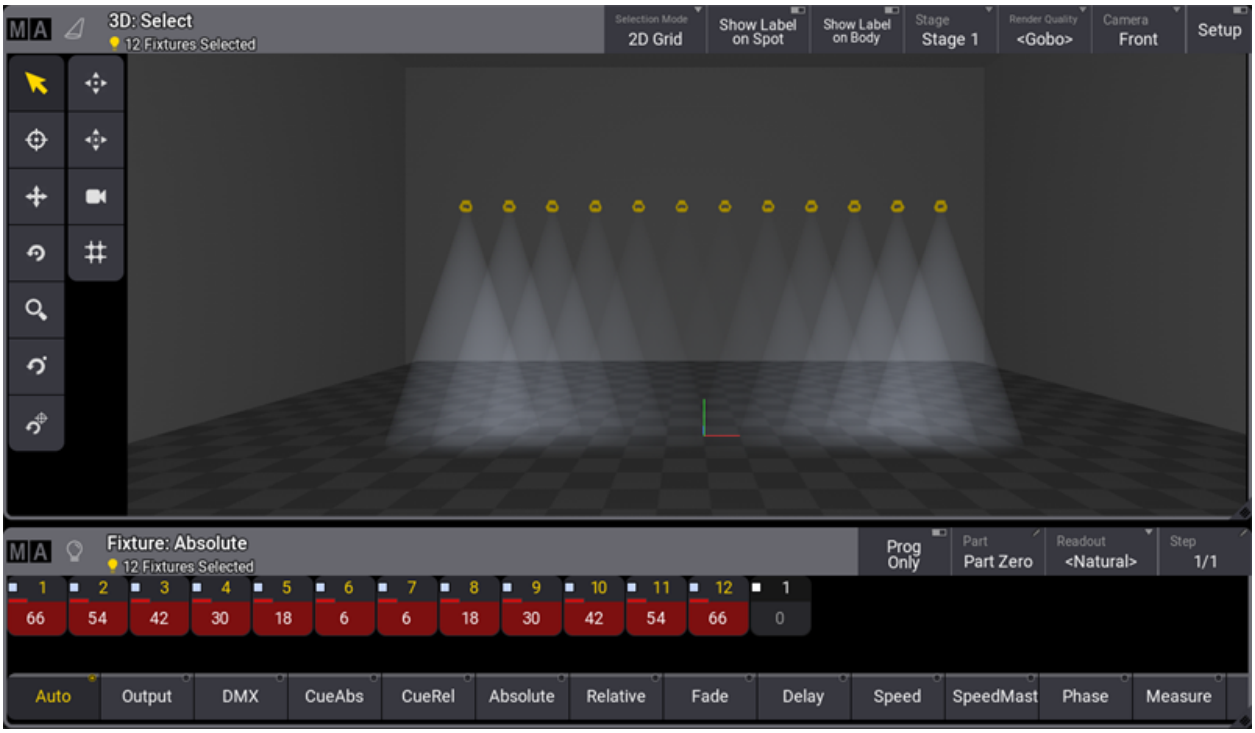


Align mode >

Align ><

This align mode increases the values at the center of the selection.

1. Select fixtures 1 thru 12.
2. From the Encoder bar, tap Dimmer.
3. Tap and hold Align on the left side of the encoder bar**.** This will open the align dropdown menu, then select **><**.
4. Turn the **Dimmer** encoder wheel clockwise.

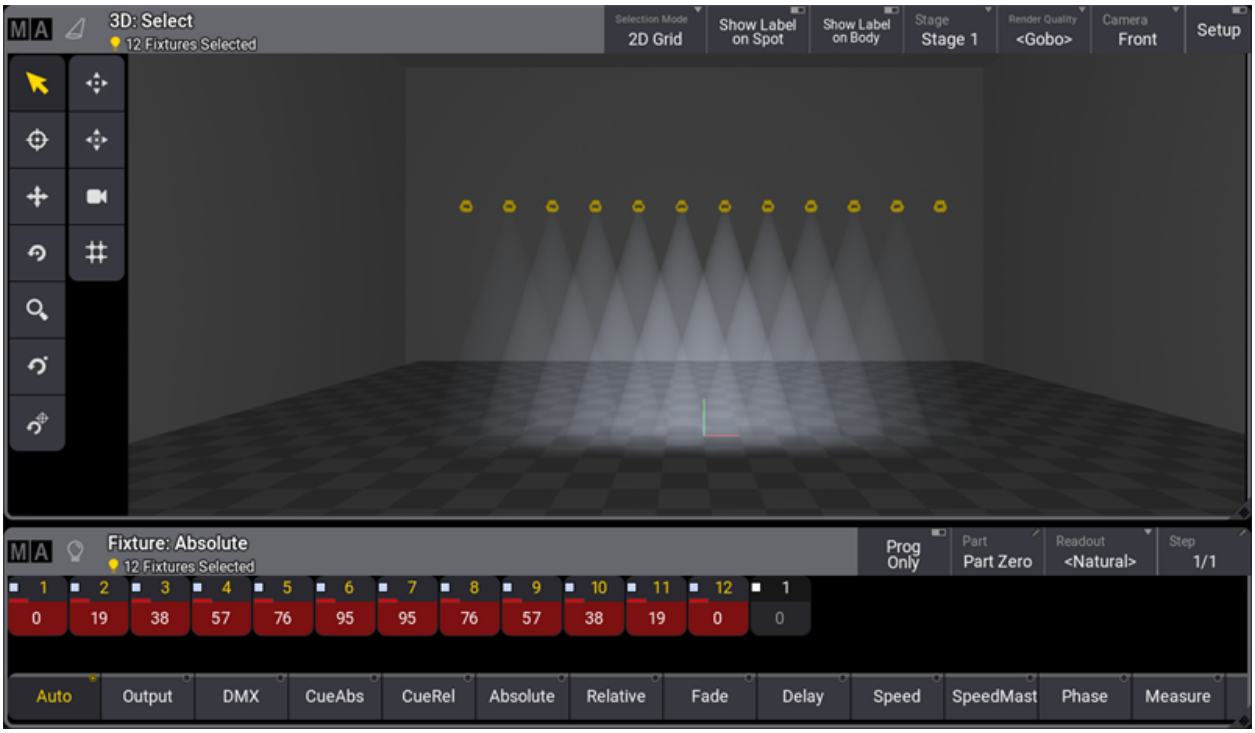


Align mode ><

Align <>

This align mode increases the values from the first end to the last fixture of the selection.

1. Select fixtures 1 thru 12.
2. From the Encoder bar, tap Dimmer.
3. Tap and hold Align on the left side of the encoder bar**.** This will open the align dropdown menu, then select **><**.
4. Turn the **Dimmer** encoder wheel clockwise.



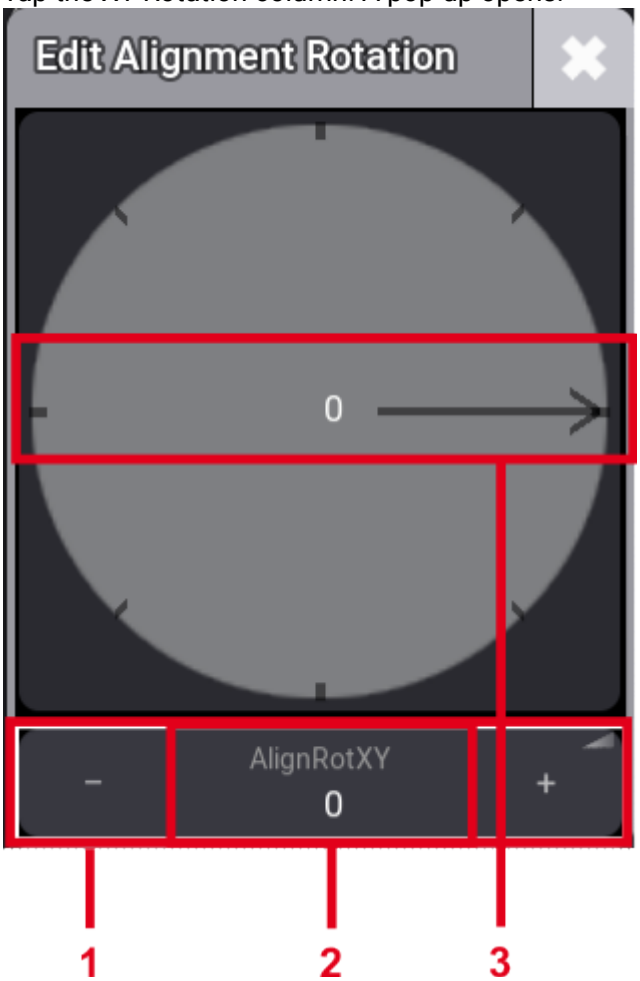
Align mode <>

XY Rotation

It is possible to set rotation values for an alignment, for example, across the selection grid. For more information, see Selection Grid.

To set the degree:

- Tap the XY Rotation column. A pop-up opens.



Pop-up - Edit Alignment Rotation

Choose one of the following options to change the value.

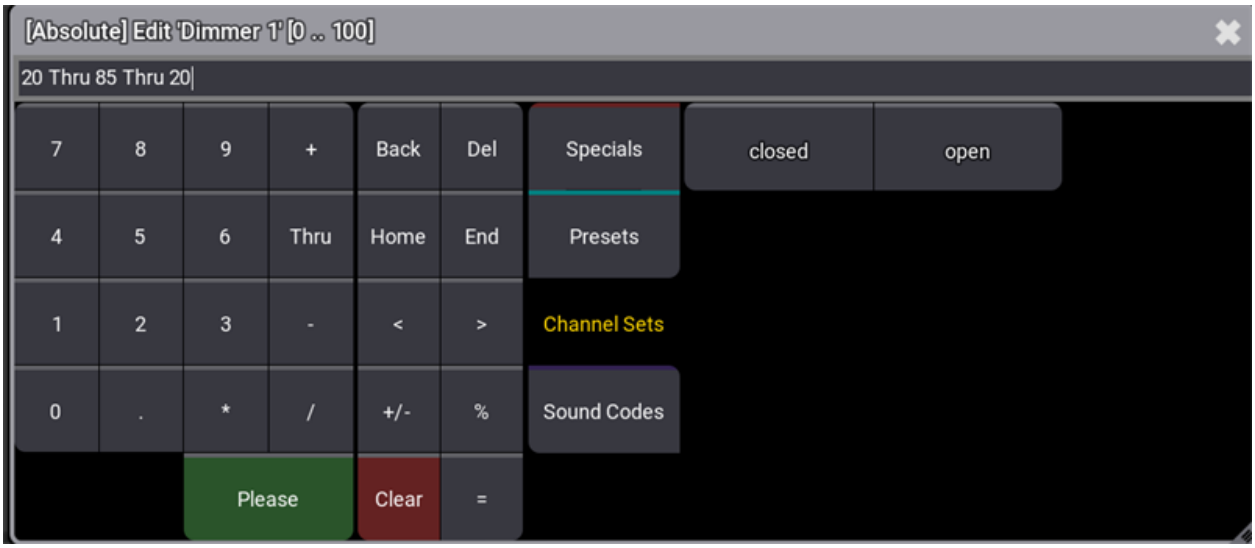
1. Drag and drop the on-screen fader.
2. Click **AlignRotXY** to open the calculator.
3. Tap, hold, and drag the arrow.

	Hint:
	Rotation can be set in 5° increments between 0° and 360°.

Align in Other Ways

A way to align attributes is by typing the values in the calculator:

Tap the encoder for the attribute to be aligned, and the calculator opens. You can now enter the alignment values, as in the example below:



Calculator

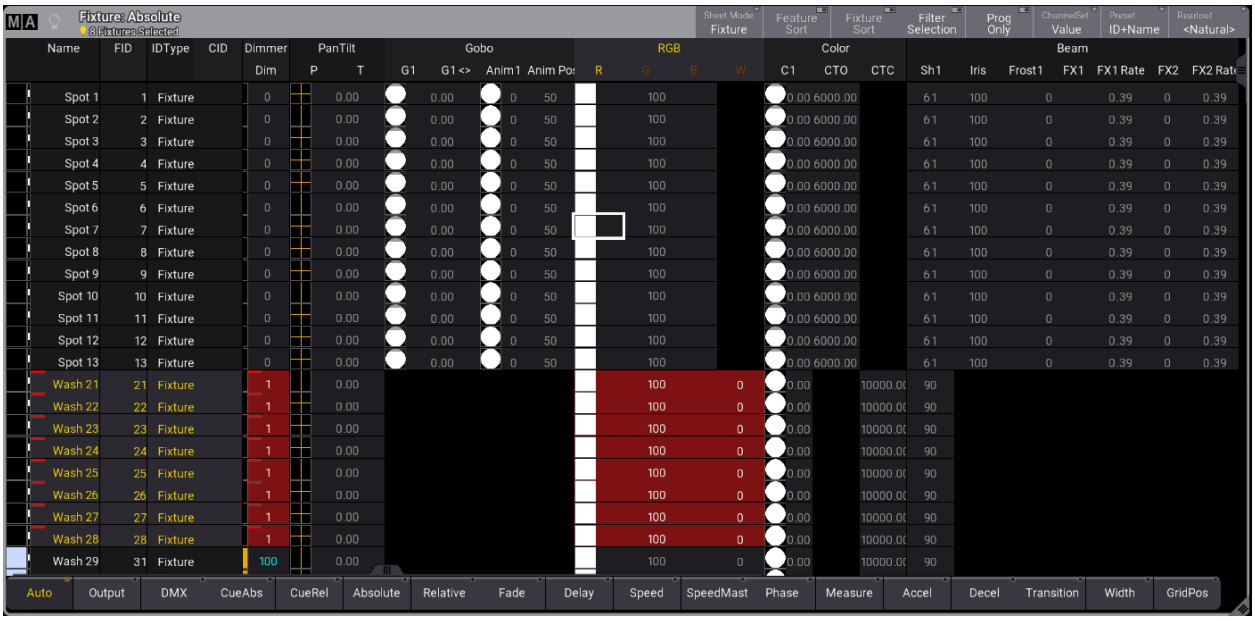
Another way to align attributes is from the command line. Select the fixtures and set the dimmer value, as in the example below.

1.15.6. Fixture Sheet

The fixture sheet lists all patched objects in the show file with assigned FIDs or CIDs. For more information, see Fixture Sheet Modes. This is usually every object that needs to be controlled in the show. Read the Patch and Fixture Setup topic to learn how to add objects to the show.

The fixture sheet is a window that can be created like any other window. For more information, see Add Window.

Open the Add Window menu and tap Fixture Sheet under the Common tab. The fixture sheet opens:



Fixture sheet with layer toolbar enabled

Four fixture sheet modes are available: **Fixture**, **Channel**, **Dimmer+**, and **Sheet/Filter**. For more information, see Fixture Sheet Modes.

The layer toolbar gives quick access to all available layers. See Programmer Layers for more information.

Filters, worlds, and the selection can be assigned to the fixture sheet. This will, for example, reduce the number of fixtures and/or attributes displayed on the sheet. Information about the filter is shown in the title bar. For more information, see Create a World and Create a Filter.

Learn more about what the colored text, background, and markers in the System Colors and Colored Indicators topics.

Subtopics

- Fixture Sheet Modes
- Fixture Sheet Settings

1.15.6.1. Fixture Sheet Modes

There are four fixture sheet modes:

- **Fixture**
- **Channel**
- **Dimmer+**
- **Sheet Filter**

Fixture Mode

The **Fixture** mode displays all objects with their IDs and the values of all available attributes. For more information, see Patch and Fixture Setup.

The fixture sheet is divided into rows and columns.

The first column is the fixture name. To see the subfixtures, tap the arrow on the left side of the fixture name column.

The second column is the FID (Fixture ID). Every fixture patched in the showfile must have a unique FID, CID, or both. If a fixture contains subfixtures, these IDs will be the fixture number, a dot, and a sub-number.

The next column shows the fixture's IDtype. Learn more about the ID types in the What are Fixtures topic.

The next column is the CID (Channel ID / Custom ID, depending on the ID type). This is the other ID a fixture can have.

The following columns display the values for the fixture's different attributes, depending on the mask and display settings. Some attributes might have symbols next to them, showing the selected gobo or the result of the color attributes.

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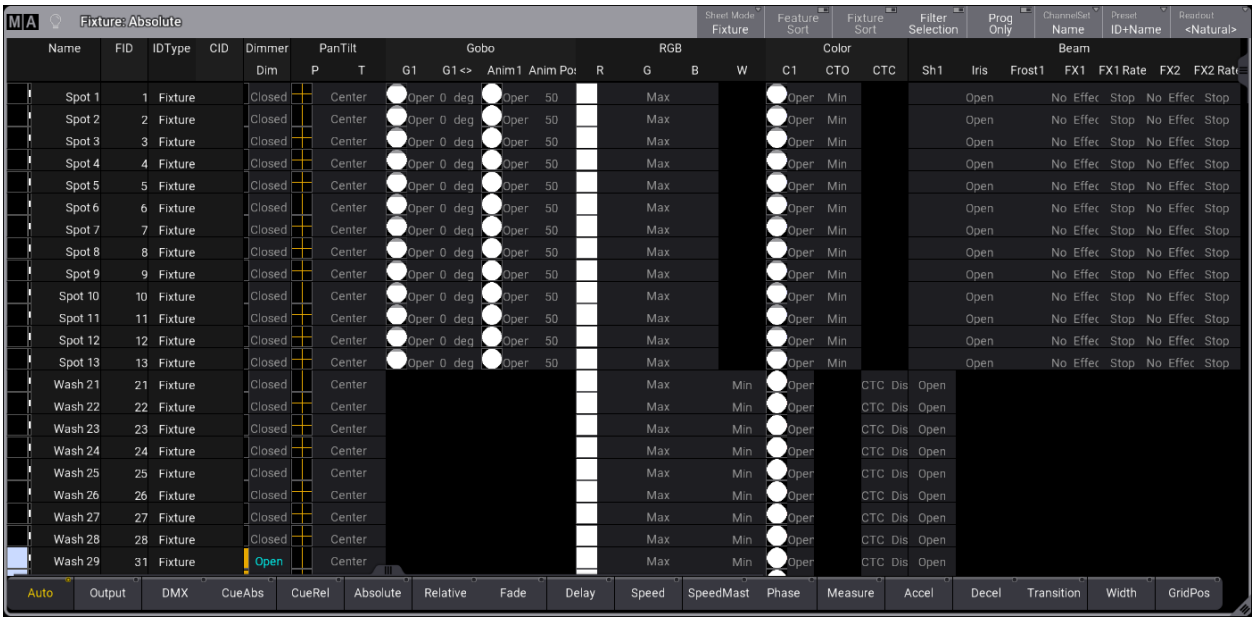
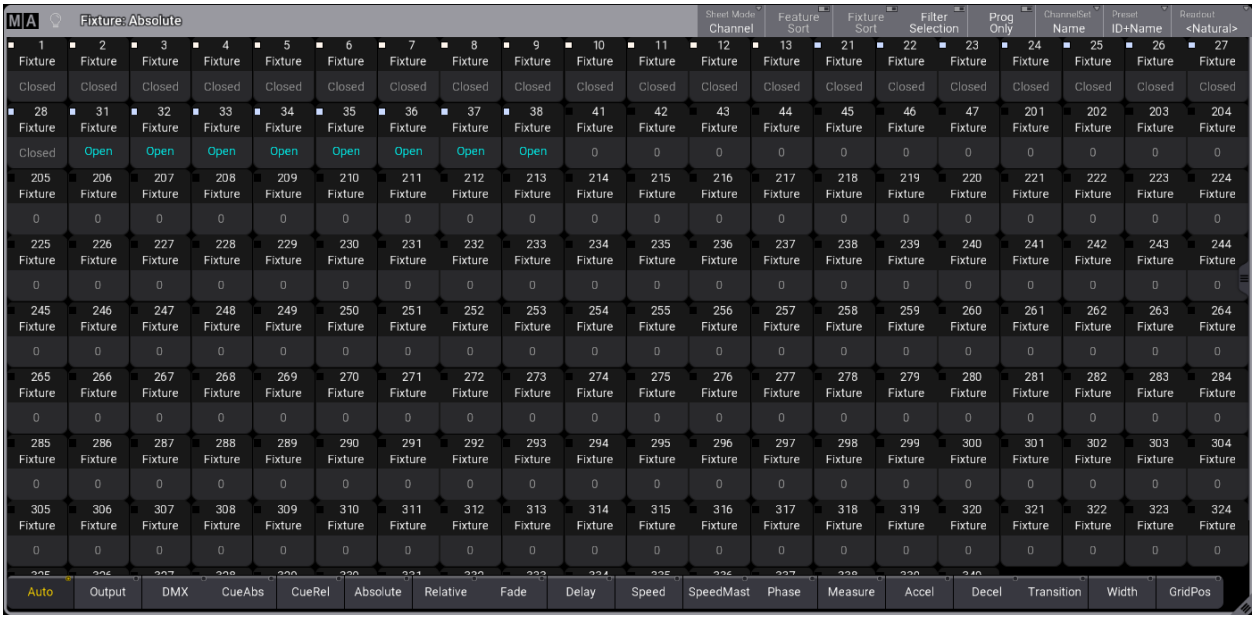


Fixture sheet in Fixture mode

Channel Mode

The **Channel** mode only shows the ID (it prioritizes the CID Type Channel if available), the intensity value, and a small square showing the current color.



Fixture sheet in Channel mode

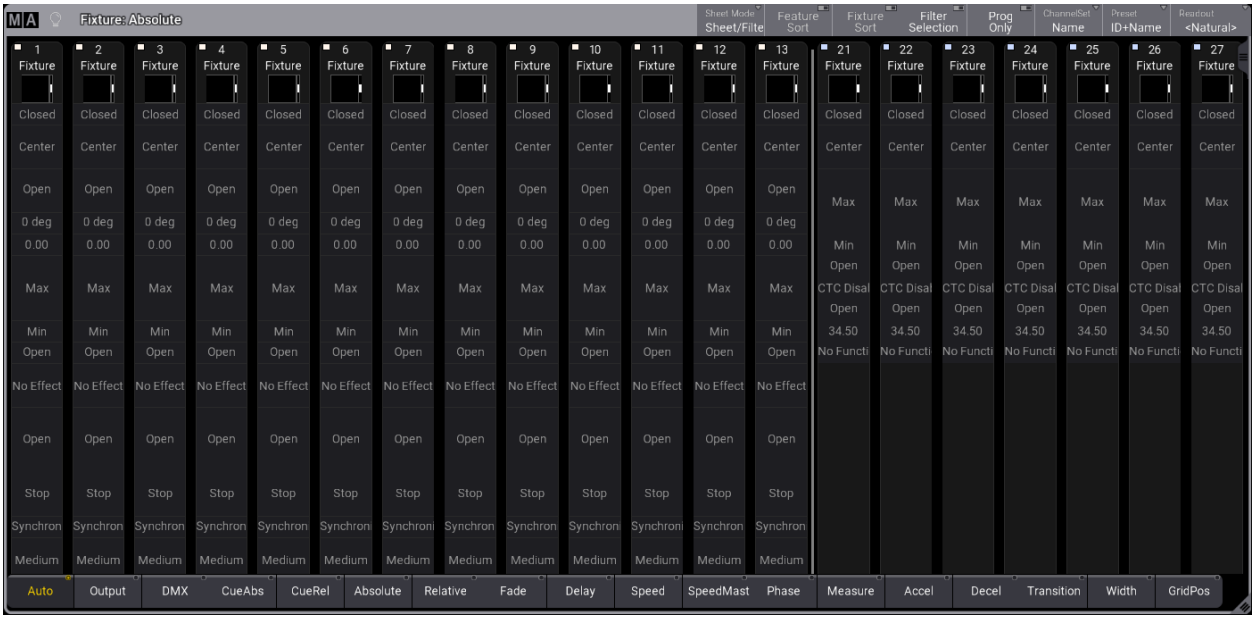
Dimmer+ Mode

The **Dimmer+** mode is similar to the Channel mode but additionally displays the attributes of the selected feature group.

Fixture sheet in Dimmer+ mode

Sheet Filter Mode

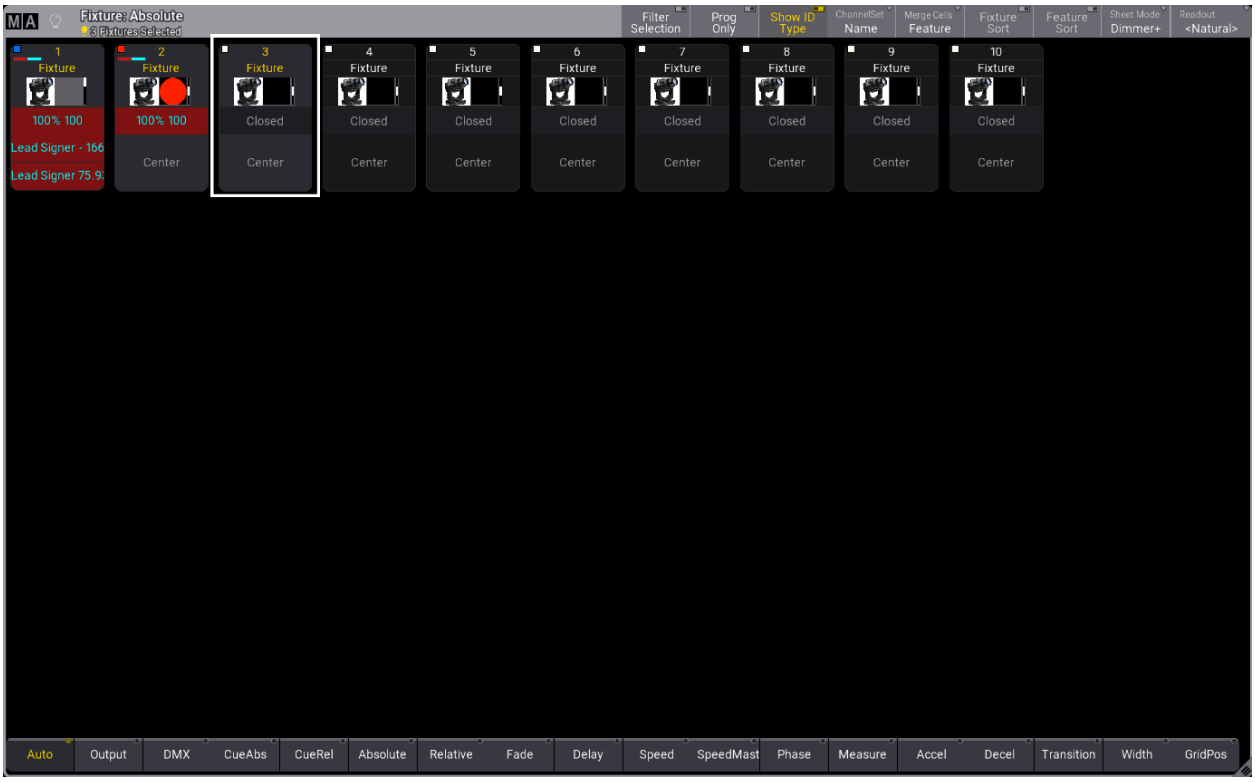
The **Sheet/Filter** mode is similar to Dimmer+, but it also displays all attributes unless a filter is defined in the Mask tab of the sheet settings.



Fixture sheet in Sheet Filter mode

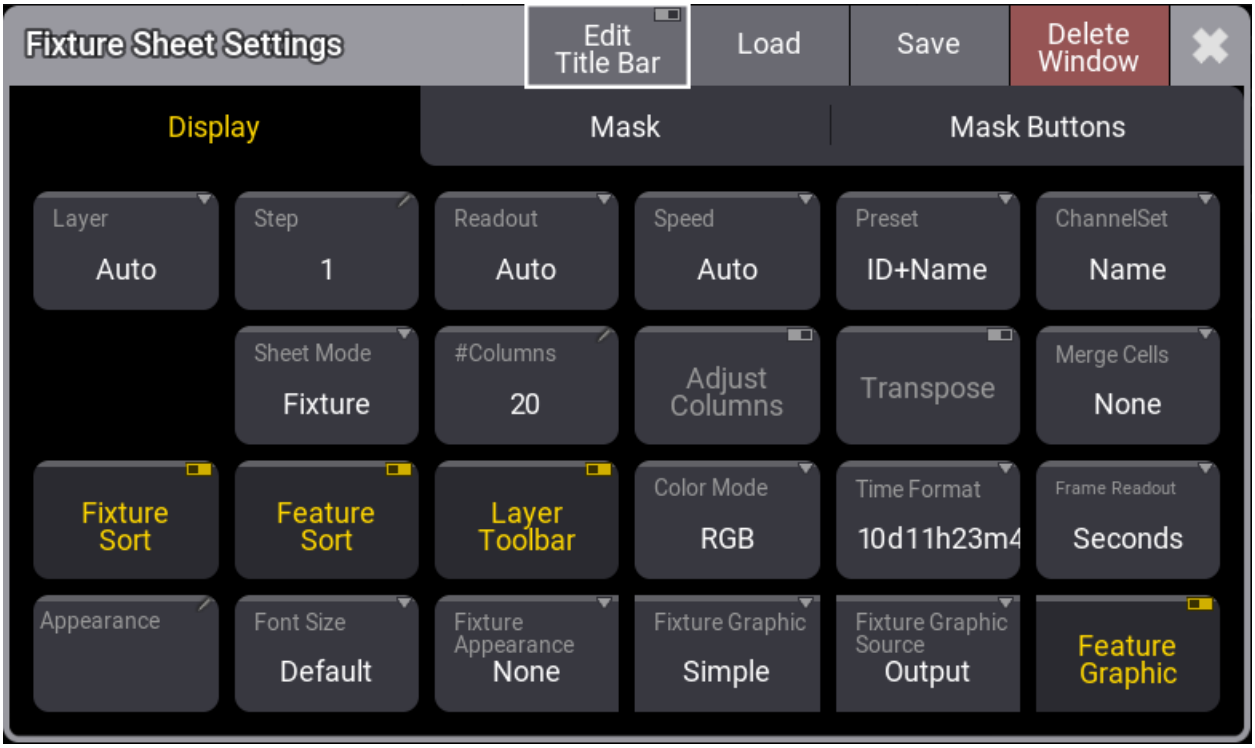
When the fixture sheet mode is set to Dimmer+ or Sheet Filter, the display of the prioritization attribute cells is influenced by the **Merge Cells** and **Mask** settings. For a detailed description, see Common Window Settings and Graphics.

In the example below, the fixture Sheet Mode is set to **Dimmer+**, Merge Cells is set to **Feature,** and Show ID Type is enabled:


Fixture: Absolute
3 Fixtures Selected
Filter Selection
Prog Only
Show ID Type
ChannelSet Name
Merge Cells Feature
Fixture Sort
Feature Sort
Sheet Mode Dimmer+
Readout <Natural>
1 Fixture 100% 100 Lead Signer - 166 Lead Signer 75.9
2 Fixture 100% 100 Center
3 Fixture Closed Center
4 Fixture Closed Center
5 Fixture Closed Center
6 Fixture Closed Center
7 Fixture Closed Center
8 Fixture Closed Center
9 Fixture Closed Center
10 Fixture Closed Center
Auto
Output
DMX
CueAbs
CueRel
Absolute
Relative
Fade
Delay
Speed
SpeedMast
Phase
Measure
Accel
Decel
Transition
Width
GridPos

1.15.6.2. Fixture Sheet Settings

To open the Fixture Sheet Settings menu, tap the MA logo in the title bar of the **Fixture Sheet**:



The **Display** tab contains the following settings:

- **Layer:**
  This selects which layer is displayed in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of the layers. A special property is **Auto**. This property makes the window follow the selected layer in the Encoder Bar.
- **Step:**
  This selects which step to display. Steps are used with Phasers. It is a property input button that opens a calculator pop-up.
- **Readout:**
  This selects the value readout for fixture attributes. It is a swipe button that opens a list of readout types with the following options:
  - **Auto**:
    This makes the sheet follow the selected readout in the Encoder Bar.
  - **Natural**:
    Each attribute has a defined Natural readout. This is defined in the Attribute Definition. Selecting this option will show the different readouts defined for the attributes.
  - **Percent**:
    This is a range from 0 to 100.
  - **PercentFine**:
    This is a range from 0.00 to 100.00.

    - **Physical**:
      This uses the physical range defined in the fixture type definition.
    - **Decimal8**:
      This is a decimal range from 0 to 255.
    - **Decimal16**:
      This is a decimal range from 0 to 65 535.
    - **Decimal24**:
      This is a decimal range from 0 to 16 777 215.
    - **Hex8**:
      This is a hexadecimal range from 00 to FF.
    - **Hex16**:
      This is a hexadecimal range from 0000 to FFFF.
    - **Hex24**:
      This is a hexadecimal range from 000000 to FFFFFF.
- **Speed:**

  This sets how the speed value is displayed. It has the following options: Auto (following the User Profile setting), Hertz, BPM (Beats Per Minute), and Seconds.

- **Preset:**
  This defines how the preset information is displayed in the sheets. There are six properties which are different combinations of these three elements:
    - **ID**:
      Shows the ID number of the preset.
    - **Name**:
      Shows the name of the preset.
    - **Value**:
      Shows the values stored in the preset.
- **ChannelSet:**
  This setting defines the readout of values that are part of channel sets. It has three options:
    - **Value**:
      Displays only the value.
    - **Value + Name**:
      Displays the value and channel set name.
    - **Name**:
      Displays only the channel set name.
- **Sheet Mode:**
  The sheet mode changes how the sheets look. There are four different modes:
    - **Fixture**:
      This shows a matrix with the fixtures in rows and the attributes in columns.
    - **Channel**:
      This shows the fixtures as tiles with the dimmer attribute.
    - **Dimmer+**:
      Looks similar to the **Channel** mode. However, it additionally displays the attributes of the selected feature group. Vertical gray separators are displayed when there is a jump in IDs and when the IDType changes for fixtures that do not have a fixture ID. This mode can display the **Fixture Graphics**, but does not display the **Feature Graphics**.
    - **Sheet/Filter**:
      Similar to **Dimmer+**. However, it displays all attributes unless there is a defined filter in the **Mask** tab of the sheet settings.

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- **#Columns:**
  This input button sets the number of columns a sheet should display.
- **Adjust Columns:**
  This On/Off button makes a sheet adjust the column width to match the window size and the number of columns.
- **Transpose:**
  This On/Off button flips the columns and rows in windows.
- **Merge Cells:**

  This option merges cells so that repeated values appear only once when adjacent cells contain the same value and belong to the same feature or feature group.
  For example, if the red, green, and blue values are all “100,” the value “100” is displayed only once.

  - **None**:
    Cells are not merged.
  - **Feature**:
    Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature are merged when their values are identical.
  - **Feature Group**:
    Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature group are merged when their values are identical.
- **Fixture Sort:**
  This On/Off button activates the sorting of fixtures. The fixtures are sorted in the selection order to the top or left hand side of the sheet showing the fixtures.
- **Feature Sort:**
  This On/Off button activates feature sorting. The selected feature is moved before the other features in the sheets showing features.
- **Layer Toolbar:**
  This On/Off button shows or hides a layer toolbar at the bottom with the different Layers.
- **Color Mode:**
  This switches the color readout between RGB and CMY. The default value is to follow the setting in the User Profile. The user profile setting is shown between "<>".
- **Time Format:**
  This defines the time format for the windows. This can be used to select a different format than the default set in the user profile.
- **Frame Readout:**
  This defines the frame readout for this window. It can be used to overwrite the default set in the user profile.
- **Appearance:**
  This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- **Font Size:**
  This defines how the appearance of the fixtures is shown in the sheets. There are three options:
  - **None**:
    The fixture appearance is not shown.
  - **Enabled**:
    The appearance of the fixture type is shown.

    - **Graphic**:
      The appearance is shown with a colored background to match the output.
- **Fixture Appearance:**
  This defines how the appearance of the fixtures is shown in the sheets. There are three options:
    - **None**:
      The fixture appearance is not shown.
    - **Enabled**:
      The appearance of the fixture type is shown.
    - **Graphic**:
      The appearance is shown with a colored background to match the output.
- **Fixture Graphic:**
  This defines which graphics are displayed in front of the name column in sheets showing the fixture graphic. Resizing the name column to a very small size will hide the graphic.
  This setting has the following options:
    - **None**:
      No graphic is shown.
    - **Flip**:
      Adds the flip indicator for fixtures with position attributes on the left side of the **Name** column.
    - **Simple**:
      Adds a simple square graphic indicating combined color and dimmer values next to the flip indicator in the **Name** column.
    - **Gobo**:
      Adds a gobo image on the simple graphic. It only displays the gobo of one gobo wheel at a time. Gobo wheels in ascending order define which gobo is displayed. For example, when Gobo 1 is set to open, then the gobo of Gobo 2 is displayed.
- **Fixture Graphic Source:**
  This defines which values are visualized. There are four options:
    - **Auto**: The values are visualized according to the selected layer of the Layer Toolbar.
    - **Value**: The icon displays the output of the Absolute Layer and the Relative Layer.
    - **Output**: The values are visualized according to the Output Layer.
    - **DMX**: The values are visualized as the resulting DMX values.
- **Feature Graphic:**
  This shows or hides a small graphic next to each feature in the sheets showing the features.

The **Mask** tab contains the following settings:

- **Show ID Type:**
  This shows the ID Type of the fixtures on the sheet. This setting is only relevant when the **Sheet Mode** is different than **Fixture**.
- **Show Fixture Name:**
  This shows the name of the fixtures on the sheet. This setting is only relevant when the **Sheet Mode** is different than **Fixture** in the fixture sheet. In the sequence sheet this setting is only relevant when Track Sheet is enabled.
- **Hide Subfixtures:**
  Subfixtures are not displayed in the fixture sheet.
- **Sorted By:**
  This defines how the sheet is sorted. The two options are:

- **FID:**
  The sheet is sorted by FID.
- **CID:**
  The sheet is sorted by CID.

- **Group By ID Type:**
  This organizes the sheet by ID type, grouping together fixtures with the same ID type.

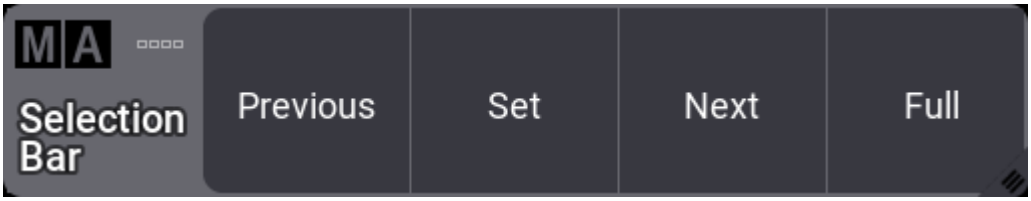
To show or hide buttons in the title bar, tap Edit Title Bar:

Under the Display tab, tap the buttons you wish to display in the title bar of the **Fixture Sheet** and toggle to Yes. See Title Bar Configuration for more information.

1.15.7. Selection Bar

The Selection Bar is a toolbar that provides access to some of the most commonly used hard keys for selecting fixtures.

It is a window that can be created like any other. Learn how in the Add Windows topic. It is found in the **More** tab.



Selection Bar

This window can be half the field height.

To change the appearance, tap the MA logo in the title bar.

There are four buttons in the Selection Bar:

- Previous - Select the previous fixture.
- Set - Resets the MAtricks.
- Next - Select the next fixture.
- Full - Sets the selected fixtures to full intensity on the dimmer.

These soft keys behave just like the hard keys. Follow the links to learn about them.

They are also handy when working with MAtricks.

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1.15.8. The Programmer

The programmer is a temporary memory location where edited values are placed. The values can then be stored or released.

Every user profile has a programmer.

The programmer has three levels:

- Selected fixture
- Active programmer values
- Deactivated programmer values

The programmer's values usually affect the system's output. However, there is a Blind function that allows hiding the programmer's values from the output.

Selected fixtures will be affected by encoder input or command line entries. For example:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 At Preset 2.1

For more information, see Encoder Bar.

Active and deactivated programmer values can affect the output, but only active values will be stored. For more information, see Store Options.

Selected fixtures can be identified by a yellow name and ID text. The Fixture Sheet colors for active attribute layers are explained in detail in the System Colors topic.

Values in programmer

To activate all attributes for the selected fixture, press Please twice to load all current values into the programmer. Press Please once more to deactivate the attributes.

To remove a value from the programmer, press Off, then tap the value to remove it. For more information, see KnockOut. Feature groups can also be released from the programmer by tapping Off and the encoder bank button. For more information, see Encoder Bar.

To clear the programmer, tap Clear. There are three levels to this command:

- The first press of Clear will deselect the fixtures. This action will not affect the output; active values can be stored according to the store settings. See Store Settings and Store Preferences.
- The second press of Clear keeps the values in the programmer, but as deactivated values. This action will not affect the output. Storing a cue at this point will result in an empty cue since all values are deactivated.
- Press Clear a final time to clear the programmer and release all the values.

Completely clearing the programmer can also be done by holding Clear for more than one second.

The associated keywords are Clear, ClearSelection, ClearActive, and ClearAll.

The Clear button in the At Filter pop-up executes the Clear command. For more information, see Control Bar.

Freeze

By default, the played back sequences have a higher priority than the programmer. That means the programmer's values can change if a running sequence has stored values for the exact attributes. To give the programmer a higher priority than the played back sequences, enable Freeze to keep the adjusted values in the programmer even when the sequence runs.

Blind

Blind is a function that hides the programmer's values from the output. The blind mode can be toggled on and off by pressing Blind or using the Blind Keyword.

Turning on blind mode with no values in the programmer does not change the output. Changing values while in blind mode does not affect the output. If the programmer is cleared before leaving the blind mode, then the output is not affected. Leaving blind with programmer values will add these values to the output. Entering blind mode with values in the programmer removes them from the output, so the output changes.

	Important:
	Program Time will not be respected when entering or exiting Blind mode.

Program Time

The programmer's value changes are usually made immediately. However, the Program Time function can use a timed or manual fade.

Preview

In preview mode, the user can enter values in a separate programmer without generating output on the stage.

The preview programmer behaves the same as the live programmer. There is one preview programmer in a session.

⚠	**Warning:** When multiple users work in a session, be aware that everyone uses a single shared preview programmer. As a result, a user can modify another user's values in the preview programmer.

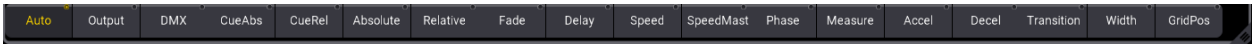
For more information, see Preview.

1.15.8.1. Programmer Layers

Values for the selected layer can be displayed in the Sequence Sheet, the Content Sheet, and the Fixture Sheet.

Layers can be set from the Encoder Bar, the Layer Toolbar, or by typing the corresponding layer keyword. For more information, see General Keywords.

To enable the **Layer Toolbar** in the fixture sheet, see Fixture Sheet Settings.



Fixture sheet layer toolbar

The CueAbs layer displays each attribute's sequence, cue, and part numbers, with absolute values derived from a running playback. The displayed information refers to the playback that defines the current output value for the attribute. For more information, see CueAbsolute keyword. Typical values, such as a selected static position, are displayed in the **absolute** value layer.

The CueRel layer displays each attribute's sequence, cue, and part numbers, along with a relative value derived from the running playback. The displayed information refers to the playback that defines the current output value for the attribute. For more information, see CueRelative keyword. A mauve marker indicates relative values.

The **Fade** layer can be used to adjust and see individual fade times. Individual fade times are indicated with a green marker.

The **Delay** layer can be used to adjust and see individual delay times indicated by an orange marker. The Sequence Sheet in Track Sheet mode is best for viewing these values. Learn more about Individual Attribute Timing in the Cues and Sequences topic.

The fixture sheet DMX layer provides valuable information.

Open a fixture sheet and tap DMX in the Layer Toolbar. For more information, see Fixture Sheet Settings.

The fixture name cells for fixtures/attributes with active values from the DMX tester are highlighted in white on the fixture sheet. For more information, see the DMX Sheet.

The DMX values are shown in the same color as the DMX tester background.

Fixture sheet with DMX layer selected

You can mask what you see in the fixture sheet by using filter objects or adjusting the settings. For more information on adjusting what is displayed in the fixture sheet, see Sheet Masking and Fixture Sheet Settings.

1.15.8.2. Programmer Parts

When presets are called into the programmer, the data is called into the selected programmer part unless the Cue Part setting of the preset pool or preset is changed.

To change the Cue Part setting of a preset pool, follow the steps below.

Requirements:

1. Patched fixtures, see Patch and Fixture Setup.
2. Stored and labeled dimmer and position presets. See Create New Presets.
3. A visible dimmer preset pool.
4. A visible position preset pool.
5. A visible recipe editor.
6. A visible sequence sheet.

See Add Window for steps 3 to 6.

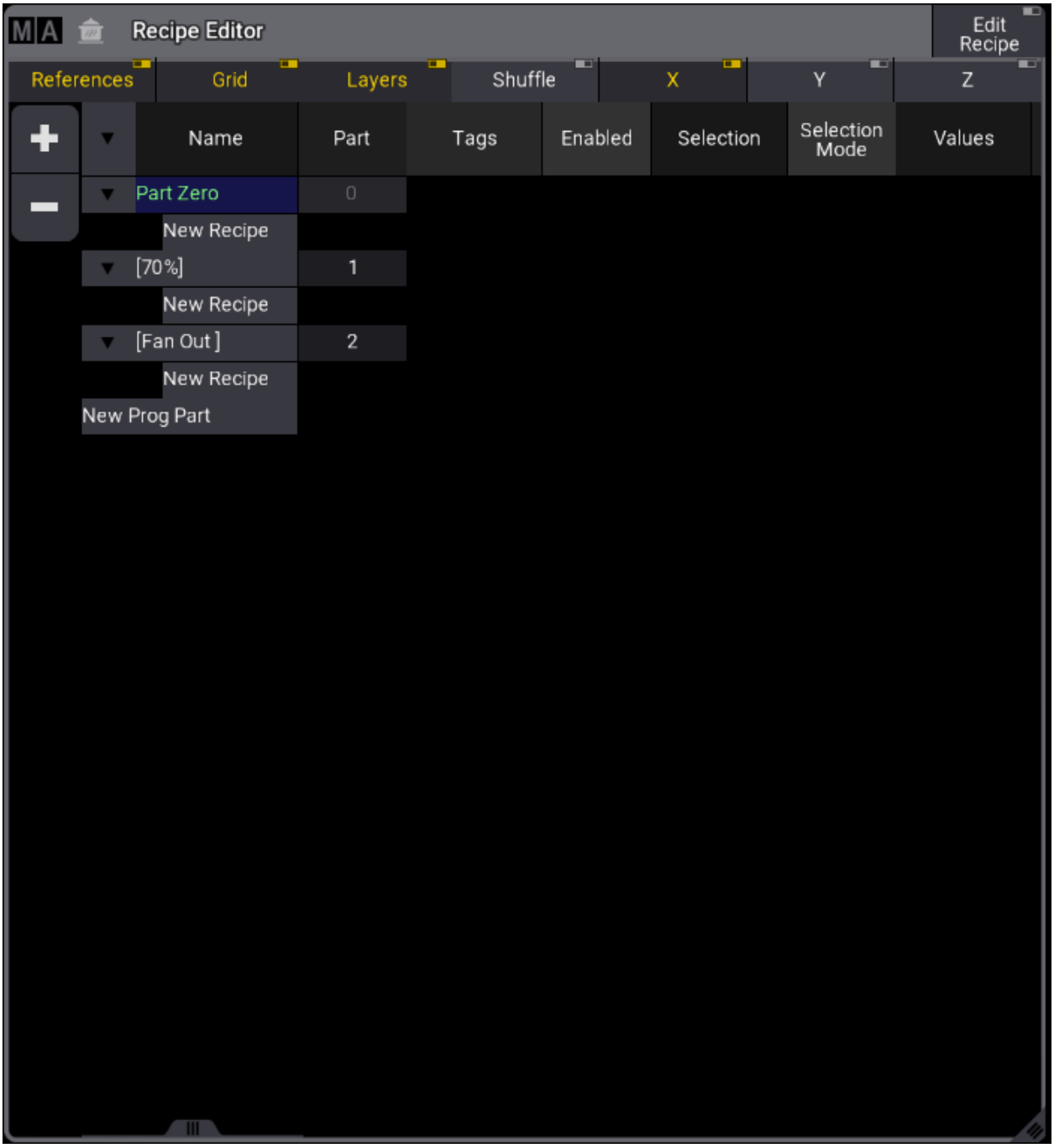
Tap the MA logo on the dimmer preset pool title object to open the preset pool settings:

Tap Cue Part and set it to 1.

Repeat the above procedure with the position preset pool and set Cue Part to 2.

1. Select some fixtures.
2. Tap one of the dimmer presets you have created.
3. Tap one of the position presets you have created.

The Recipe Editor could look like this:



Parts 1 and 2 have been added for the dimmer and position preset.

4. In the command line, type:

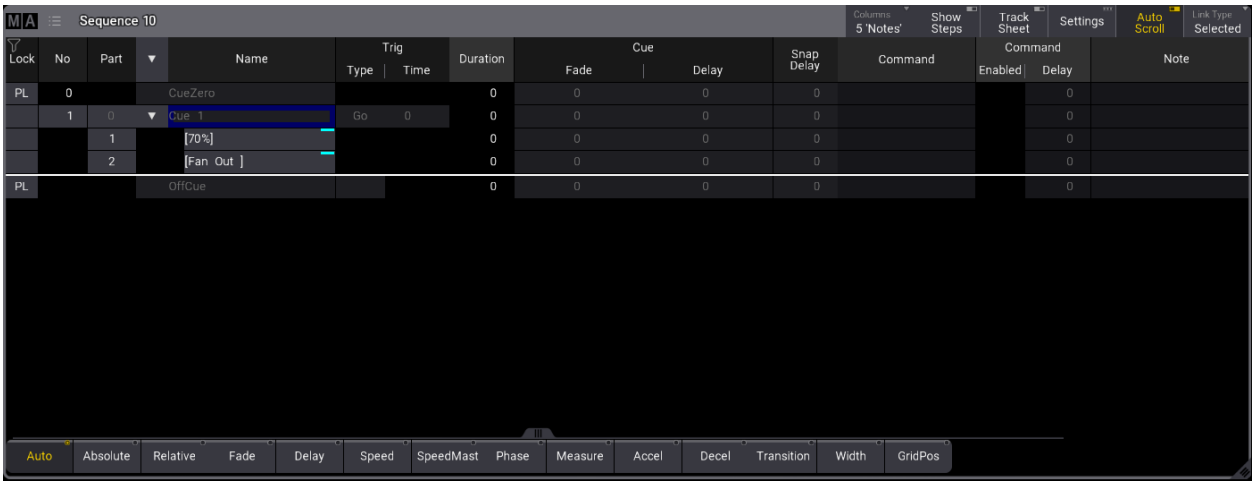
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 10 Cue 1

Sequence 10 is stored with cue 1.

5. In the command line, type:

User name[Fixture]>Select Sequence 10

The sequence sheet looks like this:



Cue one was stored with part one for dimmer preset values and part two for position values.

1.15.9. Clone

Clone allows existing programming to be reused or adapted without manually rebuilding cues, presets, or effects.

Cloning could be used for the following occasions:

- To clone data in the patch from existing fixtures to new fixtures, for example, if an additional truss is to be used in a rig on a stage.
- To transfer attribute values from one fixture to another in the programmer.
- To transfer values from one attribute to another attribute, for example, from Gobo1 to Gobo2.
- To transfer values from fixtures to fixtures throughout the show file, including Sequences, Groups, Presets, Worlds, and Layouts.

Cloning can be triggered via the command line or a clone dialog in the user interface. For more information about the command line syntax, see Clone Keyword.

How to use the clone feature is described in the following topics.

⚠	Cloning can modify programming throughout the show file. Review clone options carefully before confirming changes.

Subtopics

- Clone Fixtures in the Patch
- Use Clone to Transfer Values

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1.15.9.1. Clone Fixtures in the Patch

The cloning feature is a useful tool for duplicating existing fixtures and their data to new fixtures in the Patch menu for immediate use. The copy-and-paste functions automatically create a complete clone of the show data for the corresponding fixtures.

The following topics offer additional information: Clone Function, Patch and Fixture Setup and Add Fixtures to the Show, or Position Fixtures in the 3D Space.

Take a look at the following example to better understand cloning fixtures.

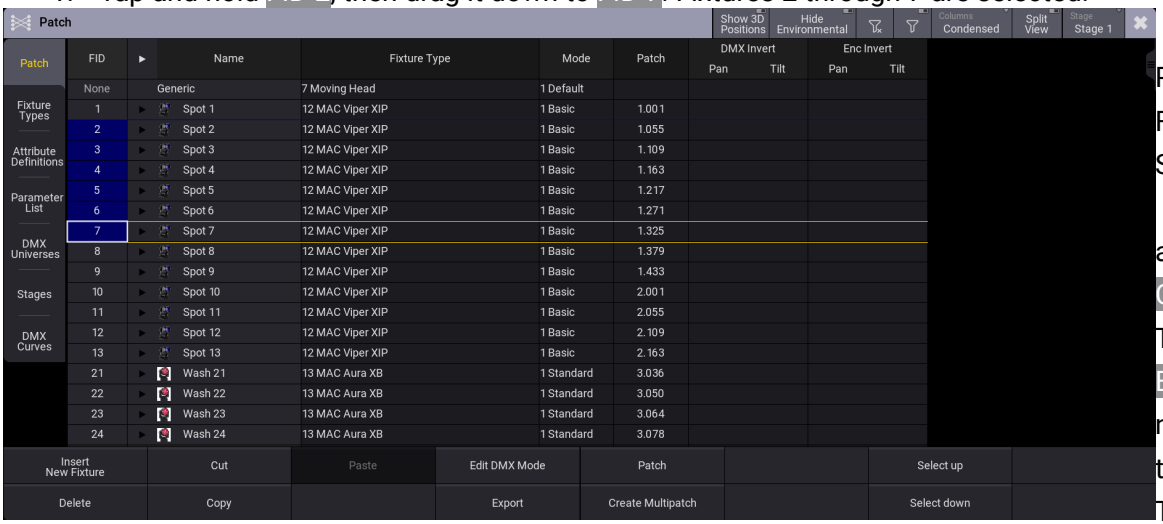
Example of Cloning Fixtures in the Patch

Tap the video below to see the example.

Requirements:

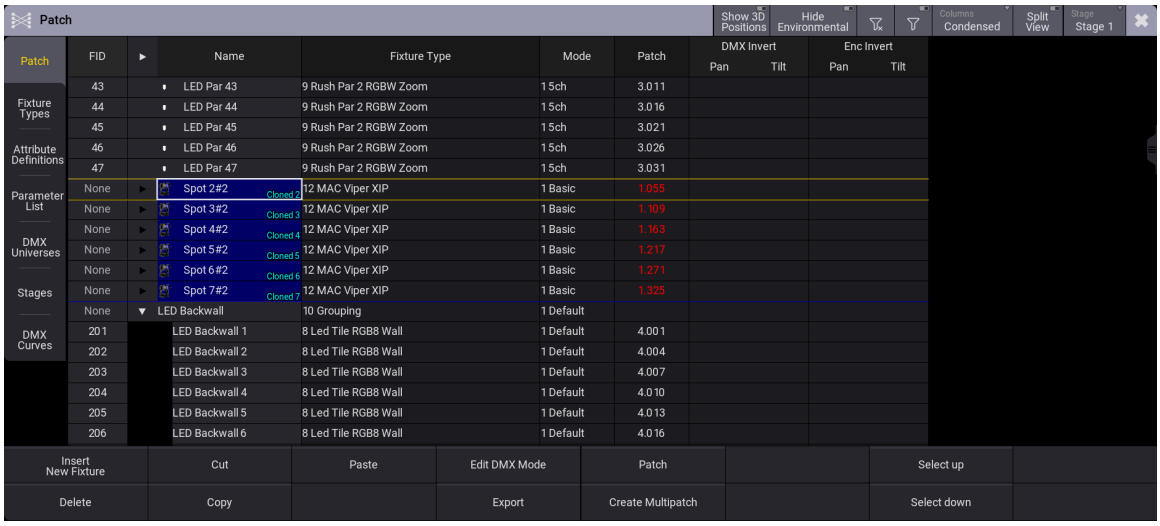
- Load the grandMA3 demo show file and enter the Patch menu.

1. Tap and hold FID 2, then drag it down to FID 7. Fixtures 2 through 7 are selected.



Patch - Fixture Selection

2. Tap Copy. Tap LED Backwall and then tap Paste. The copied fixtures are cloned to the specified location and are ready for processing.



Patch - Copy Fixtures

- After copying and pasting fixtures into the Patch, the pasted fixtures get a cyan text (*Cloned <FID>*) on the right side of the Name cell.
- The number indicates the source fixtures. In the example above, the fixtures 2 through 7 were the source fixtures.

	Hint:
	The show data will be cloned when leaving the Patch. After closing and reopening the Patch menu, the cyan text is no longer displayed.

Example of Cloning Fixtures to a Different Stage

Requirements:

- Load the grandMA3 demo show file
- A second stage is created.

1. Press and then tap Patch. The patch menu opens.
   Paste to Command Line
2. Select fixtures 1 thru 5 in the patch menu.
3. Tap Copy.
4. Tap Stage to change the stage.
5. Tap Paste. The selected fixtures are cloned to the stage.

1.15.9.2. Use Clone to Transfer Values

For more general information about Clone, read the Clone topic first.

Clone Menu

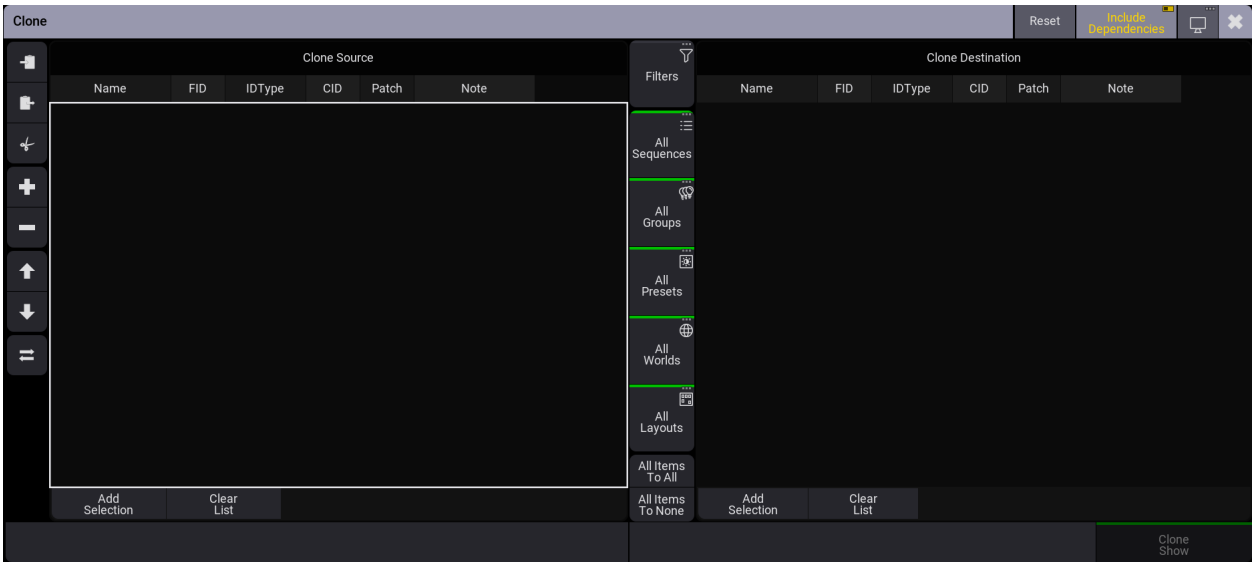
The clone menu lets you transfer values from one fixture to another throughout the show file, including sequences, groups, presets, worlds, and layouts.

To open the clone menu:

- Press MA + X1 | Clone and then press Please.
- Type **Clone** into the command line and press Please.
- Type **Clo** into the command line and press Please.

For more information, see Clone Keyword.

The clone menu opens:



Clone Menu

The clone menu is separated into the following areas:

- **Left:** Clone Source.
- **Right:** Clone Destination.
- **Middle**: Object button bar. For more information, see Cloning Show Data.

	Important:
	Each area can be focused on individually by tapping the corresponding area on the screen. A white frame indicates the currently focused area.

To organize the fixtures in the selection, use the following tools located on the left side of the clone menu:

- : Copies the selected fixtures from the focused side.
- : Pastes the selected fixtures to the focused side.
- : Cuts the selected fixtures from the focused side.
- : Opens the Add Fixtures pop-up.
- : Deletes the selected fixtures from the focused side.
- : Moves the selected fixtures up from the focused side.
- : Moves the selected fixtures down from the focused side.

The fixture selection is synchronized in line on both sides of the clone window, meaning that the first line of the clone source matches the first line of the clone destination.

Object buttons are displayed as a bar in the middle of the menu. The object buttons use filters to restrict the current cloning process for the following objects:

- Filters. For more information, see At Filter or Filters.
- Sequences
- Groups
- Presets
- Worlds
- Layouts

Depending on the selected items for an object, the indicator bar color of the object buttons changes.

- Green: All object items will be cloned.
- Yellow: Only selected object items will be cloned. The Clone Show button changes to Clone Selected Objects.
- Gray: No object items will be cloned.

	Hint:
	If an object does not contain any items, the object's indicator bar will be colored in gray.

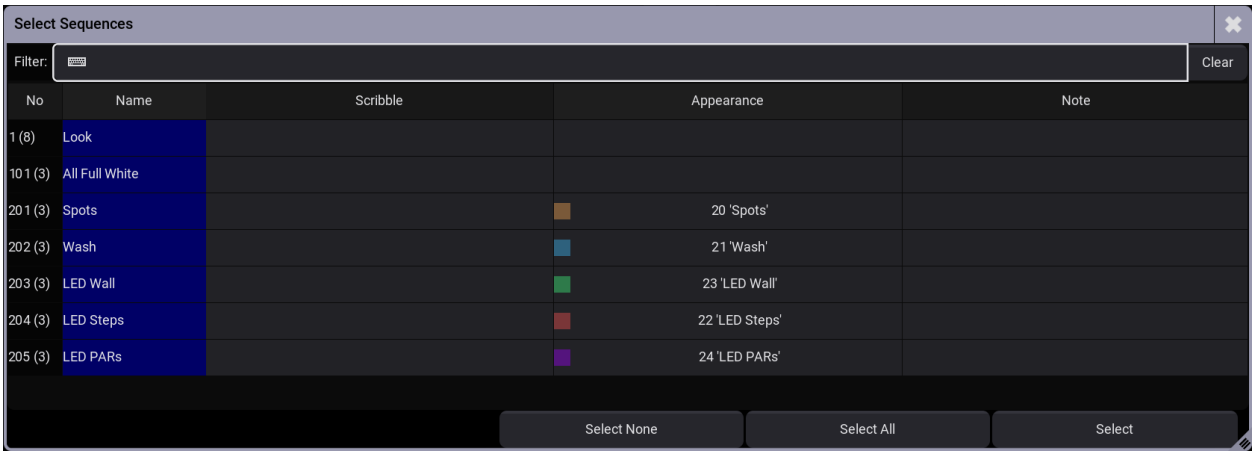
Cloning Show Data

The cloning process can be restricted to specific objects, for example, to clone the data only in some objects, and not throughout all objects in the show file.

To restrict the cloning process:

1. Tap an object button, for example, All Sequences. A pop-up opens.
2. Select a Sequence and then tap Select. The pop-up closes.

The cloning process has been restricted to the selected object.



Clone - All Sequences pop-up

- To disable all items for a specific object, tap Select None in the pop-up.
- To enable all items for a specific object, tap Select All.
- To select all items for all objects, tap All Items To All in the Object bar. Tap Clone Show to execute the clone command.
- To disable the selection of all items, tap All Items To None. Tap Clone Programmer to execute the clone command.

After tapping Clone Show or Clone Programmer, a pop-up opens:

Clone mode pop-up

	Hint:
	Dependencies can only be included when cloning objects via Clone Show. When cloning only the programmer, the Include Dependencies button will not show up.

The following options are available:

- Low Priority Merge: For more information, see /MergeLowPriority Option Keyword.
- High Priority Merge: For more information, see /MergeHighPriority Option Keyword.
- Overwrite: For more information, see /Overwrite Option Keyword.
- Cancel: Cancels the clone operation.

Examples

Tap the video below to see how to clone show data using the user interface.

Example 1

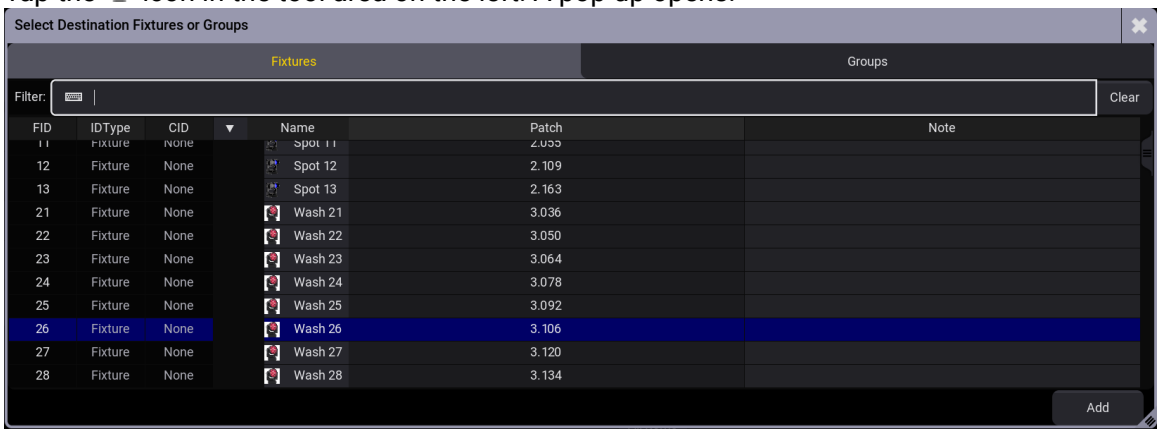
	Hint:
	The steps below work similarly for setting fixtures into the Clone Destination.

To set fixtures into the Clone Source:

1. Select fixtures in the programmer. For more information on selecting fixtures, see Select Fixtures.
2. Tap Add Selection in Clone Source. Fixtures are set. The total number of fixtures on each side is indicated by the number in parentheses.

or

1. Tap the source area. The area is focused.
2. Tap the icon in the tool area on the left. A pop-up opens.



Clone - Select Source Fixtures or Groups

3. Select fixtures or groups in the pop-up.
4. Tap Add. Fixtures are set.

	Hint:
	On the console, use the 2 Finger Edit gesture to add fixtures. For more information, see Gestures.

To replace fixtures in the Clone Source or Clone Destination:

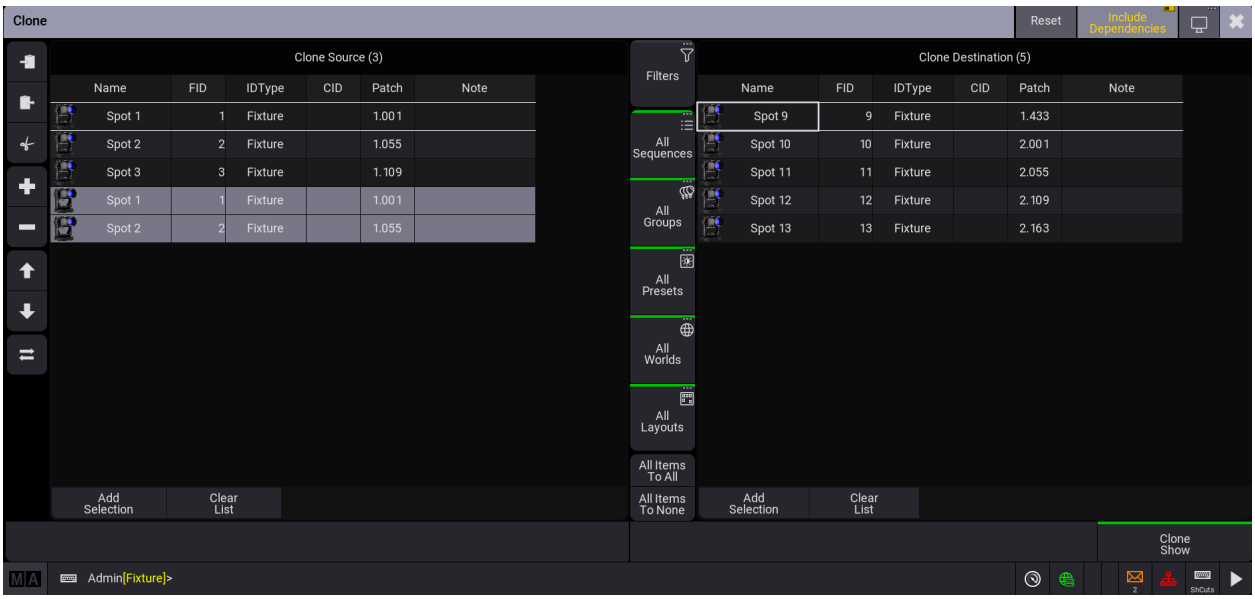
1. Tap, hold, and drag a finger over the fixtures you want to replace. The selected fixtures will be highlighted in blue.
2. Edit the selected fixtures. This opens the Selected Fixtures or Groups pop-up.
3. Select the replacement fixtures in the pop-up. The selected fixtures will be highlighted in blue.
4. Tap Replace. The selected fixtures are replaced.

To clear the complete clone list, tap Clear List.

Example 2

In the image below, Fixture 1 is set as the clone source for Fixture 9, and Fixture 2 is set as the clone source for Fixture 10.

If one area has fewer fixtures than the other, the side with fewer fixtures is automatically adjusted by adding the selected fixtures again from the top of the list. The adjusted fixtures are displayed with a light gray background.



Clone Menu - Selection of fixtures

Cloning Programmer Values in the Clone Menu

There are two methods for copying fixtures or programmer values:

- You can use the At keyword in the command line input, for more information see At Keyword.
- Or use the Clone keyword in the command line input. Single attributes of a fixture source can also be cloned. For more information, see Clone Keyword.

When executing the clone command using the clone keyword, the clone menu opens. For example, when entering **Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2** in the command line.

- To execute the clone command directly, use the if keyword. For example, by entering **Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2 If Programmer** into the command line input. The clone menu will not open and the priority pop-up opens. For more information, see If Keyword.

	Hint:
	You could also use the **Fixture 2 at Fixture 1** command instead of **Clone Fixture 1 At Fixture 2 If Programmer**

- To execute the clone command without opening the clone menu or the priority pop-up, use the /NoConfirmation keyword. The command will be executed in low priority. For more information, see /NoConfirmation.

Example

Requirements:

- The grandMA3 demo show file is loaded, and the clone menu is open.

To clone fixtures in the programmer using the clone menu:

1. Add Fixtures to the Clone Source and Clone Destination areas as described above.
2. Tap All Items To None, located in the object bar between both Clone areas. The button in the lower right corner switches to Clone Programmer, and the object indicator bar turns grey.
3. Tap Clone Programmer. The fixture values are cloned.

	Hint:
	Cloning only programmer values is indicated by gray-colored indicator bars above the object buttons and the Clone button. For more information on the colors, see Cloning Show Data.
	Hint:
	When cloning only programmer values, Include Dependencies has no effect and therefore the button is grayed out. For more information, see Include Dependencies.

1.15.10. Special Dialog

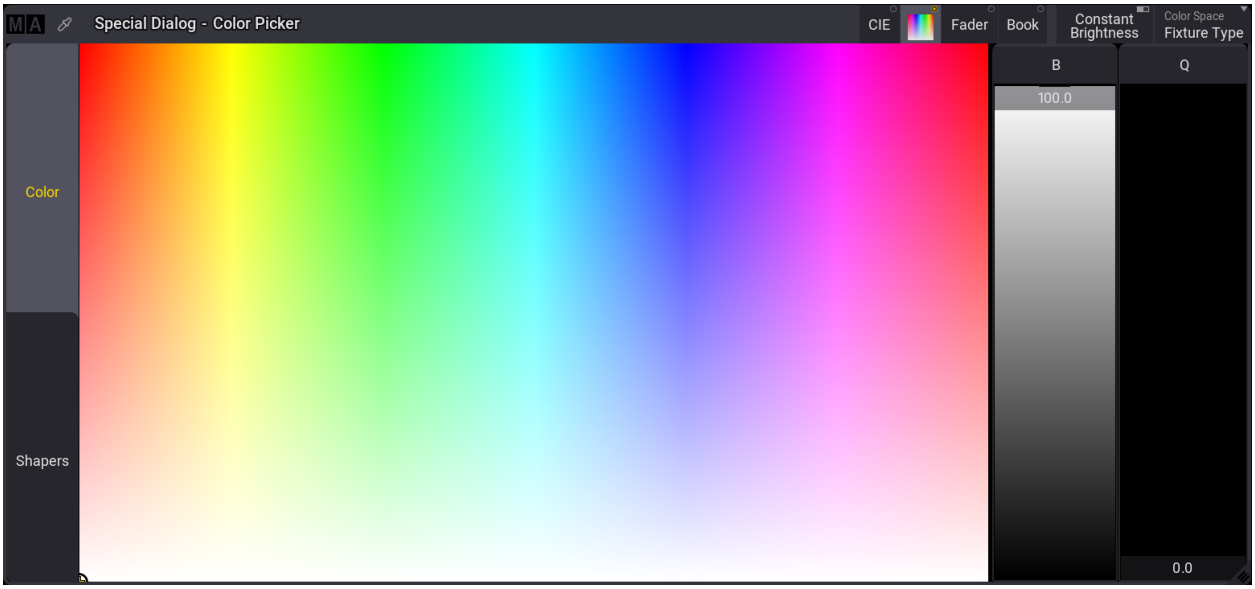
The Special Dialog window provides a user-friendly way to control attributes within a feature group in a single window. These attribute functions can be accessed through different tabs in the Special Dialog window. For more information, see Attribute Definitions and Feature Group.

The Special Dialog window can be found in the Add Window dialog - Common / Tools - Special Dialog.

For more information, see Add Window.

Tab on the following video to get an overview of the Special Dialog and the Settings.

The Color tab and the Shapers tab on the left side of the Special Dialog window can be used to switch between the different functions. In the Special Window settings, these tabs can be shown or hidden by toggling Tabs. For more information, see Window settings.

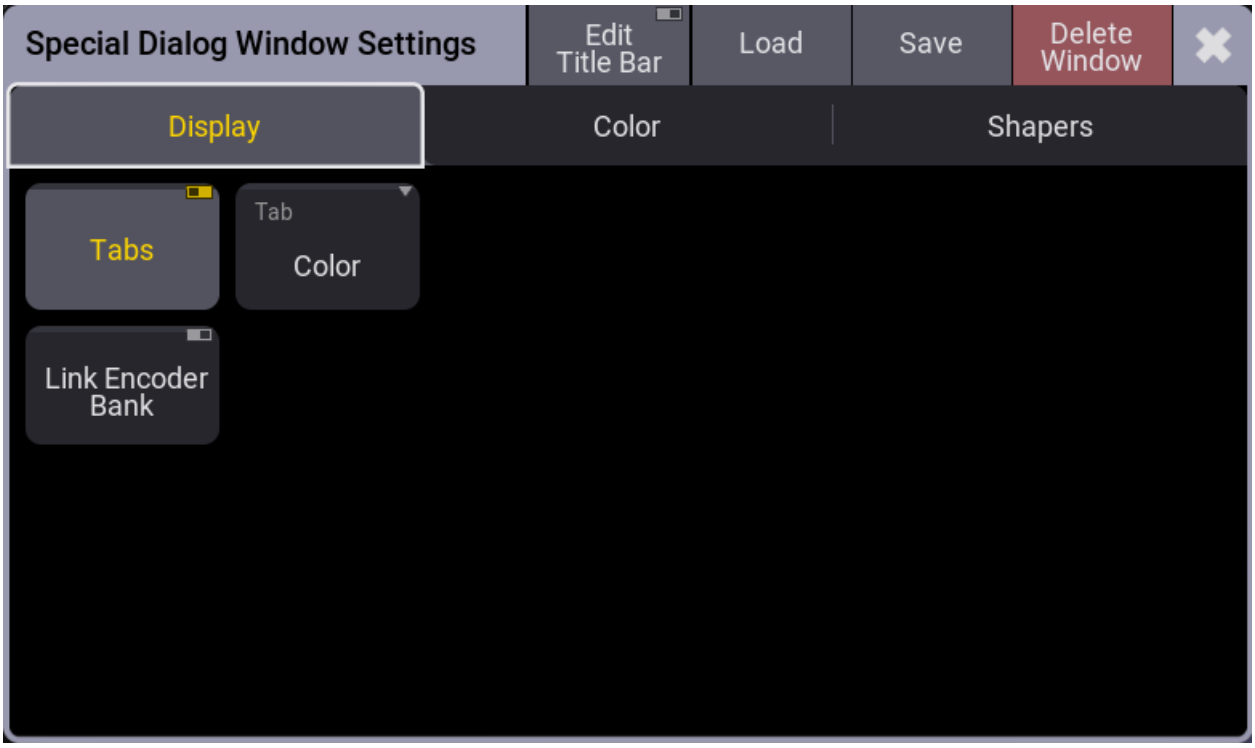


Special dialog window with color mode

The Special Window settings are separated into three tabs: Display, Color, and Shapers.

Display Settings

- Tabs: Enables/disables the tabs on the left side of the Special Dialog window.
- Tab: Tap to switch between the different Special dialog windows.
- Link Encoder Bank: Links an encoder bank to a specific Special Dialog window.



	Hint:
	Pressing MA in the title bar opens the settings of the currently open tab.

To learn more about the specific functions of the Special Dialog window, read the following topics.

Subtopics

- Using the Color Picker
- Using the Shapers Dialog

1.15.10.1. Using the Color Picker

The **Color Picker** is part of the Special Dialog window and can be selected by tapping on the left side of the window or via the window settings. For more information, see Special Dialog.

	Important:
	Color Picker windows in show files created in software version 1.9.7.0 or earlier are migrated to the Special Dialog window when the show file is loaded in software version 2.0 or later.

The Color picker can select a color in fixtures with a mixed color system or color wheel(s).

The color picker provides convenient access to mix the desired color using several color mixing and selection options. The method is independent of the fixture's color mix system (LED emitters or color subtraction) and color wheel.

Open the Color Picker

Open a Special Dialog window. See Add window.

Tap Color on the left side of the window.

RGB and HSB color space:

Tap Color Space in the color picker's title bar to switch the color picker's color space. There are four options:

- **Fixture Type:** The color space is defined by the emitters of the respective fixture type.
- **Standard:** Plasa Standard E1.54 for Color Communication in Entertainment Lighting.
- **Rec.2020:** ITU-R BT.2020 or Rec. 2020 is an audiovisual industry standard for ultra-high definition (UHDTV).
- **Rec.709:** ITU-R BT 709 or Rec. 709 is an audiovisual industry standard for high definition (HDTV).

Tap MA in the top left corner of the Special Dialog window to open the settings.

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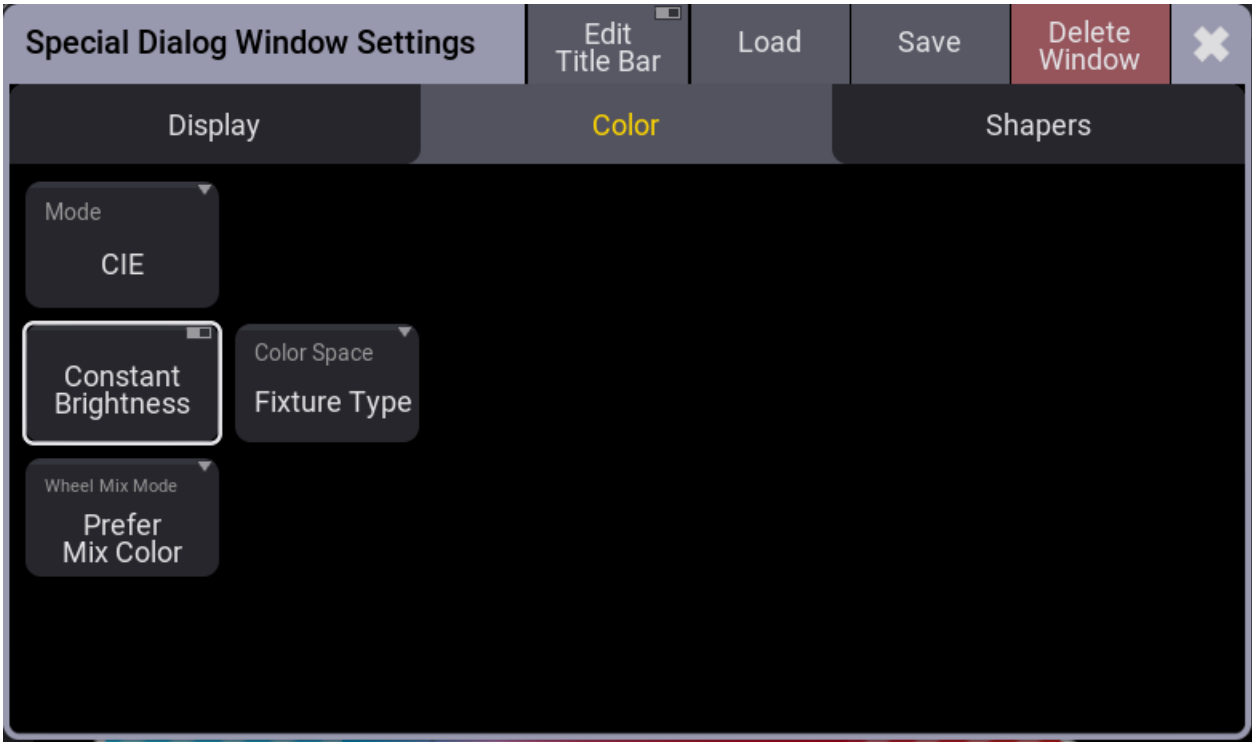
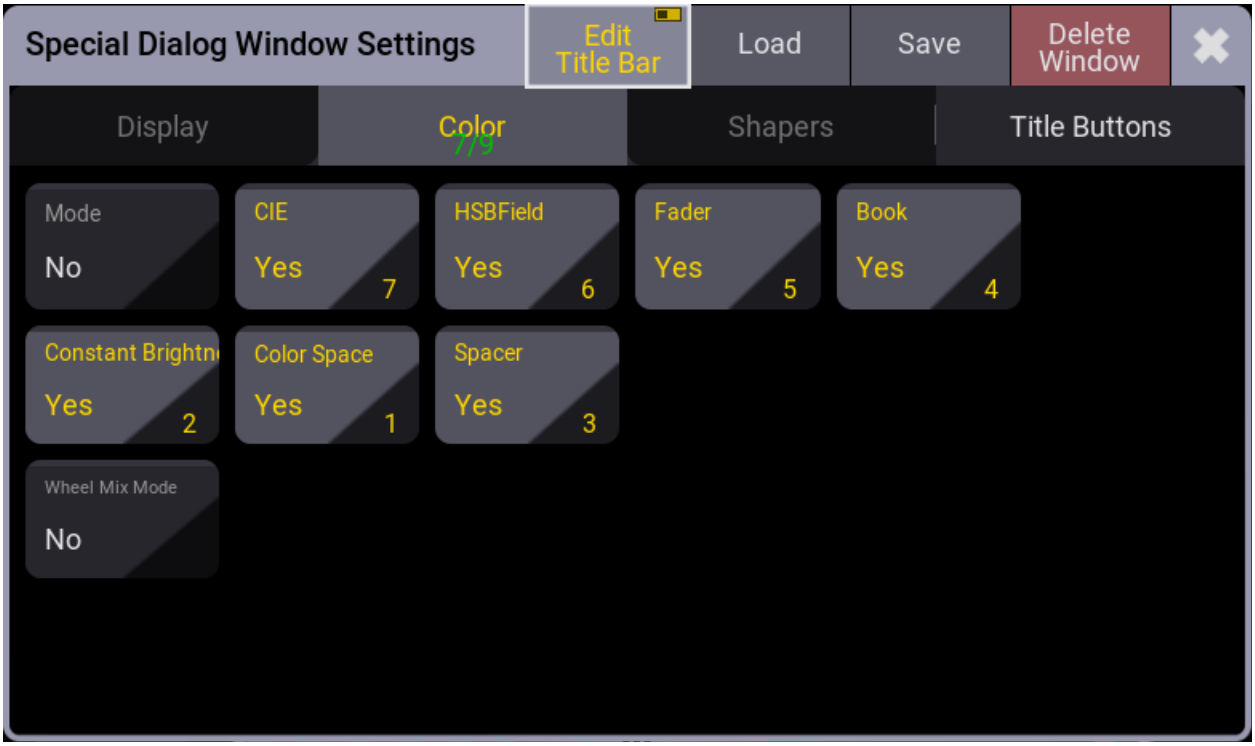


Special Dialog Window Settings - Color

The Mode can be selected using the buttons in the title bar. This is a short description of the different modes.

- **CIE:** A CIE color space area picker with Brightness, Quality, x, and y on-screen faders.
- **HSB:** An HSB area with Brightness and Quality on-screen faders.
- **Fader:** On-screen faders to adjust RGB, CMY, HSB, Brightness, and Quality.
- **Book:** This is a swatch book with colors from different gel manufacturers.

Tap Edit Title Bar to define which buttons appear in the color picker window's title bar.

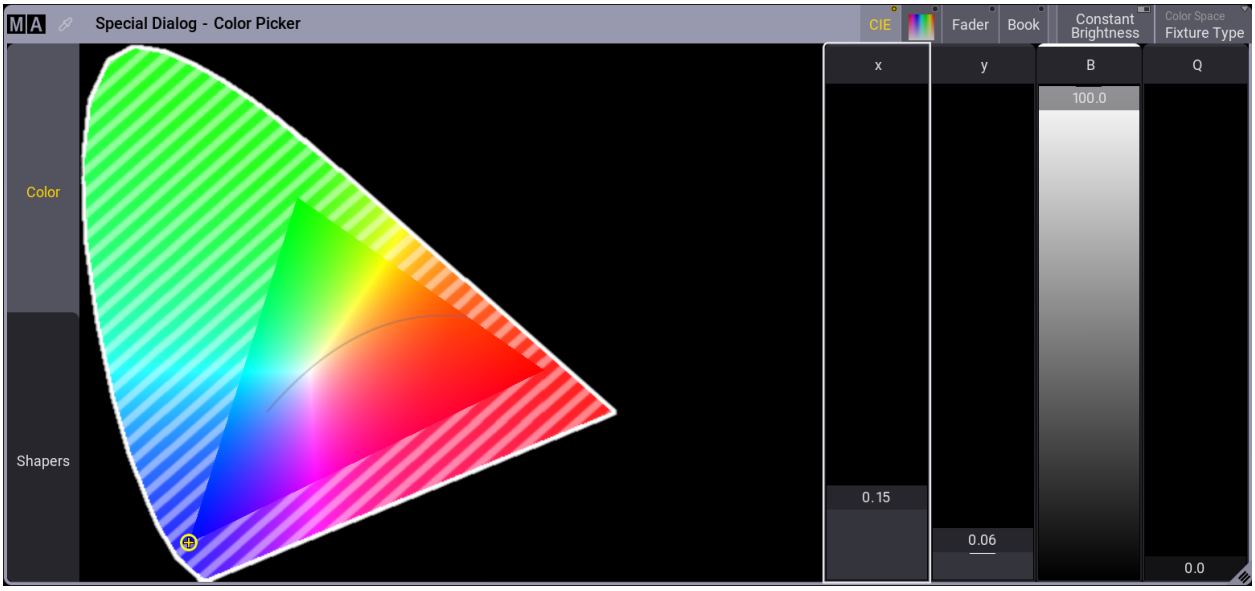


Special Dialog Window Settings - Edit Title Bar

Quality

The Q fader, or Quality fader, is available when the fixtures have a color-mixing system with more than three colors. It controls how the colors are mixed.
Q at 100 results in small-band mixing (the specialized emitters are used). 0% results in a broadband mix. That uses as many emitters as possible to mix the color.

CIE



Special Dialog - Color Picker CIE mode

The CIE (Commission Internationale de l'éclairage) standard uses a figure depicting the visible spectrum.

The RGB triangle shows the colors that the specific fixture can mix.

Requirements:

Fixtures with color attributes are selected.

- To select a color, tap inside this area.

If the fixture has more than three mixing colors, the shaded part will become smaller.

	Hint:
	The Align function can be used together with the color picker.

Tap the video below to see the example.

The color picker offers the Constant Brightness Mode, which can be enabled by tapping Constant Brightness in the title bar. The default setting is off.

If Constant Brightness is disabled, the selected color is mixed with maximum brightness when the brightness fader is set to 100%. In this case, the fixture's output intensity is not kept constant but changes with the color. If the constant brightness mode is enabled, the maximum overall brightness is limited to the darkest emitter's brightness. Changing the color in constant-brightness mode does not change the fixture's output intensity.

	Hint:
	When enabling the constant brightness mode while the brightness fader is positioned above the constant brightness color mixing range, the CONST B fader turns red, indicating a value > 100 %. The fader must be set to <= 100 % to ensure constant brightness when mixing colors.
	Hint:
	Color mixing and constant brightness mode work better the more accurate the emitter data for the fixture type is.

Except for the Fixture Type color space, the gamut of the selected color space is displayed in the CIE color picker with a white line. The shaded area only depends on the fixture's emitters. It does not change with the Color Space (only the small white triangle changes with the selected color space). Color mixing in the RGB tab and the HSB Color Picker depends on the color coordinates of the RGB primaries of the selected color space.

	Hint:
	If a color is picked in the CIE Color picker outside of the gamut of the selected color space, the faders in the RGB tab will show values below 0% or above 100%.

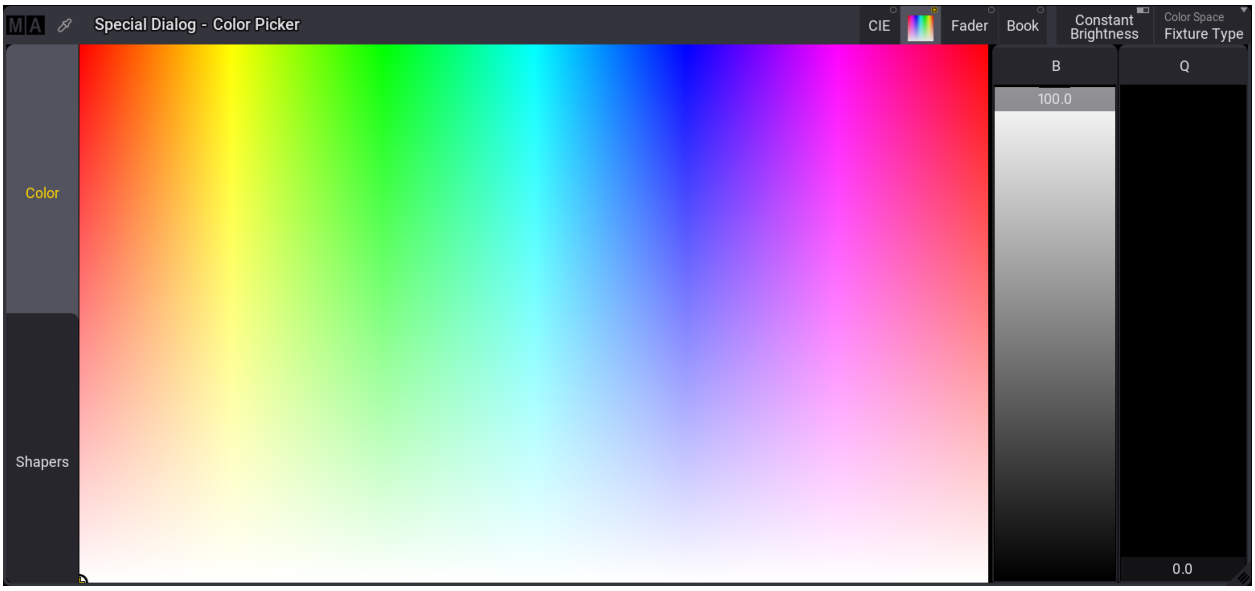
The CIE Color Picker displays the spectral profile (or **curve**) at a specific temperature corresponding to a specific peak wavelength and vice versa. As the temperature of the black body increases, the peak

wavelength decreases (Wien's Law). The intensity (or flux) at all wavelengths increases as the temperature of the black body increases. That is what we call the **black body curve**.

HSB Field

Tap the HSB field symbol in the title bar to adjust the color mix, also known as a Color Picker.

Here, you can tap a color in the HSB field. The x-axis (left/right) is the Hue value. The y-axis (up/down) is the Saturation value, and Brightness is the B-fader on the right side.

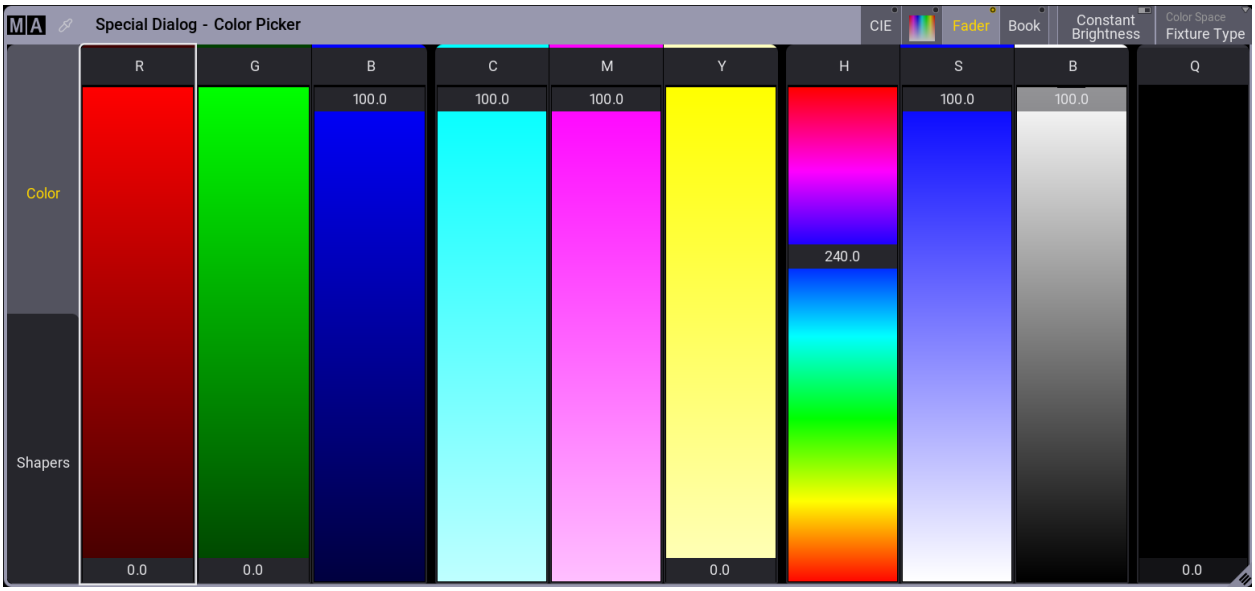


Special Dialog - Color Picker HSB mode

Fader

On-screen RGB, CMY, HSB, Brightness, and Quality faders.

Here, you can adjust the colors using RGB, CMY, or HSB. The Three-color systems are interlinked. This means adjusting the colors in RGB also moves the CMY and HSB faders.



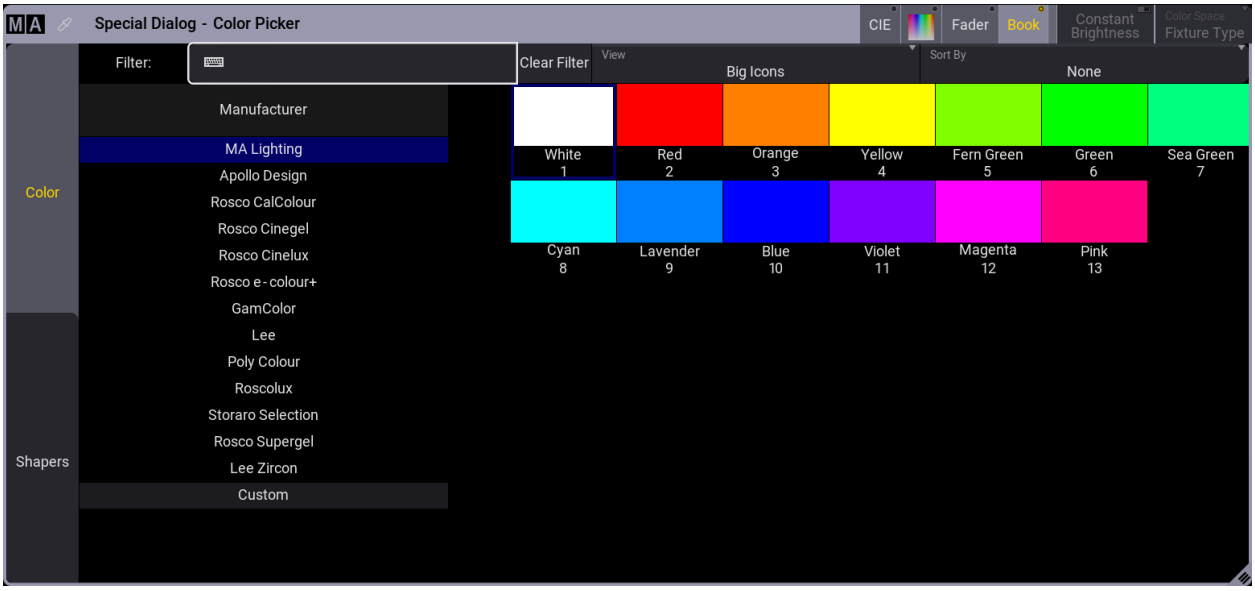
Special Dialog - Color Picker Fader mode

Book

The swatch book is a library of gel colors from different manufacturers. It also includes the MA Lighting library, which contains all the primary and most commonly used colors. This can also be accessed using the Gel keyword.

The manufacturers are shown on the left, and the gels on the right.

For more information about gels, see the Gels Pool.

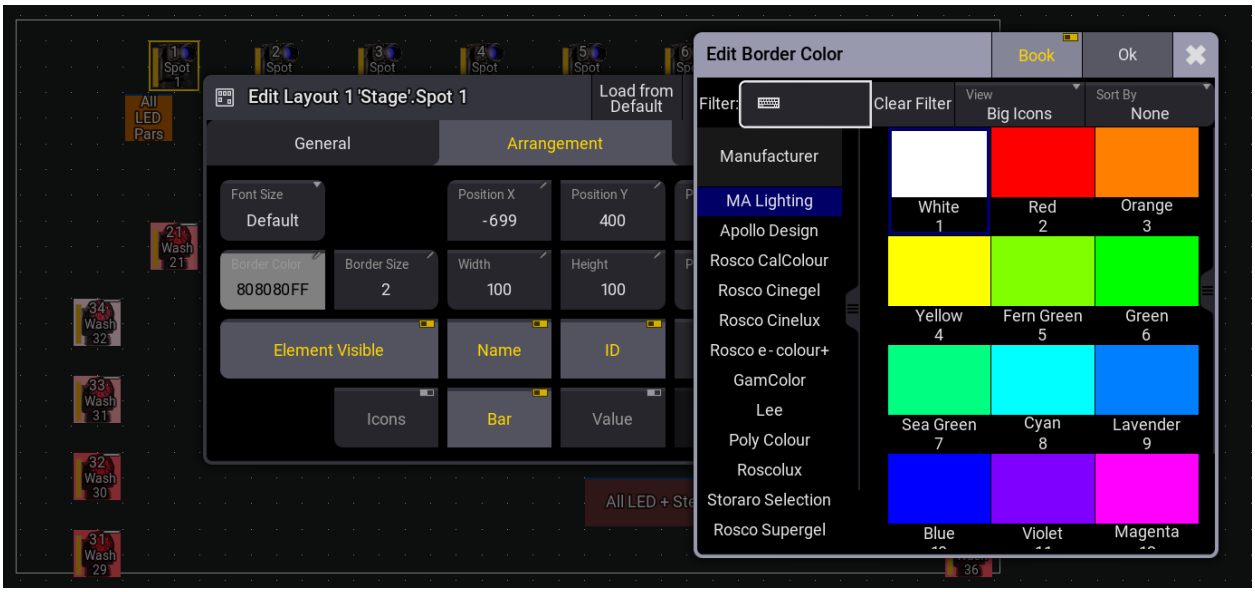


Special Dialog - Color Picker Book mode

There are three buttons at the top of the window.

- Filter is to enter a name or a key of the color to limit the list of gels. In addition, Clear Filter resets the filter.
- View defines how the gel list is displayed. It is a swipe button with the following options:
  - **Big Icons: D**isplays a large color example. Below the color is the name and color key.
  - **List:** This displays a list with Name, Key, and Color columns.
  - **Small Icons:** Displays only a small color field.
- Sort by has three different ways to sort the displayed gels. It has the following options:
  - **None:** The list is not sorted and displayed in the library's order.
  - **Key:** Sorted by the color key number.
  - **Name:** The colors are sorted by their names.

The swatch book is also available to input color, for example, the border color of layout elements:



The swatch book opens to the last selected gel.

Color Wheels

When working with fixtures that have color wheels, the software selects the color closest to the one picked by the color picker. When the fixture has two or more color wheels, the software uses all wheels (combined) to produce a color as close as possible.

To change the wheel mix mode, tap MA in the title bar. The Color Picker Window Settings opens.

There are three different Wheel Mix Modes available:

- **Mix Color Only:**
  Uses only color-mixing engine attributes, for example, RGB.
- **Color Wheel Only:**
  Uses only color wheel attributes.
- **Prefer Mix Color:**
  Uses mainly the color mixing engine attributes. If needed, the color wheels will be used as well.

	Restriction:

	When a fixture type has more than one color wheel, the color picker can handle only 255 color combinations across the wheels.

The Fixture Sheet shows the selected color for each wheel. The combined color output is displayed in the sheet.

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1.15.10.2. Using the Shapers Dialog

The Shapers dialog, part of the Special Dialog window, provides a graphical user interface for controlling shaper attributes in fixtures. The values that are used to visualize the shapers come from the DMX layer. For more information, see Fixture Sheet and Layouts.

Watch the following video to get an overview of the Shapers dialog feature.

Requirements:

- A fixture type with a shaper is selected in the programmer, for example, Ayrton Eurus. For more information, see Import Fixture Types and What is the Programmer.

To open the Shapers Dialog window:

1. Open the Add Window dialog.
2. Tap Common and Special Dialog. The Special Dialog window opens.
3. Tap the Shapers tab on the left. The Shapers dialog opens.

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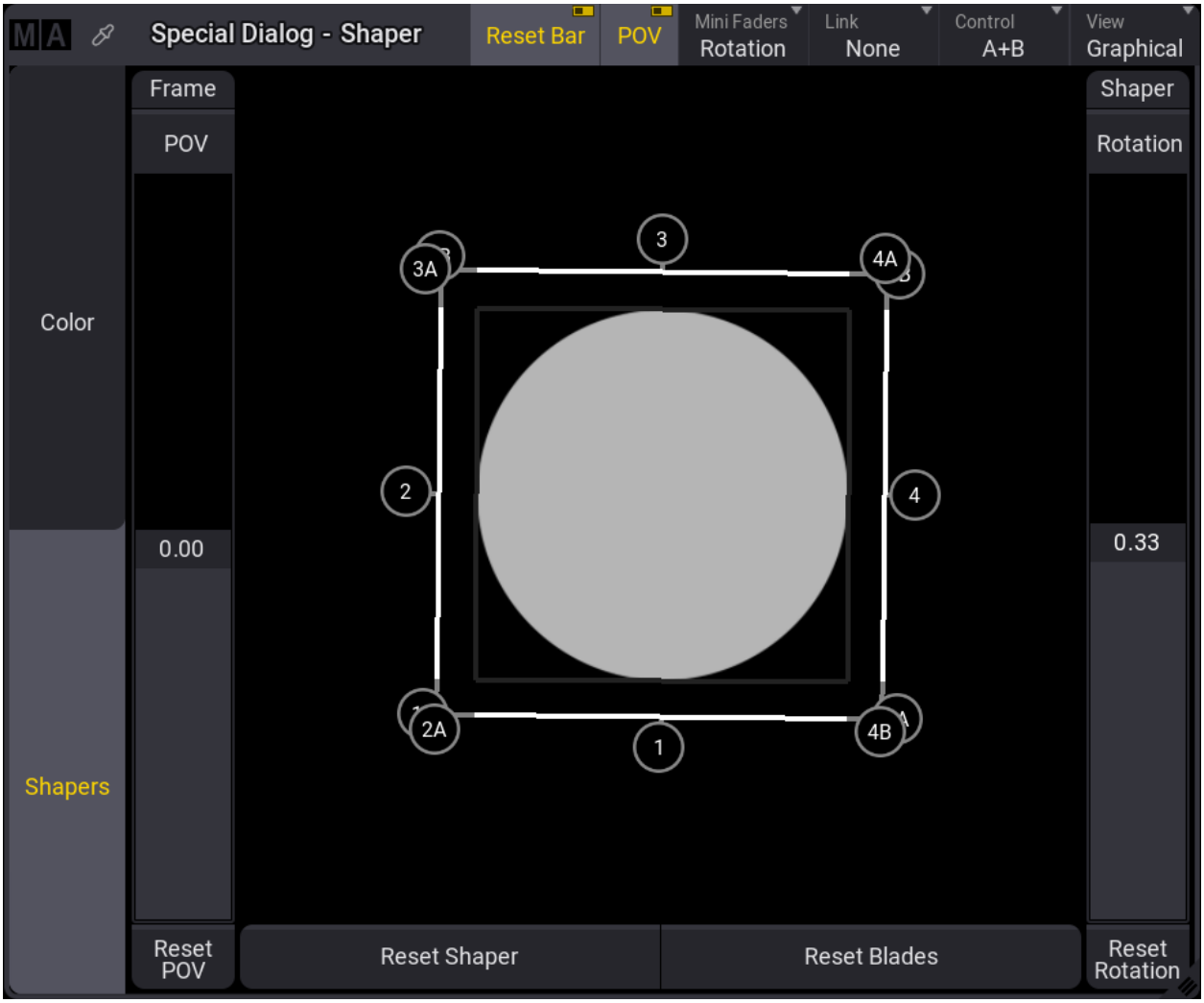


Shapers Dialog window

The title bar of the Shapers Dialog provides some options for controlling blades and shapers of fixtures. For more information, see Title Bar Configuration.

- Tapping Reset Shaper resets blades and rotation. Tapping Reset Blades resets only the blades.
- Use the POV fader to manually rotate the Point of View (POV) to match the real-life fixture orientation.
- To change the number of displayed faders, tap Mini Faders in the title bar.
    - None: No faders are displayed.
    - Full: The faders for blades and rotation are displayed depending on the value of Control.
    - Blades: The faders for blades are displayed depending on the value of Control.
    - Rotation: A fader for the shaper rotation is displayed.
- Tap Link in the title bar to define how the movement of one or more blades works together.
    - None: Each blade can be controlled individually.
    - All: Moving one blade moves all other blades proportionally.

- Parallel: Moving one blade will also move the opposite blade.
- Mirrored: Moving one blade will mirror the opposite blade.

- To change the control mode, tap Control in the title bar. The Shaper Encoder Bar also follows the control selection. See below.
  - Ins+Rot: The depth of insertion (1-4 -"I") and the blade rotation (1-4-"R") can be defined.
  - A+B: The blade corners (A,B) can be defined.

	Hint:
	The software converts different types of shaper engines to the correct DMX values, allowing all modes to be used regardless of the fixture type. Blade misconfigurations are shown in the Conflicts in Fixture Types.
	Important:
	Depending on the fixture type, there may be inaccuracies when switching between control modes.

- Tapping View in the title bar changes the display mode.
  - Graphical: Shows a shaper visualization.
  - Faders: Shows only faders.

When the focus is on the Shaper Dialog, the Shaper Encoder Bar is displayed. Depending on the selected control mode, the encoders display the corresponding functions.

Encode Bar - Shaper Dialog

Graphical View Mode

The graphical view mode shows a fixture beam visualization. This beam is colored light gray.

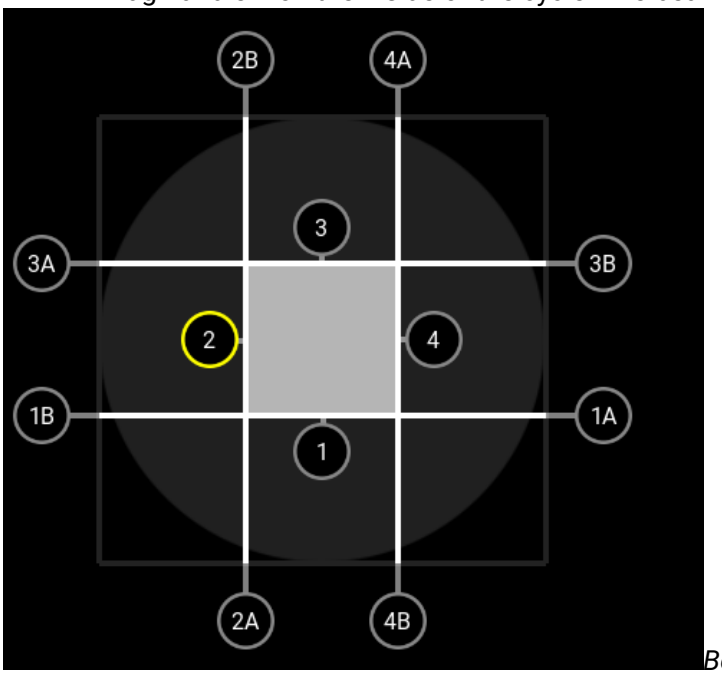
The insertion of blades can be changed with the movable handles. Handles labeled 1 through 4 are blades. Handles labeled with additional A and B are corners of the blades.

Four white lines show the actual insertion into the beam. The covered part of the beam is shown in dark gray.

Example

1. Patch a blade fixture, for example, Ayrton Eurus.
2. Select the patched blade fixture.
3. Open the Shapers Dialog window.
4. Tap and hold Link in the title bar. A dropdown menu opens.
5. Select All. The dropdown menu closes.

6. Tap and hold handle 2. Handle 2 turns yellow.
7. Drag handle 2 on the inside of the cycle. The beam becomes a square.



Beam in a squared shape.

	Hint:
	Tap and hold anywhere in the visualization to select the nearest handle.

Using the Faders

With faders, you can adjust the insertion of the blades.

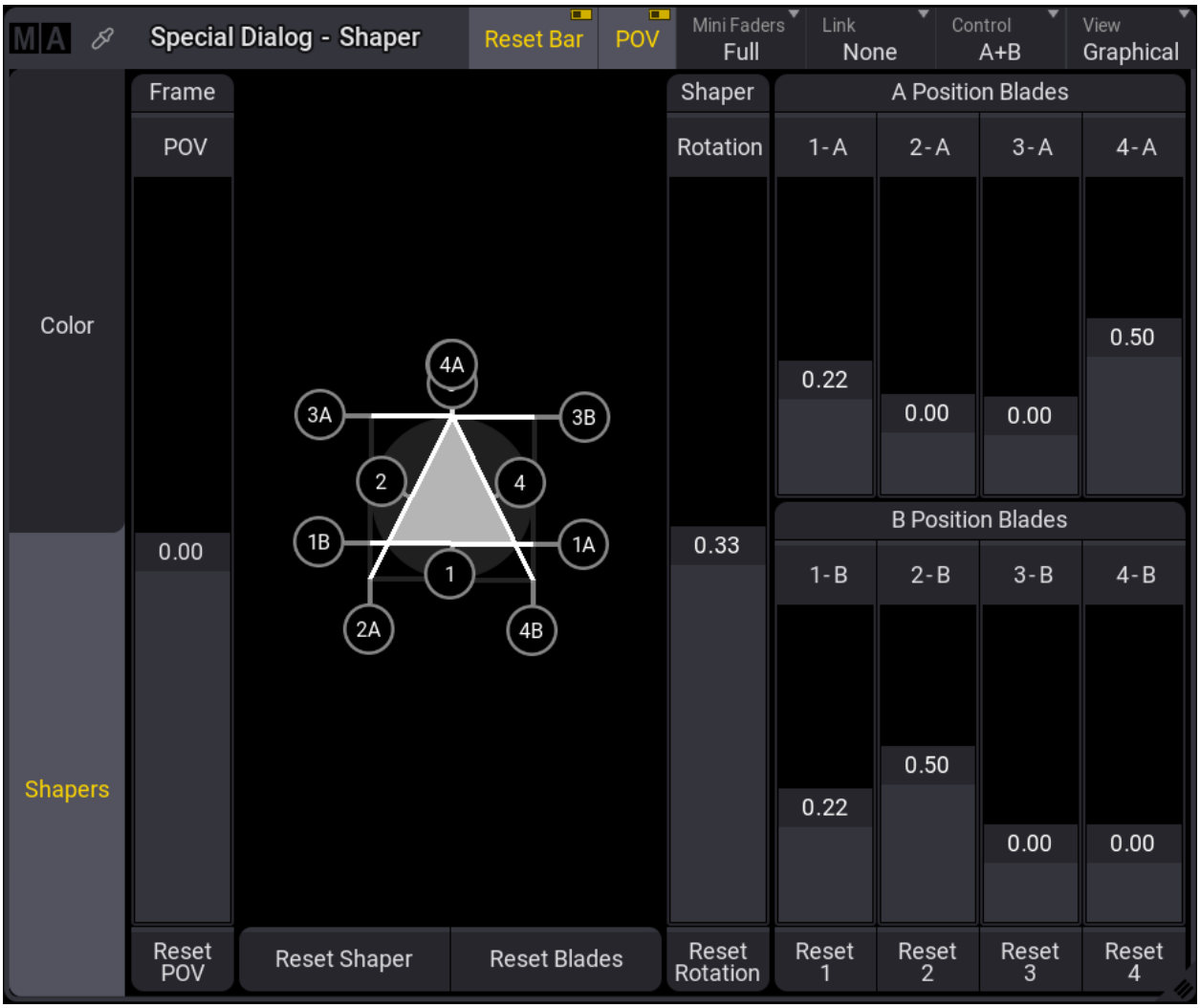
Values from 0.00 to 1.00 define the blade's insertion. 0.00 does not cover the beam, and 1.00 will insert the blades as far as the fixture allows.

To reset single blades, use Reset 1-4. To reset the shaper unit's rotation, use Reset Rotation.

Example:

To create a triangle shape:

1. Select a blade fixture.
2. Tap and hold Mini Faders in the title bar of the Special Dialog window. A dropdown menu opens.
3. Select Full. The dropdown menu closes.
4. Tap and hold Control.
5. Select A+B in the dropdown menu.
6. Drag the faders to the following values: 1-A 0.22, 4-A 0.50, 1-B 0.22, 2-B 0.50.
7. A triangle shape is created.



Shaper Dialog - Mini Faders

	Hint:
	The graphical representation of the Shaper Dialog may differ from the shaper of the actual fixture due to the fixture's technical conditions.
	Hint:
	The faders are grayed out for fixtures with fewer than 4 blades or fixtures without a full set of attributes to control a blade. The handles for missing blades are adjusted accordingly in the graphical view.

Shapers Window Settings

Tap MA in the top left corner of the Special Dialog window to open the settings.

- **POV**: Shows or hides the POV bar on the left side of the window.
- **Reset Bar**: Shows or hides the Reset Shaper and Reset Blades buttons on the bottom of the window.
- **Mirror Bar**: Shows or hides the mirror bar on the left side of the window. 1/3 mirrors the shapers vertically, 2/4 mirrors horizontally, Rot mirrors the rotation.

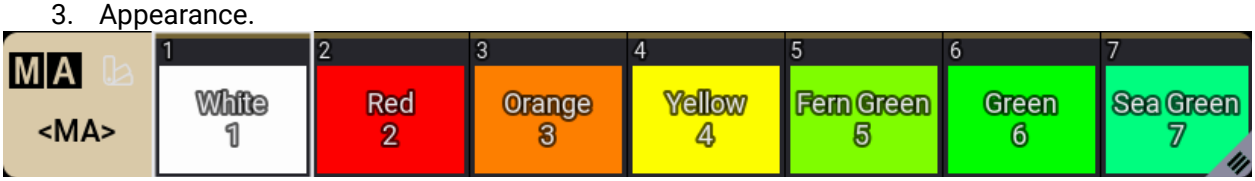
1.15.11. Gels Pool

The Gels Pool displays manufacturers and their corresponding gel series. Each gel series has different amounts of gel in its pool. Manufacturer gel pools are locked by default. Gels can be added and edited in a custom gel pool. For more information, see Pool Windows.

- For more information, see Gel Keyword.
- The Color Picker uses a Book list with many filter options for gels. For more information, see Using the Color Picker.

Each gel in the manufacturer's pool displays:

1. Gel name.
2. Key catalog number.
3. Appearance.



Gels Pool

To open the Gels Pool:

- Tap Pools and Gels in the Add Window pop-up.

To select a specific manufacturer's catalog:

1. Tap <MA> under the MA Logo in the top left corner. A dropdown menu opens.
2. Select a manufacturer. The dropdown menu closes, and the corresponding gel pool is shown in the Gel Window.

Custom Gel Pool

The Custom Gel Pool lets you store gels however you prefer. In the custom gel pool, you can create your own gels or copy from existing manufacturer gel pools.

To copy gels in the custom gel pool:

1. Open a manufacturer gel pool and a custom pool next to each other.
2. Use the copy function in the swipey command on the manufacturer's gel to be copied. For more information, see Pool Windows.
3. Tap an empty object in the custom gel pool, and the gel is copied into it.

To edit a gel in the custom pool:

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1. Do the Swipey Command on the corresponding gel pool.
2. Swipe to Edit. The editor opens.
3. Edit the pool object.
4. Tap X. The editor closes, and the gel has been edited.

To store the color of the last selected fixture as a new gel pool object:

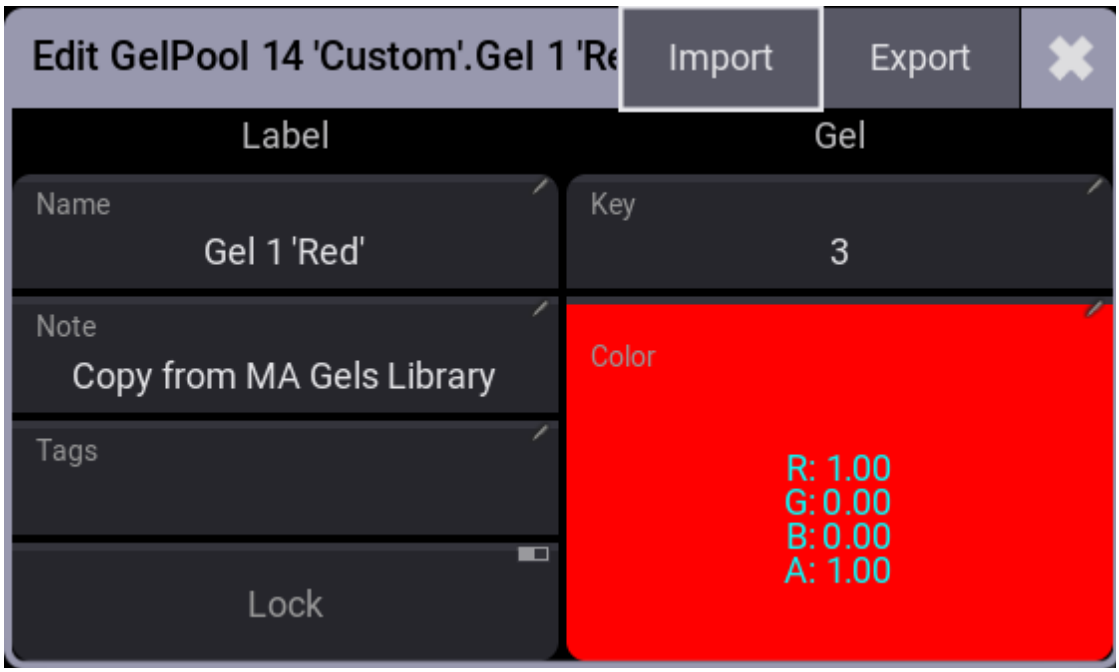
1. Open the Custom gel pool.
2. Press Store and then tap an empty pool object in the gel pool. The color is stored as a new gel pool object. The pop-up closes and the gel is stored.

Edit a Gel Color

The following video shows an example of editing a color using the Custom Gel Pool:

Press Edit and tap a gel pool object to open the gel editor.

The Gel Editor is divided into two areas, the **Label** area (left) and the **Gel** area (right).

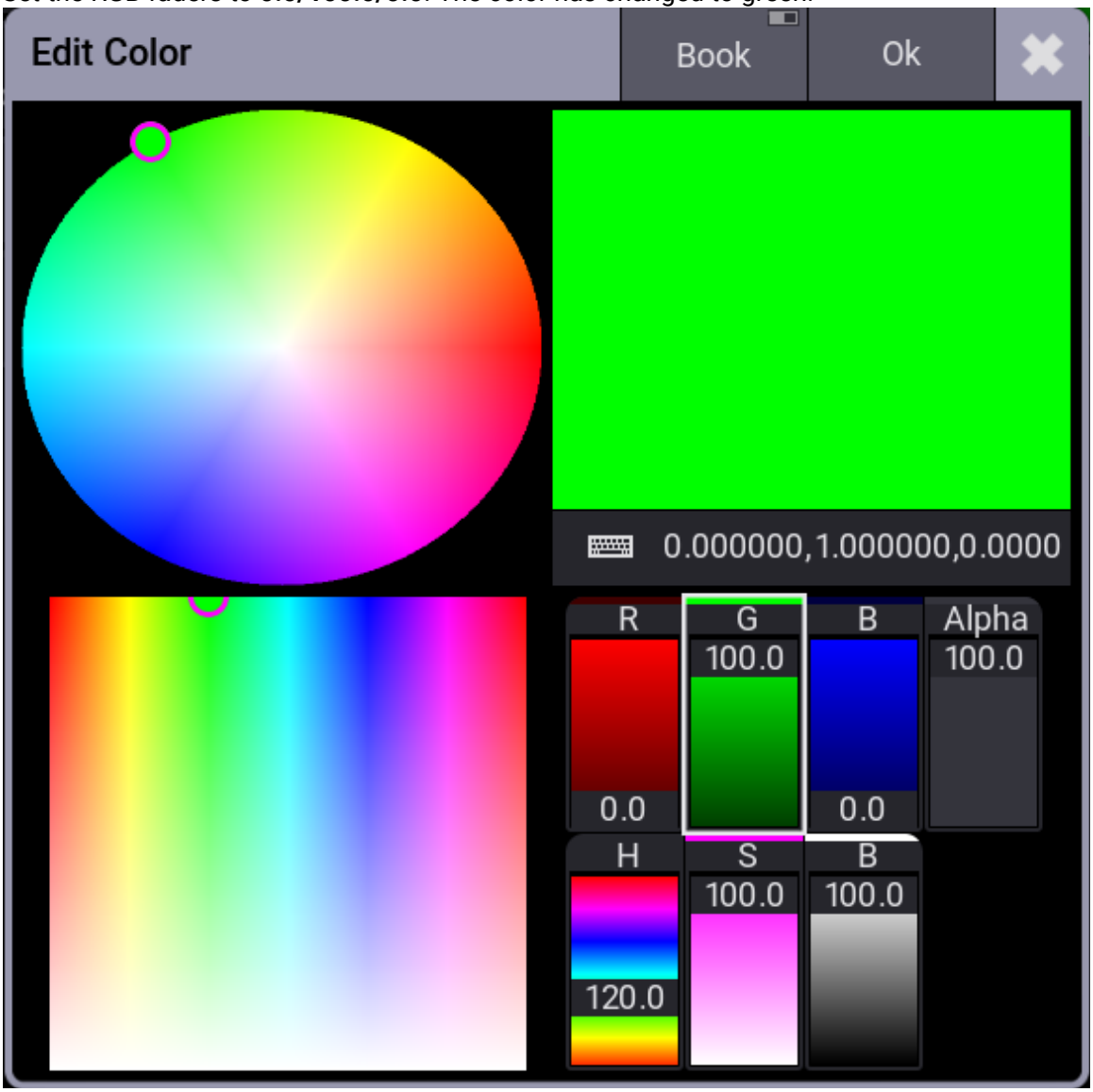


Gels Pool - Editor

To edit the gel color to green:

1. Tap Color. The color editor opens.

2. Set the RGB faders to **0.0/100.0/0.0**. The color has changed to green.



Gels Pool - Color Editor

3. Tap Ok. The editor closes, and the gel color has changed.

Gels Pool Settings

To open the Pool settings, tap MA in the top left corner. The Pool Settings pop-up opens.

- **Show Name:** This toggle button can hide or show the names of the pool objects.
- **Show Key:** This toggle button can hide or show the keys of the pool objects. .
- **Show Empty**: This toggle button can hide or show empty pool objects.
- **Appearance**: This sets which appearance is applied behind the pool objects.
- **Pool Columns**: This defines the width for the pool objects. It does not change the size of the window. It defines how many columns of pool objects are in the window. If the window is wider than the number of columns, then the extra space is displayed as black (default color). If the window is smaller than the number of columns, the pool window can be scrolled horizontally. If the pool has a set width, then there is an icon (↹) in the upper right corner of the title field.

The **Not Defined** value dynamically sets the width to match the window size even when the window is resized.
The **Take Current Width** sets the width to match the current size of the window. It does not dynamically change if the window is resized.

- **Font Size**: This sets the font size property from 10 to 32. There is also a default property. This is the same as size 18. This simply changes the font size on the pool objects.
- **Display Pool:** This is the displayed pool.
- **Pool Color**: This is the color for the title button in the pool.
- **Empty Color**: This color is applied to empty pool objects.
- **Reset Colors**: This resets the colors to the colors in the default color theme.

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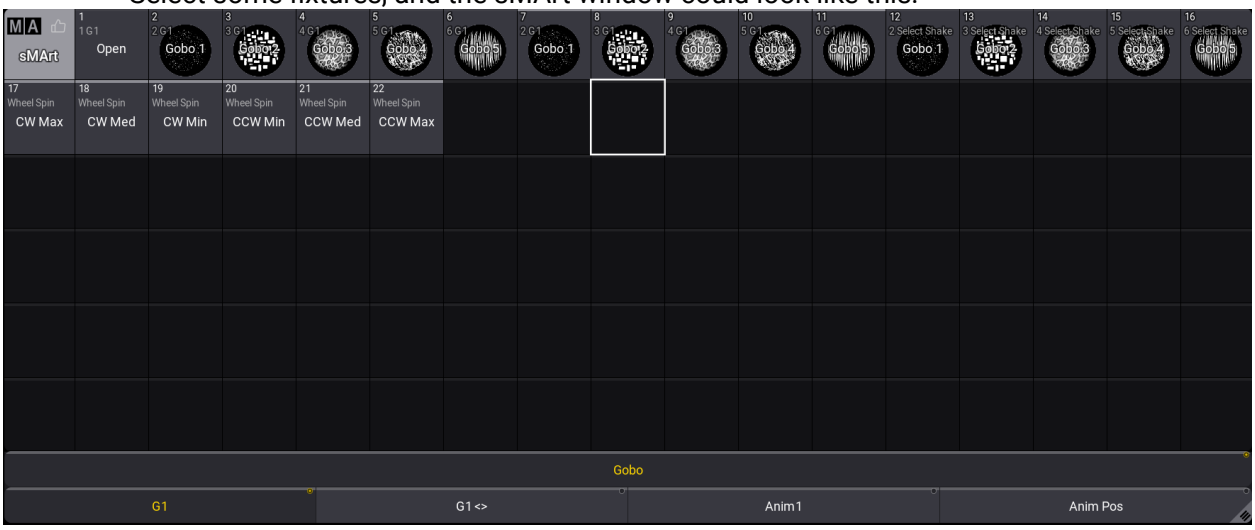
1.15.12. sMArt

The **sMArt** window is a dynamic pool that gives quick access to fixture-defined channel sets. The channel sets are a part of the fixture types. Depending on the fixture selection and the selected attribute in the encoder bar, the pool objects in the sMArt window will change. Each pool object represents a channel set defined in the fixture profile. See also, Build Fixture Types, Create Presets from Fixture Types, and Store Presets to Fixture Types.

To open the window, use the Add Windows pop-up, tap Tools, then sMArt, and the window opens:

SMArt window showing a gobo wheel

- Select some fixtures, and the sMArt window could look like this:



Tapping an object in the sMArt window will enter the corresponding value into the programmer.

The bottom of the sMArt window shows the attribute selection bar. This makes it easy to select the desired attribute in the currently selected feature group. The example above shows the **Gobo** feature group, the selected **Gobo Wheel 1** (G1) attribute, and the other attributes for the **Gobo** feature group, G1<>, Anim 1, and Anim Pos.

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Tap the MA logo in the top-left corner of the window to open the sMArt Window Settings. For more information, see the Pool Settings.

Edit sMArt Object

To edit the channel set values for a corresponding pool object:

1. Select a fixture.
2. Press Edit and tap a pool object or use the Swipey command. The Edit Fixture Type window opens:

3. Enable Settings in the title bar, then change the values. For more information, see Insert DMX Modes and DMX Channels.
4. Tap ✖ to close the editor. The channel set values are changed.

1.15.13. Selection Grid

Fixtures can have information about their position in a 3D selection grid.

Each fixture is represented by a box in the grid, which establishes the spatial relationships between fixtures for use with MAtricks, phasers, selection order, and effects.

The grid organizes the fixtures relative to each other, but not necessarily their positions in the 3D Viewer. Tap # in the 3D Viewer toolbar to apply the current selection in 3D perspective to the selection grid. See 3D Viewer for more information.

Tap a space on one of the screens to add the **Selection Grid** window. See Add Window.

Adjust the Selection Grid

The grid can be rotated by pressing the window with a single finger and moving the finger around the screen.

The grid can be zoomed using a pinch gesture with two fingers on a touchscreen or by scrolling the mouse wheel.

The grid can be moved by touching the screen with two fingers and dragging them across it. Alternatively, you can move it with the mouse by holding down the right mouse button while moving it.

Grid Cursor

Fixtures are positioned based on the grid cursor's position, which is the blue cell.

The grid origin, 0/0/0, is marked with a white frame.

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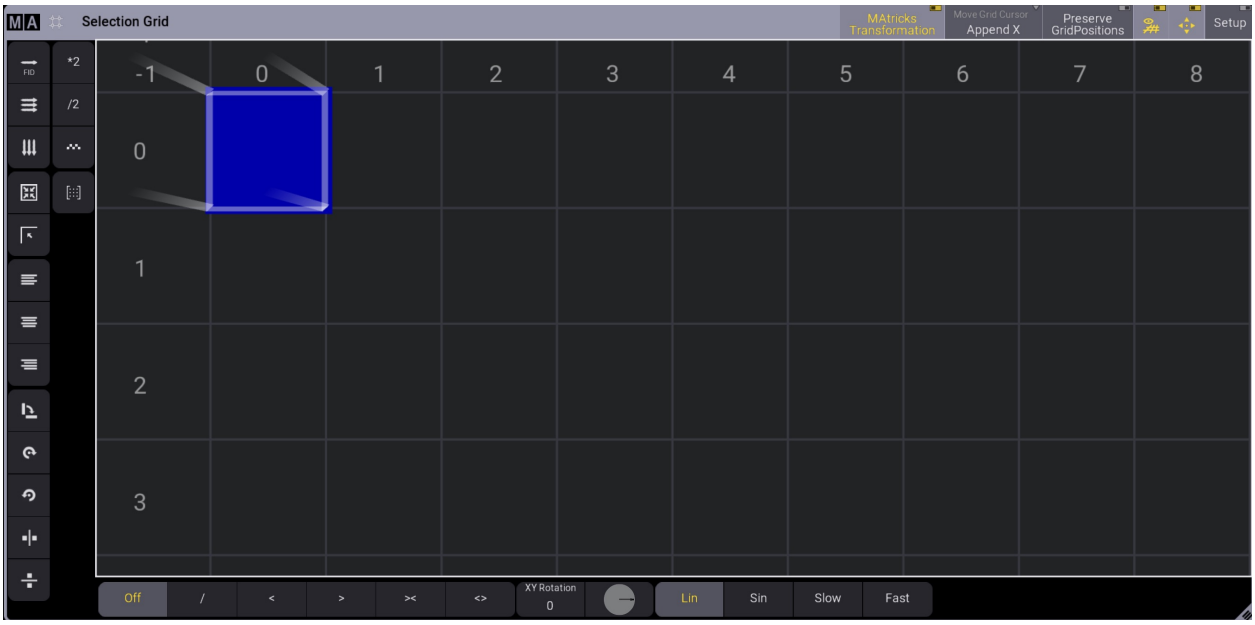


Selection Grid window

When a cell other than the origin 0/0/0 is selected, Preserve GridPositions in the title bar will be enabled. When it's disabled, all gaps and offsets to the origin will be removed.
The state of Preserve GridPosition can be recalled if it is disabled before storing the selection into an object.

When selecting fixtures, the Move Grid Cursor setting in the title bar will work as specified in the user profile. For more information, see User Settings.

Tap and hold Move Grid Cursor to open the Select Move Grid Cursor drop-down menu:

After a selection is made:

1. **None**: The cursor will stay at its position when the selection is made.
2. **Append X**: The Cursor will move to the next available X-axis cell on the grid.
3. **New Line**: The cursor moves to X=0 on the following line.

Small icons in the upper left corner of the Selection button in the encoder bar display the used axes and the selected Move Grid Cursor setting:

- : x-axis

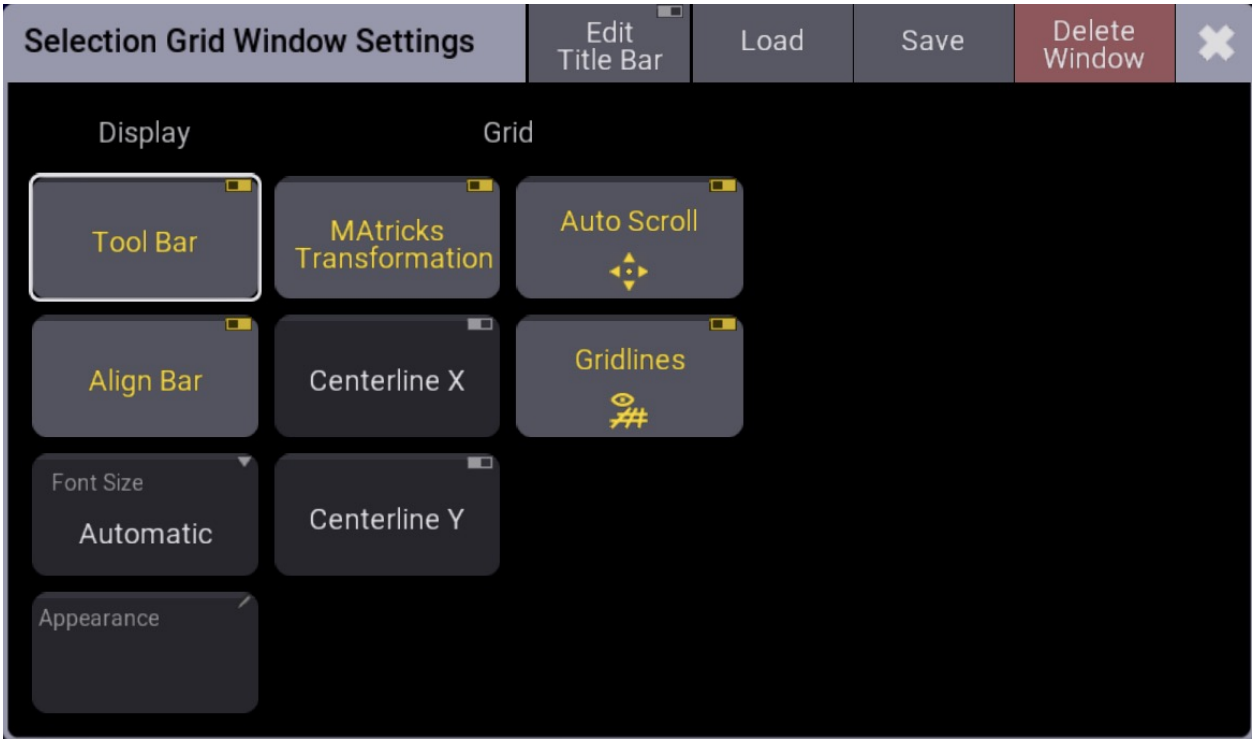
- : y-axis
- : z-axis
- : None
- : Append X
- : New Line

Tapping the Selection button in the encoder bar opens a temporary selection grid window.

Tap in the title bar to toggle the grid's visibility.

When tapping in the title bar, the window is reset to fit all the fixtures and the grid cursor in the selection grid window.

Tap the MA logo on the left side of the Selection Grid window's title bar to open the **Selection Grid Window Settings**.



Selection Grid Window Settings

Buttons in the display column:

- Tool Bar: Shows or hides the toolbar in the Selection Grid window.
- Align Bar: Shows or hides the align bar in the Selection Grid window.
- Font Size: This selects the font size in the window. A swipe button opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is size 18.
- Appearances: Tapping this button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and allows you to create a new one. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.

- MAtricks Transformation: When applying MAtricks, this setting defines whether the transformation done by MAtricks is displayed in the Selection Grid window. The default value is Enabled.
- Centerline X: Displays a vertical red line across the Selection Grid window at the selection center.
- Centerline Y: Displays a horizontal red line across the Selection Grid window at the selection center.
- Auto Scroll: This toggle button activates the auto-scrolling function. When the sheet or grid is scrolled, the active object remains visible in the window.
- Gridlines: Shows or hides the grid lines.

To display or hide buttons from the Selection Grid window Title bar, tap Edit Title Bar in the **Selection Grid Window Settings** title bar:

Selection Grid Window Settings - Edit Tool Bar active.

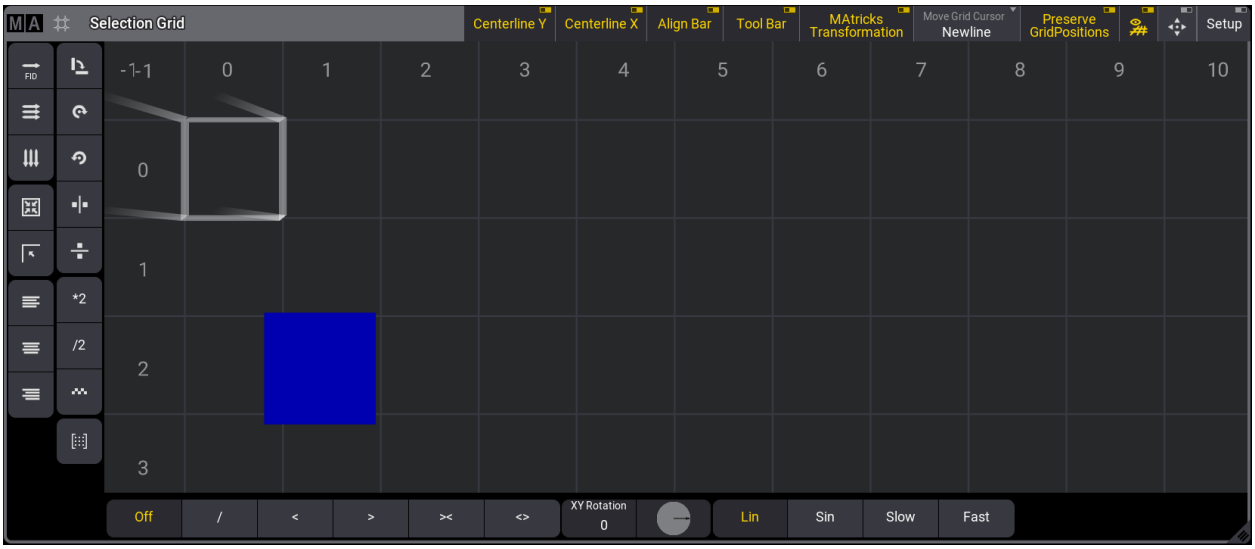
The grid cursor can be moved by tapping within the selection window, using the arrow keys on the keyboard, or entering the grid keyword. For more information, see Grid Keyword.

Pressing and holding MA + X3 | Grid will enter the grid keyword in the command line:

For example, moving the cursor to X position 1, Y position 2, and Z position 1, press the following keys:

MA + X3 | Grid 1 / 2 / 1 Please

If the Z-axis value is 1, it can be omitted.



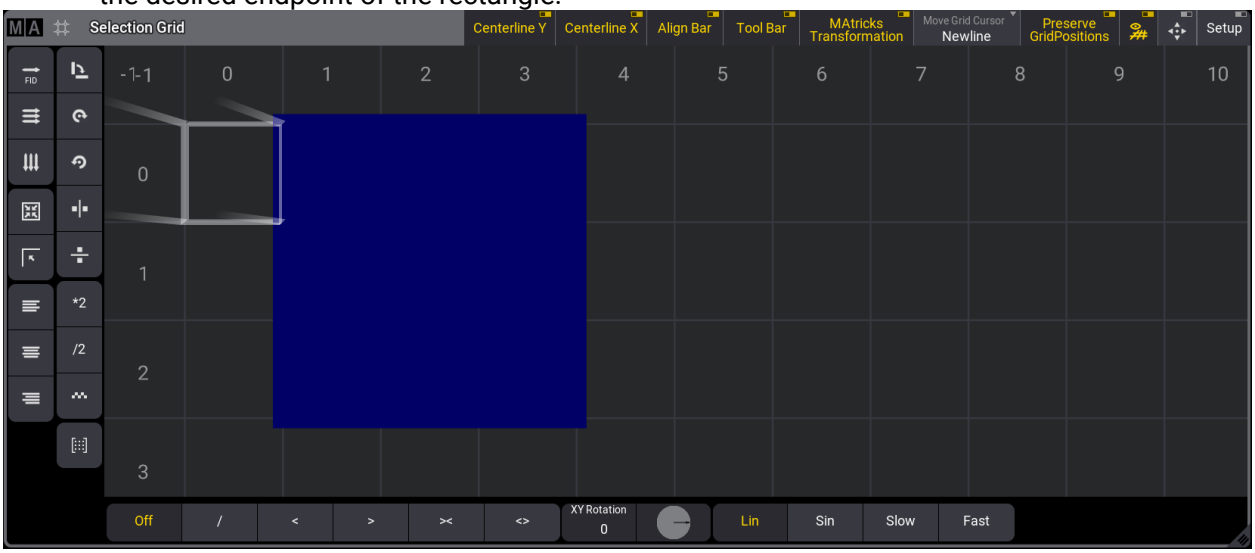
Selection Grid window with cursor moved to X position 1, Y position 2

Multiple Cells

The grid cursor can be more than one cell. For example, a square area of grid cells can be selected.

Use one of the following methods to select a range of cells:

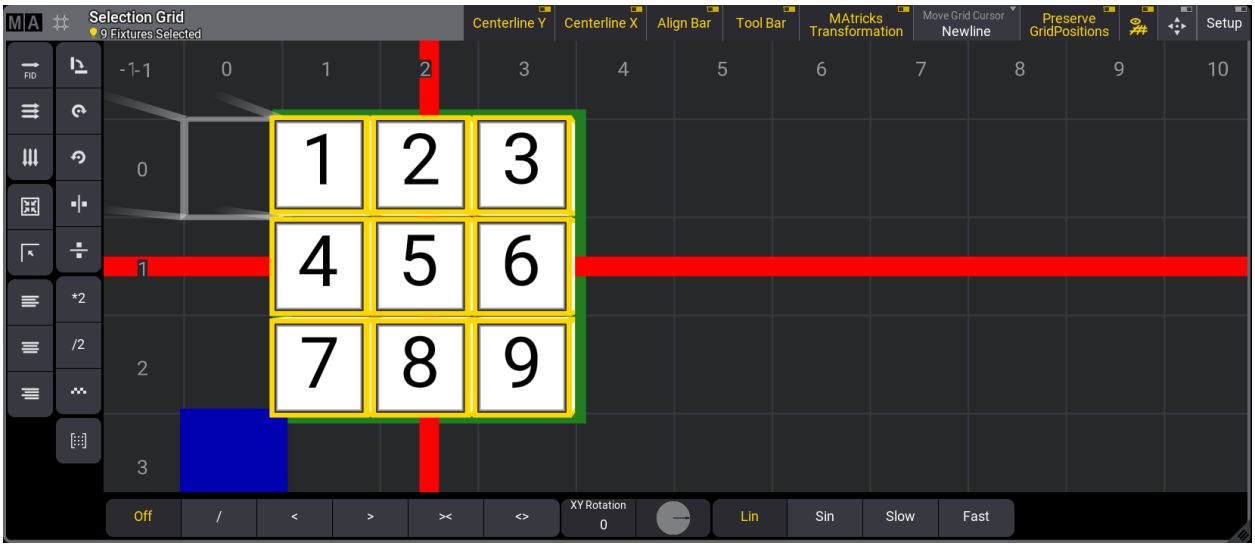
1. Use the Thru keyword to specify the range of cells. For example, press the following keys: MA + X3 | Grid 1 Thru 3 / 2 Please
2. Position the grid cursor at the starting point of the rectangle, press and hold the Shift key, then use the keyboard arrow keys to define the rectangle's size, or tap the desired endpoint of the rectangle.
3. Position the grid cursor at the starting point of the rectangle, press and hold the MA key, then tap the desired endpoint of the rectangle.



Multiple cells are selected in the Selection Grid window.

Selecting fixtures after defining the grid puts the fixtures in this area:

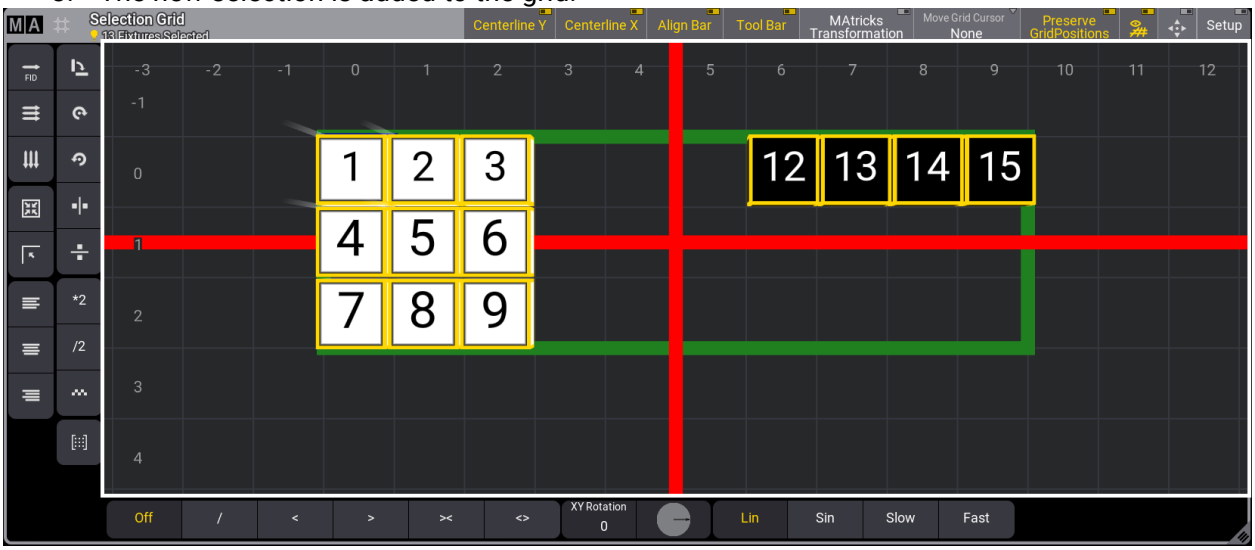
This will be the result if, for example, fixtures 1 thru 9 were selected and applied to the cell configuration above:



Selection Grid window with multiple cell selection

Fixtures can be added to the current selection:

1. Move the cursor to where you want to add the following selection.
2. Select some fixtures.
3. The new selection is added to the grid.



Selection Grid window with a new selection added

The horizontal and vertical red lines represent the center of the selection, and the green outline represents the overall selection.

Fixtures can be knocked out of the programmer by pressing Off and tapping a fixture in the selection grid.
Or a range of fixtures can be knocked out of the programmer by pressing Off Fixture 1 Thru 4 Please, for example.

Perspective and Planar

Perspective and planar modes can be used to position the fixtures in the selection grid based on the desired camera view:

These are the general syntax:

Grid "Perspective" Camera ["Camera_Name" or Camera_Number]

Grid "Planar" Camera ["Camera_Name" or Camera_Number]

	Known Limitation:
	At the moment, these two commands will not work if subfixtures are selected.

Store the Grid

The grid information can be stored in groups, presets, or other objects when the fixtures are positioned.

Read more about storing groups in the Create Groups topic or generally about groups in the Groups topic.

You can read about storing presets in the Create Presets topic or, more generally, about presets in the Presets topic.

Read more about storing cues in the Store Cues topic or the cues and sequences section.

Group preferences are located in the Preferences and Timings menu.

To open the Preferences and Timings menu, press Menu, then tap Preferences and Timings.

Tap Groups on the left side at the bottom of the window.

Preferences and Timing - Groups menu

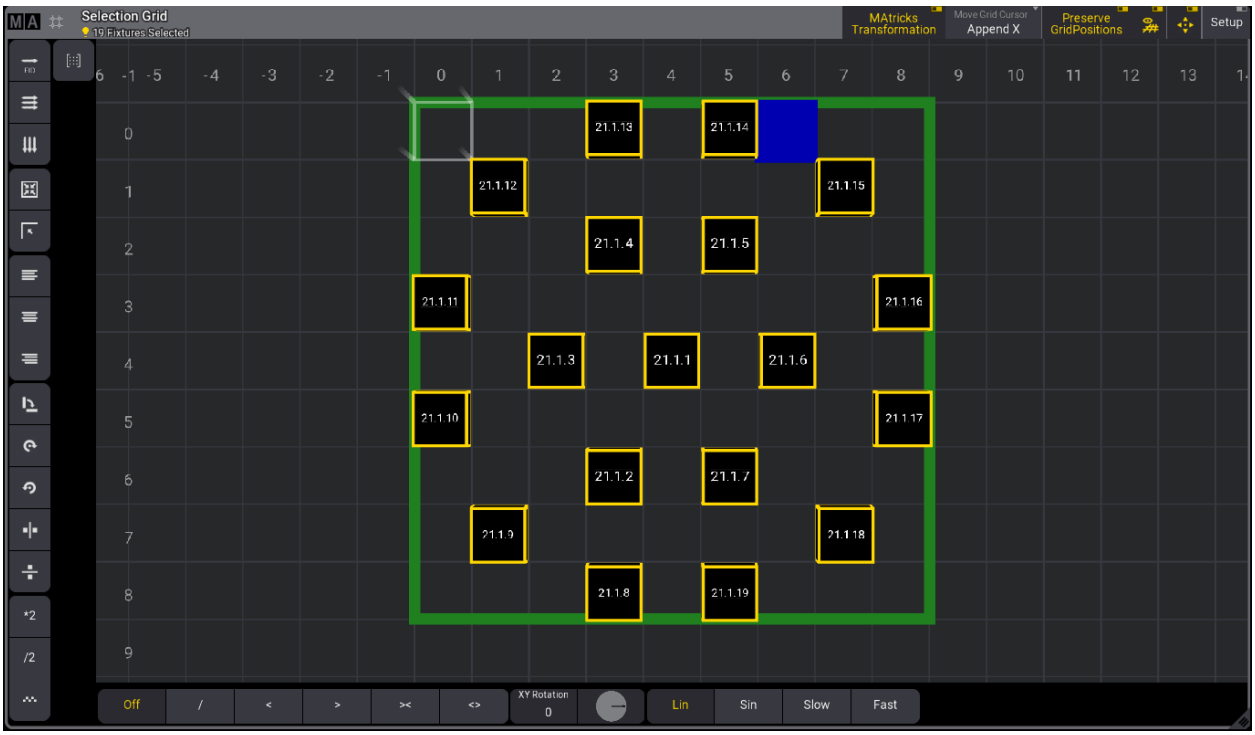
- When Move Grid Cursor 1D Selection is enabled, **Move Grid Cursor** will be enabled in the stored group, given that the Selection Grid has a selection only in one dimension.
- Move Grid Cursor 2D/3D Selection will enable **Move Grid Cursor** in the stored group, given that the Selection Grid has a selection in at least two dimensions.

- MAtricks X, Y, and Z directions are relative to the entire range of selected fixtures.

When multi-instance fixtures are selected, pressing the Down key positions the subfixtures according to their arrangement within the main fixture. Press Up to return to the former selection. This works for all levels, and each level can have its own MAtricks.

The position defined by the geometries inside the fixture type will determine the grid position of the subfixtures. For more information, see Insert Geometries.

The image below is an example of subfixtures positions for the Mac Aura PXL:

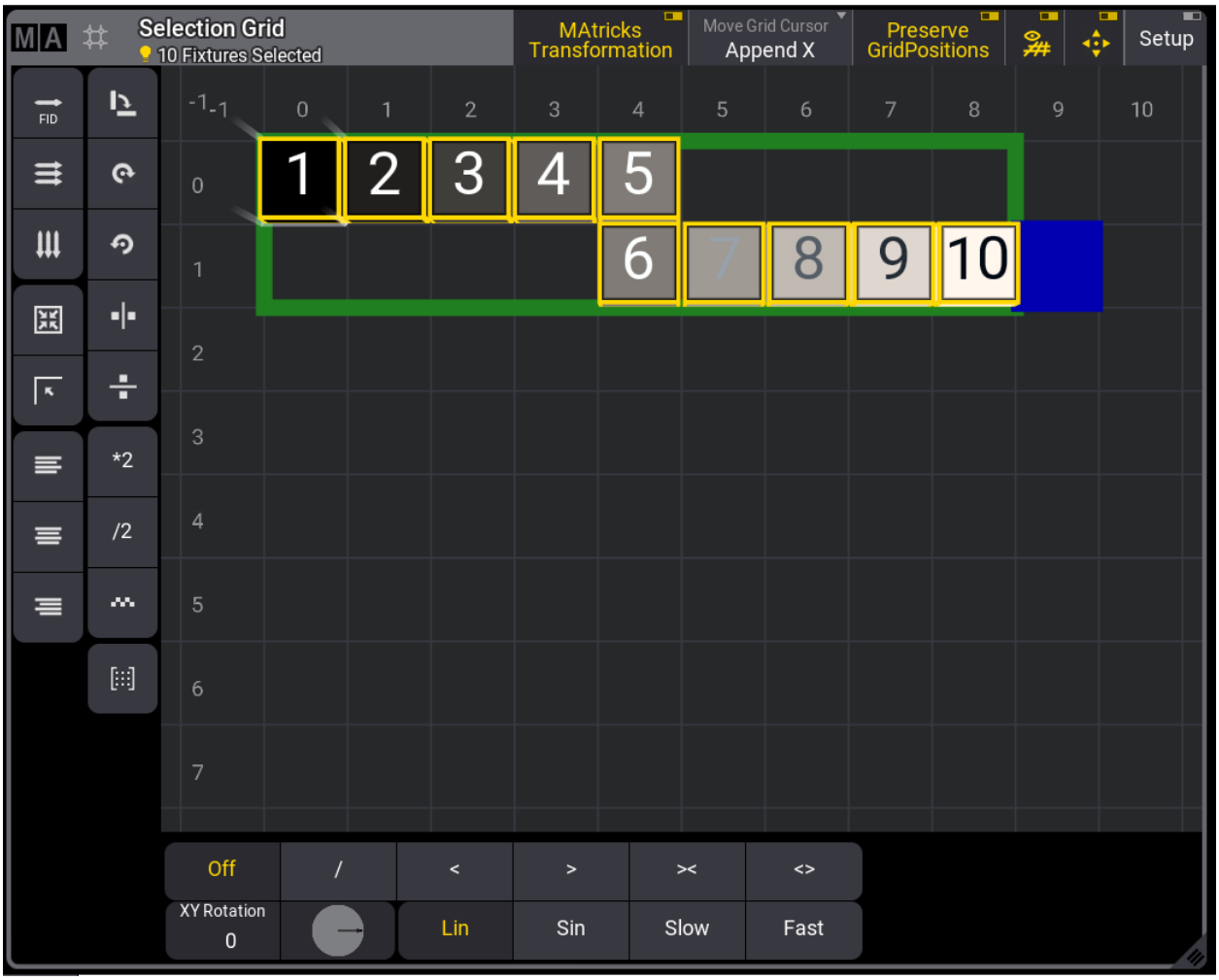


Align Range Functionality

The Align Range functionality, Rx, Ry, and Rz in the MAtricks window, allows the user to define whether the values are to be aligned across the whole selection or individually per row/column. This can be defined separately per axis. When an Align Range is enabled, the frame around the selection in the Selection Grid window changes to a dark sea green color.

For example, to align ranges to be calculated per row rather than across the whole grid, enable Rx.

At 0 Thru 100 with Rx disabled: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10 Fixtures Selected
MAtricks Transformation
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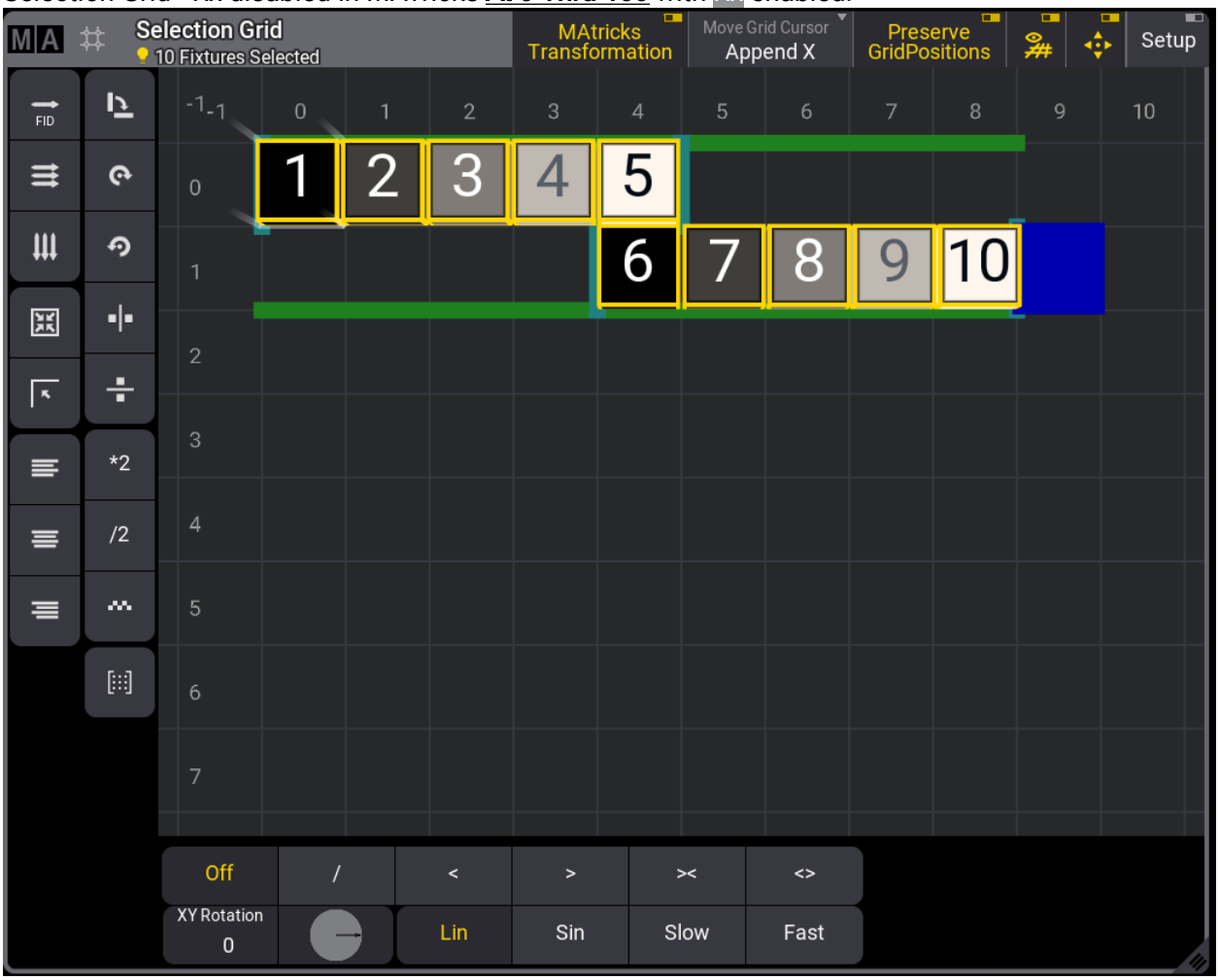


Selection Grid - MATricks enabled

For more information about align in general, see Align.

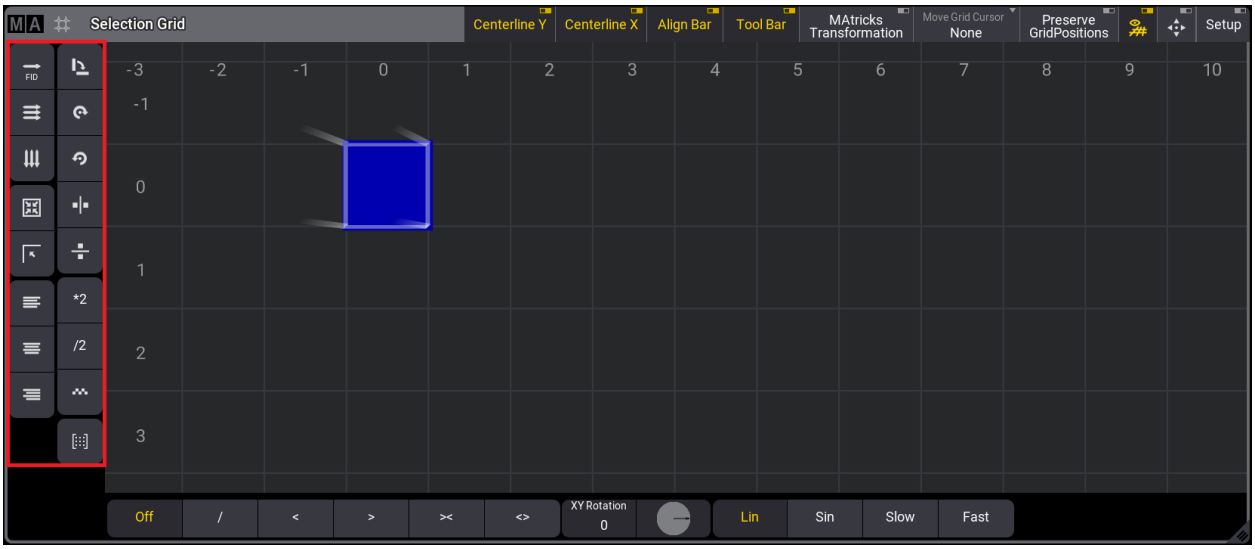
Subtopics

- Selection Grid Tool Bar
- Selection Grid Setup Mode
- GridStore Function

1.15.13.1. Selection Grid Tool Bar

Selection Grid Tool Bar

When the Selection Grid Tool Bar is enabled, it is visible on the left side of the Selection Grid window. The tools can be used to modify the arrangement of the selected fixtures.



Selection Grid toolbar

Here's a description of what the tools can do:

- **Linearize Grid Numerical**: The currently selected fixtures are rearranged into a line starting at Grid 0/0/0. The new fixture order is in ascending order by Fixture ID (and, secondarily, by CID).
- **Linearize Grid Left To Right, then Top to Bottom**: The currently selected fixtures are rearranged into a line starting at Grid 0/0/0. Based on the current grid arrangement, the new fixture order is determined to work from left to right first, then from top to bottom.
- **Linearize Grid Top to Bottom, then Left to Right**: The currently selected fixtures are rearranged into a line starting at Grid 0/0/0. Based on the current grid arrangement, the new fixture order is determined to work from top to bottom first, then from left to right.
- **Remove Gaps:** Remove gaps between fixtures.
- **Remove Offset:** Removes the offset between the origin and the selection**.**
- **Apply Left Alignment to Grid:** Align the selection to the left of the whole selection.
- **Apply Center Alignment to Grid:** Align the selection at the center of the grid.
- **Apply Right Alignment to Grid:** Align the selection to the right of the whole selection.
- **Transpose Grid**: Interchanges the X and Y grid coordinates of every selected fixture.
- **Rotate Grid by 90 Degrees to the right**: Rotate the currently selected fixtures 90° clockwise in the XY plane.
- **Rotate Grid by 90 Degrees to the left**: Rotate the currently selected fixtures 90° counterclockwise about the XY plane.
- **Mirror Grid at X-axis**: Mirrors the fixtures in the grid along a vertical mirror line.

- **Mirror Grid at Y-axis**: Mirrors the fixtures in the grid along a horizontal mirror line.
- *2 **Multiply Grid Coordinates by 2:** Relatively multiplies the space between fixtures on the x-axis.
- /2 **Divide Grid Coordinates by 2:** Relatively divide the space between fixtures on the x-axis.
- **Make Grid Symmetrical:** Transforms the current selection to be symmetrical.
- **Use MAtricks Positions and Reset MAtricks:** keep the fixtures at their MAtricks transformed coordinates and remove MAtricks.

Use the Grid keyword to trigger the grid tools from the command line. For example, to trigger the **Transpose** tool, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Grid "Transpose"
```

These are the commands for each tool:

- Linearize Grid Numerical: Grid "Linearize" "Numerical"
- Linearize Grid Left To Right, then Top to Bottom: Grid "Linearize" "LeftToRight"
- Linearize Grid Top to Bottom, then Left to Right: Grid "Linearize" "TopToBottom"
- Remove Gaps: Grid "RemoveGaps"
- Remove Offsets: Grid "RemoveOffset"
- Apply Left Alignment to Grid: Grid "Align" "Left"
- Apply Center Alignment to Grid: Grid "Align" "Center"
- Apply Right Alignment to Grid: Grid "Align" "Right"
- Transpose Grid: Grid "Transpose"
- Rotate Grid by 90 Degrees to the right: Grid "Rotate" "Right"
- Rotate Grid by 90 Degrees to the left: Grid "Rotate" "Left"
- Mirror Grid at X-axis: Grid "Flip" "X"
- Mirror Grid at Y-axis: Grid "Flip" "Y"
- Multiply grid coordinates by 2: Grid "Multiply" 2
- Divide grid Coordinate by 2: Grid "Divide" 2
- Make grid symmetrical: Grid "MakeSymmetrical"
- Use matricks positions and reset matricks: Grid "UseMatricksPositions"

Grid Coordinates can be multiplied or divided by values other than 2. For example, to multiply the grid coordinates by the factor 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Grid "Multiply" 6
```

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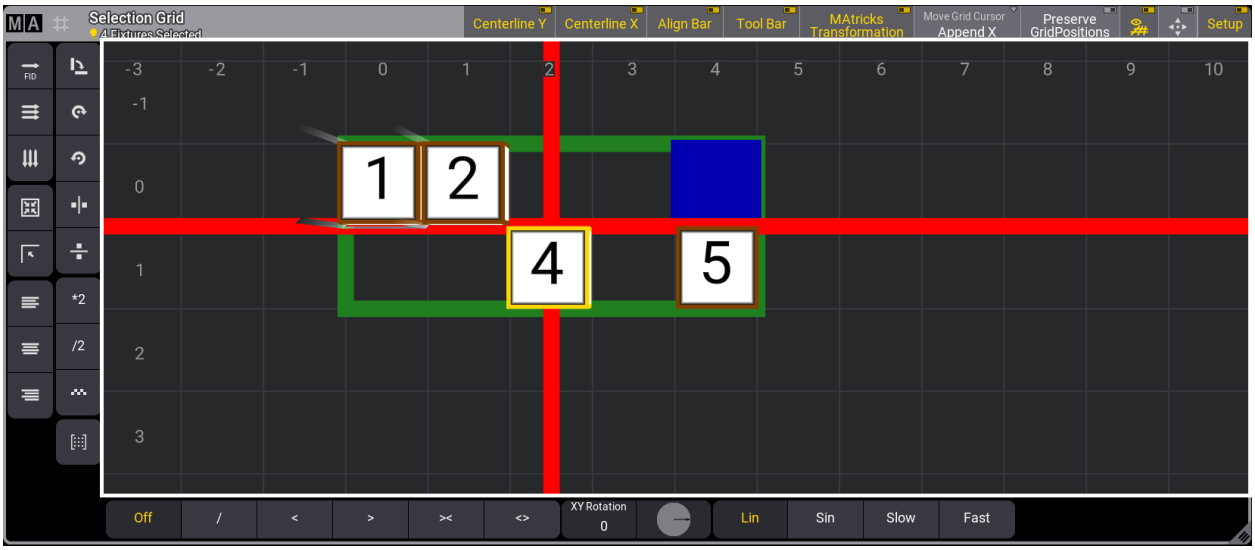
1.15.13.2. Selection Grid Setup Mode

Selection Grid Setup Mode

When the **Setup** mode is enabled, fixtures can be moved in the selection grid.

To enter the **Setup** mode, tap Setup in the title bar of the **Selection Grid**.



Selection Grid window in Setup mode

Here's an example of how to move fixtures around in setup mode:

1. Select some fixtures.
2. Enable Setup in the title bar. Fixture boxes now have dark orange frames.
3. Tap a fixture to select it.
4. Tap, hold, and drag the selected fixture to a new position.
5. When done adjusting the grid positions, tap Setup in the title bar to disable it.

More than one fixture can be selected by tapping them in the Selection grid or doing a lasso selection.

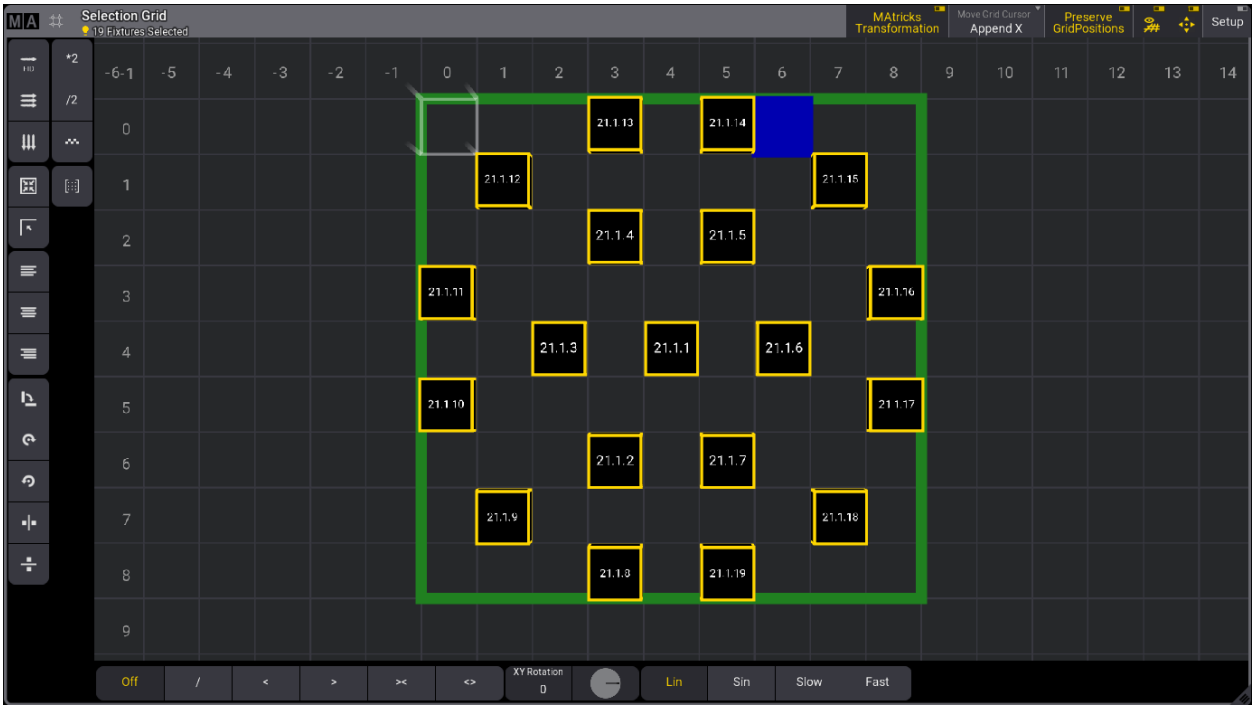
Fixtures can be placed on negative grid coordinates in the Selection Grid.

When the Setup mode is enabled, Selection in the encoder bar has a pulsating yellow indicator bar.

1.15.13.3. GridStore Function

The fixture types imported and patched in your show file may have been built with the right subfixture arrangement.

For example, Martin Professional Mac Aura PXL:



The fixture type editor sets the grid position of the subfixtures. For more information, see Build Fixture Types and Insert Geometries.

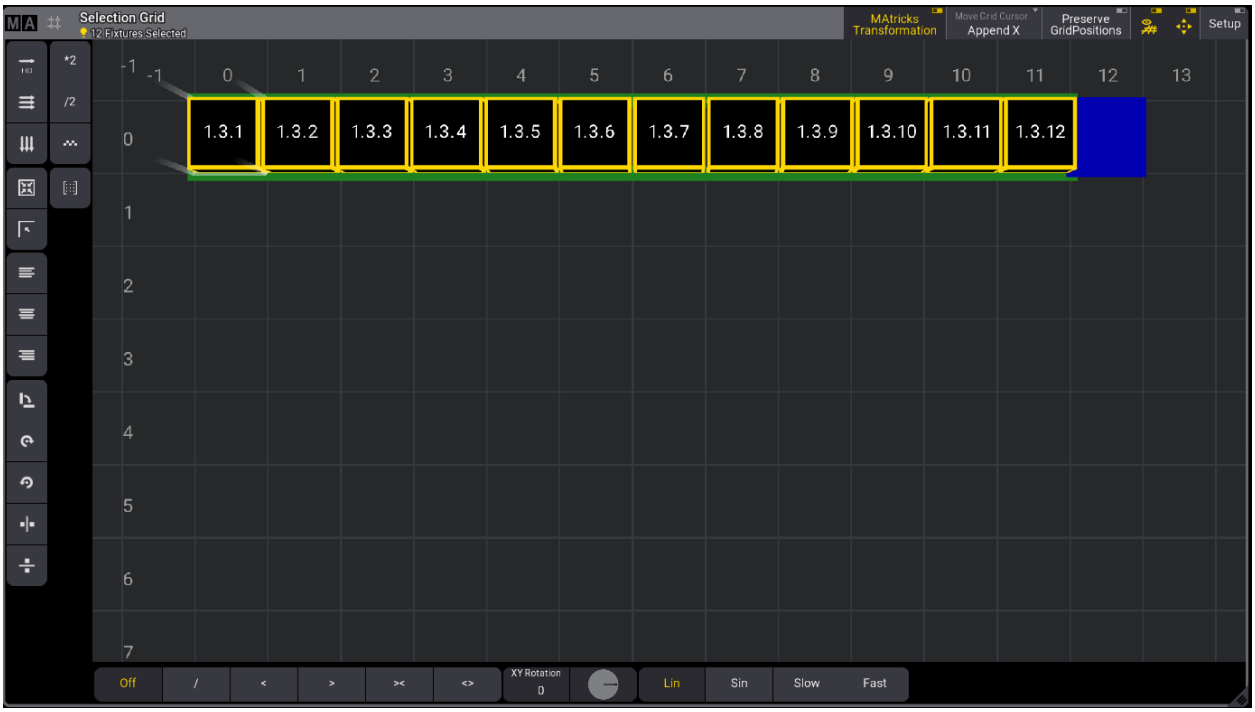
The grid position of subfixtures can also be transferred to fixture types using the GridStore keyword.

Requirements for the following example:

- One patched GLP JDC2 IP set to M4 - Segment 12-24 mode. See Patch and Fixture Setup.
- Set FID to 1.
- An open selection grid window.

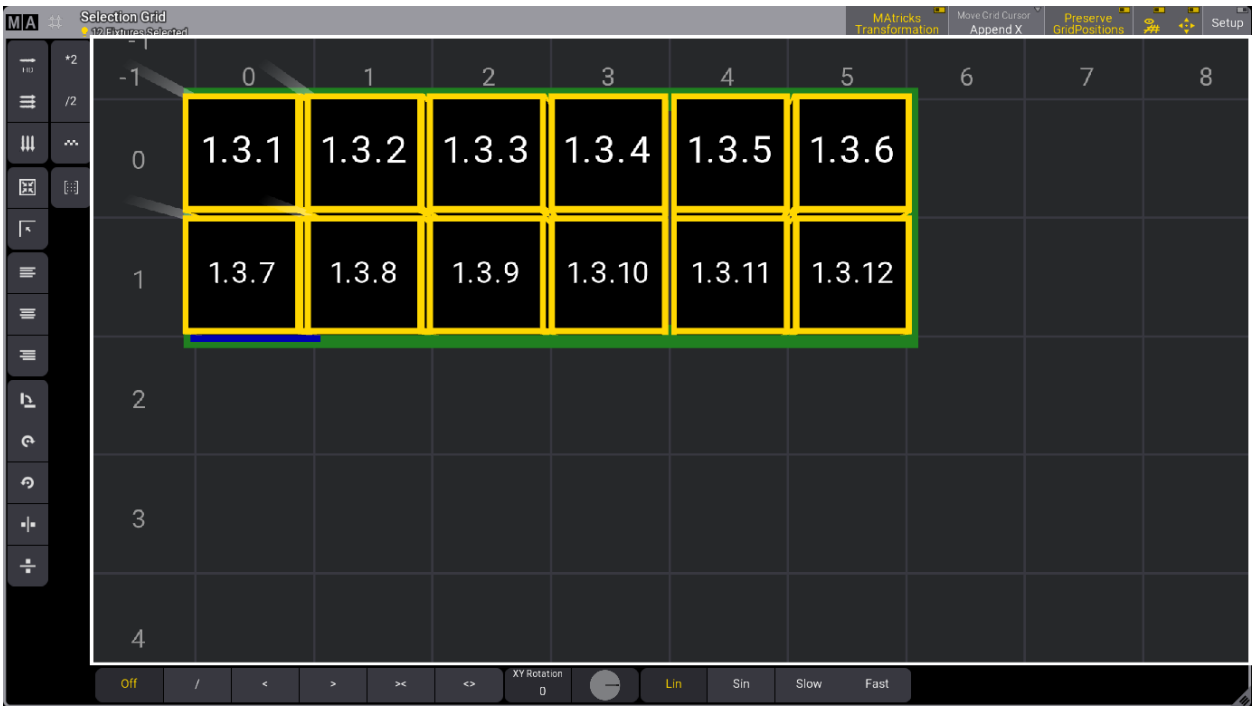
Workflow:

1. Select fixture 1.3 and press Down. The selection grid looks like this:



2. Tap Setup to enter setup mode.
3. Position the subfixtures and exit setup. For more information, see Selection Grid Setup Mode.

The selection grid could look like this:



4. Type the keyword **GridStore** in the command line and press Please.

The subfixtures grid positions are transferred to the fixture type in the show file.

The arrangement for the selected fixtures will apply to other fixtures of the same type.

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You can use the grid settings per fixture when the same fixture type is used, for example, hung and in a floor position on stage. For more information, see Add Fixtures to the Show.

1.16. Label Objects

All objects can be labeled using the label pop-up. The label pop-up can contain a name, a note, a scribble, and an appearance. It differs depending on the type of object. For example, there are no scribbles available for labeling cues. All options are available for pool objects.

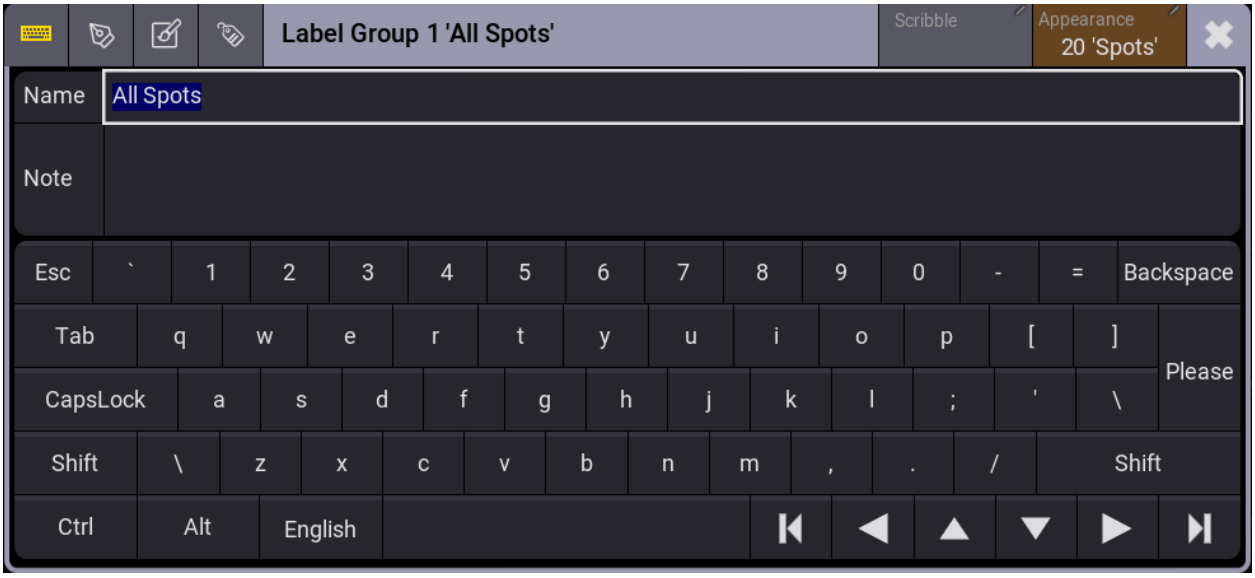
The name can be changed using the Label keyword. It can be written in the command line. Write **Label** followed by the object you want to name and then the name in quotation marks.

For instance, if group 1 needs to be named "Stage Right Spots" use the following command:

The label command can be accessed by pressing the Assign twice. The syntax is the same no matter how the command is created:

Label [Object_Type] ["Current_Object_Name" or Object_Number] "New_Object Name"

If the object name is omitted in the command, an **Edit Label** pop-up appears:



Label pop-up for a pool object

The keyboard icon ( ) opens an on-screen keyboard. If the keyboard is visible, then the icon is yellow.

The Scribble icon ( ) opens the **Scribble pad**. If the Scribble pad is visible, then the icon is yellow. When starting to scribble in the blank scribble editor, a new scribble in the scribble pool will be created.

The Appearance icon ( ) opens the appearance editor. If the appearance editor is visible, then the icon is yellow. When starting to tap around in the blank appearance editor, a new appearance will be created in the appearance pool.

The tags icon ( ) opens the tags pop-up to assign and unassign tags.

	Hint:
	On small screens all buttons behave as radio buttons. On big screens, the keyboard button is a toggle, the scribble, appearance and tags button behave as radio buttons.

Tap Scribble in the title bar to select scribbles in a dropdown menu.

Tap Appearance in the title bar to choose between all appearances in the appearance pool. The selected appearance is shown in the editor.

The label pop-up also has easy access to add a note to the object. Learn more in Notes.

The last touched pool object has a white frame around it. If the keyboard is used, the keyboard text input is often interpreted as a new label input, which can be used to label all pool objects. This is the fastest way to label newly created objects.

Learn more about scribbles in the Scribble section.

Learn more about appearances in the Appearance section.

1.17. Notes

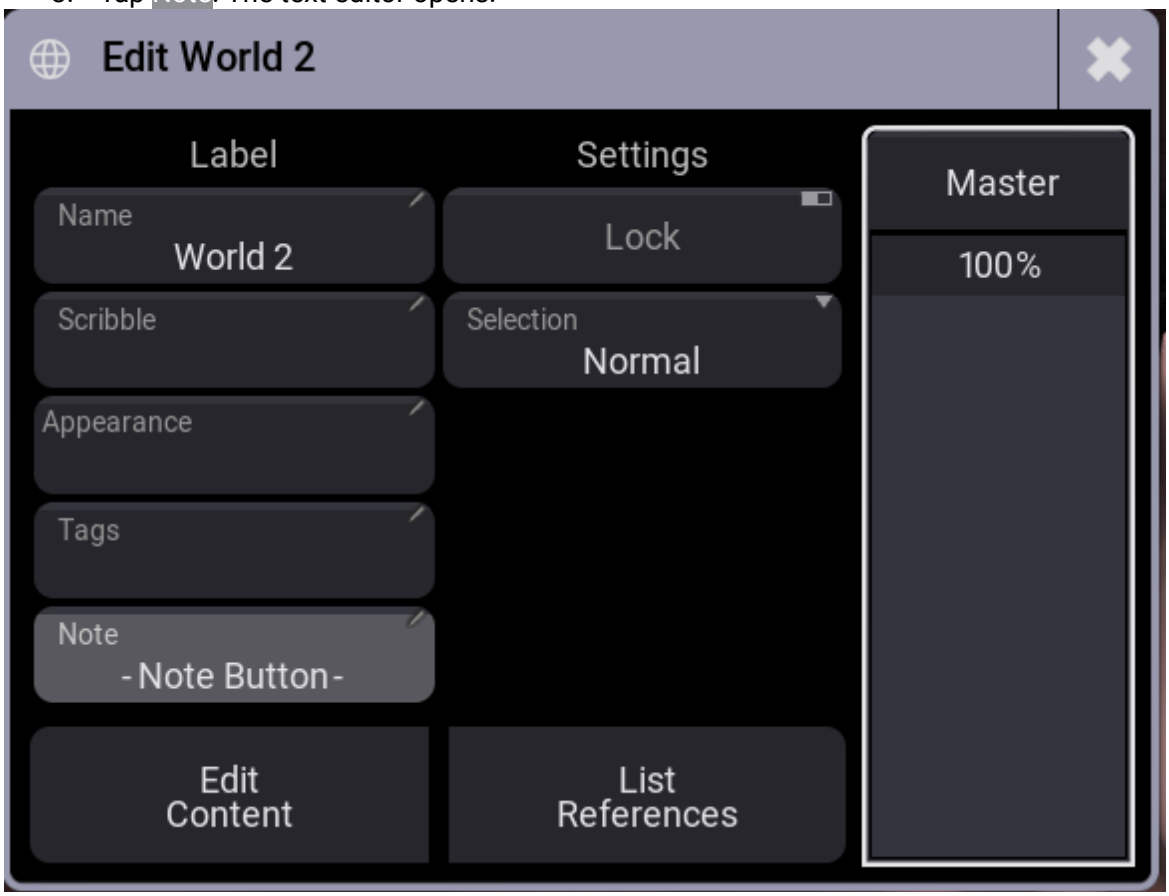
Short notes can be used to add information in form of written text to objects, such as in Presets, Groups, Macros, Cues, or Fixture Types. The notes are written in a text editor. The text editor is accessible via a Note button in the corresponding object or a **Note** cell. See examples below.

- Notes can be added to pool objects via the label command. For more information, see Label pool objects.
- Notes can be added via the note keyword, too. For more information, see Note keyword.
- Notes are part of the object information and can be seen and edited from the info window. For more information, see Info window.

Examples

To enter the note button in a world pool:

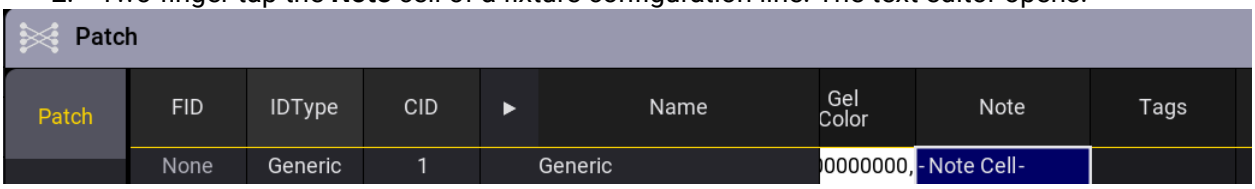
1. Add Window - Data Pools - World.
2. Use the swipey command on world pool object 2 and tap Edit Setting.
3. Tap Note. The text editor opens.



Note button - World pool object

To enter a note cell in the patch:

1. Menu - Patch.
2. Two-finger tap the **Note** cell of a fixture configuration line. The text editor opens.



Patch - Note cell

To learn more about notes in particular, continue with the following subtopics and their examples.

Subtopics

- Notes in Pool Objects
- Notes in Cues

1.17.1. Notes in Pool Objects

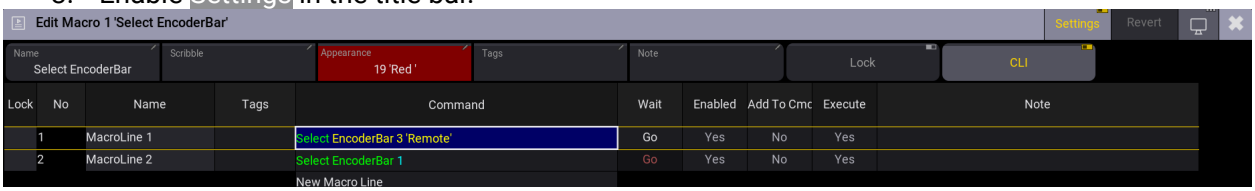
The following example shows how to add a note to a macro. For more information about macros, refer to the Macros topic.

- **Requirement**: The grandMA3 demo show is loaded.

For an overview of the example below, have a look at this video:

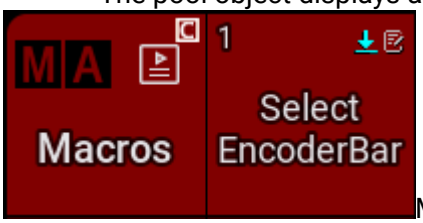
To add a note to a macro, follow these steps:

1. Open the Add Window dialog, tap Data Pools, and then tap Macros. The Macro Pool window opens.
2. Press Edit and then tap the first macro pool object called Select EncoderBar. The macro editor opens.
3. Enable Settings in the title bar.



Macro Editor.

4. Tap Note in the Settings bar at the top in the macro editor. The text input editor opens.
5. Type "Macro" into the text field and then tap Save in the top right corner. The text input editor closes and the text is saved.
6. Tap , to close the macro editor.
   The pool object displays a note symbol in the top right corner:

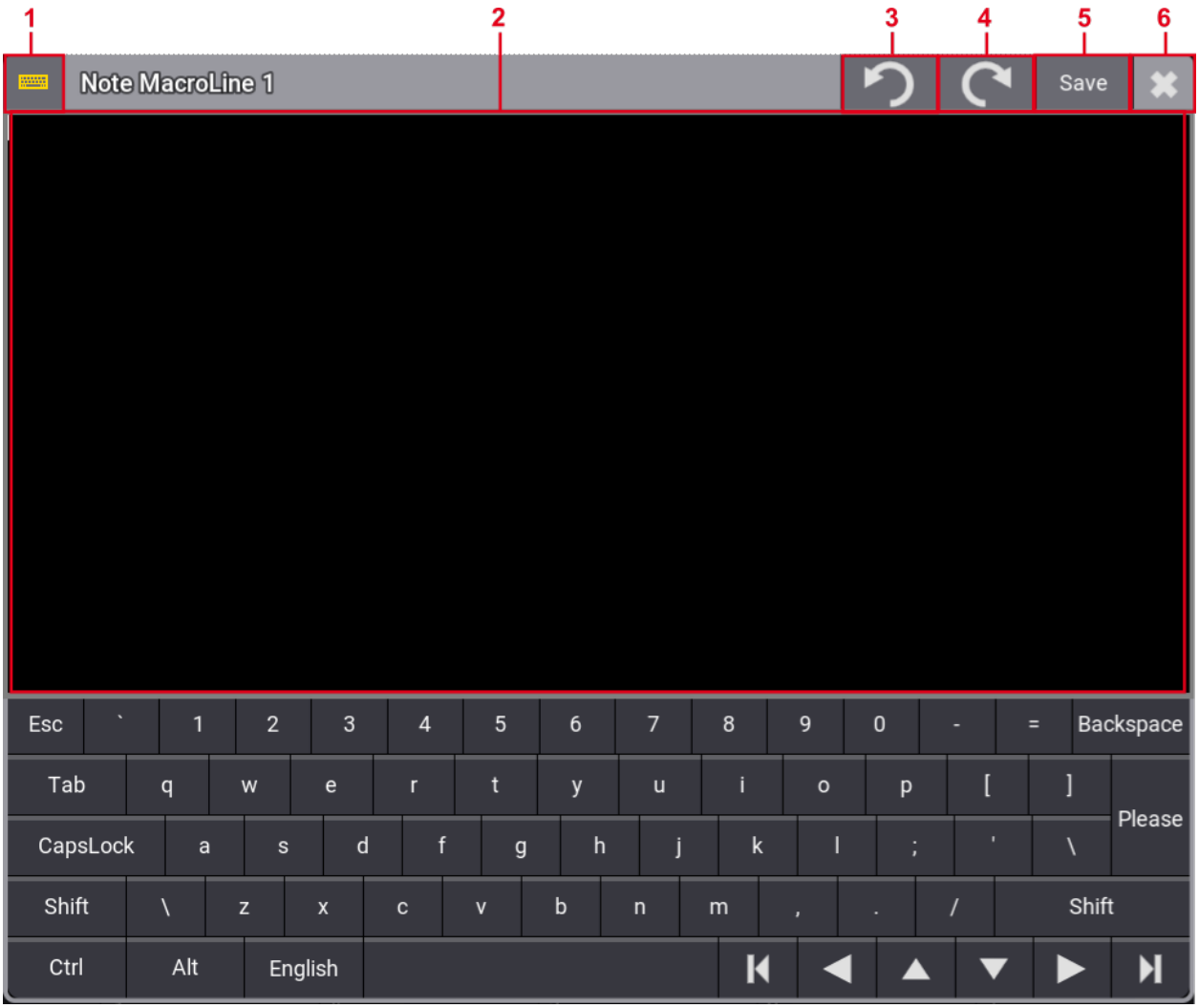


Macros - Pool object 1.

To edit the note in a note cell, for example, a macro line, follow these steps:

1. Type **Edit Macro 1** into the command line and press Please. The editor opens.
2. Right-click the Note cell of MacroLine 1.
   The text input editor opens.
3. Follow the steps 4 and 5 from above.

Text Input Editor



Note Editor

The text input editor has the following features:

1. Shows or hides the virtual keyboard.
2. Text field.
3. Undoes last changes.
4. Redoes the last changes.
5. Saves the changes and closes the input dialog. Alternatively, press Please on the console.
6. Closes the input dialog. A pop-up opens if changes are unsaved.

For more information about the virtual keyboard, refer to the Command Line topic.

	Hint:
	Press MA + 8, 2, 4, or 6 to move the cursor inside the text field.
	Hint:
	When editing notes, the numeric keypad on the grandMA3 hardware can be used to enter values, and Oops can be used as a backspace.

1.17.2. Notes in Cues

The following example shows how to add a note to a cue. Notes, for example, can inform the operator of primary on-stage procedures to trigger the next cue. For information about cues, refer to the Cues and Sequences topic. Notes can also be displayed and edited in the Info window, see Info Window.

- **Requirement**: The grandMA3 demo show is loaded.

To add a note to a cue:

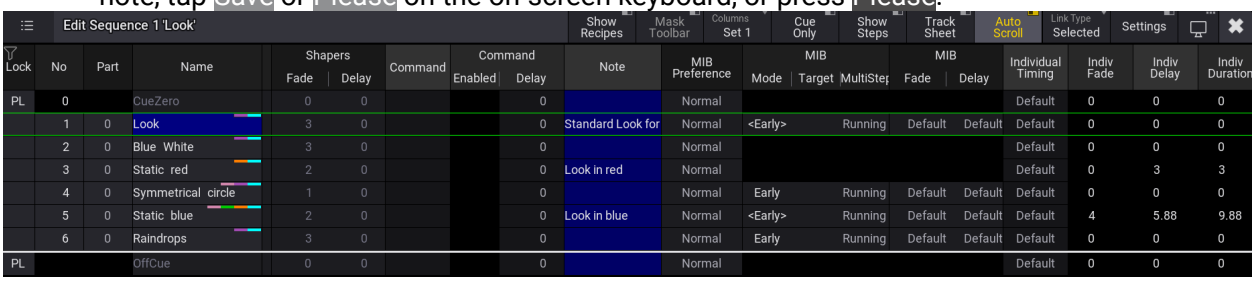
1. Open the Add window menu, tap Common, and then tap Sequence Sheet.
2. Tap and hold Link Type on the sequence sheet toolbar. From the dropdown menu, tap **Selected**.
3. Open the Sequence Pool window (See Add Window) and tap sequence 1 "Look". Sequence 1 is now selected, or type in the command line:

   User name[Fixture]>Select Sequence "Look"

   Or

   User name[Fixture]>Select Sequence 1

4. Press Edit, then tap in a note cell in a cue; the text input editor opens. After finishing typing the note, tap Save or Please on the on-screen keyboard, or press Please.



Sequence 1 with different Notes added.

Multi-Line Editor

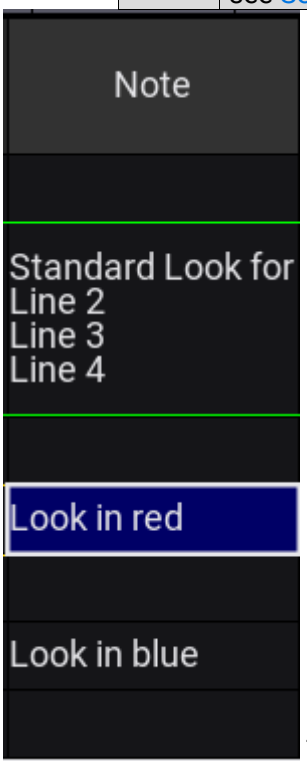
The text editor in notes is a multi-line editor. Multiple lines can be added by pressing Shift + Please when the text editor is open. For more information about the text editor, see Text Input Editor.

Changing the Line Height

To change the line height manually:

1. Tap MA on the top left corner of the sequence sheet, and the Sequence Sheet Settings opens.
2. Tap the Mask tab.
3. Tap Line Height. The line height of the sequence sheet changes.

	Hint:
	When Line Height is set to Auto, the row adjusts its height based on the number of lines. For more information about the sequence sheet settings, see Sequence Sheet.



The height of the rows is adjusted dynamically when Line Height is set to Auto.

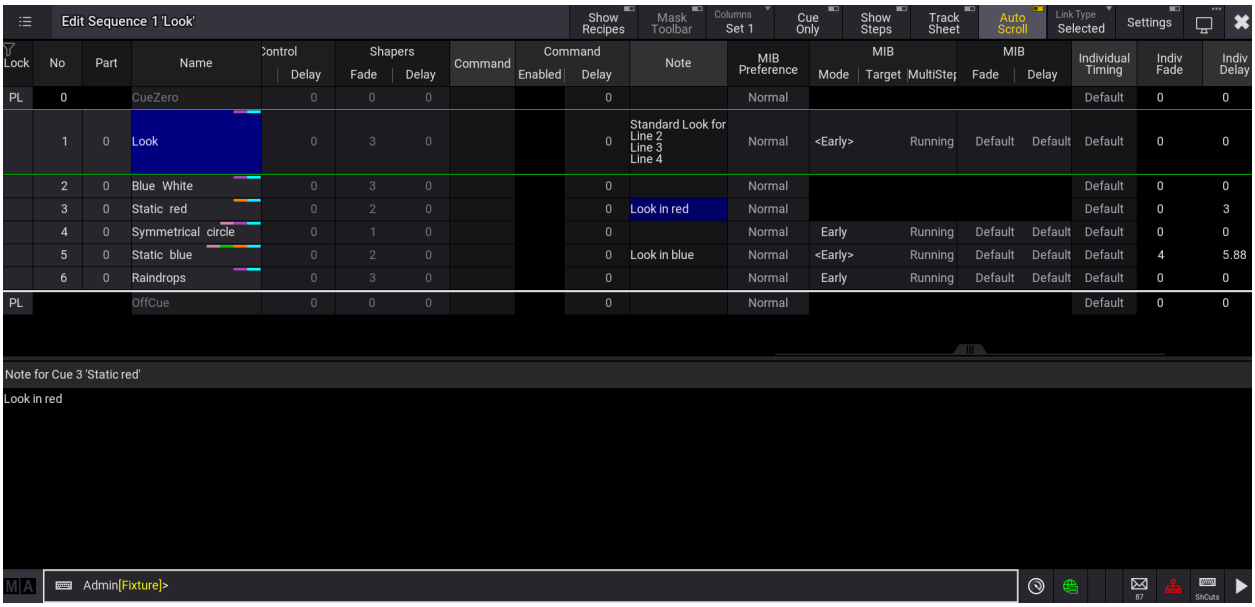
Show Notes

Load the grandMA3 demo show for this example.

Another way of displaying notes in the Sequence Sheet or Content Sheet is via Show Notes tab. Show Notes can be enabled/disabled in the dedicated window settings. For more information about window settings, see Window Settings.

To enable Show Notes in the Sequence Sheet:

1. Tap the MA logo of the sequence sheet, and the Sequence Sheet Settings open.
2. Tap the Mask tab and then enable Show Notes. Close the window.
3. A text field with the note of the currently selected Cue is added to the Sequence Sheet as shown below:



Show Notes enabled in the Sequence Sheet

	Hint:
	When Show Notes is enabled, Show Recipes is disabled.

Important features of Show Notes:

- The text field can be used, for example, to display notes for a currently active or selected cue.
- The text field allows live editing of notes.
- The text field shows information about the currently selected note. For example, "Note for Cue 1: Look" in the image above.

1.18. Scribbles

Scribbles are small drawings that are created in the software and can be assigned to objects.

All scribbles are stored in the scribbles pool. For more information on opening the scribbles pool see Add Window.

Paste to Command Line

Scribbles pool

Scribbles can be created in the scribbles pool and then assigned to other objects or they can be created directly in the label pop-up. For more information about labels, see Label Keyword and Label Objects.

	Important:
	Scribbles that are created while labeling an object are automatically stored in the scribbles pool.

Subtopics

- Create Scribbles
- Assign Scribbles
- Delete Scribbles

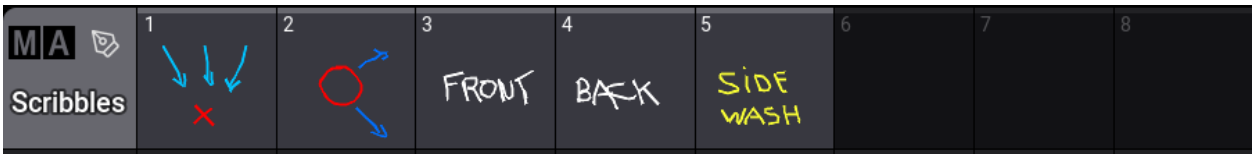
1.18.1. Create Scribbles

	Hint:
	Editing and creating scribbles follows the same steps.

Scribbles can be edited in the scribbles pool or in the label pop-up.

Create Scribbles in the Scribbles Pool

Scribbles are stored in the scribbles pool.



To edit an object in the scribbles pool, use one of the following options:

- Press Edit and then tap an object in the scribbles pool.
- Open the swipey commands on the pool object and select Edit.
- Use the 2-finger edit or right mouse click.
- Use the command line. For more information on editing an object using the command line, see Edit Keyword.

The pop-up **Edit Scribble** opens.

Editing a pre-existing pool object opens the editor to the current state of the scribble.

To scribble, move your finger across the scribble pad on the left of the pop-up.

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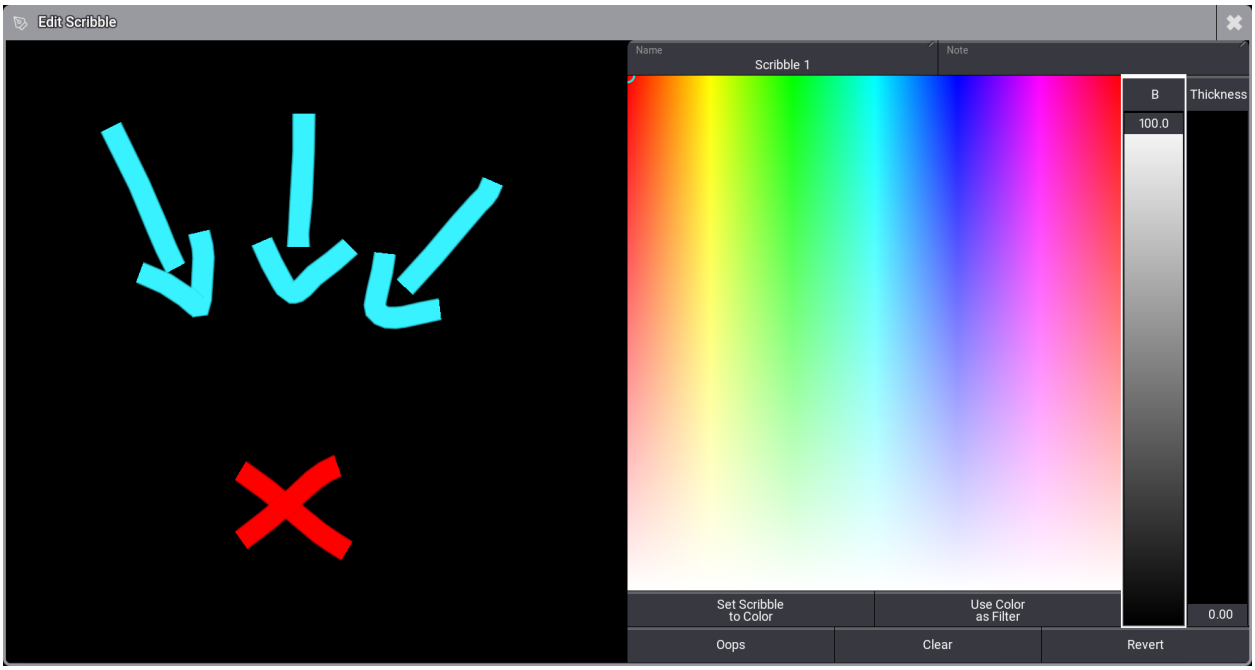

Pop-up Edit Scribble

Changes in the scribble editor are immediately applied to the scribble pool object.

Create Scribbles in Other Objects

There are two ways to create scribbles directly in other objects:

- Open the Label pop-up and tap in the title bar.
- Tap Scribble in the settings of the object and select New in the dropdown

The scribble created in the object is automatically saved to the first free position in the scribbles pool and applied to the object.

Set a Color

You can select a color before drawing a scribble or change the color of the scribble after drawing.

To select a color for the scribble:

- Tap somewhere in the color picker to select a color.
- Move the **B** fader to increase or decrease the color's brightness.

If you start scribbling, the scribble will appear in the selected color. Different lines in the scribble can have different colors.

Select a color, then tap Set Scribble to Color to set the entire scribble to that color.

Select a color and tap Use Color as Filter to apply the selected color as a filter to the colors used in the scribble.

Move the **Thickness** fader to control the thickness of newly drawn lines.

	Hint:
	The software saves the scribble's color and thickness settings.

Revert Changes

There are multiple ways to revert changes.

- Oops: Tap to revert the latest change.
- Clear: Tap to start from scratch.
- Revert: Tap to return the scribble to the state before you opened the editor.

Label the Scribble

To edit the name, use the Label keyword or tap Name in the Label Scribble pop-up.

Scribbles can be labeled like any other pool object.

1.18.2. Assign Scribbles

Scribbles in the scribbles pool can be assigned to objects. Additionally, new scribbles can be created and assigned directly when editing objects.

	Hint:
	To avoid spamming the scribbles pool, create scribbles in the pool and then assign them to other objects.

There are multiple ways to assign scribbles:

- **Scribble Pool Objects**

1. Press Assign.
2. Tap a scribble in the scribbles pool.
3. Tap the object you want to assign the scribble to.

or

1. Open the swipey commands on an object in the scribbles pool and select Assign.
2. Tap the object you want to assign the scribble to.

- **Other Objects**

1. Open the swipey commands on the object and select Edit or Edit Setting. A pop-up opens.
   For some pool objects, for example, sequences or macros, additionally tap Settings in the title bar of the pop-up.
2. Tap Scribble. The select scribble dropdown opens.
3. Select a scribble.

- **Command Line**
  For more information on assigning scribbles using the command line, see Scribble Keyword.

The scribble is assigned to the selected object.

Tap New in the select scribble dropdown to create and assign a scribble directly to an object.

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1.18.3. Delete Scribbles

To delete scribbles, use one of the following options:

- Press Delete and tap the scribble you want to delete in the scribbles pool.
- Use the swipey commands on the pool object in the scribbles pool.
  For information, see Pool Windows – Swipey.
- Use the command line.
  For more information on deleting pool objects, see Delete Pool Objects. For more information on the Delete keyword, see Delete Keyword.

	Important:
	If scribbles are assigned to other objects, deleting individual scribbles in the scribble pool will delete the links to the objects. This action can be oopsed.

1.19. Appearances

Appearances are sets of looks that can be assigned to pool objects, presets, view buttons, or windows.

All appearances are stored in the a**ppearances pool,** which can be created like any other window. For more information see Add Windows.

Paste to Command Line

Example of the Appearance pool

Images can be used as appearances. To use images, they need to be imported into the image pool. For more information see Images.

Subtopics

- Create Appearances
- Assign Appearances
- Delete Appearances

1.19.1. Create Appearances

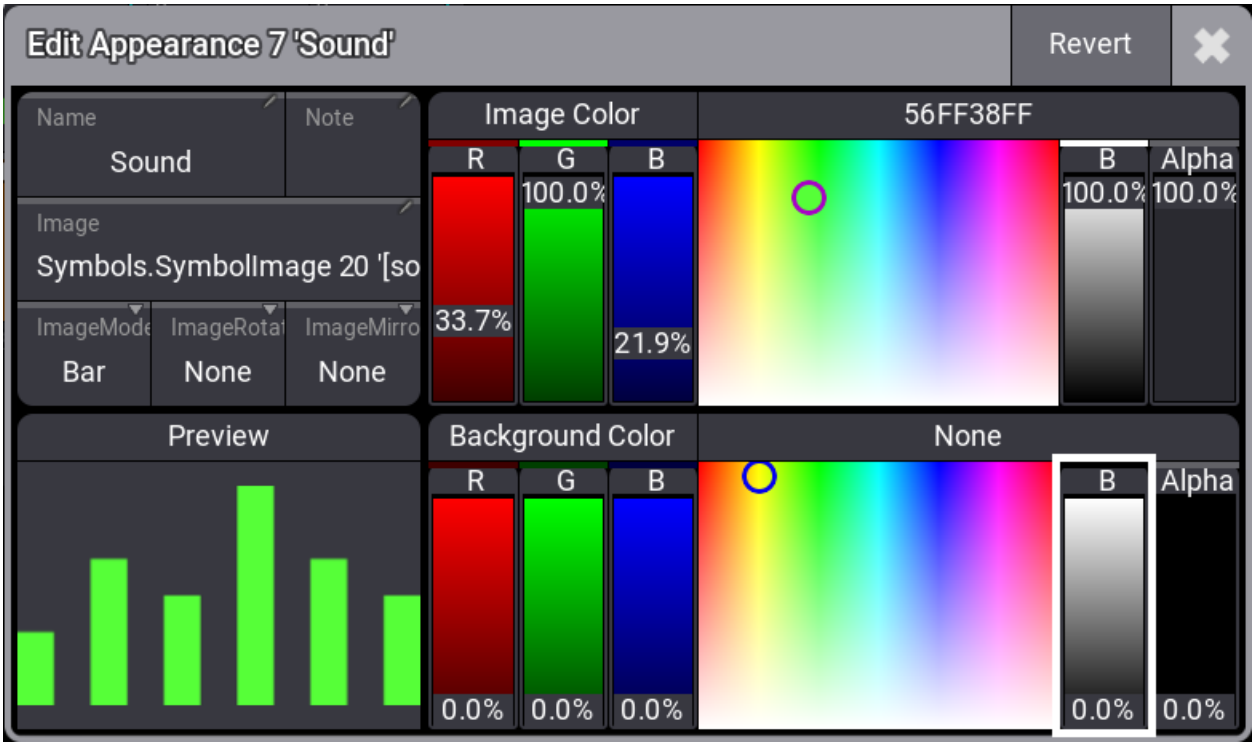
Edit an empty pool object in the **appearances pool** to create a new appearance.

To edit a pool object, use one of the following options:

- Press Edit and then tap an appearance in the pool.
- Open the swipey commands on the pool object and select Edit.
- Use the command line: **Edit Appearance ["Appearance_Name" or Appearance_Number]**.

Editing a pre-existing pool object opens the editor to the current state of the appearance.

This is the **Appearance Editor**:



There are six input boxes, two sets of faders with a color picker and a hex color code to adjust the color, and a preview area showing the appearance.

Set a Background Color

The **Background Color** fader and color picker can be used to change the appearance's background. The default background is transparent (**Alpha** fader at 0%, **B** fader at 0%).

Increase the Alpha value, then use the R (red), G (green), and B (blue) faders to mix any color within the RGB range. You can also tap in the color picker area to select a color or edit the hex color code above the color picker.

Label the Appearance

To edit the name, use the Label keyword or tap Name in the appearance editor.

Appearances can be labeled like any other pool object.

Add an Image to the Appearance

Appearances can use an image. The image is placed in front of the background but behind the label.

1. Tap the **Image** input box to add an image. The **Select Image dropdown** opens with a list of all images.
2. Tap ImageSource in the title bar to display different objects stored in the images, videos, gobos, or symbols pool.
3. Tap the desired image in the pop-up.

	Hint:
	Appearances that use an image will not display the name on the appearance object in the pool if the name is the default name.

Media objects (images, videos, symbols, and gobos) can be **assigned** to an appearance. Assigning images to an empty appearance will create a new object in the appearances pool.

	Hint:
	Assigning an appearance to another one creates a copy of the first appearance.

The images have different modes. Their modes define how the image is adapted to the aspect ratio.

These are the different modes:

- **Stretch**
  The image is stretched to fit the appearance area.

Fixture sheet with stretched appearance

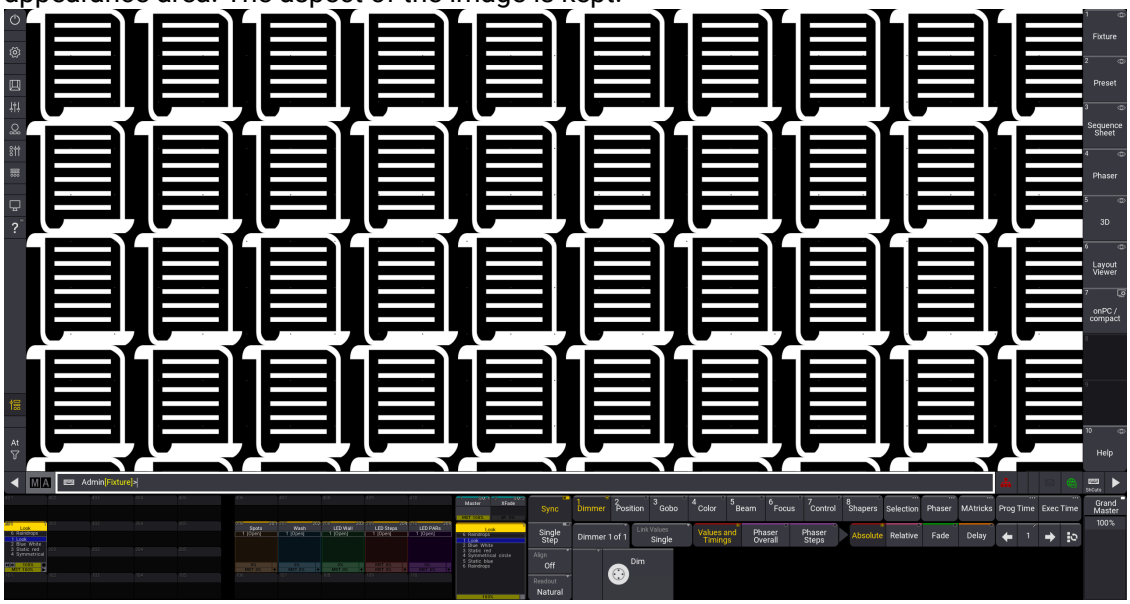
- **Bar**
  The entire image is displayed and scaled to fit the appearance area without changing its aspect.

Fixture sheet with appearance set to Bar

- **Crop**
  The image is fitted to fill the entire appearance area. The aspect of the image is kept, but it is cropped.

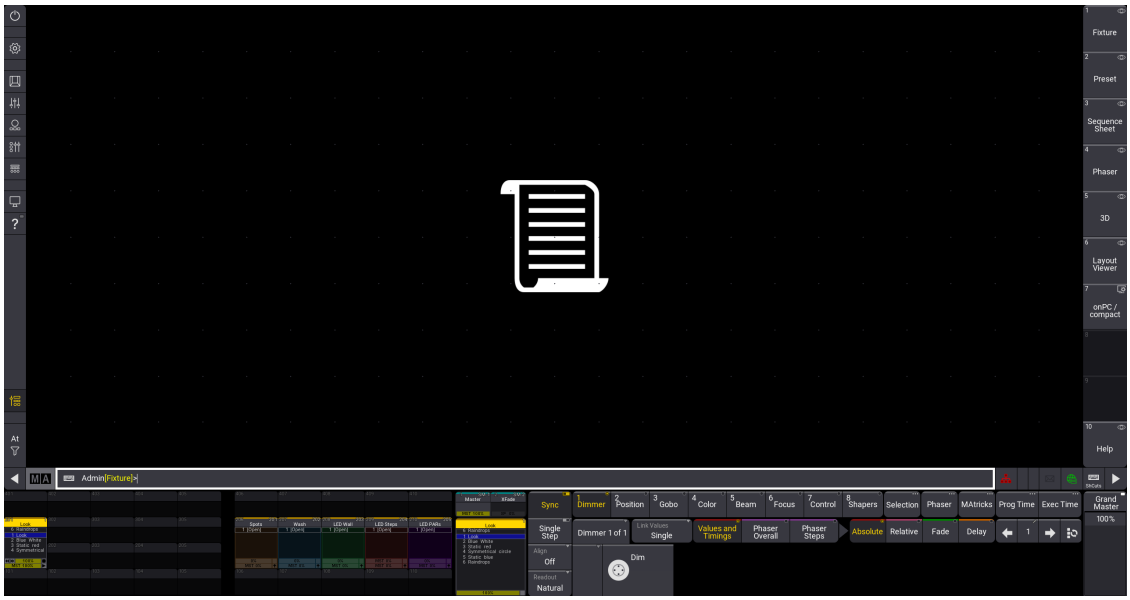
Fixture sheet with a cropped appearance

- **Tile**
  The image is tiled. This means that the image is repeated in its original size to fill the entire appearance area. The aspect of the image is kept.



Fixture sheet with tiled appearance

- **Center**
  The image is displayed in its original size with the center of the image aligned with the center of the appearance area. The aspect of the image is kept.



Fixture sheet with a centered appearance

To change the mode:

1. Tap the **ImageMode** button. This toggles through the different modes. You can also swipe the button to open the **Select ImageMode dropdown**.
2. Select a mode in the dropdown.

Change the Image Color and Orientation

Adjust the image color using the top set of faders and the color picker in the appearance editor. It is also possible to edit the hex color code directly.
To edit the hex color code, tap the input field above the color picker and adjust the hex code in the Edit ImageRGBA pop-up.

This means that the same image can be used across different appearances with different color hues and transparency levels.

	Restriction:
	Color can only be added to an image, not removed from it. This means that black areas in an image cannot be changed, but white areas can be.

To rotate the image, tap ImageRotation in the appearance editor. The image can be rotated by 90°, 180°, or 270°.

To mirror the image, tap ImageMirror in the appearance editor. The image can be mirrored vertically or horizontally or both.

Tap the video below to see the example.

Revert Changes

To revert the changes made in the latest editing process:

1. Tap Revert. A pop-up opens.
2. Tap OK. The changes are reverted.

1.19.2. Assign Appearances

Almost all pool objects and many windows can have an appearance assigned.

There are multiple ways to assign appearances:

- **Appearance Pool Objects**

1. Press Assign.
2. Tap an appearance in the appearances pool.
3. Tap the object you want to assign the appearance to.

or

1. Open the swipey commands on an object in the appearances pool and choose Assign.
2. Tap the object you want to assign the appearance to.

- **Pool Objects**

1. Open the swipey commands on the pool object and select Edit or Edit Setting. A pop-up opens.
   For some pool objects, for example sequences or macros, additionally tap Settings in the title bar of the pop-up.
2. Tap Appearance.
   A dropdown opens.
3. Select an appearance.

- **Other Objects**
  This applies, for example, to cues.

1. Edit the cell in the **Appearance** column. A dropdown opens.
2. Select an appearance.

- **Windows**

1. Tap MA in the upper-left corner of the window to open the window settings.
2. Tap Appearance in the **Display** tab.
   A dropdown displays all appearances from the appearance pool.
3. Select one of the appearances or tap New to open the Appearance Editor and create a new appearance.

- **Command Line**
  For more information on assigning appearances using the command line, see Appearance Keyword.

The appearance is assigned to the selected object.

Tap the video below to see an example.

1.19.3. Delete Appearances

To delete appearances, use one of the following options:

- Press Delete and tap the appearance you want to delete in the appearances pool.
- Use the swipey commands on the pool object in the appearances pool.
  For information see Swipey Commands.
- Use the command line.
  For more information on deleting pool objects see Delete Pool Objects. For more information on the Delete keyword, see Delete Keyword.

If the appearance is used somewhere, a warning pop-up will open; tap Ok to delete the object from the appearances pool.

	Hint:
	If appearances are assigned to other objects, deleting individual appearances in the appearance pool also deletes the links to those objects. Oopsing the deletion will reassign the appearance.

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1.20. Images

Imported images are stored in the **Image Pool**. For more information, see Pool Windows.

	Important: The storage limit for the entire Image Pool is a maximum of 100 MB. The total size of all media pools is limited to 300 MB.

We recommend keeping the image pool as small as possible. For example, keep the maximum image size below 64 MB, and do not exceed a resolution of 1 920 x 1 080 pixels.

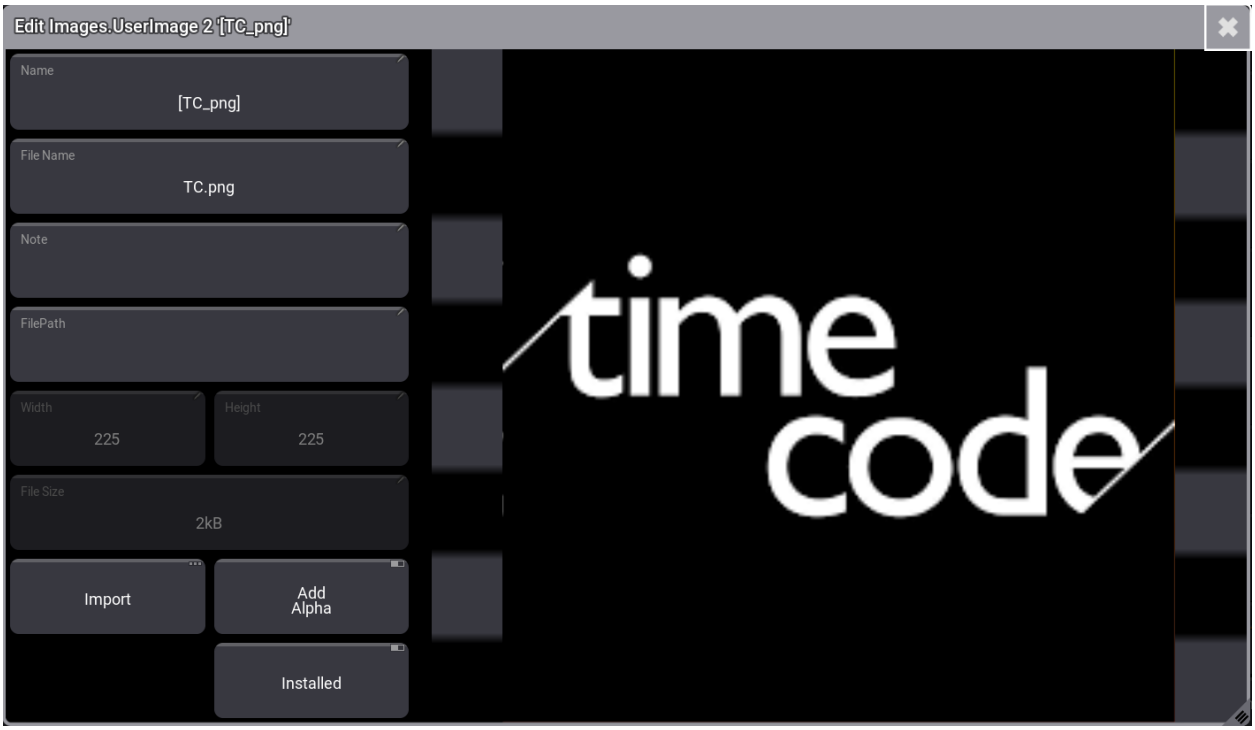
Images can be used for appearances. Read more in the Create Appearances topic. Images can also be imported to the Gobos and Symbols pool.

Example of the image pool

To edit an image pool object, use one of the following methods:

1. Press Edit and then tap the desired pool object.
2. Open the swipey commands on the pool object and choose Edit.

The Edit Images pop-up opens:



Edit Images pop-up window

Toggle on Add Alpha to make black areas in images transparent. This works only with images that do not already have a transparent channel. See example below:

Activating Installed ensures that the files are updated from the file archive used to import them.

Import Images Using the Image Pool

Workflow:

1. Edit an empty pool object.
2. Tap the Import button.
3. Tap Internal in the top-right corner of the title bar to switch the drive to the desired source.
4. Select the desired image.
5. Tap Import.
6. Label the new image.
7. Close the **Edit Image** pop-up.

Tap the video below to see the example:

By default, the grandMA3 software uses the **gma3_library/media/images** folder to import and export images. For more information, refer to the Folder Structure.

Import Images from the Import/Export Menu

Workflow:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Show Creator
3. Tap Import in the top left corner of the window.
4. Tap Images.
5. Select the drive, then tap an empty pool object on the right side of the window.
6. Select the image to be imported.
7. Tap Import at the bottom of the window.

Tap the video below to see the example:

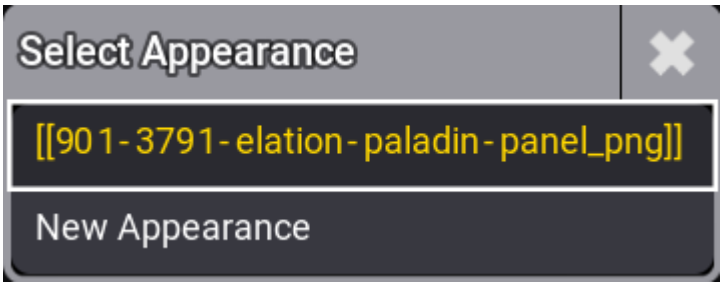
Assign Images to Objects

Images can be assigned directly to objects.

For example, to assign image 3.5 at group 46, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Image 3.5 At Group 46
```

The Select Appearance pop-up opens. Select an existing appearance that already uses this image or create a new one:



Delete an Image from the Pool

Deleting images is the same as deleting any other pool object. The image disappears in any appearance where it might be used.

There are three standard methods for deleting images.

Delete an Image Using the Command Line

The essential keywords for this are Delete and Image.

There are three image pools:

1. Gobos
2. Symbols
3. Images

Therefore, it is essential to specify the image pool number in the syntax:

[Function] Image ["ImagePool_Name" or ImagePool_Number].["Image_Name" or Image_Number]

For example, if image 4 needs to be deleted:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Image 3.4

Delete a range of images using the standard range syntax (Thru, +, and -).

If symbols 5 to 10 need to be deleted:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Image 2.5 Thru 10

The GoboImage keyword can be used to edit or delete images stored in the gobo pool. See GoboImage.

Delete an Image Using the Image Pool on a Screen

Requirement:

A visible image pool on one of the screens.

1. Press Delete.

2. Tap the image in the pool.

The image is deleted.

Delete an Image Using the Swipey Commands

Requirement:

A visible image pool on one of the screens.

1. Tap and hold the image you wish to delete.
2. Swipe out of the pool object without releasing the screen.
3. Swipe to the Delete swipey and release the screen.

The image is deleted.

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1.21. Supported File Formats

grandMA3 software supported file formats:

Sound File Formats

WAV (.wav), MP3 (.mp3), and Vorbis (.ogg) files are supported.

Files are imported into the Sounds Pool. See Sounds Pool.

Image File Formats

JPG (.jpg) and PNG (.png) files are supported.

JPG is generally for standard images while PNG can have transparent areas useful for icons.

Files are imported into the Images Pool. See Images.

Video File Formats

VP8 (.webm) and VP9 (.webm) files are supported.

They are open-source, royalty-free codecs developed by Google.

Video files are imported to the Videos Pool. See Videos.

	Hint:
	With VP8, the video size will be larger, but the CPU usage will be lower than with VP9. Use VP8 when you need better performance, such as when streaming multiple videos simultaneously. If your goal is to reduce video memory usage, use VP9.

3D Mesh File Formats

3DS (.3ds), and Graphics Library Transmission (.gltf and .glb) files are supported.

Files are imported to the Meshes Pool. See Meshes.

	Important:
	Although additional file formats may be accepted by the system, only the formats listed above are fully supported. For optimal performance and

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	reliability, it is recommended to use the supported formats.

1.22. Screenshots

Screenshots can be created by pressing the Print Screen key or the shortcut F11 on a built-in or external keyboard. A green flash on all screens indicates that the screenshot has been taken.

An image from each screen is stored as an individual PNG file in the image folder. The file names are generated using this template: YYYYMMDD_hhmmss_displayX.png

Images can be imported into the image pool or copied from a console via an SFTP connection. For more information, see Networking — SFTP connection.

Storing Screenshots on a USB Stick

Screenshots can be stored on a USB memory stick. They are stored as PNG files.

The USB drive needs to be the selected drive when the Print Screen key is pressed.

A list of the drives can be seen in the Command Line History window by running the following command:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Drive
```

It is drive number two if no other USB devices are connected.

Select the drive using this syntax: **Select ["Drive_Name" or Drive_Number]**

Now press Print Screen.

Bring the USB to a computer. Screenshots are saved to the **/gma3_library/media/images** folder. On USB drives, the **gma3_library** folder is located in the **grandMA3** folder.

Copy Screenshots using SFTP

When accessing the console's internal drive using SFTP, the **gma3_library** folder is located at the root of the visible folder structure.

Open an SFTP connection, navigate to the images folder, and copy the relevant files from the console.

For more information on folder structure, see the Folder Structure topic.

Screenshots of views and NDI streams can be stored directly as images. For more information about NDI Streams, see Video.

To store screenshots and NDI stream as an image:

Use the /Screen or /NDI option keyword in combination with the Store and Image keywords.

The /ScreenOnly option keyword allows to define which part of the screen will be used.

- /ScreenOnly "Yes"

The screenshot only includes the user-definable area. This is the default, or if /ScreenOnly is not defined.

- **/ScreenOnly "No"**

The entire screen, including the view bar, encoder bar, and other elements, is used to take the screenshot.

To store a screenshot of screen 1 as image 5 of the area that can be defined by the user, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.5 /Screen "1"
```

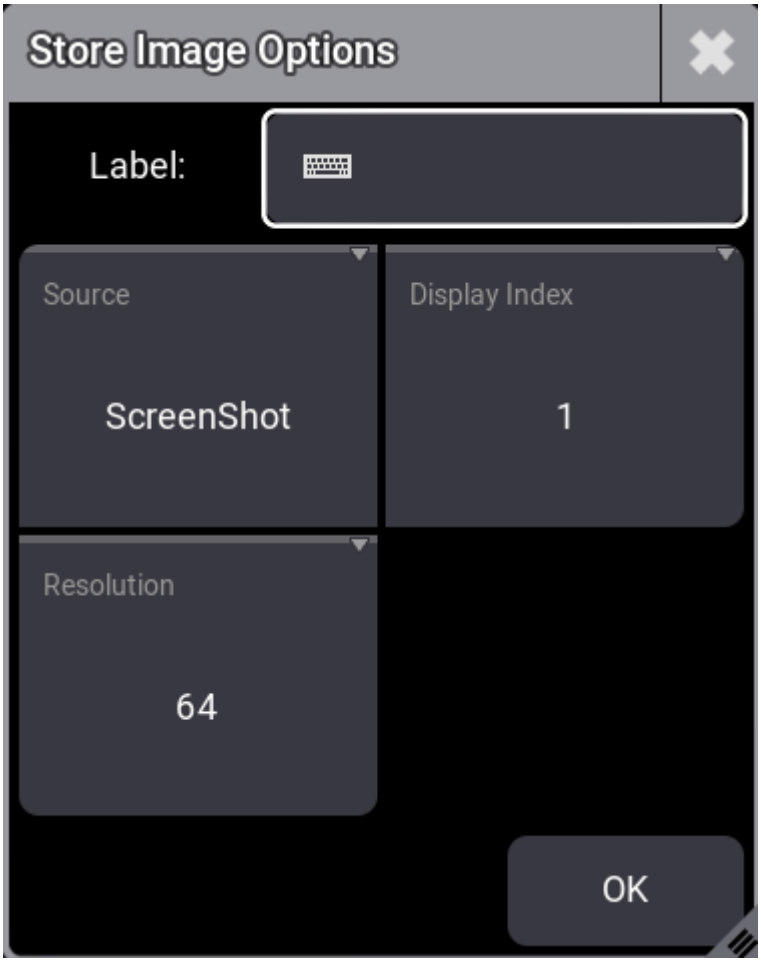
To store a screenshot of the whole screen 1 as image 6, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.6 /Screen "1" /ScreenOnly "No"
```

To store a screenshot of NDI stream 1 as image 13, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Image 3.13 /NDI=0
```

When executing Store for an empty image, the Store Image Option pop-up opens:



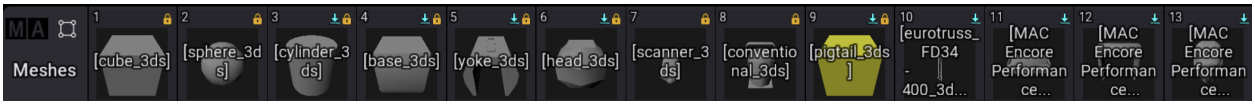
The source and resolution can also be defined using the /XResolution and /YResolution option keywords.

1.23. Meshes

Meshes are stored in the **Mesh Pool**. Meshes 1 thru 9 are locked and can not be edited.

	Important:
	The total size of the media pools is limited to 300 MB. For more information on **Meshes**, see Build fixture types.

Open a **Mesh Pool** window. For information, see the Add window topic.



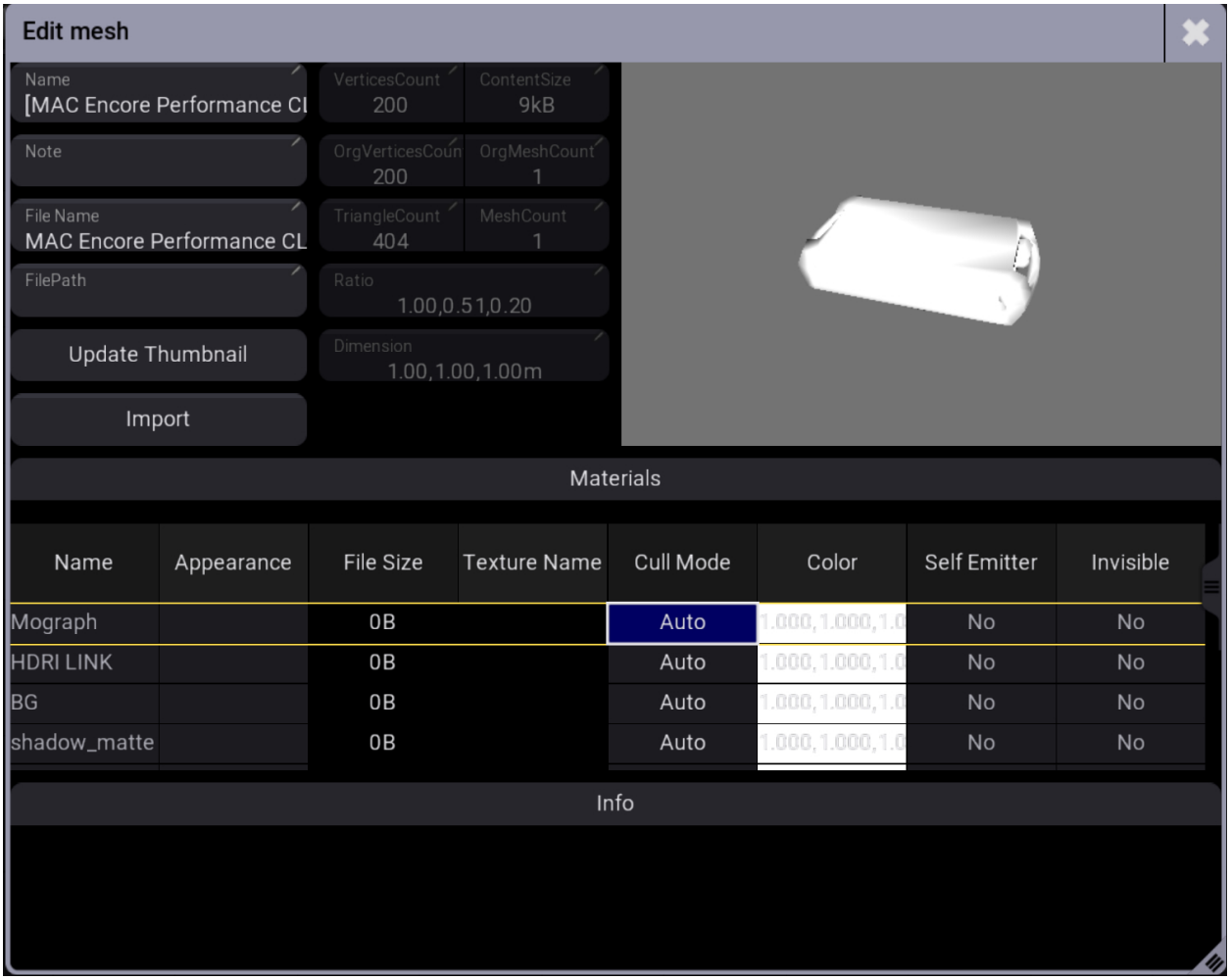
Mesh pool

In the **Add Window** pop-up, tap Pools, then in the **Media** column, tap Meshes.

Edit a mesh pool object using one of the following options:

1. Press Edit and then tap the desired pool object.
2. Open the swipey commands on the pool object and choose Edit.

The **Edit Mesh** pop-up opens:



Change the mesh material's color in the appearance column or assign an appearance to the pool object. See Appearances.

Cull Mode Options: Front hides the mesh's outside faces. Back hides the mesh's inside face. None displays both the inside and outside faces of the mesh. Auto detects the mesh orientation and switches between **Back** and **None.**

Import Meshes

To import meshes:

1. Repeat option 1 or 2 above.
2. In the **Edit Mesh** pop-up, tap Import. The **Import mesh** pop-up opens.
3. Select the source from the title bar, for example, Internal.
4. Select the mesh to import.
5. Tap Import.

The new mesh pool object is imported.

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1.24. Videos

Videos can be used as a source for an appearance or in a **Bitmap**.

The bitmaps are an effect that can "project" a video or image on a set of fixtures. Learn more in the Bitmap topic.

Videos can be imported into the Videos Pool.

Videos pool

The Videos Pool holds the imported videos, but can also have streaming video sources using the NDI format.

Video objects can be used as image sources in Appearances. Learn more about appearances in the Appearances section.

The video will then play back in a loop everywhere the appearance is used.

If the video is used on a bitmap, it should not exceed 60 Hz. 30 Hz is recommended, as the DMX output is not faster than 30 Hz.

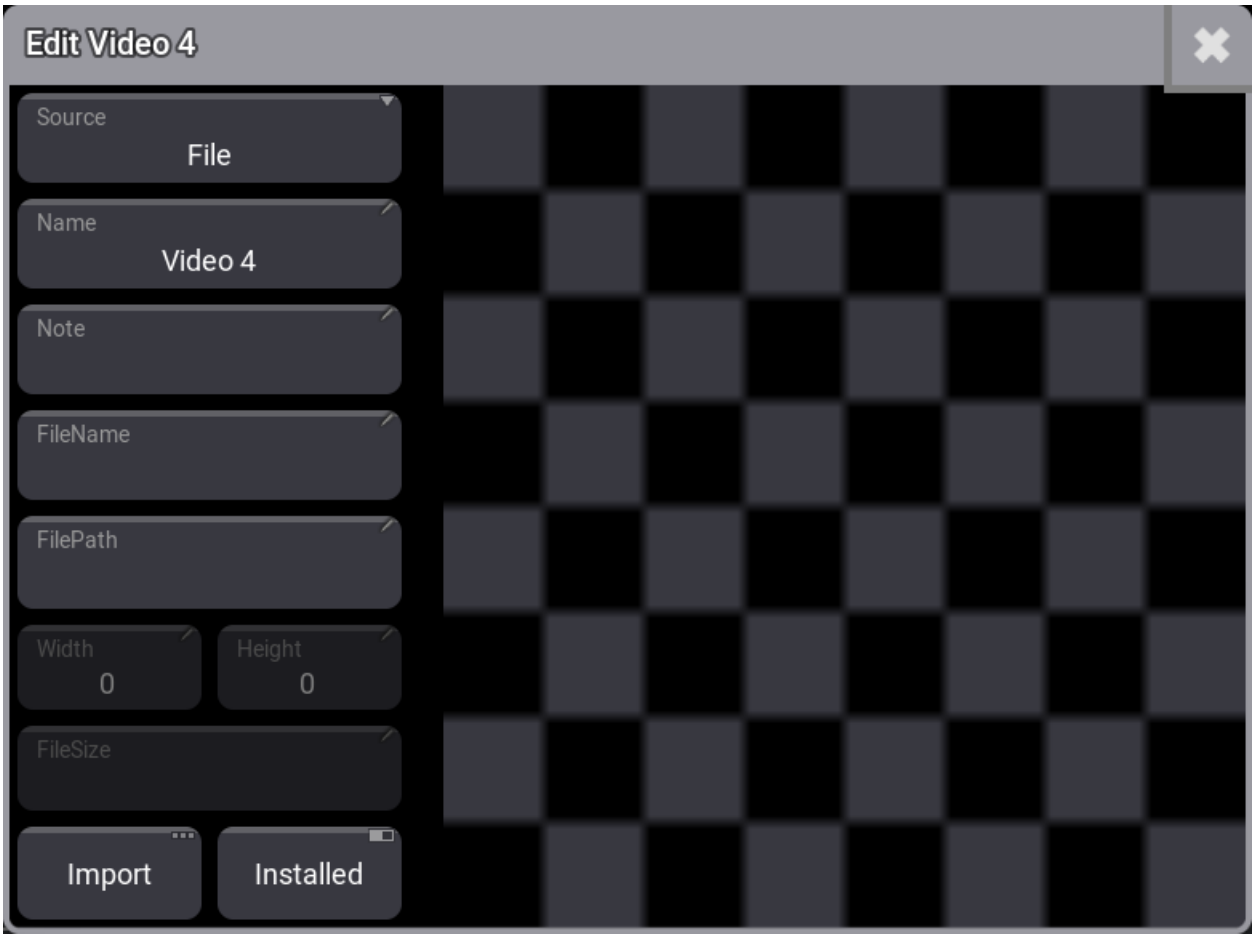
The system can overload and crash if a high-resolution (8K) video is previewed. It is recommended that the video file should not exceed a resolution of 1 920 x 1 080 pixels.

	Restriction:
	Third-Party Software needs to be activated and agreed to in Menu / Settings / Software Update / EULA for videos to be played back. The button is in the lower right corner. Turning it On opens a pop-up that needs to be agreed to.
	Restriction:
	The storage limit for the entire Videos Pool is a maximum of 100 MB. The total size of all media pools is limited to 300 MB.

Import a Video

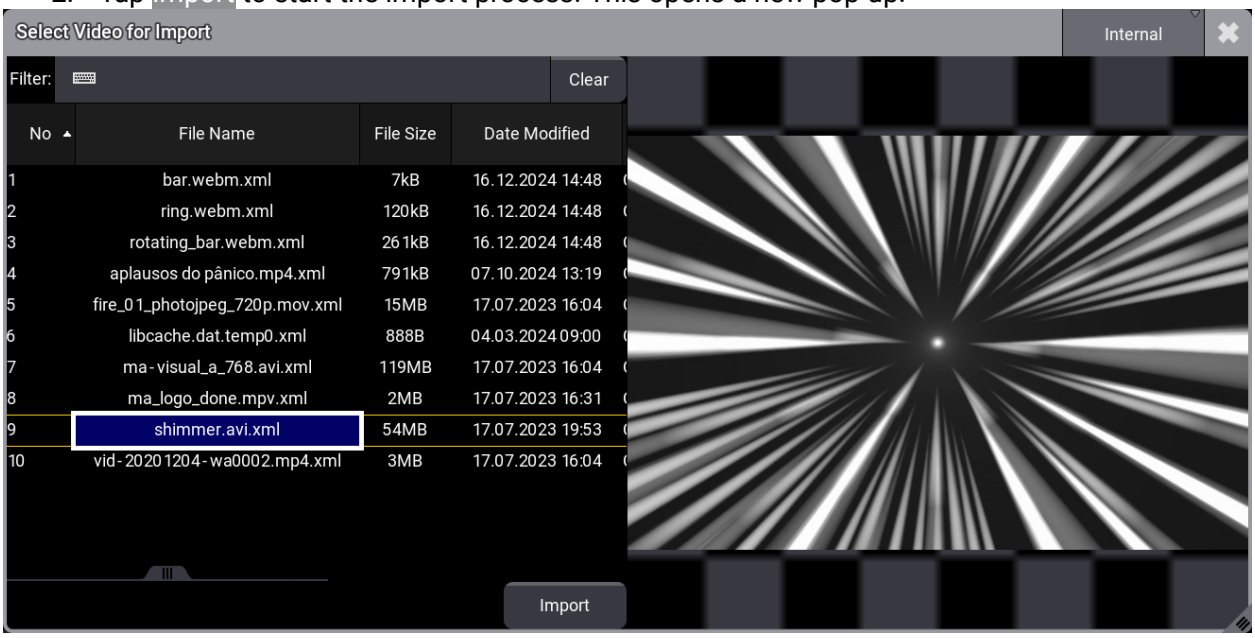
The video file needs to be in the correct folder to be imported. The folder is /gma3_library/media/videos. Learn more about folders in the Folder Structure topic.

1. Edit an empty video pool object. This opens the **Edit Video** pop-up:



Edit video pop-up

2. Tap Import to start the import process. This opens a new pop-up:

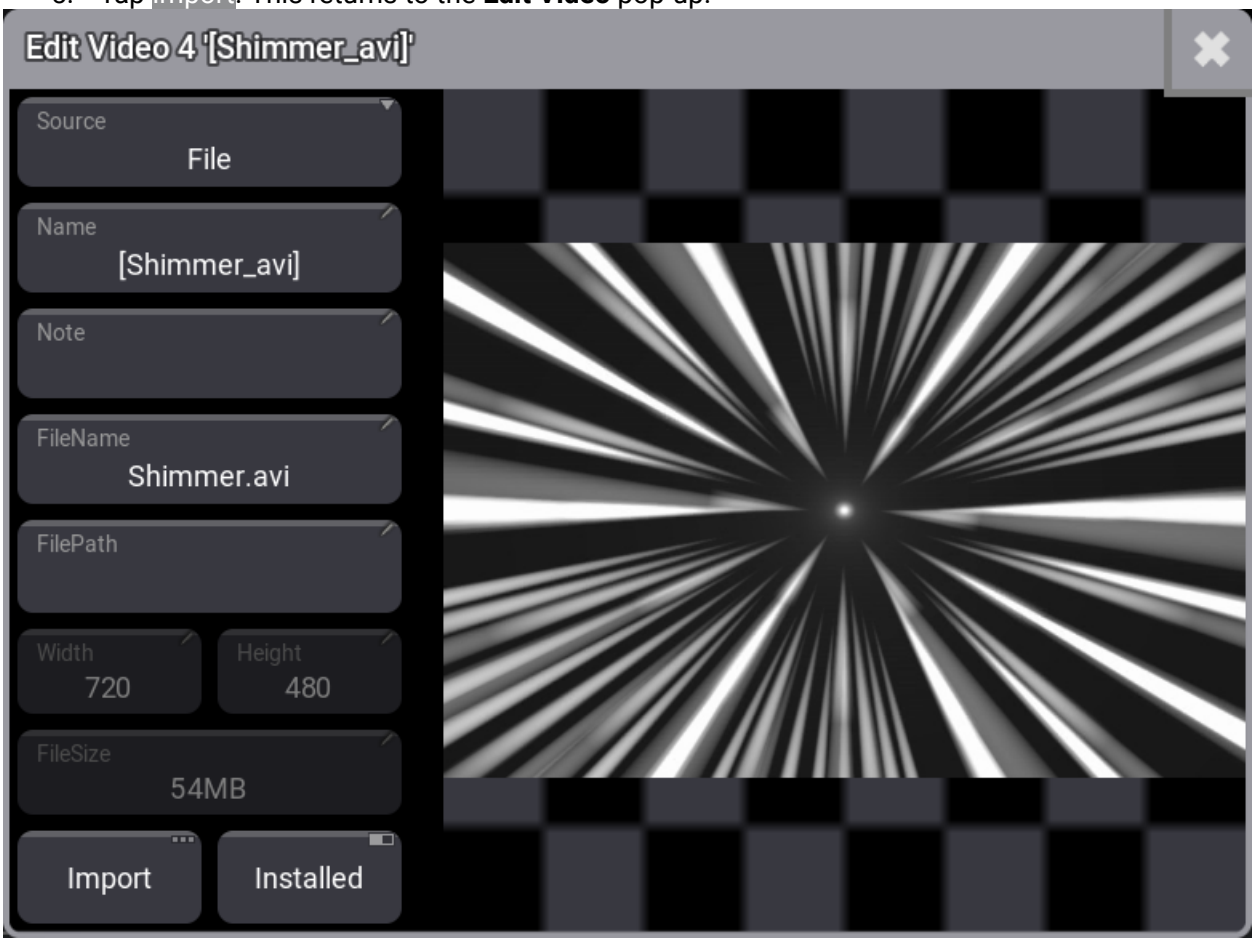


Select image for import pop-up

This lists all the video files in the video folder.

3. If needed, then tap Internal in the title bar of the pop-up to change the selected drive.

4. Tap the desired video file. The video should play back in the preview area. If it does not appear, then it is not a supported format, or third-party software is not activated.
5. Tap Import. This returns to the **Edit Video** pop-up:



Edit video pop-up with a file selected

The editor now shows relevant data like video width, height, and file size.

6. Edit the name if desired.
7. The file is imported, and the editor can be closed by tapping ✖.

Update Imported Videos

Activating the Installed button will ensure that the files will be updated from the file archive from which they were imported. Files can be uploaded to the console folder using an FTP connection or copied to the folder on a computer running grandMA3 onPC. Uploading and replacing a file with the same name will automatically update the file in the show.

Use an NDI Source

An NDI streaming video source can be used instead of importing a video file.

Requirement:

An NDI stream needs to be on the network.

1. Edit an empty video pool object. This opens the **Edit Video** pop-up.
2. Tap Source.
3. Tap NDI in the **Select Source** pop-up.
4. Tap Select Source. This opens the **Select NDISource** pop-up.
5. Tap the desired NDI source. If the list is empty, then there are no NDI sources in the network.
6. Select the desired bandwidth setting.
7. Close the editor by tapping the .

Two bandwidth options are available. The bandwidth option defines the requested quality of the stream. The higher quality uses more bandwidth, and the network setup should be considered when choosing the bandwidth setting.

Create an Appearance with Video

Adding a video to an appearance is almost the same as adding an image from the image pool.

The difference is that ImageSource needs to change to "Videos" in the title bar of the **Select Image** pop-up.

Learn how in the Create Appearances topic.

1.25. Gobos

Gobos are stored in the **Gobo Pool**.

	Important:
	The total size of the media pools is limited to 300 MB.

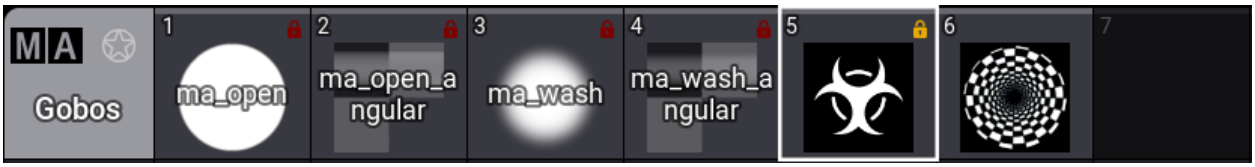
Gobos 1 through 4 have a red padlock icon, indicating they are system-locked and cannot be edited.

Gobos with a yellow padlock icon are locked by the user and can be unlocked and edited.

When fixtures are patched into the show file, the gobos used by those fixtures are stored in the **Gobo Pool**.

Open a **Gobo Pool** window. For information, see the Add window topic.

In the **Add Window** pop-up, tap Pools and Gobos in the **Media** column.



Gobo pool

Edit a gobo pool object using one of the following options:

- Press Edit and then tap the desired pool object.
- Open the swipey commands on the pool object and choose Edit.

Assign Gobo to Appearances

To assign a gobo to an appearance:

1. Open an Appearance Pool window.
2. Open the swipey command on the pool object, select Edit or press Edit, and tap an appearance pool object. The **Edit Appearance** pop-up opens.
3. Tap Image. The **Select Image** pop-up opens.
4. From the title bar, tap and hold ImageSource and select **Gobos**. The Select Image pop-up opens.
5. Select an image and close the pop-up.
6. Continue editing the new appearance if needed and close the **Edit Appearance** pop-up.

A new appearance is created.

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1.26. Symbols

Symbols are stored in the **Symbol Pool**.

	Important:
	The total size of the media pools is limited to 300 MB.

Symbols 1 through 29 are locked; they can be unlocked and edited.

Open a **Symbol Pool** window. For information, see the Add window topic.

In the **Add Window** pop-up, tap Pools, then in the **Media** column, tap Symbols.

Symbol pool

Edit a symbol pool object using one of the following options:

1. Press Edit and then tap the desired pool object.
2. Open the swipey commands on the pool object and choose Edit.

Assign Symbols to Appearances

To assign a symbol to an appearance:

1. Open an Appearances pool window.
2. Open the swipey command on the pool object, select **Edit** or press Edit, and tap an appearance pool object. The **Edit Appearance** pop-up opens.
3. Tap Image. The **Select Image** pop-up opens.
4. From the title bar, tap and hold ImageSource and select **Symbols**. The Select Image pop-up opens.
5. Select an image and close the pop-up.
6. Edit the new appearance if needed and close the **Edit Appearance** pop-up.

A new appearance is created.

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Subtopics

- Import Symbols
- Delete Symbols

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1.26.1. Import Symbols

Import Predefined Symbols

Symbols can be imported using the command line.

1. Navigate to the symbol pool:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination Image 2
```

2. Now import the predefined library images:

```
User name@ShowData/MediaPools/Symbols> Import Library "*.xml"
```

This command imports the symbol files from MA into the symbols pool.

3. Return to the command line root:

```
User name@ShowData/MediaPools/Symbols> ChangeDestination Root
```

For more information, see ChangeDestination keyword.

Using the Symbol Pool

Workflow:

1. Tap Edit, then tap an empty pool object or open the swipey commands and choose Edit.
2. From the **Edit Symbols** pop-up, tap Import. This opens the **Select Image** pop-up.
3. Select the drive, then select the symbol to import.
4. Tap Import.
5. If needed, label the new imported symbol, then close the **Edit Symbols** pop-up.

Tap the video below to see the example.

By default, the grandMA3 software uses the **gma3_library/media/symbols** folder to import and export symbols. For more information, see Folder Structure.

From the Show Creator Menu

Workflow:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Show Creator
3. Tap Import on the top left corner of the window.
4. Tap Symbols.
5. Select the drive, then tap an empty pool object on the right side of the window.
6. Select the symbol to be imported.

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7. Tap Import at the bottom of the window.

1.26.2. Delete Symbols

Deleting symbols is the same as deleting any other pool object. The symbol disappears in any appearance where it might be used.

There are three common ways to delete symbols.

Using the Command Line

The important keyword for this is: Delete.

This is the syntax for deleting a single symbol:

[Function] Image ["ImagePoll_Name" or "ImagePool_Number"].["Image_Name" or Image_Number]

For example, if symbol 4 needs to be deleted:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Image 2.4

It is also possible to delete a range of symbols using the standard range syntax (Thru, +, and—).

For example, if symbols 15 to 20 need to be deleted:

User name[Fixture]>Delete Image 2.15 Thru Image 2.20

Using the Symbol Pool on a Screen

Requirement:

A visible symbol pool on one of the screens.

1. Press Delete.
2. Tap the symbol in the pool.

The symbol is deleted.

Using the Swipey Commands

Requirement:

A visible symbol pool on one of the screens.

1. Tap and hold the symbol you wish to delete.
2. Swipe out of the pool object without releasing the screen.

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3. Swipe to the Delete swipey and release the screen.

The symbol is deleted.

1.27. Groups

Groups contain a selection of fixtures. A group can include one or many fixtures.

The fixtures' selection order and grid position are also stored in a group. For more information, see Selection Grid.

Using groups is a fast way to select the fixtures.

Groups can also be used as masters. There are four different types of group masters. Read more in the Group Master topic.

Groups are organized in a **Groups Pool** - read more about pools in the Pool Windows topic.

Groups pool example

Cues and presets do not store a reference to or information about the groups; only the values applied to the fixtures are stored in them. Recipes can store a reference to groups.

The following topics explore the creation, editing, and deletion of groups, as well as information about group masters.

Subtopics

- Create New Groups
- Edit Groups
- Delete Groups
- Group Masters

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1.27.1. Create New Groups

Groups are created by storing them in the Group Pool with a selection of fixtures.

The groups store the fixture selection, the grid information, and the fixtures' selection order (this is also a grid).

Grid information is 3D position information indicating the position relationship between the fixtures. It is not the location on the 3D stage. For more information, see Selection Grid topic.

The order and grid information are essential for ranged value input or when creating Phasers.

	Important:
	Groups do not store values! - Only the fixture selection, order, and grid.

Use one of the following methods to store a group:

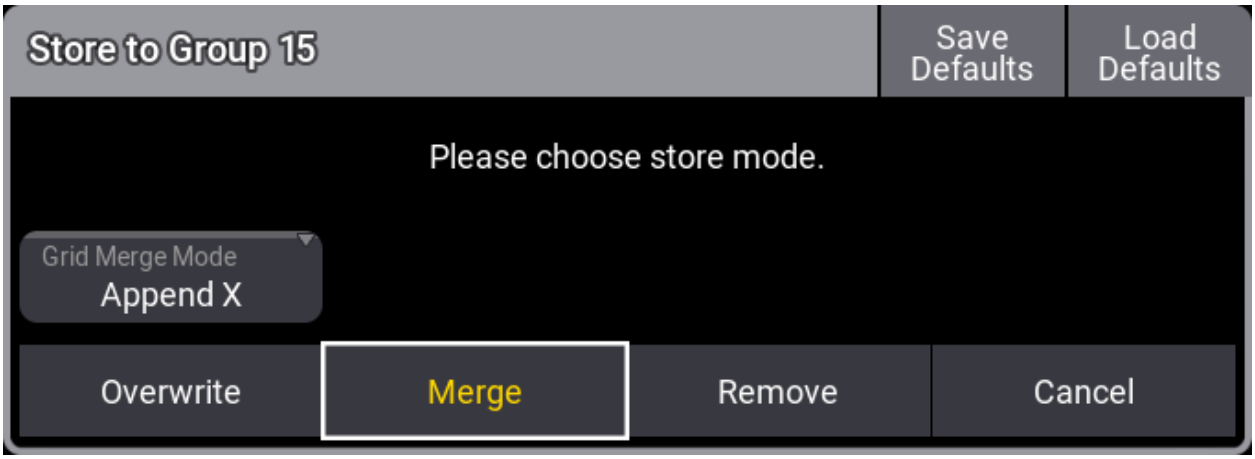
Please make sure the correct fixtures are selected and in the correct order.

1. Store the group using a syntax like this: **Store Group [Group_Number] (["Group_Name"])**. The two needed keywords are Store and Group.

To store group 3, for example:

2. Press Store Group 3 Please

When storing to an existing group, the store mode pop-up opens:



Store mode pop-up.

When Grid Merge Mode is set to **Append X** (the default setting), the selected fixtures will be added to the next available X coordinate in the selection grid. When it is **Off**, then the current grid position is stored and merged into the group.

The setting can be saved as a new default by tapping Save Defaults. The current defaults can be loaded by tapping Load Defaults. The **Grid Merge Mode** is the only setting stored in the defaults.

Existing groups can be edited using the Edit Group pop-up.

Labeling the group is not required, but it is a good idea. It can be done using any method described in Label pool objects or the Edit Group pop-up.

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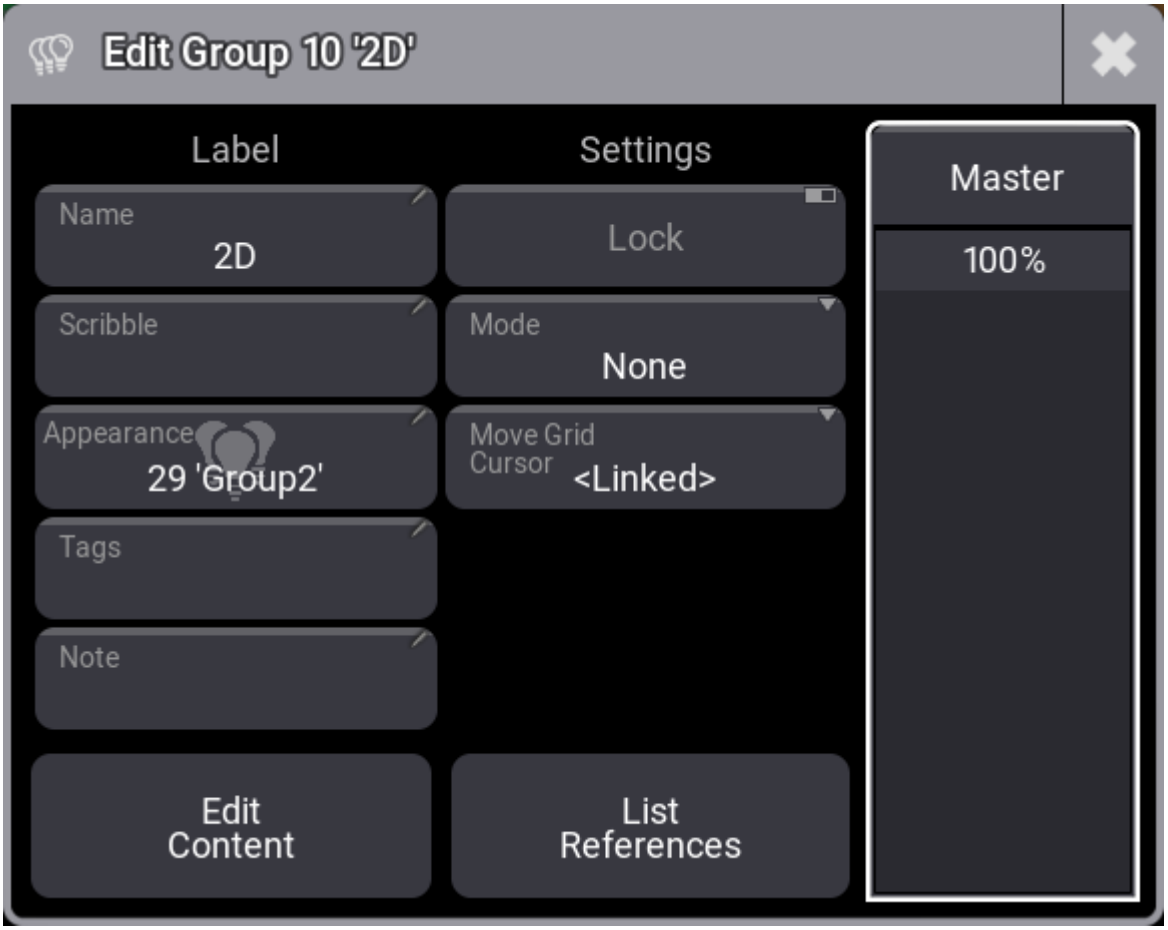
1.27.2. Edit Groups

To edit a group, use one of the following methods:

- The EditSetting keyword.
- Press Edit twice and then tap a group pool object.
- Open the swipey commands on the pool object and choose Edit Setting.

The Edit Group pop-up opens.



Edit group pop-up.

The editor has two columns, **Label** and **Settings**.

Use the **Master** fader on the right to set the level for the group. Read more in the Group Masters topic.

Here is a description of the settings under the **Label** column:

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the group. It can be edited here or by using the Label command. For more information, see Label keyword.

- **Scribble**:
  An existing scribble can be assigned, or a new one can be created by editing this field. Learn more in the Scribble topics.
- **Appearance**:
  An existing appearance can be assigned, or a new one can be created by editing this field. Learn more in the Appearance topics.
- **Tags**:
  The group can have one or more tags assigned. Editing this field opens the **Edit Tags pop-up**, where tags can be assigned and created. Learn more in the Tags topics.
- **Note**:
  The group can have a note. For more information, see Notes.

Here is a description of the settings under the **Settings** column:

- **Lock**:
  The group can be locked by toggling this to **On**. This prevents changes to the groups settings and editing the content of the group. The group can still be used for fixture selection and in recipes.
- **Mode**:
  Each group can have one of five different modes including **None**. The other modes can be used to limit the dimmer output or add dimmer output. Learn more in the Group Masters topic.
- **Move Grid Cursor**:
  This setting defines how the grid cursor moves after the group is called. For more information, see Selection Grid and User Settings.

Tapping Edit Content activates the edit mode for the group. This is used to edit the selection and grid potions. Read more below.

Tap List References to open an **Info pop-up** that shows a list of the group's references and dependencies.

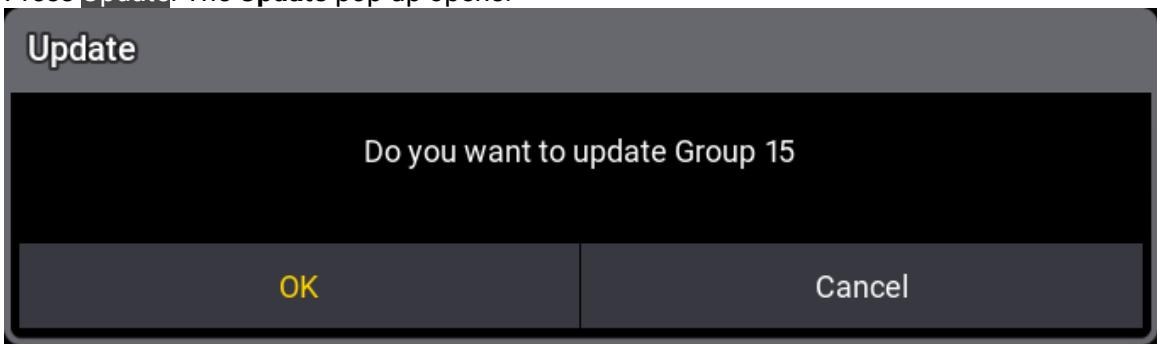
Add Fixtures to a Group

To add fixtures to a group, use one of the following methods:

- First Method:

1. Press Edit, then tap a group pool object. The fixture sheet and selection grid frames turn green.
2. Select the fixtures you want to add.

3. Press Update. The **Update** pop-up opens.



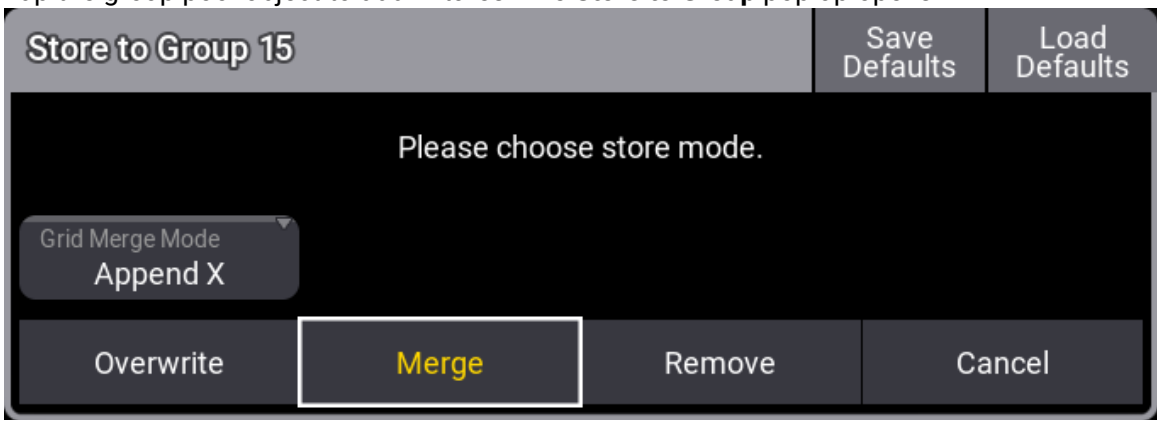
Update pop-up

4. Tap OK to confirm the group update or Cancel to call off the operation.

Tap the video below to see the example.

- Second Method:

1. Select the fixtures you want to add.
2. Press Store.
3. Tap the group pool object to add fixtures. The **Store to Group** pop-up opens.



Store group pop-up

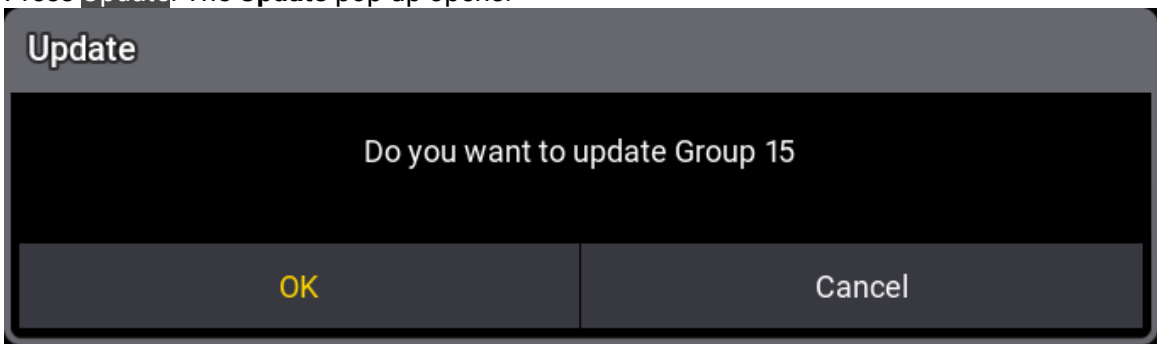
4. Tap Merge to update the group or Cancel to call off the operation.

Tap the video below to see the example.

- Third method:

1. Open the swipey command on a group pool object and choose Edit Setting. The **Edit Group** pop-up opens.
2. Tap Edit Content. The fixture sheet and selection grid frames turn green.
3. Select the fixtures you want to add.

4. Press Update. The **Update** pop-up opens.



Update Group pop-up

5. Tap OK to update the group or Cancel to call off the operation.

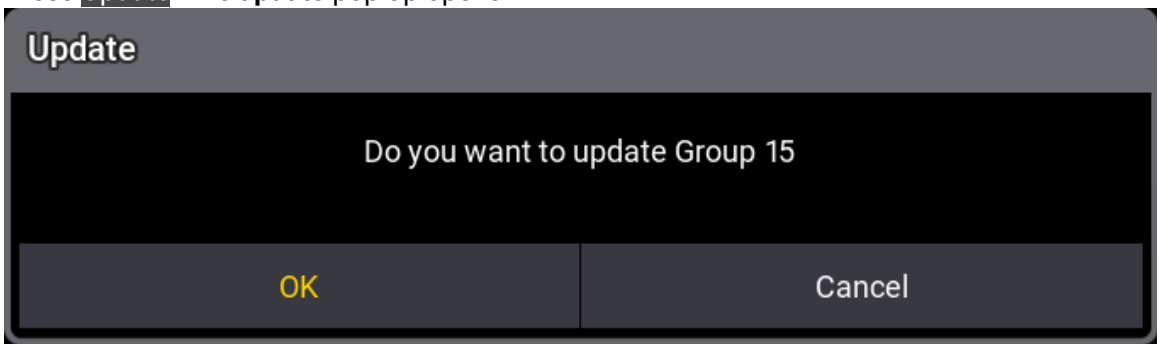
Tap the video below to see the example.

Remove Fixtures from a Group

To remove some fixtures from a group, use one of the following methods:

First method:

1. Open the swipey command on the group pool object. The **Edit Group** pop-up opens.
2. Tap Edit Content. The fixture sheet and selection grid frames turn green.
3. Press -, then select the fixtures that should be removed from the group.
4. Press Update. The **update** pop-up opens.



Update Group pop-up

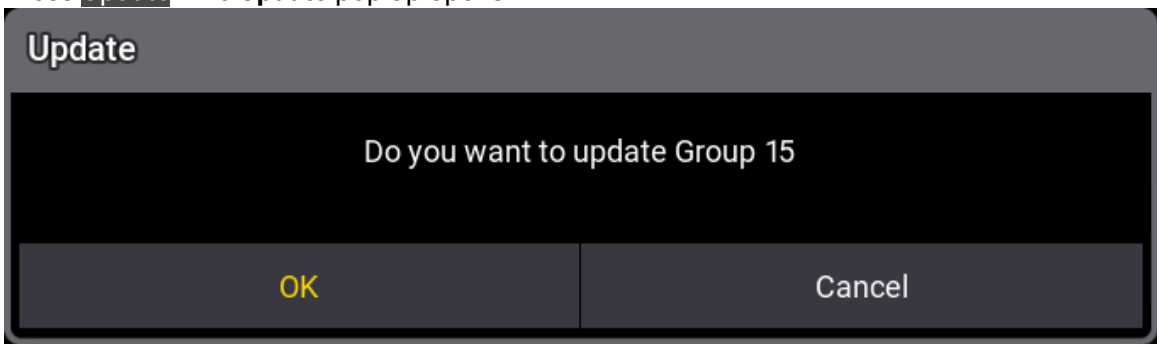
5. Tap OK to save the changes or Cancel to call off the operation.

Tap the video below to see the example.

Second Method:

1. Press Edit, then tap a group pool object. The fixture sheet and selection grid frames turn green.

2. Press -, then select the fixtures that should be removed from the group.
3. Press Update. The **Update** pop-up opens.



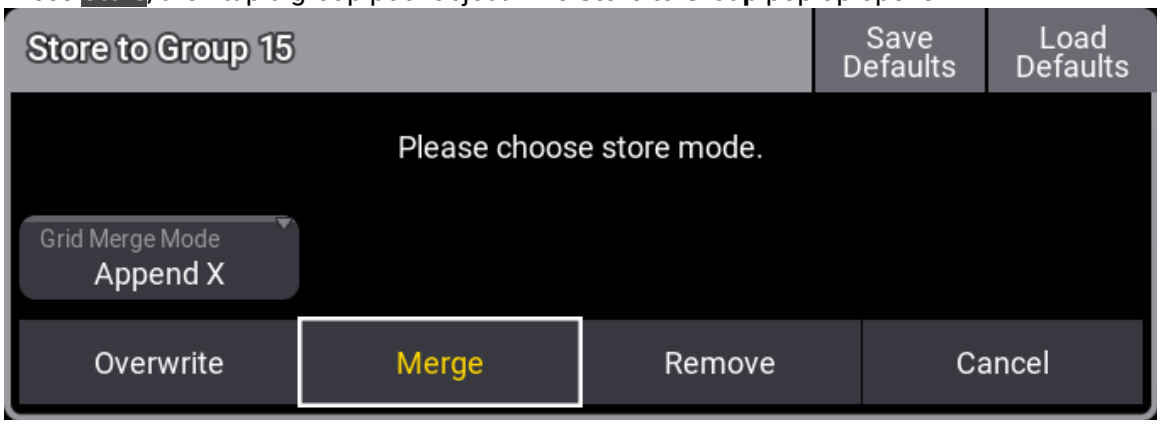
Update Group pop-up

4. Tap OK to save the changes or Cancel to call off the operation.

Tap the video below to see the example.

Third method:

1. Select the fixtures that should be removed.
2. Press Store, then tap a group pool object. The **Store to Group** pop-up opens.



Store Group pop-up

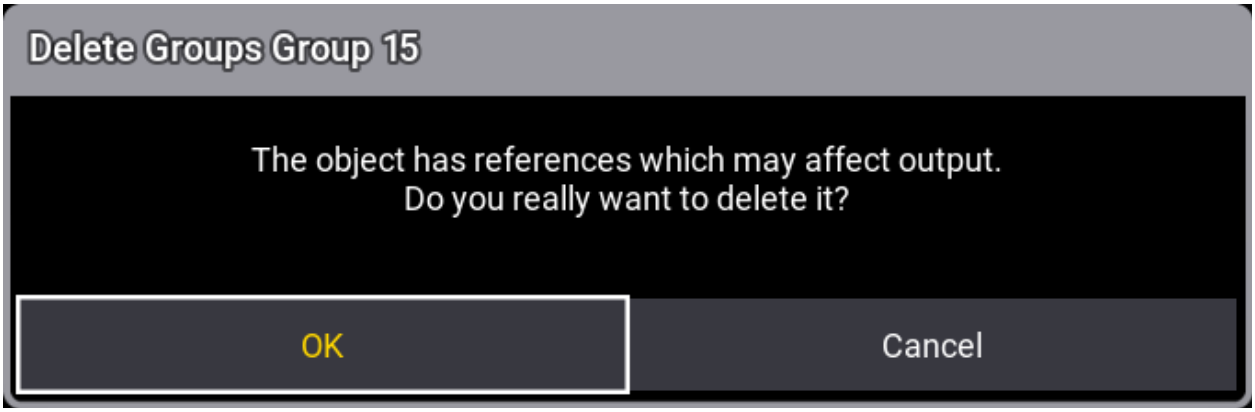
3. Tap Remove to store the group and remove the fixture or Cancel to call off the operation.

Tap the video below to see the example.

1.27.3. Delete Groups

Groups can be deleted.

If the group is used (referenced) somewhere, then a pop-up asks for confirmation.



Deletion pop-up asking for confirmation

Tapping OK deletes the group. Tapping Cancel does not perform the deletion.

If the deleted group is used in a recipe, then the reference is deleted, and the recipe no longer contains a selection. Learn more about recipes in the Recipe topic.

If the group is assigned to an executor and used as a Group Master. Then the executor will be empty after deleting the group. Read more in the Group Master topic.

The deletion can be oopsed and then the references are back.

This is the general deletion syntax:

Delete Group ["Group_Name" or Group_Number]

There are several ways to delete a Group Pool object. Use one of the following.

- Using the Delete keyword.
  To delete group number 1, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Delete Group 1
```

- Open the swipey command and select Delete.

Tap the video below to see the example.

- Press Delete and tap a pool object.

Tap the video below to see the example.

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1.27.4. Group Masters

Groups can be masters of the fixtures in the group. For more information, see Masters.

Groups can be assigned to executors. This provides handles that make it easier to adjust the master level. Learn how in the Assign Object to an Executor topic.

There are four different kinds of group masters:

- **Positive** - This is an HTP group master, indicated by icon in the upper right corner of the pool object. The output of the fixtures is reduced depending on the value of the group master.
- **Negative** - This is a LoTP group master, indicated by icon in the upper right corner of the pool object. The output of the fixtures is reduced depending on the values of the group master.
- **Scaling** - This scales the intensity output. Scaling is indicated by icon in the upper right corner of the pool object. For example, if the fixture is at 50% and the group master is at 50%, then the output is 25%.
- **Additive** - This master does not limit output but adds output as HTP merges with values from the programmer and playbacks. A small circle icon in the upper right corner of the pool object indicates it.

Difference Between Positive, Negative, and Scaling

The difference between the positive and negative masters is relevant when several groups contain the exact or overlapping fixtures.

A negative master has priority over a positive.

For example, if two groups include a fixture with 100% output, and if one group is a positive master at 80% and the other group is a negative master at 60%, then the output is 60% (limited by the negative master). If the negative master is turned up, the output stops at 80% when the positive master becomes valid. If both groups are switched to Scaling, the output will be 48% since the fixture output of 100% is multiplied by 60% and 80% of the second group master.

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Group pool with masters

Groups with a mode assigned display a horizontal bar indicating the master level when relevant.

The master mode can be selected using the **Edit Group pop-up**. Read more about the pop-up in the Edit Groups topic.

The mode can also be assigned using the Set keyword.

Example

Using the command line to set the master mode of group 4 to positive:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Group 4 Property "Mode" "Positive"
```

The mode type is capital sensitive. Writing "positive" fails, but "Positive" works.

	Hint:
	A pop-up appears if the mode is not specified, allowing you to choose a mode from a list.

Delete a Group Master

Deleting a group assigned to an executor does not delete the group from the pool.

If a group is deleted from the group pool, it is deleted from the show.

	Hint:
	Deleting a group from an executor keeps the fixtures limited, as the group still exists in the pool. When deleting a group directly, the fixtures return to their non group master limited value.

1.28. Presets

A preset can hold information about attribute and timing values for a selection of fixtures and may be referenced and used in cues, recipes, or in the programmer.

The principle of presets is to store a labeled reference, rather than the actual value itself. Or use presets for busking, where presets are called into the programmer or played back on the fly.

Updating the preset means the cues or recipes do not need to be updated, since they reference the preset, not its content.

	Hint:
	The images and mentions of pool colors in this topic use the colors from the default Color Theme. The pools can have different default colors. Each feature group pool, all the "All Preset" pools, and the Dynamic preset pool can have their own default pool color. Learn more in the Color Theme topic.

Presets are marked with a cyan marker. This marker is visible on cues that use presets and on the values themselves, for instance, in the tracking sheet or the fixture sheet. Read more in the Marker topic.

	Hint:
	Using presets when programming facilitates the work, especially when working with a show which is used in different locations and for various customers.

Preset Pools

Presets are stored in pools. There are pools for each feature group. These pools have a default input filter that only allows the values for that feature group to be stored in the preset pool. There are also five preset pools called "All 1" to "All 5". These do not have a default input filter and can be used to store any attribute values. Learn more about the pools in the Preset Pool topic.

Preset Modes

Preset modes are used when the preset is stored (or updated) and when the preset is called. Regardless of how the preset is stored, it can be called using a different mode.

There are three different preset modes: Selective, Global, and Universal.

Each preset has letters showing the preset mode and the stored values. It can be one or up to three letters showing the relevant modes. For instance, a preset stored as Selective and set to Selective mode will only display an "S", while a stored preset containing Global and Selective values, but set to Universal mode, will display "UGS". More letters only appear when the stored data is from a higher level than the preset mode is actually set to.

Example:

Preset 4 has all three modes

The three modes are:

- **Selective (S)**:
  The data is selective and valid for each fixture with active stored data.
- **Global (G)**:
  The data is global data. One fixture from each fixture type has data that is valid for all the fixtures of that type. If there are several fixtures of the same fixture type but with different values, then the global data will be determined by the fixture with the lowest ID. Selective data will be added for the other fixtures that have divergent data. The preset will indicate both Global and Selective data.
- **Universal (U)**:
  Data will be added as universal data and will be valid for all fixtures that contain the stored attributes.

When a preset is stored or updated, there are three more options:

- **Default**:
  When updating or storing into an existing preset, the preset mode of the preset or preset pool will be respected.
  In the case of global preset mode, selective data will be added to the preset when at least one fixture that can use the preset is active with new values.
  When creating a new preset, Default mode will take the mode defined by the pool and apply the rules for that mode.
- **Force Global**:
  Using this mode during the update process will remove any selective data from the preset.
- **Force Universal**:
  Using this mode during the update process will remove any selective and global data from the preset.

Force Global and Force Universal act differently depending on whether the preset is stored or updated. Learn more in the Create New Preset and Edit or Update Preset topics.

Each preset can store all three modes or some combinations of modes.

Each preset pool has a setting for a default mode. This mode is indicated by one of the letters in the upper right corner of the pool title field.

Position preset pool title field with Selective as the default mode for the pool

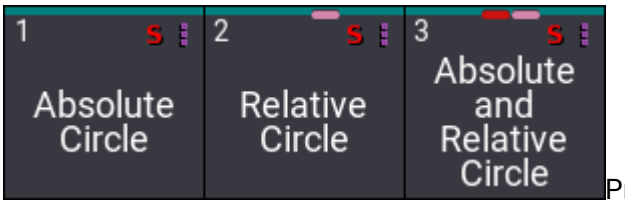
This default can be used when storing the preset or a different mode can be used.

Learn more in the Create New Presets topic and the Use Preset topic.

Absolute and Relative Values

Presets can store absolute and/or relative values. Relative values are often used with multistep presets but it is not limited to this use.

Example:



Preset with absolute, relative, and both types of values

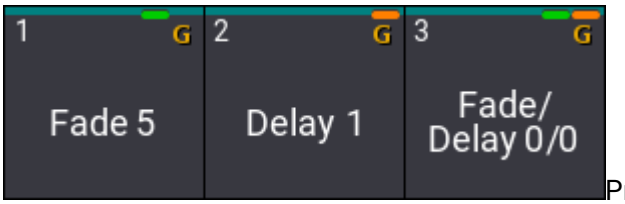
Presets with only absolute values do not have a marker. The absolute marker is a square dark red marker with rounded corners. Relative values are indicated by a dark pink square with rounded corners. Presets can contain both absolute and relative values - they will have both markers in the pool object.

Learn more about the different programmer layers in the What is the Programmer topic. Learn more about the markers in the Markers topic.

Timing Values

Timing values can be stored in presets. The timing layers are Fade and Delay.

Example:



Preset with fade, delay, and both types of values

The Fade marker is green. The Delay marker is orange.

Timing values can be combined with absolute and relative values.

The timing preset can be used when calling values into the programmer.

A timing-only preset cannot be stored or referenced in a cue. Suppose an attribute value (absolute or relative) is called together with a timing-only preset and stored in a cue. In that case, the timing information is stored as individual timing without a preset reference.

Presets that contain both attribute values and timing values are stored in cues with a preset reference.

Pool Action and Object Action

A preset pool window has a pool action for the pool objects. The individual pool objects can also have an object action. The object action is used if the **Use Object Action** is active in the **Preset Pool Settings** (link below).

The defined pool or object action is performed when the preset is tapped in the pool without a (relevant) keyword in the command line.

A small icon in the upper right corner of the pool title object indicates the selected pool action. If **Use Object Action** is activated in the settings, a pointing finger icon will be displayed next to the pool action. See the example image below.

A big semi-transparent icon is added to the pool object when **Use Object Action** is activated. The pool object is grayed out if the object action is set to **None** (see preset 10 in the example below). There is no icon displayed if the object action is set to **Pool Default** (see preset 11 in the example below).

Example of a dimmer preset pool with pool objects assigned all the possible default actions.

The pool action is set in the Preset Pool Settings.

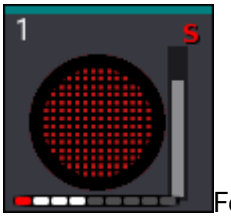
The object action is set in the object editor described in the Edit or Update Presets topic.

The functions are also described in the Window Settings topic. Follow the links to learn more.

Feature Group Indicator Bar

This bar is visible when a preset has attributes of two or more feature groups stored.

The bar is always visible on All presets.



Feature Group Indicator Bar at the bottom of the preset

The feature group indicator bar has a square for each feature group, displayed in white, gray, or red.

- **White**:
  Indicates that values of attributes of the corresponding feature group are stored in the preset.
- **Gray**:
  Indicates that no values of attributes of this feature group are stored in the preset.
- **Red**:
  Indicates that at least one attribute of this feature group is not accessible at the moment. For example, when having a world with a limited set of attributes active.
  The square also turns red when the currently selected world does not contain fixtures that can make use of the attribute data in the preset.

The order of the squares is similar to the order of feature groups in the encoder bar, from left to right:

- Dimmer
- Position
- Gobo

- Color
- Beam
- Focus
- Control
- Shaper
- Video

If a show file contains additional feature groups, more squares will be added automatically to the bar.

The bar can also be visible in Worlds and Filters.

Embedded Presets

A preset can contain a link to a different preset. It is the same as cues storing a reference to a preset - just for other presets. This can be useful, for instance, when a show is built using a set of general presets and other presets are created using these as building blocks.

Example:

In this example, there is a universal dimmer preset that has values for the universal fixture. This is used to create a new global preset for fixture types. This is again used to create a selective preset for only some fixtures. If the fixture type changes, then the global preset needs to be updated. The selective preset links to the global preset values and do not need to be updated. The universal value is unaffected by the fixture change as long as the fixture used to store the value still has the attribute.

Preset 1 is used in an embedded preset. Preset 2 contains embedded data and is also used in a different embedded preset. Preset 3 contains embedded data.

The "source" preset has a downward pointing arrow that points to a line. This indicates that this preset is referenced by other presets (or cues). The preset with embedded data has an icon with an arrow and a line above to indicate that this preset uses referenced data. Presets with embedded data that is also referenced has the arrow and a line above and below the arrow.

If a new name is not defined, then the name is also referenced (referenced names are in square brackets). This means that changing the name of the source preset also updates the name of the new preset. Learn more in the Create New Presets topic.

Presets can be a part of a chain of embedded presets. If the chain's depth gets too long, a warning can be shown in the presets at the end of the chain.

Embedded preset with a warning

Preset with the warning can still work, but they might not update correctly if there are changes in the chain.

The depth of a preset can be seen in the Info window or pop-up using the ListReference keyword.

Recipe Presets

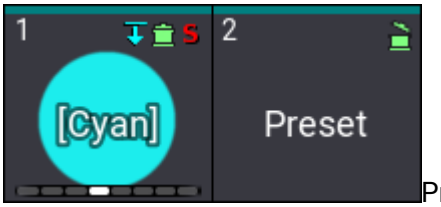
Presets can have recipe information. A recipe is one or more lines with information about a selection, value, MAtricks, individual fade, delay, speed, and phase values.

This information can be used to "cook" values into the preset or programmer. If the source information changes, the preset can be cooked again to reflect the changes. For instance, if a group is used in a recipe and it changes after the initial cooking, then the preset can be cooked again, and the changes will now reflect the group's changes.

A preset can be a **Recipe Template** that can be used to load the recipe into the programmer.

Learn more in the Recipe Presets topic.

Example:



Presets with recipe information

A small pot icon indicates a preset with recipes. Recipe Templates have a pot icon with an open lid.

Recipe presets can contain presets with recipes. There can be up to 10 levels of recipes within recipes.

A circular reference can be created between recipe presets. If that is the case, there is a small red infinity icon on the presets.

Example:

Presets with infinite circular references

MAgic Presets

MAgic presets are presets where value points in a range are defined. This range can then be applied to a dynamic selection of fixtures. For instance, two fixtures are stored in a MAgic preset with dimmer values of 0% and 100%. MAgic presets should be stored as a selective preset, but that does not mean that only the selected fixtures can use it - it only means that they contain values for a selection of fixtures. The MAgic preset uses the values to define the points in a range. A different fixture selection can be made and the range of values between the points is assigned to the fixtures when the MAgic preset is called into the programmer. These values are calculated based on the points and then taken into the programmer as hard values. There is no reference back to the MAgic preset.

There can be up to five defined points in the range (on each axis in the selection grid).

MAgic presets have a small wizard hat icon in the preset pool object

Position preset with MAgic information

Example:

A path needs to be defined to control a color range from blue to yellow. The wish is to have the range go through the red area in a CIE color picker - instead of going through white. Three fixtures are needed to define the range.

The first fixture is blue, the second is magenta, and the third is yellow. This is then stored as a MAgic preset. Now this range through three points can be used by multiple fixtures to create the desired path.

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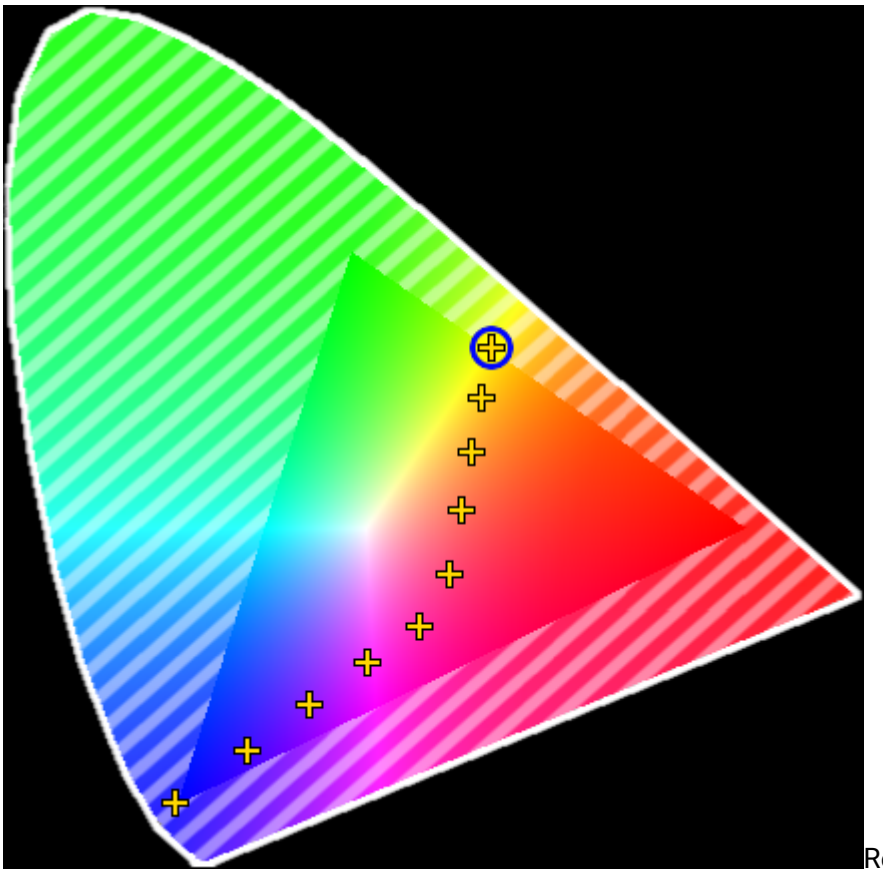

Result of a three-point MAgic color preset applied to multiple fixtures

Learn the details on how to create this MAgic preset in the Create New Presets topic.

Multistep Presets

Presets can contain values in multiple steps (Phasers). Presets with only one step usually have the values stored in step one. If a preset has multiple steps, it is called a multistep or Phaser preset.

Presets can also contain a Phaser Recipe, which is also a multistep preset.

Example:

Multistep preset

Multistep presets have a three-dot icon to indicate multistep values. If the preset contains a Phaser Recipe, then it also has a purple pot icon.

MAtricks Presets

MAtricks information can be stored in presets. Having MAtricks information in the programmer and storing a preset will add the MAtricks information into the preset (if the Store Settings allow it).

Example:

Preset with MAtricks information

The MAtricks icon is a green icon with nine dots in a grid.

Filtered Presets

The entire preset pool has a default input filter - except the All preset pools. The default filter is on feature group preset pools. They automatically filter the attributes in the feature group.

The input filter can be changed to a custom filter for any preset pool, including the All presets. If the input filter is different than the default, then there is an input filter icon on the preset pool title field.

Besides an entire preset pool having an input filter, it is also possible to have an input filter on individual presets. Learn more about input filters in the Edit Presets topic.

Example:

Preset with input filter

The input filter icon is a gray filter icon with a small right-pointed arrow.

Extract Preset Data

The values stored in presets can be extracted from the preset. This will take the values stored in the preset and put them into the programmer. There will not be a link to a preset when the values are extracted.

This can be done using the Extract keyword.

Different sources can be specified with the extraction.

If there is a selection of fixtures with references to presets in the programmer, then the entire selection can be extracted. The command for this would be: **Extract Selection**

Specific fixtures can be specified instead of extracting the entire selection. It can be single fixtures or a selection of fixtures: **Extract Fixture [Fixtures_Numbers or "Fixture_Names"]**

Specific presets can also be extracted into the current selection of fixtures: **Extract Preset [FeatureGroup_Number or "FeatureGroup_Name"].[Preset_Number or "Preset_Name"]**

All presets from a cue can also be extracted to a selection of fixtures: Extract Cue [Cue_Number or "Cue_Name"]

	Hint:
	When extracting by specifying a fixture, selection, cue, feature group, or attribute, presets must be active in the programmer for the desired fixtures.

When extracting embedded presets or phaser presets which have presets integrated into their steps, extract will call directly the values of the source presets.

Using the **/Single** option together with extract makes it possible to extract one level down in the hierarchy of the presets.

Example

Create 2 color presets ("red" and "blue" presets) that are embedded into a different color preset ("odd/even red/blue"). The second color preset ("odd/even red/blue") is embedded into All preset 21.1 ("cool look").

Select some fixtures and apply the All preset ("cool look") to them.

Executing Extract Selection /Single calls the second color preset ("odd/even red/blue") into the programmer.

Executing Extract Selection /Single again calls the first color presets ("red" and "blue" presets) into the programmer.

When executing Extract Selection /Single a third time, the result is the same as using Extract Selection in the first step: The hard red and blue values without a preset link.

Delay To Phase

Each preset can have a **Delay To Phase** setting turned On. The setting relates to phasers with delay values.

When enabled, the phase calculation for each attribute begins as the values start to change at the end of the delay time. Because this delay timing may be different for different attributes or fixtures within a single preset, the resulting output may appear to include different phase offsets than originally stored within the phaser. For instance, multiple "waves" of the phaser appears to be running at the same time. Basically, each attribute starts the phaser when the delay ends, so each attribute is no longer in phase with the others.

When disabled, the phase calculation for all attributes starts when the preset is triggered, regardless of any individual delay times. Each attribute will join the phaser playback when its delay ends, but in sync with the running phase. This allows for more predictable, synchronized phaser playback, even with different individual delay times.

Learn how to change the setting in the Edit or Update Presets topic.

Subtopics

- Preset Pools
- Create New Presets
- Recipe Presets
- Use Preset
- Edit or Update Presets

1.28.1. Preset Pools

	Important:
	If pools are new to you, please read the Pool Windows topics first.

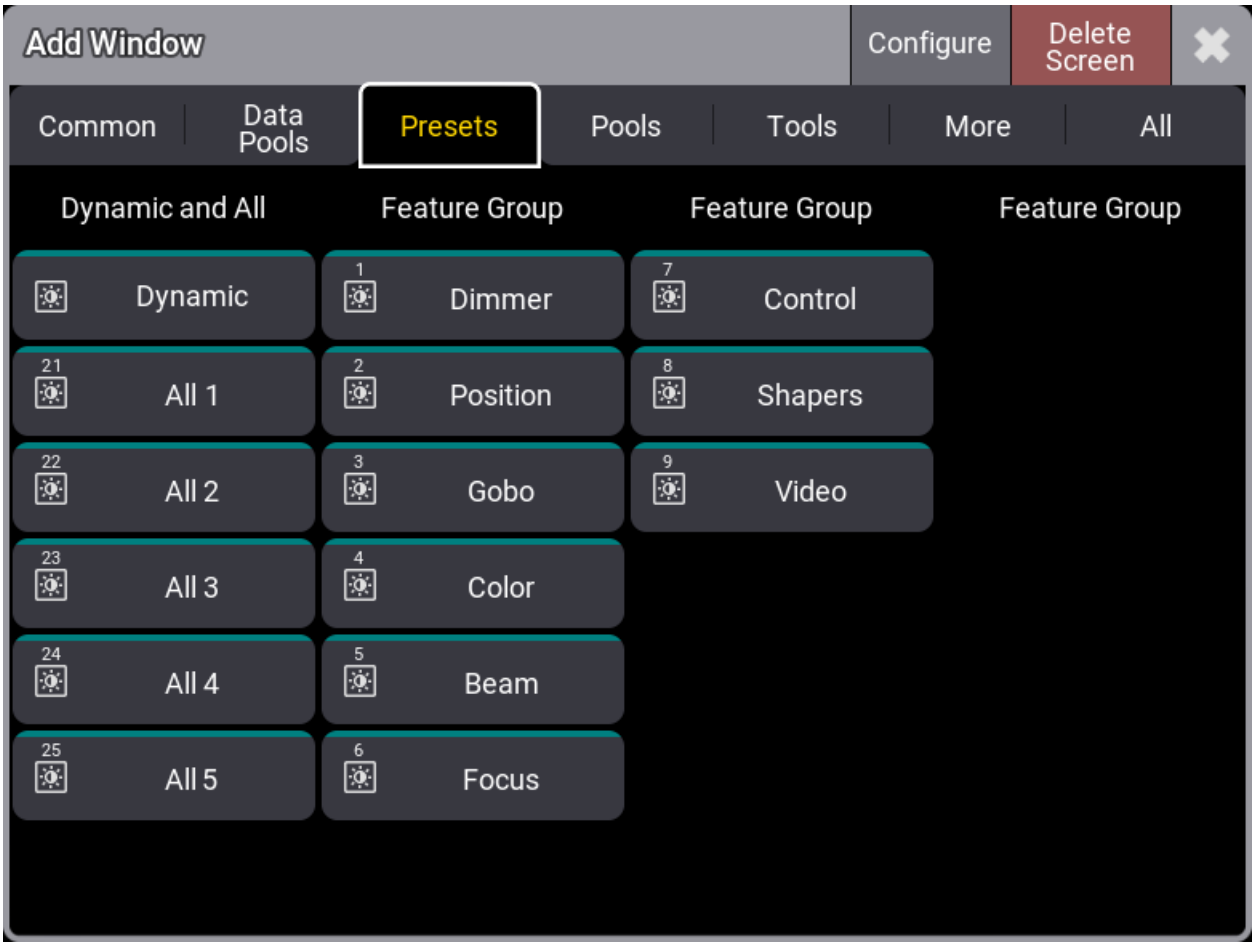
There is a preset pool for each **Feature Group** in the show. A show with no custom feature groups will have nine preset pools named after the default feature groups. For instance, Dimmer. These pools can have a feature group filter besides the standard input filter (read more below).

	Hint:
	Create custom preset pools using Feature Groups. For more information, see Feature Group.

In addition to the feature group preset pools, there are five "All" preset pools. These do not filter based on feature groups. The "All" preset pools can be labeled to match the needs. For instance, one of the pools could be used for storing multistep phaser presets or different parts of the show.

There is a unique preset pool called "Dynamic". This is not a preset pool in itself. It automatically changes between the feature group preset pools based on the selected feature group in the Feature Group Control Bar.

The preset pools are created like any other window in the user-defined areas using the Add window pop-up. They are all under the **Presets** tab:



Open the Presets

The preset pools look and behave like many other pools, but small differences exist. Read more about pools in general in the Pool Windows topics.

The default preset mode for the preset pool is indicated by a letter in the upper right corner of the pool title field. Read more about the preset modes in the Preset topic and below for information about setting the default.

There is a colored indicator bar at the top of each pool object. If nothing is selected, it is colored like the pool color. This color can be edited in the Color Theme.

The pool object is dimmed if there is a selection, but none of the currently selected fixtures can use a preset. If a preset can be used by all the fixtures currently selected, then the colored bar is green. It is yellow if the preset is only valid for some of the selected fixtures. These are the default colors. They can be edited in the pool settings (see below).

Presets in the All 4 pool

The cyan number below the pool number is the number of fixtures currently using the preset. See preset 2 in the example image above.

Preset Pool Settings

Enter the pool settings by tapping the MA logo in the pool title field.

This is an example of the preset pool settings.

Settings for the All 1 preset pool window

These are the settings for the preset pool windows:

- **Name**:
  This sets the name for pools for instance, the five All preset pools. The other preset pools are named from the feature group.
- **Input Filter**:
  This can be used to select an input filter for the entire pool. Worlds and Filters can be used. An input filter blocks some elements. The blocked elements cannot be stored in the pool. Tap this to open an **Assignment Editor**. Here filters or worlds can be selected, or it can be set to Empty.
- **Show Empty**:
  This toggle button can hide or show empty pool objects.
- **Appearance**:
  This sets which appearance is applied behind the pool objects.
- **Cue Part**:
  This sets the cue part where presets call their values in. By default, presets call their values into programmer part 0. Use this setting to specify a different programmer part for presets for this pool. This setting can also be changed for individual presets in the pool. Learn more about programmer parts in the What is the Programmer topic.
- **Pool Columns**:
  This defines the width for the pool objects. It does not change the size of the window. It defines how many columns of pool objects are in the window. If the window is wider than the number of columns, then the extra space is displayed as black (default color). If the window is smaller than the number of columns, the pool window can be scrolled horizontally. If the pool

has a set width, then there is an icon (⏭) in the upper right corner of the title field.
The **Not Defined** value dynamically sets the width to match the window size even when the window is resized.
The **Take Current Width** sets the width to match the current size of the window. It does not dynamically change if the window is resized.

- **Display Mode**:
  This is used to define what the pool object displays. It has the following options:
  - **Text and Symbol**:
    Both the text (name) and symbol are shown on the pool object if they are different than the default values and not empty.
  - **Text**:
    Only the pool object's name is shown. If the pool object only has the default name, it is not shown.
  - **Symbol**:
    Only the symbol is shown. If no symbol is generated, then the pool object is empty.
  - **Auto**:
    This results in only the symbol being displayed if a symbol exists. Otherwise, the text (name) is displayed.
- **Font Size**:
  This sets the font size property from 10 to 32. There is also a default property. This is the same as size 18. This simply changes the font size on the pool objects.
- **DataPool**:
  This defines what data pool the pool window shows data from. This makes it possible to have pools showing objects from different data pools. For instance, a group pool window from the default data pool can be shown next to a different group pool window showing groups from a different data pool.
- **Pool Color**:
  This is the color for the title button in the pool.
  This only changes the color for this specific instance of the preset pool. The default colors for each preset pool can be changed in the Color Theme.
- **Empty Color**:
  This color is applied to empty pool objects.
- **Reset Colors**:
  This resets the colors to the colors in the default color theme.
- **Store From**:
  This defines where a new pool object should be stored. When set to **Default** the new pool object gets stored to the first empty slot. Set a value between **1 - 9999** to define where a pool object should be stored. An individually defined index is indicated by an **>=x** in the top left corner of the corresponding pool.

  To store an object to the slot set in Store From, use Store without a specific number:

  Store [Pool] Please

  Only exception are Preset Pools. The number followed by "Preset", indicates the preset pool.
  For example, to store a dimmer preset using the Store From setting, type:

- **For All**:
  This color is used when the preset can be used by all of the selected fixtures.

- **For Some**:
  This color is used when some of the selected fixtures can use the preset.
- **For None**:
  This color is used when the preset is not usable by any of the selected fixtures or when none of the selected fixtures are in the group.
- **Preset Mode**:

  This adjusts the preset mode of the entire pool and changes the mode of presets stored in the pool. The drop-down displays the following options:

  - **Selective**:
    Changes the preset to a selective preset.
  - **Global**:
    Changes the preset to a global preset.
  - **Universal**:
    Changes the preset to a universal preset.

  Learn more about preset modes in the Presets topic.

- **Pool Action:**
  This defines the default action executed when a pool object is tapped without a (relevant) keyword in the command line.
  Pools can have some of the following actions (the available actions depend on the type of pool):
  - **At** ( ):
    When there is no selection in the programmer, tapping a preset does nothing. When the programmer has a selection, tapping it calls the preset into the programmer.
  - **Call**( ) - default action for filters:
    This action calls the tapped pool object.
  - **SelFix/At** ( ) - default action for presets:
    When there is no selection in the programmer, tapping a preset will select the fixture that can use the preset. Tapping it again calls the preset into the programmer.
    When the programmer has a selection, tapping a preset the first time will call the preset into the programmer.
  - **SelFix/Extract** ( ):
    This value acts similarly to SelFix/At, but instead of calling the preset reference into the programmer, the values will be called extracted into the programmer.
  - **Select** ( ) - default action for sequences:
    Tapping the pool object selects it.
  - **Toggle** ( ):
    Tapping a pool object activates it or switches it off, depending on its current state.
  - **Go+** ( ):
    Starts playback of the pool object or goes to the next cue in the sequence.
  - **Flash** ( ):
    Flashes a pool object as long as it is tapped. Flash ignores fade times.
  - **Temp** ( ):
    Plays back a pool object as long the pool object is pressed. Temp respects the fade times.
  - **Top** ( ):
    Restarts the timecode pool object at the beginning.

  - **Pause** ( ):
    Pauses the timecode pool object. Tap again to play it back.
  - **Off** ( ):
    Stops the recording of the timecode pool object and pauses it when it is played back.
  - **Goto** ( ):
    Opens a pop-up to play back a specific cue from the sequence pool object.
  - **Load** ( ):
    Opens a po-up to load a specific cue from the sequence pool object.
  - **None** ():
    No action is triggered when tapping on the pool object.
- **Use Object Action**:
  This defines if the selected object action is executed instead of the selected pool action. Pool windows with Use Object Action enabled, are marked with a ( ). Pool objects indicate the selected object action setting with a light grey icon in the foreground of the object. If the object action is set to **None**, there is a gray overlay on top of the pool object.
- **2 Finger Edit**:
  This toggle button enables the possibility to edit objects by using the two-finger gesture or right-clicking.

Some of the settings described above can also be set for individual presets. The individual preset settings have a higher priority than the preset pool setting.

1.28.2. Create New Presets

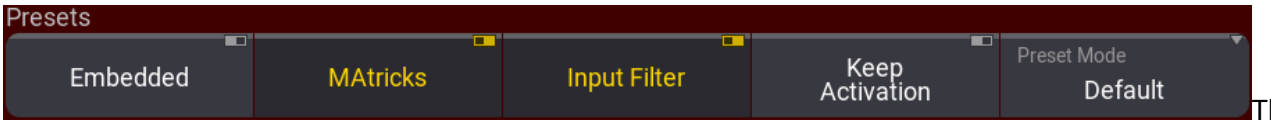
Please read the general Preset topic and the Preset Pool topic before this topic to get an understanding of the presets and how they are organized.

Creating and using presets requires some fixtures patched in a show file.

For more information on patching fixtures, see Add Fixtures to the Show.

When presets are stored, some defaults are used unless other choices are actively made.

Some of these choices are accessible in the **Store Options** pop-up. This is opened by keeping Store pressed for approximately one second. The pop-up has a section regarding the presets:



The preset section in Store Options pop-up

	Hint:
	Changing a setting here without saving this as the new preference only uses the changed setting for the next store action. Learn more about it in the Store Options and Preferences topic.

Read about **Embedded** below.

MAtricks allows storing MAtricks settings in the preset.

Keep Activation means that when the preset is stored, the newly created preset is active in the programmer and ready to be stored in, for instance, a cue. Turning this setting Off stores the preset but leaves the values as inactive in the programmer.

Preset Mode is the last of the preset options in the temporary store options pop-up. The preset pool has a default setting, but a different mode can be chosen by tapping Preset Mode until it has the desired mode. Learn about the presets modes in the Presets topic and the Preset Pools topic. See examples of storing using the different modes below.

Input Filter

The I**nput Filter** setting in the store options determines whether input filtering in preset pools is used. If this option is active, then it is only possible to store attribute values inside the preset pools if the filter allows it. If the input filter setting is empty, a feature group filter is applied to the relevant feature group preset pools. This means that only attributes of the corresponding feature group can be stored in the preset pool. For instance, pan attributes can be stored in the Position preset pool but not in the Color preset pool.

All preset pools do not have any default feature group filtering. Any attribute can be stored, regardless of the Input Filter setting in the store options.

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Custom filters and worlds can be assigned to the preset pool or individual presets using the preset pool settings or individual preset settings. Filters and worlds can also be assigned using the following syntax: **Assign Filter ["Filter_Name" or Filter_Number] At Preset ["FeatureGroup_Name" or FeatureGroup_Number].["Preset_Name" or Preset_Number]**. Substitute filter with world if a world needs to be assigned as an input filter.

Learn more about filters and worlds in the Worlds and Filters section. Learn about the preset pool settings in the Preset Pools topic.

Simple Static Preset

Storing a preset with simple static values is very easy:

1. Select some fixtures.
2. Give some of the fixture attributes a value in the programmer.
3. Store this in the relevant empty pool object.

This is the general workflow.

If the values in the programmer are allowed to pass the input filter (read above), they are stored in the preset.

The best way to work with presets is to have the desired preset pool available on a touch screen. The pool can then be tapped to store and call the presets.

If it only contains values in **step** one and does not have recipe information, it is considered a static preset, which means that the values do not change dynamically or by updates to other presets. Read the Phaser topic to learn what the steps are, and the Recipe Presets topic to learn about recipes in presets.

Global Preset Data

The global data is stored on real fixtures within the patch.

When storing new global presets, the global data is automatically created within the new preset. When all data for the fixture type is the same, the fixture with the lowest ID, from the stored data, is used to hold the global data within the preset.

Each fixture type has its own global data value, allowing the global value to be adjusted per fixture type.

When selective data is added to the preset for one of the fixtures that holds the global data or when the fixture is deleted from the show, the global data is moved to the first patched fixture for the fixture type. If the global data was held by the first fixture before, it is moved to the next patched fixture of this fixture type.

When editing a preset with global data, the fixtures with the global data in the programmer will display a yellow square marker in the top right corner of the attribute cell within the fixture sheet.

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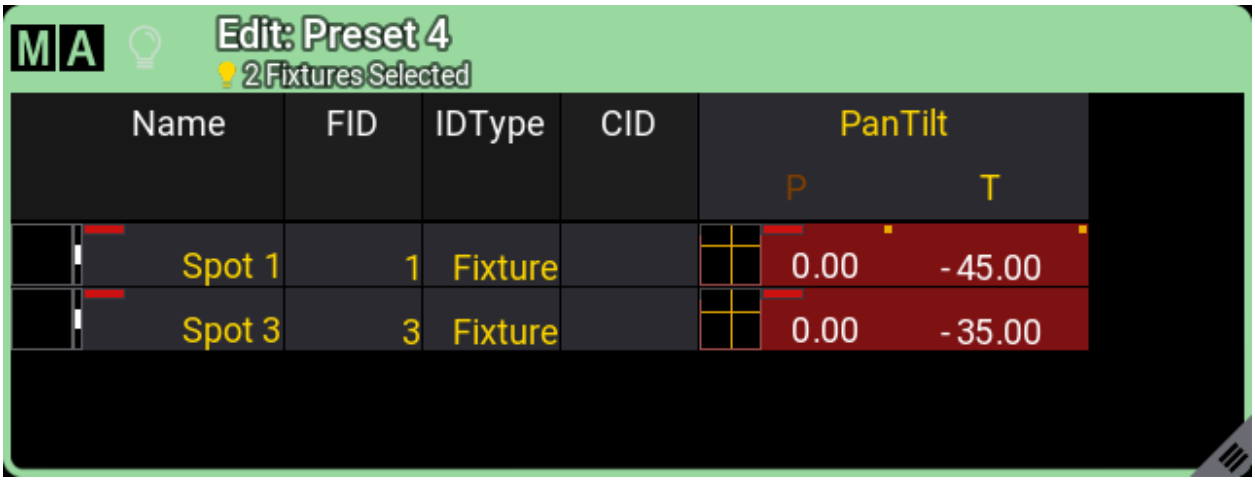


Example showing a preset with fixture 1 holding global data and fixture 3 holding selective data.

	Important:
	When converting old show files from grandMA3 v1.5 or prior to grandMA3 v1.6 or later, the data from the global fixture type object will be migrated to the first patched fixture of the same fixture type that is not already holding selective data.

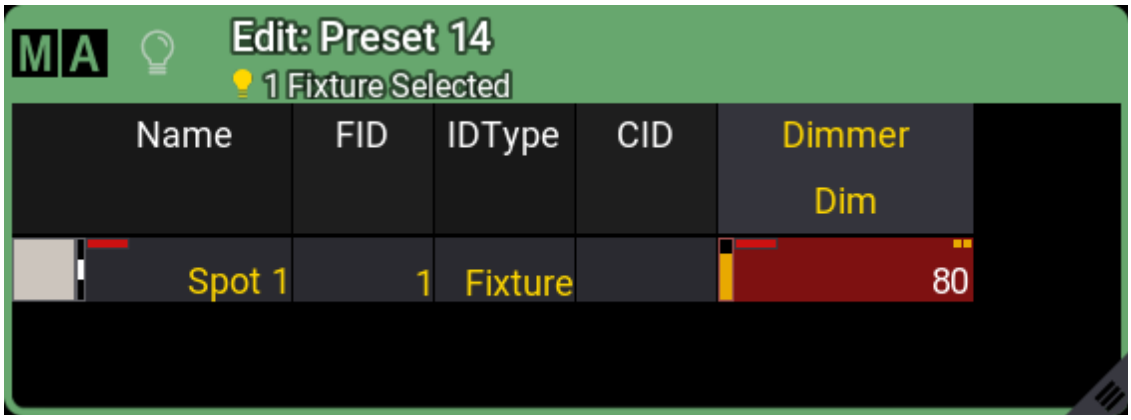
The method to determine the global data across several attributes considers all attributes of the same activation group. This will result in taking all attributes of the same activation group of one fixture and not taking the different attributes from different fixtures.

Universal Preset Data

Storing a universal preset will store data for the first active fixture when the preset was stored.

Universal data stored in presets can be used by any fixture that has the stored attribute.

Universal data stored in a preset has two yellow square markers in the top right corner of the attribute cell within the fixture sheet.



Example showing a preset with universal dimmer data stored.

	Hint:
	When calling universal color, it will be transformed through the color engine. If, for instance, a 7-color LED is used to create a color and call that data universal, a similar color will be called on an RGBA fixture.

Embedded Preset

The concept of embedded preset is explained in the Presets topic.

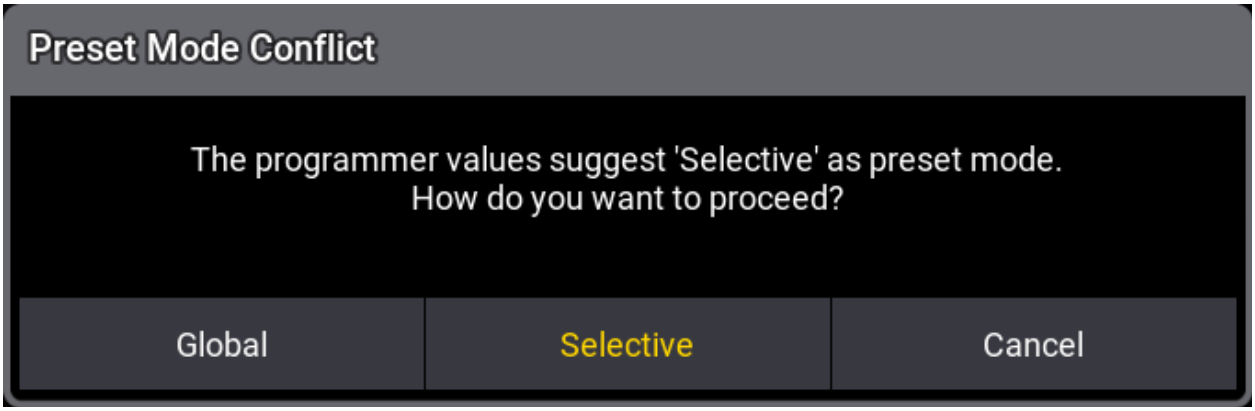
This is the workflow:

1. Select the desired fixtures.
2. Recall an existing preset to load it into the programmer.
3. Store a new preset with the **Embedded** store option active.

A recipe preset could be an alternative to an embedded preset. Learn more about them in the Recipe Presets topic.

Preset Mode Conflict

When a preset is stored, the system analyses the programmer data. If the system detects a discrepancy between the programmer data and the preset mode used for the store process, then a pop-up appears. The pop-up informs about the discrepancy, and it suggests a different preset mode.



Example when storing a Global preset with programmer content suggesting it should be Selective. The pop-up adjusts the text to the relevant situation.

There are three buttons in the pop-up. The left one is the preset mode defined by the store settings, the middle one is the suggested mode, and the right button cancels the store operation.

Select the appropriate option to proceed.

Store Selective Preset

1. Select one or more fixtures.
2. Give the fixture attributes some values in the programmer.
3. Press and hold Store until the **Store Settings** open.
4. Tap Preset Mode until the mode is **Selective**.
5. Tap the desired preset pool object - ensure it is valid for the attribute values.

Store Global Preset

1. Select one fixture from one or more fixture types.
2. Give the fixture attributes some values in the programmer.
3. Press and hold Store until the **Store Settings** open.
4. Tap Preset Mode until the mode is **Global**.

5. Tap the desired preset pool object - ensure it is valid for the attribute values.

Store Universal Preset

1. Select one or more fixtures or the universal fixture.
2. Give the fixture attributes some values in the programmer.
3. Press and hold Store until the **Store Settings** open.
4. Tap Preset Mode until the mode is **Universal**.
5. Tap the desired preset pool object - ensure it is valid for the attribute values.

MAgic Presets

The concept of MAgic presets is explained in the Presets topic.

	Important:
	The MAgic presets only work if the stored fixtures have different grid positions on the relevant axes, and the best result is if they start at grid position 0 and the fixtures are next to each other. This does not need to match the real-world position; it is only for the individual positions between the fixtures.
	Important:
	Calling a MAgic preset in the programmer does not create a link to the preset. The fixture values are calculated based on the selection and stored as hard values. The only way to keep a reference to the MAgic preset is if the preset is used in a recipe. Learn more about recipes in the Recipe Preset topic.

This is the general workflow for creating a MAgic preset:

1. Select all the needed fixtures.
2. Use Next to give the first fixture values to match the first point in the range.
3. Press Next to select the next fixture and give it values for the next point in the range.
4. Repeat step 3, if needed, to have a maximum of five fixtures (on each axis in the selection grid).
5. Select all the used fixtures using Set.
6. Store the preset in an appropriate preset pool.
7. Edit the preset settings and tap MAgic to turn the MAgic function On.

The new preset can now be used by as many fixtures as needed.

Learn more about editing the Edit Presets topic.

	Known Limitation:
	A MAgic preset must be stored with selective data, as multiple points cannot be defined across universal or global fixtures. Existing MAgic presets can be used as global or universal. Learn more in the Use Presets topic.

Example:

A path must be defined to control a color range from blue to yellow. The wish is to have the range go through the magenta/red area in a CIE color picker - instead of going through white or the blue/green area. Three fixtures are needed to define the range.

Requirement:

- Patch several fixtures (10 or more) with color mixing possibilities.
- Create a view with the Special Dialog - Color Picker (in CIE mode) and an All preset pool.

Follow these steps:

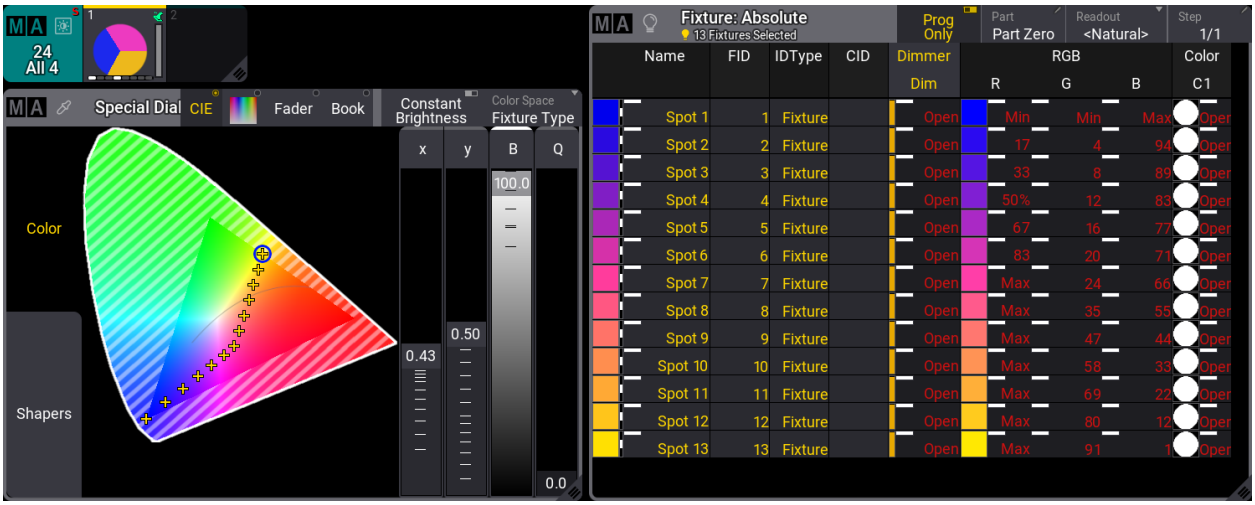
1. Select three of the fixtures.
2. Turn the fixture intensity to 100%.
3. Press Next to select the first of the three fixtures.
4. Tap the blue area in the color picker.
5. Press Next to select the second fixture.
6. Tap the magenta area in the color picker.
7. Press Next to select the third fixture.
8. Tap the yellow area in the color picker.
9. Press Set to select all three fixtures again.
10. Press Store.
11. Tap an empty pool object in the All preset pool.
12. Use the swipey menu to select Edit Settings.
13. Tap MAgic to turn On the option and close the settings.

Now, there is a preset that looks something like this:

MAgic preset in the preset pool

14. Clear the programmer.
15. Select all the fixtures.
16. Tap the MAgic preset.

The result should look similar to this in the color picker:



Result of the MAgic preset used on multiple fixtures

The dimmer values are not needed for this example; it just makes it easier to see the result.

Multistep Preset

Multistep presets are presets that contain values in more than one step. It is explained in a little bit more detail in the Presets topic. For an explanation of steps, please read the Phasers section.

With Phaser information in the programmer, a preset can be stored. This will then be a multistep preset.

	Hint:
	Presets can be used for more advanced functions with Recipes. Please read the Recipe Presets topic for more about recipes.

1.28.3. Recipe Presets

Please read the Recipe topics before this topic.

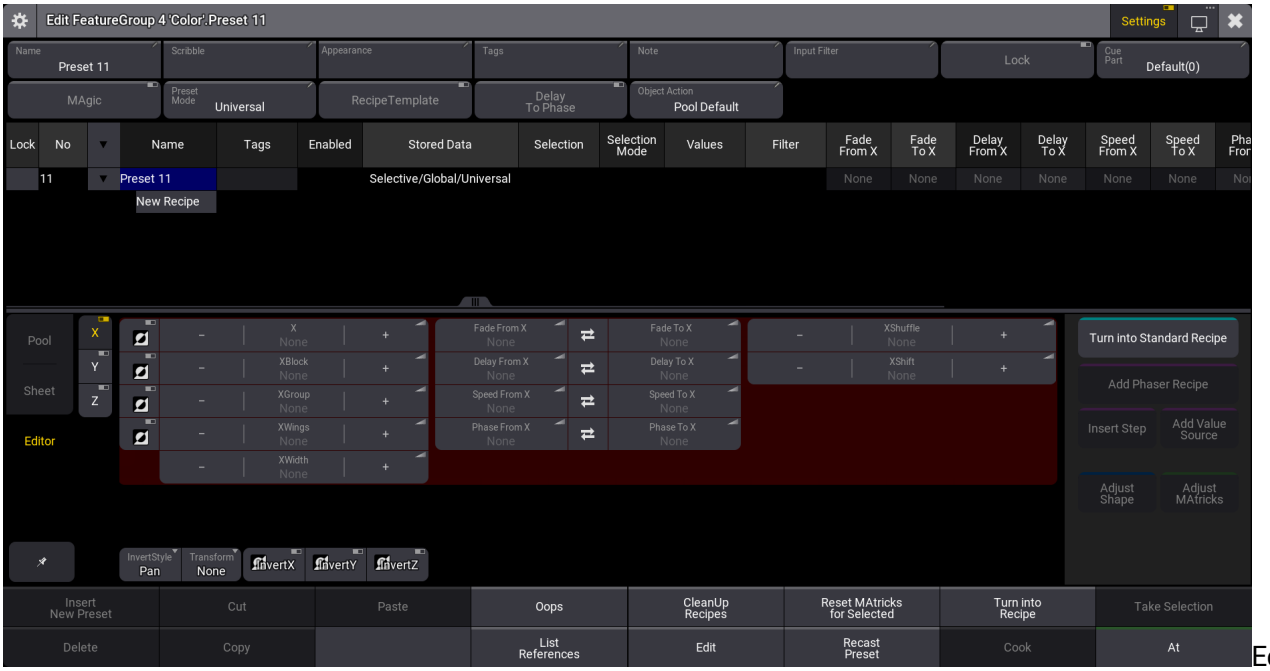
This topic explores how to build recipes by editing a preset. Recipes can also be build in the programmer and stored in a preset. This workflow is described in the Edit Recipe Mode topic.

Recipes can be added to presets that do not contain attribute values when using the user interface.

Presets with attribute data offer to turn the existing attribute data into a recipe (by tapping Turn into Recipe - read more below).

Adding Recipe Lines

Recipe lines are added to presets using the **Edit Preset Object** pop-up. This can be accessed using the Swipey on a preset pool object.



Edit options for a preset

The middle part of this pop-up is about the recipes and, for instance, grid values.

The preset settings can be visible at the top; most of them are described in the Preset Pools topic. There is a setting specifically for the recipes: **Recipe Template**. This can be enabled to turn the preset into a Recipe Template. If the **Recipe Template** setting is enabled in a recipe preset, the recipe itself will be loaded into the programmer part and will be cooked there. Presets that have this setting enabled are shown with a green cooking pot icon with the lid open.

The bottom of the editor has different buttons:

- **Insert [selected object]** - (this button is available when the preset is turned into a recipe preset):
  Creates a new recipe line. Adding additional recipe lines will reference the values from the first line when values are stored in the first line. When the first line contains a preset, the reference to this preset is copied. Additional lines also automatically reference the MAtricks values from the first line.
- **Cut**:
  Cuts the selected object.
- **Paste**:
  Paste the copied or cut object.
- **Delete**:
  Delete the selected object.
- **Copy**:
  Copies the selected object.
- **Oops**:
  Oops the last action.
- **CleanUp Recipes**:
  Tap this to remove unused recipe lines. Multiple lines can be created with the same selection and values for the same attributes, but only one line can send values to the attribute. Clean Up removes the unused lines.
- **Reset MAtricks for Selected**:
  Resets the MAtricks for the selected recipe line.
- **Turn Into Recipe**:
  Tap this button to turn a preset containing attribute value into a recipe preset.
- **Take Selection**:
  This allows using a selection of fixtures instead of a group. Tap this button to make the current programmer fixture selection the new selection for the selected recipe line.
- **List References**:
  Tapping this opens a pop-up listing all elements that reference and depend on the preset.
- **Edit**:
  Closes the editor and takes the selected recipe line into the programmer in edit mode.
- **Recast Preset**:
  This will recast the preset where it is referenced. This means that if attributes are added or deleted after the preset is used in cues, then the preset might need to be recast for the cues to reflect the new content. Read about this in the Cue Recipes topic.
- **Cook**:
  This will cook the preset recipes. This might be necessary for the preset to reflect the recipe content.
- **At**:
  Tapping this applies the preset's current settings to the selection.

Create a New Standard Recipe Preset Using the Edit Preset Object Pop-Up

Open the editor for an empty preset.

Tap Add Standard Recipe in the menu at the bottom.

This turns the preset into a recipe preset and creates the first recipe line.

It is almost always relevant to at least add a preset reference value. To do this, tap the Values field in the recipe row.

Use the context area to select the desired preset.

Add the desired values in the other columns.

Add a selection if desired - from a group or by tapping Take Selection.

If the recipe line is edited, then the preset is automatically cooked when the edit pop-up is closed.

	Hint:
	The Recipe Editor topic describes all the details about the Recipe Editor.

Example

We want a preset that can take the current selection of fixtures to a new position in two wings and with a ranged time.

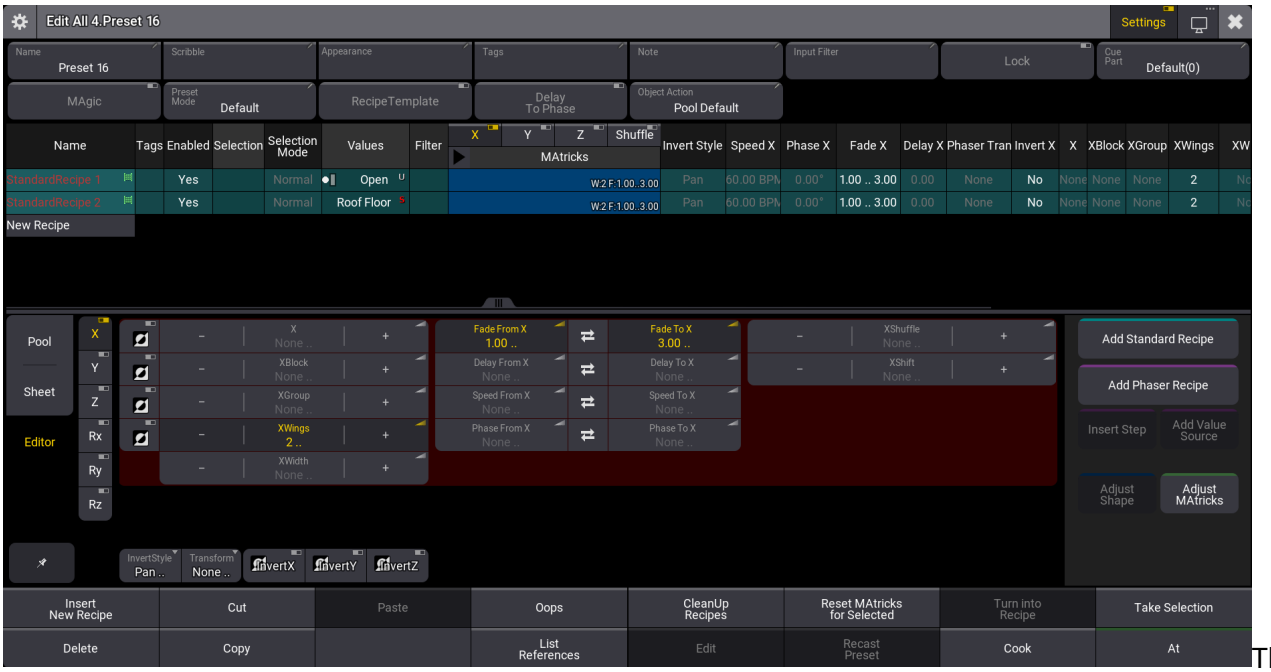
Requirement:

Have a show with some moving heads patched and placed in a row. The show also needs a position preset and dimmer preset where the fixtures are at full. This example uses the Demoshow.

Follow these steps to create the recipe preset:

1. Tap an empty position preset pool object and swipe the finger outside the preset to open the Swipey menu.
2. Select Edit Setting in the Swipey menu.
3. Tap Add Standard Recipe to create a recipe line.
4. Tap the first field in the "Values" column.
5. Tap Pool and then 1 Dimmer and then the preset where the intensity is at full (Open).
6. Tap and hold New Recipe and select Standard Recipe to create a second line.
7. Select the values field for the second recipe line.
8. Tap 2 Position and select a position preset (Roof Floor).
9. Select both recipe lines in the MAtricks columns and make sure "X" is active in the row with toggle buttons. Expand the MAtricks settings to see all the MAtricks columns.
10. Tap Editor to open the MAtricks editor in the context area.
11. Set the "XWing" value to "2".
12. Set the "Fade From X" value to "1".
13. Sel the "Fade To X" value to "3".

It should look like this:



The finished recipe

14. Close the editor.
15. Select some fixtures (for instance, group 2).
16. Tap the new recipe preset and see the fixtures move while they turn on.

If the move and fade should start from the center, then open the edit preset object pop-up again and set the InvertStyle to "All" and the InvertX to "Yes" for both recipe lines.

Working with Recipe Presets

There are three suggested workflows with presets using recipes:

- Preset containing recipe lines with a selection and Recipe Template disabled.
- Preset containing recipe lines without a selection and Recipe Template disabled.
- Preset containing recipe lines and Recipe Template enabled.

Preset Containing Recipe Lines With a Selection and Recipe Template Disabled

The recipe preset is cooked and will be referenced by the fixtures in the programmer (Recipe Editor window). These values can be stored or removed/overwritten in the programmer.

For example, if a recipe preset contains one line with a group as the selection and a value referencing color preset 5. The preset is cooked in the preset. Tapping the recipe preset will result in a reference to the recipe preset in the programmer.

Recipe presets with a selection can be played back from executors. Learn more bout this in the Use Presets topic.

Preset Containing Recipe Lines Without a Selection and Recipe Template Disabled

This recipe works with the programmers' current selection of fixtures. The recipe preset is not loaded into the programmer. Instead, the recipe value links and grid values are used with the current selection of fixtures to cook values directly to the programmer.

	Important:
	When a recipe preset does not contain a selection, two different scenarios are valid regarding the values stored in the recipe lines. If hard values are stored in the recipe and the recipe preset is called, the values will be called into the programmer also as hard values without a preset link. If presets are stored as values in the recipe and the recipe preset is called, the values will be called into the programmer with preset links.

This is a great way to have a bunch of template objects in the preset pools that allow for quickly calling complex looks based on grid values and MAtricks ranges.

Preset Containing Recipe Lines and Recipe Template Enabled

Recipe Templates load the recipe lines into the active programmer part. This means the recipe lines are cooked in the programmer when the lines contain a selection. If the recipe includes a selection, then it is cooked immediately. If the recipe lines do not contain a selection, it must be added, for instance, using the Recipe Editor window.

For example, if a Recipe Template contains one line with a group as the selection and a value referencing color preset 5, tapping the recipe preset will result in a recipe in the programmer part with a recipe line that references color preset 5.

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1.28.4. Use Preset

Presets are often used for live playback or as building blocks in cues.

Calling Preset Into the Programmer

The basic use of a preset is calling the preset into the programmer.

The preset can be used by fixtures that have the attributes stored in the preset, and if the preset has a Preset Mode that makes it valid for the fixture selection.

The attribute match is simple. If, for instance, the preset contains values for Pan and Tilt, then the selected fixtures must have the Pan and Tilt attributes for the preset to be usable.

The Preset Mode can be set for the entire preset pool or for individual presets. If the preset has a mode that allows the preset to be used by the fixture selection, then it can be called.

- Universal presets can be used by all fixtures having the relevant attributes.
- Global presets can be used by the fixtures of the same fixture type as the fixture selection.
- Selective presets can only be used by the fixtures stored in the preset.

The first step is to select the desired fixtures and then call the preset into the programmer.

The workflow is the same for every type of preset (MAgic, Recipe, Multistep, standard single step, etc.).

If the programmer does not have a fixture selection and a preset is tapped, then the first tap selects all the fixtures that can use the preset. In this case, it works like a group.

Tapping a preset with a fixture selection in the programmer calls the preset if it is valid for the selected fixtures.

	Hint:
	Please be aware that the **Default Pool Action** could be changed. This text assumes the factory default **SelFix/At** action. Learn more about default pool action in the Windows Settings topic.

Timing values can be stored together with attribute values in the preset, and calling a preset that includes timing information calls the values into the programmer using the preset timing.

Calling presets that only contain timing values call the timing values into the timing layers of the programmer.

Another way to use timing with presets is the **Programmer Time** master. Learn more about the master in the Time Control topic.

Presets with stored timing values have a higher priority than the **Programmer Time** master, and the stored timing will be used when the preset is called.

	Known Limitation:

	Calling a MAgic preset into the programmer will extract the data and not reference the preset. It is recommended to use MAgic presets in combination with recipes to maintain referenceable data.

Calling Presets Using a Temporary Mode

It is possible to call presets using a specific mode using the command line. Even presets that have a mode that makes the preset not valid. As long as the preset contains values for valid attributes.

The temporary mode can be specified by adding "/Selective", "/Global", or "/Universal" at the end of the command.

Example

A dimmer preset is stored as Selective, and it is also the preset's current mode. In this example, it is preset number 3 in the Dimmer Preset Pool (1). The goal is to use this preset for fixture 7, which is not a part of the selection stored in the preset.

1. Clear the programmer: **ClearAll**
2. Select the fixture 7: **Fixture 7**
3. Call the preset: **At Preset 1.3 /Universal**

Fixture 7 now has the preset assigned to the dimmer attribute.

Presets Running from Executors

Presets can be assigned to executors using the Assign keyword or the Assign menu. Learn more about this in the Assign Object to an Executor topic.

If the preset mode is global or universal, the executor button should use the **At** command to call the preset values.

	Important:
	Using the At command on presets assigned to executors does not playback the values from the executor. The values are called into the selected fixtures in the programmer just like described above - if the preset is valid for the fixture selection.

Other playback commands (like Go+, Toggle, Flash, etc.) are relevant for presets with Selective data. This also means that presets with selective data can be played back from the preset pools using, for instance, a Go+ command.

Opening the Edit Setting tab of an executor's assign menu with a preset assigned offers some of the same settings as for sequences. For more information on playback settings, see the Sequence Settings topics.

Edit the general preset playback settings in Menu - Preferences and Timing - Preset.

The **OffFade** setting of preset playbacks determines the fade time when switching off a selective preset playback.

Enabling the **Sync** setting, synchronizes the fixtures of the phaser.

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Store Presets in Cues

When a preset is in the programmer, it can be stored in cues. Learn more about storing cues in the Store Cues topic.

A reference to the preset is stored for the specific fixture attributes. This means that the value stored in the preset is not stored in the cue, but a reference to the preset is stored. So if the value stored in the preset is changed after the cue is stored, then the cue still looks in the preset to get the value when the cue is played back, and the values in the preset will be used.

Be aware that the **Absolute** and **Relative** value layers are connected to the Fade and the Delay layers. Individual fade and delay times for an attribute use the Fade and Delay layers. Storing a value in an attribute's absolute or relative layer in a preset can also add values from the fade and delay layers.

This means that if a preset contains absolute or relative values, it also connects to possible values in the fade and delay layers. If the fade or delay values are later added, changed, or updated, this change will be reflected in the cue referencing the absolute or relative value.

Fade and Delay values connected to an absolute value has a higher priority than fade and delay values connected to a relative value. For instance, if two presets are called, each with fade and delay values, but one is for absolute values, and the other is for relative values.

The phaser layers (**Speed**, **Phase**, **Measure**, **Accel**, **Decel**, **Transition**, and **Width**) are also linked. Adding one of these layers in a preset effectively adds all the phaser layers.

This is very important to keep in mind when updating the preset information.

If attributes are added to or deleted from the preset after it is used in a cue, the stored cues referencing the preset need to reflect this new change, so the preset needs to be recast. This can be done using the Recast keyword or the Edit Preset Object pop-up. Recasting a preset removes or adds attributes to the fixtures in the cue.

The recast function only recasts presets to cues where a preset reference exists for the absolute layer.

When presets are used in cues and later deleted, the preset values are transferred to the cue (hardcoded values in the cue).

Assign Presets to Attributes in the Tracking Sheet

When a value is edited in the Track Sheet, the available presets can be chosen in the Calculator.

Extract Preset Values

Preset values can be extracted to the selected fixtures. The preset needs to be valid for the selected fixtures. The Extract keyword is used for this.

The values stored in the preset will be pulled into the programmer without a reference to the preset. The values are then like any other typical programmer values.

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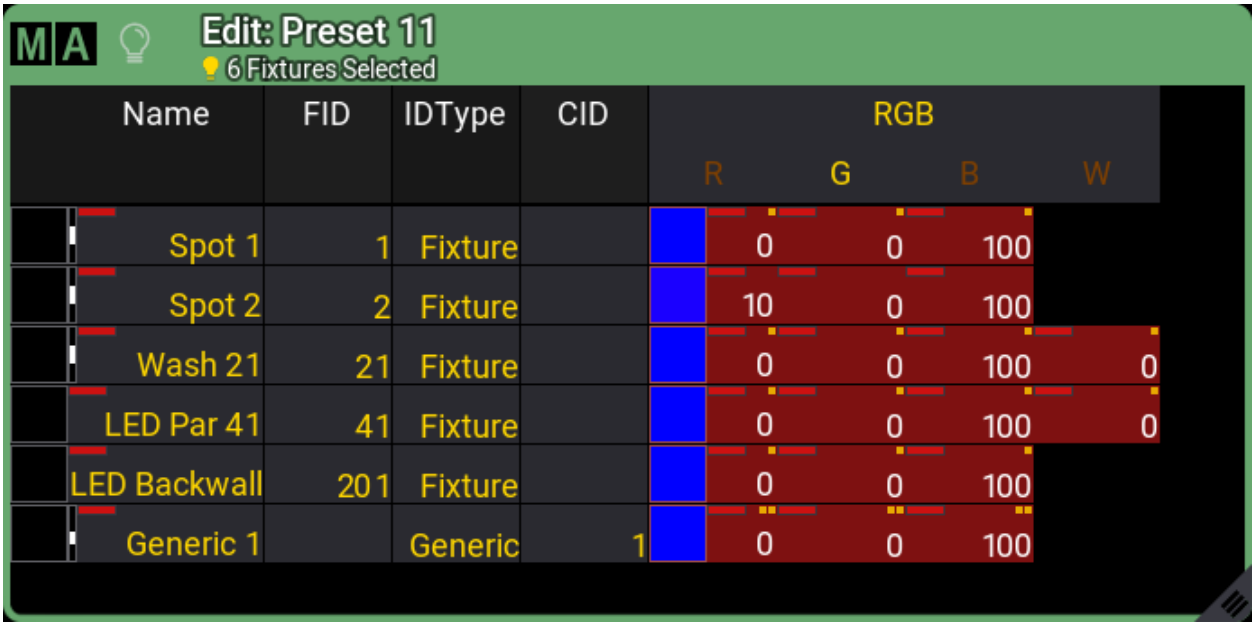
1.28.5. Edit or Update Presets

The existing presets can be edited. The values in the preset can be seen in a Fixture Sheet in **Fixture** mode.

	Important:
	Editing a preset calls the values into the programmer, which is sent to output unless **Blind** mode is activated first.

1. Press Edit.
2. Tap the preset to be edited - this changes the frame around the fixture sheet to a green color (yellow frame on other stations with the same user), the fixtures are selected, and the values are pulled into the programmer as active values. Edit starts blinking.

The sheet shows the fixtures that can use the preset and the attribute values.

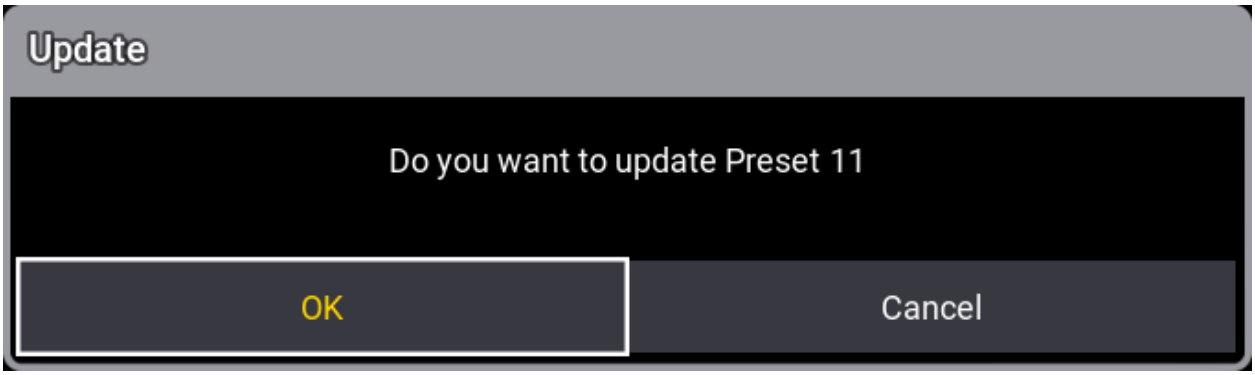


Fixture sheet in edit mode

The example above is a **Universal**, **Global,** and **Selective** preset. The universal data is marked with two yellow markers in the upper right corner of the attribute values. The global data is marked with a single yellow marker. The selective data are values without the yellow marker.

3. Edit the values in the programmer. Update lights up.
4. When the values are correct, press Update.

This opens a pop-up asking for confirmation to update the preset.



Pop-up asking for update confirmation

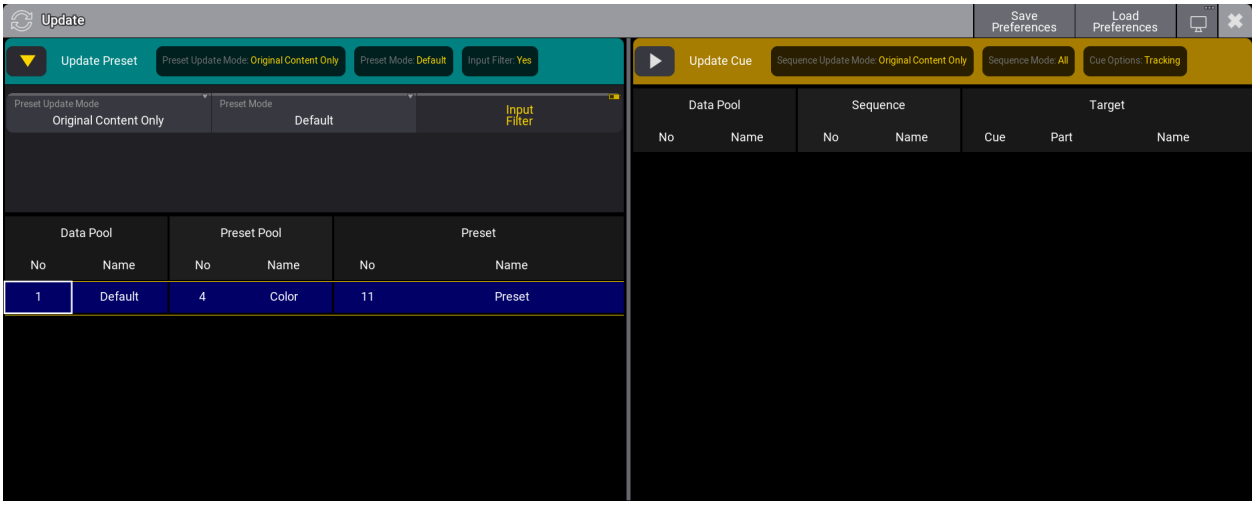
5. Tap OK to confirm the update. Cancel will return to the update menu and not update the preset.

	Hint:
	To deactivate the edit mode without saving anything, press Esc. Remember that the values are still in the programmer.

Update Existing Preset

A preset called into the programmer, where the values changed after it was called, can be updated.

Update flashes when there are values that can be updated. Tap the key to open the Update Menu.



Update Menu

The presets that can be updated are listed on the left side of the menu.

The active update settings can be seen in the header of the preset side. Tapping the right-pointing arrow (see the Update Cue side in the example image above) unfolds the settings, which can be edited.

The **Preset Update Mode** is relevant when updating presets. There are two modes:

- **Original Content Only**:
  Only existing attribute values are updated if a preset is updated with this mode.
- **Add New Content**:
  This mode update existing attribute values and adds any new attribute values to the preset.

The mode can be toggled by tapping Preset Update Mode.

The **Preset Mode** defines how the preset values are updated.

This setting sets what mode will be used when updating the preset. The options are **Auto, Selective**, **Global**, **ForceGlobal**, and **Universal**. These modes are described in the Preset topic.

The mode set here is not linked to the default mode selected in the store settings.

The **Input Filter** setting is also used when updating presets. It can be toggled to turn On or Off the input filters when updating preset values. Learn more about input filters in the Create new Preset topic.

When the correct settings are selected, the desired preset can be updated by tapping it in the menu.

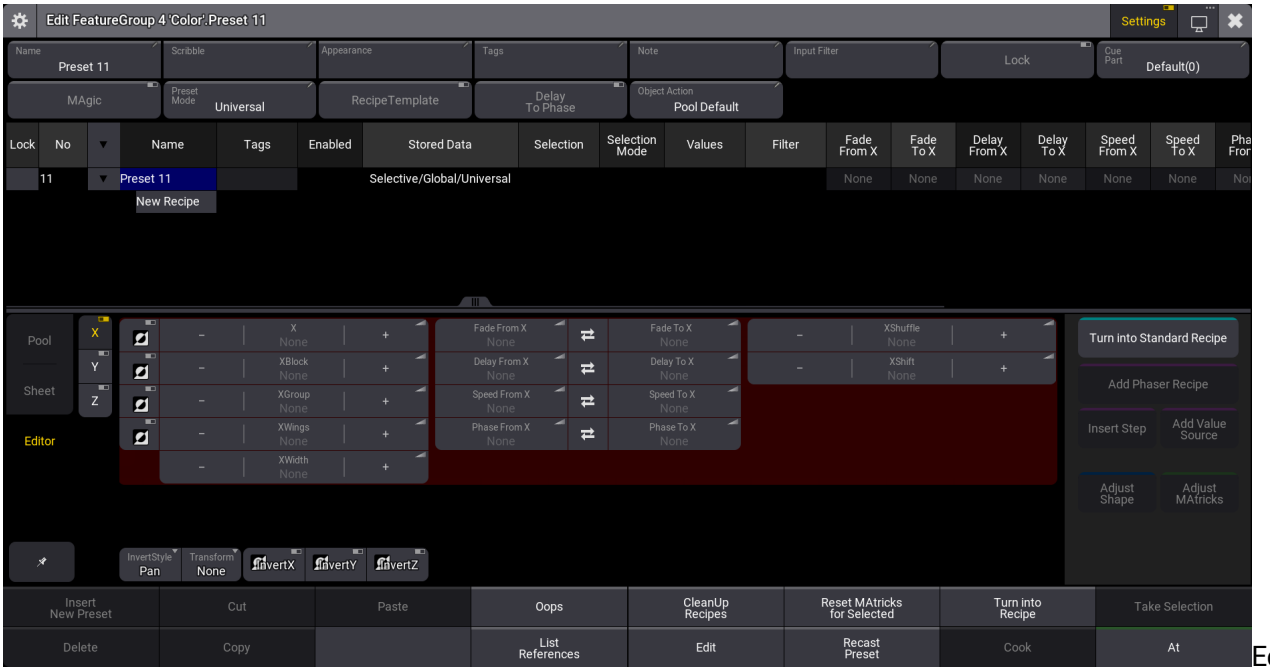
Absolute and relative layers are handled separately during preset updates.

When adding a relative layer value to a preset with an existing absolute layer value, the relative value will not automatically be added to the cue where the preset is already used. Vice versa, when adding an absolute layer value to a preset with an existing relative layer value, the absolute value will not automatically be added to the cue where the preset is already used. Recasting the preset adds information from all layers to the relevant cues. Recast can be done from the preset editor or using the command line. Learn more in the Recast keyword.

Recipe presets that reference the updated preset might need to be recooked to look as expected, and cues might need to be recooked for the expected result.

Edit the Preset Object

The preset object can be edited using the edit pop-up. It can be accessed using the Swipey menu or the EditSetting keyword.



Edit preset object including the settings

The settings on the top line are the same as those for the entire pool, but here they can be configured for the specific preset. Settings on a preset take precedence over pool settings. Learn about the settings in the Preset Pool topic.

There are some extra settings here.

The first is called MAgic. It is a toggle button that changes the behavior when the preset is called into the programmer.

Turning on **MAgic** is used for MAgic presets. Learn more about creating and using MAgic presets in the Create New Presets topic.

The other is called Recipe Template. Learn more bout this in the Recipe Presets topic.

The **Delay To Phase** setting can be toggled. Learn about the function in the Presets topic.

The settings on the top can be shown or hidden using the Settings toggle button in the title bar.

The rest of the editor is for recipe lines. Learn about these in the Recipe Presets topic.

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1.29. Worlds and Filters

Worlds and filters can be used as tools for programming, playback, or filtering information in some windows and sheets. Both are Pool Windows.

Worlds are used to limit access to fixtures and attributes. This is especially useful in a multi-user session, so every user works in a designated world with specific fixtures and attributes.

Filters can be used to prevent attributes to pass a filter. Typically in store, update, and recall actions or for sheet masking.

The selected world and the selected or called filter always dictate what is possible using the programmer.

Worlds and filters can be assigned to some objects. For instance, a sequence or a preset. Additionally, worlds and filters are assignable to specific sheets for sheet masking. For more information, see the Sheet Masking section.

A small icon on the pool object, for example, the sequence pool, indicates if a world or filter is assigned as an Input Filter ( ), an Output Filter ( ), or both ( ). In that case, the world or filter dictates what can be played back from or stored into the object.

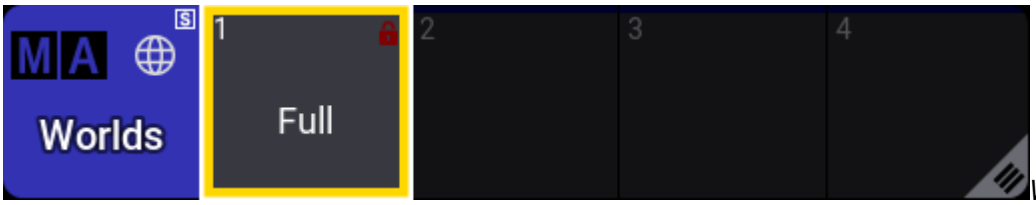
Learn more about Input and Output Filters for pool objects in Create New Presets and Sequence Settings.

Worlds

Worlds contain information about fixtures and attributes.

Worlds are used to prevent access. Fixtures and attributes not in the active world are removed in some windows and cannot be used in programmer actions.

They are stored in the Worlds pool. This can be created like any window using the Add Window pop-up.



World pool with world 1 selected

There is always a selected world. The selected world has a yellow frame around it.

There is a default world from the factory. It is always world number 1 and in a new show it is called "Full". This automatically contains all fixtures and all attributes. This world is locked and cannot be edited.

	Hint:
	Fixtures of different worlds can be stored in one sequence, allowing multiple users working in different worlds to program one sequence together.

For more specific information on how to create a world, see the Create a World section.

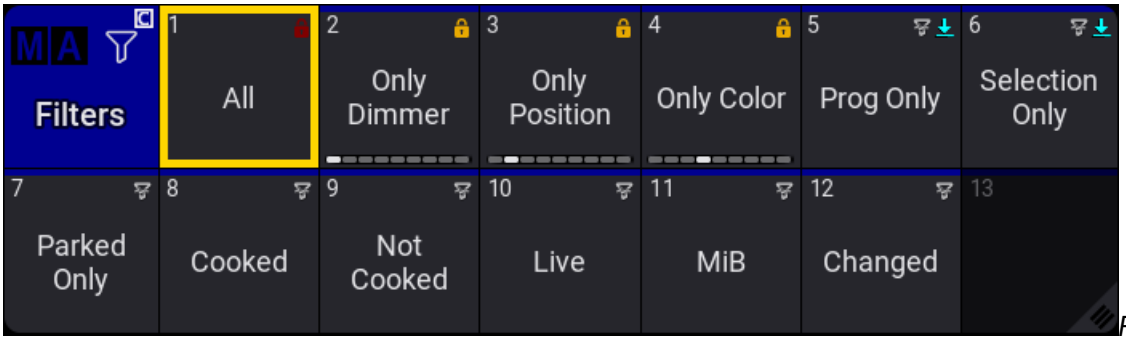
Filters

Filters contain information about attributes, filter rules, and programming layers.

Filters are used to block values from being stored or recalled. For instance, assigning a filter that blocks dimmer values as a playback filter on a sequence prevents the dimmer values from being played back from that sequence. Assigning a filter that blocks certain ID Types to a Layout will hide these fixtures in the layout viewer.

Depending on static or dynamic filter rules ( ), filters can be used to block values or for sheet masking. Sheet masking is used in the Fixture sheet, Content sheet, and in the Tracking sheet. For more information, see Filter Rules.

Filters are stored in the Filters pool. This can be created like any window using the Add Window pop-up.



Filter pool with filter 1 selected and filter 2 in a called state

The selected filter usually has a yellow frame around it. A filter can also be called using the Call keyword. A called filter will have a yellow pulsating frame.

When the called filter is different than the selected filter or the At Filter is modified, then the selected filter is marked with a yellow line above the filter. See the example image above. Filter 2 is called, and Filter 1 is selected.

The called filter will be used for the next action (Store, Update, At, and Clone) only.

The pool action setting determines whether an object is selected or called upon tapping it. For more information, see Preset Pools.

A new show will have some default filters from the factory. The first one is called "All". It contains all attributes and layers. If the attribute structure changes, then this filter is automatically updated. The filter is locked and cannot be edited.

If a different filter than number 1 is the selected or called filter, then the At key flashes to indicate that there is an active filter.

For more information about how to create a filter, see the Create a Filter section.

	Important:
	Importing filter objects that were exported in version 2.2.5.2 or earlier is not fully supported in version 2.3.2.0 or higher. Fixture patch information filters will be discarded after import. To migrate these settings, first import the filter objects into a show file in version 2.2.5.2, and then migrate them to the current version.

Feature Group Indicator Bar

This bar is visible at the bottom of the world or filter pool object when a world or filter does not have all feature groups stored.

Learn more about the bar in Presets.

Subtopics

- Create a World
- Create a Filter
- At Filter Window
- Sheet Masking

1.29.1. Create a World

Worlds are created in the programmer and stored in the world pool.

Worlds may be thought of as matrix with rows (fixtures) and columns (attributes), and being in a world may block programmer access to rows and/or columns in sheets.

The created world will contain the rows of the current fixture selection and the columns of any active attribute. All columns/attributes are included in the created world if no attributes were active. If no fixtures were selected, then all fixtures are a part of the world. If a world, other than World 1 is selected, a world icon ( ) is displayed in the title bar of sheets and windows that are affected of the world selection. Additionally, the status is displayed in the command line with the number of the selected world, if the status is set to **On Activity** in the Status Center.

Worlds from the world pool can also be used for sheet masking. For more information read Sheet Masking.

Examples

Requirement:

Have a world pool and fixture sheet visible on a screen.

Create a World with Fixture 1 to 5

1. Clear the programmer.
2. Select fixtures 1 thru 5 (or any 5 fixtures in your show).
3. Press Store followed by an empty world in the **World Pool**.
4. Tap the newly created world.

Now there is only programming access to fixtures 1 thru 5, reflected by the fixture sheet. All attributes are available.

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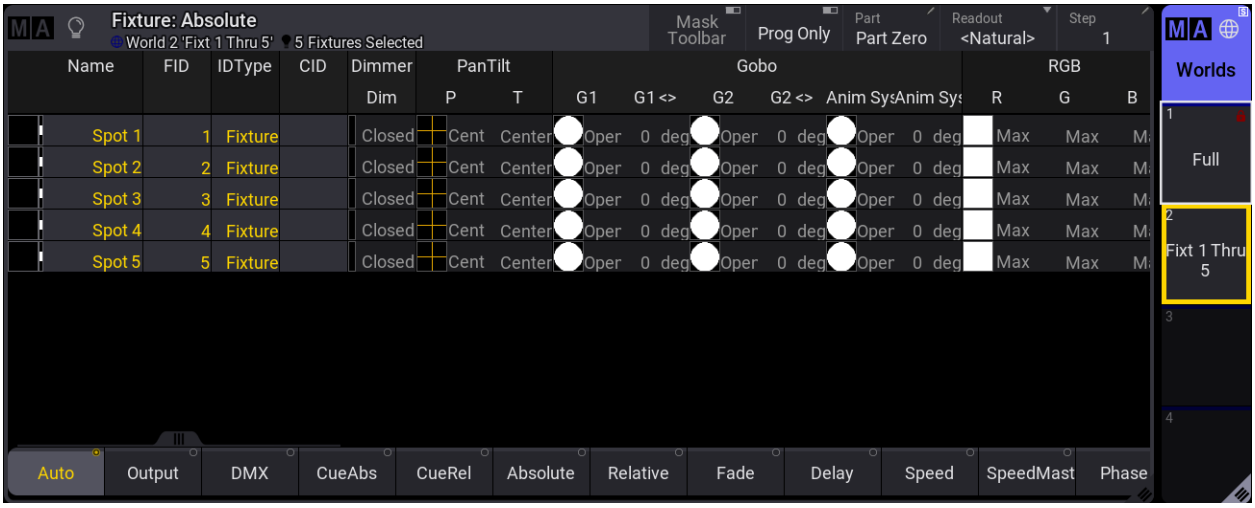


Fixture sheet with World named "Fixt 1 Thru 5" active.

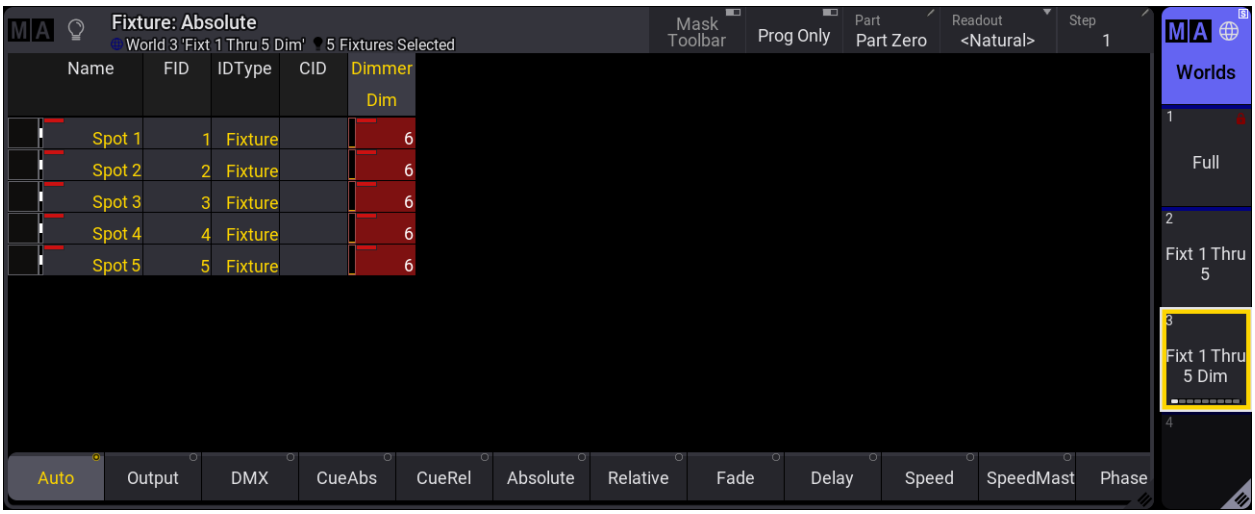
Create a World with Fixtures and Attributes

Worlds do not contain any values, but active attribute values are needed to store the attribute information for filtering in the world.

Example with five fixtures and only one attribute:

1. Tap World 1 (Full) in the **World Pool**.
2. Clear the programmer.
3. Select fixtures 1 thru 5 (or any 5 fixtures in your show).
4. Give the fixtures a dimmer value - the values do not matter.
5. Press Store followed by tapping an empty world in the **World Pool**.
6. Tap the new world.

Look in a fixture sheet. It only displays the selected fixtures and the dimmer attribute:



Fixture sheet with World named "Fixt 1 Thru 5 Dim" active.

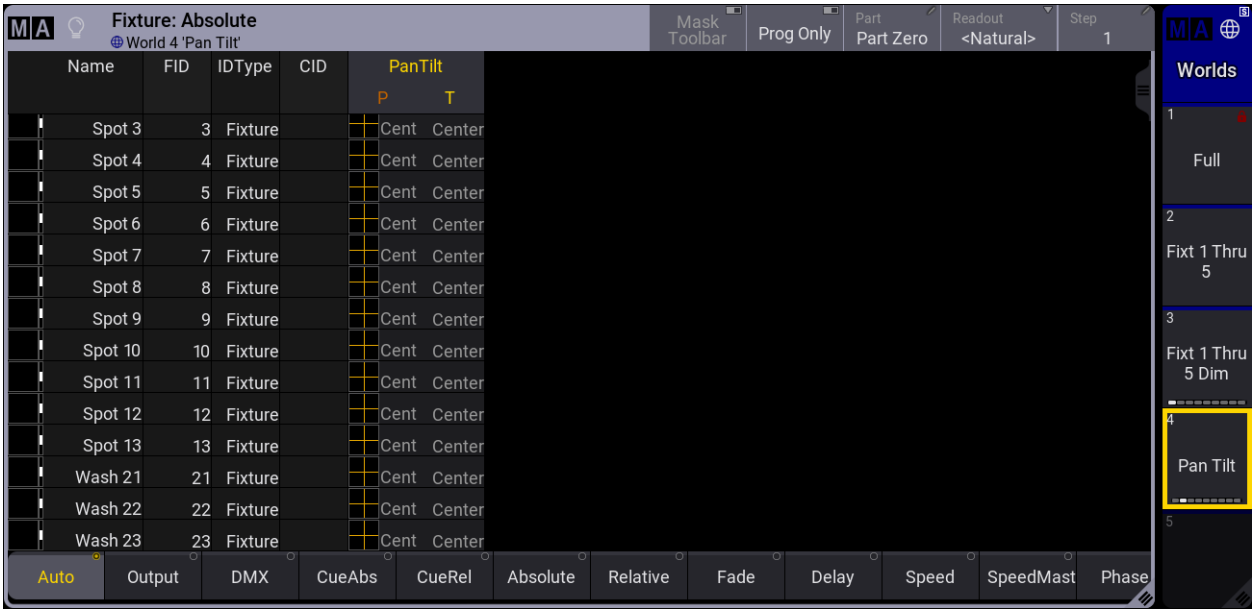
Store a World with All Fixtures but Only Some Attributes

If the world is stored without selected fixtures, all fixtures can be used.

Example with only position attributes:

1. Tap World 1 (Full) in the **World Pool**.
2. Clear the programmer.
3. Select fixtures 1 thru 5 (or any 5 fixtures in your show).
4. Give the fixtures pan and tilt values - the values do not matter.
5. Press Clear once to clear the fixture selection, but keep the pan and tilt values active.
6. Press Store followed by tapping an empty world in the **World Pool**.
7. Tap the new world.

The fixture sheet lists all the fixtures but only the pan and tilt columns:



Fixture sheet with World named "PanTilt" active.

As usual, it is really a good idea to name the worlds as soon as they are created.

Edit a World

The content of the world can be edited using the following steps:

1. Press Edit followed by the desired world. This takes it into edit mode.
2. Change the programmer selection to match the desired fixtures and attributes.
3. Press Update followed by the world.
4. Confirm the update by tapping **OK** in the update pop-up.

The world settings can also be edited. This is done using the following steps:

1. Use the swipey menu on the desired world.
2. Select the Edit Settings button in the swipey. This opens an **Edit World** pop-up:

3. Make the desired changes.
4. Close the pop-up.

The edit world pop-up gives access to the following options:

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the world.
- **Appearance**:
  This can be used to select an appearance to the world.
- **Scribble**:
  This can be used to select or create a scribble for the world.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to a world.
- **Lock**:
  The world can be locked to avoid changes.
- **Selection**:
  This defines if subfixtures should be part of the world or if it is only the actually selected fixtures that are part of the world. There are two options:
  - **Normal**:
    This is the default option. subfixtures are also part of the world when they were not selected when the world was stored. This includes fixtures in a selected Grouping fixture.
  - **Strict**:
    Only the fixtures and subfixtures selected when storing the world are accessible.
- **Master**:
  This can limit the intensity output of the fixtures in the world.

	Important:
	Changes to the **Selection** are not visible immediately when changing

	Selection values for the currently selected world. A different world has to be selected before selecting the desired world again.
	Hint:
	When storing a world, the Selection property can be specified within the command: Store World ["World_Name" or World_Number] Property "Selection" ["Option"]

There are also two buttons. Edit Content sets the world in edit mode, as described above. List Reference opens another pop-up that lists the different elements that use the world.

Delete a World

Worlds can be deleted like most other pool objects by using the Delete Keyword.

Deleting the world does not delete the fixtures or attributes from the show. It is only the world that is deleted.

If a world is assigned as an input or output filter to a sequence or preset pool, then this is also removed when the world is deleted.

Oopsing the deletion brings back the world and also the filter settings for the sequence and preset pool.

The general syntax for deleting a world is:

Delete World ["World_Name" or World_Number]

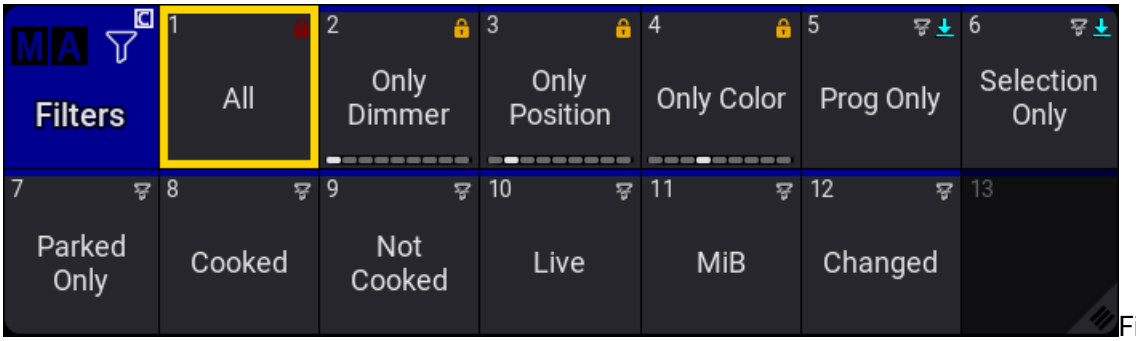
It can also be a range of worlds.

World number 1 is locked from the factory and cannot be deleted.

	Important:
	If the currently active world where the user is in gets deleted, the world still remains active. Until a different world is selected, the user can only use fixtures and attributes of the deleted one.

1.29.2. Create a Filter

Filters are stored in the filter pool. All, Prog Only, Only Dimmer, Only Position, Only Color, Selection Only, and Parked Only are the default pool objects.



Filter pool with default filters

There are three main ways to create filers:

- Create a filter using the pool by editing one of the empty pool objects. This opens the **Edit Filter menu.**
- Store a new filter pool object using the current filter settings.
- Assign an object, such as a group object, to a filter pool object.

The At Filter window is a nice tool for seeing the current filter settings.

Create Filter from the Pool

The filter editor is divided into two sections: left and right. An adjustable bar separates them.

To rearrange the size of each section:

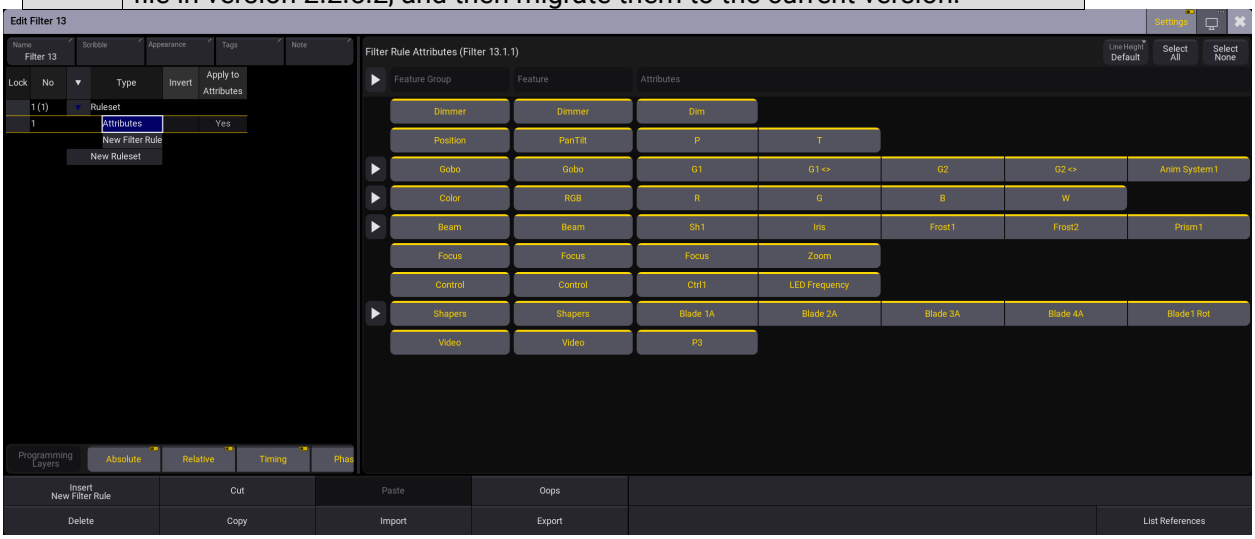
1. Use the two-finger tab and hold by placing one finger on each side of the menu.
2. Drag your fingers to the left or the right side. The size of the sections is rearranged.

Enabling Settings in the title bar lets you add object information, such as name, scribble, appearance, tags, and notes.
The allows the filter editor to be moved to a different display.
If an filter object has a lock, the lock icon is displayed next to the object name in the title bar. If the object has dynamic filter rules, **Dynamic Filter** is displayed underneath the object name. If it is static, no text appears.

At the bottom of the editor, filter rules can be imported and exported using Import and Export. Cut, Paste, Ooops, Delete, and Copy can be used for a selected filter rule configuration line. List References shows the related elements to the filter object. For instance, if the filter is assigned to a preset.

Important:

Importing filter objects that were exported in version 2.2.5.2 or earlier is not fully supported. Fixture patch information filters will be discarded after import. To migrate these settings, first import the filter objects into a show file in version 2.2.5.2, and then migrate them to the current version.



Edit Filter menu

Filter Rules

The left section in the filter editor is dedicated to filter rules. When creating a new filter object, the filter rule **Attributes** is set and selected per default. For more information about the attributes rule type, read the Filter Rule Attributes section below. For more information on how to use filters for sheet masking, see the Sheet Masking section.

Filter rules are configurable by multiple parameters per configuration line. Each parameter will be explained, starting with the Type. To open the list of types, tap Insert New Filter Rule. A dropdown menu with a list of object types opens:

Hint:

A few filter rule types have specific options that only apply to them. Columns in the grid that do not apply to a specific filter option have a darker background in the corresponding configuration line and cannot be edited. In the object type list, the individual filter options that are marked in **bold**.

- Attributes: Filters the attributes. For more information, see the Filter Rule Attributes section.
- Changed(): Shows changed values and hides cues, if they do not contain any changed values.
- Cooked(): Filters cooked values.
- DMX Mode: Filters a predefined **DMXMode** of a certain fixture type.
- DMX Tested(): Filters attributes and fixtures with values currently in the DMX tester.
- Fade & Delay(): Filters values with individual fade and delay timings.
- Fixture Layer & Class: Filters fixtures by fixture **Layer** and **Class**.
- ID Type: Filters fixtures by ID **Type** within a defined **From** and **To** range.
- IfActive(): Filters active values.
- IfOutput(): Filters fixtures that have output on stage with a dimmer value above 0%.
- IfProgrammer(): Filters fixtures and attributes in the programmer.

- Live(): Filters fixtures with a dimmer value above 0% or with a stored 0% value in the current cue.
- MIB(): Filters fixtures and attributes in an MIB state.
- Multi Step(): Filters fixtures and attributes with more than one phaser step.
- Name: Filters the predefined fixture name in the **Name Filter**.
- Parked(): Filters parked fixtures and attributes.
- Patch: Filters fixtures that are patched within a defined **From** and **To** address range.
- Selected(): Filters selected fixtures. The filter rule can be set to Ignore in the **If Empty** column.
- Selected Feature(): Filters the selected feature group.
- Stage: Filters a predefined Stage.
- Used In Object: Filters predefined **Objects.** Objects can be groups, worlds, presets, or sequences.
- Used In Selected Sequence():Filters fixtures and attributes in the selected sequence.
- Used In Show (): Filters fixtures and attributes that are stored in any object.

The displayed next to the filter types indicates a dynamic filter rule. The is also displayed in the top left corner of a filter pool object.

	Important:
	Dynamic filters deviate from the sources where query data often changes. These rules are based on individual sheets and users. Because these filter rules are subject to frequent changes, they can only be used for sheet masking.
	Important:
	Any filter with a fixture selection created in v2.2.5.2 or a prior version will be migrated to the new version with the correct selection information. However, the fixture selection will be lost as soon as the filter is edited.

The Invert option reverses the filter rule if set to **Yes**. Two-finger tapping the corresponding configuration line toggles Invert between blank (default) and **Yes**. With invert, the values can be used as a positive or negative filter. For example, if the ID Type has **Fixture** values and Invert is blank, then the filter allows fixtures with this ID type to pass the filter. If Invert is set to Yes, then all other ID types are shown and **Fixture** is blocked. These filter options make it possible to have very precise filters.

Apply to Fixtures set to **No** does not apply the filter rule to fixtures. Apply to Attributes set to **No** does not apply the filter rule to Attributes. The default for both parameters is **Yes**.

Filter rules depend on a hierarchical structure based on multiple filter rules and rulesets:

- Multiple filters are logically connected by the **AND** logic. And is indicated by an in front of the filter rule. AND means that all conditions must be met to display an object.
- Filter rules are collected inside a **Ruleset**. To create a new ruleset, tap Insert New Ruleset.
- Multiple rulesets are logically connected by the **OR** logic. Or is indicated by an in front of the ruleset. OR logic means one condition must be met to display an object.

Lock	No	▼	Type	Invert	Apply to Fixtures	Apply to Attributes	If Empty	ID Type	ID From	ID To
	1 (2)	▼	Ruleset							
	1		Attributes			Yes				
	2		Selected		Yes	Yes	Ignore			
			New Filter Rule							
	2 (1)	▼	Ruleset							
	1		IfActive		Yes	Yes				
			New Filter Rule							
	3 (1)	▼	Ruleset							
	1		ID Type		Yes	Yes		Houselights		
			New Filter Rule							
		New Ruleset								

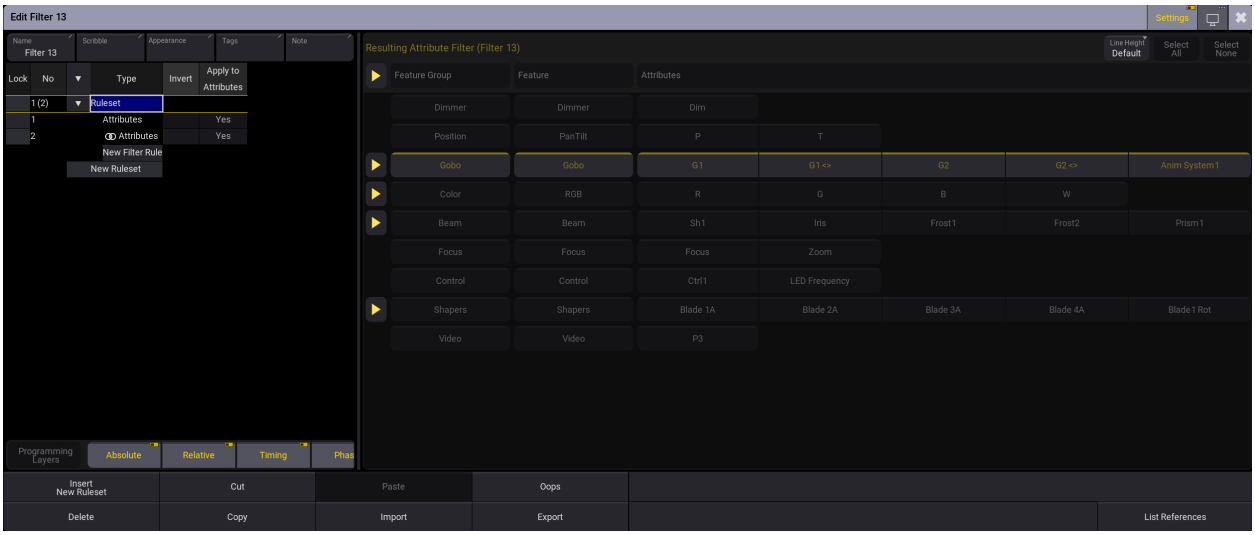
Filter Editor

Filter Rule Attributes

The right section of the filter editor looks almost the same as the **At Filter Window**. To enable the user interface for editing, select the corresponding Attributes rule type, as described in Filter Rules above. If other filter rules are selected, the user interface is grayed out. The color theme called **Resulting Attributes** defines the color for the resulting attributes filter. The default color is yellow. For more information on colors, see Color Theme.

	Hint:
	The functionality for **Programming Layers** (prior Layers) has not changed. Please note that programming layers are not compatible with sheet masking or input and output filtering.

Multiple Attributes filter rules can be added within a ruleset using the And logic. When clicking the parent Ruleset, the Resulting Attribute Filter is displayed. For example, if you have a Attributes ruleset with Positon and Gobo, and a second Attributes ruleset with Gobo and Color, the resulting attribute filter shows the Gobo filter.



Filter editor - Resulting Attribute Filter

	Hint:
	If you add a dynamic filter to the ruleset, the Resulting Attribute Filter remains grayed out.

Values can be added to each element type. For more information on Layers, see Layer Toolbar.

Follow these steps to create a new filter by editing the pool object:

1. Edit an empty filter pool object using swipeys, typing a command (Filter keyword), or using the keys (Group key).
2. Make sure the desired attributes and layers are active.
3. Add the desired patch information filter values.
4. Optionally give it a name by editing the **Name** input field.
5. Optionally assign an **Appearance** and **Scribble** by editing the input fields.
6. Optionally add a **Note** about the filter.
7. Close the editor by tapping the in the upper right corner. A new filter is set.

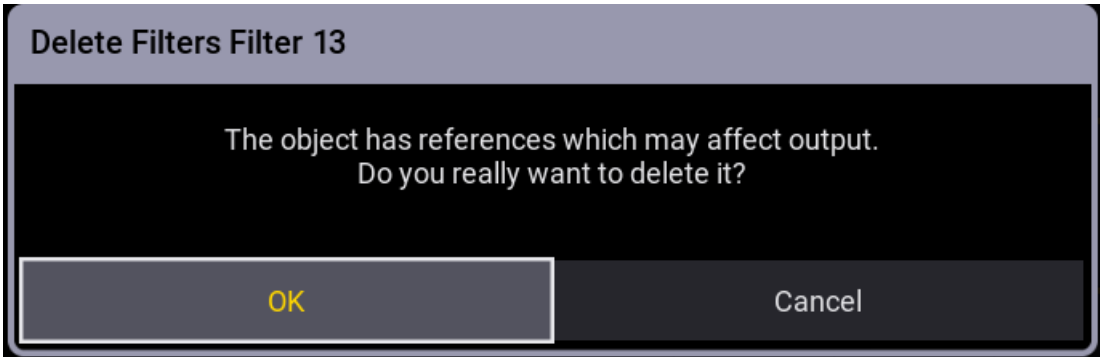
The edit function is the easiest way to update or change an existing filter. Another option is using the At Filter Window.

Delete a Filter

Filters can be deleted like most other pool objects by using the Delete Keyword.

Deleting the filter does not delete the attributes from the show. It is only the filter that is deleted.

If a filter is assigned as an input or output filter to a sequence or preset or as a sheet mask, then this is also removed when the filter is deleted. A pop-up indicates an existing reference.



Delete filter pop-up

Oopsing the deletion brings back the filter and also the filter settings for the sequence and preset.

The general syntax for deleting a filter is:

Delete Filter ["Filter_Name" or Filter_Number]

It can also be a range of filters.

Filter number 1 is locked from the factory and cannot be deleted.

Assign Object to a Filter

	Important:
	Any object that can be used in the filter rule **Used in Object** can be assigned to a filter. For example, Assign Group X at Filter Y. The copy function for the corresponding objects to a filter is disabled.

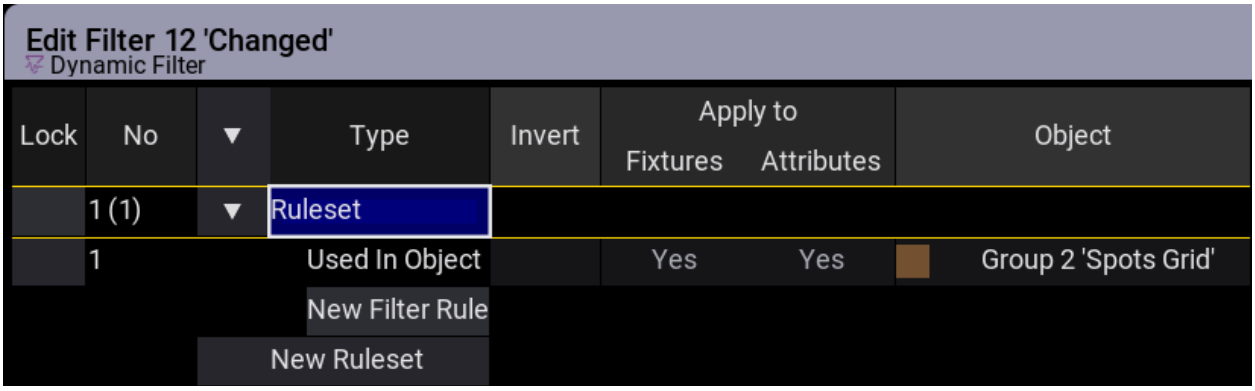
Objects from the groups, worlds, presets, and sequences pool can be assigned to filter objects. There are two ways:

1. Assigning an object to an already existing filter pool object will create a new ruleset and a Used In Object filter rule which links to the assigned object.
2. If an object is assigned to an empty filter pool object, the Used In Object rule type is created in a ruleset and links to the assigned object.

Example

To assign a group to an empty filter object:

1. Open the demo showfile.
2. Assign Group 2 At Filter 8. The filter object is created with object linked to group 2.



Used In Object Filter Rule

Static Filter Rules

	Known Limitation:
	Only if the filter's **Has Dynamic Filter Rules** column in the assignment editor displays No, the filter can be used as an input/output filter. Additionally, the filter pool object uses the dynamic filter icon ( ).

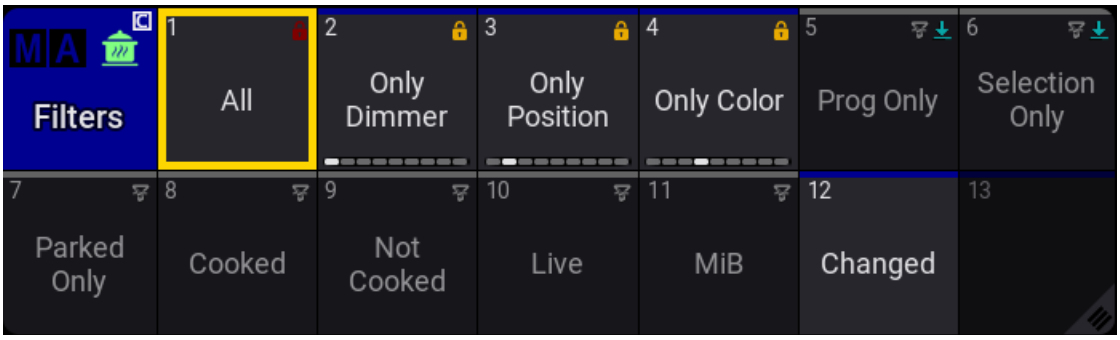
Static filter rules support input and output filtering for sequences, presets, cue breaks, recipes, and the command line.

In the assignment editor, such as in the Output Filter of the sequence sheet, dynamic filters can be hidden by enabling Hide Dynamic in the title bar. Disabling Hide Dynamic shows dynamic filters in red text.

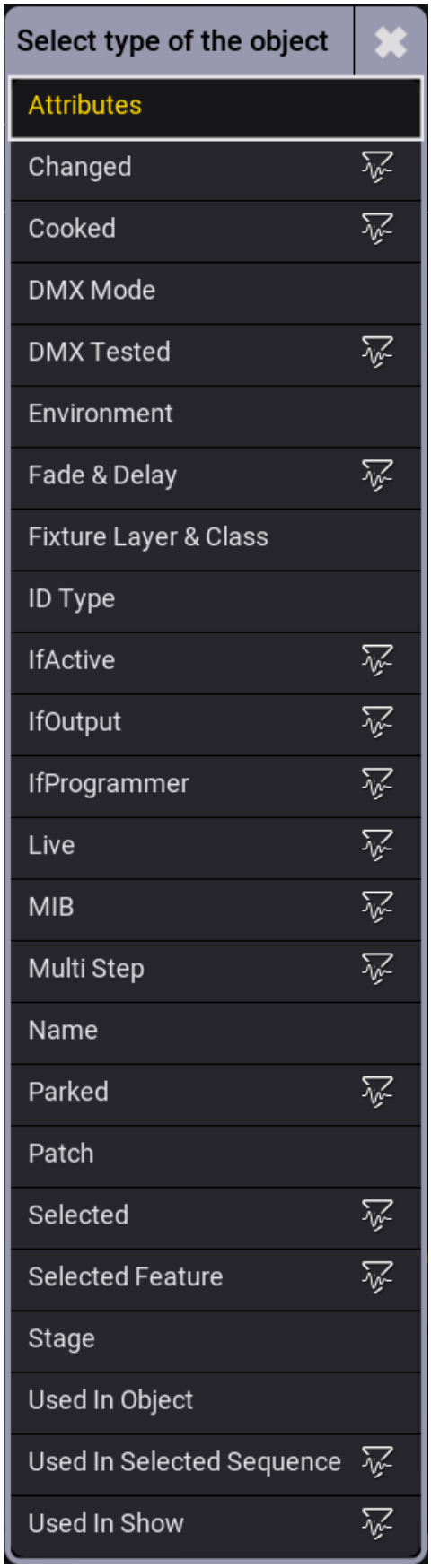
Output Filter - Assignment Editor

It is not possible to add dynamic filter rules to a filter object if it is assigned as an input filter, an output filter, a cue break, or a recipe.

If Edit Recipes is enabled, dynamic filter objects will be grayed out in the filter pool.



Filter pool - Edit Recipe enabled If a filter object has already been assigned to a sequence, preset, or preset pool as an input or output filter, the dynamic filter rules will be grayed out and unavailable when



creating a new filter rule.
Insert New Filter Rule pop-up

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1.29.3. At Filter Window

The At Filter window is a tool to see, add, and store current filter settings of filters.

It can be added like any other window. Additionally tap and hold the icon in the control bar to open a temporary **At Filter menu**.

Most of the settings and functions are similar to edit filter menu. For more general information see Create a Filter.

Create Filter with the At Filter Window

To create individual filter settings, add the **At Filter** window and the **Filter** pool:

At Filter window and Filter pool with a default **All** filter enabled. Tap on the yellow marked cells to disable the filter for this specific element. Tap on cells under the column **Feature Groups**, to automatically deactivate the related **Features** and **Attributes**. Store a new filter by pressing Store followed by tapping an empty pool object or specify the filter using keys or commands.
To change the size of the attribute buttons, tap Line Height. To select all buttons, tap Select All. To deselect all buttons, tap Select None.

1.29.4. Sheet Masking

Sheet masks are used to show or hide fixtures and attributes in specific sheets. Sheet masks can be used in the **Fixture Sheet**, the **Content Sheet**, and the **Track Sheet**. Filter and world objects can be assigned to mask sheets.

	Hint:
	The functionality for **Programming Layers** (prior Layers) in filter objects has not changed. Please note that programming layers are not compatible with sheet masking or input and output filtering.

Create a Sheet Mask

A filter pool object including filter rules is required. For more information, see the Filter Rules section.

	Hint:
	For this section, we will use the fixture sheet as an example, but the process for setting up sheet masks is the same for the content sheet and the track sheet.

Tap MA and tap Mask Buttons to open the user interface for setting up masks, which could look like this:

Fixture Sheet Settings - Mask Buttons

- **Mask1-16**:
  This displays the assigned object for sheet masking. Tapping a sheet mask button, for example Mask 1, opens the Assignment Editor.

- **Mask Toolbar**:
  This enables the Mask Toolbar in the sheet. To display the mask toolbar in the sequence sheet, Track Sheet must be enabled.

Masks are toggle buttons. Tapping a mask button enables or disables it. Tapping another mask button deactivates the currently active one. An active mask is displayed in yellow.

To enable mask button in the title bar of the corresponding sheet, see Title Bar Configuration.

The fixture sheet uses the Prog Only and Selection Only filter objects as default sheet mask. The content and the track sheet use the Selection Only filter object as a default sheet mask. The image below shows an enabled mask toolbar with the default fixture sheet mask buttons and an active mask:

Fixture Sheet - Mask Toolbar

- Filter and world objects can be assigned directly to the mask toolbar, for example, by using the swipey command.
- To delete a mask from the mask toolbar, press Delete and tap a filter in the corresponding mask toolbar.
- To edit an existing mask, press Edit and tap a mask in the mask toolbar. The filter editor opens.
- Press Store and an empty slot in the mask toolbar to create a new filter. This also creates a new filter in the filter pool.

Assigning a Mask Button

The assignment editor of a mask button has five tabs. To open the assignment editor, tap a mask button, such as Mask 1 ,in the corresponding sheet.

- Emtpy: No mask is active.
- <Selected>: Links to the selected filter.
- <Called>: Links to the called filter.
- Filter: Select a filter from the filter pool.
- World: Select a world from the world pool for masking.

To assign a filter or a world object to a fixture sheet:

1. Add Window - Fixure Sheet .
   Paste to Command Line
2. Tap MA on the top left corner of the fixture sheet window to open the settings.
3. Tap Mask Buttons. The mask buttons tab opens.

4. Tap an empty mask button, for example, Mask3. The assignment editor opens.
5. Tap Filter and select a filter, for example, Parked Only. The filter is selected, and the assignment editor closes.
6. Enable Mask Toolbar.
7. Tap to close the settings pop-up.
8. Tap the filter in the mask toolbar, for example, Parked Only. The sheet mask is set.

To assign a filter object to the mask toolbar in the fixture sheet directly:

1. Use the swipey command on a filter object, for example, Filter 1.
2. Tap Assign. The command is set into the command line
3. Tap an empty slot in the mask toolbar of the fixture sheet. The filter object is assigned.

To enable a filter object to the title bar of the fixture sheet:

1. Tap MA on the top left corner of the fixture sheet window to open the settings.
2. Enable Edit Title Bar.
3. Tap Mask Buttons .The mask buttons tab opens.
4. Tap on an empty mask button, for example Filter 1 All. The button is enabled in the title bar.

Fixture Sheet Settings

1.30. MAtricks and Shuffle

MAtricks is a tool for dividing a selection of fixtures into sub-selections.

The general workflow involves selecting fixtures and applying different MAtricks settings to them within the primary selection.

For example, you select 10 fixtures and want to step through them one at a time to correct their positions. MAtricks is the tool used for this purpose.

The selection can be shuffled using a set of shuffle tools. Read more below.

MAtricks Tools

The MAtricks tools are also available in a window that can be created like any other. See Add Window.

A version of the MAtricks window can be opened by tapping MAtricks in the Encoder bar.

The two versions have the same buttons and options. The following topics provide details about the different options.

Tap Grid, Layers, or Shuffle to display or hide the corresponding group in the title bar.

The MAtricks window is divided into three sections, one for each axis. The X-axis section has a red background, the Y-axis section has a blue background, and the Z-axis section has a green background.

Tap X, Y, or Z in the toolbar on the left side to display or hide the corresponding axis.

Each axis section has its properties grouped.

Here are the groups and their properties:

- **Grid**: Axis (X, Y, Z), Block, Group, Wings, and Width.
- **Layers**: Fade From/To, Delay From/To, Speed From/To, and Phase From/To. Tap ⇄ between the input fields to swap the from/to values.
- **Shuffle**: Shuffle and Shift.

The **Layers** speed readout format can be set to Hz, BPM, or Seconds in the User Profile. See User Settings.

For the following example, the speed readout format is set to Hertz.

To apply the speed value of 10Hz to the Speed From X property of the selection MAtricks using the command line, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Selection MAtricks "SpeedFromX" 10
```

This is the result:

Dimensions and Selection Grid

The MAtricks toolbar displays numerous settings that can be applied to the X, Y, and Z axes, the three dimensions utilized by the Selection Grid.

If the fixtures are in a 3-dimensional grid selection, then the MAtricks tool can be used in all three dimensions.

A description of how to use the align range functionality for Rx, Ry, and Rz is located in the Align Range Functionality topic.

MAtricks Pool

The settings made in the MAtricks tool can be stored in the **MAtricks Pool**.

This pool can be created like any other window. You can find it under the **Data Pools** tab.

MAtricks pool with some store MAtricks

This pool functions similarly to most pools in the grandMA3. The two most used functions are storing and recalling the MAtricks settings.

Store a New Pool Object

This is the process for storing a MAtricks pool object.

The easiest way to do this is by long-pressing an empty pool object. This stores the current MAtricks settings (even if no settings are stored).

The general syntax uses the Store Keyword and the MAtricks Keyword: **Store MAtricks ["MAtricks_Name" or Matricks_Number]**

	Hint:
	Tap, hold, and slide your finger across any value area to change the value.

Tap the video below to see the example.

Simple Example

This simple example uses ten fixtures.

Select the ten fixtures without any specific grid information. Press Full to activate the intensity.

This is how it looks in the **Selection Grid** and the **MAtricks** window:

Ten fixtures without any MAtricks settings

These ten fixtures are now aligned in a single row on the X-axis.

Press Next. This is equivalent to tapping the + in the X setting.

This is the result:

Ten fixtures with X 1

The selection frame around the first fixture is the usual yellow. The rest have a darker yellow selection frame, indicating they are part of the bigger selection.

Try pressing Next to step through the selection. Pressing Prev (previous) goes through the selection in the opposite direction.

Notice how the X number in the MAtricks tool updates as you make key presses. Tapping - and + buttons is the same as pressing Next and Prev.

A specific X number can be specified using the command line. For instance, if X needs to be 6, then the following command can be used:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Selection MAtricks 'X' 6
```

When you are comfortable with Next and Prev, press Set.

When Set is pressed, all fixtures from the original selection are selected, and the MAtricks is deactivated.

Pressing Set again will reactivate the MAtricks.

Tap Active in the title bar to toggle the MAtricks tool On or Off without resetting the MAtricks settings.

Multiple Selection

Each user profile has two fixture selections: selection 1 and selection 2.

Tap and hold ActiveSel at the bottom of the MAtricks window. This opens the dropdown menu, from which you can select 1 or 2.

The selection can also be changed using the Selection Keyword.

For example, the command needed to change to selection 2 is:

User name[Fixture]>Select Selection 2

The active selection can be copied to the other by tapping Copy Sel.

By tapping Copy Values, the values from the currently active selection can be cloned to the other selection.

A **ClearAll** command clears both selections. **ClearSelection** only clears the active selection.

Shuffle Selection

The Shuffle Keyword allows the selection order to be randomly sorted.

By default, Shuffle will randomize the selection order on all three axes in the Selection Grid.

Each shuffle setting per axis can be set to 0 (=None) up to 32 767. Each value represents a different shuffled selection order. When repeatedly selecting the same number of fixtures, the same shuffle value will result in the same shuffled selection order. This can be useful when a specific shuffled selection order is desired for the same number of fixtures. In this case, apply the same shuffle value in the MAtricks when the same fixtures are selected. The fixtures are then shuffled in the same way.

Tapping Shuffle in the MAtricks tool shuffles all three axes in the Selection Grid by adding a random number in XShuffle, YShuffle, and ZShuffle.

To shuffle on a single axis, enter a shuffle value for the desired axis in the MAtricks tool or tap the + or - in the axis until you reach the desired shuffle result.

Tap ShuffleMode on the bottom right of the MAtricks tool to access the following modes:

- **Auto**:
  When doing a shuffle only for one dimension, this behaves like **Linked**. Shuffling on two or three axes behaves like **Unlinked**.
- **Linked**:
  All fixtures placed in the same position along the axis that will be shuffled, but in a different position on the other axis, will keep their alignment along that axis.
  Fixtures that are located at the same point of the selected axis are triggered at the same time.
- **Unlinked**:
  The fixtures placed on axes other than the axis that will be shuffled but have the same position on the shuffled axis will be shuffled independently.
  Parallel lines are shuffled independently of each other.

Linked and unlinked shuffle can be used in combination with Rx, Ry, and Rz.

- When Rx, Ry, or Rz are toggled on, only the existing grid positions on the selected axis are considered.
- When Rx, Ry, or Rz are toggled off, the entire range on the axis is taken into account.

	Hint:
	When deactivating or resetting the MAtricks, the original selection order will be restored.

Since the shuffle is part of the MAtricks, it is also stored in a MAtricks pool object, like any other MAtricks setting.

See shuffle examples in the Shuffle topic.

Shift Selection

The shift setting in the MAtricks tool allows the current selection to be shifted within the selection grid positions. This can be done per axis in the grid. Therefore, change the values for XShift, YShift, or ZShift. Positive values shift to the right (x-axis), to the bottom (y-axis), and to the front (z-axis). According to this, negative values shift in the opposite direction.

Invert Options

Invert will define which axis in the selection grid the values should be inverted when turning the encoder or applying a range of values.
The inverted fixtures are displayed with a green font in the fixture sheet, a green body color in the 3D window, and a green border in the layout window and the selection grid window.

The following buttons can be found at the bottom left of the screen:

- InvertStyle: Defines if Invert shall be applied to Pan, Tilt, Pan and Tilt, or All attributes.
- InvertX: Inverts the overall invert of the current individual inverts per MAtrick property on the X axis.
- InvertY: Inverts the overall invert of the current individual inverts per MAtrick property on the Y axis.
- InvertZ: Inverts the overall invert of the current individual inverts per MAtrick property on the Z axis.
- Speed Master: Speed masters can be configured to override the predefined MAtricks values, such as Speed From / To values. If the value **No Master** is selected, a set speed master on a higher level in the hierarchy, such as in a cue part or sequence, will not influence the speed of the phaser recipe. For more information, see Cues and Sequences and Recipe Editor.

Grid properties can also be inverted by tapping ⧈.

	Hint:
	When using Align in combination with Invert, the alignment is still based on the arrangement of fixtures inside the selection grid; however, the aligned values will be inverted.
	Restriction:
	Currently, Align only works with the X-axis.

Subtopics

- Blocks
- Groups
- Wings
- Widths
- Shuffle
- Transform

1.30.1. Blocks

The blocks function in the MAtricks creates blocks of fixtures of the specified size.

This treats blocks of fixtures as one fixture.

It is better explained with examples.

Example - Ten Fixtures One Axis

In this example, there are ten fixtures (1 through 10).

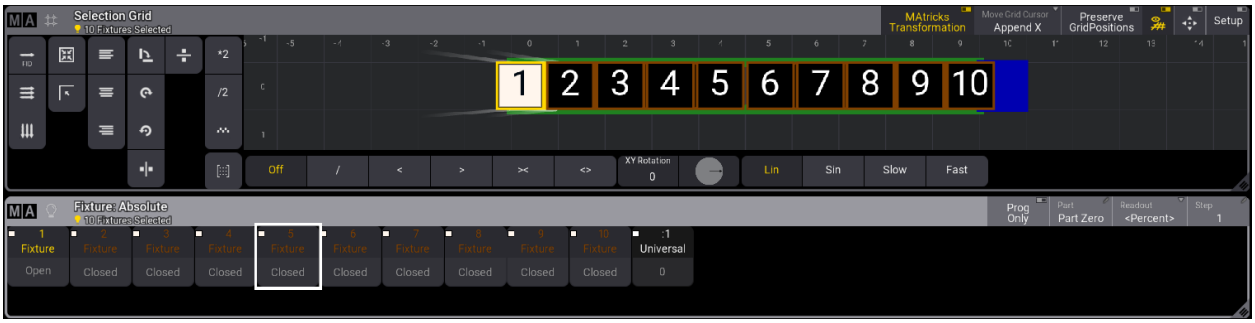
They are selected from 1 to 10 without any specific grid information. Highlight is activated.

Since there is no grid information, the fixtures are only on one axis - the X-axis.

Press Next to make the MAtricks X value 1.

Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - No XBlock

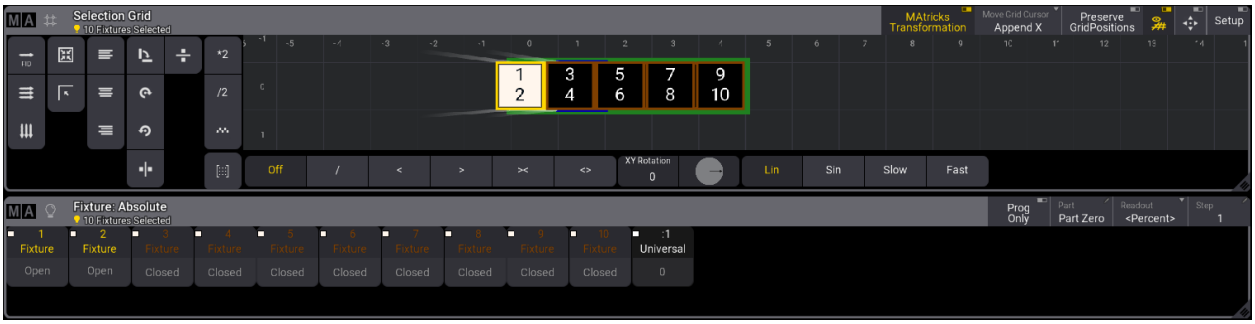
It looks like this in the Selection Grid and Fixture Sheet windows. (Fixture Sheet Mode set to Channel and Output layer selected). For more information, see Fixture sheet.



Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - XBlock set to None

Now tap + in the XBlock of the MAtricks window to set the value to two.

Now it looks like this:



Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 and XBlock at 2

The selection grid shows five boxes. This is because fixtures 1 and 2 are blocked together and in the first position. As seen in the fixture sheet, they are the ones currently outputting light.

Press Next and Prev to jump between the ten fixtures, blocked two by two.

Tap + and - in the MAtricks X to jump through the ten fixtures blocked together two by two. Next and Prev can also be used.

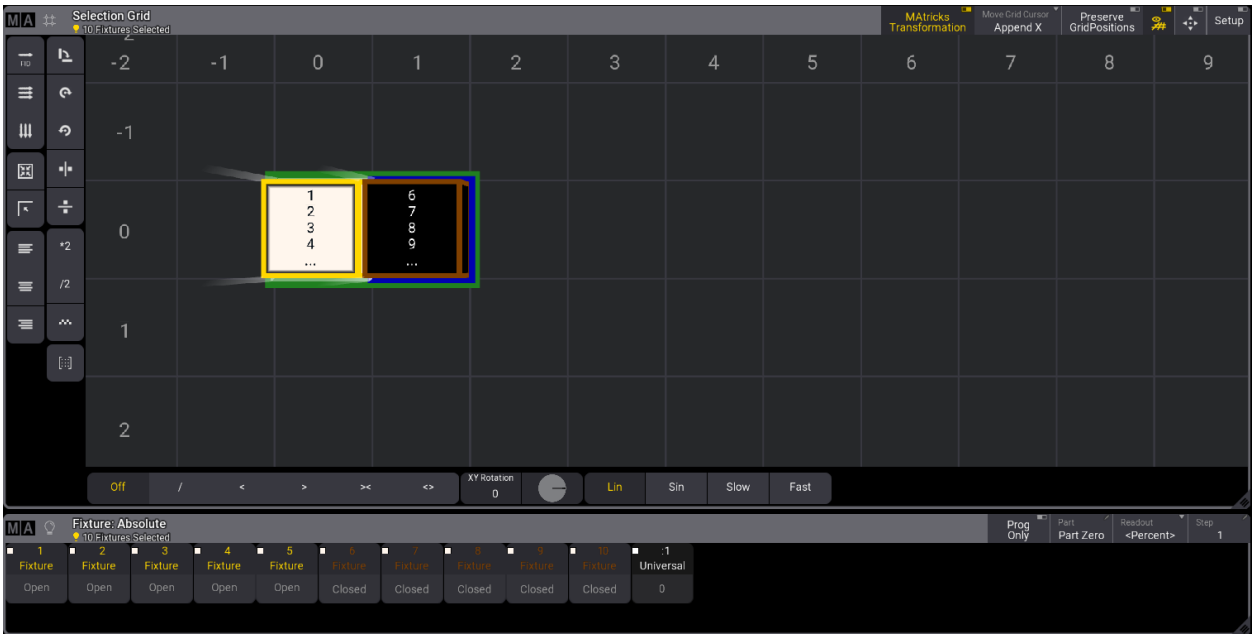
Tap the video below to see the example.

Increasing the block size increases the number of fixtures together in a block. It decreases the number of visible boxes in the selection grid and the MAtricks X values.

For instance, if the block is increased to five, there are only two boxes in the grid, X = 1 and XBlock = 5.

Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 and XBlock at 5

It looks like this: in the Selection Grid and the Fixture Sheet.



Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 and XBlock at 5
Tap the video below to see the example.

1.30.2. Groups

Groups in the MAtricks are used to separate the selection into the number of groups set.

It alternates through the selection, putting fixtures into each group.

It is best explained with an example.

Example - Ten Fixtures One Axis

In this example, there are ten fixtures (1 through 10).

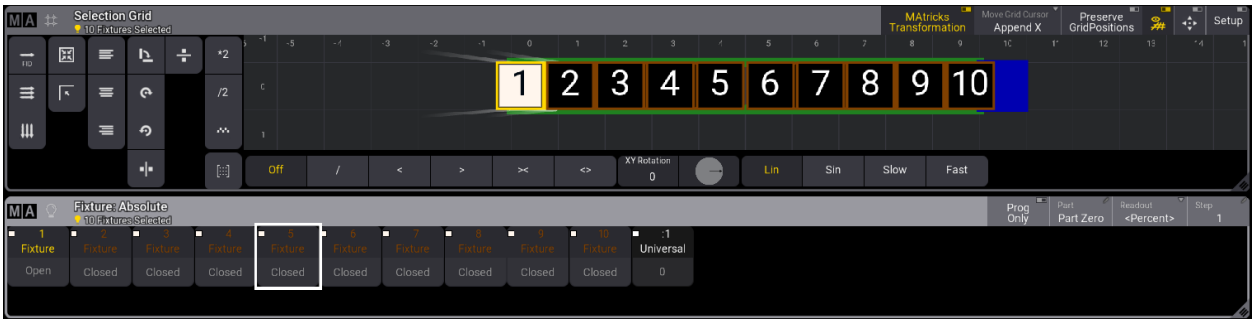
They are selected from 1 to 10 without any specific grid information. Highlight is activated.

Since there is no grid information, the fixtures are only on the X-axis.

Tap + in the X settings MAtricks window or press Next to make the MAtricks X value 1.

Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - No XGroup

It looks like this in the Selection Grid and Fixture Sheet (Channel SheetMode and Output layer selected) window.

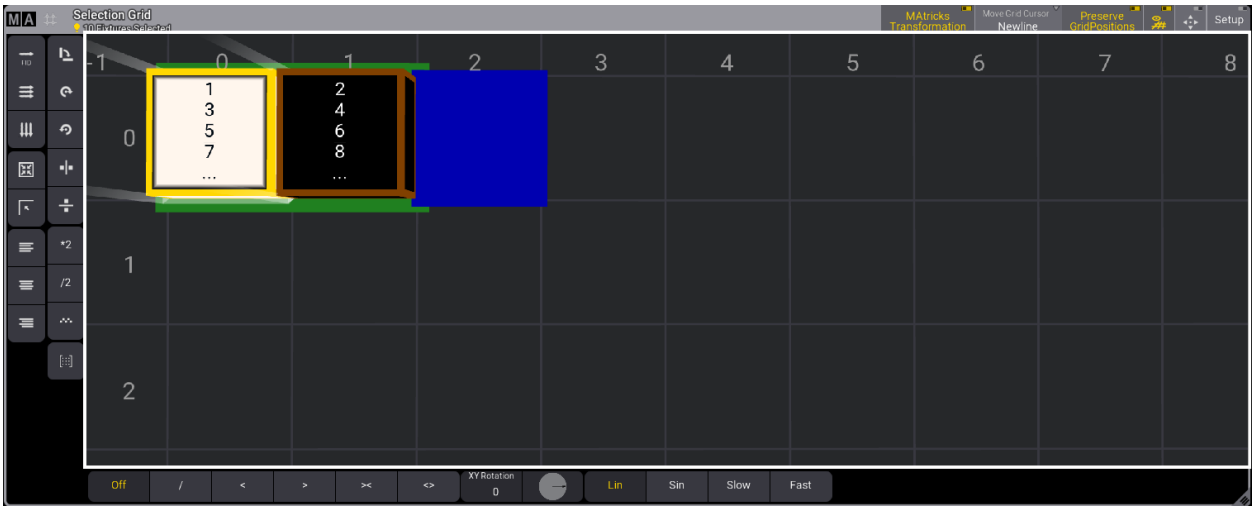


Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - No XGroup

Now tap + in the XGroup in the MAtricks window and set the value to two.

Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - XGroup at 2

Now it looks like this in the Selection Grid and Fixture Sheet.



Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - XGroup at 2

Notice how the ten fixtures are moved into two boxes in the selection grid.

The Selection shows how the fixtures are interleaved into the two groups. The first fixture goes into the first group, the second fixture into the next group, the third fixture into the first group, and so on until there are no more fixtures.

Tap + in the MAtricks X to set it to two. Tap - to set it back to one. You can also press Next and Prev to toggle between the selections.

Tap the video below to see the example.

1.30.3. Wings

Wings in the MAtricks separate the selection into the number of wings set and select devices from each wing from opposite directions.

It is better explained with examples.

Example - Ten Fixtures One Axis

In this example, there are ten fixtures (1 through 10).

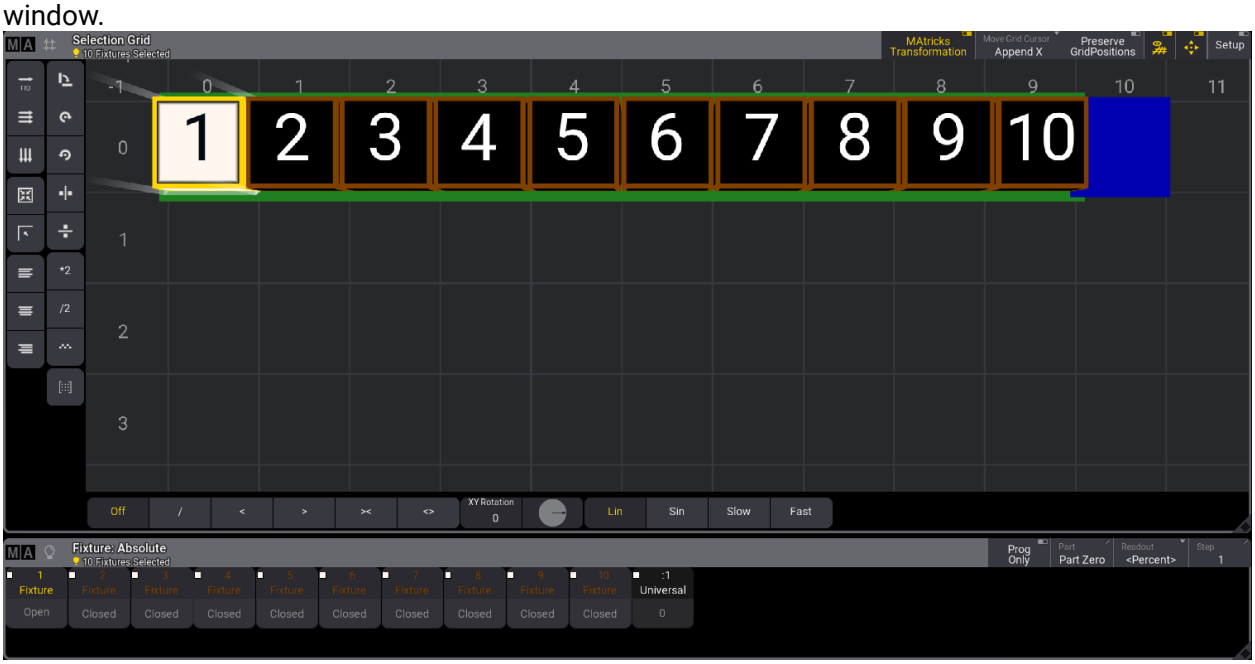
They are selected from 1 to 10 without any specific grid information. Highlight is activated.

Since there is no grid information, the fixtures are only on one axis - the X-axis.

Press Next to make the MAtricks X value 1.

Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - No XWings

It looks like this in the Selection Grid and Fixture Sheet (Channel SheetMode and Output layer selected) window.

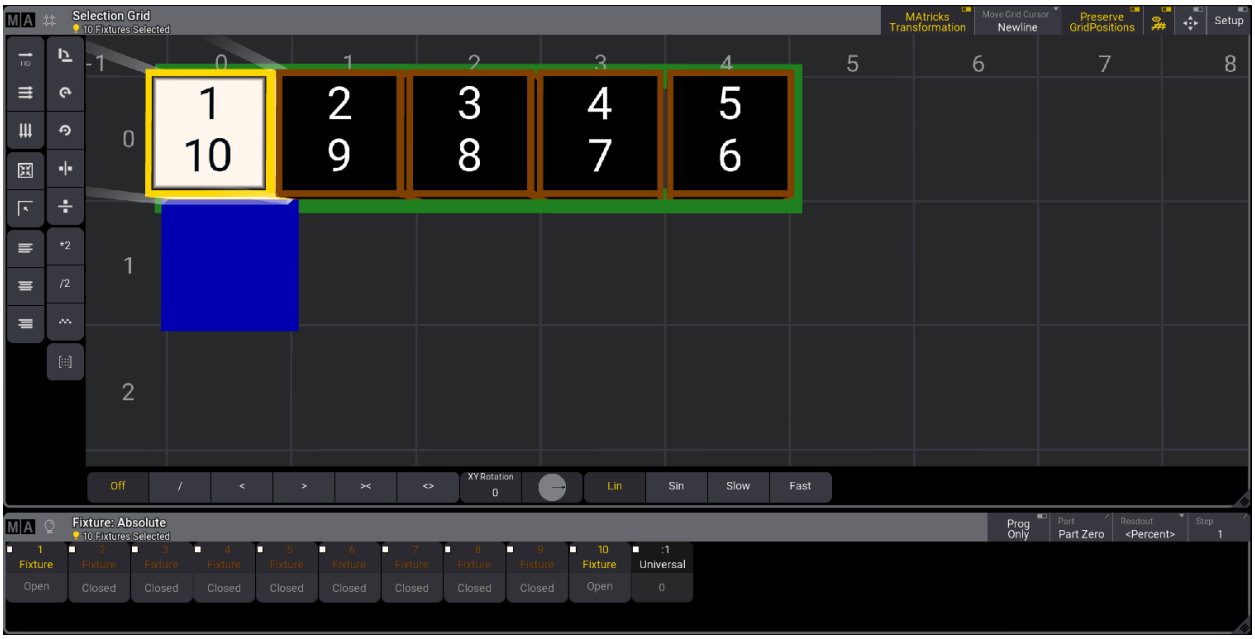


Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - No Wings

Now tap + in the XWings in the MAtricks window to set the value to two.

Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - XWings at 2

Now it looks like this



Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 and XWings at 2

The selection is split into two wings, and each end of the selection is currently On.

Tap + to change the X number and move the highlighted selection towards the "center" of the selection.
Tap - to change the X number and move the highlighted selection from the inside out of the selection.
Using Next and Prev does the same.

Tap the video below to see the example.

1.30.4. Widths

Width can appear to give the same result as groups. The difference is that groups place the grouped fixtures in the same grid positions, where width moves the fixtures out on the next axis.

This makes it possible to combine several axes in the MAtricks selection.

It can be a great tool for fixtures arranged in grids.

Having the fixtures in MAtricks with a width and storing a group in the Group pool also stores the current selection grid setup.

The MAtricks width is best explained with an example.

Example - Ten Fixtures One Axis

In this example, there are ten fixtures (1 through 10).

They are selected from 1 to 10 without any specific grid information. Highlight is activated.

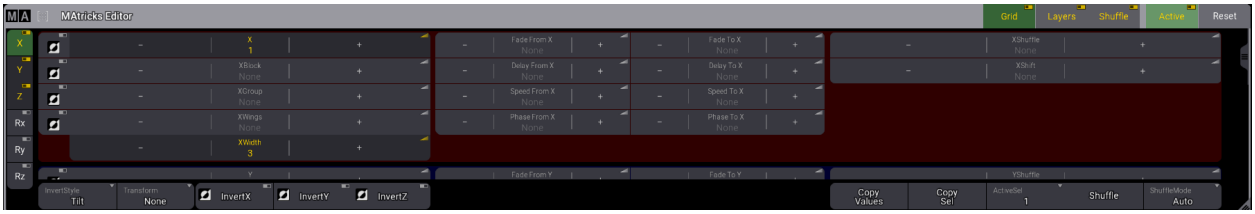
Since there is no grid information, the fixtures are only on one axis - the X-axis.

Press Next to make the MAtricks X value 1.

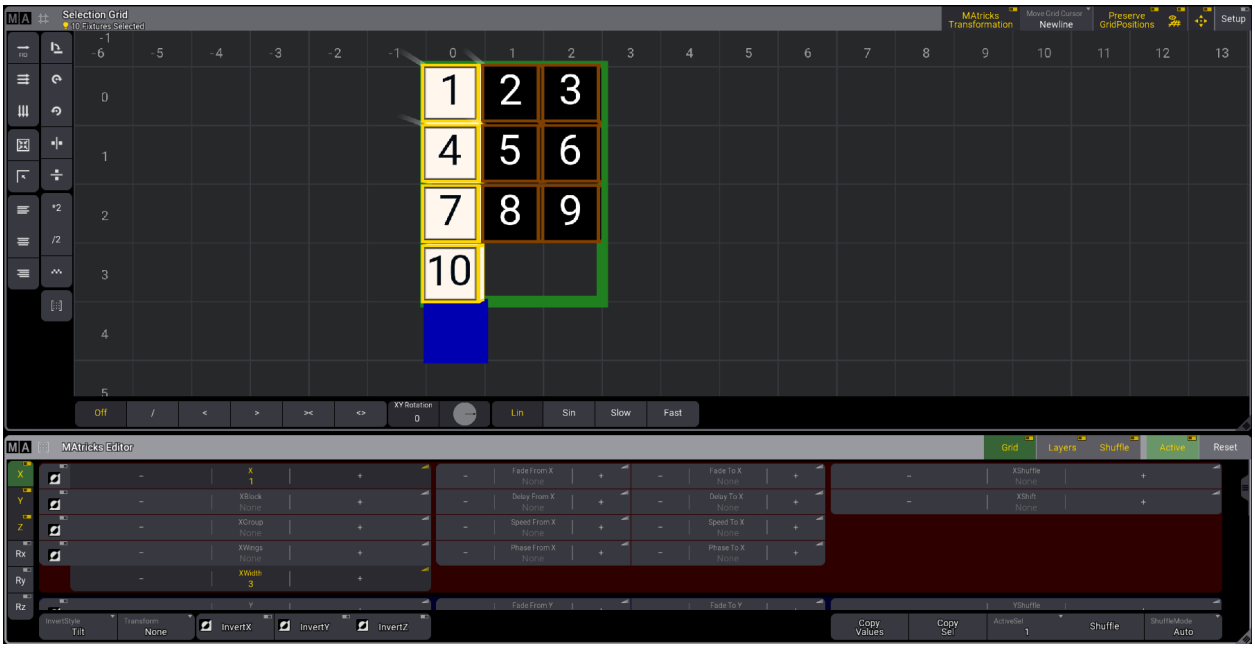
It looks like this in the Selection Grid and Fixture Sheet (Channel SheetMode and Output layer selected) window:

Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - No Width

Now tap + three times in the XWidth in the MAtricks window to set the value to three.



Now it looks like this.

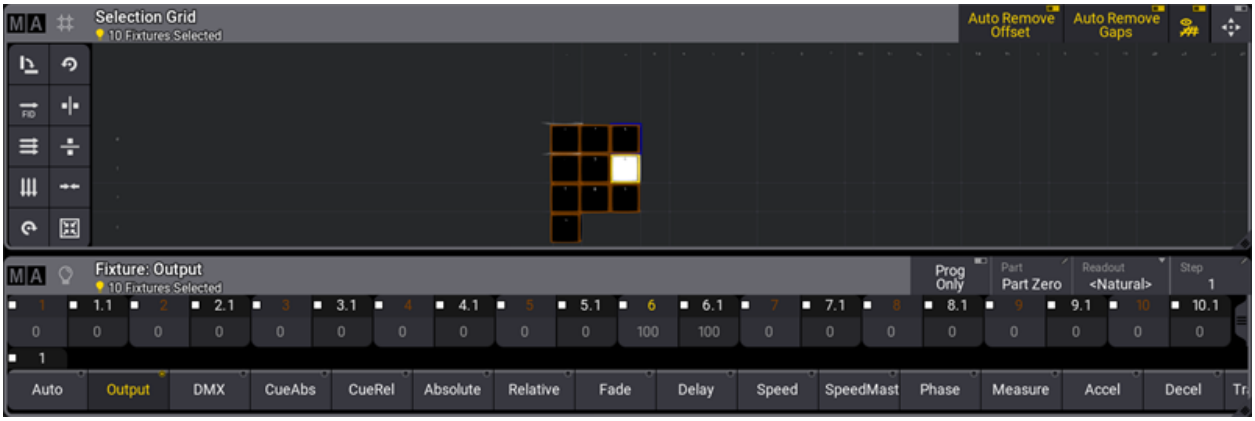


Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 1 - XWidth at 3

All fixtures in the first X column are now highlighted.

This arrangement allows you to select a specific fixture or a column or row of fixtures using a combination of X and Y values.

Highlighting fixture 2 in the current arrangement can be achieved by having X = 2 and Y = 1.



Ten fixtures with MAtricks X at 2, Y at 1, and XWidth at 3

Try to play around with different X and Y values.

1.30.5. Shuffle

Shuffle shuffles the selection order of the current fixture selection.

The shuffle function is described in more detail in the MAtricks and Shuffle topic.

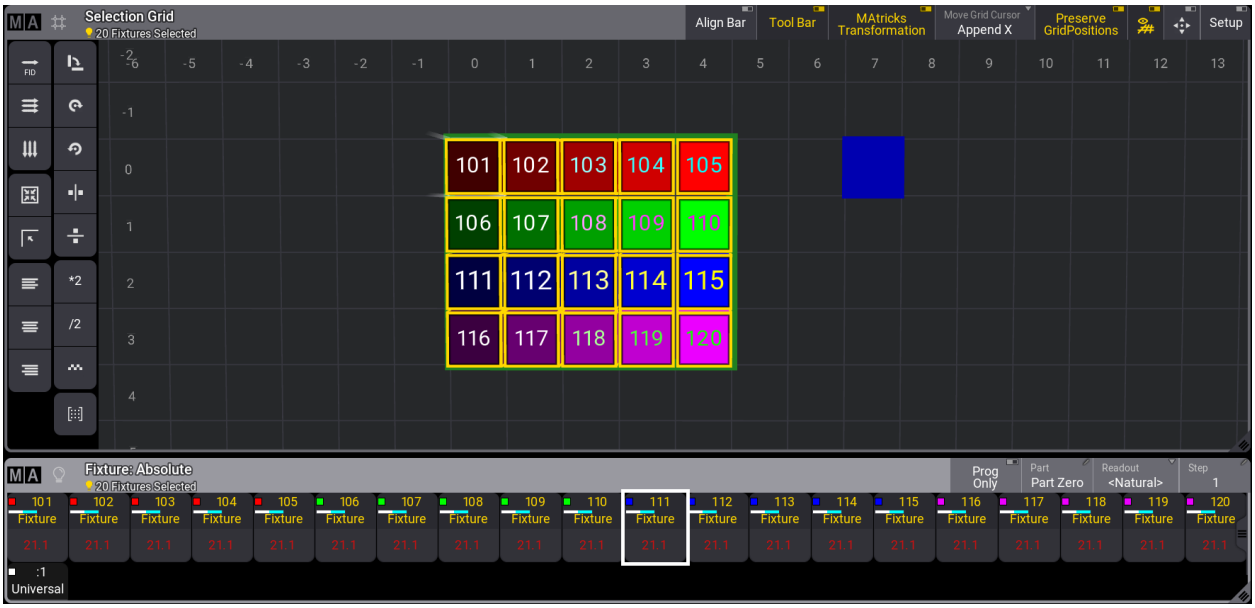
This example uses the **MAtricks window**, the **Selection Grid window**, the **Fixture Sheet window,** the **Group Pool**, the **Color Preset Pool**, and the **All 1 Preset Pool**. It is helpful to have them visible on the screens.

This is an example of a shuffle on two axes.

The main setup comprises 20 fixtures and four global color presets (Red, Green, Blue, and Magenta).

1. Select fixtures 101 thru 105 and tap the red color preset.
2. Select fixtures 106 thru 110 and tap the green color preset.
3. Select fixtures 111 thru 115 and tap the blue color preset.
4. Select fixtures 116 thru 120 and tap the magenta color preset.
5. Select fixtures 101 thru 120.
6. Use the MAtricks tool to set XWidth to 5. This arranges the fixtures nicely in a 5 x 4 grid.
7. Store a group with this grid arrangement.
8. A 25% to 100% dimmer range is applied by pressing At 2 5 Thru 1 0 0 Please.
9. Press Store and tap an empty All 1 preset pool object.

It looks like this:



Imagine how the fixtures are arranged in the real world. Then, this needs to be randomly applied in both the X and Y axes.

Tap Shuffle in the MAtricks tool until a desired pattern is achieved.

Notice in the fixture sheet that this does not change the actual output of the fixtures. It only changes how they are selected.

The values need to be reapplied to make the output look like a random selection.

To apply the dimmer, press At 2 5 Thru 1 0 0 Please.

The MAtricks Y value makes it easy to reapply the colors.

Tap + in the MAtricks Y, so the value is 1. Now, apply the red color preset. Tap + again to select the next row and apply the next color preset. Continue doing this for the last two rows.

Press Clear once and tap the group stored at point seven in the initial setup.

The result could look something like this:

1.30.6. Transform

Transform is a setting in the MAtricks window. It is found in the Invert Options at the bottom of the MAtricks window.

If Transform is set to Mirror, the values will be mirrored depending on the other MAtricks settings, such as Blocks, Groups, and Wings.

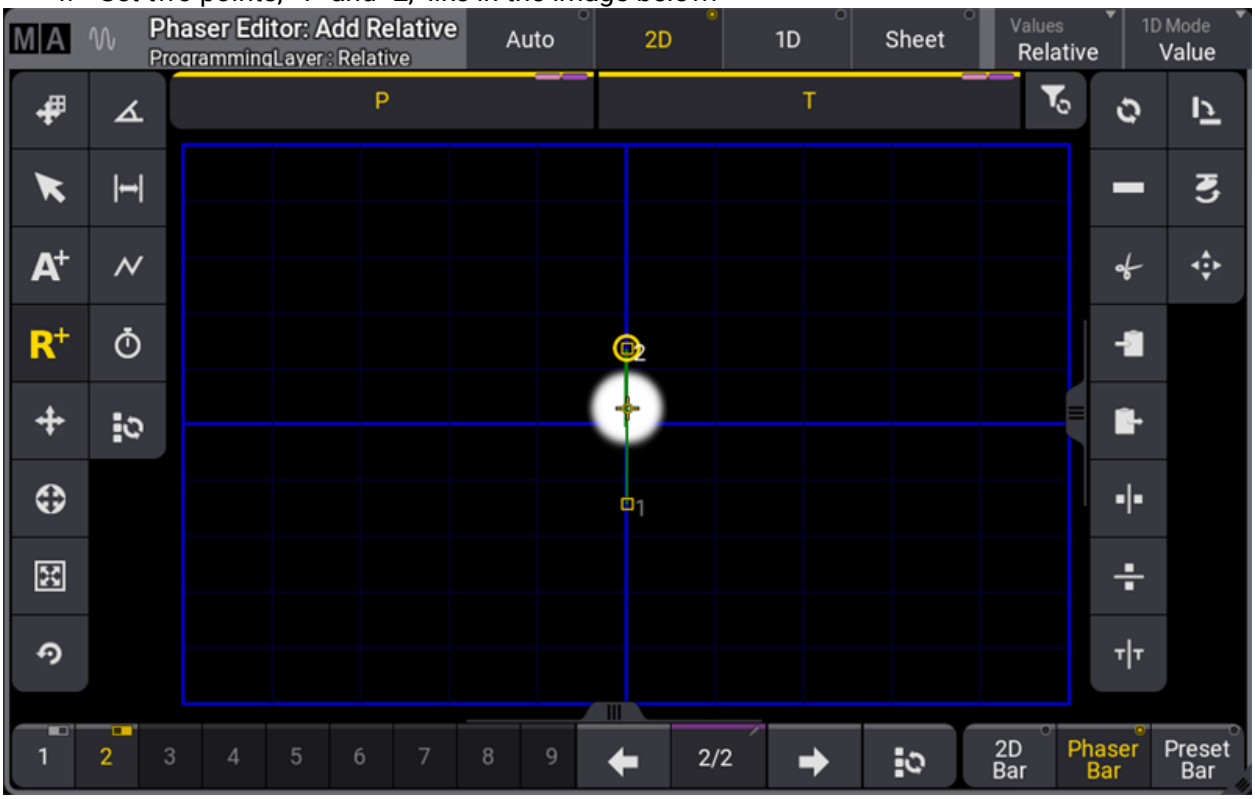
Transform allows:

- Quickly create symmetrical objects.
- Keep a symmetrical impression with an odd fixture selection.

Example

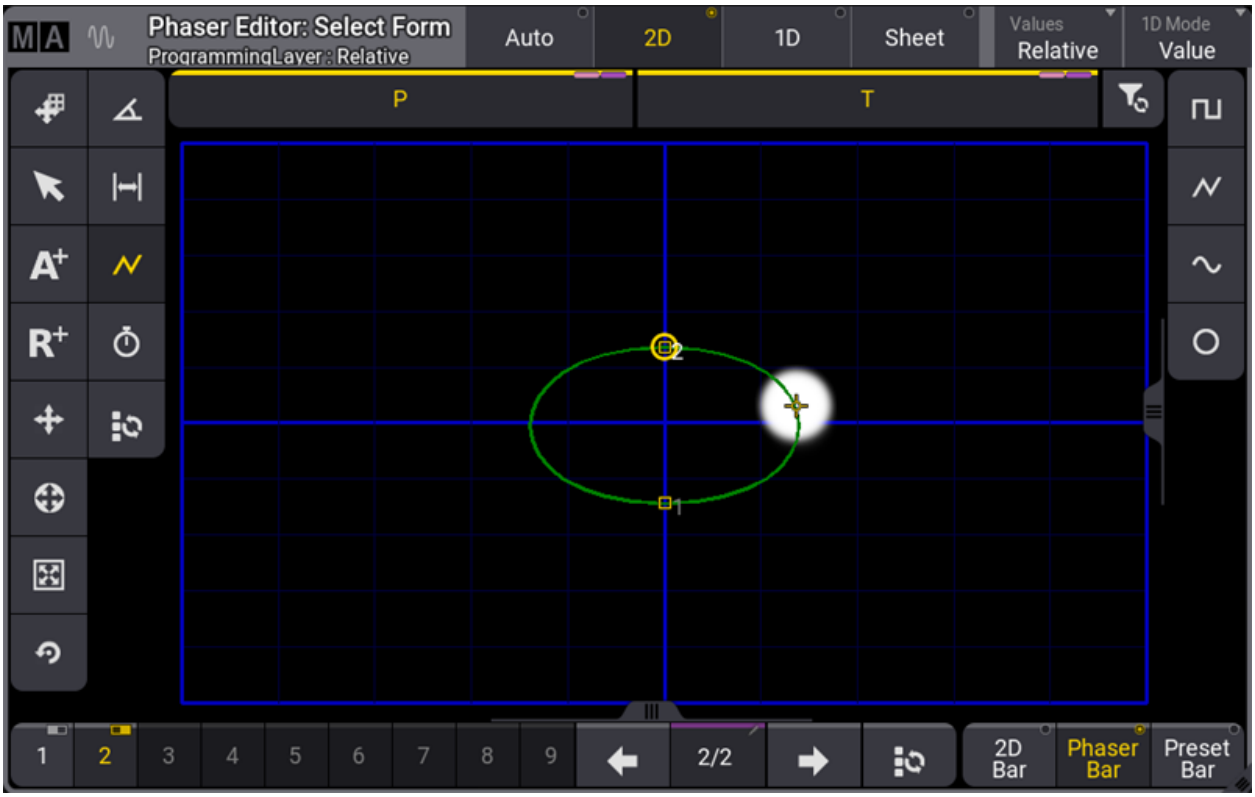
How to set Transform in a simple example:

1. Select some fixtures and set the dimmer to full.
2. Open a Phaser Editor window using the Add Window pop-up. Or tap the Phaser button in the Encoder Bar.
3. Select 2D and then tap the button in the left tool button bar of the phaser window.
4. Set two points, "1" and "2," like in the image below:



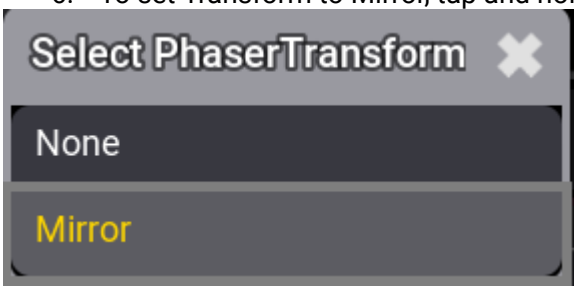
Phaser with relative position.

4. To change the phaser to a circle form, select in the left button toolbar and then select on the right button toolbar in the phaser window.



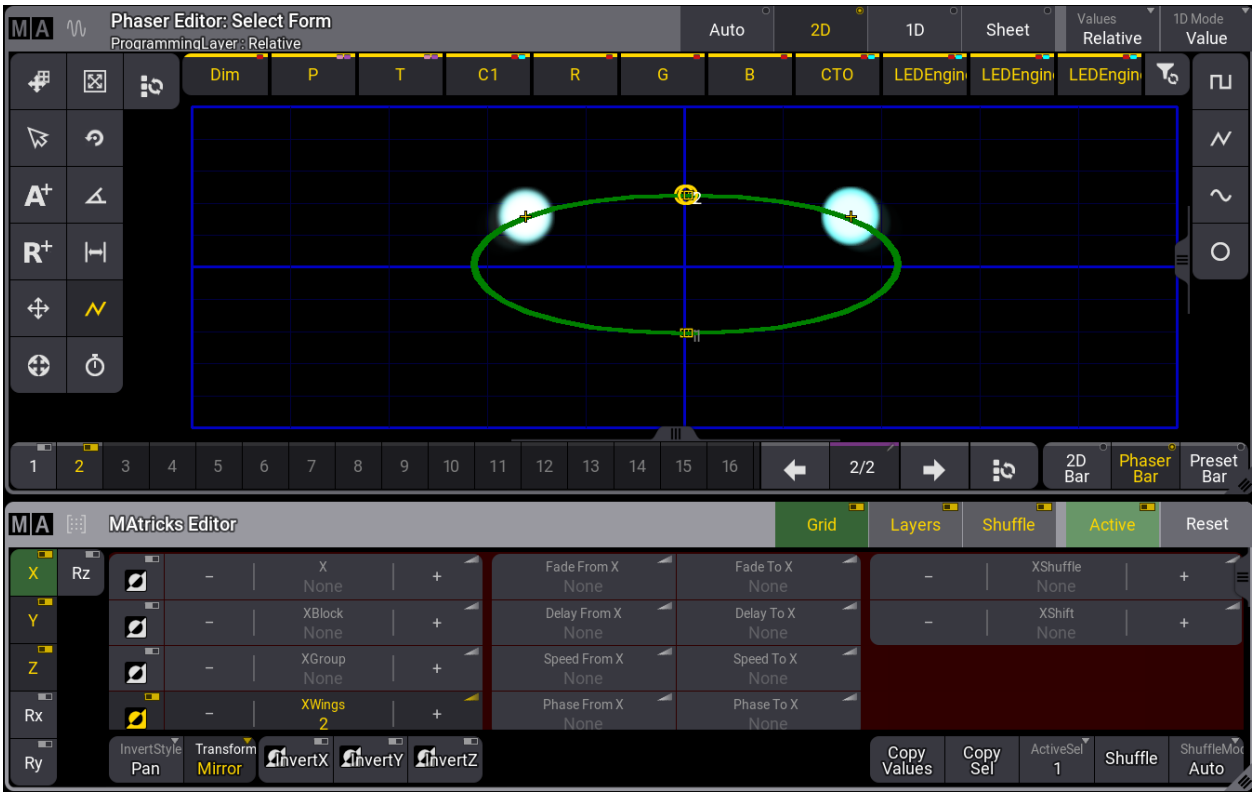
Phaser with circle form

5. Open the MAtricks window and set XWings to 2.
6. To set Transform to Mirror, tap and hold Transfom. A pop-up opens. Tap Mirror.



Transform Mirror pop-up

7. The result is shown in the image below:



If Transform is set to Mirror:

- The font color of the Transform button is yellow.
- InvertStyle changes to Pan.

If Transform is set to None:

- Inverts are switched off.

	Important:
	Setting the MAtricks, for example, XWings, to None and Transform to Mirror, disables Invert for this setting.
	Important:
	If there are only values for one step active, the values will be mirrored in this step.
	Important:
	As soon as there are attributes with two or more steps, Mirror will only mirror the values of the multi-step phasers.

Cues and Preset along with Transform Mirror

Transform - Mirror works by transforming values of the inverted fixtures to create symmetry. This requires changing the original values in the Programmer to hard values.

	Restriction:
	Storing the transformed values directly to a Cue will not store the preset reference, if the transformed values are not part of the used phaser preset.
	Hint:
	To avoid losing references, store the transformations with MAtricks to a

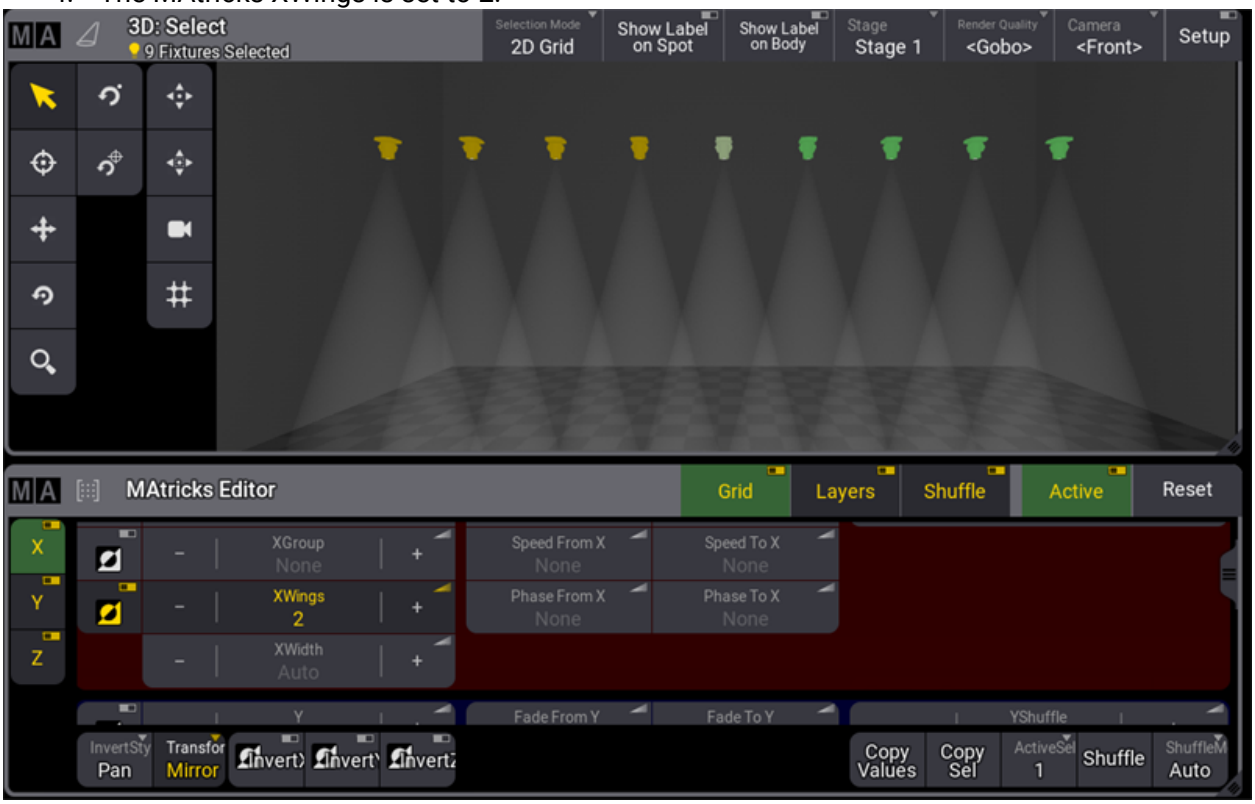
	new Preset object.

When transformed values are combined with MAtricks, the reference links are automatically saved to the preset object. Calling this preset with transformation MAtricks included will keep the links when storing it to a cue.

Odd Fixture Selection along with Transform Mirror

The image below shows the 3D window when working with Wings and an odd number of fixtures. Fixtures are split into three groups, shown in the image below:

1. Selected fixtures are generally colored in yellow.
2. The center fixture is marked as an edge fixture. It is colored light green.
3. Selected Fixtures with enabled Transform Mirror setting are colored in green.
4. The MAtricks XWings is set to 2.



Eleven selected fixtures in 3D with XWings active and transition set to mirror.

	Important:
	An edge fixture in an odd fixture selection does not follow all values to keep the symmetry.

Example: When creating a mirrored circle with the eleven selected fixtures, the edge fixture in the center will only tilt but not pan.

	Hint:
	For more information on system colors, see System.

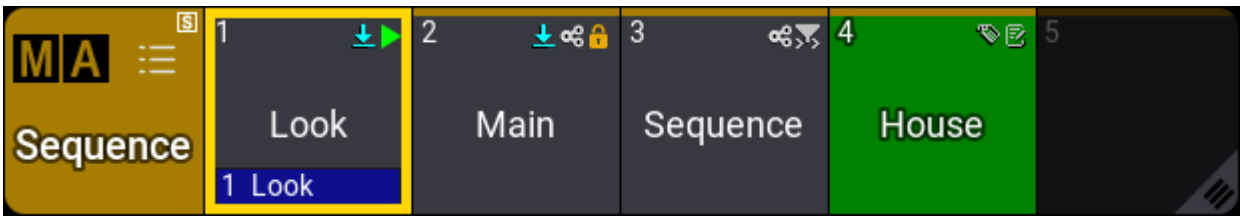
1.31. Cues and Sequences

Fixture values can be stored in Presets or **Cues**.

Cues are organized in **Sequences**.

Executors can control and playback sequences. The sequence is played back from the sequence pool. The executors are handles for the sequence.

The sequences are all in the **Sequence Pool**. This is created like any other window - see more in the Add Window topic.



Sequence pool with sequence 1 running a cue

The sequence contains information about the cues and how to transition between them.

Cues can contain fixture values (sometimes called "hard values"), references to presets, and recipes. Read the Store Cues topic to learn about making cues.

All cues have at least one **Step**. If there is more than one step, then it is a Phaser. Follow the phaser link to read about multi-step cues.

Cues have **Cue Parts**. All values are actually stored in the parts. All cues automatically have part 0. Other parts can be created, but it is not necessary. Creating several parts allows for the separation of values into different sub-cues. The parts can have different timing or properties, but the cue parts are connected to the primary (parent) cue. This means that all the cue parts in a cue trigger together with the primary cue.

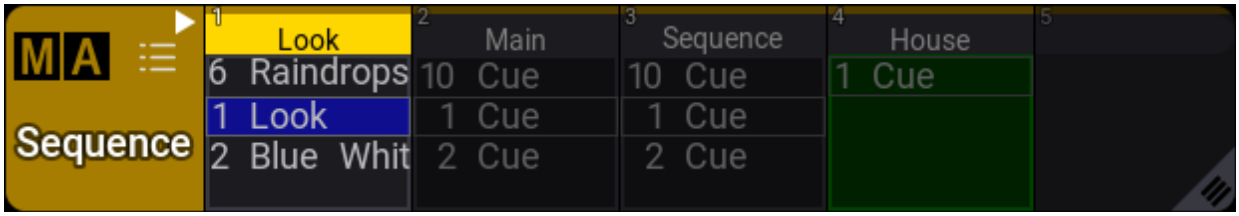
The cues in a sequence can be seen in a **Sequence Sheet**. Read more about looking at the sequence in the Look at Cues and Sequences topic.

Sequences have many different settings. Read the Sequence Settings topic for more information.

Executor Style

The sequence pool objects can be presented in a different style called **Executor Style**.

The same pool shown above can look like this:



Sequence Pool using Executor Style It is a setting for the entire pool, not for the individual pool objects. It can be changed in the **Pool Settings**, accessed by tapping the black MA logo in the upper-left corner.

Each sequence pool object shows up to three cues. If there is an active cue, it is in the center with a blue background. If there are no active cues, the center cue is the first cue in the sequence.

This style makes the pool object look similar to how it looks on the executor labels. Learn more in the What are Executors topic.

See the Common Window Settings topic for the other pool settings.

Pool Action and Object Action

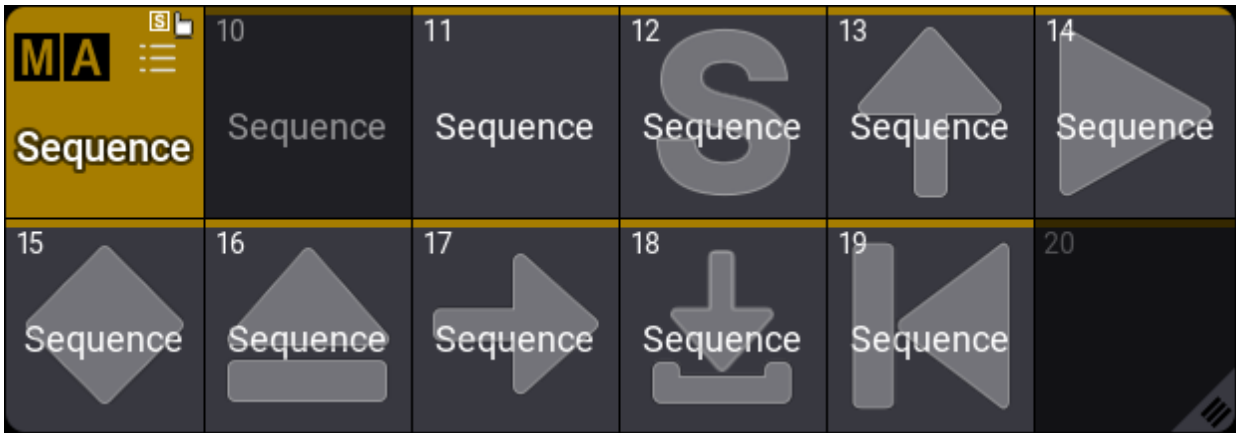
A sequence pool has a pool action for the pool objects. The individual sequence pool objects also have an object action. This action is performed when the sequence is tapped in the pool without a (relevant) keyword in the command line.

The object action is used if the **Use Object Action** is active in the **Sequence Pool Settings** (link below).

The defined pool or object action is performed when the sequence is tapped in the pool without a (relevant) keyword in the command line.

A small icon in the upper right corner of the pool title object indicates the selected pool action. If **Use Object Action** is activated in the settings, a small hand with an index finger icon will be displayed next to the pool action. See the example image below.

A big icon is added to the pool object when **Use Object Action** is activated. The pool object is grayed out if the object action is set to **None** (see sequence 10 in the example below). There is no icon displayed if the object action is set to **Pool Default** (see sequence 11 in the example below).



Example of the sequence pool with pool objects assigned all the possible object actions. The pool action is set in the **Sequence Pool Settings**. This is described in the Common Window Settings topic.

The object action is set in the object editor described in the Sequence Settings topic.

Reference

If a sequence is referenced somewhere, it gets a small reference icon (). Referenced means that it is used or assigned somewhere. The Info window can show where an object is referenced.

Filters

The sequence can have a world or a filter assigned as an input filter and an output filter.

If there is an input filter, there is a small icon () in the pool object. The input filter only allows the data in the world or filter to be stored in the sequence.

If an output filter is assigned, the pool object has a small icon ( ). The output filter allows only the fixtures and attributes in the world or filter to be played back from the sequence.

See the example image at the top. Sequence three has both an input and output filter assigned, and this is a combined filter icon ().

Read more about filtering sequences in the Worlds and Filters section.

Shared Data

Two sequences can be connected and share the cue data. If a sequence shares data with another sequence, then it has a small icon () in the pool object. See sequences two and three in the example image above.

Shared data means that the cue content and the cue settings (for example, fade times) are the same. Changing one of the two sequences will also change the other sequence. For example, creating cues, changing cue content, or deleting cues.

The sequence settings can be different. Different executors can control the different linked sequences and playback different cues in the two (or more) linked sequences.

This can be useful if, during rehearsal, a video programmer and a lighting programmer want to work with one sequence but must be able to run different cues. The relevant input and output filters can be assigned to the two shared sequences. Two different executors can be assigned to control the two linked sequences. Now, one sequence can playback and store video data, and the other can run and store light data. All values are stored in the same linked sequence. So when the show is ready, an operator can remove the filters and just playback one sequence with all the data.

Subtopics

- What is Tracking
- Sequence Sheet
- Content Sheet
- Sequence Settings
- Store Cues
- Update Cues
- Copy Cues
- Cue Recipes

- Store Settings and Store Preferences
- Play Back Cues
- Move In Black
- Cue Timing
- Renumber Cues
- Delete Cues

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1.31.1. What is Tracking

Tracking is the principle of storing only the **changes** in the cues.

If a fixture is turned On in blue, it will stay like this until it is told to change. It does not matter how many cues there are between being told to turn On and the cue where it is told to turn Off.

Tracking is the principle that once a parameter has a value, it stays there until it is told to go somewhere else or released from a sequence.

The following example explores the basic tracking principles and describes some of the other basic related functions after the example. Four tracking principles have their own topics: Cue Only, Tracking Distance, Tracking Shield, and Break.

Example

Fixture number 1 is stored in blue color, at 100% dimmer value in cue number 1. If there are 6 cues and fixture number 1 does not get any new information, it will stay at 100% in blue color in all 6 cues.

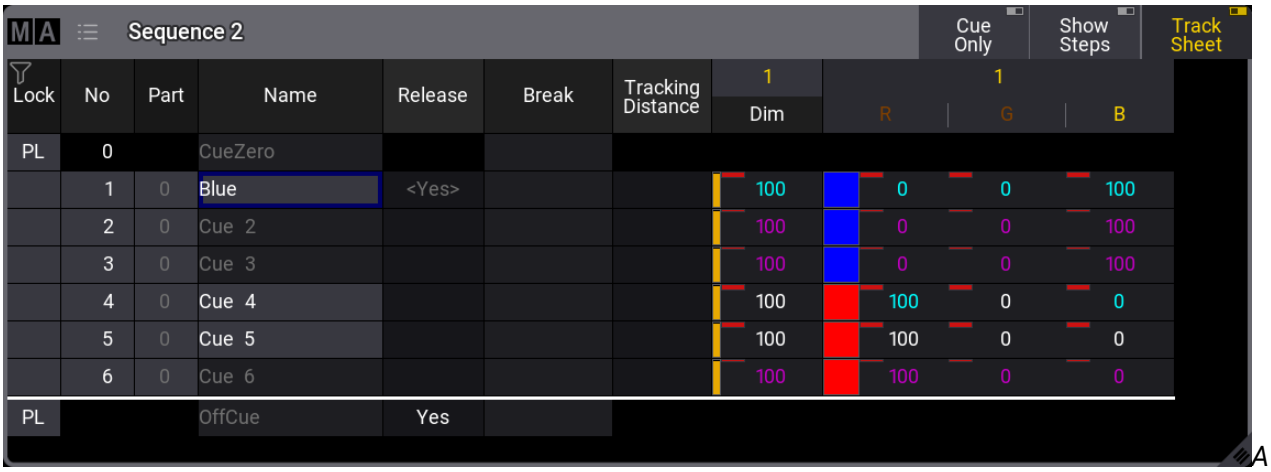
The best way to see this information is to turn the Sequence Sheet into tracking sheet mode. This can be activated using the Track Sheet setting either in the title bar or the window settings.

A sequence with 6 cues - fixture 1 stored values in cue 1

Notice the difference in text color between the values in cue 1 and the others. The magenta text color indicates that the value is not stored in the cues but is a tracked value from a previous cue.

Now, change the fixture's color to red and set the dimmer to 100% again.

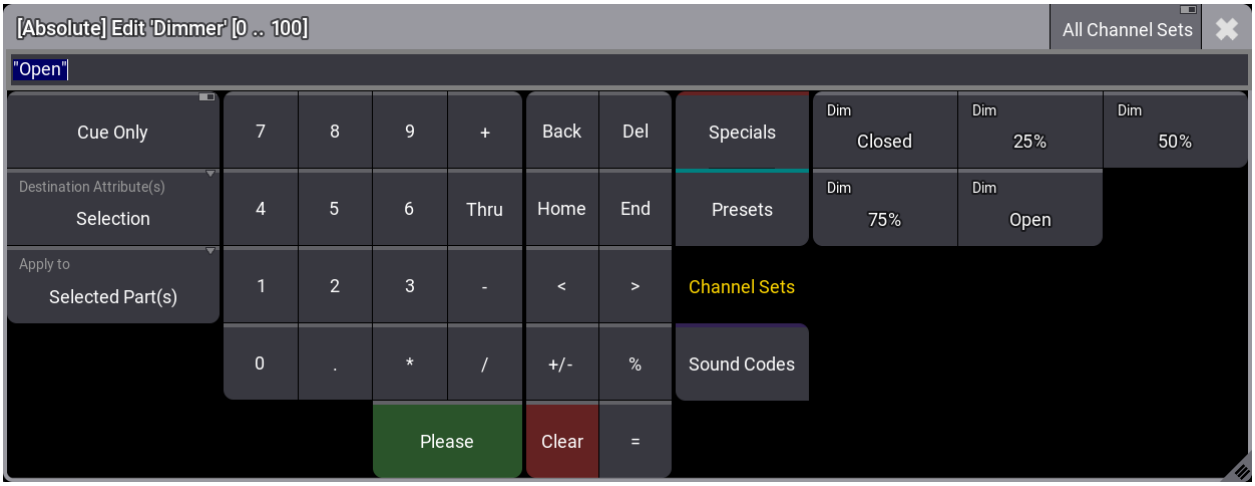
Store this in cues 4 **and** 5 (using the Merge option). Now it looks like this:



A sequence with 6 cues - fixture 1 has a new color in cues 4 and 5 - blocked values

The text color of the dimmer value is now white in cues 4 and 5. All the color values are also white in cue 5. This indicates that the values are stored here, but are the same as the tracked value. These are called "Blocked" values. This means that if any value is changed in any previous cue, it would still be 100% in cue number 4. It blocks the tracked value from cue 1 (the same value), and the value stored in cue 5 is tracked to the end.

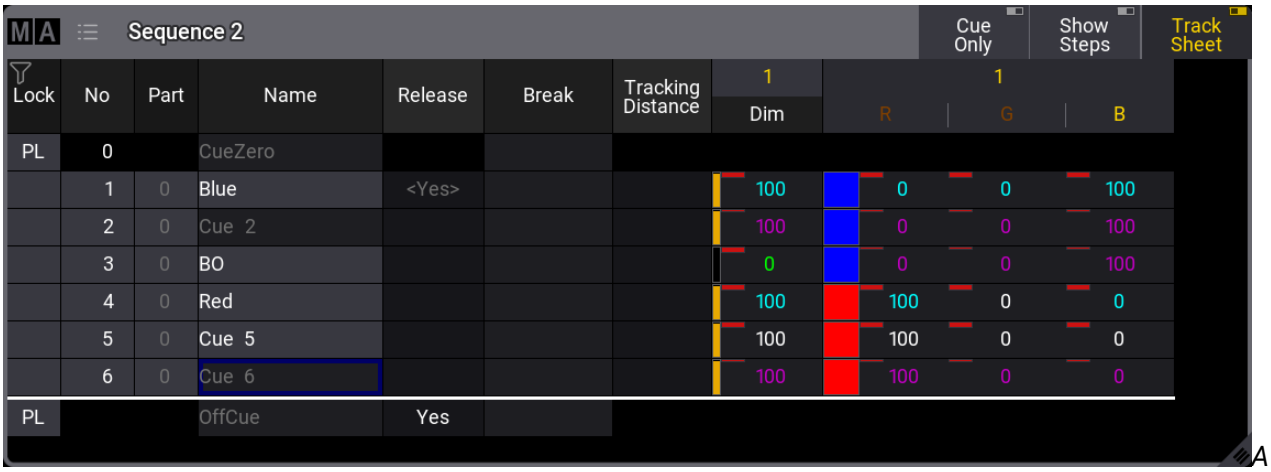
Values can be edited directly in the tracking sheet. Edit the dimmer value in cue 3 by right-clicking with a mouse or the two-finger edit gesture on a touchscreen. This opens the calculator.



Calculator editor

Select Channel Sets and tap Closed.

This closes the calculator and changes the dimmer value to 0 in cue 3 in the sequence.



sequence with 6 cues - fixture 1 has a new dimmer value in cue 3

The dimmer value is now green in cue 3. This indicates that the dimmer value is now stored with a lower value than the previous cue. Only dimmer values show this green indication for a lower value.

The dimmer value in cue 4 is now cyan, indicating a higher value than the previous cue.

The redundantly stored values in cue 5 can be removed from the cue by removing the stored values - also called "unblocking".

sequence with 6 cues - unblocked sequence

There are several ways to do this.

One option is to have the values for fixture number 1 as active values in the programmer (it does not matter what the values are) and store cue 5 with the "Remove" option. This would remove the values from the cue.

A second option is using a command like this:

User name[Fixture]>Unblock Sequence 2

Paste to Command Line

This removes all redundant blocked values from the entire sequence number 2.

A third option is to unblock cue 5. This can be done by adding "cue 5" to the command above or editing a value in cue 5. It does not matter what value; all that is needed is the calculator opened with a value from cue 5.

On the left side of the calculator, change the Destination Attributes(s) value to **All Fixtures** and the Apply to to **Selected Part(s)**. Now tap Specials and then Unblock. This unblocks all attributes for all fixtures in the selected cue parts. The selection here is the selected cue when the calculator was opened.

	Hint:
	The Move In Black (MIB) function is visible in the tracking sheet if the MIB function is activated. It appears as values with deep-sea green background. Learn more about it in the Move In Black topic.

Cue Zero

Cue Zero is an automatically created empty cue. Cue Zero can be modified or stored into using the cue name or number. Cue Zero can automatically store default values for no attributes, dimmers, or all attributes for the fixtures used in the sequence. This can be changed in the sequence settings.

Off Cue

The Off cue has timing information that is used when the sequence is turned Off. Release is active for the OffCue as a default.

Release

The sequence sheet has a **Release** column. Editing a field in this column changes the cell to **Yes**. This means that tracked values will be released from this cue and forward.

A sequence with 6 cues - cues 5 and OffCue with release active

It makes a white horizontal line above the released cue. This indicates that tracked values are stopped, and if there are no other values in the sequence, then the attribute is released from the sequence - empty black cells.

When an attribute is released in the sequence, then it is the same as the sequence, no longer sending any information to the attribute.

If a different sequence sends values to the attribute, these values are used. Sequence priority can be important in this case - read about priorities in the Play back Cues topic.

If the attributes do not receive values from any sequence or the programmer, they return to their default values.

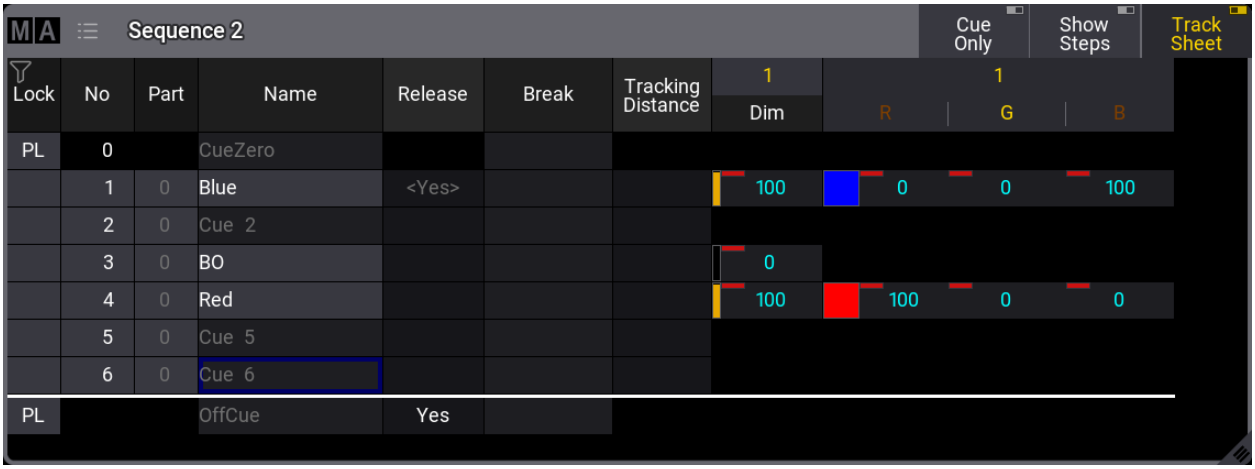
It is also possible to store values using the **Release** option. This does not actually store the values but empties the relevant fields in the sequence tracking sheet.

Turning Tracking On or Off

In the sequence settings, there is the option to turn On or Off the tracking function.

When tracking is Off, the tracked values are gone, and where the value was tracked, it will be released instead.

Looking at the sequence used in the example above, it would look like this without tracking:



Sequence with Tracking turned Off

Fixtures 1 would only be On in cue 1 in blue. In cue 2 it would return the default values. In cue 4 it would turn On in red. In cue 5 the color returns to the default. The zero value stored in cue 3 is possibly redundant since it is often the default dimmer value.

Subtopics

- Cue Only
- Tracking Distance
- Tracking Shield
- Break

1.31.1.1. Cue Only

Cue Only is a store option for cues. When stored in a cue with Cue Only, the tracked values will be blocked in the next cue or cue part to preserve the previous look on stage. The programmer's actual values will only be stored in the target cue or cue part.

Cue Only can be used when storing into existing cues - except the last cue. There is no hard key for cue only, so it needs to be activated otherwise. These are the following options:

- As command line option keyword /CueOnly or /CO after the normal Store keyword.
- In the store options: To open the store options, press and hold Store for at least 2 seconds. Then turn On cue only by tapping Cue Only.
- In the **Store Cue pop-up**. When storing onto an existing cue, the Store Cue pop-up will appear and ask whether to Overwrite, Merge, Remove, Release, or Cancel the current store operation. It is also possible to decide if the cue is to be stored with active cue only within the pop-up. Remove and Release can be used for Cue Only. The pop-up only appears if the desired cue is not the last one in the sequence.

When storing cue only, the grandMA3 software decides, based on the 3 following rules, which cue part will block the original values:

1. The default cue part is cue part 0.
2. If the next cue already contains a part with the same name as the cue part from which the original value is coming, the blocked value will be used in this part.
3. If the cue already contains attributes of the same feature group, the previous values will be blocked in this cue.

If none of the rules are true for phaser values, a new cue part will be created where the previous values will be blocked.

Example

In this example, we have a sequence with the following cues and values:

Fixture 1 is at 80% in cue 1. Fixture 2 is stored at 100% in cue 2. Cues 4 and 5 exist, but they are empty. The values for fixtures 1 and 2 track into the other cues.

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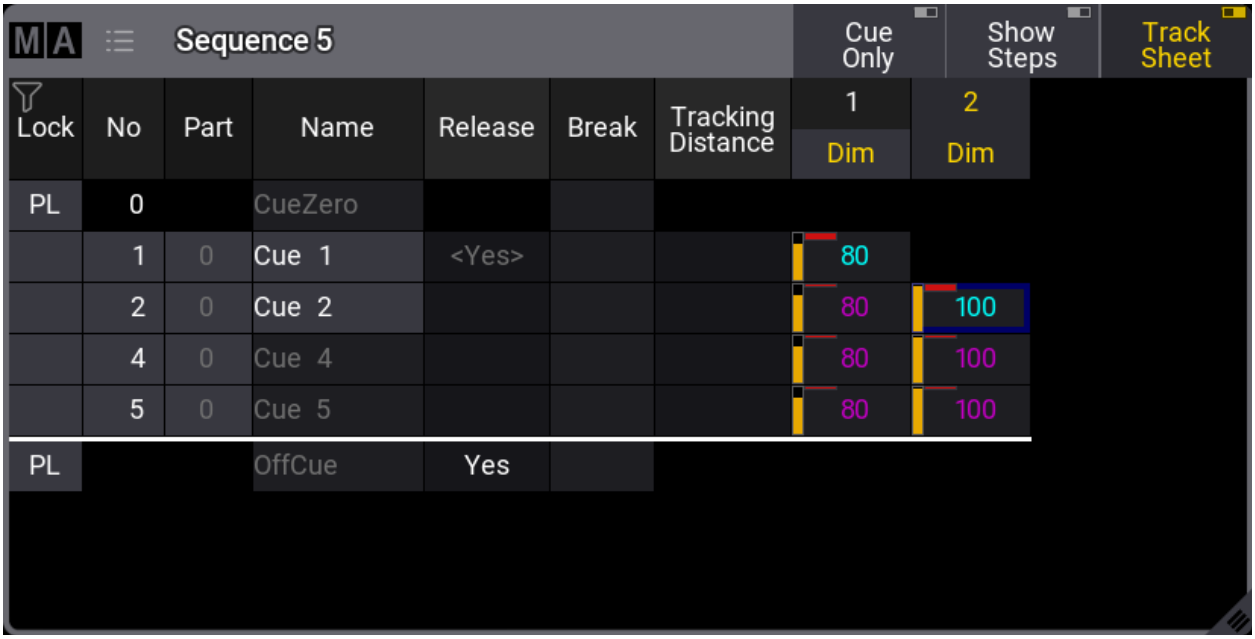
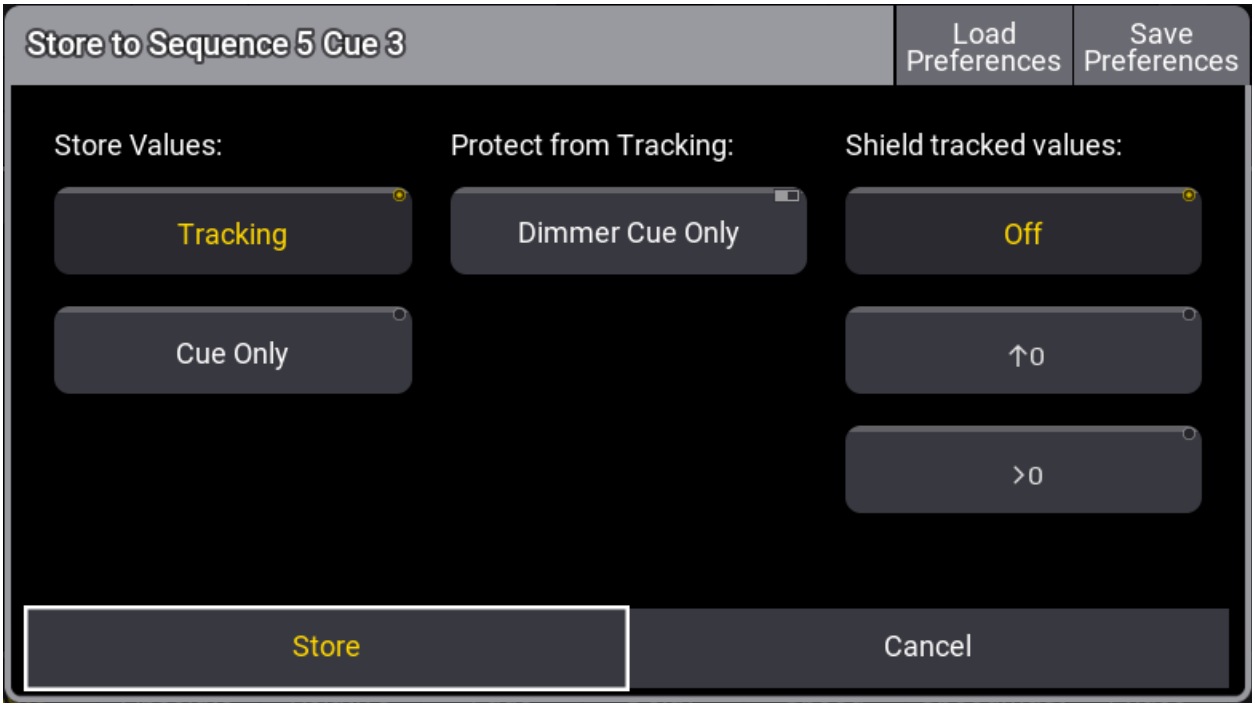


The starting sequence without cue 3. Now, fixture 1 gets an active dimmer value of 50%. This is stored into cue 3.

The store action gives this pop-up:

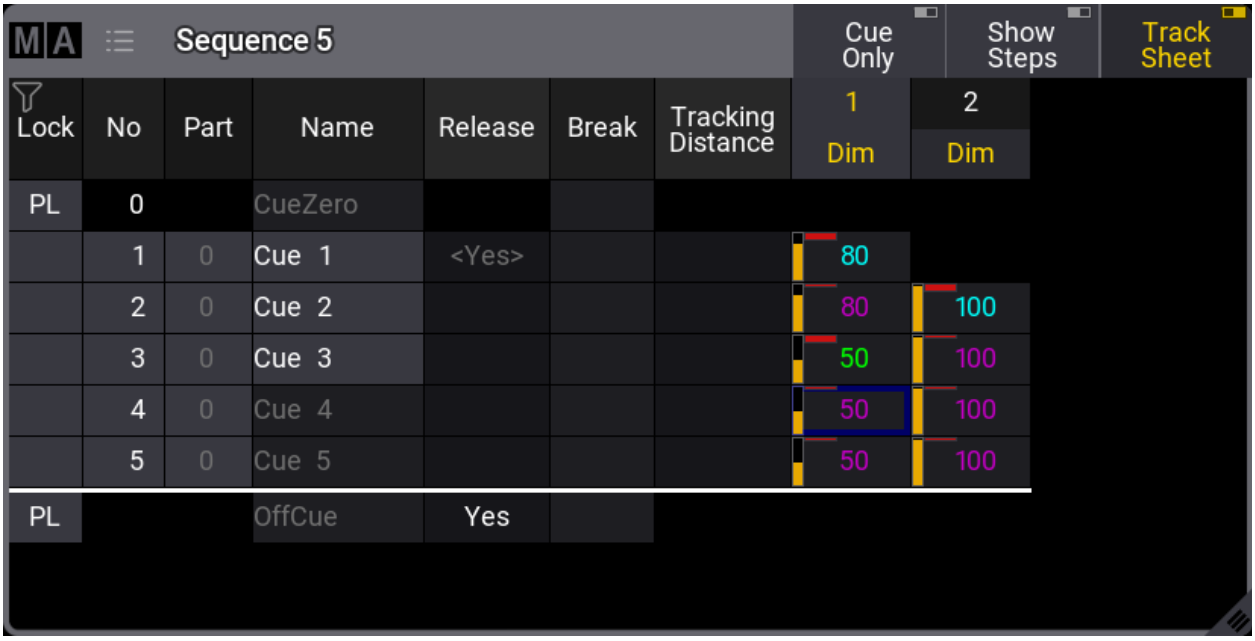


Store pop-up appears with relevant store settings. Here, Cue Only is selected in the Store Values setting,

and Store is tapped. This is the result:

The resulting sequence using Cue Only. Cue Only preserves the look of cue 4 by adding the 80% as a stored value in cue 4.

If the Tracking option is chosen instead, then the result would look like this:



The resulting sequence using Tracking. Now, the new value for fixture 1 tracks into cues 4 and 5, thus changing the look of the cues.

1.31.1.2. Tracking Distance

Tracking and common tracking functions are described in the What is Tracking topic.

Tracking values can have a distance. This can be changed in the **Tracking Distance** column in a Sequence Sheet.

There are two types of tracking distances: Normal tracking tracks until a specific cue number. Delta tracks values to a cue number calculated by the cue number, where it is set, plus a number.

Both types release the attribute when the tracking distance ends. This will return the attribute to a previously tracked value or release it from the sequence. See the examples below.

A vertical white line next to the value displays the attributes affected and the number of cues the tracking distance is valid.

A tracking distance affects all values stored in the cue where the distance is set. The tracking distance value does not consider cue parts where the distance ends.

Tracking Using Cue Number

The tracking distance can be set to track to and include a specific cue number using the tracking distance with a normal number input. See the following example for an explanation.

Example

The starting point for this example is a simple sequence with nine cues and two fixtures dimmer value set to 50% in the first cue:

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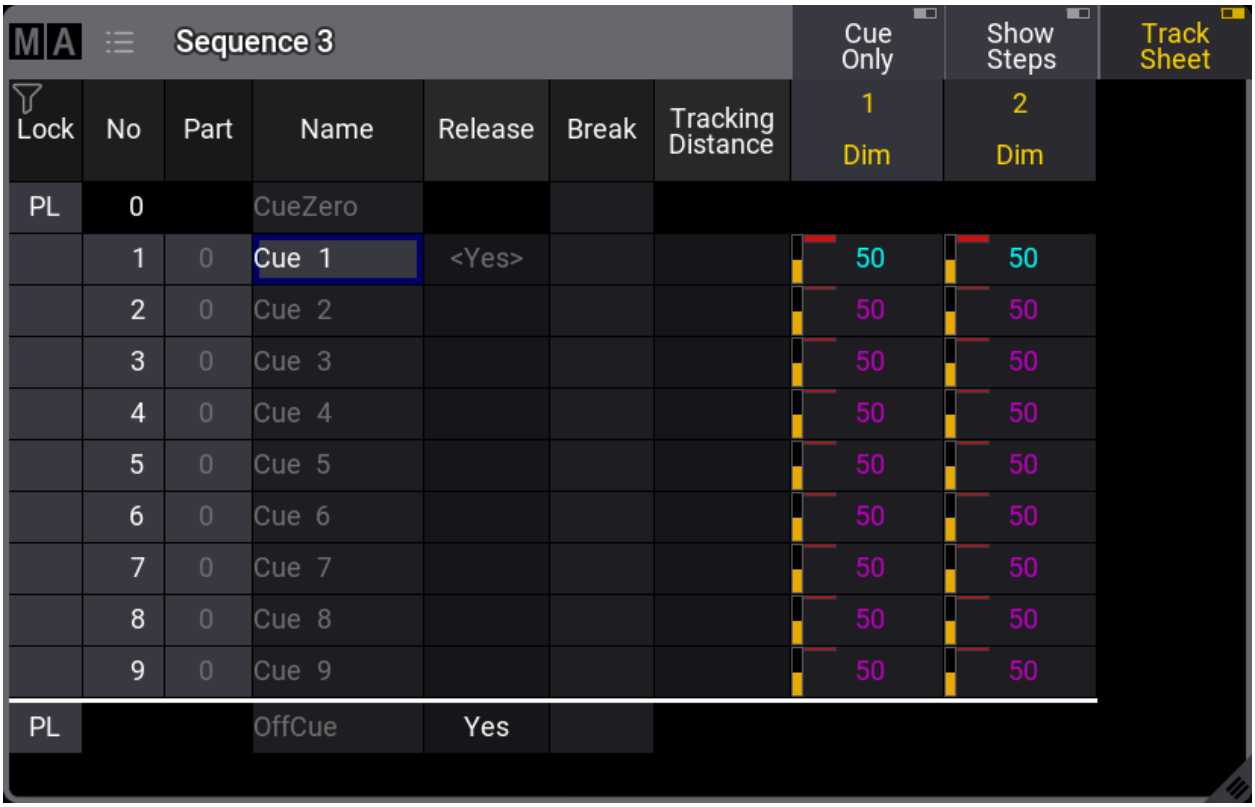
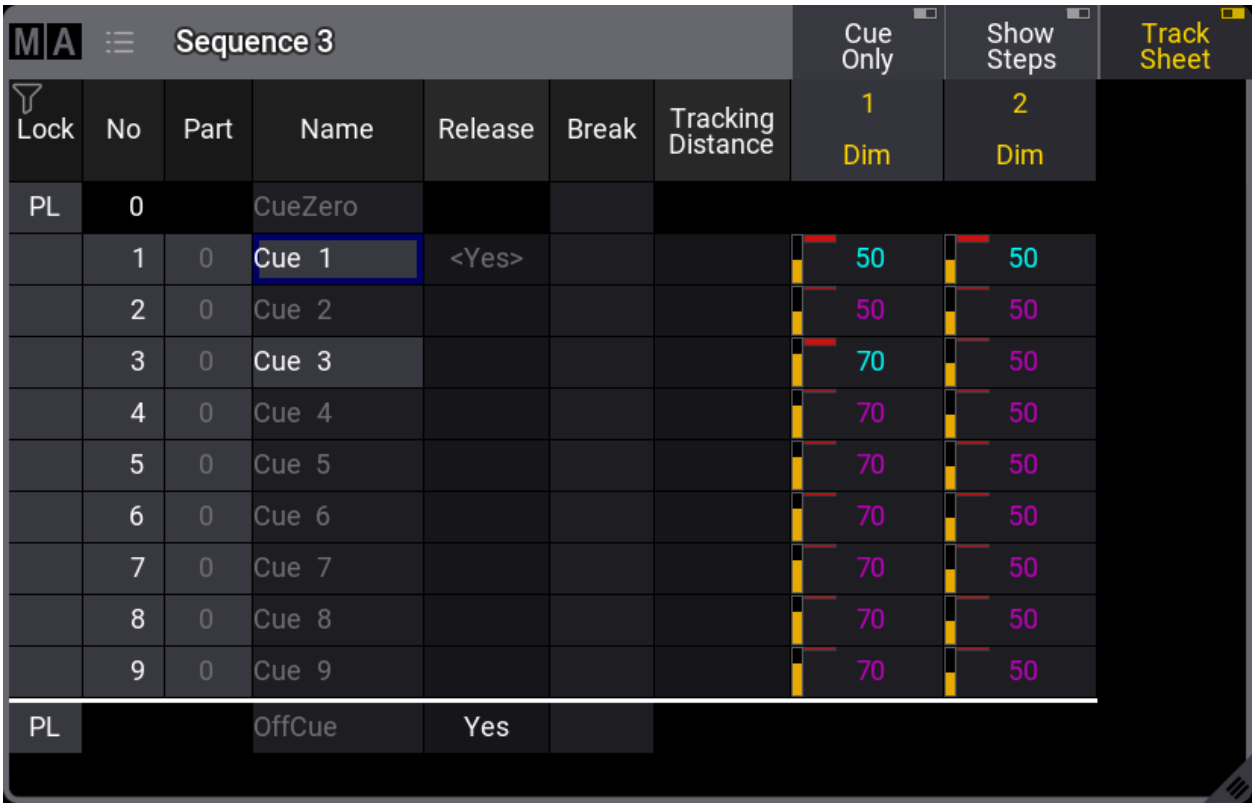


Base sequence for Tracking Distance using cue number

Normal tracking rules dictate that the values in cue number 1 are tracked to the end where the **OffCue** releases the value - because **Release** is set to "Yes"

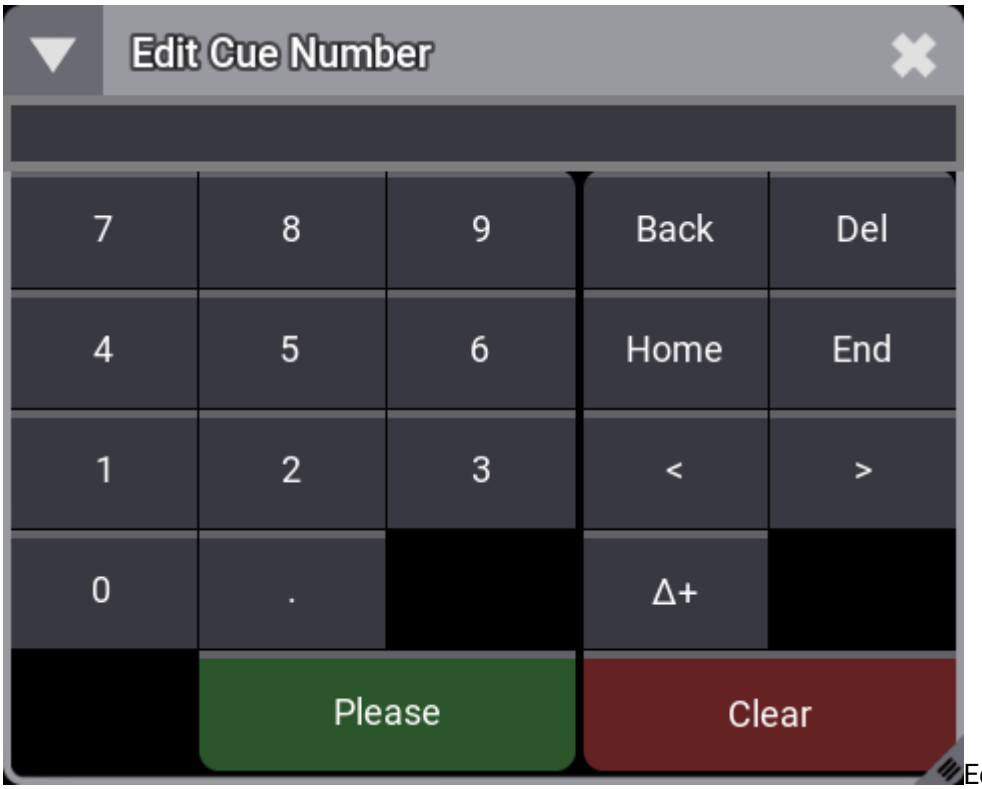
A dimmer value of 70% for fixture 1 is added to cue number 3.



Value added to cue number 3

A tracking distance is set by editing the Tracking Distance cell for cue number 3.

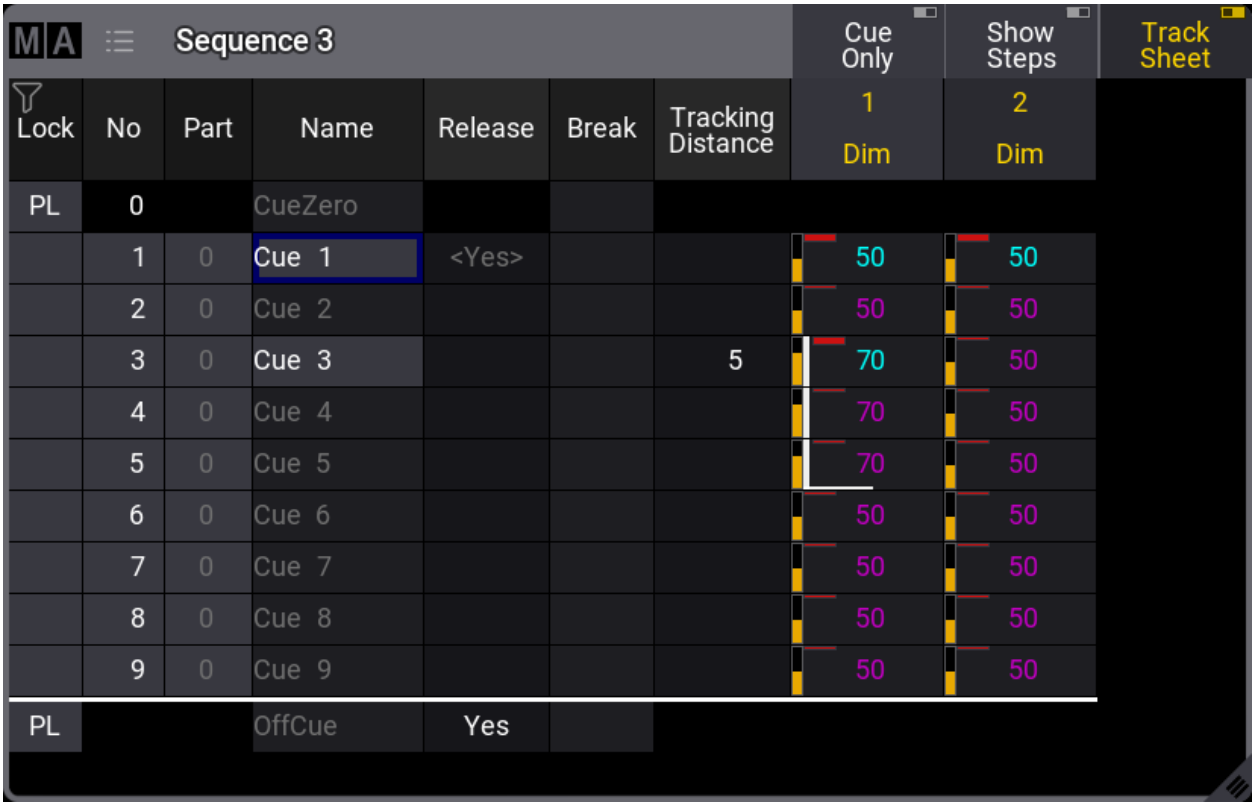
This opens the **Edit Cue Number** pop-up, where a number can be typed.



Edit Cue Number pop-up

The number typed is the cue number, after which the tracking should stop. The cue does not need to exist.

This is the result of the Tracking Distance set to a value of 5:

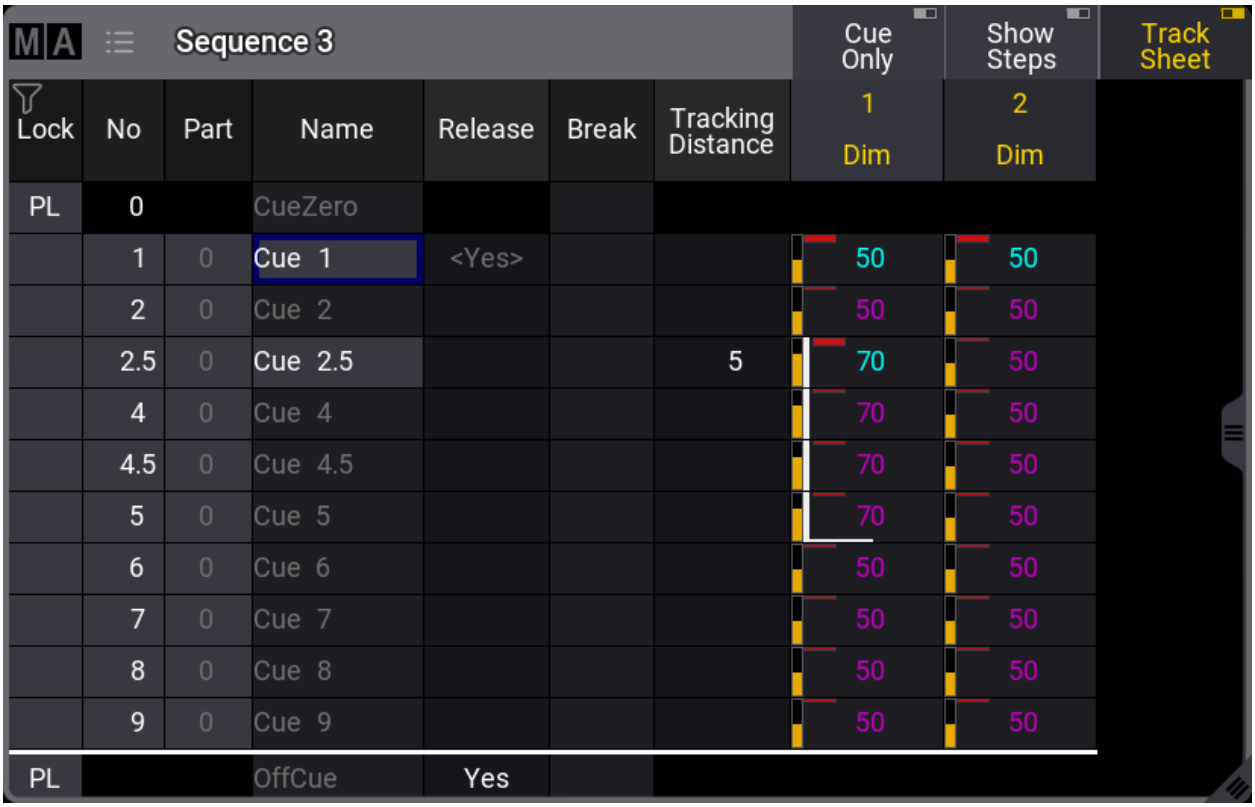


Tracking Distance set using a cue number

The tracking stops between the existing cues numbers 5 and 6 - notice the white line indicating the tracking distance. It will track to and include cue number 5. The previous tracked value of 50% continues tracking after the distance.

Adding or removing cues in between does not change that it tracks to and including cue 5.

Renumbering cue number 3 also does not change the distance.



Tracking still ends after cue 5.

Here, cue number 3 is renumbered to 2.5, and cue 4.5 is added.

The tracking still ends after cue number 5.

Tracking Delta Distance

Setting a tracking distance with a delta number will track the value to a cue number mathematically higher than the cue where it is set. See the following example for a better understanding.

Example

The starting point for this example is the same sequence used in the previous example but cleaned up a bit:

Sequence 3

Lock	No	Part	Name	Release	Break	Tracking Distance	Cue Only 1 Dim	Show Steps 2 Dim
PL	0		CueZero					
	1	0	Cue 1	<Yes>			50	50
	2	0	Cue 2				50	50
	3	0	Cue 3			5	70	50
	4	0	Cue 4				70	50
	5	0	Cue 5				70	50
	6	0	Cue 6				50	50
	7	0	Cue 7				50	50
	8	0	Cue 8				50	50
	9	0	Cue 9				50	50
PL			OffCue	Yes				

Base sequence

Now cue number 4 is updated with a dimmer value of 80% for fixture 2:

Sequence 3

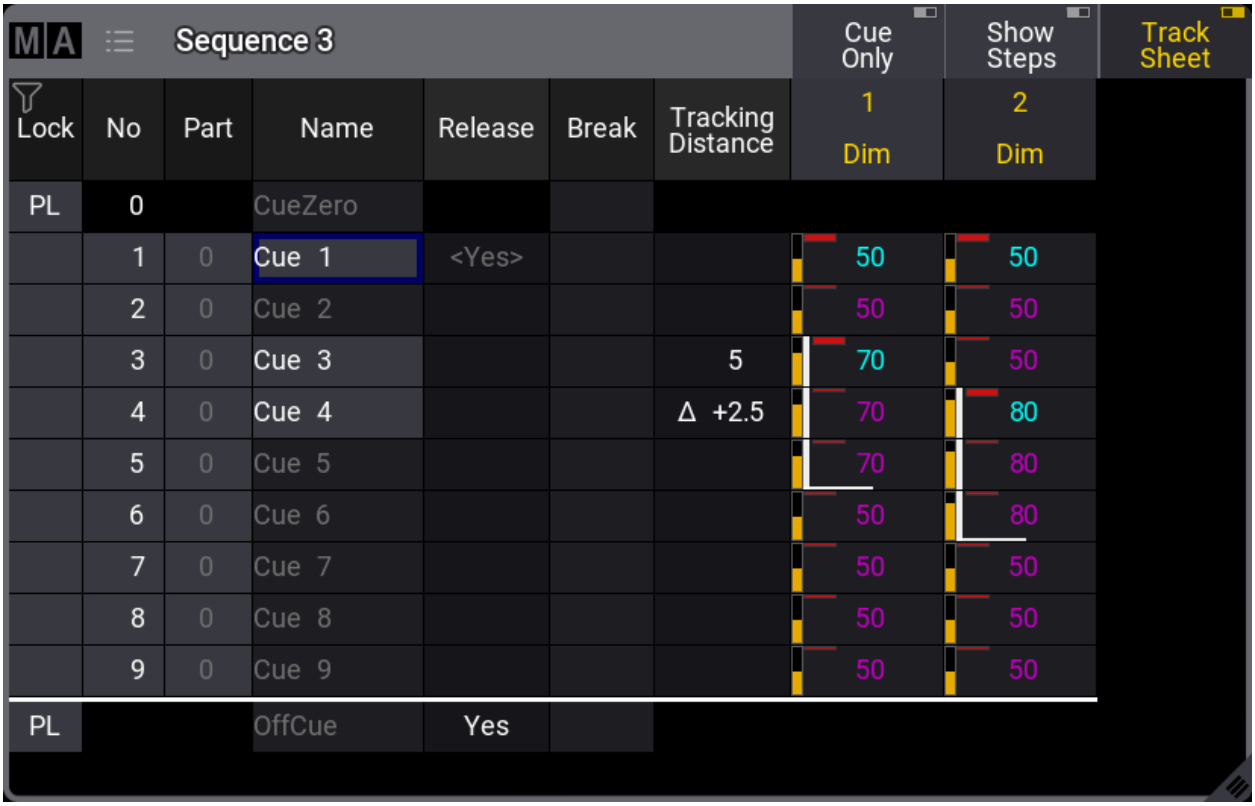
Lock	No	Part	Name	Release	Break	Tracking Distance	Cue Only 1 Dim	Show Steps 2 Dim
PL	0		CueZero					
	1	0	Cue 1	<Yes>			50	50
	2	0	Cue 2				50	50
	3	0	Cue 3			5	70	50
	4	0	Cue 4				70	80
	5	0	Cue 5				70	80
	6	0	Cue 6				50	80
	7	0	Cue 7				50	80
	8	0	Cue 8				50	80
	9	0	Cue 9				50	80
PL			OffCue	Yes				

Updated cue number 4

When the Tracking Distance cell for cue number 4 is edited, the **Edit Cue Number** pop-up appears again.

Notice the Δ+ button. Use this to tap Δ+ 2 . 5 Please.

The result is that the value of 80% is tracked from cue number 4 and forward to and including cue number 6.5 (4 + 2.5 = 6.5).

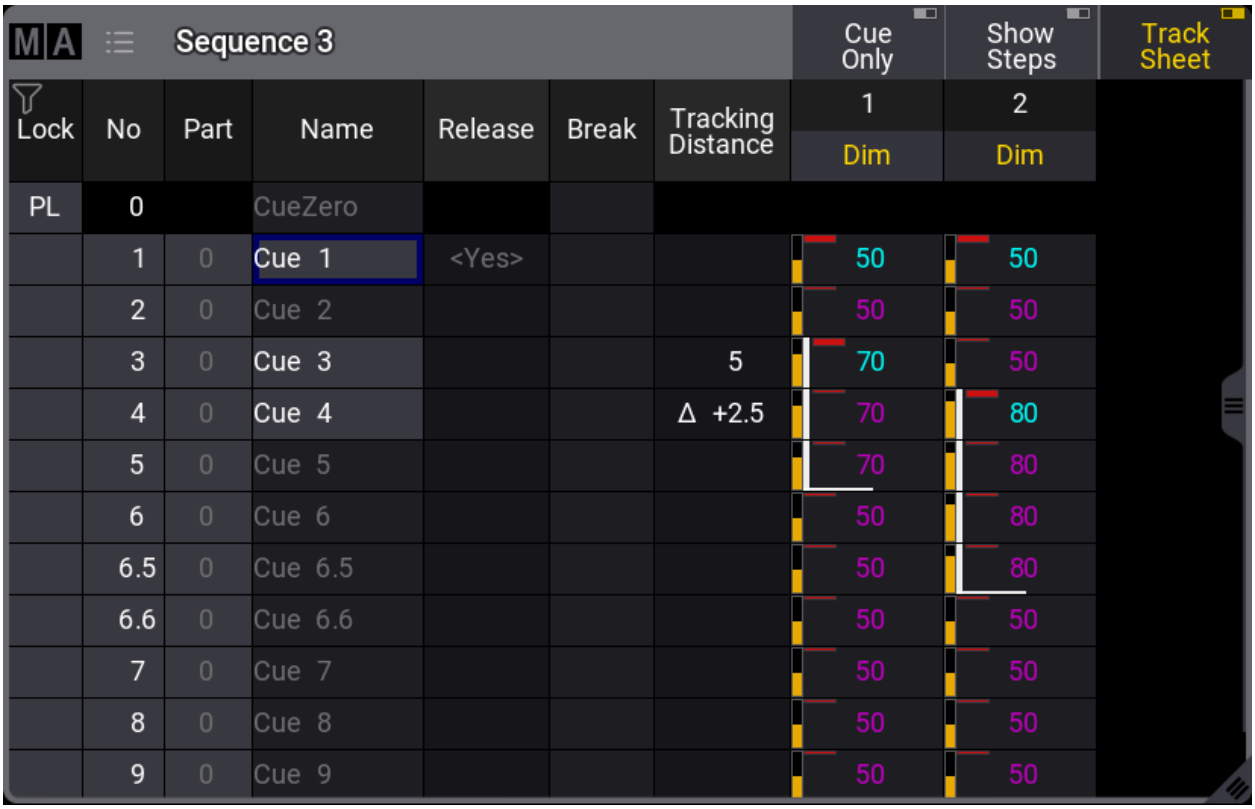


Delta Tracking Distance

Cue number 6.5 does not exist, so the current last cue for the distance is cue number 6.

Any cue added between cue number 3 and cue number 6.5 will have the 80% tracked value, but a cue number higher than 6.5 will have the 50% value.

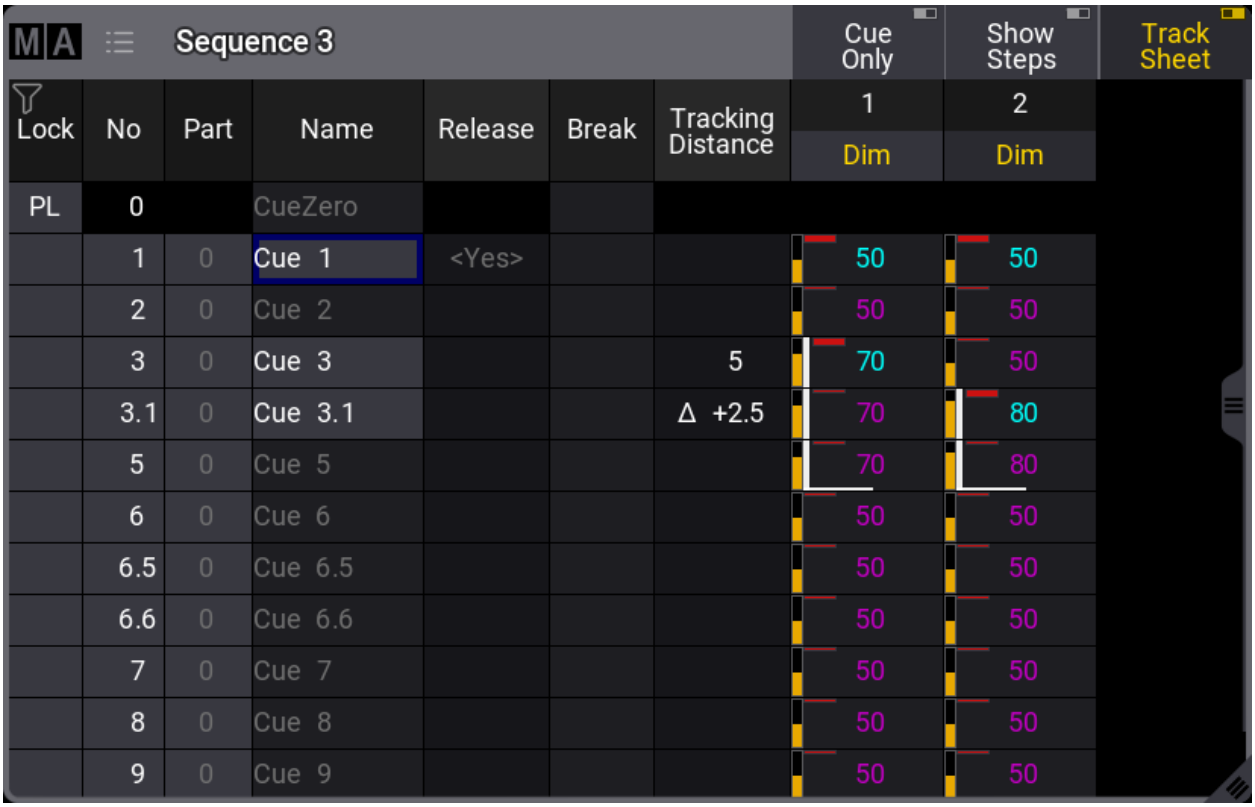
Make sure the programmer is empty and store empty cues number 6.5 and 6.6 in the sequence.



Added cues number 6.5 and 6.6

Now, it can be seen that the tracking stops between cues number 6.5 and 6.6.

If cue number 4 is renumbered, this affects the distance. Renumber cue number 4 to number 3.1 by editing the cue number cell.



Updated cue number

Now, the tracking stops between cues number 5 and 6. It tracks from cue number 3.1 and up to number 5.6 (3.1 + 2.5 = 5.6). The view might have to be recalled to show the change in tracking distance.

1.31.1.3. Tracking Shield

Tracking Shield is a system that can protect tracked attributes that are used in future cues. The function can be applied when storing or copying attribute values into cues. It is relevant if the new values will change the look of future cues. It uses the dimmer attribute to detect if the shield can be applied.

The function can be applied when the new attribute values are stored or copied into cues. It is a store mode available in all the pop-ups related to store and copy functions.

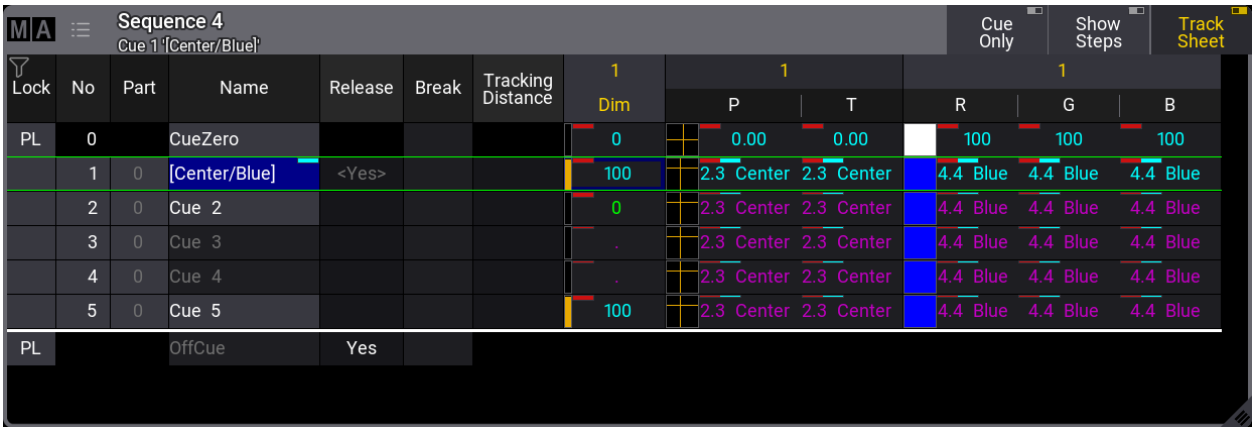
When the shield function is selected, there are two modes:

- **↑0**:
  Protects attributes in the next cue where the dimmer value increases starting from zero.
- **>0**:
  Protects attributes in the next cue where the dimmer value is above zero.

Examples

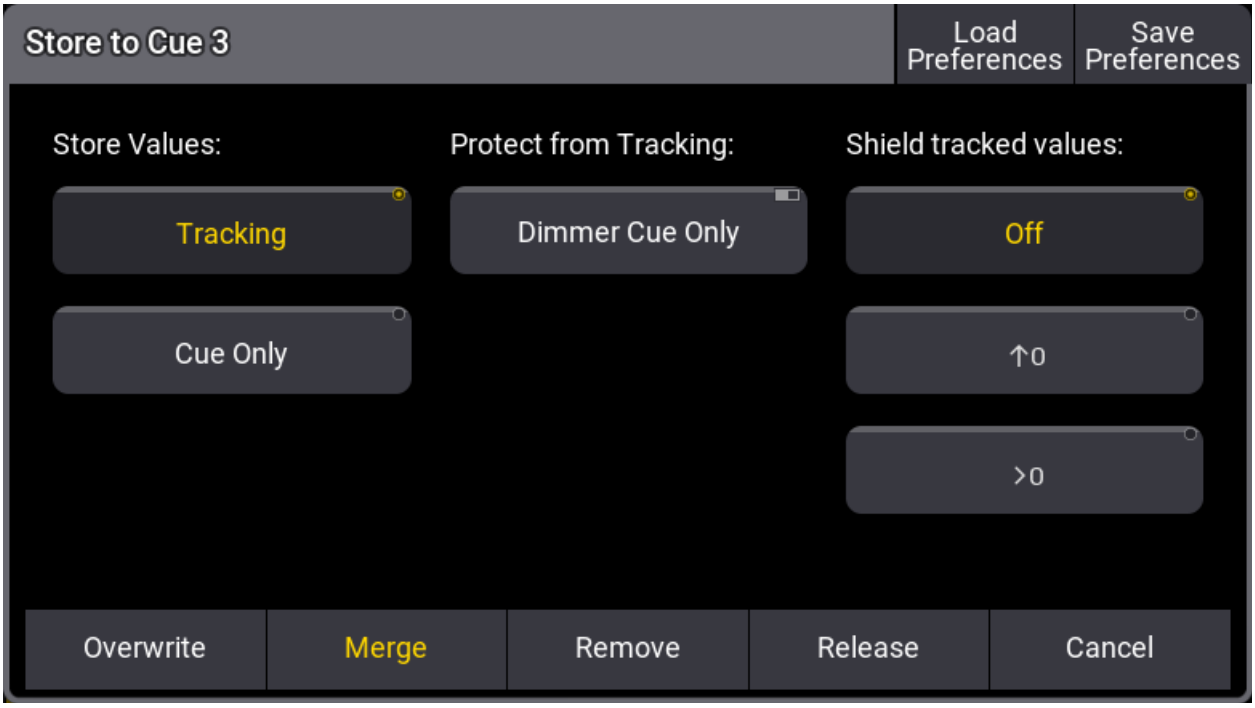
Example 1

The starting point for this example is a sequence with five cues. Fixture 1 is stored at 100% on a center position with a blue color in Cue 1. The fixture turns off in Cue 2 and On again in Cue 5. The position and color are not stored in Cue 5. They are tracked values, and the desire is that the fixture has the same position and color in Cue 5 as the currently tracked values.



Sequence Sheet showing the starting point, for example, 1

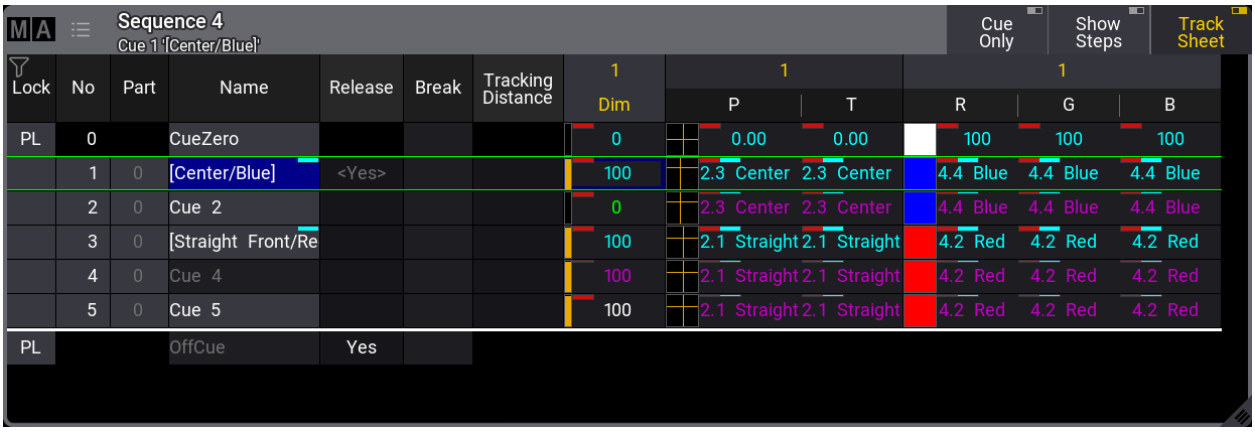
Now, the fixture is selected and given a new position, color, and dimmer value. These new attribute values are stored in cue 3. This opens a pop-up like this:



Store Cue pop-up

Here, we have the "Shield tracked values" options.

This is the result if the cue is stored using merge with "Off" selected:



Sequence Sheet showing result using normal Tracking

The new attribute values are tracked into Cue 5, and the result is that Cue 5 will look different.

This is the result if the cue is stored using merge with the "↑0" selected:

Sequence 4
Cue 1 '[Center/Blue]'

Lock	No	Part	Name	Release	Break	Tracking Distance	1 Dim	1 P	1 T	1 R	1 G	1 B
PL	0		CueZero				0	0.00	0.00	100	100	100
	1	0	[Center/Blue]	<Yes>			100	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
	2	0	Cue 2				0	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
	3	0	[Straight Front/Re				100	2.1 Straight	2.1 Straight	4.2 Red	4.2 Red	4.2 Red
	4	0	Cue 4				100	2.1 Straight	2.1 Straight	4.2 Red	4.2 Red	4.2 Red
	5	0	[Center/Blue]				100	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
PL			OffCue	Yes								

Sequence Sheet showing result using Tracking Shield in "↑0" mode

The Tracking Shield function saves the previously tracked attribute values in Cue 5, and the cue looks the way it should. The result in this example is the same if the ">0" option is selected.

Example 2

This second example uses almost the same sequence as a starting point.

Sequence 4
Cue 1 '[Center/Blue]'

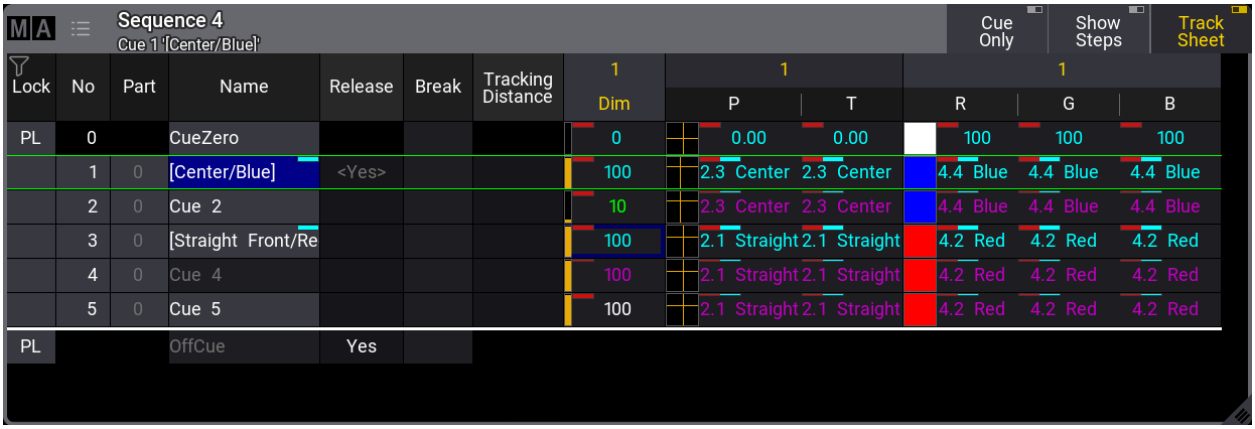
Lock	No	Part	Name	Release	Break	Tracking Distance	1 Dim	1 P	1 T	1 R	1 G	1 B
PL	0		CueZero				0	0.00	0.00	100	100	100
	1	0	[Center/Blue]	<Yes>			100	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
	2	0	Cue 2				10	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
	3	0	Cue 3				10	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
	4	0	Cue 4				10	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
	5	0	Cue 5				100	2.3 Center	2.3 Center	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue	4.4 Blue
PL			OffCue	Yes								

Sequence Sheet showing the starting point for example 2

The difference is that the fixture is at 10% in Cue 2 instead of 0%.

This example uses the same new attribute values as example 1, and the new attributes are also stored into Cue 3.

This is the result if the cue is stored using merge with normal "Tracking" and the shield setting "Off":

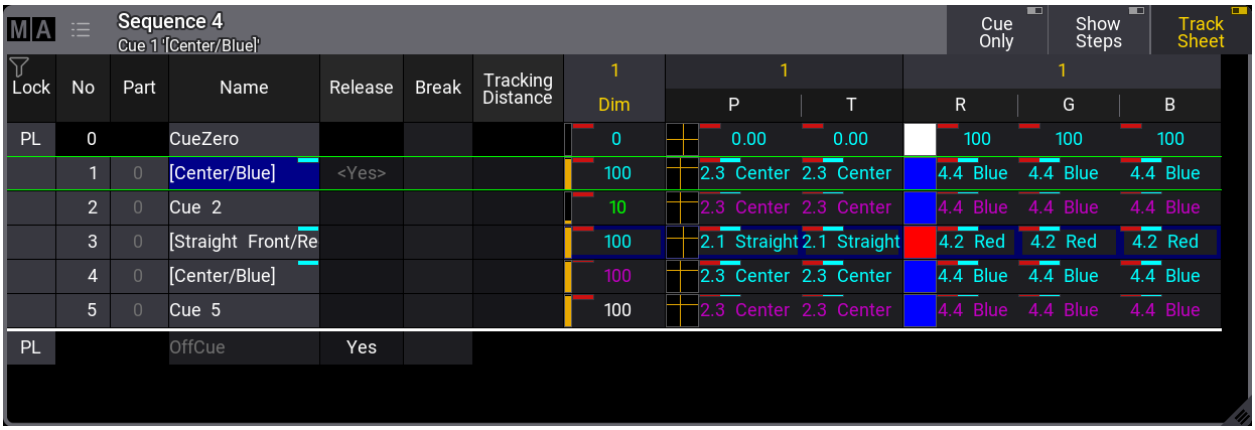


Sequence Sheet showing result using normal Tracking

The new attribute values are tracked into Cue 5, and the result is that Cue 5 will look different.

The result shown above is the same if the cue is stored using merge with the "↑0" mode. This mode is only effective when the dimmer attribute starts at 0% and increases to a value above 0%.

However, this is the result if the cue is stored using merge with the ">0" mode:



Sequence Sheet showing result using Tracking Shield in ">0" mode

Here, the new attributes are stored into Cue 3, and the previous tracked values are stored in Cue 4, where the dimmer attribute was above 0%.

Similar results could be achieved using Tracking Distance and Break. Tracking Shield is another useful programming tool applied with the store action.

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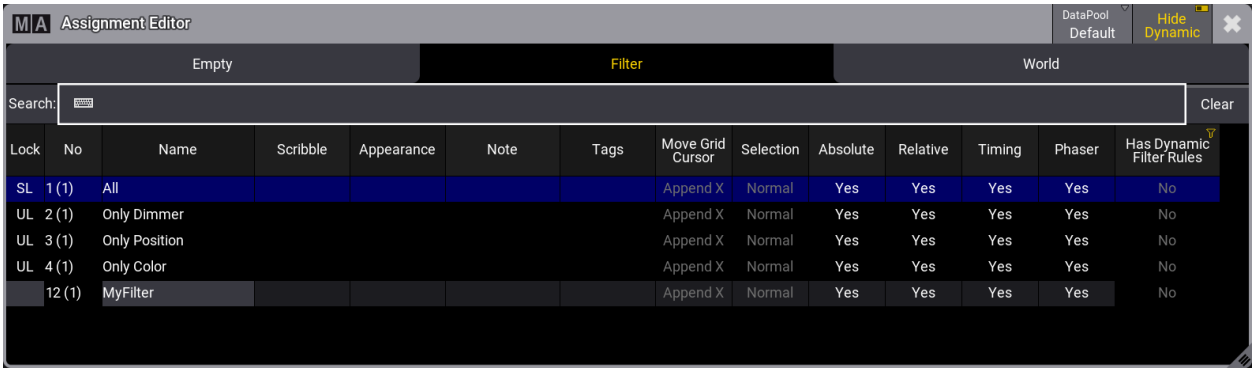
1.31.1.4. Break

Tracking and common tracking functions are described in the What is Tracking topic.

Breaks in cues are a filtered version of the **Release** function. Where the release stops all tracking values, the break will stop tracking of attributes based on a selected filter or world.

The main difference between the release function and setting a break, filtering all attributes, is that the release will release currently tracked attributes from the sequence immediately when the release is activated. Setting a break does not affect existing stored and tracking values. An existing break can only affect tracking values added or changed that pass the cues where the break is already set - if the selected filter or world includes the attribute.

Editing the **Break** cell in a cue opens an **Assignment Editor** pop-up.



Assignment Editor pop-up

This has three tabs: Empty, Filter, and World.

Empty will remove any break setting. Filter and World allow the selection of an existing filter or world. Selecting one of these will stop tracking changes or additions, passing the cue where the break is set based on the content of the selected filter or world. Learn more about filters and worlds in the Worlds and Filter section.

Filters used as break filters must be static filters.

Follow the example below for a better understanding of the break function.

Example

The base sequence for this example looks like this:

Sequence 5 | Cue Only | Show Steps | Track Sheet

Lock	No	Part	Name	Release	Break	Tracking Distance	1 Dim	1 P	1 T	1 R	1 G	1 B
PL	0		CueZero									
	1	0	Preset Scene 1	<Yes>			0	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	2	0	Cue 2				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	3	0	Cue 3				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	4	0	Fade Out				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	5	0	Cue 5				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	6	0	Cue 6				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	7	0	Preset Scene 2				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	8	0	Cue 8				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	9	0	Cue 9				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
PL			OffCue	Yes								

Base sequence for Break example

Here, we have nine cues. Cue number 1 has some stored values (Dimmer, Position, and Color) for fixture 1.

The values stored in cue number 1 are tracked from 1 to the end. The values are released in the **OffCue** because there is a **Yes** in the **Release** column.

Two filters in the **Filters** pool will be used: "All" and "Only Dimmer".

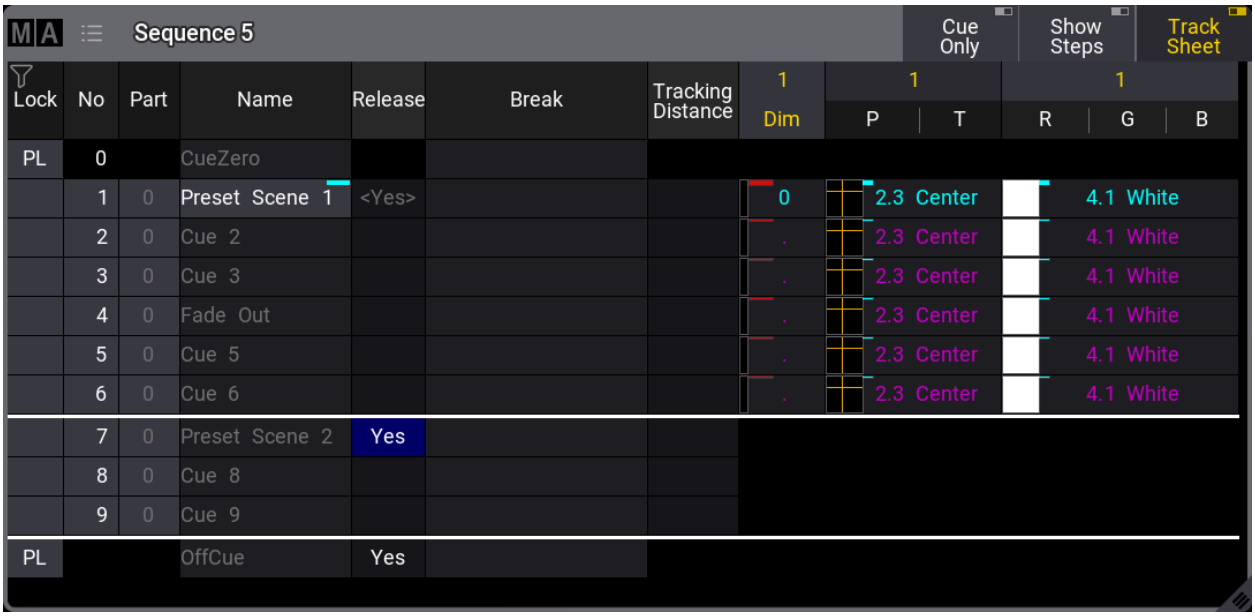
Filter pool with filter objects

There are two filters: one that contains all attributes and layers, and one that contains only the dimmer attributes and all layers.

In this scenario, cue number 4 is a fade out to black, and cue number 7 is used to pre-set fixtures for the second scene in the show.

The break function can protect these two cues from tracking value changes.

Before moving any further with the example, let us explore the release function by editing the **Release** cell for cue 7, so it changes to "Yes".

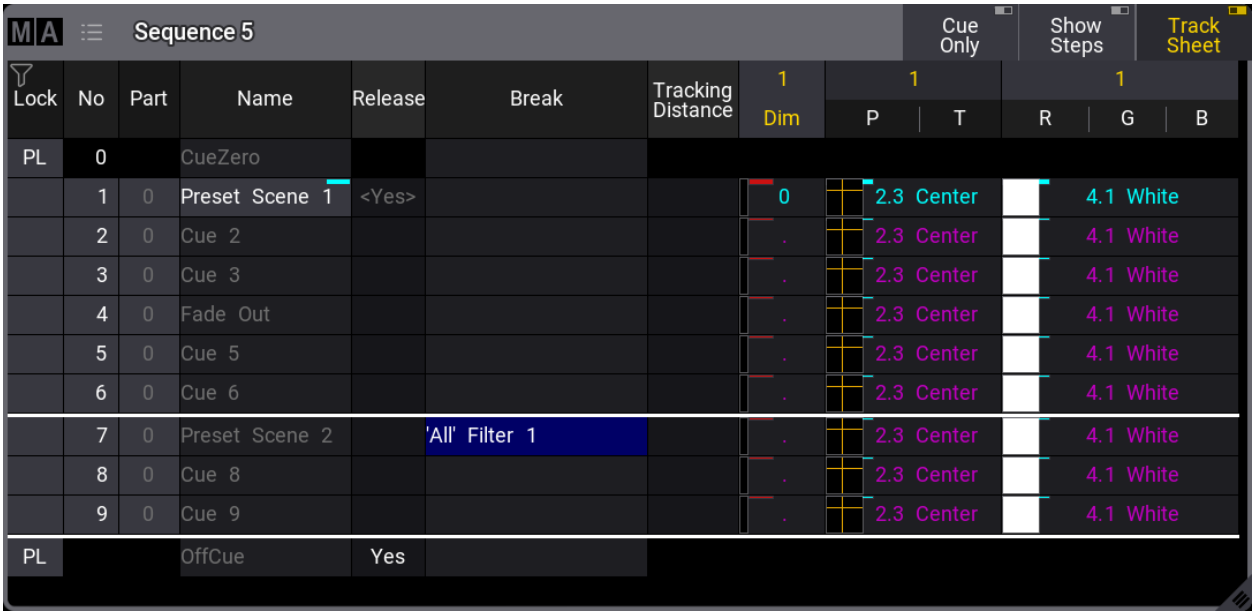


Release is out of the scope of this topic (it is explained in more detail in the What is Tracking topic), but it is included here to show that a release stops all existing and future tracking. The tracking values are released from the sequence.

Release is not the goal for cue 7. Remove the "Yes" in the **Release** column again.

Editing the **Break** cell for cue number 7 opens the **Assignment Editor**. Select Filter and then tap All to select it.

Now the sequence looks like this:



Break is set for cue 7

Notice the difference between this and the release. The existing tracking values are not released but are protected from future changes.

A break adds a white line to indicate the tracking break. If the break affects all attributes - typically by using Filter 1 or world 1 - it will extend across the entire row (just like the release).

Cue 4 is a fade out. The current dimmer value of 0% can be protected by adding a second break in cue 4, but this time using the "Only Dimmer" filter:

Sequence 5 — Cue Only | Show Steps | Track Sheet

Lock	No	Part	Name	Release	Break	Tracking Distance	1 Dim	1 P	1 T	1 R	1 G	1 B
PL	0		CueZero									
	1	0	Preset Scene 1	<Yes>			0	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	2	0	Cue 2				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	3	0	Cue 3				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	4	0	Fade Out		'Only Dimmer' Filter 2		.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	5	0	Cue 5				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	6	0	Cue 6				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	7	0	Preset Scene 2		'All' Filter 1		.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	8	0	Cue 8				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
	9	0	Cue 9				.	2.3	Center		4.1	White
PL			OffCue	Yes								

A break is set for cue 4

The break in cue 4 looks a bit different. The white line is black in the attribute columns. This indicates that some attributes are filtered. The Feature Group Indicator Bar is visible at the bottom of the break cell. It shows the features active in the filter.

Now that all the breaks are set, the values can be changed. A new dimmer, position, and color values for fixture 1 are stored in cue number 2.

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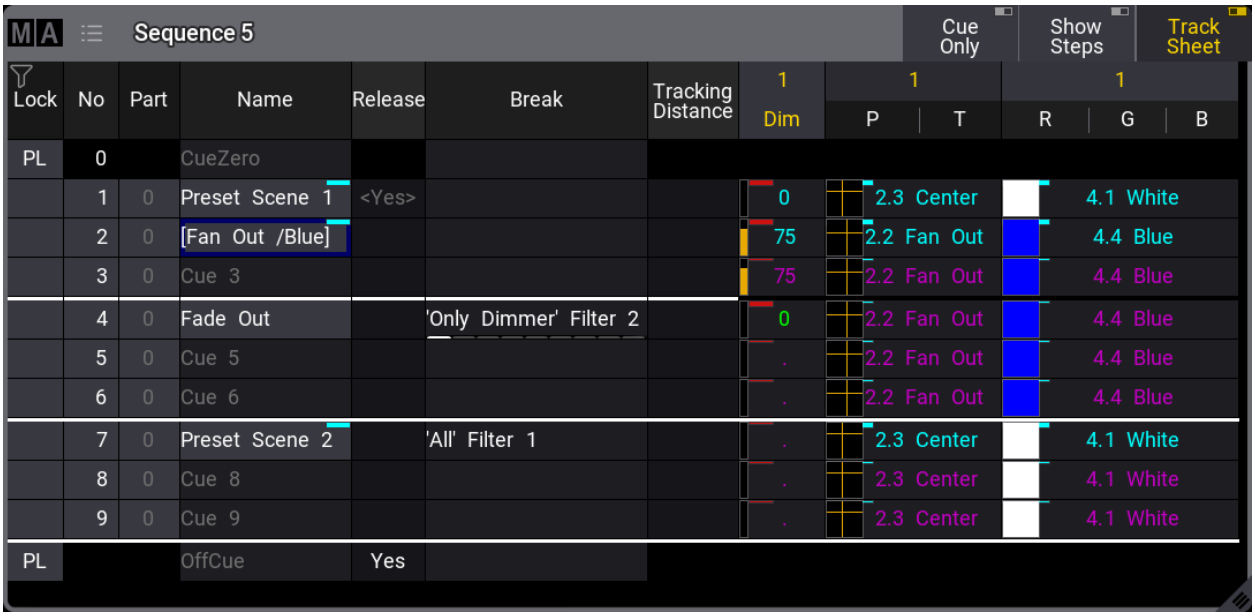

Result

The result is that the dimmer, and only the dimmer, value is returned to 0% (the previous tracked value) in cue number 4 because the filter in the break stopped the newly added values from tracking past the cue.

All the values in cue 7 were protected from changes by the filter in the break, and the old tracking values are added (if needed) in cue number 7.

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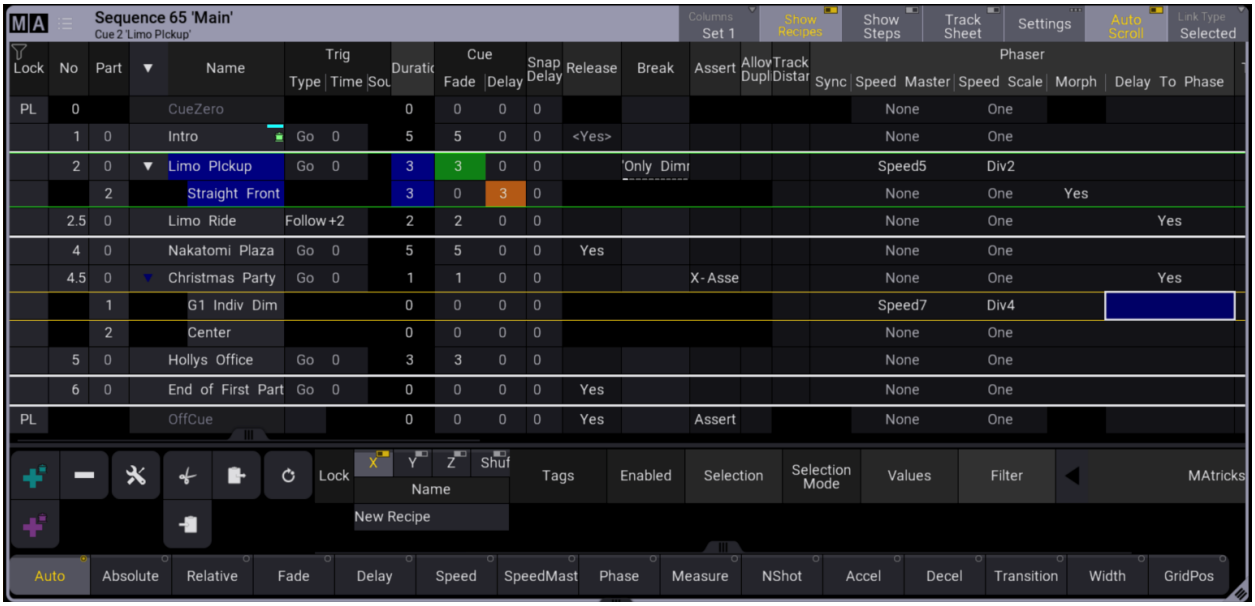
1.31.2. Sequence Sheet

The different sequences are best viewed in the Sequence Pool.

The best way to see the cues inside a sequence is the **Sequence Sheet**:



Sequence sheet for a sequence called "Main" - Cue 2 is active

The sheet shows the cues and cue parts in rows. The different cue settings are in columns. Read below for a description of the different columns.

The purpose of this sheet is to see the cues in a sequence. It also shows the active cue with a green frame. Cue fades and delays are visualized with moving bars while the fades are running.

The sheet can be created as a window in a view using the Add Window pop-up, or displayed as a temporary pop-up by editing a sequence pool object.

The sheet can show a lot of different markers and colors. For more information, see Colored Indicators.

The sheet can display a value tracking section. In this section, all the stored attribute values are displayed. This can be a very handy tool for seeing the flow of an attribute through the cues. These values can also be edited directly in the sheet.

Most other fields in the sheet can be edited directly. This can affect the look of the show. For instance, the cue fade and delay times are stored when the cue is created. The default timing is used if nothing else is defined. The cue timing can be edited in this sheet.

Tapping this sheet to give it focus changes the encoder toolbar to make it easy to edit the cue timings. Read more about the toolbar below.

When a trigger type is set for the OffCue of a sequence, Wrap Around will be disabled. Enabling Wrap Around for a sequence removes the trigger type for the OffCue.

Title Bar

The left side of the title bar has the MA logo. Tap this to open the settings for the sheet. Read about them below.

Next to the logo are the sequence number and name. Information about the active world (if different than world 1) is displayed below the Sequence number and name.

Some buttons can be on the right side of the title bar. This can be defined by editing the title bar in the window settings. For more information, see Title Bar Configuration.

Main Part of the Sheet

The main part of the sheet is below the title bar. Here is the sheet with rows and columns.

A sequence sheet setting defines how the cue timing is displayed in the sheet. The option is called **Condensed Timing**. The cue fade and delay are actually four different times because there are both fade and delay for values fading in (or up) and for dimmer values fading down. The condensed view shows this in two columns where the time can be separated by a slash (/). The value on the left is the InFade. The value on the right is the OutFade. The list below shows the uncondensed timing columns. For more information, see Cue Timing.

The order of the columns and which columns are visible can be changed and stored in **Columns** sets. It can also be edited dynamically. For more information, see Adjustable Columns.

This is a short description of each of the possible columns in the sheet:

- **Lock**:
  Editing this cell adds or removes "UL". This means **User Locked** and protects the cue content and settings from being changed. "PL" means **Position Locked**, and it is a system lock that cannot be removed.
- **No**:
  This is the cue number.
- **Part**:
  This shows the cue part number.
- **Name**:
  This is the cue (part) name. If the cue contains part cues, an arrow allows them to fold and unfold the parts. In the example above, there are cue parts in cues 2 and 4.5. It is unfolded so the parts can be seen. In the lower right corner, "cmd" is displayed if a cue (part) has a valid active command.
- **Trig Type**:
  There are five different trigger types. Editing this cell opens a small select pop-up with the five different options:
  - **Go**:
    The cue needs a valid command (Go+, Goto, Go-, >>>, <<<, Kill) to be triggered.
  - **Time**:
    The cue is triggered a set time after the previous cue is triggered. The time is set in the **Trig Time** column.
  - **Follow**:
    A follow cue is triggered when the previous cue is completely done with the cue transition (which includes all individual timing).

    - **Sound**:
      This will trigger the cue using a sound as the trigger. Choosing one of 22 different frequency areas in the Trig Sound column is possible. For more information, see Sound Viewer.
    - **BPM**:
      This will trigger the cue using the beats in the sound input. This can become useful with several cues triggered by the BPM (beats per minute).
- **Trig Time**:
  The values stored here are only used if the trigger is **Time** or **Follow**.
  If the trigger is **Time**, then the time in the cell will be used. The time starts counting down when the previous cue is triggered. If the previous cue uses a "Follow" trigger, then the cue's countdown is started when the follow cue is triggered.
  If the trigger is **Follow**, then positive time values can be added in the time cell. This time will be added as a wait between the previous cue's completion of its transition and the triggering of this cue.
- **Trig Sound**:
  This setting defines the sound used to trigger the cue when the **Trig Type** is sound.
- **Duration**:
  This is the overall cue time transition time. It is a combination of the longest fade time and any delays. This is the time used with the Follow trigger. The cell cannot be edited. It always shows the complete transition time.
- **CueIn Fade**:
  This is the fade time for all non-snap attributes and dimmer values that increase in value.
- **CueIn Delay**:
  This is the delay or wait time between the trigger and the actual cue in fade begins.
- **CueOut Fade**:
  This is the fade time for dimmer values that go down in value. The default values for this are the same as the CueIn Fade time - it is linked to the cue in fade with the **None** value.
- **CueOut Delay**:
  This is the delay for the **Out Fade** (only dimmer values). Its default value is the same as the CueIn Delay value.
- **Snap Delay**:
  This can be used to control when "snap" attributes change values.
- **Release**:
  Changing the value to **Yes** in this cell makes the cue release tracked values. For more information, see What is Tracking.
- **Break**:
  A break blocks new values of attributes being tracked. Editing the cell opens an **Assignment Editor** pop-up where a filter or world can be selected. The selected filter or world defines what is blocked by the break. For more information, see Break.
- **Assert**:
  Assert can be used to make tracked values take precedence as if they are stored values in the cue. There are three options:
    - **None**:
      Tracked values are not asserted
    - **Assert**:
      The tracked values take precedence as if they are stored values in the cue. Values are asserted using the timing from the cue where the values are originally stored.
    - **X-Assert**:
      Like assert, but the tracked values are asserted using the timing from the cue where the X-Assert is set.

- **Allow Duplicates**:
  If several parts of the same cue are to contain values for the same attributes, use **Allow Duplicates** to enable this function. Absolute and relative values in multiple parts will use the value with the highest cue part number.
- **Tracking Distance**:
  The tracking distance sets how many cues a value should track. If the cell is empty, it tracks until changed. For more information, see What is Tracking.
- **Sync**:
  Synchronizes the fixtures of the phaser. For example, if fixtures join the already running phaser, they will be synchronized with the fixtures already running. For more information, see Phasers.
- **Speed Master**:
  A Speed Master can be assigned to the cue part by editing this cell. The speed of the cue or cue part is only controlled by the assigned speed master. A speed master assigned to the sequence has a lower priority and does not influence a cue or cue part with a different assigned speed master.
  If no speed master is assigned to an attribute, but a speed master is set for the sequence or cue part, phasers in the cue apply the speed master depending on the cue part's sync setting:
  - **Sync enabled for the cue part**:
    The phaser is synced to the common timeline. For example, if flash is tapped, it always begins at a different point of the phase.
  - **Sync disabled for the cue part**:
    The phaser is only using the speed of the speed master. For example, if flash is tapped, it always begins at the starting point of the phase.
- **Speed Scale**:
  This can be used to scale the speed of the cue or cue part. A speed scale assigned to a cue or cue part has a higher priority than a speed scale assigned to the sequence.
- **Morph**:
  If the property is enabled and the phase of the fixtures changes from one cue to the next, they will stay on track and morph into their new phase value. If the option is disabled, the fixtures will take the direct way to their new position in the phase.
- **Delay To Phase**: This property can be "Yes" or "No" (empty). When it is "Yes", then the individual attribute delay times are transferred to when multistep phasers are triggered for the individual attributes. This might give a very different look than the original phaser.
- **Transition**:
  This can be used to select a transition path for the fade. The different options are described in Cue Timing.
- **"Preset type" Fade**:
  Each preset type has columns called the name of the preset type followed by "Fade". This uses the cue in fade as a default. It can be changed to give all values in the preset type a different fade time. All fixtures with new values in this preset type will use this timing for the attributes in the preset type.
- **"Preset type" Delay**:
  Each preset type has columns called the name of the preset type followed by "Delay". This uses the cue in delay as a default. It can be changed to give all values in the preset type a different delay time. All fixtures with new values in this preset type will use this timing.
- **Command**:
  Commands (like the ones written in the command line input) can be written in the cues. When the cue is triggered, they are executed on the GlobalMaster, IdleMaster, or Standalone station if Command Enabled allows it. Editing the cell opens the **Command Editor**. For more information, see Create Macros. If a valid and enabled command exists for a cue, then "cmd" is displayed in the lower right corner of the cue (part) name.

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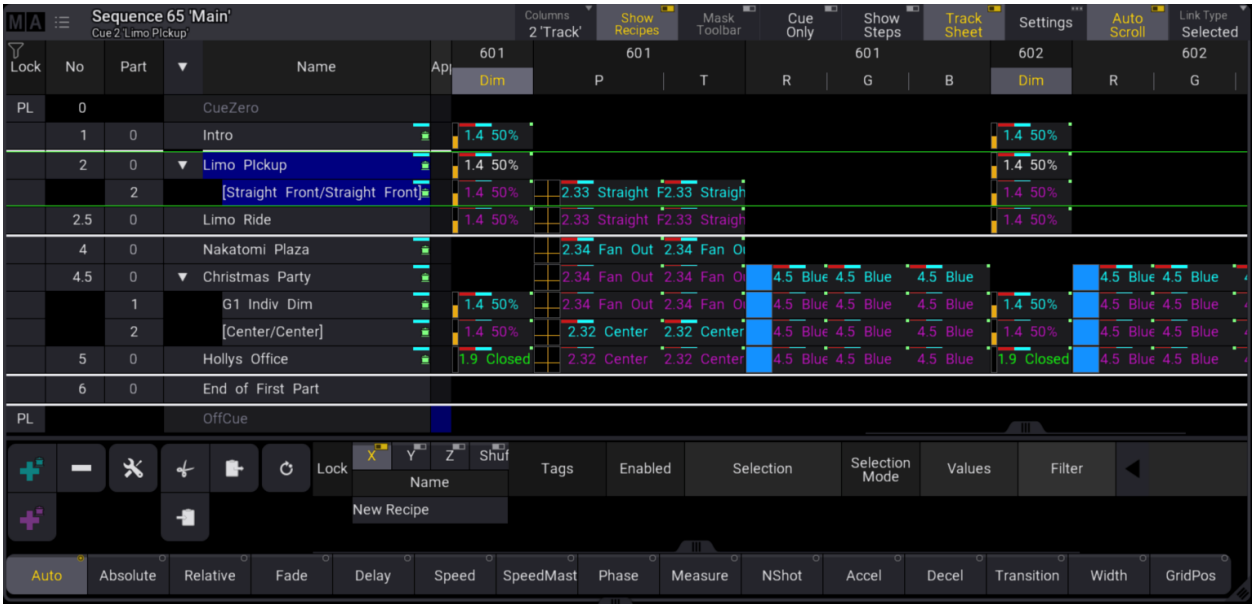
- **Command Enabled**:
  This can be toggled **Yes** or **No** if there is a command. If exclamation marks surround the option, then the Sequence Settings overwrite the setting. The overwritten option can be seen in the header of the column.
- **Command Delay**:
  This will add a delay between the triggering of the cue and the execution of the command. See **Command** just above.
- **Note**:
  This is a multiline text field where a note can be added to the cue. For more information, see Notes.
- **MIB Preference**:
  This defines whether the cue is good for the MIB function. For more information, see Move In Black.
- **MIB Mode**:
  This sets the MIB mode. This can only be edited if MIB is possible. For more information, see Move In Black.
- **MIB Target**:
  Defines a cue where the MIB should be performed if possible. This can only be edited if MIB is possible. For more information, see Move In Black.
- **MIB MultiStep**:
  Defines what should happen with phasers in the MIB. This can only be edited if MIB is possible. For more information, see Move In Black.
- **MIB Fade**:
  Sets the MIB fade time. This can only be edited if MIB is possible. For more information, see Move In Black.
- **MIB Delay**:
  Sets the MIB delay time. This can only be edited if MIB is possible. For more information, see Move In Black.
- **Indiv Fade**:
  This is "Individual Fade". It displays the time for attributes that have individual stored fade times. This cell cannot be edited.
- **Indiv Delay**:
  This is "Individual Delay". It displays the time for attributes that have individual stored delay times. This cell cannot be edited.
- **Indiv Duration**: This is "Individual Duration". It displays the overall time for attributes that have individual stored fade and delay times. This cell cannot be edited.
- **Appearance**:
  An Appearance can be assigned to the cue or cue part. It is connected with a sequence sheet setting called **CuePart Appearance**, which defines how the appearance is displayed. Read more below.
- **Individual Timing**:
  This influences the prioritization of general cue timings (Cue Fade, Cue Delay) and individual timings (Indiv Fade, Indiv Delay). The options are:
  - **Default**:
    Individual timings are prioritized over general cue timings.
  - **Normalized**:
    General cue timings are set as the maximum time for individual timings. If individual timings have a range of values, these values will be scaled to the new maximum time set by the corresponding general cue timings.
- **Tags**:
  Cues can have tags assigned. For more information, see Tags.

All cells with a light or dark gray background color can be edited, and the field's value can be changed. Fields with a black background cannot be edited.

Track Sheet Mode

The sequence sheet can be in **Track Sheet** mode. This can be changed in the window settings - and the setting can be a button in the title bar.



Sequence Sheet in Track Sheet mode

This mode can use a different selection in the **Columns** setting in the sheet settings. The example image above also has the **Columns** setting in the title bar.

The track mode shows attribute data in columns on the right side of the sheet.

The attribute values and markers have different colors, indicating different statuses, like the tracking status. For more information about colors and markers, see Colors. For more information about tracking, see What is Tracking.

The values can be edited in the sheet. The Cue Only setting can be activated in the settings, and it can be a button in the title bar that appears when **Track Sheet** is On. This makes edited values follow the cue only rules.

When cues with multiple parts are expanded to show all the parts, it is easy to see exactly what parts have stored which values. When the cues are collapsed to show only one row, the values from the parts are shown in this row with a small text in the lower right corner telling what part the values come from.

Collapsed cue with multiple parts

This example is the same cue 2 and 4.5 as the image above. The only difference is that the cue is collapsed to show only one row. Notice the small text showing that the pan and tilt values are from part 2 and in cue 4.5 the dimmer is from part 1.

The Layer Toolbar can be turned On in the settings. This can be useful when there is a desire to edit or look at values in other layers.

The Mask Toolbar can be turned On in the settings. This shows the Mask Toolbar when the Track Sheet Mode is active. The mask buttons in the toolbar can be used to easily change between different masks that can hide elements in the sheet. For more information, see Sheet Masking.

Editing a value opens the Calculator, where a new value can be selected from Presets, Channel Sets, Specials, or simply typed.

The calculator has some special functions in the track sheet that define what is changed, and there are special buttons that give access to block, unblock, and extract presets.

Extract presets will remove the link to a preset and store the current preset values directly in the cue.

Overwritten Cue Timing

The cue timing can be overwritten by the Executor Time or by a manual crossfade. When this happens, a yellow text appears in the header, and an exclamation mark is added next to the stored time.

Duration	Cue		Snap Delay
5.00 s	Fade 5.00 s	Delay 5.00 s	5.00 s
0	0	0	0
!5	!5	0	0
!3	!3	0	0
!2	!2	0	0
!5	!5	0	0
!1	!1	0	0

Example of an active Executor time. Learn more about Executor time in Cue Timing.

Sequence Sheet Settings

The sheets have a lot of settings. They are accessed by tapping the MA logo in the upper left corner of the window.

Sequence Sheet Settings - Display tab

Some of them are general settings that are shared with other windows. For more information, see Common Window Settings.

The settings have three tabs: **Display**, **Mask**, and **Columns**.

This is a short description of the display settings in the sequence sheet.

- **Layer**:
  This selects which layer is displayed in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of the layers. A special property is **Auto**. This property makes the window follow the selected layer in the Encoder Bar.
- **Cue Only**:
  This defines if the cue only function is On/Off when editing values.
- **Fixture Sort**:
  This On/Off button activates the sorting of fixtures. The fixtures are sorted in the selection order to the top or left hand side of the sheet showing the fixtures.
- **Appearance**:
  This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- **Step**:
  This selects which step to display. Steps are used with Phasers. It is a property input button that opens a calculator pop-up.
- **Settings**:
  This is only visible when editing the Title Bar. This setting determines whether there is a Settings button in the title bar or if it is hidden.
  The actual Settings button can be tapped to open the settings for the object. For instance,

tapping the Settings button in the title bar of the sequence sheet opens the settings for the sequence.

- **Feature Sort**:
  This On/Off button activates feature sorting. The selected feature is moved before the other features in the sheets showing features.
- **Font Size**:
  This selects the font size in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is the same as size 18.
- **Readout**:
  This selects the value readout for fixture attributes. It is a swipe button that opens a list of readout types with the following options:
  - **Auto**:
    This makes the sheet follow the selected readout in the Encoder Bar.
  - **Natural**:
    Each attribute has a defined Natural readout. This is defined in the Attribute Definition. Selecting this option will show the different readouts defined for the attributes.
  - **Percent**:
    This is a range from 0 to 100.
  - **PercentFine**:
    This is a range from 0.00 to 100.00.
  - **Physical**:
    This uses the physical range defined in the fixture type definition.
  - **Decimal8**:
    This is a decimal range from 0 to 255.
  - **Decimal16**:
    This is a decimal range from 0 to 65 535.
  - **Decimal24**:
    This is a decimal range from 0 to 16 777 215.
  - **Hex8**:
    This is a hexadecimal range from 00 to FF.
  - **Hex16**:
    This is a hexadecimal range from 0000 to FFFF.
  - **Hex24**:
    This is a hexadecimal range from 000000 to FFFFFF.
- **#Columns**:
  This input button sets the number of columns a sheet should display.
- **ChannelSet**:
  This setting defines the readout of values that are part of channel sets. It has three options:
  - **Value**:
    Displays only the value.
  - **Value + Name**:
    Displays the value and channel set name.
  - **Name**:
    Displays only the channel set name.
- **Layer Toolbar**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides a layer toolbar at the bottom with the different Layers.
- **Condensed Timing**:
  This toggles if the cue timing columns are displayed condensed or if all four cue timing columns are visible.

- **Adjust Columns**:
  This On/Off button makes a sheet adjust the column width to match the window size and the number of columns.
- **Time Format**:
  This defines the time format for the windows. This can be used to select a different format than the default set in the user profile.
- **Countdown**:
  This setting controls whether a cue timing countdown is shown while a fade is running. It has three options:
  - **Off**:
    No countdown is shown. All timing columns continue to display their configured times.
  - **Duration**:
    The Duration column displays a countdown while the cue transition is running.
  - **All**:
    Both the Duration and cue timing columns display a countdown while the cue transition is running.
- **Preset**:
  This defines how the preset information is displayed in the sheets. There are six properties which are different combinations of these three elements:
  - **ID**:
    Shows the ID number of the preset.
  - **Name**:
    Shows the name of the preset.
  - **Value**:
    Shows the values stored in the preset.
- **Transpose**:
  This On/Off button flips the columns and rows in windows.
- **Frame Readout**:
  This defines the frame readout for this window. It can be used to overwrite the default set in the user profile.
- **CuePart Appearance**:
  This defines how the cue part appearance is displayed in the sheet. The options are:
  - **Off**:
    Cue part appearance is not displayed.
  - **Number**:
    The appearance is only shown on the cue number column.
  - **Num+Name**:
    The appearance is displayed in the number and name columns.
  - **All**:
    The appearance is displayed on all columns.
- **Merge Cells**:

  This option merges cells so that repeated values appear only once when adjacent cells contain the same value and belong to the same feature or feature group.
  For example, if the red, green, and blue values are all “100,” the value “100” is displayed only once.

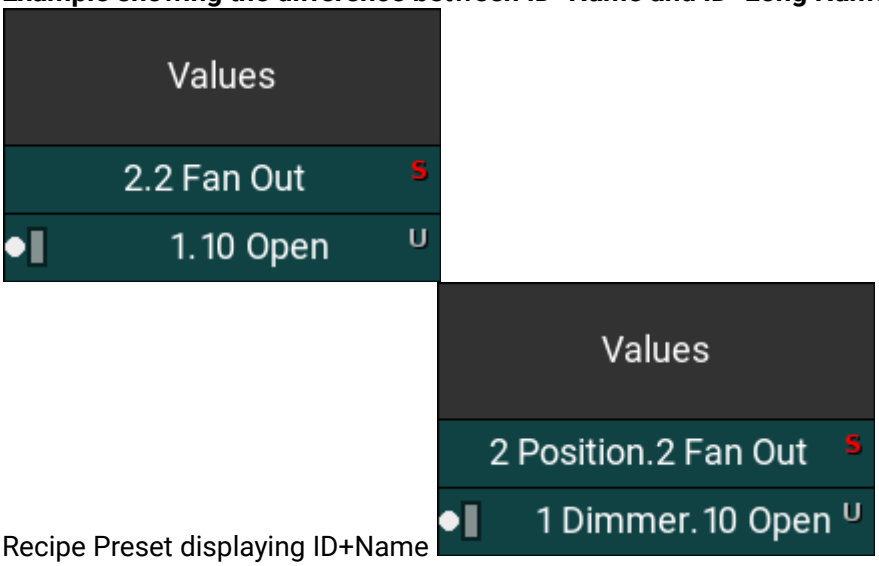
  - **None**:
    Cells are not merged.

    - **Feature**:
      Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature are merged when their values are identical.
    - **Feature Group**:
      Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature group are merged when their values are identical.
- **Auto Scroll**:
  This On/Off button activates the auto-scrolling function. This will keep the active object visible in the window by scrolling the sheet or grid.
- **Link Type**:
  This setting defines which sequence is shown in the sheet.
  There are three different link types. The options are:
    - **Fixed**:
      The sheet displays the information from a specific sequence. The selection is made in the Sheet Settings. Read about the **Fixed Target** setting above. It can also be set using the Assign and Sequence keywords and tapping the sheet's title bar.
    - **Selected**:
      The sheet displays information from the selected sequence.
    - **LastGo**:
      This automatically shows the latest sequence to receive one of the trigger commands (<<<, >>>, Go+, Go-, Goto, Load, On, Select, Top, Temp, Flash, Toggle On, Pause). This includes if the sequence is triggered from a running timecode recording. A sequence can be excluded from LastGo by turning Off the **Include Link Last Go** setting in the Sequence Settings. LastGo only shows sequences triggered by the same user profile.
- **Fixed Target**:
  This setting defines the sequence a sheet displays if the **Link Type** is **Fixed**. Tapping this setting opens an **Assignment Editor** pop-up where a sequence can be selected.

The mask settings for the sequence sheets are:

- **Color Mode**:
  This switches the color readout between Auto (following the User Profile setting), RGB and CMY. The default value is to follow the setting in the User Profile. The user profile setting is shown between "<>".
- **Feature Graphic**:
  This shows or hides a small graphic next to each feature in the sheets showing the features.
- **Line Height**:
  This defines the line height for the rows in the sheet. Valid options range from 1 to 12. There is also an **Auto** option, which selects the smallest height possible to show the content.
- **Recipe Preset**:
  This defines how presets are displayed in the sheet:
    - **Name**:
      Displays the name of the preset.
    - **ID**:
      Displays the ID number of the preset.
    - **ID+Name**:
      Displays the ID and name of the preset.
    - **ID+Long Name:**
      Displays the ID and long name of the preset.

Example showing the difference between ID+Name and ID+Long Name:



Recipe Preset displaying ID+Name
Recipe Preset displaying ID+Long Name

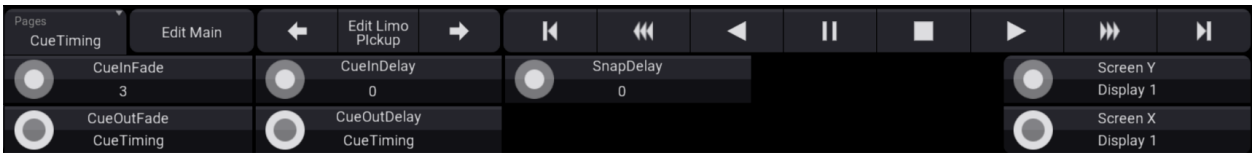
- **Show Command Test**:
  This makes it possible to test a command stored in a cue without activating the cue. Toggling this setting On will display a play icon (▶) in the command cells that contain commands. Tapping the play icon executes the command of the cue.
- **Show Fixture Name:**
  This shows the name of the fixtures on the sheet. This setting is only relevant when the **Sheet Mode** is different than **Fixture** in the fixture sheet. In the sequence sheet this setting is only relevant when Track Sheet is enabled.
- **Show Notes**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides the notes for the selected cue at the bottom of the sheet. Read more about it in Notes.
- **Show Recipes**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides the cue recipes at the bottom of the sheet. Read more about it in the Cue Recipes topic.
- **Show Steps**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides the cue steps in the sheet. This is useful in a sequence sheet with **Track Sheet** On.
- **Track Sheet:**
  This On/Off button shows or hides the values and tracking information for each attribute in the sheet.

The **Mask Buttons** tab can be used to define the buttons in the **Mask Toolbar**. A Mask Toolbar button toggles whether the toolbar is displayed or hidden. Learn more about the mask buttons in the Common Window Settings topic. Learn about the filter rules often used to mask elements in the sheet in the Filter Rules topic.

Finally, there is a tab called **Columns**. This allows editing of the columns and column sets in the sequence sheet. Learn more about this in the Adjustable Columns topic.

Sequence Edit Toolbar

The encoder toolbar changes when the sequence sheet has focus. The sheet can get focus by tapping the sheet.



Sequence Edit Toolbar - Basic Timing page

There are several pages with many different settings for the cues. The pages can be changed using the swipe button in the upper left corner of the toolbar (see the image above).

The top row in the toolbar gives access to select a cue. There are also playback controls that can be used to run cues. Read more in the Play Back Cues topic.

Turning the two rings on the encoders changes the respective values for the selected cue in the sheet.

The lower row is the outer ring of the dual encoder. The middle row is the inner ring of the dual encoders.

1.31.3. Content Sheet

The Content Sheet is used to see the fixtures and values stored in cues. It looks much like the **Fixture Sheet** but has a masking function that only displays what is stored in cues and cue parts. It is like a combined **Sequence Sheet** in tracking mode and a **Fixture Sheet**.

The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.
The Sequence Sheet shows the cues in a sequence and all the settings related to cue transition. It also has a mode called Track Sheet that shows the attributes values in the cues.
Learn more in the Sequence Sheet topic.
The Fixture Sheet is a window that shows all the patched fixtures that have an ID. It has different modes that can use different versions of the attribute values for each fixture.
Learn more in Fixture Sheet topic.

The Content Sheet can be masked to limit what is seen in the sheet using the Mask Buttons. Learn more in the Sheet Masking topic.

It could look like this:

Content Sheet

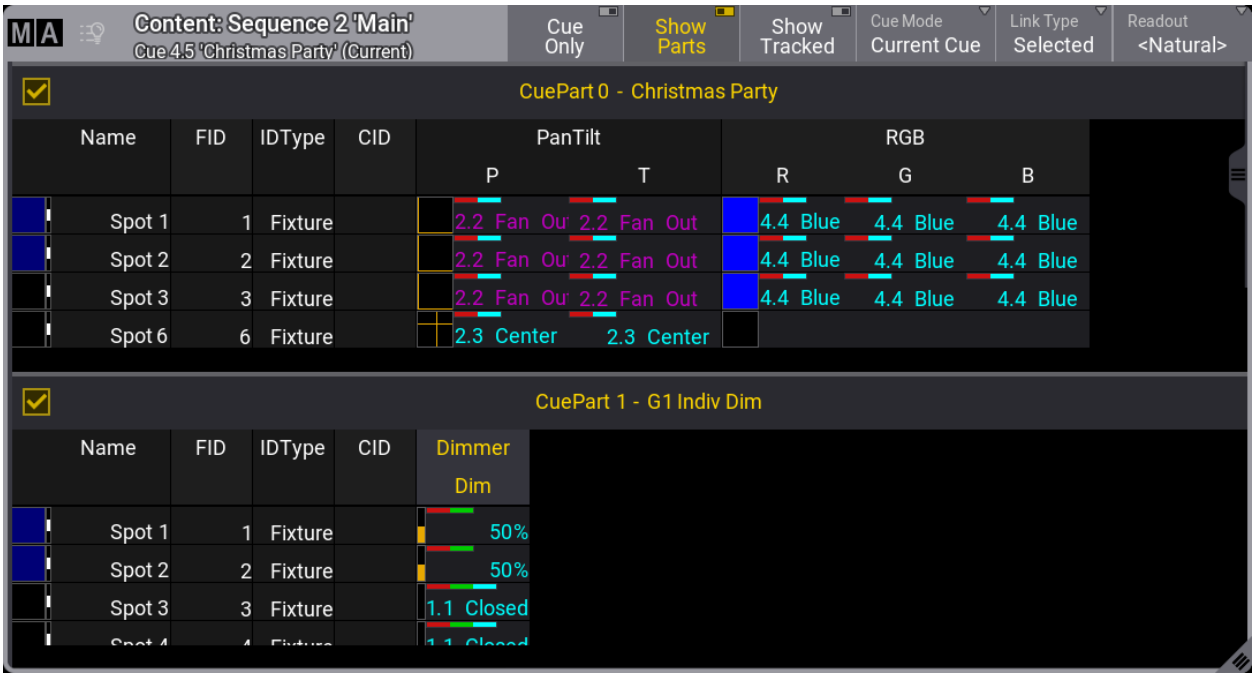
The Title Bar shows the sequence ID and the cue ID of the cue being shown. If a world other than the default Full world is selected, it is also displayed in the title bar (Small World icon with a name and number next to it).

The values displayed in the sheet can be edited directly in the sheet, just like in the Sequence Sheet in Track sheet mode.

The look of the content sheet is very customizable. The content sheet settings control this. Read more about it below.

The example image above shows most of the pan and tilt values with a small note saying "Part 2". This indicates that the values are stored in cue part 2. A red "DUP" in the lower right corner means duplicate data is stored in a different part of the cue.

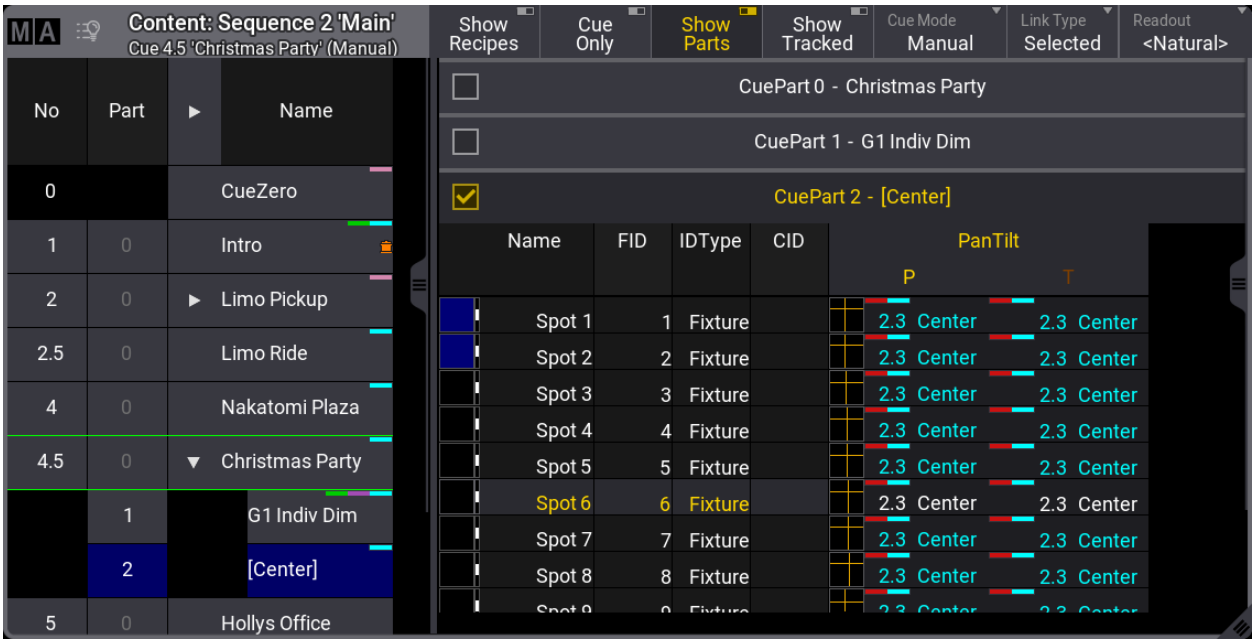
If Show Parts is turned On, the parts are separated into different frames. The same example cue would look like this:



Content Sheet with multiple part frames

Each frame with a cue part can be toggled On or Off by tapping the checkmark in the frame.

The content sheet can automatically follow the active cue being played back. The setting **Cue Mode** defines which cue to show in the sheet. Setting the mode to **Manual** makes it possible to select a specific cue instead of following the active cue. In manual mode, an extra section on the left displays a list of all the cues in the sequence.



Content Sheet in Manual mode

The green frame around a cue indicates the active cue being output. The blue background indicates the selected cue being displayed in the content sheet.

Tapping a cue in the list makes it the selected cue.

Tapping the part number in the cue list automatically deselects the other parts if Show Parts is active.

Content Sheet Settings

The content sheet has a lot of settings. They can be accessed by tapping the MA logo in the upper left corner of the sheet.

The settings are divided into three different tabs - Display, Mask, and Mask Buttons.

This is a short description of each of the display settings:

- **Show Parts**:
  This separates the cue parts into individual frames. Each frame can be turned On or Off by tapping the upper left corner of each frame. If this setting is Off, the cue parts are combined into one frame showing the cue part number in the lower right corner of each relevant attribute.
- **Cue Only**:
  This defines if the cue only function is On/Off when editing values.
- **Fixture Sort**:
  This On/Off button activates the sorting of fixtures. The fixtures are sorted in the selection order to the top or left hand side of the sheet showing the fixtures.
- **CuePart Appearance**:
  This defines how the cue part appearance is displayed in the sheet. The options are:
  - **Off**:
    Cue part appearance is not displayed.
  - **Number**:
    The appearance is only shown on the cue number column.

    - **Num+Name**:
      The appearance is displayed in the number and name columns.
- **Sheet Mode**:
  The sheet mode changes how the sheets look. There are four different modes:
    - **Fixture**:
      This shows a matrix with the fixtures in rows and the attributes in columns.
    - **Channel**:
      This shows the fixtures as tiles with the dimmer attribute.
    - **Dimmer+**:
      Looks similar to the **Channel** mode. However, it additionally displays the attributes of the selected feature group. Vertical gray separators are displayed when there is a jump in IDs and when the IDType changes for fixtures that do not have a fixture ID. This mode can display the **Fixture Graphics**, but does not display the **Feature Graphics**.
    - **Sheet/Filter**:
      Similar to **Dimmer+**. However, it displays all attributes unless there is a defined filter in the **Mask** tab of the sheet settings.
- **Cue Mode**:
  Cue Mode has three different options:
    - **Current Cue:**
      This will make the sheet display the information related to the current active cue.
    - **Previous Cue:**
      This will display the values from the previous cue. This is the last active cue, even if the sequence order is jumped.
    - **Next Cue:**
      This displays the values for the next cue if a triggering action is performed on the sequence. If a cue is "Loaded", the loaded cue will be displayed.
    - **Manual**:
      This mode allows selecting a specific cue. When this mode is selected, a list of the cues appears on the left side. Tap the desired cue in the list to see the content.

  If the setting is available in the title bar, the different options can be toggled by tapping the button in the title bar.
- **Feature Sort**:
  This On/Off button activates feature sorting. The selected feature is moved before the other features in the sheets showing features.
- **Font Size**:
  This selects the font size in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is the same as size 18.
- **Readout**:
  This selects the value readout for fixture attributes. It is a swipe button that opens a list of readout types with the following options:
    - **Auto**:
      This makes the sheet follow the selected readout in the Encoder Bar.
    - **Natural**:
      Each attribute has a defined Natural readout. This is defined in the Attribute Definition. Selecting this option will show the different readouts defined for the attributes.
    - **Percent**:
      This is a range from 0 to 100.
    - **PercentFine**:
      This is a range from 0.00 to 100.00.

    - **Physical**:
      This uses the physical range defined in the fixture type definition.
    - **Decimal8**:
      This is a decimal range from 0 to 255.
    - **Decimal16**:
      This is a decimal range from 0 to 65 535.
    - **Decimal24**:
      This is a decimal range from 0 to 16 777 215.
    - **Hex8**:
      This is a hexadecimal range from 00 to FF.
    - **Hex16**:
      This is a hexadecimal range from 0000 to FFFF.
    - **Hex24**:
      This is a hexadecimal range from 000000 to FFFFFF.
- **#Columns**:
  This input button sets the number of columns a sheet should display.
- **Layer Toolbar**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides a layer toolbar at the bottom with the different Layers.
- **Fixture Appearance**:
  This defines how the appearance of the fixtures is shown in the sheets. There are three options:
    - **None**:
      The fixture appearance is not shown.
    - **Enabled**:
      The appearance of the fixture type is shown.
    - **Graphic**:
      The appearance is shown with a colored background to match the output.
- **Preset**:
  This defines how the preset information is displayed in the sheets. There are six properties which are different combinations of these three elements:
    - **ID**:
      Shows the ID number of the preset.
    - **Name**:
      Shows the name of the preset.
    - **Value**:
      Shows the values stored in the preset.
- **Color Mode**:
  This switches the color readout between RGB and CMY. The default value is to follow the setting in the User Profile. The user profile setting is shown between "<>".
- **Time Format**:
  This defines the time format for the windows. This can be used to select a different format than the default set in the user profile.
- **Fixture Graphics**:
  This defines which graphics are displayed in front of the name column in sheets showing the fixture graphic. Resizing the name column to a very small size will hide the graphic.
  This setting has the following options:
    - **None**:
      No graphic is shown.
    - **Flip**:
      Adds the flip indicator for fixtures with position attributes on the left side of the **Name** column.

    - **Simple**:
      Adds a simple square graphic indicating combined color and dimmer values next to the flip indicator in the **Name** column.
    - **Gobo**:
      Adds a gobo image on the simple graphic. It only displays the gobo of one gobo wheel at a time. Gobo wheels in ascending order define which gobo is displayed. For example, when Gobo 1 is set to open, then the gobo of Gobo 2 is displayed.
- **Fixture Select**:
  With this On/Off button, fixtures can be selected by tapping the name or ID in the sheet.
- **Show Tracked**:
  This On/Off setting shows or hides all the values tracked from previous cues. Turning it Off hides the tracked values and only shows the values stored in the cue.
- **Frame Readout**:
  This defines the frame readout for this window. It can be used to overwrite the default set in the user profile.
- **Feature Graphic**:
  This shows or hides a small graphic next to each feature in the sheets showing the features.
- **Channel Set**:
  This setting defines the readout of values that are part of channel sets. It has three options:
    - **Value**:
      Displays only the value.
    - **Value + Name**:
      Displays the value and channel set name.
    - **Name**:
      Displays only the channel set name.
- **Merge Cells**:

  This option merges cells so that repeated values appear only once when adjacent cells contain the same value and belong to the same feature or feature group.
  For example, if the red, green, and blue values are all “100,” the value “100” is displayed only once.

    - **None**:
      Cells are not merged.
    - **Feature**:
      Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature are merged when their values are identical.
    - **Feature Group**:
      Two or more adjacent cells within the same feature group are merged when their values are identical.
- **Link Type**:
  This setting defines which sequence is shown in the sheet.
  There are three different link types. The options are:
    - **Fixed**:
      The sheet displays the information from a specific sequence. The selection is made in the Sheet Settings. Read about the **Fixed Target** setting above. It can also be set using the Assign and Sequence keywords and tapping the sheet's title bar.
    - **Selected**:
      The sheet displays information from the selected sequence.
    - **LastGo**:
      This automatically shows the latest sequence to receive one of the trigger

commands (<<<, >>>, Go+, Go-, Goto, Load, On, Select, Top, Temp, Flash, Toggle On, Pause). This includes if the sequence is triggered from a running timecode recording. A sequence can be excluded from LastGo by turning Off the **Include Link Last Go** setting in the Sequence Settings. LastGo only shows sequences triggered by the same user profile.

- **Fixed Target**:
  This setting defines the sequence a sheet displays if the **Link Type** is **Fixed**. Tapping this setting opens an **Assignment Editor** pop-up where a sequence can be selected.

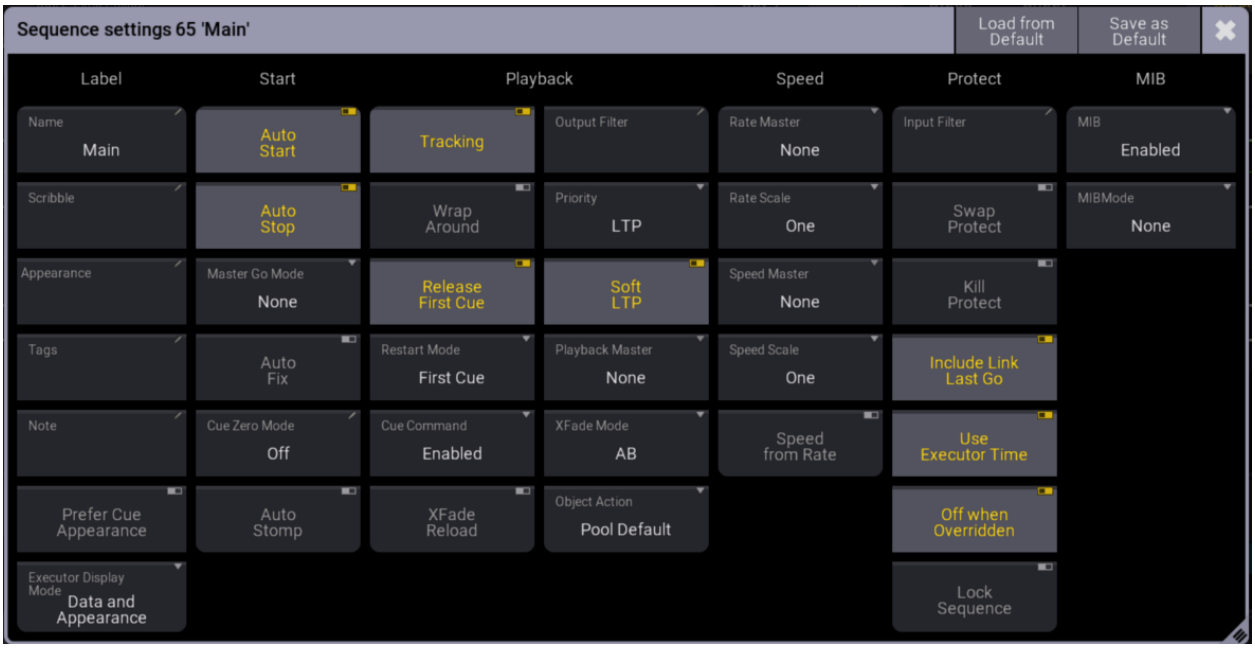
This is a short description of each of the mask settings:

- **Layer**:
  This selects which layer is displayed in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of the layers. A special property is **Auto**. This property makes the window follow the selected layer in the Encoder Bar.
- **Show Recipes**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides the cue recipes at the bottom of the sheet. Read more about it in the Cue Recipes topic.
- **Show Notes**:
  This On/Off button shows or hides the notes for the selected cue at the bottom of the sheet. Read more about it in Notes.
- **Show ID Type**:
  This shows the ID Type of the fixtures on the sheet. This setting is only relevant when the **Sheet Mode** is different than **Fixture**.
- **Sorted By**:
  This defines how the sheet is sorted. The two options are:
  - **FID:**
    The sheet is sorted by FID.
  - **CID:**
    The sheet is sorted by CID.
- **Show Fixture Name**:
  This shows the name of the fixtures on the sheet. This setting is only relevant when the **Sheet Mode** is different than **Fixture** in the fixture sheet. In the sequence sheet this setting is only relevant when Track Sheet is enabled.
- **Group By ID Type**:
  This organizes the sheet by ID type, grouping together fixtures with the same ID type.

Learn more about the Mask Buttons in the Sheet Masking topic.

1.31.4. Sequence Settings

Each sequence has several settings. The settings can be accessed from the title bar of each sequence sheet or the executor assign menu. Tap Edit Settings or Settings to open the sequence settings.



Sequence settings pop-up

The settings are divided into Label, Start, Playback, Speed, Protect, and MIB sections. The sections and their settings are described below.

Each user profile has default sequence settings. These settings are used when a new sequence is created. Load the default settings or save the current settings as the default from this pop-up.

The title bar has two relevant buttons. The left one is Load from Default. Tapping this loads the stored sequence defaults. Next to this is Save as Default. Tapping this stores the current settings as the new default.

Label

This group is about the name and look of the sequence.

Name

Edit this input field to change the name of the sequence.

Scribble

This scribble field can be used to select or create a scribble for the sequence. This scribble is visible in the sequence pool and on the executor label.

Appearance

This appearance field can be used to select or create an appearance for the sequence. This appearance is visible in the sequence pool and on the executor label.

Tags

A tag can be added to the sequence. For more information, see Tags.

Note

This input field can be used to add a note to the sequence.

Prefer Cue Appearance

When this option is enabled and the current cue has an appearance, the cue appearance will be displayed on the executor or in the layout instead of the sequence appearance.

Executor Display Mode

The executor display mode defines how the sequence will be displayed on an executor:

- **Data**:
  Only the cues with their appearances will be displayed. The cue appearance is only displayed in the line of the cue and not in the background.
- **Appearance**:
  Only the sequence or cue appearance will be displayed. No cue names, fade bar, etc., will be displayed. This can be handy for sequences with only one cue, color cues, or gobo cues.
- **Data and Appearance**:
  Each cue line displays its cue appearance, and the sequence appearance or the appearance of the current cue will be displayed in the background of the executor.

Start

The settings in this section are about starting and stopping the sequence.

Auto Start

The **Auto Start** feature switches the playback 'On' when the master is moved from zero.

Auto Stop

The **Auto Stop** feature switches the playback 'Off' when the master is moved down to zero.

Master Go Mode

The selected **Master Go** Mode is applied only when Auto Stop is Off. When Auto Stop is On, the setting remains available but has no effect.
Tap this button to open the **Select Master Go Mode** pop-up. The selected value takes effect when the master fader is moved up from zero.

The following values are available:

- **None**:
  Performs no playback action.
- **Go**:
  Executes a Go.
- **On**:
  Reloads the current cue and fades it in again.
- **Top**:
  The first cue is activated.

Auto Fix

Auto Fix automatically fixes active executors and keeps them visible when changing pages. For more information, see Fix.
The executor is automatically unfixed when it is switched off.

Cue Zero Mode

This setting defines which values are automatically stored in Cue Zero. The following values are available:

- **Off**:
  No attributes are automatically stored in Cue Zero. This is the default value.
- **All Used Attributes**:
  Stores the default values of all attributes used by fixtures in the sequence.
- **Only Used Dimmers**:
  Stores the default values of the dimmer attributes used by fixtures in the sequence.

Auto Stomp

If Auto Stomp is On, an **absolute** value from a cue will stomp a phaser running from a different playback.

Playback

The playback settings are about running the cues. Running or playing back cues is described in Play Back Cues.

Tracking

This turns On or Off value tracking in the sequence. For more information, see What is Tracking.

Wrap Around

Wrap Around allows the sequence to return to the first cue when a Go+ is performed after reaching the last cue. Wrap Around is automatically disabled if the OffCue has a trigger.

Release First Cue

This setting defines whether the first cue releases tracking values. These tracking values can come from the last cue if **Wrap Around** is active. If **Release First Cue** is On then it adds a **<Yes>** to the **Release** column in the first cue of the sequence. Learn more about the different columns in Look at Cue and Sequences. The first cue can manually be set to release by editing the field in the sequence.

Restart Mode

There are three different restart modes:

- **First Cue**:
  This always restarts the sequence with the first cue.
- **Current Cue**:
  This restarts the sequence with the cue where it was when the sequence was turned Off.
- **Next Cue**:
  This restarts the sequence with the next cue based on where it was when the executor was turned Off.

Cue Command

This setting defines how cue commands are executed in the sequence. The selected value can follow the setting of each cue, disable all cue commands, or force all cue commands to be enabled.
The stored commands remain unchanged.

The following values are available:

- **Enabled**:
  Cue command execution follows the value in the **Command Enabled** column of each cue.
- **Force No**:
  Disables cue command execution for the entire sequence. The **Command Enabled** column header displays **Force No**.
  The values stored for individual cues remain unchanged and are displayed between exclamation marks.
- **Force Yes**:
  Enables cue command execution for the entire sequence. The **Command Enabled** column header displays **Force Yes**.
  The values stored for individual cues remain unchanged and are displayed between exclamation marks.

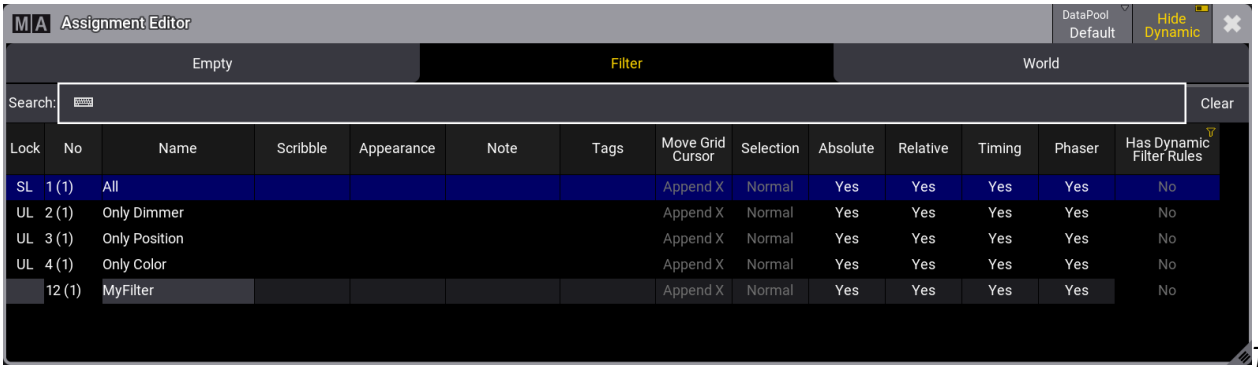
	Hint:
	Temp fader and crossfader actions do not execute cue commands, even when Cue Command is set to Force Yes.

XFade Reload

When this option is enabled, the Xfader needs to be pulled back to 0 after completing a crossfade to do the next crossfade.

Output Filter

The output filter can have a Filter or World assigned. Tapping the button opens the **Assignment Editor** pop-up:



Tap a world or filter in the list to apply an output filter

The editor has three tabs. Select **Empty** to remove the output filter. The **Filter** and **World** tabs list the available filters and worlds. Tap the desired filter or world to apply it.

The fixtures and attributes included in the assigned world or filter can pass through the output filter and be output by the sequence. When the same sequence is assigned to multiple executors, all executors use the output filter assigned to that sequence. To play back the same cue data using different output filters, create a mirrored sequence and assign a different output filter to each sequence. For more information about mirrored sequences, see Cues and Sequences.

If the sequence has an output filter applied, there is a small output filter icon ( ) in the sequence pool button.

Priority

This is the priority of the sequence. The priorities are described in Play Back Cues.

Soft LTP

The Soft LTP function is described in Play Back Cues.

Playback Master

Select a Playback Master. The selected Playback Master acts as an inhibitive master for this sequence and all other sequences assigned to it.

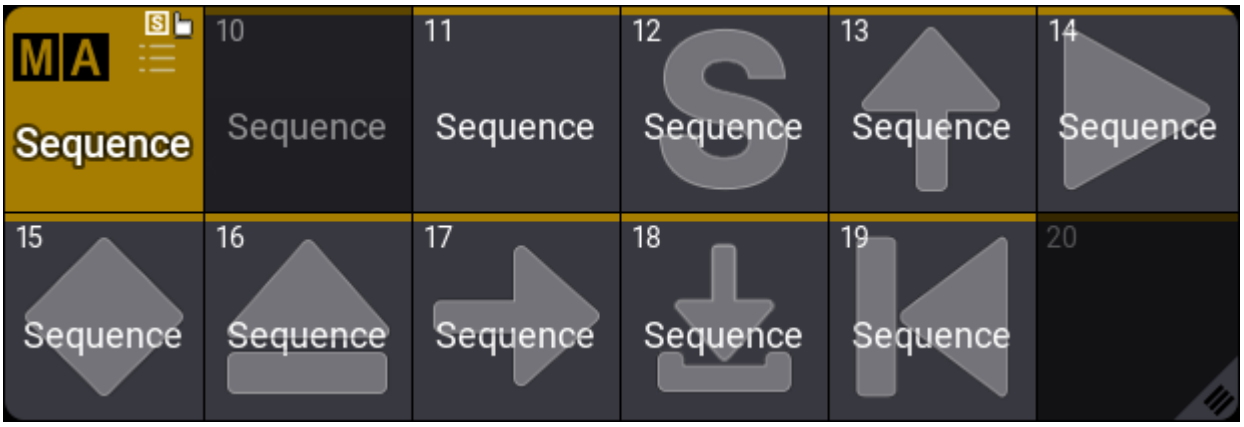
XFade Mode

This is used to set how the two CrossfadeA/XFadeA and CrossfadeB/XFadeB faders work. There are two crossfade modes:

- **Split**:
  The dual crossfaders work as masters for the current/next cue.
- **AB**:
  The dual crossfaders work as crossfaders for increasing/decreasing values.

Object Action

An object action can be assigned to the sequence. The action is performed when the sequence is tapped in the pool. **Use Object Action** must be enabled in the pool settings for the assigned action to be performed. A large icon on the pool object indicates the assigned action.



The following values are available:

- **None**:
  Performs no action when the pool object is tapped.
- **Pool Default**:
  Uses the action defined for the pool.
- **Select**:
  Selects the sequence.
- **Flash**:
  Flashes the sequence while the pool object is pressed.
- **Go+**:
  Performs a Go+ action.
- **Temp**:
  Performs a Temp action while the pool object is pressed.
- **Toggle**:
  Toggles the sequence On or Off.
- **Goto**:
  Opens a pop-up to select a cue and perform a Goto action.
- **Load**:
  Opens a pop-up to select a cue and perform a Load action.
- **Top**:
  Activates the first cue after Cue Zero.

Speed

Speed and rate can be used to adjust the stored times without reprogramming the show. For instance, a cue can have a fade time of 5 seconds. A rate master can adjust the fade time live while playing it back. All sequences have their own individual rate and speed, but they can be linked to a global master. This master can then adjust the timing for multiple sequences simultaneously. For more information, see Speed Masters.

Rate Master

The sequence has a rate master. It can be linked to a shared global speed master, or it can have an individual rate master. Tapping this button will open the **Select Rate Master pop-up**.

Select **None** to use the individual rate master of the sequence, or select a global speed master.

Rate Scale

Enabling this binds the rate to defined steps instead of a variable value. Tapping this button opens the **Select Rate Scale pop-up**.

Select a step to apply the corresponding multiplier or divider. This multiplies or divides the rate by the selected factor.

Speed Master

The sequence has a speed master. It can be linked to a shared global speed master, or it can have an individual speed master. Tapping this button will open the **Select Speed Master pop-up**.

Select **None** to use the individual speed master of the sequence, or select a global speed master.

Speed Scale

If a sequence is assigned to a global speed master (read above), it can be useful to adjust a speed scale. Tapping this button will open the **Select Speed Scale pop-up**.

Select a multiplier or divider to scale the speed by the corresponding factor.

Speed from Rate

This links the speed to follow the rate.

Protect

This group of settings is used to protect the sequence from different actions.

Input Filter

The playback filter is described in a little bit more detail in Cues and Sequences. Tapping this button opens the **Assignment Editor pop-up**: See above about the output filter.

The fixtures and attributes in the world or filter are allowed to pass the filter and can be stored in the sequence.

Swap Protect

Activating this option protects this sequence from the Swap playback action. For more information, see Swap Keyword.

Kill Protect

Activating this option protects this sequence from the Kill playback action. For more information, see Kill Keyword.

Include Link Last Go

This setting is On as default. When it is set to Off, playing back a sequence will not trigger the LinkLastGo functionality in the Sequence Sheet.

Use Executor Time

This makes the executor playback cues using the stored timing. If this is turned on, it is affected by the **Exec Time** master fader, who overwrites the timing.

Off when Overridden

The Off when Overridden function allows a sequence to be automatically turned Off if another sequence has taken control with all the attributes in the sequence = this executor does not control any attributes.

Lock Sequence

The sequence is locked against changes when this is On. It can still be played back.

MIB

This group is about MIB settings for the sequence. For more information, see Move In Black.

MIB

This setting defines how MIB is performed in the sequence. The selected value can follow the settings of each cue and cue part, disable MIB, or force a specific MIB mode.
When a forced value is selected, the MIB settings of individual cues and cue parts are ignored.

The following values are available:

- **Enabled**:
  MIB follows the settings of each cue and cue part.
- **Never**:
  Disables MIB for the entire sequence.
  The MIB settings of individual cues and cue parts are ignored.
- **Force Early**:
  Performs MIB as soon as the dimmer closes for all cues that can perform MIB.
  The MIB settings of individual cues and cue parts are ignored.
- **Force UponGo**:
  Performs MIB during the next cue transition after the dimmer closes for all cues that can perform MIB.
  The MIB settings of individual cues and cue parts are ignored.
- **Force Late**:
  Performs MIB as late as possible before the dimmer opens again for all cues that can perform MIB.
  The MIB settings of individual cues and cue parts are ignored.

MIB Mode

This setting defines which MIB mode is used for the sequence. It applies only when **MIB Mode** is set to **Default** in the cue or cue part.

The following values are available:

- **None**
  No MIB mode is applied by the sequence setting.
- **Early**
  Performs MIB as soon as the dimmer closes.

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- **UponGo**
  Performs MIB during the next cue transition after the dimmer closes.
- **Late**
  Performs MIB as late as possible before the dimmer opens again.

1.31.5. Store Cues

Storing a cue is the default Store action in grandMA3.

This means that if nothing else is defined and Please is pressed right after Store, a new cue is stored in the selected sequence.

Or press Store, followed by pressing the executor button where the sequence, with the cue, should be stored.

If active values are in the programmer, they are stored in the cue (with the default store settings), but programmer values are not needed to store cues.

Of course, there are more details about storing cues, so please keep reading.

Store a New Cue on an Empty Executor

If a cue is stored on an empty executor, the grandMA3 software automatically stores the cue in a new sequence and assigns this executor to control the sequence using the default settings.

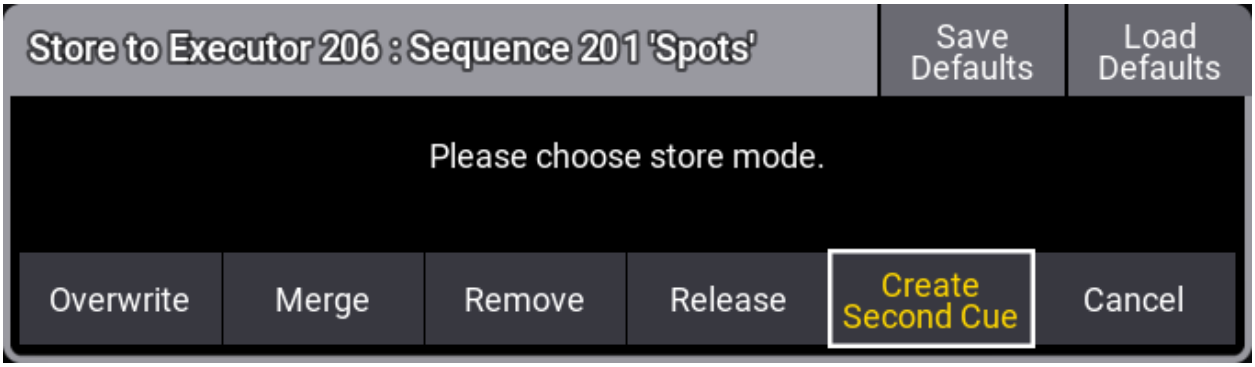
Returning to the second example at the top of this topic, just pressing the Store button, then the executor button on the empty executor, is enough. The software assumes that the desired action is to store a cue.

This will automatically be cue number 1 - nothing else was specified.

Storing cues obeys Worlds and Filters, which enables control of what is stored. Worlds and filters can also be assigned to the sequence, both as an input and also as an output filter - independently of each other. This will function as an input or output filter, allowing only the elements in the world or filter to be stored in or played back from the sequence.

Store the Second Cue

If the store function is used again on the same sequence - without adding cue number details - then the grandMA3 does not know what should happen, and a pop-up appears, giving different choices.



Please choose store mode pop-up with "Create Second Cue" option

Tapping Create Second Cue will store a cue with the next whole number.

Overwrite and **Merge** options are explained below. **Remove** and **Release** are described in the What is Tracking topic. **Cancel** does not store anything.

Cue Numbers

When a cue is stored, it is possible to specify a cue number. This is done using the following syntax: Store Cue [Cue_Number]. It is also possible to specify a sequence or an executor using the keys in the command section while storing:
Store Cue [Cue_Number] Sequence ["Sequence_Name" or Sequence_Number] or
Store Cue [Cue_Number] Executor [Executor_Number].

Notice that the cues are stored in the sequence. Using the executor number will store the cue in the sequence the executor is controlling.

Cue numbers have three decimal numbers. If all are zero, then they are not displayed. But cue number "42" is the same as cue number "42.000" - it is not "42 thousand", it is "42 point 0 0 0". The currently highest cue number that can be stored is "999 999.999". The lowest number that can be stored is "0.001".

	Restriction:
	Storing nearly 1 billion cues will completely fill the memory and make the show file VERY big. The software will cancel the store process before the system crashes, but almost any operation after this will make the software shut down!!

The software hides the trailing decimal zeros, but they are still there. This means that cue "5.2" is after cue "5.11" because they are actually cues "5.200" and "5.110".

It is not limited to storing only a single cue number at a time. It can just as easily be a range of numbers - this means it is possible to use Thru, +, and - keys to create number ranges to store.

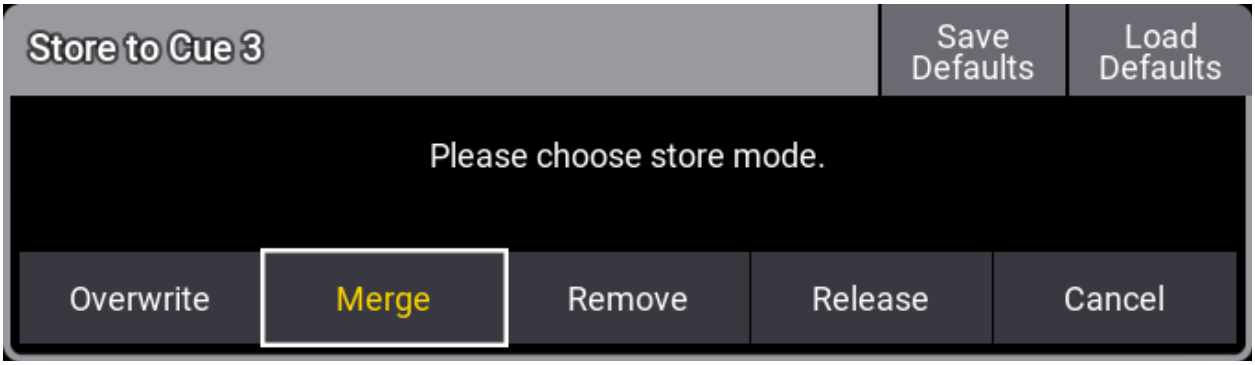
Selecting the sequence can be a good idea if you are working with or adding a lot of cues to the same sequence.

This can be done easily by pressing Select and then one of the buttons associated with the executor controlling the sequence or tapping the sequence in the sequence pool.

The selected sequence is used if no sequence or executor is defined in the store command.

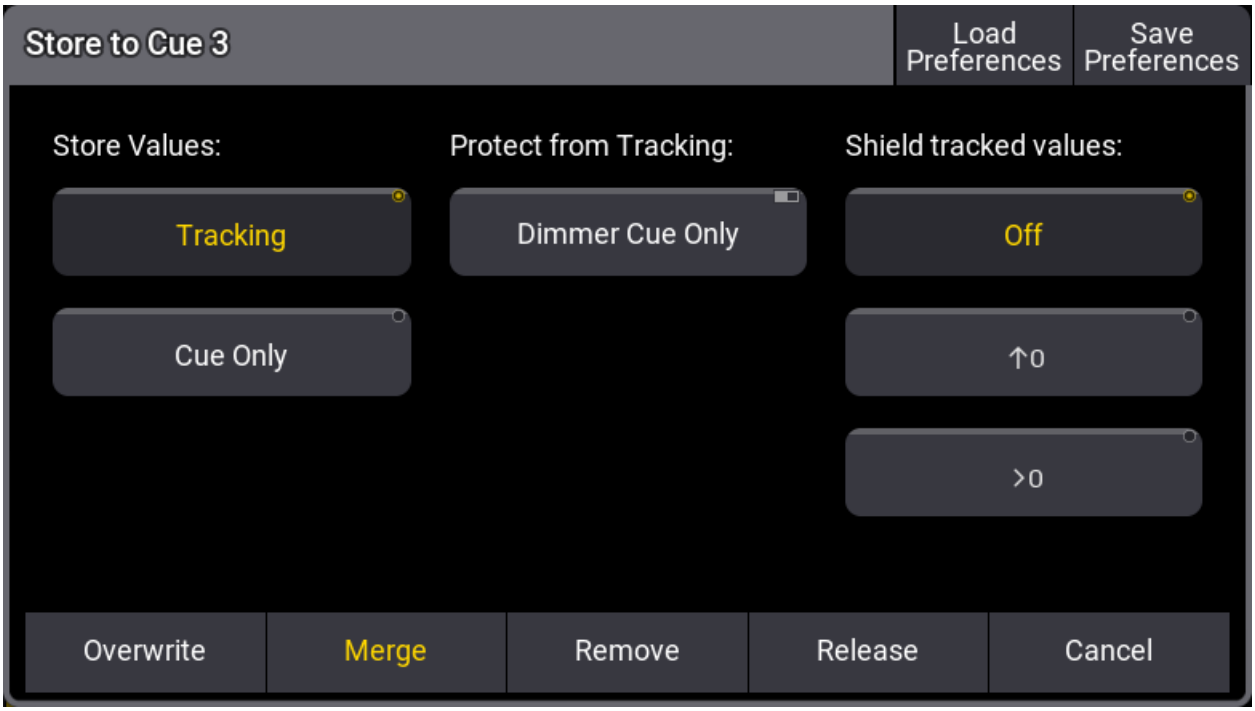
Store Into Cues That are Not Empty

If the store operation is used to store into already existing cues, then a pop-up like this appears:



Please choose store mode pop-up

or if there are cues following the cue stored into, it looks like this:



Please choose store mode pop-up with following cues

The pop-up only appears if the store options do not specify what should happen.

Look at the Store Options and Defaults topic for information about specifying this while storing.

Cue Only is described in the Cue Only topic. The shield tracking options are described in the Tracking Shield topic.

Remove, **Release**, and other tracking information are described in detail in the What is Tracking topic.

The two remaining options are:

- **Overwrite:**
  This will remove what is already stored in the cue and only store the new values using the tracking settings in the pop-up.

- **Merge:**
  This will merge the new values into the existing values. New values have a higher priority and will overwrite existing values.

Examples

In the following examples, we have a sequence with the following two cues:

The magenta value for fixture 1 in cue 2 is a tracked value.

Now we turn on fixture 3 at 100 % and store this into cue 2.

This is the result if **Overwrite** is chosen:

Now fixture 2 is gone. This is because it only had values stored in cue number 2. The dimmer value of fixture 1 is not affected because it is a tracked value.

If we had chosen **Merge** instead, it would have looked like this:

Now, the value from fixture 3 is added to the existing values.

Store Cues with Timings

When storing a cue, it is possible also to store the different cue timings. This is described in detail in the Cue Timings topic, but here is the short version.

The Time key will add different timing keywords to the command when storing.

For instance, storing cue 4 with a fade time of 6 seconds and a delay of 1 second, the following keys can be pressed:

Store Cue 4 Time 6 Time 1 Please

This is the result in the command line feedback:

```
OK
:   Store Cue 4 CueFade "6" CueDelay "1"
```

Pressing the Time button repeatedly will change what timing keyword it adds.

Adding and Using Cue Labels

A cue can be given a name - using the label keyword - while it is stored. This is the syntax: **Store Cue [Cue_Number] "My Cue Name"**.

The keyboard is needed for writing this. The quotation marks are needed to tell the software that this is text - then, it is not interpreted as a command.

Labels can also automatically be enumerated while storing. Have a look at this command:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 2 + 4 "BO Scene 1"
```

This will not label both cues 2 and 4 the same - it will add 1 to the number for each cue. The result is that cue 2 is called "BO Scene 1" and cue 4 is "BO Scene 2". This enumeration only works if the number is the last part of the label and if there is a space between the last word and the number.

Cue labels can be used when storing. This means that if there are several cues whose labels start with "BO", it is possible to store into all these cues in one operation using BO plus an asterisk. The asterisk functions as a character wildcard and means that the cue name has to begin with "BO", but then any remaining characters can be anything. See the following example.

Example

This is the cue sequence and content before storing:

Notice that cues 3 and 5 are blocked. This means that 100% is stored in the cues even though it is currently not necessary.

With an active value of 0% for fixture 1, use the keyboard to type the following command:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue "BO*" /Merge
```

This is the result:

The two cues whose label begins with BO now got the new value.

Store Cue Parts

Besides the many cues that could be stored in each sequence, it is also possible to store 256 **Cue Parts** to each cue.

Values are always stored in a cue part, and often when we talk about a cue, we are actually talking about all the parts in a cue.

Cue parts are a division of the cue. Cue part 0 is always created with the cue, and this part has all the values unless a different part is created or specified when storing.

Have a look at this example:

Notice that the value for fixture 3 is stored in cue 2, part 10. It does not have a value in cue 2, part 0. And the values from fixtures 1 and 2 are in part 0 and therefore do not have any value in cue 2, part 10. It appears as tracked values.

Storing something in a part is almost as easy as storing the main cue. Using the example above, the keypresses would be:

Store Cue 2 Cue 1 0 Please

The second press on the cue key will result in the Part keyword, and the command line feedback looks like this:

As a default, it is only possible for an attribute to be stored in one cue part per cue. But this can be changed so an attribute can have values in multiple cue parts in the same cue. If **Allow Duplicates** is turned On for a cue then attributes can be stored in all parts of the cue.

In this example, **Allow Duplicates** is set to Yes for cue 2, and fixture 1 has values in both part 0 and part 10:

The cue part with the highest number takes precedence, and in the example above, fixture 1 will end at 40% output when cue 2 is triggered.

Allow Duplicates is a column in the Sequence Sheet.

Store Cue Next and Previous

The Next and Previous keywords can be used when storing cues. This means that instead of storing a specific cue number (or name), a cue can be stored based on the currently active cue. For instance, if the currently active cue is number 4. Then, values can be stored in the next cue using a syntax like this: **Store Cue Next /Merge**.

If the next cue does not exist, then a new cue is created using the next available whole number. It is the same that happens with Store Cue, so in this case the Next keyword is disregarded. The same method can be used to store into the previous cue using the Store Cue Previous /Merge syntax.

A number can be added to count forward or backward. For instance, if there is a sequence with cues 1 to 5 and the currently active cue is 1, then values can be stored to cue 4 using this syntax: Store Cue Next 3 /Merge.

	Hint:
	Next and Previous can be used for other cue actions than store. For instance, Update, Goto, and At.

Store Cue + and -

The + and - keywords can be used when storing cues. In the paragraphs just above, we look at storing using next and previous, but this only stores into the existing cues or adds a new cue at the end with the next available whole number. With + and -, there are some extended options.

This can be used to create new cues in between existing cues.

Let us explore this using an example. The base sequence has the following cues: 10, 20, and 30. Cue 20 is active. A new cue can be created between cues 20 and 30 using this syntax: Store Cue +. This creates cue 21. So the system creates the new cue with the next whole number when it is available. If the same syntax is used again (still with cue 20 active), then cue 20.1 is created because there are no more whole numbers available between 20 and 21. If the syntax is repeated, then cues 20.01 and 20.001 are created. If there is no available space for a new cue between the active cue (20.000) and the next cue (20.001), then the syntax will give an "Illegal index" error.

The syntax Store Cue - creates cue 19, so it works the same, just backwards.

Another option is to define the cue using a number. For example, a sequence exists with cues 1 to 5 (all whole numbers). The currently active cue is number 3. A fixture has some programmer values. This can be stored into cue 4 using the following syntax: Store Cue + 1 /Merge. It is important that there is a space between the + and the number. This creates the same result as Store Cue Next /Merge.

If, instead, the wish is to store the values into a new cue between cues 3 and 4, and we want it to be cue 3.5, then the following syntax can be used: Store Cue + 0.5. This creates cue 3.5 with the values. This uses math to calculate the cue number based on the number of the active cue.

Here is a slightly different example. The base is the same sequence with five cues and the active cue 3. Again, there are some values in the programmer, and the wish is to store these values into a cue just before the active cue. This can be done using the following syntax: Store Cue - 0.4. This creates cue 2.6 with the values (3.0 - 0.4 = 2.6).

Using Command Line Input to Add More While Storing

In the example using the cue labels to store, a command showed some of the other possibilities while storing cues.

The command line gives access to all the store options in the GUI Store Options - read about them in the Store Options and Defaults topic.

All the different elements are described in the Store Keyword topic.

Examples

The following are just a few extra command line examples showing some of the possibilities while storing.

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 1.2 Sequence 4
```

Stores cue number 1.2 in sequence 4.

It does not matter if you write sequence or cue first. So this could also have been:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Sequence 4 Cue 1.2
```

The commands can often be written shorter in the command line input. See some examples in the General Syntax Rules topic.

Read the topics about each keyword to see the short version of the keyword.

```
User name[Fixture]>Store Cue 42 "Al Powell arrives at the Plaze" CueFade 6/3
/Merge
```

This will store the cue with a name, merged, and stored with an in-fade of six seconds and an out-fade of three seconds. Read more about the store options in the Store options and defaults topic.

Store Remove

A version of storing is the **Store Remove**, where Remove is selected in the store pop-up (described above).

This will remove the stored values for the attributes that currently have active values in the programmer.

The actual values in the programmer are irrelevant in this case. They simply indicate what attributes should be removed from the cue.

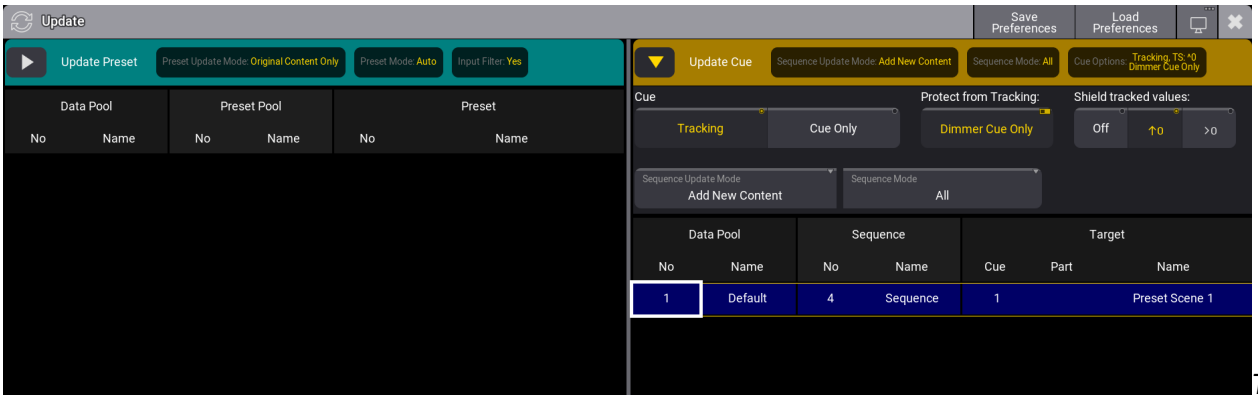
1.31.6. Update Cues

The stored values in a cue can always be changed by storing new values in them.

But if there are active cues and active values in the programmer, it is also possible to update the cue or cue part.

The Update key flashes when this scenario is valid.

Pressing Update opens the **Update Menu**.



The Update Menu with possible update locations.

The main update menu is split into a left and right section. The right side displays a list of possible cue update targets. If there are multiple data pools in the show, columns with the data pool information are shown.

To update the cue part with the current settings, just tap the desired cue part on the list on the right side. This immediately updates the stored values in the selected location.

Entire cues can also be selected as the update target. If values already exist in single parts and are updated with the **Sequence Update Mode** setting to **Add New Content**, the values will be updated in their respective parts.

Some options are relevant to the cue update process. The current selected values for these options are displayed in the dark yellow area on the right side. These settings can be changed by tapping the right-pointing triangle (▶). This opens the settings - the example image above shows the settings for the cues.

The top row of the cue settings are the tracking settings. These settings define how and if the updated values are tracked through the following cues. Learn more about these settings in the What is Tracking topic and its sub-topics.

The two settings on the second row are **Sequence Update Mode** and **Sequence Mode**.

Sequence Update Mode:

The mode toggles between two options. **Original Content Only** updates the already existing values at their original location - possibly a previous cue. **Add New Content** updates the active cue with all the

programmer values (filter and worlds are still respected), possibly adding new values and new content to the cue.

Sequence Mode:

The sequence mode is a filter that can be used to filter the list of possible cue parts. The options are:

- **All**:
  This shows all possible cue parts from all active sequences.
- **Selected**:
  This only shows the cue part from the selected sequence.
- **Last Go**:
  This shows the latest cue to receive one of the trigger commands (<<<, >>>, Go+, Go-, Goto, Load, On, Select, Top, Temp, Flash, Toggle On, Pause). This includes if the cue is triggered from a running timecode recording. A sequence (and its cues) can be excluded from LastGo - read about the Sequence Settings. Last Go only shows cues triggered by the same user profile.

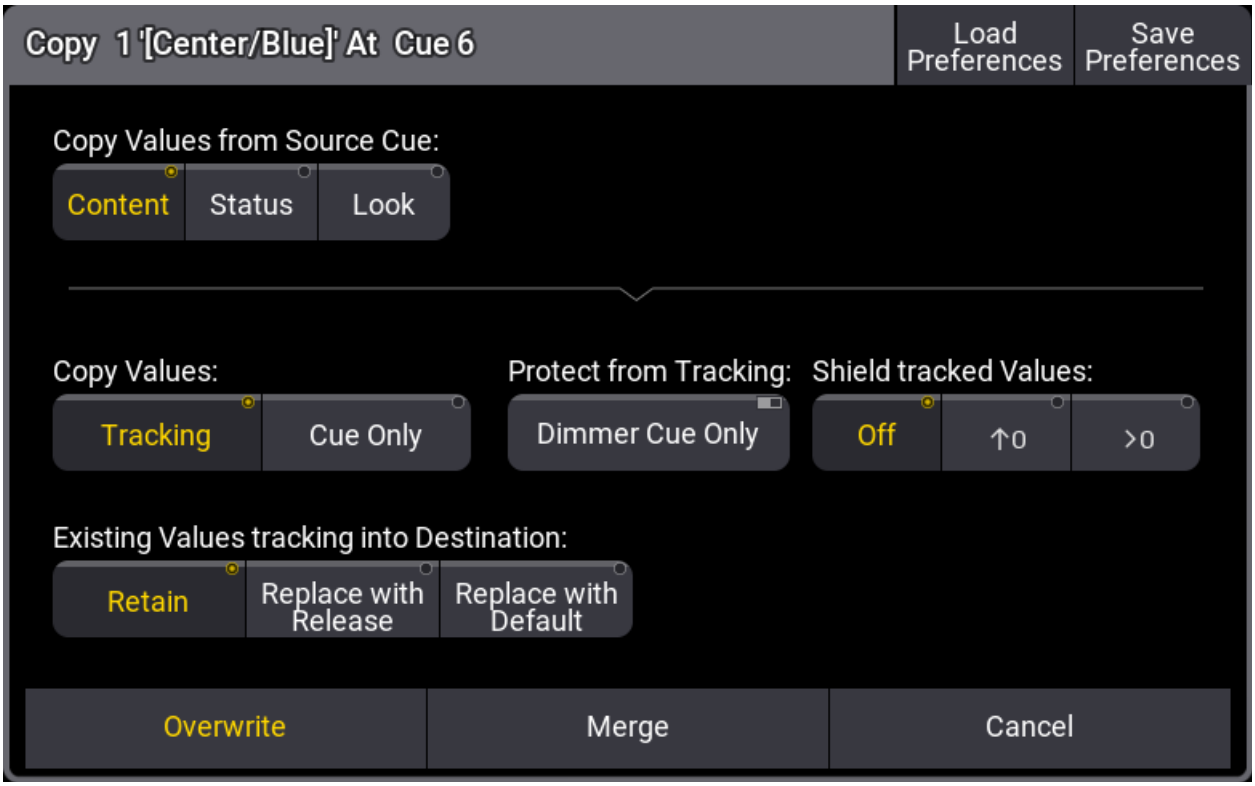
The left side of the **Update Menu** is about presets. Learn more about presets in the Preset section.

1.31.7. Copy Cues

Cues can be copied to a new or existing cue.

The Copy keyword is needed for this operation. The general syntax is **Copy Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] At ["New_Cue_Name" or New_Cue_Number]**.

Different options define what and how the cue is copied. These options appear in a pop-up when the copy command is executed.



Copy cue pop-up

Copy values from Source Cue has three different radio buttons that are mutually exclusive:

- **Content**:
  Copies only the values stored in the source cue.
- **Status**:
  Copies the status of the source cue. Status includes the values stored in the cue and all tracked values from former cues.
- **Look**:
  If the fixture's dimmer attribute has a value status above 0% in the source cue, then the status values of all attributes in the source cue are copied.
  If the fixture's dimmer attribute has a value status of 0% in the source cue, then only the dimmer attribute is copied from the source cue.
  This means that the current status of the dimmer value is always copied.

Copy Values defines how values should track through the sequence. There are two radio buttons:

- **Tracking**:
  The new values are added as normal tracking values and will track onward.
- **Cue Only**:
  The new values are added using Cue Only. Attributes that do not have a previous value it can return to will store the default value in the following cue.

  Cue Only is a function that stores values at the destination, but also stores the previouslly tracked values in the following cue. The result is that following cue keeps the same look. Learn more about **Cue Only** in the Store Cues Topic.

A single option in the **Protect from Tracking** section is **Dimmer Cue Only**. Turning this On will store the dimmer attributes as Cue Only, but the other attributes can be stored as tracking using the other settings.

The **Shield tracked Values** have three options. It is about the Tracking Shield function. Learn more in the Tracking Shield topic. The options are:

- **Off**:
  Tracking Shield is not used.
- **↑0**:
  Protects attributes in the next cue where the dimmer value increases starting from zero.
- **>0**:
  Protects attributes in the next cue where the dimmer value is above zero

Existing Values tracking into Destination also has three mutually exclusive radio buttons. This setting defines what should happen with values that track into the new copied cue from previous cues.

- **Retain**:
  The tracking values are kept and tracked into the new cue.
- **Replace With Release**:
  Tracking values are replaced with the "Release" special value.
- **Replace With Default**:
  Tracking values are replaced with the default value.

Finally, there are four different possible execution buttons:

- **Copy**:
  If the destination is an empty location, then there is a copy button. Tapping this executes the copy action using the settings in the pop-up.
- **Overwrite**:
  If the destination already contains values, then tapping Overwrite will copy the cue. The copy action overwrites the destination cue with the source cue data and deletes values not defined by the source cue.
- **Merge**:
  If the destination already contains values, then tapping Merge will copy the cue, and the copy action merges the data of the source to the destination. Existing data in the destination cue will be kept as long as both the source and destination do not have data of the same attribute. If existing data in the destination is also part of the source, the data from the source wins and overwrites the destination.
- **Cancel**:
  Always available. Cancels the cue copy operation and closes the pop-up.

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Copy of Ranges

When copying ranges of cues, these rules apply:

- When a natural order of cues is selected using **Thru**, the software attempts to maintain all gaps from the source range at the destination.

Example:

Precondition: Cues 1, 2, and 4 exist.

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 Thru 4 At Cue 11
```

Result: New cues 11, 12, and 14.

- If a cue exists already in the range of the destination spot (even if it would fit into a gap), the software suppresses the range at the destination so that the original order of cues is uninterrupted. The software tries to set whole cue numbers. If this is not possible, it appends dotted cue numbers. The software tries to use as few decimals as possible (1 -> .1 -> .01 -> .001).

Examples:

Precondition: Cues 1, 2, 4, and 12 exist.

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 Thru 4 At Cue 11
```

Result: New cues 11, 11.1, and 11.3. The gap between cues 2 and 4 is maintained but shifted, as the start of the destination is 11 and not 11.1.

Precondition: Cues 1, 2, 4, and 11.1 exist.

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 Thru 4 At Cue 11
```

Result: New cues 11, 11.01, and 11.03. The gap between cues 2 and 4 is maintained but shifted, as the start of the destination is 11 and not 11.1.

- When the source range of cues is selected in a reversed order by using **Thru**, the software ignores the gaps from the source range when creating the destination range. The same rule for the resulting cue numbers at the destination from above applies here as well.

Example:

Precondition: Cues 1, 2, and 4 exist.

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 4 Thru 1 At Cue 11
```

Result:
The content, status, or look of cue 4 is copied to cue 11.
The content, status, or look of cue 2 is copied to cue 12.
The content, status, or look of cue 1 is copied to cue 13.

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- In the case of defining the source range by using **+**, the arising gaps between the single cues can be maintained if the cues are selected in ascending order. If the order is reversed or mixed, then the gaps are suppressed. The same rule for the resulting cue numbers at the destination from above applies here as well.

Examples:

Precondition: Cues 1, 2, and 4 exist.

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 1 + 4 At Cue 11
```

Result: New cues 11 and 14

Precondition: Cues 1, 2, and 4 exist.

```
User name[Fixture]>Copy Cue 2 + 1 + 4 At Cue 11
```

Result: New cues 11, 12, and 13.

- When the source list is generated by using a combination of **Thru** and **+**, the above rules apply. The thru part of the source list uses the rules of thru, while the +-part uses the +-rules.

Copy Paste

The copy function places data in temporary memory. This can be pasted to a destination using the Paste keyword.

The principle is that a cue is copied into the memory and pasted to a destination.

This process does not provide the same options as described above in the normal copy syntax. Paste uses content as the source and will do a standard copy or merge.

Cut

Cues can be cut and pasted as a means to move a cue. Use the Cut keyword instead of copy. This does not give the same options as the copy function.

A cue needs to be cut first and then pasted into a destination.

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1.31.8. Cue Recipes

Recipes can be used in cues and presets. See the Recipe topic to learn the basics of recipes and the Recipe Preset topic to learn about using recipes in presets. It is a good idea to read the recipe topic before this one.

This topic is about recipes in cues.

A recipe can contain multiple lines describing what should happen based on a set of information. The recipe "cooks" values into the cue.

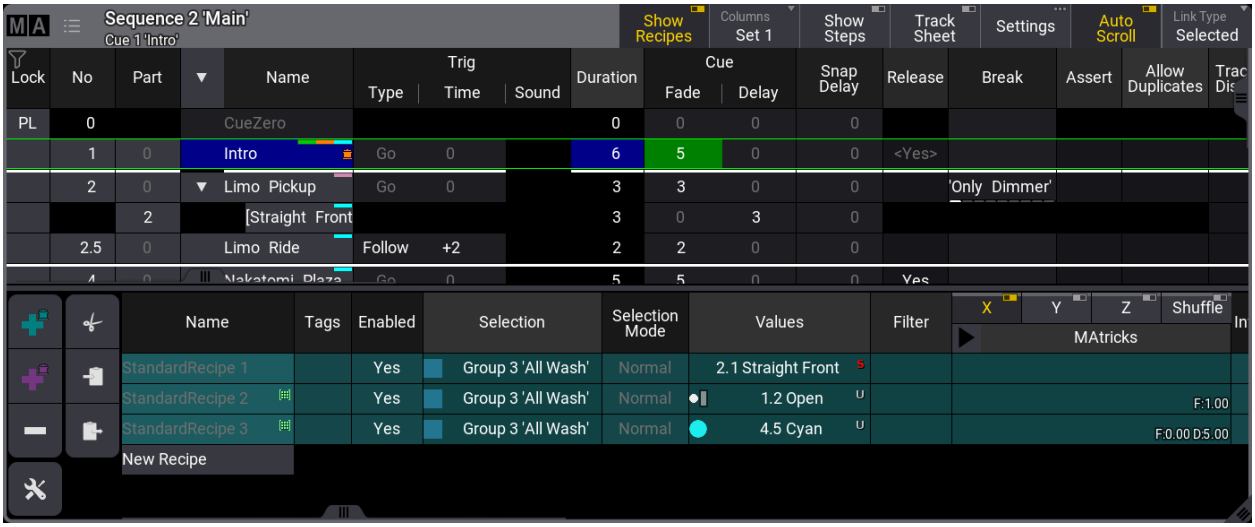
A recipe line can contain information about a selection, values, MAtricks reference, filter, individual fade, delay, speed, phase values, and grid values.

Values from recipes can be combined with conventionally stored values.

Adding Cue Recipes

Recipes are added to each cue part in a sequence.

The best way to access the recipes is by turning On the Show Recipes mask in a Sequence Sheet:



Sequence sheet with cue recipes showing

This gives access to adding, editing, and deleting recipe lines.

Showing the recipe lines in the sequence sheet adds a gray horizontal divider that allows separating the cues from the recipes. This line can be moved up or down by tapping and holding the line and sliding it up and down. Release the screen at the desired location.

Learn more about this line and the different columns in the Recipes topic.

The cells in the recipe lines can be edited, and more lines can be added by tapping and holding the New Recipe or by tapping the relevant plus icon in the toolbar on the left side.

Each line can contain a set of information.

The MAtricks reference column and the individual MAtricks columns only take effect when there is ranged data from, for instance, a MAgic preset or a timing range.

Making changes to the recipe line automatically cooks the line using the Merge Low Priority option, not the normal Merge. Recipe lines without a group do not auto-cook.

Deleting an already cooked recipe line also auto-cooks any remaining recipe lines.

Manual cooking can be done using the Cook keyword. An entire sequence can be cooked in one command.

The general syntax for cook is: **Cook [Object] (/Option)**

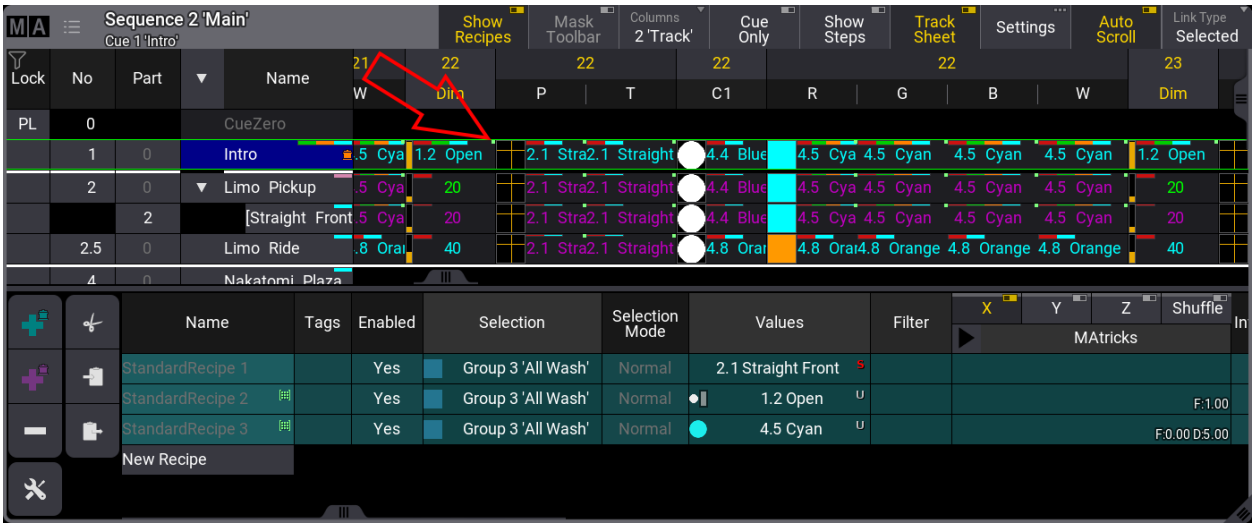
There are four options:

- **Merge** - Removes values flagged as cooked, then cooks the values from the recipes, and replaces values at the destination based on the recipe ingredients.
- **MergeLowPriority** - Default if nothing else is specified. Replace existing cooked data and add new data based on the recipe ingredients, but do not change non-cooked data.
- **Overwrite** - Delete all contents of the target object and cook new data based on the recipe ingredients.
- **Remove** - Delete any data from the target object that has been cooked but never updated.

Executing a cook command without an option keyword opens a pop-up prompting for which option to use. It also includes a cancel option that cancels the cook command.

A cue with recipe information gets the small pot icon in the name column. It does not indicate whether there are cooked values or not; it only indicates if there are recipe lines and if the lines are valid. Learn about the different color indications of the pot icon in the Recipe topic.

Activating the Track Sheet mode in the Sequence Sheet makes the attribute values visible for each cue. Values from a recipe have a small green marker in the upper-right corner.



Sequence Sheet in Track Sheet mode showing the Recipe marker

1.31.9. Store Settings and Store Preferences

There are some settings used for storing objects such as cues, presets, and groups.

Each user has their own preferred settings.

During the store, it is also possible to add option commands that will use a specific set of store settings.

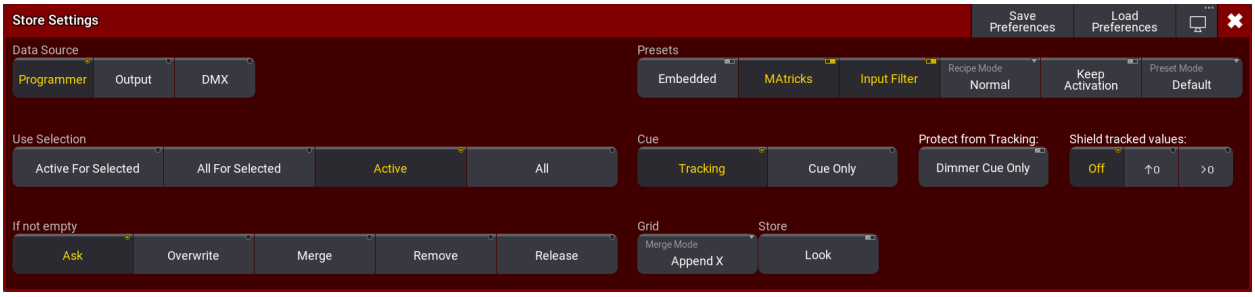
In this topic, the settings regarding storing cues are described. Some of these settings will impact how other cues will respond. Elements related to tracking are described in the "What is Tracking" topic and its subtopics.

Temporary Store Settings

The store settings can be opened as a temporary version.

This is done by pressing and holding the Store key for approximately one second.

It appears as a pop-up on screen 1 (default location).



Store Settings pop-up showing the current settings

There are different areas with different settings: Data Source, Use Selection, If not empty, Presets, Cue, Grid, and Store.

In the title bar, there are three buttons. Tap Save Preferences to store the current settings as the new default user store preferences. Tap Load Preferences to load the stored user store preferences values into the store settings pop-up. The last button is used to change the menu location.

Data Source

This defines the data source for what will be stored.

There are three different sources:

- **Programmer** (Default):
  This will use the values in the programmer as the source. It takes the **Use Selection** and **Store** settings into account (read below).

- **Output**:
  Uses the status of the current output from the console as the source. The output can be affected by masters and DMX profiles. The DMX sheet shows what the output actually is. The **Use Selection** setting is limited to **All For Selected** or **All** (Default).
- **DMX**:
  This uses incoming DMX values as the source. It is only valid for DMX channels that have fixtures patched. The **Use Selection** setting is limited to **All For Selected** or **All** (Default).
  When storing incoming DMX, only the values are stored that are not at the default of the fixture type. In addition, values that are at fixture type default will be stored into the sequence when the sequence contains already this attribute with a different value.

Use Selection

This decides what values, from the source, will be used when storing.

- **Active For Selected**:
  Stores all active attributes but only for the fixtures selected in the programmer. This is only available to the **Programmer** data source.
- **All For Selected**:
  Stores all attributes of the selected fixtures.
- **Active** - (default for programmer source):
  Stores the values that are active in the programmer. This is only available to the **Programmer** data source.
- **All** - (default for Output and DMX source)**:**
  Stores all attributes for all fixtures.

If Not Empty

This defines the store method used if values are stored into an existing cue.

- **Ask** - This is the factory default setting:
  This means that none of the other options below are used and a pop-up asks the user what to do.
- **Overwrite**:
  All existing data is deleted and the current source and selection are used to store new values.
- **Merge**:
  This will merge the new values into the existing values. New values have a higher priority and will overwrite existing values.
- **Remove**:
  This will remove the stored values for the attributes using the current **Use Selection** setting.
- **Release**:
  A special release value is stored. The actual values in the source are not relevant, but the selection is used to define where the release value is stored.

Presets

These are the settings used when storing presets.

They are described in the Create Presets topic or in the other Preset topics.

Cue

There are two radio buttons here: Tracking and Cue Only.

Values can be stored using the tracking principles or as Cue Only.

Learn more about **Tracking** in the What is Tracking topic.

Learn more about **Cue Only** in the Cue Only topic.

Protect from Tracking

This setting is called **Dimmer Cue Only**. It is relevant when the Cue mode is Tracking (see above). Toggling this setting On will store the dimmer values using Cue Only principles and other attributes as tracking (link about Cue Only and Tracking topics above).

Shield tracked values

The shield function can be used to protect tracked values in future cues. This setting is only relevant when the Cue mode is Tracking. The three options are explained in the Tracking Shield topic.

Grid

There is one setting in this area. It is Merge Mode. This is relevant for all elements that store the fixture grid position - Learn more about the grid in the Selection Grid topic.

The **Merge Mode** is used when an object (including fixture grid position) is merged into another object of the same type. For instance, a group merged into another group or a preset merged into another preset.

There are two options that the button toggles between:

- **Append X**:
  The fixtures are merged into an offset X position in the selection grid. The merged fixtures (source fixtures) are positioned after the last existing fixture (destination fixtures). They are appended to the existing fixture's X position.
- **Off**:
  The fixtures are merged into the grid positions where they are originally stored.

Store

This area only has one toggle button: **Look**. This can be turned On or Off.

When this is On, then all attributes for fixtures with a dimmer value above 0 are stored. If **Active For Selected** is selected and there are fixtures that have a dimmer level actively at 0% in the programmer, then only the dimmer value will be stored for these fixtures, even if other attributes are active in the programmer.

This can be combined with various settings for **Data Source** and **Use Selection**.

Cue Preferences

There is a set of timing preferences used when cues are created. They can be seen and edited in the Menu -> Preferences and Timings.

Here are the general cue timings and the preset timings. Read more about these different timings and what they do in the Cue Timing topic.

1.31.10. Play Back Cues

Cues are stored in a Sequence. All sequences are stored in a sequence pool.

When a cue is active, the sequence is active in the pool.

It is not possible to run a cue without playing back the sequence.

Executors are controls that allow for easy hands-on playback of the sequences. Executors can playback or trigger other objects than sequences as well.

Sequences do not need to be associated with an executor to playback cues.

Relevant Playback Commands

Many keywords can be used for playback operations. They are all listed using the Help command.

For sequence playback, there are some very common keywords (read details about them by following the links):

- **Go+**
  Use this to trigger the next cue with a "Go" trigger or to specify a cue (**Go+ Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]**). This command triggers subsequent cues using a follow or timed trigger.
- **Go-**
  Use this to trigger the previous cue or a specific cue using **Go- Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]**. Using the syntax that specifies the cue number does not trigger subsequent cues.
- **Goto**
  Use this command to go to a specific cue. The specified cue is triggered when the command is executed. Please note that this command also asserts tracked values so that the visual result can be different than a normal Go command. The **Assert** mode for the cue is relevant. "None" and "Assert" will assert tracked values using the cue timing from the cue where the value is stored. "X-Assert" will assert the tracked values using the cue timing of the "Goto" cue. Learn more about the Goto keyword in the Goto Keyword topic.
- **Load**
  This is used to preload cues. The cue is then ready to be triggered via a Go+ command. Several cues in different sequences can be loaded and triggered together with the **Go+ Loaded** syntax.
- **Pause**
  Executing this command will pause all running fades, delays, and phasers, effectively halting all values where they currently are. The fade and delay are also resumed using the Pause command.
- **Top**
  This keyword is used to trigger the first cue
- **<<< (GoFastBackward)**
  If a target cue is not specified, the previous cue in the sequence is triggered, ignoring any cue timing and jumping to the cue using the timing defined in the **Playback Timings**. The default timing is 0 seconds. A cue can be specified, and this will trigger the specified cue only

(**<<< Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]**). This keyword does not trigger follow and timed cues.

This timing is set in the **Preference and Timings** menu under **Timings**. Learn more in the Cue Timing topic.

- **>>>(GoFastForward)**
  If a target cue is not specified, the next cue in the sequence is triggered, ignoring any cue timing and jumping to the cue using the timing defined in the **Playback Timings**. The default timing is 0 seconds. A cue can be specified, and this will trigger the specified cue only (**>>> Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number]**). This keyword does not trigger follow and timed cues.

  This timing is set in the **Preference and Timings** menu under **Timings**. Learn more in the Cue Timing topic.

But there are many more that can be useful.

These functions can be assigned to executor keys for easy access (See how in the Assign Object to an Executor topic), but they can also always be sent directly to the sequence. For instance, the following command can be used if you want to go to cue 4 in sequence 6:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Cue 4 Sequence 6
```

The order of sequence and cue does not matter. So it could also be:

```
User name[Fixture]>Goto Sequence 6 Cue 4
```

The system interprets it as in the last example. The Command Line History window shows this response:

```
OK
:   Goto Sequence 6 Cue 4
```

If an executor handles a sequence, the playback commands can also be sent to the executor.

```
User name[Fixture]>Go+ Executor 101
```

This will send the go command to the object assigned to Executor 101. If this object is a sequence, the next cue will be triggered.

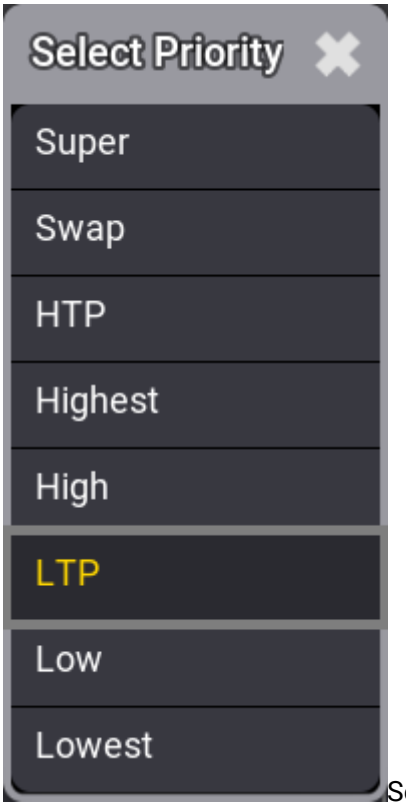
Sequence Priorities

When several sequences affect the same fixture attributes, then priorities become important. The priority setting is a property of the sequence.

These settings can be opened by pressing the Assign key and then one of the executors keys where the sequence is assigned. This opens the **Assign Menu**. On the right side of the menu, there are some buttons. Please tap Edit Settings. These are all the settings available for a sequence. The settings can

also be opened by tapping Settings in the title bar of a sequence sheet. All the settings are discussed in the Sequence Settings topic.

The priority setting can be found in the **Playback** group of settings. Tapping it toggles through the different properties, swiping it opens a small select pop-up like this:



Select Priority pop-up

This is the list of possible priority properties. This is a short explanation of the priorities:

- **Super:**
  This priority is the LTP priority above any other playbacks and even above the programmer.
- **Swap:**
  Intensity is working as LTP with higher priority than HTP.
- **HTP (Highest Takes Precedence):**
  The highest intensity value will be used. Other parameters will use LTP.
- **Highest**:
  Highest LTP priority - Like LTP but with the highest possible LTP priority.
- **High:**
  High LTP priority - like LTP but a higher priority than normal LTP.
- **LTP (Latest Takes Precedence):**
  This is the normal LTP priority. The newest attribute value is prioritized over the old value.
- **Low:**
  Low LTP - This is a lower LTP priority.
- **Lowest**:
  Lowest LTP - This is the lowest possible LTP priority.

LTP is one of the most used priority settings. There are five different levels of LTP priority to give different sequences different levels of LTP priorities.

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The list in the pop-up is also prioritized, where Super at the top has the absolute highest priority. This also means that HTP sequences have a higher priority than LTP sequences.

Soft LTP

This option relates to how intensities change from one sequence to another when the values transfer from the original sequence to the new one.

When an attribute has a value from a cue and another cue in a different sequence with the same LTP priority is beginning to send new values to the same attribute, then Soft LTP might influence how the transition from the old value to the new value happens. This is only relevant when the new value is applied by moving the master of the new sequence. In this case, the attribute can jump from the old value to the new value and immediately have the value it should have according to the master position (Soft LTP Off), or it can start to fade from the old value to the new value using the master position as a crossfader (Soft LTP On).

	Important:
	Both sequences need to be active, and both need to send value to the same attributes. **Auto Start** and **Auto Stop** are turned On by default for sequences. If these properties are turned Off, the sequences must be turned On manually for the SoftLTP function to affect the transition. If the Master faders are both at 100%, then SoftLTP does not have a function.

Example

1. Patch a fixture with a dimmer attribute.
2. Give the dimmer a 50% value and store this in a new sequence - call this sequence "Original".
3. Give the dimmer a value of 100% and store this as a new cue in a new sequence. Call this sequence "New".
4. Assign an executor fader as the master for sequence "New".
5. Ensure **Auto Start** and **Auto Stop** are active for sequence "New".
6. Open a fixture sheet and make sure it is set to show the **Output** layer.
7. Run the cue on sequence "Original" and have the master at zero for sequence "New". The dimmer value should now be 50%.
8. Now move the master slowly up from zero and see the output value change.

Soft LTP On: The dimmer will fade from 50% to 100% while the master moves up to 100 (fade from the "Original" value to the "New" value).

Soft LTP Off: The dimmer will jump down to the value dictated by the master position and fade up together with the master (jump from the "Original" value to the "New" value based on fader position).

9. Now try to move the fader slowly down to zero.

Soft LTP On: The dimmer fades from 100% to 50% (from the "New" value to the "Original" value).

Soft LTP Off: The dimmer value will fade down to 0% with the master, and when the sequence turns Off then the dimmer will jump to 50% (Fade down with "New" master position - jump to "Original" value when "New" is turning Off).

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1.31.11. Move In Black

Move in black (MIB) is a function where tracking sequences look ahead and preposition attributes of fixtures that are fading the dimmer in from zero to automatically prevent transitions where the fixture would move the attributes into position while the fixture is fading in.

MIB is enabled on a cue part basis by giving the MIB property of the cue part a value that tells the console when and how it should do the prepositioning.

MIB settings are applied to cues and affect all fixtures stored in the cue. A special **Hold** value can be stored on the Dimmer attribute to prevent a MIB action for specific fixtures. **Hold** is similar to giving the dimmer attribute a value of 0%, but it does not trigger the MIB function for the fixture.

Hold can be found in the calculator for the dimmer attribute, in the **Specials** tab.

It can also be applied using the Hold Keyword.

While the MIB is in progress, the MIB indicator in the Fixture Sheet indicates this:

- **Fast flashing**: Fixtures' intensity fades to 0% in order to do an MIB.
- **Slow flashing**: Fixtures do the MIB.

When a fixture has moved in black, it has a deep-sea green background color (see more at the bottom of this topic).

If the fixture is selected and an absolute dimmer value above 0 is given, then there is a User Profile Setting called **KnockIn MIB** defining what happens.

- **Off**:
  Only the actively changed attributes are activated in the programmer. The moved in black attributes stay in the MIB'ed state and are not automatically active values in the programmer. The result can be that what is seen in the output is not what is stored in the cue, so when the cue is played back, it will not look like it did when it was stored.
- **Post**:
  The attributes that have been moved in black are activated in the programmer to ensure the fixture's current state is active. This means that if the cue is stored or updated and played back, it will look like it did when it is played back. This function only regards absolute values.

Several options and properties modify MIB behavior. Two of them are **MIB Fade** and **MIB Delay** timing properties.

MIB Fade is the fade time of attributes that will be positioned by MIB. It is available in different places. There is an order of importance in which MIB fade time to apply:

1. Per cue part
2. Per attribute in a fixture type
3. Global in the show file

When a MIB fade time is specified in the cue part, the individual attribute MIB fade time will be ignored. When the MIB fade time of the cue is set to default, the global MIB fade time will be applied unless an attribute has an individual MIB fade time set.

MIB Delay is the delay time the attributes wait from having the dimmer closed until the MIB fade is performed. The MIB delay time can be specified per cue part or global in the show file. The same ruleset as for MIB fade applies: When the MIB delay time of the cue is set to default, the global MIB delay time will be applied.

When the MIB fade and/or MIB delay is performed between cues, the MIB times specified in the (future) cue part where the dimmer opens again will be applied. For example, a fixture is moving in cue 3 to be ready for cue 5. The MIB times specified in cue 5 is used for the MIB.

Cue MIB Settings

The sequence sheet can display several columns for the different MIB settings. Read more about the sequence sheet in the Look at Cues and Preferences.

- **MIB Preference**:
  This specifies a cue's suitability for MIB. It is a percentage number from 0(never) to 100(best). The MIB modes Early, UponGo, and Late prioritize the cue with the highest rated suitability and choose this cue for executing the MIB. The MIB mode Defined does not respect the MIB preference.
  Edit the cell to type a number or select one of the following preference options:
  - **Never(0)**:
    An MIB will never be performed.
  - **Worst(1)**:
    If there are no other options, then this cue will be used.
  - **Bad(25)**:
    It is not optimal, but it is better than the two others.
  - **Normal(50)**:
    This is the default value.
  - **Good(75)**:
    This is a better cue than normal.
  - **Best(100)**:
    This is the optimal cue to perform the MIB.
- **MIB Mode**:
  Defines how early or late the MIB shall be performed per cue part.
  - **Default**:
    Performs MIB corresponding to the MIB mode setting of the sequence setting **MIB Mode**.
  - **None**:
    MIB will not be performed for this cue.
  - **Defined**:
    A specific cue can be defined in the **MIB Target** column where the MIB is to be performed. The MIB is performed when the specified cue is active.
  - **Early**:
    Performs the MIB as soon as the dimmer is closed. Typically, after the cue transition has finished.

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    - **UponGo**:
      Performs the MIB with the next cue transition after the dimmer has closed. The MIB executes with the cue after **Early** would have triggered the MIB.
    - **Late**:
      Performs the MIB latest in the cue before the dimmer opens again.
- **MIB Target**:
  A specific cue where MIB is performed for this cue part, see MIB Mode above. When setting an MIB target, the **MIB Mode** will be changed to **Defined**, and vice versa. When changing an MIB Mode that is not **Defined,** the **MIB Target** will be removed.
- **MIB MultiStep**:
  It is possible to decide whether a phaser where the fixtures are already prepositioned shall keep running with the closed dimmer or if they shall be paused. This can prevent unwanted noise and movement of stepper motors for prepositioned fixtures running a phaser, especially when it would disturb the audience. The two options are:
    - **Running**:
      A phaser is running with a closed dimmer.
    - **Paused**:
      A phaser will be prepositioned but does not start running until opening the dimmer.
- **MIB Fade**:
  The MIB fade time per cue part. It can be a set time or default. Default takes the global show file MIB fade time, or the attribute MIB fade time.
- **MIB Delay**:
  The MIB delay time per cue part. It can be a set time or default. Default takes the global show file MIB delay time or the attribute MIB delay time.

The sequence sheet hides those MIB cells that are not considered for the different combinations of MIB settings or if a cue or cue part is not suitable for MIB.

Global MIB Settings

To change the global MIB Preferences, go to Menu - Preferences and Timings.

In the Timings tab, there is a section called MIB Timings.

This defines the default **MIB Fade** and **MIB Delay** times. This value is input as time. For more information about MIB fade and MIB delay, please read above.

The property **MIB Transition** defines which transition type will be applied to the fade of MIB. Read more about the different types of transitions in the Cue Timing topic.

The MIB Transition can only be defined for all MIB fades globally in the show file. It is not possible to define a different transition type for a single MIB fade per cue or cue part.

In the Cues tab, there is a section called **MIB Preferences**.

Here, it is possible to change the defaults that will be set to a new cue when it is stored.

- **MIB Mode**:
  The MIB Mode is used when storing a new cue that can execute MIB.

- **MIB Fade**:
  The MIB fade time is used when storing a new cue that can execute MIB. Default uses the time set in the timing tab.
- **MIB Delay**:
  The MIB delay time is used when storing a new cue that can execute MIB. Default uses the time set in the timing tab.
- **MIB MultiStep**:
  The MIB MultiStep settings are described above.

For more information about these settings, read above.

Sequence MIB Settings

There are sequence-wide MIB settings within the sequence settings. Read more about the settings in the Sequence Settings topic.

The purpose of the sequence MIB settings is to have the option to overwrite the cue-based MIB settings with the MIB settings.

When setting the MIB to any option except Enabled, the sequence sheet displays the corresponding setting in yellow in the MIB Mode column header. It also adds exclamation marks before and after the mode set in the cues, for instance, !Late!, to indicate that the set value is overwritten.

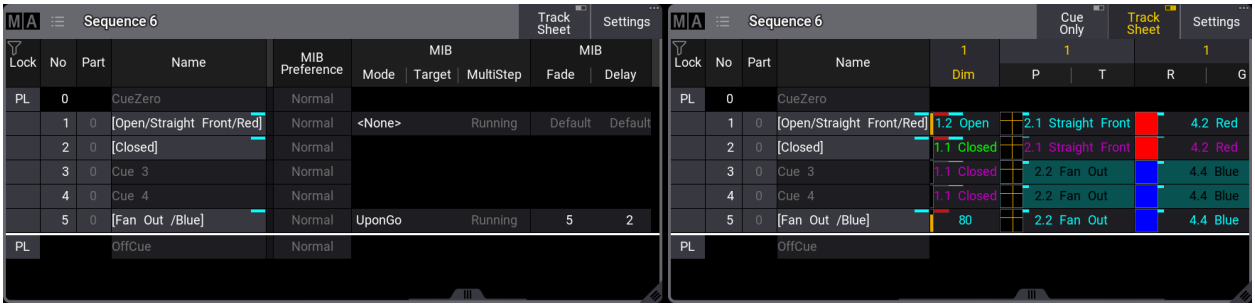
The MIB Mode setting selects the default MIB mode used when doing a MIB. The MIB Mode per cue or cue part must be set to Default.

For more information about the different MIB Mode types per sequence, please read the above.

MIB Color Indicators

Attribute values will be displayed with special colors within the fixture sheet and the sequence sheet in track mode to show when the MIB is performed.

The tracking sheet view shows when the MIB is performed in this example.



Two versions of the sequence sheet showing MIB data and the Track Sheet

The fixtures need to be ready for cue 5. In cue 5, the MIB Mode is set to "UponGo". This means that when the fixtures fade to 0% in cue 2, they are ready to MIB with the next cue trigger. When cue 3 is activated, they will perform the MIB for cue 5.

The default color indicators are a deep-sea green background and black text color. Read more about the MIB colors in the fixture sheet and other grandMA3 colors in the Colors topics.

1.31.12. Cue Timing

Each cue part has a lot of timing information.

The default times are used if nothing is defined on cue creation. The default can be changed. Read about the default times below.

Any cue timings can be changed at any point using the command line or the GUI (Sequence Sheet).

There are a lot of elements that affect how a fixture changes values, and they can be divided into different groups:

- **General cue times**
- **Feature Type Timing**
- **Individual Attribute times**
- **Executor Time at point of cue execution**
- **Dynamic changed Rate**

This is also the priority list from lowest to highest priority.

There is also the cue transition that defines how the values change from one to another.

General Cue Times

There are six different general cue timings. Each has its own column in the Sequence Sheet when condensed timing is turned off - read about it in the Look at Cues and Sequences topic :

- **Cue In Fade**
  This is the fade time used for all intensity values changing from a lower value to a higher value, and for any other attribute changing value. It starts when the cue is triggered and after the Cue In Delay has counted down.
- **Cue In Delay**
  This is the delay before the fade. This defines a countdown time between when the cue is triggered and when the fade should begin. The In Delay affects the In Fade. The default value is 0, meaning that there is no delay.
- **Cue Out Fade**
  The out fade is used by intensity values fading from a higher value to a lower one. It is executed after the Cue Out Delay. The default value is the in fade, meaning that it is the same as whatever the cue in fade is.
- **Cue Out Delay**
  This is the delay time for the Out Fade. It can be used to delay when intensity values should start to fade down in value. The default value is in delay, meaning it is the same as the Cue In Delay value.
- **Snap Delay**
  Some attributes are defined to Snap. This means that they do not fade from one value to another. They change values as fast as possible. This can make sense for attributes like gobos. This delay is used to delay when the snap is performed. It makes it possible to have the fixture fade out before snapping to a new gobo. This delay affects all snap attributes stored in the cue. It can be overwritten by individual attribute timing.

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- **Command Delay**
  This delays the execution of a command. This is the only place where this delay can be defined. There is no individual timing for this.

These values can be changed using this syntax:

Cue ["Cue_Name" or Cue_Number] CueInFade [New_Cue_Time]

Just use the relevant keyword: CueInFade, CueOutFade, CueInDelay, CueOutDelay, SnapDelay, or CommandDelay.

There are two more options for setting the cue fade and delay. They are called CueFade and CueDelay. They can be used to set the four cue fade and delay times mentioned above. They are used to set the in and out time using just one keyword.

The in and out time is separated by a slash. The time before the slash is the **In** time. The time after the slash is the **Out** time. It is not necessary to specify both in and out. The slash can be used to set just one of them. The desired time has to be on the correct side of the slash.

If only one time is set without any slash, then the in time gets the actual value, and the out time is linked to the in time - it is technically set to time "None". The result is that, for instance, the fade in and fade out will be the same.

For example, setting the in fade to 5 seconds and the out fade to 8 seconds in cue 3 could be done with the following keystrokes:

Cue 3 Time 5 / 8 Please

The command line would read:

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 3 CueFade 5/8
```

If only one time is given, both in and out will use the time. For instance,

```
User name[Fixture]>Cue 4 CueFade 7
```

This makes cue 4 use 7 seconds to both fade in and out.

The CueFade and CueDelay commands can address only the in or out time by adding the slash and a number to the relevant side. For instance, setting the CueOutFade to 3 and the CueInDelay to 1 on the currently active cue:

```
User name[Fixture]>CueFade /3 CueDelay 1/
```

Both CueFade and CueDelay can be addressed using the Time key. Read more about delays by following the links above to the keywords.

Feature Group Timings

Each feature group has its own fade and delay time, and the Sequence Sheet has columns for each.

These times are used by all fixtures changing the values of that feature group. Overwriting the general cue timing for that feature group.

	Important:
	Intensity values changing to a lower value are not affected by the "Dimmer Fade" time. They are controlled by the "Cue Out Fade".

The feature group fade and delay default is general cue timing. This means they are the same as the time for the Cue In Fade and Cue In Delay.

Individual Attribute Timing

Each individual attribute can have an individual fade and/or delay time. This is called individual time. These individual times are selected using the programmer and added to the cue when it is stored. They can also be edited in the sequence sheet while in tracking mode.

There are two columns in the sequence sheet called **Indiv Fade** and **Indiv Delay**. They display the highest of the individual times. The **Indiv Duration** column shows the complete individual time (delay + fade).

Executor Time

There is an **Executor Time** master fader. It can be seen and changed in the Master Controls pop-up. It can also be assigned to physical controls or executors.

If this function is turned On, the set time will be used instead of the stored fade and delay timing. The **Executor Time** faders position is registered when the cue is triggered. The fader can be moved afterward without affecting the running cue fade. Read more in the Time Control topic.

Sequences can be protected from this function by turning Off the **Use Executor Time** setting in Sequence Setting.

Rate Time

The **Rate** allows the timings to be dynamically adjusted while the cue fade runs. It does not change the stored times. It simply adjusts the time to be faster or slower.

Moving the fader up makes the fade faster, making the stored times appear smaller. Pulling the fader down makes it go slower, extending the stored times.

Times affected by the rate has an asterisk (*) in front of the time. If the rate is all the way down, the times will show ***Stopped**. If the rate is all the way up, the times will show ***0**.

An executor with the rate function shows the rate as a percentage in the executor label. If the rate is exactly 100%, then the label shows **1:1**. If the rate is at maximum, the label shows **1:∞**. If the rate is at a minimum, the label shows **Stopped**.

The rate can be reset using the Rate1 keyword.

Timing Masters

There are 50 timing masters. These can be set to a value from 0 to 10 seconds. The timing masters can be referenced as cue fade, cue delay, feature group fade, and feature group delay values. The cue will then use the value set at the timing master instead of a specific defined fade or delay value.

Timing masters can be added to the following timings:

- CueIn Fade
- CueOut Fade
- CueIn Delay
- CueOut Delay
- Feature Group Fade
- Feature Group Delay

They can be assigned using the command line and by editing cells in the Sequence Sheet.

The timing masters can be renamed in the Menu → Preference and Timings → Masters. Here, the Label command can be used to change the name, add an appearance, tag, and scribble.

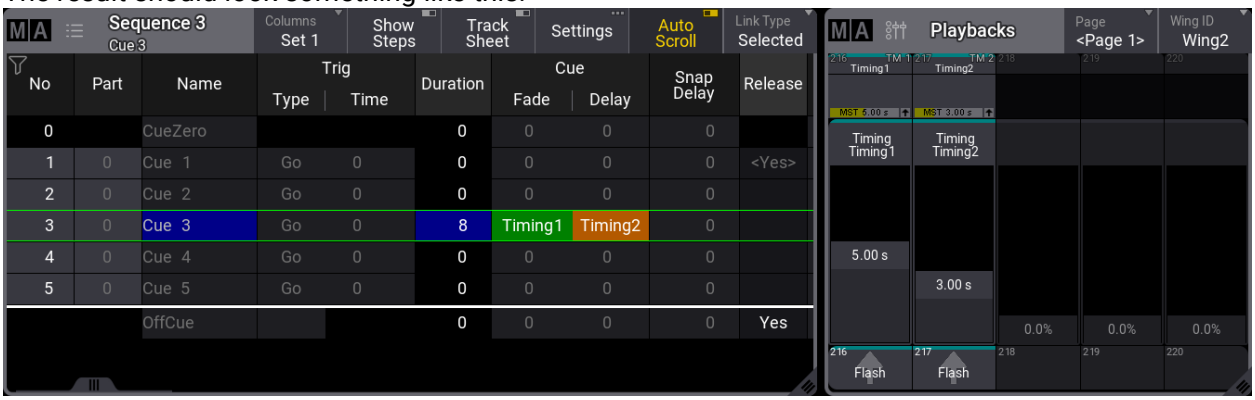
Example

The wish is to be able to dynamically adjust the cue fade and delay for cue 3 in a sequence.

In this example, the sequence exists, and the timing masters have not been renamed.

1. Edit the Cue Fade cell for cue 3. This opens the calculator pop-up.
2. Select Masters in the pop-up.
3. Select Timing1.
4. In the command line type: **Cue 3 CueDelay "Timing2"**.
5. To assign the timing master to Executor 216 on page 1, type: **Assign Master "Timing"."Timing1" At Page 1.216**.
6. And assign Timing2: **Assign Master"Timing"."Timing2" At Page 1.217**.

The result should look something like this:



Example setup with timing masters for cue fade and delay in cue 3.

Now, the cue fade and delay times can be adjusted using the two faders.

The position of the timing masters is used when the cue is triggered. So, moving the faders while the fade or delay is running does not affect the timing.

Timing masters can also be used when cues are called in the command line. For instance, to call cue 2 with the current value of Timing3: Goto Cue 3 Fade "Timing3".

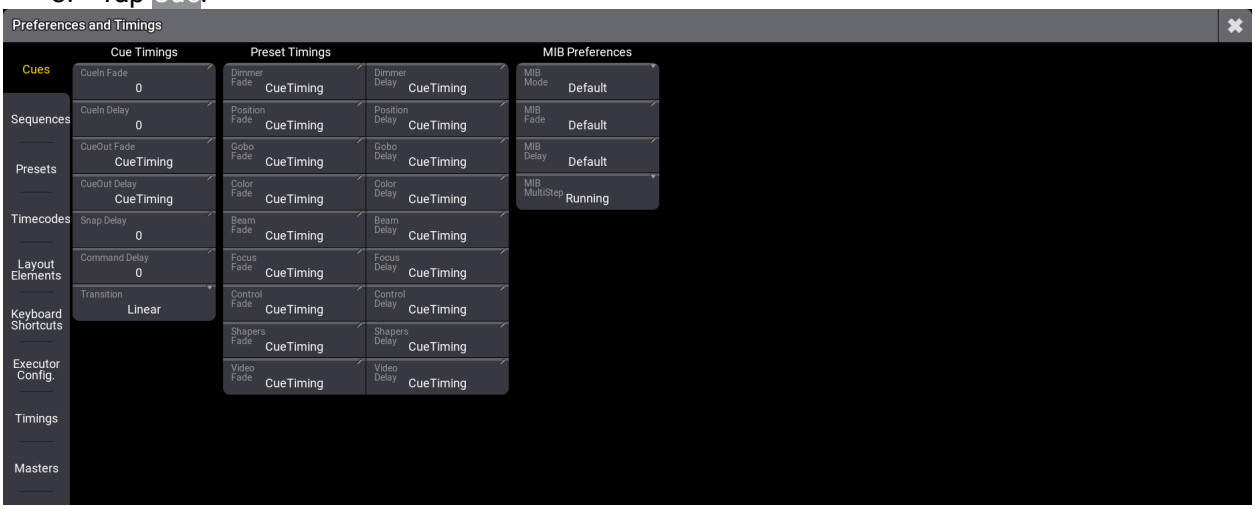
Default Cue Timings

The **Preference and Timings** settings include some settings for **Cue Timings**.

These timings are used as defaults when a cue or cue part is stored. The store command can overwrite them if a different value is specified, and the cue value can be changed at any time in the sequence sheet.

Follow these steps to open the Cue Timings settings:

1. Press Menu or tap the Gear icon ( ) in the Control Bar.
2. Tap Preference and Timings.
3. Tap Cue.



The Cues tab in the Preference and Timings menu.

This menu has three different groups of settings. The **Cue Timings** has default timing settings for the cue fades and delays and the transition. The **Preset Timings** are the Feature Group Timings described above. The **MIB Preferences** are used to set the default MIB settings. Learn more bout this in the Move In Black topic.

Playback Timing

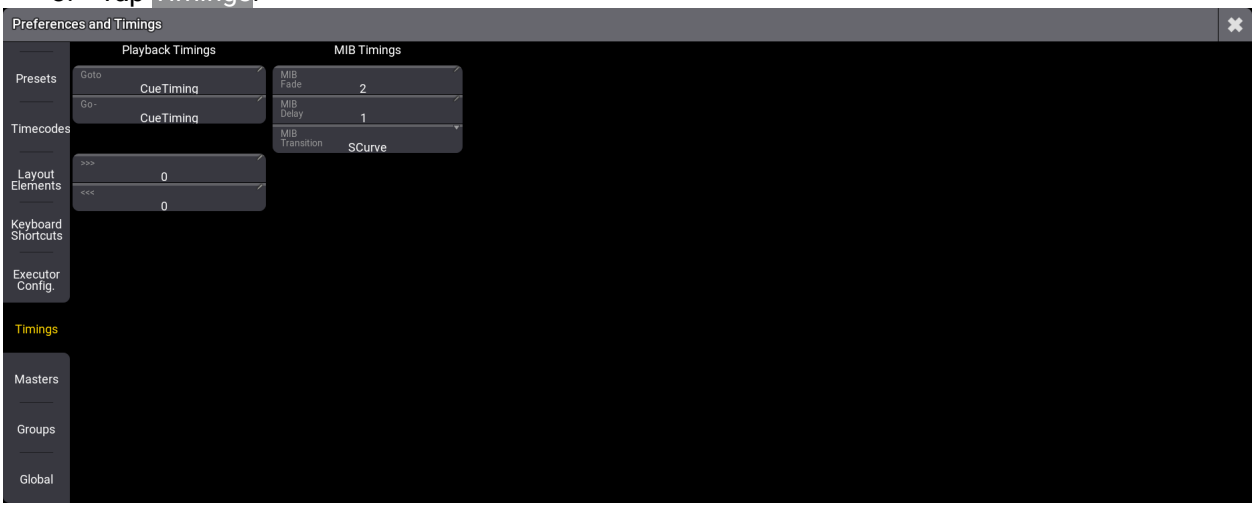
Some settings define the default playback timings used when cues are called by other commands than Go+.

The times set here define the default timing used if nothing else is defined. A different temporary value can always be used if specified in the command. For example, Goto Cue 5 Fade 2. This will use a 2 second fade no matter the default setting.

Follow these steps to open the Cue Timings settings:

1. Press Menu or tap the Gear icon ( ) in the Control Bar.
2. Tap Preference and Timings.

3. Tap Timings.



The Timings tab in the Preference and Timings menu.

The **Playback Timings** group contains settings for the **Goto**, **Go-**, **>>>**, and **<<<** functions.

A specific time can be set to be the default time used when these functions are used. Selecting **CueTiming** instead of a specific time will use the time stored in the cue.

Cue Transition

The cue part property **Transition** allows for modifying the path values used during the fade from one cue to another. The transition can be set per cue part.

There are nine different transition forms available. They are visualized with these images.

- **Linear**:
  This is the default transition. There is no acceleration or deceleration of the values.

- **Slow**:
  This uses slow acceleration and fast deceleration.

- **Slow+**:
  This is an exaggerated version of **Slow**.

- **Fast**:
  This is a fast acceleration and slow deceleration.

- **Fast+**:
  This is an exaggerated version of **Fast**.

- **SCurve**:
  This uses slow acceleration and slow deceleration.

- **Swing-**:
  This uses fast acceleration and fast deceleration.

- **Swing**:
  This is a slight exaggeration of **Swing-**. The values change slows down in the middle of the transition.

- **Swing+**:
  This is an exaggeration of **Swing**. The values go backward in the middle before accelerating forward again.

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1.31.13. Renumber Cues

Cues can be renumbered. This cannot be used to change the order of the cues.

Single cues can be renumbered but it can also be a range of cues.

Giving the same cue number to two or more cues is impossible - they must be unique.

Setting the cue number to a previous number already used is prevented by the system.

Entering a cue number used later in the sequence, all following cues will be renumbered until no collision with existing cue numbers occurs.

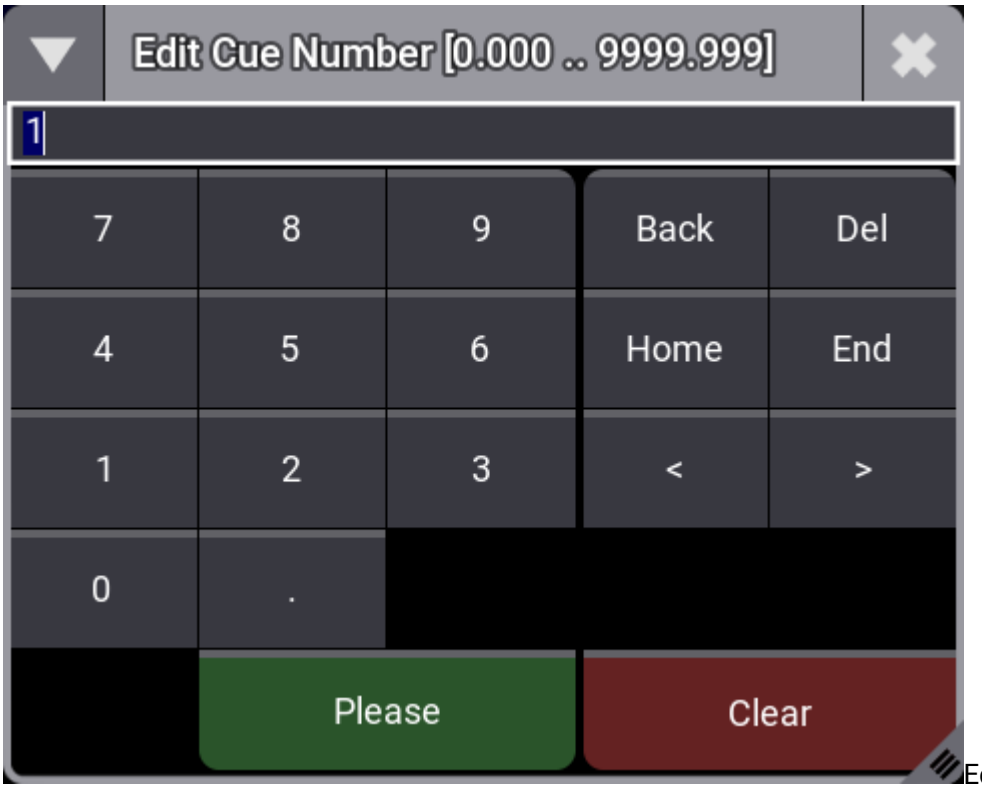
There is no command or keyword to renumber cues. It can be done in the Sequence Sheet.

Requirement:

Have a sequence with cues.

Procedure:

1. Open the sequence sheet window.
2. Select the cue numbers to be renumbered using the number column in the sheet.
3. Press Edit and tap inside the cue selection.
   This opens an Edit Cue Number pop-up.



Edit cue number pop-up.

4. Type the new cue number.

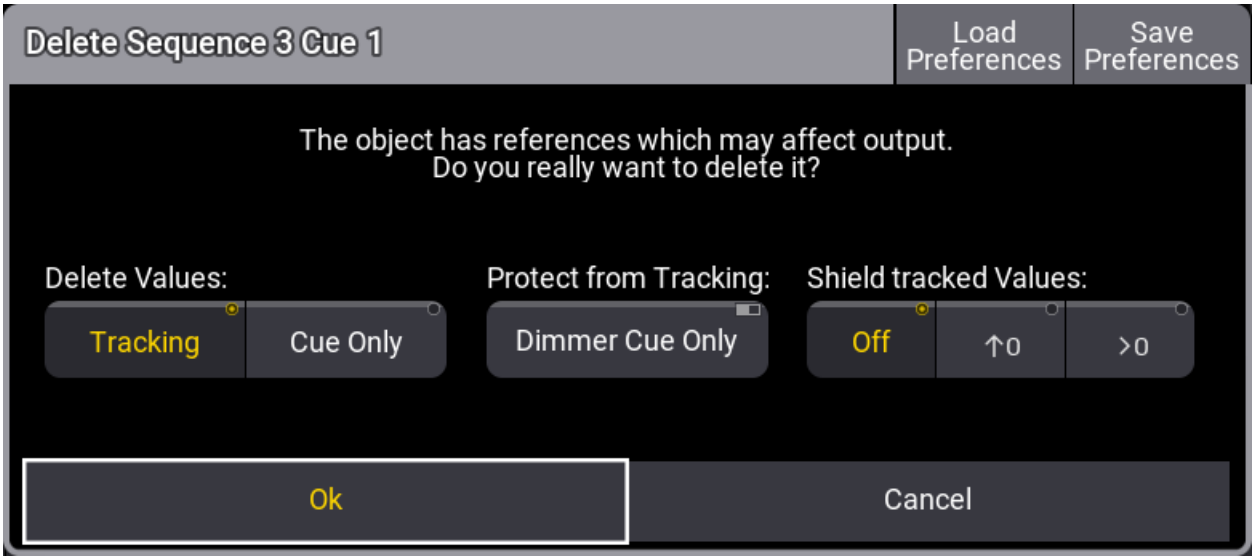
If several cues are to be renumbered, use the lasso selection when tapping the cue numbers.

1.31.14. Delete Cues

Cues can be deleted using the Delete keyword.

This can be accessed using the command line input or the Delete key.

Deleting a cue opens a pop-up asking for confirmation.



Delete Cue pop-up

Some settings influence how the deletion affects the following cues.

Delete Values has two options: **Tracking** and **Cue Only**. The option specifies whether deletion should be performed using Tracking or Cue Only rules.

Protect from Tracking can be used to delete the dimmer attributes using Cue Only.

Shield tracked Values can be used to define how the Tracking Shield should respond to the deletion. Learn more in the Tracking Shield topic.

Tap Ok to delete the cue with the selection options and close the pop-up.

Tapping Cancel closes the pop-up and does not delete the cue.

Deleting the last cue in a sequence does not open the pop-up; it simply deletes the cue.

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1.32. Executors

The executors are handles and controls to other objects.

They are often used to control sequences, but they can control other objects.

The idea is that an object (for instance, a sequence) is assigned to the executor. The executor can then control the object. Several executors can control the same object.

A sequence assigned to an executor is running cues from the sequence pool. In essence, the executor is manipulating or sending commands to the sequence in the pool.

Executors are physical keys (executor buttons), knobs (executor knobs), and faders (executor faders) on the grandMA3 hardware. They can also be represented as on-screen virtual executors - these can be viewed and operated in the Playback Window (see below).

Read more about the physical executor hardware in Executor Elements.

There are 4 rows of executors. The bottom row is numbered from 101 up to 190. This row only has a single executor button. The row above is numbered from 201 up to 290. This row has an executor button and an executor fader. The next row is from 301 up to 390. This row has an executor button and a rotating executor knob. The top row is from 401 up to 490. This row also has an executor button and a rotating executor knob.

The Xkeys are also executors. The executor buttons labeled X1 | Clone to X8 | DMX are executor 291 to 298. The executor buttons labeled X9 to X16 | Exec are executors 191 to 198.

Executors are organized in wings. There are vertically 15 columns of executors on a wing. The columns are organized in sections of 5. There are 60 (15 columns x 4 rows) executors on a wing. There are 6 wings for a total of 360 (6 wings x 60 executors) executors plus the 16 from the Xkeys - the total is 376.

The physical device might have fewer executors than the software's amount. For instance, the grandMA3 compact console has 2 x 5 columns of executors.

The executors can also be used from the command line using the Executor keyword.

Executor Pages

The 376 executors are just on one page. It is possible to create up to 9 999 executor pages in each Data Pool. Each page has its own setup of executors. Executors that are active on one page are still active when the selected page is changed to another.

The executor pages can be seen and labeled in the **Page Pool** - it can be created as a window.

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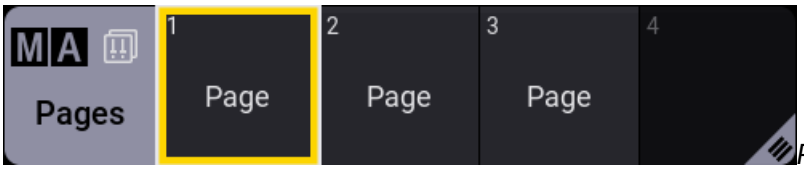
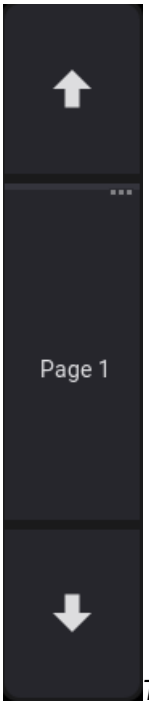


Page pool with page 1 selected.

The page pool is also available as a pop-up that can be opened by tapping the middle part of the page selector.



Tap the middle part of the page selector to open the page pool pop-up

There are no functional differences between the pool as a pop-up or window.

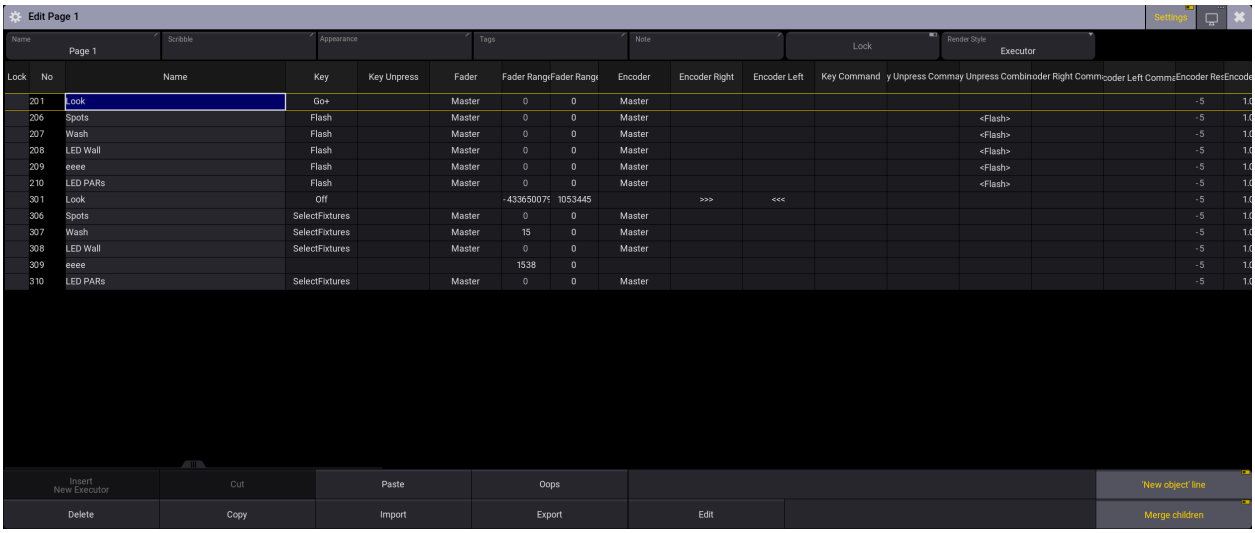
Pages are automatically created when the Page+ and Page- keys are used to change through the pages. The up and down arrows in the page selector can also be used to change the page, just like the physical keys.

A page can also be created using the following syntax:

Store Page [Page_Number] (["Page_Name"])

The page name is optional in the syntax above. Read more in Page keyword.

To edit a page, do a swipey on a page pool object and tap Edit. The page editor opens:



Page editor with Settings enabled.

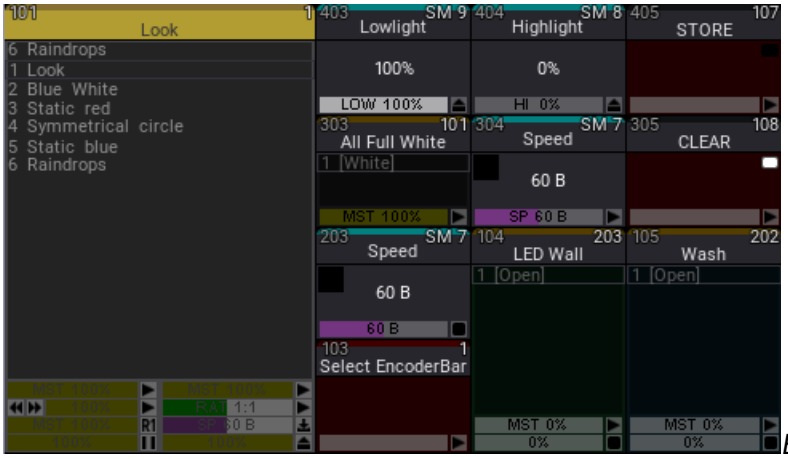
Tap Render Style to change the render style for all executors of the page. For more information on render style, see Assign Object to an Executor.

All properties and settings are represented and can be edited in the assign menu as well. For more information on the settings and properties, for example key funtions, see Assign Object to an Executor.

Tap Import and Export below to import and export pages from a pop-up. To enter the assign menu for an executor, select the object in the table and tap Edit.

Executor Labels

The letterbox screens above the executors show the labels for the executors. The bottom of the left command screen shows the labels for the Xkeys.



Example of the playback bar for the first section of 5 x 4 executors

The executor labels above the executors are a part of the Playback Bar. Read more about them in Playback bar.

The labels display how the encoders are grouped, what object they control, and what handle function each executor has.

Read more about how to change all these things in Assign Object to an Executor.

The labels take appearance and scribbles from the object assigned. For example, if a sequence has a special appearance, this appearance is also displayed in the playback bar.

Playback Window

The Playback window is a virtual representation of the physical executors.

Playback window showing all four rows and both labels and executor handles

The window can automatically adjust the number of visible executors based on the window's width and the selected number of sections. This means that a window can minimum have 5 x 4 executors and a maximum of 15 x 4 (one wing). The window's minimum size to display a section of 15 executors is 10 squares wide on a screen.

The virtual executors can be operated on the screen.

Playback Window Settings

The settings allow for customization of the window.

The settings can be accessed by tapping the MA logo in the upper left corner.

Playback window settings

There are toggle buttons that can show or hide the four executor rows. There are also settings to show or hide the labels and the executor handles. This makes it very flexible. For instance, it could just show the labels for the 200 row of executors or just the executor handles for the 100 row executors.

The Page and WingID settings are also described in Window Settings.

The Executors setting toggles the displayed on-screen copies of the relevant faders, knobs, and keys.

In additon, Labels shows or hides the executor or Xkeys labels.

The #Sections setting selects how many sections of five columns the window should display. The properties are:

- **Auto**:
  The window displays as many sections as possible based on the width of the window and a minimum width of each column.
- **1**:
  The window only shows the first section of executors - 5 columns.
- **2**:
  The window shows the first and second sections of executors - 10 columns.
- **3**:
  The window shows all three sections of executors in the wing - 15 columns.

The properties with a specified number of sections will always show the selected amount, even when the window width makes it hard to use.

Subtopics

- Executor Configurations
- Assign Object to an Executor
- Running Playbacks
- Special Executors

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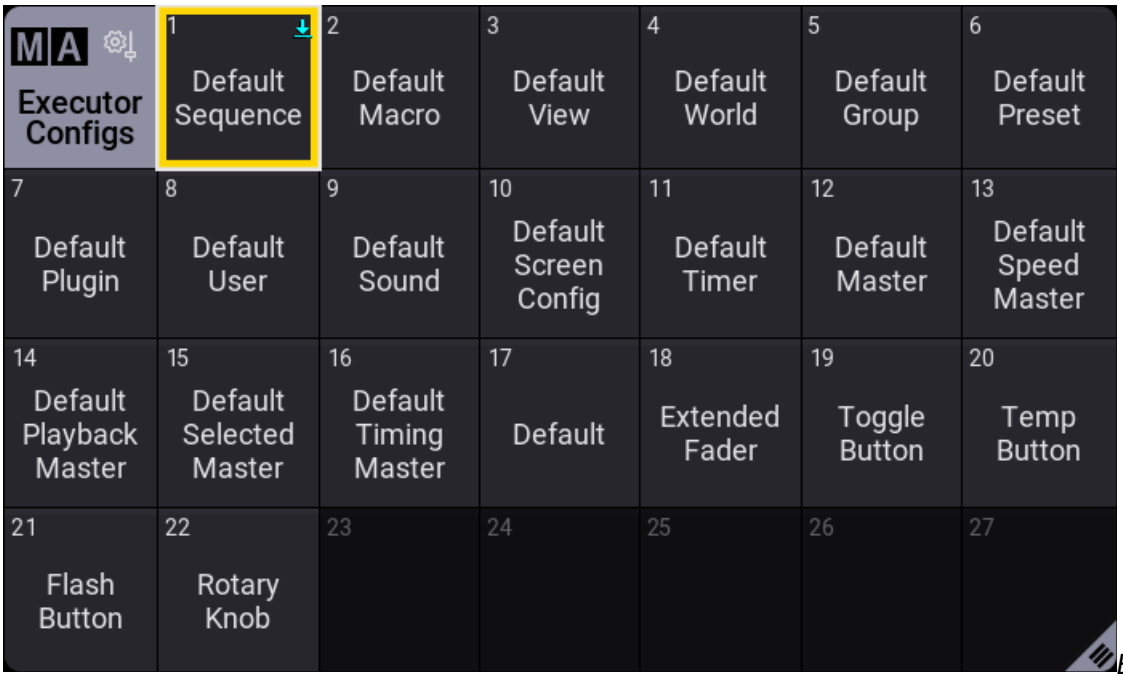
1.32.1. Executor Configurations

Executor key and fader configurations can be saved and reused. Read Assign Object to an Executor for information on changing the assignment.

The configurations are stored in an Executor Configuration pool. This can be created as any other window. Read Add Window to learn how.



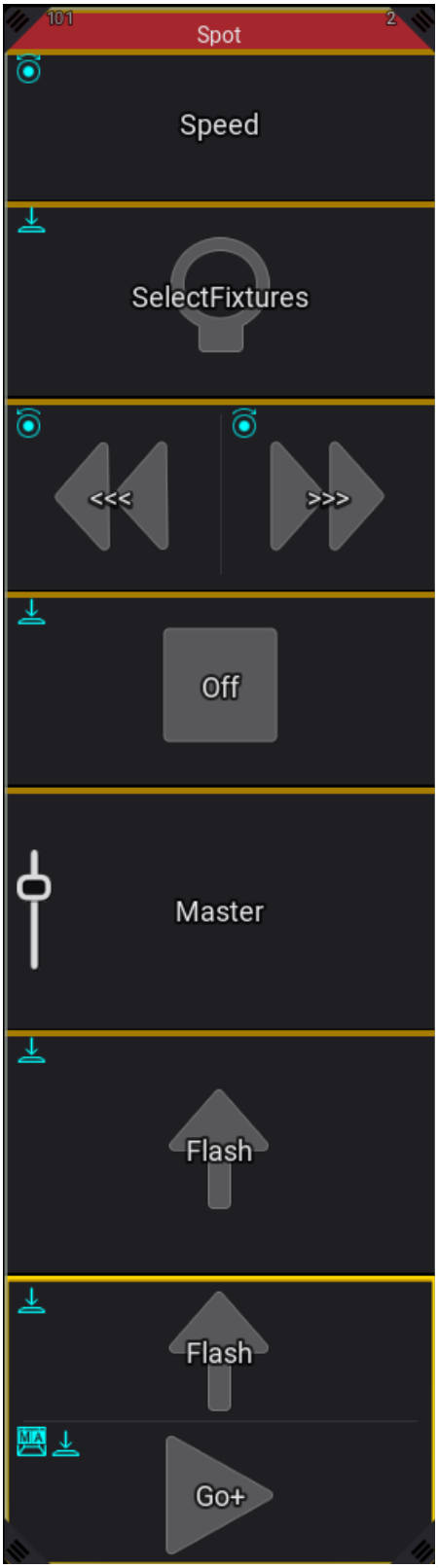
Executor Configuration pool with a selected configuration

Each object type that can be assigned to an executor has a default executor configuration used if nothing changes. This is described below.

The selected pool object is used as the default for sequences.

This configuration can be changed in the **Assign Menu.**

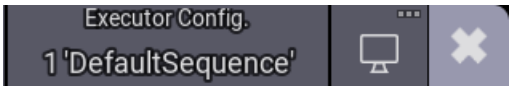
The Assign Menu can be opened by pressing Assign and then an executor button. The menu is used to set up executors. Learn more in the Assign Object to an Executor topic.



Key and Fader configurations

In the example above, there are several Keys and Encoders that have a different assignment than the original saved configuration. The different assignments are marked with a cyan color bar.

In the title bar of the assign menu, is Executor Config. button.



Title bar of the assign menu

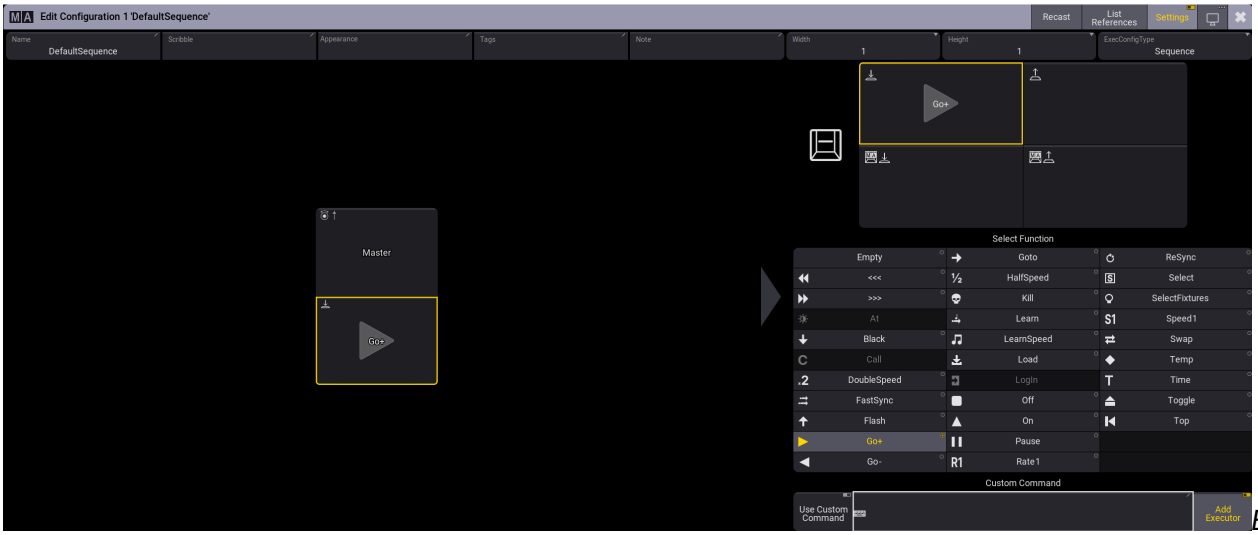
Executor Config. shows the currently selected configuration, and tapping it opens a small select pop-up where any existing executor configurations can be selected or a new one can be created.

Load is used to load the selected configuration onto the keys, encoders, and faders. Save can be used to save the currently assigned functions to the selected configuration.

For more information on the pop-up and creating and editing executor configurations in the handle tab of the assign menu, read Assign Object to an Executor.

Executor Configurations Editor

To open the editor, tap and swipe on a pool object and tap Edit:



Edit configuration pop-up for the first pool object

Use the editor to customize executor configurations. The buttons on the left side of the menu always come in pairs and represent a fader/encoder and key executor. This is indicated by the icons in the upper left corner of the buttons (/). An executor configuration can be loaded to any type of executor. Depending on for which type of executor (encoder, fader, or key) the configuration is used later, the functions set in the editor are loaded to the executor. For example, when encoder left/right are defined, and used later on an executor in row 200, the fader would have an empty assignment.

Select a fader/encoder or key executor on the left side of the editor, to edit its trigger options and functions on the right side of the editor. For more information about functions and trigger options, see Assign Object to an Executor.

The title bar of the editor offers the following options:

Recast is used when a configuration has been saved with changes, and these changes should also be applied to the other executors that use this configuration. Saving a change to a configuration does not

automatically apply the changes to other executors. Pressing Recast applies the changes to all the executors using the configuration. The recast can also be applied using the Recast keyword.

Tapping List References in the title bar opens an info pop-up showing the objects that reference the configuration and what other objects this configuration might depend on.

Enabling Settings in the title bar displays the following options below the title bar:

- **Name**: Opens the Label dialog.
- **Scribble**: Select a Scribble from the drop-down or tap New to create a new one.
- **Appearance**: Select an Appearance from the drop-down or tap New to create a new one.
- **Tags**: Opens the Tags assignment editor.
- **Note**: Opens the Note editor.
- **Width**: Edit the width of the executor configuration.
- **Height**: Edit the height of the executor configuration.

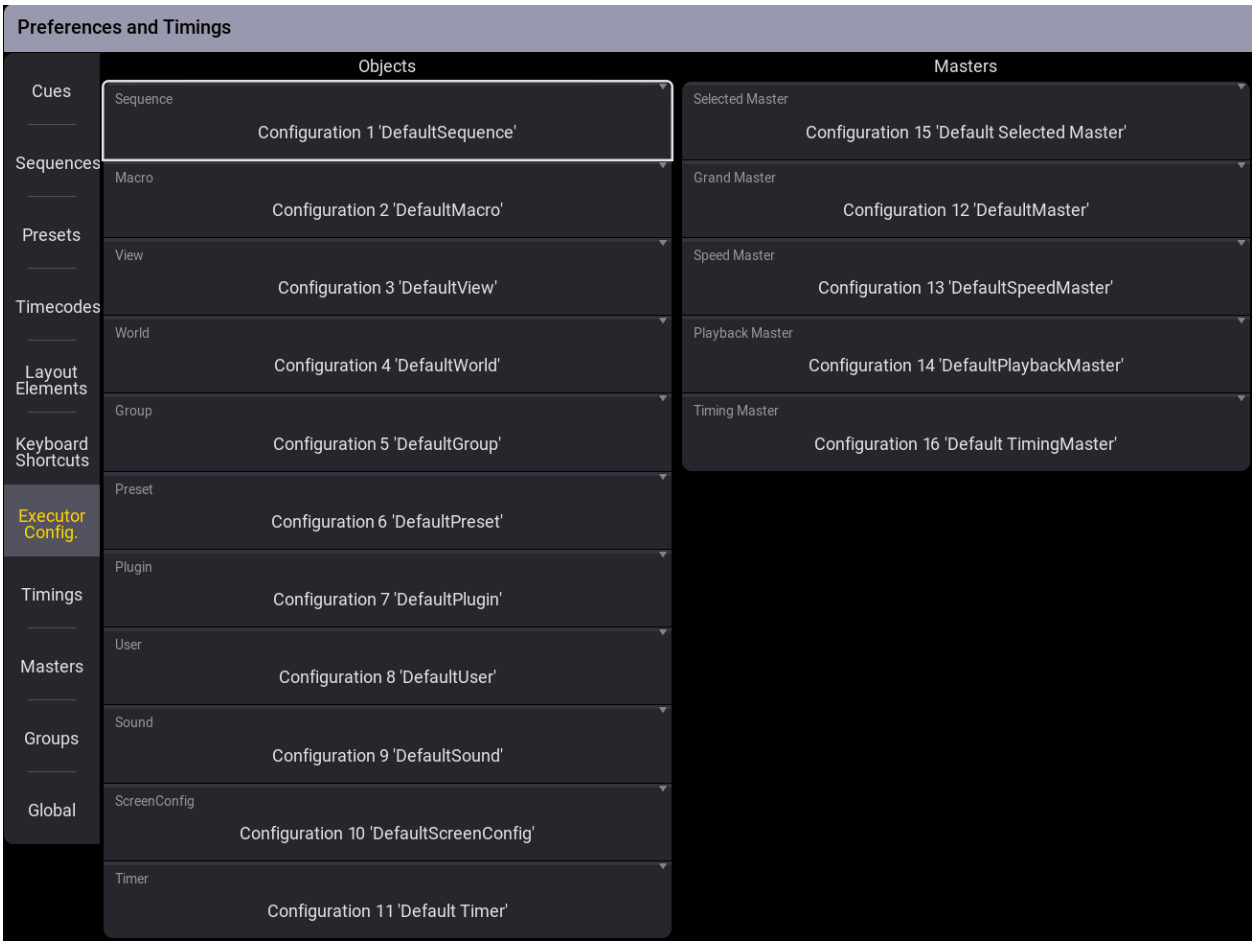
	Hint:
	The width and height define the scale of a new executor when using the configuration. It is possible to increase the width and height of the configuration and edit the functions for additional executor button and decrease it again in the editor. When loaded to an executor and the executor is expanded later, all information of the assigned functions will be loaded.

- **ExecConfigType**: Select an ExecutorConfigType as a preference for which object type you want to use the executor configuration. Functions that cannot be used with the selected type are grayed out in the list below. However, it is still possible to assign it to executors of different object types.

Executor Configuration Preferences

The default executor configuration for each object is stored in the Preference and Timing.

This is accessed by pressing Menu / and then Preference and Timings, and finally Executor Config.



Preferences and Timings - Executor Config menu

This menu has a setting for each object type that can be assigned to an executor. Tapping each of these settings opens a small select pop-up where any of the executor configurations can be selected as the default settings for the object type.

1.32.2. Assign Object to an Executor

Many objects can be assigned to an executor. The executor is a physical key, fader, or encoder that controls the assigned object. The physical devices can also be represented as on-screen controllers.

Quick Steps:

1. Press Assign.
2. Tap what should be assigned or press the relevant keys.
3. Press the executor where it should be.

These are the simplest steps to assign something to an executor - read below for details.

Assigning Objects Using Keys and Pools

It is easy to assign something to an executor.

Press Assign followed by the desired object and then the executor to which it should be assigned.

Here are three variations on how it works. The examples use sequences, but it can be any of the allowed types:

Example 1

Using only the keys to assign sequence 3 at executor number 105 on the current page, type:

Assign Sequ 3 At MA + X16 | Exec 1 0 5 Please

Example 2

It is also possible to use a combination of keys and pools.

Having a pool visible on one of the screens makes it possible to combine key presses with pool selection.

1. Tap and swipe out of the sequence pool object that should be assigned.
2. Swipe to the Assign option and release the screen.
3. Press one of the keys associated with the desired executor.

Example 3

Pressing the keys puts keywords into the command line. This means it can also be typed as a command line input.

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Sequence 4 At Page 2.301
```

This command will assign sequence 4 to executor 301 on executor page 2. The page keyword needs to be used when addressing executors on specific pages. The page needs to exist before it can be addressed.

	Hint:
	The process for assigning special executors and Xkeys is the same as the process described for executors.

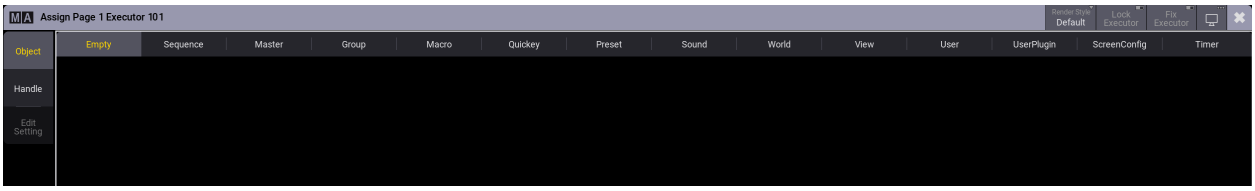
Assign Objects Using the Assign Menu

The **Assign** menu offers a visual approach to assigning something to the executors. Use the assign menu by selecting the executor first and then selecting the object.

There are three main ways to open the Assign Menu:

- Press Assign followed by any of the keys associated with the desired executor.
- Tap the executor label in the Mini Executor Bar (do not do a long press - it opens the editor instead).
- Tap on the desired executor in the the Playbacks Window or the Playback Controls menu.

This is the Assign menu:



Assign Menu - Object tab

The title bar has a toggle button called Lock Executor. This can be used to lock the executor from changes. It does not lock the executor from playing back or performing other functions normally; the lock only prevents making changes to the executor.

This is the **Object** page of the Assign menu. This page is selected by tapping Object on the right side.

The top has several tabs. One for each object type that can be assigned to the executor and a special one used to select an **Empty** object. The other tabs open a selection list. The list will contain the possible objects of that type.

The different types are:

- Sequence
- Master
- Group
- Macro
- Quickey
- Preset
- Sound
- World
- View
- User
- UserPlugin
- ScreenConfig
- Timer

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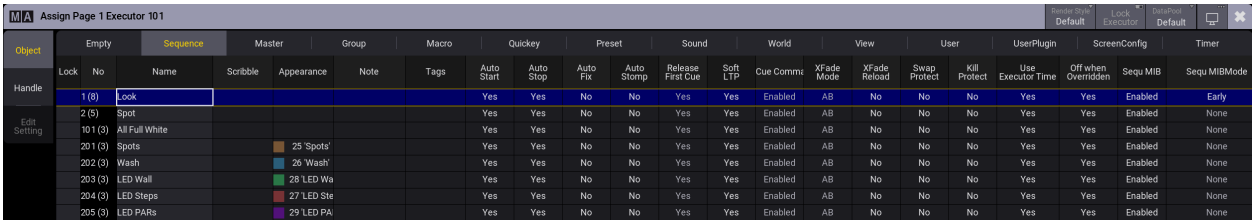
Tap Sequence to open the list of possible sequences. It could look like this:



Assign menu in the sequence object tab with Sequence 1 'Look' selected

Each allowed type that can be assigned to an executor provides a list of the available objects. The DataPool in the title bar makes selecting an object from a different data pool easy.

Select the desired object by tapping it.

The default Executor Configuration for the object type is applied to the executor when assigning an object to an empty executor. When there is already an object assigned, the executor configuration is not recalled, when assigning a different object to the executor. This, including executor expansion, can be defined in the handle tab.

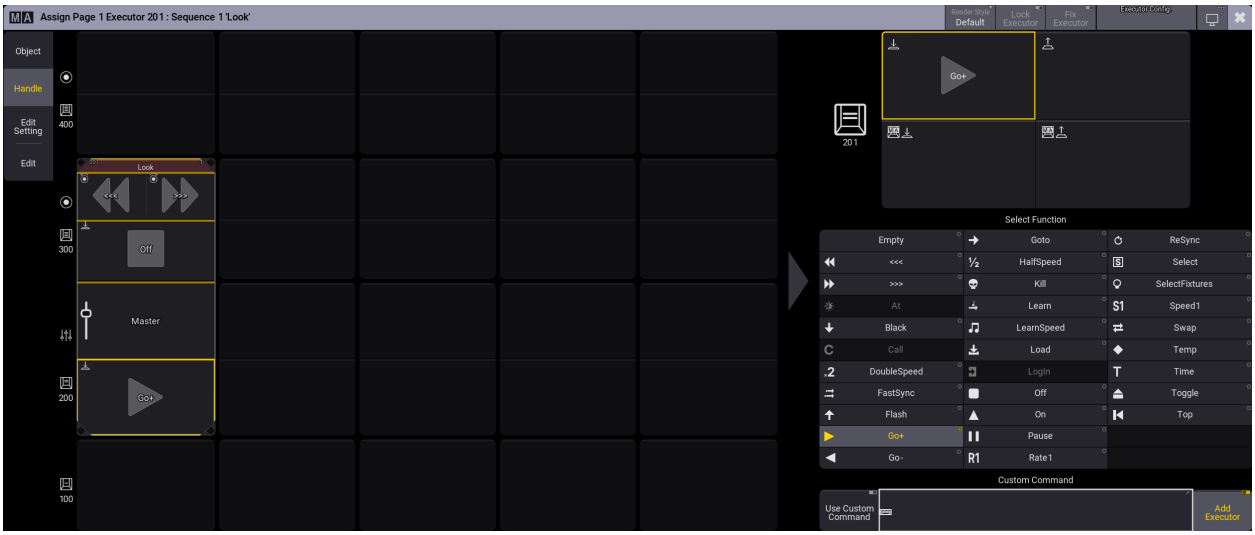
Change Key Function and Executor Size Using the Handle Tab

When the executor, special executor, or Xkey has something assigned, changing the functions assigned to the executor keys, faders, and encoders is possible.

It is also possible to assign functions using keys or commands. For more information, read below.

If continuing to work in the Assign menu, tap Handle on the left side.

It could look like this:



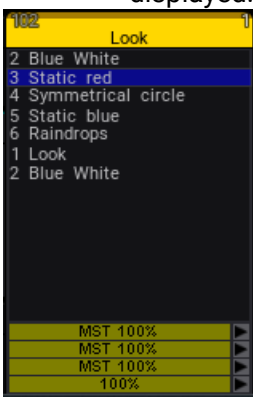
Assign menu on the Handle tab with Sequence 1 'Look' and the key executor 201 selected

In the title bar, enable Fix Executor to latch the selected executor to all pages, same as the Fix Keyword does. Render Style has the following options:

- **Default**: The render style that is defined in the page pool object settings is applied.
- **Pool**: Offers a simplified look reduced to name, appearance, and current cue, if a sequence is assigned. Below fader, button, and encoder functions are displayed. Press MA to display the index number of the assigned object in the top right corner on executors.

Executor with render style set to "Pool" and sequence 'Look' assigned.

- **Executor**: Displays details about the assigned object, for example for sequences, the cue list is displayed. Below fader, button, and encoder functions are displayed.



Executor with render style set to "Executor" and sequence 'Look' assigned.

The handle tab of the assign menu is split up in two sides. On the left hand side of the menu a table represents the executors of of the same section. The assign menu of the special executors displays all special executors. The right side of the menu is designed to set different options for the selected executor.

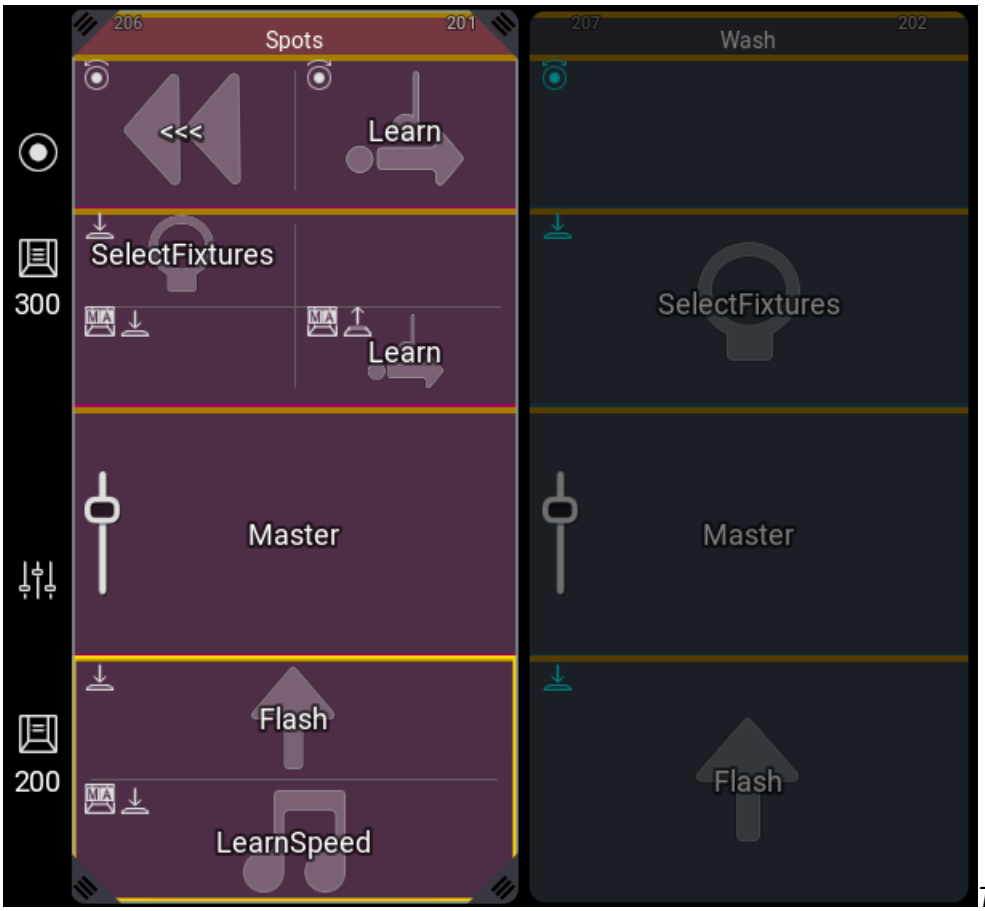
The executor section is displayed on the left. The selected executor button is indicated by a yellow frame and is brighter compared to executors that are not selected. The title bar is blinking in red. The name of the assigned object is displayed in the middle of title bar. The starting number of the executor is on the left and the number of the assigned pool object on the right. Tapping an empty executor in the handle tab creates a new empty executor and the assign menu switches to the object tab.

The example image above shows executor 201 with space above and to the right. The size of the selected executor can be extended using any of the four resize corners (). Executors can be expanded if there are empty executors next to them. Depending on whether the resizing or moving of an executor was successful or not, the border of the executor will shortly flash green or red. To move the entire executor, tap, hold, and drag in the executor's title bar. Tapping an executor with a less saturated appearance will select this executor.

The elements (key, fader, or encoder) of the selected executor are indicated by icons in the upper left corner. The selected function, except fader functions, with the corresponding icon is displayed in the

center. The color of the bar at the top of the executor button indicates the assigned object category (Sequence, Master, Group, etc.). The rest of the button will be the same color as the appearance color of the object if the button is not selected. If a button has more than one trigger option assigned to it, the button will split to display the multiple options.

If executors have multiple functions assigned, and the assigned objects have individual appearances, then it could look like this:



Two executors with executor 206 'Spots' selected

Trigger Options

The keys, faders, and encoders have different functions. The available functions depend on the object assigned to the executor and the executor itself. Different functions are available when using a key, fader, or encoder.

Set different options for the selected executor, on the right side of the handle tab. Depending on whether a key, fader or encoder is selected, the menu on the right changes.

At the top, choose how to trigger the key, fader, or encoder.

A key can have up to four different trigger options:

- : Press the key to trigger the selected function.
- : Release the key to trigger the selected function.
- : Press and hold MA and press the key to trigger the selected function.
- : Release MA and the key to trigger the selected function.

An encoder has six different trigger options:

- : Rotate the encoder to the left to trigger the selected function.
- : Rotate the encoder to the left to decrease the value of the selected function and to the right to increase the value.
- : Rotate the encoder to the right to trigger the selected function.
- : Press and hold MA and rotate the encoder to the left to trigger the selected function.
- : Press and hold MA and rotate the encoder to the left to decrease the value of the selected function and to the right to increase the value.
- : Press and hold MA and rotate the encoder to the right to trigger the selected function.

	Hint:
	When only the encoder or key trigger option is used, without the MA trigger option, then the trigger option remains accessible when pressing MA.

A fader has one trigger option:

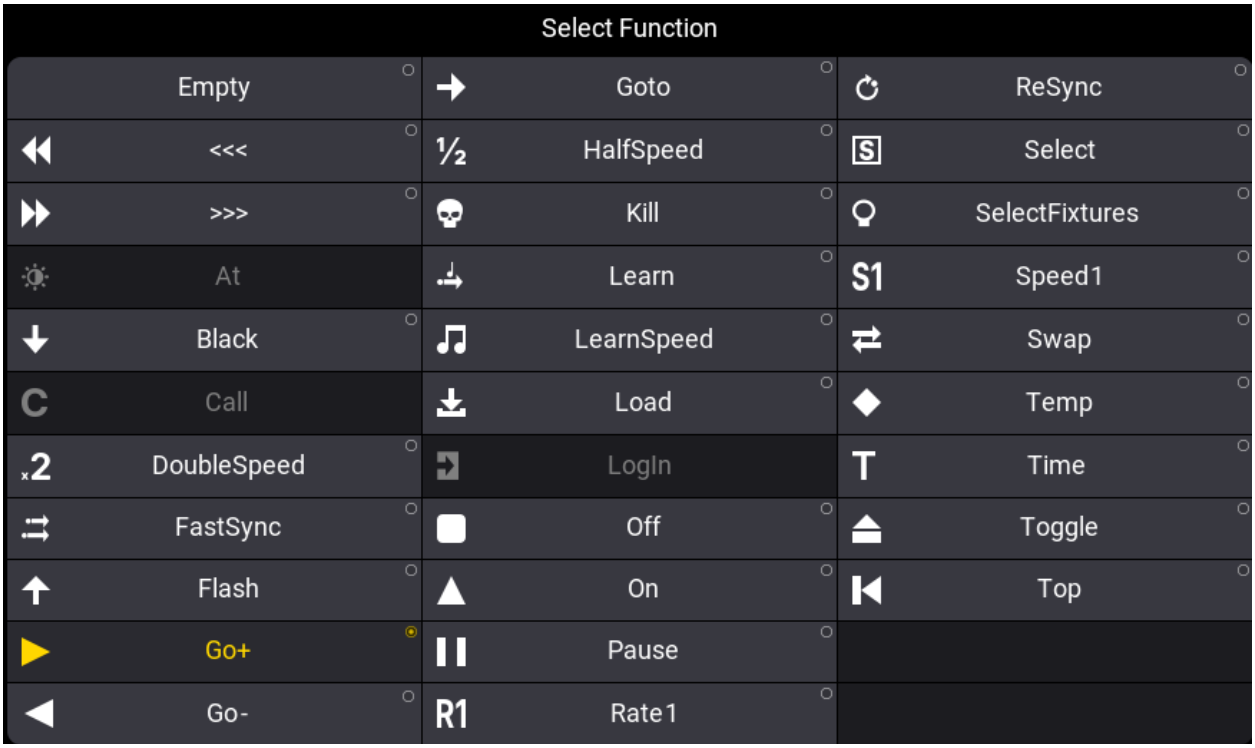
- : Move the fader up or down to use the selected function.

Change Functions in the Assign Menu

Below the trigger options there is a list of all functions that can be selected for the key, fader, or encoder. It is also possible to tap and hold a trigger option above to open a drop-down list of all actions possible. By tapping and holding an executor on the left, you can change its function. For buttons, the press function, and for encoders, the encoder function can be changed.

Change Key, Encoder Left, and Encoder Right Functions

The functions that can be assigned to keys, MA + keys, encoder left and encoder right, and MA + encoder left and MA + encoder right (, , , , , , , ,) with their specific icons displayed in the Playback window are:



Select Function with 'Go+' selected

- **Empty**:
  The key has no function.
- **<<< (GoFastBackward)**:
  This jumps one cue back without cue timing.
- **>>> (GoFastForward)**:
  This jumps one cue forward without cue timing and will not trigger other cues.
- **At**:
  Used with presets. Performs an At command on the assigned preset. Learn more about presets on executors in Use Presets.
- **Black**:
  This turns off the intensity of the executor as long as the button is pressed.
- **Call**:
  Used with screen configurations and macros. Performs a Call command on the assigned screen configuration.
- **DoubleSpeed**:
  Pressing this doubles the resulting speed of the speed master, sequences, and presets.
- **FastSync**:
  This determines the starting point of the phaser. The first step of the phaser is immediately started.
- **Flash**:
  This turns the executor on and sets a virtual intensity master at 100, as long as you have the button pressed. When the button is released, it will return to the status before it was pressed.
- **Go+**:
  This executes a "Go+". It uses fade and delay times.
- **Go-**:
  This executes a "Go-". It goes back to the previous cue, using the normal fade time of the previous cue.

- **Goto**:
  This opens a pop-up where a cue can be selected. Tapping a cue in the pop-up immediately performs a Goto command on that cue. This means that the selected cue is now active.
- **HalfSpeed**: ½
  Pressing this halves the resulting speed of the speed master, sequences, and presets.
- **Kill**:
  This sequence playback action turns this sequence On and all other sequences Off. Sequences using the same Playback masters can be protected from the Kill action in the Sequence Settings.
- **Learn**:
  This determines the starting point and the speed of a phaser at the same time. It is a combination of LearnSpeed and ReSync.
- **LearnSpeed**:
  This sets the speed. By pressing it at least two times, it automatically adjusts the speed.

	Hint:
	Set Learn Mode in the Edit Setting tab of the assign menu to define how **Learn** and **LearnSpeed** react with speed masters. For more information, read below.

- **Load**:
  This opens a pop-up that lists the cues in the sequence. Tapping a cue performs a Load command on the cue, which will perform a go to the selected cue when the next "Go+" or "Go-" command.
- **LogIn**:
  Used when a user is assigned. Performs the LogIn command for the assigned user.
- **Off**:
  This turns the assigned object Off.
- **On**:
  This turns the assigned object On.
- **Pause**:
  This holds an active fade and/or delay and phasers are paused.
- **Rate1**: R1
  This resets rate fader.
- **ReSync**:
  This gradually adjusts the starting point of a phaser to synchronize phasers.
- **Select**: S
  This selects the assigned object.
- **SelectFixtures**:
  This selects the fixtures used in the object assigned to the executor.
- **Speed1**: S1
  This resets the speed fader to the default speed.
- **Swap:**
  Swap temporarily overrides the master level of executors to full and sets all other master levels to zero. Executors using the same Playback masters can be protected against the Swap in the Sequence Settings.
- **Temp**:
  This turns the executor on as long as it is pressed. The temp function uses the fade times from the cues and the level set by the intensity master.
- **Time**: T
  This toggles the time function for the assigned object. It overrules the stored cue part times when it is On.

- **Toggle**:
  This turns an active assigned object Off and an inactive assigned object On.
- **Top**:
  This fades to the first cue in an assigned sequence.

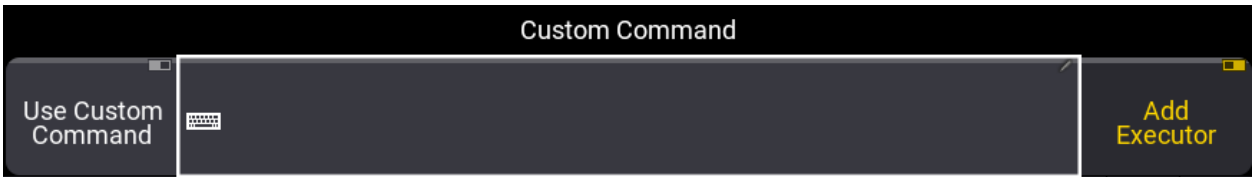
	Important:
	Depending on the assigned object and if it is assigned to a key, an encoder, or a fader, some actions are grayed out. For example, when a sequence is assigned to an encoder, Flash, Black, Temp, and Swap are grayed out for the encoder left and encoder right functions.

These main functions are keywords - they can be found in the All keywords topics with detailed descriptions of the keywords.

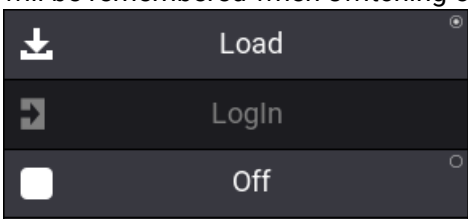
Custom Commands as Functions

For all keys, MA + keys, encoder left and encoder right, and MA + encoder left and MA + encoder right, a custom command can be set as a function. Executors with a custom command assigned to them are displayed with a specific icon ( ).

There is an additional input field for custom commands on the right side of the handle tab:



Custom Command section with Add Executor enabled Tap the Custom Command input field to open the Command Editor and type in a command to save it as a function. Setting a custom command enables Use Custom Command. When Use Custom Command is enabled, the small keyboard icon of the input field turns yellow and the custom command is assigned to the selected executor. When disabled, the icon is white and the function selected above is assigned. The previous selected function from above will be remembered when switching off Use Custom Command again:



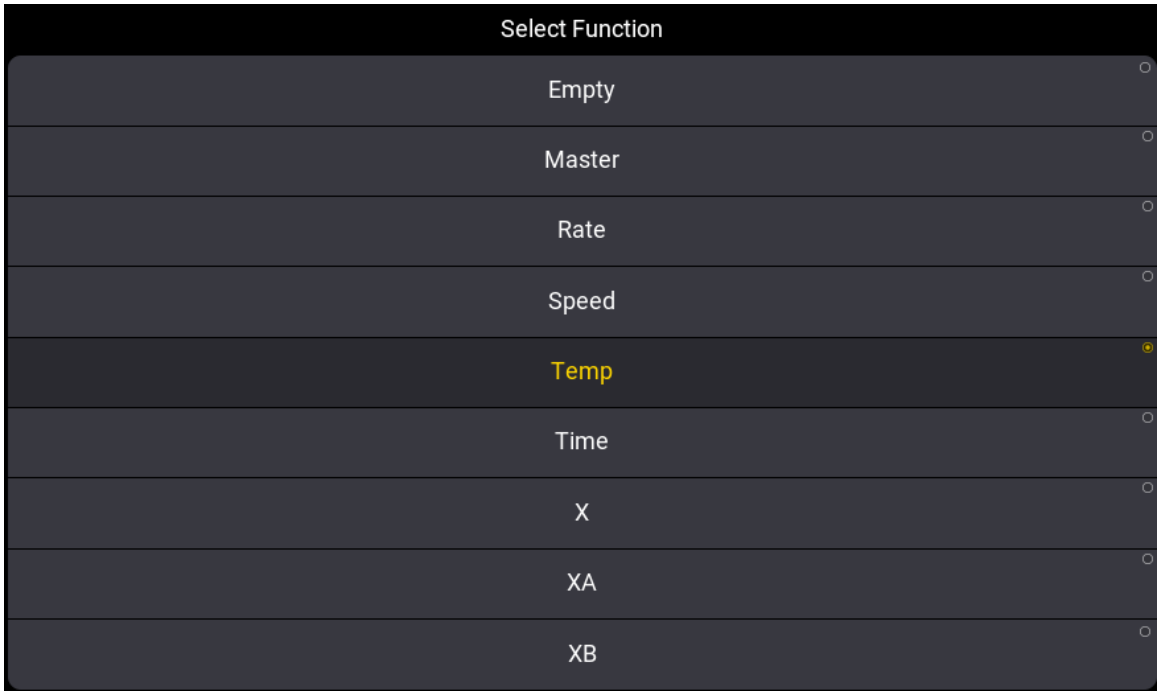
'Load' as previous selected function, 'LogIn' can not be selected for the object, and 'Off' is not selected.

Next to the input field on the right there is an Add Executor button. Enabled, the corresponding executor is added to and displayed in the custom command. When the function is executed in the command line, the executor will be added to the command.
For example, assigning sequence 1 to executor 101 on page 1 and setting the custom command to **Store**. With Add Executor enabled, and pressing the executor key the executed command will be **Store Page 1.101**. This will store a cue in the sequence that is assigned to executor 101. With Add Executor disabled, the resulting command will be **Store**. This will store a new cue in the selected sequence.

Change Fader and Encoder Left/Right Function

It is possible to change the function of faders, encoders, and MA + encoders (, ,). Depending on the type of object an executor has different functions can be selected.

Select Function on the right side of the handle tab lists all possible functions:



Select Function for faders with 'Temp' selected

- **Master:**
  Controls the intensity. For more information, see **FaderMaster**.
- **X (CrossFade):**
  Crossfades between two cues. Current cue and next cue. The current cue will change when the fader reaches the other end position from where it started. For more information, see **FaderCrossFade Keyword**.
- **XA (CrossFadeA)**
  Is the first of a two-fader manual crossfade between two cues. Works along with XFadeB. The crossfade function can be changed in the **Sequence Settings**. For more information, see **FaderCrossFadeA Keyword**.
- **XB (CrossFadeB)**
  Is the second of a two-fader manual crossfade between two cues. Works along with XFadeA. The crossfade function can be changed in the **Sequence settings**. For more information, see **FaderCrossFadeB Keyword**.
- **Temp:**
  Crossfades the cue on when pulled up, and off when pulled down. For more information, see **FaderTemp Keyword**.
- **Rate:**
  Modifies the fade and delay time in a sequence by the value of the fader. If Speed from Rate is on, it is also valid for phaser speed stored in cues - see Sequence Settings. For more information, see **FaderRate Keyword**.
- **Speed:**
  Controls the phaser speed in a cue. For more information see **FaderSpeed Keyword**.

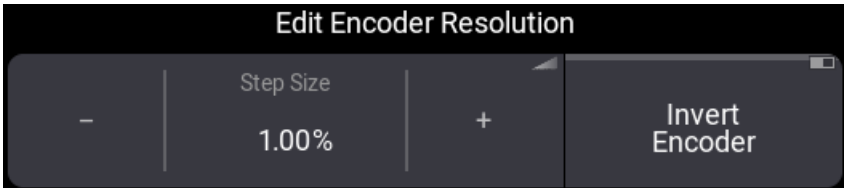
- **Time:**
  Sets the time for the executor time overwrite. For more information, see **FaderTime Keyword**.

	Restriction:
	Pressing MA and triggering a fader or an Xkey is not offered as a trigger option. If an object is assigned to an Xkey, pressing MA and the Xkey will trigger the keyword printed on the Xkey. For example, if an object is assigned to X4 | Layout, MA + X4 | Layout triggers the **Layout** keyword.

Change Encoder Resolution

For encoders, and MA + encoders (,) it is possible to change the encoder resolution. The encoder resolution defines how much the value changes with each click of the encoder.

There is an additional input field on the right side of the handle tab to edit the encoder resolution:



Edit encoder resolution section

To change the resolution for an encoder, or MA + encoder, select an encoder executor in the executor selection on the left side, and tap Step Size on the bottom right side of the menu. A pop-up opens and the encoder resolution can be set ranging from 0.01% to 100%. Tap - on the left to decrease the value by 1%. Tap + on the right to increase the value by 1%. If no function is assigned for MA + encoder, the encoder resolution step size can still be adjusted separately as a second encoder resolution for the normal encoder. It can be triggered by turning the encoder while pressing MA. This is useful for having a coarse and fine resolution for the same encoder, for example.
To reverse the direction of rotation of the encoder, tap Invert Encoder.

Save and Load Executor Configurations in the Assign Menu

All changes to executors can be stored in an executor configuration. This allows the configuration to be loaded again later, even on a different executor, to give it the same setup.

In the title bar, Executor Config. displays the current executor configuration and its appearance. To edit or load executor configurations, tap Executor Config.. A pop-up opens. The grid options are similar to the ones in the executor configurations pool. For more information, see Executor Configurations. You can select different data pools in the title bar. There are six buttons on the bottom of the pop-up:

- Insert New Configuration: Adds a new empty executor configuration. The new configuration line is added above the previously selected one in the pop-up.
- Delete: The selected executor configuration lines can be deleted.
- List Reference: Displays referenced objects.
- Recast Config: Transfers the functions that are stored inside the executor configuration to all executors that have this executor configuration assigned. The Width and Height of the executor configuration will not be recast.

- Load: The selected executor configuration can be loaded.
- Save: The selected executor configuration is saved and loaded.

When a function of the loaded executor configuration has changed, the corresponding executor icon (encoder, fader, or button) and the text in Executor Config. turn cyan. Tap Save in the Executor Config. pop-up to save the changes to the executor configuration. The icon in the upper left corner and the text in Executor Config. turn white again.

Edit Setting and Edit Tabs

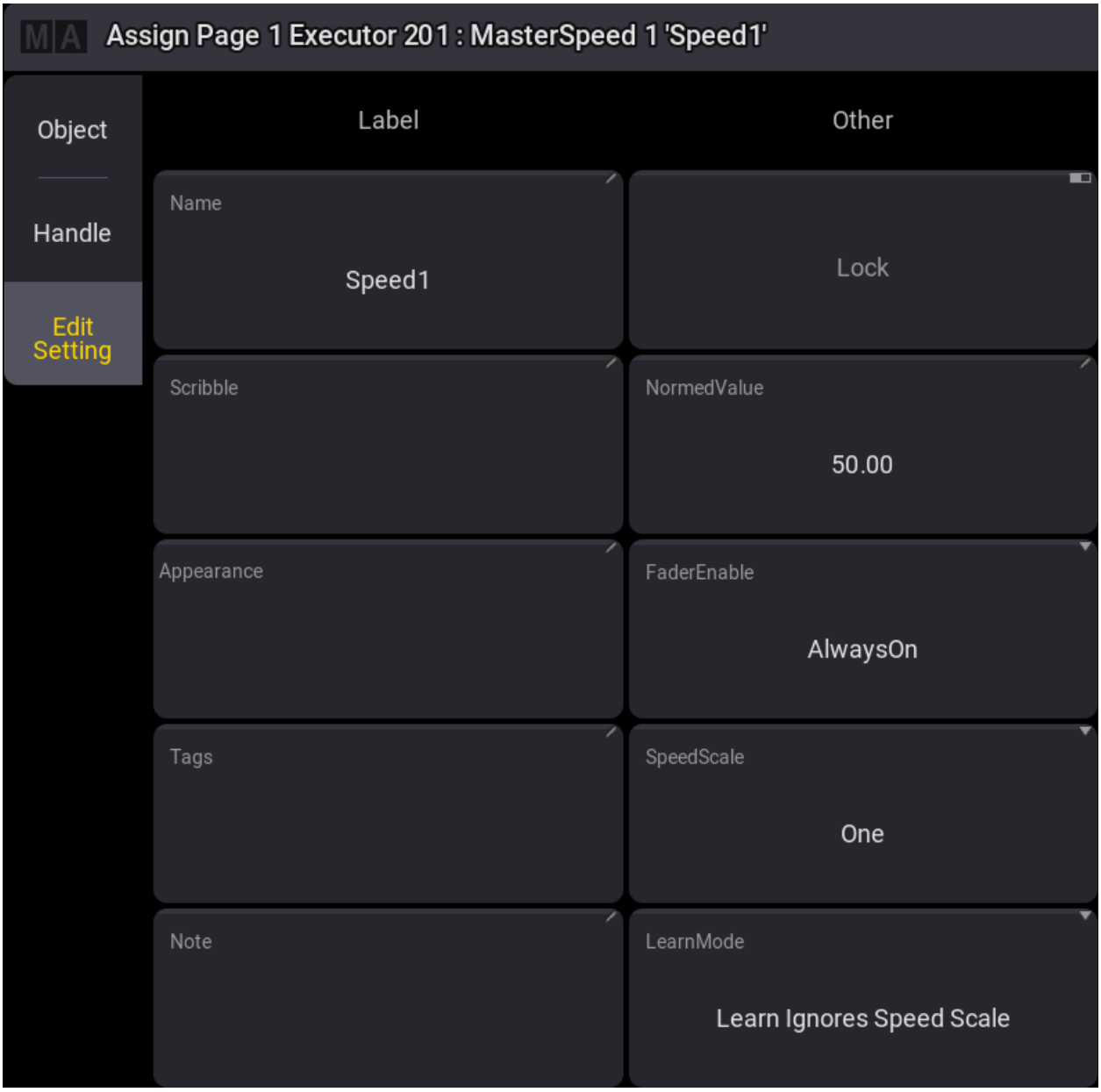
Depending on which type of object is assigned to the executor in the object tab, the **Edit** tab of the assign menu changes. For some objects there is an additional **Edit Setting** tab displayed.

Edit Setting

The **Edit Setting** tab usually displays the same settings and is linked to the Edit Setting pop-up of pool objects.

Some settings are only available in the **Edit Settings** tab and can only be accessed here. For more information about these settings, read the corresponding object topics. For example, for more information about SpeedScale setting, read Speed Masters.

For example, if a speed master is assigned, the Edit Setting tab could look like this:



Edit Setting tab with 'Speed1' assigned

Edit

For sequences, macros, views, and screen configurations, there is an additional **Edit** tab. It displays the editor of the object.

For sequences, tap ≡ in the top left corner of the title bar to open the sequence sheet settings.

Example

Here is a simple example how to change the size of an executor, various trigger options, functions, and save it as an executor configuration with the help of the assign menu.

Requirements:

- Load the demo show file.
- Open the assign menu for Sequence 1 'Look'

Assign Functions Using Keys and Commands

All functions can also be assigned using the keys or commands. Not all functions have a physical key that can be used. It can be done by writing the command using the keyboard.

	Hint:
	When assigning a new function to an encoder or key via command line (for example, Assign Go+ At Executor 201), the set unpress function will be removed. This does not happen when the user does it manually by using the Assign Menu.

Key Example

If the desired function has a physical key, assigning it to an executor key is easy. Press Assign, the function key you want, and the executor key where the function should be.

It is also possible to assign functions to keys and MA + key via commands.

Example 1

For instance, to assign the **Off** function to the key associated with executor number 101, you need to press the following keys:

Assign Off – (the executor key in the lower-left corner on consoles)

Example 2

To assign Goto as an MA + key function to the key associated with executor number 205, you need to press the following keys:

Press Assign + Goto + press and hold MA + 205

Command Example

Functions can be assigned using the command line.

These are the general two syntaxes:

Assign [Function] At Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number].["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number]

Assign [Function] At Executor ["Executor_Name" or Executor_Number]

The location must be a specific physical key associated with an **Executor Page**.

To assign the Pause function to the top key associated with executor 5 on executor page 8, the following command could be typed:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Pause At Page 8.405
```

To assign a secondary function, use the option keyword /MA. The general syntax is the same as above adding **/MA**:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Pause At Page 8.405 /MA
```

Fader Example

The functions can also be assigned using the command line.

The syntax is the same as the key functions. Except for "empty" - see examples below.

Examples

Example 1

To assign the rate function to executor number 209 on the current page, you will need to type the following command:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign FaderRate At Executor 209
```

Example 2

If you want to assign the "Empty" function to the executor fader, then it is necessary to use a different syntax. This example sets the left-most fader on page 1 to be empty:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Page 1.201 Property "Fader" "Empty"
```

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1.32.3. Running Playbacks

There are two ways to see the different running playbacks. This can be useful when trying to find out what is running and also to quickly turn off different playbacks.

Running Playback Window

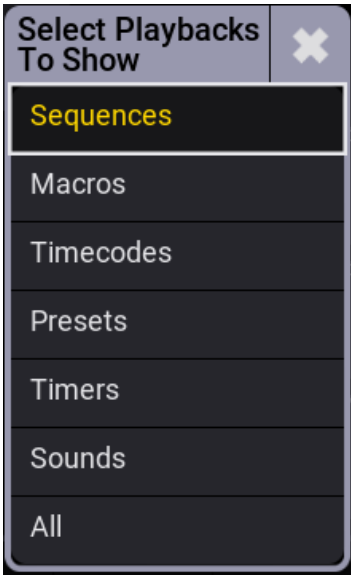
It can be a window on a screen. This is called **Running Playbacks** and can be created like any other window. It is in the "More" tab of the Add Window pop-up.

Running playback window

Each running object is displayed as a pool object and can be interacted with like any other pool object. For instance, it is possible to use the Off keyword to turn off an object by pressing Off and then tapping the object in the window.

This window can show different types of objects: Sequences, Macros, Timecodes, Presets, Timers, and Sound.

Toggle between them by tapping the Sequences, Macros, Timecodes, Presets, Timers, or Sounds tabs or select All to see all playbacks of the different types at a glance . Additionally, all tabs can be selected individually with the Select Playbacks button in the upper left corner in the window settings. Tap and hold to display a drop-down with all tabs:



The title bar has a Touch Mode button. If set to **None**, tapping an object performs no command. If set to **Off**, objects are immediately turned off when tapped. With **Select**, tapping on an object in the running playbacks window performs a select command in combination with the object you tap.

After Hold List is enabled, playbacks that are switched off will be grayed out.

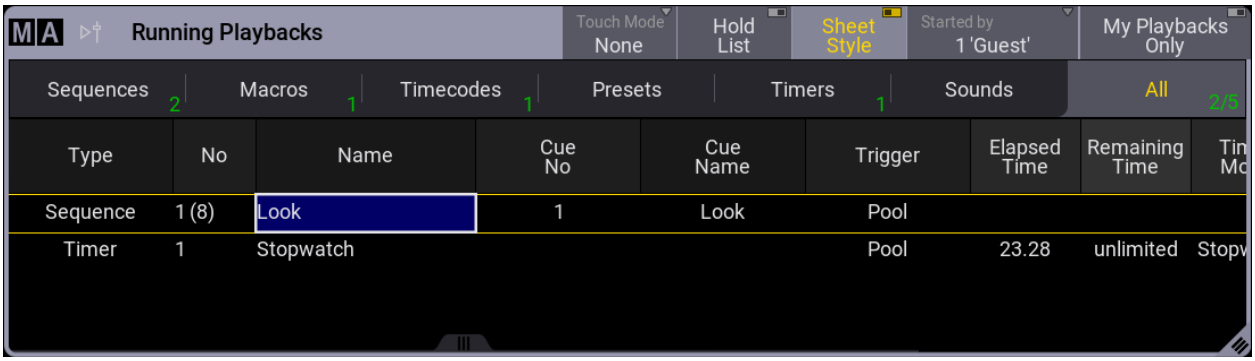
This stops the **Running Playbacks** window from constantly updating the list of running playbacks, especially when many sequences are flashing.

It is possible to filter the objects in the window to display only the playbacks started by a specific user by changing the Started by setting in the title bar or in the window settings. This can be overridden to only show playback triggered by the user currently logged in on the station, by tapping My Playbacks Only in the title bar. Disabling My Playbacks Only again resets Started by to its previous value.

The number in the lower right corner of each tab indicates how many playbacks of its object type are currently running. When My Playbacks Only is enabled, Started by is set to a value other than **<All Users>** , or SelectedDataPool is set to a value other than **All DataPools**, two numbers are displayed: **x** / **y**.

- **x**: Number of running playbacks matching the current settings.
- **y**: Total number of running playbacks.

The title bar also has a Sheet Style button. This turns the sheet style On or Off for this window. The default style is pool style, like the image above. Sheet style could look like this:



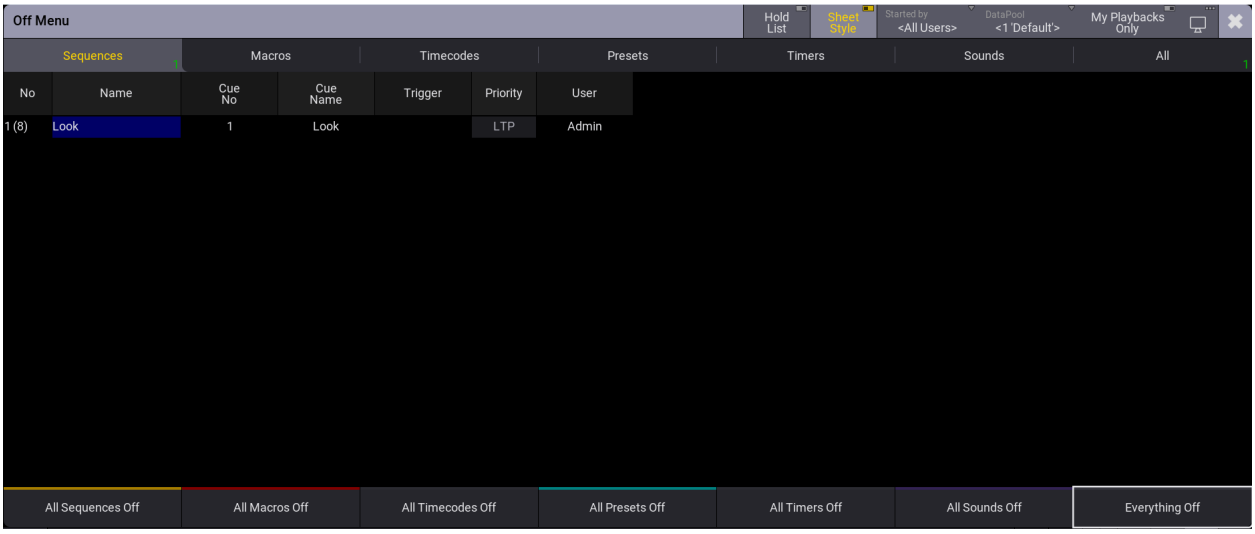
Running playbacks window in sheet style - one sequence and one timer started by Guest

This mode shows more details and displays all the extra information available on pool objects. For example, the **Trigger** column indicates which object started the playback.

Selecting a specific data pool and changing the font size are the only other options for the **Running Playbacks** window. All settings can be found in the **Running Playback Settings**, which can be opened by tapping the MA logo in the upper left corner of the title bar.

Off Menu

The other way to see running playbacks is to open a temporary version of the window. This is called the **Off Menu**. It is opened by pressing Off twice:



Off Menu in <All Users> mode

This is the same as the **Running Playbacks** window, with a few exceptions.

There are extra buttons at the bottom, and it has a permanent Off action, meaning that tapping any object instantly turns the object off.

The extra buttons at the bottom can be used to turn Off all objects of a specific type. The buttons change from **All** to **All My** if My Playbacks Only is On.

Tap Everything Off to immediately turn **all playbacks** off.

Tap (Screen Selector) in the upper right corner, to move the **Off menu** to a different screen.

The menu can be closed like any other pop-up by tapping the in the upper right corner.

1.32.4. Special Executors

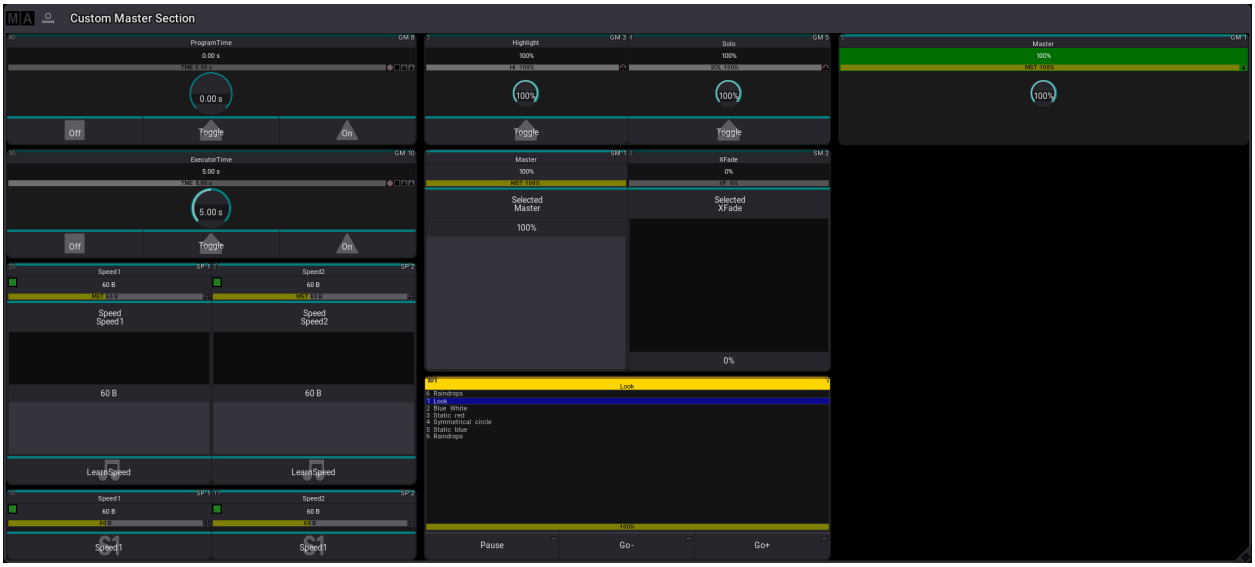
Special executors include the grand master knob as well as the keys, knobs, faders, encoders, and wheels found in the custom area and master area. By default, they are assigned to control a useful assortment of masters. As with other executors, changing the assignment of special executors allows control of many types of objects, including sequences, masters, plugins, groups, macros, worlds, and views.

The different areas containing special executors are always displayed to the right of the relevant letterbox screens corresponding to the hardware below the screens.

The **Custom Master Section** window displays the current assignment and status of the special executors in the two custom areas, the master area and the grand master knob. This window can also include on-screen versions of the special executor encoders, wheels, knobs, and keys; as well as the Go+, Go-, and Pause keys for the selected sequence.

Tap the icon in the control bar to open the **Custom Master Section** temporarily.

The **Custom Master Section** window is available under the More and All tabs in the **Add Window** pop-up.



Custom/Master Section window

The Custom/Master Section window contains three main areas:

- Custom area encoders and wheels are displayed on the left side of the window when all sections are visible.
- Master area, including the Go+, Go-, and Pause buttons for the selected executor, is displayed in the center of the window when all areas are visible.
- Grand master area, displayed on the right side of the window when all sections are visible.

These three main areas can include labels and a visualization of the associated hardware. When both labels and hardware are visible, the label for each special master appears directly above the associated hardware. In addition, page navigation buttons can be shown along the window's right edge.

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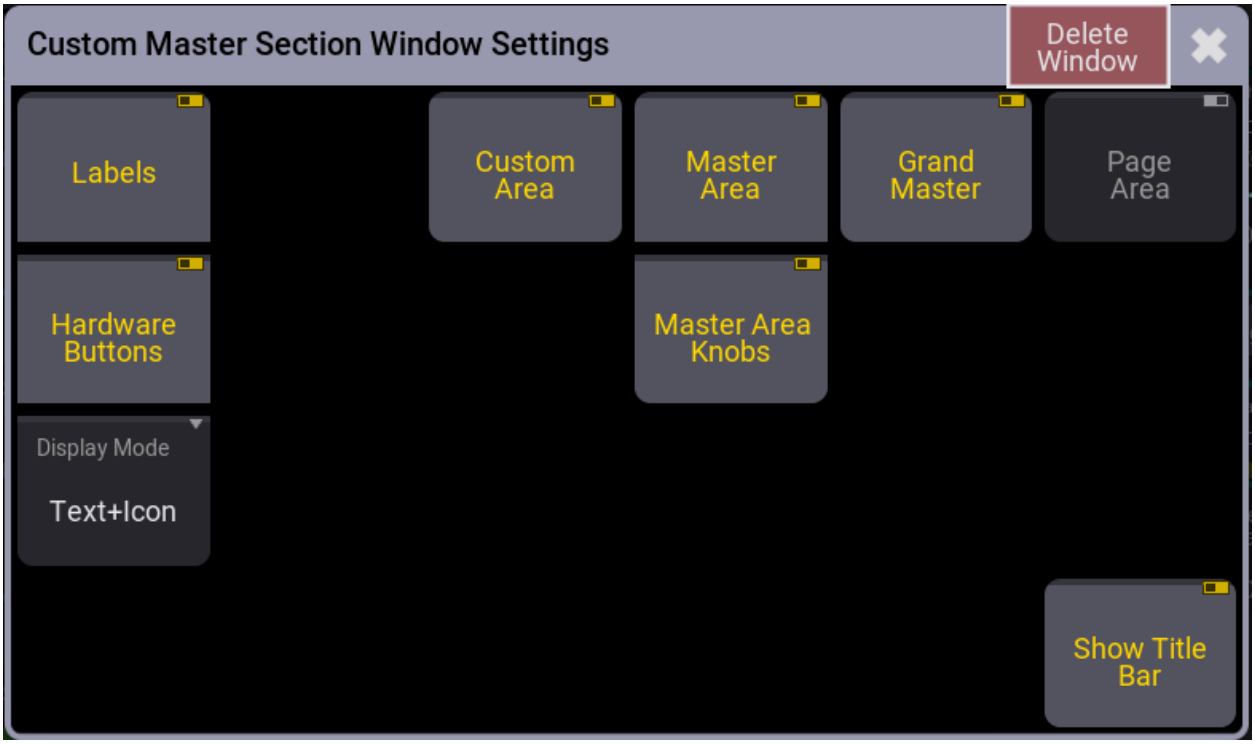
Tap MA in the upper left corner of the window to open the Window Settings pop-up.



Custom/Master Section Window Settings pop-up

Tap Labels to show or hide the labels for all visible sections. Tap Hardware Buttons to show or hide the hardware visualizations for all visible sections.

Display Mode:

This is used to define what the pool object displays. It has the following options:

- **Text and Symbol**:
  Both the text (name) and symbol are shown on the pool object if they are different than the default values and not empty.
- **Text**:
  Only the pool object's name is shown. If the pool object only has the default name, it is not shown.
- **Symbol**:
  Only the symbol is shown. If no symbol is generated, then the pool object is empty.
- **Auto**:
  This results in only the symbol being displayed if a symbol exists. Otherwise, the text (name) is displayed.

Tap Custom Area, Master Area, Grand Master, Page Area, and Master Area Knobs to show or hide the corresponding area of special executors or page navigation controls. Tap Show Title Bar to show or hide the title bar of the window.

	Hint:
	The Hardware Buttons and Master Area settings must all be enabled in order for the **Default Playback** buttons to be visible.
	Hint:
	As elements are hidden, the remaining visible elements automatically

	rescale to fill the available space within the window.

Tap the label of the **Default Playback** area to open the **Edit Sequence** for the selected sequence.

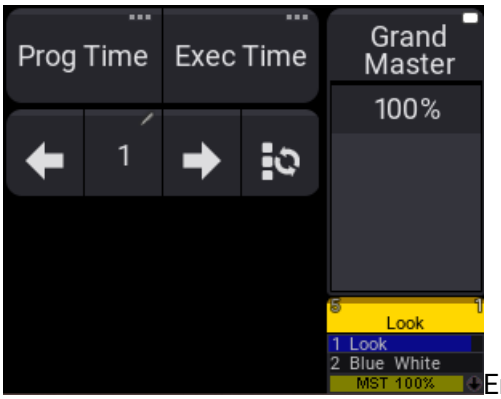
Tap the label of any special executor to open the **Assign Menu** for that special executor. The options available in the **Assign Menu** for a special executor are the same as the options for any other executor. For more information on the assignment process, see Assign Object to an Executor.

Special Executor 5 and the Grand Master

By default, the grand master is assigned to special executor 5. Press Assign, then press the special executor 5 knob to open the **Assign Menu** for special executor 5. Use the **Assign Menu** to assign any desired object to special executor 5.

	Hint:
	Since the hardware associated with special executor 5 consists of only a knob with no additional key, it is possible to assign a normal key function to the press of the knob.

When any object other than the grand master is assigned to special executor 5, the area of the encoder bar that normally shows the grand master adjusts to show both the grand master and a label for the object assigned to special master 5.



Encoder bar showing both sequence 1, assigned to special master 5, and the grand master.

1.33. Masters

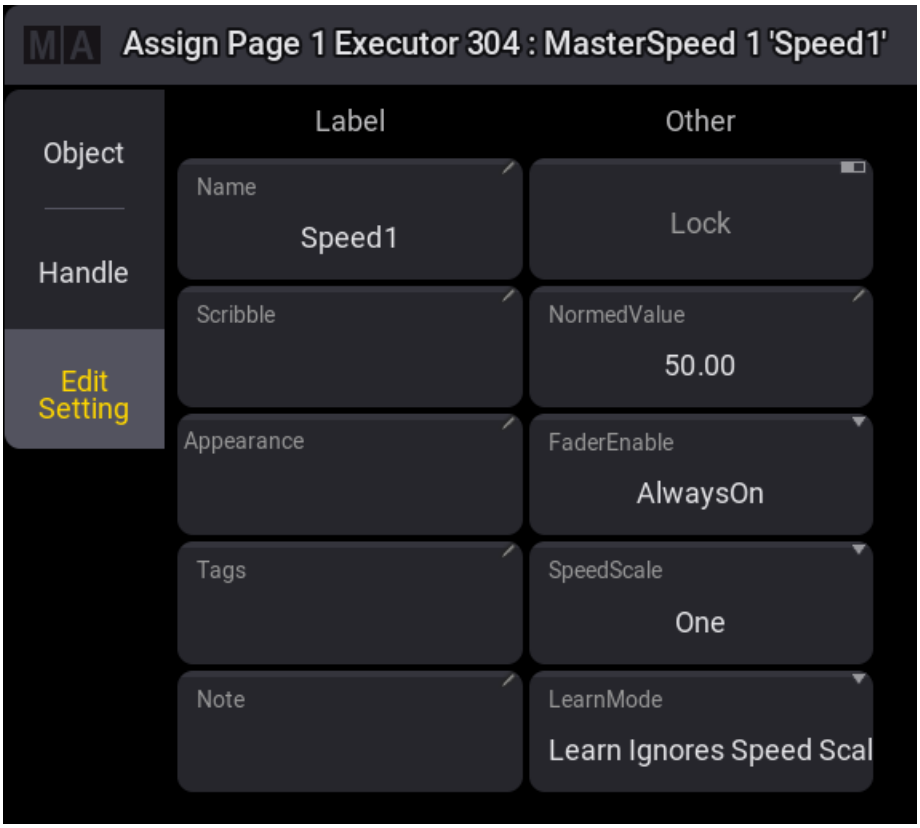
Masters are timing and level overrides. There are different types of masters that fulfil different purposes. Read more about them in the other topics in this section.

Quick access to all masters is available in the masters window. For more information on this menu, see Masters Window.

Assign Masters to Executors

Masters can be assigned to executors or any of the special executors in the master section, custom section, or the grand master.
They can be assigned using the assign menu. Tap Object in the top-left corner, then Master at the top of the menu to display a tree structure separated into the five groups of masters.

There are two functions that are specific to masters that are assigned to a fader. They can be accessed in the Edit Setting tab of the assign menu.



Edit Setting tab of a speed master in the assign menu

- **Normed Value:**
  This is a representation of the current fader value of the master. Therefore, it defines the default fader position when the master gets assigned to an executor.

- **Fader Enable:**
  Define the master mode. For more information see below.

The functions **SpeedScale** and **LearnMode** are specific to speed masters. For more information, see Speed Masters.

For more information on assigning objects to executors, see Assign Object to an Executor.
Masters can also be assigned and adjusted using the Master keyword.

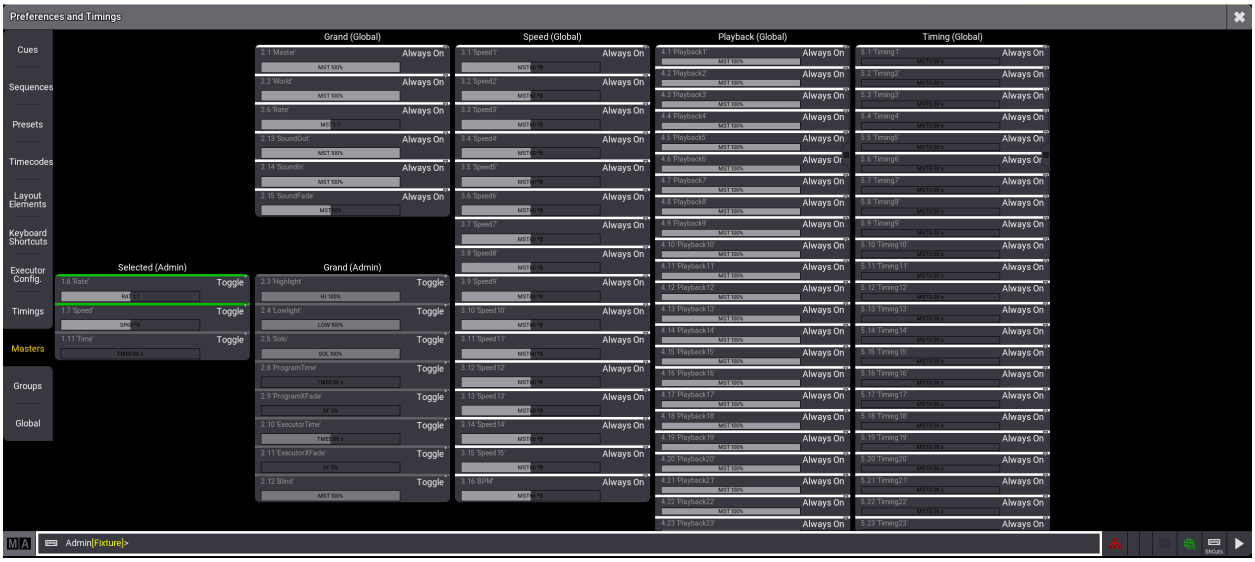
Master Modes

Masters have a mode that defines how they operate.

There are three available modes:

- **Toggle**:
  Switch the master **On** or **Off**. The fader value of the master can always be changed and affects the output when the master is on. The indicator colors are gray (Off) and green (On).
  Masters that are set to toggle can be executed with the button function Temp when they are off. They will then be temporarily enabled to their current master fader level. For more information about Temp, see Temp Keyword.
- **Always On**:
  The master is always On and cannot be switched Off. The fader value of the master can always be changed and affects the output. The indicator color for **Always On** is white.
- **Disabled**:
  The master is off and its fader value internally uses its default value. For example, the grand master uses 100% and the program time uses 0s. The indicator color for **Disabled** is red.

The modes of all masters can be changed in Menu – Preferences and Timings – Masters.



Masters settings in Preference and Timings menu

This menu displays the masters separated by their type and their membership in the show file.

Masters can have a global membership which means that these masters are controlled by all users of the show file. Masters with a user membership are located within the user profile which means that every user profile has its own individual set of these masters. Changing one of these masters does not affect the same master in a different user profile.

The section of masters that are controlled by the user profile displays the name of the user behind their type, for example, Selected (Admin) for the masters that control the selected sequence of the Admin user.

Masters of the global membership display (Global) behind their type, for example, Playback (Global).

The mode can be changed by tapping the current mode of the master. This toggles through the three modes.

This menu also shows the current value of each master.

Subtopics

- Selected Masters
- Grand Masters
- Highlight, Lowlight, Solo
- Time Control
- Speed Masters
- Playback Masters
- Timing Masters

1.33.1. Selected Masters

Selected masters give access to the individual masters of the selected sequence. They adjust the levels and timing of the selected sequence.

Selected masters can be assigned to executors and special executors.

Read more about the functions of the masters and assigning masters to executors in the Assign Object to an Executor topic, especially the Change Fader Function section.

The selected masters are:

- **Master 1.1 'Master'**
  Controls the intensity.
- **Master 1.2 'XFade'** - this is also called Crossfade.
  Crossfades between the current cue and the next cue.
- **Master 1.3 'XFadeA'** - this is also called CrossfadeA or XA.
  Is the first of a manual crossfade between two cues. Works along with XFadeB.
- **Master 1.4 'XFadeB'** - this is also called CrossfadeB or XB.
  Is the second of a manual crossfade between two cues. Works along with XFadeA.
- **Master 1.5 'Temp'**
  Crossfades the cue on when pulled up, and off when pulled down.
- **Master 1.6 'Rate'**
  Modifies the fade and delay time in a sequence by the value of the rate master. If **Speed from Rate** is on, it is also valid for phaser speed stored in cues. For more information, see Sequence Settings.
- **Master 1.7 'Speed'**
  Controls the phaser speed in a cue.
- **Master 1.8 'Highlight'**
- **Master 1.9 'Lowlight'**
- **Master 1.10 'Solo'**
- **Master 1.11 'Time'**
  Sets the time for the time overwrite. For more information on time see Time Keyword.

	Hint:
	The Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo masters are only functional for the grand masters. For more information, see Grand Masters.

1.33.2. Grand Masters

The Grand Masters are a selection of 14 different masters that can be assigned to executors and special executors.

They are:

- **Master 2.1 'Master'**
  This is the grand master. This has a dedicated virtual fader, but can also be assigned to any executor or special executor.
- **Master 2.2 'World'**
  Functions like a grand master but only for fixtures included in the selected world. For more information on worlds, see Worlds and Filters.
- **Master 2.3 'Highlight'**
  Inhibits the effect of the highlight function on selected fixtures. It offers proportional control over dimmer as well as all other highlighted attributes. It also works as an inhibitor for the lowlight function. For more information on highlight, see Highlight Keyword.
- **Master 2.4 'Lowlight'**
  Inhibits the effect of the lowlight function on highlighted fixtures. It offers proportional control over all lowlighted attributes. For more information on lowlight, see Lowlight Keyword.
- **Master 2.5 'Solo'**
  Inhibits the effect of the solo function on selected fixtures. It offers proportional control over dimmer attributes. For more information on solo, see Solo Keyword.
- **Master 2.6 'Rate'**
  Modifies the fade and delay time in sequences. For more information on rate, see FaderRate Keyword.
- **Master 2.7 'Reserved'**
  This master is only necessary for background processes and not functional.
- **Master 2.8 'ProgramTime'**
  Modifies the fade time used by the programmer. For more information on program time, see Time Control.
- **Master 2.9 'ProgramXFade'**
  Crossfades new programmer values to the output. It affects all programmer values changed after ProgramXFade is activated.
- **Master 2.10 'ExecutorTime'**
  Overrides stored cue timing. For more information on exec time, see Time Control.
- **Master 2.11 'ExecutorXFade'**
  Crossfades one or multiple executors. It is like a crossfade for a single executor but affects all executors triggered after the ExecutorXFade is activated.
- **Master 2.12 'Blind'**
  Inhibits the effect of the blind function. It offers proportional control over dimmer as well as all other attributes. For more information on blind, see Blind Keyword.
- **Master 2.13 'SoundOut'**
  Volume of the console's audio output.
- **Master 2.14 'SoundIn'**
  Inhibits incoming audio signals. For more information about using sound input, see Sound Window.

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- **Master 2.15 'SoundFade'**
  Adjusts how quickly the console responds to changes in incoming audio signals. For more information about using sound input, see Sound Window.

1.33.3. Time Control

When enabled, the Program Time and Executor Time masters can override playback timing within the programmer and executors, respectively, with a time range of 0 seconds to 10 seconds. They can be assigned to executors as well as special executors in the Master Area, Custom Area, or the Grand Master. This gives physical control of their activation and level. Quick access to these masters is available in the master controls menu. For more information on this menu, see the Master Controls topic.

Program Time

Program Time adds a fade time to changes of attribute values in the programmer. Set the master to the desired value and activate Program Time by pressing On or Toggle on an executor assigned to the program time master, or tap Prog Time in the master controls menu so there is a green marker. The set time will be used for all value changes in the programmer except for those made by turning an encoder or the dimmer wheel.

To deactivate program time, press Off or Toggle on an executor assigned to the program time master, or tap Prog Time again in the master controls menu. The green marker will disappear.

	Hint:
	Recalling presets that include individual fade time and delay time will continue to use their stored times. Presets with no individual fade time will respect the program time setting.

Executor Time

Executor Time overrides cue fade times during sequence playback, regardless of whether the sequence is running from an executor or directly from the sequence pool. Set the master to the desired value and activate Executor Time by pressing On or Toggle on an executor assigned to the executor time master, or tap Executor Time in the master controls menu so there is a green marker. Cues stored with only basic timing will change values using the specified executor time. Individual fade and delay and times will continue to playback as stored. Cues with follow or time triggers will continue to use the stored triggers.

To deactivate executor time, press Off or Toggle on an executor assigned to the executor time master, or tap Executor Time again in the master controls menu. The green marker will disappear.

If the Use Executor Time option in the sequence settings menu is enabled, the sequence will follow the executor time master. Disabling Use Executor Time allows all of the cues in the sequence playback using their stored timing. For more information on the sequence settings menu, see the Sequence Settings topic.

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1.33.4. Highlight, Lowlight, Solo

Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo are temporary visualization tools. Highlight forces the selected fixtures into a bright, identifiable state. Lowlight works in conjunction with Highlight and applies Lowlight values to the sub-selection. Solo suppresses unselected fixtures to zero intensity.

Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo masters can be used to scale the intensity of these states. These tools do not write values into the programmer, store values into cues, or change fixture data. They are commonly used to identify fixtures in a crowded rig, confirm selection order, build or troubleshoot groups, and check fixture focus or alignment. When they are toggled off, the fixtures return to their previous output.

Master 2.3 'Highlight'

The typical behavior for Highlight temporarily forces the selected fixtures to their Highlight values while the non-selected fixtures remain unchanged. Programmer values are not overwritten. If Lowlight is active, the sub-selection will be forced to their Lowlight values while the non-selected fixtures will not be affected.

Common default highlight values might include:
• Dimmer At 100 %.
• Color At Open/White.
• Shutter At Open.
• Gobo At Open.

These values are defined in the Highlight column of the FixtureTypes Editor.
The basic workflow for using Highlight could look like this:

User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 10

then press Highlt.

This lets you visually confirm what you have selected.
To toggle off Highlight, press Highlt again or type:

User name[Fixture]>Highlight Off

To confirm group selection order, you can use this example.

1. To select the group "DS_Spots", type:

User name[Fixture]> Group "DS_Spots"

2. Press Highlt.
3. Press Next several times.
4. Confirm selection order.

You can now visually confirm selection order, fixture orientation, or stage layout correctness. If an unexpected fixture lights up, then the group or selection order can be reorganized.

Master 2.4 'Lowlight'

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Lowlight is the inverse concept. Lowlight dims or modifies the sub-selection so your current selection stands out in conjunction with Highlight. Programmer values are not overwritten.

Lowlight values commonly include:
• Dimmer At 20 %.
• Color At dark blue.

Highlight and Lowlight Together
Lowlight only works in conjunction with Highlight. When both are active, selected fixtures go to their Highlight state while the sub-selection goes to their Lowlight state. This creates a clear visual isolation effect, which is useful for large rigs.

To apply Highlight to fixtures 101 - 120 and Lowlight to the remaining fixtures in the selection, use this example:

User name[Fixture]>101 Thru 120

Press Highlt to toggle it on.
MA + Highlt toggles on Lowlight.

Editing Highlight / Lowlight Behavior
Both functions are controlled by values inside the fixture type.

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Patch in the menu pop-up.
3. Select the desired fixture.
4. Tap Edit DMX Mode in the menu at the bottom.
5. Scroll over to Highlight or Lowlight columns.
6. Highlight / Lowlight values can be edited in the window.
7. Close the editor and the patch and save the changes.

These states can be edited for different use cases.

You can also define these states through keywords:

For more information, see Highlight and Lowlight Keyword.

Master 2.5 'Solo'

Solo is a temporary output isolation tool. When activated, it forces all fixtures except the selected fixtures to zero intensity, allowing you to focus on a subset of the rig without modifying programmer data, cues, or playbacks. Think of it as a live “spotlight mode” for programming and troubleshooting. When Solo is On, selected fixtures output normally while un-selected fixtures are temporarily suppressed (dimmer forced to 0). Solo does not write values into the programmer. Solo does not change cue data. Solo does not alter playbacks. It is a temporary output filter. When Solo is turned Off, the full rig returns to its original state.

Solo sits very high in the output priority stack. It does not change priorities like HTP, LTP, Super, or Programmer. Instead, it simply blocks output from other fixtures.

For fixtures 1 - 12 to remain visible while forcing all unselected fixtures to zero intensity you can use this example.

1. To select fixtures 1 thru 12, type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Fixture 1 Thru 12

2. Then press Solo.
3. Confirm results.

To exit Solo, press Solo again or type:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>Solo Off

Solo vs Highlight vs Lowlight

Highlight forces selected fixtures to Highlight state. Lowlight forces the sub-selection to their Lowlight state. Solo forces non-selected fixtures to zero intensity except selected fixtures.

Highlight, Lowlight, Solo Masters

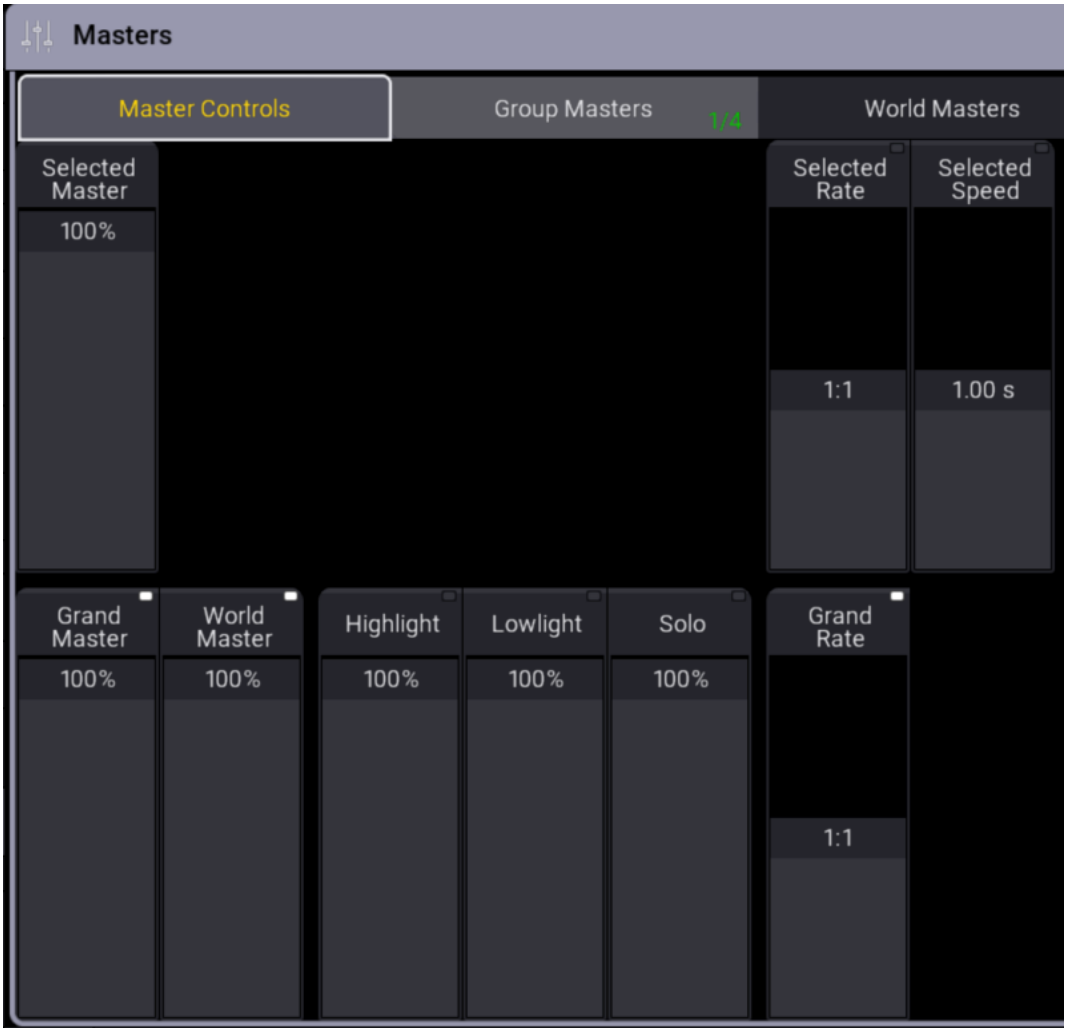
The Highlight Master controls the intensity level of the Highlight function in real time. Instead of Highlight forcing fixtures to a fixed intensity (like 100%), the fader lets you scale the brightness of highlighted fixtures while Highlight is active. This only affects fixtures that are currently in their Highlight state.

The Lowlight Master controls the intensity level applied to the sub-selection when the Lowlight function is active. The Lowlight Master then scales the intensity of those fixtures.

The Solo Master controls the intensity level of non-selected fixtures when Solo mode is active. The Solo fader determines how much of the rest of the rig remains visible when Solo is engaged. When Solo is on, the console normally isolates the selected fixtures. The Solo master then controls the brightness of all other fixtures. The Solo fader does not modify actual fixture intensity values. It does not change cue data, change programmer values or affect playback priorities.

The Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo Masters are typically found in the Master Controls section. These Masters are also assignable to executors.

	Hint:
	These Masters are different from the Selected Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo Masters found in the Selected Masters section.



Masters Window - Master Controls

	Important:
	Highlight, Lowlight, and Solo may not function as expected if a negative, scaling, or positive Group Master affects the output of the selected fixtures.
	Important:
	Solo only affects the dimmer values of the unselected fixtures. Non Dims that use an attribute other than Dimmer will not be affected.

1.33.5. Speed Masters

There are 16 different speed masters. They can be used to determine and synchronize the speed of objects and elements such as cues or phasers.

Speed masters have values between 0 and 225 BPM.

Speed masters can be assigned to executors and special executors. For more information see Assign Object to an Executor.

The green square in the speed master label in the playback bar blinks in accordance with the speed if a speed master is assigned to an executor. This gives visual feedback about the current speed of the master.

The speed of speed masters can be manipulated by applying a multiplier or divider to the master. To do so, use the settings **Speed Scale** and **Learn Mode**.
The easiest way to change the settings of a speed master is the Edit Setting tab in the assign menu.
To access the speed master settings in the assign menu, the master has to be assigned to an executor or special executor.

- **SpeedScale:**
  Apply a multiplier or divider to the speed master. As a result, the speed of the master is faster or slower by the selected factor. The actual speed of the master and the multiplier or divider factor are displayed on the speed master label in the playback bar if the speed master is assigned to an executor.
- **LearnMode:**
  Define how **Learn** and **LearnSpeed** react with speed masters. There are three different values:
  - **Learn Ignores Speed Scale:** The speed scale is not taken into account. Example: Tapping a speed of 60 BPM with a speed scale of **Mul2** still results in a speed of 60 BPM. This is the default.
  - **Learn Respects Speed Scale**: This takes the value set in **SpeedScale** into account. Example: Tapping a speed of 60 BPM with a speed scale of **Mul2** results in a speed of 120 BPM.
  - **Auto Increase Speed Scale**: Tapping a high BPM value over 225 BPM automatically increases the **SpeedScale** value. Still, tapping a speed of 60 BPM with a speed scale of **Mul2** results in a speed of 60 BPM.

	Hint:
	Learn Respects Speed Scale is enabled in show files that were saved in version 2.2 or prior. This matches the behavior in these versions.

Synchronize Output Using Speed Masters

Speed masters can be assigned to sequences, cues, cue parts, attributes, presets, generators, and phasers. This makes it easy to synchronize output to the same speed.
To do so, assign the same speed master to multiple elements.

Speed masters that are assigned to an attribute are always synchronized to the speed master in the active cue or sequence.
If the same speed master is assigned to a sequence or cue part and an attribute, the speed master will be removed from the attribute when updating or storing the sequence or cue.

BPM Master

Speed master 16 is a BPM master. It is controlled by incoming audio and automatically adopts the detected beats per minute (BPM) as the master speed. For more information on the BPM master and using sound input see Sound Viewer.

If the BPM master fader is moved, the BPM master adjusts to the nearest multiple of the detected BPM. For example: If a song has a speed of 60 BPM and the speed master fader is manually moved to 130 BPM, the speed master will move to 120 BPM.

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1.33.6. Playback Masters

50 different Playback Masters can be assigned to executors and special executors.

Playback Masters can be assigned as playback settings of sequences. The masters function as an inhibitive dimmer control for the assigned sequences. All sequences with the same playback master assigned can be simultaneously inhibited by that master.

Read more about assigning playback masters to executors in the Assign Object to an Executor topic. Read about assigning a playback master to a sequence in the Sequence Settings topic.

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1.33.7. Timing Masters

There are 50 different timing masters.

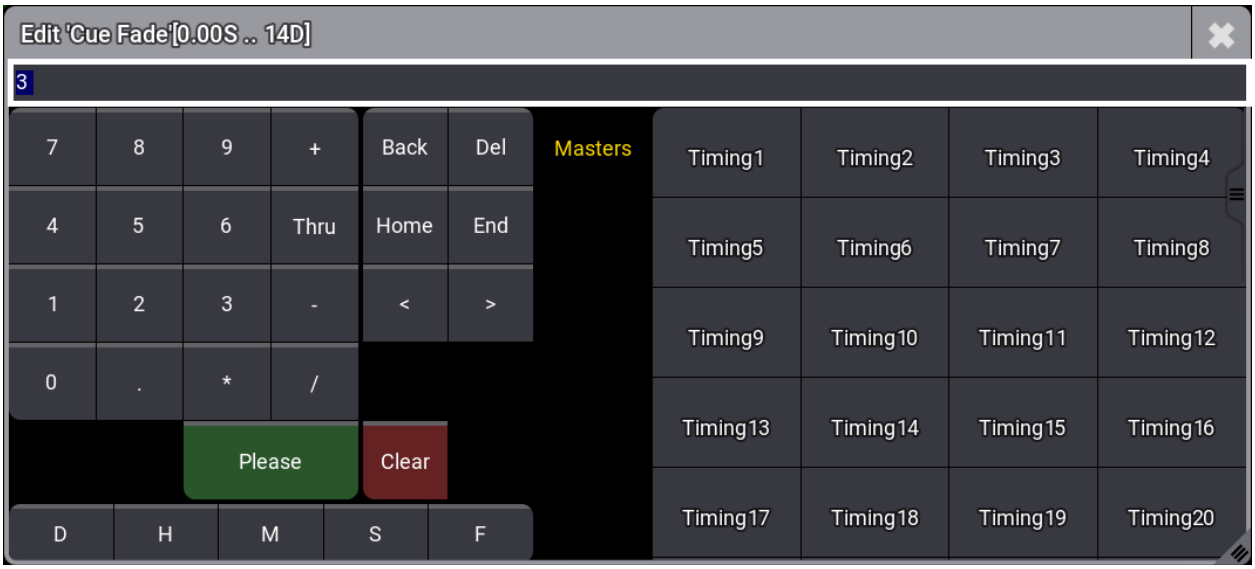
They can have values between 0 seconds and 10 seconds.

Timing masters can be set for playback timings instead of a numeric value. They can also be used for timings in combination with playback commands.

The following properties can be set to a timing master:

- Timings in sequences: CueIn Fade, CueOut Fade, CueIn Delay, CueOut Delay, Feature Group Fade, and Feature Group Delay
  For more information about using timing masters in sequences, see Cue Timing – Timing Masters.
- Playback timings in **Preferences and Timings**:
  To show and edit these default playback timings, go to **Menu - Preferences and Timings - Timings**.
  For more information about default playback timings, see Cue Timing – Playback Timing.

To set a timing master, edit the value of one of these properties and select a timing master in the calculator.



Calculator Cue Fade with timing masters

To set different timing masters for in and out timings when **Condensed Timing** is enabled in the sequence sheet, type manually into the Cue Fade or Cue Delay calculators. For example, Timing1/Timing2 (no spaces between name and number).

To use a timing master in combination with playback commands, type the timing master instead of a numeric value.

Example:

User name[Fixture]>Goto Cue 5 Fade "Timing5"

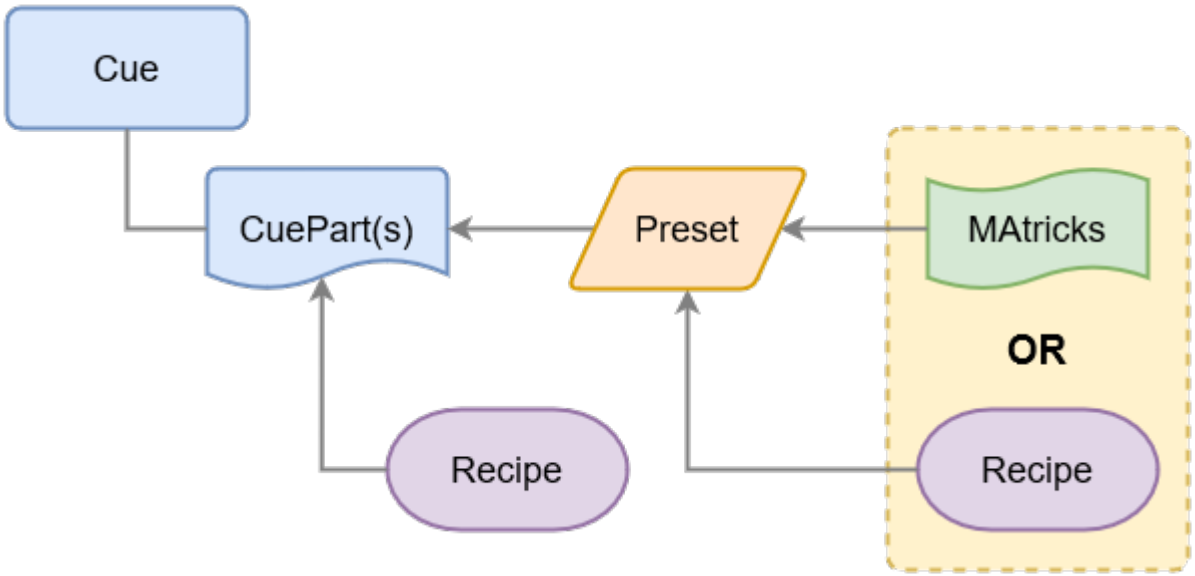
Timing masters can be assigned to executors. Read more about assigning masters to executors in the Assign Object to an Executor topic.

To change the name of a timing master or add a scribble, an appearance, a note, or tags go to the Edit Setting tab of the assign menu or use the Label keyword.

1.34. Recipes

Recipes can be a very useful tool for touring shows or when the changes are expected.

Recipes can be stored in cue parts and presets.



Recipe data flowchart

There is a possibility to create some conflicting data using recipes and stored values in both cue parts and in presets.

Values can be stored in a cue part. Cue parts can also contain recipe data.

The cue part recipe needs to be cooked into the cue part. If this is cooked with the "Merge" option then existing values in the cue part are not overwritten by the recipe. If the "Overwrite" option is selected, then all existing values are overwritten by the recipe - values that are not affected by the recipe are removed from the overwritten cue.

Preset recipes are automatically cooked into the preset, and a preset can be used in a cue part.

All this means that an attribute can potentially get a value from four different locations, but only one of these values can be output:

- The cue part
- The cue part recipe
- The preset
- The preset recipe

Values stored in the cue part have higher priority than the cue part recipe value. Values stored in the preset have a higher priority than the preset recipe values. Storing a preset to a cue part creates the preset reference to the preset so in that case the output is decided by the preset priority.

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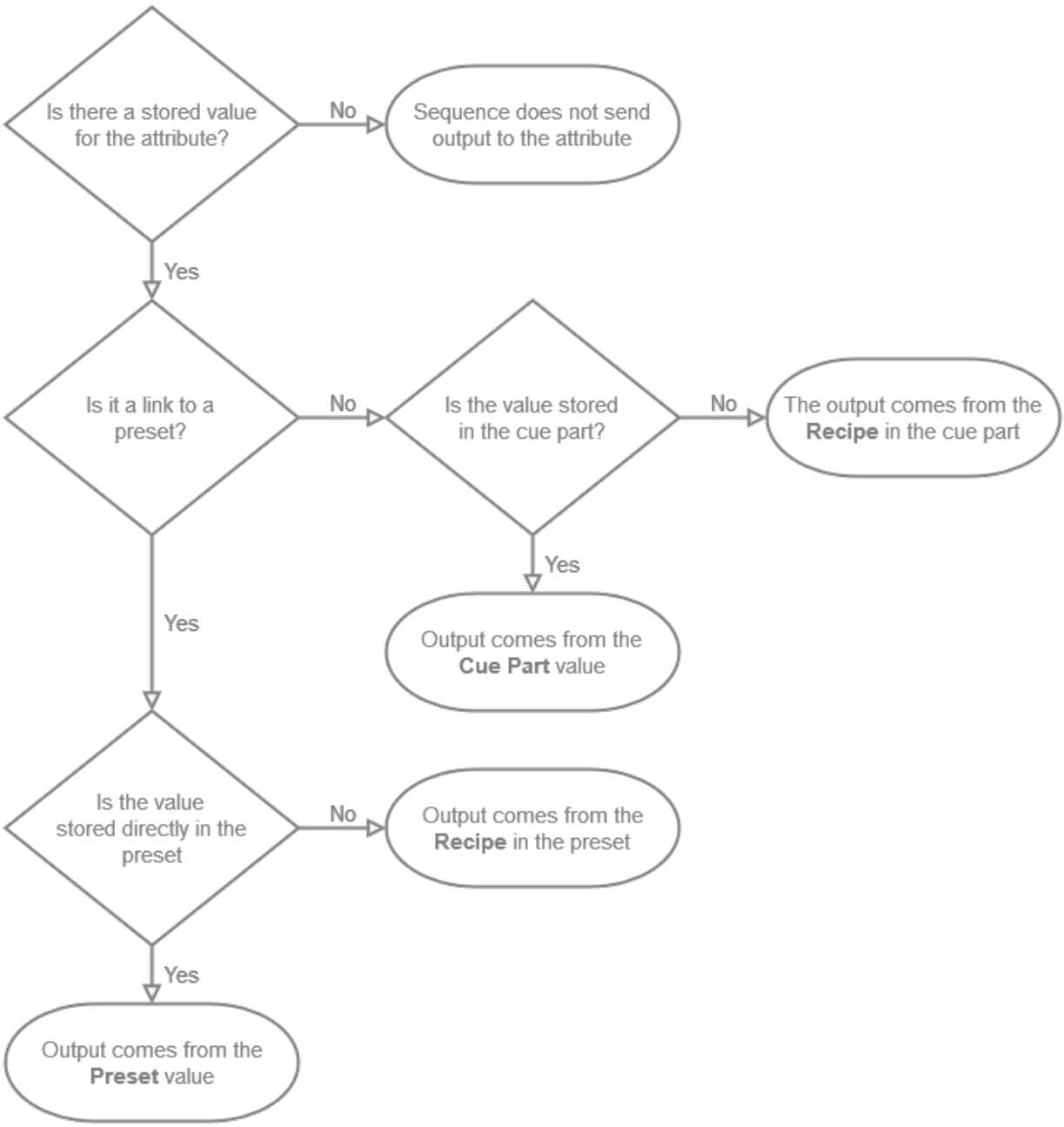
	Important:
	When storing recipes in a feature group preset pool, for example Dimmer, not only the attribute-related values are stored. Instead, all values are stored, and the input filter is ignored.

This flow chart can be used to determine where the output comes from in a sequence:



Output decision flowchart

A recipe contains one or multiple recipe lines describing what should happen based on a set of information. The recipe can "cook" values into the cue part, preset, or programmer. This cooked data is marked by a small pot icon and the cooked data can easily be removed again if needed.

A recipe line can contain information about a selection of fixtures, group, preset, MAtricks, individual fade, delay, speed, and phase values.

Values from recipes can be combined with conventionally stored values.

The flexibility in the recipe system allows for a variety of uses. The recipes could be used to:

- Create recipe presets for groups referencing other presets for a flexible fixture setup.
- Create template presets with ranged values that can be applied to a flexible selection of fixtures.
- Cues that contain a recipe on how different elements create the desired look.

If a recipe is present in a cue, then there is a small pot icon. It is an indicator for the most recent running cooking process:

- Green pot: During the most recent cooking process, all standard recipe lines cooked successfully. The object contains only recipe data.
- Violet pot: During the most recent cooking process, all phaser recipe lines cooked successfully.
- Red pot: During the most recent cooking process, at least one recipe line did not cook.
- Orange pot: After the most recent cooking process, this object includes data from recipes (cooked) and uncooked data.
- Open green pot: This is a standard recipe template
- Open violet pot: This is a phaser recipe template.

	Hint:
	Objects that contain a mixture of standard and phaser recipes will include two pots.

The grandMA3 software offers multiple tools and methods to create and edit recipes. Read the Cue Recipe and Preset Recipe topics for details on how to create and edit recipes directly in cues and presets. Additionally recipes can be created with the programmer, the Recipe Editor Window, and the Edit Recipe Mode.

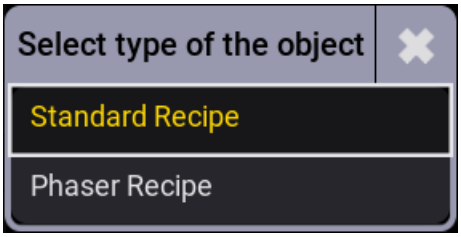
For more information about columns in recipe lines and the context area, read Recipe Editor.

1.34.1. Recipe Editor

The recipe editor with its multiple columns is part of recipes in cue parts, presets, and the Recipe Editor window. Besides minor differences, the recipe editor covers the same information in all three places.

For settings that are mutually exclusive for the recipe editor window, read Recipe Editor window.

To create a new standard or phaser recipe, tap and hold the cell **New Recipe**, or select the cell and tap + on the top left side. A pop-up opens:

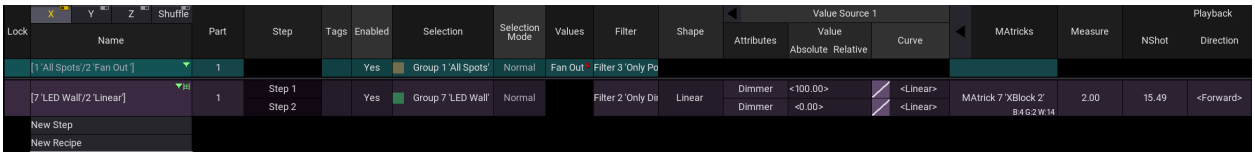


Alternatively, you can add recipes tapping Add Standard Recipe and Add Phaser Recipe on the right side of the context area. For more information on the context area, read below.

Columns of the Recipe Editor

Standard recipes and their columns have a green background in the editor, and phaser recipes and their columns have a violet background. Only cells with a background color can be edited.

These are the columns of the recipe editor:



Recipe editor with a standard and a phaser recipe.

- X, Y, Z, and Shuffle:
  Enable the toggle buttons to display the relating MAtricks columns below.
- **Name**:
  The Name column can also be used to give the recipe line a name. If the name text is red, that indicates that the line cannot be cooked. For example, if the values are not valid for the selection or if crucial ingredients are missing. MAtricks values that do not come from a pool object, Worlds, or Filters, are indicated by small green icons (, , or) on the right in the Name cell. Phaser recipe lines are named after their selection and shape, and standard recipe lines after their selection and value.

	Important:
	If a world is selected, cooking a recipe in the programmer only cooks the channels in the selected world. Once the recipe is stored all values, including values that are not active in the selected world, are stored as fully cooked.

- **Part**:
  Displays the programmer part. Tap and hold to edit the Part of the recipe line. This column is only available in the recipe editor window.
- **Step**:
  Displays which step of the phaser the recipe line corresponds to. The step is set automatically and cannot be changed manually.
- **Tags**:
  Displays assigned Tags. Tap and hold to edit the cell and assign or unassign tags. For more information on tags, read Tags.
- **Enabled**:
  If set to **Yes** recipe lines will be cooked. With **No**, the recipe line is marked red and will not be cooked.
- **Selection**:
  This is the selection of fixtures using this recipe line. If the selection is a group, then the number and the name of the group is displayed. If the group is empty, the text is red. Tap and hold to open a pop-up with a drop-down of all groups. To select all fixtures of a preset, that is set in the values column, select **<From Value>** in the drop-down. The pop-up also offers a search function and a Data Pool selection in the title bar. To create a new group, tap **New** at the bottom of the drop-down. A new groups pool is created with the edit mode active.

- **Selection Mode**:
  This defines how subfixtures are handled when only main fixtures are part of the selection of the recipe:

	Hint:
	When migrating show files from v1.9.7.0. or earlier, the **Selection Mode** setting will be set to **Strict** in existing recipes.

  - **Normal**:
    Values are passed down to the sub fixtures.
  - **Strict**:Values are strictly applied to only the fixtures in the selection.

  Both are additionally displayed as buttons at the top of the context area of the **Selection** column.

- This is the value reference used in the recipe line. If the value is a preset, then the number and the name of the preset and many of the different preset icons indicating Preset Mode, MAtricks, MultiStep, Layer information, and so on are shown. If the fixtures of the selected group are only partly used, the text in the values column is displayed in orange. This happens for example if not all fixtures of the selection in use can use the selected preset or a world is added to a recipe line. If it is red, it is not compatible to fixtures in the Selection column. When adding a standard recipe line to an existing phaser recipe, the phaser recipe can be linked in the **Values** column. Tap and hold the values cell in the standard recipe line and select the phaser recipe in the Edit Values pop-up.
- **Filter**:
  Assign a filter or world to the recipe line. For more information on shapes, read Worlds and Filters.
- **Shape**:
  Select a shape from the shapes pool. Shapes span across the entire phaser. Selecting a shape influences other values. When adding a phaser recipe line to an existing phaser recipe, the previous phaser recipe can be linked in the shape column. Select the phaser recipe in the Edit Shape pop-up. If you assign a shape to a phaser recipe, values that are set in the shape are applied to the corresponding empty cells in the phaser recipe. Values that are set manually in a

phaser recipe have priority over values set in the shape. They are not overridden if a shape is assigned. For more information on shapes, read Shapes.

	Hint:
	Curves that are set manually are overridden with the curves in the shape if the shape is called a second time.
	Restriction:
	PSR at the moment is limited to import phaser recipes that use predefined shapes.

- **Value Source**:
  To add another value source, select one of the following cells and tap +, or tap Add Value Source in the context area. Tap on the left side of value source to expand the column and display the **Trans X**, **Width X**, **Accel X**, and **Decel X** sub columns.
  - **Attributes**:
    Select an attribute from the list. To select a filter, tap Filters in the Sheet tab or tap the Filter tab in the assignment editor.
    To filter the list of attributes, tap Filter next to the search bar in the context area or in the title bar of the assignment editor. The options are **All**, **Used**, **Unused**, and **Selection**. **Used** and **Unused** refer to the attributes used in the show file. **Selection** displays all attributes that are available for the current selection. If there is an attribute set in the selected shape object, the attribute of the shape will be automatically added if the Attributes column is empty. To clear the attributes cell, tap Clear Attribute in the context area or tap the Empty tab in the assignment editor. Attributes are set for all steps.
  - **Value**:
    - **Absolute**: Set an absolute value for an attribute, for instance a dimmer value of 50%, or select a preset from the context area. Presets that cannot be used as absolute values are grayed out in the pool. Empty presets can be selected as absolute values. Select **None** in the Specials tab in the calculator to specify that no absolute value is applied.
    - **Relative**: Set a relative value for an attribute, for instance a dimmer value of -20%. Presets can be used as relative values. Presets that cannot be used as relative values are grayed out in the pool. Empty presets can be selected as relative values. Select **None** in the Specials tab in the calculator to specify that no relative value is applied.
  - **Curve**:
    Select a curve from the dropdown. The options are **Linear**, **Ease In and Out**, **Ease Out**, **Ease In**, **Snap**, and **Swing**. If a curve differs from the predefined curves or you manually adjust a curve in the Editor tab of the context area, the cell displays **Custom**. A visual representation of the curve is displayed on the left of the cell. Curves can be edited per step. For more information on editing curves, read Shapes.
    To reset the curve of a single step to the shape that is set in the phaser recipe, select Reset in the dropdown. If no shape is set, the curve will be reset to the default **Linear**. To reset the curves of all steps to the shape that is set in the phaser recipe, tap Reset to Shape in the encoder bar. If no shape is set, the curves will be reset to the default **Linear**.
  - **Trans X/Y/Z** and **Width X/Y/Z**:
    Set transition and width values or a range of values on the X, Y, or Z axis. For more information, see Phasers.
  - **Accel X/Y/Z** , and **Decel X/Y/Z**:
    Set an acceleration and deceleration value or a range of values on the X, Y, or Z axis.

"**P**" or "**F**" in front of the value in the cell indicates, if Spline in the calculator is set to **Proportional** (P) or **Free** (F). For more information on the accel layer, see Phaser.

	Hint:
	All Absolute and Relative Values, and all X axis values, are linked to the shape column. Changing values in the shape editor, changes the affected column and vice versa.

- **Link Steps**:
  If **Link Steps** is set to **Yes**, complementary values in the shape are adjusted at the same time. Linking affects the properties width, acceleration, and deceleration. By default, **Link Steps** is set to **Yes** in new shows. For more information on linking steps, see Shapes.
- **Speed X/Y/Z**:
  Set a speed value for the phaser. Setting two speed values allows spreading the speed values over a range, for example **60 Thru 90**.
- **Speed Master**:
  Tap and hold the cell and select a Speed Master from the right side of the calculator or type in the number of the speed master. If a speed master is set for the phaser recipe, the master is indicated in the bottom right corner of the **Speed** cells, as it overrides the speed values. For more information on speed masters, see Speed Master.
- **Phase X/Y/Z**:
  Set a phase value. Two phase values allow spreading the phase values over a range.
- **Measure**:
  Change the value of the measure layer. For more information on measure, see Phasers.
- **Filter**:
  Set a filter for the recipe. For more information, see Worlds and Filters.
- **Playback:**
  - **NShot:**
    Determine the number of times the phaser runs. After completing the number of cycles set in the cell, the phaser automatically stops. To keep the values that are active at the end of the determined phaser cycles, enable Stay in the calculator. To run the phaser in a loop, tap Unlimited in the calculator. Enable Pause at End in the context area to set the programmer to the values at the end of the determined NShot cycles. This allows for a quick and easy adjustment of the NShot value, showing the output state where the phaser will stop. To do so, use the slide control for NShot. Pause at End is a tool that is only used in the programmer and cannot be stored. To retrigger an NShot phaser, use Sync in the encoder bar.

	Hint:
	NShot can be set to a number lower than 1. The phaser then stops before completing an entire cycle. For example, if you have a phaser with 4 steps and you set NShot to 0.75, only the first 3 steps of the phaser will run, the fourth step will be omitted.

  - **Direction:**
    Set the direction in which you want the phaser to run.
    - **Forward**: The phaser steps run in the order set in the phaser, for example 1 - 2 - 3.
    - **Backward**: The phaser steps and transitions run in reverse order, for example, 3 - 2 - 1.
    - **Alternate**: The phaser continuously alternates between running forward and backward. If you use **Alternate** in combination with NShot, one cycle includes one forward and one backward run of the phaser. Example: If NShot is set to 1 in a phaser with three steps and direction is set to Alternate, the phaser runs 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 1 and then stops.

- **Adaptive Measure:**
  If set to **Yes**, the measure is adapted to the number of grid positions on an axis. By default, **Adaptive Measure** applies to the x-axis. Example: If you have a selection of 10 fixtures that are arranged across the x-axis and enable **Adaptive Measure**, the measure is set to 10. This can be used to synchronize the phaser to a beat. To apply the value that is set in the shape of the phaser recipe, select Take from Shape in the selection pop-up. The selection pop-up is only available if a shape is set in the recipe.
- **Adaptive Width:**
  If set to **Yes**, the width of the first step is adapted to the number of grid position on an axis. By default, **Adaptive Width** applies to the x-axis. Example: If you have a selection of 5 fixtures that are arranged across the x-axis and enable **Adaptive Width**, the first step is automatically calculated to be 20 %. This can be used to output exactly one grid position of a selection at a time. Curve, width, and transition reflect the calculated values. The transition can be edited in the first step.
  When adaptive width is set to **Yes**, the width cannot be changed manually. To apply the value that is set in the shape of the phaser recipe, select Take from Shape in the selection pop-up. The selection pop-up is only available if a shape is set in the recipe.
  Adaptive width can only be used with phasers that have two steps. If a step is added to a recipe with **Adaptive Width** set to **Yes**, it is automatically set to **No**.
- **XY Rotation:**
  Rotate the axis to which **Adaptive Measure** and **Adaptive Width** are applied. To apply the value that is set in the shape of the phaser recipe, tap Take from Shape in the editor pop-up.

- **MAtricks:**
  This is a reference to an existing MAtricks pool object. Having a reference to an existing MAtricks, adds referenced values in the Grid columns.
  MAtricks values without a reference to a pool object are displayed in the bottom right of the MAtricks cell. This includes values that override the value of an object. The properties are indicated by a combination of the axis and the first letter of the property, for example **YF** for **Fade Y**. If only values on the x-axis are set individually, the X is omitted, for example: **W** for **XWings**.
  Tap and hold to open a pop-up with a drop-down of all MAtricks. The pop-up also offers a search function and a Data Pool selection in the title bar. To create a new MAtricks pool object, tap **New** at the bottom of the drop-down. To remove all MAtricks values without a reference to a pool object, tap **Clear Individuals** in the selection drop-down.

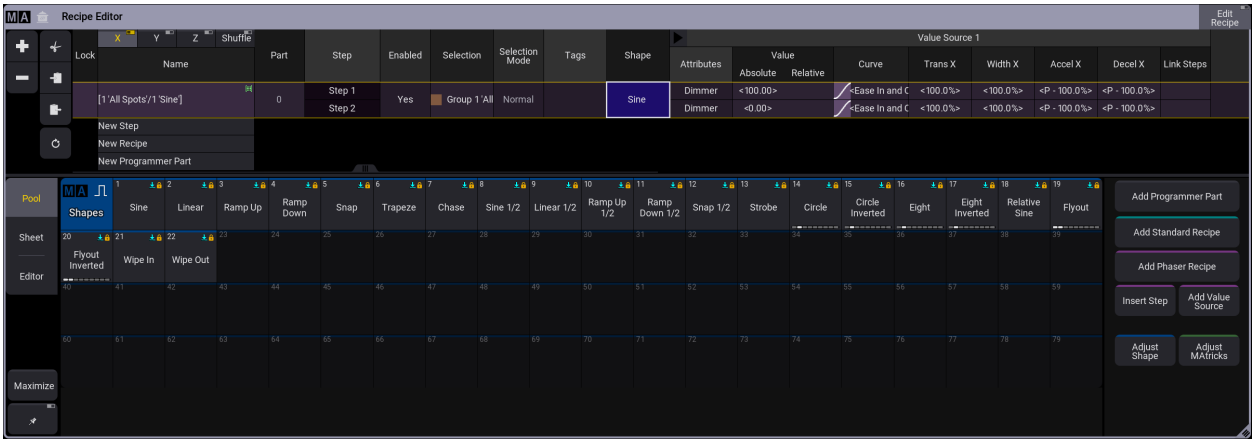
  The following columns are displayed when all toggle buttons (X, Y, Z, and Shuffle) are enabled:

  - **Invert Style, Speed X/Y/Z, Phase X/Y/Z, Fade X/Y/Z, Delay X/Y/Z, X/Y/Z, X/Y/ZBlock, X/Y/ZGroup, X/Y/ZWings, X/Y/ZWidth, X/Y/ZShuffle, X/Y/ZShift, X/Y/ZInv B, X/Y/ZInv G, X/Y/ZInv W, Invert Style, Invert X/Y/Z, Phaser Transform**
    For more information on the single columns, see MAtricks and Shuffles.

Recipes do not need information in all columns, but they can have information in all. They often only have information in a few columns.

Context Area

The context area changes with the selected cell in the recipe sheet above. For example, selecting a shape cell, displays the shapes pool in the Pool tab of the context area, pool objects in sheet style in the Sheet tab, and a shape Editor to edit the shape directly in the context area:



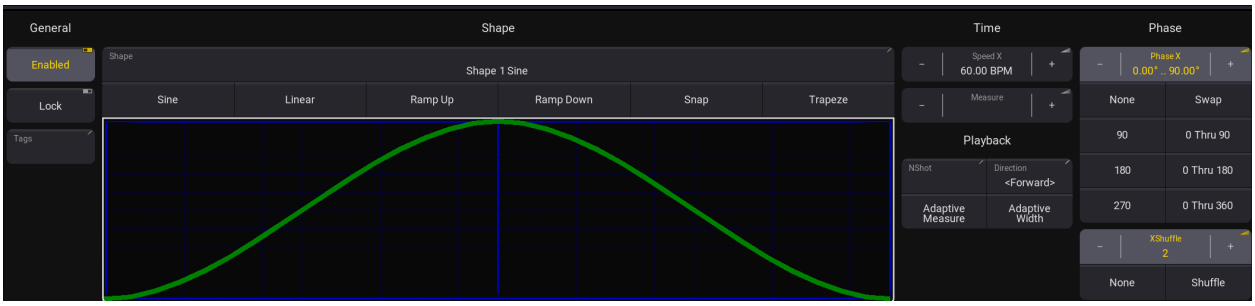
Recipe editor with context area and a shape cell selected.
To add a pool object to a recipe line, tap on the object in the Pool or Sheet tab.

The buttons of the context area are useful for creating and editing recipes quickly:

- Pool: Displays the corresponding pool of the selected cell.
- Sheet: Displays the corresponding sheet of the selected cell.
- Editor: Displays the corresponding editor of the selected cell. For the **Value Absolute** and **Value Relative** columns, it displays a calculator.
- Maximize: Tap to display the pool, sheet, or editor in the context area and hide the buttons to the left and right. To return to the default view of the context area, tap Exit.
- : When enabled, the selected tab of the the selected cell is pinned in the context area.
- Add Programmer Part: Add an additional programmer part in the edit recipe window.
- Add Standard Recipe: Add a new standard recipe line to recipe editor.
- Add Phaser Recipe: Add a new phaser recipe line to recipe editor.
- Insert Step: Adds a new step to the last selected phaser recipe line.
- Add Value Source: Adds a new value source to the last selected phaser recipe line and opens the assignment editor for the attributes column.
- Adjust Shape: The context area displays the shapes Pool tab of last selected phaser recipe line.
- Adjust MAtricks: The context area displays the MAtricks Editor tab of last selected phaser recipe line.

Context Area of the Name Cell

Selecting the “Name” cell of a phaser recipe displays essential settings in the context area, allowing quick recipe editing without switching between multiple context areas.



Name cell context area of a phaser recipe with a shape selected, active phase values, and shuffle values. These are the columns of the "Name" context area:

- **General:**
  General settings of the phaser recipe.
  - **Enabled**
    Toggle to enable or disable the recipe. Disabled recipes are grayed out and have a red font color.
  - **Lock**
    Toggle to lock or unlock the recipe. If a recipe is locked, UL is displayed in the **Lock** column. As long as the recipe is locked, all properties of a recipe cannot be edited anymore.
  - **Tags**
    Tap to open the tags editor and assign or unassign tags. For more information on tags and the tags editor, see Tags.
- **Shape:**
  Set up a shape for the phaser recipe.
  Shape displays the selected shape. Tap to open the shape editor and select a shape.
  The first six shapes in the pool are available as buttons below.
  The 1D view visualizes the selected shape.
- **Time:**
  Set timing values for the phaser recipe.
- **Playback:**
  Set up an NShot and Direction value, and enable adaptive measure and width.
- **Phase:**
  Set an individual phase by tapping Phase X, or select a default phase value and shuffle value below.

1.34.2. Recipe Editor Window

Recipe Editor Window

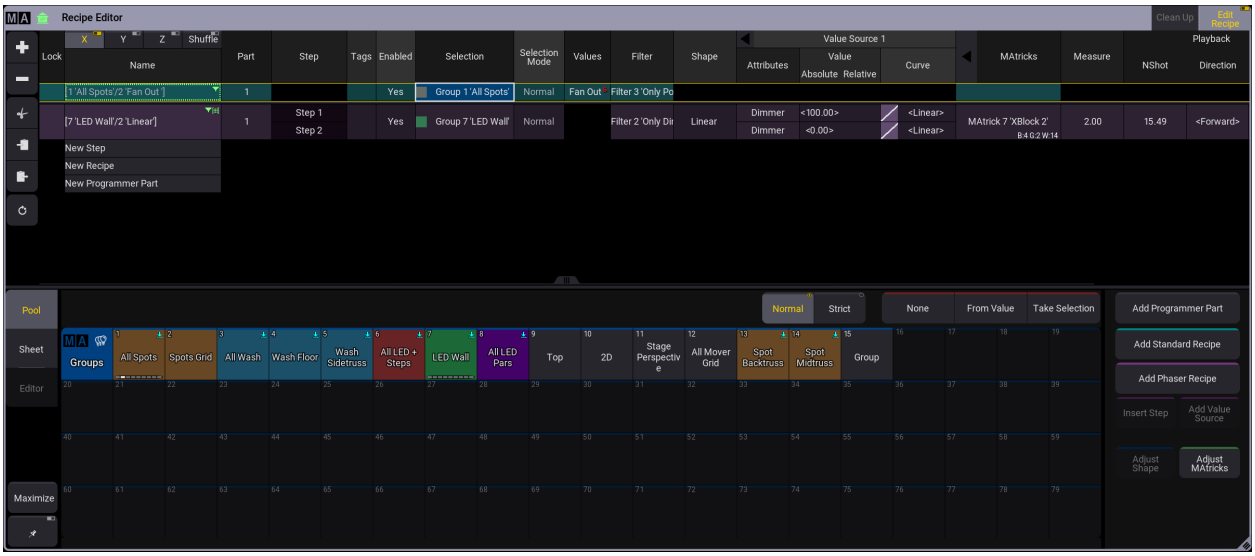
The Recipe Editor window is useful for working with **Programmer Parts** and offers a visualization of recipe lines. For more information on programmer parts and the programmer, read What is the Programmer.

The programmer can have several parts (Maximum: Part Zero + 239 individual parts = 240 parts). The Recipe Editor window shows all parts of the current programmer. Parts can be labeled here directly.

The columns of the recipe editor sheet and the context area, are described in Recipe Editor.

With the recipe editor window you can create standard and phaser recipes, and store them directly into cues, cue parts, and presets. All recipe lines can be edited.

The Recipe Editor window can be found in the Add Window pop-up in Tools - Recipe Editor.



Recipe Editor window with a 'StandardRecipe 1' selected and an additional 'PhaserRecipe 1'

To enable the edit recipe mode, tap Edit Recipe in the title bar. For more information, read Edit Recipe Mode.

Tap on a Part to select it for creating recipes.

+ and - on the left side can add or delete Programmer Parts, Recipes, and Steps of phaser recipes. They both refer to the selected cell in the sheet.

Use cut (), copy (), and paste () buttons on the left side of the toolbar to edit lines.

Tap to recook the selected recipe line. This is particularly useful for phaser recipes and standard recipes with timing values as they might need to be recooked to look as expected.

For more information about the columns and the context area at the bottom of the window, see Recipe Sheet.

For recipes, if a group has multiple recipe lines with different values and presets for the same attribute, only the last entry will generate output. To delete all recipes that use the same selection with multiple values and presets of the same feature group, tap CleanUp in the title bar. Only the last object that generates the output is kept.

For example, when Group 1 + Red + Yellow + Blue is selected and then CleanUp is tapped, the recipe lines for Group 1 + Red + Yellow will be deleted. If you tap an already selected preset again to deselect it, the corresponding recipe line will also be deleted. CleanUp is only active when the same fixtures are used with multiple items of one feature group. Otherwise the button will be greyed out. With Edit Recipe disabled this button is not visible.

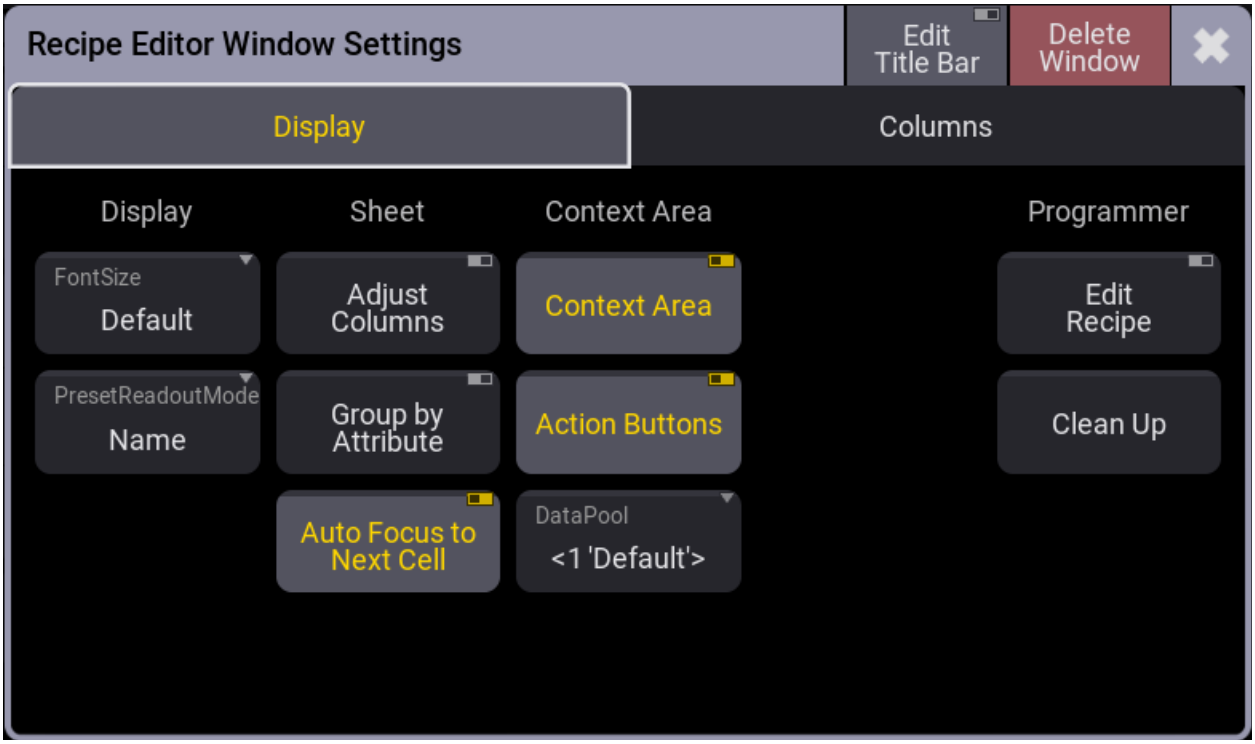
It depends on the destination whether recipes of the different parts are stored or not:

- If cue parts are the destination for storing recipes, recipe lines of the selected programmer part, which is displayed in green, will be stored in the destination cue part. For example, **Store Cue Part 1**.
- If cues are the destination for storing, all parts will be stored as respective cue parts. For example, **Store Cue 1**.
- If presets are the destination for storing, the selected part which is displayed in green will be stored into the preset. For example, **Store Preset 1.3**.

As soon as recipes are stored they will be cleared from the Recipe Editor.

Recipe Editor Window Settings

The recipe editor window settings can be accessed by tapping the MA logo in the title bar of the recipe editor window, and tapping ⚙ in the title bar of the Edit Settings pop-up of presets and and in the temporary recipe editor pop-up of sequences:



Recipe Editor Window Settings **Display**:

- **Font Size**:
  This selects the font size in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is the same as size 18.
- **PresetReadoutMode**:
  This defines how presets are displayed in the sheet:
  - **Name**:
    Displays the name of the preset.
  - **ID**:
    Displays the ID number of the preset.
  - **ID+Name**:
    Displays the ID and name of the preset.
  - **ID+Long Name:**
    Displays the ID and long name of the preset.

Sheet:

- **Adjust Columns**:
  This On/Off button makes a sheet adjust the column width to match the window size and the number of columns.
- **Group by Attribute**:
  This organizes recipe lines by attribute. The grid layout changes. One recipe line now corresponds to one attribute. Properties that correspond to the same step are grouped in a numbered **Step** header. Tap the arrow on the left of the header to unfold or collapse the group and display more or less columns for the step. By default, the group is collapsed.
- **Auto Focus to Next Cell**:
  This automatically sets the focus to a new cell after selecting a value.

Context Area:

- **Context Area**:
  This shows or hides the Context Area in the recipe editor. For more information on the context area, read Recipe Editor.

- **Action Buttons**:
  This shows or hides the action buttons on the right side of the context area.
- **DataPool:**
  Select a data pool for the context area. The Pool tab of the context area then displays the pool objects of the selected DataPool.

Programmer:
Programmer settings are only available in the recipe editor window.

- **Edit Recipe**:
  This enables the edit recipe mode.
- **Clean Up**:
  This deletes all recipes that use the same selection with multiple presets of the same feature group. It is only displayed when Edit Recipe is enabled, and functional when there is something to cleanup.

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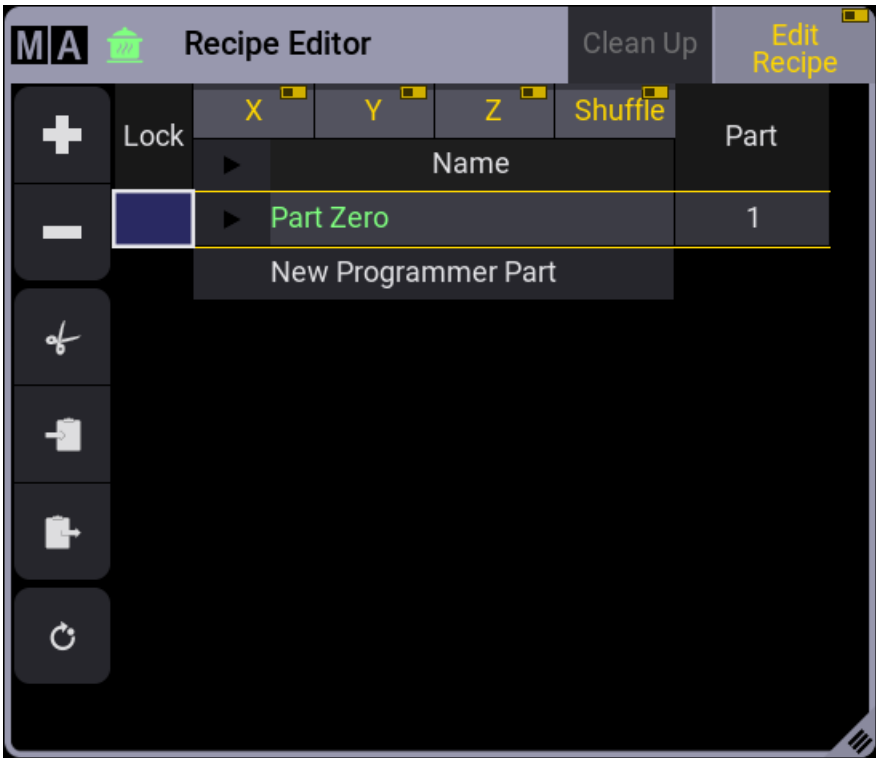
1.34.3. Edit Recipe Mode

Create Recipes with the Edit Recipe Mode

Besides handling recipes in cues parts and presets, recipes can also be created and edited within the programmer. This mode is based on a programmer workflow for quickly and efficiently creating recipes. All pool item selections are logged, saved in a recipe, and then can be easily stored into presets and cues.

The Recipe Editor window is a handy tool to visualize and edit recipes while in edit recipe mode. For more information on the Recipe Editor window, see above.



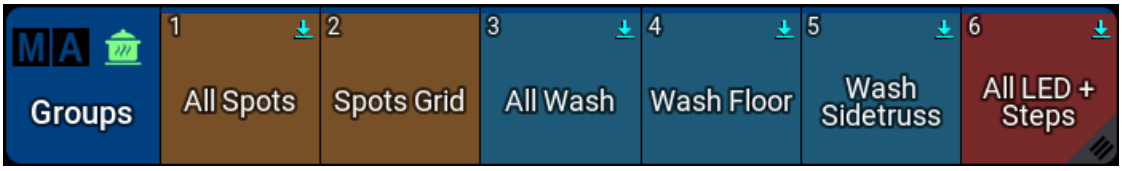
Recipe Editor window

There are multiple ways to enable the edit recipe mode:

- Tap Edit Recipe in the title bar of the recipe editor window.
- Enable Edit Recipes in the **At Filter menu.**
- Use the EditRecipe keyword.

While the edit recipe mode is enabled, Edit and Esc flash alternately. To disable the edit recipe mode, press Esc or use one of the options described above to toggle the edit recipe mode. Once the edit recipe mode is disabled, all pools work as usual.

Each object type that can be used for a recipe will have its pool window marked with a green , when edit recipe mode is enabled:



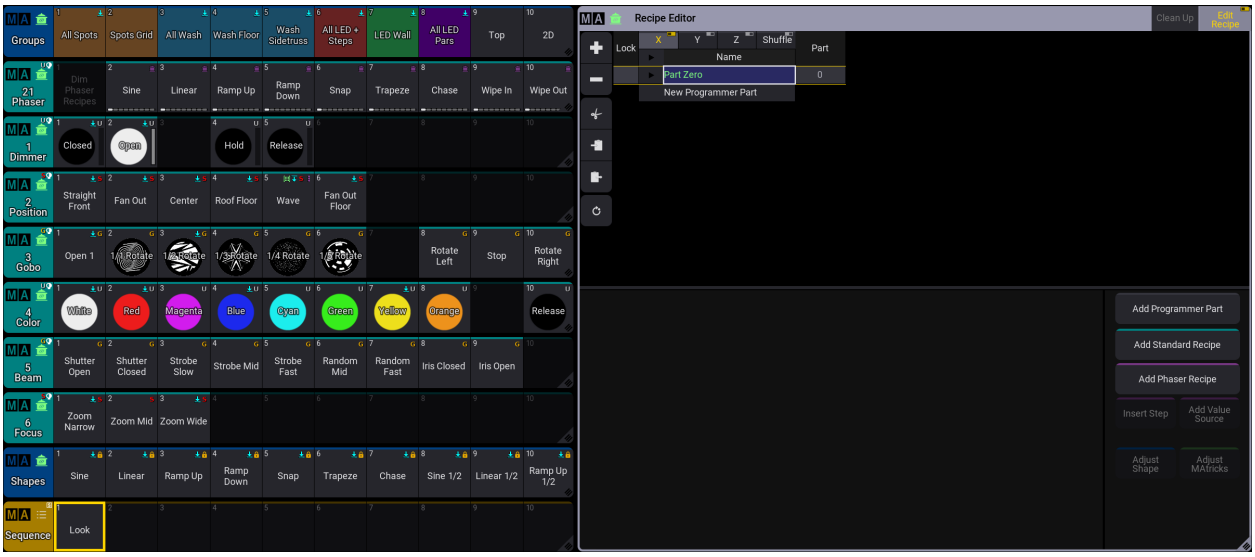
Groups pool with edit recipe mode enabled

The following windows use the recipe indicator:

- Groups
- Preset Pools
- MAtricks
- Worlds
- Filters
- Layout Viewer
- Fixture Sheet
- Shapes

	Hint:
	Make sure you set the Pool Action setting in the corresponding pools to **SelFix/At** or **At** so you can use them for recipes.

For creating recipes with the Edit Recipe mode, it is useful to have a groups pool, several preset pools, a shapes pool, a sequence pool, and the recipe editor window visible:



Several pool windows and recipe editor window with edit recipe mode enabled

Standard Recipes

The following steps outline the general workflow for creating standard recipes. For a practical example, see below.

1. Activate the Edit Recipe mode.
2. Select groups. The selected groups are indicated by a green frame around the pool objects. Multiple groups can be selected at the same time.

3. Select presets. Presets that are not compatible with fixtures of the selected group will be grayed out. All objects selected for recipes of the currently selected groups are indicated by a green frame in their pool windows. The last selected preset and the corresponding recipe line in the recipe editor, will be displayed with rotating green dots around the objects. These rotating dots indicate it as the target of MAtricks or filter values. Selecting a standard recipe line in the recipe editor (Edit Recipe is enabled) highlights the selected recipe line with a rotating dotted green frame and marks the last selected preset pool object with a rotating dotted green frame.
4. Tap on a selected object again to deselect it. To select an already used preset (which has a green frame), press MA and tap the preset. Now MAtricks, filters, and worlds can be applied to the corresponding recipe. The corresponding line in the recipe editor is displayed with a green dotted frame.
   Multiple values can be added to a selection, a single recipe line is created for each selected value in the recipe editor window. Also different selections can be defined, for example, by tapping Group 2. A brown frame around pool objects indicates the values for previous selections, for example, Group 1. Tap Group 1 again and the previously defined values for this selection are highlighted in green again. A feature group indicator bar at the bottom of the group objects shows the feature groups that are active in the recipe for this very group.
5. Store the new recipe to a cue, cue part, or a preset. Storing a recipe clears the recipe editor and only groups will remain as selected objects.

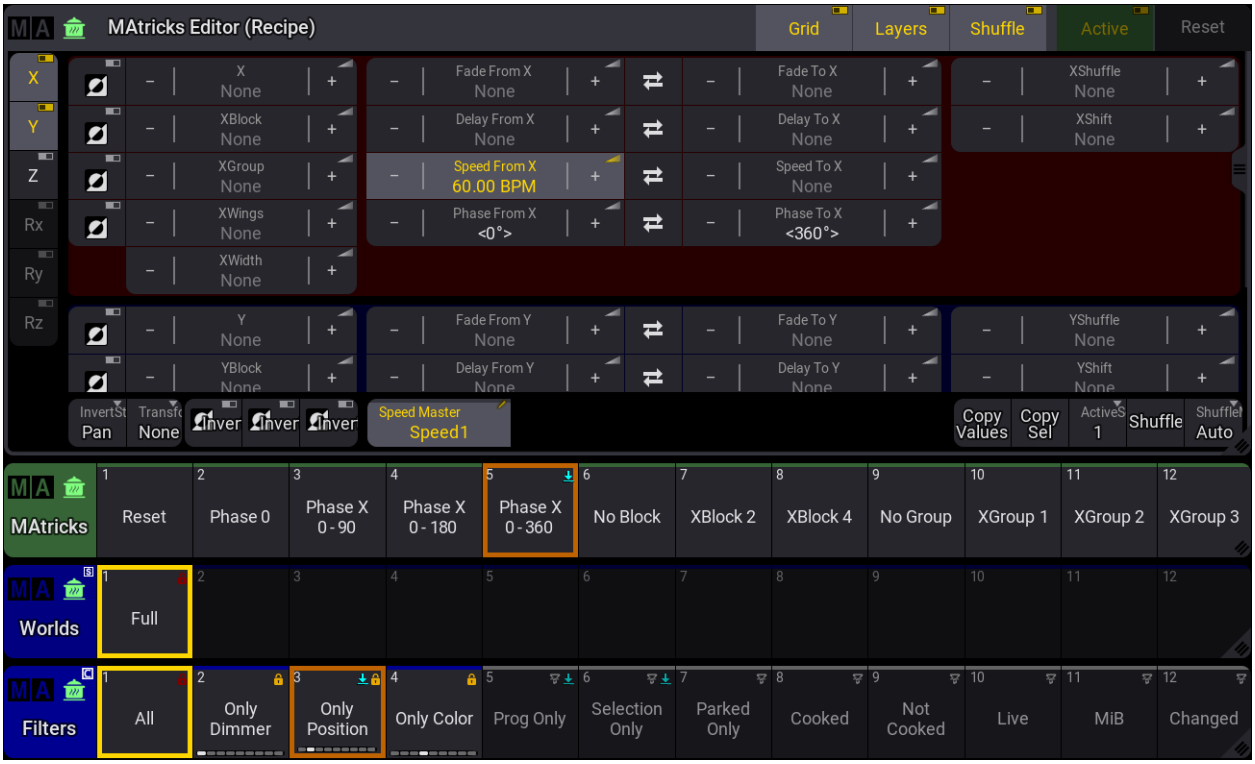
The order of recording selections and values has an impact on how the recipe is handled. The last recipe line determines the output if several recipe lines with the same selection refer to the same attribute. Storing recipes into Preset Pools for specific feature groups, for example the Color preset pool, stores not only values for Colors, but all recipe lines of the selected programmer part.

Executing the EditRecipe keyword with a corresponding cue, cue part, or preset, enables the edit mode for the specific object in the recipe editor mode. Press Off and tap a group or a preset to remove the corresponding recipe line. If a group or a preset has multiple lines linked, all corresponding lines will be removed.

It is not possible to directly enter values into a recipe, they have to be stored in a preset first. If no preset is selected, the values are put directly into the programmer.

	Important:
	Values that are entered for creating a recipe, do not overwrite or replace values that are directly entered into the programmer. The automatically cooked recipes are treated with low priority. To actively overwrite or merge programmer values, cook the programmer using the Cook Keyword. Also MAtricks values will only work with recipes and will not affect the programmer.

Open the MAtricks Editor to define specific MAtricks values to the recipe lines. While using the MAtricks editor to edit a recipe, the editor is displayed with "(Recipe)" and the green pot icon in the title bar. The rotating dots around the preset and recipe line indicate the target for MAtricks values.
To add MAtricks, Worlds and Filters to the last created recipe, tap on the objects in the pool. Pool objects of MAtricks, Worlds, and Filters have a brown colored frame around them when they are used by a recipe:



MAtricks Editor with a selected Speed Master, MAtricks pool object and Filter pool object

Example for Standard Recipes

This is a simple example of how to create recipe lines for a cue using the recipe editor window.

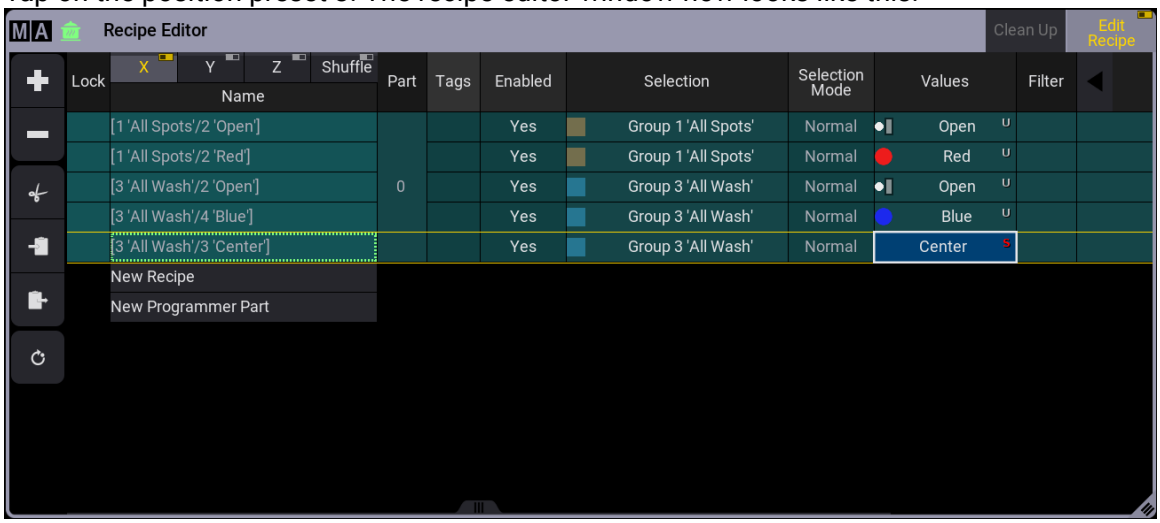
Requirements:

- Load the demo show file.
- Have preset pools, a groups pool, the recipe editor window, and the MAtricks editor visible. Also the sequence pool can be useful, but it is not a requirement.

Follow these steps to create two recipe lines and store it into a cue:

1. Enable Edit Recipe in the recipe editor window.
2. Tap on group 1 to select it. Group 1 now has a green frame around it.
3. Tap on the dimmer preset 2. The dimmer preset appears with a green dotted frame around it.
4. Tap on the color preset 2. The green dotted frame moves to the color preset.
   At this point, two recipe lines are created. Group 1 is the **Selection** for both lines. For **Values**, the first line has preset 1.2, the second preset 4.2.
5. Now tap on a different group (Group 3) to select it.
   The prior selections of all pool objects is now deselected and displayed with a brown frame.
6. Select a dimmer and color preset again: Tap on preset 1.2 and preset 4.4.
   The selected presets are now connected to Group 3.

7. Tap on the position preset 3. The recipe editor window now looks like this:



8. The last step is to store all recipe lines to a cue: Store Sequence 2 Cue 1.

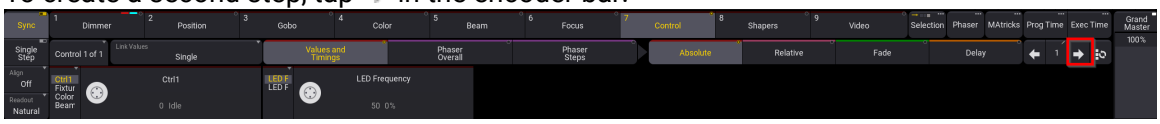
Cue 1 with all six recipe lines is created and all lines are removed from the recipe editor window.

To see the example, tap the video below:

Phaser Recipes

The workflow for creating phaser recipes with the edit recipe mode is very similar to standard recipe workflow described above. The steps described above, tapping a group, a preset, add MAtricks vlaues, and so on, are also valid for phaser recipes. The only difference is, that you add phaser steps. The basic workflow for creating a phaser recipe:

1. Enable Edit Recipe.
2. Select groups. The selected groups are indicated by a green frame around the pool objects. Multiple groups can be selected at the same time.
3. Select a preset. Presets that are not compatible with fixtures of the selected group will be grayed out. All objects selected for recipes of the currently selected groups are indicated by a green frame in their pool windows. The last selected preset and the corresponding recipe line in the recipe editor, will be displayed with rotating green dots around the objects.
4. To create a second step, tap in the encoder bar:



5. Select a different preset of the same attribute. A two step phaser is created. Both presets of the two steps are now indicated by a brown frame.
6. Repeat step 4 and 5 to create multiple steps for the same recipe.

7. Store the new recipe to a cue, cue part, or a preset. Storing a recipe clears the recipe editor and only groups will remain as selected objects.

	Important:
	When storing recipes in a feature group preset pool, for example Dimmer, not only the attribute-related values are stored. Instead, all values are stored, and the input filter is ignored.

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1.35. Phasers

Use phasers to create dynamic output from a single preset or cue.

Phasers change the output for attributes using a set of information in two or more steps. A normal, static cue or preset only contains one step of information. Adding additional steps creates a phaser.

Example

A phaser has two steps with an absolute dimmer value of 100% in step 1 and an absolute dimmer value of 0% in step 2. With all other phaser layers at their default values, the resulting output is a smooth, repeating fade of the dimmer output from 100% to 0% and back to 100%.

Layers

Value Layers

Each phaser step can include attribute value information. These values can be an absolute value (for instance, a dimmer value of 50%) or a relative value (for instance, a dimmer value of -20%). Steps can contain both absolute and relative values simultaneously.

	Important:
	The grandMA3 software handles storage, editing, and playback of absolute values and relative values separately. This separation allows the user to combine different absolute and relative values as desired.

Step Layers

Each phaser step also includes additional layers, which define the overall width of the step, the percentage of the step dedicated to transitioning to the new value, and the amount of acceleration and deceleration used when changing to the new value.

- **Width**

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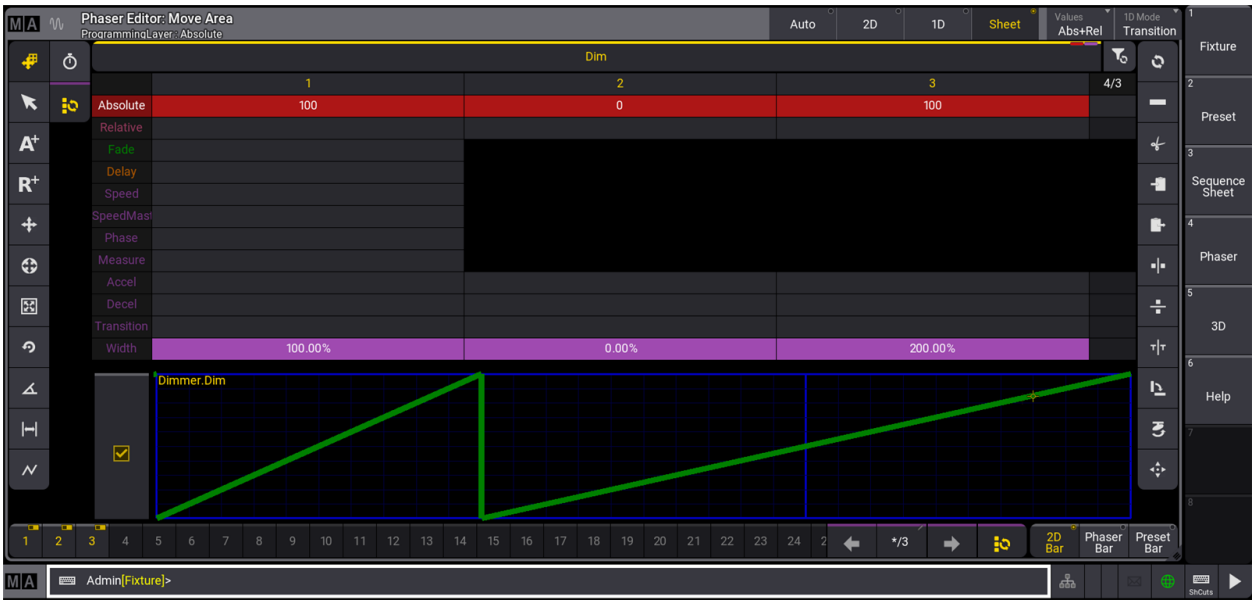
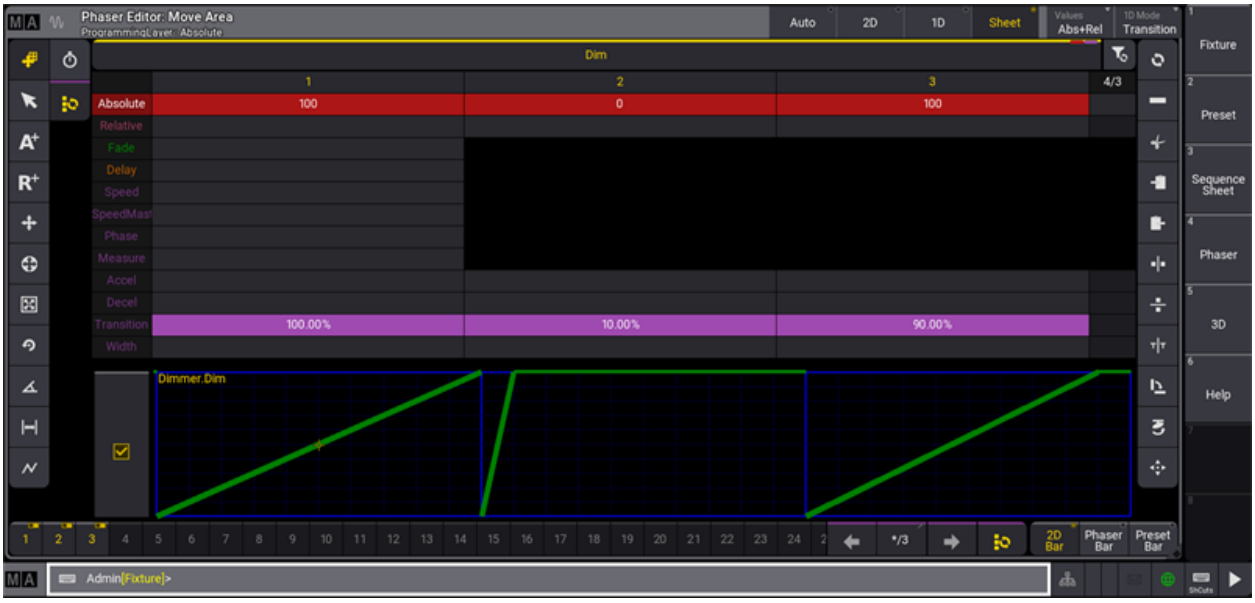


Phaser Editor showing steps with various widths.

The Width layer defines the total amount of time from the beginning of a step to the beginning of the next step. Width is shown as a percentage of one beat as defined by the Speed layer. The image above shows the first step with 100% width, so the change in value takes place over the time of one beat. The second step has a width of 0%, so the values change instantaneously and the next step begins immediately. The third step has a width of 200%, so the values change over the time of two beats.

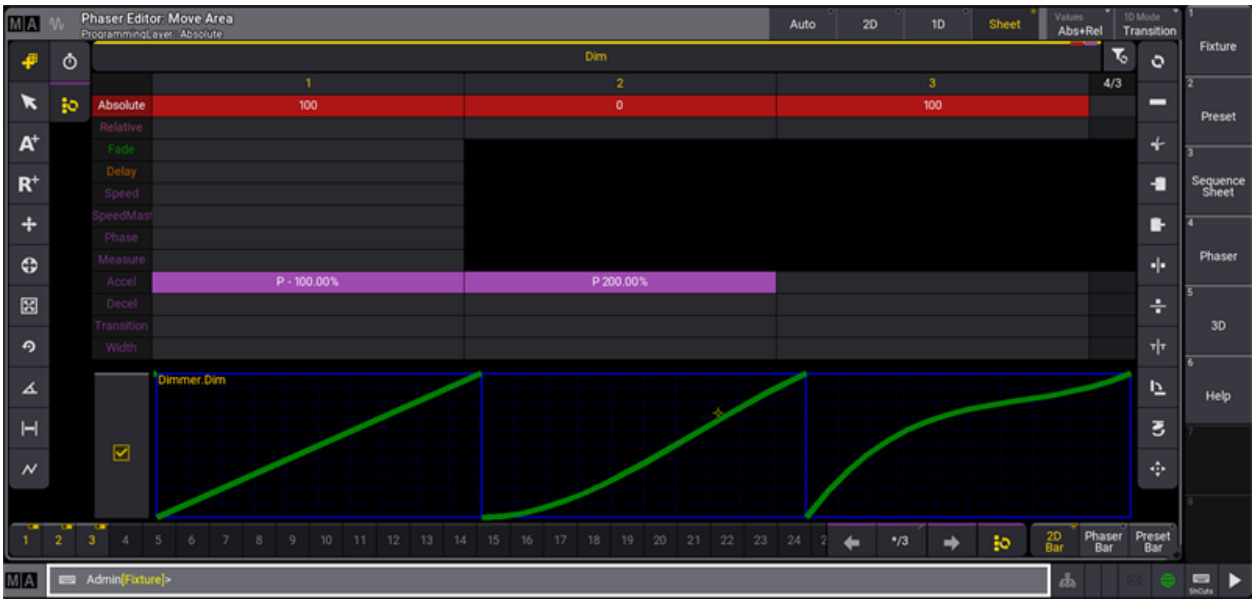
- **Transition**



Phaser Editor showing steps with various transitions.

The Transition layer defines how much of the step width is used to adjust values to their new levels. The transition of a step is shown as a percentage of the width of that step. The image above shows the first step with a transition of 100%, so the values change during the entire time of the step. The second step has a transition of 10%, so the values change during the first 10% of the width of the step, then remain at the new level until the end of the step. The third step has a transition of 90%, so the values change during the first 90% of the width of the step, then remain at the new level until the end of the step.

- **Accel**



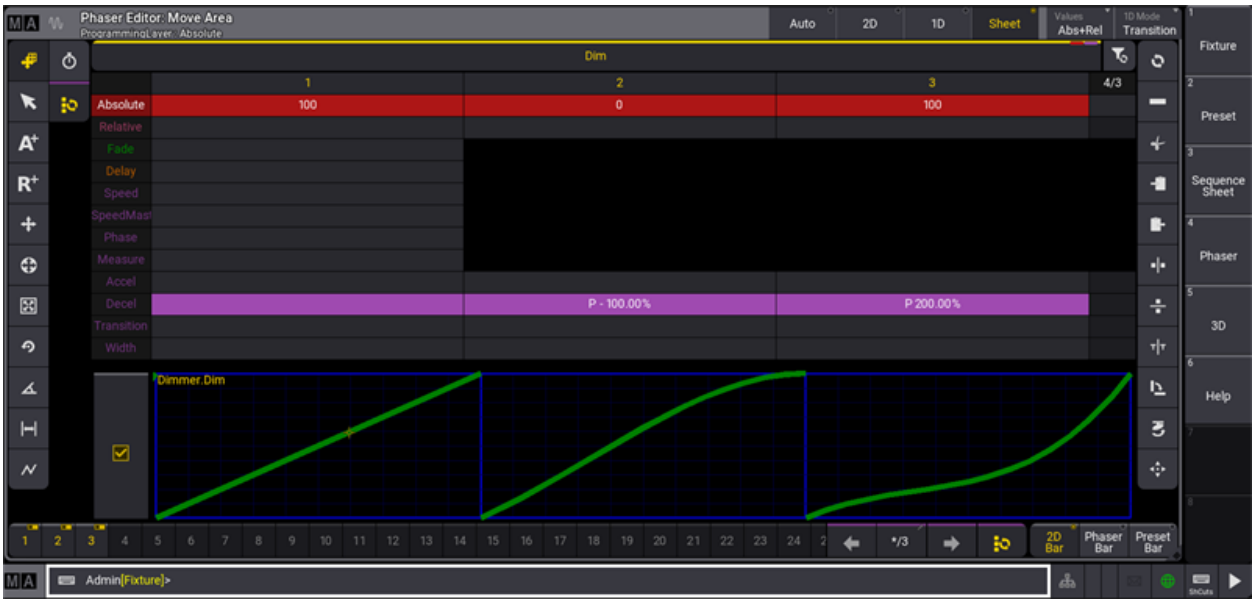
Phaser Editor showing steps with various acceleration values.

The **Accel** layer defines how abruptly or gently the attributes begin to change from the value defined by the current step toward the value of the next step (acceleration). In the image above, the first step shows an acceleration of -100%, resulting in a smooth start to the transition away from the value at the end of the step. The second step shows an acceleration of 200%, resulting in an abrupt start to the transition away from the value at the end of the step.

In this example, Spline is set to **Proportional** in the acceleration calculator. This means that the acceleration value is relative and proportional to the difference between the values of two consecutive steps. As a result, the shape of the curve stays similar, even if the step values are changed. When Spline is set to **Free**, the acceleration or deceleration value is absolute and not influenced by the step values.

Whether the spline is set to **Proportional** or **Free** is indicated by **P** or **F** in front of the acceleration value in the fixture sheet.

- **Decel**



Phaser Editor showing steps with various deceleration values.

The Decel layer defines how abruptly or gently the attributes reach the value defined by the current step (deceleration). In the image above, the second step shows a deceleration of -100%, resulting in a smooth end to the transition into the value for the step. The third step shows a deceleration of 200%, resulting in an abrupt end to the transition into the value for the step.

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Whether the spline is set to **Proportional** or **Free** is indicated by **P** or **F** in front of the acceleration value in the fixture sheet.

	Hint: For linear transitions, keep Accel and Decel values at 0%. For smooth transitions, closely resembling sinus or cosinus waves, Accel and Decel values of -100%.

Phaser Layers

Each phaser additionally includes layers, which affect all steps of the phaser. Each attribute of each fixture can have its own speed, speed master, phase, and measure value in a phaser, but these values will be the same for all steps in a phaser.

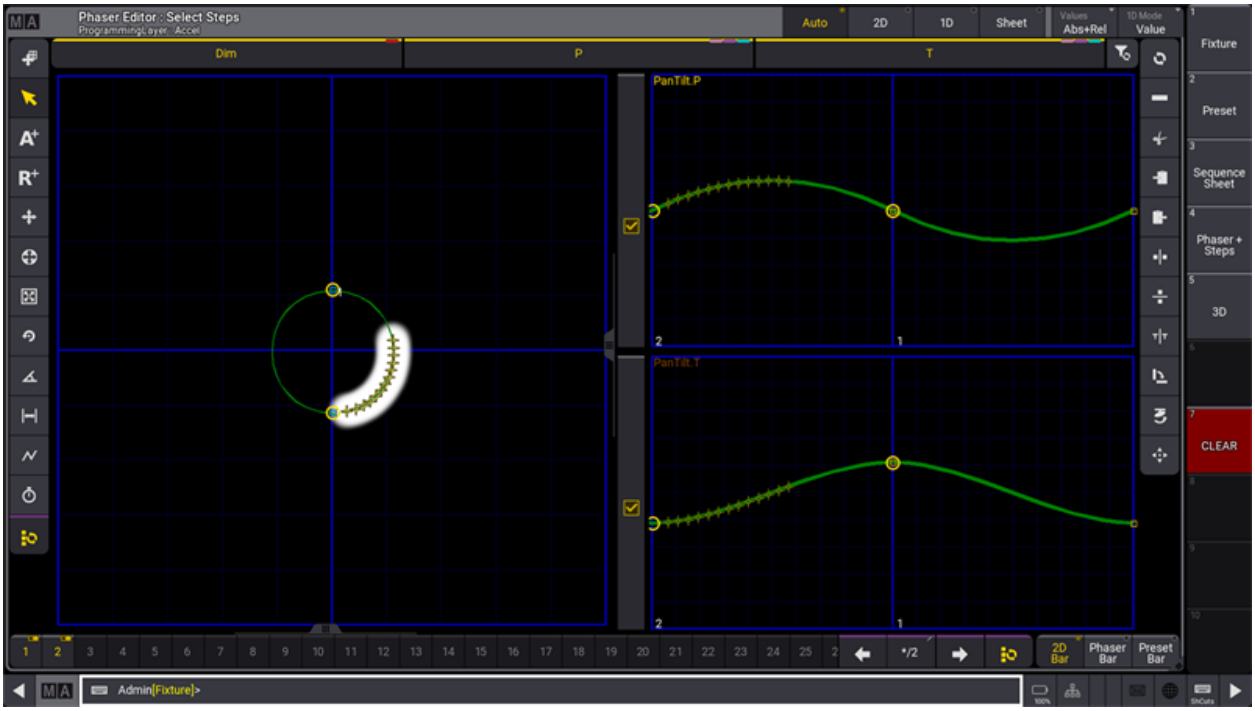
- **Speed**

Speed defines the overall rate at which the console plays back the steps of a phaser. The grandMA3 displays speed in units of either BPM (beats per minute), Hz (beats per second), or Seconds (seconds per beat).

- **SpeedMaster**

SpeedMaster defines per attribute to which master of the type speed the phaser adapts its speed to. Phasers speeds can be assigned to executors by using speed masters. For more information, see SpeedMaster keyword.

- **Phase**



Phaser editor showing a range of phase offsets.

Phase defines the timing offset of each fixture's attributes within a phaser. Phase is displayed in degrees (°). The image above shows a selection of fixtures in a circle phaser with phase offsets ranging from 0 to 90 degrees. The Phaser Editor displays this offset in both the 2D and 1D layouts.

- **Measure**

The optional Measure layer defines the number of beats in the repeating phaser loop. In combination with the speed layer it defines the length of time of a phaser. For example, a phaser with a measure of 4 beats and a speed of 120 BPM will repeat every 2 seconds.

Knocking in the measure layer without specifying a value will take the number of steps of the running phaser as the value while keeping the same speed. For example, if a phaser has four steps and you knock in the measure layer, the measure will be 4 beats.

All phaser layers, as well as a step selection tool, appear in the Encoder Toolbar any time attributes are mapped to the encoders. Phaser layers are indicated by a dark purple color. Phaser layers behave just like other attribute layers when activating, deactivating, storing, and clearing. For more information about attribute encoders and layers see Encoder Toolbar. The phaser editor provides a graphical view and powerful manipulation of phaser layer information.

Steps

The grandMA3 offers multiple tools and methods for creating, selecting, and deleting phaser steps.

One intuitive method to quickly create steps based on presets involves the Step key. To create steps using this method, press and hold the Step key, then tap a preset for each desired step.

Example

To create a 3-step color phaser from white to red to blue:

1. Select the desired fixtures.
2. Press and hold the Step key.
3. Tap the white color preset.
4. Tap the red color preset.
5. Tap the blue color preset.
6. Release the Step key.

When using this method, the software will only create the next step when tapping a new preset, which contains any of the same attributes as the current step. This behavior allows each step to reference multiple presets as long as those presets apply to different attributes.

Example

To create a 2-step phaser, where each step contains both color and position presets:

1. Select the desired fixtures.
2. Press and hold the Step key.
3. Tap the desired color preset for step 1.
4. Tap the desired position preset for step 1. This preset is added to step 1.
5. Tap the desired color preset for step 2. Step 2 is automatically created.
6. Tap the desired position preset for step 2. This preset is added to step 2.
7. Release the Step key.

The Step key can also quickly change which preset is referenced by a step.

Example

Start with the 3-step color example above, but afterward, change the blue step to yellow:

1. Follow all directions in the 3-step color example above.
2. Press and release Step.
3. Press and release 3.
4. Tap the yellow color preset.

Delete specific steps from the programmer using standard syntax with the Delete keyword. For example, to delete step 3, type:

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User name[Fixture]>Delete Step 3
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Alternatively, delete specific steps from the programmer by selecting the steps in the Step Bar and deleting the programmer.

User name[Fixture]>Delete Programmer

An easy way to access this command (especially on grandMA3 onPC) is to tap Delete Steps in the At Filter Pop-Up in the control bar.

Stomp

The stomp function stops a phaser, running either in the programmer or from a playback, and resolves the stomped attributes to a single, static step. The console calls and activates the last static output value for each stomped attribute into step 1 of the programmer. All other steps of the stomped phaser are discarded.

With the programmer in step 1, calling a static preset onto any attributes currently running in a phaser automatically uses the stomp function to stop the phaser and output only the static look from the preset. Phasers follow this behavior whether the static preset is called directly in the programmer or as part of a recipe.

Sync

The Sync option ensures that phasers recall with predictable timing and phase offsets.

When calling phasers into the programmer, the Sync option is available in the Encoder Bar.

When recalling phasers stored in cues, the Sync option is available as a setting for each cue part in the Sequence Sheet. For more information about settings in cues and cue parts, see the Look at Cues and Sequences topic.

Subtopics

- Phaser Editor
- Create a Sinus Dimmer Phaser
- Create a Circle Phaser
- Create a Circle Phaser Around a Position Preset
- Create Color Rainbow Phaser

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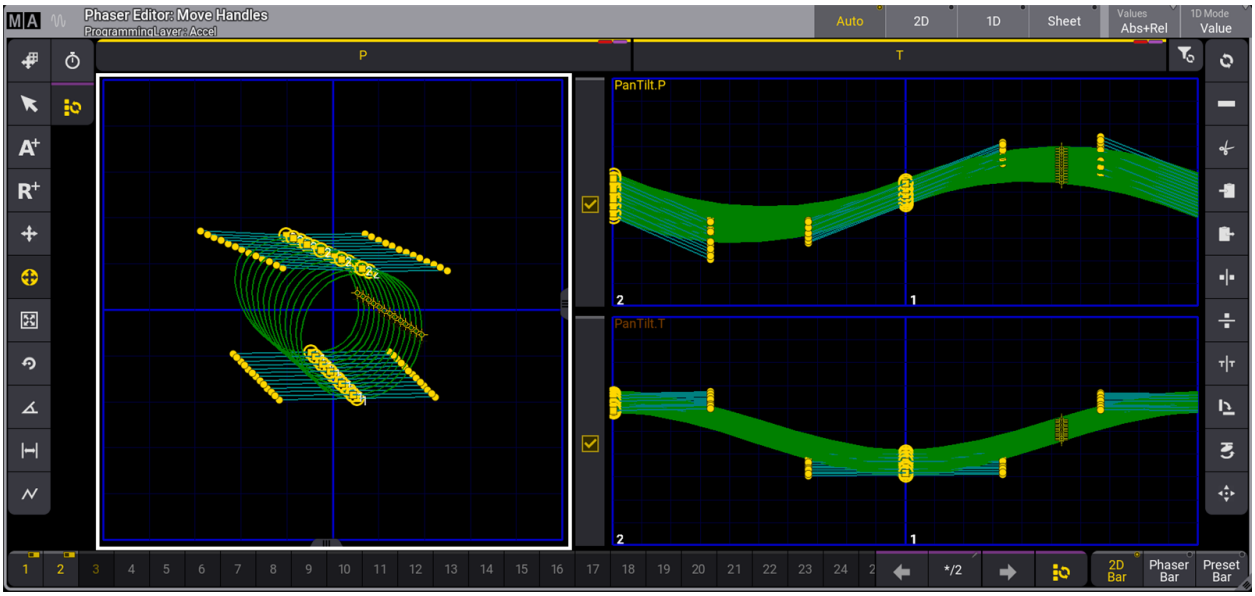
1.35.1. Phaser Editor

The **Phaser Editor** is a diverse tool for manipulating phasers.

It offers multiple means of visualizing running phasers as well as tools for dynamically creating and editing phasers. It can also be used as a simple trackpad to adjust the position attributes of fixtures.

Open a storable **Phaser Editor** window using the Add Window pop-up. Alternatively, open a temporary version of the **Phaser Editor** by tapping the Phaser button in the Encoder Bar.



Create and manipulate phaser steps in the phaser editor

The image above shows the Phaser Editor in the Auto view mode. Choose between multiple available view modes using the radio buttons in the title bar or the drop-down button in the Window Settings pop-up. Read below for images and descriptions of the other available view modes.

The blue grid on the left represents the entire pan range (horizontally) and the entire tilt range (vertically). This is called the 2D layout.

The smaller blue grids on the right are 1D layouts. Each attribute with more than one step in the phaser is displayed in its own 1D layout. The bold, vertical, blue lines in the 1D layouts represent beats, based on the speed of the phaser. The example above shows pan and tilt attributes, each with two steps.

When fixtures are selected, they are visualized by small yellow cross-hairs. The beams can be represented in the 2D layout by toggling the Show Beams button in the Window Settings pop-up. When Show Beams is enabled, the intensity and color of each fixture are visualized as a larger circle behind the corresponding yellow cross-hair.

Adding points in the 2D layout adds steps to the programmer. The first point moves the fixtures to the specified position. Each subsequent point adds another step to the programmer.

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When a step contains both an Absolute point (shown as a yellow or cyan-filled square) and a Relative point (shown as a hollow, yellow or cyan square), a thin red line connects the relative point and the related absolute point. The cyan-colored points show that the value is from a preset. Yellow-colored points are hard values from the programmer.

Selected points have a yellow circle around them.

A green line describes the path of the fixtures.

A row of buttons immediately below the title bar includes one button for each attribute included in the active phaser. These buttons function as a direct link to the At Filter. Phaser adjustments apply to any attributes with a yellow bar and yellow text. Attributes with a grey bar and grey text will ignore adjustments. Tap the button immediately to the right of the last attribute button in this bar to enable or disable all attributes in the bar.

	Hint: If any or all attributes in the bar are disabled, the first tap of the button to the right of the attributes enables all displayed attributes. If all displayed attributes are already enabled, tapping this button disables them all.

The tool buttons on the left side are mouse or touch tools, and the tool buttons on the right are operational functions and shortcuts - read more below. The right side tool buttons might change depending on the selected tool on the left side.

Step Bar

The Step Bar appears across the bottom of the Phaser Editor. The Step Bar is a quick step selection tool. This element is optional in the Phaser Editor window, and it is enabled by default. Tap the Step Bar button in the Window Settings pop-up to show or hide the Step Bar. A storable window version of the Step Bar is also available in the **More** tab in the Add Windows pop-up.

Step Bar window with step one selected

Each step has a small square, which displays a status of empty, deselected, or selected.

Empty steps are steps that do not have any values. They have a dark background color.

Deselected steps have values in them, but they are not selected and are not affected by step-specific adjustments. Deselected steps have a light gray background color and an On/Off toggle icon in the upper-right corner.

Selected steps have values in them and are affected by step-specific adjustments. Selected steps have yellow text and a yellow On/Off toggle icon in the upper-right corner.

Tapping any of the steps toggles the selected status.

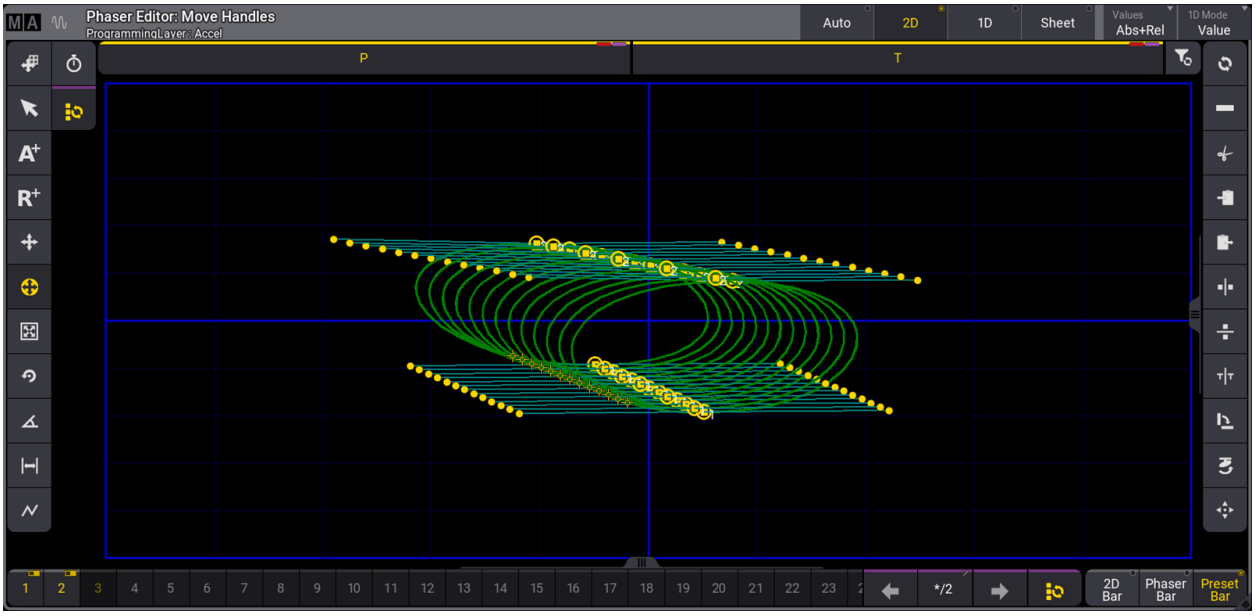
Additional controls appear on the right side of the Step Bar. These controls include left and right arrows used to change between single steps. An informative field appears between the arrows, showing which step is currently selected and the number of steps that contain values in the active phaser. If multiple steps are selected, the first selected step is shown with two dots after it (for example, 1../3). If all steps are selected, the first number is replaced with an asterisk (for example, */3).

Tap the button to the right of the right arrow in the Step Bar to select all steps. Tapping this selects all not-empty steps if only one step is currently selected. If more than one step is already selected, then only step 1 is selected. Tapping the button executes this command: Step Toggle Executor.

The Step Bar in the Phaser Editor window includes three radio buttons. Tap one of these buttons to call up the desired encoder toolbar. The Preset Bar opens the standard attribute Encoder Toolbar with access to all layers and all attributes. See below for Images and descriptions of the 2D Bar and Phaser Bar.

	Restriction:
	The storable window version of the Step Bar does not include the encoder toolbar radio buttons.

2D View Mode



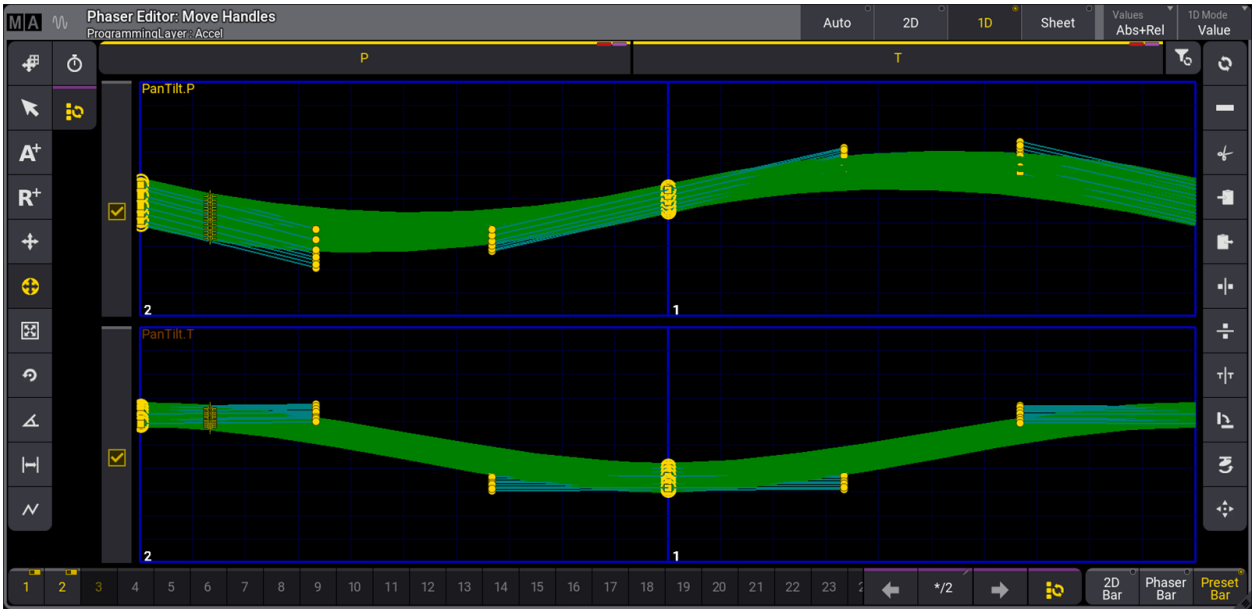
Phaser Editor in 2D View Mode

The 2D view mode removes other layout elements and expands the 2D layout to cover the main area of the window. This view mode is helpful when working with position phasers.

The Values button in the title bar allows or prevents the display and editing of absolute points or relative points. Tap to cycle through the available options or tap and swipe to open a list of available options. Options include:

- Absolute - Displays and allows editing of absolute points and their handles.
- Relative - Displays and allows editing of relative points and their handles.
- Abs+Rel - Displays and allows editing of absolute and relative points, as well as their handles.

1D View Mode



Phaser Editor in 1D View Mode showing Values

The 1D view mode removes other layout elements and expands the 1D layouts to cover the main area of the window. This view mode displays a layout for every attribute included in the active phaser.

To change the height of the attribute lines, tap the MA logo in the upper-left corner of the window, then tap LineHeight in the **Window Settings** menu, enter the desired height, and press Please.

The checkboxes to the left of the attribute lines represent the status of those attributes in the **At Filter**. These checkboxes relate directly to the attribute buttons across the top of the Phaser Editor. A yellow checkmark indicates that adjustments are allowed on the corresponding attribute. An empty, grey box indicates that adjustments are not allowed.

Tap the 1D Mode button at the right end of the title bar to toggle between the two available 1D drawing modes. These modes change the vertical scale of the 1D layouts.

- Value - In this mode, the vertical scale of each 1D layout equals the full range of values available for the displayed attribute.
- Transition - In this mode, the bottom of the vertical axis represents the beginning value for each step, and the top represents the ending value for the step.

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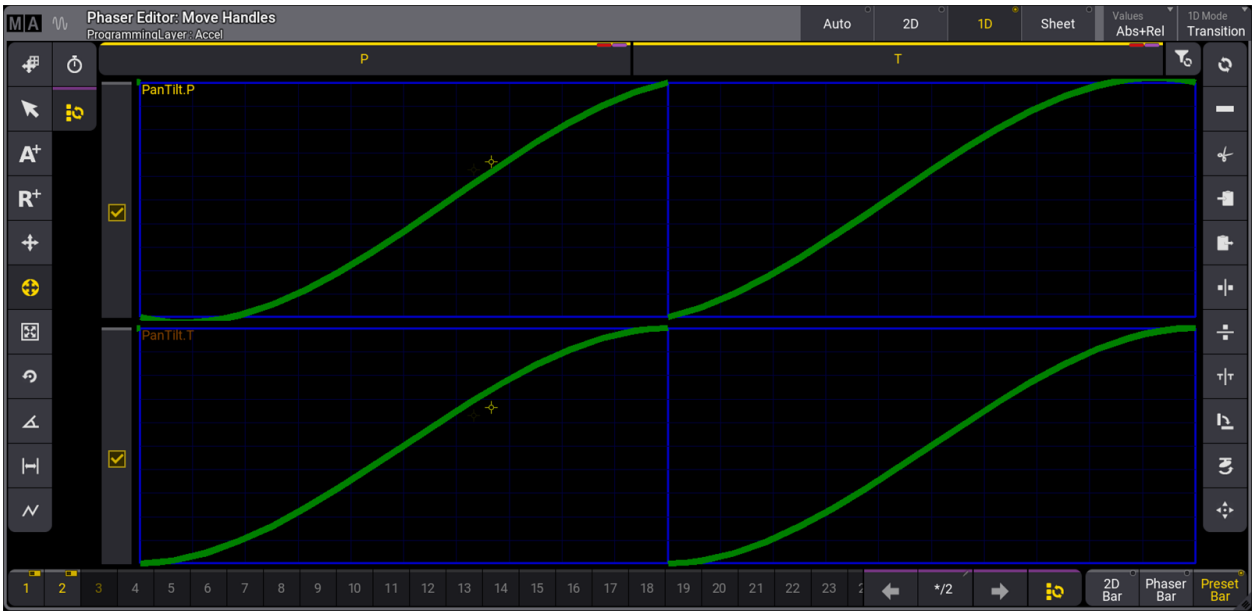

Phaser Editor in 1D View Mode showing Transitions

Sheet View Mode

Phaser Editor displayed using Sheet View Mode

The sheet view mode displays phaser steps using a configurable spreadsheet format similar to the fixture sheet. Beneath all of the relevant spreadsheet data, this mode also includes 1D layouts for each attribute included in the phaser.

The default configuration of the sheet view mode arranges phaser steps as columns and layers as rows. Layers that affect all steps of the phaser appear only under step 1. Each cell in the sheet displays an overview of all values for the layer in that step. In cases where the cell includes multiple values or presets, the sheet displays the lowest and highest values in the cell separated by two dots.

Tools

The tool buttons on the left side are:

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- **1 - Move Area**:
  Moves the entire blue pan/tilt square to show relative values that can be outside the position range.
- **2 - Select**:
  Selects single steps or uses lasso selection for multiple steps. The selection can be filtered to **Absolute** and **Relative** steps by toggling the respective buttons in the title bar.
- **3 - Add Absolute**:
  Adds a step using absolute value. The encoder bar follows the absolute layer. A filled rectangle represents absolute values. The **Single Step Mode** is automatically activated as long as you hold a finger or the mouse cursor in the editor while adding an absolute point.
- **4 - Add Relative**:
  Adds a step using a relative value. The encoder bar follows the relative layer. An empty rectangle represents relative values. The **Single Step Mode** is automatically activated as long as you hold a finger or the mouse cursor in the editor while adding a relative point.
- **5 - Move Point**:
  Moves selected steps. It is also possible to use the Align function. The **Single Step Mode** is automatically activated as long as you hold a finger or the mouse cursor in the editor while moving a single point.
- **6 - Move Handles (The yellow highlight shows this is the current tool.)**:
  Move handles of selected steps. It is also possible to use the **Align** function. Each point/step has two handles to influence acceleration and deceleration at the same time. Each handle has a cyan line connected to the point it controls. Move both handles of a point by touching the point and dragging in the desired direction. A handle can be moved individually by touching and moving the handle (small yellow circle).
- **7 - Change Size**:
  Enlarges/reduces all selected steps evenly from the center point of the selection. It is also possible to use the **Align** function.
  Pressing MA while changing the size enlarges/reduces all selected steps from the center point of the selection on the horizontal or vertical axis.
- **8 - Change Rotation**:
  Rotates the selected steps around the center of the selection. It is also possible to use the **Align** function.
  Pressing MA while changing the rotation, rotates the selected steps around the center of the selection in 5-degree increments.
- **9 - Change Phase**:
  Opens an overlay with yellow dots that symbolize the value of the phase for each fixture. Here the phase value can be shifted independently from the selected steps for the selected fixtures. The **At** filter can be used to move phases for individual attributes. It is also possible to use the **Align** and the **Transition** mode functions. If several attributes are displayed along with different phases, the selected feature groups are displayed in a brighter color. If the fixtures are allocated to grid positions, the values of the phases can be vertically or diagonally aligned. Selecting this also changes the functions on the right side to quick selections for alignment. This changes the tool buttons on the right side to give quick access to standard phase values and a Reset and Invert button.
- **10 - Change Width:**
  The width can be changed with this tool. It changes the functions on the right side to shortcuts of different percentages. If all steps are selected and the Speed shortcut is tapped, then the movement speed is equalized between the steps. Default is that each step has the same width with no regard to the distance the fixtures are moving in the step. Equalizing the step width makes the fixture move at the same speed by adjusting the width. There is a Reset shortcut

that resets the width. Default is a width of 100%. This means that each step has the same width with no regard to the travel distance of the fixtures in each step.

- **11 - Select Form:**
  Selecting a form overwrites the values of the transition layer, accel layer, and decel layer to create the desired effect. Available forms are listed in the toolbar on the right side and include Rectangle, Sawtooth, Sine, and Circle.
- **12 - Change Speed:**
  Tap to display various speed tools in the right side toolbar. Available speed tools include functions which multiply or divide the current speed of the phaser by a given amount. Special speed options include:
  - **Loop:** Tap Loop to multiply the current phaser speed by the number of steps currently in the phaser.
  - **Fixture:** Tap Fixture to divide the current phaser speed by the number of fixtures in the current selection.
- **13 - Select all Steps**:
  This is not a tool like the others. Tapping this toggles between all steps selected or the selection of single steps. It keeps the previously selected tool active.

	Hint:
	Some tools don't require the user to precisely touch points in the 2D and 1D layouts to adjust them. Instead, make sure the desired steps are enabled in the **Step Bar**, and use the blue grid areas in the **Phaser Editor** as trackpads to make the desired adjustments.

The standard operational functions on the right side are:

- **1 - Reset**:
  Reset spline of the selected steps.
- **2 - Delete**
  Deletes the selected steps.
- **3 - Cut Programmer**:
  Removes all programmer values in the currently selected fixtures and moves them to the clipboard.
- **4 - Copy Programmer**:
  Copies all programmer values in the currently selected fixtures and moves them to the clipboard.
- **5 - Paste Programmer**:
  Inserts all values from the clipboard to the currently selected fixtures in the programmer.

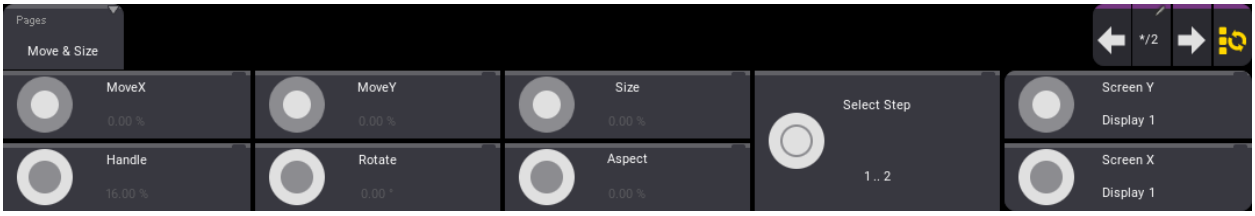
- **6 - Mirror X**:
  Mirrors all selected points on the x-axis.
- **7 - Mirror Y**:
  Mirrors all selected points on the y-axis.
- **8 - Mirror Time**:
  Swaps the order of the steps. Select all steps first. This is the same as reversing the direction of the movement.
- **9 - Swap XY**:
  Swaps the X and Y axes of the selected steps.
- **10 - Flip**:
  Flips the position of the selected fixtures.
- **11 - Reset Zoom**:
  Resets the area with the blue square.

Phaser Encoder Toolbar

Depending upon the type of encoder toolbar selected with the radio buttons in the bottom-right corner of the **Phaser Editor**, the encoder toolbar changes to display helpful tools, which are specific to the manipulation of Phaser data.

2D Bar

To enable the 2D Bar, tap 2D Bar in the bottom-right corner of the Phaser Editor.



2D Phaser Encoder Bar

This encoder toolbar includes the following encoder controls:

- **MoveX:** Turn the inner encoder to adjust the X position in the 2D Phaser grid of all steps currently enabled in the **Step Bar**.
- **MoveY:** Turn the inner encoder to adjust the Y position in the 2D Phaser grid of all steps currently enabled in the **Step Bar**.
- **Size:** Turn the inner encoder to adjust size of all steps currently enabled in the **Step Bar**. This allows encoder access to the **Change Size** tool mentioned above.
- **Handle:** Turn the outer encoder to adjust the handle length of all steps currently enabled in the **Step Bar**. This allows encoder access to the **Move Handles** tool mentioned above.
- **Rotate:** Turn the outer encoder to rotate all steps currently enabled in the **Step Bar**. This allows encoder access to the **Change Rotation** tool mentioned above.
- **Aspect:** Turn the outer encoder to adjust the aspect ratio of all steps currently enabled in the **Step Bar**. This tool simultaneously adjusts positions of points as well as length and direction of handles in order to create a wider or taller version of the current 2D form.
- **Select Step:** Turn the inner or outer encoder to select individual steps. Press the inner encoder or the outer encoder key to toggle between selecting all steps and a single step.

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Phaser Bar

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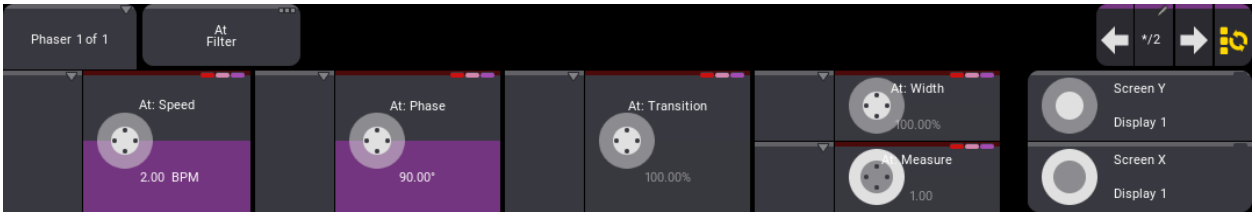
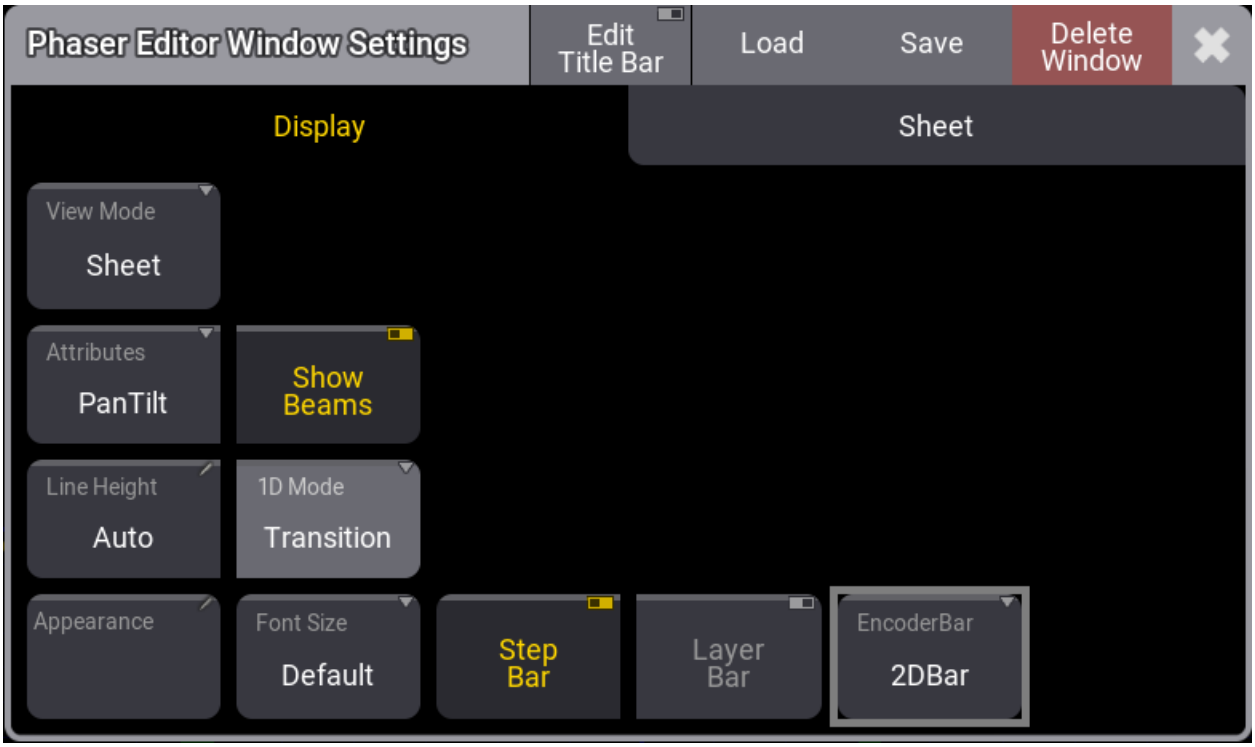


Phaser Bar

This encoder toolbar allows for adjustment of **Speed**, **Phase**, **Transition**, **Width**, and **Measure**, based upon the current fixture and step selection, as well as the current status of the **At Filter**.

Window Settings

The Window Settings pop-up includes some Common Window Settings as well as some that are specific to the Phaser Editor.

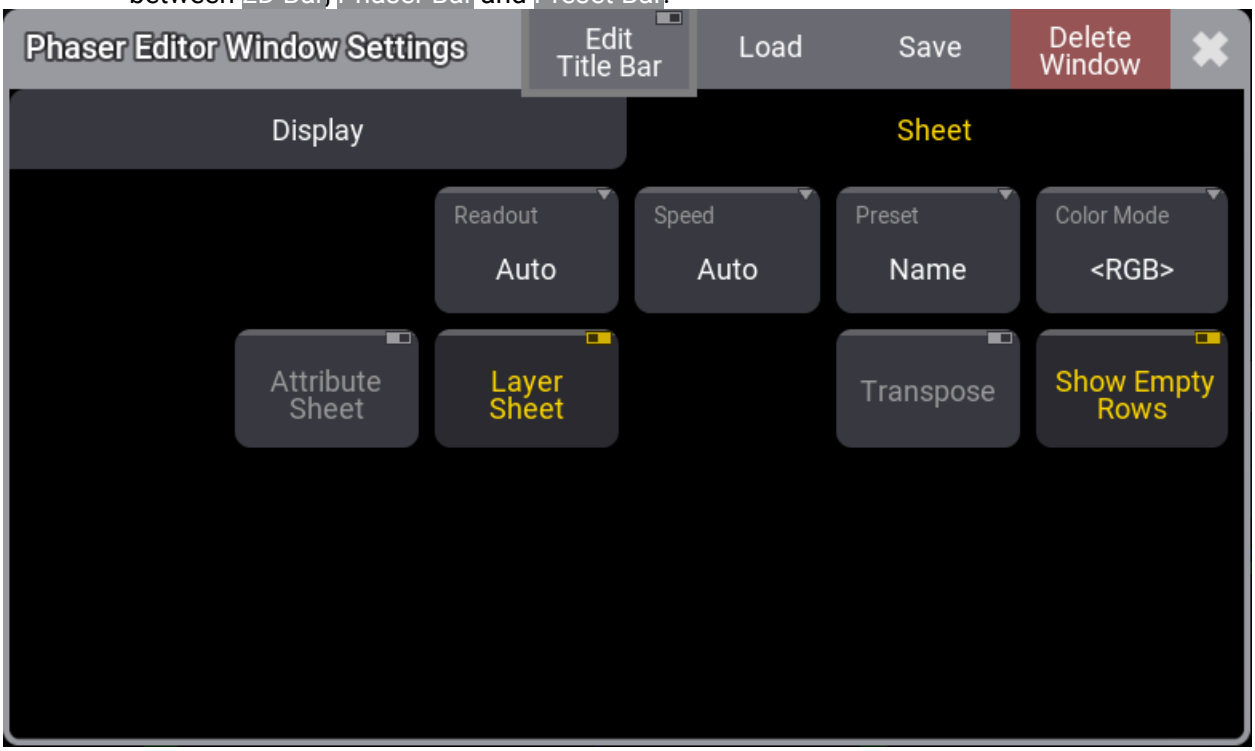


Display tab of the Phaser Window Settings Pop-up

- View Mode - The view mode defines how the different data and information are displayed in the view. The view mode can be changed in the settings or the title bar of the window.
    - **Auto:**
      Displays the 2D and 1D layouts.
    - **2D:**
      Displays the 2D layout.
    - **1D:**
      Displays a 1D layout for every attribute included in the active phaser.

- **Sheet:**
  Displays phaser steps in a spreadsheet format and the 1D layouts for the phaser attributes.

- Line Height - Defines the height of the 1D layouts. Valid options range from 50 to 500. **Auto** adjusts the lines to the size of the Phaser Editor within this range.
- Appearance - Tapping this button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- Font Size - This selects the font size in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is the same as size 18.
- Show Beams - Tap to show or hide the beams in the 2D layout.
- 1D Mode - Tap to toggle between the two 1D drawing modes. These modes change the vertical scale of the 1D layouts.
  - **Value:**
    The vertical scale of each 1D layout equals the full range of values available for the displayed attribute.
  - **Transition:**
    The bottom of the vertical axis represents the beginning value for each step, and the top represents the ending value for the step.
- Attributes - Defines which position attributes are used when creating a position phaser. Tap to toggle between PanTilt, XY, XZ, and YZ.
- Step Bar - Tap to show or hide the Step Bar.
- Layer Bar - Tap to show or hide the Layer Bar.
- EncoderBar - Defines which encoder bar is displayed in addition to the step bar. Tap to toggle between 2D Bar, Phaser Bar and Preset Bar.



Sheet Tab of the Phaser Window Settings Pop-up

- Readout - This selects the value readout for fixture attributes. It is a swipe button that opens a list of readout types with the following options:
  - **Auto**:
    This makes the sheet follow the selected readout in the Encoder Bar.

- **Natural**:
  Each attribute has a defined Natural readout. This is defined in the Attribute Definition. Selecting this option will show the different readouts defined for the attributes.
- **Percent**:
  This is a range from 0 to 100.
- **PercentFine**:
  This is a range from 0.00 to 100.00.
- **Physical**:
  This uses the physical range defined in the fixture type definition.
- **Decimal8**:
  This is a decimal range from 0 to 255.
- **Decimal16**:
  This is a decimal range from 0 to 65 535.
- **Decimal24**:
  This is a decimal range from 0 to 16 777 215.
- **Hex8**:
  This is a hexadecimal range from 00 to FF.
- **Hex16**:
  This is a hexadecimal range from 0000 to FFFF.
- **Hex24**:
  This is a hexadecimal range from 000000 to FFFFFF.

- Speed - It sets how the speed value is displayed. It has the following options: Auto (following the User Profile setting), Hertz, BPM (Beats Per Minute), and Seconds.
- Preset - This defines how the preset information is displayed in the sheets. There are six properties which are different combinations of these three elements:
  - **ID**:
    Shows the ID number of the preset.
  - **Name**:
    Shows the name of the preset.
  - **Value**:
    Shows the values stored in the preset.
- Color Mode - This switches the color readout between Auto (following the User Profile setting), RGB and CMY. The default value is to follow the setting in the User Profile. The user profile setting is shown between "<>".
- Attribute Sheet - Tap to show or hide individual rows for each attribute included in the phaser. If Layer Sheet is enabled, each layer will include all of these individual layers.
- Layer Sheet - Tap either show all layers simultaneously or hide most layers, showing only the layer that is currently accessible on the attribute encoders.
- Transpose - This On/Off button flips the columns and rows in windows.
- Show Empty Rows - Tap to show or hide empty rows.

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1.35.2. Create a Sinus Dimmer Phaser

This topic details a couple of examples of how to create a sinus dimmer phaser using keys and buttons as well as the phaser editor and encoder bar. There are many ways to reach the same goal in grandMA3. Many of the steps in the examples below are interchangeable while producing identical results. These examples use a combination of keys and the calculator interface. If you are working with the onPC software, it might be easier to type commands into the command line rather than use the on-screen keys.

It is recommended to read the Phasers topic and the Phaser Editor topic before this topic.

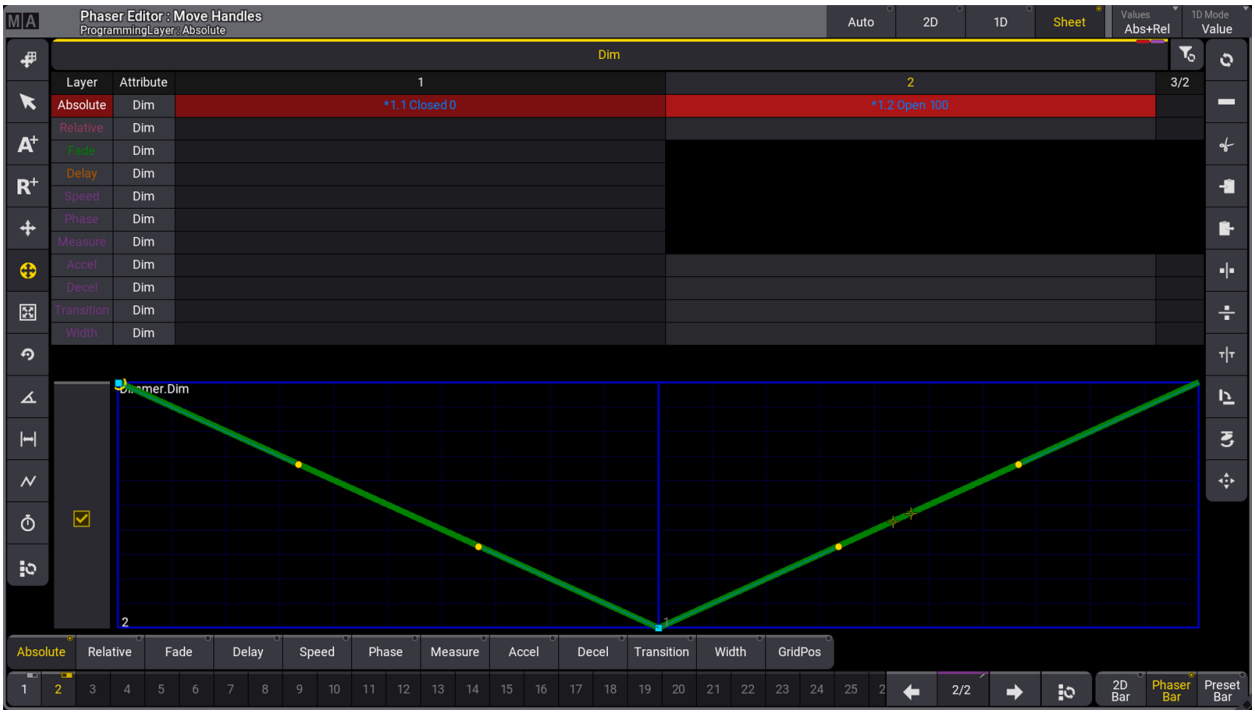
Requirements:

- Have a show with some lights patched.
- An open Phaser Editor window with the Step Bar enabled is recommended, though it is also possible to use the temporary Phaser Editor.
- Arranging the fixtures in the 3D window can be useful, but it is not a requirement.
- As it is highly recommended to use presets while programming, an open Dimmer preset pool is recommended with presets for dimmer values of 100% and 0%.

Quickly Create Steps and Apply Adjustments with the Phaser Editor

1. Select the desired fixtures. For example: Fixture Thru Please
2. Choose a dimmer preset for step one: Press and hold Step and tap the preset with the 0% dimmer value.
3. Choose a dimmer preset for step two: While still holding Step, tap the preset with the 100% dimmer value.

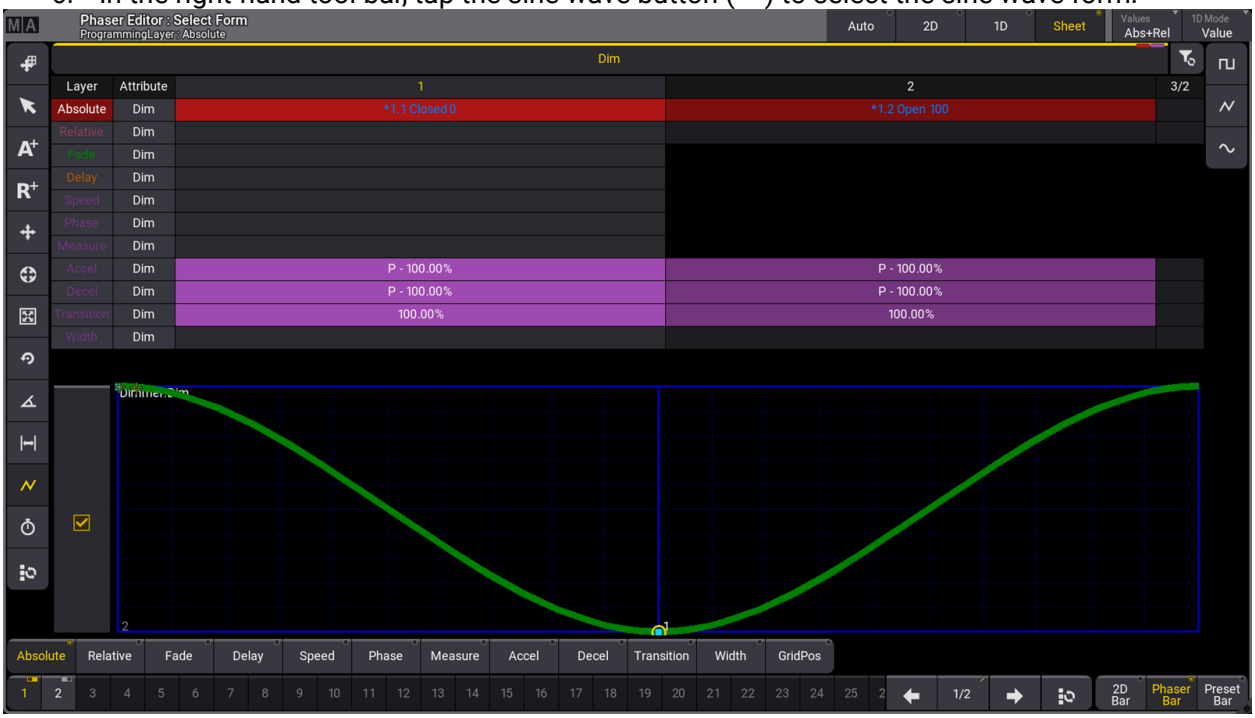
This is the base for the phaser. There are now two steps with a dimmer preset of 0% in the first step and a preset of 100% in the second step. All of the fixtures are changing together from step one to two with a linear fade (not yet using a sine curve). The Sheet view mode of the **Phaser Editor** shows:



Linear Dimmer Phaser with No Phase Distribution

Adjust the curve of both steps using tools in the Phaser Editor:

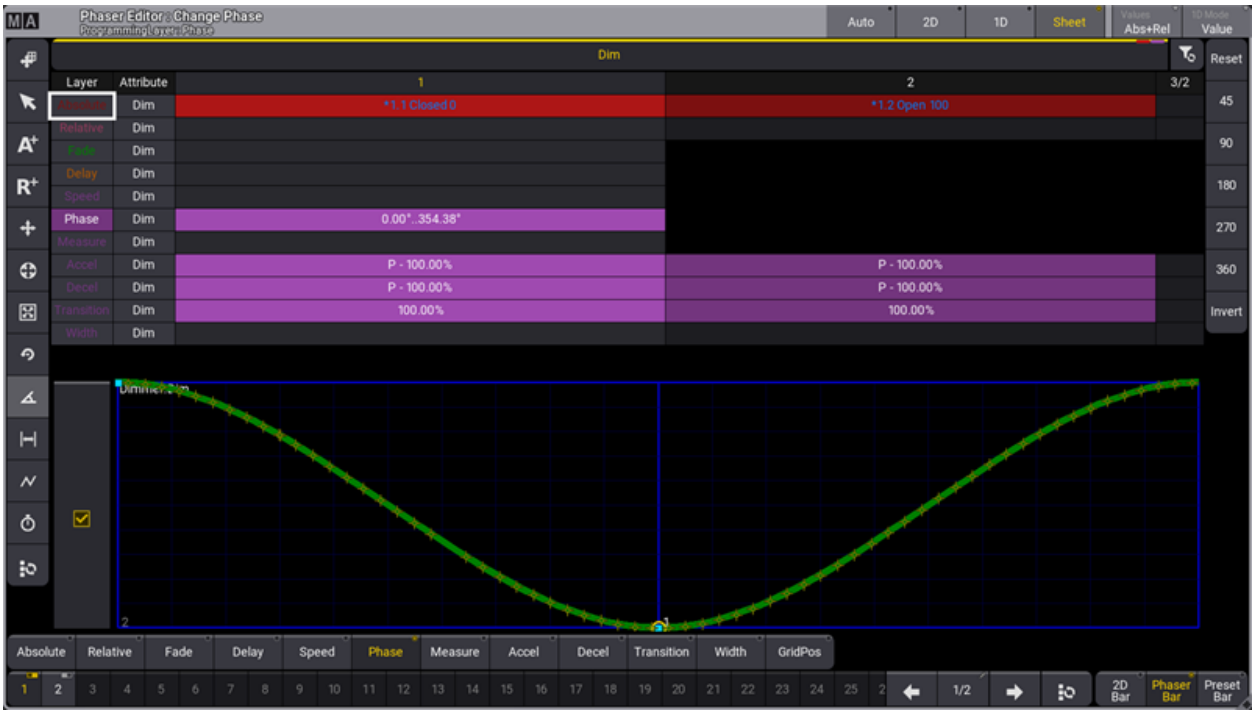
4. Select all steps by tapping the button at the right end of the Step Bar or at the bottom of the left-hand tool bar.
5. Tap to select the Select Form tool ( ) in the left-hand tool bar.
6. In the right-hand tool bar, tap the sine wave button ( ) to select the sine wave form.



Sinus Dimmer Phaser with No Phase Distribution

Adjust the phase of all fixtures using tools in the Phaser Editor:

7. Tap to select the Edit Phase (⊿) tool in the left-hand tool bar.
8. In the right-hand tool bar, tap the 360 button to evenly distribute the selected fixtures over the wave form.



Sinus Dimmer Phaser with Full Phase Distribution

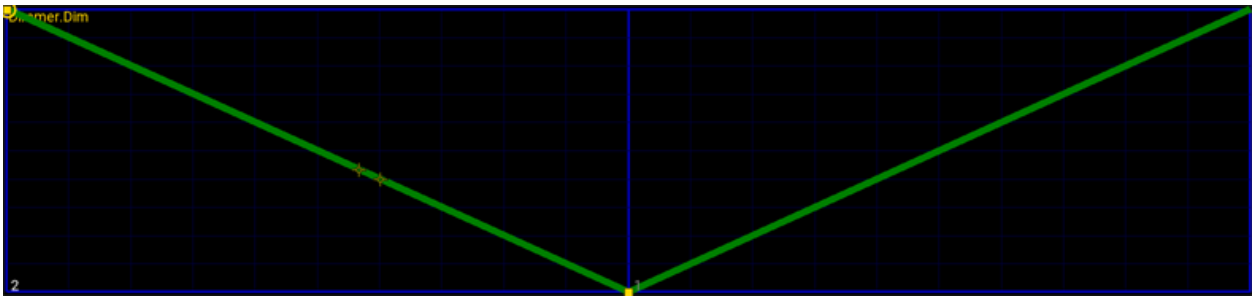
Store the phaser into a preset or a cue.

Alternate Methods to Create a Sinus Dimmer Phaser

Follow these steps to create a sinus dimmer phaser:

1. Select the desired fixtures. For example: Fixture Thru Please.
2. Set them at a dimmer value of 0: At 0 Please.
3. Create step 2 and select it: MA + Next (Next Step).
4. Set the fixtures at full: Full.

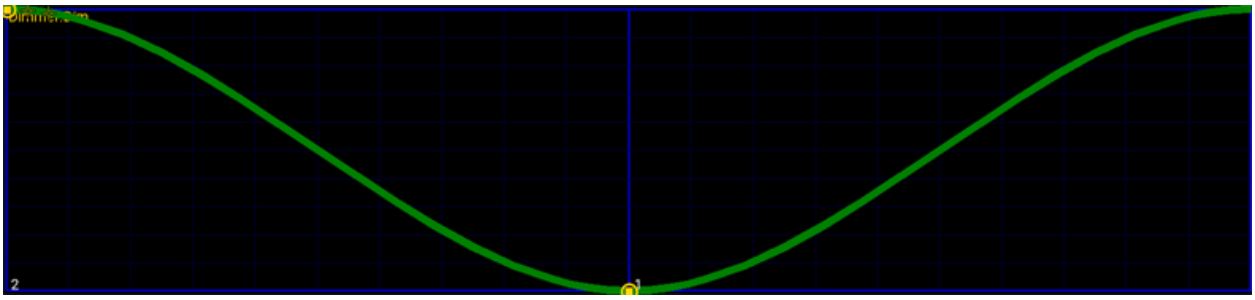
This is the base for the phaser. There are now two steps with a dimmer value of 0 in the first step and a value of 100 in the second step. All the fixtures are changing together from step one to two in a linear direction and do not fade using a sine curve. It looks like this in the **Phaser Editor**:



The curve is corrected by adjusting the acceleration and deceleration in both steps.

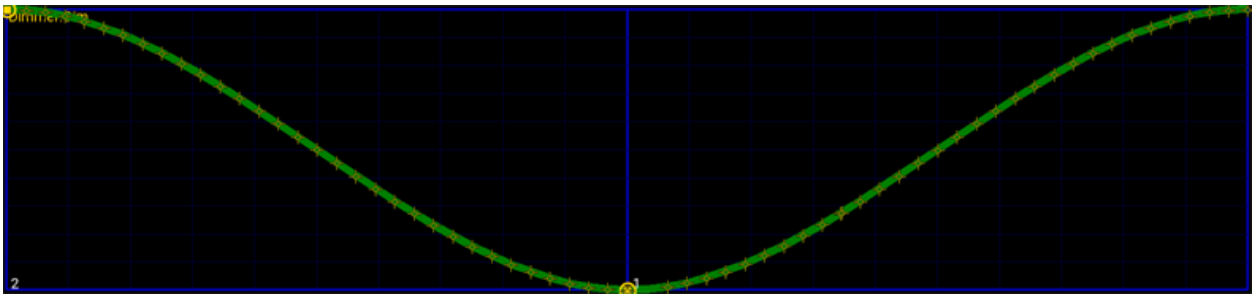
5. Select both steps: MA + Set (Step Toggle).
6. The steps need to have an accelerate value of -100. This is done using the Encoder Toolbar.
    a. Tap Dimmer to make sure it is selected.
    b. Tap Accel to select the acceleration layer.
    c. Tap the left attribute encoder to open the calculator.
    d. Tap +/- 1 0 0 Please. This gives a known and precise value. If **Handles** are used then it might not be as precise as typing a value.
7. Do the same for the Decel layer.

Now the attribute accelerates out of and decelerates into each step. The curve now looks like this:



8. The final thing to do is to spread out the fixtures using the phase value. This is also done from the encoder toolbar.
    a. Tap Phase to select the phase layer.
    b. Tap the left attribute encoder to open the calculator.
    c. Tap 0 Thru 3 6 0 Please.

Now the fixtures are spread out equally over the entire phase of the phaser loop.



This is a sinus phaser that can be stored in a cue or preset.

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It is created using a specific selection of fixtures so remember to select the desired **Preset Mode** when storing a preset.

1.35.3. Create a Circle Phaser

This topic presents an example of one method for creating a simple circle phaser. It uses absolute position values and will always move the lights in the specified circle. See the Create Circle Phaser Around Position topic for an example that covers creating a relative phaser circle, which can be used with different absolute base positions.

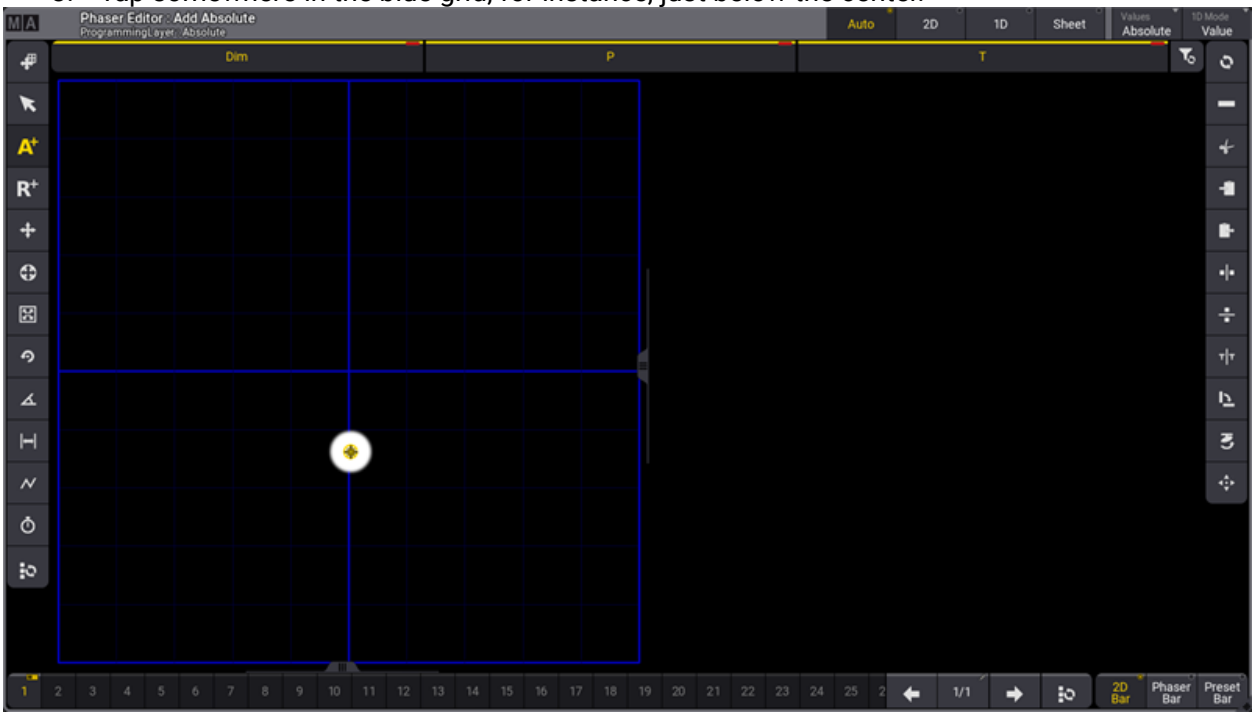
Requirements:

- Have a show with some moving lights patched - for instance, the demo show.
- An open Phaser Editor window is needed.
- Arranging the fixtures in the 3D window can be useful, but it is not a requirement.

	Hint:
	For phasers that use position values, it is recommended to use a slower speed than the default of 60 BPM, such as 20 BPM. Otherwise, the fixtures may not be able to move properly.

Follow these steps to create a circle:

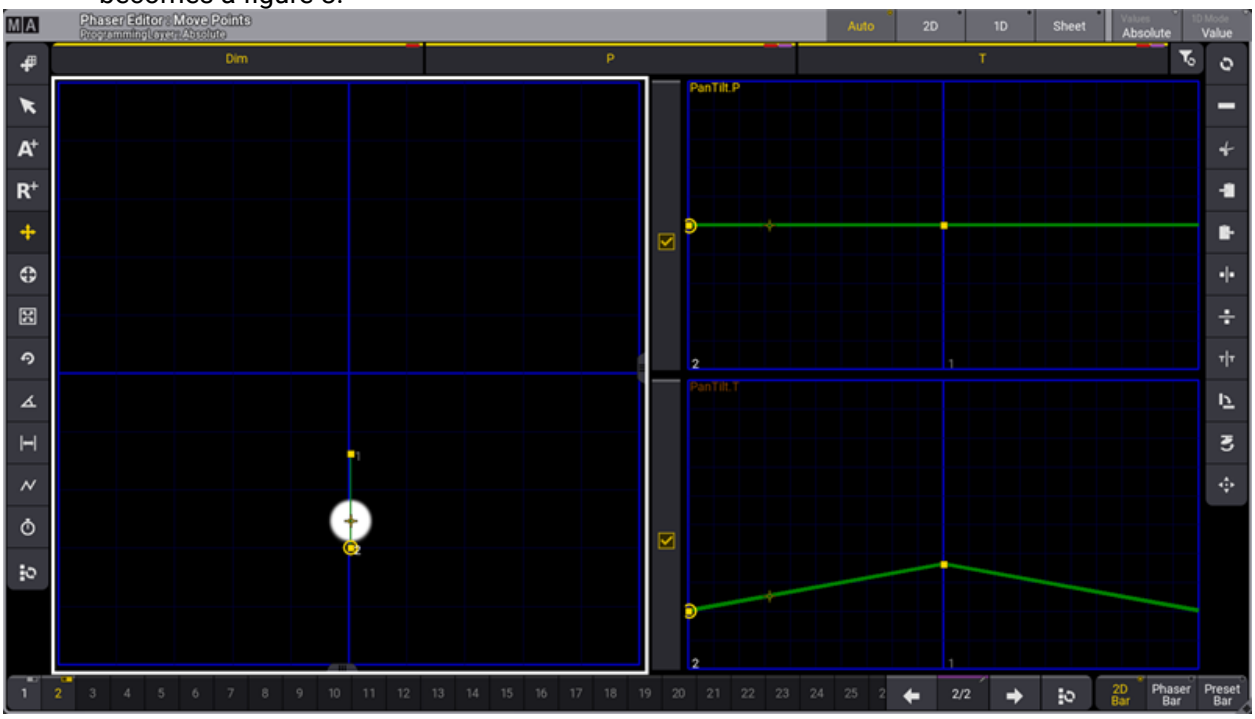
1. Select the desired fixtures and bring their dimmers to full.
   The Phaser Editor shows a white beam in the center of the blue 2D grid.
2. Tap the A+ button on the left of the editor.
3. Tap somewhere in the blue grid; for instance, just below the center.



Phaser Editor with fixtures turned on and one absolute position

This creates the first absolute point. The selected fixtures move to this static position. This is an absolute position value in step one.

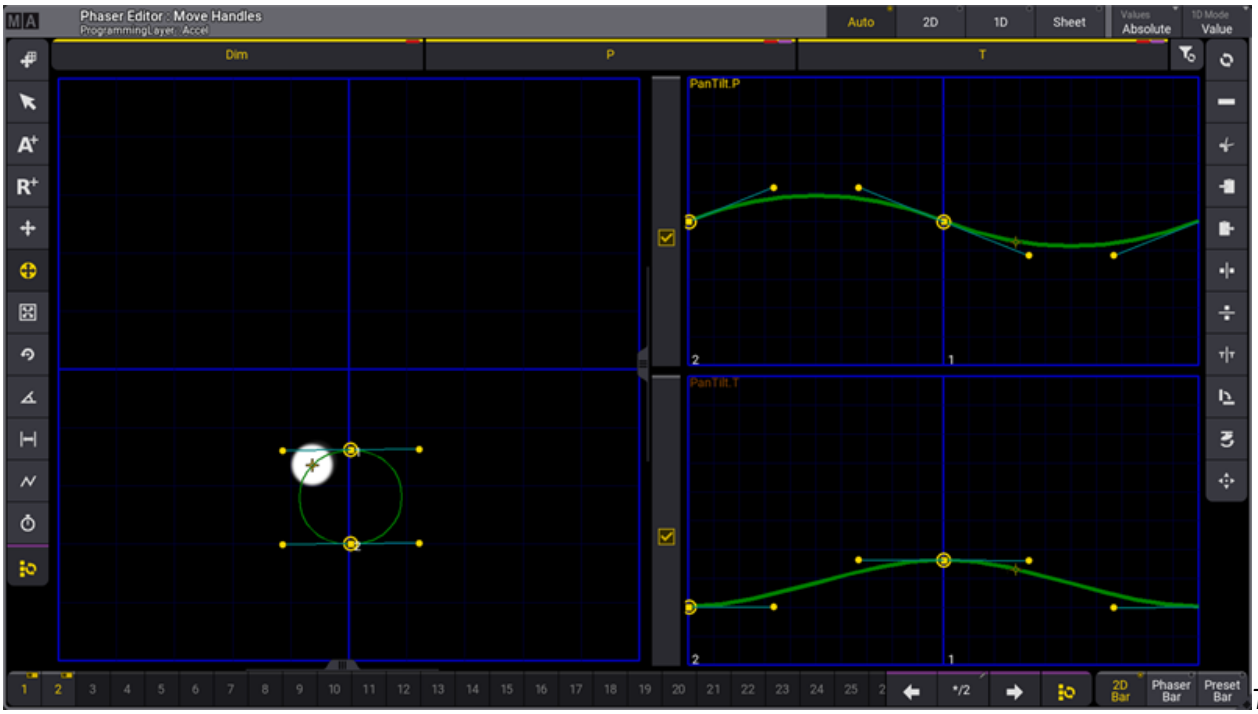
4. Tap somewhere else in the blue grid to create a second absolute position. Please tap 90 degrees vertically to the first point and do not cross the horizontal blue line - otherwise, the circle becomes a figure 8.



Two absolute positions - one in each step

Now, the fixtures move between the two absolute points (two steps).

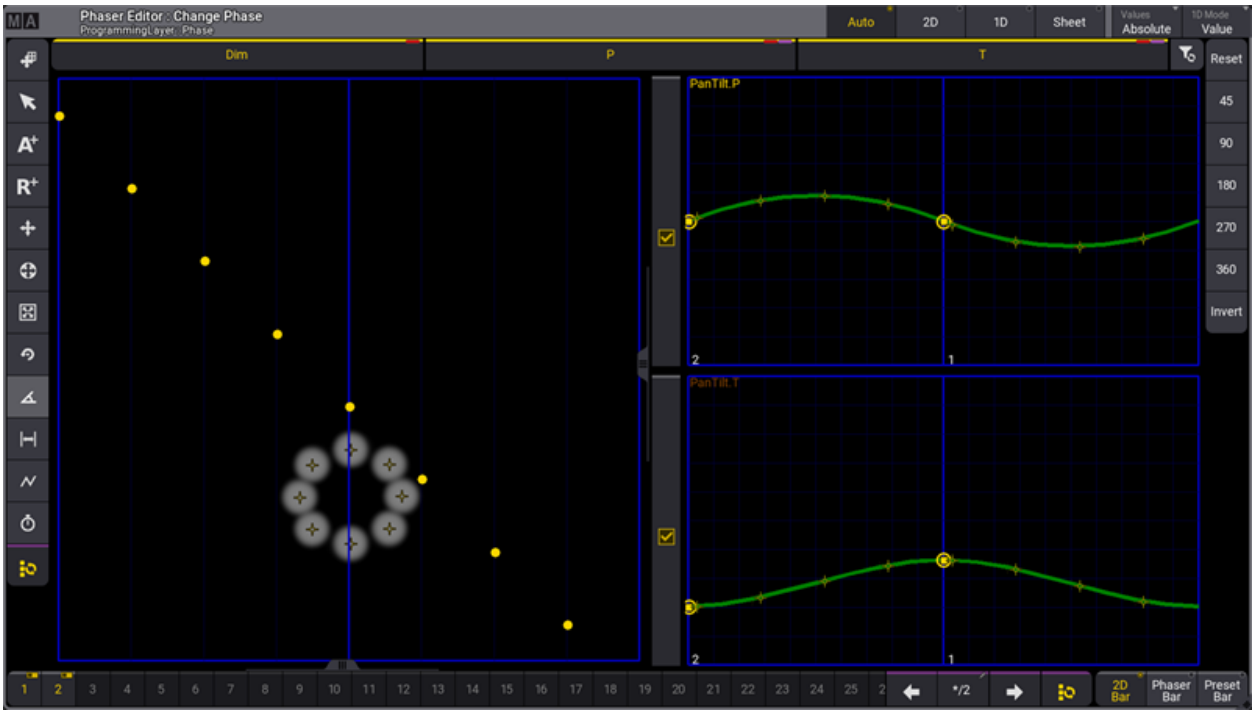
5. Tap the **Select All Steps** button ( ).
   This selects both steps.
6. Tap the **Move Handle** button ( ).
7. Tap one of the two points and drag horizontally.
8. Release the screen when there is a nice circular movement.



The fixtures now move in a circle

9. Tap the **Edit phase** button (⊿) on the left menu.
10. Tap 360 in the menu on the right
    This distributes the fixtures evenly along with the form.

The finished result could look like this:



Finished circle phaser

The **Change Phase** part of the phaser editor represents each fixture as a yellow dot in a grid where the horizontal axis is the phase value.

The circle phaser is now finished and can be stored into a cue or a preset.

	Important:
	Following the steps above exactly results in an active dimmer value in the first step of the phaser. If you prefer that your circle phaser only contain position values, deactivate the dimmer attribute before storing.

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1.35.4. Create a Circle Phaser Around a Position Preset

This topic presents an example of one method for creating a simple relative circle phaser.

	Hint:
	Combining relative phasers with separate absolute presets provides greater flexibility for creating dynamic looks.

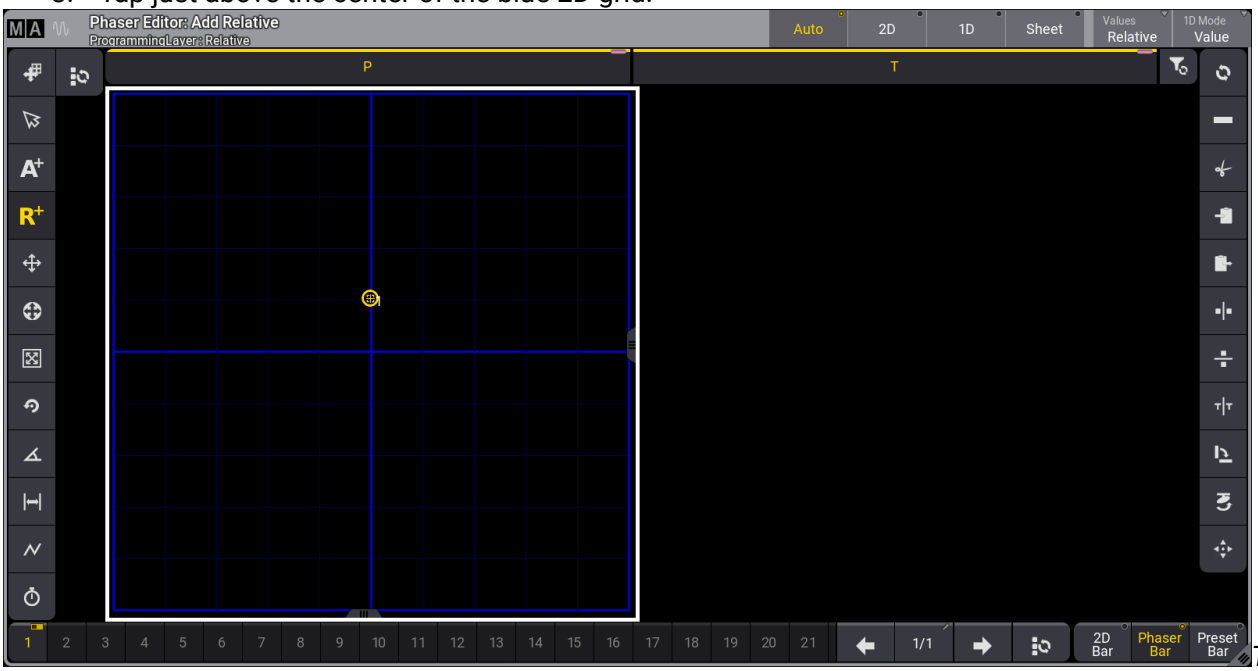
Requirements:

- Have a show with some moving lights patched. The following examples reference presets included in the demo show.
- An open Phaser Editor window is needed.
- Arranging the fixtures in the 3D window can be useful, but it is not a requirement.

This example shows one possible workflow for creating a relative phaser. Alternate workflows can also produce the same results.

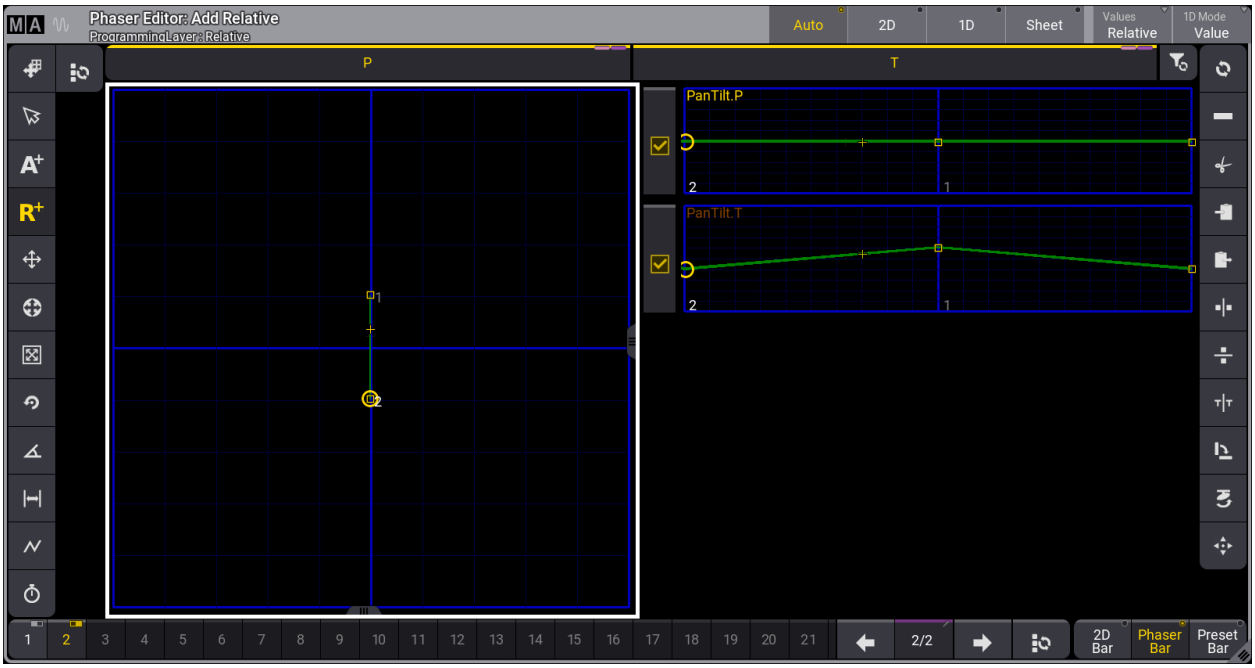
Follow these steps to create a relative circle preset:

1. Select all of the desired fixtures.
2. Tap R+ on the left side menu in the **Phaser Editor**.
3. Tap just above the center of the blue 2D grid.



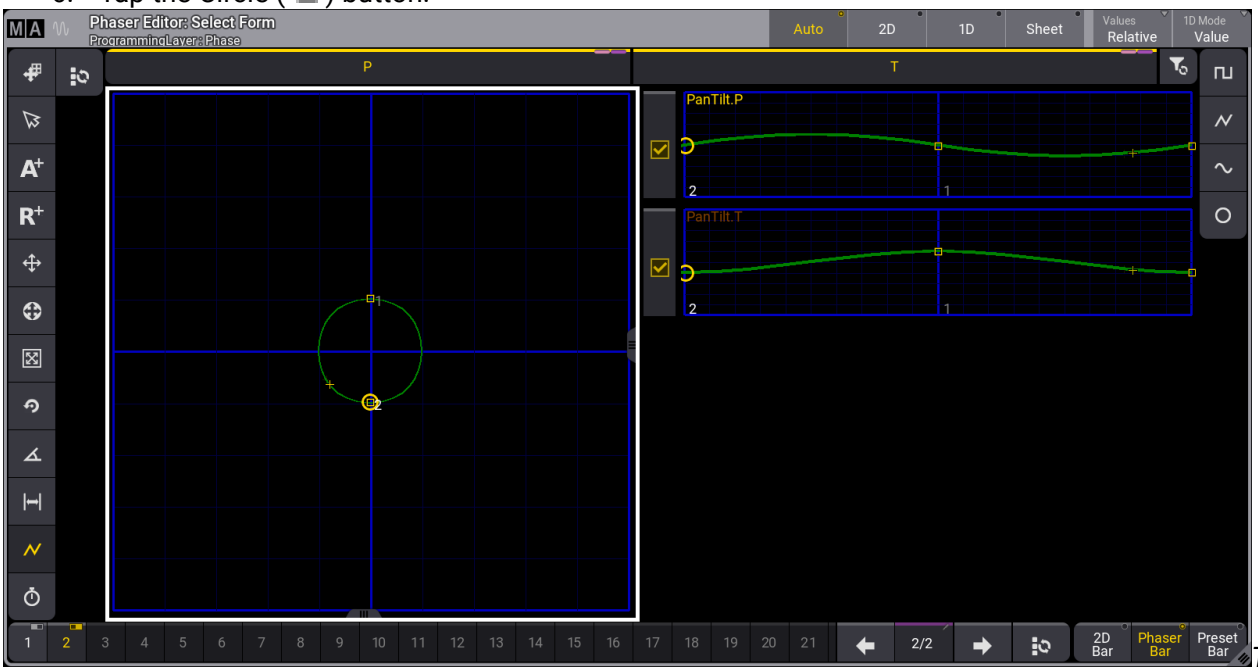
The first point in a relative circle

4. Tap just below the center of the blue 2D grid.
   This creates two relative position points.



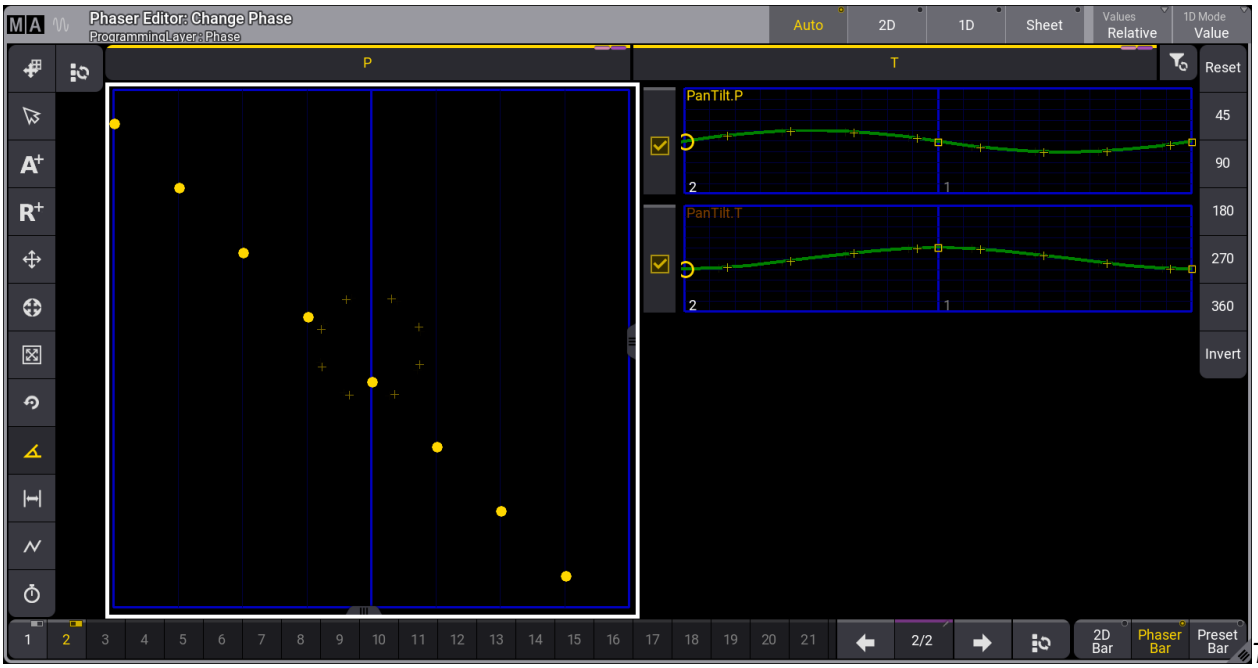
Two steps /points are the basis for the circle

5. Tap the Select Form ( ) button.
6. Tap the Circle ( ) button.



The relative circle with all selected fixtures moving simultaneously.

7. Tap the Change Phase ( ) button on the left menu.
8. Tap 360 in the menu on the right.



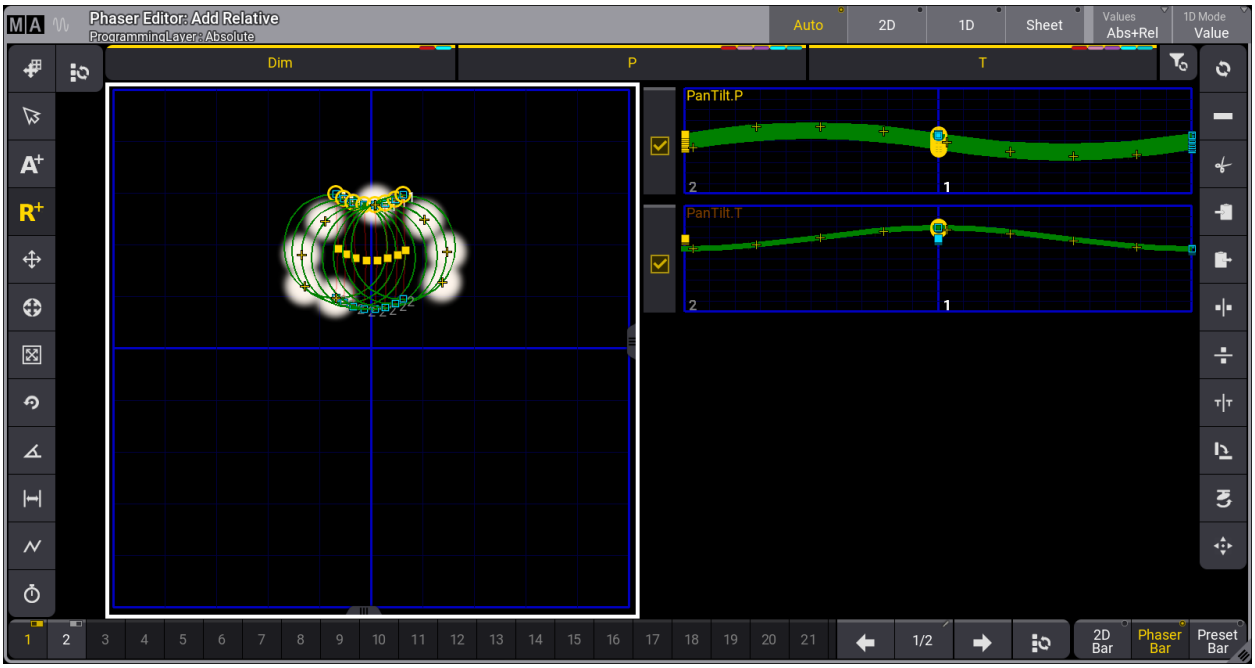
The relative circle with selected fixtures aligned evenly around the form.

9. Store this as a preset.

Follow these steps to create a cue combining this relative circle phaser with a static absolute position:

1. Select the desired fixtures.
2. Tap dimmer preset 2 "Open" to bring the fixtures to full.
3. Tap position preset 3 "Center" to move the lights to the downstage-center position.
4. Tap the new preset with the relative circle.

The resulting output shows the fixtures moving in a circle around the downstage-center position.



Fixtures moving in a circle around the downstage-center position.

Continue editing as desired or store this as a new preset or store as a cue.

1.35.5. Create Color Rainbow Phaser

This topic presents an example of one possible workflow for creating a rainbow color phaser. This example creates the rainbow chase using three steps with a primary color in each step. An additional example at the end shows an easy way to change the color used in one of the steps.

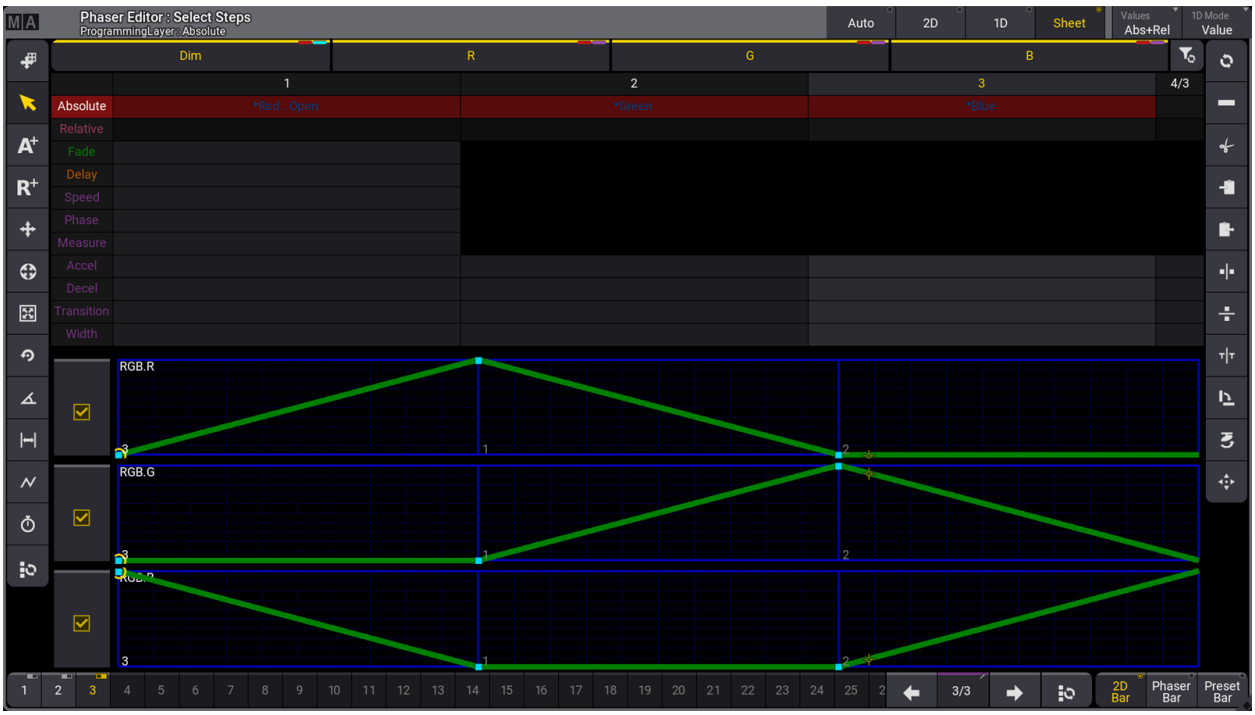
Requirements:

- Have a show with some fixtures that have a color mixing system (not color wheels with static colors). The steps below reference fixtures and presets included in the demo show.
- Have three color presets with Red, Green, and Blue colors stored using the color mixing system. The additional example also uses a White preset. These presets exist in the demo show file.
- An open Phaser Editor window is needed.
- An open Color preset pool for quickly calling the desired presets.
- Arranging the fixtures in the 3D window can be useful, but it is not a requirement.

Follow these steps needed to create the phaser.

1. Select the desired fixtures. The following screenshots use fixtures 1 thru 8 in the demo show.
2. Bring the dimmers to full so the beams are visible.
3. Press and hold the X5 | Step key, and tap the red color preset.
4. While still holding the X5 | Step key, create the second step by tapping the green color preset.
5. While still holding the X5 | Step key, create the third step by tapping the blue preset.

The phaser editor shows the three steps and all referenced presets.



Phaser Editor with a three-step, three-color phaser

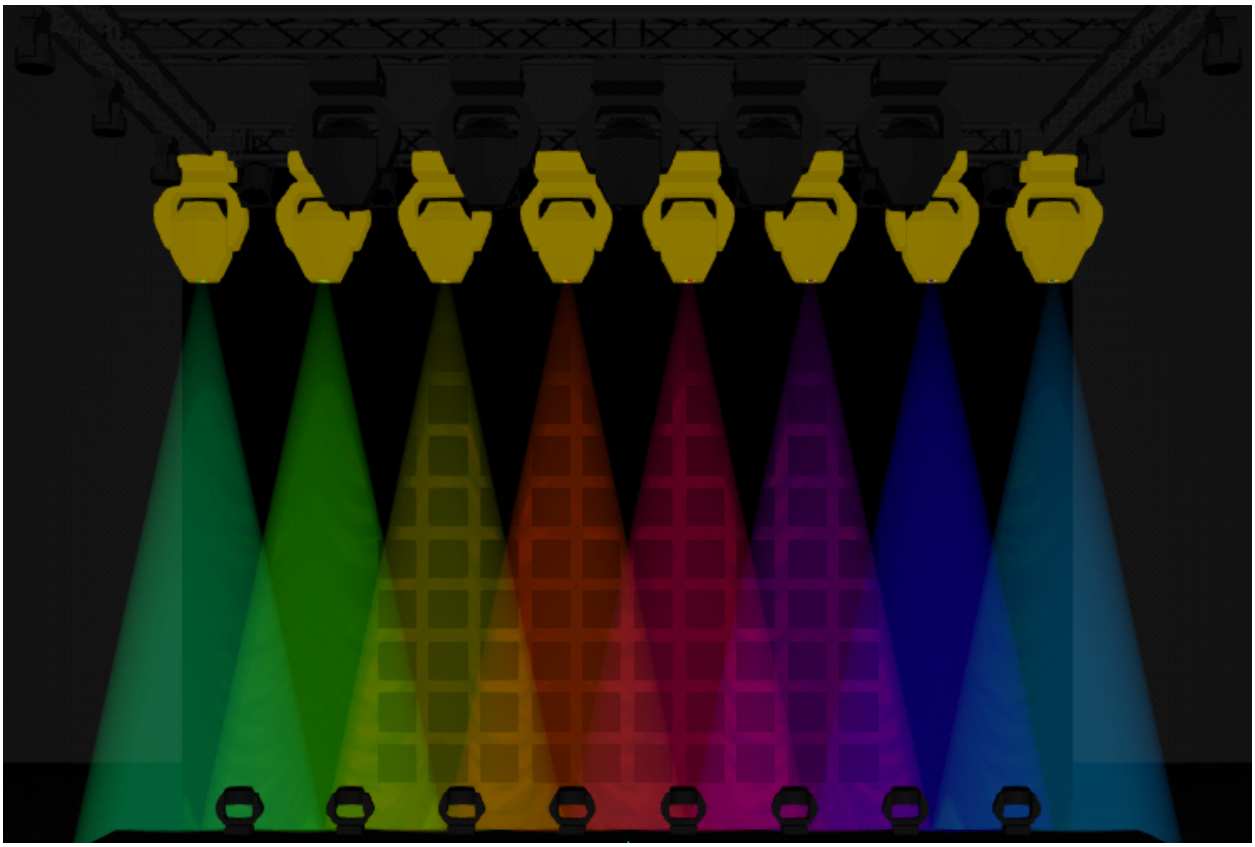
All the fixtures now change color together through the rainbow colors. If this is the desired result then store this in a cue or preset.

	Important:
	Following the steps above exactly results in an active dimmer value in the first step of the phaser. If you prefer that your rainbow phaser only contain color values, deactivate the dimmer attribute before storing.

To spread the rainbow across the selected fixtures, adjust the Phase:

1. Tap the Change Phase ( ) button on the left menu in the **Phaser Editor**.
2. Tap 360 on the right menu in the **Phase Editor** to spread the fixtures evenly.

The 3D window shows the result:

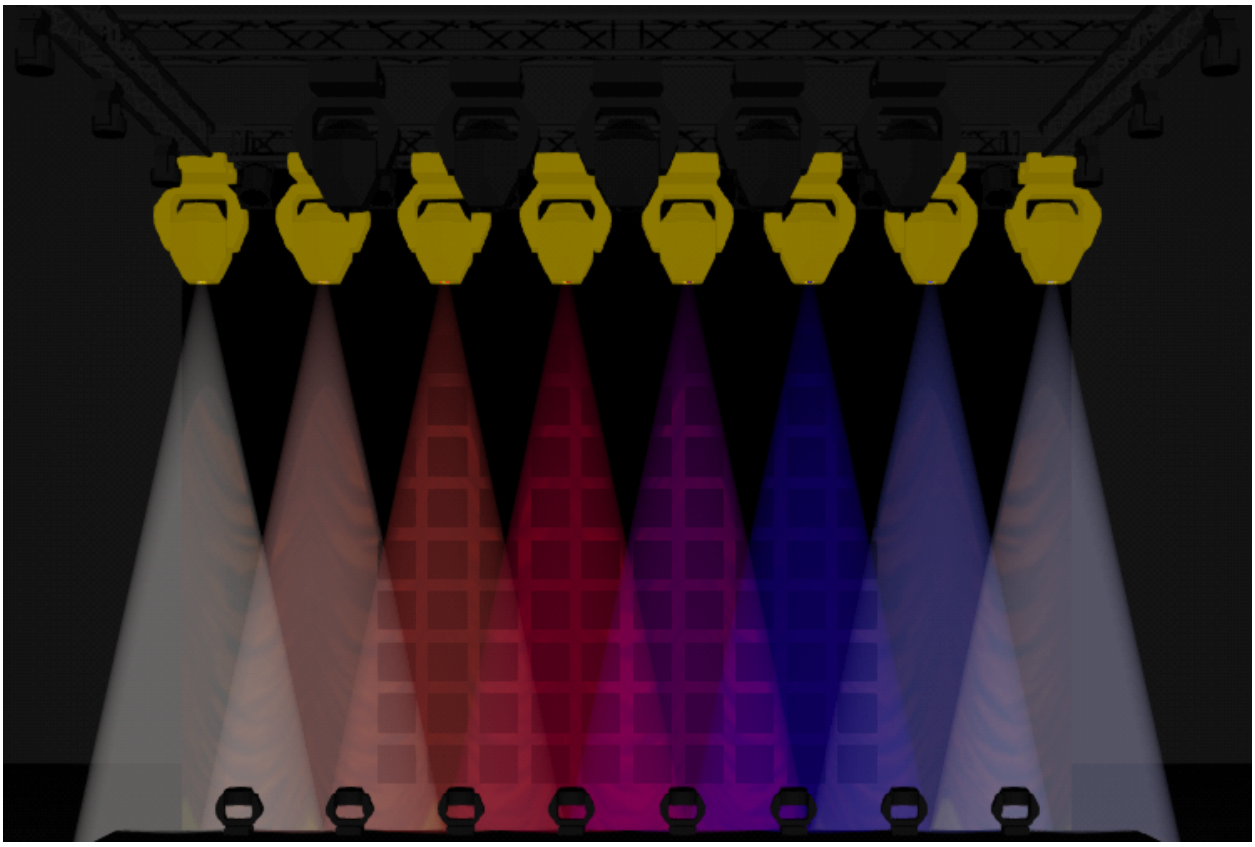


Rainbow chase across a range of fixtures

This can be stored as a preset or in a cue.

Quick Workflow for Changing the Preset Referenced in a Step

In the case that a different combination of colors is desired, the following workflow allows for such adjustments to be made quickly. With the rainbow from the above example still active in the programmer, use the following command to change the preset used in step two from green to white, so that the fixtures transition from red to white, then to blue: Press X5 | Step then 2 and tap the white preset.



Red, white, and blue phaser

The resulting phaser now references the red, white, and blue presets.

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1.36. Shapes

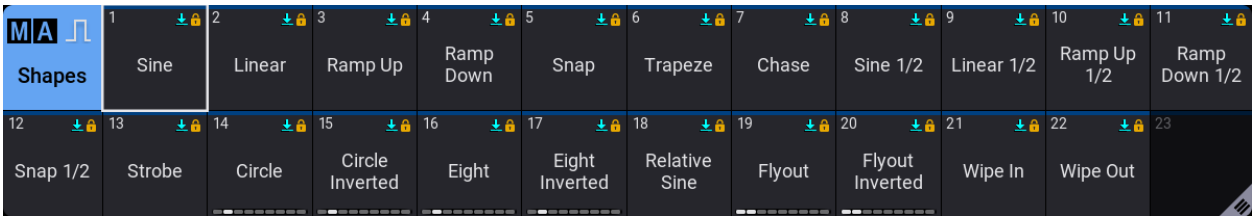
A shape is an object containing a single recipe that defines how values are transferred between steps over time.

	Hint:
	Shapes are most useful in combination with phaser recipes. Use shape objects in phaser recipes to quickly and easily determine curves and other values in the recipe. For more information on creating phaser recipes and using shapes in them, see recipes section.

Shapes are stored in the shapes pool. To open this pool, see the Data Pools tab in the Add Window pop-up.

If a shape contains attribute information, a feature group indicator bar is displayed in the bottom of the shape. White squares indicate that values of attributes of the corresponding feature group are stored in the shape.
Shapes that are generic and do not contain attribute values do not have a feature group indicator bar.

There are 22 predefined shapes in the pool. Some predefined shapes are specific to an attribute, some are generic and can be applied to multiple or all attributes.



Shapes pool with predefined shapes

Shapes always include **Transition**, **Width**, **Acceleration**, and **Deceleration** values.
Additionally, the following properties are optional in a shape:

- **Attributes**
- **Speed**
- **Speed Master**
- **Phase**
- **Measure**
- **NShot**
- **Direction**
- **Adaptive Measure**
- **Adaptive Width**
- **XY Rotation**
- **MAtricks**

For a detailed description of the properties in shapes, see Recipe Editor.

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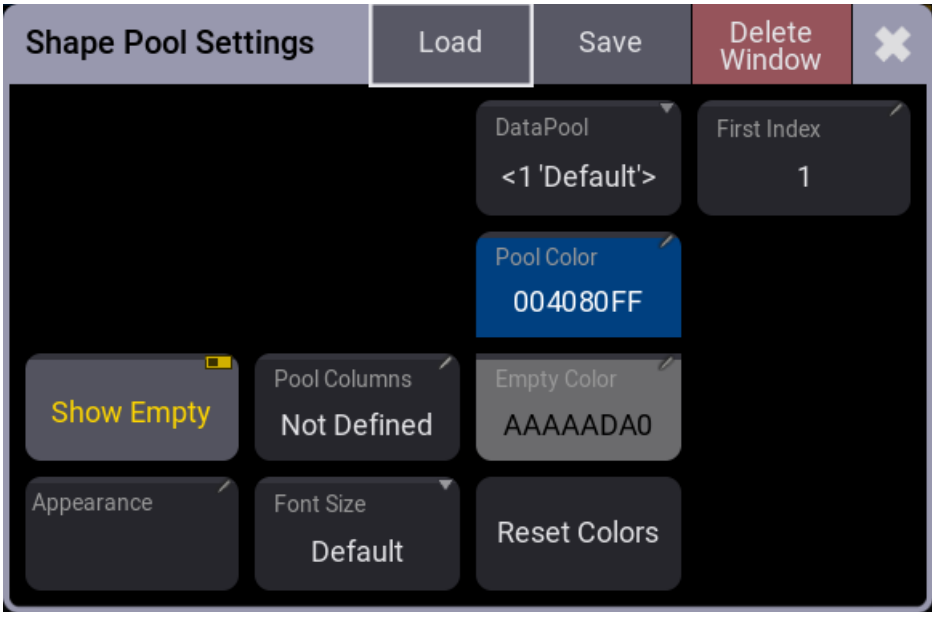
Shapes that contain information about one or more attributes can be called into the programmer and output directly. The values that are set in the shape will be applied to the attributes that are defined in the shape for the current selection.
If a generic shape is called into the programmer, the values that are set in the shape will be applied to active attributes in the programmer with multi-step values.

To access the settings for the pool, tap MA in the upper left corner of the pool.



Shape pool settings

- **Show Empty**
  This toggle button can hide or show empty pool objects.
- **Appearance**
  This sets which appearance is applied behind the pool objects.
- **Pool Columns**
  This defines the width for the pool objects. It does not change the size of the window. It defines how many columns of pool objects are in the window. If the window is wider than the number of columns, then the extra space is displayed as black (default color). If the window is smaller than the number of columns, the pool window can be scrolled horizontally. If the pool has a set width, then there is an icon (⏭) in the upper right corner of the title field.
  The **Not Defined** value dynamically sets the width to match the window size even when the window is resized.
  The **Take Current Width** sets the width to match the current size of the window. It does not dynamically change if the window is resized.
- **Font Size**
  This sets the font size property from 10 to 32. There is also a default property. This is the same as size 18. This simply changes the font size on the pool objects.
- **DataPool**
  This defines what data pool the pool window shows data from. This makes it possible to have pools showing objects from different data pools. For instance, a group pool window from the default data pool can be shown next to a different group pool window showing groups from a different data pool.
- **Pool Color**
  This is the color for the title button in the pool.

- **Empty Color**
  This color is applied to empty pool objects.
- **Reset Colors**
  This resets the colors to the colors in the default color theme.
- **First Index**
  This defines where a new pool object should be stored. The default is **1**. Set a value between **1 - 9999** to define where a pool object should be stored. An individually defined index is indicated by an **>=x** in the top left corner of the corresponding pool.

  To store an object to the slot set in First Index, use Store without a specific number:

  Store [Pool] Please

  Only exception are Preset Pools. The number followed by "Preset", indicates the preset pool. For example, to store a dimmer preset using the First Index setting, type:

  User name[Fixture]> Store Preset 1

Edit Shapes

To edit a shape, use the swipey gesture on the pool object or press Edit and tap the pool object.
The shape editor has two tabs. The sheet tab provides access to all properties of the shape in a sheet format, the 1D tab provides a visualization of the shape in a 1D layout.

The 1D editor is also displayed in the context area of the recipe editor when you edit a shape or curve value in a phaser recipe.

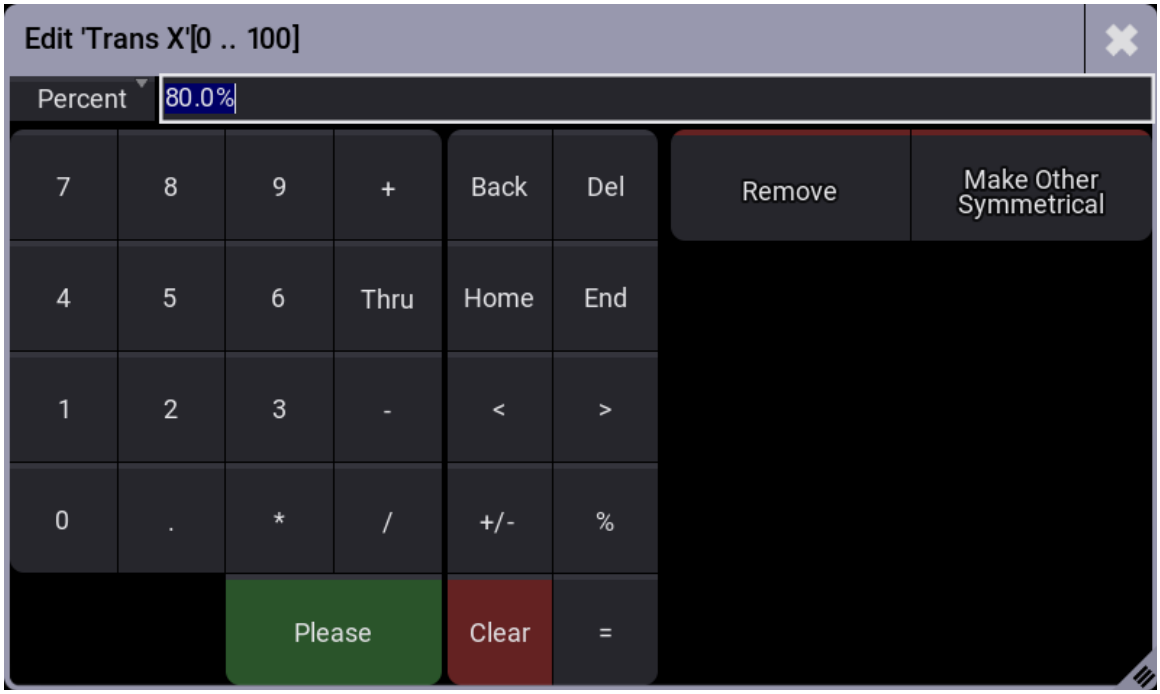
In shapes with two steps, two functions can be used to easily adjust corresponding values in both steps at the same time. Use **Link Steps** for width, acceleration and deceleration values, and **Make Other Symmetrical** for transition values.

To enable **Link Steps**, set the column in the sheet to **Yes** or enable the button Link Steps in the middle of the control area in the 1D layout.
If Link Steps is enabled, the slide controls below the 1D layout for acceleration, deceleration, and width display in the upper right corner.

- Increasing the width of one step decreases the width of the other step and vice versa, so the overall width of the two steps stays consistent.
- Changing the acceleration value in one step sets the deceleration value of the other step to the same value and vice versa.

To make the transitions look symmetrical in a shape:

1. Tap the transition value. The calculator opens.



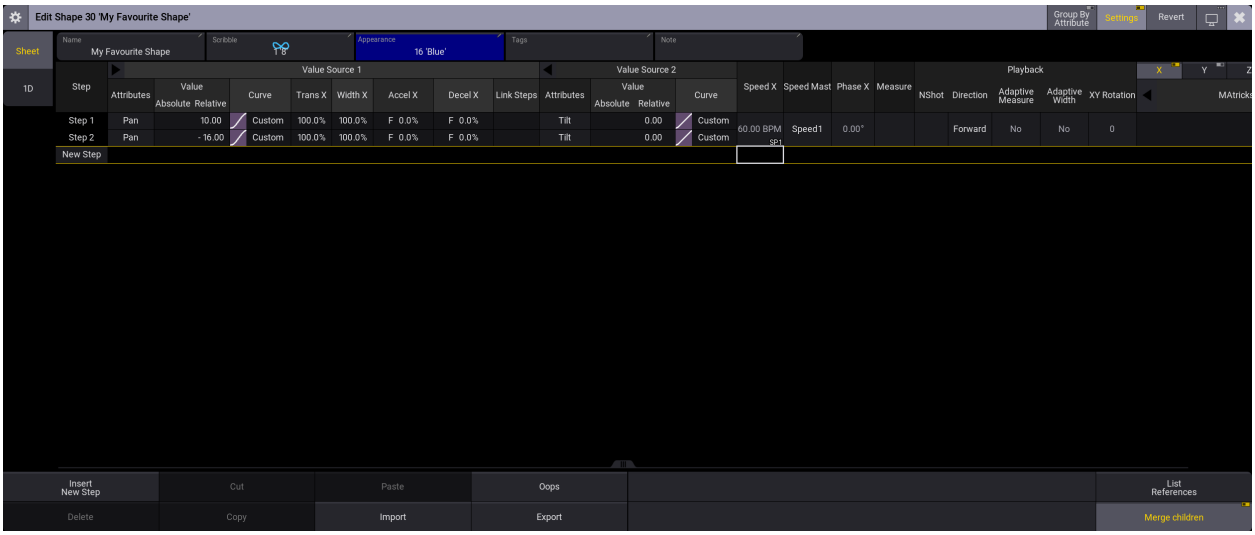
Calculator for transition value

2. Tap Make Other Symmetrical.
   This sets the transition value of the other step to a matching transition value so the transitions of both steps look symmetrical. The calculated transition value depends on the transition value in the selected step and the width of both steps.

	Hint:
	Link Steps and **Make Other Symmetrical** are only available for recipes with two steps. If the shape or recipe has more than two steps, these functions are disabled and the buttons are grayed out or not displayed.

Sheet Tab

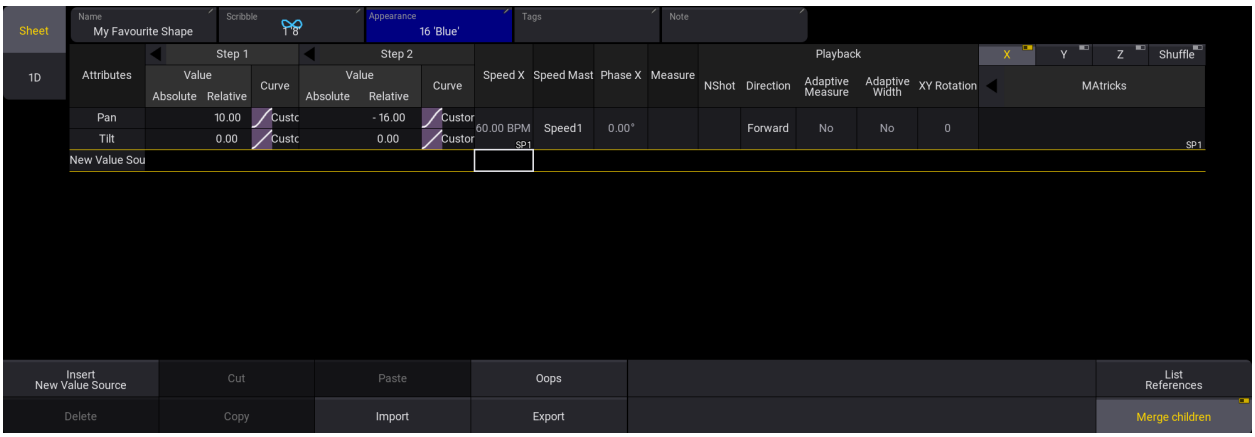
The sheet view provides access to the properties that can be defined in the shape. For more information about these properties, see Recipe Editor.



Sheet tab ob the shape editor As in the recipe editor, each grid line corresponds to one step in the shape.

Properties that correspond to the same attribute are grouped in a numbered **Value Source** header. Tap the arrow ( ) on the left of the header to unfold or collapse the group and display more or less columns for the attribute. By default, the group is collapsed. If multiple attributes are active in one phaser step, the attributes and their corresponding values are displayed next to each other.

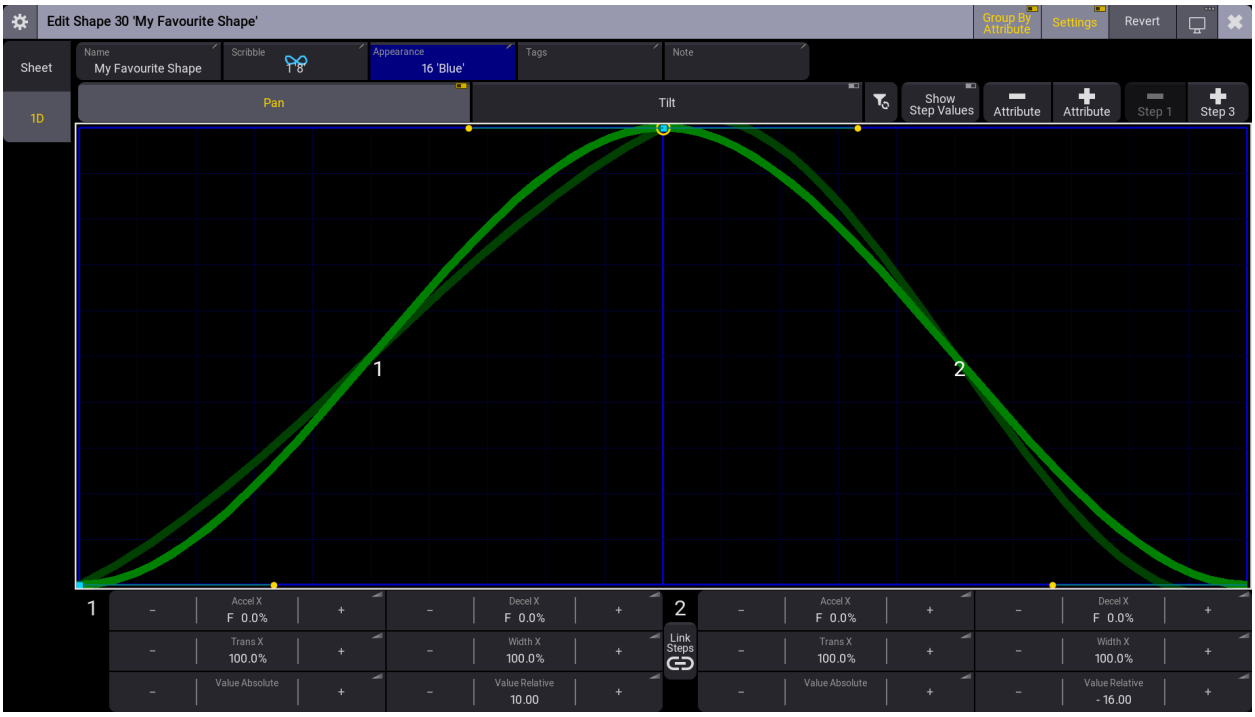
To sort the recipe lines by attributes, enable Group by Attribute in the title bar. The grid layout changes. One recipe line now corresponds to one attribute. Properties that correspond to the same step are grouped in a numbered **Step** header.



Sheet layout if Group By Attribute is enabled

1D Tab

The 1D tab provides quick and easy access to a 1D layout of the attributes in the shape and **Accel X**, **Decel X**, **Trans X**, **Width X**, **Value Absolute**, and **Value Relative** for each step.
The blue grid in the 1D layout displays the width on the x-axis with bolder separating lines at 100 %. The step numbers are displayed in the center of each step.



1D tab of the shape editor

To modify the curves, move the handles or change the values in the buttons. The curves of all enabled attributes are modified collectively.
If there are more than two steps, the two selected steps are highlighted in gray. Use the arrows on the left and right side below the 1D layout to skip through the steps.

Attributes are displayed as toggle buttons at the top. To edit a shape of an attribute, enable the corresponding button.
To display the curves of disabled attributes in a darker green color, enable Show All Attributes in the settings. To hide the curves of disabled attributes, disable Show All Attributes.

In addition to the attributes, there are five buttons in the row above the 1D layout:

- Enable or disable all attributes.
- **Show Step Values**
  If this button is disabled, the actual value range of the shape is displayed to span across the full height of the 1D layout. If it is enabled, the height of the 1D layout represents the full available range of values.
- **Attribute**
  Delete the selected attributes from a phaser recipe.
- **Attribute**
  Add an attribute to the shape.
- **Step**
  Delete the selected step of a shape. The number of the step that is to be deleted is displayed in the button.
- **Step**
  Add a step to a shape. The step is added at the end of the phaser.

Title Bar and Settings

There are four buttons on the right side of the title bar in the shape editor.

- **Group By Attribute**
  Tap to change the grid layout in the sheet tab so the rows correspond to attributes.
- **Settings**
  Enable to set Name, Scribble, Appearance, Tags, and Note in the shape.
- **Revert**
  Tap to return the shape to the state before you opened the editor.
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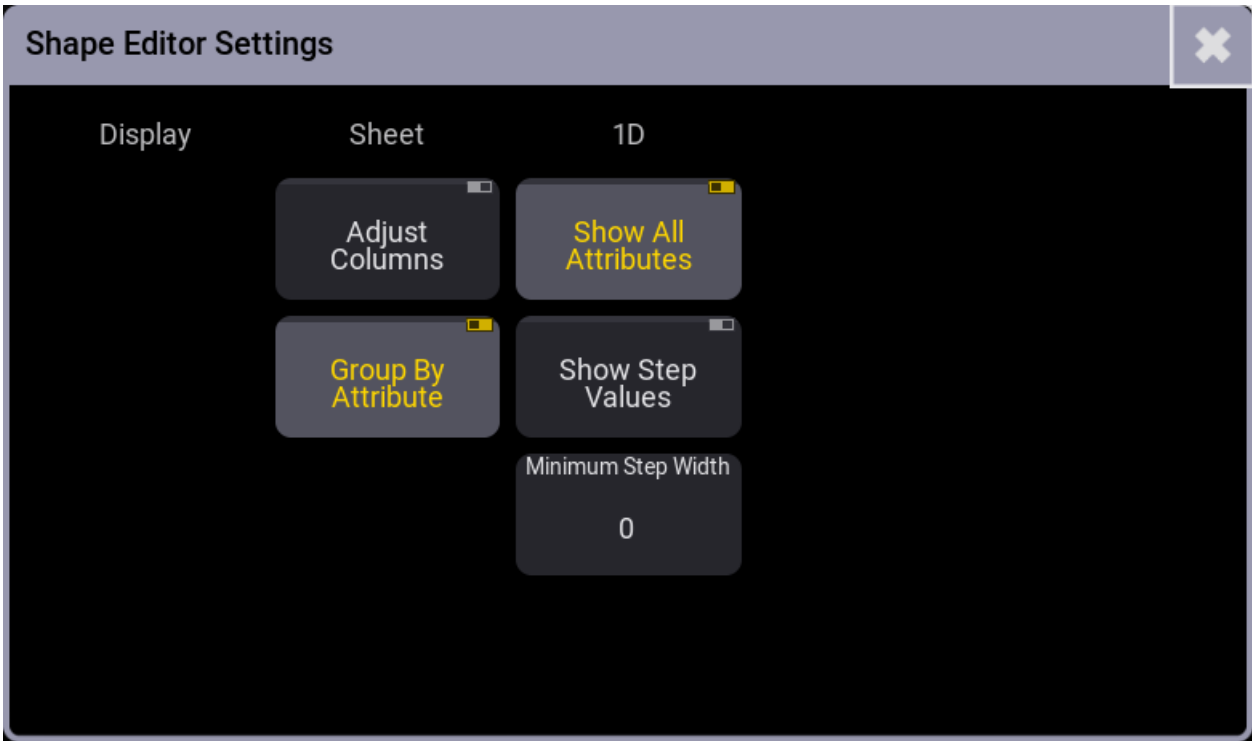
  Select a different screen to display the shape editor on.

To access the settings of the shape editor, tap in the upper right corner of the editor.

Settings in the **Sheet** column only apply to the sheet tab, settings in the **1D** column only apply to the 1D tab.



Shape editor settings

Sheet

- **Adjust Columns**
  This On/Off button makes a sheet adjust the column width to match the window size and the number of columns.
- **Group By Attribute**
  Tap to change the grid layout in the sheet tab so the rows correspond to attributes.

1D

- **Show All Attributes**
  Toggle to show or hide the curves of disabled attributes. If Show All Attributes is enabled, curves of disabled attributes are displayed in a darker green color.
- **Show Step Values**
  If this button is disabled, the actual value range of the shape is displayed to span across the full height of the 1D layout. If it is enabled, the height of the 1D layout represents the full available range of values.
- **Minimum Step Width**
  Define a minimum width for the steps in the shape.

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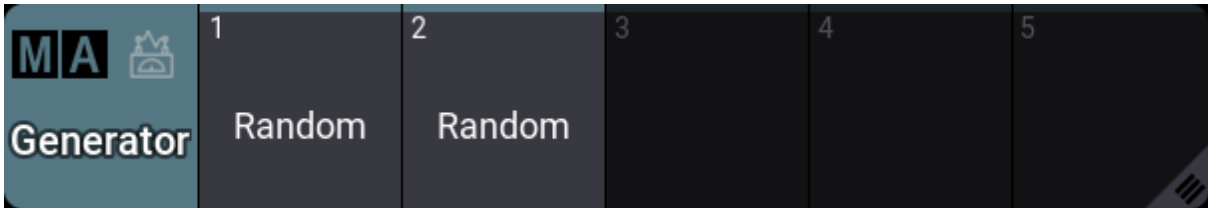
1.37. Generator - Random

Generators are objects that allow a dynamic absolute value generation for special purposes, like the randomization of absolute values on attributes.

Random

The generator type **Random** allows randomization of absolute values of attributes in different ways. Randoms are organized in the **Generator** pool. The **Generator** pool is part of the data pools. To address the generator pool objects, use the Generator keyword.



Generator pool

The key to randoms are the different **variance** values. Without the variance, it would be a very simple phaser, but the variance allows the different values to vary between each "loop" of the random.

Randoms are called into the programmer and affect the defined attributes for the selected fixtures. This programmer information can be stored in presets or cues.

Randoms can only affect the values on the absolute layer.

The random generators have many settings that affect how the attribute output is randomized. This is a short description of all the different settings:

- **Attribute**:
  This is the attribute affected by the random generator.
- **Speed Master**:
  One of the 15 speed masters or the BPM master can be assigned as a speed controller.
- **Speed**:
  Defines the speed at which the attribute values are randomized.
- **Speed Variance**:
  Defines how big the **Speed** value may differ through the selection.
- **Phase**:
  Sets the phase of the random between 0° and 360°.
- **Phase Variance**:
  Defines the size of variance of the **Phase** value. If the selected fixtures use the random feature and this value is not 0%, their behavior will change.
- **Low**:
  Defines the lowest value the random can reach.
- **Low Variance**:

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Defines the degree of variation of the **Low** value. This adds some variation through the selected fixtures for the Low value. This variance acts only on the positive side of the Low value.

- **High**:
  Defines the highest value the random can reach.
- **High Variance**:
  Defines the size of value variance of the **High** value. This adds some variation through the selected fixtures for the High value. This variance acts only on the negative side of the High value.
- **Attack**:
  Defines the size of the linear transition towards the **High** value.
- **Decay**:
  Defines the size of the linear transition towards the **Low** value.
- **Ratio**:
  Defines the ratio of how long fixtures will use the **Low** or **High** value.
- **Ratio Variance**:
  Defines the amount of variance in the **Ratio** value.
- **Speed Once**:
  When **Speed Once** is set to No, speed changes are applied immediately to the running random. When it is set to Yes, the random must be called again to see the change.
- **Phase Once**:
  When **Phase Once** is set to No, changes to the phase parameters are applied immediately. By default, this setting is set to Yes.
- **Random Start**:
  When **Random Start** is set to No, the random will always start the same way each time Random is started. This might be useful for environments that need a predictable start. When Random Start is set to Yes, the Random will start differently every time it is started.

These settings are applied to a **Random Channel**. A Random can have multiple Random Channels.

Create a Random Generator

Randoms can be created by editing an empty pool object. This opens the **Generator Random Editor**.

Generator Random Editor

The top part of the editor contains a sheet area where the Random Channels are rows, and the different settings are columns.

The bottom part has on-screen faders that can be used to edit the selected rows.

The values can be edited on the sheet and the fader parts.

There are buttons at the bottom for normal actions like Cut, Copy, Paste, etc. This includes an At button, which can be used to apply the random values to the current selection.

There is a special encoder bar when the editor has focus.

Generator Random Encoderbar

This encoder bar also allows editing the generator values.

The editor's title bar has a button called Revert. Tapping this discards all current changes to the valid values when the Generator editor was opened.

Using a Random

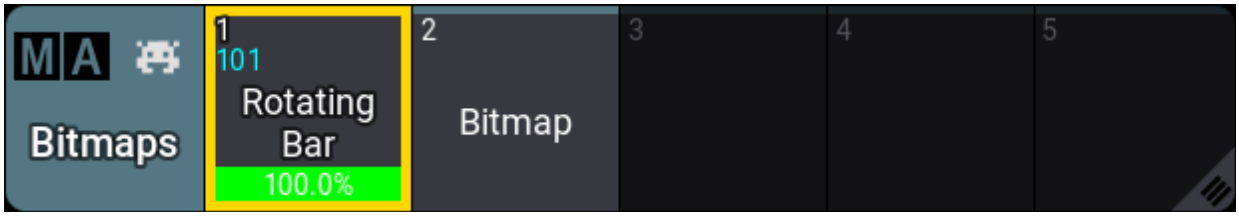
Random Generators are not dependent on specific fixtures. They affect attributes. Having a fixture selection and tapping a Random pool object applies the Random object's values to the attributes of the fixtures on the absolute layer. These are programmer values that can be stored or used as live playback.

The Generator keyword can also be used to apply Random Generators.

1.38. Bitmap

	Known Limitation:
	The system can overload and crash if a high-resolution (8K) video is previewed in the Layout Viewer. The video source should not exceed a resolution of 1 920 x 1 080 pixels. Maximum frame rate is 60 Hz, but since the DMX output is a maximum of 30 Hz, it is recommended to also use this framerate for the video sources.

The Bitmaps allow the use of media files (images, gobos, symbols, or videos) for mapping them to a selection of fixtures. Bitmaps are organized in the **Bitmaps** pool. The Bitmap pool is part of the data pools. To address the Bitmap pool objects, use the Bitmap keyword.



Example of the Bitmaps pool

	Hint:
	For testing purposes, three simple video clips are provided. These can be imported into the Video pool.
	Hint:
	If NDI input is used in a setup with several consoles and processing units, the NDI stream must be available at all calculating stations.

Bitmap Canvas

The canvas is an essential concept for Bitmaps.

To be able to output a Bitmap to fixtures, it is necessary to select fixtures and arrange them in the **Selection Grid**. The Bitmap applies the dynamic value changes coming from the media file to a canvas. This canvas is mapped to the selection grid.

The Selection Grid window shows the selected fixtures and their arrangement. It is a very useful programming tool. Learn more about it in the Selection Grid topic.

A purple rectangle in the selection grid represents the canvas. It is visible as long as one attribute of the selection uses a Bitmap as a value. The canvas should be in the same area as the arranged fixtures for the fixture to be affected by the Bitmap.

The size and aspect of the canvas can be changed using different settings in the Bitmap Configuration.

The selected fixtures should be arranged in the selection grid in a manner that makes sense for the desired output. The canvas can be adjusted automatically or by different built-in functions.

The Bitmap Editor is described below. The editor has some buttons related to the canvas and the fixture arrangement in the canvas area.

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Tapping At applies the Bitmap to the current selection.

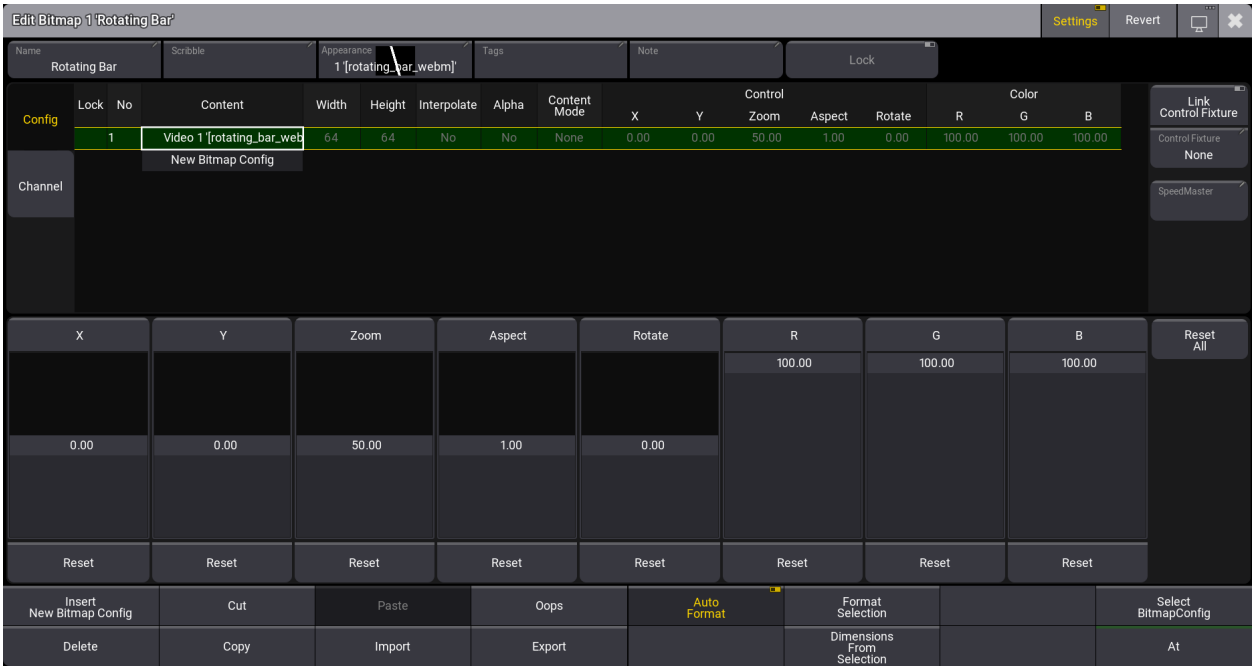
Tapping Dimensions From Selection changes the width and height of the selected Bitmap Configuration (see below) to match the current selection's size in the selection grid.

Tapping Format Selection scales the current selection in the grid so it fits as close as possible to the size of the canvas. The ratio of the selection in the selection grid is taken into account when scaling the selection.

Toggling On Auto Format automatically performs a "Format Selection" when the Bitmap is applied to a new selection.

Bitmap Editor

The best way to create a new bitmap is by editing an empty pool object. This opens the **Bitmap Editor**:



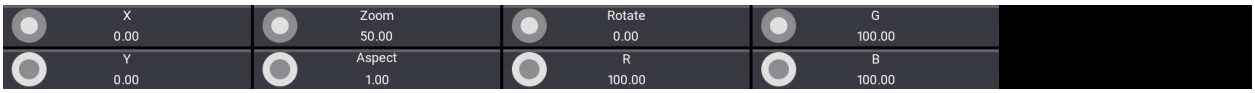
The Bitmap editor can be used to edit the Bitmap.

The top area of the editor gives access to the Bitmap Configurations or the Bitmap Channels. Tap the relevant tab on the left side to switch between the two. On the right side of this area, there are some buttons to add connections to a Bitmap Control Fixture (read more about this below) and a Speed Master.

Below this area are on-screen faders that give access to change the **Control** and **Color** attributes of the selected Bitmap Configuration. Each on-screen fader has a Reset button below. Tapping this will reset the associated fader value to the default value. A Reset All button resets all the attributes represented by the on-screen faders.

At the bottom of the editor are the usual editor buttons and some special buttons for the Bitmap editor. The special buttons are described in the following text.

The encoder toolbar changes to show the same attributes as the on-screen fader while the editor has focus.



This is the encoder toolbar shown when the Bitmap editor has focus.

The title bar has a Revert button. Tapping this discards all current changes to the valid values when the Bitmap editor was opened. There is also a Settings button which toggles the visibility of the bitmap settings.

Bitmap Configuration

The bitmap configuration is a sheet with columns containing settings and rows representing different media files. The bitmap can contain several rows with bitmap configurations but only plays the selected bitmap configuration. The selected row is marked with a green background color. A row can be selected by tapping it in the list and then tapping Select Bitmap Config in the bottom area.

The Bitmap Configuration has the following settings organized in columns:

- **Content**:
  This is the media file played back by the Bitmap Configuration.
- **Width**:
  This is the width of the canvas to which the content is mapped. The default value is 64 pixels or squares in the selection grid.
- **Height**:
  This is the height of the canvas to which the content is mapped. The default value is 64 pixels or squares in the selection grid.
- **Interpolate**:
  Smoothens the transition from fixture to fixture when playing back a media file.
- **Alpha**:
  The used media file's alpha channel is considered and made transparent when enabled.
- **Content Mode**:
  This setting has three different options:
  - **None** (default value):
    The media file uses the part of the canvas based on the media file size, the canvas size, and the zoom. The result can be that the media file only takes up a small part of the canvas.
  - **Clip**:
    The media file scales to use the whole canvas size.
  - **Wrap**:
    The media file is displayed several times across the canvas.
- **Control - X**:
  Moves the canvas on the X-axis in the selection grid.
- **Control - Y**:
  Moves the canvas on the Y-axis in the selection grid.
- **Control - Zoom**:
  Zooms the canvas in the selection grid and keeps the aspect ratio.
- **Control - Aspect**:
  Changes the aspect ratio of the canvas in the Y direction in the selection grid.
- **Control - Rotate**:
  Rotates the canvas in the selection grid.

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- **Color - R**:
  Changes the red color of the played-back media files.
- **Color - G**:
  Changes the green color of the played-back media files.
- **Color - B**:
  Changes the blue color of the played-back media files.

Adding a new bitmap configuration will set the values for Control, Width, and Height to the values of the currently selected bitmap configuration.

Bitmap Channel

The bitmap channels define which fixture attributes respond to the media file content.

The bitmap channel sheet has different fixture attributes in rows and the channel settings in columns.

These are the settings:

- **Attribute**:
  The fixture attribute defines what the bitmap should affect.
- **Source**:
  The source defines which part of the media file should be analyzed to create the values for the fixture attribute.
- **Value - Low**:
  Defines the low value of the fixture attribute to which the source should be mapped.
- **Value - High**:
  Defines the high value of the fixture attribute to which the source should be mapped.

Attributes can be added to change what the Bitmap effects. For instance, Tilt can be added, and a pixel's intensity in a video can be used to dynamically change the tilt between the low and high values.

Bitmap Control Fixture

One or several special Bitmap Control fixtures can be added to the patch.

The Bitmap Control fixture has attributes to change the Color values and some of the Control values in the Bitmap Configuration. It can also be used to change the selected Bitmap Configuration.

The right side of the Bitmap editor has a Control Fixture button. Tapping this opens a small select pop-up where one of the patched Bitmap Control fixtures can be selected. Selecting a fixture here automatically toggles On the Link Control Fixture. When this is On, then the selected Bitmap Control fixture can be used to control the Bitmap Configuration values. This fixture has programmer values that can be stored in cues or presets.

A suggested workflow could be the following. It assumes normal patched fixtures and an existing Bitmap.

1. Patch at least one fixture using the MA Lighting Bitmap Control fixture type. Give it at least a FID number.
2. Select the fixtures which should use the Bitmap and arrange them in the Selection Grid.

3. Tap the desired Bitmap in the pool or use the keyword to apply the Bitmap to the selected fixtures.
4. Select the Bitmap Control fixture.
5. Apply the desired Bitmap to the Bitmap Control fixture by tapping the Bitmap generator object in the pool or by using the At Bitmap syntax. This will set the Bitmap Generator as the value on the Object attribute in the Gobo feature group of the Bitmap Control fixture. To apply a different Bitmap Configuration, scroll through the Config attribute.

The attributes X, Y, R, G, B, and Zoom of the Bitmap Control fixture modify the corresponding settings of the Bitmap generator.

Speed Master

The speed of the Bitmap is relevant when the content is a video. As a default, the Bitmap will play the video using the speed of the video. A Speed Master can be assigned to the Bitmap by tapping SpeedMaster on the right side. This Speed Master will then adjust the playback speed of the Bitmap.

Using Bitmaps

Bitmaps must be applied to a selection of fixtures. This can be done by tapping a Bitmap with a selection of fixtures. It can also be done using the following syntax:

At Bitmap ["Bitmap_Name" or Bitmap_Number]

This applies the Bitmap to the relevant attributes, based on the Bitmap Channels, in the programmer.

These programmer values can be stored in presets or cues.

The Bitmap Fixture connected to a Bitmap can also be stored in Presets and Cues.

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1.39. XYZ

Fixtures can be programmed using XYZ values instead of PanTilt values.

This offers some advantages over standard PanTilt programming. For instance, when fixtures move from one position to another, they do it in a straight line from position A to B when using XYZ values. When using PanTilt, the fixtures fade from DMX value A to B, this means that two fixtures often do not follow the same path.

XYZ values can, just like PanTilt, be relative and absolute.

PanTilt values can be mixed with XYZ values in a sequence.

All combinations of PanTilt and XYZ, and absolute and relative, are supported.

When XYZ position parameters are added, a Distance attribute is also added. Distance is connected to Pan and Tilt. Pan and Tilt values can, in combination with a Distance (from the fixture) and the fixture's known position, be calculated into XYZ position information. And vice versa.

	Important:
	When mixing absolute PanTilt with relative XYZ, the value of the Distance attribute in the PanTilt feature is important. This value defines where the relative XYZ values are added.

Calling XYZ presets with absolute values or hard values in the absolute layer knocks out absolute PanTilt values. The same is true with relative values. Absolute PanTilt values can be combined with relative XYZ values and vice versa.

When knocking in attributes of one position type (PanTilt or XYZ) while the other one has active values in the programmer or is played back, the values will be converted to the knocked-in position type and converted to match the same position on stage.

If several playbacks with values for both positioning systems run, Pan, Tilt, and Distance will be knocked in.

If the position feature group is knocked in while a transition from one system to the other is happening, Pan, Tilt, and Distance will be knocked in.

On FeatureGroup "Position"."XYZ" knocks in all XYZ attributes, while On EncoderPage "Position".2 will knock in only the attributes that are currently on this encoder page (in most cases, this will be X, Y, Z, and Flip).

The **OffWhenOverriden** setting of sequences turns off playbacks with relative PanTilt when relative XYZ is played back, and vice versa.

XYZ Attribute Range

The absolute XYZ attributes range from 0 to 100 % of the space they use.

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The relative XYZ attributes range from -100 to 100% of the space they use.

The default space for the absolute values is the default stage space volume. Read about stage spaces in the Stages topic.

The physical readout of the XYZ attributes displays the values in meters of the stage (when MArker is set to 0) or of the size of the target space of the selected MArker fixture.

Turning the encoders of the XYZ attributes by one click in the encoder resolution Coarse changes the value in physical readout and natural readout by 1 meter. The other encoder resolutions and encoder factors are also based on this size.

When a MArker fixture is set up on the relative layer for the MArker attribute, the relative XYZ values are relative to the movement space of the MArker fixture.

When a fixture does not have XYZ values active in the programmer or played back, activating the MArker attribute will set the values for XYZ in the programmer to 0.

When the value of the MArker attribute on the relative layer is 0, the absolute MArker value will be used.

	Important:
	XYZ needs to be activated for fixtures that want to use MArker fixtures. See the MArker Fixture topic for more information about this special fixture.

Subtopics

- Activating XYZ for Fixture Types
- MArker Fixture

1.39.1. Activating XYZ for Fixture Types

XYZ needs to be activated for a fixture type to get access to the XYZ attributes.

	Important:
	Turning On XYZ adds extra virtual parameters for each fixture using the fixture type mode. These extra virtual parameters do not count against the parameter limit, but they are shown in the System Info window.

XYZ is turned on in the Fixture Type Editor.

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Patch.
3. Tap Fixture Types in the menu on the left.
4. Select the fixture type that needs XYZ.
5. Tap Edit in the menu at the bottom.
6. Edit the XYZ cell for the desired DMX Mode so it says "Yes".
7. Close the editor and the patch and save the changes.

Now, XYZ can be used for the selected fixture type mode.

XYZ is activated for the selected fixture type mode. So make sure it is activated for the mode that is used.

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1.39.2. MArker Fixture

A fixture type called **MArker** from the manufacturer MA Lighting is part of the fixture library for the MA source.

A MArker is a virtual fixture, that allows operating (for instance, moving around or rotating) objects such as fixtures, actors, or stage props in the 3D stage environment. Learn more about this in the 3D window.

It can also function as a target for XYZ-enabled fixtures. Learn how to activate XYZ in the Activating XYZ for Fixture Types topic.

MArker fixtures have a **Target Space** in the Stage. The **Space** defines the volume around the MArker. This space is also the boundary for X, Y, and Z attribute values for the fixtures pointing to the MArker. For instance, if the target space is 2 meters wide on the X-axis, then a fixture pointing to this MArker can move inside this 2-meter wide space volume. Setting the X attribute to 0 will move the fixture to the minimum X position in the MArkers target space. The default size for a target space is 200 meters on the X and Z axes (very much bigger than the default stage space).

Moving MArker fixture also has a Movement Space. This defines the space volume in which the MArker fixture can be moved. The default values for this space are also 200 meters in X, Y, and Z.

Read more about the spaces in the Stage topic.

MArker as an Object Mover

For each object or group of objects that shall be moved separately, a MArker fixture needs to be added to the patch in the **Moving** mode.

As soon as a MArker fixture is patched, other patched fixtures can be added as children of the MArker. After applying these changes to the patch, the MArker fixture can be operated like any other fixture in the show.

The MArker fixture provides these attributes:

- X, Y, and Z are used to move the MArker and all its children together along the corresponding axes.
- Rot X, Rot Y, and Rot Z rotate the MArker and all its children together around the corresponding axes.

These attributes are located within the features XYZ and Rotation within the feature group Position in the encoder bar.

Select the MArker fixture and turn the encoders for the described attributes in order to see the MArker and its children moving around in the 3D window. The children of a MArker are always moved around relative to the position set up of the MArker itself.

This means that if the fixtures are already at a height of 5 meters and then attached to a MArker that is at a height of 0 meters, then the MArker needs to move below zero to move the fixtures below 5 meters.

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	Important:
	A MArker fixture needs to have a DMX address patched in order to be able to see its changes within the 3D window.

MArker as a Target

The MArker fixtures can be a target for other fixtures that are XYZ enabled. Read about activation in the Activate XYZ for Fixture Types topic.

The MArker fixtures need to have the MArker IDType in the patch and a CID number.

The MArker fixtures can be of the Moving or Still mode. Still markers can be positioned using the patch or any other method described in the Position Fixtures in the 3D Space topic. Still MArkers are meant to be used for positions in the 3D space that do not move around. Moving MArkers are meant to be used with positions that can move in the 3D space.

The fixtures with XYZ enabled have a MArker attribute. Giving this attribute a number makes the fixture point to the MArker fixture with the matching number.

Moving the MArker, makes the light fixtures pointing at the MArker move the beams to match the MArker fixtures' position.

If the light fixtures pointing to MArker fixture, are be moved using a different MArker fixture while pointing to a MArker, then the light fixture will try to keep the light beam pointing to the MArker.

Moving the MArkers by a Tracking System

The input of PSN trackers can be linked to moving MArkers. This allows moving around the MArker and its children via an external tracking system.

To do so, set up the number of markers needed, and add the desired children to them within the grandMA3 software.

Then set up the PSN system and configure the PSN input within the grandMA3 software. Within the PSN menu, the columns called IDType and ID allows entering the MArker IDType and ID of the MArker fixture that shall be linked to the input of each tracker.

The column DMX Priority defines at which level of the grandMA3 playback priorities the PSN data shall be processed. This allows overwriting the input of the PSN system by using a sequence with a higher priority if needed.

	Important:
	The DMX universes the marker fixtures are patched to which are receiving data from PSN trackers need to be set to the merge mode Prio.

1.40. Tags

Tags organize, link and cross-reference objects throughout the software. They are also a great tool for busking shows. All objects that have the same tag can be triggered or selected together.

Tags are organized in the tags pool. To open this pool, see the Pools tab in the Add Window pop-up.

Tags pool

To access the settings for the pool, tap MA in the upper left corner of the pool.

Assign Tags

Tags can be assigned to other objects, like sequences or groups. It is possible to assign a tag to another tag.

Multiple tags can be assigned to the same object.

There are multiple ways to assign tags to objects:

- **Tag Pool Objects**

1. Press Edit and tap on an object in the tags pool. The tag editor opens.
2. Tap Add New Tag Reference. A pop-up opens.
3. Select an object.
4. Tap Assign.

- **Pool Objects**

1. Open the swipey commands on the pool object and select Edit or Edit Setting. A pop-up opens. For some pool objects, for example sequences or macros, additionally tap Settings in the title bar of the pop-up.
2. Tap Tags. The **Edit Tags** pop-up opens.
3. Select a tag and tap Assign.

- **Other Objects**
  This applies for example to recipes, cues, or macro lines.

1. Edit the cell in the **Tags** column. The **Edit Tags** pop-up opens.
2. Select a tag and tap Assign.

- **Command Line**
  For more information on assigning tags using the command line, see Tag Keyword.

Already assigned tags can also be unassigned using the options listed above.

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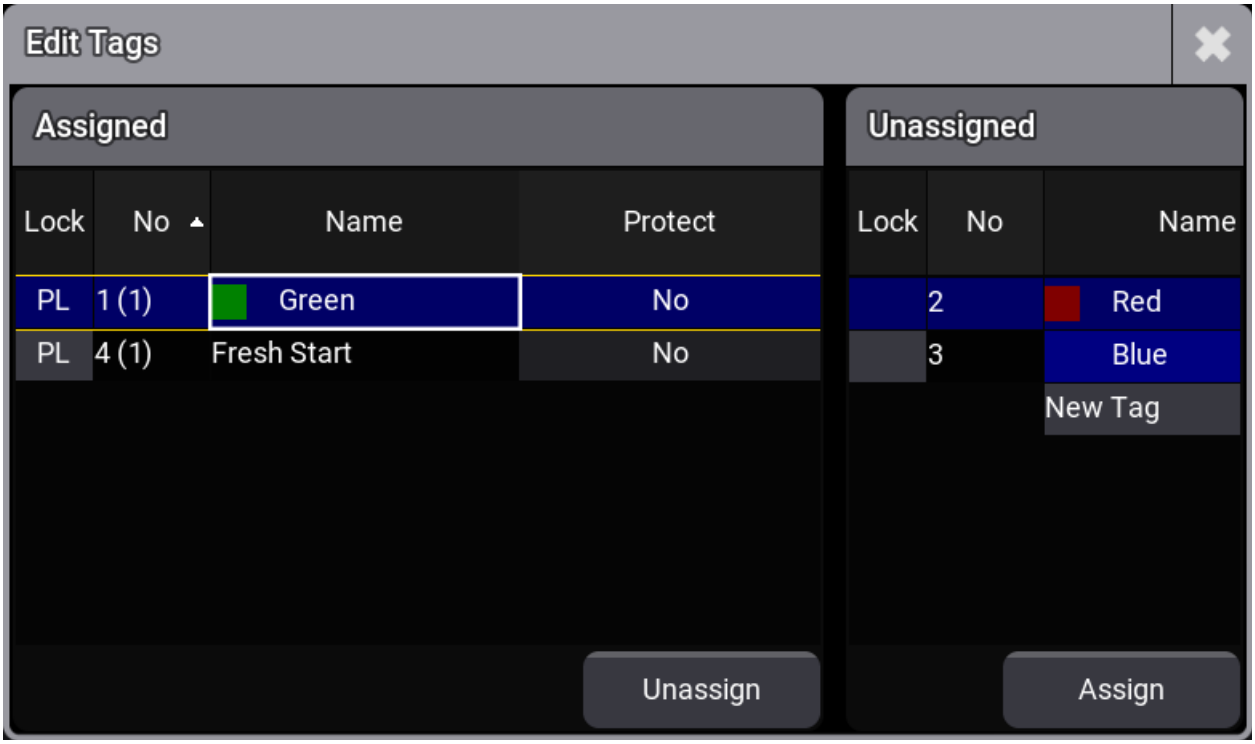
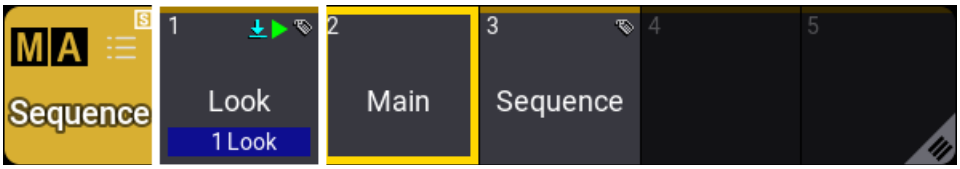


Edit Tags pop-up

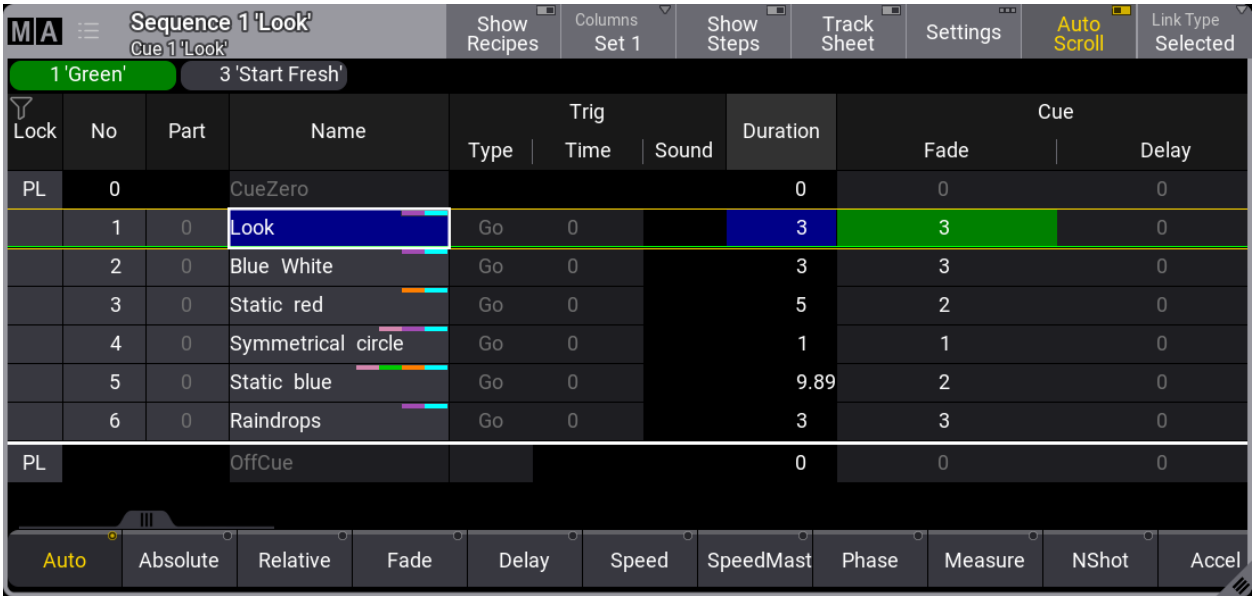
The left side of the **Edit Tags** pop-up displays tags that are assigned to the corresponding pool object. The right side displays tags that are not assigned.
In the pop-up, tags can also be locked and unlocked and protected against **Kill Instant** and **Kill Delayed** (see below).

When a tag is assigned to a pool object, is displayed on the pool object. The names and numbers of assigned tags are displayed on Tags in the pool object settings.



Sequence pool with tags assigned to sequences 1 and 3

In the sequence sheet and editors like the sequence editor or the macro editor, the assigned tags are displayed in the area between the title bar and the grid. They can be edited and perform pool actions like the objects in the tags pool. The background color of the appearance assigned to the tag defines the background color of the tag displayed in the editor.



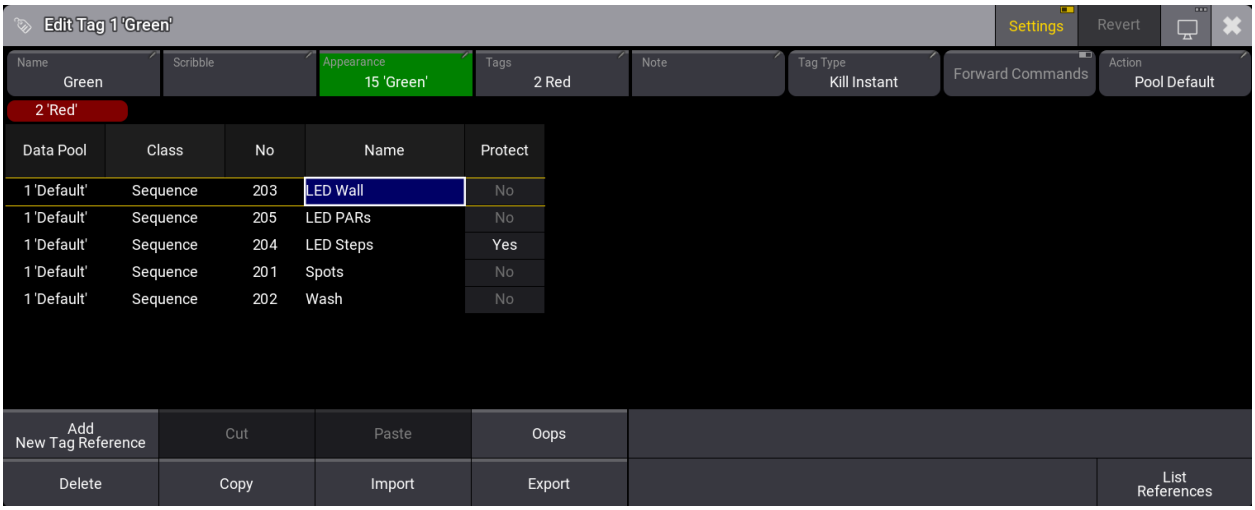
Sequence sheet with two assigned tags

Edit Tags

To edit a tag, press Edit and tap on an object in the tags pool.

The tag editor displays the objects the tag is assigned to and the following information:

- **Data Pool:** The corresponding data pool.
- **Class:** The object type of the assigned reference.
- **No:** The number of the corresponding pool object.
- **Name:** The name of the pool object.
- **Protect:** If set to **Yes**, **Kill Instant** and **Kill Delayed** do not affect the assigned reference. The default is **No**.



Tag editor

Multiple objects can be assigned to a tag at the same time using Add New Tag Reference in the tag editor. In the **Add Tag References** pop-up, multiple objects can be selected and assigned consecutively. To do so, select an object line and tap Assign.

If you enable Settings in the title bar of tag editor, Name, Scribble, Appearance, Tags, Note, Tag Type, and Action can be set and Forward Commands can be toggled on or off. The actions that are selectable for the pool objects are the same as for the pool.

The following tag types are available:

- **Kill Instant:** Other playbacks using the same tag will start their OffCue immediately when starting the sequence.
- **Kill Delayed:** The sequence that was started will complete its fade in first and then the other playbacks using the same tags will start their OffCue.

For tag types to function, the tag and tag type need to be set before triggering the sequence. Otherwise, the tag type will work as soon as the corresponding sequences have been triggered once.

When a playback is started by a tag, the **Trigger** column in the Off Menu and Running Playbacks window reports the tag.

	Hint:
	Kill Protect does not protect a sequence from being disabled by **Kill Instant** or **Kill Delayed** executed from a tag. For more information on **Kill Protect** see Sequence Settings and Kill Keyword.
	Hint:
	For temporary playback actions (Flash, Temp, Swap, and Black) **Kill Instant** and **Kill Delayed** do not switch off other playbacks permanently.

If Forward Commands is toggled on, playback commands can be executed for all references of a tag at the same time. It is enabled by default.
This applies to >>>, <<<, Go+, Go-, Goto, Halfspeed, Load, On, Off, Pause, Rate1, Speed1, Toggle, and Top.

Example 1 – Apply Kill Instant and Kill Delayed

Requirements:

- Have a show with some lights patched, for example the demo show.
- An open 3D Viewer is recommended to see the effects of the tags more clearly.

Create three individual sequences 2, 3, and 4 for fixtures 9, 11, and 13 with the same cue:

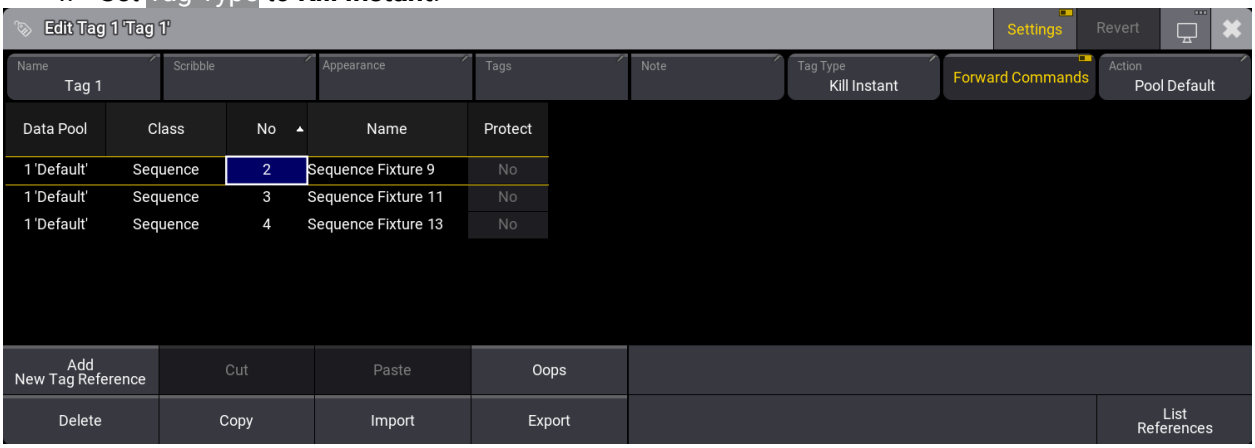
- Dimmer 100%
- Fade 2 seconds

Set up tag 1:

1. Edit tag 1:
    a. Press Edit.
    b. Tap on the first pool object in the tags pool.
2. Add tag references:
    a. Tap Add New Tag Reference.
    b. Select sequences 2 thru 4.

c. Tap Assign.

3. Tap Settings in the title bar of the editor.
4. Set Tag Type to **Kill Instant**.



Editor tag 1

Trigger one of the sequences that have tag 1 assigned.

Result: Other sequences that have tag 1 assigned are disabled immediately.

Edit tag 1 and change Tag Type to **Kill Delayed**.

Result: Other sequences are disabled after the triggered sequence has completed its fade in.

See the effects of the tag types **Kill Instant** and **Kill Delayed** in this video:

Edit tag 1 and set **Protect** to **Yes** for sequence 3.

Result:

- If you trigger sequence 2, it deactivates sequence 4 but not sequence 3.
- Sequence 3 deactivates sequence 2 and sequence 4.

See how **Protect** is applied to a sequence in the following video:

Example 2 – Apply Forward Commands

Requirements:

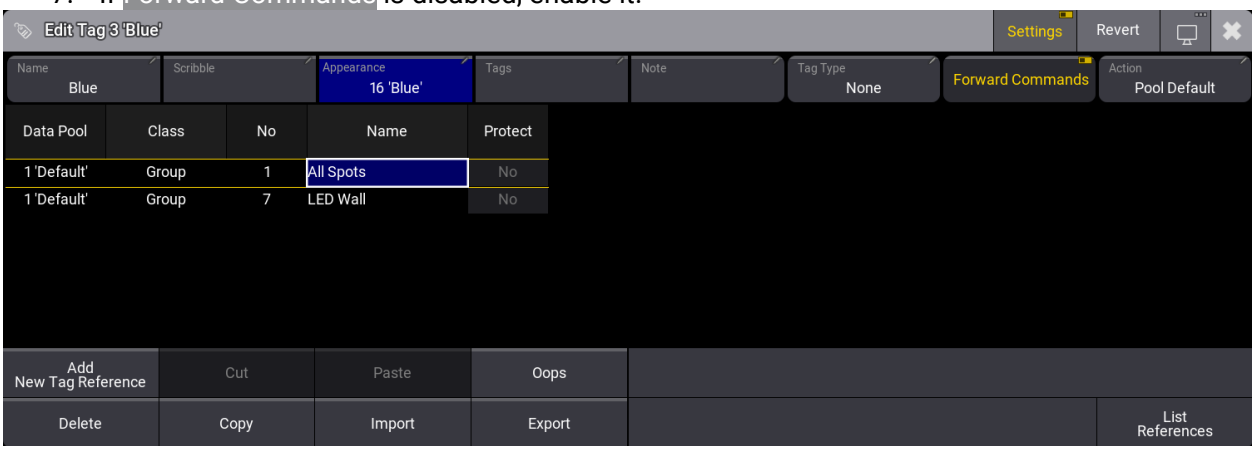
- Have a show with some lights patched, for example the demo show.
- An open 3D Viewer is recommended to see the effects of the tags more clearly.

Create two or more sequences with different groups of fixtures, for example all spots and LED wall:

- Dimmer 100%
- Color blue

Set up tag "Blue":

1. Press Edit.
2. Tap on an object in the tags pool.
3. Add tag references:
    a. Tap Add New Tag Reference.
    b. Select the sequences you created.
    c. Tap Assign.
4. Tap Settings in the title bar of the editor.
5. Set Name to "Blue".
6. Set Appearance to blue.
7. If Forward Commands is disabled, enable it.



Editor Tag "Blue"

Press Go+ and tap tag Blue.

Result: Go+ is executed for all sequences that have the tag Blue assigned.

1.41. Macros

What are Macros

Macros are commands stored in a pool object.

The commands can be simple, very complex, and everything in between.

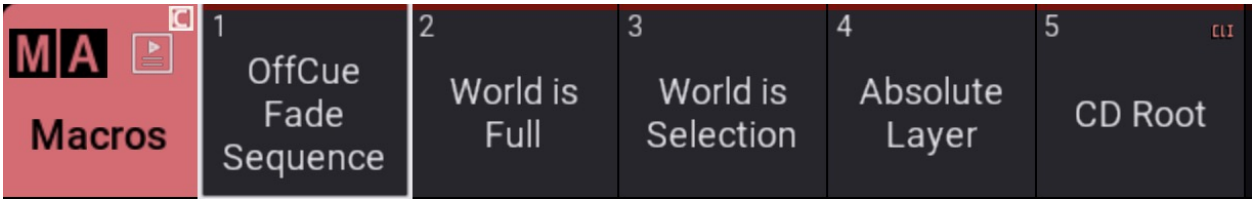
Macros can make programming faster and more convenient. They allow you to perform trivial or complex operations with a button push.

Macro Pool

Macros are stored in the **Macro Pool** but can be assigned to physical keys and view buttons. The macro pool is shared between all users in the show file. For example, if User A stores a macro on pool object number 10, it will also be available for User B as macro number 10.

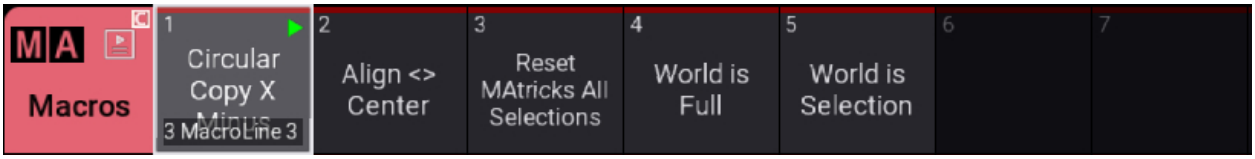
A Macro Pool can be created like any other window. See Pools Window topic. It is under the **Data Pools** tab.

The Macro Pool could look like this:



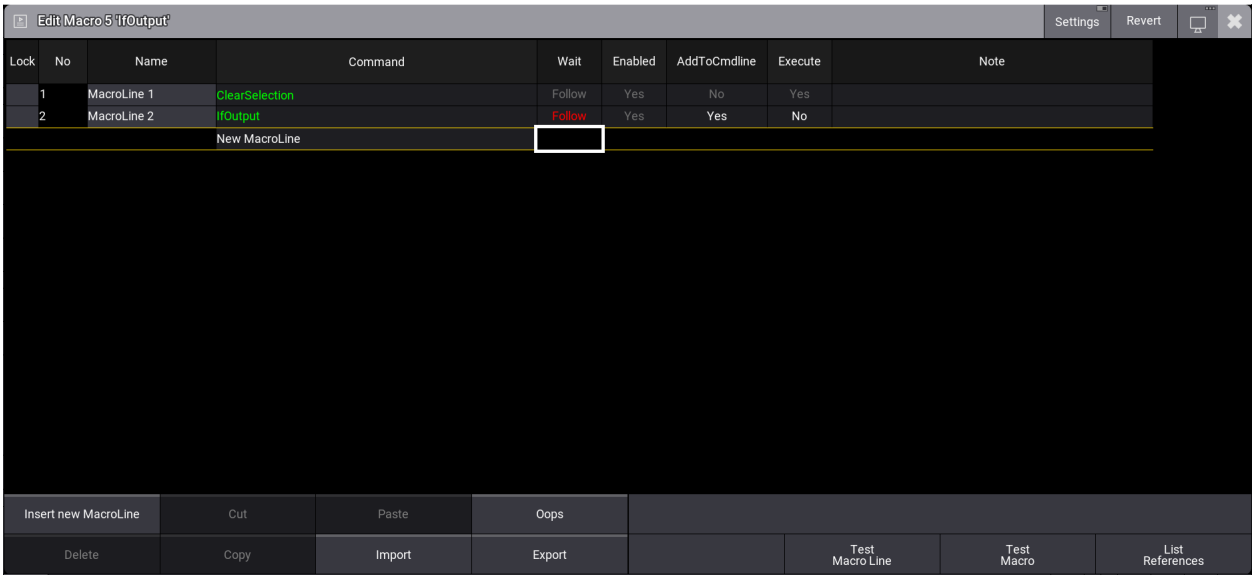
Macro pool

A play Icon ▶ and the running macro line number and name are displayed in the progress bar of a Macros pool object.



Elements in a Macro

A macro consists of one or more rows.



Macro Editor

Each row has information about a **Command** that the row executes.

Each row has several cells that specify how the row is handled:

The **Wait** cell adds a wait time before moving to the next row in the macro. This wait time is added after the command in the row is executed. It is relevant if there is more than one row in a macro. The first row will execute, wait the specified time, and then execute the next row. There are two special wait commands. They are not a time value but a special value:

- **Follow**: This is the same as having a wait time of 0. The next row will be executed as soon as this row has executed the command.
- **Go**: This special value pauses the macro after this row until it receives a new Go+ command.

The **Enabled** field indicates if the row is enabled. This is a **Yes** or **No** field. If it is **Yes**, it is executed when the macro row is triggered.

The **AddToCmdline** function allows you to append the command from the macro line to existing content in the command line. This is a **Yes** or **No** field. If set to **Yes,** it is added to the command line.

The **Execute** field determines whether the macro row is executed automatically. If set to **Yes**, the row is executed (an automatic "Please" is executed at the end of the row). If set to **No**, the command will be placed on the command line, ready for user interaction.

Importing Macros from the Library

A factory library of macros can be imported using the import command.

For more information on how to import macros, read the Import Macros topic.

Read more about importing in the Import Keyword topic.

Subtopics

- Command Editor
- Create Macros

- Import Macros
- Command Line Interaction
- Edit Macros
- Assign Macros to Keys and Buttons
- Variables
- Properties
- Example Macros

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1.41.1. Command Editor

Command Input

When editing a command, for example, in a macro, a cue, or an agenda event, the **Edit Command** pop-up opens:

The entered command is previewed to see if the software will interpret it as intended: Attribute "Dimmer" at 100.

There are three buttons in the title bar that can be enabled:

- Create Handle
- Preview Variables
- Resolve Executor Assignments

They can make writing macros easier.

In the user profile settings you can select whether these buttons are enabled or disabled by default.

Create Handle

Handles can be used instead of object numbers or object names to address objects.

They are created using the #[Object] Keyword. For more information on how to use handles, see #[Object] Keyword.

Using handles to address an object works even if the object is moved or renamed. The handle always points to the object. The command does not need to be updated.

If Create Handle is enabled in the title bar of the command editor, the last object in a command is automatically converted into a handle.

To convert an object to a handle using Create Handle:

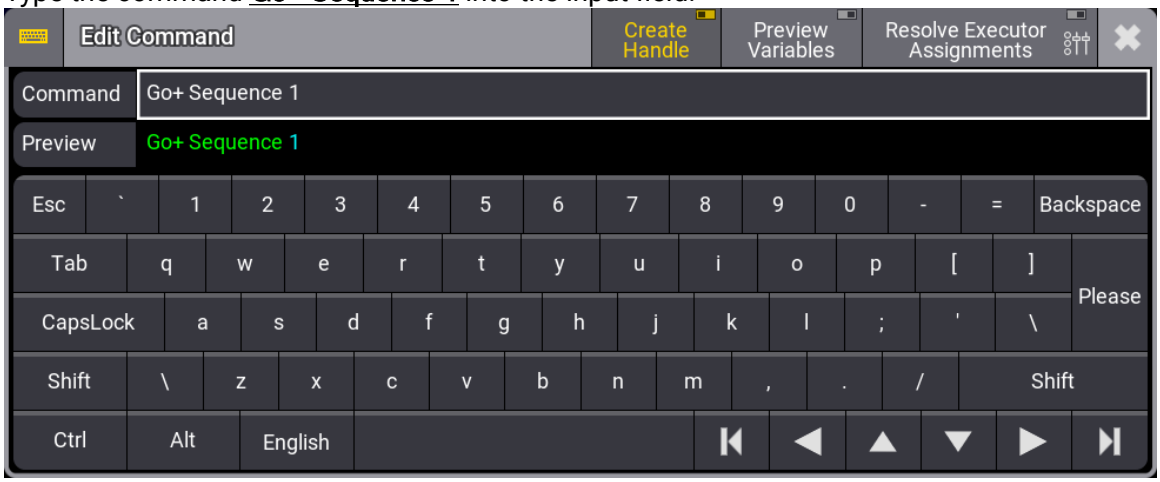
1. Enable Create Handle.
2. Type a command in the command editor that includes an object.
3. Press Please.

The object in the command is converted to a handle in the command input field.

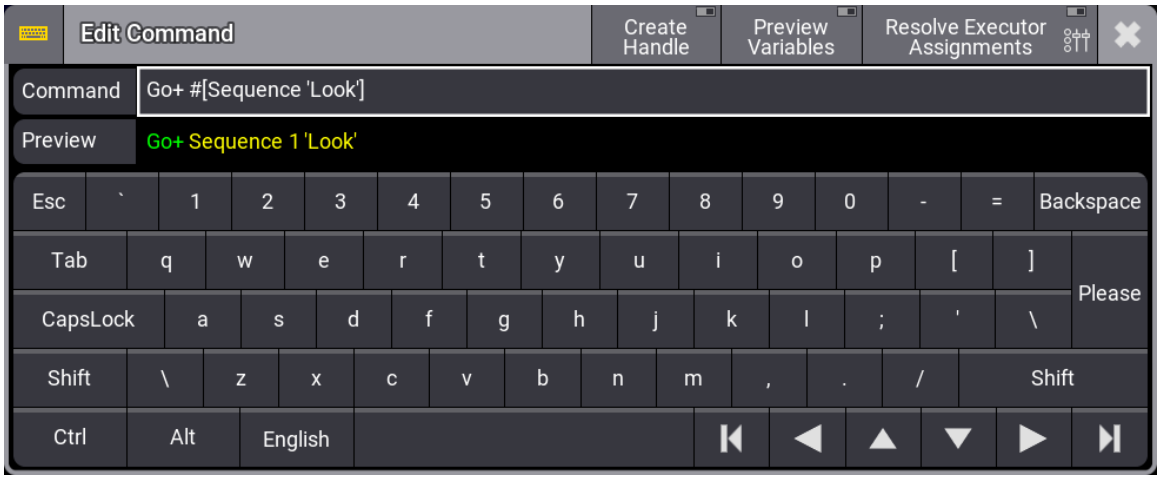
	Important: Create Handle only converts the last object in a command to a handle, not all objects. Adding **Thru** after an object is treated as multiple objects, which prevents the object from being converted to a handle. To convert multiple objects in a command to handles using Create Handle, press Please after every object you want converted.

Example:

1. Enable Create Handle in the title bar.
2. Type the command **Go+ Sequence 1** into the input field.



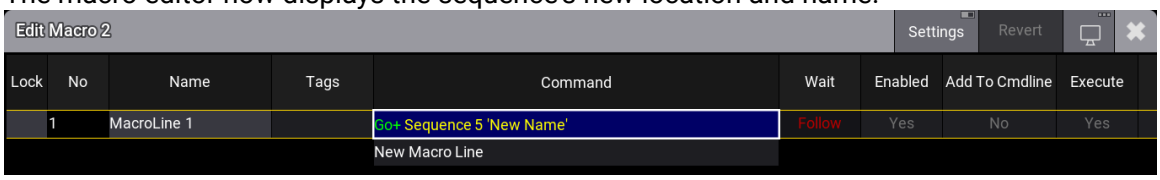
3. Press Please.
   "Sequence 1" is converted to a handle. For the demo show the command now looks like this in the editor:



The preview and macro editor display the object's current location and name.

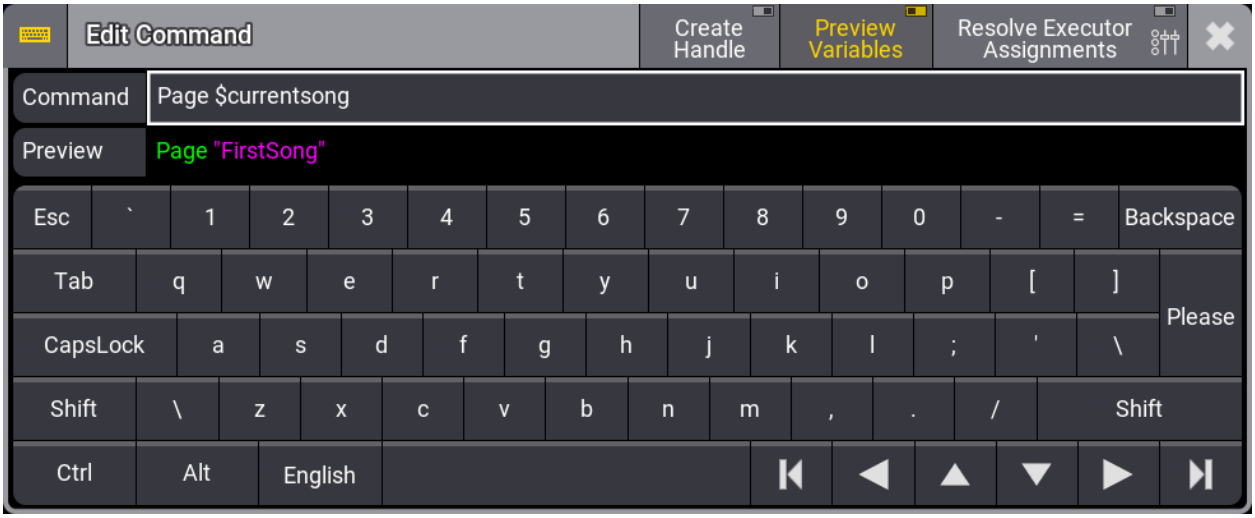
4. Move the sequence to slot 5 in the sequence pool.
5. Rename the sequence "New Name."

   The macro editor now displays the sequence's new location and name.



Preview Variables

Enable Preview Variables to display the content of a specific variable. The content can only be displayed if the variable exists:

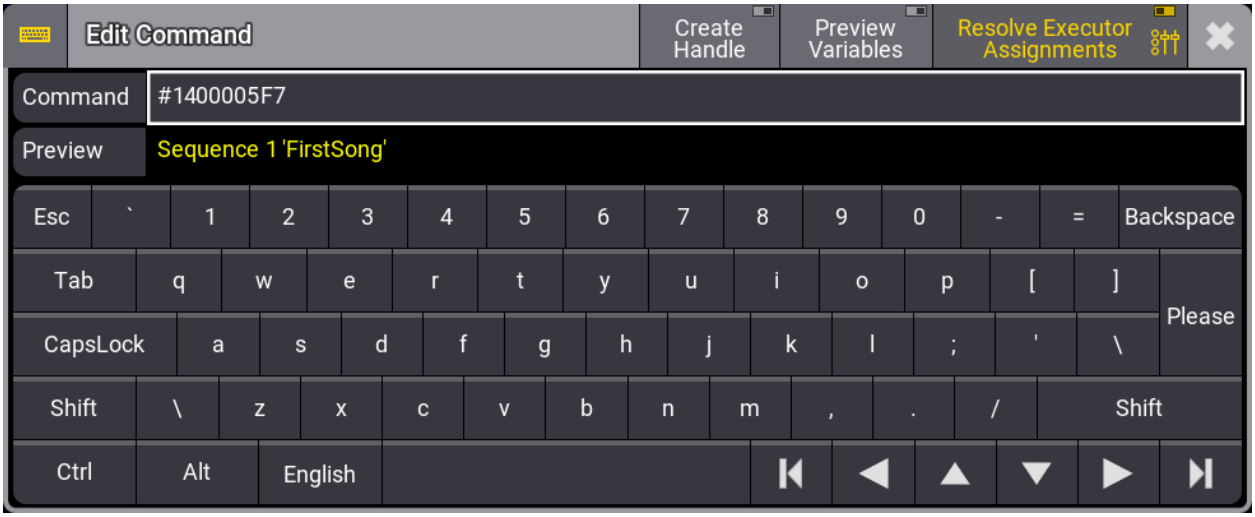


For more information on Variables, see Variables.

Resolve Executor Assignments

Sequence 1 'FirstSong' is assigned to executor 3.201 in the following example. If Resolve Executor Assignments is disabled, pressing executor 3.201 when inputting a command enters Page 3.201 in the command:

Sequence 1 'FirstSong' is assigned to executor 1.201 in the following example. Pressing that executor when inputting a command, when Resolve Executor Assignments is enabled, the handle of the object assigned to the pressed executor is entered in the command. The preview displays the object type, number, and name in yellow.



1.41.2. Create Macros

Create a macro using the GUI editor or the command line.

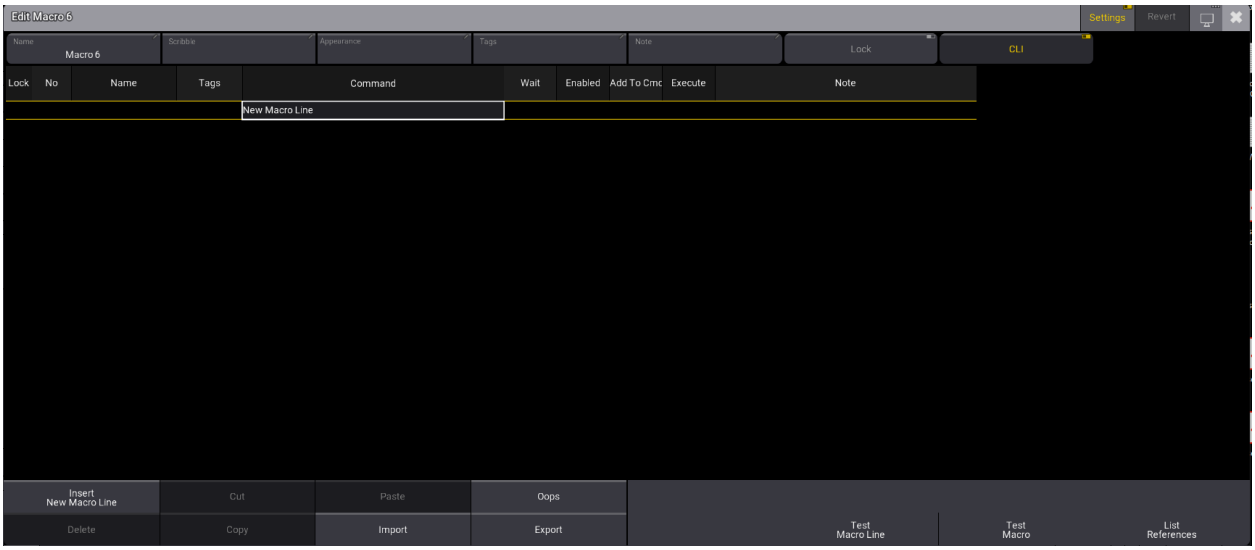
For a better understanding of macros, see the Macros topic.

Create a Macro

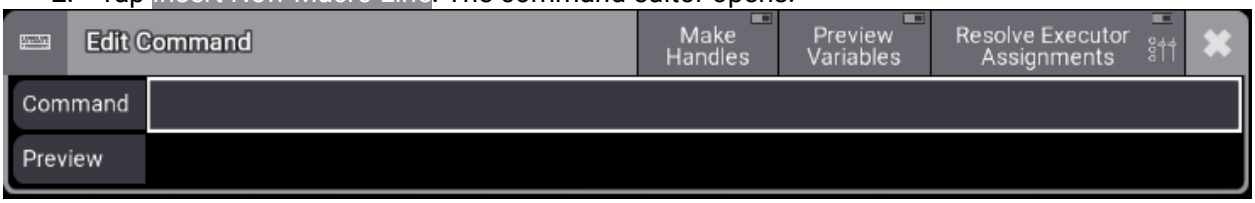
Requirement:

A visible macro pool. Open the Add window pop-up, tap Data Pools, then tap Macros.

1. Pressing Edit, then tapping an empty macro pool object, creates a new macro and opens the editor:



2. Tap Insert New Macro Line. The command editor opens:



3. Write a command in the editor. See Examples for more information.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to add several lines.

There are several buttons in the editor. Here is a short explanation of the specific buttons:

- Settings: Enable Settings in the title bar to display the Name, Scribble, Appearance, Note, Lock, and CLI buttons.
- Test Macro Line: Tests only the selected line.
- Test Macro: Tests the macro.
- List References: For more information, see Info Window.
- Tapping Import will open a pop-up containing predefined macros. See Import Macros.

- CLI: Command Line Interaction. See Command Line Interaction.

Create a Macro by Using the Command Line

Macros can be added using the command line. It is relevant when the GUI is unavailable, for instance, when the software is accessed via the command line only, using the terminal window.

Use the List command during creation to see the results in the command-line feedback.

Requirement:

- The **command line feedback** needs to be visible.

Here is the creation process:

1. Navigate to the macro part of the software:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination Macro
```

2. List the existing macros to see empty macro objects:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros>List
```

3. Locate an available number (one that is not listed).

4. Store a macro with the number:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros>Store [Available_Number]
```

5. Navigate into the new macro:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros>ChangeDestination
[Available_Number]
```

6. Insert a line into the macro:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros/Macro #>Insert
```

5. Add the command to the text field line number using the Set command:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros/Macro #>Set [Line_Number]
Property "Command" [Command Inside Quotations"]
```

6. The wait time can be set in the same manner as the text:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros/Macro #>Set [Line_Number]
Property "Wait" ["Wait Time"]
```

Hint:

The wait time can be entered as a number in seconds without quotation marks or as text with quotation marks. The two special times, **Follow** and **Go,** can be entered without quotation marks, but the software will add them. They are case-sensitive. Typing "go" gives an error, but typing "Go" works.

7. Repeat steps 6 through 8 to add more macro lines, but remember to use the correct line number with the Set command.

8. Return to the root of the command line:

MA ⌨	User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros/Macro #>ChangeDestination Root

A new macro is created.

Label a Macro

Macro pool objects are labeled like any pool object. Read more in the Label Pool Objects topic.

	Hint:
	A unique macro name makes it possible to run it using their names.

1.41.3. Import Macros

Importing a Macro from the Macro Library

Requirement:

- Have a Macro Pool visible on one of the screens. For more information, see Create Macros.

To import a macro by using the macro pool:

1. Edit an empty pool object. This automatically creates a new macro and opens the Editor.
2. Tap Import at the bottom of the editor. This opens the macro library.
3. You can use the search function or scroll through the list to find a macro, select it, and then tap Import.

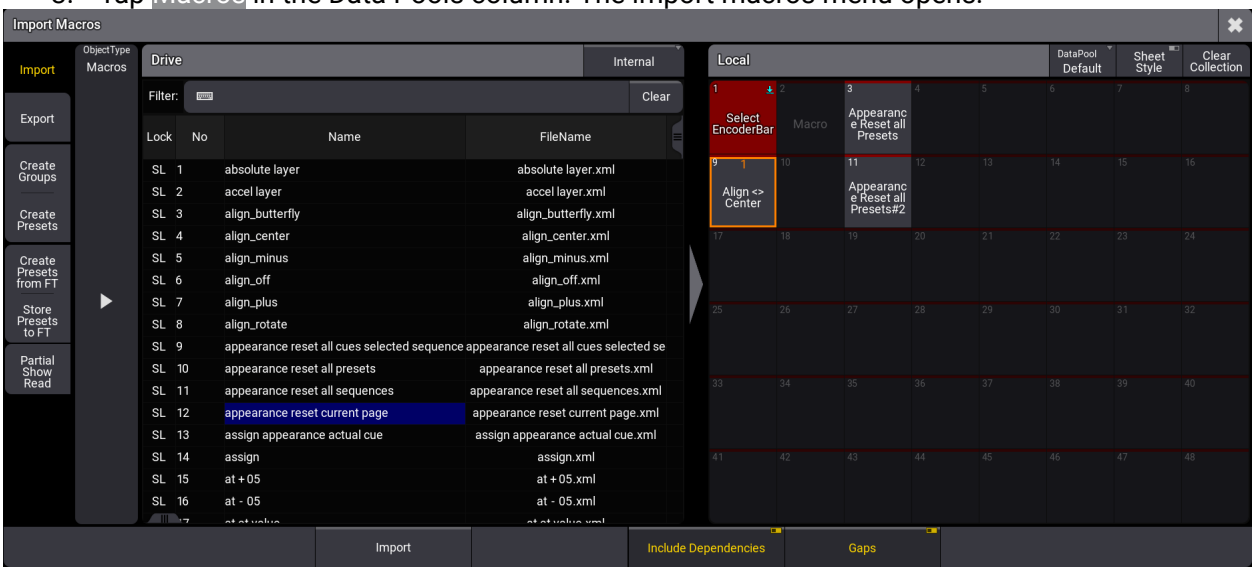
The macro is imported.

Importing Macros by Using the Import/Export Menu

See the Show Creator menu for more information.

Predefined macros can be imported from the internal library, for example:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Show Creator and then tap Import. The Import menu opens.
3. Tap Macros in the Data Pools column. The import macros menu opens:



Import menu

4. To select a macro from the library, tap a macro from the list on the left side of the window.

5. Tap an empty pool object (on the right side of the window) where you want to import the macro.
6. Tap Import at the bottom of the window.
7. The macro is imported.

	Hint:
	If no pool object is selected, the macro will be imported at the next available empty pool object.

1.41.4. Command Line Interaction

Command-line interaction is part of the Macros and Quickeys pool. For more information about Quickeys CLI, see Quickeys and Command Line Interaction below.

Commands can be written as Macros or Quickeys to interact directly with the Command Line. Macros can be basic or more complex. For example, you can write a macro that will enter the Edit keyword in the command line. That's CLI.

Tapping a macro with CLI disabled in the Macro Pool will execute its command directly and will not interact with the command line.

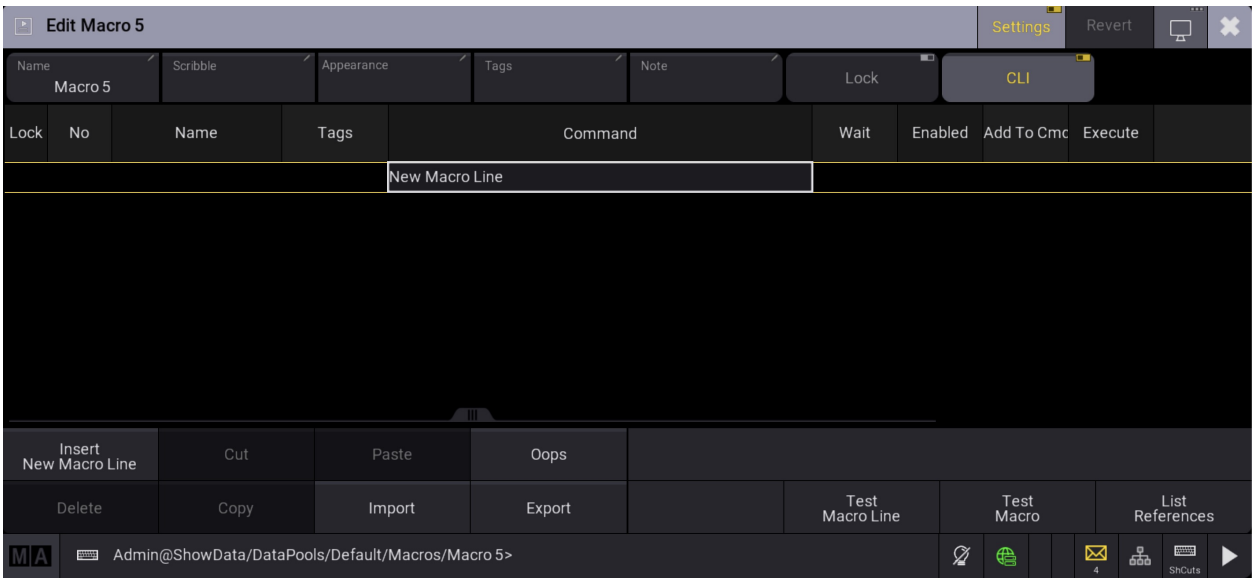
CLI can be enabled or disabled in the Macro Editor. To edit the CLI property of macro 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Macro 5 Property "CLI"
```

To open the macro editor, use the swipey command on a pool object or press Edit. To open the macro editor for macro 5, type:

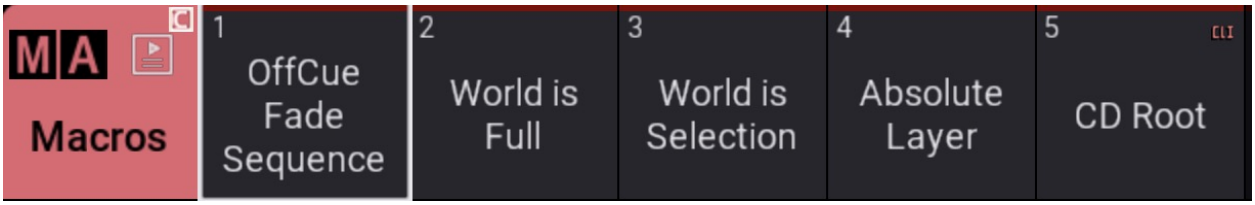
```
User name[Fixture]>Edit Macro 5
```

The Macro editor opens:



Tap CLI in the top right corner of the editor to enable it.

Macros with CLI disabled are displayed with CLI in red on the pool object.



To Edit, Move, or Delete a macro with CLI disabled, you need to type the macro number or the macro name in the command line, for example:

User name[Fixture]>Edit Macro 5

Or by pressing the keys:

Edit X14 | Macro 5

Quickeys and Command Line Interaction

When CLI is disabled, pool objects, when tapped, behave like the actual hardware keys on the desk.

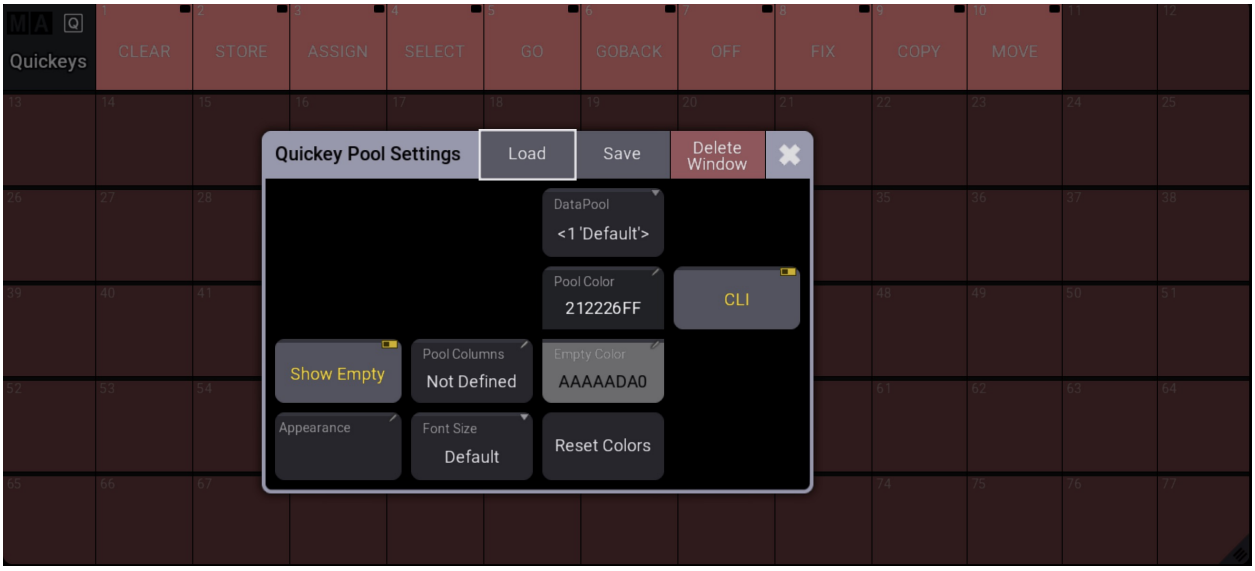
To edit Quickeys when CLI is disabled, for example, Quickey 1, type Edit Quickey 1:

User name[Fixture]>Edit Quickey 1

Or by pressing the keys:

Edit X14 | Macro X14 | Macro X14 | Macro 1

To enable CLI, tap the MA logo of the Quickey Pool to open the Quickey Pool Settings, then tap CLI to enable it.



Quickey Pool Settings

When CLI is enabled, the pool objects have a light pink background and can be edited using the following methods:

1. Open the swipey commands on a pool object and choose Edit. For more information, see Pool Widows.
2. Press Edit, then tap a pool object.
3. The Edit pop-up opens.

For more information, see Quickeys.

1.41.5. Edit Macros

There are two ways to edit macros: The GUI and the command line.

Edit a Macro by Using the GUI

Requirement:

- An open Macro Pool on one of the screens.

To edit a macro by using the GUI:

1. Tap, hold, and swipe out of the macro in the macro pool that is to be edited.
2. Swipe to the Edit swipey command and release the screen.
   The editor opens.
3. Edit the fields that are to be changed.
4. Close the editor when the macro is correct.

For more information about adding lines and labeling a macro, see Create Macros.

Macro lines can be deleted by selecting the line and then tapping the Delete button in the editor.

Edit a Macro by Using the Command Line

Requirement:

- The **command-line feedback** is very helpful to have visible.

Remember that the List command displays the content at the current location and can be used at any time.

This is the editing process:

1. Navigate to the macro that is to be edited:

```
User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination Macro ["Macro_Name" or Macro_Number]
```

2. Edit the fields using the Set command. This overwrites the current content in the field.
3. When done editing, return to the root location:

```
User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros/Macro #>ChangeDestination Root
```

Delete a Macro Row Using the Command Line

To delete a macro row by using the command line:

1. Navigate to the macro where the row is to be deleted:

MA ⌨	User name[Fixture]>ChangeDestination Macro ["Macro_Name" or Macro_Number]

2. Use the Delete command followed by the row number:

MA ⌨	User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros/Macro #>Delete [Macro_Row_Number_List]

💡	**Hint:**
	To delete multiple rows, type a list of numbers.

3. When done deleting rows, return to the root location:

MA ⌨	User name@ShowData/DataPools/Default/Macros/Macro #>ChangeDestination Root

The macro rows are deleted.

1.41.6. Assign Macros to Keys and Buttons

The macros can be assigned to executors or view buttons for easy access.

The macro is still in the macro pool. The executor or view button simply runs the macro in the pool. It is therefore required to have the macro in the pool before assigning it anywhere.

There are different ways to assign macros to keys or buttons:

Assign Macros by Using the Keys

Requirements: A visible macro pool and a stored macro.

This is maybe the fastest way to assign the macro when using a console:

1. Press Assign.
2. Press MA while pressing X14 | Macro.
3. Enter the macro number using the numeric keys.
4. Press the button or tap the key where the macro is to be assigned.

Alternatively, if the macro pool is visible:

1. Press Assign.
2. Tap the macro to be assigned in the macro pool.
3. Press the button or tap the key where the macro is to be assigned.

Assign Macros by Using the Swipey Commands

Requirement: Have the macro pool visible on the screen.

1. Tap and hold the macro pool object.
2. Swipe out of the pool object. The swipey commands open.
3. Swipe to the Assign button and release the screen.
4. Press the button or tap the key where the macro is to be assigned.

The macro is assigned to a key.

Assign Macros by Using the Assign Menu for Executors

1. Press Assign and press the desired executor. The Assign Menu opens:

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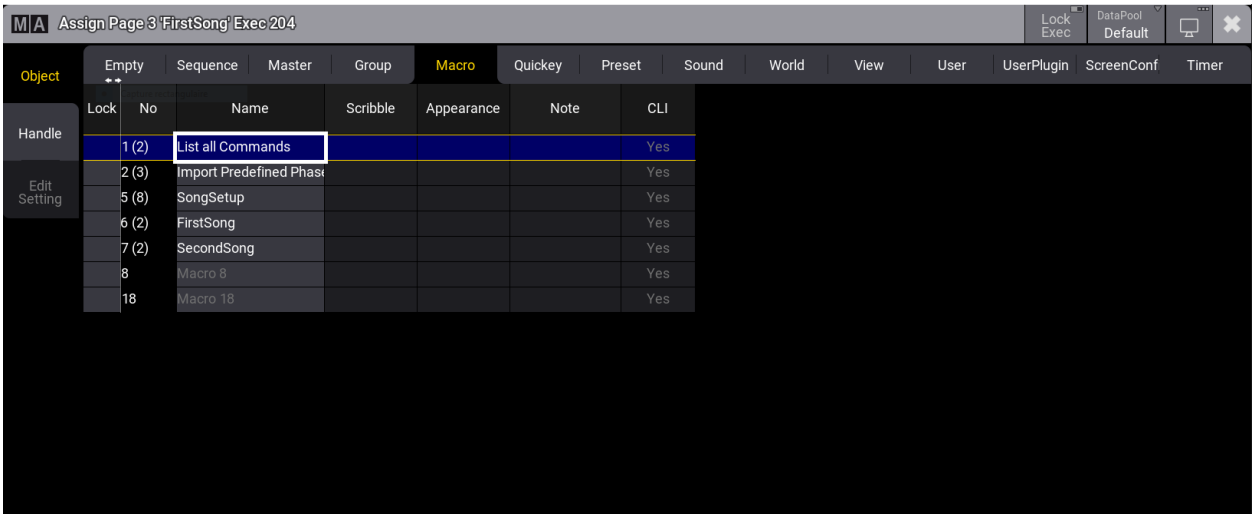


1. Tap Object on the left.
2. Tap Macro at the top of the menu.
3. Tap the desired macro in the list.
4. Close the Assign Menu.

The macro is assigned to an executor.

Assign to an Executor Using the Command Line

To assign a macro to an executor on a specific page, use this syntax:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Macro ["Macro_Name" or Macro_Number] At Page ["Page_Name" or Page_Number].[Executor_Number]
```

To assign a macro to the current page, use this syntax:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Macro ["Macro_Name" or Macro_Number] At Executor [Executor_Number]
```

1.41.7. Variables

Variables can be used in macros or command line entries.

Variables have a user-defined name that the variable content replaces when executing the command.

A variable can contain three different types of data:

- **Integer**: A signed whole number.
- **Double**: A signed fixed-point number with six decimals.
- **Text**: Any text string.

Signed numbers can be negative numbers, for instance, -7.

Variables are typeless. This means an existing variable can be changed to contain a different type.

The name of a variable can be composed of any character. Variable names are case-sensitive.

	Hint: It is not required, but avoiding spaces in variable names is a good idea. Instead, consider using camelCase or PascalCase for variable names.

There are two different variable scopes.

Variables can be scoped to the user or made global.

User variables can only be seen and used by the user profile that creates them, while global variables can be seen and used by all users in the session.

SetGlobalVariable and SetUserVariable

Creating a variable is the same whether it is a user or global variable, but we use two different keywords to set one or the other: SetGlobalVariable or SetUserVariable.

This is the syntax:

SetGlobalVariable ["Variable_Name"] ["Content text with or without spaces"]

SetGlobalVariable ["Variable_Name"] [Integer or Double]

SetUserVariable ["Variable_Name"] ["Content text with or without spaces"]

SetUserVariable ["Variable_Name"] [Integer or Double]

	Important: Quotation marks are very important when the variable name contains spaces. If the name does not contain spaces, then they can be omitted.

	The same is true for text strings as the variable content. Variable content must be in quotation marks to ensure the software stores a text string.

Examples

MA	User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyFavoriteNumber 9
MA	User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyFavoriteText "9"

These two commands create two variables that might seem to have the same content, but the first is a number, and the second is a text. So, it is not because of the names but the quotation marks in the second example.

Single and Double Quotation Marks

It might be needed to store a variable with a text string that includes something in quotation marks. This presents an issue with how the software interprets the input and how it is interpreted when the variable is called during runtime.

The variable system supports single and double quote pairs.

This means that text strings can contain quoted text as long as the other quotation marks are used.

Examples

Working with a specifically named group ("Spots Grid") in different contexts is necessary. A variable with "Group" and the name can be stored as a variable:

MA	User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MySpecialGroup "Group 'Spots Grid' "

Notice the single quotes around the group name and the double quotes around the variable text string. These two pairs can be reversed for the same result.

Now, the variable can be used to address the group:

MA	User name[Fixture]>$MySpecialGroup At 80

The $ is placed before the command so we can recall the variable.

This is the software's reply:

```
OK: Group "Spots Grid" At 80
```

GetGlobalVariable and GetUserVariable

The variables' content and type can be listed using the GetGlobalVariable or GetUserVariable keywords.

These keywords need to know which variable to show. The syntax is:

GetGlobalVariable ["Variable_Name"]

GetUserVariable ["Variable_Name"]

These commands show information about the variable name, content type, and content in the Command Line Feedback window.

They only show the variables in their scope. This means that the global version shows only global variables, and the user version shows only user variables.

This assumes that the variable names are known.

The asterisk (*) wildcard can show all variables or a filtered list of variables for which a part of the name is known.

Examples

The current content of the variable called "MySpecialGroup" can be shown using this command:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetUserVariable MySpecialGroup
```

This is the feedback in the command line window:

```
"MySpecialGroup": Type = Text, Value = "Group 'Spots Grid' "
OK: GetUserVariable  "MySpecialGroup"
```

The following example shows a list of all the global variables where the name contains the word "Our":

```
User name[Fixture]>GetUserVariable *ur*
```

The "O" is replaced with an asterisk to ensure the variables beginning with "Our" are also shown. The asterisk wildcard at the beginning indicates that there must be additional letters before the letters we specify. In reality, the example will also show variables beginning with "Hour" or, in fact, any variable with "ur" somewhere in its name. To specify variables starting with "Our," use the following example:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetUserVariable Our*
```

This example shows all the user variables:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetUserVariable *
```

Use Variables

Variables are used when the variable's value is needed.

The following variable was used in a previous example:

```
User name[Fixture]>$MySpecialGroup At 80
```

The variable's text string ("Group 'Spots Grid' ") replaces the **$MySpecialGroup**. This works because the variable contains a text string with commands.

	Important:
	Using quotation marks when using variables is essential and makes a

	difference.

If the variable is used with quotation marks:

```
User name[Fixture]>$"MySpecialGroup" At 80
```

This will fail because the content of the variable is explicitly called as a string, and the resulting feedback is:

```
Illegal object: Fixture "Group 'Spots Grid'" At 80
```

The software tries to use the variable content as a text string and does not interpret it as a command.

This might be useful in other cases. When the variable name contains a text string that should be used as text, it must be in quotation marks. See the example below.

Example

This example uses a variable that contains the name of a group:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyGroupName "Spots Grid"
```

Now, this variable can be used where the text would be used otherwise:

```
User name[Fixture]>Group $"MyGroupName" At 80
```

It will fail If the quotation marks are omitted:

```
User name[Fixture]>Group $MyGroupName At 80
Illegal object: Group "Spots" Grid At 80
```

The text string is interpreted as a command.

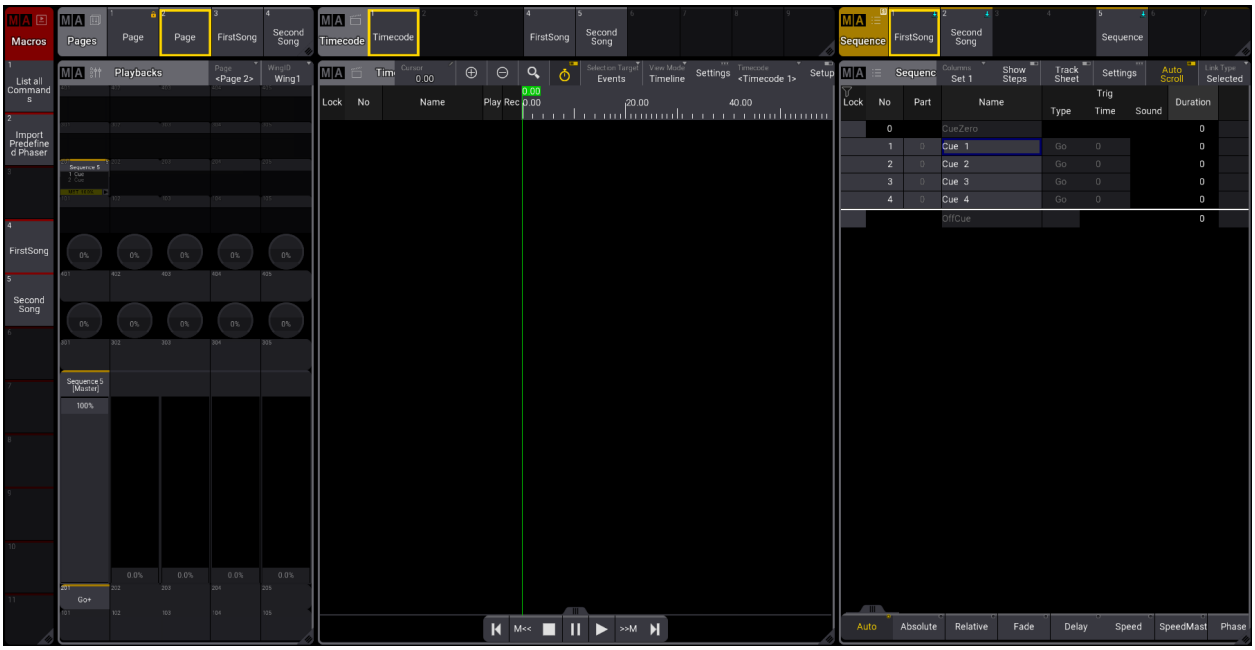
Example

Let's assume you are running a musical show with multiple songs that will run off timecode.
The following macro example creates a variable that prepares the desk for each song.

Opened windows requirement:

- Macro Pool
- Pages Pool
- Timecode Pool
- Sequence Pool
- Playbacks
- Timecode Viewer
- Sequence Sheet

It could look like this:

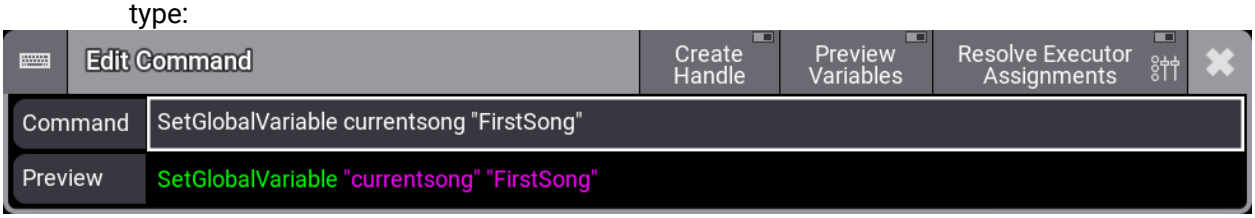


For this example, you will need to:

- Store two sequences, one labeled FirstSong and a second labeled SecondSong. Both sequences should have cue one as the first cue. For more information, see Cues and Sequences.
- Store two timecode shows, one labeled FirstSong, where the track's target is the sequence labeled FirstSong, and a second timecode show labeled SecondSong, where the track's target is the sequence labeled SecondSong. For more information, see Timecode Viewer.
- Assign the sequence labeled FirstSong to page 3 executor 201 and the sequence labeled SecondSong to page 4 executor 201.
- Store a macro labeled FirstSong.
- Store a macro labeled SongSetup.

Here's the workflow:

1. Edit the macro labeled FirstSong.
2. Insert two macro lines.
   - **Macro Line1**: First, we need to create a new variable. Edit the command on macro line 1 and type:

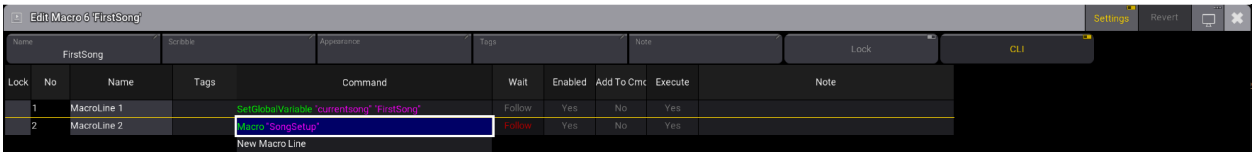


This is the feedback in the command history window when the command is executed:

OK:SetGlobalVariable "currentsong" "FirstSong"

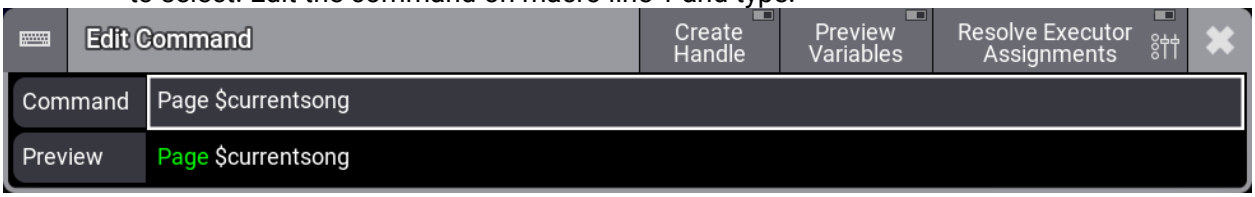
- **Macro Line 2**: Here, we are going to call the macro that we have labeled SongSetup. Edit the command on macro line 2 and type:

This is what the macro looks like:



Next, we build a macro that will be used throughout the show to set the desk ready for each song.

1. Edit the macro labeled SongSetup.
2. Insert eight macro lines.
   - **Macro Line 1**: Using the new variable "currentsong", we will instruct the software on what page to select. Edit the command on macro line 1 and type:

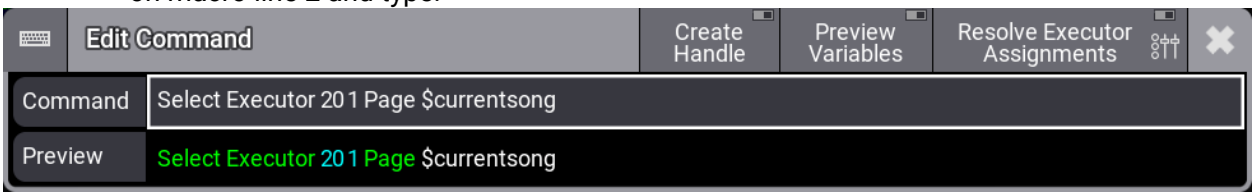


This is the feedback in the command history window when the command is executed:

OK: Page "FirstSong"

Here, the variable "current song" is replaced with the variable content "FirstSong".

   - **Macro Line 2**: Now we must instruct the software which executor to select. Edit the command on macro line 2 and type:



This is the feedback in the command history window when the command is executed:

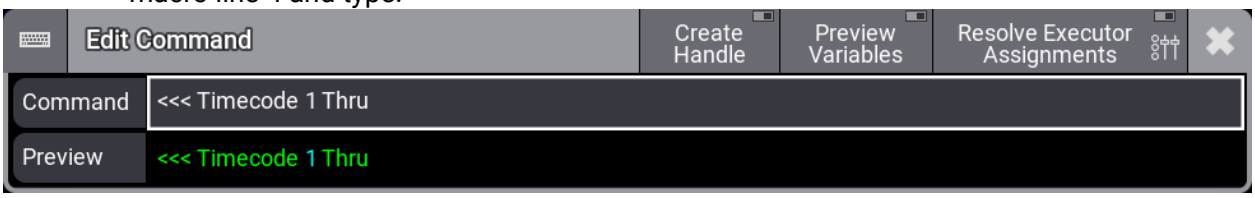
OK: Select Page "FirstSong" Executor 201

   - **Macro Line 3**: Stopping any running timecode is a good idea. To do so, edit the command on macro line 3 and type:

This is the feedback in the command history window when the command is executed:

OK: Off Timecode 1 Thru

- **Macro Line 4**: Here we will rewind all timecodes to time 00h00m00.0. Edit the command on macro line 4 and type:



This is the feedback in the command history window when the command is executed:

OK: <<< Timecode 1 Thru

Macro Line 5: To select the timecode show, edit the command on macro line 5 and type:

This is the feedback in the command history window when the command is executed:

OK: Select Timecode "FirstSong"

Macro Line 6: Now we instruct the software what timecode show to execute. Edit the command on macro line 6 and type:

This is the feedback in the command history window when the command is executed:

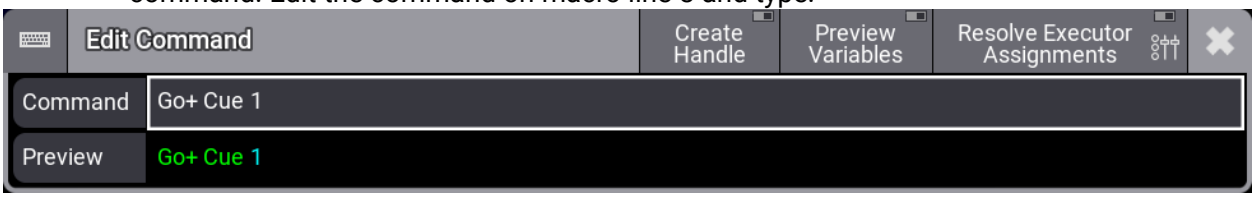
OK: Go+ Timecode "FirstSong"

- **Macro Line 7**: Here, we instruct the software to turn off all running executors from page 2 through page 100, except the one running the sequence labeled FirstSong. It's usually a good idea to keep page 1 for any sequences that need to be manipulated manually outside of the running timecode sequences; this is why the command also excludes sequences running on page 1. Edit the command on macro line 7 and type:

This is the feedback in the command line window:

OK: Off Page 2 Thru 100 - "FirstSong"

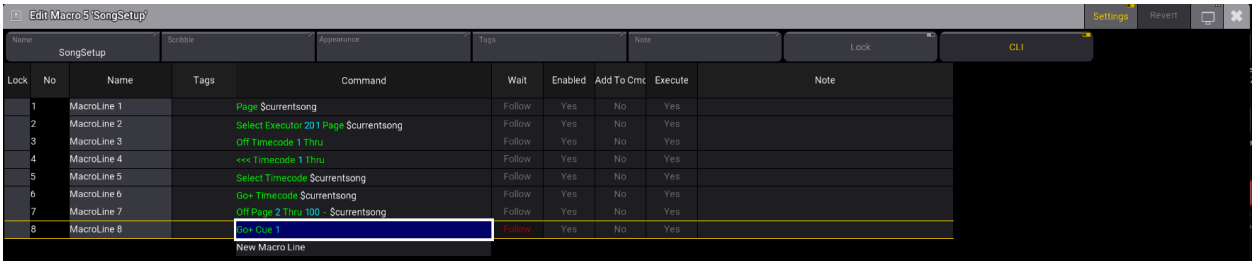
- **Macro Line 8**: Finally, even if the timecode should trigger cue 1, it is safe to add the following command. Edit the command on macro line 8 and type:



This is the feedback in the command line window:

OK: Go+ Cue 1

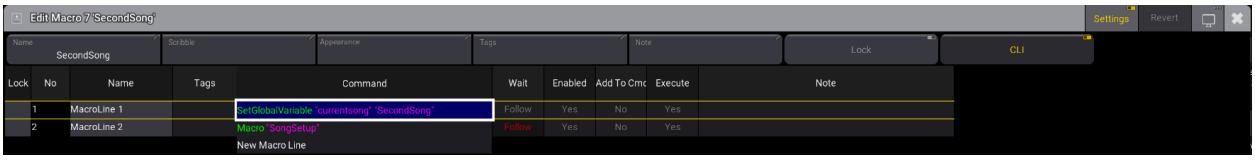
This is what the macro looks like:



This is where it gets interesting. To create a macro for the next song:

1. Copy the macro you have created, labeled FirstSong, to an empty macro pool object.
2. Edit that new macro and label it SecondSong.
3. Edit the command on **Macro Line 1** by replacing the variable content "FirstSong" with "SecondSong".

This is what the macro SecondSong looks like:

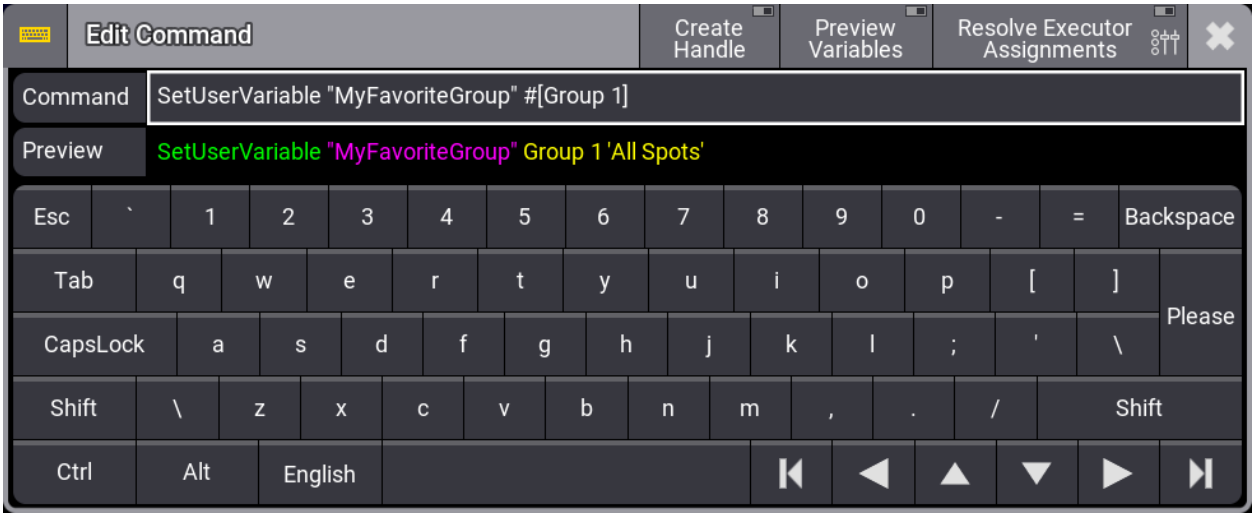


The only thing that changed is the variable content on **Macro Line 1**: SetGlobalVariable "currentsong" "**SecondSong**". So, each time the variable is recalled, it will refer to that new content. This method can be repeated for all songs in the show.

Combine Variables and Handles

Variables can be used in combination with handles. For more information on handles, see #[Object] Keyword and Command Editor.

The following is an example of how to use handles and variables in macros:



DeleteGlobalVariable and DeleteUserVariable

Variables can be deleted using the DeleteGlobalVariable and DeleteUserVariable keywords.

This is the syntax:

DeleteGlobalVariable ["Variable_Name"]

DeleteUserVariable ["Variable_Name"]

	Important:
	Deleting a variable cannot be oopsed. There is not much else to say about deleting variables. When deleted, they do not exist anymore.

Concatenate Variables

Variables can be concatenated by storing them in a new variable.

The desired result of the concatenation is to create a compound text string containing the concatenated variables. The output is always a text string. See below for the mathematical addition of number variables.

This is the syntax:

SetGlobalVariable [MyConcatResult] $[VariableName]$[VariableName]

SetUserVariable [MyConcatResult] $[VariableName]$[VariableName]

There must be no space between the variables that need to be concatenated or between any extra text that needs to be part of the concatenation.

Text can be added to the variable in quotation marks with no space between the end and start of quotation marks. However, there can be spaces inside the quotation marks. See the example below.

Examples

These examples use three variables:

Variable Name	Content Type	Content
MyInteger	Integer	9
MyKeyword	Text	Group
MyGroupName	Text	Perfect Macro

The goal is to concatenate these into a command string that can be used to store a group.

It can be done with one command, but is split up to look at different functions here.

First, the keyword is combined with the integer into a new variable:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyCommandString $"MyKeyword"" "$MyInteger
```

This command uses many quotation marks. Setting the variable names in quotation marks ensures the variable content is interpreted as text. This also means that the integer variable is converted to a text string.

Furthermore, there is a " " between the two variables to add a space between them.

Show results using this command:

```
User name[Fixture]>GetUserVariable MyCommandString
```

Next, add the macro name to the string:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyCommandString $"MyCommandString""
"$"MyGroupName"""
```

Again, it can be hard to see what is happening. The two names of the variable are in quotation marks. Between the two are a space and a single quotation mark in double quotation marks. After the last variable name, there is another single quotation mark inside the double quotation marks.

Here you can spot them better: SetUserVariable MyCommandString $"MyCommandString"" ' "$"MyGroupName"" ' "

The command looks like this without the double quotations: **SetUserVariable MyCommandString $MyCommandString '$MyGroupName'**

The existing content of MyCommandString is added to MyCommandString, plus the content of MyGroupName in single quotations.

The result is that MyCommandString is **Group 9 'Perfect Macro'** as a text string.

Now, some fixtures can be selected, and this command can be executed:

```
User name[Fixture]>Store $MyCommandString
```

Then, a group with the name is stored in group 9. The command above does not use quotation marks.

Variable Addition

Concatenating variables with integer and/or double types performs a mathematical addition instead of an actual concatenation. Here, quotation marks are not used.

The result needs to be stored in a variable.

Examples

This example uses three variables:

Variable Name	Content Type	Content
MyInteger	Integer	9
MySignedInteger	Integer	-2
MyDouble	Double	6.500000

The first two variables can be added to each other with this command:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyResult $MyInteger$MySignedInteger
```

The result can be seen by looking at the command line feedback. It shows that the variable is stored with a value of 7.

The double can be added with an integer. The result will be a double to avoid data loss.

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariableMyResult $MyInteger$MyDouble
```

This stores the value of 15.500000 in MyResult.

Type Conversion

Type conversion has been happening in the examples above.

An integer or double can be converted to text by putting the variable name in quotation marks. The command will convert when it is executed.

Setting variables without quotation marks can convert text to an integer.

An integer can be converted to a double by adding it to a double with the value of **0.000000**.

A double cannot be converted to an integer.

Examples

These examples use the following variables:

Variable Name:	Content Type:	Content:
MyInteger	Integer	9
MyEmptyDouble	Double	0.000000
MyText	Text	Hello

This example converts the integer to text:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyInteger $"MyInteger"
```

Converting this back to an integer can be done with the following command:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyInteger $MyInteger
```

Converting an integer to a double can be done using this command:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable MyResult $MyInteger$MyEmptyDouble
```

1.41.8. Properties

Values of object properties can be set via the command line. For more information, see Property keyword.

Requirements for the following examples:

Patched fixtures. See Add Fixtures to the Show.
Stored preset 2.1. See, Create New Preset.
Stored group 8. See Create New Groups.

The property of an object can be displayed in the Command Line History. For example, to view all properties for preset position 2.1, type:

User name[Fixture]>List Preset 2.1

For more information, see List.

This is the result in the Command Line History:

```
LOCK NO NAME     SCRIBBLE APPEARANCE NOTE XBLOCK YBLOCK ZBLOCK XGROUP YGROUP ZGROUP XWINGS YWINGS ZWINGS XWIDTH
     1  Preset 1                         None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None
OK:List Preset 2.1 Property
```

The property names are on the top row: **LOCK**, **NO**, **NAME**, **SCRIBBLE**, **APPEARANCE**, **NOTE**. Scroll to the right of the Command Line History window to see all the properties for preset 2.1. The row underneath displays the property values.

The Property keyword can be used with the Set keyword.

To set the name of preset 2.1 to "Signer," you can use the Label keyword or type:

User name[Fixture]>Set Preset 2.1 Property "Name" "Signer"

To see the result in the Command Line History type:

User name[Fixture]>List Preset 2.1

The property **NAME** for preset 2.1 is now set to "Signer"

```
LOCK NO NAME   SCRIBBLE APPEARANCE NOTE XBLOCK YBLOCK ZBLOCK XGROUP YGROUP ZGROUP XWINGS YWINGS ZWINGS XWIDTH YWIDTH ZWIDTH
     1  signer                         None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None  None
OK:List Preset 2.1 Property
```

To edit the appearance assigned to group 8, type:

User name[Fixture]>Edit Group 8 Property "Appearance"

The Select Appearance pop-up opens. Select a new appearance for group 8.

Values of properties can be transferred to other objects using the Set Keyword.

Examples:

To transfer the value of the Priority property of sequence 1 to sequence 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Set Sequence 42 Property "Priority" At Sequence 1
```

To transfer the name of the selected sequence to the name of group 5, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Label Group 5 At Sequence
```

The SetUserVariable and SetGlobalVariable commands also support objects' properties. For more information, see Variables.

Examples:

To set the global variable "myShow" to the name of the loaded show file, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetGlobalVariable myShow At Root "MANetSocket" Property "Showfile"
```

The /Look option keyword can be used for properties with an index with a corresponding name.

To set the user variable "mySeqPrioName" to the priority name of sequence 42, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>SetUserVariable "mySeqPrioName" At Sequence 42 Property "Priority" /Look
```

The following predefined macros are good examples of using variables in combination with properties. For more information, see Variables.

To learn how to get the name of the selected sequence, import the **Selected Sequence Name to UserVariable** macro.

To learn how to get the number of the selected sequence, import the **Selected Sequence Number to UserVariable** macro.

To set the selected timecode generator start time, import the **Selected TimecodeSlot Start Time** macro.

1.41.9. Example Macros

This topic has some example macros. They are meant as inspiration for other macros. In addition, they show some of the possibilities with macros.

Calling Macros by Macros

This example shows how macros triggered by other macros can have different results.

1. Create two Macros as shown below:

Macro 1

Lock	No	Name	Command	Wait	Enabled	AddToCmdl	Execute
	1	MacroLine 1	Macro 2; Echo "Macro 1 Line 1 - Trigger Macro 2"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	2	MacroLine 2	Echo "Macro 1 Line 2"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	3	MacroLine 3	Echo "Macro 1 Line 3"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	4	MacroLine 4	Echo "Macro 1 Line 4"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	5	MacroLine 5	Echo "Macro 1 Line 5 - Last"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes

Macro 2

Lock	No	Name	Command	Wait	Enabled	AddToCmdl	Execute
	1	MacroLine 1	Echo "Macro 2 Line 1"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	2	MacroLine 2	Echo "Macro 2 Line 2"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	3	MacroLine 3	Echo "Macro 2 Line 3"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	4	MacroLine 4	Echo "Macro 2 Line 4"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	5	MacroLine 5	Echo "Macro 2 Line 5 - Last"	Follow	Yes	No	Yes

2. Tap Macro 1. As a result, all lines except line 5 of macro 2 are executed.
3. Disable lines 3 and 4 of Macro 1. As a result, Lines 1, 2, and 5 of Macro 1 are executed, and Lines 1 and 2 of Macro 2 are executed.

Macros triggered by other macros in this way will also stop when the first macro stops. In order to overcome this, Call Macro X command should be used.

Change User

This macro opens the login window where you can enter a new username and password.

Lock	No	Name	Command	Wait	Enabled	AddToCmdl	Execute
	1	MacroLine 1	LogIn	Follow	Yes	No	Yes

World Is Selection

This predefined macro will create a temporary world for the selected fixtures.

Lock	No	Name	Command	Wait	Enable	AddToCmdl	Execute
	1	MacroLine 1	Delete World 999 /NoConfirmation	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	2	MacroLine 2	Store World 999	Follow	Yes	No	Yes
	3	MacroLine 3	World 999	Follow	Yes	No	Yes

Block Sequence

This macro will prompt you for a sequence ID and a cue number to block.

Lock	No	Name	Command	Wait	Enable	AddToCmdl	Execute
	1	MacroLine 1	Block Sequence (Sequence #) Cue (Cue #)	Follow	Yes	No	Yes

Hint:

If no cue number is entered, the entire sequence will be blocked

1.42. Agenda

The agenda allows you to schedule objects, such as sequences, macros, or plugins, to be executed by the console based on the calendar. Commands can also be defined, such as shutting down the system at a certain time.

You can also schedule events that repeat every minute, every day, every week, every month, and/or every year, for example, the Saint-Patrick's Day cue every year.

To learn about the Agenda keyword, see Agenda

Subtopics

- View Modes
- Create an Agenda Entry
- Edit an Agenda Entry
- Agenda Toolbar

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1.42.1. View Modes

Open an agenda window, see Add Windows. From the add window dialog, tap Tools, and then tap Agenda Viewer.

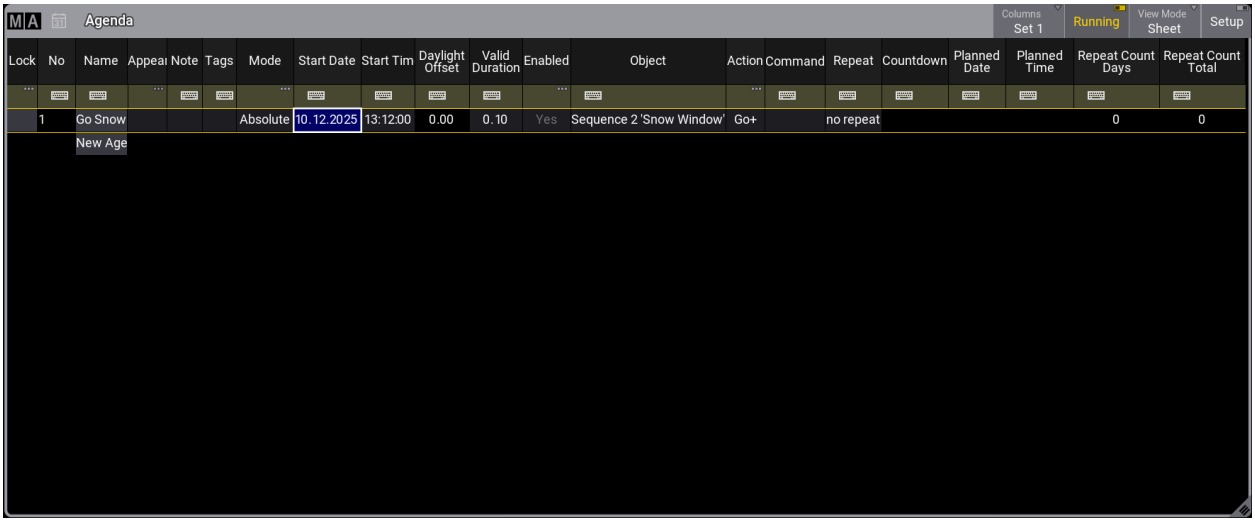
The agenda window can display data in five view modes: Sheet, Year, Month, Week, and Day.

To change the view, tap View Mode in the title bar.

	Hint:
	To sort the agenda entries in the sheet view, right-click or tap and hold a column header.

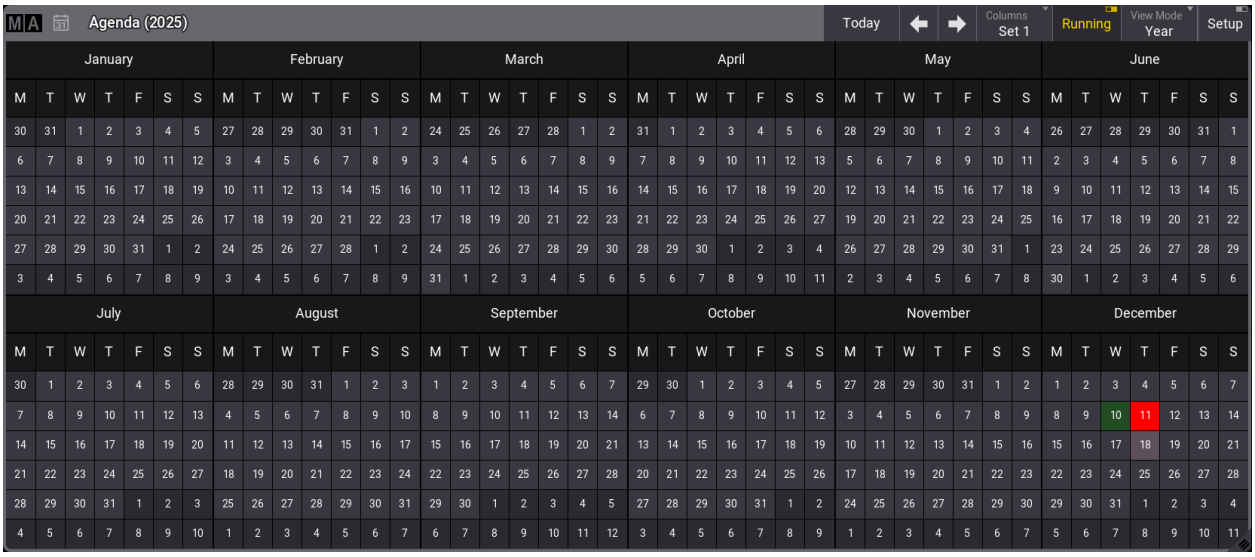
The sheet can be filtered by column, see Temporary Filtering.

Sheet view mode displays all agenda entries in a spreadsheet format; it can be filtered using the filter toolbar. See Temporary Filtering.



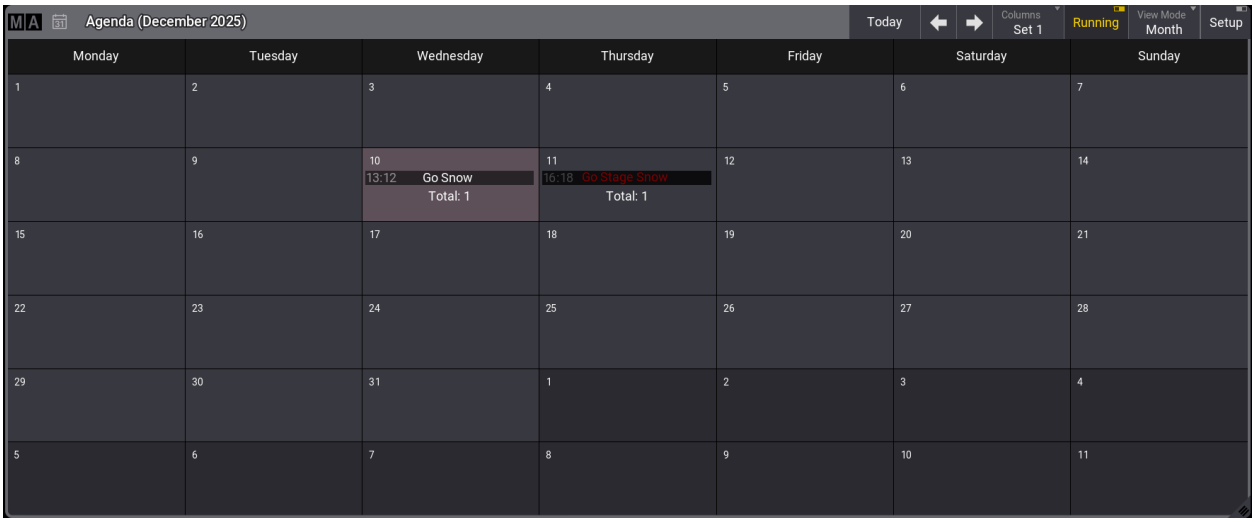
Agenda sheet view mode

Year view mode displays a calendar view of the year. The current date has a light gray background. Days with at least one enabled event are highlighted in green. A bright red background indicates days that have all events disabled.



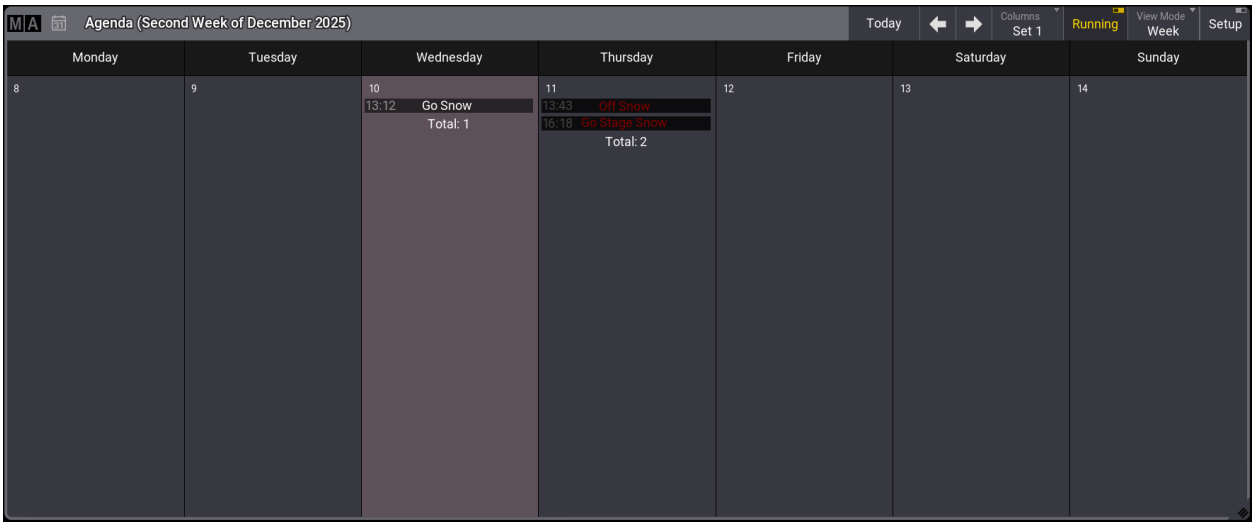
Agenda year view mode

Month view mode displays all agenda entries of the selected month:



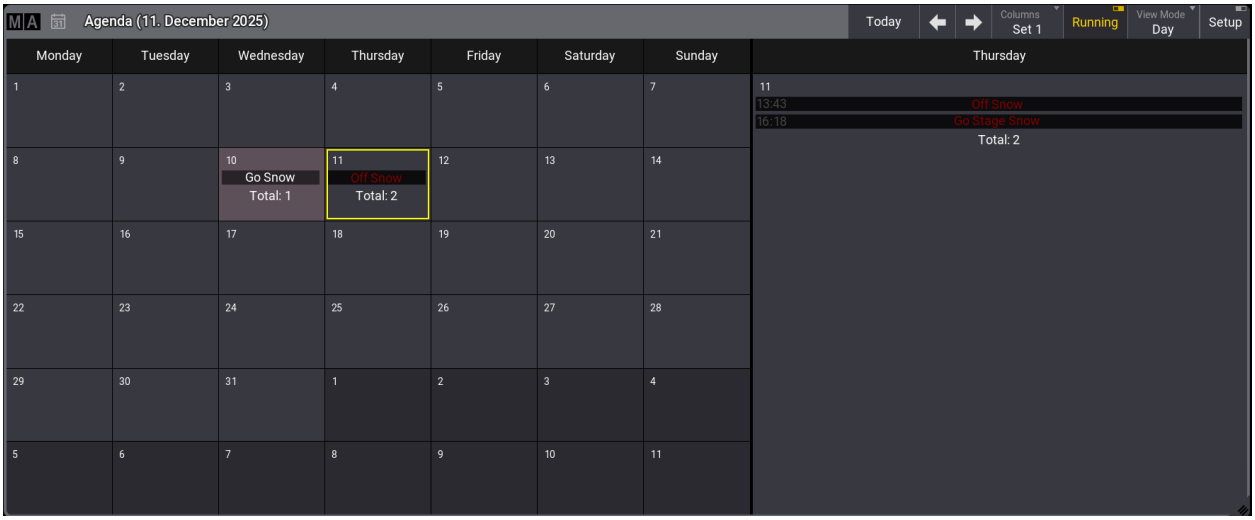
Agenda month view mode

Week view mode displays all agenda entries of the selected week:



Agenda week view mode

- The **Day view** mode is divided into two sections. It displays a smaller monthly overview on the left and entries for the selected day on the right.



	Hint: - Disabled events are displayed with red font color. - Repeated events display on the right side. This applies to the month, week, and day view modes.

1.42.2. Create an Agenda Entry

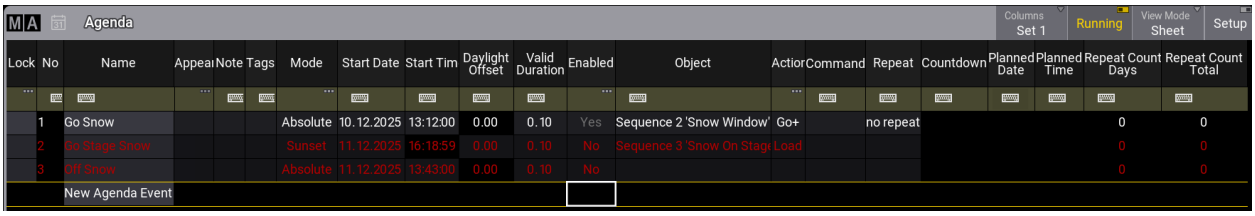
Create an Agenda Entry Using the Sheet View Mode

1. Tap and hold View Mode in the title bar, then slide your finger into the list and select Sheet.
2. To create a new agenda event, right-click or tap and hold New AgendaEvent.

A new entry is created with the system date and time.

	Hint:
	You can also create an entry from the Sheet View mode by pressing Edit and then tapping New AgendaEvent.

The sheet can be filtered from the filter toolbar, see Temporary Filtering.



Agenda Viewer

The following is a list of the properties to be defined by the user:

- **Name**: Enter the name of the event that will be displayed in all layout modes.
- **Appearance**: Assign an appearance to define how the entry looks in the calendar views.
- **Note**: For more information, see Note.
- **Mode**: When set to Absolute, the agenda uses the entered start date and time. Twilight times like Dawn, Sunrise, Sunset, and Dusk can also be used. See Date and time to learn how to configure the grandMA3 software to calculate the correct twilight time for your location.
- **StartDate**: Tap and hold a cell to open the **Edit StartDate** pop-up, then edit the day, month, and year. Use Today in the title bar to quickly enter today's date.
- **StartTime**: Tap and hold a cell to open the **Edit StartTime** pop-up, then edit the hours, minutes, and seconds. Use Now in the title bar to quickly enter the current time.
- **Daylight Offset**: When a twilight time is set in the mode column, it defines an offset for an event. For example, if you want an event to start 15 minutes before dawn. See Date and time to learn about twilight times.
- **Valid Duration**: Enter a duration value to allow the backcasting of events if the console is not switched on or the agenda is disabled during a scheduled entry.
- **Enabled**: To enable or disable an agenda entry. Disabled entries are displayed with a red color font.
- **Object**: Tap and hold a cell to open the Assignment Editor pop-up, and select a **Plugin**, **Macro**, or **Sequence** to be executed.

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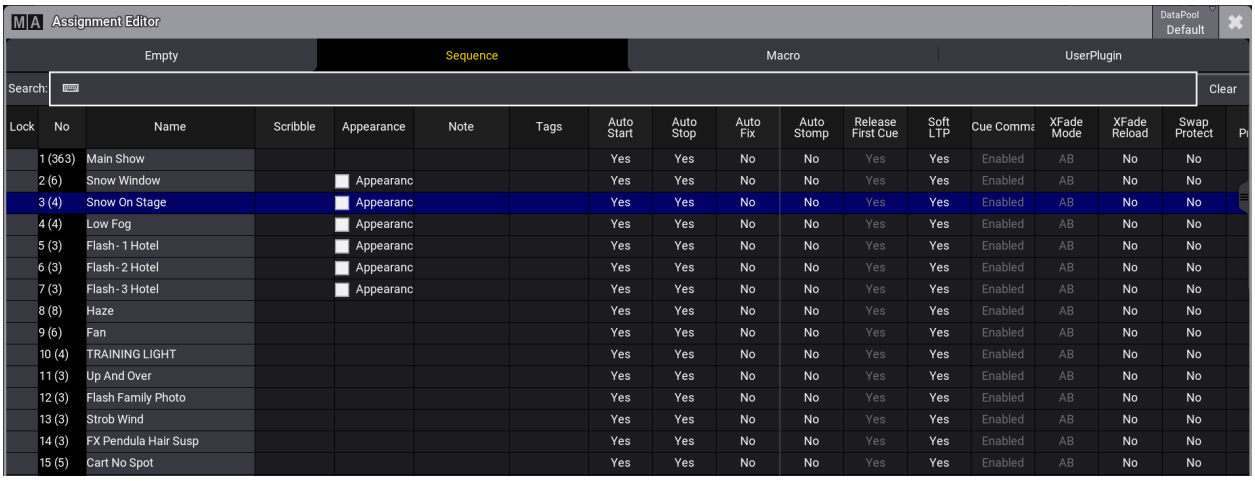

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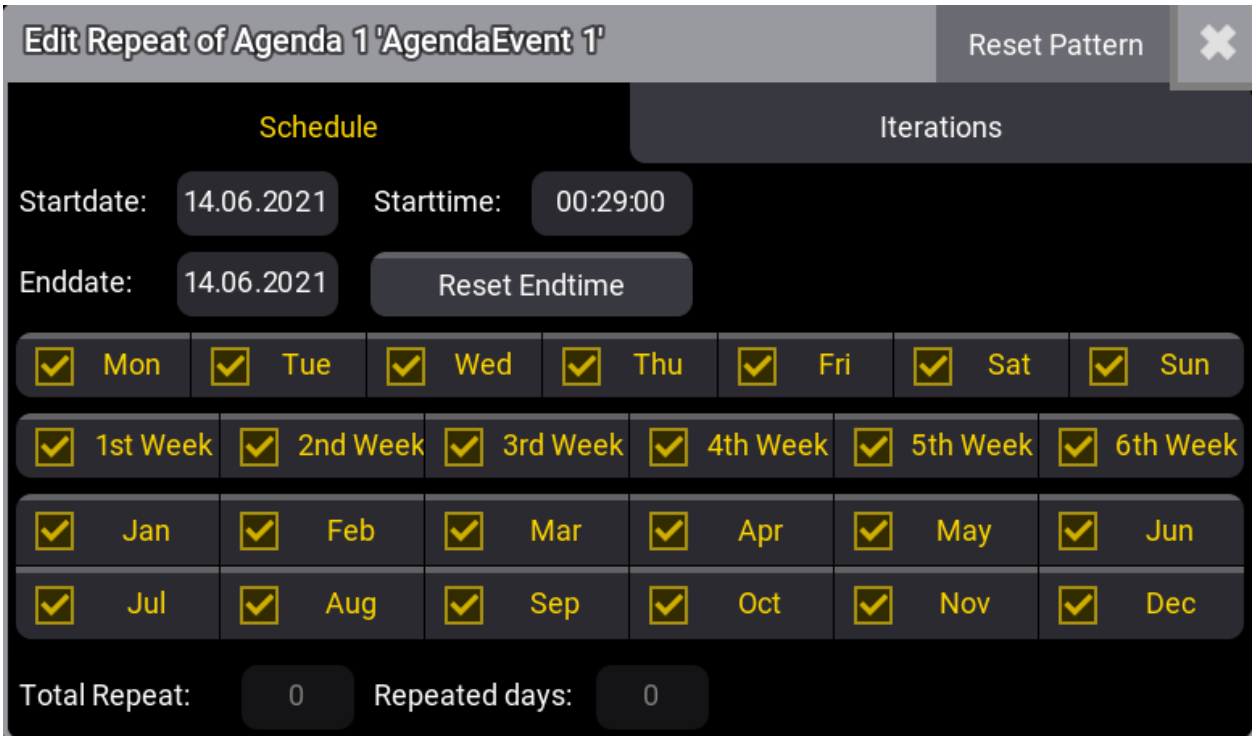
	4 (4)	Low Fog		Appearanc			Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	5 (3)	Flash-1 Hotel		Appearanc			Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	6 (3)	Flash-2 Hotel		Appearanc			Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	7 (3)	Flash-3 Hotel		Appearanc			Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	8 (8)	Haze					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	9 (6)	Fan					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	10 (4)	TRAINING LIGHT					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	11 (3)	Up And Over					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	12 (3)	Flash Family Photo					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	13 (3)	Strob Wind					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	14 (3)	FX Pendula Hair Susp					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No
	15 (5)	Cart No Spot					Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enabled	AB	No	No

Assignment Editor

- **Action**: Tap and hold a cell, then select an action to use when the defined object is executed.
- **Command**: Define a command here to be executed instead of defining an object to be triggered. E.g., Go+ Executor 101.
- **Repeat**: This field defines whether an entry is repeated and, if so, how often. Tap and hold a cell to open the **Edit Repeat of Agenda** pop-up.

There are two main settings to define the repetition of an agenda entry, Schedule and Iterations.

Schedule Settings



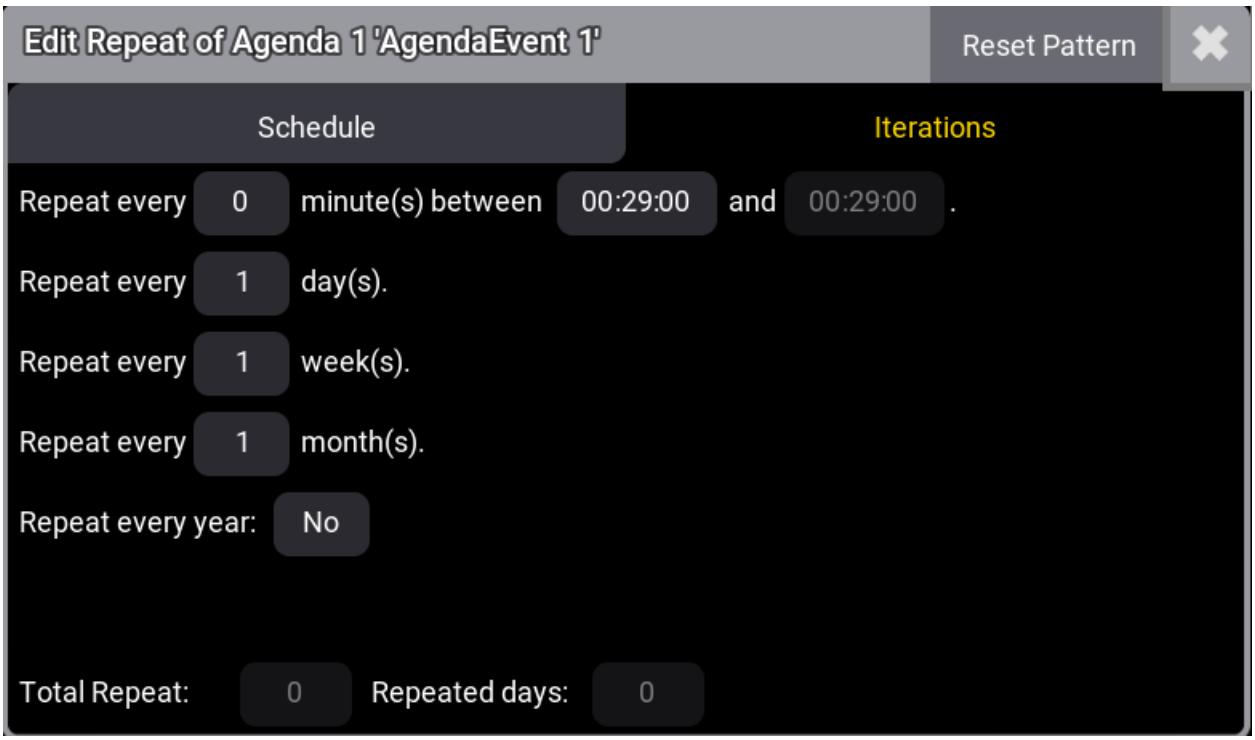
The start date and time are linked to the agenda event and, therefore, are identical. To get repetitions, at least a different end date or end time must be set.

- Tap Reset Pattern in the title bar to reset the repeat settings you made previously.
- Tap Reset Endtime to reset the end date back to the agenda event date.

Tap a day, week, or month cell to enable or disable it. This will define at which days, weeks, or months the event will be repeated.

	Hint:
	The week settings are the weeks within a full month and not the weeks from the start date onwards.

Iterations Settings



Iterations settings allow defining repeat per minute, days, weeks, and months.

These settings are counted from the start date onward.
To repeat an event every year again, set **Repeat every year** to yes.

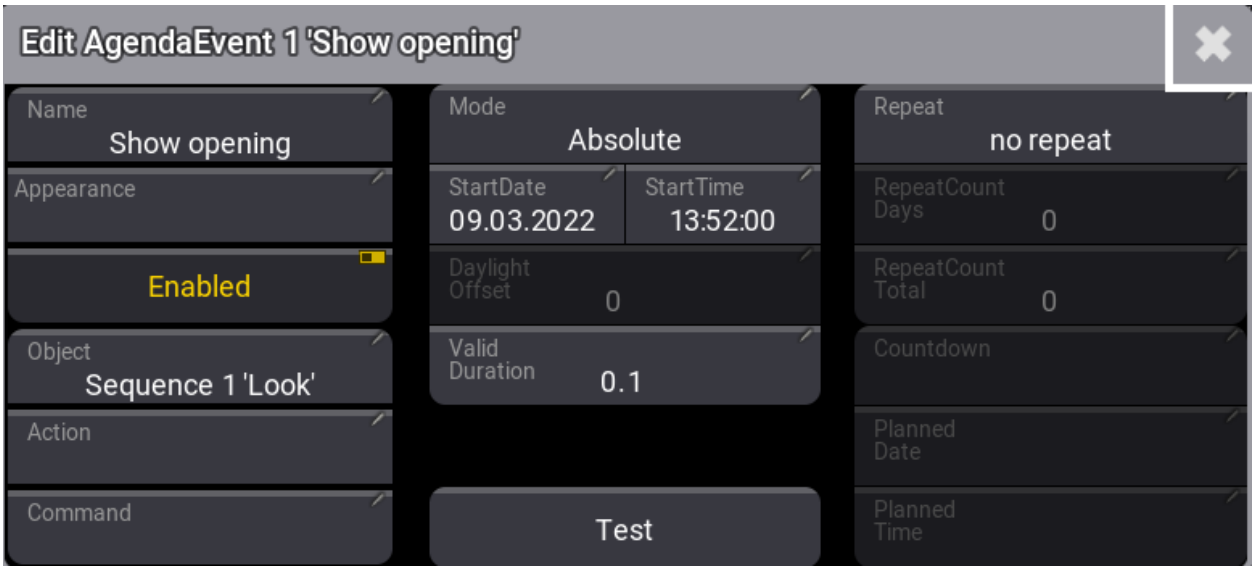
The following describes the last five columns of the agenda window in the title bar when ViewMode is set to **Sheet**. (These columns can not be edited.)

- **Countdown**: Displays the remaining days or time until the next launch of an event.
- **Planned Date**: Displays the next date when the event will be launched.
- **Planned Time**: Displays the next time when the event will be launched,
- **Repeat Count Days** and **Repeat Count Total**: These two columns are similar to the edit repeat pop-up. This is a quick way to verify the repeat pattern.

Tap Delete Old in the title bar to erase all preceding events, including the valid duration.

1.42.3. Edit an Agenda Entry

To edit an agenda entry from the **Month**, **Week**, and **Day** layout mode, press Edit, then tap the agenda entry you wish to edit. You can also tap and hold or right-click an agenda entry. The **Edit Agenda Event** pop-up opens.



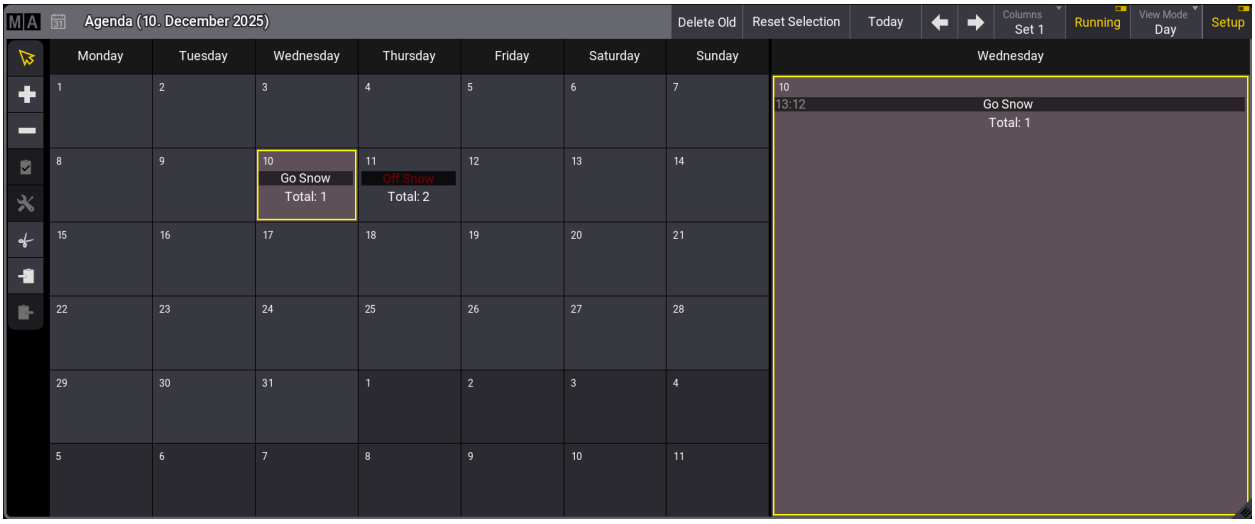
To learn about the properties that can be defined here, see Create an agenda entry.

	Hint:
	Agenda events can also be edited using the toolbar. See Agenda toolbar.
	Hint:
	Events can be deleted from any view mode by pressing Delete and then tapping the event you wish to delete.

1.42.4. Agenda Toolbar

Create or edit an agenda entry using the toolbar within the 5 available view modes; **Sheet**, **Year**, **Month**, **Week**, and **Day**. For more information, see Agenda Modes.

To enable the toolbar, tap Setup in the title bar.



Agenda day view mode

To select an event, tap in the toolbar, then tap the event you wish to select.

To create an event, tap in the toolbar, then tap a day in the agenda.

To delete an event, tap in the toolbar, then tap the event you wish to delete.

Select an event, then tap in the toolbar to execute it immediately. This will verify if the set object or command will be executed correctly.

Select the event you wish to edit, then tap in the toolbar. This opens the Edit Agenda pop-up. See Edit an agenda entry for more information.

To cut an agenda entry, tap in the toolbar, then tap the entry you wish to cut. Notice that (the paste tool) is selected in the toolbar and awaits the user to tap a day where to paste the cut entry.

To copy an agenda entry, tap in the toolbar, then tap the day you wish to copy. Notice that (the paste tool) is selected in the toolbar and awaits the user to tap a day where to paste the copied entry.

Use and in the title bar to change the day, week, month, or year.

	Hint:
	The day, week, month, or year is displayed in brackets in the title bar according to the selected View Mode.

Tapping Today in the title bar will set the agenda to today's date.

Tap Delete Old in the title bar to delete outdated entries.

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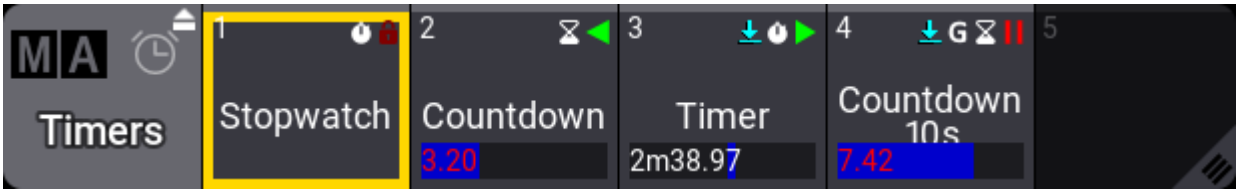
1.43. Timers

The Timer pool can be used to manage stopwatches and countdowns.

The pool can be created like any other pool window using the Add Window pop-up.



Timers pool with different timers.

The Timers pool has a default action indicated by an icon in the title field's upper right corner. The factory default action is **Toggle** (). The default action is applied when a pool object is tapped without a valid keyword in the command line. Learn more about Pool Actions in the Window Settings topic.

There are two different types of timers: Stopwatch and Countdown. Each of these two types has their own topics. Follow the links below or in the menu on the left.

Each object in the Timers pool can be one or the other.

Changing the type from one to the other will stop and reset the timer if it is active.

The first pool object is a stopwatch that is locked from being edited, although it can be used.

Timers can be controlled using the pool objects or the Timer keyword.

Active timers can be seen in the pool with the time and a progress bar at the bottom of the pool object. Active timers can also be seen in the Running Playbacks window.

Running timers have a green play icon pointing right for stopwatches () and left for countdowns () in the upper right corner of the pool object. A paused timer has the pause icon () in the corner. Stopped timers do not have a playback icon.

Timers can be assigned to executors. Learn more in the Assign Object to an Executor topic.

The running state of the timer is not saved with the showfile. The time on the timer will be saved, and the timer will be on the saved time in a paused state when the showfile is reloaded.

Timers have a read-only property called "ElapsedTime". This can be used to read the current timer value.

All the different timer properties can be seen using the following commands in the command line and watching the Command Line History:

```
User name[Fixture]>List Timer
```

Playback Actions

A timer can be started with a **Go+** command or toggled On if it is Off or paused. It will start to count up or down in real-time.

A timer can be paused in its running. This keeps the current time on the timer. Restarting the timer with a Go+ command can either restart the timer or let it continue. This can be set in the setting for the timer.

The **Top** command will reset the time. If the timer is running, it will continue to run. If the timer is paused, the time will be reset, and the timer will be stopped.

Flash and **Temp** commands can be used to trigger timers. The timer will run while the function is active and pause when the command is stopped. For instance, a stopwatch can run while a flash executor button is pressed.

Stopping a timer resets the time to zero for stopwatches and to the set time value for countdowns.

Besides running timers manually, they can also be automatically triggered with specific sequence actions. See more below in the settings.

Using the Clock to See the Time

The Clock Viewer can be used to show and control the timers. The Clock Source should be set to **Timer**. Then, the Timer can be used to select the desired timer object.

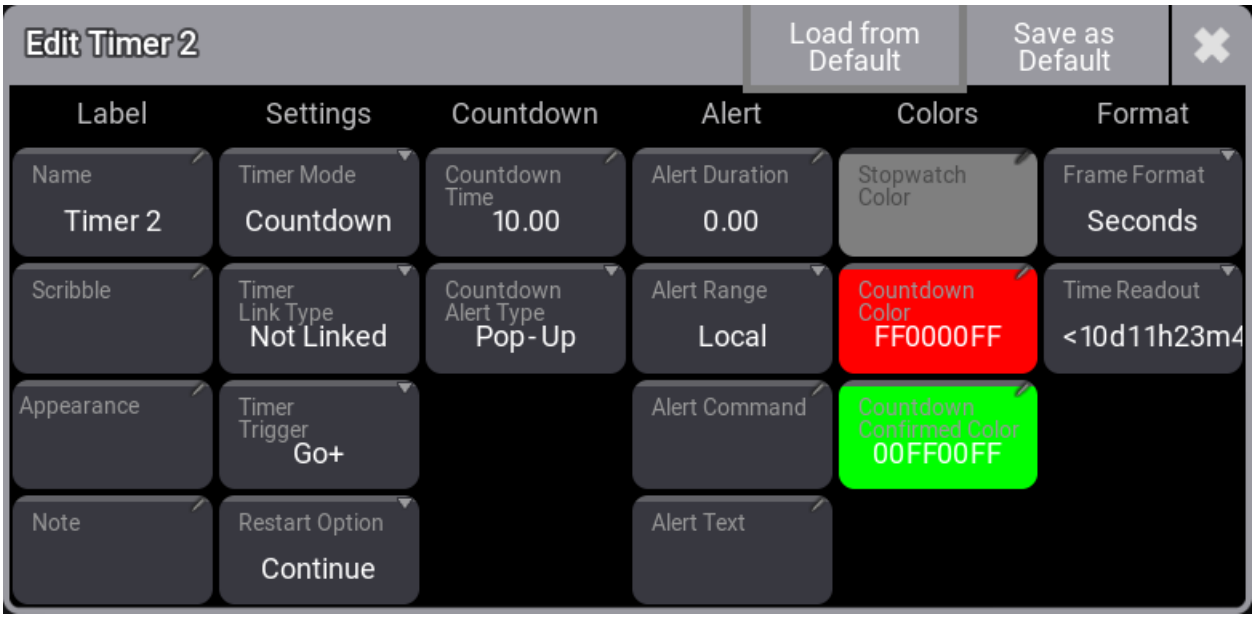
Two clocks showing a stopwatch and a countdown

The controls in the title bar adjust to match the selected timer.

Create and Edit a New Timer

A new timer can be created by editing an empty pool object.

Editing a timer pool object opens the editor:



Timer editor

There are some common settings for the two types of timers.

Label

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the timer object.
- **Scribble**:
  This is used to assign a scribble to the pool object.
- **Appearance**:
  This is used to assign an appearance to the pool object.
- **Note**:
  This is used to add a note to the pool object.

Settings

- **Timer Mode**:
  This is used to select one of the two modes: **Stopwatch** or **Countdown**.
- **Timer Link Type**:
  Tapping this opens a select pop-up. It contains a list of all the sequences in the show, plus three special options. The options are:
  - **Not Linked**:
    Nothing happens when starting a sequence playback.
  - **<Selected Sequence>**:
    Triggering the selected sequence will trigger the timer.
  - **Link Last**:
    Triggering any sequence will trigger the timer.
  - **[Sequence]**:
    Triggering the specific sequence will trigger the timer.
- **Timer Trigger**:
  This setting defines what action triggers a timer.
- **Restart Option**:
  This has two possible options:
  - **Continue**:
    When a stopped or paused timer is triggered, it will continue to run the time.

- **Reset**:
  When triggered, a stopped or paused timer will be reset and start from its default time.

Colors

The timer has a color defined. This color is used in the clock viewer and in the bar at the bottom of the pool objects.

The default color for stopwatches is white text color. Countdowns have numbers in red color with a countdown bar at the bottom of the timer and green color for a confirmed countdown.

These colors can be changed for each timer.

Format

There are two settings in the format column:

- **Frame Format**
- **Time Readout**

These are available for each timer object. They are described in the User Settings topic.

Subtopics

- Stopwatch
- Countdown

1.43.1. Stopwatch

Stopwatches are the default timer. Learn more in the Timers topic.

They count time up from 0 and do not have a practical upper limit.

The stopwatch timer has a stopwatch icon ( ) in the upper right corner of the pool object.

A stopwatch will run for several days if it is not stopped or paused.

Stopwatches do not have any special settings.

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1.43.2. Countdown

Stopwatches are the default mode for timers. The mode can be changed to the Countdown mode. Learn more in the Timers topic.

Countdowns count time down from a set value; when zero is reached, a trigger can fire an alert pop-up and a command.

The countdown timer has an hourglass icon (⌛) in the upper right corner of the pool object.

Besides the "ElapsedTime" property mentioned in the Timers topic (link above), the Countdown also has a "RemainingTime" read-only property.

Countdown Settings

The countdowns have more settings besides the common settings described in the Timer topic.

Countdown

- **Countdown Time**:
  Sets the duration time of the countdown. The maximum possible countdown time is limited to 14 days. The calculator sets the duration time in seconds, minutes, hours, and days.
- **Countdown Alert Type**:
  The alert type defines what should happen when the countdown reaches zero. There are four options:
  - **None**:
    Nothing happens when the timer runs out, except it stops.
  - **Pop-Up**:
    A pop-up appears with the text set in the **Alert Text** setting (see below). The pop-up appears for as long as the **Alert Duration** is set (see below).
  - **Command**:
    The timer executes the command set in the **Alert Command** setting (see below).
  - **Command & Pop-Up**:
    The pop-up appears, and the command is triggered.

Alert

- **Alert Duration**:
  Defines how long the pop-up should be displayed when the Countdown Timer reaches zero. An alert duration of zero seconds means the pop-up stays until confirmed. The countdown alert type needs to include "Pop-Up" for this setting to be active.
- **Alert Range**:
  The countdown alert range defines where the pop-up appears.
  - **Local**:
    The alert pop-up appears on the stations with users logged in using the same user profile as the one who started the countdown.
  - **All Stations**:
    The alert pop-up appears on all stations in the session. Countdowns with this setting have a small G icon (G) in the upper right corner of the pool object to indicate that it is a global countdown.

The pop-up has a confirmation button to close the alert (before the duration closes it). Confirm only confirms for the station where it is tapped. Confirm All Stations confirm the alert on all stations.

- **Alert Command**:
  When the countdown reaches zero, the command is executed on the GlobalMaster/IdleMaster station or the Standalone station. The **Countdown Alert Type** needs to include "Command" for this setting to be active.
- **Alert Text**:
  The defined text of this setting is displayed in the alert pop-up when the countdown reaches zero. The countdown alert type needs to include "Pop-Up" for this setting to be active.

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1.44. Preview

In preview mode, operators can view objects without affecting the live show output. When preview is active, the programmer's content is isolated from the actual output. For example, the operator can run through a sequence in preview while the output stays unchanged.

	Important:
	Preview is enabled for all users that share the same user profile. This means that in a session with multiple users a separate user profile must be used if one user wants to work in the preview environment while another user stays in the live environment.

To preview a sequence or cue:

- Press Prvw and tap a sequence pool object.
- Press Prvw Sequ 1 Cue 5 Please.

If other objects are loaded in the preview environment, they will be removed from the preview environment.

	Hint:
	Preview of a running sequence starts the preview playback on the running cue.

Once preview is enabled, you can add or remove objects from the preview environment.
To do so:

- To add or remove objects, press and hold Prvw and tap a sequence pool object.
- To remove objects using keys, press Prvw Off Sequ 2 Please.

Colored flashing binoculars ( ) in the pool object indicate the primary previewed object. This is the object that is selected in preview.
White flashing binoculars ( ) indicate objects that are not selected but that are loaded in the preview environment.
If multiple objects are added to the preview environment, by default, the primary previewed object is the object that was added last.

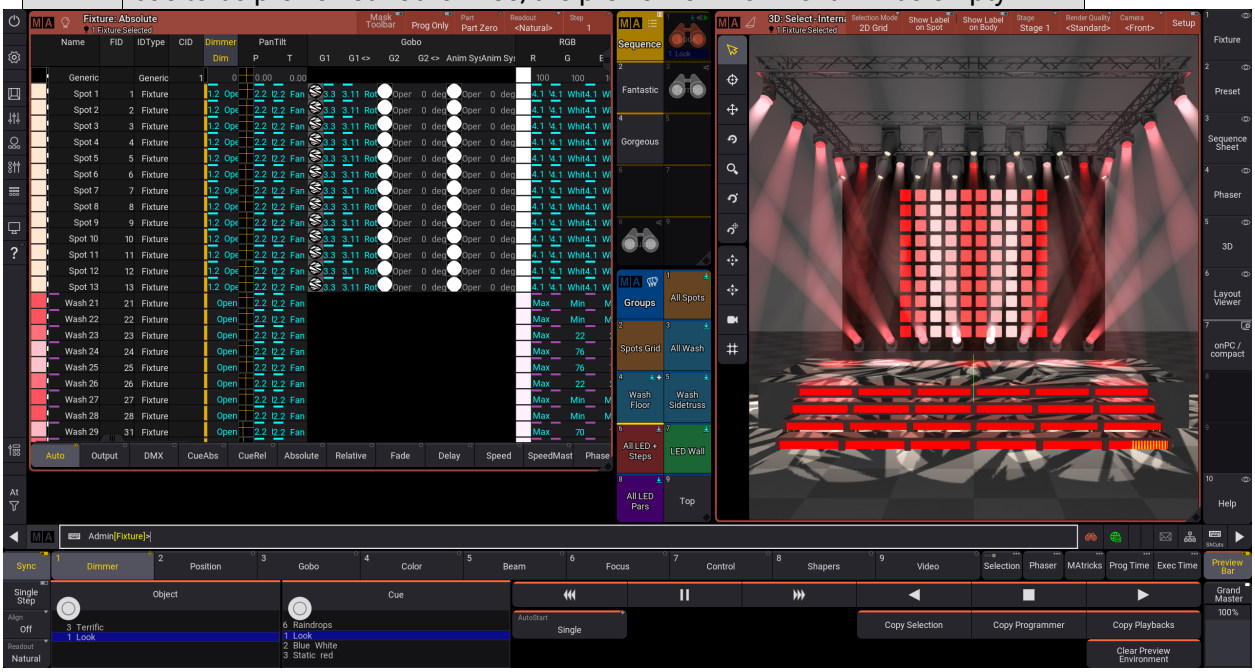
Storing or updating objects in preview directly stores or updates them in the live environment.

	Important:
	Storing or updating sequences or cues in preview can affect live output, for example if you update a running cue or a previous cue with tracking enabled.

To switch between the preview environment and the live environment, double press Prvw. To leave preview, you can also press Prvw + Off.
When you enter preview, the preview environment opens to its previous state.

	Hint:
	The first time you enter the preview mode, you have to select a sequence or

	cue to be previewed. Otherwise, the preview environment will be empty.



Preview in fixture sheet and 3D viewer

The following windows support preview mode and are visually indicated by a red frame while preview is enabled:

- 3D Viewer
  The 3D viewer can either display the previewed or the live output. To switch between the two, tap Follow Preview in the Misc tab of the 3D viewer settings. By default, Follow Preview is enabled in the 3D viewer.
- Align Bar
- At Filter
- Content Sheet
- Custom Master Section
  All special executors that have objects assigned that affect the preview environment are indicated by a red frame.
- DMX Sheet
  The DMX sheet can either display the previewed or the live output. To switch between the two, tap Follow Preview in the Display tab of the DMX sheet settings. By default, Follow Preview is disabled in the DMX sheet.
- Fixture Sheet
- Layout Viewer
- Master Controls
  All special executors that have objects assigned that affect the preview environment are indicated by a red frame.
- MAtricks Editor
- Off Menu
- Phaser Editor
- Recipe Editor
- Running Playbacks
- Selection Bar
- Selection Grid

- Sequence Sheet
- sMArt
- Special Dialog
- Step Bar

Preview mode uses its own data pool located in Data Pool Object 128.

All actions performed in preview mode are displayed in the command line history.

	Hint:
	Command line feedback is not displayed in the system monitor.

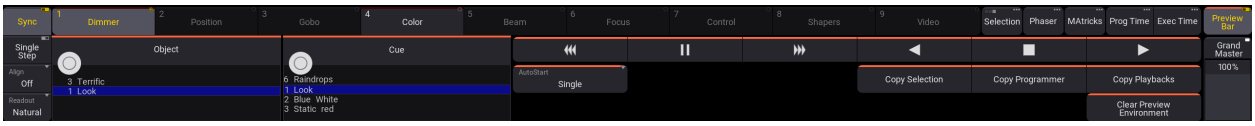
The master section is for live output only.

Using highlight, lowlight, and solo while you are in preview only affects the preview environment, not the live output.

Preview Encoder Bar

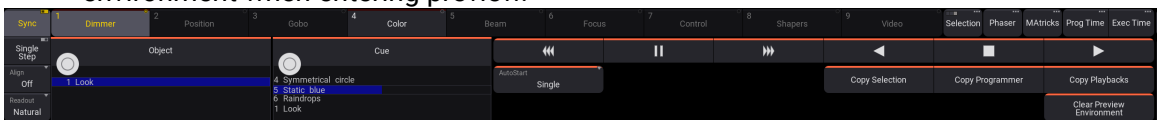
The preview encoder bar is displayed in an orange color. It has two different modes - the preview preparation bar and the preview encoder bar that is displayed in the preview environment.

To access the preview preparation bar, press Prvw once.



Preview preparation bar It has two toggle buttons that are only available in the preparation bar:

- Transfer Selection: When enabled, it copies the live selection into the preview environment when entering preview.
- Transfer Programmer: When enabled, it copies live programmer values into the preview environment when entering preview.



Preview encoder bar in preview environment

As soon as you enter the preview mode by double pressing Prvw or preview an object, the preview encoder bar has the following controls:

- Object: Selects the primary previewed object using Encoder Wheel 1. Pressing the encoder opens a drop-down to select a primary previewed object. In this selection drop-down, sequences that are running in preview are indicated with a green arrow (▶) on the right.
- Cue: Selects the currently previewed cue using Encoder wheel 2. Pressing the encoder opens the Goto Cue po-up to select a cue.
- <<<: Select previous cue.
- II: Pause current cue.
- >>>: Select next cue.
- <: Trigger Go-.

- _: Trigger Toggle.
- >: Trigger Go+.
- AutoStart: Selects an auto start mechanism for sequences
    - **Off:** When selecting multiple sequences, none will be started.
    - **Single:** When selecting multiple sequences, it starts the last one. For example, Preview Sequence 1 Thru 3 starts sequence 3.
    - **Multi:** When selecting multiple sequences, all of them will be started.
- Copy Selection: Copies the selection from the live environment into the preview environment.
- Copy Programmer: Copies data from the programmer of the live environment into the programmer of the preview environment.
- Copy Playbacks: Copies active playbacks from the live environment into the preview environment.

- Clear Preview Environment: Removes all objects from the preview environment.

- Preview Bar: Toggles the preview encoder bar.

If a cue is selected, the sequence is displayed next to the encoders in the preview encoder bar.

1.45. Timecode Show

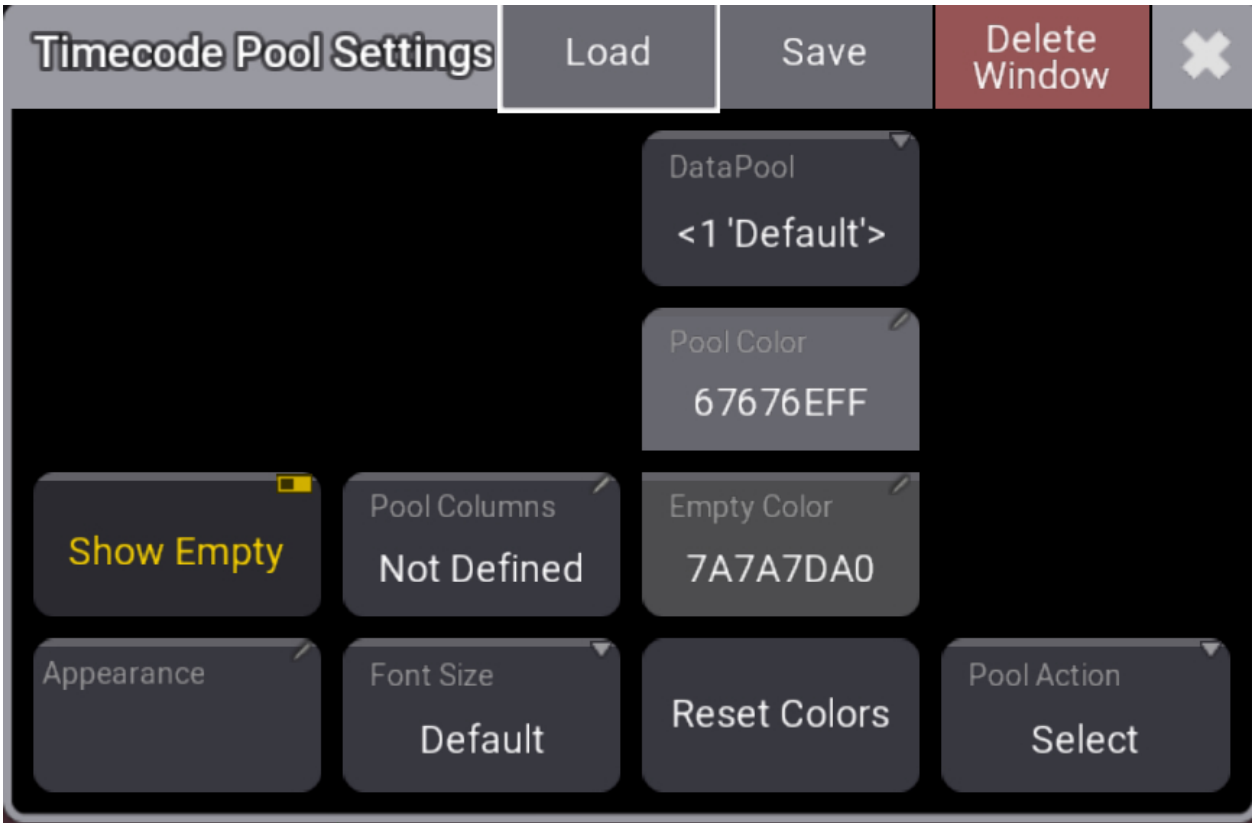
Timecode shows can execute events and move faders to a timed recording or at specific points in time based on a running time counter. This running time counter can be an internal timecode from the session master or an external timecode source.

The timecode show is organized into **Tracks** inside a **Track Group**.

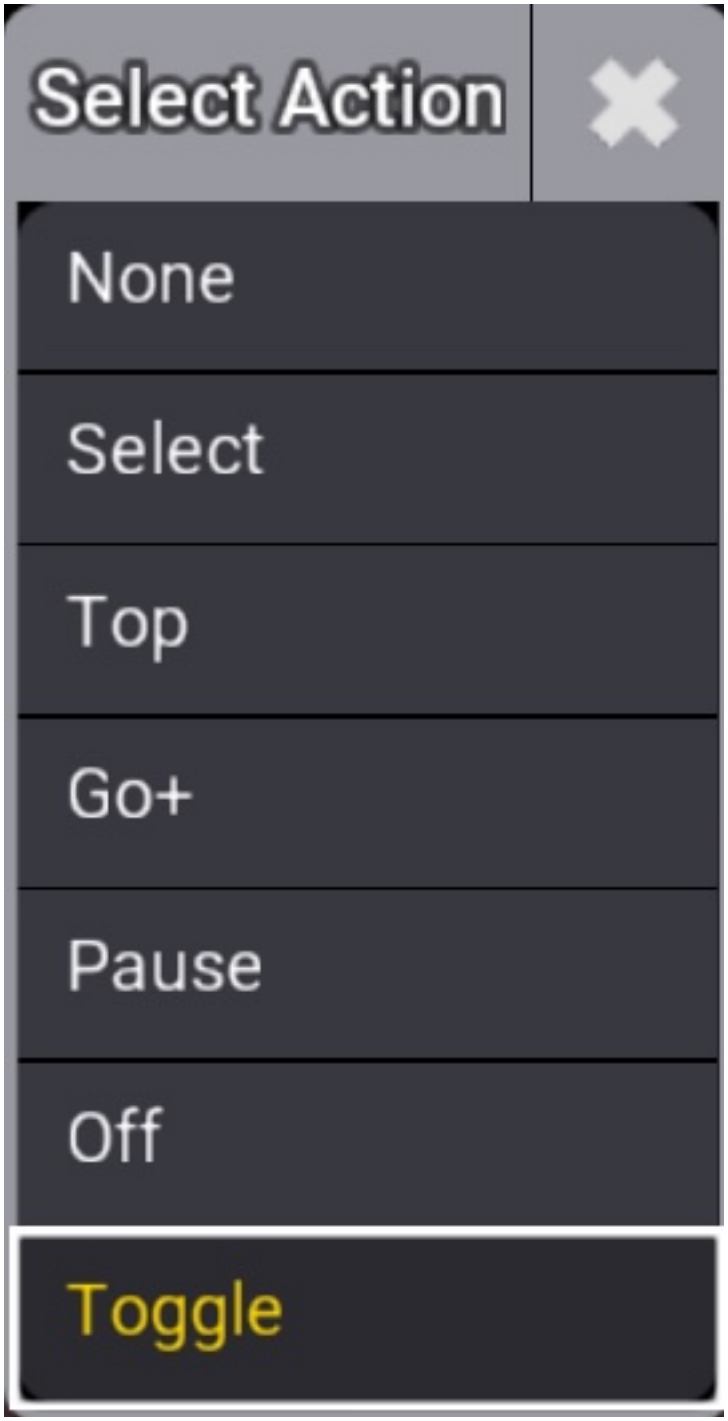
Timecode shows are stored in the **Timecode** pool.

The timecode pool with a selected show and a running show The selected timecode show is indicated by a yellow frame.

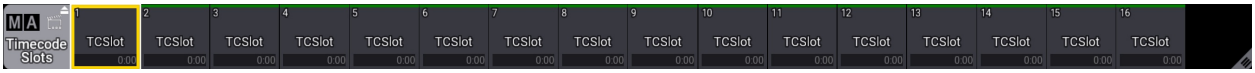
To set the Timecode Pool Action, tap the MA logo. The Timecode Pool Settings Opens:



Tap and hold Pool Action and tap the desired action:



There is another connected pool called **Timecode Slots**. These can be used as the source for the running time counter. There are sixteen timecode slots. This is a fixed number of slots.



The Timecode Slots pool with a selected slot and a running time

A slot can be connected to an SMPTE audio timecode, MIDI timecode, and Art-Net timecode input to allow an external source to control the running time. The slots can also generate a running time that can

be used to run a timecode show. The **Clock Viewer** can show the time of a timecode slot. Learn more in the Timecode Slots topic.

The Clock Viewer shows the time. It can be the system time, the time of a timezone, the timer of a timer, or timecode slot.
Learn more in the Clock viewer topic.

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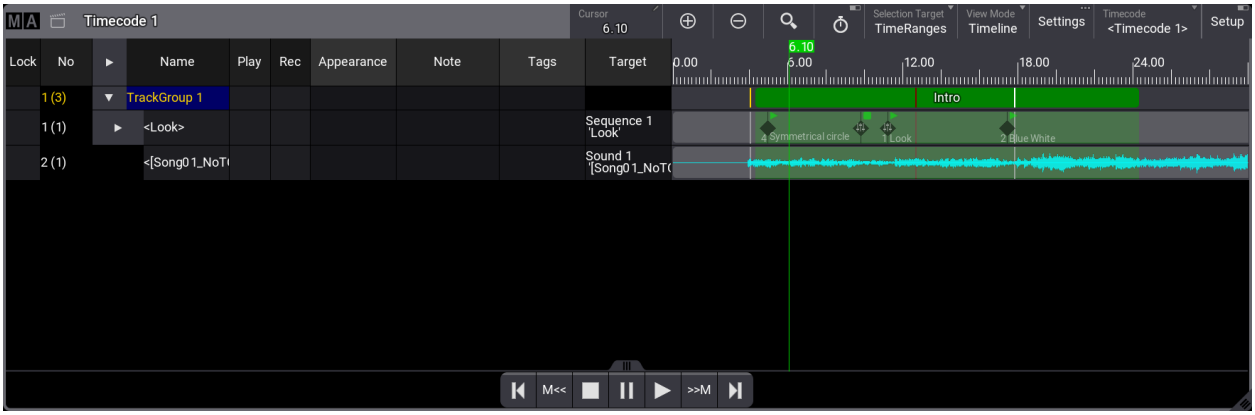
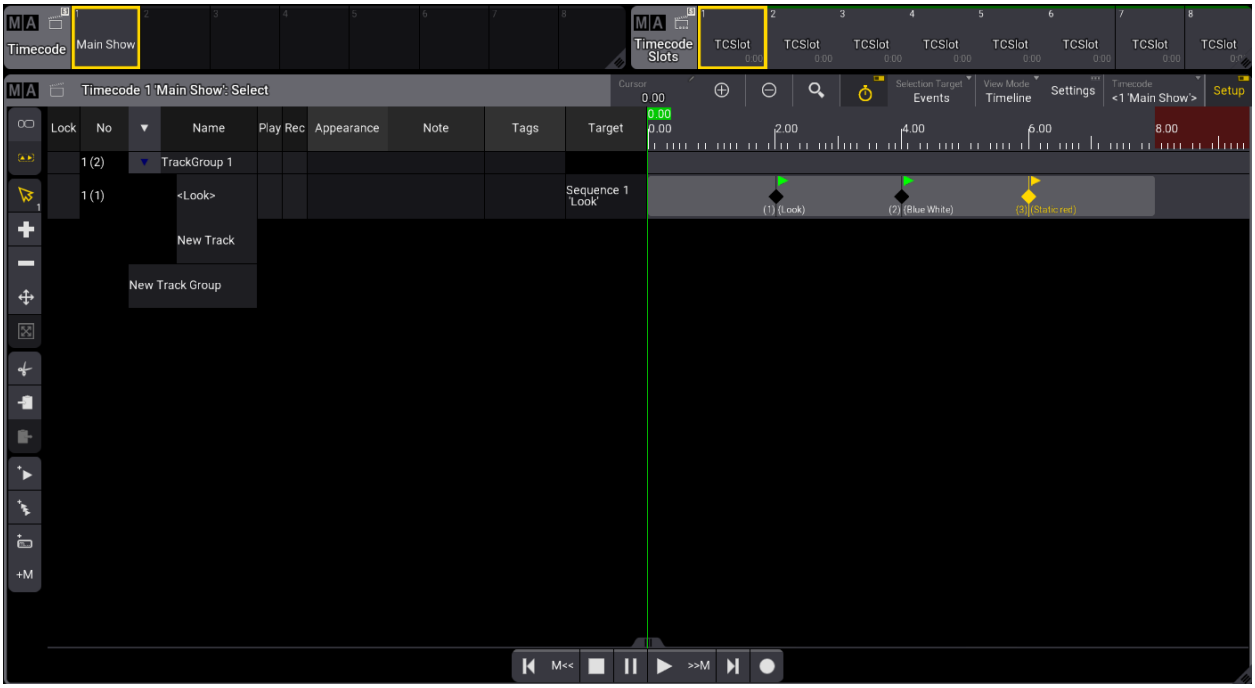
The content of a timecode show can be seen in the **Timecode Viewer**.



The Timecode Viewer window shows the content of the selected timecode show. The viewer can also be in a setup mode where the events can be added, edited, and deleted. The viewer can be a window in a view or a temporary pop-up.

A good way to operate timecodes is to have a screen setup with a timecode pool, a timecode slots pool, and a timecode viewer opened:



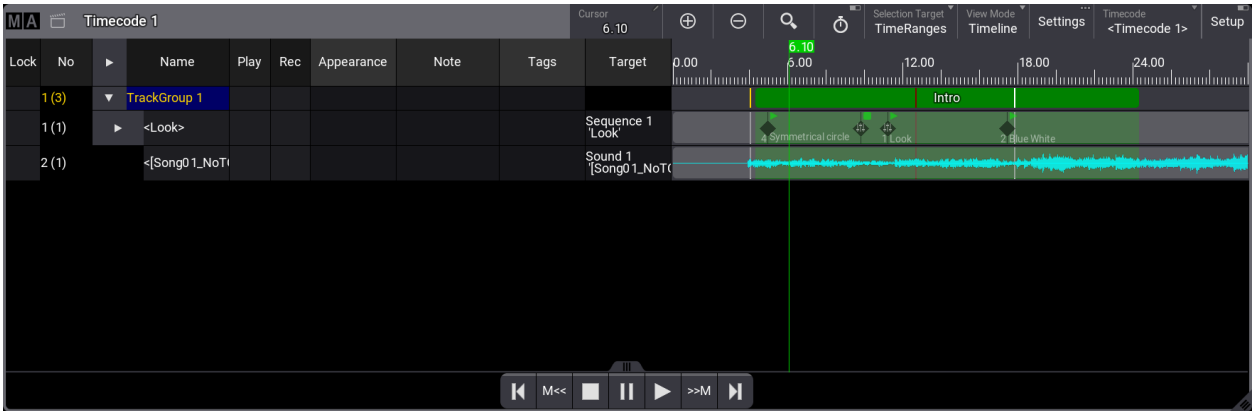
Timecode screen setup

Subtopics

- Timecode Viewer
- Track Groups
- Markers
- Tracks
- Time Ranges
- Events
- Timecode Slots
- Create a Timecode Show
- Timecode Settings
- External Connections

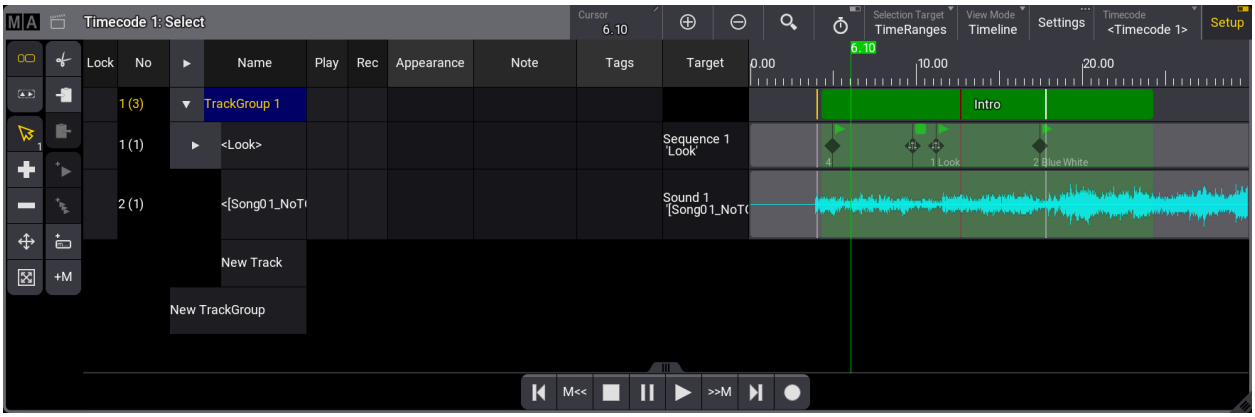
1.45.1. Timecode Viewer

The timecode viewer can be created as a window. It gives access to control the timecode show and can be in setup mode, where it can be edited.



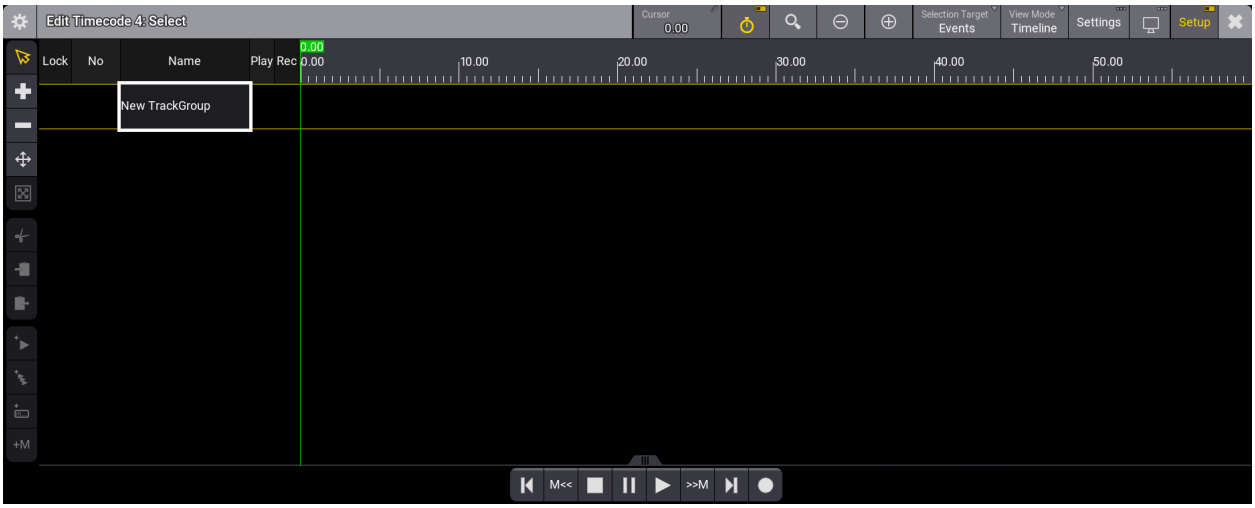
Timecode viewer window in normal mode
The normal mode can be used to see the timecode elements. The title bar gives access to some settings (this can be adjusted). A Playback toolbar can be visible at the bottom, providing quick access to playback functions.

The setup mode adds more elements to the viewer, turning it into an editor.



Timecode viewer in Setup mode

The timecode viewer can also be opened as a pop-up editor by editing a timecode pool object.



Example of the timecode pop-up editor The pop-up editor functions like the timecode viewer with Setup active. There are minor differences. Some tools are missing in the toolbar on the left, but the basic functionality is the same.

Title Bar

The window settings are accessed by tapping the MA logo on the left-side corner of the title bar or tapping the gear icon (⚙) in the pop-up editor. Next to the MA logo and the timecode icon, the title bar shows the timecode number and name (if the name differs from the default "Timecode"), and in setup mode it also shows the selected tool. The buttons on the right can be edited, and they are described in the window settings below.

Left Side Toolbar

The left side toolbar is visible when the viewer is in setup mode. The toolbar is split into four different groups.

Select Target:

This group of tools defines which elements are being selected. These tools are only available in the timecode viewer with Setup active.

- **Select Time Range** ( ):
  Selecting this allows for the time ranges in the track groups to be selected.
- **Select Events** ( ):
  Selecting this allows the timecode events in the tracks to be selected.

Tools:

This is a group of tools interacting with the tracks and track groups.

- **Select Tool** ( ):
  This tool is used to select elements in the tracks and track groups. When there is a selection, a small number appears in the lower-right corner of this button to indicate how many elements are selected.

- **Add Tool** ( ):
  This tool manually adds relevant elements based on the selected target and the tapped element.
- **Minus Tool** ( ):
  This tool manually removes tapped elements based on the tapped element and the selected target.
- **Move Tool** ( ):
  This tool can be used to move selected elements.
- **Resize Tool** ( ):
  This tool is used to change the length of a time range. The start location stays, but this tool can move the end.

Selection:

This group has tools to cut, copy, and paste the selected elements. This group is only visible when the Select Tool is active (see above).

- **Cut Selection** ( ):
  This can be used to cut the selected elements.
- **Copy Selection** ( ):
  This can be used to copy the selected elements.
- **Paste Selection** ( ):
  This can be used to paste the cut or copied elements.

Add Menu:

This menu is used to add events and markers to the tracks

- **Add Event At Time Cursor** ( ):
  Tapping this adds an event on the selected track at the current time cursor location
- **Add Multiple Events At Time Cursor** ( ):
  Tapping this opens a small pop-up that allows to add multiple events with a specified time interval on the selected track beginning from the location of the time cursor.
- **Add Marker At Time Cursor** ( ):
  Tapping this will add a marker and open a pop-up where a name or text for the marker can be added. The marker is added to the currently selected track group.
- **Quickly Add Marker At Time Cursor** (+M) :
  Tapping this will add a marker to the currently selected track group without opening the name pop-up.

Playback Toolbar

The playback toolbar can be visible at the bottom of the viewer. The Playback Toolbar setting in the window setting defines if the toolbar is visible or hidden. Read about the settings below.

The toolbar looks like this when setup mode is active :

Playback toolbar in setup mode This is a short explanation of the (up to) eight buttons:

- **Jump to start of timeline**( ):
  Tapping this jumps to the timeline's start.
- **Jump to previous marker**(M<<):
  Tapping this jumps to the previous marker based on the current cursor location.
- **Stop**( ):
  This stops the timecode show.
- **Pause** ( ):
  This pauses the timecode show playback.
- **Play**( ):
  This activates play mode for the timecode show, allowing it to listen to the timecode signal and then replay the recorded events.
- **Jump to next marker**(>>M):
  Tapping this jumps to the next marker based on the current cursor location.
- **Jump to end of timeline**( ):
  Tapping this jumps to the end of the timeline.
- **Record**( ):
  Activates record mode and automatically records executor events to the timecode show.

View Mode

The Timecode Viewer has two primary view modes (Text and Timeline) and a third (Both) that combines the two.

The different modes do not change the left side of the window. This always shows the track groups and tracks.

The left side has the following columns:

- **Lock**:
  This can be used to lock a track or a track group.
- **No**:
  This is the track group number or track number.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the track group, track, or sub-track.
- **Play**:
  This can be used to disable playback of the track or track group. When the cell is empty, the track is played. Edit the cell to add a colored icon indicating that the track is not playing back.

- **Rec**:
  This can be used to prevent new events from being recorded to the track or track group. When the cell is empty, new events can be recorded or overwritten. Edit the cell, add a colored icon indicating that the track is protected from changes when the record mode is active.

- **Appearance**:
  An appearance can be set for the track or track group. Learn more in the Appearance topic.

- **Note**:
  A note can be added to a track or track group. Learn more in the Notes topic.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to a track or track group. Editing this cell opens the **Edit Tags** pop-up. Learn more in the Tags topic.
- **Target**:
  The track needs a link to a target object, typically a sequence, sound, preset, group, or master. Editing this cell opens the **Assignment Editor** pop-up.

View Mode - Text

The text mode displays the events, tracks, and markers in a spreadsheet-like format on the right side of the window.

A **Text Mode** setting defines what information is shown. See more about the settings below.

There are four different modes. They can show the markers, the events, and the time ranges.

Be aware that the **Selection Target** settings greatly influence what the Text Mode shows to the viewer. The selection target can be **Events** or **TimeRanges**. Learn more about the settings below.

- **All**:
  With the **Selection Target** set to **Events**, the viewer displays all events across all tracks.
  With the **Selection Target** set to **TimeRanges**, the viewer displays all markers and time ranges across all tracks.
- **Tracks**:
  With the **Selection Target** set to **Events**, the viewer displays all events in the selected tracks.
  With the **Selection Target** set to **TimeRanges**, the viewer displays markers and time ranges for the selected tracks.
- **Selected**:
  With the **Selection Target** set to **Events**, the viewer displays the selected events.
  With the **Selection Target** set to **TimeRanges**, the viewer displays the selected markers and time ranges.
- **Markers**:
  This mode shows all the markers for the selected track group.

By default, **View Mode**, **Text Mode**, and **Selection Target** are buttons in the title bar.

Example of the Timecode Viewer in Text mode showing the events

The possible columns in text mode are:

- **Lock**:
  This can be used to lock the row.
- **Name**:
  This is the name of the element. The names of Event elements can not be edited.
- **TrackGroup**:
  This shows the track group for the element.
- **Track**:
  This shows the track.
- **Appearance** (Time Range):
  This is the appearance of the time range and markers.
- **Note** (Time Range):
  Notes can be added to the time ranges and markers.
- **Tags** (Time Range):
  Tags can be added or edited for the time range and markers.
- **Start** (Time Range):
  This can be used to edit the start time for the time range.
- **Duration** (Time Range):
  This can be used to edit the duration of the time range.
- **Speed Factor** (Time Range):
  This can be used to change the speed factor for the time range. Changing this will scale the time. The default value is 1.
- **Time** (Event):
  Reports the time of events inside their **Time Range**. The time can be edited.
- **AbsTime** (Event):
  Reports the absolute time of events inside the timecode show. The absolute time indicates when the event will trigger. The absolute time is a combination of the Time (above) and the start time for the time range. The start time for a time range functions as an offset.
- **Fade Override** (Event):
  This can define a fade time for the event that overrides the cue fade time when the timecode show is played back.
- **FaderValue** (Event):
  When recording a track using a fader, the fader movement is recorded in steps between 0% and 100%. This column displays the fader's value at each step. Tap and hold a cell in this column to open the calculator, then set a new value.
- **Token** (Event):
  This column shows the action executed when the event is replayed. Tap and hold a cell in this column to open the select token pop-up, then select a token.
- **Cue Destination** (Event):
  This is used to specify the cue related to the token (above). For instance, if the Token is **Go+**, and there is no cue destination, the next possible cue will be triggered. If a cue destination is defined, then the **Go+** will trigger the specified cue.
- **Status** (Event):
  This is used to see and edit the status of tokens that can have a status. For instance, if the token is **Flash**, an On or Off status can be used to define what the Flash should do.
- **Execute Command** (Event):
  Defines whether cue commands are executed when an event is played back. Tap and hold a cell in this column and set it to **Yes** or **No**. The default is **Yes**.
  If the cell shows "- - -", this indicates that the user cannot override the command execution of cue commands within the timecode show. Cue commands are recorded and later changes of the commands in cues are not part of the timecode show. This is only valid when the **Playback and Record** setting is set to **All Events**.

View Mode - Timeline

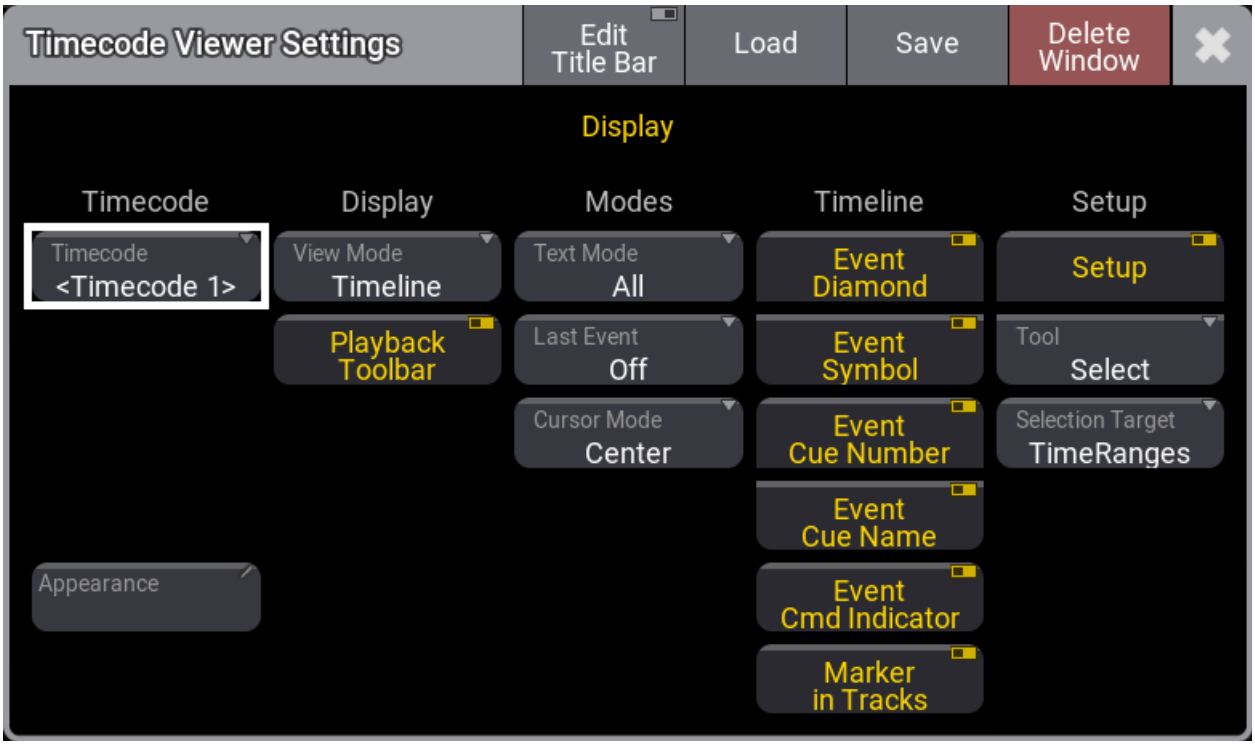
This displays the timecode show as a timeline where the tracks are rows, and events, markers, and time ranges can be shown in the timeline.

View Mode - Both

This shows both the timeline and the text mode side-by-side.

Window Settings

The window settings can be accessed by tapping the MA logo in the upper right corner of the viewer or the gear icon (⚙) in the pop-up editor.



The Timecode Viewer Settings in normal mode

Some settings are hidden and can be seen when the Edit Title Bar mode is on. Most of the hidden settings are button functions meant for the title bar.

Timecode Viewer Settings in edit mode The settings are split into different sections.

Timecode

- **Timecode**:
  The timecode setting selects which timecode show is displayed in the viewer. The options include choosing a specific timecode show, but "<Link Selected>" can also be used to have the viewer always display the selected timecode show. Because the viewer can have different **View Modes** (see above), having multiple viewers visible, linked to the selected timecode show, could make sense, each displaying the timecode show in a different mode.
- **Settings**:
  This toggles whether the title bar has a button to open the Timecode show settings.
- **Timecode Cursor**:
  The title bar can have a Cursor input field. The field shows the current cursor location. Tapping the field (in the title bar) opens the calculator, which lets you enter a new cursor position. If the time source is a timecode slot, the slot's frames-per-second value is displayed in a small square. For instance, if the timecode slot is set to 30 fps, then this icon is displayed: 30
- **Timecode Offset**:
  A timecode show can have an offset from the received timecode source. This offset can be displayed in the title bar in an **Offset TC Slot** input field. Tapping the input field opens a calculator where the offset can be set. The offset is a part of the timecode shows settings.
- **Appearance**:
  Tapping this button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all defined appearances and allows you to create a new ones. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.

Display

- **View Mode**:
  Tapping this toggles between the three different view modes. Tap and hold to open a small, select pop-up with the same options. It changes the viewer's right side. Read more about the different view modes above.

  - **Text**:
    The right side of the view displays events, markers, and time ranges in a text grid with rows and columns.
  - **Timeline**:
    The right side of the view displays the timeline of the timecode show. The tracks are displayed as rows, and events, markers, and time ranges are displayed along these tracks based on time
  - **Both**:
    Both Text and Timeline are displayed on the right side.
- **Playback Toolbar**:
  The playback toolbar can be visible at the bottom of the viewer. Read about the playback toolbar above.
- **Reset View()**:
  This toggles if the Reset View icon is visible in the title bar. Tapping this button resets the zoom level in the timeline view mode.
- **Zoom In()**:
  This toggles if the Zoom In icon is visible in the title bar. Tapping this button zooms in on the timeline.
- **Zoom Out()**:
  This toggles if the Zoom Out icon is visible in the title bar. Tapping this button zooms out on the timeline.

Modes

- **Text Mode**:
  This mode determines which information is shown in the viewer when the **View Mode** is set to Text or Both. Read about the settings above.
- **Last Event**:
  Defines if the last played-back event in the timecode show is selected. It has the following options:
  - **Off**:
    The last played-back event will not be selected.
  - **Track**:
    The last event played back in the selected track will be selected.
  - **All**:
    Select the last played-back event, no matter which track.
- **Cursor Mode**:
  When the Follow Time Curcor () is enabled in the title bar, the cursor stays visible when the timecode runs. The following options are available:
  - **Page**:
    When an external time signal is received or generated by the console, the cursor (green timeline) moves until it reaches the end of the visible part of the timeline. Then, a new section of the timeline is displayed. The cursor moves from the beginning to the end of that new section, repeating until the timecode is stopped.
  - **Center**:
    When an external time signal is received or generated by the console, the cursor (green timeline) moves until it reaches the middle of the visible area of the timeline. The timeline starts moving to keep the cursor centered on the display. This is the default setting.
- **Follow Time Cursor()**:
  This toggles if the icon is visible or hidden in the Title bar.

Timeline

This can be used to toggle if different elements are shown or hidden in the timecode timeline. See the Events and Markers topics to learn about the different aspects.

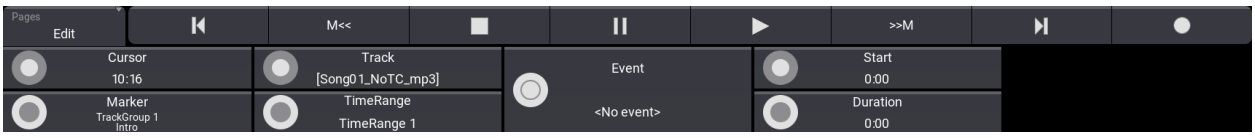
- **Event Diamond**:
  Toggle on to display event diamonds on the timeline.
- **Event Symbol**:
  Toggle on to display the green event icon next to the events on the timeline.
- **Event Cue Number**:
  Toggle on to display the cue number next to the events on the timeline.
- **Event Cue Name**:
  Toggle on to display the cue name next to the events on the timeline.
- **Event Cmd Indicator**:
  Toggle on to display the command indicator on or next to the events on the timeline.
- **Marker in Tracks**:
  Toggle on to display markers on all tracks of a track group. The markers will only be shown in the track group section when toggled off.

Setup

- **Setup**:
  This toggles the viewer's setup mode. When in setup mode, it is possible to edit the timecode show.
- **Tool**:
  This swipe button opens a list with the same tools found in the toolbar on the left side - read about them above. It can be used to select the desired tool. In addition to the tools described above, there is an extra option called **Operate**. This does not have a tool function, and it can be selected to avoid selecting one of the other tools.
- **Selection Target**:
  Toggle to put the focus on Events or Time Ranges. Read more above.

Timecode Encoder Bar

When the timecode viewer has Setup active and focused, or when the timecode pop-up editor is open, the encoder bar changes to the Timecode Encoder Bar.



The Timecode encoderbar The top row has the same buttons as the **Playback Toolbar**. Read more above.

The encoders have the following functions:

- **Cursor**:
  Rotate the encoder to change the cursor location. Pressing while turning moves the cursor faster. Pressing the encoder shortly opens the calculator to input a specific cursor location.
- **Marker**:
  Rotate the encoder to jump between markers in the selected track group. Press the encoder button (next to the encoder) to open a small **Select Marker pop-up**.

- **Track**:
  Rotate the encoder to select a Track or Track Group. Press the encoder shortly to open a small **Select Track pop-up**.
- **TimeRange**:
  Rotate to select different time ranges on the selected track or track group.
- **Event**:
  Rotate any of the two encoders to select the different events on the selected track or track group. Press the inner encoder shortly to open the small **Select Token pop-up**, where the token can be changed or the calculator to specify the fader position (if the selected object is a fader event). Press the encoder button (next to the encoder) to open a small **Select Event pop-up**.
- **Start**:
  When an event is selected, turning the encoder moves the event on the timeline.
  When a time range or marker is selected, turning the encoder moves the element's starting point.
- **Duration**:
  Rotate the encoder to adjust the marker duration or the time range.

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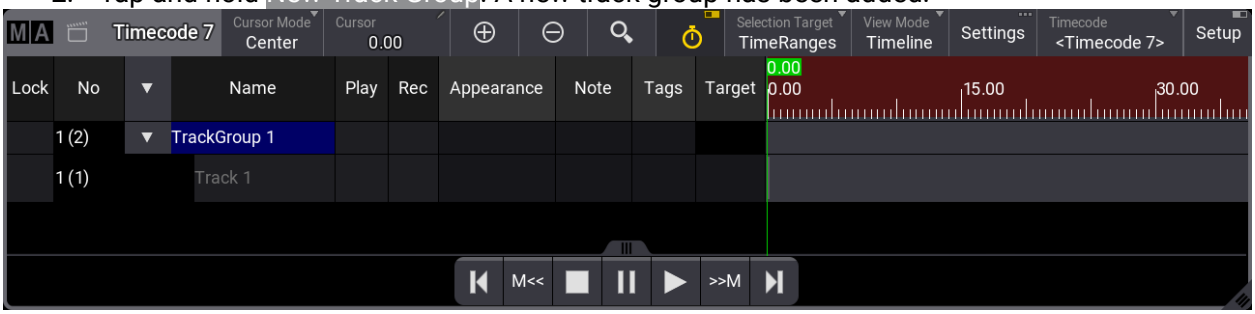
1.45.2. Track Groups

Timecode shows are arranged in a hierarchical structure, with **Track Groups** as children of the timecode show. Track groups can contain one or more **Tracks**.

Markers can be assigned to the track group. **Time Ranges** are assigned to tracks. Read the following topics to learn more about these elements.

To add a track group to a timecode show, follow these steps:

1. Edit an empty timecode pool object, for example, by using the swipey command. See Pool Windows for more information. This will open the timecode editor.
2. Tap and hold New Track Group. A new track group has been added:



A timecode show with a single Track Group

To select a track group, press Select and tap the desired track group in the viewer. The selected track group has a yellow text label.

Track groups can be expanded and collapsed by tapping the arrow on the left-hand side of the track group name.

Track groups can also be selected via the command line. For example, select track group 2 of timecode show 1:

Tracks can be added to track groups by tapping and holding New Track Group when setup mode is active. Learn about setup mode in the Timecode Viewer topic.

Watch the video below to see how to add a track group:

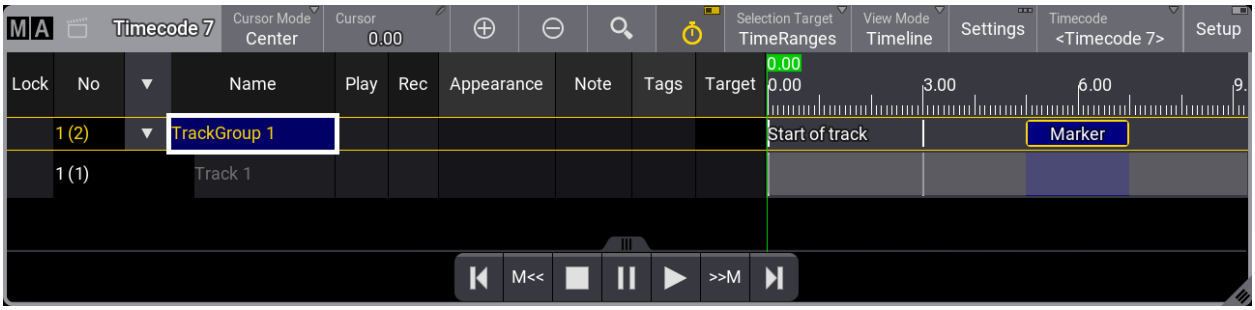
To delete a track or a track group, press Delete and then the desired track or track group. This can be done in normal mode or setup mode.

1.45.3. Markers

Markers can be used to mark specific places in a **Track Group**. This could be used to mark when a specific part of a song or event is happening.

A vertical line indicates the position of a basic marker through all tracks in the track group.

Markers can be labeled. The name is shown in the track group. An appearance is displayed vertically through all tracks. The marker might need a duration for the appearance to be visible.



Timecode show with markers The example above shows three different markers. The first one (at time 0) has a name. The second one is a simple marker with a label. The third one has a range, name, and appearance.

The two M<< and >>M buttons in the playback toolbar jump to the previous and next markers in the timeline.

Notes and Tags on markers are not indicated in the timeline view. They can be seen in text mode. Learn about the different modes in the Timecode Viewer topic.

Add Markers to the Track Group

To add a marker, the Setup mode must be active. Then, follow these steps:

1. Make sure the **Selection Target** is set to **TimeRanges**. This can be done by tapping in the toolbar on the left. If the Selection Target is visible in the title bar, tap it to change the target.
2. Select the track group where the marker should be added.
3. Position the cursor at the correct location in the timeline.
4. Tap in the toolbar. The Edit Name pop-up opens.
5. Enter a name for the new marker and press Please or press Enter on an external keyboard.
6. The new marker is added.

Watch the following video to see how to add a marker:

A duration can be applied to a Marker using the following methods:

- Timecode encoder bar:

1. Enter edit mode by tapping Setup in the title bar.

2. Tap in the toolbar on the left to set the **Selection Target** to **TimeRanges**.
3. Tap TimeRange in the timecode encoder bar and select the desired time range from the drop-down list.
4. Tap Duration in the timecode encoder bar and enter the duration in the calculator or rotate the outer ring of the encoder wheel to the desired duration.
   - A more precise method is through the **Text** view mode. See **View Mode** - Text in the Timecode Viewer topic.
   - Another option to add a marker is the quick marker tool +M:

1. Make sure the **Selection Target** is set to **TimeRanges**. This can be done by tapping in the toolbar on the left. If the Selection Target is visible in the title bar, tap it to change the target.
2. Select the track group where the marker should be added.
3. A marker is added whenever +M is tapped.

This can be useful during recording as it does not prompt for a name during creation.

1.45.4. Tracks

A **Track Group** can contain multiple **Tracks**. The track contains one or multiple **Time Ranges**. The time range can contain **Events**. The Track can have one or multiple **Subtracks**. Subtracks contain information about fader positions and movements.

A track should have a **Target**. The target can be one of the following objects:

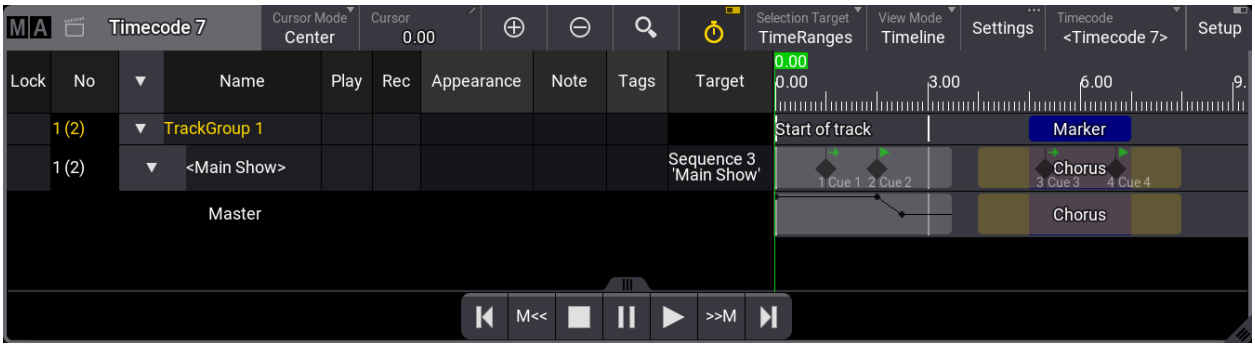
- Sequence
- Sound
- Timecode
- Timecode Slot (TCSlot)
- Preset
- Group
- Master

To add a target to a track, follow these steps:

1. Edit a timecode pool object, for example, by using the swipey command. See Pool Windows for more information. The timecode editor opens.
2. Tap the arrow ( ) next to the track group name to expand it.
3. Edit the cell under the target column, and the assignment editor opens.
4. Select the object you want to add as a target.
5. The target is added.

Subtracks

Subtracks contain information about fader positions and transitions.



An example timecode show with a Master subtrack

Subtracks can be added by starting a recording and then moving a fader or rotating a knob. The timecode show will record a series of events containing a fader value. These points will recreate the fader movement. The events can be edited only to contain the relevant events.

Be aware that if **Auto Start** and **Auto Stop** are activated, moving the master fader to and from zero may also record cue events.

Subtracks appear as rows nested in the tracks. The rows have no settings that can be changed and appear with a black background. The name column indicates what fader type it affects. Only the events in the subtrack can be edited.

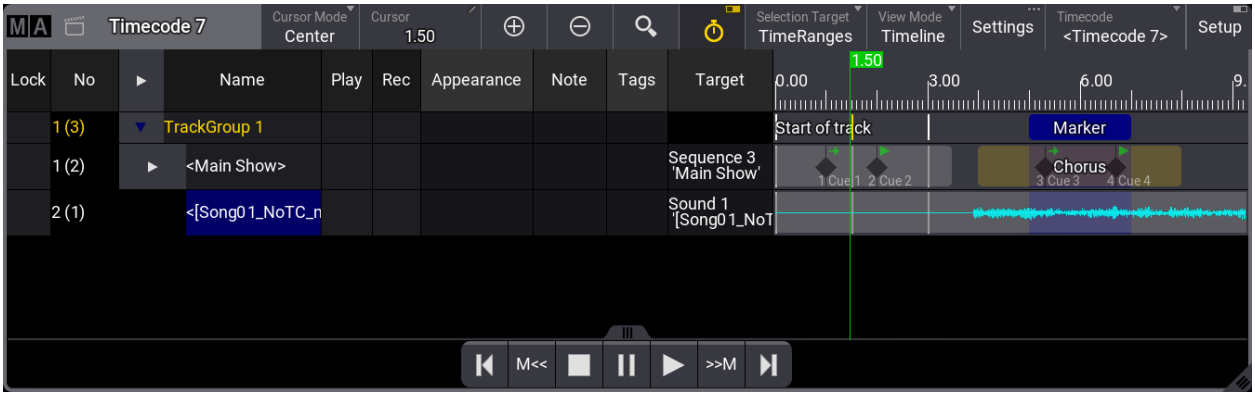
Subtracks can be deleted by pressing Delete and then tapping the subtrack.

Sound Track

Sound pool objects can be assigned to tracks and will display the waveform in the timecode show. For more information, see Sounds Pool.

The left and right of the audio track are divided by a horizontal line across the waveform.

The sound assigned to a track is played back when the timecode show is played. For more information, see Local Settings and Connect Sound Out.



A timecode show with a soundtrack

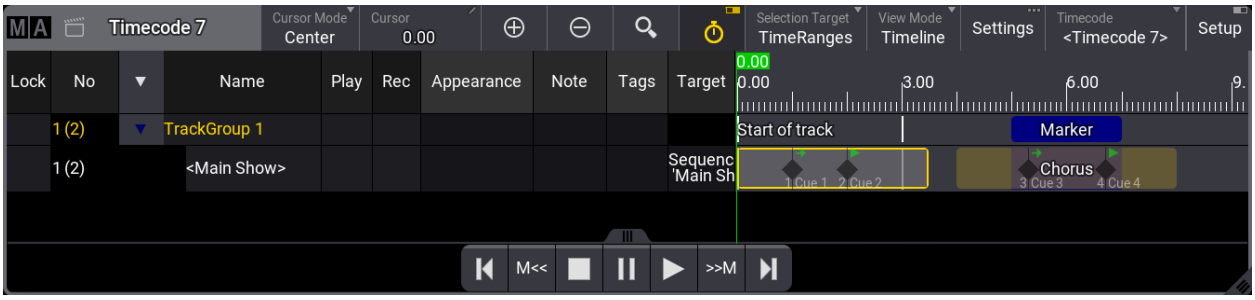
Events cannot be added to the soundtrack.

A warning icon (⚠) will be displayed on the left side of the track if the sound file is corrupted.

1.45.5. Time Ranges

Time Ranges can be used to mark a specific area in a **Track**. This could indicate a specific grouping of **Events** in the track.

When a track is created, a Time Range is automatically created. This range automatically has the duration of the timecode show.



An example image with multiple time ranges in the timecode show

A track can have multiple time ranges, and they can overlap. Events are children of the time range.

This is useful if there is a group of events that repeats. Then, the events can be stored in their time range, and this range can be copied to multiple locations. The events' **Time** value is relative to the beginning of the time range. Moving the time range changes an event's calculated (Event Time + Time Range Start) **Absolute Time**, but not the **Time**.

A time range can be added to a track by tapping + followed by tapping the track when the setting **Selection Target** is **TimeRanges**. Tapping and dragging in the track will add the time range and the duration based on the range dragged.

Watch the video to see how to add a time range:

The move tool (✥) can move the start time for the time range.

The resize tool (⊠) can adjust the duration for the time range.

Time ranges can be copied or cut and then pasted into tracks using the tools in the toolbar on the left.

Deleting the time range by pressing Delete or tapping - followed by the time range also deletes the events in the time range.

Time ranges can have a label. The timeline view shows the name and appearance on the track and subtracks. Notes and tags can only be seen in the text view. Learn about the different views in the Timecode Viewer topic.

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1.45.6. Events

The tracks can have Events positioned on the timeline. Events can have a **Token** assigned. Tokens are the actions an event triggers.

The assigned token is executed when the cursor (green timeline) reaches an event.

A diamond marks the event in the timeline.

An event diamond in the timeline

The diamond is black when it is not selected and yellow when selected. There are some icons and text around the diamond. The visibility of these and the actual diamond can be changed in the window settings. Learn more about the settings in the Timecode Viewer topic.

The green icon above the diamond indicates the token action. Each action has its icon. The token can be edited in text mode or by pressing the event encoder in the encoder toolbar when in setup mode.

This is the list of available tokens for a cue:

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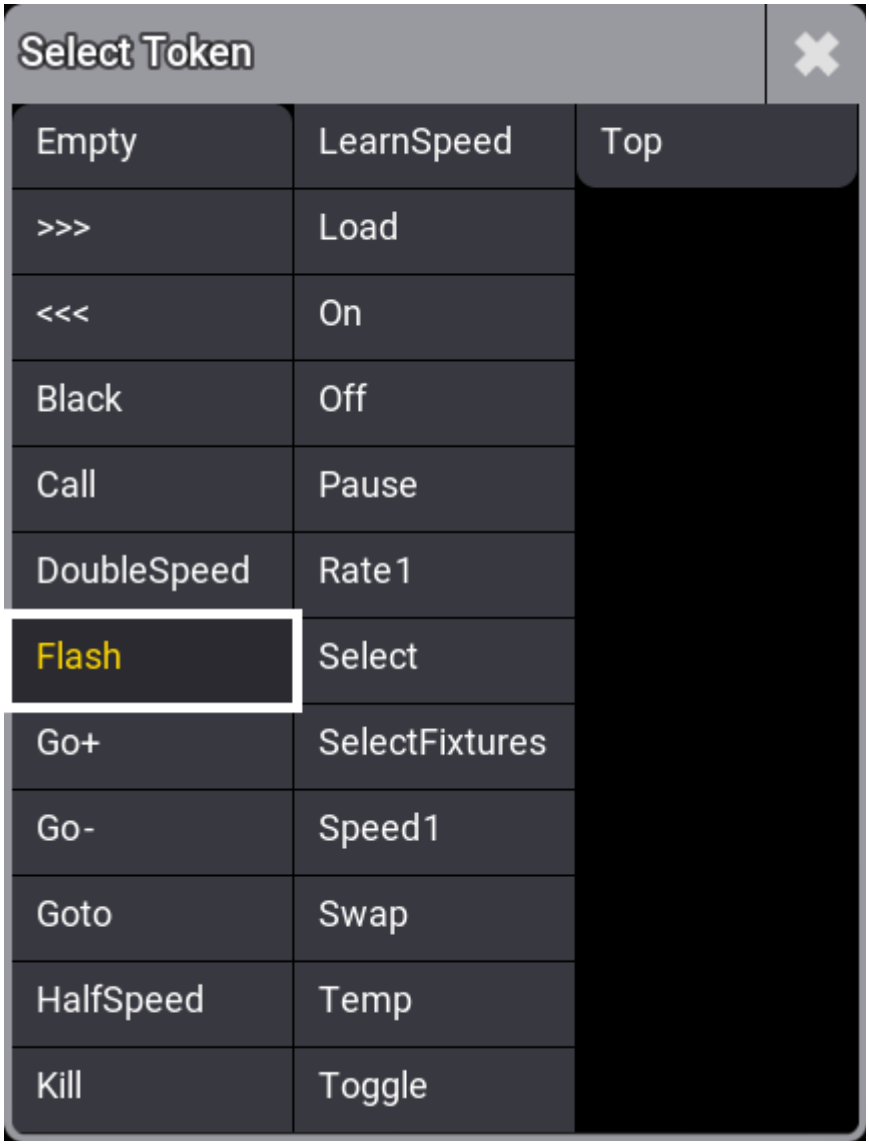


Select Token pop-up Some tokens have an extra status setting. For instance, **Flash**. This token can be On or Off to indicate the status of the token. The different status changes the icon in the timeline.

To add an event, follow the steps below:

1. Edit a timecode pool object, for example, by using the swipey command. See Pool windows for more information. The timecode editor opens.
2. Select the track where you want to add the event.
3. Position the cursor in the timeline where you want to add the event.
4. Tap in the toolbar on the left side of the window.
5. The event is added.

Watch the video to see how to add an event:

Events automatically recorded will display an icon next to the event diamond or in the center of it:

- This event was recorded as a timed cue, for example, triggered by the follow or time triggers.
- Command icon:
  When displayed on the right side of the event diamond, a command was executed by the timecode event.
  When displayed in the center of the event diamond, a command was executed in the triggered cue.
- This event was triggered by moving a fader, and the assigned sequence's **Auto Start** or **Auto Stop** started or stopped the sequence.
- When playback is switched off via Off When Overridden, for more information, see Sequence Settings.
- The event was created by executing a macro. For more information, see Create Macros.
- This icon is displayed when two or more events are too close to one another to be displayed. It disappears when zooming in.
- This icon is displayed when a toggle event is recorded. It will be accompanied by this icon if the toggle starts the sequence or if the toggle stops the sequence.
- The event was created via a DMX remote.
- This event was created via MIDI remote.
- This event was created via a DC remote.

For more information about remotes, see Remote In and Out.

For events with disabled commands, the command icon will be displayed in red if you set **Execute Command** to **No** in the timecode show or by switching off Command Enable in the sequence.

See the Create a Timecode Show to learn about adding events.

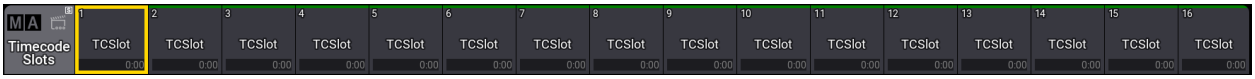
1.45.7. Timecode Slots

	Hint:
	The timecode slots can be edited but not added, copied, deleted, or moved.

A timecode slot is an integrated interface that interprets a timecode signal in hours (h), minutes (m), seconds (s), and frames (f).

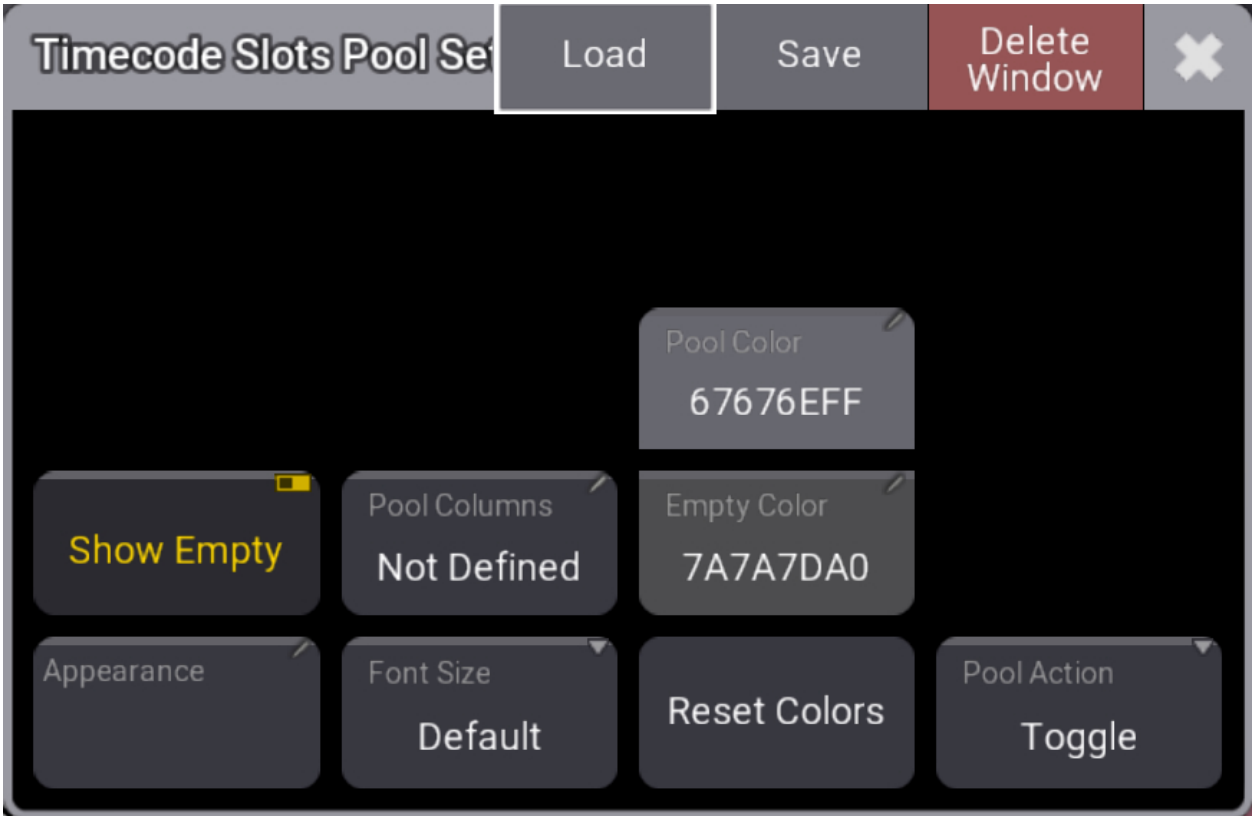
The grandMA3 can receive up to 16 external timecode signals simultaneously.

Timecode slots are located in the Timecode Slots pool.

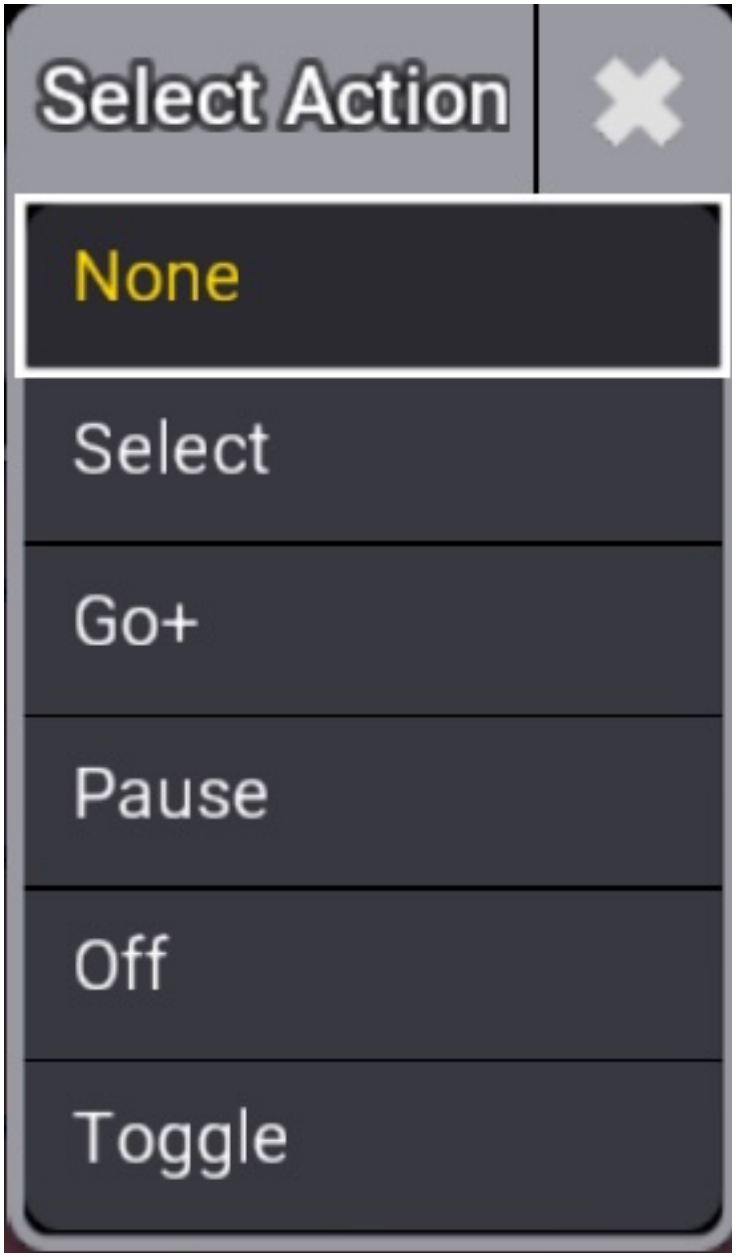


The Timecode Slots pool Each pool object represents a timecode slot. The slot can listen to external time sources and start counting when a time signal is received. Each slot can also generate a time signal.

To set the Timecode Slots Pool Action, tap the MA logo. The Timecode Slots Pool Settings Opens:



Tap and hold Pool Action and tap the desired action:



	Important:
	Timecode slot settings are not part of the show file and will not be transmitted to another station within the show file.

Generator

The system can generate a time signal. Each slot can generate a signal.

The generated signal can be used in the session or transmitted to external devices.

The generator can be controlled by sending commands to a timecode slot following this syntax:

[Function] TimecodeSlot ["TimecodeSlot_Name" or TimecodeSlot_Number]

The generator supports the following functions:

- **Select**:
  Select the timecode slot pool object.
- **On**:
  Starts the generator at the current time.
- **Go+**:
  Starts the generator at the current time.
- **Pause**:
  It turns off the generator and does not reset the time.
- **Off**:
  Turns off the generator and resets the time.

Edit a Timecode Slot

Edit a timecode slot pool object using any of the edit methods. This opens the editor:

Example of the Timecode Slot Editor The settings are separated into different sections.

Label

This is a short description of the settings in the **Label** section.

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the timecode slot.
- **Scribble**:
  A scribble can be added to the timecode slot. Learn more in the Scribble topic.
- **Appearance**:
  An appearance can be added to the timecode slot. Learn more in the Appearance topic.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to the timecode slot. Learn more in the Tags topic.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to the timecode slot. Learn more in the Notes topic.

Settings

This is a short description of the **Settings** section.

- **Pre Roll**:
  States how long an external signal must be received before the timecode slot uses it. This is only relevant for external time sources.
- **After Roll**:
  If the external time signal stops, the timecode continues to run internally in the After Roll. For example, if 10 seconds were set, the timecode slot would run for another 10 seconds even though the external signal had ceased. This can be useful if the source is unstable, preventing the slot from starting and stopping unintentionally.
- **Source IP**:
  Displays the IP address of the grandMA3 device, which receives the running timecode signal.
- **User Bits**:
  Besides the 32 Bit for 8-digit timecode time, timecode executes 32 User Bits (8-digit) per frame.
  Use User Bits to mark a timecode signal. For example, use User Bit 1 for light and User Bit 2 for pyro. This is not available when using an internal timecode source.

	Important:
	Do not change the user bits unless you are told to do so by the timecode supplier. If the user bits change and the timecode supplier is unaware, the timecode signal will no longer be received.

Restart Option: Choose a mode for Toggle:

1. Continue: When a timecode slot restarts, it will start running at the time it was stopped.
2. Reset: When a timecode slot restarts, it resets to the generator start time.

Generator

This is a short description of the settings in the **Generator** section.

- **Generator Start Time**:
  Sets the start time for the internal timecode generator.
- **Generator End Time**:
  Sets the end time for the internal timecode generator.
- **Generator Looped**:
  Toggle this on to repeat the internal timecode range indefinitely. The time range is only generated once if this is off.
- **Generator Frame Unit**:
  Sets the frame unit for the generated signal.

Colors

This is a short description of the settings in the **Colors** section. The color is applied to the time displayed in the Clock and the pool object. Tapping any settings opens the Color Editor pop-up, where a color can be selected.

- **External Source Color**:
  Defines the color when the time source is external.

- **Generator Color**:
  Defines the color when the time source is the generator.
- **After Roll Color**:
  Sets the color to indicate that the external signal was interrupted and that the timecode slot is in After Roll.
- **Off Color**:
  Sets the clock color when no signal is received.

Format

This is a short description of the settings in the **Format** section.

- **Time Display Format**:
  This can be used to define how the time should be displayed. The following options exist:
  - **Default**:
    This follows the user profile setting called **Time Readout**. Learn more in the User Settings topic.
  - **10d11h23m45**:
    The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators.
  - **251h23m45**:
    This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators. The hour number can exceed 24 when the time spans more than a day.
  - **10.11:23:45**:
    The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using a dot and colons as separators.
  - **251:23:45**:
    This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using colons as separators. The hour number can exceed 24 when the time spans more than a day.

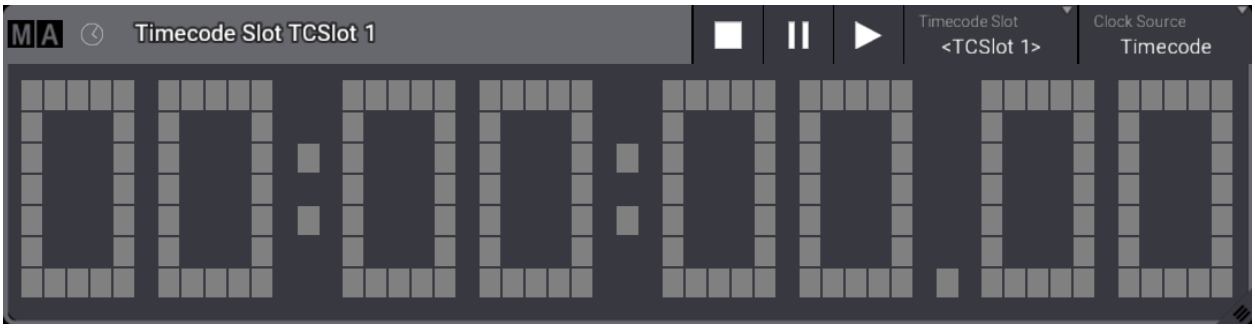
Clock

To use the clock to display the timecode slot, open the **clock window**.

The Clock Viewer shows the time. It can be the system time, the time of a timezone, the timer of a timer, or timecode slot.
Learn more in the Clock viewer topic.

To display the timecode clock, tap and hold Clock Source in the title bar to open the drop-down menu, then select Timecode.

Tap and hold Timecode Slot in the title bar to open the drop-down menu, then select the desired timecode slot. When set to **<Selected>** the selected timecode slot from the Timecode Slot Pool is displayed.



Clock window with Clock Source set to Timecode

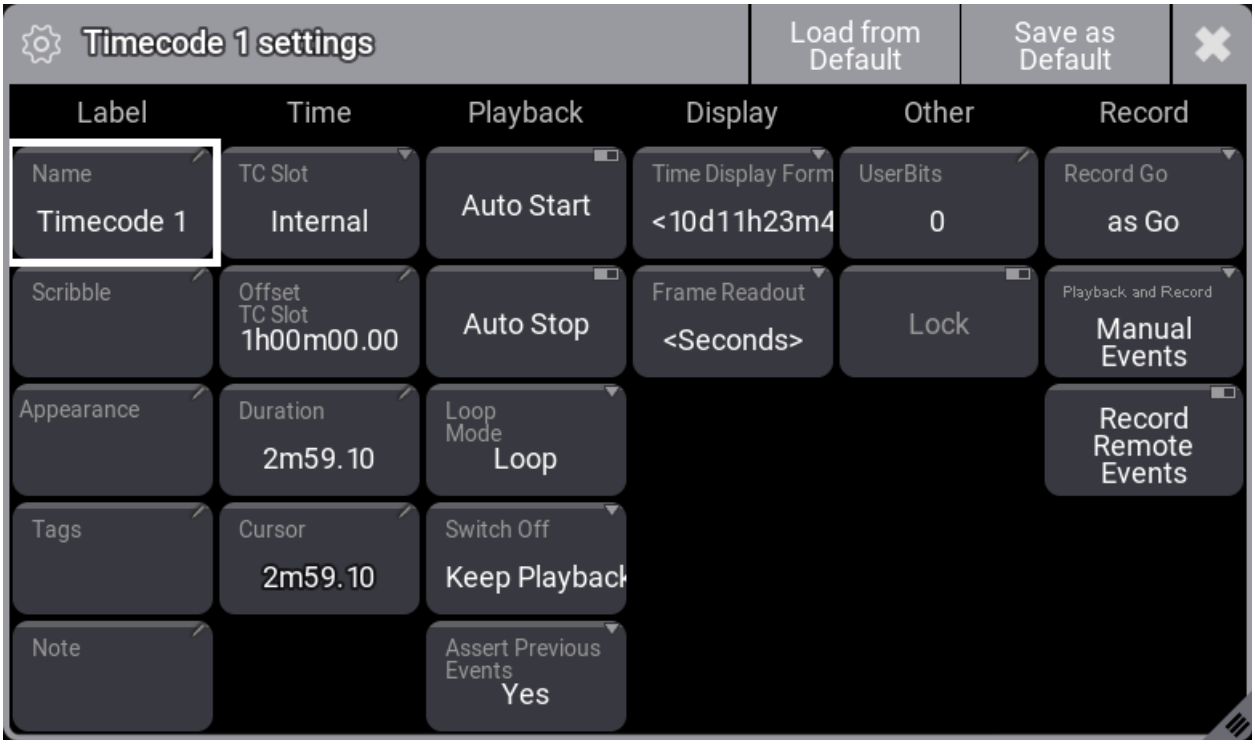
The buttons in the clock viewer's title bar control the timecode slot generator (Off, Pause, and Go+). These actions do not add Command Line History feedback. Learn about the generator above.

For general information on the clock, see System – Clock.

1.45.8. Timecode Settings

Timecode Settings

To open the Timecode Settings, tap Settings on the title bar of the **Timecode Viewer** window or press Edit twice (EditSetting keyword), followed by the Timecode pool object.



Timecode settings pop-up

The settings are split into different columns.

Label

This is a short description of the settings in the **Label** column.

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the timecode show.
- **Scribble**:
  A scribble can be added to the timecode show. Learn more in the Scribble topic.
- **Appearance**:
  An appearance can be added to the timecode show. Learn more in the Appearance topic.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be added to the timecode show. Learn more in the Tags Topic.
- **Notes**:
  A note can be added to the timecode show. Learn more in the Notes topic.

Time

This is a short description of the settings in the **Time** column.

- **TC Slot**:
  This defines the time source for the timecode show. It has the following values:
  - **<Internal>**:
    The timecode show uses internal timing and is not connected to a timecode slot.
  - **<Selected>**:
    This links the timecode show to the selected timecode slot.
  - **TCSlot 1** to **TCSlot 8**:
    This sets a specific timecode slot as the source for this timecode show.

- **Offset TC Slot**:
  Tap Offset TC Slot, then enter the offset time for the timecode slot.
  When a timecode slot other than internal is set for a timecode show, Offset TC Slot button can be displayed on the timecode viewer title bar.

If an offset is set to a timecode slot, the entire timecode show will be forwarded to match that offset.

For example, if an event in the timeline is added at 1m00.0, and an offset of 1h00m00.0 is set to the selected timecode slot, the event will be triggered when the incoming timecode signal reaches 1h01m00.0.

When programming a one-hour show, such as a musical, it is a good habit to use a timecode show for each act or number instead of a single one-hour timecode show.

For instance, store a timecode show for the first musical number and offset the timecode slot at 1h00m00.0, then store a second timecode show for the second number and offset the timecode slot at 2h00m00.0, and so on.

- **Duration**:
  Tap to open the calculator, then set the duration of the timecode show recording. Setting the duration to match the actual show is a good practice when using **Auto Start** and **Auto Stop** functions. Read about these functions below. A duration prevents the auto-start and stop of shows outside the received time range.
- **Cursor**:
  Displays the cursor at its current position on the timeline. Tap to open the calculator and enter a new position.

	Hint:
	The selected timecode slot appearance defines the cursor button background color. To learn more about timecode slots, read the What are timecode slots topic.

Playback

This is a short description of the settings in the **Playback** section.

- **Auto Start**:
  Starts the timecode show automatically when a time signal is received within the time range of the show.
- **Auto Stop**:
  Automatically stops the timecode show when the time signal is stopped.

- **Loop Mode**:
  The loop mode defines what happens when a show using Internal (Read about the **TC Slot** setting above) time reaches the end of the timecode.
  - **Loop**:
    The timecode show will repeat playing from the beginning to the end. Press the stop button in the playback bar to stop the timecode show.
  - **Pause**:
    The timecode show will pause at the end. Press the start button in the playback bar to restart the timecode show from the beginning.
  - **Off**:
    The timecode show will not loop or pause.
- **Switch Off**:
  This defines what should happen to the playbacks when the timecode show is switched off.
  - **Playbacks Off**:
    Switches off all playbacks started by the timecode show.
  - **Keep Playbacks**:
    Do not switch off the playbacks that were started by the timecode show.
- **Assert Previous Events**:
  When set to **Yes**, events preceding the cursor will be asserted.

Display

This is a short description of the settings in the **Display** section.

- **Time Display Format**:
  This can be used to define how the time should be displayed. The following values exist:
  - **Default**:
    This follows the user profile setting called **Time Readout**. Learn more in the User Settings topic.
  - **10d11h23m45**:
    The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators.
  - **251h23m45**:
    This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using letters as separators. The hour number can exceed 24 when the time spans more than a day.
  - **10.11:23:45**:
    The time is separated into days, hours, minutes, and seconds using a dot and colons as separators.
  - **251:23:45**:
    This is separated into hours, minutes, and seconds using colons as separators. The hour number can exceed 24 when the time spans more than a day.
- **Frame Readout**:
  This defines how the frames are displayed. The values are:
  - **Default**:
    This follows the user profile setting called **Frame Readout**. Learn more in the User Settings topic.
  - **Seconds**:
    This will show the frames as fractions of a second.
  - **24 fps**, **25 fps**, **30 fps**, and **60 fps**:
    This can be used to match the displayed frames-per-second to the external source. This is only a readout, and it does not affect the received signal.

	Hint:
	If frame readouts (24, 25, 30, 60 fps) are used, a colon separates fractions, and dots separate fractions of seconds.

Other

A short description of the settings is in the **Other** section.

- **User bits**:
  Besides the 32 Bit for 8-digit timecode time, timecode executes 32 User Bits (8-digit) per frame.
  Use User Bits to mark a timecode signal. For example, use User Bit 1 for light and User Bit 2 for pyro. This is not available when using an internal timecode source.

	Important:
	Do not change the user bits unless you are told to do so by the timecode supplier. If the user bits are changed and the timecode supplier does not know, the timecode signal will not be received anymore.

- **Lock**:
  When enabled, the timecode show can not be edited or deleted; it can only be played back or copied.

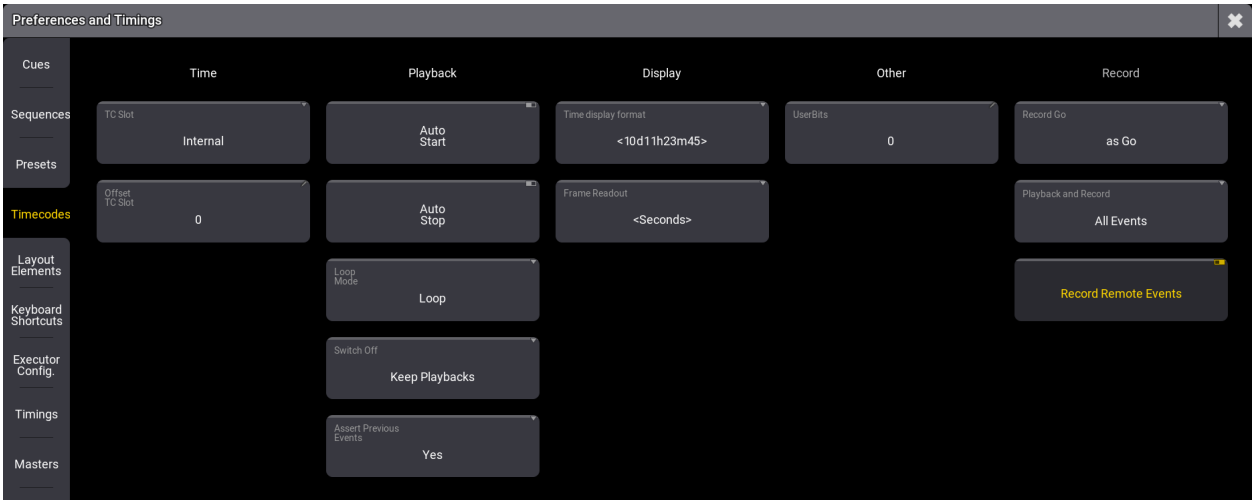
Record

This is a short description of the settings in the **Record** section.

- **Record Go**:
  This defines how Go actions are recorded when the timecode show is recording the actions. This is not relevant when manually adding events.
  - **as Go**:
    Events are recorded as **Go+** action that triggers a cue but does not assert the cue.
  - **as Goto(Status)**:
    Events are recorded as **Goto** action, which asserts the cue.
- **Playback and Record**:
  Defines which type of events will be played back and recorded.
  - **Manual Events**:
    Only actions the user triggers are recorded and played back. Follow cues, for example, are not recorded nor played back. Changes made to commands in cues after the timecode show was recorded are respected when playing back the timecode show. This is the default value for Playback and Record.
  - **All Events**:
    All events will be recorded and played back. The cells in the **Execute Command** column of the Text and Both View Mode display "---" to indicate that the execution of cue commands within the timecode show can not be overwritten. Cue commands are recorded, but changes made to commands in cues after the timecode show was recorded will not be part of the timecode show.
- **Record Remote Events**:
  This defines whether or not playback actions triggered by remote actions are recorded. When this setting is enabled, all remote events are recorded, regardless of the status of the **Timecode Events Recording From** setting found in the Global settings.

Timecode Settings in Preference and Timing

The **Preference and Timing** menu has many of the settings described above.



Timecodes section in the Preference and Timings menu The menu can be opened by tapping the gear icon ( ) on the **Control Bar** or pressing Menu. Then, tap Preference and Timing, followed by Timecode.

The settings are the defaults used when a new timecode show is created.

Learn about the settings by reading above.

Global Settings in Preference and Timing

The menu can be opened by tapping the gear icon ( ) on the **Control Bar** or pressing Menu. Then, tap Preference and Timing, followed by Global.

The Control Bar can be used to access menus and functions. It is often found on the left side of the display in grandMA3 onPC system. Learn more about it in the Control Bar topic.

This menu only has one setting called **Timecode Events Recording From**. It has two values:

- **All Users**:
  This records the playback actions from all users in the session.
- **Single User**:
  This records only the playback actions from the user who started the timecode recording. This is the default.

The Control Bar can be used to access menus and functions. It is often found on the left side of the display in grandMA3 onPC system. Learn more about it in the Control Bar topic.

1.45.9. Create a Timecode Show

There are two basic ways to create a timecode show. The time-coded events can be recorded or added manually.

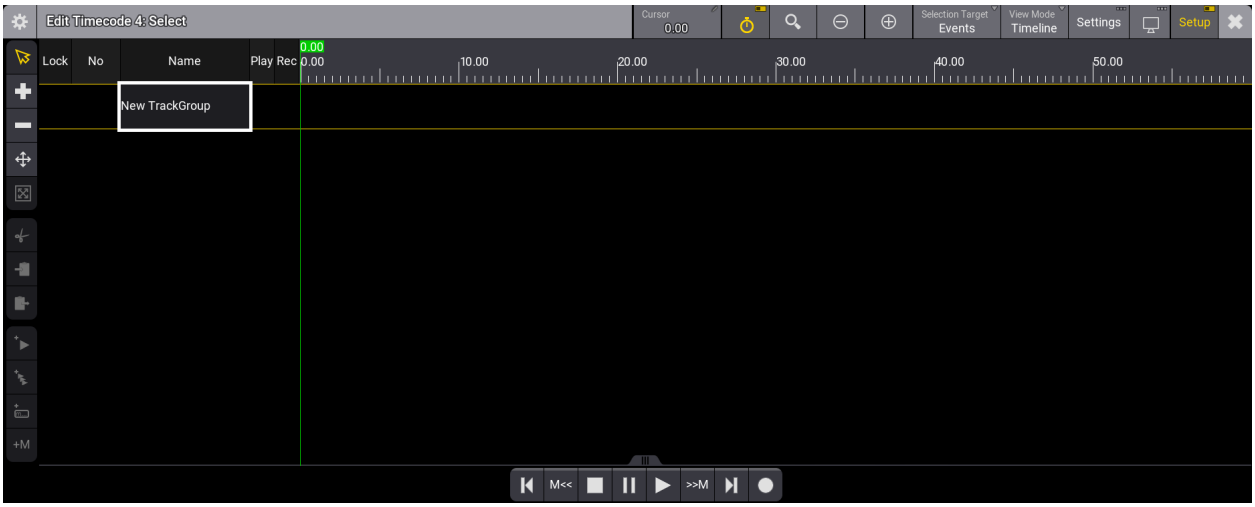
The two workflows can be combined.

A timecode show needs to be created in the Timecode pool. A new show can be added by performing a store or edit action on an empty pool object.

This creates an empty timecode show.

This show is created using the default settings. Many settings are connected to timecode shows and timecode elements, like the viewer and the slots. Learn about the settings in the Timecode Settings topic.

If the edit action is used on the pool object, a pop-up editor appears, which functions like the **Timecode Viewer** with **Setup** enabled.



The timecode pop-up editor displays an empty timecode show with Setup enabled
The pop-up editor is missing some toolbar tools on the left that are available in the Timecode Viewer with Setup active. So, it might be better to use the **Timecode Viewer**.

The Timecode Viewer is described in the Timecode Viewer topic. This includes detailed descriptions of the different tollbars in the viewer.

Time Source

One of the most important elements is the time source. Each timecode show has a **setting** called **TC Slot**. This can be "Internal" or one of the Timecode Slots. Learn more about the timecode slots in the What are Timecode Slots topic.

There are a lot of different settings related to the timecode shows. Learn more about them in the Timecode Settings Topic.

If it is internal, it can be run by a Go command to the timecode show. This will put the show in play mode and run the time. The show's playback actions are accessible via the easy-access **Playback Toolbar** at the bottom of the Timecode Viewer window. This includes a play button(▶).

This toolbar allows control of the playback status of the timecode show. When the setup mode is active, the extra record button is available. Learn more in the Timecode Viewer topic.

If the time source is one of the timecode slots, the timecode show must be in playback mode, and the timecode slot can then generate the time, or an external source can drive the time in the timecode slot.

Initially, a new timecode show is set to use the internal time source. If the timecode show uses an external source, the source must be set up, and the timecode show must be configured to listen to the relevant timecode slot. Learn how to set up external sources in the External Connections topic.

Record a Timecode Show

The timecode show can be recorded using the **Record keyword**. It also has a quick access button (●) on the **Playback Toolbar** at the bottom of the Timecode Viewer when Setup is enabled.

The Record keyword is used to start the recording mode of the timecode show. Learn more in the Record Keyword topic.

This toolbar allows control of the playback status of the timecode show. When the setup mode is active, the extra record button is available. Learn more in the Timecode Viewer topic.

When the record mode is enabled and the selected time signal runs, the executor actions are automatically added to the show in relevant tracks. This includes the fader movements. The different events are added to tracks. Each track represents a target. A target object can be a sequence, preset, sound, group master, master, or another timecode show or slot.

This requires that objects are assigned to executors and that these executors are valid timecode show target objects. Learn about the valid object in the Tracks topic.

The recording can be stopped using the stop button (■) or the Off command on the timecode show pool object.

The recorded events can be edited after the recording.

By default, tracks are added to the same **Track Group** and **Time Range**.

Track Groups are a way to organize the tracks. Learn more in the Track Groups topic.

Time Ranges are ranges of the time in the timeline. Time ranges are a part of the tracks. Each track must have one time range. Learn more in the Time Ranges topic.

If the **Timecode Settings** have **Record Remote Events** active and the **Playback and Record** setting is **All Events**, then events that trigger cues or other valid actions are automatically added to the timecode show. These settings also record events triggered by the cues in the timecode show. For instance, follow cues or cue commands.

The timecode settings contain all settings for the timecode show object. Learn more in the Timecode Settings topic.

Manually Add Events

Events can be manually added to tracks. The track must exist, and it can be created manually. The tracks must exist inside a Track Group. The track group must be created in an empty show before the track can be added.

	Restriction:
	Subtracks cannot be manually created.

Add a Track Group

Follow these steps to create a Track Group manually:

1. Make sure the **Timecode Viewer** is visible and that **Setup** is activated.
2. Select the timecode show to be edited from the Timecode Pool or from the **Timecode Viewer Settings**.
3. Tap and hold New Track Group.

A new track group has now been added. It can be unfolded by tapping the right-pointing white triangle (▶). This reveals that it already has one track with a time range.

Add a Track to a Track Group

Follow these steps to add a track to the track group:

1. Make sure the **Timecode Viewer** is visible and that **Setup** is activated.
2. Select a timecode show from the **Timecode Pool** or from the **Timecode Viewer Settings**.
3. Unfold the desired **Track Group**.
4. Tap and hold New Track.

A new track has been added to the track group.

5. Now, edit the **Target** cell for the track. This opens the Assignment Editor pop-up.
6. Select the desired object type by tapping one of the tabs at the editor's top.
7. Select the desired target object in the list.

The track is now ready to get some events.

Points 5 to 7 can also be used to edit the desired target. Be aware that this will break existing events in the track.

Add a Single Event to a Track

Single events can be added to the selected track. There are two ways to add events. The beginning is the same for both ways:

The first involves the green cursor:

1. Make sure the **Timecode Viewer** is visible and that **Setup is activated**.

2. Ensure the viewer displays the correct **Timecode Show** by either displaying the selected timecode show and selecting the proper show, or selecting the correct timecode show in the timecode settings.
3. Unfold the desired **Track Group**.
4. Select the desired **Track**.
5. Make sure the **Selection Target** is **Events** by tapping Selection Target in the title bar or by opening and changing the settings. If the Timecode Viewer with setup active is used, tapping the icon selects the events as the selection target.

The first method involves the green cursor:

6. Move the cursor to the desired time. The cursor can be moved by tapping and holding it while moving it in the timeline or by using the Timecode Encoder Toolbar.
7. Tap in the toolbar on the left. This adds the default event to the track.

These two steps can be repeated until all the events exist.

The second method involves tapping the track:

6. Activate the Add tool ( ) in the toolbar on the left.
7. Tap the track where the event should be.

Repeat point 7 until all desired events exist.

	Important:
	Manually created cue events only trigger follow cues, timed cues, or cue commands if the **Playback and Record** setting is **Manual Events**. Learn more about this in the Timecode Settings topic.

Add Multiple Events to a Track

Multiple events can be added to the selected track:

1. Make sure the **Timecode Viewer** is visible and that **Setup** is activated.
2. Select a timecode show from the **Timecode Pool** or from the **Timecode Viewer Settings**.
3. Unfold the desired **Track Group**.
4. Select the desired **Track**.
5. Make sure the **Selection Target** is **Events** by tapping Selection Target in the title bar or by opening and changing the settings. If the Timecode Viewer with setup active is used, tapping the icon selects the events as the selection target.
6. Move the cursor to the desired time. The cursor can be moved by tapping and holding it while moving it in the timeline or using the Timecode Encoder Toolbar.
7. Tap in the toolbar on the left. This opens the **Add multiple events** pop-up.

Add Multiple Events pop-up

8. Type the number of desired events.
9. Change the time interval between the events.
10. Tap Add.

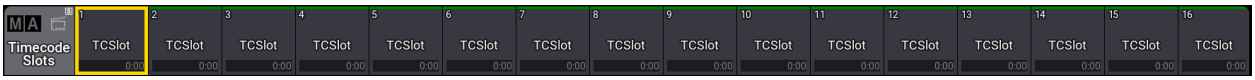
This adds the number of default events to the timeline using the interval from the cursor's location.

	Important:
	Manually created cue events only trigger follow cues, timed cues, or cue commands if the **Playback and Record** setting is **Manual Events**. Learn more about this in the Timecode Settings topic.

1.45.10. External Connections

External connections allow the timecode slots to receive a time source from SMPTE/LTC, MIDI timecode, and ArtTimeCode. It is also possible to transmit SMPTE/LTC and MIDI timecode from the timecode slot generator.

When a received signal is correctly configured and accepted, the timecode slots indicate the signal type with a small icon and a play icon.



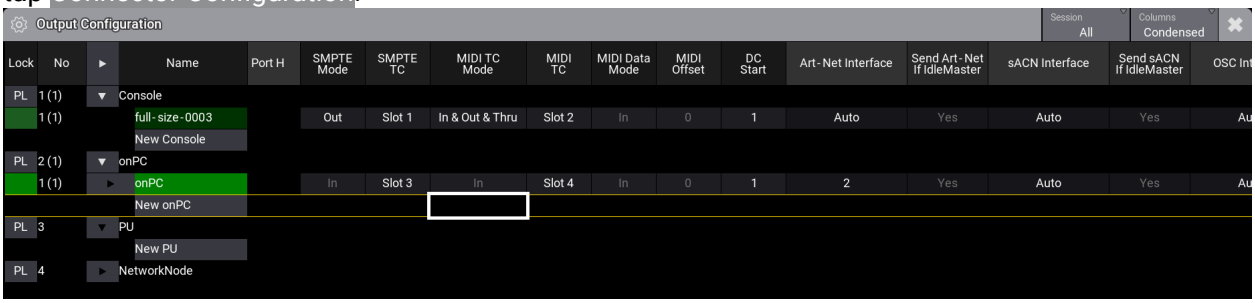
Timecode slot pool receiving three different external timecode signals. The example above shows the timecode slot pool with an SMPTE signal in slot 1, a MIDI signal in slot 2, and an ArtTimeCode signal in slot 3. The received times are displayed in green at the bottom of the pool objects.

Set Up SMPTE/LTC and MIDI Timecode

Physical connections must be made for the time signals to be received or transmitted. Learn how in the Connect LTC and Connect MIDI topics.

With the connections in place, the next step is to access the **Output Configuration**.

The menu can be opened by tapping the gear icon ( ) on the **Control Bar** or by pressing Menu. Then, tap Connector Configuration.



Output Connection menu showing the timecode relevant columns. Four columns are relevant for the timecode in this menu.

- **SMPTE Mode**:
  This mode has two possible options that can be toggled:
  - **In**:
    The 3-pin female XLR connector marked LTC on the station is used to receive a SMTPE timecode signal.
  - **Out**:
    The 3-pin female XLR connector marked LTC on the station is used to transmit a SMPTE time signal.
- **SMPTE TC**:
  This is used to select the timecode slot to which the physical port relates.
- **MIDI TC Mode**:
  This mode has three options that can be edited and selected using the small Select MIDI TC Mode pop-up.

- **In**:
  The 5-pin DIN connector marked MIDI In on the station receives the incoming MIDI timecode signal.
- **Out**:
  The 5-pin DIN connector marked MIDI Out on the station transmits the outgoing MIDI timecode signal.
- **In & Out & Thru**:
  The MIDI In connector can receive a MIDI timecode signal, which is then output on the MIDI Out port. The system can also generate a MIDI timecode signal transmitted from the MIDI Out port.

- **MIDI TC**:
  This is used to select the timecode slot to which the physical port relates.

Several stations can receive a signal related to the same Timecode Slot. The device receiving the signal first is the one the slot listens to. When multiple stations are in Out mode, the master transmits the time signal.

The Timecode Slot Settings display the station's **Source IP** address that provides the time signal for the slot.

The text "No Cable" in the Source IP button can be an indicator that:

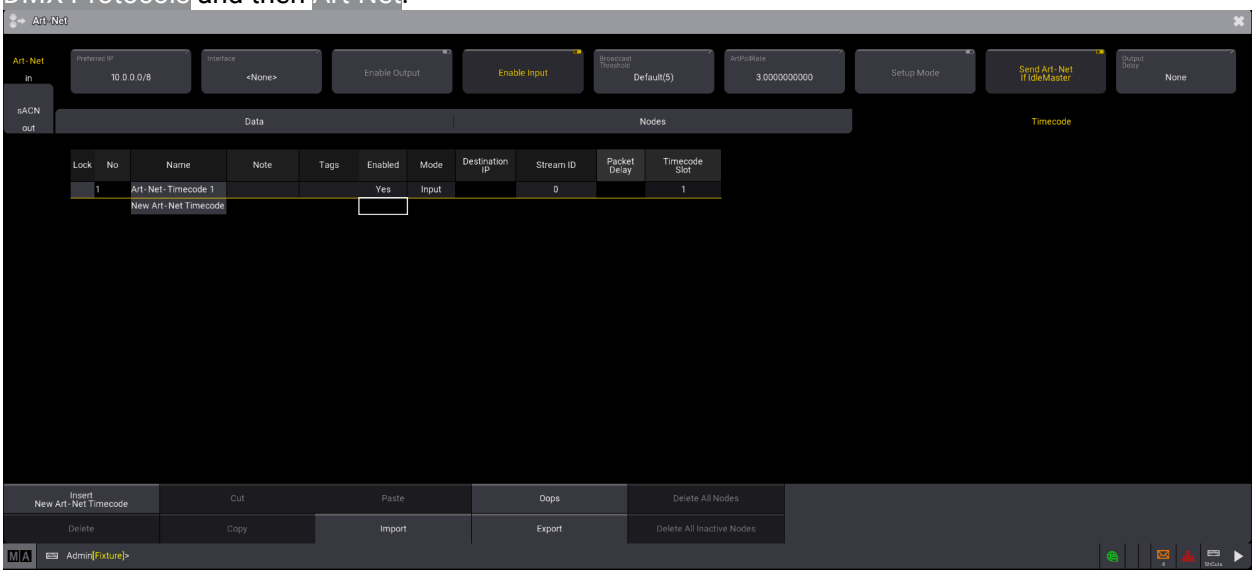
- Indicates that no network cable is connected to the selected MA-Net-Interface.
- No timecode show is currently running on the selected TCSlot.
- The time is running on another timecode slot.

Set Up ArtTimeCode

ArtNet can be used to transmit timecode using ArtTimeCode.

This can be set up in the DMX Protocols menu.

The menu can be opened by tapping the gear icon ( ) on the **Control Bar** or pressing Menu. Then, tap DMX Protocols and then Art-Net.



The Art-Net menu with timecode columns.

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16 Art-Net streams with different stream IDs can be set to send and receive up to 16 timecodes in parallel.

The following elements must be set up to receive ArtTimeCode:

1. The correct Interface must be selected to match the interface that connects to the source.
2. The Enable Input must be active.
3. There must be a row with Art-Net-Data.
4. The row must be **Enabled,** and the **Mode** must be **Input**.
5. The Timecode Slot and Stream ID must be set to the correct slot number.

When all these elements are set up, the ArtTimeCode received will set the time for the related slot.

ArtTimeCode cannot be generated by the grandMA3 system.

1.46. Layouts

Layouts are two-dimensional drafts where you can arrange fixtures, macros, groups, and other pool objects.

- Layouts are created in the Layouts pool.
- Layouts are displayed and edited in the Layout Viewer.

	Restriction:
	The maximum number of elements per layout is 10 000.

To set the defaults for new layout elements, press Menu, tap Preferences and Timings, then tap Layout Elements on the left side of the window. For more information, see Layout Element Defaults.

Subtopics

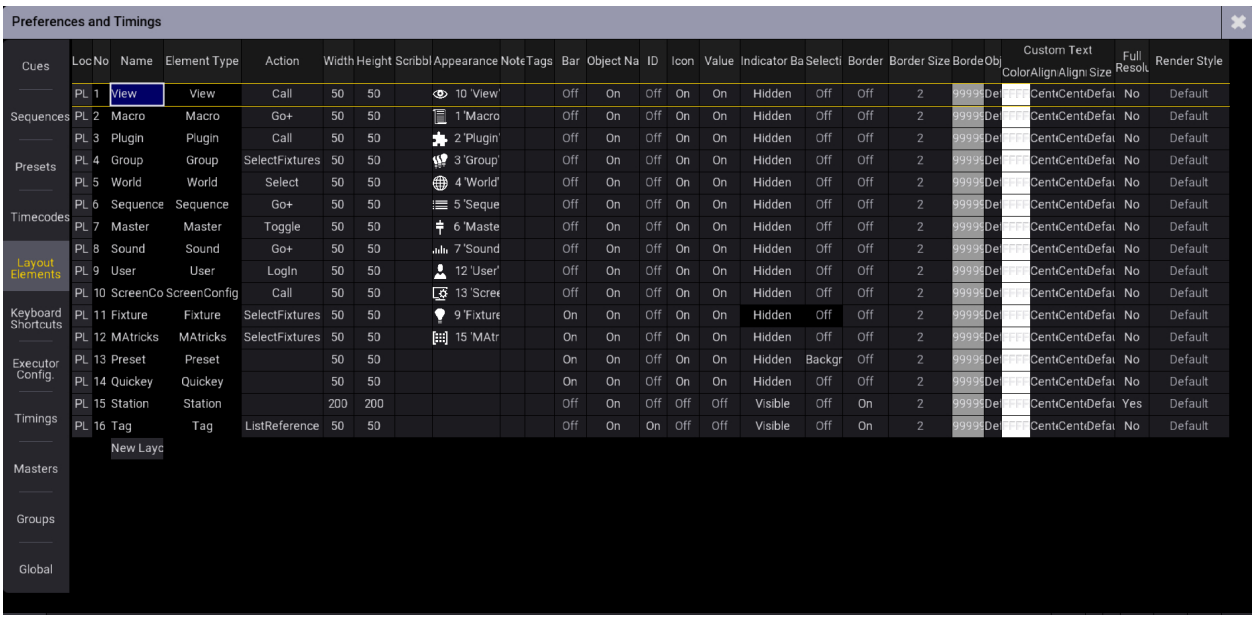
- Create a Layout
- Assign Multipatch Fixture
- Edit Layout
- Layout View Settings
- Edit Layout View
- Edit Layout Elements
- Layout Encoder Bar

1.46.1. Create a Layout

Layouts are created in the Layout pool and can be edited in the Layout window or the Layout editor.

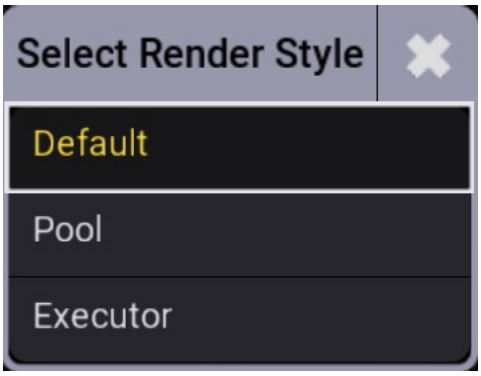
Default layout elements can be defined in the Preferences and Timings menu:

Press Menu and tap Preferences and Timings, then tap Layout Elements on the left side of the menu:



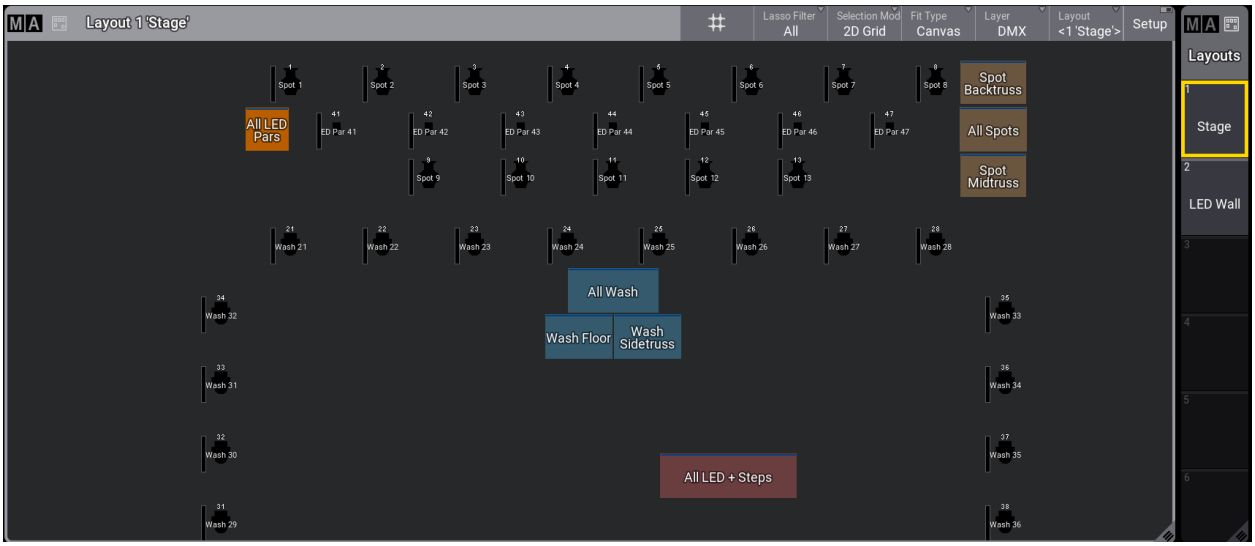
The Render Style of each layout element can be set up individually. The available styles are Default, Pool, and Executor.

To set the default render style of a layout element, tap and hold a cell under the Render Style Column:



You can set the render style for the entire layout in the layout object's settings. This render style is applied to all layout elements that are set to Default. Individual render styles can be applied in the Render Style column in the **Layout** and **Layout Element Defaults** tabs.

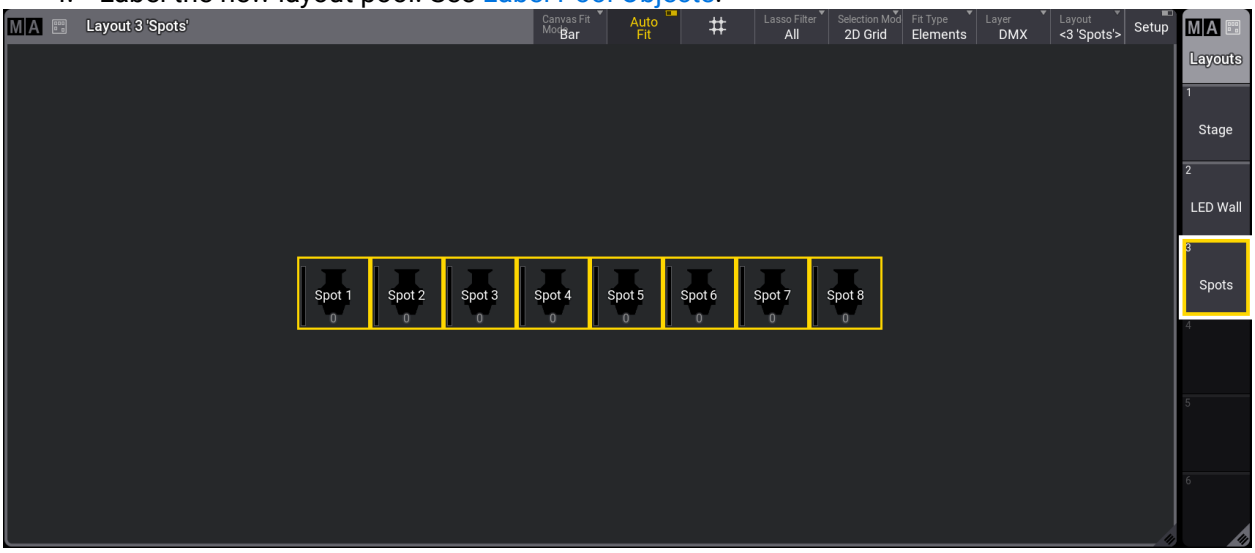
Arrange the layout pool and the layout viewer on one screen to operate the layouts more efficiently and have them all in view at a glance. See Add Window.



Layout viewer and layout pool

Adding fixtures to Layouts

1. Select the fixtures you want to assign to the layout. The selected fixtures' selection grid positions are assigned to layouts. For more information, refer to the Selection Grid.
2. Press Assign and tap an empty layout pool object, or tap the area in the layout viewer where you want to assign them.
3. A new layout pool is created with the selected fixtures.
4. Label the new layout pool. See Label Pool Objects.



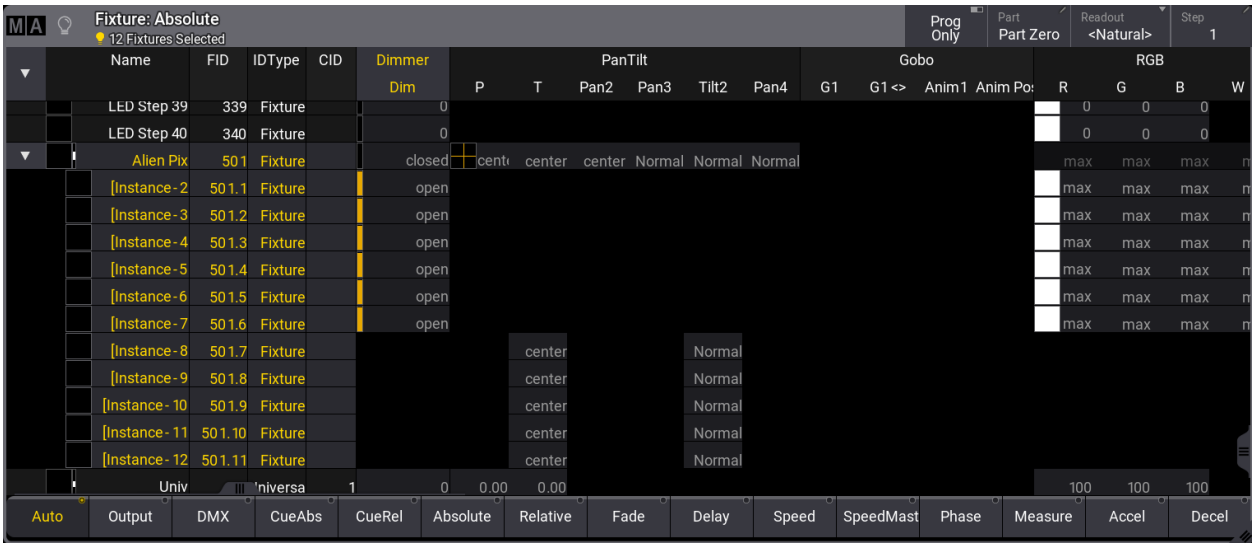
Layout viewer and layout pool

Adding subfixtures to Layouts

Some fixtures may comprise several subfixtures that can also be assigned to layouts.

For the following example, patch eight Ayrton AlienPix and select "Extended - 8bit" mode.

To add subfixtures, repeat steps 1 and 2 above; this is what it looks like in the fixture sheet:



3. A new layout pool is created with the selected fixtures.
4. Label the new layout pool. See Label Pool Objects.

Layout viewer with the prominent fixture and its subfixtures added

Pool Elements

To add pool elements to the layout viewer, for example, group 1:

Press Assign Group 1 and then tap the area of the layout viewer where you would like to assign this group. The pool element is added.

To set up defaults for various layout elements, see Edit Layout.

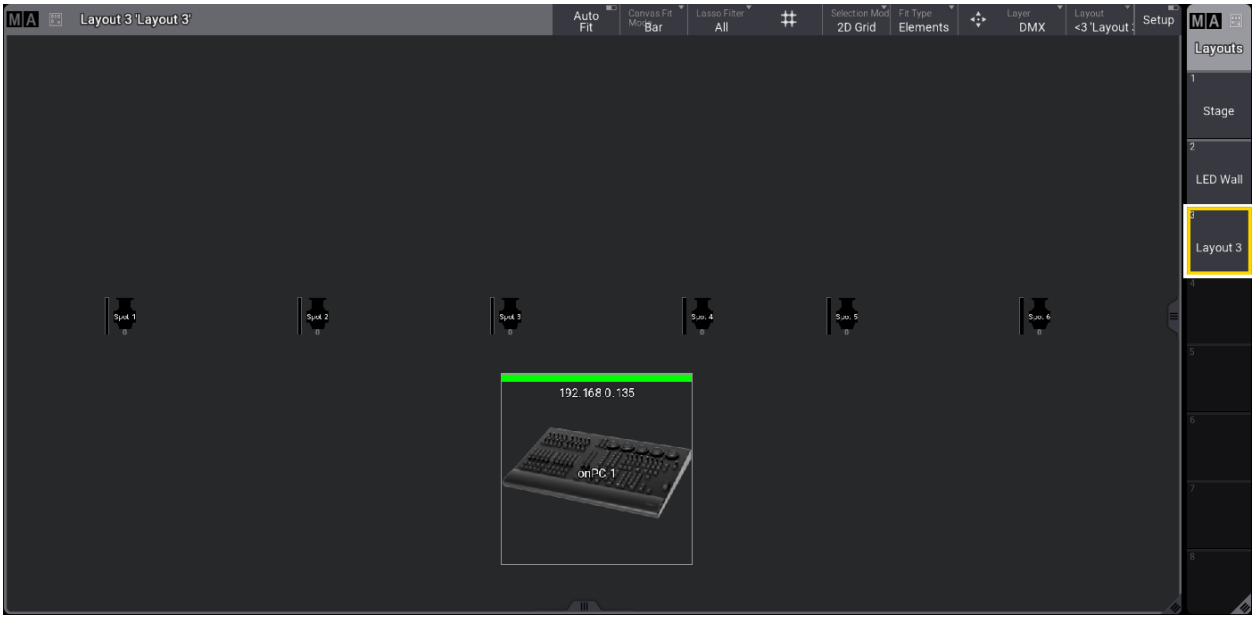
Layout viewer and layout pool

Output stations can be assigned to layouts.

To assign an Output Station to a layout, for example, an onPC station, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign "HostName" At Layout 3
```

The Output Station is assigned to the layout:



Assigned output stations display their current network state in the indicator bar. The colors in the indicator bar are based on the defined output station color from the color theme. For more information, see Color Theme. Press Edit and tap the assigned station to open the Device Configuration menu:

Layout Viewer Toolbar

Tap Setup in the title bar of the layout viewer to enable the layout viewer toolbar on the left side of the layout view.

	Hint:
	When Setup is enabled, the layout encoder bar is also enabled. See, Layout encoder bar.

Auto Tool

1. To use the auto tool, tap .
2. Tap the element you wish to select or use the lasso command to select multiple elements. A yellow responsive frame appears around the selected items.

The following functions can be used depending on where the layout element is tapped:

- Tap, hold, and drag inside a layout element to move it.
- Tap, hold, and drag one of the outer edges to change the size of the layout element for that particular edge.
- Tap, hold, and tap one of the outside corners to resize that layout element without considering proportions. Pressing MA additionally takes proportions into account.

Select an Element

1. To select an element, tap .
2. Tap the element you wish to select or use the lasso command to select multiple elements.
3. The element is selected.

Move an Element

1. To move an element within the layout window, tap .
2. Tap, hold, and drag the element to move it.
   The element is moved.

Resize an Element

1. To resize an element, tap .
2. Select the element you would like to resize.
3. Tap, hold, and drag to resize.
   The element is resized.

Resize an Element with Fixed Ratio

1. To resize an element and preserve the actual size ratio, tap .
2. Select the element you would like to resize.
3. Tap, hold, and drag to resize.
   The element is resized with a fixed ratio.

Add an Element

The upper left corner of a layout element is set to the insertion point.

1. To add an element in the layout window, tap .
2. Tap a space in the layout window.
3. The element is added.
4. To add an object to the element, see Edit layout view.

Delete an Element

1. To delete an element in the layout window, tap .
2. Tap the element you want to delete.
3. The element is deleted.

Align Selection

1. Select the elements that should be aligned.
2. Tap . The elements are aligned.

Layout View Fit Options

In the title bar, tap Fit Type and select the fit option you wish to perform.

- Select Elements to fit all layout elements in the window.
- Select Canvas to fit the entire canvas in the window. If assigned far outside the canvas, some elements will not be displayed.
- Selecting Both will fit the canvas and all elements.

- Tap to execute "Zoom to Fit" depending on the selected Fit Type.

	Hint:
	The canvas fit mode can be modified. For more information, see Layout View Settings.

- The layout keyword can be used to create a layout with the command line. For more information, see Layout and Assign keywords.

```
User name[Fixture]>Assign Layout 1
```

Cloning in Layouts

Fixtures can be cloned into a layout using a clone syntax. For more information about cloning, see the Clone keyword and the Clone topic.

Requirements:

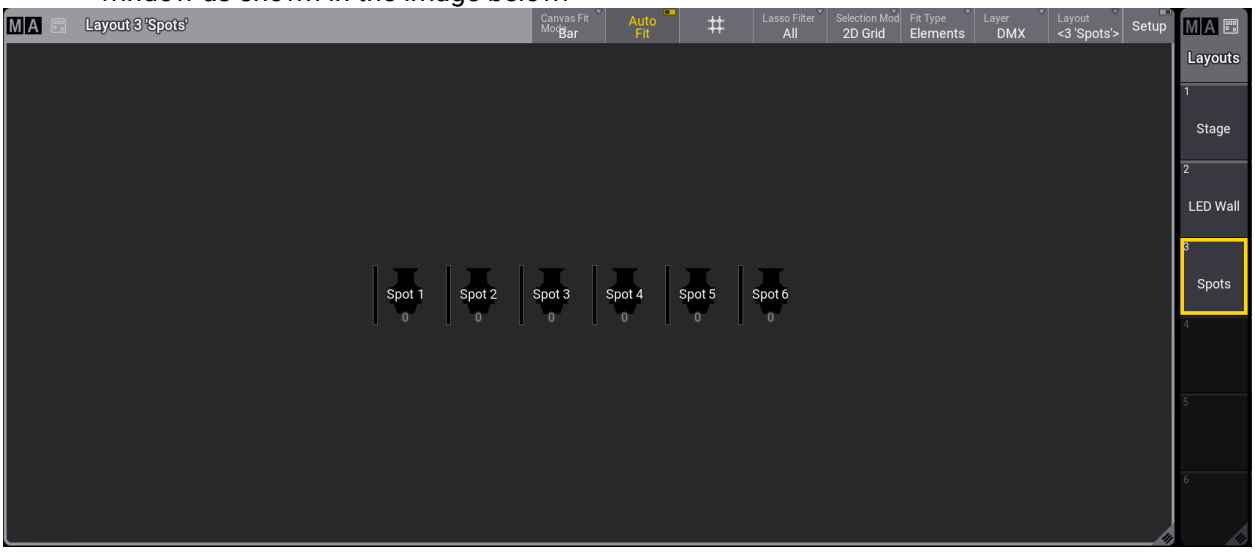
- Patched fixtures. For more information, see Patch and Fixture Setup.
- The Layout Viewer window and the Layout Pool are open.

For the following example, fixtures 1 through 10 were patched and labeled Spots. For more information, see Patch and Fixture Setup.

These 10 fixtures were used to create layout 3 labeled Spots. For more information, see Create a Layout.

To clone fixtures into a layout, follow the steps in the example below:

1. Tap the Spots pool in the Layout Pool window. The Spots layout is shown in the Layout Viewer window as shown in the image below:

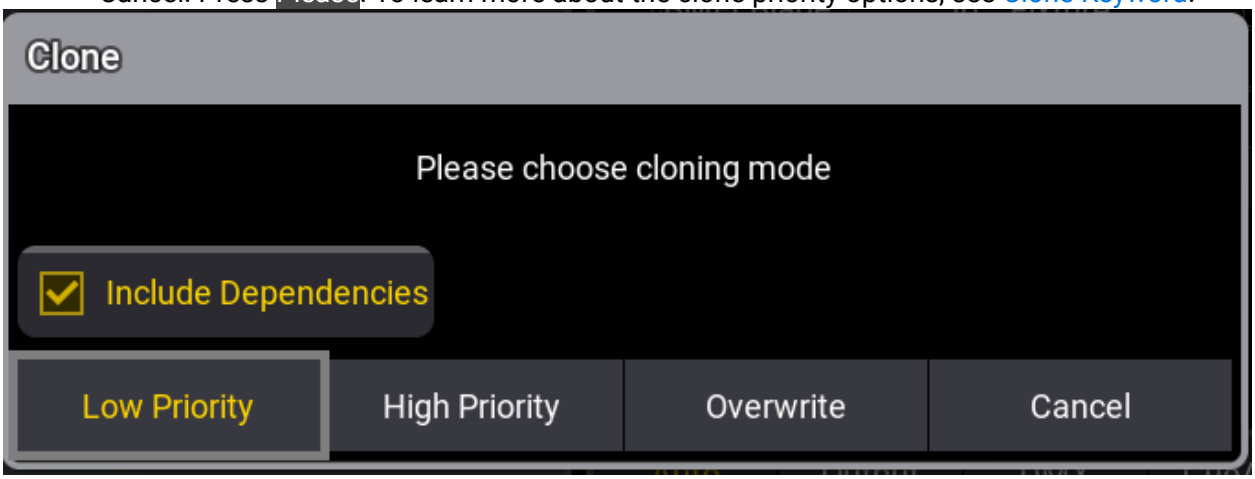


Layout Viewer - Spot pool

2. To clone new fixtures into the first layout pool, type the following command into the command line:

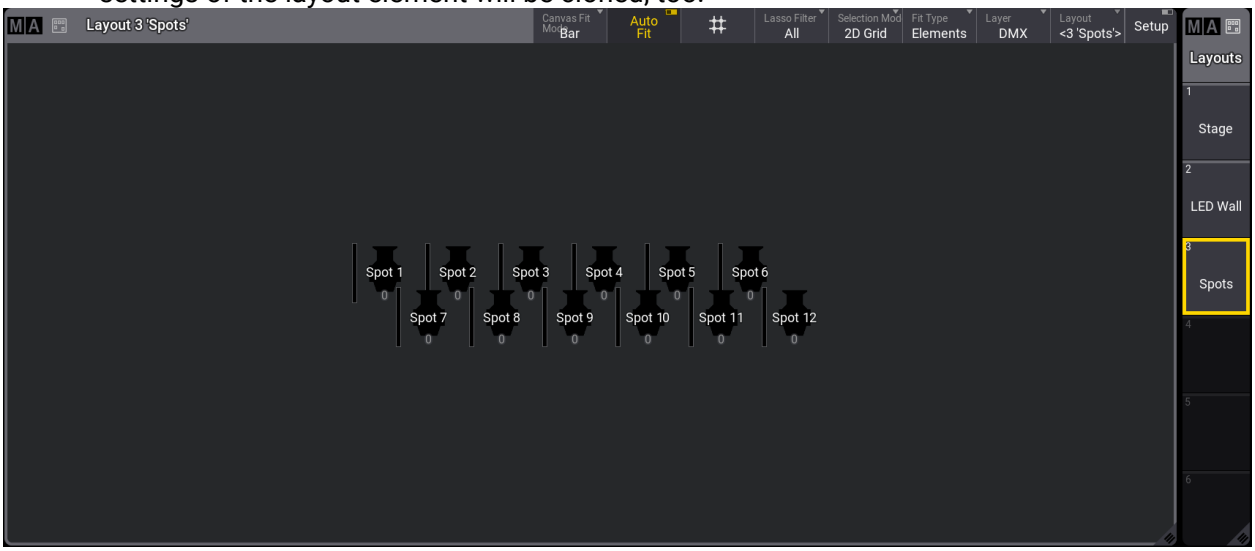
```
User name[Fixture]>Clone Fixture 1 Thru 6 At Fixture 7 Thru 12 If Layout 3
```

3. The Clone pop-up appears, offering the choices of Low Priority, High Priority, Overwrite, and Cancel. Press Please. To learn more about the clone priority options, see Clone Keyword.



Clone pop-up

5. The new layout elements will be placed with a slight offset to the existing layout elements. All settings of the layout element will be cloned, too:



Fixtures are placed with an offset in the Layout Viewer window

1.46.2. Assign Multipatch Fixture

Requirement:

Patched multipatch fixtures. See Add Multipatch Fixtures.

Multipatch fixtures can be selected via the command line by typing their CID number or global position order in the patch. See Add Multipatch Fixtures.

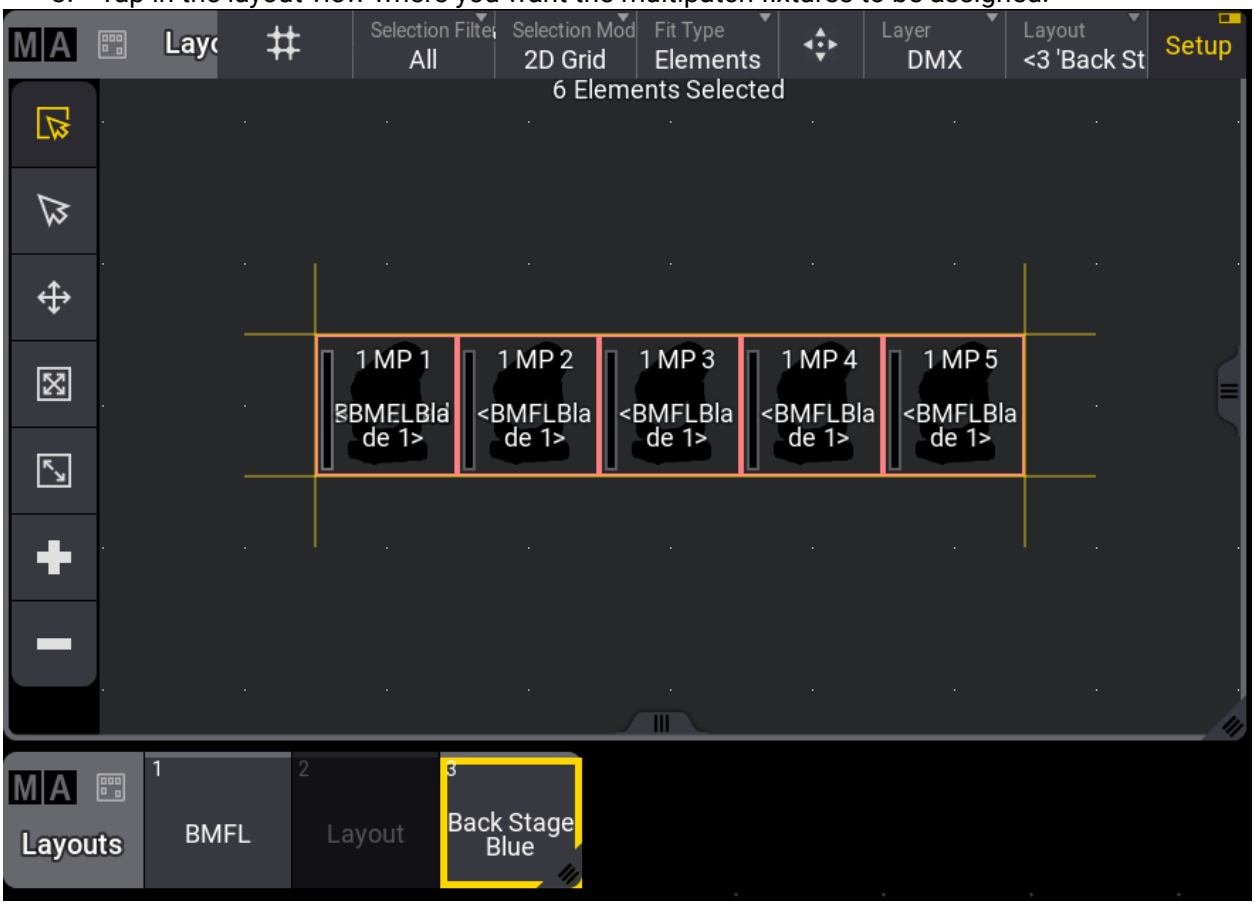
The following is an example of how to assign primary fixture 1 and its multipatch fixtures to a layout. Before doing so, ensure that you have read 'Create a Layout'.

To assign fixture 1 multipatch fixtures 1 thru 5:

1. Select the new layout pool object you have created.
2. Write the following syntax in the command line.

   User name[Fixture]>Assign Fixture 1 Multipatch 1 Thru 5

3. Tap in the layout view where you want the multipatch fixtures to be assigned.



Layout 3

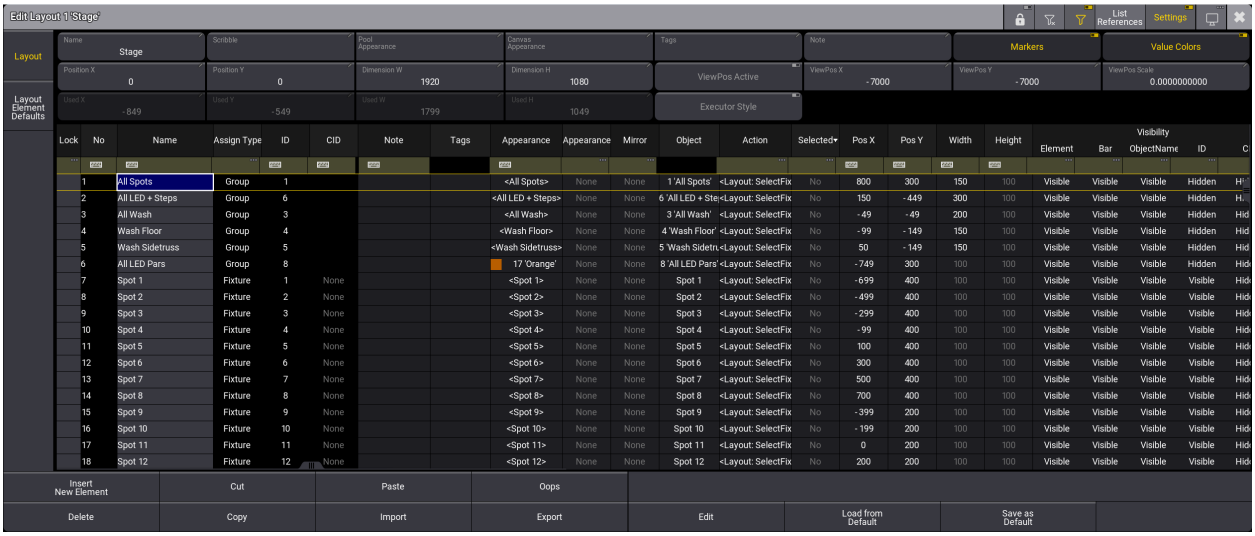
The selection color is light red instead of yellow (the default color). When a multipatch fixture is selected, the primary ID will flash between yellow and light red in the fixture sheet.

1.46.3. Edit Layout

Requirements:
A created layout. For more information, see **Create a Layout**

- To edit a layout, use the swipey command or press Edit, then tap the layout pool object.

The Edit Layout menu opens:



Edit layout menu

Tap Settings in the title bar to enable the settings buttons.

The following is a description of the buttons:

- To rename the layout, tap Name, enter the new name, tap Enter on the virtual keyboard, or press Please. For more information, see Label Objects.
- To add a scribble to the layout pool object, tap Scribble. For more information, see Scribbles.
- To add an appearance to the layout pool object, tap Pool Appearance. For more information, see Appearances.
- To add a canvas appearance to the layout, tap Canvas Appearance. This will apply to the layout window background. For more information, see Appearances.
- Tap Tags to add a tag. For more information, see Tags.
- Tap Notes to add a note. For more information, see Notes.

	Hint:
	If no dedicated canvas appearance is set, the pool appearance will be taken as canvas appearance.

Tap the following buttons to set the position and size of the canvas:

- To set the start X position, tap PositionX.
- To set the start Y position, tap PositionY.
- To set the width dimension, tap DimensionW.
- To set the horizontal dimension, tap DimensionH.

	Hint:
	This feature allows you to store two layouts with the same fixtures but with different positions and zoom values.

The following buttons can be toggled:

- When enabled, the layout property Markers displays the layer markers of fixtures at their corresponding layout elements.
- Enabling Value Colors in the layout settings displays the dimmer values of fixtures in their corresponding layout elements, using the same colors as those in the fixture sheet. When the background of the dimmer attribute cell in the fixture sheet is colored, the shadow of the value in the layout element gets colored equally.
- When ViewPosActive is switched on, loading a layout again will recall the previously stored view zoom and position values. This button is switched off by default.

	Hint:
	To see the same colors for values in a layout element as in the fixture sheet, the layout element needs to have a fixture with a dimmer assigned. The visibility fo the value needs to be enabled for the layout element, too.

ViewPosX, ViewPosY, and ViewPosScale are the stored values for the layout view position and zoom.

- When Executor Style is enabled, sequences are displayed with their cues in layouts like in the executor bar.

Layout Element Defaults

In the Layout Elements defaults tab, you can change templates for layout elements, such as groups, worlds, or sequences.

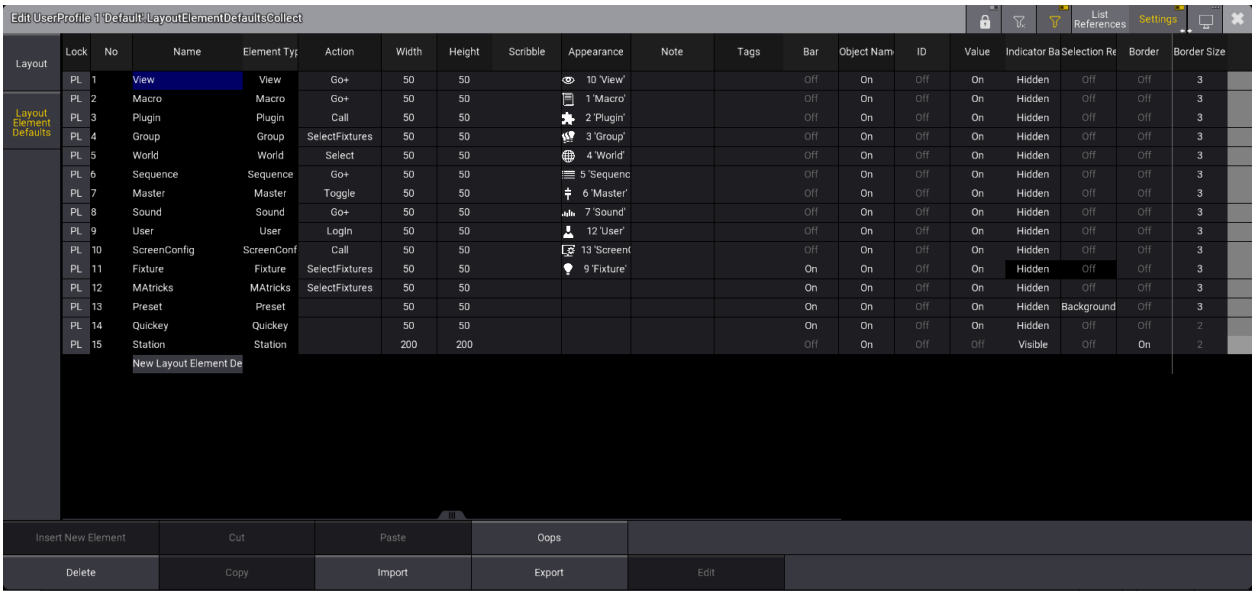
Layout element defaults are part of the user profile and will be applied as the default template when assigning an object to a layout.

2 Finger Edit a cell in the Appearance column to use a custom appearance for layout elements and select a new one.

1. To set the default values for layout elements, press Menu, then tap Preferences and Timings. On the left-hand side, tap Layout Elements

or

1. Press Edit and then tap a layout pool object.
2. Tap Layout Element Defaults on the left side of the editor window.



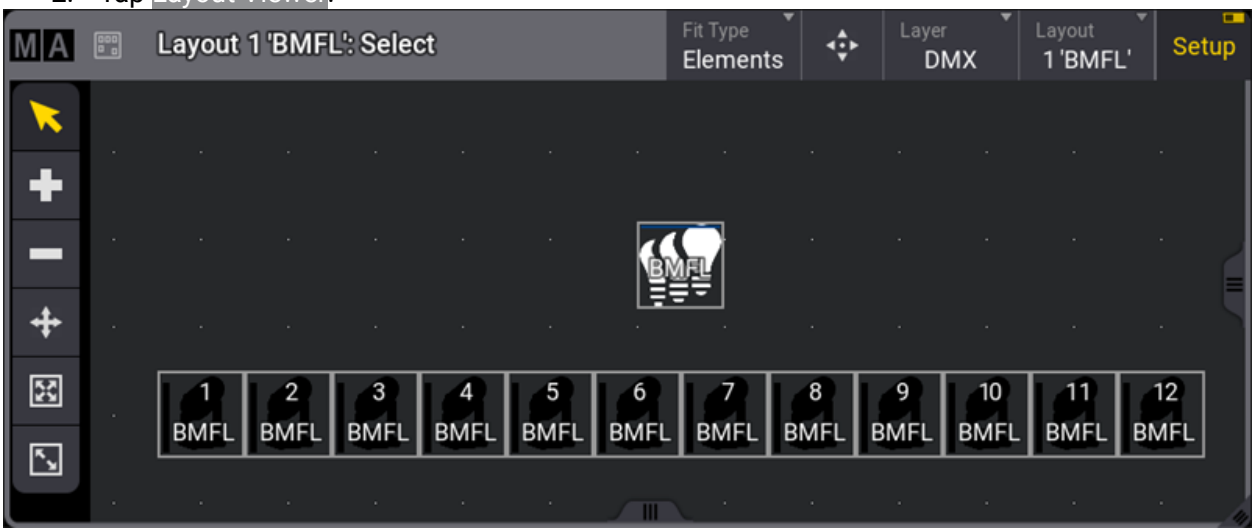
Layout Element Defaults editor

1.46.4. Layout View Settings

To open the Layout View window, follow the instructions under Add windows.

In the Add Window pop-up:

1. Tap Tools.
2. Tap Layout Viewer.



Layout View window

Open Layout View Settings

- To open the Layout View Settings, tap MA in the upper left corner of the layout window.

The Layout View Settings pop-up opens.

Layout View Settings pop-up

This describes each button in the layout view settings.

Display Tab

- **Layout**:
  Link selected, select an existing layout or create a new one.

- **Setup:**
  Toggle on or off Setup mode.

- **Layer**:
  Select the layer readout between **DMX**, **Value**, or **Output**.

- **Lasso Filter:**
  Specifies the type of layout element to select when a lasso selection is made.
  - **All**: All layout elements will be selected.
  - **Fixtures**: Only fixtures will be selected.
  - **Others**: Everything but fixtures will be selected.

- **Show Selection:**
  Displays the selected fixtures in a yellow frame in the layout view or not. Show Selection is not available in the Setup mode.

- **Right Click To Edit**:
  When this button is toggled on, it will allow editing of objects assigned to layout elements by right-clicking or using the two-finger edit gesture.
  Toggle this button off to disable the right-click and two-finger edit gesture to prevent accidental editing of objects.

	Hint: To edit an object when this button is toggled off, press Edit and tap the assigned object you wish to edit.

- **Lock Position**:
  Toggle on to protect the layout arrangement.

- **Selection Mode:**
  This defines how the fixtures are selected and positioned in the Selection Grid. The selection mode has two different options:
  - **2D Grid**: Using the lasso selection adds them as a two-dimensional selection to the Selection Grid.
  - **Linearize:** The selection is linearized to only the X-axis of the Selection Grid.

- **Auto Fit**:
  Toggle on to fit elements according to the window size.

- **Canvas Fit Mode**:
  There are three fit modes: **Bar** will fit the entire canvas, **Crop** fits the canvas to its total width, and **Stretch** fits the canvas to its total height.

- **Fit Type**:
  Toggle to fit the **Elements**, the **Canvas**, or **Both**.

- **Snap To Grid**:
  Toggle on to snap objects to the grid when in setup mode.

- **Snap Grid**:
  Tap to open the calculator, then enter a snap value between 1 and 14 000 pixels.
  Reduce this number to make the layout view as precise as possible when moving elements.

- **Visible Grid**:
  Tap the calculator icon, then enter a value for the visible grid size.

- **Grid Color**:
  Use the edit grid color pop-up to create the desired grid color.

- **Grid Style**:
  Select the grid style between **Off**, **Lines**, or **Dots**.

- **Scale**:
  When Auto Fit is off, the fader can scale the layout.

- **Show Title Bar:**
  Display or hide the title bar.

Layout View Title Bar

- #:
  Transfers the currently selected arrangement of fixture positions in the layout to the Selection Grid.
- **Zoom to fit**:
  Tap to zoom out to see the entire canvas.

	Hint:
	If no values are set for Dimension H and Dimension W, Zoom to fit is unavailable.

1.46.5. Edit Layout View

To open the layout view, follow the instructions under Add Windows.

In the Add Window pop-up:

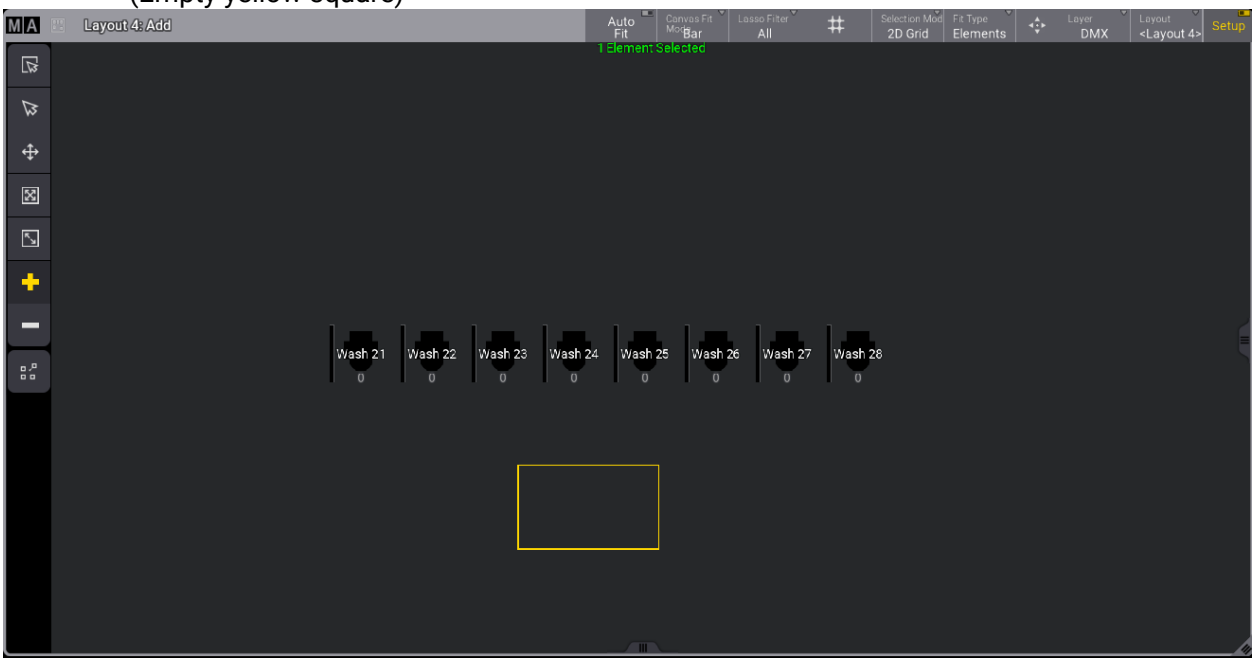
1. Tap Tools.
2. Tap Layout Viewer.
   The layout view opens.

	Important:
	When Setup is enabled, it allows the editing of single layout elements. When disabled, it provides editing as in the programmer.

Add a Layout Element

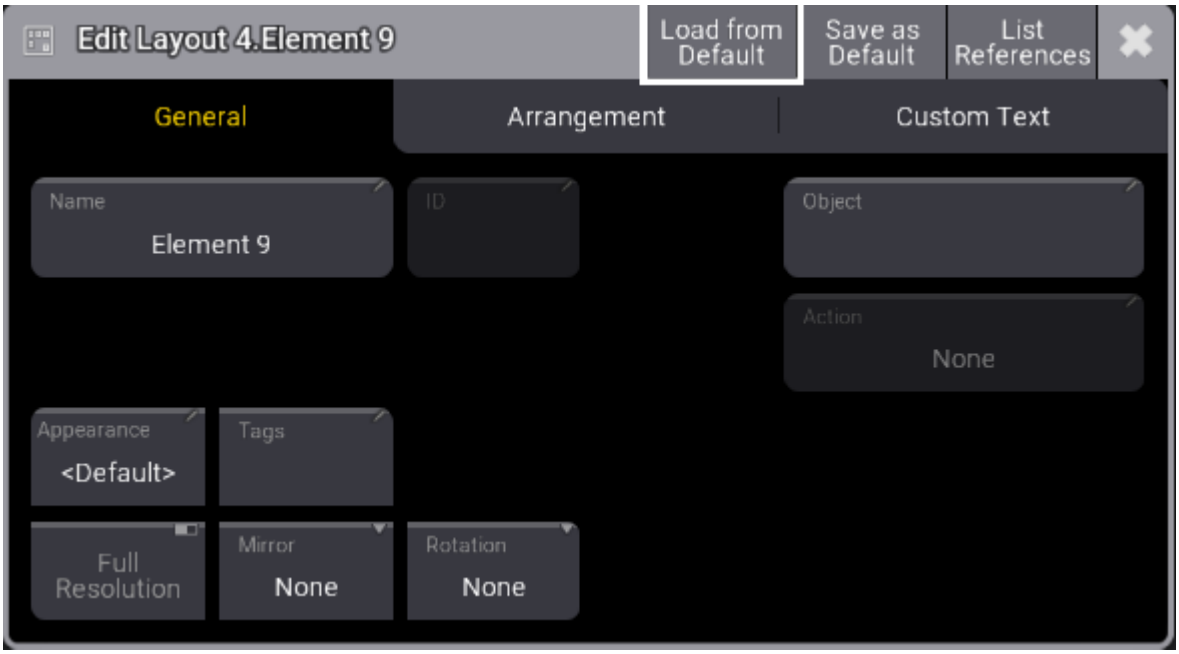
Tap Setup in the layout viewer window title bar to enable setup mode. The toolbar is displayed on the left side of the window.

- To add a layout element in the layout window, tap +.
- Tap or tap and drag an empty area in the window, and a new empty layout element is added. (Empty yellow square)



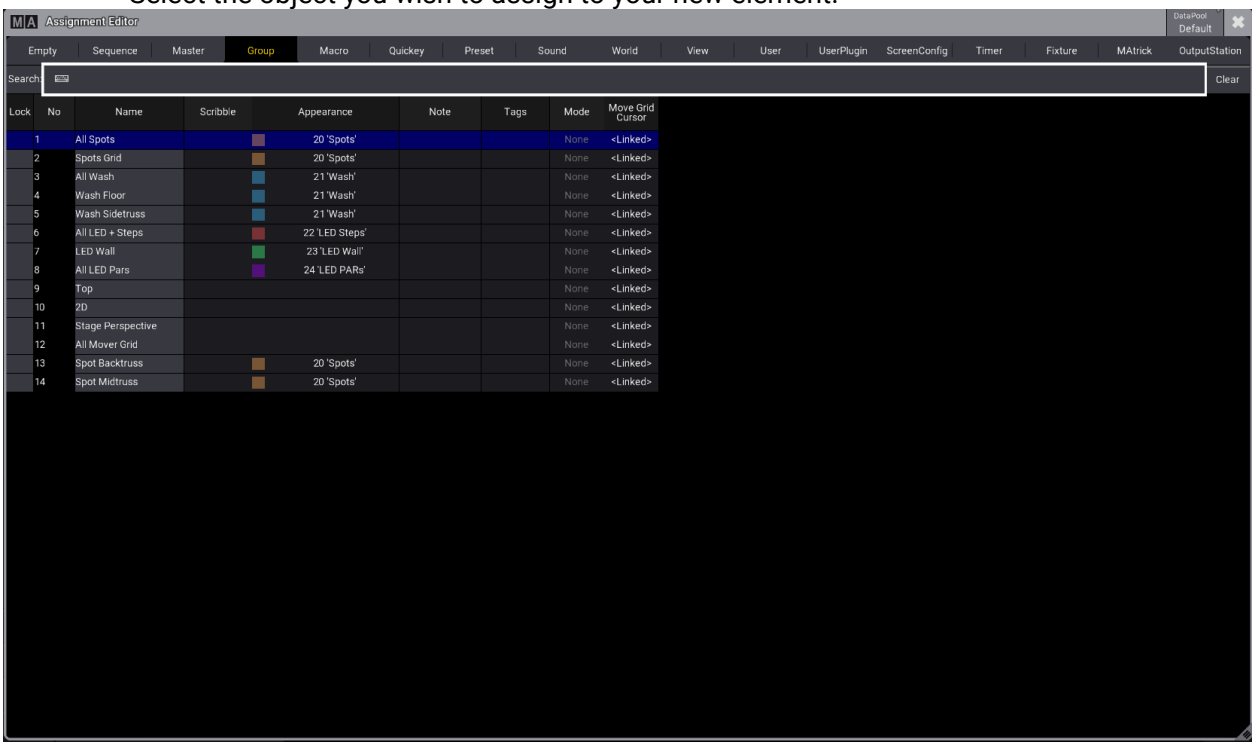
Layout viewer with setup mode enabled

- To assign an object to the element you created in the layout, open the new element with the 2 Finger Edit or press Edit and tap the new element.
  The edit layout element pop-up opens:



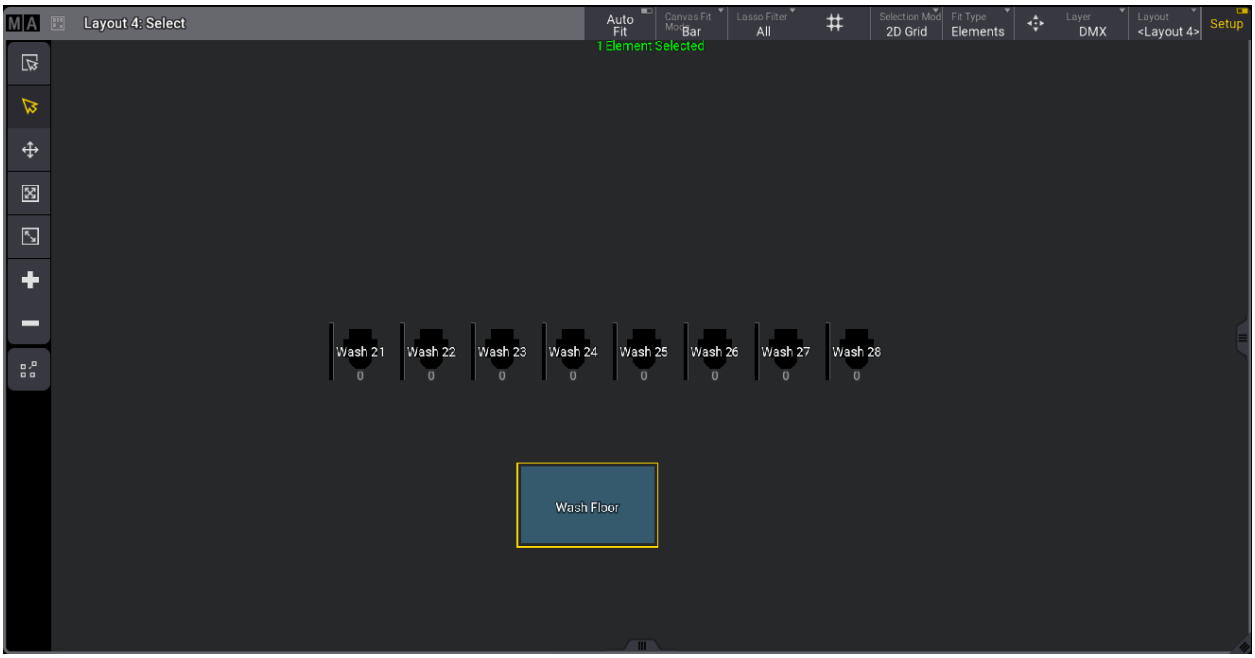
Edit Layout element menu

- Under the General tab, tap Object, and the assignment editor opens.
- Select the object you wish to assign to your new element.



Assignment Editor pop-up

The new object is assigned:



Add an Element Using the GUI

For this example, the group pool and the Layout viewer should be visible on the screen.

For example, add group 1 to layout 1:

1. Press Assign.
2. Tap group 1 in the group pool.
3. Tap an empty area in the layout window.

	Hint:
	Elements can be added in setup mode and normal mode.

Add an Element Using the Command Line

For example, to assign macro 1 to layout 1, type:

User name[Fixture]>Assign Macro 1 At Layout 1

Layout Toolbar

Use the toolbar to edit elements. For more information, see Create a Layout.

1.46.6. Edit Layout Elements

	Important:
	The grandMA3 system has a locking mechanism that temporarily prevents multiple users from editing the same object. For mor information, see: Object Ownership.

To edit a layout element:

1. Tap Setup to enable the setup mode in the Layout View window.
2. Tap and open the element with the 2 Finger Edit.

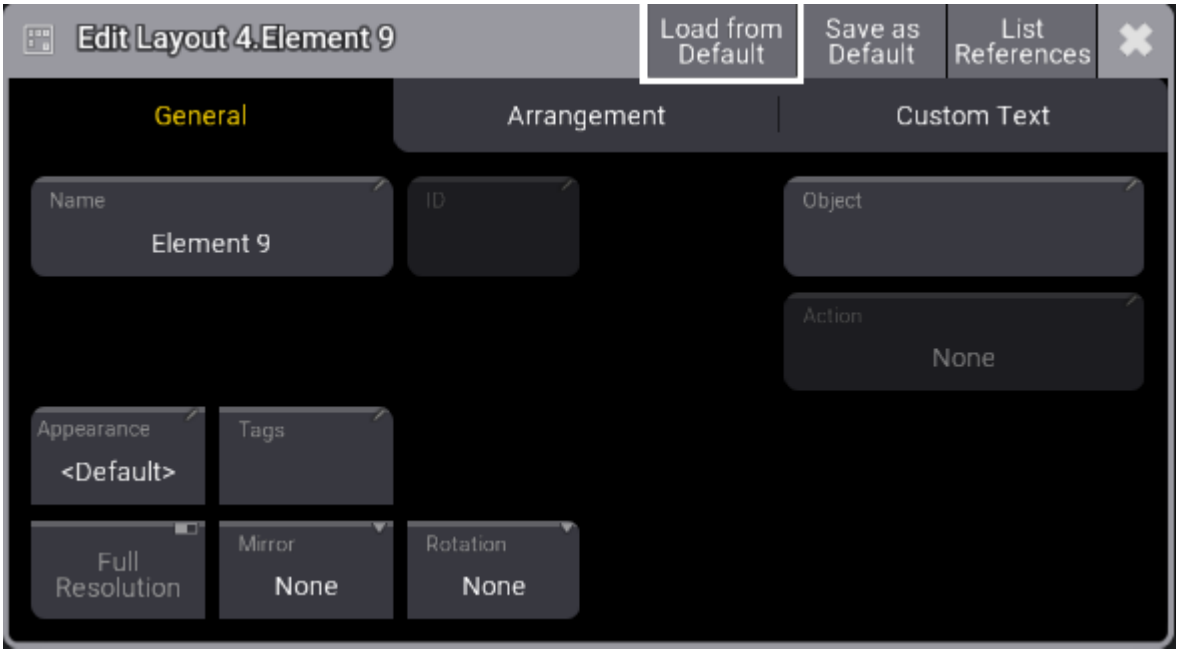
-Or-

1. Tap Setup to activate the Layout Encoder Bar.
2. Select the layout elements to edit in the Layout View window.
3. Tap Edit Selected in the Layout Encoder Bar to open the layout element editor.

The Edit Layout window is separated into three tabs: General, Arrangement, and Custom Text.

General Tab

Manages all properties regarding the object assigned to the layout element.



Edit Layout Elements

- **Name:** Opens the virtual keyboard to enter a name for the selected element.
- **ID:** When a fixture is assigned to a layout, the fixture ID is displayed here. For more information, see What are Fixtures. When a pool object is assigned, ID represents the pool object number.
- **CID:** If the **IDType** is something other than "Fixture", the CID is displayed here. For more information, see Add Fixtures to the Show.

- **Object**: Opens the **Assignment Editor** pop-up.
- **Action**: Opens the **Select Action** pop-up. Select an action to be performed when tapping an element.

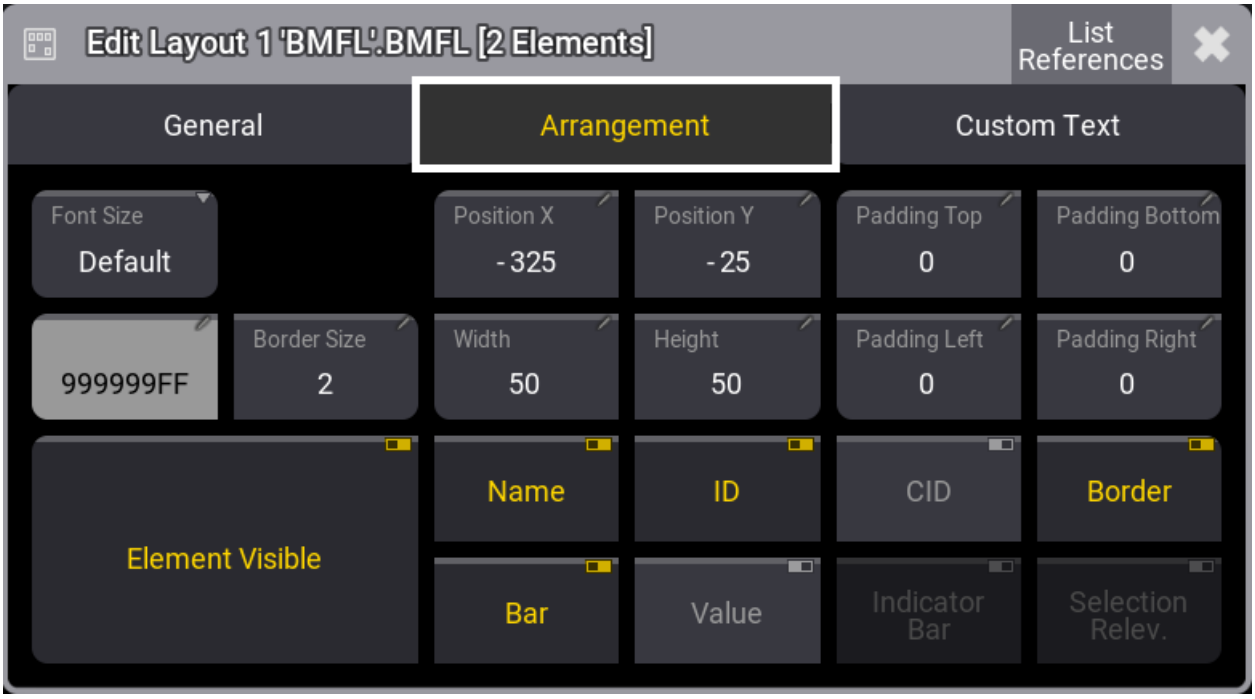
1. **<Layout Default>** will follow the action set for the default layout element. See Create a Layout.
2. When set to **<Object Default>**, it follows the object action of the object itself.
   - **Appearance:** Opens the **Select Appearance** pop-up. <Default> will use the appearance of the assigned object. For more information, see Appearances.
   - **Full Resolution:** Determines whether an image is displayed at its full resolution (enabled) or reduced quality (disabled).
   - **Mirror:** Mirrors the displayed appearance horizontally, vertically, or equally on a layout element.
   - **Appearance Rotation:** Rotates the displayed appearance to 90°, 180°, or 270° degrees.

Layout element defaults can be created by tapping Save as Default in the title bar. Defaults can also be set by pressing Menu and tapping Preferences and Timings.

	Important:
	Having a lot of high-resolution images displayed may slow down the graphical user interface. In this case, the software falls back, rendering images with a lower quality. Images with 150 pixels or below will always be displayed with a lower quality.

Arrangement Tab

Manages the position and look of a layout element.

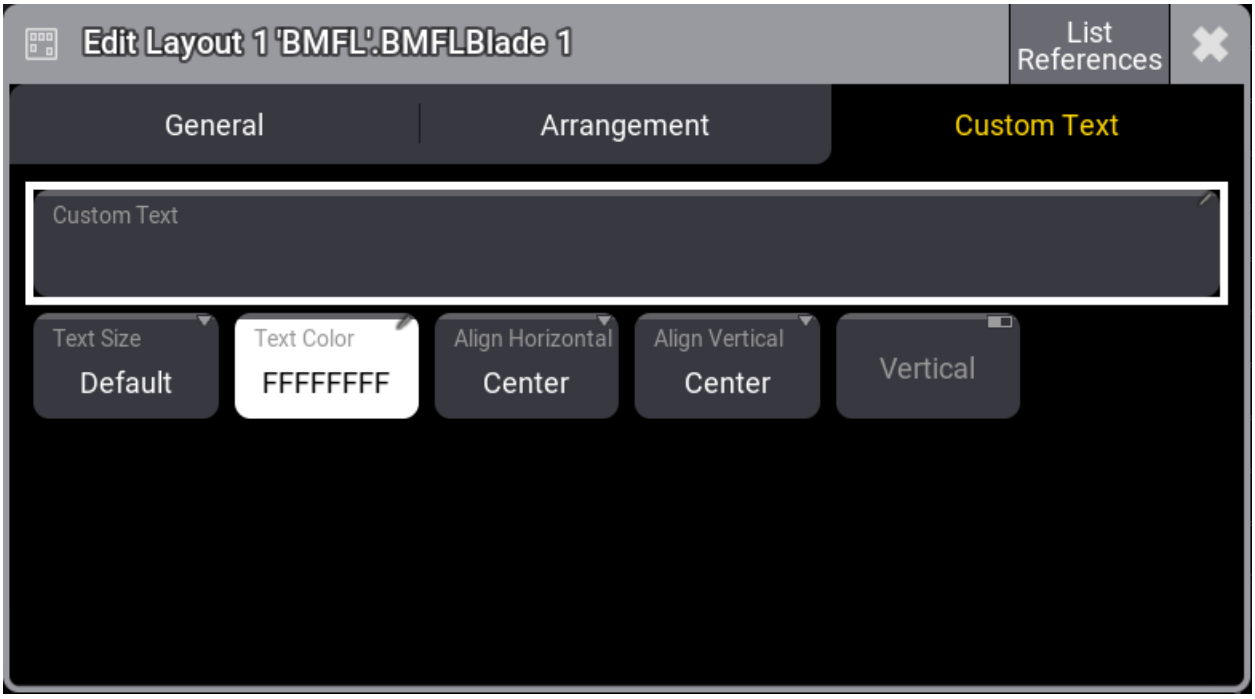


Arrangement tab

- **Font Size**: Use these buttons to personalize the font size of the custom text alignment. Setting layout elements to a dedicated font size displays the text in the set size.
- **Position X** and **Position Y**: Specify the positions along the X and Y axes in the layout.

- **Padding Top, Padding Bottom, Padding Left, Padding Right**: Padding is the distance between the edge of the element and the content inside the element.
- **Border Color** and **Border Size**: Adjust the outline color and size.
- **Width** and **Height**: These settings adjust the dimensions of the element.
- **Element Visible**: Toggle to display or hide the element.
- **Name**, **ID**, **CID**, **Boarder**, **Bar,** and **Value**: Toggle to display or hide the name, the fixture ID, the custom ID, the dimmer bar, the output value, and the border of the layout element.
- **Indicator Bar**: When a pool object is assigned to a layout (e.g., a group), it defines if the indicator bar will be displayed on top of the element.
- **Selection Relevance**: When enabled, the image of the layout element will be colored with the For All or For Some color. For more information, see Window Settings, Pool Settings.

Custom Text Tab



Custom Text tab

- **Custom Text:** Add a custom label to the element. Text on layout elements that is too long to display is cut off.
- **Text Size** and **Text Color**: Use these buttons to personalize the custom text size and color.
- **Align Horizontal**: The horizontal custom text alignment.
    - **Center**: Will align the text to the horizontal center of the layout element.
    - **Left**: The left end of the text will be aligned with the left edge of the layout element.
    - **Right**: The right end of the text will be aligned with the right edge of the layout element.
    - **OutsideLeft**: Places the custom text outside the layout element on the left.

- **OutsideRight**: Places the custom text outside the layout element on the right.

- **Align Vertical:** The vertical custom text alignment.
  - **Center**: Will align the text to the vertical center of the layout element.
  - **Top**: Place the text within the layout element at the top edge.
  - **Bottom**: Place the text within the layout element at the bottom edge.
  - **Above**: Place the text outside the layout element at the top edge.
  - **Below**: Place the text outside the layout element below the layout element.
- **Vertical**: Displays the custom text in a perpendicular direction when enabled.

	Hint:
	Multiple selected layout elements can be edited simultaneously.
	Hint:
	The layout element selection order will determine the alignment order.
	Hint:
	When toggling layout element properties while having multiple layout elements selected with different property values, they will switch to the same value and change their value together.

Example

To edit multiple selected layout elements simultaneously:

1. Tap Setup in the title bar to enable **Setup**.
2. Select various fixtures in the Layout Viewer window.
3. Tap Edit Selected in the Layout Encoder Bar to open the layout element editor. For more information, see Layout Encoder Bar.
4. Tap the Name button; this opens the virtual keyboard. Enter a new name and tap Enter.
5. Close the Edit Layout dialogue.

All selected fixtures are renamed simultaneously

1.46.7. Layout Encoder Bar

Use the layout encoder bar to position and arrange layout elements.

Requirements:

- A visible layout pool and a visible layout viewer.

For more information on how to add a window, see Add Windows.

The layout encoder bar has two function settings: **Position** and **Arrangement**.

Layout Encoder Bar Function Set to Position

1. Create a layout and select it. See Create a Layout.
2. Tap Setup in the title bar to enable **Setup**; the layout encoder bar is displayed.
3. Tap Function in the layout encoder bar until it is set to **Position**.
4. Select the layout element (e.g., fixture) you wish to position.
5. Use the encoders to position and/or resize the element.

	Hint:
	When multiple elements are selected, use the **Align** function combined with the dual encoders to spread your selection evenly.

Layout Encoder Bar

- **Pos X**: Rotate the inner ring of the dual encoder to move the selected element left and right.
- **Pos Y**: Rotate the inner ring of the dual encoder to move the selected element up and down.
- **Width**: Rotate the dual encoder's outer ring to set the selected element's width.
- **Height**: Rotate the dual encoder's outer ring to set the selected element's height.
- **Scale:** Scales the arrangement of the selected elements in the X and Y direction.
- **Ratio:** Scales the arrangement of the selected elements in the X direction.
- **Rotate:** Rotate the selected fixtures on the canvas and change their position as a group. When only one fixture is selected, the encoder is grayed out.
- **Change on EncoderEvent**: Encoder changes are instantly transmitted to the network when set to Yes. If set to **No**, after stopping to turn an encoder, the actual state will be transmitted after 2s.

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- **Reset Position**: Tap to position the bottom left corner of the selected elements to Pos X and Pos Y zero.

- **Edit Selected:** Tap to enter the layout element editor.

Layout Encoder Bar Function Set to Arrangement

1. Create a layout and select it.
2. Tap Mode in the title bar to enable **Setup**; the layout encoder bar is displayed.
3. Tap Function in the layout encoder bar until it is set to **Arrangement**.
4. Select the layout elements (e.g., fixtures) you wish to position.
5. Tap and hold LayoutType, and the Select Layout Type drop-down menu opens.
6. Select one of the four arrangement types: **Line**, **Grid**, **Circle**, or **Camera**.

For more information on **Line**, **Grid**, and **Circle** arrangements, see Position fixtures in the 3D space.

Camera Arrangement

Arrange your current selection similar to your camera view in the 3D window. Use the encoders to select a camera, set the scale and ratio factor, and move the selected elements.

Layout encoder bar function set to Arrangement

To do so:

1. Tap Function until it is set to **Arrangement**.
2. Tap Layout Type until it is set to **Camera**.

Set the following parameters using the dual encoders:

- **Camera**: Select the desired camera.
- **Scale**: Scales the whole selection in X and Y directions.
- **Ratio**: Defines the ratio of the selection.
- **Move X**: Move the entire selection in the X direction for a more convenient position.
- **Move Y**: Move the entire selection in the Y direction for a more convenient position.

	Hint:
	Press the first dual encoder inner ring or the first dual encoder key to open the camera calculator. Select a camera from the list or enter a camera number.

3. When you're satisfied with your layout setup, tap Apply to confirm.

	Hint:
	When Apply on is active, Apply is disabled, and changes are made in real

	time.

1.47. Plugins

What is LUA

Lua is a scripting language designed to support general procedural programming. It offers support for object-oriented programming, functional programming, and data-driven programming. Lua is implemented as a library, written in *clean* C (a common subset of ANSI C and C++).

For more information on scripting with Lua, see www.lua.org.

The grandMA3 software supports Lua 5.4.8 and all standard built-in libraries.

Use the Version keyword in the command line to check which Lua version your device is currently running.

In addition to the standard Lua libraries, there are custom grandMA3 functions.

A list of all the current grandMA3 functions can be created by using the HelpLua keyword. This keyword creates a file called "grandMA3_lua_functions.txt" in the **gma3_library** folder. Learn more about how to find this in the Folder Structure topic.

This list separates the functions into two categories: Object-Free API and Object API.

Lua code can be executed from plugins or directly in the command line using the Lua keyword.

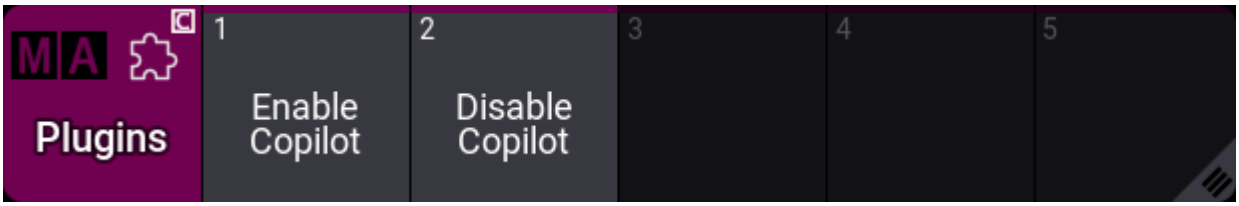
What are Plugins

Plugins are pieces of Lua code that can add features or functionality to the grandMA3.

With plugins, it is possible to do more than what can be achieved with macros.

	Important:
	The creation and use of plugins can go deeper into the system than the "normal" usage of a console. Therefore, plugins might have to be rewritten when migrating show files to future grandMA3 software versions. The technical support team at MA Lighting does not offer support for plugins or Lua scripts.

The plugins are stored in the Plugins Pool.



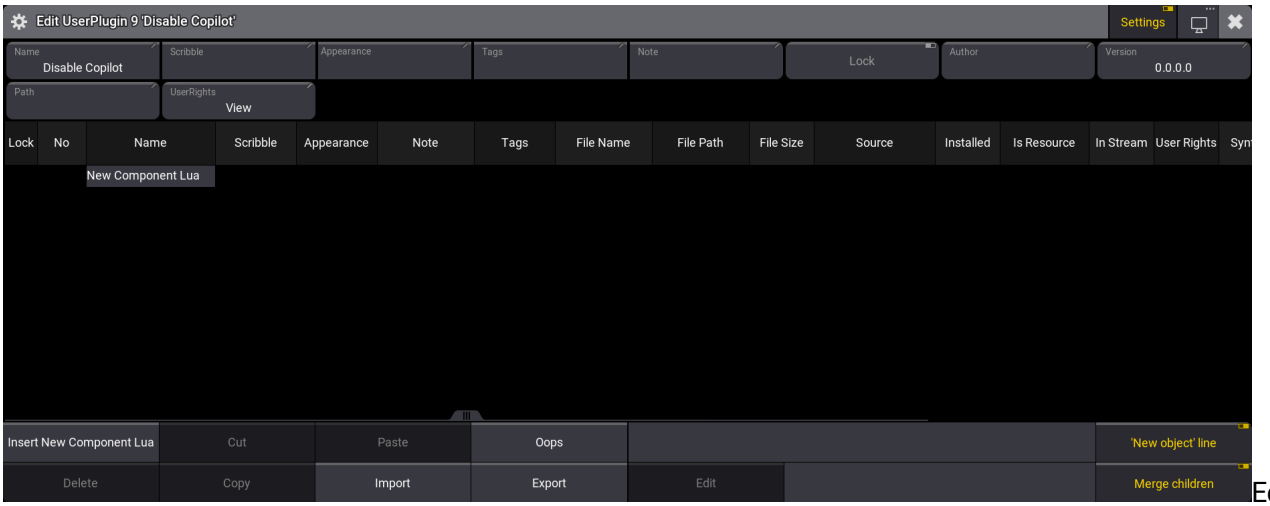
Plugin pool window

The pool can be created like any other using the Add Window pop-up.

Create a New Plugin

To create or add a plugin to the plugin pool, edit an empty pool object using any edit method.

The **Edit UserPlugin** pop-up opens:



Edit Plugin window

This editor can show the settings for the plugin if Setting is On in the title bar.

These are the settings:

- **Name**:
  The name of the plugin. Tap this to edit the name.
- **Scribble**:
  The assigned scribble. Tap this to select a scribble or open the editor to create a new one.
- **Appearance**:
  The assigned appearance. Tap this to select an appearance or open the editor to create a new one.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be assigned to the plugin.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to the plugin.
- **Lock**:
  Toggle this On to lock the plugin from changes.
- **Author**:
  This can be used to add the name of the plugin author.
- **Version**:
  This custom field can be used to indicate a version of the plugin.
- **Path**:
  This is a path (sub-folders) for the files inside the plugin folder (gma3_library/datapools/plugins).
- **UserRights**:
  This can be used to set the needed user rights for running this plugin.

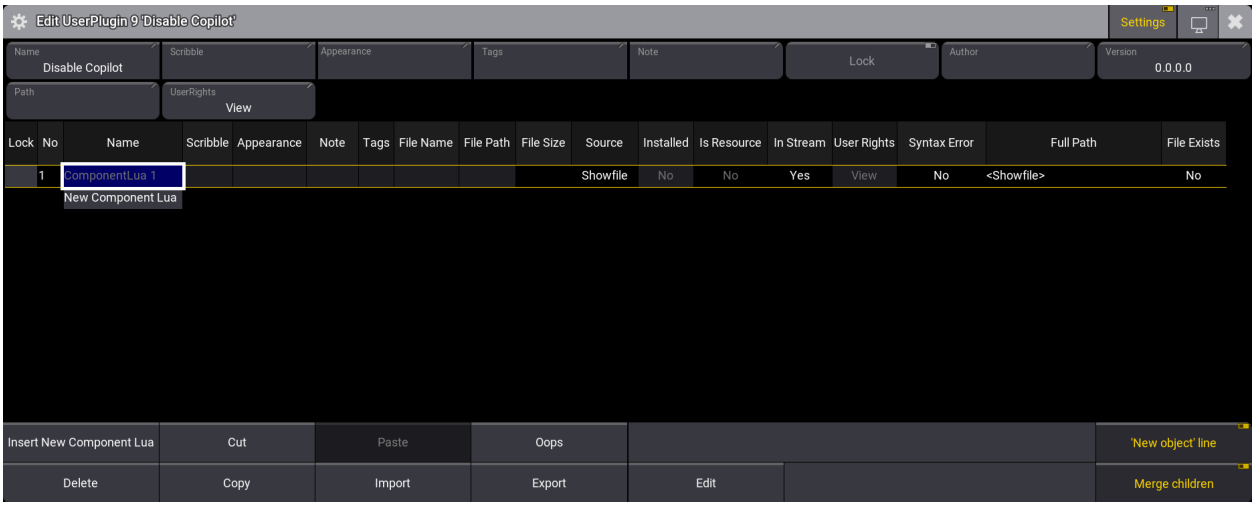
A plugin can contain several Lua components, but should at least have 1.

Create and Edit a Component

A Lua component contains the Lua code. Each component is usually one file.

Add the component by pressing and holding the New Component Lua.

A new component can also be added by selecting a line in the component list and tapping Insert New Component Lua. This creates a new line above the selected line.



Plugin with 1 added Lua component

Each component has some settings and some information. It is the different columns in the list.

- **Name**:
  This is the name of the component.
- **Scribble**:
  This is the assigned scribble - this is not displayed anywhere.
- **Appearance**:
  This is the assigned appearance - this is not displayed anywhere.
- **Note**:
  A note can be added to the component.
- **Tags**:
  Tags can be assigned to the component.
- **FileName**:
  This is the file name for the Lua component file. A file name is needed if the plugin is exported. Giving the component a name also creates a file name.
- **FilePath**:
  This is a sub-folder path for the Lua file inside the plugin folder (gma3_library/datapools/plugins).
- **FileSize** (Information only):
  This displays the file size of the Lua component file in bytes.
- **Source** (Information only):
  This is information only. It indicates whether the component is located in the showfile or the library.

- **Installed**:
  If this is set to Yes, the Lua components will be updated from the file archive they were imported from. This is useful when Lua files are edited and copied into the folder using an external editor.
  To update any changes in these Lua components, the ReloadAllPlugins keyword must be executed.
- **IsResource** (Information only):
  This indicates if the Lua file is an internal resource stored in an internal library. These files are not stored in the showfile and are not streamed.
- **InStream** (Information only):
  Yes means that the Lua code is saved in the show file and streamed in the session but stays as saved in the show file.
  No means that the Lua code is locally saved on the hard drive. The content of this Lua code can be updated using the ReloadAllPlugins keyword.
  Setting **Installed** to Yes will set InStream to No.
- **UserRights**:
  This can be used to set user rights on specific components.
- **SyntaxError** (Information only):
  If syntax errors prevent the Lua component from being loaded into the Lua engine, the SyntaxError property turns to Yes, and the component line turns red.
- **Full Path** (Information only):
  This shows "<showfile>" or the full path for the file.
- **File Exists** (Information only):
  This is information only. It indicates "Yes" if the file is found or "No" if it is not found. This is only relevant if the source is the Library.

Select the component that needs to be edited and tap Edit.

This opens the **Lua Input** pop-up:

Empty Lua Input pop-up

Text can be copied into the pop-up from an external editor (when using the grandMA3 onPC), or it can be written directly in the pop-up.

Editing existing code can also be done in the Lua Input pop-up.

Line numbers help when troubleshooting code or as general help (the numbers are not part of the code). The number of the active line is in white color, and the others are in gray color.

When Tab is used to indent text, a gray ">" appears where the tab was pressed.

When the desired code is input, it needs to be saved by tapping Save in the title bar.

The title bar has other buttons:

- **(Virtual Keyboard)**:
  This toggles the on-screen virtual keyboard.
- **Lua Code Templates**:
  This toggles the Lua Code Templates that can be used as templates for writing new code. Learn more about this below.
- **API Description**:
  This toggles the grandMA3-specific Lua API description on the right-hand side of the Lua Input. Learn more about this below.
- **(Undo)**:
  This undoes the last edit.
- **(Redo)**:
  Thie redoes undoed actions.

After the code is saved, the Lua Input pop-up can be closed by tapping the in the upper right corner.

Run a Plugin

The plugins can be run by tapping them in the pool or using the Plugin keyword.

Running the plugin will execute the first component. This component needs to call other components, or specific components can be called directly using this syntax:

Plugin [Plugin_Number or "Plugin_Name"].[Component_Number or "Component_Name"]

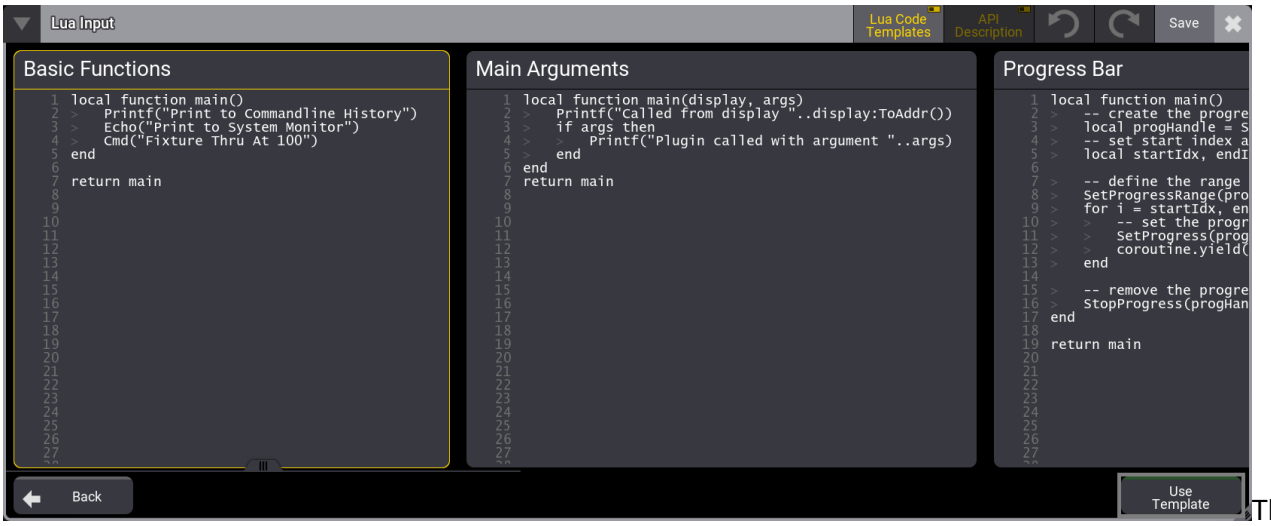
Plugins can also be assigned to executors and view buttons. Learn how in the Assign Object to an Executor topic.

Lua Code Templates

The templates are example codes that can be copied into the editor.

	Restriction:
	Using a template will delete any existing code.

Tap Lua Code Templates in the title bar to show the templates.



The Lua code templates

The different templates are shown next to each other, and there is a horizontal scroll bar, making it possible to scroll through the different templates.

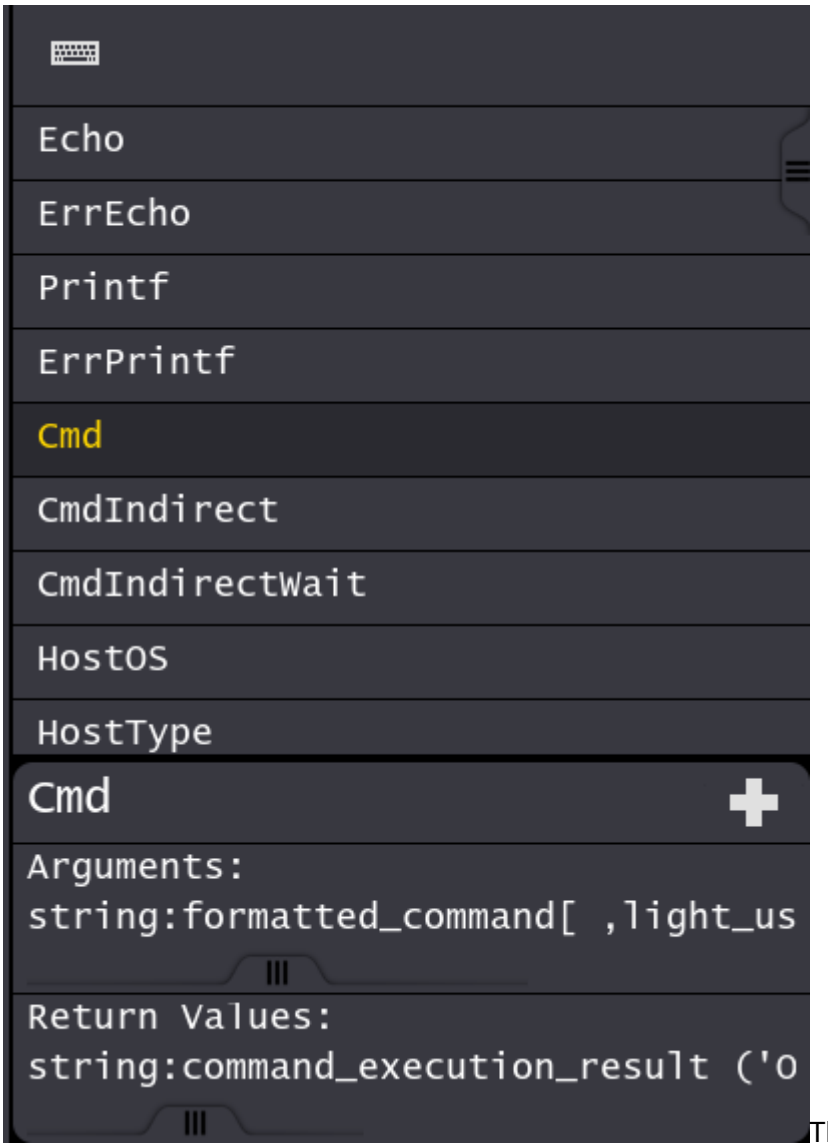
To import one of the templates, select it (yellow frame) and tap Use Template.

The templates can be closed without importing a template by tapping Lua Code Templates in the title bar or the Back in the lower left corner.

API Description

The API description can be shown on the right side of the Lua Input pop-up. It can be toggled On or Off by tapping API Description in the title bar.

It lists all the grandMA3-specific Lua functions and shows a short explanation of the required arguments and the return values.



The API description

There are three elements to the description. At the top is a search input field where text can be input to search the list of functions.

Below is the actual list of functions in alphabetic order. Selecting one shows the description of the selected function below the list.

Tapping the ✚ in the description area adds the function to the Lua input code, with the arguments, at the cursor's current location.

Export a Plugin

The plugin can be exported from the **Edit UserPlugin** by tapping Export.

This creates an XML file for the plugin.

If the Lua components have a file name ending in ".lua", an extra LUA file is exported for the component. If there is no valid file name for the component, it is then stored in the XML file, coded in the "base64" format.

	Restriction:
	The Lua files are only exported if the Lua component has "Yes" in the "InStream".

Import a Plugin

All the required files are needed to import a plugin successfully. The XML file is always needed; if the Lua components are stored as extra Lua files, they are also needed. These files must be in the ../gma3_library/datapools/plugins folder on the desired drive.

1. Create a new plugin.
2. Tap Import.
3. Select the desired drive and XML file.
4. Tap Import.
5. The plugin is imported, and the editor can be closed.

Subtopics

- What is Lua
- Handle - light_userdata
- Interface Functions
- Variable Functions
- Lua Functions - Object-Free API
- Lua Functions - Object API

1.47.1. What is Lua

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For more information on scripting with Lua, see www.lua.org.

The grandMA3 software supports Lua version 5.4.6 and all the built-in standard libraries.

Use the Version keyword in the command line to check which Lua version your device is currently running.

Besides the standard Lua libraries, there are some custom grandMA3 Functions.

A list of all the current grandMA3 functions can be created by using the HelpLua keyword. This keyword creates a file called "grandMA3_lua_functions.txt" in the **gma3_library** folder. Learn more about how to find this in the Folder Structure topic.

This list separates the functions into two categories: Object-Free API and Object API. Individual functions are described in sub-topics in these two topics.

Lua code can be executed from plugins or directly in the command line using the Lua keyword.

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1.47.2. Handle - light_userdata

Many functions require a handle as an argument or return a handle.

The handle is a custom data type called "light_userdata".

The handle is a unique identifier that refers to a grandMA3 object, for instance, a specific sequence, cue, preset, or fixture.

The object the handle refers to has some properties. Some can be changed, and some are read-only. The object might also have child objects. The object always has **Name**, **Class**, and **Path** information.

The path is the same as an **address** that identifies where the object exists in the structure of the showfile.

Related Functions

- Addr() - Converts a handle into a numbered address path.
- AddrNative() - Converts a handle into a named address path.
- FromAddr() - Converts a numbered or named address into a handle.
- HandleToStr() - Converts a handle into a string with a hexadecimal number.
- HandleToInt() - Converts a handle into an integer.
- StrToHandle() - Converts a hexadecimal number string into a handle.
- IntToHandle() - Converts an integer into a handle.
- ToAddr() - Object-free version - Converts a handle into an address string.
- ToAddr() - Object version - Converts a handle into an address string.

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1.47.3. Interface Functions

There are several Lua functions related to creating and displaying interface elements.

They are often some of the most complex functions that can need a lot of different input elements that allow adjustment to specific needs.

Some of them can also return user input to Lua functions.

Individual functions are described like all others, but there are sub-topics here to explain further and provide a collection of functions.

	Known Limitation:
	Not all Lua functions are described yet. This part of the manual will expand in the future.

Subtopics

- Progress Bar

1.47.3.1. Progress Bar

The Progress Bar is a Lua function that can create a moving progress bar on the screens.

There are several Lua functions that are connected to creating and running a progress bar. See links to the topics below the example.

Example

This example uses all the progress bar functions:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- create the progress bar
    local progressBarHandle = StartProgress("myProgressTitle")

    -- set start index and end index of the progress bar
    local progressRangeStart, progressRangeEnd = 1, 10

    -- Define the range of the progress bar
    SetProgressRange(progressBarHandle, progressRangeStart, progressRangeEnd)
    -- Define the text of the progress bar
    SetProgressText(progressBarHandle, "This is my ProgressBar Text")
    -- Set the progress bar value to the start of range
    SetProgress(progressBarHandle, progressRangeStart)

    -- Loop that goes through the progress bar
    for i = progressRangeStart, progressRangeEnd do
        -- Add a yield to allow other functions and delay the progress
        coroutine.yield(1)
        -- Increment the progress state of the progress bar
        IncProgress(progressBarHandle, 1)
    end

    -- remove the progress bar:
    StopProgress(progressBarHandle)

end
```

Related Functions

- StartProgress
- SetProgressRange
- SetProgress
- SetProgressText
- IncProgress
- StopProgress

1.47.4. Variable Functions

This topic is not about local variables in Lua plugins. This is about interactions with variables outside the plugins. For instance, the same user and global variables can be used in macros and the regular command line. Read more about these in the Variables topic in the Macro section.

There are two different sets of variables.

The sets are:

- UserVars() - These are the variables stored as User variables.
- GlobalVars() - These are the variabels stored as Global variabels.

There are three functions regarding interaction with variables in a set:

- GetVar() - Gets the value from a specific variable in one of the sets.
- SetVar() - Sets a value in a specific variable in one of the sets. This also creates the variable if it does not exist.
- DelVar() - Deletes a specific variable in a set of variables.

Common for the three functions is a need to know the variable's name. The user and global variables can be listed using the GetUserVariable and GetGlobalVariable keywords combined with an asterisk wildcard.

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1.47.5. Lua Functions - Object-Free API

Object-Free API means Lua functions that are not functions/methods of objects.

Subtopics

- AddFixtures(table)
- AddonVars(string)
- BuildDetails()
- CheckDMXCollision(handle, string[, integer[, integer]])
- CheckFIDCollision(integer[, integer[, integer]])
- ClassExists(string)
- CloseAllOverlays()
- CloseUndo(handle)
- Cmd(string[, handle])
- CmdIndirect(string[, handle[, handle]])
- CmdIndirectWait(string[, handle[, handle]])
- CmdObj()
- ConfigTable()
- Confirm(string[, string[, integer[, boolean]]])
- CreateMultiPatch({handles}, integer[, string])
- CreateUndo(string)
- CurrentEnvironment()
- CurrentExecPage()
- CurrentProfile()
- CurrentScreenConfig()
- CurrentUser()
- DataPool()
- DefaultDisplayPositions()
- DelVar(handle, string)
- DeskLocked()
- DeviceConfiguration()
- DirList(string[, string])
- DrawPointer(integer,table[,integer])
- DumpAllHooks()
- Echo(string)
- ErrEcho(string)
- ErrPrintf(string)
- Export(filename, export_data)
- ExportCSV(filename, export_data)
- ExportJson(filename, export_data)
- FileExists(string)
- FindTexture(string)
- FirstDmxModeFixture(handle)
- FixtureType()
- FromAddr(string[, handle])
- GetApiDescriptor()
- GetAttributeByUIChannel(integer)
- GetAttributeCount()

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- GetAttributeIndex(string)
- GetButton(handle)
- GetChannelFunction(integer, integer)
- GetChannelFunctionIndex()
- GetClassDerivationLevel(string)
- GetCurrentCue()
- GetDebugFPS()
- GetDisplayByIndex(integer)
- GetDisplayCollect()
- GetDMXUniverse(integer[, boolean])
- GetDMXValue(integer[, integer, boolean])
- GetExecutor(integer)
- GetFocus()
- GetFocusDisplay()
- GetObjApiDescriptor()
- GetPath(string[, boolean] | integer)
- GetPathOverrideFor(string|integer, string[, boolean])
- GetPathSeparator()
- GetPathType(handle[, integer])
- GetRTChannel(integer)
- GetPresetData(handle[, boolean[, boolean]])
- GetRTChannelCount()
- GetRTChannels(integer[,boolean] OR handle[,boolean])
- GetSample(string)
- GetScreenContent(handle)
- GetSelectedAttribute()
- GetShowFileStatus()
- GetSubfixture(integer)
- GetSubfixtureCount()
- GetTokenName(string)
- GetTokenNameByIndex(int)
- GetTopModal()
- GetTopOverlay()
- GetUIChannelCount()
- GetUIChannelIndex(integer, integer)
- GetUIChannels(integer[,boolean] OR handle[,boolean])
- GetUIObjectAtPosition(integer, table)
- GetVar(handle, string)
- GlobalVars()
- HandleToInt(handle)
- HandleToStr(handle)
- HookObjectChange(function, handle, handle[, handle])
- HostOS()
- HostSubType()
- HostType()
- Import(string)
- IncProgress(handle, integer)
- IntToHandle(integer)
- IsClassDerivedFrom(string, string)
- IsObjectValid(handle)
- KeyboardObj()

- MasterPool()
- MessageBox(table)
- MouseObj()
- NeedShowSave()
- ObjectList(string[, table])
- Patch()
- Printf(string)
- Programmer()
- ProgrammerPart()
- Pult()
- ReleaseType()
- Root()
- SelectedFeature()
- SelectedLayout()
- SelectedSequence()
- SelectedTimecode()
- SelectedTimer()
- Selection()
- SelectionCount()
- SelectionFirst()
- SelectionNext()
- SerialNumber()
- SetLED(handle,table)
- SetProgress(handle, integer)
- SetProgressRange(handle, integer, integer)
- SetProgressText(handle, string)
- SetVar(handle, string, value)
- ShowData()
- ShowSettings()
- StartProgress(string)
- StopProgress(handle)
- StrToHandle(string)
- TextInput([string[, string[, integer[, integer]]]])
- Time()
- Timer(string, integer, integer[, string[, handle]])
- TouchObj()
- Unhook(integer)
- UnhookMultiple(function, handle, handle)
- UserVars()

1.47.5.1. AddFixtures(table)

Description

The **AddFixture** Lua function adds fixtures to the patch. The argument for the function is a table, which must contain valid data for the function to succeed. The function returns a "true" boolean value if the addition was a success. The function must be run with the command line in the correct patch destination.

Arguments

- **Table**:
  The table must contain valid data. This is a list of possible table elements. It is not necessary to add all elements.
  - **mode**:
    This must be a **handle** to a valid "dmx_mode". This defines a specific fixture type in a specific mode.
  - **amount**:
    This is an **integer** number that defines how many fixtures should be added.
  - **name** (optional):
    This is a string with the name of the (first) fixture.
  - **fid** (optional):
    This is a **string** with the fixture's FID.
  - **cid** (optional):
    This is a **string** with the CID for the fixture. This table field is only valid if the "idtype" is not "Fixture".
  - **idtype** (optional):
    This is a **string** with the name of the ID Type. This is only needed if the type is different than "Fixture".
  - **patch** (optional):
    This is a **table** with up to eight **strings**. The string must indicate a universe and a start address in the universe. The two must be separated by a dot. Each table element is used for the up to eight DMX breaks in the patch.
  - **layer** (optional):
    This is a **string** with the layer name.
  - **class** (optional):
    This is a **string** with the class name.
  - **parent** (optional):
    This is a **handle** of the parent fixture. It is only needed if the fixture should be a sub-fixture of an existing fixture.
  - **insert_index** (optional):
    This is an **integer** indicating an insert index number.
  - **undo** (optional):
    This is a **string** with an undo text.

Return

- **Boolean** or **nil**:
  The function returns a true boolean if the AddFixture function succeeded. It does not return anything (nil) if it fails.

Example

This example adds a dimmer fixture with FID and CID 301 and patch address "10.001". It is a requirement that the generic dimmer type is already added to the show, that the ID and patch address are available, and that the stage is called "Stage 1". The example does not perform any check for availability.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Change the command line destination to the root.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination Root")
    -- Enter the "Patch".
    Cmd('ChangeDestination "ShowData"."Patch"')
    -- Enter the fixture location for the "Stage 1" object.
    Cmd('ChangeDestination "Stages"."Stage 1"."Fixtures"')

    -- Create a table.
    local myAddFixtureTable = {}
    -- Set the mode to a 8-bit Dimmer fixture type.
    myAddFixtureTable.mode = Patch().FixtureTypes.Dimmer.DMXModes["Mode 0"]
    -- Set the amount of fixtures.
    myAddFixtureTable.amount = 1
    -- Set the FID for the fixture.
    myAddFixtureTable.fid = "301"
    -- Set the IdType - it is not needed if the type is "Fixture".
    myAddFixtureTable.idtype = "Channel"
    -- Set the CID - Use only this when the "idtype" is different than
Fixture.
    myAddFixtureTable.cid = "301"
    -- Set the name of the fixture.
    myAddFixtureTable.name = "AddedDimmer 301"
    -- Create a patch table with an address.
    myAddFixtureTable.patch = {"10.001"}

    -- Add the fixture to the patch using the table data. Store the result in
a local variable.
    local success = AddFixtures(myAddFixtureTable)

    -- Provide some feedback.
    if success ~= nil then
        Printf("Fixture " .. myAddFixtureTable.fid .. " is added with patch
address " .. myAddFixtureTable.patch[1])
    else
        Printf("AddFixture failed!")
    end

    -- Return the command line to the root destination.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination Root")
end
```

1.47.5.2. AddonVars(string)

Description

The **AddonVars** function returns a handle to the set of variables connected to a specific addon.

	Restriction:
	The addon variable set is not helpful at the moment.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The string needs to be the name of the addon.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle of the set of variables.

Example

This example prints information connected to the "Demo" addon variable set. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- Stores the handle to a variable set connected to the addon named
'Demo'.
    local variableSet = AddonVars("Demo")
    -- Check if the return is nil and print an error message
    if variableSet == nil then
        ErrPrintf("The variable set does not exists")
        return
    end
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    variableSet:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.3. BuildDetails()

Description

The BuildDetails function returns a table with key-value pairs about the software build.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Build details**:
  This is the table with key-value pairs. These are the possible keys in the table:
  - **GitDate**: String with the date for the repository branch of the software.
  - **GitHead**: String with the branch of the repository.
  - **GitHash**: String with the hash for the repository.
  - **CompileDate**: String with the date for the compile.
  - **CompileTime**: String with the time for the compile.
  - **BigVersion**: String indicating the software version.
  - **SmallVersion**: String with the small version number of the software. Devices that only listen to a DMX data stream need to have this version to "understand" the streaming data.
  - **HostType**: String with the host type, for instance, "Console" or "onPC".
  - **HostSubType**: String with the host sub-type, for instance, "FullSize" or "Light".
  - **CodeType**: String showing the type of code, for instance, "Release".
  - **IsRelease**: Boolean indicating if the software is a release version.

Example

This example prints the content of the BuildDetails table:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    --Store the build detials table
    local myBuild = BuildDetails()
    --Print the content of the table
    Printf("GitDate: " .. myBuild.GitDate)
    Printf("GitHead: " .. myBuild.GitHead)
    Printf("GitHash: " .. myBuild.GitHash)
    Printf("CompileDate: " .. myBuild.CompileDate)
    Printf("CompileTime: " .. myBuild.CompileTime)
    Printf("BigVersion: " .. myBuild.BigVersion)
    Printf("SmallVersion: " .. myBuild.SmallVersion)
    Printf("HostType: " .. myBuild.HostType)
    Printf("HostSubType: " .. myBuild.HostSubType)
    Printf("CodeType: " .. myBuild.CodeType)
    Printf("IsRelease: " .. tostring(myBuild.IsRelease))
end
```

Related Lua Functions

- Version()
- HostType()
- HostSubType()

1.47.5.4. CheckDMXCollision(handle, string[, integer[, integer]])

Description

The **CheckDMXCollision** Lua function checks if a specific DMX address range is available or already used.

It uses the number of DMX channels in a specific "DMX mode" of a fixture type to calculate the number of DMX channels that should be available from a specified DMX start address.

All fixture types have at least one defined DMX mode. But fixtures often have more than one mode. This Lua function uses a specific DMX mode of a fixture type.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle must be for a "DMX mode". This is used to calculate how many DMX channels should be available in the range.
- **String**:
  This must be a DMX address expressed as a string. This defines the start of the range to be checked.
- **Integer** (optional)|**nil**:
  This optional integer is a count of subsequent "DMX Modes" that should also be checked. The default value is **1**.
  For instance, if the provided "DMX Mode" uses 10 DMX channels and the count is set to 5, then there must be 50 unpatched DMX channels from the start address for a positive result.
- **Integer** (optional):
  This optional integer indicates the break_index. The default value is **0**, which is the first "DMX break" defined for the "DMX mode". All fixture types have at least one defined "DMX break".

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The function returns a boolean.
  - **True**:
    The DMX address is available as a start address.
  - **False**:
    The DMX address is unavailable as a start address for the calculated number of DMX channels.

Example

This example prints feedback to the DMX collision check based on a DMX address of "1.001" and the DMX mode of the first fixture in the current selection:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Set the DMX universe - range 1-1024.
    local myDMXUniverse = 1
    -- Set the DMX address in the universe - range 1-512.
```

```
    local myDMXAddress = 1
    -- Set the optional count for the number of fixtures (break_index channel
amount) to check.
    local myCount = 1
    -- Set the optional break_index number for fixtures with multiple breaks.
    -- Default value is 0 to indicate the first break.
    local myBreakIndex = 0

    -- Creates the string used for the DMX address.
    local startOfRange = string.format("%d.%03d", myDMXUniverse,
myDMXAddress)

    -- Check if there is a selection and exit if there isn't.
    if SelectionFirst() == nil then
        Printf("Please make a selection and try again.")
        return
    end
    -- This gets the handle for the first fixture a patched generic Dimmers
8-bit mode.
    local myDmxMode = GetSubfixture(SelectionFirst()).ModeDirect

    if myDmxMode == nil then
        -- Exit the function if the DMX mode returns nil.

    else
        -- Do the actual collision check and provide useful feedback.
        if CheckDMXCollision(myDmxMode, startOfRange, myCount, myBreakIndex)
then
            Printf("The DMX address " .. startOfRange .. " is available.")
            return
        else
            Printf("The DMX address " .. startOfRange .. " cannot be used as
a start address for this patch.")
            return
        end
    end
end
```

1.47.5.5. CheckFIDCollision(integer[, integer[, integer]])

Description

The **CheckFIDCollision** Lua function checks if a specific (range of) ID is available or already used. It can be used to check FID and any type of CID by adding a type integer.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The first integer is the ID that should be checked.
- **Integer** (optional):
  This optional integer is a count of subsequent IDs that should also be checked. The default value is **1**. For instance, if FID 21 to 25 should be checked, then the count integer should be **5**.
- **Integer** (optional):
  This optional integer indicates the IDType. The default value is **0**, which is the "Fixture" ID Type. See the example below for other valid integers.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The function returns a boolean.
  - **True**:
    The ID is available.
  - **False**:
    The ID is already used.

Example

This example prints feedback to the FID check:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Create a variable with the FID you want to check.
    local myFID = 2001
    -- Create a variable with the number of subsequent ID's to also check.
    local myCount = 10
    -- Create a variable with the IDType you want to check.
    -- Default value is 0. This is the "Fixture" type.
    -- Valid integers are:
    --- 0 = Fixture
    --- 1 = Channel
    --- 2 = Universal
    --- 3 = Houseligths (default name)
    --- 4 = NonDim (default name)
    --- 5 = Media (default name)
    --- 6 = Fog (default name)
    --- 7 = Effect (default name)
    --- 8 = Pyro (default name)
    --- 9 = MArker
    --- 10 = Multipatch
```

```
    local myType = 0

    -- Check if the count is more than one.
    if myCount > 1 then
        -- Check if there is a collision and print valid feedback.
        if CheckFIDCollision(myFID, myCount, myType) then
            Printf("The FID " .. myFID .. " to " .. (myFID + myCount) .. " is
available.")
            return
        else
            Printf("The FID " .. myFID .. " to " .. (myFID + myCount) .. "
gives an FID collision.")
            return
        end
    else
        if CheckFIDCollision(myFID, nil, myType) then
            Printf("The FID " .. myFID .. " is available.")
            return
        else
            Printf("The FID " .. myFID .. " gives an FID collision.")
            return
        end
    end
end
```

1.47.5.6. ClassExists(string)

Description

The **ClassExists** Lua function returns a boolean indicating whether the provided string is a class.

Arguments

- **String**:
  A string containing a single word that could be a class.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The function returns a boolean.
  - **True**:
    The provided word is a class.
  - **False**:
    The provided input is not a class.

Example

This example asks if the word "Display" is a class and returns proper feedback.

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- Store a string with the class name
    local className = "Display"
    -- Check if the class exists and then provide proper feedback
    if ClassExists(className) then
        Printf("The class '%s' exists", className)
    else
        Printf("The class '%s' does not exists", className)
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.7. CloseAllOverlays()

Description

The **CloseAllOverlays** function closes any pop-ups or menus (overlays) open on any screen.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example simply closes any overlay.

Lua
```
return function()
    CloseAllOverlays()
end
```

1.47.5.8. CloseUndo(handle)

Description

The **CloseUndo** Lua function closes an open undo list. The function returns a boolean indicating if the function succeeds.

Undo lists need to be created to be closed. See more about this in the CreateUndo function.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle of a created undo list.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  - True: The undo list was closed.
  - False: The undo list is still in use and cannot be closed.

Example

This example creates an undo list, performs a series of commands that are added to the undo list, and closes the undo list. Now the series of commands can be oopsed with one oops command.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    --Create the undo object
    local MyNewUndo = CreateUndo("MySelection")
    --Create command actions connected to the undo object
    Cmd("ClearAll", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 1", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 2", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 5", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 7", MyNewUndo)
    --Close the undo group and store it's return in a variable
    local closeSuccess = CloseUndo(MyNewUndo)
    --Print the feedback from the closing action - 1 = Success / 0 = Failure.
    if closeSuccess == false then
        ErrPrintf("The CloseUndo was not successful")
    elseif closeSuccess == true then
        Printf("The CloseUndo was successful")
    else
        Printf("The CloseUndo did not return a meaningful result")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.9. Cmd(string[, handle])

Description

The **Cmd** Lua function executes a command in the grandMA3 command line. It is executed in a Lua task - not the Main task (standard typed commands are run in the Main task). It is executed synchronously, and it blocks the Lua task while executing. This means that a bad command has the potential to block the system.

Alternative functions are CmdIndirect() and CmdIndirectWait().

Argument

- **String**:
  A string with the command to be executed in the command line. Do not add a please or enter to execute the command.
- **Handle** (optional):
  A handle to an undo (oops) list. Learn more in the CreateUndo topic.
- **...** (optional):
  Additional arguments relevant for the command.

Return

- **String**:
  A string is returned with the execution feedback known from the command line feedback
  - **OK**:
    Command executed.
  - **Syntax Error**:
    The command was not executed because of a syntax error.
  - **Illegal Command**:
    Command not executed because of some illegal command or action.

The returned string does not need to be used.

Example

This example executes the command "ClearAll" in the command line.

Lua
```
return function()
    --Execute the command directly
    Cmd("ClearAll")
end
```

1.47.5.10. CmdIndirect(string[, handle[, handle]])

Description

The **CmdIndirect** Lua function executes a command within the grandMA3 command line. It is executed asynchronously in the Main task. It does not block the Lua execution since it is not executed in the Lua Task.

Arguments

- **String**:
  A string with the command to be executed in the command line. Do not add a please or enter to execute the command.
- **Handle** (optional):
  A handle to an undo (oops) list. Learn more in the CreateUndo topic.
- **Handle** (optional):
  This is a handle for the target for the command. The target can be a specific screen. See the example below.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example prints "1" and "2" in the Command Line History and let the main task open the Configure Display pop-up on screen 2.

Lua
```
return function()
    --Print something
    Printf("1")
    --Use the 'CmdIndirect' to open a pop-up
    CmdIndirect("Menu DisplayConfig", nil, GetDisplayByIndex(2))
    --Print something else
    Printf("2")
end
```

The Command Line History shows:

```
OK: Call Plugin 49
1
2
OK: Menu "DisplayConfig"
```

1.47.5.11. CmdIndirectWait(string[, handle[, handle]])

Description

The **CmdIndirectWait** Lua function executes a command within the grandMA3 command line. It does not block the Lua execution and is executed synchronously in the main task. Synchronous commands wait for the command to be executed before executing any following command.

Arguments

- **String**:
  A string with the command to be executed in the command line. Do not add a please or enter to execute the command.
- **Handle** (optional):
  A handle to an undo (oops) list. Learn more in the CreateUndo topic.
- **Handle** (optional):
  This is a handle for the target for the command. The target can be a specific screen. See the example below.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example prints "1" and "2" in the Command Line History and lets the main task open the Configure Display pop-up on screen 2.

Lua
```lua
return function()
    --Print something
    Printf("1")
    --Use the 'CmdIndirectWait' to open a pop-up
    CmdIndirectWait("Menu DisplayConfig", nil, GetDisplayByIndex(2))
    --Print something else
    Printf("2")
end
```

The Command Line History shows:

```
OK : Call Plugin 50
1
OK : Menu "DisplayConfig"
2
```

1.47.5.12. CmdObj()

Description

The **CmdObj** Lua function returns information about the command line object.

Argument

This function does not have any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the command line object.

Example

This example uses the **Dump() function** on the command object. It lists all the properties and lists the children and some extra examples of how the command line object can be used:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    --Store the handle to the command object
    local cmd = CmdObj()
    --Print all information about the command object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    cmd:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    --Print some selected elements from the command object - this is
currently not in the online manual
    Printf("Current text in the command line: " ..cmd.cmdtext)
    Printf("Current cmd edit object: " ..tostring(cmd.editobject and
cmd.editobject:ToAddr()))
    Printf("Current cmd destination: " ..tostring(cmd.destination and
cmd.destination:ToAddr()))
    Printf("Current user of the command line: " ..tostring(cmd.user and
cmd.user:ToAddr()))
    Printf("Current profile of the command line: " ..tostring(cmd.profile and
cmd.profile:ToAddr()))
    Printf("Current DMX readout: " ..cmd.dmxreadout)
    Printf("Current amount steps: " ..cmd.maxstep)
    Printf("Current selected object: " ..tostring(cmd:GetSelectedObject() and
cmd:GetSelectedObject():ToAddr()))
```

```
end
```

1.47.5.13. ConfigTable()

Description

The **ConfigTable** Lua function returns a table with some configuration information. This is information only. The function does not have any actual functions. The table is not sorted.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table contains key value pairs with configuration information. See the example below.

Example

This example prints the content of the returned table.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Prints the content of the ConfigTable
    for key,value in pairs(ConfigTable()) do
        Printf(key .. " : " .. value)
    end
end
```

1.47.5.14. Confirm(string[, string[, integer[, boolean]]])

Description

The **Confirm** Lua function provides a simple confirmation pop-up for a true/false query. It is part of the user interface functions.

Arguments

- **String**:
  This string is the title for the pop-up.
- **String** (optional):
  This string is the text in the pop-up.
- **Integer** (optional):
  This integer is not used since the pop-up appears on all screens. The value can be *nil*.
- **Boolean** (optional):
  This boolean defines if there is a Cancel button in the pop-up or not.
  - true: There is a Cancel button in the pop-up. This is the default option used if it is not defined.
  - false: There is only an OK button in the pop-up.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  - True / 1: The pop-up was confirmed with the OK.
  - False / 0: The pop-up was not confirmed with Cancel. This is only a possible option if the Cancel button is visible.

Example

This example creates a confirmation pop-up with printed feedback in the Command Line History:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    --Creates a pop-up asking to be confirmed and prints a useful text.
    if Confirm("Confirm me", "Tap OK or Cancel", nil, true) then
        Printf("Pop-up result: OK")
    else
        Printf("Pop-up result: Cancel")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.15. CreateMultiPatch({handles}, integer[, string])

Description

The **CreateMultiPatch** Lua function creates a series of multi patch fixtures to a table of fixtures.

Arguments

- **Table**:
  The table must contain **handles** to the fixtures who should have the multi patch fixtures.
- **Integer**:
  The number of multi patch fixtures to create.
- **String** (optional):
  The string is an optional undo text. It needs to be in quotation marks.

Return

- **Integer | nil**:
  The returned integer indicates the amount of multi patch fixtures created.

Example

This example creates two multi patch fixtures to the first fixture (excluding the "Universal" fixture) in the patch.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Enter Patch.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination Root");
    -- Enter the SetupPatch.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination 'ShowData'.'Patch'");

    -- Get the handle for the first fixture in the patch.
    local myFixture = Patch().Stages[1].Fixtures[2]
    -- Add the handle a list element in an table.
    local myFixtureTable = {myFixture}
    -- Add a variable with the amount of multipatch fixtures needed.
    local multiPatchAmount = 2

    -- Count the number of elements in the fixture table and store in a
variable.
    local count = 0
    for _ in pairs(myFixtureTable) do
         count = count + 1
    end
    -- Create an unto text string.
    local undoText = string.format("Create %d multipatch fixtures for up to
%d fixtures", multiPatchAmount, count)

    -- Create the multipatch fixtures to the each fixture handle in the table
```

```
and store the returned value.
    local multiPatchAmount = CreateMultiPatch(myFixtureTable,
multiPatchAmount, undoText)
    if multiPatchAmount ~= nil then
        Printf(multiPatchAmount .. " multi patch objects was created")
    else
        Printf("An error occured")
    end

    -- Return the command line destination to the root.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination Root")
end
```

1.47.5.16. CreateUndo(string)

Description

The **CreateUndo** Lua function returns a handle to a list of commands and function calls grouped in the same oops action.

Functions can be executed with a reference to the undo handle. This adds the function to the undo list.

Undo lists need to be closed using the CloseUndo function.

Arguments

- **String**:
  A text string must be added. It can be used to identify the undo list.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns the handle to the undo list.

Example

This example creates an undo list, performs a series of commands being added to the undo list, and closes the undo list. Now, the series of commands can be oopsed with one oops command.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Create the undo group.
    local MyNewUndo = CreateUndo("MySelection")
    -- Make some command line actions linked to the undo.
    Cmd("ClearAll", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 1", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 2", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 5", MyNewUndo)
    Cmd("Fixture 7", MyNewUndo)
    -- Closing the undo group and store it's return in a variable.
    local closeSuccess = CloseUndo(MyNewUndo)
    -- Print the feedback from the closing action - 1 = Success / 0 =
Failure.
    if closeSuccess == false then
        ErrPrintf("The CloseUndo was not successful")
    elseif closeSuccess == true then
        Printf("The CloseUndo was successful")
    else
        Printf("The CloseUndo did not return a meaningful result")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.17. CurrentEnvironment()

Description

The **CurrentEnvironment** Lua function returns a handle to the current users' selected environment.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the environment.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Dumps information about the current environment
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    CurrentEnvironment():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.18. CurrentExecPage()

Description

The **CurrentEnvironment** Lua function returns a handle to the current users' selected executor page.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the executor page.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Dumps information about the current executor page
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    CurrentExecPage():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.19. CurrentProfile()

Description

The **CurrentProfile** Lua function returns a handle to the current users' profile.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the user profile.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Dumps information about the current executor page
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    CurrentProfile():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.20. CurrentScreenConfig()

Description

The **CurrentScreenConfig** Lua function returns a handle to the current users' screen configuration.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the screen configuration.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Dumps information about the current screen configuration
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    CurrentScreenConfig():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.21. CurrentUser()

Description

The **CurrentUser** Lua function returns a handle to the current user.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the user.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Dumps information about the current user
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    CurrentUser():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.22. DataPool()

Description

The **DataPool** Lua function references the currently selected DataPool and is used to read or edit properties within the data pool.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the DataPool object.

Example

This example uses the **Dump() function** on the data pool object. Dump lists all the properties and lists the children. Finally, the example also prints the name of the first sequence in the data pool.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Dumps information about the datapool object.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    DataPool():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    -- Prints the name of the first sequence.
    Printf("Name of sequence 1: " .. DataPool().Sequences[1].Name)
end
```

1.47.5.23. DefaultDisplayPositions()

Description

The **DefaultDisplayPositions** Lua function returns the handle of the conventional default display positions, which contains the first seven screens as children.

For example, whether the command line, view bar, and encoder/playback bar are displayed.

Argument

This function does not have any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the command line object.

Examples

This example prints all the information about display 1 (child 1 of the default displays) using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Store a handle to display 1 (child 1 of the default displays).
    local display1 = DefaultDisplayPositions():Children()[1]
    -- Dumps information about the display.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    display1:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

This example toggles the Control Bar for display 1 with the help of the DefaultDisplayPositions object:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Store a handle to display 1 (child 1 of the default displays).
    local display1 = DefaultDisplayPositions():Children()[1]
    -- Toggles the 'ShowMainMenu' setting.
    display1.ShowMainMenu = not display1.ShowMainMenu
end
```

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1.47.5.24. DelVar(handle, string)

Description

The **DelVar** Lua function deletes a specific variable in a set of variables. To learn more about the variables in plugins, have a look at the Variable Functions topic.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle of variable set.
- **String**:
  The name of the variable. It needs to be in quotation marks.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  - True / 1: The variable was deleted.
  - False / 0: The variable was not deleted.

If the variable does not exist, then false is also returned.

Example

This example deletes a variable called "myUserVar" in the set of user variables.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Deletes the variable called 'myUserVar' in the 'UserVars' variable
set.
    local success = DelVar(UserVars(), "myUserVar")
    -- Prints the outcome of the deletion outcome.
    if success then
        Printf("Variable is deleted.")
    else
        Printf("Variable is NOT deleted!")
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.25. DeskLocked()

Description

The **DeskLocked** Lua function returns a boolean indicating if the station is locked.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The boolean indicates if the station is desk locked or not.
  - **True** (or 1): The station is locked.
  - **False** (or 0): The station is not locked.

Example

This example prints the boolean number indicating the "DeskLocked" status to the Command Line History.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- The DeskLocked() return is printed.
    Printf("The desk is locked: " .. tostring(DeskLocked()))
end
```

1.47.5.26. DeviceConfiguration()

Description

The **DeviceConfiguration** Lua function returns a handle to the DeviceConfiguration object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the DeviceConfiguration.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- This example dumps all information about the DeviceConfiguration
object.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    DeviceConfiguration():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.27. DirList(string[, string])

Description

The **DirList** Lua function returns a table of files at a specified path. The returned list can be filtered using an optional filter argument.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The desired path in a string format.
- **String** (optional):
  The optional filter string. The * can be used as a wildcard in the string. See the example below.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table has elements of other tables. Each of these table elements has the following keys:
  - name: The name of the file. The value of name is returned as a string.
  - size: The size of the file in bytes. The value of size is returned as a number.
  - time: The timestamp for the file. The value of time is returned as a number.

Example

This example prints the show files in the showfile directory. It uses the **GetPath() function**.

The GetPath Lua function delivers a string with the path of a grandMA3 folder. Learn more in the GetPath() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function ()
    -- Get the path to the show files.
    local path = GetPath(Enums.PathType.Showfiles)
    -- Make a filter to only list .show files.
    local filter = "*show"
    -- Use the DirList function to get a table of the files.
    local returnTable = DirList(path, filter)

    -- Print the information of the files in the returned table.
    for _, value in pairs(returnTable) do
        Printf(value['name'] .. " - Size: " .. value['size'] .. " bytes -
Time: " .. os.date("%c", value['time']))
    end
end
```

1.47.5.28. DrawPointer(integer,table[,integer])

Description

The **DrawPointer** function draws a red pointer on the display. There can only be one pointer at a time on each station.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  This integer is the display index where the pointer should be drawn.
- **Table**:
  This key-value table must have 'x' and 'y' keys with values indicating a position on the display. See the example below.
- **Integer** (optional):
  This optional integer defines a duration for the pointer in milliseconds. It fades out. If a duration is not set, then it stays visible.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example draws a pointer on display 1 for 5 seconds:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    --Set a display index
    local displayIndex = 1
    --Create and set the position in a table
    local position = {}
    position.x = 150
    position.y = 25
    --Set a 5 seconds duration - in milliseconds
    local duration = 5000
    --Draw the actual pointer
    DrawPointer(displayIndex,position,duration)
end
```

1.47.5.29. DumpAllHooks()

Description

The **DumpAllHooks** function prints a list of the hooks in the system. The list is only shown in the System Monitor.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

The function does not return anything. It does print a list in the system monitor.

	Hint:
	See also these related functions: HookObjectChange, Unhook, UnhookMultiple.

Example

This example prints the list of hooks in the **system monitor**.

The system monitor shows what is happening at the station. This includes feedback on user commands. It logs the different things happening in the background. It also shows warnings, errors, and changes to the system. Learn more in the System Monitor topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Dumps a list of all the hooks in the System Monitor.
    Printf("=============== START OF HOOK DUMP ===============")
    DumpAllHooks()
    Printf("================ END OF HOOK DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.30. Echo(string)

Description

The **Echo** Lua function prints a string in the System Monitor.

Argument

- **String**:
  The string text to be printed to the System Monitor.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example prints "Hello World!" on the System Monitor:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- Prints 'Hellow World!' in the system monitor in yellow text.
    Echo("Hello World!")
end
```

1.47.5.31. ErrEcho(string)

Description

The **ErrEcho** Lua function prints a red error message on the System Monitor.

Argument

- **String**:
  The string text is to be printed to the System Monitor.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This prints "This is a red error message!" on the system monitor:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Prints an error message in the system monitor in red text.
    ErrEcho("This is an error message!")
end
```

1.47.5.32. ErrPrintf(string)

Description

The **ErrPrintf** Lua function prints a red error message in the Command Line History and System Monitor.

Argument

- **String**:
  The string text to be printed to the Command Line History.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example prints "This is a red error message!" in the Command Line History and System Monitor:

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Prints an error message in the command line feedback in red text.
    ErrPrintf("This is an error message!")
end
```

1.47.5.33. Export(filename, export_data)

Description

The object-free **Export** Lua function exports a Lua table in XML format.

This Lua function correlates with the Import Lua function.

There is a related object version of Export.

Arguments

- **Filename**:
  This is a string containing the file name of the exported file. It should contain the file name, including the entire path. See the example below.
- **Export_data**:
  This is the data that is going to be exported. It should be a table object.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  This function returns a boolean.
  - **True**:
    The export was a success
  - **False**:
    The export failed.

Example

To export the build details table, create a plugin with this code:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- 'BuildDetails()' creates a table with information about the software build.
    local build = BuildDetails()
    --The path and filename is stored in a variable.
    local exportPath = GetPath(Enums.PathType.Library) .. "/BuildDetails.xml"
    --The actual export (in xml format) using the path and the table - the result boolean stored in a variable.
    local success = Export(exportPath, build)
    --Print feedback about the export path.
    if success then
        Printf("The export was stored at: " .. exportPath)
    else
        Printf("The export failed")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.34. ExportCSV(filename, export_data)

Description

The object-free **ExportCSV** Lua function exports a Lua table in CSV format.

	Known Limitation:
	The output CSV file might not formatted correctly.

Arguments

- **Filename**:
  This is a string containing the file name of the exported file. It should contain the file name, including the entire path. See the example below.
- **Export_data**:
  This is the data that is going to be exported. It should be a table object.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  This function returns a boolean.
  - **True**:
    The export was a success.
  - **False**:
    The export failed.

Example

To export the build details table, create a plugin with this code:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- 'BuildDetails()' creates a table with information about the software build.
    local build = BuildDetails()
    --The path and filename is stored in a variable.
    local exportPath = GetPath(Enums.PathType.Library) .. "/BuildDetails.csv"
    --The actual export (in csv format) using the path and the table - the result boolean stored in a variable.
    local success = ExportCSV(exportPath, build)
    --Print feedback about the export path.
    if success then
        Printf("The export was stored at: " .. exportPath)
    else
        Printf("The export failed.")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.35. ExportJson(filename, export_data)

Description

The object-free **ExportJson** Lua function exports a Lua table in JSON format.

	Known Limitation:
	The JSON file might not be formatted in proper JSON format.

Arguments

- **Filename**:
  This is a string containing the file name of the exported file. It should contain the file name, including the entire path. See the example below.
- **Export_data**:
  This is the data that is going to be exported. It should be a table object.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  This function returns a boolean.
  - **True**:
    The export was a success.
  - **False**:
    The export failed.

Example

To export the build details table, create a plugin with this code:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- 'BuildDetails()' creates a table with information about the software
build.
    local build = BuildDetails()
    --The path and filename is stored in a variable.
    local exportPath = GetPath(Enums.PathType.Library) ..
"/BuildDetails.json"
    --The actual export (in JSON format) using the path and the table - the
result boolean stored in a variable.
    local success = ExportJson(exportPath, build)
    --Print feedback about the export path.
    if success then
        Printf("The export was stored at: " .. exportPath)
    else
        Printf("The export failed.")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.36. FileExists(string)

Description

The FileExists Lua function checks if a file exists and returns a boolean with the result.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The string must include the path and filename for the file that should be checked.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  - True / 1: The file exists.
  - False / 0: The file does not exist.

Example

This example returns feedback for the first file in the show file folder. The example uses the **GetPath()** and **DirList()** functions.

The **GetPath** Lua function delivers a string with the path of a grandMA3 folder.

Learn more in the GetPath() topic.

The **DirList** Lua function returns a table of files at a specified path.

Learn more in the DirList() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function ()
    -- Get the path to the show files.
    local path = GetPath(Enums.PathType.Showfiles)
    -- Get a table of files at the path.
    local dirTable = DirList(path)
    -- Get the file name for the first file.
    local firstFile = dirTable[1]['name']
    -- Create a string with the path and filename.
    local filepath = string.format("%s%s%s", path, GetPathSeparator(),
firstFile)

    -- Check if the file exist and return useful feedback.
    if FileExists(filepath) then
        Printf('The file "' .. firstFile .. '" exist at path "' .. path ..
'"')
    else
        Printf('The file "' .. firstFile .. '" does not exist')
    end
end
```

1.47.5.37. FindTexture(string)

Description

The **FindTixture** Lua function returns a handle to the texture matching the input text string - if the texture exists.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The text string must be the name of the texture without the file type. See the example below.

Return

- **Handle | nil**:
  The function returns the texture handle or nil if it does not exist.

Example

This example prints the information about the "button" texture. The example uses the **Dump() function**.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function ()
    -- Set a texture name.
    local textureName = "button"
    -- Get the handle of the texture.
    local textureHandle = FindTexture(textureName)
    -- Check if textureHandle returned something and provide feedback.
    if textureHandle == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Texture does not exist.")
    else
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        FindTexture(textureName):Dump()
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.38. FirstDmxModeFixture(handle)

Description

The **FirstDmxModeFixture** Lua function returns a handle to the first fixture matching the supplied DMX mode.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  This must be a handle to a DMX mode.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the first fixture matching the DMX mode.

Example

If it exists, this example prints the data connected to the first "Dimmer" fixture using "Mode 0" - if the fixture type exists in the show. It uses the **Dump()** functions:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- Get the handle for the Dimmer fixture.
    local fixtureTypeHandle = Patch().FixtureTypes['Dimmer']

    -- Check if fixture type returned something and provide feedback.
    if fixtureTypeHandle == nil then
        ErrPrintf("The fixture type does not exist in this show. Try adding
it or edit this plugin.")
    else
        -- Get the handle for the DMX mode of a Dimmer fixture.
        local fixtureDMXMode = fixtureTypeHandle.DMXModes["Mode 0"]

        -- Check if fixtureDMXMode returned something and provide feedback.
        if fixtureDMXMode == nil then
            ErrPrintf("The fixture type does not contain a 'Mode 0' DMX mode.
Try adding it or edit this plugin.")
        else
            -- Dumps information about the first fixture matching the DMX
mode.
            Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
```

```
            FirstDmxModeFixture(fixtureDMXMode):Dump()
            Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
        end
    end
end
```

1.47.5.39. FixtureType()

Description

The FixtureType Lua function returns a handle to the fixture type. The function does not accept any arguments, but the function must be executed when the command line destination is at a fixture type. If the command line destination is not a valid fixture type, then the function returns "nil".

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle** or **nil**:
  The handle for the fixture type or nil.

Example

This example prints the information about the second fixture type in the show:

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- The function returns the handle to the fixture at the current command
line destination.
    -- Change to the "FixtureType" destination.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination FixtureType")
    -- Change to the second fixture type in the show.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination 2")
    -- Dump information about the Fixture Type handle.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    FixtureType():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    -- Return the command line destination to the Root.
    Cmd("ChangeDestination Root")
end
```

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1.47.5.40. FromAddr(string[, handle])

Description

The **FromAddr** Lua function converts a numbered string address into a handle that can be used in commands.

Arguments

- **String**:
  A text string identifying an object. It can be a numbered or named address.
- **Handle** (optional):
  The default is to write the address from the root location. This optional handle can specify a different base location. It still needs to be a base location in the address path from the root to the object.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The handle for the addressed object.

Example

This example prints the address of the first sequence:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Converts the string to a handle and store in a variabel.
    local mySequenceHandle = FromAddr("14.14.1.6.1")
    -- Converts the handle back to a numbered string and prints it.
    Printf("The address is: " ..mySequenceHandle:Addr())
    -- Converts the handle to a named string and prints it.
    Printf("The address is: " ..mySequenceHandle:AddrNative())

    -- Store the handle of the selected datapool.
    local myDataPool = DataPool()
    -- Prints the address of the selected datapool.
    Printf("The datapool address is: " ..myDataPool:Addr())

    --- The follwoing example uses the name of a sequence in the sequence
pool.
    --- Please adjust the "Default" name in the next line to match an
existing named sequence.
    -- Finds the address based on the base location and a text string with
names.
    local alsoMySequenceHandle = FromAddr("Sequences.Default", myDataPool)
    -- Converts the handle back to a numbered string and prints it.
    Printf("The address is: " ..alsoMySequenceHandle:Addr())
    -- Converts the handle to a named string and prints it.
    Printf("The address is: " ..alsoMySequenceHandle:AddrNative())
end
```

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1.47.5.41. GetApiDescriptor()

Description

The **GetApiDescriptor** Lua function returns a table with a description of all the object-free Lua functions. These are descriptions only. The function does not have any actual functions. The table is not sorted.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table contains elements with other tables.
  - **String**:
    This is the Api function name.
  - **String**:
    This is the description of the Api arguments.
  - **String**:
    This is the description of the Api returns.

Example

This example prints the content of the returned table.

Lua
```lua
return function ()
    -- This returns information about all the Lua "object-free" functions.
    -- GetApiDescriptor() returns a table with all the functions.
    -- Each table element is another table with the name, argument
description, and return description.
      for key,value in ipairs(GetApiDescriptor()) do
        if value[1] ~= nil then
          Printf("Api " .. key .. " is: " .. value[1])
        end
        if value[2] ~= nil then
          Printf("Arguments: " .. value[2])
        end
        if value[3] ~= nil then
          Printf("Returns: " .. value[3])
        end
        Printf("----------------------------------------")
      end
  end
```

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1.47.5.42. GetAttributeByUIChannel(integer)

Description

The **GetAttributeByUIChannel** Lua function returns the handle to an attribute based on a "UI Channel Index". The index number can be found in the Parameter List.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer is the UI Channel index number.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The handle to the attribute connected to the UI Channel.

Example

This example prints the "native" address to the first attribute of the first fixture in the current selection:

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Get a handle to the first fixture in the current selection
    local fixtureIndex = SelectionFirst()
    -- Get the UI Channel Index number for the first attribute for the
fixture
    local channelIndex = GetUIChannelIndex(fixtureIndex,0)
    -- Print the native address for the attribute with the handle
    Printf("The native addr for the attribute is:
%s",GetAttributeByUIChannel(channelIndex):AddrNative())
end
```

1.47.5.43. GetAttributeCount()

Description

The **GetAttributeCount** Lua function returns the total number of attribute definitions in the show.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned integer number represents the total amount of attribute definitions in the show file.

Example

This example prints the returned number in the Command Line History.

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("Attribute count is %i", GetAttributeCount())
end
```

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1.47.5.44. GetAttributeIndex(string)

Description

The **GetAttributeIndex** Lua function returns the (0 based) index number of the attribute definition based on the system name of the attribute.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The string text of the attribute system name.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned integer number represents the total amount of patched fixtures on all the stages in the show file.

Example

This example prints the index number of the attribute in Command Line History if it exists:

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- store the returned index or nil of "Gobo1"
    local attributeIndex = GetAttributeIndex("Gobo1")
    -- Check if the returned value is not nil and print a useful feedback
    if attributeIndex~=nil then
        Printf("Attribute is index number %i", attributeIndex)
    else
        Printf("The attribute is not found")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.45. GetButton(handle)

Description

The **GetButton** Lua function returns a key-value pairs table indicating, with a boolean value, whether a button is pressed on an MA3Module.

Below the example is a table listing all the grandMA3 hardware modules and which index number matches which button on the hardware module.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The handle for the MA3 module.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table is a key-value pairs table with a set of 512 pairs with a boolean value. A **true** boolean value indicates that the button is pressed or the fader is touched. The table key is 1-indexed.

Example

This example requests the buttons states on the master module on a grandMA3 full-size console:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    --- grandMA3 full-size modules are:
    --- Master Module (MM): "UsbDeviceMA3 2"
    --- Fader Module Encoder (MFE): "UsbDeviceMA3 3"
    --- Fader Module Crossfader (MFX): "UsbDeviceMA3 4"

    -- Get a handle to the Master Module on a grandMA3 full-size.
    local usbDeviceHandle = Root().UsbNotifier.MA3Modules["UsbDeviceMA3 2"]
    -- Create a table with the button status.
    local buttonTable = GetButton(usbDeviceHandle)
    -- Check if the table is nil and then print an error.
    if buttonTable == nil then
        ErrPrintf("nil")
        return
    end
    -- If the table is not nil, then print a usefull feedback about pressed
buttons.
    for key,value in pairs(buttonTable) do
        if tostring(value) == "true" then
            Printf("The button with the index " .. key .. " is pressed.")
        end
       end
end
```

Hardware Modules Button Table

This table provides a list of index numbers (0-indexed and 1-indexed). The numbers are matched with elements on the three different kinds of hardware modules. Notice that the naming here comes from the internal hardware definition and might not exactly match the print on the keys or the official name.

0-Index	1-Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
0	1			
1	2			
2	3	ENCODER_INSIDE4	EXEC_108	EXEC_108
3	4	ENCODER_OUTSIDE3	EXEC_110	EXEC_110
4	5			
5	6			
6	7			
7	8			
8	9			
9	10	ENCODER_INSIDE2	EXEC_211	EXEC_211
10	11	EXEC_GrandKnob	EXEC_212	EXEC_212
11	12	MENU	EXEC_213	EXEC_213
12	13		EXEC_214	EXEC_214
13	14	ENCODER_OUTSIDE2	EXEC_215	EXEC_215
14	15	ENCODER_INSIDE1		
15	16	ENCODER_OUTSIDE1		
16	17		EXEC_209	EXEC_209
17	18		EXEC_210	EXEC_210
18	19		EXEC_208	EXEC_208
19	20			
20	21			
21	22			DEF_GO
22	23		EXEC_115	EXEC_115
23	24		EXEC_114	EXEC_114
24	25		EXEC_113	EXEC_113
25	26		EXEC_112	EXEC_112
26	27		EXEC_207	EXEC_207
27	28		EXEC_206	EXEC_206
28	29		EXEC_205	EXEC_205
29	30			
30	31			
31	32			
32	33		EXEC_105	EXEC_105
33	34	ENCODER_OUTSIDE4	EXEC_106	EXEC_106
34	35		EXEC_107	EXEC_107
35	36			
36	37			
37	38		EXEC_109	EXEC_109
38	39		EXEC_204	EXEC_204
39	40		EXEC_203	EXEC_203
40	41		EXEC_202	EXEC_202
41	42		EXEC_201	EXEC_201
42	43			EXEC_XFade2Btn
43	44			DEF_PAUSE
44	45			EXEC_XFade1Btn
45	46		EXEC_111	EXEC_111

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0-Index	1-Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
46	47	ENCODER_OUTSIDE5	EXEC_101	EXEC_101
47	48	ENCODER_INSIDE5	EXEC_102	EXEC_102
48	49		EXEC_103	EXEC_103
49	50		EXEC_104	EXEC_104
50	51	ENCODER_INSIDE3		DEF_GOBACK
51	52			
52	53			
53	54			
54	55			
55	56			
56	57			
57	58			
58	59		FADER_211	FADER_211
59	60		FADER_212	FADER_212
60	61		FADER_213	FADER_213
61	62		FADER_214	FADER_214
62	63		FADER_215	FADER_215
63	64			FADER_XFade1
64	65			
65	66			
66	67	ESC	FADER_312 (Disabled)	FADER_312 (Disabled)
67	68	CLEAR	FADER_311 (Disabled)	FADER_311 (Disabled)
68	69			
69	70			
70	71			
71	72			
72	73			
73	74	HELP	FADER_413 (Disabled)	FADER_413 (Disabled)
74	75		EXEC_411	EXEC_411
75	76	GOTO	EXEC_412	EXEC_412
76	77			
77	78	ALIGN	FADER_414 (Disabled)	FADER_414 (Disabled)
78	79	COPY	FADER_411 (Disabled)	FADER_411 (Disabled)
79	80	OFF	FADER_412 (Disabled)	FADER_412 (Disabled)
80	81	FULL	EXEC_415	EXEC_415
81	82		EXEC_414	EXEC_414
82	83	PLEASE	EXEC_413	EXEC_413
83	84	NUM4		
84	85	NUM5		
85	86	UNDO		
86	87	GROUP		
87	88	THRU		
88	89	NUM6		
89	90	NUM2		
90	91			
91	92	STORE		
92	93	ASSIGN		
93	94			
94	95			
95	96			

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0-Index	1-Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
96	97	AT	EXEC_312	EXEC_312
97	98	MA1	FADER_313 (Disabled)	FADER_313 (Disabled)
98	99	SLASH	EXEC_311	EXEC_311
99	100	NUM1		
100	101	CUE		
101	102	TIME		
102	103			
103	104	SEQUENCE		
104	105			
105	106	CHANNEL		
106	107	NUM7		
107	108	NUM8		
108	109	NUM9		
109	110	NUM3	EXEC_313	EXEC_313
110	111	MINUS	FADER_315 (Disabled)	FADER_315 (Disabled)
111	112	NUM0	FADER_314 (Disabled)	FADER_314 (Disabled)
112	113	DOT	EXEC_314	EXEC_314
113	114	IF	EXEC_315	EXEC_315
114	115	PLUS	FADER_415 (Disabled)	FADER_415 (Disabled)
115	116			
116	117			
117	118			
118	119			
119	120			
120	121		FADER_209	FADER_209
121	122		FADER_210	FADER_210
122	123			FADER_XFade2
123	124			
124	125			
125	126			
126	127			
127	128			
128	129			
129	130			
130	131		FADER_307 (Disabled)	FADER_307 (Disabled)
131	132	LEARN	FADER_306 (Disabled)	FADER_306 (Disabled)
132	133			
133	134			
134	135			
135	136			
136	137			
137	138	FADER_297 (Disabled)	FADER_408 (Disabled)	FADER_408 (Disabled)
138	139	X5	EXEC_406	EXEC_406
139	140	X6	EXEC_407	EXEC_407
140	141			
141	142	FADER_298 (Disabled)	FADER_409 (Disabled)	FADER_409 (Disabled)
142	143	FADER_295 (Disabled)	FADER_406 (Disabled)	FADER_406 (Disabled)
143	144	FADER_296 (Disabled)	FADER_407 (Disabled)	FADER_407 (Disabled)
144	145	GOFAST	EXEC_410	EXEC_410
145	146	X13	EXEC_409	EXEC_409

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0-Index	1-Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
146	147	X14	EXEC_408	EXEC_408
147	148			
148	149			
149	150			
150	151			
151	152			
152	153			
153	154	DELETE		
154	155	X15		
155	156	GOBACKFAST		
156	157	X8		
157	158			
158	159			
159	160			
160	161	STOMP	EXEC_307	EXEC_307
161	162	SELECT	FADER_308 (Disabled)	FADER_308 (Disabled)
162	163		EXEC_306	EXEC_306
163	164			
164	165			
165	166			
166	167			
167	168			
168	169	X16		
169	170	X7		
170	171			
171	172	ON		
172	173	MOVE		
173	174	FIXTURE	EXEC_308	EXEC_308
174	175	PRESET	FADER_310 (Disabled)	FADER_310 (Disabled)
175	176	EDIT	FADER_309 (Disabled)	FADER_309 (Disabled)
176	177	UPDATE	EXEC_309	EXEC_309
177	178		EXEC_310	EXEC_310
178	179		FADER_410 (Disabled)	FADER_410 (Disabled)
179	180			
180	181			
181	182			
182	183			
183	184			
184	185			
185	186			
186	187		FADER_203	FADER_203
187	188		FADER_204	FADER_204
188	189		FADER_205	FADER_205
189	190		FADER_206	FADER_206
190	191		FADER_207	FADER_207
191	192		FADER_208	FADER_208
192	193			
193	194			
194	195	PAUSE	FADER_302 (Disabled)	FADER_302 (Disabled)
195	196	GOBACK	FADER_301 (Disabled)	FADER_301 (Disabled)

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0-Index	1-Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
196	197			
197	198			
198	199			
199	200			
200	201			
201	202	FADER_293 (Disabled)	FADER_403 (Disabled)	FADER_403 (Disabled)
202	203	SOLO	EXEC_401	EXEC_401
203	204	HIGHLIGHT	EXEC_402	EXEC_402
204	205			
205	206	FADER_294 (Disabled)	FADER_404 (Disabled)	FADER_404 (Disabled)
206	207	FADER_291 (Disabled)	FADER_401 (Disabled)	FADER_401 (Disabled)
207	208	FADER_292 (Disabled)	FADER_402 (Disabled)	FADER_402 (Disabled)
208	209	GO	EXEC_405	EXEC_405
209	210	LIST	EXEC_404	EXEC_404
210	211	PAGE_DOWN	EXEC_403	EXEC_403
211	212			
212	213			
213	214			
214	215			
215	216	SELFIX		
216	217	MA2		
217	218			
218	219	PAGE_UP		
219	220	XKEYS		
220	221	BLIND		
221	222			
222	223			
223	224			
224	225	X10	EXEC_302	EXEC_302
225	226	X11	FADER_303 (Disabled)	FADER_303 (Disabled)
226	227	X12	EXEC_301	EXEC_301
227	228			
228	229			
229	230			
230	231			
231	232	PREVIEW		
232	233	FREEZE		
233	234	DOWN		
234	235	PREV		
235	236	SET		
236	237	UP		
237	238	X1	EXEC_303	EXEC_303
238	239	X2	FADER_305 (Disabled)	FADER_305 (Disabled)
239	240	X3	FADER_304 (Disabled)	FADER_304 (Disabled)
240	241	X4	EXEC_304	EXEC_304
241	242	X9	EXEC_305	EXEC_305
242	243	NEXT	FADER_405 (Disabled)	FADER_405 (Disabled)
243	244			
244	245			
245	246			

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0-Index	1-Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
246	247			
247	248			
248	249		FADER_201	FADER_201
249	250		FADER_202	FADER_202
250	251			
251	252			
252	253			
253	254			
254	255			
255	256			
256	257			
257	258			
258	259		EXEC_RateBtn2	
259	260		EXEC_ExecBtn1	
260	261			
261	262			
262	263			
263	264			
264	265			
265	266			
266	267			
267	268			
268	269			
269	270			
270	271		EXEC_ProgEncoder	
271	272		EXEC_ExecEncoder	
272	273			
273	274			
274	275			
275	276			
276	277			
277	278			
278	279			
279	280			
280	281			
281	282			
282	283			
283	284			
284	285			
285	286			
286	287			
287	288			
288	289		EXEC_SpeedBtn1	
289	290		EXEC_RateBtn1	
290	291		EXEC_SpeedBtn2	
291	292			
292	293			
293	294			
294	295			
295	296			

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0-Index	1-Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
296	297			
297	298			
298	299		EXEC_ProgBtn1	
299	300		EXEC_ProgBtn2	
300	301		EXEC_ProgBtn3	
301	302			
302	303			
303	304			
304	305		EXEC_ExecBtn3	
305	306		EXEC_ExecBtn2	
306	307			
307	308			
308	309			
309	310			

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1.47.5.46. GetChannelFunction(integer, integer)

Description

The **GetChannelFunction** Lua function returns a handle to a channel function based on two index inputs.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The first integer is a UI Channel Index. This can be found in the Parameter List or by the GetUIChannelIndex() Lua function.
- **Integer**:
  This integer is an Attribute Index (0-based). This can be found in the Attribute Definitions or by the GetAttributeIndex() Lua function.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the channel function.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- Select the first fixture in the current selection.
    local subfixtureIndex = SelectionFirst()
    -- End the function if there is no selection.
    if subfixtureIndex == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Please select a fixture with a Dimmer")
        return
    end
    -- Get the Attribute index and UIChannel index.
    local attributeIndex = GetAttributeIndex("Dimmer")
    local uiChannelIndex = GetUIChannelIndex(subfixtureIndex,attributeIndex)
    Printf("The UIChannel Index is: %i. The Attribute Index is: %i.
",uiChannelIndex, attributeIndex)
    -- End the function if any of the index return nil.
    if (attributeIndex == nil or uiChannelIndex == nil) then
        ErrPrintf("Something wrong happened, maybe your first selected
fixture don't have a Dimmer - Please try again")
        return
```

```
    end
    -- The following prints the dump for the dimmer channel function.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    GetChannelFunction(uiChannelIndex,attributeIndex):Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.47. GetChannelFunctionIndex()

Description

The **GetChannelFunctionIndex** Lua function returns the integer matching a channel function based on two index inputs.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The first integer is a UI Channel Index. This can be found in the Parameter List or by the GetUIChannelIndex() Lua function.
- **Integer**:
  This integer is an Attribute Index (0-based). This can be found in the Attribute Definitions or by the GetAttributeIndex() Lua function.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned integer to a channel function.

Example

This example prints the indexes based on the fixture selection and the "Dimmer" attribute.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Get the Attribute index and UIChannel index.
    local attributeIndex = GetAttributeIndex("Dimmer")
    local uiChannelIndex = GetUIChannelIndex(SelectionFirst(),attributeIndex)
    -- End the function if any of the index return nil.
    if (attributeIndex == nil or uiChannelIndex == nil) then
        ErrPrintf("Something wrong happened, maybe your first selected
fixture don't have a Dimmer - Please try again")
        return
    end
    -- Get the Channel Function Index and store it in a variable.
    local channelFunctionIndex =
GetChannelFunctionIndex(uiChannelIndex,attributeIndex)
    Printf("The UIChannel Index is: %i. The Attribute Index is: %i. The
Channel Function Index is: %i", uiChannelIndex, attributeIndex,
channelFunctionIndex)
end
```

1.47.5.48. GetClassDerivationLevel(string)

Description

The **GetClassDerivationLevel** Lua function returns an integer indicating the derivation level index for a class based on a class name.

Arguments

- **String**:
  This string needs to be the name of a class.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned integer indicates the class derivation level.

Example

This example prints the index integer for the Pool class in the Command Line History:

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Get the index integer for the "Pool" class.
    local classDerivationLevel = GetClassDerivationLevel("Pool")
    -- Create a valid Printf return.
    if classDerivationLevel == nil then
        Printf("The return is nil")
    else
        Printf("The ClassDerivationLevel index for 'Pool' is: %i",
classDerivationLevel)
    end
end
```

1.47.5.49. GetCurrentCue()

Description

The **GetCurrentCue** Lua function returns a handle to the last activated cue in the selected sequence.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the cue.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Dumps information about the last activated cue in the selected
sequence
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    GetCurrentCue():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.50. GetDebugFPS()

Description

The **GetDebugFPS** Lua function returns a float number with the frames per second.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Number**:
  The returned number indicates the current frames per second.

Example

This example prints the FPS number:

Lua
```lua
return function ()
    -- Prints the current frames per second.
    Printf("Current FPS: " .. GetDebugFPS())
end
```

1.47.5.51. GetDisplayByIndex(integer)

Description

The **GetDisplayByIndex** Lua function returns a handle to the display object matching the provided index number.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  This function needs an index number for one of the displays.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the display object.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Get the index number for "Display 1"
    local displayIndex = GetDisplayCollect()["Display 1"].INDEX
    -- return error text in case the index number is nil
    if displayIndex == nil then
        ErrPrintf('Something went wrong. It appears that there is no "display
1"')
        return
    end
    -- Dump all information about the display with the index number
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    GetDisplayByIndex(displayIndex):Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

Hint:

The example uses the **GetDisplayCollect() function** to get the index number. The displays are children of the Display Collect, and this function can be used to access the same information using:

GetDisplayCollect()

	The **GetDisplayCollect** Lua function returns a handle to the DisplayCollect object. Learn more in the GetDisplayCollect() topic.
	GetDisplayCollect()["Display 1"]

1.47.5.52. GetDisplayCollect()

Description

The **GetDisplayCollect** Lua function returns a handle to the DisplayCollect object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the DisplayCollect.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- This example dumps all information about the DisplayCollect object.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    GetDisplayCollect():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.53. GetDMXUniverse(integer[, boolean])

Description

The **GetDMXUniverse** Lua function returns a table with the DMX channels and their current value.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer is the universe number. The valid range is 1 to 1024.
- **Boolean** (optional):
  The boolean indicates if the returned value is in percent or DMX value.
  - True:
    The returned value is in percent. The range is 0 to 100.
  - False:
    The returned value is in DMX value. The range is 0 to 255.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table lists all the DMX addresses and the corresponding values.

-- OR --

- **Nil**:
  Nil is returned if the universe is not granted or the input value is out of range.

Example

This example prints the table in a list for DMX universe 1 (if it is granted):

Lua
```
return function()
    -- This gets a table for universe 1 with the returned value in percent.
    local tableDMXUniverse = GetDMXUniverse(1,true)
    -- Check the returned table and print information if nil.
    if tableDMXUniverse == nil then
        Printf("No value is returned. The univer is not granted or input is
out of range")
        return
    end
    -- Prints the table if not nil.
    for addr, value in ipairs(tableDMXUniverse) do
        Printf("DMX Addr: %i - DMX value : %i", addr, value)
    end
end
```

1.47.5.54. GetDMXValue(integer[, integer, boolean])

Description

The **GetDMXValue** Lua function returns a number indicating the DMX value of a specified DMX address.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer is the DMX address. This value should be from 1 to 512 if a universe integer is provided. If a universe is not provided, this should be the absolute DMX address ranging from 1 to 524 288.
- **Integer** (optional):
  The integer is the universe number.
- **Boolean** (optional):
  The boolean indicates if the returned value is in percent or DMX value.
  - True:
    The returned value is in percent. The range is 0 to 100.
  - False:
    The returned value is in DMX value. The range is 0 to 255.

Return

- **Integer** or **nil**:
  The returned integer value corresponds with the value of the selected DMX address or nil if the DMX address is not granted.

Example

This example prints the value for DMX address 2 in Universe 1 (if it is granted):

Lua
```
return function()
    -- This prints the value of DMX address 2 in universe 1 in a range of 0
to 255
    local address = 2        -- The DMX address
    local universe = 1       -- The DMX universe
    local percent = false    -- Readout in percent or DMX value
    local value = GetDMXValue(address, universe, percent)
    if value == nil then
        Printf("The DMX address did not return a valid value")
    else
        Printf("DMX address %i.%03d has a value of %03d", universe, address,
value)
    end
end
```

1.47.5.55. GetExecutor(integer)

Description

The **GetExecutor** Lua function returns the handles of the executor and the page based on the executor number.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer number for the executor.

Return

- **Handle - Executor**:
  The returned handle to the executor.
- **Handle - Page**:
  The returned handle to the page.

Example

This example stores the handles for executor number 201. It then uses the **Dump() function** to show the data for the two handles.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- This saves the handles for executor 201 on the selected page.
    local executorHandle, pageHandle = GetExecutor(201)
    -- exit the function and print an error message if any of the handles are
nil.
    if executorHandle == nil or pageHandle == nil then
        ErrPrintf("There is not a valid object on executor 201, please assign
something and try again.")
        return
    end
    -- The following prints the dumps of the two handles.
    Printf("============ START OF EXEC DUMP =============")
    executorHandle:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    Printf("============ START OF PAGE DUMP =============")
    pageHandle:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

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1.47.5.56. GetFocus()

Description

The **GetFocus** Lua function returns a handle to the object that currently has focus in the UI.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the object.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- This example dumps all information about the object who currently got focus.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    GetFocus():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.57. GetFocusDisplay()

Description

The **GetFocusDisplay** Lua function returns a handle to the display object that currently has focus in the UI.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the display object.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- This example dumps all information about the display object who
currently got focus.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    GetFocusDisplay():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.58. GetObjApiDescriptor()

Description

The **GetObjApiDescriptor** Lua function returns a table with a description of all the object Lua functions. These are descriptions only. The function does not have any actual functions. The table is not sorted.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table contains elements with three values.
  - **String**:
    This is the API function name.
  - **String**:
    This is the description of the API arguments.
  - **String**:
    This is the description of the API returns.

Example

This example prints the content of the returned table.

Lua

```
return function ()
  -- This returns information about all the Lua "object" functions.
  -- GetObjApiDescriptor() returns a table with all the functions.
  -- Each table element is another table with the name, argument description,
and return description.
    for key,value in ipairs(GetObjApiDescriptor()) do
      if value[1] ~= nil then
        Printf("Api " .. key .. " is: " .. value[1])
      end
      if value[2] ~= nil then
        Printf("Arguments: " .. value[2])
      end
      if value[3] ~= nil then
        Printf("Returns: " .. value[3])
      end
      Printf("----------------------------------------")
         end
end
```

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1.47.5.59. GetPath(string[, boolean] | integer)

Description

The **GetPath** Lua function returns a string with the path of a grandMA3 folder.

The function has two possible argument types - use one of them with each function call.

Argument

- **String**:
  A text string with the folder name.
- **Boolean** (optional with string):
  If this boolean is true, then the folder at the path is created if it does not exist.

  - OR -

- **Integer**:
  An integer identifying an index in the "Enum.PathType" table.

	Restriction:
	Folder creation only works with string arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the *first found* full path related to the provided argument.

Example

This example prints the paths of the show folder on the system monitor twice. It demonstrates the two different input types:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- This prints a path based on a string input and it creates the folder
if it does not exists.
    Printf("Path of show files (string) is: " .. GetPath("shows", true))
    -- This prints the path based on an integer. The integer is looked-up
using the 'PathType' enum.
    Printf("Path of show files (integer) is: " ..
GetPath(Enums.PathType.Showfiles))
end
```

1.47.5.60. GetPathOverrideFor(string|integer, string[, boolean])

Description

The **GetPathOverrideFor** Lua function delivers a string with the path of a grandMA3 folder. The function is relevant when the path should be on a removable drive connected to a console.

Argument

- **String**:
  A text string with the folder name.
- **String**:
  The base path in a string format.
- **Boolean** (optional with string):
  If this boolean is true, then the folder at the path is created if it does not exist.

  - OR -

- **Integer**:
  An integer identifying an index in the "Enum.PathType" table.
- **String**:
  The base path in a string format.
- **Boolean**:
  If this boolean is true, then the folder at the path is created if it does not exist.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the *first found* full path related to the provided argument.

Example

This example prints the override path of the macro folder on the system monitor. It should be run on a console with a removable drive connected.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Set a path for the first removable media.
    -- Set the initial value to nil.
    local myBasePath = nil
    -- Itereate the drives and find the first 'Removeable' drive and store
the path.
    for _, value in ipairs(Root().Temp.DriveCollect) do
        local driveType = value.drivetype
        if driveType == "Removeable" then
            myBasePath = value.path
            break
        end
    end
    -- If no removeable drive was found, then provide feedback and exit the
function.
```

```
    if myBasePath == nil then
        ErrPrintf("No removeable drive could be found. Please insert one and
try again")
        return
    end

    -- Get the integer for the UserMacros path type.
    local myPathType = Enums.PathType.UserMacros

    -- Gey the string for the path override.
    local myOverridePath = GetPathOverrideFor(myPathType, myBasePath)
    -- Print the returned string.
    Printf("The path is: " .. myOverridePath)
end
```

1.47.5.61. GetPathSeparator()

Description

The **GetPathSeparator** function returns a string with the path separator for the operating system.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The string is a single character indicating the path separator based on the operating system.

Example

This example prints the path separator:

Lua
```
return function()
    --- This prints the path seperator. It is different between a Linux and
macOS (/) and a Windows (\) operating system.
    Printf("The path seperator is " .. GetPathSeparator())
end
```

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1.47.5.62. GetPathType(handle[, integer])

Description

The **GetPathType** Lua function returns a string with a name for the path type. This function can be useful when importing objects.

Argument

- **Handle**:
  The handle should match the object type for which the path type is needed.
- **Integer** (optional):
  The optional integer can be used to specify if the returned string should match the user path type or the system path type. See the example below.
  The Enums.PathContentType can be used, or just use **0** for the system path and **1** for the user path.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the name of the path type.

Example

This example prints the path type name for the first macro object - if it exists:

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Get a handle to the first Macro.
    local myMacro = DataPool().Macros[1]
    if myMacro == nil then
        ErrPrintf("An error occurred, possibly because the first macro does
not exist.")
        ErrPrintf("Please create one and try again.")
        return
    end
    -- Get the user name of the path type.
    local myPathTypeNameUser = GetPathType(myMacro,
Enums.PathContentType.User)
    if myPathTypeNameUser ~= nil then
        Printf("The user name of the path type is: " .. myPathTypeNameUser)
    else
        ErrPrintf("There was an error getting the path type.")
    end

    -- Get the system name of the path type.
    local myPathTypeNameSystem = GetPathType(myMacro,
Enums.PathContentType.System)
    if myPathTypeNameSystem ~= nil then
        Printf("The system name of the path type is: " ..
myPathTypeNameSystem)
    else
```

```
        ErrPrintf("There was an error getting the path type.")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.63. GetRTChannel(integer)

Description

The **GetRTChannel** Lua function returns a table with information about the related RT Channel.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer should be the index number for an RT Channel.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table contains related numbers, tables, and handles with a named identifying key:
  - handle "fixture"
  - handle "subfixture"
  - handle "dmx_channel
  - integer "dmx_default"
  - integer "dmx_highlight"
  - integer "dmx_lowlight"
  - integer "ui_index_first"
  - integer "rt_index"
  - integer "freq"
  - table "info"
  - table "patch"

Example

This example prints all information related to the first RT Channel for the first fixture in the selection:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Get the index number for the first RT Channel for the first fixture in
the current selection
    local channelRTIndex = GetRTChannels(SelectionFirst())[1]
    -- Print an error message if returnd index is nil
    if channelRTIndex == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Please select a fixture and try again")
        return
    end
    -- Print all information about the RT Channel if it does not return nil
    local rtChannel = GetRTChannel(channelRTIndex)
    if rtChannel == nil then
        Printf("An RTChannel could not be found. Please try to selct a
different fixture and try again.")
        return
    end
    Printf("================= RT CHANNEL =================")
    Printf("ui_index_first = " .. rtChannel["ui_index_first"])
    Printf("dmx_lowlight = " .. rtChannel["dmx_lowlight"])
```

```
    Printf("dmx_highlight = " .. rtChannel["dmx_highlight"])
    Printf("dmx_default = " .. rtChannel["dmx_default"])
    Printf("freq = " .. rtChannel["freq"])
    Printf("rt_index = " .. rtChannel["rt_index"])
    Printf("========== RELATED DMX CHANNEL DUMP ==========")
    rtChannel["dmx_channel"]:Dump() -- Handle for relevant DMX channel
    Printf("============ RELATED FIXTURE DUMP ============")
    rtChannel["fixture"]:Dump() -- Handle for relevant fixture
    Printf("========== RELATED SUBFIXTURE DUMP ===========")
    rtChannel["subfixture"]:Dump() -- Handle for relevant subfixture
    Printf("==================== INFO =====================")
    Printf("normed_phaser_time = " ..
rtChannel["info"]["normed_phaser_time"])
    Printf("================ INFO FLAGS ==================")
    Printf("group_master = " .. rtChannel["info"]["flags"]["group_master"])
    Printf("additive_master = " ..
rtChannel["info"]["flags"]["additive_master"])
    Printf("solo = " .. rtChannel["info"]["flags"]["solo"])
    Printf("highlight = " .. rtChannel["info"]["flags"]["highlight"])
    Printf("lowlight = " .. rtChannel["info"]["flags"]["lowlight"])
    Printf("==================== PATCH ====================")
    Printf("break = " .. rtChannel["patch"]["break"])
    Printf("coarse = " .. rtChannel["patch"]["coarse"])
    Printf("fine = " .. rtChannel["patch"]["fine"])
    Printf("ultra = " .. rtChannel["patch"]["ultra"])
end
```

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1.47.5.64. GetPresetData(handle[, boolean[, boolean]])

Description

The **GetPresetData** Lua function returns a table with the preset data based on the preset handle.

The returned table is quite complex and has tables inside the table.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle of the preset from which the data will be collected.
- **Boolean** | **nil** (optional):
  This boolean determines whether the returned table should only contain phaser data. The default value is "false".
- **Boolean** (optional):
  This boolean defines if there should be an extra object in the returned table. The default value is "true". The extra table object has the key "by_fixtures", and it contains the same table content as the returned table, but the keys are the fixture ID number instead of the UI Channel Index.

Return

- **Table** | **nil**:
  The returned table contains the preset data. It has multiple levels of tables.

Example

This example prints information about the first level table in the preset data and the first level of the first fixture in the preset. It uses dimmer preset 1, which must exist.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Get the handle for the first Dimmer preset.
    local myPreset = DataPool().PresetPools[1][1]
    -- Get the Preset Data of the handle.
    local myPresetData = GetPresetData(myPreset, false, false)
    -- Check if the GetPresetData returns something.
    if myPresetData == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Dimmer preset 1 does not exist. Please create one and try
again.")
        return
    end

    -- Print the myPresetData table.
    for Key, value in pairs(myPresetData) do
      if type(value) == "table" then
        Printf("Key: " .. Key .. " ; Value type is: " .. type(value))
      else
        Printf("Key: " .. Key .. " ; Value type is: " .. type(value) .. " ;
Value: " .. value)
      end
```

```
    end

    -- Create a table object to hold all the integer keys in the myPresetData
table.
    local myIntegerTableKeys = {}
    -- Fill the table.
    for key,_ in pairs(myPresetData) do
        if type(key) == "number" then
            table.insert(myIntegerTableKeys, key)
        end
    end
    -- Sort the table
    table.sort(myIntegerTableKeys)

    -- Print the elements of the fixture with the lowest ui_channel_index in
the preset.
    local tableIndex = myIntegerTableKeys[1]
    if tableIndex ~= nil then
        Printf("=============== TABLE CONTENT START - Table Key: " ..
tableIndex .." ===============")
        for Key, value in pairs(myPresetData[tableIndex]) do
          if type(value) == "table" then
            Printf("Key: " .. Key .. " ; Value type is: " .. type(value))
          else
            Printf("Key: " .. Key .. " ; Value type is: " .. type(value) .. "
; Value: " .. tostring(value))
          end
        end
        Printf("================ TABLE CONTENT END - Table Key: " ..
tableIndex .." ================")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.65. GetRTChannelCount()

Description

The **GetRTChannelCount** Lua function returns a number indicating the total amount of RT channels.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The function returns an integer number depicting the total amount of RT channels.

Example

This example prints the number of RT channels to the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The number of RT channels is " .. GetRTChannelCount())
end
```

1.47.5.66. GetRTChannels(integer[,boolean] OR handle[,boolean])

Description

The **GetRTChannels** Lua function returns a table with RT Channel indexes or a table with handles to the RT Channel objects. There are two different types of arguments for this function.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer should be the index number for a (sub)fixture.
- **Boolean** (Optional):
  - **True**:
    The returned table contains handles for RT Channel objects.
  - **False** (default):
    The returned table contains integers index values to the RT Channel objects.

- OR -

- **Handle**:
  The handle should relate to a (sub)fixture object.
- **Boolean** (Optional):
  - **True**:
    The returned table contains handles for RT Channel objects.
  - **False** (default):
    The returned table contains integers index values to the RT Channel objects.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table can be a list of RT Channel indexes or handles to the same RT Channels.

Examples

Example 1

This example prints a list of RT Channel indexes for the first fixture in the selection. It uses an index number as input:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Get the index number for the first fixture in the current selection
    local fixtureIndex = SelectionFirst()
    -- Get the indexes of the RT channels
    local rtChannels = GetRTChannels(fixtureIndex, false)
    -- Print an error message if returnd table is nil
    if rtChannels == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Please select a fixture and try again")
        return
    end
```

```
    -- Print the table content
    for key,value in ipairs(rtChannels) do
        Printf("List index number ".. key .." : RTChannel index number = ".. value)
        end
end
```

Example 2

This example prints a list of RT Channel indexes and attributes for the first fixture in the selection. It uses a handle as the input:

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Get a handle to the first fixture in the current selection
    local fixtureHandle = GetSubfixture(SelectionFirst())
    if fixtureHandle == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Please select a fixture and try again")
        return
    end
    -- Creates a table of handles to the RT channels of the first selected fixture.
    local rtChannels = GetRTChannels(fixtureHandle, true)
    if rtChannels == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Please select a fixture and try again")
        return
    end
    -- Print DMX addresses of the RT Channels for the fixture
    for key,value in ipairs(rtChannels) do
        Printf("List index number ".. key .. ": RTChannel Index = %i, Coarse DMX addr. = %s, Fine DMX addr. = %s", value.INDEX, value.COARSE, value.FINE)
    end
end
```

1.47.5.67. GetSample(string)

Description

The **GetSample** Lua function returns a number representing a percentage usage based on a string input.

Arguments

- **String**:
  Only a specific list of strings can be input:
  - MEMORY
  - CPU
  - CPUTEMP
  - GPUTEMP
  - SYSTEMP
  - FANRPM

Return

- **Number**:
  A number (float) is returned.

Example

This example stores the different samples in a table and then prints the content of the table:

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- Gather the sample information in a table
    local sample = {}
    sample["MEMORY"] = GetSample("MEMORY")
    sample["CPU"] = GetSample("CPU")
    sample["CPUTEMP"] = GetSample("CPUTEMP")
    sample["GPUTEMP"] = GetSample("GPUTEMP")
    sample["SYSTEMP"] = GetSample("SYSTEMP")
    sample["FANRPM"] = GetSample("FANRPM")
    -- Print the collected data
    Printf("Memory ; ".. sample["MEMORY"])
    Printf("CPU ; ".. sample["CPU"])
    Printf("CPU temperature ; ".. sample["CPUTEMP"])
    Printf("GPU temperature ; ".. sample["GPUTEMP"])
    Printf("System temperature ; ".. sample["SYSTEMP"])
    Printf("Fan RPM ; ".. sample["FANRPM"])
end
```

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1.47.5.68. GetScreenContent(handle)

Description

The **GetScreenContent** Lua function returns a handle to the screen content based on a provided handle to a screen configuration.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  This must be a handle to a screen configuration.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the screen content.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the screen content handle. It uses the **CurrentScreenConfig()** and **Dump()** functions:

The **CurrentScreenConfig** Lua function returns a handle to the current users' screen configuration. Learn more in the CurrentScreenConfig topic.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- Create a handle for the current screen configuration.
    local myCurrentScreenConfig = CurrentScreenConfig()
    -- Create a handle for the screen content based on the screen
configuration.
    local myScreenContent = GetScreenContent(myCurrentScreenConfig)
    -- Print the Dump of the handle.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    myScreenContent:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.69. GetSelectedAttribute()

Description

The **GetSelectedAttribute** Lua function returns a handle to the currently selected attribute.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the selected attribute.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- This example dumps all information about the currently selected
attribute
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    GetSelectedAttribute():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.70. GetShowFileStatus()

Description

The **GetShowFileStatus** Lua function returns a string with the current device's show file status, for example, "NoShow", "ShowLoaded", "ShowDownloaded", "ShowSaving", and "DataNegotiationActive".

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the enum string from "Enums.ShowFileStatus" that matches the current status.

Example

This example prints the current device's show file status in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Prints the current showfile status
    Printf("ShowfileStatus: "..GetShowFileStatus())
end
```

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1.47.5.71. GetSubfixture(integer)

Description

The **GetSubfixture** Lua function returns the handle of the fixture specified by its patch index number.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The patch index number for a fixture. This is also known as the "subfixtureindex".

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the fixture object matching the provided index number.

Example

This example uses a fixture selection to print all the information (in the Command Line History) about the first fixture in the selection using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function ()
    -- Check for a fixture selection, by returning an index for the first fixture
    if (SelectionFirst()) then
        -- There is a fixture selection, store the index for the first fixture
        local fixtureIndex = SelectionFirst()
        -- Dump all information about the fixture
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        GetSubfixture(fixtureIndex):Dump()
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    else
        -- There needs to be a selection of at least one fixture
        Printf("Please select a fixture")
    end
end
```

Related Functions

- SelectionFirst
- SelectionNext

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- GetSubfixtureCount

1.47.5.72. GetSubfixtureCount()

Description

The **GetSubfixtureCount** Lua function returns the total number of fixtures that are patched within the show file.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned integer number represents the total amount of patched fixtures on all the stages in the show file.

Example

This example prints the total number of patched fixtures in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function ()
    Printf('Total number of patched fixtures: %i', GetSubfixtureCount())
end
```

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1.47.5.73. GetTokenName(string)

Description

The **GetTokenName** Lua function returns a string with the full keyword based on the short version string input or nil if there is no corresponding keyword.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The string input should correspond to a short version of a keyword.

Return

- **String**:
  A string with the full keyword is returned.

- OR -

- **Nil**:
  If there is no corresponding keyword, then nil is returned.

Example

This example returns the full keyword matching the short "seq" string:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Store a short string to be used as input
    local shortToken = 'seq'
    -- Get the full token name
    local tokenName = GetTokenName(shortToken)
    -- Print useful output if nil is not returned
    if tokenName ~= nil then
        Printf("The full version of '".. shortToken .. "' is '" .. tokenName
.. "'")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.74. GetTokenNameByIndex(int)

Description

The **GetTokenNameByIndex** Lua function returns a string with the keyword based on the index number provided.

Each keyword is described in the Command Syntax and Keywords section.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer input is the index number for a corresponding keyword. There is no apparent logic to the index number and the keyword.

Return

- **String**:
  A string with the full keyword is returned.

- OR -

- **Nil**:
  If there is no corresponding keyword, then nil is returned.

Example

If the keyword exists, this example returns the keywords matching the first 443 index numbers:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- Create a variable to hold the keyword string
    local tokenName = ""
    -- Print the keywords to the first 443 indexes if possible
    for index = 1, 443, 1 do
        tokenName = GetTokenNameByIndex(index)
        if tokenName ~= nil then
            Printf("Token index " .. index .. " = " .. tokenName)
        end
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.75. GetTopModal()

Description

The **GetTopModal** Lua function returns a handle for the modal at the top. Modal is the internal name for pop-ups that interrupt the system's normal operation. A modal blocks other UI elements from being used while it is open.

For example, when opening a window's settings pop-up, it is not possible to use the command line. The settings pop-up is a modal. Modals can also be identified by the rest of the UI, which darkens a bit when it is open.

Argument

This function does not have any arguments.

Return

- **Handle | nil**:
  The function returns a handle to the top modal UI object if there is one.

Example

This example uses the **Dump() function** to show information about the StagePopup selection pop-up.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Open a Modal / Pop-up.
    Cmd('Menu "StagePopup"')
    -- Add a small wait.
    coroutine.yield(0.5)
    -- Get the handle for the modal / pop-up.
    local modalHandle = GetTopModal()
    -- If there is a handle then dump all information else print en error
feedback.
    if modalHandle ~= nil then
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        modalHandle:Dump()
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    else
        ErrPrintf("The Modal UI object could not be found.")
    end
```

```
    -- Close the modal / pop-up by pressing the Escape key.
    Keyboard(1,'press','Escape')
    Keyboard(1,'release','Escape')
end
```

1.47.5.76. GetTopOverlay()

Description

The **GetTopOverlay** Lua function returns a handle for the overlay at the top of the display with the provided index number. Overlay is the internal name for what is called pop-ups or menus in the rest of this manual.

Argument

This function does not have any arguments.

Return

- **Handle | nil**:
  The function returns a handle to the top overlay UI object if there is one.

Example

This example uses the **Dump() function** to show information about the MenuSelector pop-up - it is the one opening when pressing the Menu key.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- Open the MenuSelector overlay.
    Cmd('Menu "MenuSelector')
    -- Add a small delay.
    coroutine.yield(0.5)
    -- Get the handle for the overlay on the display with index 1.
    local overlayHandle = GetTopOverlay(1)
    -- Add a small delay.
    coroutine.yield(0.5)
    -- Close the MenuSelector overlay.
    Cmd('Menu "MenuSelector')
    -- Check if there is a handle and print appropriate feedback.
    if overlayHandle ~= nil then
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        overlayHandle:Dump()
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    else
        ErrPrintf("The Overlay UI object could not be found.")
    end
```

```
end
```

1.47.5.77. GetUIChannelCount()

Description

The **GetUIChannelCount** Lua function returns a number indicating the total amount of UI channels.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The function returns an integer number depicting the total amount of UI channels.

Example

This example prints the number of UI channels to the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The number of UI channels is " .. GetUIChannelCount())
end
```

1.47.5.78. GetUIChannelIndex(integer, integer)

Description

The **GetUIChannelIndex** Lua function returns the index integer matching a UI channel based on two index inputs.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The first integer is the patch index of a fixture.
- **Integer**:
  This integer is an attribute index (0-based). This can be found in the **Attribute Definitions** or by the **GetAttributeIndex() Lua function**.

Attribute Definition

Attributes are the building blocks of fixture types. The same building blocks are used throughout the console and they are what is controlled using the Encoder bar when operating fixtures.

Attributes definitions describe the relation between Main Attributes and sub-attributes.

Learn more in the Attribute Definition topic.

GetAttributeIndex()

The **GetAttributeIndex** Lua function returns the (0 based) index number of the attribute definition based on the system name of the attribute.

Learn more in the GetAttributeIndex() topic.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned integer to a channel function.

Example

This example prints the UI channel index of the "Dimmer" attribute of the first fixture in the current selection:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Get the Attribute index and UIChannel indexes
    local attributeIndex = GetAttributeIndex("Dimmer")
    local uiChannelIndex = GetUIChannelIndex(SelectionFirst(),attributeIndex)
    -- End the function if any of the index return nil
```

```
    if (attributeIndex == nil or uiChannelIndex == nil) then
        ErrPrintf("Something went wrong, maybe your first selected fixture
don't have a Dimmer - Please try again")
        return
    end
    Printf("The UI Channel Index is " .. uiChannelIndex)
end
```

1.47.5.79. GetUIChannels(integer[,boolean] OR handle[,boolean])

Description

The **GetUIChannels** Lua function returns a table with UI Channel indexes or a table with handles to the UI Channel objects. There are two different types of arguments for this function.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer should be the index number for a (sub)fixture.
- **Boolean** (Optional):
  - **True**:
    The returned table contains handles for UI Channel objects.
  - **False** (default):
    The returned table contains integer index values to the UI Channel objects.

- OR -

- **Handle**:
  The handle should relate to a (sub)fixture object.
- **Boolean** (Optional):
  - **True**:
    The returned table contains handles for UI Channel objects.
  - **False** (default):
    The returned table contains integer index values to the UI Channel objects.

Return

- **Table**:
  The returned table can be a list of UI Channel indexes or handles to the same UI Channel indexes.

Examples

Example 1

This example prints a list of UI Channel indexes for the first fixture in the selection. It uses an index number as input:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Creates a table of indexes of the UI channels of the first selected
fixture.
    local uiChannels = GetUIChannels(SelectionFirst())
    if uiChannels == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Please select a fixture and try again")
        return
    end
    for key,value in ipairs(uiChannels) do
```

```
        Printf("List index number ".. key .. " :  UIChannel Index = " ..
value)
        end
end
```

Example 2

This example prints a list of UI Channel indexes and attributes for the first fixture in the selection. It uses a handle as the input:

Lua

```
return function()
    local fixtureHandle = GetSubfixture(SelectionFirst())
    -- Creates a table of handles to the UI channels of the first selected
fixture.
    local uiChannels = GetUIChannels(fixtureHandle, true)
    if uiChannels == nil then
        ErrPrintf("Please select a fixture and try again")
        return
    end
    for key,value in pairs(uiChannels) do
        Printf("List index number ".. key .. ": UIChannel Index = %i,
(Sub)Attribute = %s", value.INDEX-1, value.SUBATTRIBUTE)
        end
end
```

1.47.5.80. GetUIObjectAtPosition(integer, table)

Description

The **GetUIObjectAtPosition** Lua function returns the handle of the UI Object at a specified position on a specified display.

Argument

- **Integer**:
  The integer should be the index number of the display with the UI object.
- **Table**:
  The table must have two elements with the following keys:
  - x: This is the X position on the display. The value must be a number indicating the desired pixel position. It is counted from the left side of the display.
  - y: This is the Y position on the display. The value must be a number indicating the desired pixel position. It is counted from the top of the display.

Return

- **Handle | nil**:
  If a UI object is at the provided position, then the handle to the object is returned. Otherwise, it returns nil.

Example

This example prints the **Dump** of the UIObject at a specific position on display 1. It also uses the **DrawPointer** function to draw a red pointer at the position.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

The DrawPointer function draws a red pointer at a display. Learn more about it in the DrawPointer() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Get the index number for "Display 1"
    local displayIndex = GetDisplayCollect()["Display 1"].INDEX
    -- Create a table with X and Y position
    local positionTable = {}
    positionTable.x = 1000
    positionTable.y = 500
    -- Get the UI object handle
    local uiObjectAtPositionHandle =
GetUIObjectAtPosition(displayIndex,positionTable)
```

```
    -- Dump all information about the display with the index number if not
nil
    if uiObjectAtPositionHandle == nil then
        Printf("The returned value was not a valid handle.")
        return
    end
    -- Draw a pointer at the posiiton for 5 seconds
    DrawPointer(displayIndex,positionTable,5000)
    --Dump of the UIObject
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    uiObjectAtPositionHandle:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.81. GetVar(handle, string)

Description

The GetVar Lua function returns the value of a specific variable in a set of variables. To learn more about the variables in plugins, look at the Variable Functions topic.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle of variable set.
- **String**:
  The name of the variable. It needs to be in quotation marks.

Return

- **Value**:
  This is the value of the variable.

If the variable does not exist, then nil is returned.

Example

This example returns the value of a variable called "myUserVar" in the set of user variables if it exists:

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Get the value from a user variable called "myUserVar" - assuming it
already exists
    local varValue = GetVar(UserVars(), "myUserVar")
    -- Print en error feedback or the value of the variable
    if varValue == nil then
        Printf("Variable returns nothing!")
    else
        Printf("Variable value is: " .. varValue)
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.82. GlobalVars()

Description

The GlobalVars function returns a handle to the set of global variables. Read more about these in the Variables topic in the Macro section.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle of the set of global variables.

Example

This example sets, gets, and deletes a global variable:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Stores a local Lua variable with the handle for the global variable
set.
    local variableSet = GlobalVars()
    -- Sets a global variable with an integer value using the SetVar()
function.
    SetVar(variableSet, "myGlobalVar", 42)
    -- Prints the global variable using the GetVar() function.
    Printf("The value  of myGlobalVar is: " .. GetVar(variableSet,
"myGlobalVar"))
    -- Deletes the global variable using the DelVar() function.
    DelVar(variableSet, "myGlobalVar")
end
```

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1.47.5.83. HandleToInt(handle)

Description

The **HandleToInt** Lua function converts a handle into an integer format.

See the Handle topic for more info regarding handles and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle of the object.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned integer is the handle converted to an integer.

Example

This example prints the handle integer number for the selected sequence. It also converts the integer back to a handle and uses this to print the name of the sequence:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The integer number for the handle of the selected sequence: %i",
HandleToInt(SelectedSequence()))
end
```

1.47.5.84. HandleToStr(handle)

Description

The **HandleToStr** Lua function converts a handle into a string in a hexadecimal number format.

See the Handle topic for more info regarding handles and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle of the object.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the handle number converted to a hexadecimal format.

Example

This example prints the handle hex number for the selected sequence. It also converts the string back to a handle and uses this to print the name of the sequence:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The string (in hex format with 'H#' in front) for the handle of the selected sequence: %s",HandleToStr(SelectedSequence()))
end
```

1.47.5.85. HookObjectChange(function, handle, handle[, handle])

Description

The **HookObjectChange** Lua function automatically calls a function when a grandMA3 object changes.

Arguments

- **Function**:
  This must be the name of a function. This function is triggered every time the provided grandMA3 object changes.
- **Handle**:
  This is the handle for the grandMA3 objects that should be monitored for changes. The triggered function passes this handle on as the first argument.
- **Handle**:
  The handle must be for the plugin creating this HookObjectChange - it is the handle for "this" plugin.
- **Handle** (optional):
  This optional handle is for an object that will be passed on to the triggered function (as the third argument).

Return

- **Integer**:
  The function returns an integer identifying the hook. This can be saved to unhook the object later.

	Hint:
	See also these related functions: DumpAllHooks, Unhook, UnhookMultiple.

Example

To call a function every time the content of the sequence pool changes, create a plugin with this code:

Lua
```
-- Get the handle to this Lua component.
local luaComponentHandle = select(4,...)

function Main()
    -- Get a handle to the sequence pool.
    local hookObject = DataPool().Sequences
    -- Get a handle to this plugin.
    local pluginHandle = luaComponentHandle:Parent()
    -- Create the hook and save the Hook ID.
    SequenceHookId = HookObjectChange(MySequencePoolCallback, hookObject,
pluginHandle)
    -- Print the returned Hook ID.
    Printf("HookId: " .. SequenceHookId)
end

-- This function is called when there are changes in the sequence pool.
function MySequencePoolCallback(obj)
```

```
    Printf(tostring(obj.name) .. " changed!")
end

return Main
```

1.47.5.86. HostOS()

Description

The **HostOS** Lua function returns a string with the type of operating system of the device where the plugin is executed (for instance, "Windows", "Linux", or "Mac").

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the operating system of the grandMA3 hardware or grandMA3 onPC computer.

Example

This example prints the operating system of the device in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The HostOS is "..HostOS())
end
```

1.47.5.87. HostSubType()

Description

The **HostSubType** Lua function returns a string with the host sub type of the station where the plugin is executed (for example, "FullSize", "Light", "RPU", "onPCRackUnit", "Undefined").

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the host sub-type of the device.

Example

This example prints the host sub-type of the station in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The HostSubType is "..HostSubType())
end
```

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1.47.5.88. HostType()

Description

The **HostType** Lua function returns a string with the host type of the device where the plugin is executed (for example, "Console" or "onPC").

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the host type of the device.

Example

This example prints the host type of the device in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The HostType is "..HostType())
end
```

1.47.5.89. Import(string)

Description

The object-free **Import** Lua function imports a Lua table in XML format.

This function correlates to the Export function.

Arguments

- **String**:
  This is a string containing the file name of the desired imported file. It should contain the file name, including the entire path. See the example below.

Return

- **Table**:
  This is the imported table.

Example

This example imports the table exported using the example in the Export() function topic - please run that example before running this example.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- Get the path for the exported table.
    local importPath = GetPath(Enums.PathType.Library) .. "/BuildDetails.xml"
    -- Check if the file exist and print relevant feedback.
    if importPath == nil then
        -- File does not exist.
        ErrPrintf("The desired file does not exist. Please add it or adjust
the requested file name.")
    else
        -- Import the table.
        local importedTable = Import(importPath)
        -- Check if the import returned something and print relevant
feedback.
        if importedTable == nil then
            -- Import didn't return anything.
            ErrPrintf("The import failed.")
        else
        -- Print some of the table content.
        Printf("CompileDate: " .. importedTable.CompileDate)
        Printf("CompileTime: " .. importedTable.CompileTime)
        Printf("BigVersion: " .. importedTable.BigVersion)
        Printf("HostType: " .. importedTable.HostType)
        Printf("HostSubType: " .. importedTable.HostSubType)
        Printf("CodeType: " .. importedTable.CodeType)
        end
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.90. IncProgress(handle, integer)

Description

The IncProgress Lua function changes the value on the range for a progress bar using an integer input. A handle input argument defines the progress bar. The progress bar needs to be created using the **StartProgress() function.**

StartProgress()

The StartProgress Lua function creates and displays a progress bar on all screens.

Learn more in the StartProgress() topic.

See the ProgressBar topic for more info regarding progress bars and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle for the progress bar.
- **Integer**:
  The desired value for the range. This can be a negative value to decrease the value.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Examples

These two examples increase and decrease the range value for the progress bar created using the example in the StartProgress topic (link above):

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Increase the current value for a progress bar with the matching
handle.
        IncProgress(progressHandle, 1)
end
```

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Decrease the current value for a progress bar with the matching
handle.
        IncProgress(progressHandle, -1)
end
```

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1.47.5.91. IntToHandle(integer)

Description

The **IntToHandle** Lua function converts an integer number into a handle. The integer needs to correlate with an actual handle.

See the Handle topic for more info regarding handles and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The integer that correlates to an object's handle.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle of the object correlates with the integer.

Example

This example prints the handle integer number for the selected sequence. It also converts the integer back to a handle and uses this to print the name of the sequence:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Convert the handle of the currently selected sequence to an integer
    local handleInt = HandleToInt(SelectedSequence())
    -- Print the handle integer
    Printf("The handle integer number of the selected sequence: %i",
HandleToInt(SelectedSequence()))
    -- Convter the integer back to a hanndle and use it to get the sequence
name
    Printf("The name of the selected sequence is: %s",
IntToHandle(handleInt).name)
end
```

1.47.5.92. IsClassDerivedFrom(string, string)

Description

The **IsClassDerivedFrom** Lua function returns a boolean indicating if a class is derived from a different class.

Arguments

- **String**:
  This string needs to be the name of the class that might be derived from a different class.
- **String**:
  This string needs to be the name of the class that might be the base class.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The returned boolean indicates if the class is derived from the base class.

Example

This example checks if a class is derived from a different class and returns useful feedback.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Set the value of the two strings.
    local derivedName = "World"
    local baseName = "Group"
    -- Check if the derivedName is the name of a class derived from the
baseName class.
    local isDerived = IsClassDerivedFrom(derivedName, baseName)
    -- Provide feedback.
    if isDerived then
        Printf(derivedName .. " is derived from " .. baseName)
    else
        Printf(derivedName .. " is not derived from " .. baseName)
    end
end
```

1.47.5.93. IsObjectValid(handle)

Description

The **IsObjectValid** function returns a boolean true or nil depending on whether the supplied argument is a valid object.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The argument should be the handle to a possible object.

Return

- **Boolean or nil**:
  The returned value is a boolean True if the handle is a valid object or it returns nil if it is not a valid object.

Example

This example below examines if "Root()" is a valid object and prints meaningful feedback:

Lua

```lua
return function()
    --Create a variable with the possible object
    local myObject = Root()
    --Check if it is an object
    local myReturn = IsObjectValid(myObject)
    --Print the result
    if myReturn == nil then
        ErrPrintf("It is not a valid object")
    else
        Printf("It is an object")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.94. KeyboardObj()

Description

The **KeyboardObj** function returns the handle to the first found keyboard object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns the handle to the keyboard object.

Example

This example prints the information of the keyboard object. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Print all informatin about the KeyboardObj object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    KeyboardObj():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.95. MasterPool()

Description

The **MasterPool** Lua function returns the handle to the masters.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns the handle to the pool of masters.

Example

This example prints the information of the MasterPool object. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Print all informatin about the MasterPool object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    MasterPool():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.96. MessageBox(table)

Description

The MessageBox Lua function is used to create pop-up message boxes. These can be simple or complex information pop-ups with many different options and user inputs.

The message box contains multiple elements that must be defined in a table. This table is the single input argument to the function.

The elements in the message box are displayed in alphabetical order.

This function is part of the User Interface functions.

Arguments

- **Table**:
  The input to the function must be formatted as a table using key-value pairs. The needed elements have default values that will be used if not overwritten. The values can be defined in any order if the key is defined.
  The table can have the following elements:
  - **title**:
    This is the title of the pop-up message box.
  - **titleTextColor**:
    This is the text color for the title text. The value is a number or string that refers to the **UI Colors** in the color theme. See the link below.
  - **backColor**:
    This is the color of the frame or border of the pop-up. The value is a number or string that refers to the **UI Colors** in the color theme. See the link below.
  - **icon**:
    This is an icon that can be shown in the upper left corner of the pop-up. The value can be an integer or a string that refers to the number or name of a texture image (without the file format).
    The icons can be listed by navigating to the texture folder ChangeDestination GraphicsRoot/TextureCollect/Textures and then doing a List command.
    This shows a long list with numbers and names of all the textures in the Command Line History window.
  - **message**:
    This message text string is displayed in the main part of the pop-up. A new line can be created by adding a "\n" in the text.
  - **messageTextColor**:
    This is the text color for the message text. The value is a number or string that refers to the **UI Colors** in the color theme. See the link below.
  - **autoCloseOnInput**:
    This option defines if a Please (or Enter) from an input field closes the message box pop-up. The default value is **true**. Setting this to **false** keeps the message box open until it is explicitly closed. See example 5 below.

- **timeout**:
  The timeout value is an integer that indicates how long the message box is displayed in milliseconds. It will show a countdown timer at the top of the message area. When the countdown runs out, it will close the pop-up.
  When the timeout closes the pop-up, it returns a **success** element with a **true** value (see more about the return below). It was closed "normally".
- **timeoutResultCancel**:
  This element can change the return to mimic a cancel of the pop-up, which returns a **false** instead of a **true** for the **success** element.
- **timeoutResultID**:
  When the timeout closes the pop-up with the **success** value = **true**, a special return result can be defined using this, for instance, setting the value to 99 - then 99 is returned when the message box is closed by the timeout.
- **commands**:
  The commands are buttons at the bottom of the message box pop-up. The input here is a table of objects using the following structure:
  - **value**:
    This integer value will be returned as the result value - see more about the return below.
  - **name**:
    This is a string which will be shown on the button.
- **inputs**:
  The inputs are user input fields where text or numbers can be input. The input fields will be displayed in alphabetical order.
  The input fields are defined using an table with the following structure (see example 5 below):
  - **name**:
    This is a string value - the text will be shown as a label for the input field.
  - **value**:
    This is a string value - it is a default input value for the input field.
  - **blackfilter**:
    This is a string value - it defines input characters that are not allowed.
  - **whitefilter**:
    This is a string value - it defines which input characters are allowed.
  - **vkPlugin**:
    This is a string value - it is the name of the input pop-up, which is opened if the on-screen keyboard icon ( ) is tapped in the pop-up. Example 5 below has a list of possible vkPlugin values.
  - **maxTextLength**:
    This is an integer value - it defines the maximum number of characters for the input.
- **states**:
  The states are buttons in the pop-up. State buttons have a small checkbox and can have a true or false state. The buttons will be displayed in alphabetical order.
  The buttons are defined using a table with the following structure (see example 4 below):
  - **name**:
    This is a string value - the text will be shown on the button.
  - **state**:
    This is the initial state of the button checkbox.

- **selectors**:
  Selector buttons are two different types of buttons. Each type can have a selected value based on a list of available values. The two types are **Swipe** button (type 0) and **Radio** button (type 1).
  The buttons are defined in a table with the following structure:
  - **name**:
    This is a string value - the text will be shown on the button (swipe button) or as a label above the buttons (radio buttons).
  - **selectedValue**:
    This is an integer value - it defines the default selected value
  - **type**:
    This is an integer value - it defines the type of selector button. The options are:
    - **0**:
      This defines the button as a swipe button.
    - **1**:
      This defines the button as a radio button.
  - **values**:
    This is another table containing the different values available for the selector button. Each value element in the table has the following structure: **["string"]=integer**
    The string is the name displayed for the value. The integer is the value returned and the one used for **selectedValue** (see above). See example 6 below for an example of use.

The table can contain some or all of the elements described above.

The colors mentioned above can be a string or number value. It refers to a defined UI Color in the color theme, for instance, "**Global.Text**" or **1.27**. See more in the Color Theme topic.

A message box pop-up should have at least a title, message, and *either* a timeout *or* some basic command buttons. See the first three examples below.

Return

- **Table**:
  The return from a message box pop-up is formatted in a table. The returned table adjusts to match the elements of the message box. For instance, if there are selection buttons in the message box, then there is another table inside the result table containing the return from the selection buttons. See the examples for details on how to retrieve the results. The table can contain the following elements:
  - **success**:
    This is a boolean - it returns true if the message box was closed by tapping a command button or by a timeout (see **timeoutResultCancel** above for exceptions).
  - **result**:
    This is an integer - it returns the value of the tapped command button or the timeout result ID.
  - **inputs** (only if the message box has inputs fields):
    This is a table with a list of the input fields' name and string value in a key-value pair table.

- **states** (only if the message box has state buttons):
  This is a table with a list of the state buttons' name and boolean value in a key-value pair table.
- **selectors** (only if the message box has selector buttons):
  This is a table with a list of the selector buttons' name and integer value in a key-value pair table.

An error is thrown if the message box does not have inputs, states, and selectors, but the script tries to use the table elements.

See the examples to see how to extract the results.

Examples

There are six different examples demonstrating different elements of the message box. The elements can be combined, but the examples highlight different functions.

Example 1

A simple message box pop-up that shows a single confirm button:

Lua
```lua
return function ()
    -- This creates a small pop-up with a single button.
    local returnTable = MessageBox(
        {
            title = "Please confirm This",
            commands = {{value = 1, name = "Confirm"}}
        }
    )

    -- Print the content of the returned table.
    Printf("Success = "..tostring(returnTable.success))
    Printf("Result = "..returnTable.result)
end
```

Example 2

This example opens a pop-up with some text and two command buttons:

Lua
```lua
return function ()
    -- A table with two default buttons for the pop-up
    local defaultCommandButtons = {
        {value = 2, name = "OK"},
        {value = 1, name = "Cancel"}
    }

    -- A table with the elements needed for the pop-up
    local messageTable = {
        icon = "object_smart",
        backColor = "Window.Plugins",
        title = "This is the title",
        message = "This is a message
```

```
That can have multiple lines",
        commands = defaultCommandButtons,
    }

    -- The creation on the actual pop-up with the result stored in a variable
    local returnTable = MessageBox(messageTable)

    -- Print the content of the returned table
    Printf("Success = "..tostring(returnTable.success))
    Printf("Result = "..returnTable.result)
end
```

Example 3

This example displays a message box for 3 seconds and then closes itself:

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- This variable contains the table used as argument for the messagebox
    local messageTable = {
        title = "Do not worry",
        message = "This message will self destruct
Goodbye!",
        timeout = 3000,
        timeoutResultCancel = false,
        timeoutResultID = 99,
    }

    -- This creates the messagebox pop-up and store the return table in a
variable
    local returnTable = MessageBox(messageTable)

    -- Print the content of the returned table
    Printf("Success = "..tostring(returnTable.success))
    Printf("Result = "..returnTable.result)
end
```

Example 4

This example adds state buttons to the message box. The buttons are added to a table for a better overview.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- A table with two default buttons for the pop-up
    local defaultCommandButtons = {
        {value = 2, name = "OK"},
        {value = 1, name = "Cancel"}
    }
    -- A table with three state buttons
    -- The buttons will be displayed alphabetically in the pop-up
    local stateButtons = {
        {name = "State B", state = false},
        {name = "State A", state = false},
        {name = "New State", state = false}
    }
```

```
    -- A table with the elements needed for the pop-up
    local messageTable = {
        icon = "object_smart",
        backColor = "Window.Plugins",
        title = "This is state buttons",
        message = 'Toggle the states and click "Ok"',
        commands = defaultCommandButtons,
        states = stateButtons,
    }

    -- The creation on the actual pop-up with the result stored in a variable
    local returnTable = MessageBox(messageTable)

    -- Print the content of the returned table
    Printf("Success = "..tostring(returnTable.success))
    Printf("Result = "..returnTable.result)

    -- Print a list with the state of the stateButtons
    for name,state in pairs(returnTable.states) do
        Printf("State '%s' = '%s'",name,tostring(state))
    end
end
```

Example 5

This example shows the input fields.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- A table with two default buttons for the pop-up
    local defaultCommandButtons = {
        {value = 2, name = "OK"},
        {value = 1, name = "Cancel"}
    }
    -- A table with three input fields
    -- The fields will be displayed alphabetically in the pop-up based on
name
    local inputFields = {
        {name = "Numbers Only", value = "1234", whiteFilter = "0123456789",
vkPlugin = "NumericInput"},
        {name = "Text Only", value = "abcdef", blackFilter = "0123456789"},
        {name = "Maximum 10 characters", value = "", maxTextLength = 10}
    }
    -- Possible vkPlugin values:
    -- - "TextInput" : same as default - standrd on-screne keyboard
    -- - "TextInputNumOnly" : text input but only with number buttons
    -- - "TextInputNumOnlyRange" : text input but only with number and
related range buttons
    -- - "TextInputTimeOnly" : text input styled for time input - includes
buttons for time values
    -- - "NumericInput" : general number input
    -- - "CueNumberInput" : number input styled for cue number
    -- - "RelCueNumberInput" : number input with the relative "delta" button
    -- - "IP4Prefix" : designed for inputting an IPv4 address allowing CIDR
notation
```

```
    -- A table with the elements needed for the pop-up
    local messageTable = {
        icon = "object_smart",
        backColor = "Window.Plugins",
        title = "This is input fields",
        message = 'Change the values in the input fields and click "Ok"',
        commands = defaultCommandButtons,
        inputs = inputFields,
        autoCloseOnInput = false
    }

    -- The creation on the actual pop-up with the result stored in a variable
    local returnTable = MessageBox(messageTable)

    -- Print the content of the returned table
    Printf("Success = "..tostring(returnTable.success))
    Printf("Result = "..returnTable.result)
    -- Print a list with the values of the input fields
    for name,value in pairs(returnTable.inputs) do
        Printf("Input '%s' = '%s'",name,tostring(value))
    end
end
```

Example 6

This example shows the different selector buttons.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- A table with two default buttons for the pop-up
    local defaultCommandButtons = {
        {value = 2, name = "OK"},
        {value = 1, name = "Cancel"}
    }
    -- A table with selector buttons
    -- The buttons will be displayed alphabetically in the pop-up based on
name
    local selectorButtons = {
        { name="Swipe Selector", selectedValue=1, type=0,
values={["Swipe1"]=1,["Swipe2"]=2}},
        { name="Radio Selector", selectedValue=2, type=1,
values={["Radio1"]=1,["Radio2"]=2}},
        { name="Another Radio", selectedValue=3, type=1,
values={["Radio3"]=3,["Radio4"]=4}}
    }

    -- State button to show grouping with swipe Selector button
    local stateButton = {
        {name = "State Button", state = false},
    }
    -- A table with the elements needed for the pop-up
    local messageTable = {
        icon = "object_smart",
        backColor = "Window.Plugins",
        title = "This is input fields",
        message = 'Change the values in the input fields and click "Ok"',
        commands = defaultCommandButtons,
```

```
        states = stateButton,
        selectors = selectorButtons,
    }

    -- The creation on the actual pop-up with the result stored in a variable
    local returnTable = MessageBox(messageTable)

    -- Print the content of the returned table
    Printf("Success = "..tostring(returnTable.success))
    Printf("Result = "..returnTable.result)
    -- Print a list with the values of the selection buttons
    for name,value in pairs(returnTable.selectors) do
        Printf("Input '%s' = '%s'",name,tostring(value))
    end
    -- Print a list with the state of the stateButton
    for name,state in pairs(returnTable.states) do
        Printf("State '%s' = '%s'",name,tostring(state))
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.97. MouseObj()

Description

The **MouseObj** function returns the handle to the first found mouse object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns the handle to the mouse object.

Example

This example prints the information of the mouse object. Is uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Print all informatin about the MouseObj object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    MouseObj():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.98. NeedShowSave()

Description

The **NeedShowSave** Lua function returns a boolean indicating if there are unsaved changes to the showfile.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The boolean returns True if there are unsaved changes to the show file. False indicates that the show file has not changed since the last save. These indications do not include changes to the playback state of the show.

Example

This example prints feedback indicating if the show file should be saved or not.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Check if the show should be saved.
    if NeedShowSave() then
        Printf("You should save your showfile.")
    else
        Printf("You do not need to save your showfile.")
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.99. ObjectList(string[, table])

Description

The **ObjectList** Lua function returns a table with handles. The table is created based on a string input that should create a selection.

Argument

- **String**:
  The string must be a command that would create a range of objects in the command line.
- **Table** (optional):
  The table can contain two possible named elements. Each element can have a boolean true or false value. See the examples below for how to use them.
  - **'reverse_order'**:
    This must have a boolean value. If this is true then the returned list is in reverse order.
  - **'selected_as_default'**:
    This must have a boolean value. If this is true then the object list will only contain the object that is selected in the pool. For instance, it only returns the currently selected filter from the filter pool.

Return

- **Table**:
  The function returns a table with handles to the objects based on the string argument.

Examples

This example returns the names and patch addresses of fixtures 1 through 10. It assumes these fixtures exist - if they do not, then it returns an error text.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Create a list of handles based on the "Fixture 1 Thru 10" selection
and store it in a table.
    local myObjects = ObjectList("Fixture 1 Thru 10", {reverse_order=true})
    -- If the selection returned a table, then go through all elements and
print information of the object.
    if myObjects~= nil then
        for i in pairs(myObjects) do
            Printf("Fixture: " .. myObjects[i].name .. " - Patch: "
..myObjects[i].patch)
        end
    else
        ErrPrintf("An error occured. Does Fixture 1 Thru 10 exist?")
    end
end
```

This example creates an object list with the selected sequence. It then dumps all information about the sequence using the **Dump function**.

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Create a list of one handle to the selected sequence and store it to a
table.
    local myObjects = ObjectList("Sequence", {selected_as_default=true})
    -- If the selection returned a table, then dump the first (and only)
element.
    if myObjects~= nil then
        myObjects[1]:Dump()
    else
        ErrPrintf("An error occured.")
    end
end
```

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1.47.5.100. Patch()

Description

The **Patch** Lua function returns a handle to the patch object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the patch.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- This example dumps all information about the patch object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    Patch():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.101. Printf(string)

Description

The Printf Lua function prints a string in the **Command Line History** and **System Monitor**.

Command Line History

The **Command Line History** window shows feedback from the system based in the user input.

Learn more in the Command Line History topic.

System Monitor

The **System Monitor** window shows what is happening at the station. This includes feedback on user commands. It is a log of the different things happening in the background. It also shows warnings, errors, and changes to the system.

Learn more in the System Monitor topic.

Argument

- **String**:
  The string text to be printed to the Command Line History.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example prints "Hello World!" in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("Hello World!")
end
```

1.47.5.102. Programmer()

Description

The **Programmer** Lua function references the current programmer object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the Programmer object.

Example

This example uses the **Dump() function** on the programmer object:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Dumps information about the programmer object.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    Programmer():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.103. ProgrammerPart()

Description

The **ProgrammerPart** Lua function references the current programmer part object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the programmer part object.

Example

This example uses the **Dump() function** on the programmer part object:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Dumps information about the current programmer part object.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    ProgrammerPart():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.104. Pult()

Description

The **Pult** Lua function returns a handle to the current "Pult" object at position Root/GraphicsRoot/PultCollect. The "Pult" object contains display and device information.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle to the pult object.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the handle. It uses the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- The following prints the dump for the pult object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    Pult():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.105. ReleaseType()

Description

The ReleaseType Lua function returns a string with the type of release for the MA software. All the software versions available from MA Lighting will return "Release". Internally and during development, there can be other release types.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the release type of the grandMA3 software.

Example

This example prints the release type in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("The ReleaseType is "..ReleaseType())
end
```

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1.47.5.106. Root()

Description

The **Root** Lua function returns a handle to the object at the root position.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the Root object.

Example

This simple example prints the information of the Root object in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- The following prints the dump for the root object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    Root():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.107. SelectedFeature()

Description

The **SelectedFeature** Lua function returns the handle of the selected feature.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle for the selected feature.

Example

This example prints all information about the selected feature in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the selected feature object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    SelectedFeature():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.108. SelectedLayout()

Description

The **SelectedLayout** Lua function returns the handle of the selected **layout**.

Layouts are two-dimensional drafts where it is possible to arrange fixtures, macros, groups, and other pool objects. Learn more in the Layout topics.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle for the selected layout.

Example

This example prints all information about the selected layout in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the selected layout object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    SelectedLayout():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.109. SelectedSequence()

Description

The **SelectedSequence** Lua function returns the handle of the selected sequence.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle for the selected sequence.

Example

This example prints all information about the selected sequence in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the selected sequence object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    SelectedSequence():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.110. SelectedTimecode()

Description

The **SelectedTimecode** Lua function returns the handle of the selected **timecode** object.

The selected timecode object is the Timecode show currently selected in the Timecodes pool. Learn more in the Timecodes topics.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle for the selected timecode object.

Example

This example prints all information about the selected timecode show in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the selected timecode object
    local myTimecodeShow = SelectedTimecode()
    if myTimecodeShow ~= nil then
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        myTimecodeShow:Dump()
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.111. SelectedTimer()

Description

The **SelectedTimer** Lua function returns the handle of the selected **timer** object.

The selected timer object is the Timer currently selected in the Timers pool. Timers are stopwatch and timers that can be used to measure time. Learn more in the Timers topics.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle for the selected timer object.

Example

This example prints all information about the selected timer in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the selected timer object
    local myTimer = SelectedTimer()
    if myTimer ~= nil then
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        myTimer:Dump()
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.112. Selection()

Description

The Selection Lua function returns a handle to the object holding the current selection of fixtures.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the Selection object.

Example

This example prints the information of the Selection object in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the object for the selection
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    Selection():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.113. SelectionCount()

Description

The **SelectionCount** Lua function returns a number indicating the total amount of currently selected fixtures.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The function returns an integer number depicting the total amount of fixtures in the current selection.
  If there is no selection, then it returns 0.

Example

This example prints the number of fixtures in the current selection to the Command Line History:

Lua
```lua
return function()
        Printf('Number of fixtures in the current selection: %i',
SelectionCount())
end
```

1.47.5.114. SelectionFirst()

Description

The **SelectionFirst** Lua function returns a set of integers for the selection's first fixture. It is the patch index number and the XYZ grid values in the selection grid.

It is not required to use all four returned integers, but they are returned in order.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the patch index of the first fixture in the current selection. It is not the FID or CID. The index is 0-based.
- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the current position on the X-axis in the selection grid. The selection grid is 0-based.
- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the current position on the Y-axis in the selection grid. The selection grid is 0-based.
- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the current position on the Z-axis in the selection grid. The selection grid is 0-based.

Example

This example prints the returned numbers of the first fixture in the selection, to the Command Line History:

Lua
```lua
return function()
        -- Store the return in a local variable
    local fixtureIndex, gridX, gridY, gridZ = SelectionFirst();

    -- Cancel the plugin if no fixture is selected
    assert(fixtureIndex,"Please select a fixture and try again.");

    -- Print the index number of the first fixture in the selection
    Printf("First selected fixture has index number: "..fixtureIndex
        .." and gridX value: "..gridX
        .." and gridY value: "..gridY
        .." and gridZ value: "..gridZ);
end
```

Related Functions

- SelectionNext

- GetSubfixture
- GetSubFixtureCount

1.47.5.115. SelectionNext()

Description

The SelectionNext function returns a set of integers for the next fixture in a selection based on the index number input as an argument. It is the index number in the patch and the XYZ grid values in the selection grid.

It is not required to use all four returned integers, but they are returned in order.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  The index number is used to find the next fixture. The index number needs to be part of the current selection.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the patch index of the first fixture in the current selection. It is not the FID or CID. The index is 0-based.
- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the current position on the X-axis in the selection grid. The selection grid is 0-based.
- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the current position on the Y-axis in the selection grid. The selection grid is 0-based.
- **Integer**:
  The returned number is the current position on the Z-axis in the selection grid. The selection grid is 0-based

Example

This example prints the patch index number and grid positions of all the fixtures in the current selection:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Store the return in a local variable
    local fixtureIndex, gridX, gridY, gridZ = SelectionFirst()

    -- Cancel the plugin if no fixture is selected
    assert(fixtureIndex,"Please select a (range of) fixture(s) and try
again.")

    -- Loop that prints the index and gridpositions of all the fixtures in
the selection
    while fixtureIndex do
        Printf('The fixture has index number: %i and gridposition %i / %i /
%i',
          fixtureIndex, gridX, gridY, gridZ);
```

```
        -- Here is SelectionNext actually used to find the next fixture in
the selection
        fixtureIndex, gridX, gridY, gridZ = SelectionNext(fixtureIndex)
    end
end
```

Related Functions

- SelectionFirst
- GetSubfixture
- GetSubfixtureCount

1.47.5.116. SerialNumber()

Description

The **SerialNumber** Lua function returns the serial number of the grandMA3 hardware or grandMA3 onPC.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned string is the serial number of the grandMA3 hardware or grandMA3 onPC.

Example

This example prints the serial number in the Command Line History:

Lua
```
return function()
    Printf("Serial number: " .. SerialNumber())
end
```

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1.47.5.117. SetLED(handle,table)

Description

The **SetLED** Lua function sends a table with a set of LED brightness values to an MA3Module. After around two seconds, the system automatically sets the LED values to what it believes it should be.

Below the example is a table listing all the grandMA3 hardware modules and which index number matches which LED on the hardware module.

	Important:
	Setting a value above 0 for a table index number not connected to an LED can cause the module to crash and reboot

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  This function does not accept any arguments.
- **Table:**
  The table should be an indexed table with a set of integer values. The value range is from 0 to 255. This range indicates a brightness level. A special value of "-1" is used to release the LED to the system. The table should contain 1024 indexes.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example sets the LEDs on encoder 1 to green on a full-size console:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Create the LED table
    local myLedTable = {}
    -- Fill the table with default "release" value
    for index=1,256 do
        myLedTable[index] = -1;
    end
    -- Set values in the table
    -- Encoder_inside1 = green
    myLedTable[7] = 0
    myLedTable[10] = 255
    myLedTable[22] = 0
    -- Encoder_outside1 = green
    myLedTable[8] = 0
    myLedTable[11] = 255
    myLedTable[23] = 0
    -- Get the handle for the MasterModule on a console
    local usbDeviceHandle = Root().UsbNotifier.MA3Modules["UsbDeviceMA3 2"]
```

```
    -- Set the values for the LEDs
    SetLED(usbDeviceHandle, myLedTable)
end
```

Hardware Modules LED Table

This table provides a list of index numbers (indexed from 1). The numbers are matched with elements on the three different kinds of hardware modules that are relevant. Notice that the naming here comes from the internal hardware definition and might not match exactly the print on the keys or the official name.

Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
0			
1	ENCODER_INSIDE4 Red	Executor 108 Button	Executor 108 Button
2	ENCODER_OUTSIDE3 Red	Executor 110 Button	Executor 110 Button
3	ENCODER_INSIDE2 Red	Executor 211 Button	Executor 211 Button
4	EXEC_GrandKnob Red	Executor 212 Button	Executor 212 Button
5	MENU	Executor 213 Button	Executor 213 Button
6	ENCODER_OUTSIDE2 Red	Executor 214 Button	Executor 214 Button
7	ENCODER_INSIDE1 Red	Executor 215 Button	Executor 215 Button
8	ENCODER_OUTSIDE1 Red	Executor 209 Button	XFade1Btn Knob Red
9	EXEC_GrandKnob Green	Executor 210 Button	XFade2Btn Knob Red
10	ENCODER_INSIDE1 Green	Executor 208 Button	Executor 209 Button
11	ENCODER_OUTSIDE1 Green	Executor 115 Button	Executor 210 Button
12	ENCODER_INSIDE2 Green	Executor 114 Button	Executor 208 Button
13	ENCODER_OUTSIDE2 Green	Executor 113 Button	XFade1Btn Knob Green
14	ENCODER_INSIDE3 Green	Executor 112 Button	XFade2Btn Knob Green
15	ENCODER_OUTSIDE3 Green	Executor 207 Button	DEF_GO
16	ENCODER_INSIDE4 Green	Executor 206 Button	Executor 115 Button
17	ENCODER_OUTSIDE4 Green	Executor 205 Button	Executor 114 Button
18	ENCODER_INSIDE5 Green	Executor 105 Button	Executor 113 Button
19	ENCODER_OUTSIDE5 Green	Executor 106 Button	Executor 112 Button
20	ENCODER_OUTSIDE4 Red	Executor 107 Button	Executor 207 Button
21	EXEC_GrandKnob Blue	Executor 109 Button	Executor 206 Button
22	ENCODER_INSIDE1 Blue	Executor 204 Button	Executor 205 Button
23	ENCODER_OUTSIDE1 Blue	Executor 203 Button	XFade2 Fader Red
24	ENCODER_INSIDE2 Blue	Executor 202 Button	XFade2 Fader Green
25	ENCODER_OUTSIDE2 Blue	Executor 201 Button	XFade2 Fader Blue
26	ENCODER_INSIDE3 Blue	Executor 111 Button	Executor 105 Button
27	ENCODER_OUTSIDE3 Blue	Executor 101 Button	Executor 106 Button
28	ENCODER_INSIDE4 Blue	Executor 102 Button	Executor 107 Button
29	ENCODER_OUTSIDE4 Blue	Executor 103 Button	XFade1Btn Knob Blue
30	ENCODER_INSIDE5 Blue	Executor 104 Button	XFade2Btn Knob Blue
31	ENCODER_OUTSIDE5 Blue	Executor 312 Fader Red	Executor 109 Button
32	ENCODER_OUTSIDE5 Red	Executor 311 Fader Red	Executor 204 Button
33	ENCODER_INSIDE5 Red	Executor 413 Fader Red	Executor 203 Button
34	ENCODER_INSIDE3 Red	Executor 411 Button	Executor 202 Button
35	ESC	Executor 412 Button	Executor 201 Button
36	CLEAR	Executor 414 Fader Red	XFade2Btn Button
37	HELP	Executor 411 Fader Red	DEF_PAUSE
38	GOTO	Executor 412 Fader Red	XFade1Btn Button
39	ALIGN	Executor 415 Button	Executor 111 Button
40	COPY	Executor 414 Button	Executor 101 Button
41	OFF	Executor 413 Button	Executor 102 Button

Index	grandMA3 Master Module(MM)	grandMA3 Fader Module Encoder(MFE)	grandMA3 Fader Module Crossfader(MFX)
42	FULL	Executor 411 Fader Green	Executor 103 Button
43	PLEASE	Executor 412 Fader Green	Executor 104 Button
44	NUM4	Executor 413 Fader Green	DEF_GOBACK
45	NUM5	Executor 414 Fader Green	XFade1 Fader Red
46	UNDO	Executor 415 Fader Green	XFade1 Fader Green
47	GROUP	Executor 311 Fader Green	XFade1 Fader Blue
48	THRU	Executor 312 Fader Green	Executor 312 Fader Red
49	NUM6	Executor 313 Fader Green	Executor 311 Fader Red
50	NUM2	Executor 314 Fader Green	Executor 413 Fader Red
51	STORE	Executor 315 Fader Green	Executor 411 Button
52	ASSIGN	Executor 312 Button	Executor 412 Button
53	AT	Executor 313 Fader Red	Executor 414 Fader Red
54	MA1	Executor 311 Button	Executor 411 Fader Red
55	SLASH	Executor 411 Fader Blue	Executor 412 Fader Red
56	NUM1	Executor 412 Fader Blue	Executor 415 Button
57	CUE	Executor 413 Fader Blue	Executor 414 Button
58	TIME	Executor 414 Fader Blue	Executor 413 Button
59	SEQUENCE	Executor 415 Fader Blue	Executor 411 Fader Green
60	CHANNEL	Executor 311 Fader Blue	Executor 412 Fader Green
61	NUM7	Executor 312 Fader Blue	Executor 413 Fader Green
62	NUM8	Executor 313 Fader Blue	Executor 414 Fader Green
63	NUM9	Executor 314 Fader Blue	Executor 415 Fader Green
64	NUM3	Executor 315 Fader Blue	Executor 311 Fader Green
65	MINUS	Executor 313 Button	Executor 312 Fader Green
66	NUM0	Executor 315 Fader Red	Executor 313 Fader Green
67	DOT	Executor 314 Fader Red	Executor 314 Fader Green
68	IF	Executor 314 Button	Executor 315 Fader Green
69	PLUS	Executor 315 Button	Executor 312 Button
70	LEARN	Executor 415 Fader Red	Executor 313 Fader Red
71	Executor 297 Knob Red	Executor 307 Fader Red	Executor 311 Button
72	Executor 295 "X5 | Step"	Executor 306 Fader Red	Executor 411 Fader Blue
73	Executor 296 "X6 | TC"	Executor 408 Fader Red	Executor 412 Fader Blue
74	Executor 298 Knob Red	Executor 406 Button	Executor 413 Fader Blue
75	Executor 295 Knob Red	Executor 407 Button	Executor 414 Fader Blue
76	Executor 296 Knob Red	Executor 409 Fader Red	Executor 415 Fader Blue
77	GOFAST	Executor 406 Fader Red	Executor 311 Fader Blue
78	Executor 195 "X13 | Phaser"	Executor 407 Fader Red	Executor 312 Fader Blue
79	Executor 196 "X14 | Macro"	Executor 410 Button	Executor 313 Fader Blue
80	Executor 295 Knob Green	Executor 409 Button	Executor 314 Fader Blue
81	Executor 296 Knob Green	Executor 408 Button	Executor 315 Fader Blue
82	Executor 297 Knob Green	Executor 406 Fader Green	Executor 313 Button
83	Executor 298 Knob Green	Executor 407 Fader Green	Executor 315 Fader Red
84	DELETE	Executor 408 Fader Green	Executor 314 Fader Red
85	Executor 197 "X15 | Page"	Executor 409 Fader Green	Executor 314 Button
86	GOBACKFAST	Executor 410 Fader Green	Executor 315 Button
87	Executor 298 "X8 | DMX"	Executor 306 Fader Green	Executor 415 Fader Red
88	STOMP	Executor 307 Fader Green	Executor 307 Fader
89	SELECT	Executor 308 Fader Green	Executor 306 Fader Red
90	Executor 295 Knob Blue	Executor 309 Fader Green	Executor 408 Fader Red
91	Executor 296 Knob Blue	Executor 310 Fader Green	Executor 406 Button
92	Executor 297 Knob Blue	Executor 307 Button	Executor 407 Button
93	Executor 298 Knob Blue	Executor 308 Fader Red	Executor 409 Fader Red

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94	Executor 198 "X16 | Exec"	Executor 306 Button	Executor 406 Fader Red
95	Executor 297 "X7 | View"	Executor 406 Fader Blue	Executor 407 Fader Red
96	ON	Executor 407 Fader Blue	Executor 410 Button
97	MOVE	Executor 408 Fader Blue	Executor 409 Button
98	FIXTURE	Executor 409 Fader Blue	Executor 408 Button
99	PRESET	Executor 410 Fader Blue	Executor 406 Fader Green
100	EDIT	Executor 306 Fader Blue	Executor 407 Fader Green
101	UPDATE	Executor 307 Fader Blue	Executor 408 Fader Green
102	PAUSE	Executor 308 Fader Blue	Executor 409 Fader Green
103	GOBACK	Executor 309 Fader Blue	Executor 410 Fader Green
104	Executor 293 Knob Red	Executor 310 Fader Blue	Executor 306 Fader Green
105	SOLO	Executor 308 Button	Executor 307 Fader Green
106	HIGHLIGHT	Executor 310 Fader Red	Executor 308 Fader Green
107	Executor 294 Knob Red	Executor 309 Fader Red	Executor 309 Fader Green
108	Executor 291 Knob Red	Executor 309 Button	Executor 310 Fader Green
109	Executor 292 Knob Red	Executor 310 Button	Executor 307 Button
110	GO	Executor 410 Fader Red	Executor 308 Fader Red
111	LIST	Executor 302 Fader Red	Executor 306 Button
112	PAGE_DOWN	Executor 301 Fader Red	Executor 406 Fader Blue
113	Executor 291 Knob Green	Executor 403 Fader Red	Executor 407 Fader Blue
114	Executor 292 Knob Green	Executor 401 Button	Executor 408 Fader Blue
115	Executor 293 Knob Green	Executor 402 Button	Executor 409 Fader Blue
116	Executor 294 Knob Green	Executor 404 Fader Red	Executor 410 Fader Blue
117	SELFIX	Executor 401 Fader Red	Executor 306 Fader Blue
118	MA2	Executor 402 Fader Red	Executor 307 Fader Blue
119	PAGE_UP	Executor 405 Button	Executor 308 Fader Blue
120	XKEYS	Executor 404 Button	Executor 309 Fader Blue
121	BLIND	Executor 403 Button	Executor 310 Fader Blue
122	Executor 192 "X10"	Executor 401 Fader Green	Executor 308 Button
123	Executor 193 "X11"	Executor 402 Fader Green	Executor 310 Fader Red
124	Executor 194 "X12"	Executor 403 Fader Green	Executor 309 Fader Red
125	Executor 291 Knob Blue	Executor 404 Fader Green	Executor 309 Button
126	Executor 292 Knob Blue	Executor 405 Fader Green	Executor 310 Button
127	Executor 293 Knob Blue	Executor 301 Fader Green	Executor 410 Fader Red
128	Executor 294 Knob Blue	Executor 302 Fader Green	Executor 302 Fader Red
129	PREVIEW	Executor 303 Fader Green	Executor 301 Fader Red
130	FREEZE	Executor 304 Fader Green	Executor 403 Fader Red
131	DOWN	Executor 305 Fader Green	Executor 401 Button
132	PREV	Executor 302 Button	Executor 402 Button
133	RESET	Executor 303 Fader Red	Executor 404 Fader Red
134	UP	Executor 301 Button	Executor 401 Fader Red
135	Executor 291 "X1 | Clone"	Executor 401 Fader Blue	Executor 402 Fader Red
136	Executor 292 "X2 | Link"	Executor 402 Fader Blue	Executor 405 Button
137	Executor 293 "X3 | Grid"	Executor 403 Fader Blue	Executor 404 Button
138	Executor 294 "X4 | Layout"	Executor 404 Fader Blue	Executor 403 Button
139	Executor 191 "X9"	Executor 405 Fader Blue	Executor 401 Fader Green
140	NEXT	Executor 301 Fader Blue	Executor 402 Fader Green
141	All LEDs on the Keyboard	Executor 302 Fader Blue	Executor 403 Fader Green
142	Small Screen Backlight	Executor 303 Fader Blue	Executor 404 Fader Green
143	Letterbox Screen Backlight	Executor 304 Fader Blue	Executor 405 Fader Green
144		Executor 305 Fader Blue	Executor 301 Fader Green
145		Executor 303 Button	Executor 302 Fader Green

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146		Executor 305 Fader Red	Executor 303 Fader Green
147		Executor 304 Fader Red	Executor 304 Fader Green
148		Executor 304 Button	Executor 305 Fader Green
149		Executor 305 Button	Executor 302 Button
150		Executor 405 Fader Red	Executor 303 Fader Red
151		RateBtn2	Executor 301 Button
152		ExecBtn1	Executor 401 Fader Blue
153		SpeedBtn1	Executor 402 Fader Blue
154		RateBtn1	Executor 403 Fader Blue
155		SpeedBtn2	Executor 404 Fader Blue
156		ProgBtn1	Executor 405 Fader Blue
157		ProgBtn2	Executor 301 Fader Blue
158		ProgBtn3	Executor 302 Fader Blue
159		ExecBtn3	Executor 303 Fader Blue
160		ExecBtn2	Executor 304 Fader Blue
161		Executor 201 Fader Red	Executor 305 Fader Blue
162		Executor 201 Fader Green	Executor 303 Button
163		Executor 201 Fader Blue	Executor 305 Fader Red
164		Executor 202 Fader Red	Executor 304 Fader Red
165		Executor 202 Fader Green	Executor 304 Button
166		Executor 202 Fader Blue	Executor 305 Button
167		Executor 203 Fader Red	Executor 405 Fader Red
168		Executor 203 Fader Green	Executor 201 Fader Red
169		Executor 203 Fader Blue	Executor 201 Fader Green
170		Executor 204 Fader Red	Executor 201 Fader Blue
171		Executor 204 Fader Green	Executor 202 Fader Red
172		Executor 204 Fader Blue	Executor 202 Fader Green
173		Executor 205 Fader Red	Executor 202 Fader Blue
174		Executor 205 Fader Green	Executor 203 Fader Red
175		Executor 205 Fader Blue	Executor 203 Fader Green
176		Executor 206 Fader Red	Executor 203 Fader Blue
177		Executor 206 Fader Green	Executor 204 Fader Red
178		Executor 206 Fader Blue	Executor 204 Fader Green
179		Executor 207 Fader Red	Executor 204 Fader Blue
180		Executor 207 Fader Green	Executor 205 Fader Red
181		Executor 207 Fader Blue	Executor 205 Fader Green
182		Executor 208 Fader Red	Executor 205 Fader Blue
183		Executor 208 Fader Green	Executor 206 Fader Red
184		Executor 208 Fader Blue	Executor 206 Fader Green
185		Executor 209 Fader Red	Executor 206 Fader Blue
186		Executor 209 Fader Green	Executor 207 Fader Red
187		Executor 209 Fader Blue	Executor 207 Fader Green
188		Executor 210 Fader Red	Executor 207 Fader Blue
189		Executor 210 Fader Green	Executor 208 Fader Red
190		Executor 210 Fader Blue	Executor 208 Fader Green
191		Executor 211 Fader Red	Executor 208 Fader Blue
192		Executor 211 Fader Green	Executor 209 Fader Red
193		Executor 211 Fader Blue	Executor 209 Fader Green
194		Executor 212 Fader Red	Executor 209 Fader Blue
195		Executor 212 Fader Green	Executor 210 Fader Red
196		Executor 212 Fader Blue	Executor 210 Fader Green
197		Executor 213 Fader Red	Executor 210 Fader Blue

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198		Executor 213 Fader Green	Executor 211 Fader Red
199		Executor 213 Fader Blue	Executor 211 Fader Green
200		Executor 214 Fader Red	Executor 211 Fader Blue
201		Executor 214 Fader Green	Executor 212 Fader Red
202		Executor 214 Fader Blue	Executor 212 Fader Green
203		Executor 215 Fader Red	Executor 212 Fader Blue
204		Executor 215 Fader Green	Executor 213 Fader Red
205		Executor 215 Fader Blue	Executor 213 Fader Green
206		Desklights	Executor 213 Fader Blue
207		Letterbox Screen Backlight	Executor 214 Fader Red
208		Small Screen Backlight	Executor 214 Fader Green
209			Executor 214 Fader Blue
210			Executor 215 Fader Red
211			Executor 215 Fader Green
212			Executor 215 Fader Blue
213			Desklights
214			Letterbox Screen Backlight
215			Small Screen Backlight

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1.47.5.118. SetProgress(handle, integer)

Description

The SetProgress Lua function defines a value on the range for a progress bar. A handle input argument defines the progress bar. The progress bar needs have been created using the StartProgress function.

See the ProgressBar topic for more info regarding progress bars and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle for the progress bar.
- **Integer**:
  The desired value indicating the current status or position of the progress bar.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example sets a range value for the progress bar created using the example in the StartProgress topic (link above):

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Sets the current value to 5 for a progress bar with the matching
handle
        SetProgress(progressHandle, 5)
end
```

1.47.5.119. SetProgressRange(handle, integer, integer)

Description

The SetProgressRange Lua function defines a range for a progress bar.

A handle input argument defines which progress bar it defines a range for. The progress bar must exist to have a handle. Progress bars can be created using the StartProgress function.

See the ProgressBar topic for more info regarding progress bars and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle for the progress bar.
- **Integer**:
  The start value for the range.
- **Integer**:
  The end value for the range.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example sets a range for the progress bar created using the example in the StartProgress topic (link above):

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Sets the range of a progress bar with the matching handle
        SetProgressRange(progressHandle, 1, 10)
end
```

1.47.5.120. SetProgressText(handle, string)

Description

The SetProgressText Lua function defines a text string to be displayed in a progress bar next to the progress bar title text. The title cannot be changed after creation, but this text can be changed. It could be used to describe the current step in the progress.

A handle input argument defines which progress bar it defines a text for. The progress bar must exist for it to have a handle. Progress bars can be created using the StartProgress function.

See the ProgressBar topic for more info regarding progress bars and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle for the progress bar.
- **String**:
  The text string to be displayed.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example sets a text string for the progress bar created using the example in the StartProgress topic (link above):

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Sets the text next to progress title
        SetProgressText(progressHandle, "- This is text next to the progress
title")
end
```

1.47.5.121. SetVar(handle, string, value)

Description

The SetVar Lua function sets a value to a specific variable in a set of variables. To learn more about the variables in plugins, look at the Variable Functions topic.

If the variable exists, then the value is overwritten. If it does not exist, then it is created with value.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle of variable set.
- **String**:
  The name of the variable. It needs to be in quotation marks.
- **Value**:
  The value can be a string, integer, or double.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  - True / 1: The variable was set.
  - False / 0: The variable was not set.

Example

This example sets a value to the variable called "myUserVar" in the set of user variables if it exists.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Sets the value of user variable "myUserVar" to "Hello World" and store
the returned boolean in a Lua variable
    local success = SetVar(UserVars(), "myUserVar", "Hello World")
    -- Prints the ressult
    if success then
        Printf("Variable is stored.")
    else
        Printf("Variable is NOT stored!")
    end
end
```

1.47.5.122. ShowData()

Description

ShowData is an object-free function that returns a handle to the object at position Root/ShowData.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the ShowData object.

Example

This simple example prints the information of the ShowData object in the Command Line History using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the object for the show data
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    ShowData():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.123. ShowSettings()

Description

ShowSettings is an object-free function that returns a handle to the object at Root/ShowData/ShowSettings.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle to the ShowSettings object.

Example

This simple example prints the information of the ShowSettings object using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function ()
    -- The following prints the dump for the object for the show settings
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    ShowSettings():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.124. StartProgress(string)

Description

The StartProgress Lua function creates and displays a progress bar on all screens. A string input argument creates a title for the progress bar. The function returns a handle that is used to further interact with the progress bar.

Executing the function displays the progress bar on the screens. It only disappears using the StopProgress function - which needs the handle. So it is highly recommended to store the returned handle from the start function.

See the ProgressBar topic for more info regarding progress bars and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The string is used as the title for the progress bar.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle is the identifier for the progress bar.

Example

This creates and displays a progress bar on all screens. The progress bar does not disappear using this example - see the example in the StopProgress (link above) function to remove:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Create and display a progress bar with a title
    -- IMPORTANT: The Lua variable 'progressHandle' is needed to remove the progressbar again - StopProgress()
        progressHandle = StartProgress("ProgressBar Title")
end
```

	Important:
	Running this example multiple times creates new progress bars that cannot be removed. So only run this once, and then remove it again using the StopProgress function (link above).

1.47.5.125. StopProgress(handle)

Description

The StopProgress Lua function removes a progress bar. A handle input argument defines which progress bar it removes. The progress bar must exist before it can be removed. Progress bars are created using the StartProgress function.

See the ProgressBar topic for more info regarding progress bars and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The handle for the progress bar to be stopped.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example stops the progress bar created using the example in the StartProgress topic (link above):

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Stops and closes the progress bar with the matching handle
       StopProgress(progressHandle)
end
```

1.47.5.126. StrToHandle(string)

Description

The object-free StrToHandle Lua function converts a string with a hexadecimal number format into a handle. The string needs to correlate with an actual handle.

See the Handle topic for more info regarding handles and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **String**:
  The string with a handle number in a hexadecimal format.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The returned handle based on the string with a hexadecimal number.

Example

This example prints the handle hex number for the selected sequence. It also converts the string back to a handle and uses this to print the name of the sequence:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Store a variable with the string of the handle converted to hex
    local mySeqStr = HandleToStr(SelectedSequence())
    -- Print some feedback with the handle in a string version
    Printf("The handle for the selected sequence (string version): %s",
mySeqStr)
    -- Print some feedback where the string is converted back to a handle
    Printf("The name of the selected sequence is: %s",
StrToHandle(mySeqStr).name)
end
```

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1.47.5.127. TextInput([string[, string[, integer[, integer]]]])

Description

The **TextInput** Lua function opens a text input pop-up and returns the typed input as a string. It is part of the user interface functions.

Arguments

- **String** (optional):
  This string is the title for the pop-up. The title bar has a default "Edit" text at the beginning of the title that cannot be removed.
- **String** (optional):
  This string is the text already in the input field - can be used to provide user guidance.
- **Integer** (optional):
  This integer defines a position on the x-axis where the pop-up should appear (on all screens). "0" is on the left side of the screen. Nil or undefined is centered.
- **Integer** (optional):
  This integer defines a position on the y-axis where the pop-up should appear (on all screens). "0" is at the top of the screen. Nil or undefined is centered.

Return

- **String**:
  The returned user input.

Example

To open a text input and print the entered value in the Command Line History, create a plugin with this code:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- Create a pop-up with the title and an input field containing some default text
    -- The returned text is store in a Lua variable
    local input = TextInput("This is the title","Please provide your input here")
    -- Print the returned text value
    Printf("You entered this message: %s",tostring(input))
end
```

1.47.5.128. Time()

Description

The **Time** function returns the time (in seconds) the station has been on, as a number (float). It is basically a stopwatch that starts when the grandMA3 application starts. It is not the current time of day or the session online time.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Number**:
  The returned number (float) is the on-time for the station.

Example

This example finds, formats, and prints the time.

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- Get the current time
    local time = Time()

    --Calculate the different elements
    local days = math.floor(time/86400)
    local hours = math.floor((time % 86400)/3600)
    local minutes = math.floor((time % 3600)/60)
    local seconds = math.floor(time % 60)

    --Print the result
    Printf("The time is %d:%02d:%02d:%02d", days, hours, minutes, seconds)
end
```

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1.47.5.129. Timer(string, integer, integer[, string[, handle]])

Description

The **Timer** Lua function call a different function using a timer. The other function can be called multiple times using the timer interval.

Arguments

- **Function**:
  This is the name of the function that is called multiple times using the timer.
- **Integer**:
  This is the wait time between the calls. The value is in seconds.
- **Integer**:
  This is the number of times the function is called.
- **Function** | **nil** (optional):
  This is an optional argument that is the name of a function that is called when the Timer function is finished.
- **Handle** (optional):
  This is an optional argument for a handle to an object that is passed to the called function.

Return

This function does not return anything.

Example

This example prints a greeting three times and then calls a clean up function:

Lua

```lua
-- Function that will be called several times.
function TimedFunction()
    -- Check the value of RunAmount and print something.
    if RunAmount < 1 then
        Printf("Hello")
    else
        Printf("Hello again")
    end
    -- Add 1 to the RunAmount variable.
    RunAmount = RunAmount + 1
end

-- Cleanup function.
function TimerCleanup()
    Printf("Goodbye")
    -- Delete the RunAmount variable.
    RunAmount = nil
end

-- Function with the Timer call.
```

```
function Main()
    -- Set a wait variable.
    local waitSeconds = 1
    -- Set a variable with the number of iterations.
    local iterations = 3
    -- Create a counter variable and set it to 0.
    RunAmount = 0
    -- Call the timer function.
    Timer(TimedFunction, waitSeconds, iterations, TimerCleanup);
end

-- call the main function.
return Main
```

1.47.5.130. TouchObj()

Description

The **TouchObj** function returns the handle to the first found touch object.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns the handle to the touch object.

Example

This example prints information about the touch object using the **Dump() function**:

Dump()

The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Print all informatin about the TouchObj object
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    TouchObj():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

1.47.5.131. Unhook(integer)

Description

The **Unhook** Lua function removes a hook.

Hooks are an automatically triggered function that activates when a grandMA3 object changes. A hook can be created using the HookObjectChange function.

Arguments

- **Integer**:
  This must be the integer matching the hook that should be unhooked.

	Hint:
	All hooks can be listed using the DumpAllHooks function, but this does not reveal the corresponding hook integer ID. Use the UnhookMultiple function if the integer is unknown.

Return

This function does not return anything.

	Hint:
	See also these related functions: DumpAllHooks, HookObjectChange, UnhookMultiple.

Example

This example unhooks the hook created using the example in the HookObjectChange - please run that example before this one.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- Unhooks the specific Hook integer ID.
    Unhook(SequenceHookId)
end
```

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1.47.5.132. UnhookMultiple(function, handle, handle)

Description

The **UnhookMultiple** Lua function unhooks multiple hooks based on an input. This input acts like a filter to identify all the hooks that should be unhooked.

The DumpAllHooks function can be used to list all the existing hooks in the system.

Arguments

- **Function** or **nil**:
  This must be the name of a triggered function or nil.
- **Handle** or **nil**:
  This must be the handle for the target object or nil.
- **Handle** or **nil**:
  The must be the handle for the context object or nil.

The target and context names can be seen using the DumpAllHooks function.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The function returns an integer indicating how many hooks were unhooked.

	Hint:
	See also these related functions: DumpAllHooks, HookObjectChange, Unhook.

Example

This example unhooks all hooked related to the function created in the example for the HookObjectChange - please run the example from that topic before running this one.

Lua
```lua
return function ()
    -- Unhooks all hooks related to the "MySequencePoolCallback" function.
    local amount = UnhookMultiple(MySequencePoolCallback)
    -- Print how many hooks that were unhooked.
    Printf(amount .. " hook(s) were unhooked.")
end
```

1.47.5.133. UserVars()

Description

The UserVars function returns a handle to the set of user variables. Read more about these in the Variables topic in the Macro section.

Arguments

This function does not accept any arguments.

Return

- **Handle**:
  The function returns a handle of the set of user variables.

Example

This example sets, gets, and deletes a user variable:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Stores a local Lua variable with the handle for the user variables.
    local variableSection = UserVars()

    -- Sets a user variable with an integer value using the SetVar function.
    SetVar(variableSection, "myUserVar", 42)

    -- Prints the user variable using the GetVar function.
    Printf("The value  of myUserVar is: " .. GetVar(variableSection,
"myUserVar"))

    -- Deletes the user variable using the DelVar function.
    DelVar(variableSection, "myUserVar")
end
```

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1.47.6. Lua Functions - Object API

Object API means Lua functions that are functions/methods of an object.

All of the object functions take a handle as an argument. This can often be omitted if the function is used with the colon notation. This is the most common use with object functions.

Syntax with the handle:

object.function(object-handle)

Syntax with colon operator:

object:function()

Most examples in the object subtopics use the colon operator notation.

Subtopics

- Addr(handle[, handle[, boolean]])
- AddrNative(handle[, handle[, boolean]])
- Children(handle)
- Count(handle)
- Dump (handle)
- Export(handle, string, string)
- Get(handle, string[, integer])
- GetChildClass(handle)
- GetClass(handle)
- GetDependencies(handle)
- GetReferences(handle)
- GetFaderText(handle, {[string], [integer]})
- GetUIEditor(handle)
- GetUISettings(handle)
- HasActivePlayback(handle)
- Import(handle, string, string)
- Ptr(handle, integer)
- SetFader(handle, {[number], [boolean], [string]})
- Set(handle, string, string[, integer])

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1.47.6.1. Addr(handle[, handle[, boolean]])

Description

The **Addr** Lua object function converts a handle to an address string that can be used in commands.

See the Handle topic for more info regarding handles and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument. This is the handle to the object where the address is requested.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **Handle** (optional):
  The returned address is from the root as a default. This optional handle can specify a different base location. It must still be a base location in the address path from the root to the object.
- **Boolean | nil** (optional):
  This can be useful if there is a difference between the **ToAddr()** and Addr(). Setting this to "true" uses the index number from the ToAddr() instead of the Addr() index number. See the example below.

  > The ToAddr() object function returns the address as a text string using names. Learn more in the ToAddr() topic.

- **Boolean** (optional):
  In some edge cases, the cue address is not resolved correctly. Setting this boolean to true will fix this.

Return

- **String**:
  Text string with the address in a parent-child number format separated by dots.

Example

This example prints different versions of the address to a cue in a sequence:

Lua

```
return function()
    -- Creates a cue in sequence 1
    Cmd("Store Sequence 1 Cue 100 /Merge /NoConfirmation")
    --Store a handle to the created cue
    local cueObject = ObjectList("Sequence 1 Cue 100")[1]
    --Print different version of the handle address
    Printf("ToAddr:              " .. cueObject:ToAddr())
    Printf("Addr:                " .. cueObject:Addr())
    Printf("Addr(Parent, false, false): " ..
cueObject:Addr(cueObject:Parent(), false, false))
    Printf("Addr(Parent, true, false):  " ..
cueObject:Addr(cueObject:Parent(), true, false))
    Printf("Addr(Parent, false, true): " ..
cueObject:Addr(cueObject:Parent(), false, true))
    Printf("Addr(Parent, true, true):  " ..
cueObject:Addr(cueObject:Parent(), true, true))
end
```

1.47.6.2. AddrNative(handle[, handle[, boolean]])

Description

The AddrNative Lua object function converts a handle to an address string that can be used in commands.

See the Handle topic for more info regarding handles and links to other related functions.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The function takes a handle as an argument. This is the handle to the object where the address is requested.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **Handle** (optional):
  The returned address is from the root as a default. This optional handle can specify a different base location. It still needs to be a base location in the address path from the root to the object.
- **Boolean** (optional):
  Set this to "true" to get the returned names in quotation marks.

Return

- **String**:
  Text string with the address in a parent-child name format separated by dots.

Example

This example prints the address of the first sequence:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Stores the handle to the first sequence.
    local mySequence = DataPool().Sequences[1]
    -- Print the native address.
    Printf("The full address is: " .. mySequence:AddrNative())
    -- Stores a handle to the default DataPool.
    local myDataPool = DataPool()
    -- Print the native address to the datapool using the default datapool as
```

```
a base.
    Printf("The address in the datapool is: " ..
mySequence:AddrNative(myDataPool))
    -- Print the native address to the datapool, using the default datapool
as a base, with names as strings.
    Printf("The address in the datapool with quotes around the names is: " ..
mySequence:AddrNative(myDataPool, true))
end
```

1.47.6.3. Children(handle)

Description

The **Children** Lua function creates a table of handles for the children of an object.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **Table**:
  The function returns a table with handles for the child objects. If there are no children, then it returns an empty table.

Example

This example returns the name of the cues in the first sequence of the selected data pool:

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Stores the handle for sequence 1 in a variable.
    local mySequence = DataPool().Sequences[1]
    if mySequence ~= nil then
            -- Use the "Children()" funciton to store a table with all the
children in a new variable.
        local cues = mySequence:Children()
        -- For loop that uses the length operator on the cue variable.
        for i = 1, #cues do
            -- Text is printed for each child.
            Printf("Sequence 1 Child " .. i .. " = " .. cues[i].name)
        end
    else
        ErrPrintf("Sequence could not be found.")
    end
end
```

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1.47.6.4. Count(handle)

Description

The **Count** function returns an integer number indicating the number of child objects.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **Integer**:
  The function returns an integer indicating the number of children of the object.

Examples

This example prints the selected sequence's number of children (cues).

Lua
```lua
return function()
    local numberChildren = SelectedSequence():Count()
    Printf("The selected Sequence has " .. numberChildren .. " cues.")
end
```

1.47.6.5. Dump (handle)

Description

The **Dump** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** for object-oriented calls.

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

The function returns nothing but outputs information about the object in the Command Line History window.

Examples

These examples all print information about the selected sequence in the Command Line History.

The first example using the colon operator:

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- Dump() is called on a function
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    SelectedSequence():Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
end
```

The second example uses a variable with the same result:

Lua
```
return function ()
    --Stores the handle for the selected sequence in a local variable.
    local mySeqHandle = SelectedSequence()
    -- Dump() is called on the variable.
    Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
    mySeqHandle:Dump()
    Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
```

```
end
```

1.47.6.6. Export(handle, string, string)

Description

The **Export** object Lua function exports an object into an XML file.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **String**:
  This is a string with the file path for the exported file.
- **String**:
  This is a string containing the file name of the exported file.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The function returns a boolean indicating if the export was a success.

Examples

This example exports the selected sequence into an XML file:

Lua
```
return function()
    --SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    if selectedSequence == nil then
        ErrPrintf("The selected sequence could not be found.")
        return
    end
    --The path is stored in a variable.
    local exportPath = GetPath(Enums.PathType.UserSequences)
    --The actual export function.
    local success = selectedSequence:Export(exportPath,
"mySelectedSequence.xml")
    --Print some feedback.
    if success then
        Printf("The sequence is exported to: " .. exportPath)
```

```
    else
        ErrPrintf("The sequence could not be exported.")
    end
end
```

Related Object Functions

Import - object function used to import an XML table.

1.47.6.7. Get(handle, string[, integer])

Description

The **Get** function returns a string with information about a specified property of the object, for instance, the object's name, class, or path.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **String**:
  The string must be the name of a valid property for the object.
- **Integer** (optional):
  A valid role integer can be supplied. This will make the returned value a text string.

Return

- **String:**
  The function returns the value of the property. If the property is a boolean, then the return is "0" or "1" unless a role is defined (see optional integer argument above). When the role is supplied, a boolean is returned as "No" or "Yes".

Examples

This example prints information about the "Tracking" property of the selected sequence.

Lua
```
return function ()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Check if there is a selected sequence. If not, then exit the function.
    if selectedSequence == nil then
        ErrPrintf("The selected sequence could not be found.")
        return
    end
    -- Set a variable with the property name.
    local propertyName = "Tracking"
    -- Get the value of the property.
    local propertyValue = selectedSequence:Get(propertyName)
    local propertyValueString = selectedSequence:Get(propertyName,
```

```
Enums.Roles.Edit)
    -- Return some feedback.
    if propertyValue ~= nil then
        Printf("The selected sequence's property " .. propertyName.. " has
the value '" .. propertyValue .. "' and a string value of '" ..
propertyValueString .. "'.")
    else
        ErrPrintf("The property could not be found.")
    end
end
```

1.47.6.8. GetChildClass(handle)

Description

The **GetChildClass** function returns a string with the name of the class of the object's children.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **String**:
  The function returns a text string with the name of the class of the object's children.

Examples

This example prints the class name of the selected sequences' children.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Gets the class name of children of the selected sequence.
        Printf("The class name is " .. SelectedSequence():GetChildClass())
end
```

1.47.6.9. GetClass(handle)

Description

The **GetClass** function returns a string with information about the class for the object.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **String**:
  The function returns the text string with the name of the object's class.

Examples

This example prints the class name of the selected sequence.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- Gets the class name of the selected sequence.
        Printf("The class name is " .. SelectedSequence():GetClass())
end
```

1.47.6.10. GetDependencies(handle)

Description

The **GetDependencies** function returns a table with the objects' dependencies.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **Table**:
  The function returns a table with the handles for the different dependency objects.

Examples

This example prints a **dump** of the selected sequence's first object in the returned table.

> **Dump()**
>
> The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.
>
> Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Get the dependcies for the sequence.
    local seqDependencies = selectedSequence:GetDependencies()
    -- Check if there are any dependicies and output a relevant feedback.
    if seqDependencies ~= nil then
        -- There is a dependency table returned. Print a dump of the first
table element.
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        seqDependencies[1]:Dump()
```

```
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    else
        Printf("No dependencies found")
    end
end
```

1.47.6.11. GetReferences(handle)

Description

The **GetReferences** function returns a table with handles for the objects referencing this object.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **Table**:
  The function returns a table with the handles for the different objects referencing this object.

Examples

This example prints a **dump** of the selected sequence's first object in the returned table.

> **Dump()**
>
> The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.
>
> Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Get the references for the sequence.
    local seqReferences = selectedSequence:GetReferences()
    -- Check if there are any references and output a relevant feedback.
    if seqReferences ~= nil then
        -- There is a reference table returned. Print a dump of the first
table element.
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        seqReferences[1]:Dump()
```

```
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    else
        Printf("No references found")
    end
end
```

1.47.6.12. GetFaderText(handle, {[string], [integer]})

Description

The **GetFaderText** function returns a text string indicating a fader value for the object.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument. It can be omitted when using the colon notation on an object. See the examples below.
- **Table**:
  The table can contain two different elements: Token and Index. The important element is the token.
  - **Token**: This is used to specify which fader the value is requested for. These are the valid values:
    - FaderMaster
    - FaderX
    - FaderXA
    - FaderXB
    - FaderTemp
    - FaderRate
    - FaderSpeed
    - FaderHighlight
    - FaderLowlight
    - FaderSolo
    - FaderTime

Return

- **String**:
  The function returns a text string indicating the fader value.

Examples

This example prints the fader value text of the Master and Rate faders for the selected sequence.

Lua
```
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Get the value for the Master fader. Since it is the default, no token
needs to be defined.
    local faderMasterText = selectedSequence:GetFaderText({})
    -- Get the value for the Rate fader.
    local faderRateText = selectedSequence:GetFaderText({token="FaderRate"})
    -- Print feedback with the values.
    Printf("The selected sequence Master fader value text is: "..
tostring(faderMasterText))
    Printf("The selected sequence Rate fader value text is: "..
```

```
tostring(faderRateText))
end
```

1.47.6.13. GetUIEditor(handle)

Description

The **GetUIEditor** function returns a text string with the name of the UI editor for the object.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **String**:
  The function returns a text string with the name of the object's UI editor.

Examples

This example prints the name of the selected sequence's editor.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Get the name of the editor for the sequence object.
    local seqEditor = selectedSequence:GetUIEditor()
    -- Print some feedback.
    if seqEditor ~= nil then
        Printf("The name of the editor is: " .. seqEditor)
    else
        Printf("The object doesn not appear to have an editor.")
    end
end
```

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1.47.6.14. GetUISettings(handle)

Description

The **GetUISettings** function returns a text string with the name of the UI settings for the object.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

> The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
>
> This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
>
> This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
>
> Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **String**:
  The function returns a text string with the name of the object's UI settings.

Examples

This example prints the name of the selected sequence's settings.

Lua

```lua
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Get the name of the editor for the sequence object.
    local seqSettings = selectedSequence:GetUISettings()
    -- Print some feedback.
    if seqSettings ~= nil then
        Printf("The name of the settings is: " .. seqSettings)
    else
        Printf("The object doesn not appear to have an editor.")
    end
end
```

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1.47.6.15. HasActivePlayback(handle)

Description

The **HasActivePlayback** Lua function returns a boolean indicating if an object has a currently active playback, for instance, if a sequence has an active cue.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.

  This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**

  This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**

  Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The function returns a boolean indicating the playback status:
  - **True**: There is active playback.
  - **False**: There is no active playback.

Example

To return the information if the selected sequence has an active playback, create a plugin with this code:

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- Stores the handle of the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()

    -- The following 'if' gives different feedback based on the playback status.
    if selectedSequence:HasActivePlayback() then
        Printf("Sequence '" ..selectedSequence.name.. "' has active playback.")
    else
        Printf("Sequence '" ..selectedSequence.name.. "' has NO active playback.")
    end
end
```

1.47.6.16. Import(handle, string, string)

Description

The Import object Lua function imports an object written in XML format.

	Restriction:
	The imported files need to exist already to be imported.
	Important:
	The Lua import will merge the content of the XML file into the object without any confirmation pop-up.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **String**:
  This is a string with the path to the file location.
- **String**:
  This is a string containing the file name of the desired file.

Return

- **Boolean**:
  The function returns a boolean indicating if the import was a success.

Example

This example imports the content of an XML file into the selected sequence. The file is called "MySelectedSequence", and it is located at "../gma3_library/datapools/sequences". The file can be created using the example in the Export object function.

Lua
```
return function()
    --SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    -- The imported object will be merged into this sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Check if there is a selected sequence - if not then exit the function.
    if selectedSequence == nil then
```

```
        ErrPrintf("The selected sequence could not be found.")
        return
    end
    --The path is stored in a variable.
    local path = GetPath(Enums.PathType.UserSequences)
    --The actual import function.
    local success = selectedSequence:Import(path, "mySelectedSequence.xml")
    --Print some feedback.
    if success then
        Printf("The sequence is imported from: " .. path ..
GetPathSeparator() .. "mySelectedSequence.xml")
    else
        ErrPrintf("The object could not be imported.")
    end
end
```

Related Object Function

Export - object function used to export an XML table.

1.47.6.17. Ptr(handle, integer)

Description

The **Ptr** Lua function returns the handle to a child object.

Arguments

- **Handle**:
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **Integer**:
  This is the index number for the desired child object. This index is 1-based.

Return

- **Handle** | **nil**:
  The function returns a handle to the child object. If the child object does not exist, then it returns nil.

Example

This example prints the data connected to the first child of the selected sequence. It uses the **Dump() function**.

> **Dump()**
>
> The **Dump()** function returns a string with information about the object, for instance, the name, class, path of the object, its properties, and children.
>
> Learn more in the Dump() topic.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Check that a handle was returned - if not then exit function.
    if selectedSequence == nil then
```

```
        ErrPrintf("There is no selected sequence.")
        return
    end
    -- Get a handle to the first child object.
    local firstChild = selectedSequence:Ptr(1)
    -- Print some feedback.
    if firstChild ~= nil then
        Printf("=============== START OF DUMP ===============")
        firstChild:Dump()
        Printf("================ END OF DUMP ================")
    else
        ErrPrintf("The object do not have a child object.")
    end
end
```

1.47.6.18. SetFader(handle, {[number], [boolean], [string]})

Description

The **SetFader** function sets a fader to a specified level. It must be used on an object that has faders.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **Table**:
  The table can contain up to three named elements using the key/value methods.
  - **"value"**:
    This is a float number indicating the fader position on a scale from 0 to 100. This should always be part of the table.
  - **"token"**:
    This is a string indicating the fader. The string must start with "Fader". It can be omitted, and then the value will be assigned to the Master fader. The fader name must be valid for the object being used. Possible tokens include:
    - "FaderMaster"
    - "FaderX"
    - "FaderXA"
    - "FaderXB"
    - "FaderTemp"
    - "FaderRate"
    - "FaderSpeed"
    - "FaderHighlight"
    - "FaderLowlight"
    - "FaderTime"
    - "FaderSolo"
  - **"faderEnabled"**:
    If the fader can be toggled, then this boolean can be used to enable or disable the fader. A true value sets the fader to enabled.

Return

This function does not return anything.

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Examples

This example changes the selected sequences' Master fader to 100% and the Time fader to 5 seconds and enables the time fader.

Lua

```
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Set the master fader to 100. The FaderMaster is the default token, so
it can be omitted.
    selectedSequence:SetFader({value=100.0})
    -- Set the time fader to 5 seconds and enable the fader.
    selectedSequence:SetFader({value=50.0, faderEnabled=1,
token="FaderTime"})
end
```

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1.47.6.19. Set(handle, string, string[, integer])

Description

The **Set** function sets a value to a specified property of the object, for instance, the object's name.

Arguments

- **Handle:**
  The function takes a handle of the type "light_userdata" as an argument.
  It can be omitted when using the **colon notation** on an object.

  > The Colon Notation is a way to omit the handle as the first argument when using the Object functions.
  >
  > This is the general syntax with the colon notation: **object:function()**
  >
  > This is the general syntax with standard handle notation: **object.function(object)**
  >
  > Learn more in the Lua Functions - Object API topic.

- **String**:
  The string must be the name of a valid property for the object.
- **String**:
  This string must be the desired value for the property.
- **Integer** (optional):
  ?

Return

This function does not return anything.

Examples

This example changes the "Tracking" property of the selected sequence to "No".

Lua
```lua
return function()
    -- SelectedSequence() creates a handle to the selected sequence.
    local selectedSequence = SelectedSequence()
    -- Set a variable with the property name.
    local propertyName = "Tracking"
    -- Set the property.
    selectedSequence:Set(propertyName, "No")
end
```

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1.48. Quickeys

Overview

Quickeys allow you to create soft versions of various hardkeys and functions.

Accessing Quickeys

You can access Quickeys by either:

- Using the Quickey Pool. Open the Add Window dialog, tap Data Pools, and then tap Quickeys. For more information about pools in general, see Pool Windows.
- Using the Quickey keyword.

Assigning Quickeys

Quickeys can be assigned to:

- Xkeys
- Layouts
- Executors
- Alternatively, they can be used directly within the Quickeys Pool.

Quickeys Pool Settings

To open the Pool Settings, tap MA in the top left corner of the window.

- Show Empty: This toggle button can hide or show empty pool objects.
- Appearance: This sets which appearance is applied behind the pool objects.
- Pool Columns: This defines the width for the pool objects. It does not change the size of the window. It defines how many columns of pool objects are in the window. If the window is wider than the number of columns, then the extra space is displayed as black (default color). If the window is smaller than the number of columns, the pool window can be scrolled horizontally. If the pool has a set width, then there is an icon (⇹) in the upper right corner of the title field. The **Not Defined** value dynamically sets the width to match the window size even when the window is resized.
  The **Take Current Width** sets the width to match the current size of the window. It does not dynamically change if the window is resized.
- Font Size: This sets the font size property from 10 to 32. There is also a default property. This is the same as size 18. This simply changes the font size on the pool objects.
- DataPool: This defines what data pool the pool window shows data from. This makes it possible to have pools showing objects from different data pools. For instance, a group pool window from the default data pool can be shown next to a different group pool window showing groups from a different data pool.
- Pool Color: This is the color for the title button in the pool.
- Empty Color: This color is applied to empty pool objects.
- Reset Colors: This resets the colors to the colors in the default color theme.

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- CLI: Command Line Interaction.

Subtopics

- Quickey Editor
- Use Quickey Pool Objects
- Create Quickey

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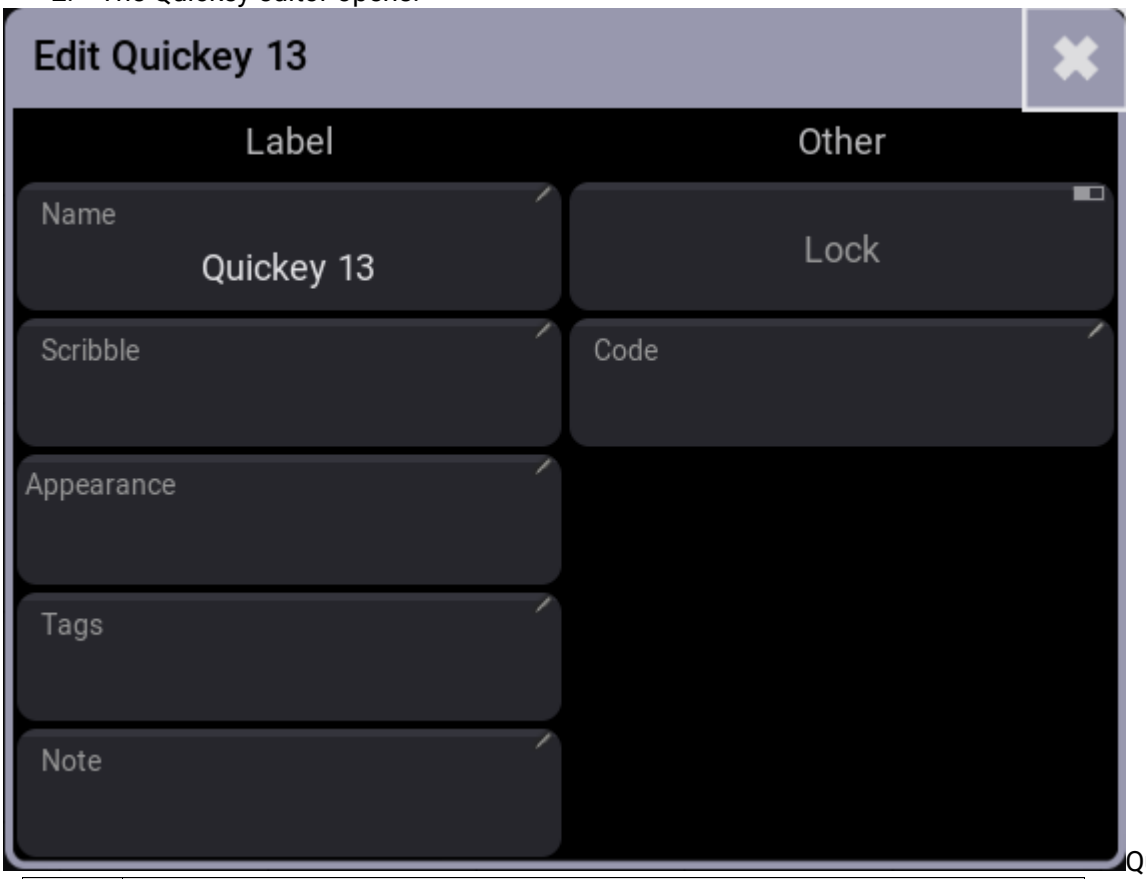
1.48.1. Quickey Editor

1. To open the Quickey editor, use Swipey on an empty pool object and then tap Edit.
2. The Quickey editor opens:



Quickey editor

	Hint: To edit an existing Quickey, enable CLI in the Quickey Pool Settings or use the command line, for example, **Edit Quickey 1**. For more information, see Command Line Interaction.

The following six settings are available in the Quickey editor:

- **Name:**
  This is the name of the pool object.
  Selecting Code first takes precedence over the function name.

- **Scribble:**
  Assigns a scribble to the pool object. For more information, see Scribble.

- **Appearance:**
  Assigns an appearance to the pool object. For more information, see Appearances.

- **Tags**:
  Opens the Tags pop-up. For more information, see Tags.

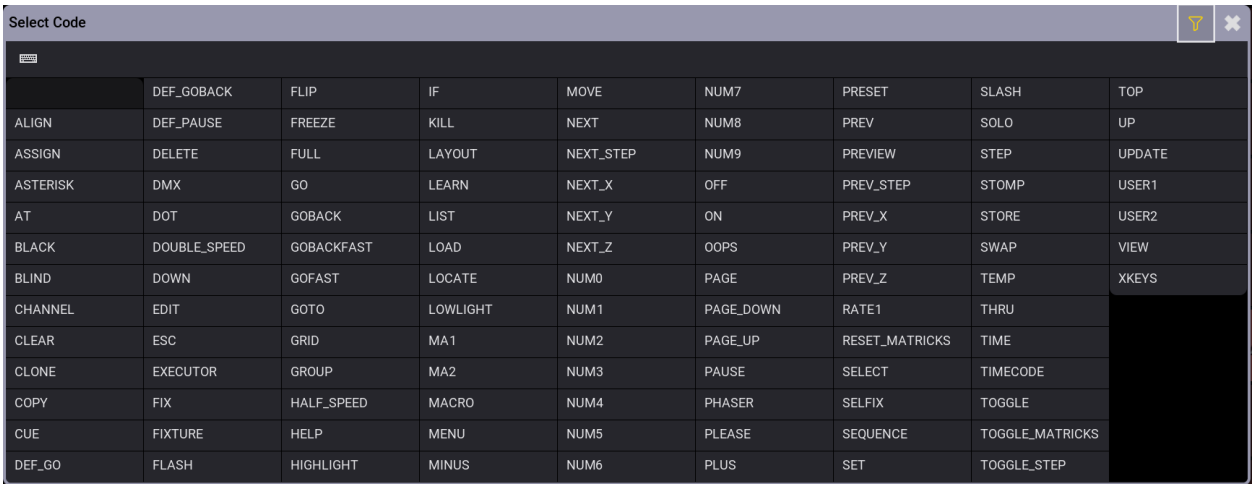
- **Note:**
  Edits a note to the pool object. For more information, see Notes.

- **Lock:**
  When enabled, the pool object is looked for further changes.

- **Code:**
  Opens the code list.

Tapping Code in the pool editor opens the Quickey code list. To filter codes, tap and type the function into the text field.

For more information about the individual functions, see Keys.



Select Code pop-up.

1.48.2. Use Quickey Pool Objects

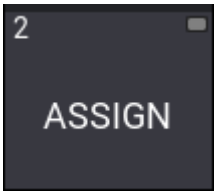
To activate or deactivate a Quickey, tap on the particular pool object.

A virtual LED in the top right corner of each pool object indicates the current status of the Quickey, depending on the LED color:

- **Black**: Quickey is off. Some Quickeys are triggered without an LED color, for example, MENU or NUM1.

- **White**: Quickey is active.

- **Grey**: Certain Quickeys trigger keywords. The appropriate keyword is entered into the command line when the virtual LED is grey.



	Hint:
	The Quickeys MA1 and MA2 can be latched. For more information, see Command area.

1.48.3. Create Quickey

Requirements

- The demo show is loaded.
- The fixture sheet is open.
- The Quickeys pool is open.
- Clear the Programmer and turn off any active playbacks. For more information, see Clear Key and Running Playbacks.

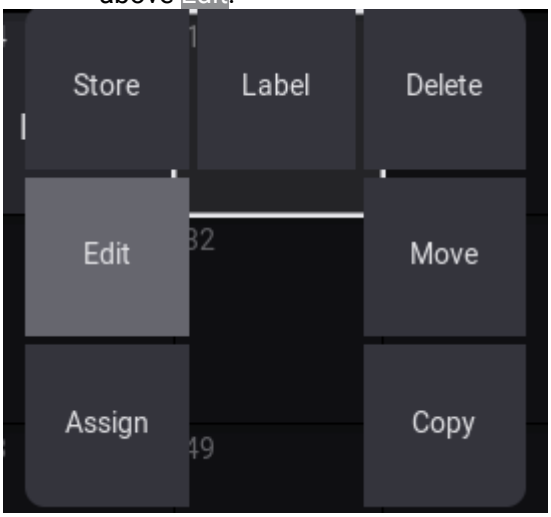
Fixture Selection

To select fixtures 9 through 13:

1. Type **Fixture 9 Thru 13** into the command line.
2. Press Please to confirm.

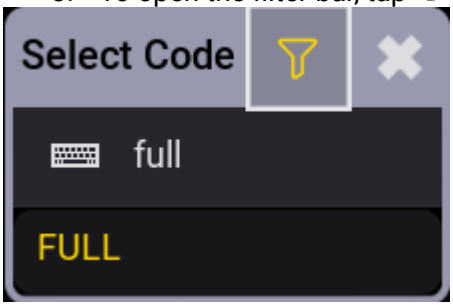
Creating a Quickey

1. To open the Quickey editor, use Swipey on an empty pool object and release your finger above Edit.



Swipey

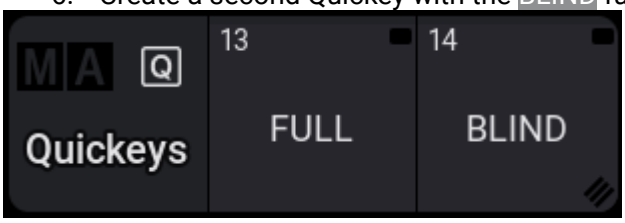
2. To open the code list, tap Code.
3. To open the filter bar, tap and type "full":



Filter

4. Tap FULL. The code list closes.
5. Tap to close the editor. A new Quickey pool object is created.

6. Create a second Quickey with the BLIND function. The pool should look like this:



Quickey pool

7. To set the dimmer of the selected fixtures to 100%, tap FULL in the Quickey pool.
8. To toggle blind, tap BLIND repeatedly.

For more information, see Full Keyword and Blind Keyword.

1.49. Data Pools

Much of the data belonging to a show file is stored in pools. Many of these pools exist as children of a **Data Pool** parent object.

A new show file creates a default **Data Pool**. The Data Pool object contains the other pools.

New **Data Pool** objects can be created, giving an entirely new set of pools.

This can be very useful if several shows or acts use the same patch; for instance, each song in an extensive band catalog can be in its own data pool.

These are the pools inside the Data Pool objects:

- 1. Worlds
- 2. Filters
- 3.1 Bitmaps
- 3.2 Generators - Random
- 4. Shapes
- 5. Preset Pools
- 6. Groups
- 7. Sequences
- 8. Plugins
- 9. Macros
- 10. Quickeys
- 11. MAtricks
- 12. Executor Configurations
- 13. Pages
- 14. Layouts
- 15. Timecodes
- 16. Timers

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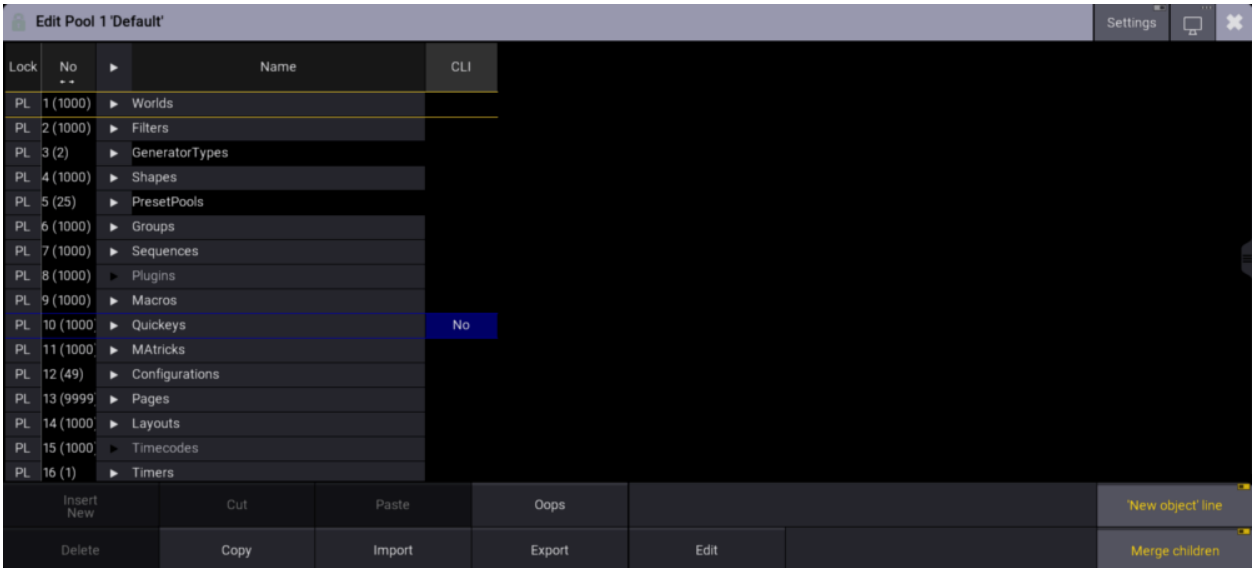


Data pool in edit mode

	Important:
	In grandMA3 version 2.5, Shapes moved from destination 16 to destination 4 within each data pool. This changes the numbered structure of the data pool. Check and update macros that reference data pool destinations by number. Macros that reference destinations by name are not affected.

Each pool window can be linked to the selected data pool or a specific data pool. For more information, see Common Window Settings.

Data Pools Window

The best way to see the different data pools is in the **Data Pools window**. The Data Pools window can be created like any other window. For more information, see Add Window.

Data pools with some data pool objects

Tap a data pool object in the Data Pools window to select the corresponding data pool. The following data pool operations can be performed using the corresponding keyword together with the Data Pools window or by entering the DataPool keyword in the command line.

The data pools can also be found in Menu / Settings / User Configuration / Pools. This is a list of the data pools.

	Hint:
	Data Pool 128 is reserved for the Preview feature. It should not be used for anything else. For more information, see Preview.

Create a New Data Pool Object

A data pool object is created by storing it. Use one of the following methods:

- Press Store and then tap an empty pool object.

- Open the swipey commands on an empty pool object and choose Store.
- Using the command line: Store DataPool [DataPool_number]

Executing the Edit command on an empty pool object also creates a data pool object.

Copy a Data Pool Object

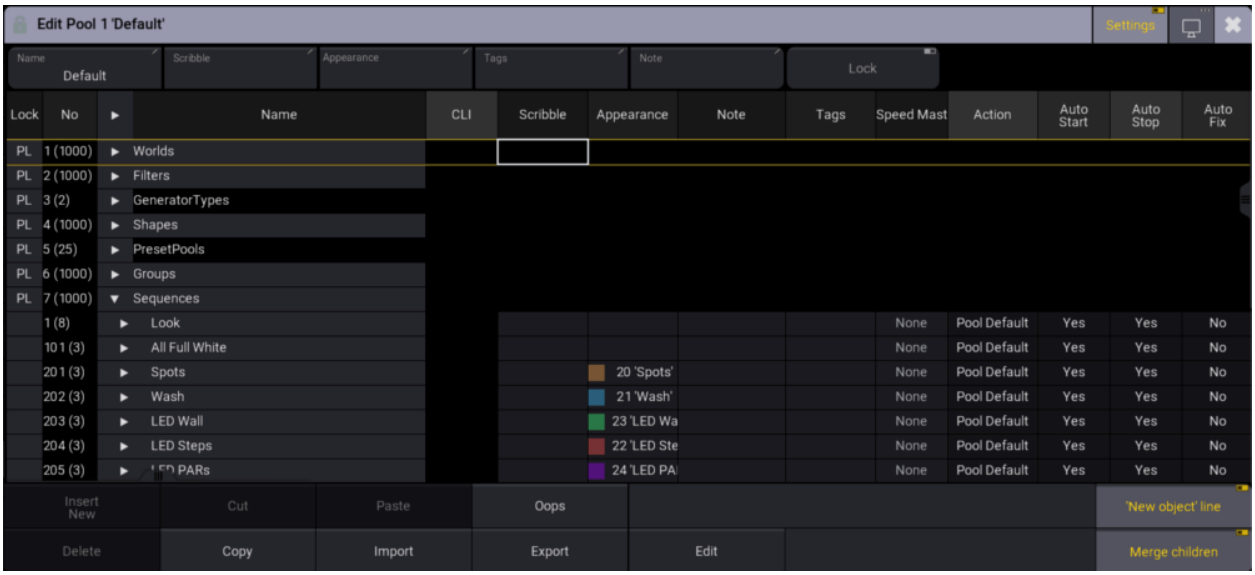
A data pool can be copied. This makes a copy of all the elements in the data pool. The copies are not linked, but objects inside the copy might be referencing objects in the source data pool. For instance, a copy of a sequence might contain links to presets in the source data pool - the presets are not copied automatically, and the references are not changed in the copy.
Changing the source or copied data pool after the copy operation does not change the other data pool.

- Press Copy, tap the source pool object, and then an empty pool object.
- Open the swipey commands on the source pool object, choose Copy, then tap an empty pool object.
- Using the command line: Copy DataPool ["DataPool_Name" or DataPool_Number] At ["DataPool_Name" or DataPool_Number]

	Hint:
	Objects inside a data pool can be copied from one pool to another using the normal Copy and Paste commands.

Edit a Data Pool Object

Editing a data pool object opens an editor with a structured list of the elements in the data pool. Unfolding the elements in the list shows the settings for the elements.



Data pool in edit mode with Sequences unfolded

This editor provides access to the complete data pool structure.

Changing a setting here changes the setting for the object.

Edit a pool object using one of these methods:

- Press Edit and then tap the desired pool object.

- Open the swipey commands on the pool object and choose Edit.
- Using the command line: **Edit DataPool ["DataPool_Name" or DataPool_Number]**.

Reference Data Pool Objects from a Different Data Pool

Other data pools can reference a pool element stored in another data pool.

For instance, imagine a repertory theater. All default elements are stored in the data pool 1, including a sequence that controls the house lights. The show for tonight is programmed in data pool 2. The sequence can be copied from data pool 1, but if changes are made to it later, it would need to be copied again into the second data pool. Instead, the original sequence can be assigned to an executor in data pool 2.

The image of the edit menu above shows that the structure in the data pool is numbered. So sequence 1 in this data pool is data pool object 1.7.1. The first number is the data pool number. The second number specifies that it is a sequence. The third number specifies that it is sequence number 1. If this element needs to be assigned somewhere, the data pool object must be included in the assign command. This can be done using the data pool object number or simply by adding the data pool information before the object - see the example below.

Example

Data pool 1 has sequence 1. This needs to be used in data pool 2 on (page 1) executor 201.

Make sure data pool 2 is the selected pool.

The example can be achieved using the command line: **Assign DataPool 1 Sequence 1 At Page 1.201**.

Now the sequence in data pool 1 can be controlled by the executor in data pool 2.

Some menus allow you to select the data pool. In the title bar of the menus, there is a button called DataPool that can toggle between the different data pools.

Delete a Data Pool Object

	Important:
	Deleting a data pool object also deletes everything inside the data pool!

Unlocked data pools can be deleted using any of the following methods:

- Press Delete and then tap the pool object.
- Open the swipey commands on the relevant pool object and choose Delete.
- Using the command line: **Delete DataPool ["DataPool_Name" or DataPool_Number]**.

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1.50. System

This section holds system windows that provide information on the system, operational views, and overall system settings.

Subtopics

- Date and Time
- Clock
- Desk Lights
- System Information
- System Monitor
- Info Window
- Message and Status Center

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1.50.1. Date and Time

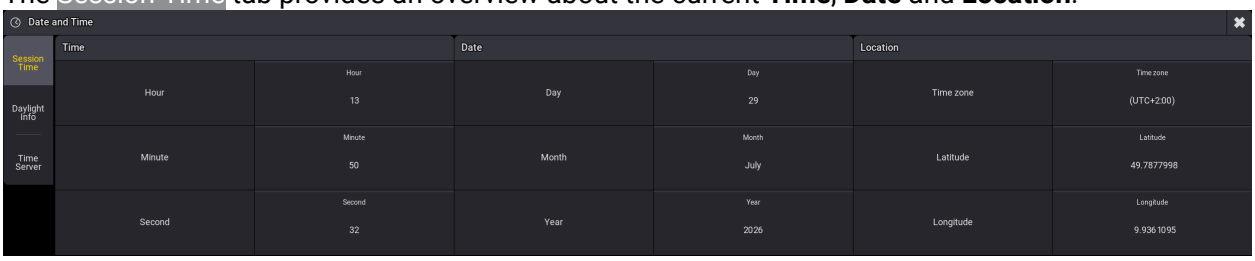
Sets date and time.

To access **Date and Time**:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Settings. A drop-down menu opens.
3. Tap Date and Time. The Date and Time window opens.

Session Time

The Session Time tab provides an overview about the current **Time**, **Date** and **Location**.



Date and Time window with Session Time settings

Date and Time:

To set date and time manually:

1. Go to Session Time.
2. Tap the buttons with a gray title bar. The calculator opens.
3. Enter values and tap Please.

Date and time are set.

	Important:
	If Date and Time is NTP synchronized, it is not possible to adjust the values manually. Go to the Time Server tab first. Set Extern TimeSync Mode to None. Now go back to Session Time and adjust manually.
	Restriction:
	When using grandMA3 onPC with **macOS**, avoid changing the system time in the general system settings of macOS as it can cause critical time conflicts in different parts of the onPC software. Adjusting the session time in the onPC software with macOS is safe.

Location:

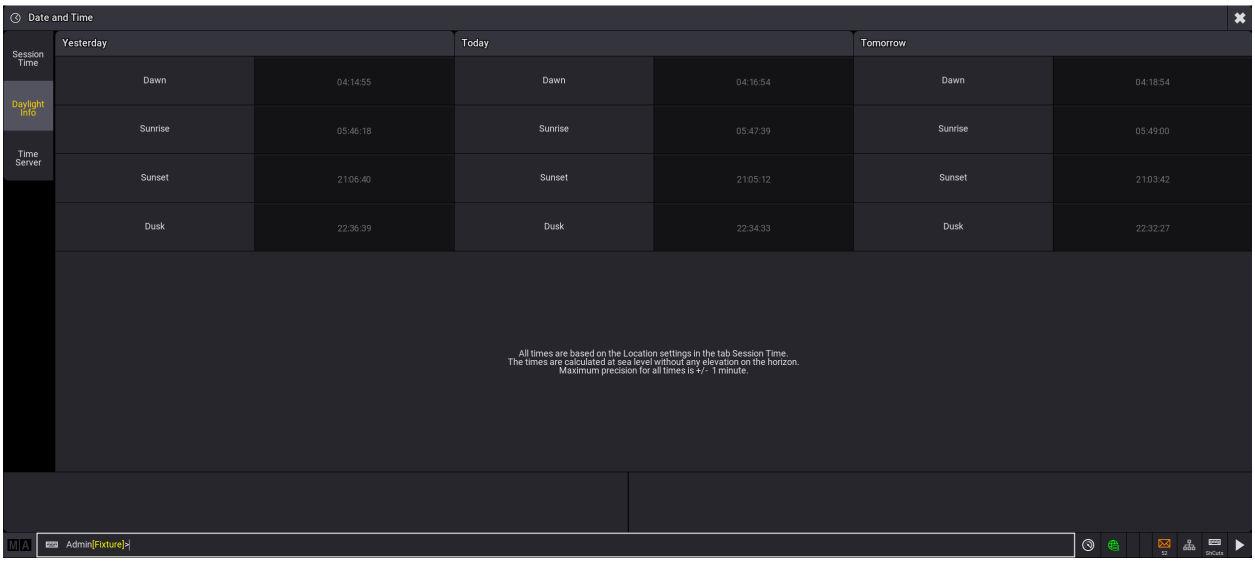
The time zone refers to the international time standard UTC.

1. To enter the current location, tap each of the buttons –Timezone, Longitude, Latitude – on the right of the column Location.
   The calculator opens.
2. Enter values and tap Please.

Location is set.

Daylight Info

The Daylight Info tab, displays yesterday's, today's, and tomorrow's dawn, sunrise, sunset, and dusk.

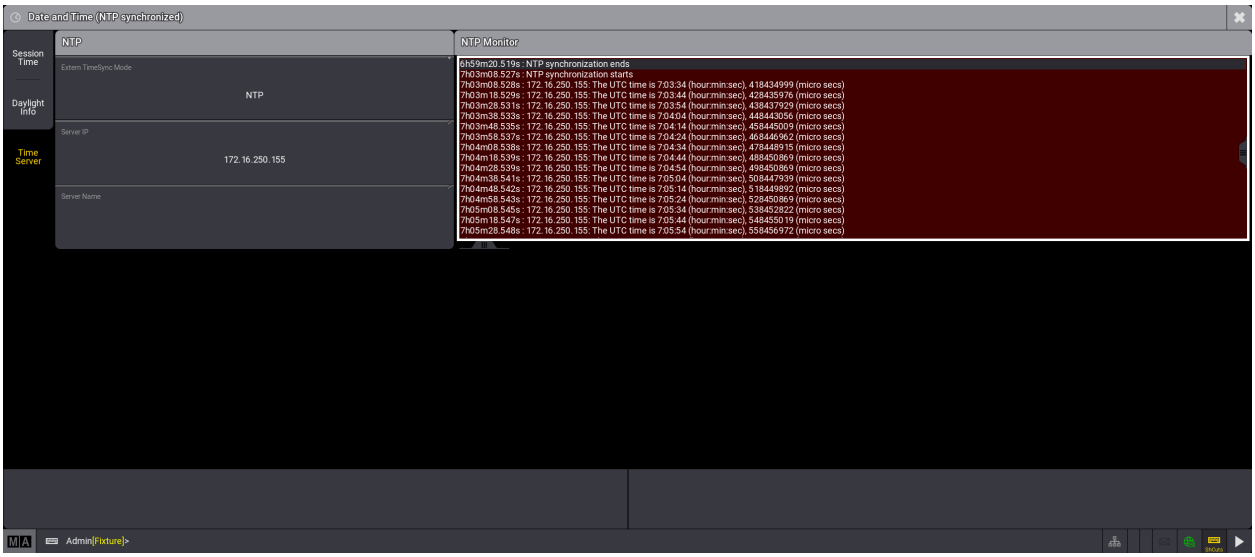


Date and Time window with Daylight Info settings

All times are based on the Location settings in the tab Session Time. The times are calculated at sea level without any elevation on the horizon. Maximum precision for all times is +/- 1 minute. Dawn and Dusk are calculated using nautical twilight.

Time Server

The Time Server tab allows you to synchronize the Session Time with an external time source through Network Time Protocol (NTP).



Date and Time window with Time Server settings and NTP Monitor

The Time Server tab offers several options:

- **Extern TimeSync Mode**: When set to NTP, Time and Date are synchronized with the NTP settings referring to Server IP and Server Name. Setting it to None, Date and Time can be set manually in the Session Time.
- **Server IP**: Tap on Server IP. A calculator opens. Type in any IP address from an NTP server. The NTP server now provides Date and Time.
- **Server Name**: Type in any Server Name of an NTP server. This displays the Server IP automatically. The NTP server now provides Date and Time.

The **NTP Monitor** on the right side displays details about the server's connection.

	Important:
	The NTP server delivers always Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +0:00). To match it to your local time, adjust the Time zone in the **Session Time** tab.
	Important:
	The **IdleMaster** or **GlobalMaster** station determines the time of the session, even if other stations in the session have different NTP servers set up.

1.50.2. Clock

Open the Clock Viewer window with the Add Window pop-up in the Tools tab.

Paste to Command Line

Clock window

- The clock is displayed in yellow digits by default.
- Tap and hold Clock Source in the title bar to change the clock source.
  The values are:
  - Session Time
  - Time Zone
  - Timecode
  - Timer

  The different clock sources are explained in detail below.

	Hint:
	The name of the Clock Viewer in the title bar of the window changes according to the selected clock source and style. This also means that for some settings the title changes while the clock source and style are not actively changed, for example from AM to PM.

Session Time

Session Time is the default setting for the clock viewer.

Session time and dawn, sunrise, sunset, and dusk depend on the time, date, and location set in the Date and Time pop-up. For more information about those settings and the Date and Time pop-up, see Date and Time.

To change the clock viewer to Session Time manually:

1. Tap and hold Clock Source.
2. Select **Session Time**.

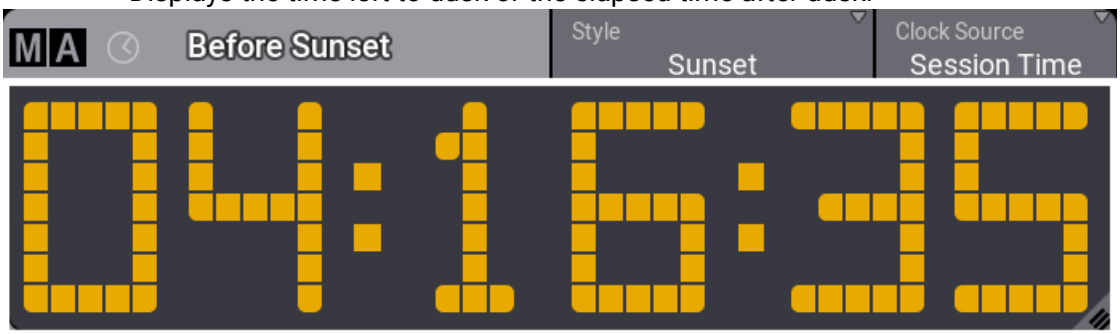
To change the session time style:

1. Tap and hold Style.

2. Select one of the values.

There are eight different ways to display the session time.
They are:

- **Digital**:
  Displays the time in in 24-hour format.
- **Digital AM/PM**:
  Displays the time in AM/PM format.
- **Date DD-MM-YYYY**:
  Displays the date starting with the day.
- **Date MM-DD-YYYY**:
  Displays the date starting with the month.
- **Dawn**:
  Displays the time to dawn or the time elapsed after dawn.
- **Sunrise**:
  Displays the time left to sunrise or the elapsed time after sunrise.
- **Sunset**:
  Displays the time left to sunset or the elapsed time after sunset.
- **Dusk**:
  Displays the time left to dusk or the elapsed time after dusk.



Session Time with Style set to Sunset

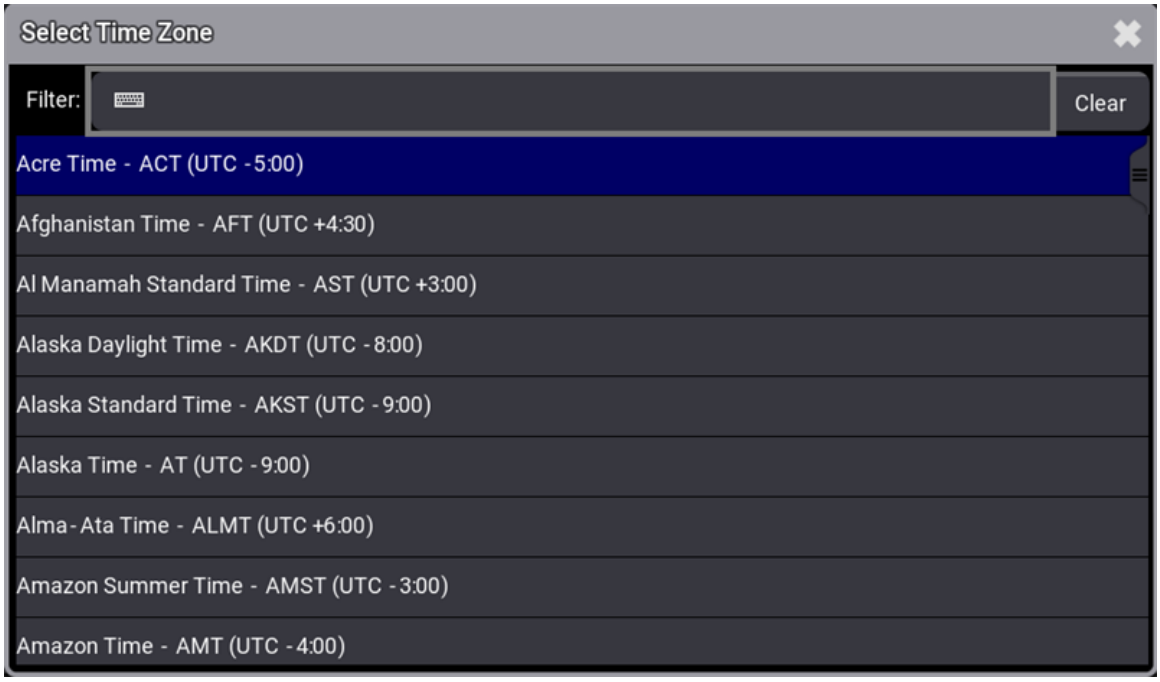
Time Zone Clock

1. Set the Clock Source to **Time Zone Clock**.

Time Zone Clock window

2. Tap Time Zone in the title bar of the clock viewer.
   The Select Time Zone pop-up opens.

3. Select the time zone.



Select Time Zone pop-up

4. Tap and hold Style.
5. Select **Digital** to display the time in 24-hour format.
   Select **Digital AM/PM** to display the time in AM/PM format.

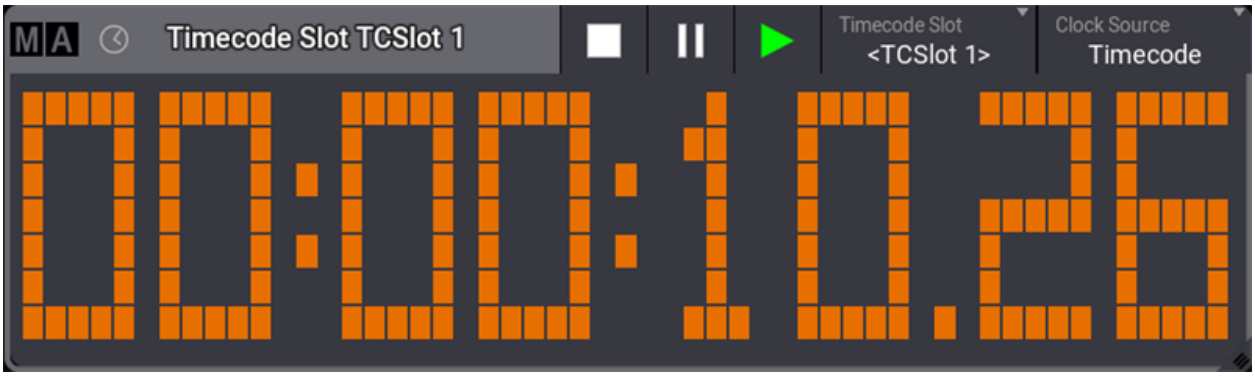
	Hint:
	For more information on how to set the **Session Time**, see Date and Time.

Timecode Slot

To set the clock to a timecode slot:

1. Tap and hold Clock Source in the title bar, then tap Timecode.
2. Tap and hold Timecode Slot in the title bar, then tap the desired timecode slot.
   To use the timecode slot selected in the **Timecode Slots** pool, tap <Selected>.

The clock displays the selected timecode slot.



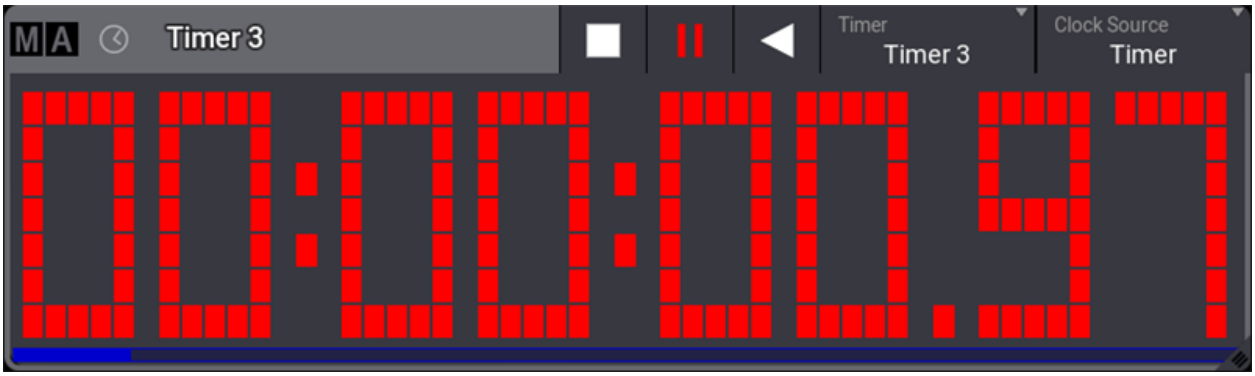
Timecode Slot clock window

Timer

To set the clock to display a timer:

1. Tap and hold Clock Source in the title bar, then tap Timer.
2. Tap and hold Timer in the title bar, then tap the desired timer.
   To use the timer selected in the **Timers** pool, tap <Link Selected>. For more information, see Timers.

The clock displays the selected timer.



Timer clock window

Tap to start the countdown for the displayed timer. A descending progress bar is displayed at the bottom of the window.

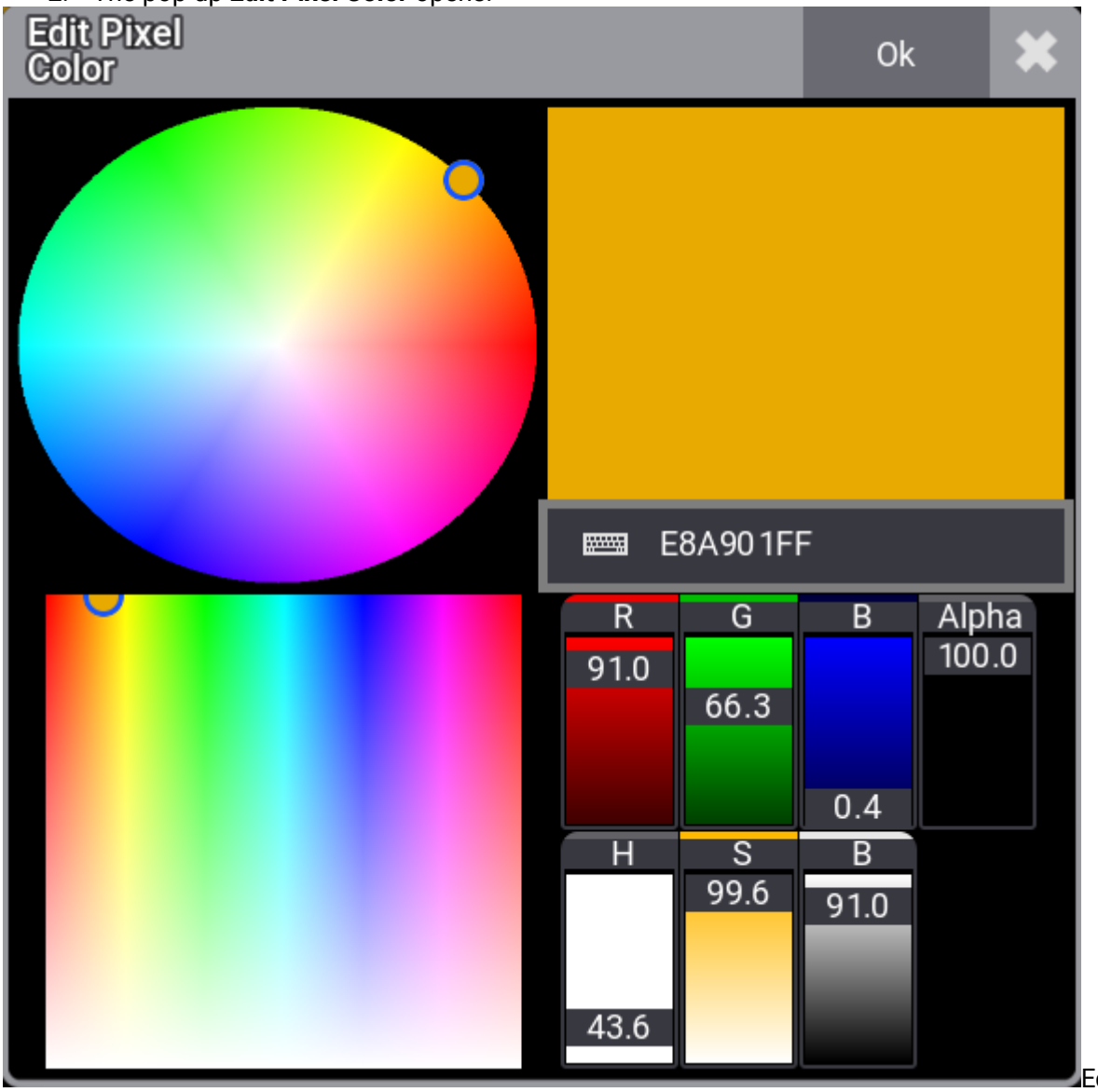
Tap to pause the countdown.

Tap to stop the clock, this will also reset the **Countdown Time** set for this timer. For more information, see Timers.

Edit Color of Digits

1. To change the color of the digits, tap MA in the top left corner, then tap Pixel Color.
   Paste to Command Line

2. The pop-up **Edit Pixel Color** opens:



Edit Pixel Color pop-up

1. Tap to select a color in the color picker.
2. Tap Ok.

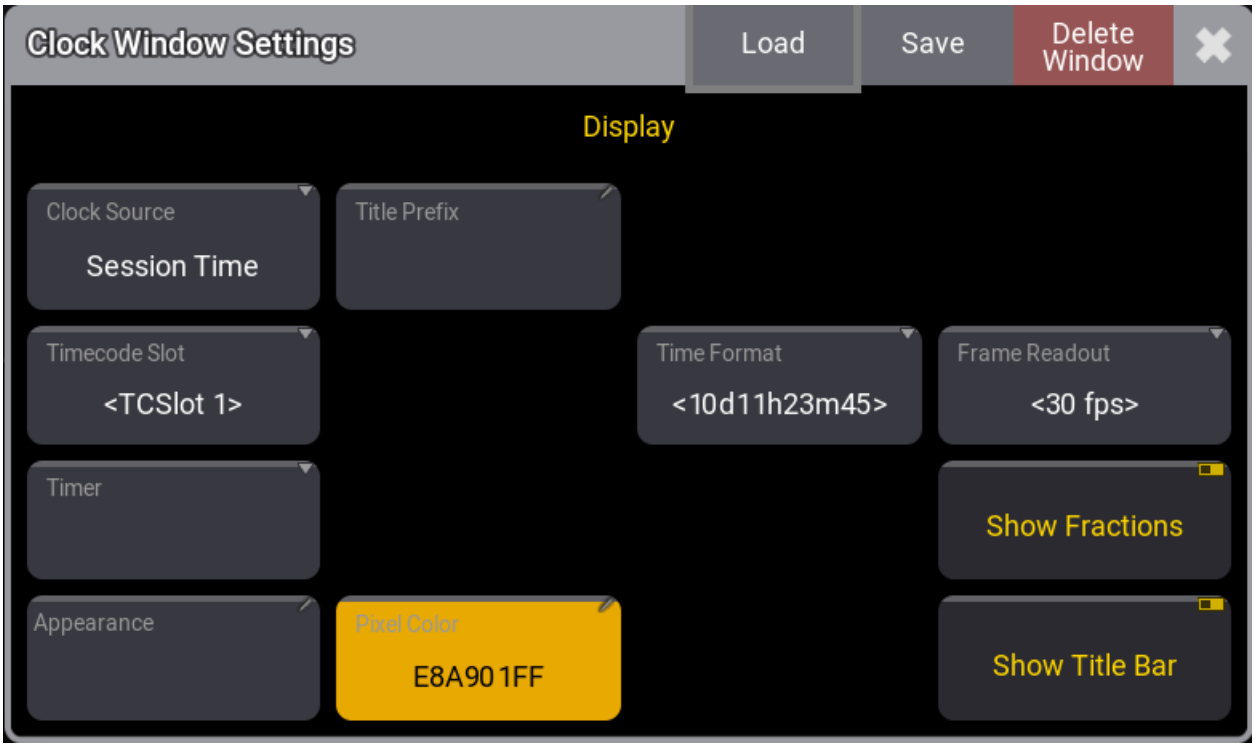
The color of the digits is modified.

Appearance as Background Color

1. Create an appearance in the appearance pool.
   For more information, see Create Appearances.
2. Press Assign, tap an appearance in the pool and tap the clock title bar.
   For more information, see Use Appearances.

Clock Window Settings

Tap MA in the left corner of the clock viewer title bar to open the clock window settings.



Clock window settings pop-up

- Clock Source: Tap and hold to open the dropdown menu, then select the source.
- Timecode Slot: For more information, see What are timecode slots.
- Timer: For more information, see Timers.
- Pixel Color: Opens the Color Editor.
- Appearances: This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- Title Prefix: Tap to open the virtual keyboard, then enter a prefix name for the time zone clock.
- Title Format: To learn more about **Time Format** and **Frame Readout**, see Single User and Multi User Systems - User Settings.
- Frame Readout: This defines the frame readout for this window. It can be used to overwrite the default set in the user profile.
- Show Fractions: Tap to toggle on or off the fractions of a second when the **Clock Source** is set to **Timer** or frames when the **Clock Source** is set to **Timecode**.
- Show Title Bar: This shows or hides the window's title bar. It is On by default. If it is Off, then the title bar can be shown temporarily by pressing both MA keys in the control area. In grandMA3 onPC, the title bar can be temporarily shown by pressing Ctrl + Alt on Windows and Ctrl + Option on Mac.

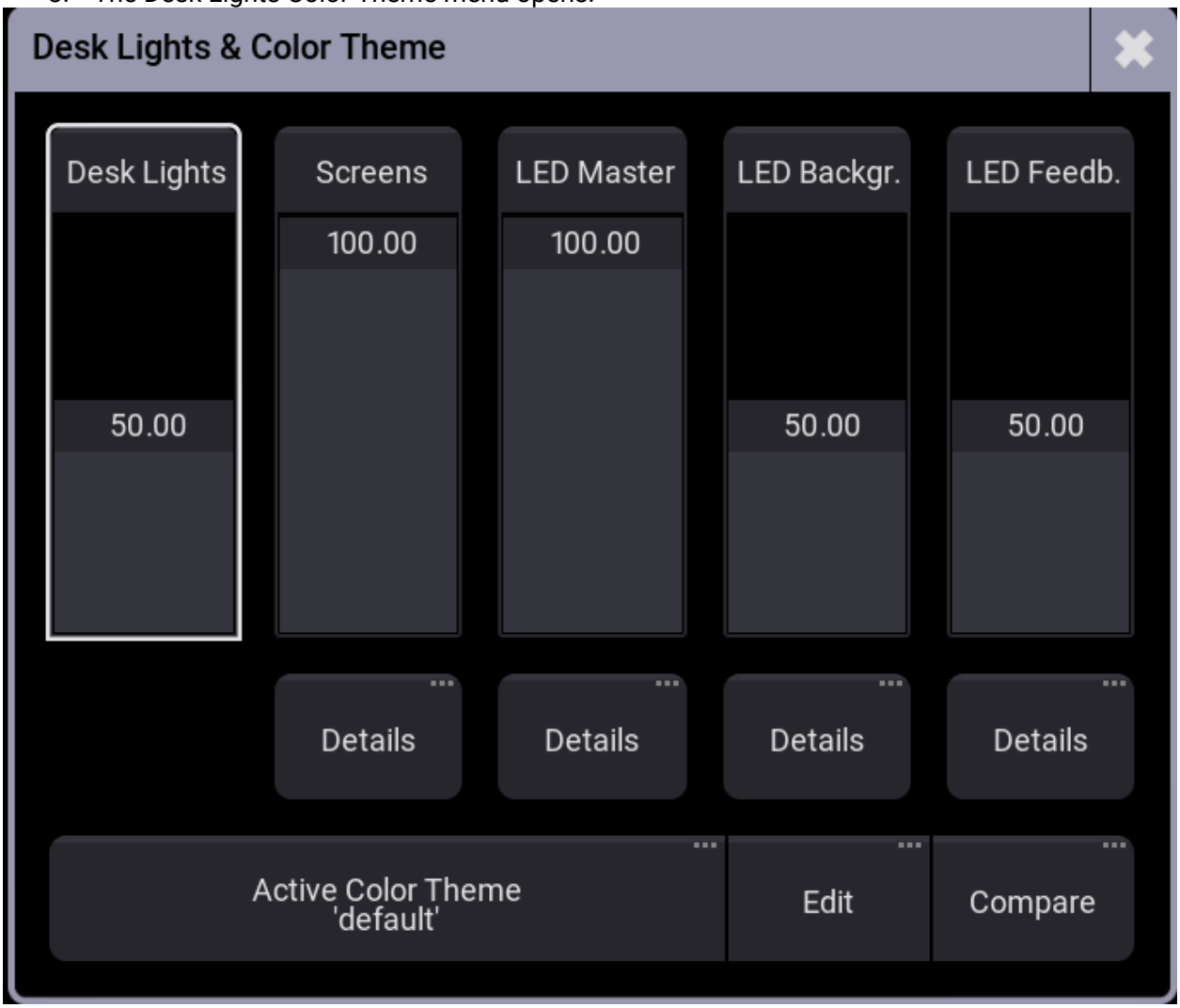
1.50.3. Desk Lights

This topic describes how to set desk lights.

To learn more about color themes, see Color Themes.

To access the Desk Lights Color Theme menu:

1. Press Menu.
2. Tap Desk Lights & Color Theme.
3. The Desk Lights Color Theme menu opens.



Desk Lights & Color Theme menu

- Desk Lights:
  Move the fader up or down to adjust the desk light intensity.
- Screens:
  Adjusts the overall brightness of all screens.

- To adjust the brightness of individual screens, tap Details below the Screens fader. Then, move the respective screen fader up or down.

	Restriction:
	The Screen External fader currently has no function.

- LED Master:
  Adjusts the overall intensity of all LEDs.
  - To adjust the LED intensity of the individual elements, tap Details below the LED Master fader.
- LED Background:
  Adjusts the overall LED background intensity, such as for encoders and keys.
  - To adjust the LED background intensity of the individual elements, tap Details below the LED Master fader.
- LED Feedback:
  Adjusts the intensity with which the LEDs respond to input.
  - To adjust the LED Feedback intensity of the individual elements, tap Details below the LED Feedback fader.

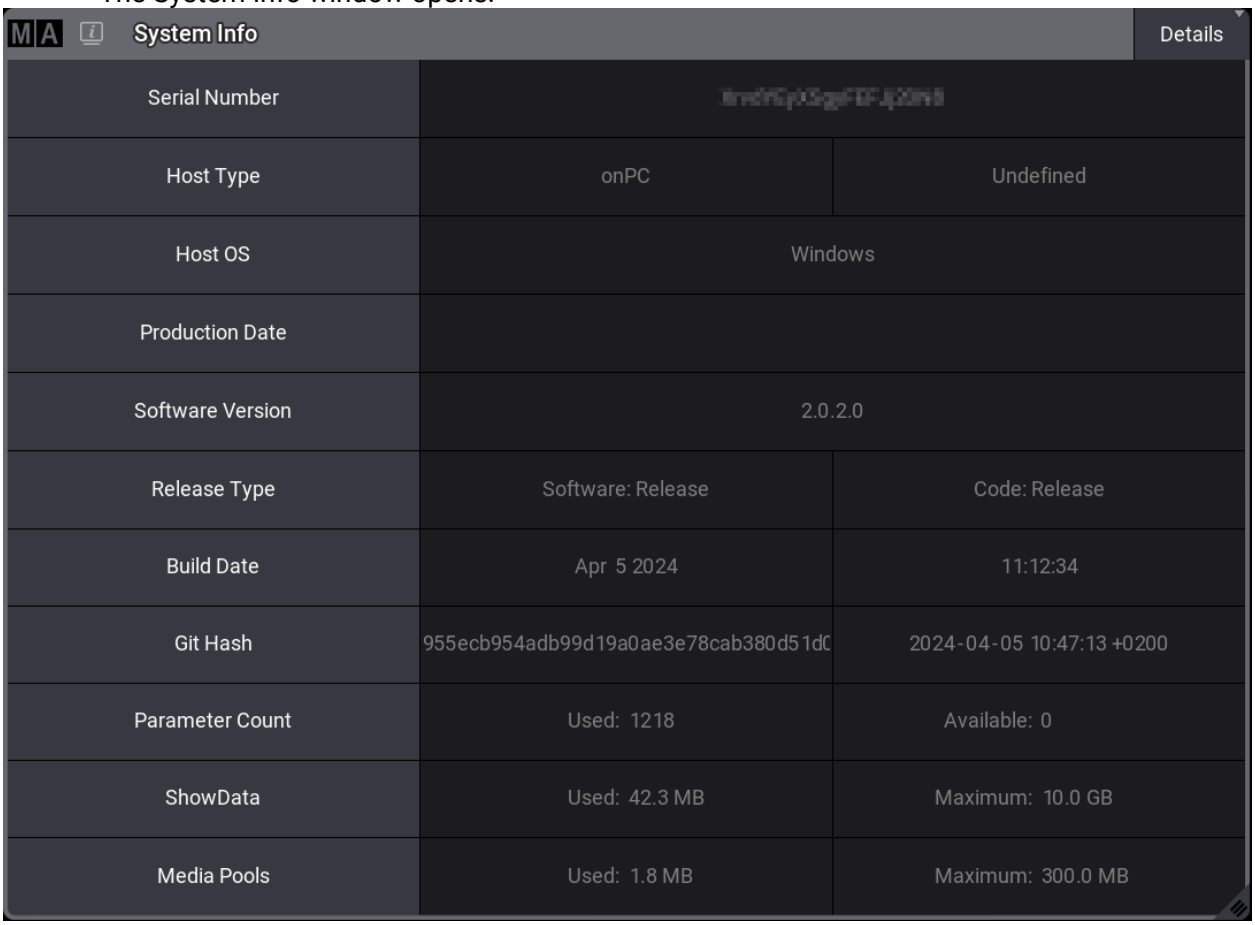
1.50.4. System Information

System Info combines system and performance monitoring for the console.

To add a System Info window, follow the instructions under Add windows.

In the Add Window pop-up:

1. Tap More.
2. Tap System Info.
   The System Info window opens.



System Info – details on onPC

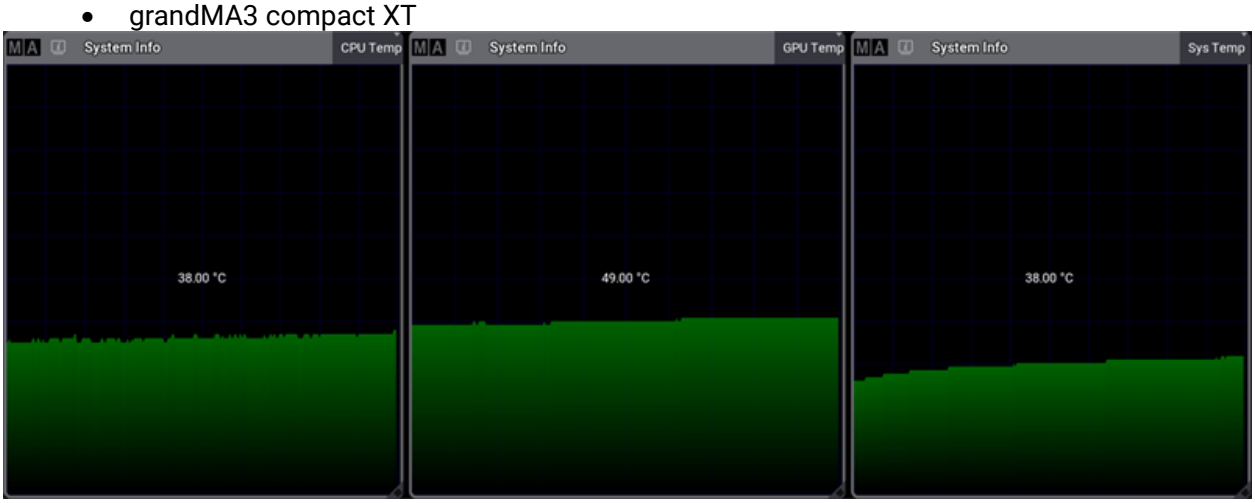
To adjust the System Info window settings, follow the instructions under Window Settings.

Temperature Check

CPU, GPU, and system temperatures can be displayed on:

- grandMA3 full-size
- grandMA3 light

- grandMA3 replay unit
- grandMA3 compact XT



Example of temperature windows

The grandMA3 compact can only display CPU and system temperatures.

These products are not able to display temperature information:

- grandMA3 extension
- grandMA3 processing unit
- grandMA3 nodes
- grandMA3 viz-key
- All grandMA3 onPC solution devices

Fan Check

The fan view in the System Info window displays the system/CPU cooling fan speed in correlation to its maximum speed.

Fan speeds can be displayed on:

- grandMA3 full-size
- grandMA3 light
- grandMA3 replay unit
- grandMA3 compact (XT)

These products are not able to display fan speed information:

- grandMA3 extension
- grandMA3 processing unit
- grandMA3 nodes
- grandMA3 viz-key
- All grandMA3 onPC solution devices

System Info is divided into different views, which can be selected using the button in the title bar on the right-hand side.

Tap and hold the button to toggle between:

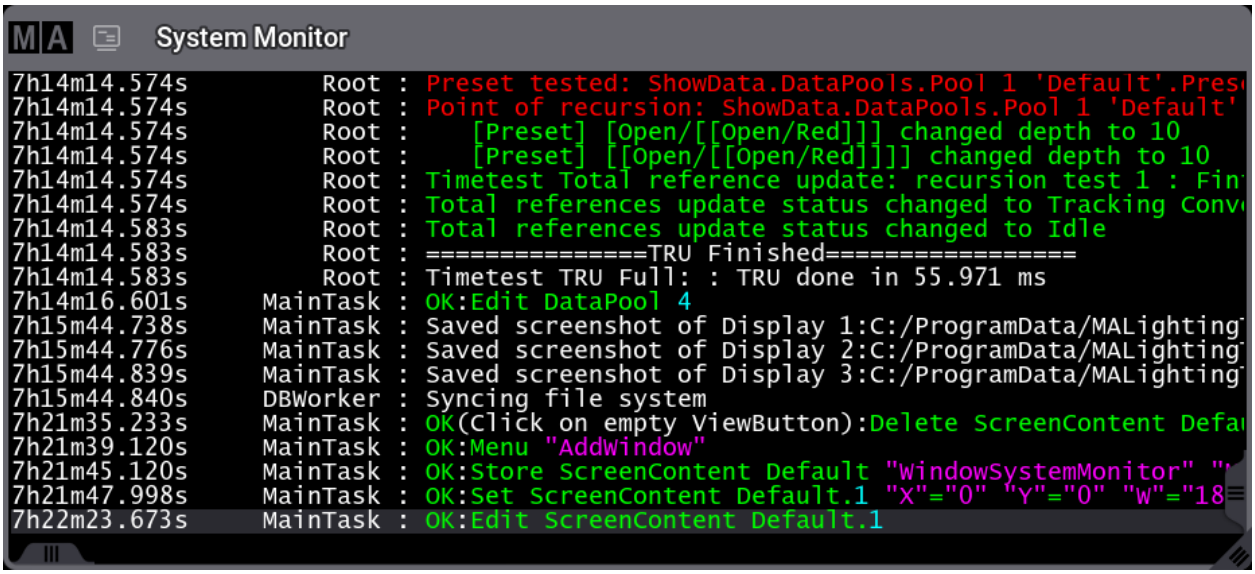
- Realtime: Displays the system's workload in milliseconds per DMX frame.
- Timing: Displays the time required to render the console screens. MainLoop, Swap, and End show the internal processing and the displays on which it takes place.
- CPU: CPU displays the workload of the main processor.
- Memory: Displays the system's RAM in GB.
- CPU Temp: Displays the console's current temperature.
- GPU Temp: Displays the current temperature of the console's graphics processing unit.
- Sys Temp: Displays the current temperature of the central computer board.
- Fan: Displays the cooling system fan's rotational speed in RPM.
- Details: Displays other relevant system info, such as the serial number or the build date.
- HDD: Lists relevant information about available hard drives.
- Network: Lists the number of connected and expected stations in the session. Green numbers show the expected numbers of devices. Red shows when a device is disconnected.

	Hint:
	Graphs such as the Memory graph show the current used value on the left and the total value on the right.

The title bar can be enabled or disabled by tapping Show Title Bar in the System Info Window Settings.

1.50.5. System Monitor

The system monitor is a window that can be created like any other window using the Add Window pop-up.



System Monitor

It shows what is happening at the station. This includes feedback on user commands. It is a log of the different things happening in the background. It also shows warnings, errors, and changes to the system.

It is a debugging window that can provide useful information if the system has any problems.

There are only two settings for the window.

- **Appearance**:
  This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- **Font Size**:
  This selects the font size in the window. It is a swipe button that opens a list of sizes from 10 to 32. There is also a **Default** property. The default is the same as size 18.

The default background is black. The bottom line shows the latest update.

If the system monitor is scrolled up, the background turns red to indicate that it is not the latest data, and the auto-scrolling function that shows the latest info is inactive. Scroll back down to the bottom to reactivate the auto-scroll function.

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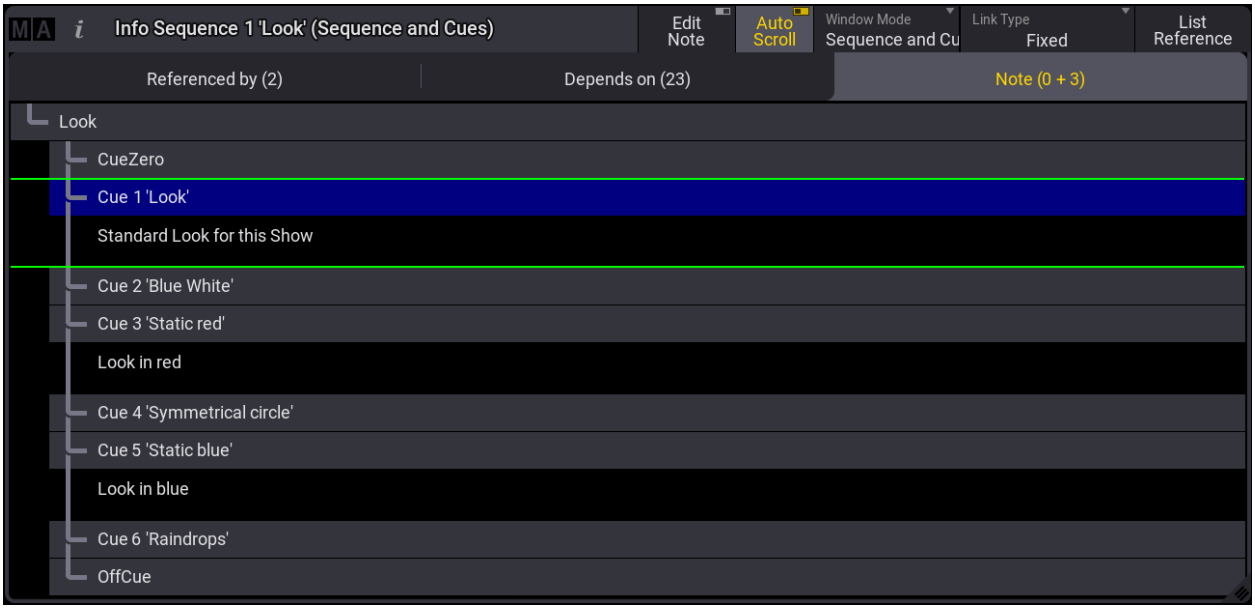
1.50.6. Info Window

The Info window is a helpful tool to show the operator references, dependencies, and notes for objects in the show file. For more information, see ListReference Keyword.

To open the Info window, tap More and then tap Info in the Add window dialog.



Info window

The Info window is separated into three tabs: **Referenced by (x)**, **Depends on (x)**, and **Note (x)**.

Referenced by (x) tab displays the following information:

- **(x)**, displays the number of references for this object.
- **Type,** displays the targeted object reference type.
- **No,** displays the targeted object reference number.
- **Name,** displays the targeted object reference name.
- **Depth**, displays the chain length of the referenced type, such as, embedded presets. For more information, see Embedded Presets.

Depends on (x)tab displays the following information:

- **Type,** displays the type of the targeted object dependencies.
- **No,** displays the number of the targeted object dependencies.
- **Name,** displays the name of the targeted object dependencies.
- **Depth,** displays the chain length of the targeted object dependencies.

The Note (x)tab displays the notes of an object. Depending on the size of the Info window, the notes are resized to fit the window. For more information, see Notes.

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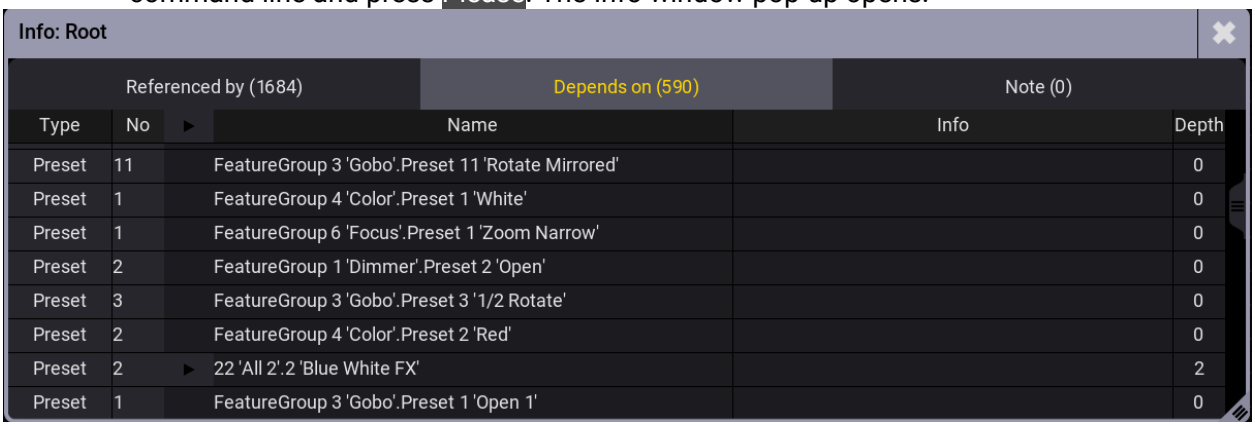
List Reference

- To list all references and/or dependencies in your show file, type **ListReference** into the command line and press Please. The Info window pop-up opens:



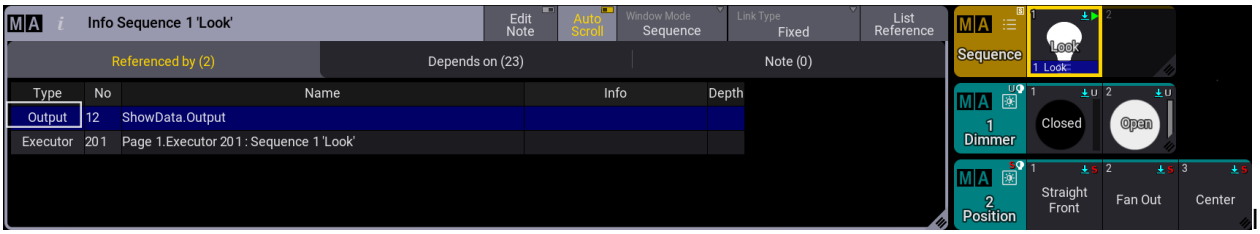
Info window pop-up - All References / Dependencies of the show file are shown

To list the references of an object, for example, a sequence pool object or macros:

Requirements:

- grandMA3 demo show file is loaded.
- Open Sequence pool and Info window.

1. Tap List Reference in the title bar of the Info window or type **ListReference** in the command line.
2. Tap Look in the Sequence pool. The related information about the selected sequence pool object is shown in the Info window.



Info window displaying information of Sequence 1.

	Important:
	The results of **List Reference** for a targeted object will stay visible until you perform a new search or change the view. It can not be cleared or deleted.

Link Type

The Link Type button defines if the information of a specific object is automatically displayed or not. The following parameters can be set in the dropdown menu:

- **Fixed**: References are not listed automatically.
- **Selected Sequence**: The references are automatically displayed for the selected sequence.

	Hint:
	When Link Mode is set to Selected Sequence, the List Reference button will be grayed out. Executing the ListReference command will open a separate pop-up. For more information, see ListReference Keyword.

Window Mode

To specify the displayed information in the Info window, Window Mode can be set to the following values:

- **Fixed:** Is set for all pool objects that are not sequences or macros.
- **Sequence / Macro**: Displays the note of the selected sequence/macro via the List Reference button.
- **Current Cue / Current MacroLine**: Displays the note of the currently active cue/macro line.
- **Next Cue / Next MacroLine**: Displays the note of the cue that will be played back next when executing Go+ again on the sequence. When using Load, the note of the loaded cue will be displayed.
- **All Cues / All MacroLines**: Displays the notes of all cues/macro lines.
- **Sequence and Cues / Macro and MacroLines**: Displays the notes of the parent object and all cues/macro lines.

	Hint:
	• The current cue is marked with a green frame and a blue background in the notes tab. • Notes of Cue Parts are also displayed in the Info window

Values are named by the children after selecting an object via the List Reference button. For example, to set different Link Types in the Note tab: Store two cues into Sequence 1. For more information, see Store cues.

1. Add notes to cues. For more information, see Notes.
2. Tap List Reference and then tap Sequence 1 in the sequence pool.
3. Use Go+ to go through the cues.

Info Window Settings

To open the Info Window settings, tap MA in the title bar of the window.

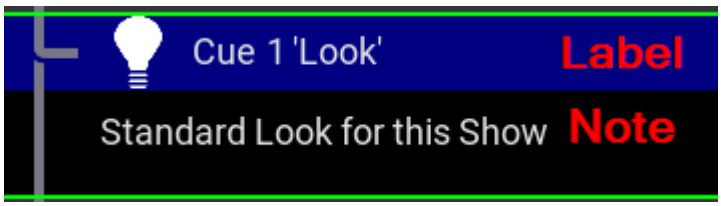
Window Preferences can be loaded or saved. For more information, see Window Settings.

- **Tabs**: Enable Tabs to show the tab bar.
- **Use Target Appearance**: Shows the selected appearance in the **Referenced by** and **Depends on** tabs when enabled. For more information, see Appearances.
- **Appearance**: This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.
- **Selected Tab**: Sets the currently displayed tab. Referenced by, Depends on, or Note.
- **Notes Label Color**: Sets the color for the note label.
- **Font Size**: This sets the font size property from 10 to 32. There is also a default property. This is the same as size 18. This simply changes the font size on the pool objects.
- **Edit Note**: When enabled, all cues will be displayed. Existing notes can be edited and new ones can be added.
- **Auto Scroll**: This On/Off button activates the auto-scrolling function. This will keep the active object visible in the window by scrolling the sheet or grid.
- **Notes Appearance**: Arranges the appearances in the notes tab.
    - Off: No appearance is displayed.
    - Note: The cue´s background appearance is shown next to the corresponding note.

- Label + Note: The cue´s image is shown in the cue label and the cue's background appearance is shown in the note and cue label. This setting will also override a currently set Notes Label Color.

- **Show Empty**: Defines whether cues without notes are displayed or not.

The differences between label and note are shown in the following image:



Info window - Note tab

Example

To get an overview of this example, watch the following video

Requirements:

- grandMA3 demo show file is open
- Info window and the **Note (x)** tab is open

To display the note of the next cue in the selected sequence in the Info window:

1. In the title bar of Info window, tap Link Type and select **Selected Sequence**.
2. Select a Sequence Pool object, for example, **Sequence 1**.
3. Tap Window Mode in the title bar of the Info window and select Next Cue.
4. Press Go+. The note of the next cue is shown in the Info window

1.50.7. Message and Status Center

The message and status center display information on processes in the software. They also allow you to configure the information displayed on your screens.

The message center window is divided into two tabs:

1. **Messages**
   Displays messages produced by the system.
2. **Statuses**
   Configure how and when status icons are displayed in the command line.

For more information on the two tabs, see Message Center and Status Center.

Open the Message and Status Center

To open the message center window, tap Message Center in the **More** tab in the Add Window pop-up. For more information on adding windows, see Add Window.
Message center windows that are stored in a view open to the tab or list of messages that was stored.

To open a temporary version of the message or status center:

- Tap the envelope icon ( ).
- Tap any of the status icons on the right side of the command line.

The temporary message and status center opens to the tab or list of messages that was opened last.

To close the temporary message or status center, tap one of the icons in the command line again or tap in the upper right corner of the window.

To select a different screen on which to display the temporary message or status center:

1. Tap in the title bar.
2. Tap the screen you want to display the message or status center on.

The message or status center is displayed on the selected screen every time you open a temporary version. To reset the display selection to default, tap and then tap Clear.

Window Settings

To access the settings for the message center window, tap MA in the upper left corner of the window.
The settings are not available in the temporary message center.

Display

- **Tabs**
  Toggle to show or hide the tab bar on the left side of the message center window.
- **Tab**
  Select whether the **Messages** or the **Status** tab is displayed in the message center window.

Messages
These settings apply to the list of messages.

- **Notification Mode**
  Select **Timed** for notifications to be displayed for 5 seconds and **Permanent** for notifications to be displayed until you close them.
- **Notifications**
  Toggle to enable or disable notifications. For more information on notifications, see Message Center.
- **Transpose**
  This On/Off button flips the columns and rows in windows.
- **Appearance**
  This button opens a **Select Appearance** pop-up that lists all the defined appearances and the possibility of creating a new appearance. Selecting one will apply that appearance to the window.

Subtopics

- Message Center
- Status Center

1.50.7.1. Message Center

The message center displays messages produced by the system.

The envelope icon ( ) on the right side of the command line changes color to indicate new messages in the message center.
The icon is displayed in the color of the new message with the highest priority.

A number underneath the envelope icon indicates the number of new messages, excluding information messages.

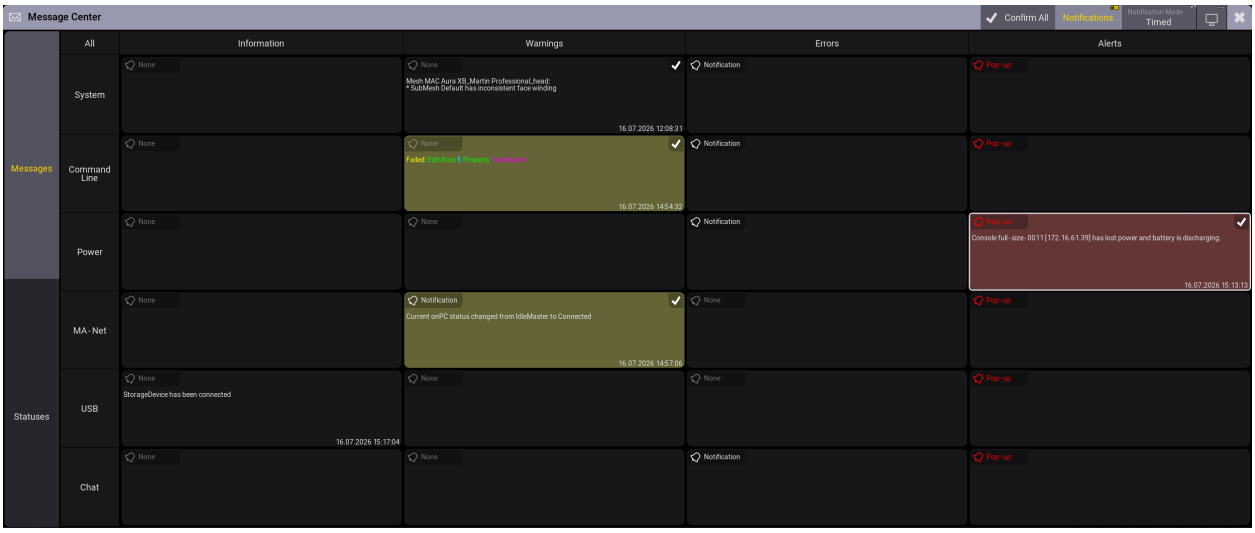
The categories for messages are:

- System
- Command Line
- Power
- MA-Net
- USB
- Chat

USB and chat messages are specific to the device. They are not displayed on other devices in the session.

Messages have different priorities.

- **Information** (green): Information about internal system processes that generally don't require user activity or input.
- **Warning** (yellow): Information that is important and should be taken care of.
- **Error** (brown): Information on invalid actions and malfunctions in the software.
- **Alert** (red): Information on critical events. Messages in the alert category generally require immediate action.



Main view of the message center

Each cell displays the latest message in that category and priority.
The timestamp of the latest message is displayed in the lower right corner of the cell. It is displayed in the format dd.mm.yyyy hh:mm:ss.

When a new message is received, the background of the cell flashes in the color of the priority.

Messages

Expand the sections below for more information on the messages that are displayed for the different priorities.

	Important:
	The following lists of messages are an excerpt of the messages that are displayed in the message center. Not all messages are listed here.

Message	Explanation
Mouse has been connected	A device such as a storage device or a mouse was connected to the station. No action is required.
StorageDevice has been disconnected	A device such as a storage device or a mouse was disconnected from the station. No action is required.

Message	Explanation
Current onPC status changed from Connected to IdleMaster	The master station was disconnected from the session and the onPC is now alone in the session. If this is unexpected, check the station that previously was the master station in the session.
Disconnected from session	The local station left the session. This message is displayed if the station was dismissed from the session for example by tapping Dismiss Station or Leave Session. If the station was dismissed intentionally, no action is required.
Console disconnected unexpectedly.	The local station left the session without a user actively removing it. Please check the network
Stage bounding box is irregular: Do all fixtures have the correct positions?	The extension of positions is unusual. This could for example be a fixture with position values that are too high. This can lead to problems in the 3D viewer. Check the positions of your fixtures and environmental objects and correct them if necessary.

Message	Explanation
Failed to perform an initialization during a showfile load.	The data in your show file is likely corrupted. Please try to load the show file again. If the show file does not load, load a backup version of the show file.
No world server connection.	The station does not have a connection to the world server. This means that some services are not available, such as import of files from the GDTF share and the grandMA3 share.
Device has a faulty battery.	The battery of your device does not load properly. Please get in contact with your local support.
Console has lost power and battery is discharging.	The device is not connected to a power source anymore and running on battery. Please save your show file and check your power cables and power plugs.

Message	Explanation
Out of video memory. Please save your show file and restart the software as soon as possible.	The software uses more VRAM than expected and might close unexpectedly. Please save your show file and restart the software to deallocate video memory. If the problem persists,

Message	Explanation
	try closing the 3D viewer in the software.
Station with IP address [*IP address*] does not work in session.	There is a problem with your device. Please get in contact with your local support and provide the serial number.

Notifications for Messages

Messages in the message center can be displayed as notifications in the software.

To enable or disable notifications, toggle Notifications in the title bar or window settings of the message center.
Notifications are enabled by default.

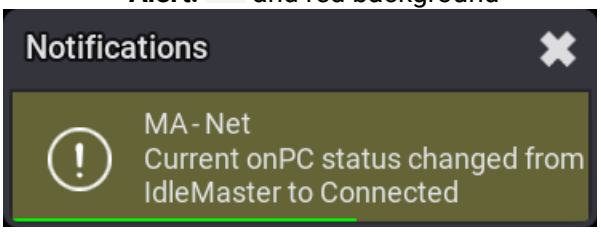
A bell icon ( ) and corresponding notification type is displayed in the upper left corner of each cell in the main view of the message center.
The color of the icon changes depending on the type of notification.
The three options are:

- **None** (gray): No notification is displayed.
- **Notification** (white): A notification is displayed in the upper right corner of all big screens.
- **Pop-up** (red): A pop-up is displayed in the middle of all screens.
    - Tap OK to close the pop-up but still display the message as new in the message center.
    - Tap Confirm Message to close the pop-up and mark the message as read in the message center.

To select the type of notification for a category, tap the bell icon to toggle through the options or swipe the icon to display a drop-down list with all three options.
The notification type for the **Information** category is always set to **None** and cannot be changed.

The background color of notifications matches the color of the priority. Additionally, an icon is displayed in the notification, indicating the priority.

- **Warning:** and yellow background
- **Error:** and brown background
- **Alert:** and red background



Warning notification

Select how long a notification is displayed using Notification Mode in the title bar or the window settings.
The two options are:

- **Timed:** Notifications are displayed for 5 seconds.
- **Permanent:** Notifications are displayed until you close them.

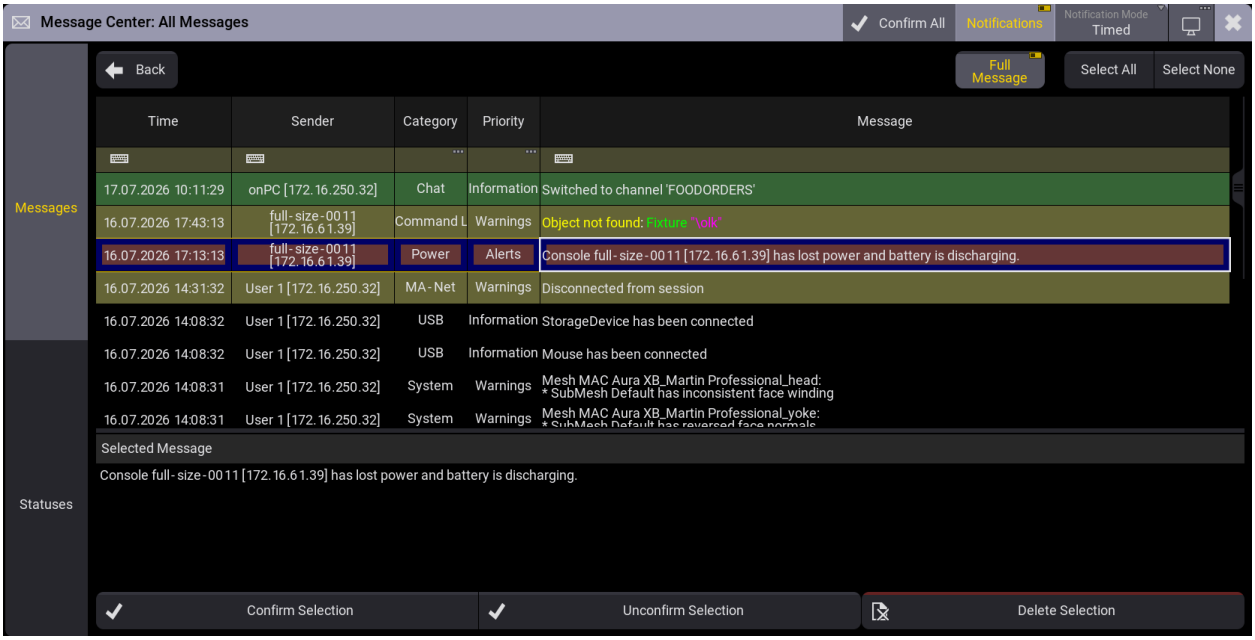
List of Messages

All messages in the message center can be displayed in a list.

- To display a list of all messages in the message center, tap All in the upper left corner of the grid in the main view.
- To open the list of messages for a category or priority, tap the header of the category or priority.
- To display a list of messages for a category and priority, tap on the corresponding cell in the grid in the main view.

A window opens, displaying a list with information about **Time**, **Sender**, **Category**, **Priority**, and the message itself.
The **Sender** column displays the name and IP of the device that sent the message.

The width of the time, category, priority, and message column in the list of messages of a category can be adjusted. To do so, tap and drag the separating line in the title bar of the list.



List of messages

The list of messages can be modified using the yellow filter row in the grid. In the category and priority column, **<No Filter>** deactivates the filter, **Undefined** displays messages that are not part of any category or priority.
For more information on filtering, see Temporary Filtering.

There are three buttons in the upper right corner of the list of messages:

- **Full Message**
  Display the selected message in full below the list of messages.
- **Select All**
  Select all messages in the list.

- **Select None**
  Deselect all selected messages in the list.

Confirm and Delete Messages

Confirm messages to mark them as read in the message center. Messages that are not confirmed are indicated with a colored background in the color of the priority. Once a message is confirmed, the colored background disappears.
Messages in **Information** are marked as confirmed by default.

- To confirm all messages in the message center, tap Confirm All in the title bar of the message center.

	Hint:
	Confirm All always applies to all messages in the message center, even if a filtered list of messages is displayed.

- To confirm all messages of a category, tap in the upper left corner of the corresponding cell in the main view of the message center. The icon is only displayed if there are new messages in that category.
- To confirm a selection of messages or single messages, tap on a cell in the message center to open the list of messages. Then select the messages you want to confirm and tap Confirm Selection at the bottom of the list.
- For information on how to confirm messages using the command line, see MessageCenter Keyword.

Unconfirm messages to mark them as unread and display their background color again. To do so, open the list of messages, select the messages you want to mark as unread, then tap Unconfirm Selection at the bottom of the list.

To delete messages from the message center, select the messages you want delete in the list of messages, then tap Delete Selection at the bottom of the list. Deleted messages are no longer displayed in the list.

	Important:
	It is not possible to oops the actions **Confirm**, **Unconfirm**, and **Delete**.

1.50.7.2. Status Center

Status icons indicate activities and statuses in the software. They are displayed on the right side in the command line next to the command line input field.

All status settings are set per user profile. For some statuses you can choose to see the corresponding status for all user profiles.

To select whether to display a status icon in the command line, swipe the status in the message center window.
A drop-down displays the following options:

- **Never**: Nothing is displayed if the function is active.
- **On Activity**: Displays the icon when a setting or function is active.
- **Always**: The icon is always displayed in the command line. If the setting or function is not active, the icon is grayed out.

In the status center, the icon and title bar of a status light up in the corresponding color if the status is active.

Most statuses additionally have three **Blink** options:

- **None**: The background of the status in the command line does not blink when the status is active.
- **Once**: The background of the status blinks red once when the status is activated.
- **Always**: The background of the status blinks red continuously while the status is active.

For some statuses (Highlight; Lowlight; Solo; Timecode Record) you can select different sources for the status in the drop-down:

- **My**: The status is active if triggered by the current user profile. If **My** is selected as user profile, is displayed in the status cell.
- **All**: The status is active if triggered by any user profile. If **All** is selected as user profile, is displayed in the status cell.

	Hint:
	If the user profile is set to **All** and highlight, lowlight, solo, or a timecode record is triggered by another user profile, **ext** or **my+ext** is displayed below the icons. **ext** is displayed if the function is only triggered by another user profile. **my+ext** is displayed if the function is triggered by both the current and another user profile. If the function is triggered by the currently active user profile, no text is displayed below the icon.

Statuses

The following statuses are available:

Programmer:

- **Highlight** ( ):
  Highlight is active. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the master controls tab.
- **Lowlight** ( ):
  If Lowlight is active, the icon is blue. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the master controls tab.
- **Solo** ( ):
  Solo is active. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the master controls tab.
- **Blind** ( ):
  Blind is active. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the master controls tab.
- **Preview** ( ):
  If Preview is active, the icon is orange.
- **Timecode Record** ( ):
  A timecode recording is active. Tap the icon to open the off menu in the timecodes tab.
- **Recipe Editing** ( ):
  If the edit recipe mode is active, the icon is green.
- **Grand Master** ( ):
  Grand master is not at full. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the master controls tab.
- **World Master** ( ):
  One or more world masters are not at full. The affected world masters are indicated by their numbers below the icon. The master that was last set to a different value than 100 % is displayed first. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the world masters tab.
- **Group Masters** ( ):
  One or more group masters are not at full. The affected group masters are indicated by their numbers below the icon. The numbers are sorted in ascending order. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the group masters tab.
- **Grand Rate** ( ):
  Grand rate master is not at 1:1. Tap the icon to open the temporary masters window in the master controls tab.
- **Pause at End** ( ):
  Pause at End is active in the recipe editor.

Filter:

- **Filter** ( ):
  A filter other than Filter 1 is called or selected.
- **World** ( ):
  A world other than World 1 is selected. The selected world is indicated by its number below the icon.

Universe/Patch:

- **Parked** ( ):
  If fixtures are parked, the icon is blue.
- **DMX Tester** ( ):
  The DMX tester generates output.

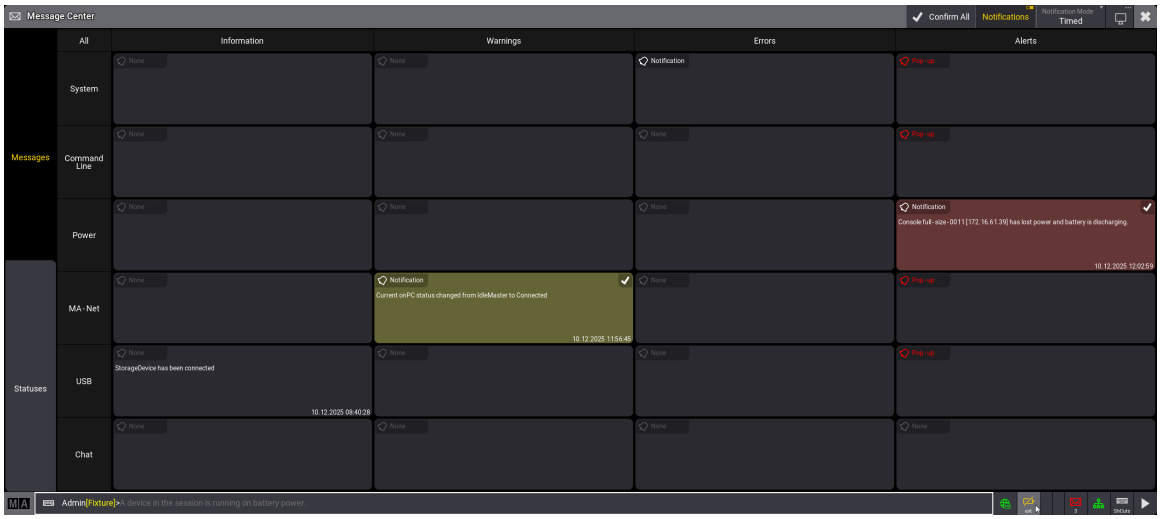
- **Not Enough Parameters** ( ):
  The limit of parameters is exceeded. If the system is in overload and the DMX output refresh rate is slowing down, **Overload** is displayed below the icon.
- **No Fixtures Patched** ( ):
  No fixtures are patched in the current show.
- **Patch Open** ( ):
  The patch is open. If the patch is open on a different station, **ext** is displayed below the icon.

More:

- **World Server** ( ):
  Station is connected to the world server.
- **Encoder Bar** ( ):
  A different encoder bar than the default encoder bar is selected.
- **Phasers**:
  Graphically indicates the current processing workload dedicated to phaser calculation in a bar in the command line. A green indicator rises with the number of parameters with actively running phasers. The exact value is displayed as a tooltip in the command line.
- **Flow Control**:
  Graphically indicates the current workload of the network with a green indicator in the bar next to the envelope icon ( ) in the command line. The exact intensity of the flow control is displayed on a scale of 0 to 255 as a tooltip in the command line. The flow control level is also displayed in the network menu. For more information, see Session.

Hardware:

- **Battery** ( ):
  Displays the power status of the device. On full-size, light, full-size CRV, and light CRV consoles, the icon is displayed by default. Tap the icon to open the battery status pop-up. For stations with no battery, the icon is crossed ( ).
  If a device runs on battery, the system differentiates between the battery status of your own device and those of other devices in the session. Depending on the configuration, **ext** or **my+ext** is displayed below the icons to indicate which device is affected. **ext** is displayed if a different device is affected, **my+ext** is displayed if the current device and a different device are affected. If the current device is affected, no text is displayed below the icon. The tooltip in the command line and alert message in the message center provide further information.



For more information on the battery and power status, see UPS Battery.

- **USB Network** ( ):
  USB network is active. This status is not available in the onPC software. For more information, see USB Network.
- **ShowData** ( ):
  Displays the memory usage in MB below the status icon.
- **CPU** ( ):
  Displays the CPU usage as a percentage below the status icon.
- **Memory** ( ):
  Displays the working memory usage in percent below the status icon.
- **CPU Temperature** ( ):
  Displays the CPU temperature in °C below the status icon.
- **GPU Temperature** ( ):
  Displays the GPU temperature in °C below the status icon.
- **Fan Speed** ( ):
  Displays the fan speed as a percentage below the status icon.
- **Disk Space** ( ):
  Displays the available free space in GB of the HDD below the status icon.

Toggles:

- **Keyboard Shortcuts** ( ):
  If keyboard shortcuts are active, the icon is yellow.

Defaults

These are the default settings for the statuses.

Programmer

Status	Display Mode	Blink	User Profile
Highlight	On Activity	Always	All
Lowlight	On Activity	Always	All
Solo	On Activity	Always	All

Status	Display Mode	Blink	User Profile
Blind	On Activity	Always	-
Preview	On Activity	None	-
Timecode Record	On Activity	Always	All
Recipe Editing	On Activity	None	-
Grand Master	On Activity	Always	-
World Master	On Activity	Always	-
Group Masters	On Activity	Always	-
Grand Rate	On Activity	None	-
Pause at End	On Activity	Always	-

Filter

Status	Display Mode	Blink	User Profile
Filter	On Activity	None	-
World	On Activity	None	-

Universe/Patch

Status	Display Mode	Blink	User Profile
Parked	On Activity	None	-
DMX Tester	On Activity	Always	-
Not Enough Parameters	On Activity	None	-
No Fixtures Patched	On Activity	None	-
Patch Open	Never	Always	-

More

Status	Display Mode	Blink	User Profile
World Server	Always	-	-
Encoder Bar	On Activity	None	-
Phasers	Always	-	-
Flow Control	Always	-	

Hardware

Status	Display Mode	Blink	User Profile
Battery	On Activity	-	-
USB Network	On Activity	Always	-
ShowData	On Activity	None	-
CPU	On Activity	-	-
Memory	Never	-	-
CPU Temperature	Never	-	-
GPU Temperature	Never	-	-
Fan Speed	Never	-	-
Disk Space	Never	None	-

Toggles

Status	Display Mode	Blink	User Profile
Keyboard Shortcuts	Always	None	-

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1.51. Remote In and Out

Remote Inputs and Outputs are handled through the In & Out menu. The In & Out menu can be used to define parameters, for example, to trigger a command via a remote controller.

Press Menu and then tap In & Out. The In & Out menu opens.

The menu is separated into six tabs:

DC Remotes, MIDI Remotes, DMX Remotes, OSC, PSN, and **MVR**.

Common Procedures

The **DC Remotes**-, **MIDI Remotes**-, and **DMX Remotes**- tabs share several options. These are explained below. For the options specific to each Remote, see the corresponding topics.

- Enabled: Toggle between **Yes** and **No** to enable the Input for the corresponding configuration line.
- Target: Set a target in the Assignment Editor.
- Fader: Sets the Fader to the corresponding target.
- Key: Sets the Key to the corresponding target.
- Trigger On / Trigger Off: These values define the key reaction's range. If the Trigger On, for example, is set to 75 %, the Remote reacts as soon as the incoming signal exceeds this value. If the Trigger Off, for example, is set to 25%, the Remote stops reacting as soon as the incoming signal falls below this value.
- In From / In To: These values define the range of the input signal reaction for the defined fader.
- Out From / Out To: These values recalculate the input signal range to match the output signal range. The fader's range is defined by the output signal range. If a fader, for example, should not be moved to 100 %, restrict the Out To value to 90 %.In / Out: These columns at the end of the table display the signal value of the incoming signal (In) and the resulting value for the selected fader function (Out).
- In / Out: These columns at the end of the table display the signal value of the incoming signal (In) and the resulting value for the selected fader function (Out).
- Note: Opens the note editor of the corresponding configuration line.

Output Configuration Settings for Remotes

The Connector Configuration menu offers multiple options for DMX, Timecode, and Remotes. The Output Configuration options for remotes are explained here. For all other configurations, see Connector Configuration.

- MIDI Data Mode: Select the Mode for MIDI. For more information, see MIDI Remotes.
    - **In**: Receiving MIDI data.
    - **Out**: Sending MIDI data.

- **In & Out & Thru**: Outputs and transmits received MIDI data.
- **In & Out**: MIDI data can be received, and different MIDI data can be output without sending the incoming data.
- **Off**: Disables the MIDI input and output.

- MIDI Offset: Changes the MIDI Index. For more information, see MIDI Remotes.
- DC Start: Set the DC Remote trigger. For more information, see DC Remotes.
- OSC Interface: These settings mirror those in the In & Out menu. For more information, see Interfaces and IP.
- PSN Interface: These settings mirror those in the In & Out menu.

Examples

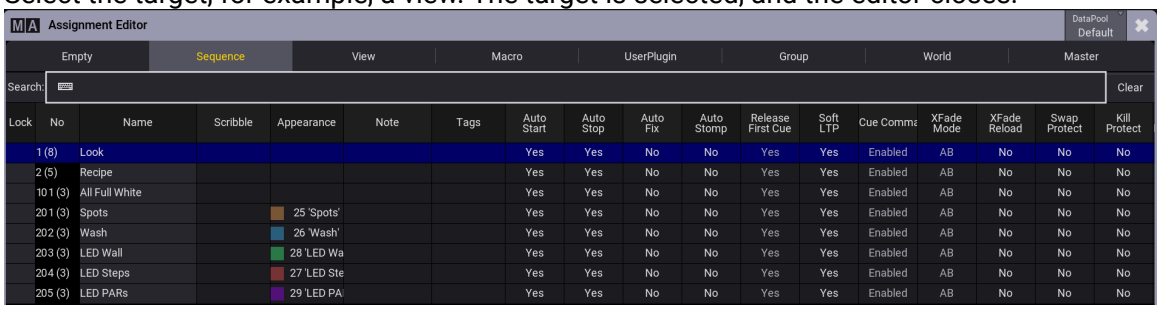
Example 1

To add a new element, such as DC Remote:

	Hint:
	Make sure that the corresponding hardware is connected properly. For more information, see First Steps.

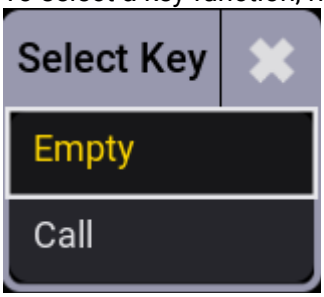
Each step of the example is shown in the video below or in the text below.

1. Open the In & Out menu.
2. Tap DC Remotes.
3. Tap Insert new DCRemote. A new DC remote configuration line is added.
4. To enable the Remote Input, tap Enable Input. The button turns yellow. For more information about session and station communication, see Station Control.
5. Set the Signal of the remote, for example, 1.
6. Two-finger-tap the corresponding configuration line in the Target column. The Assignment Editor opens.
7. Select the target, for example, a view. The target is selected, and the editor closes.



Assignment Editor

8. To select a key function, right-click or tap and hold Key. The Select Key pop-up opens.



Select Key pop-up

9. Trigger the DC Remote signal. The In and Out values go to 100%.

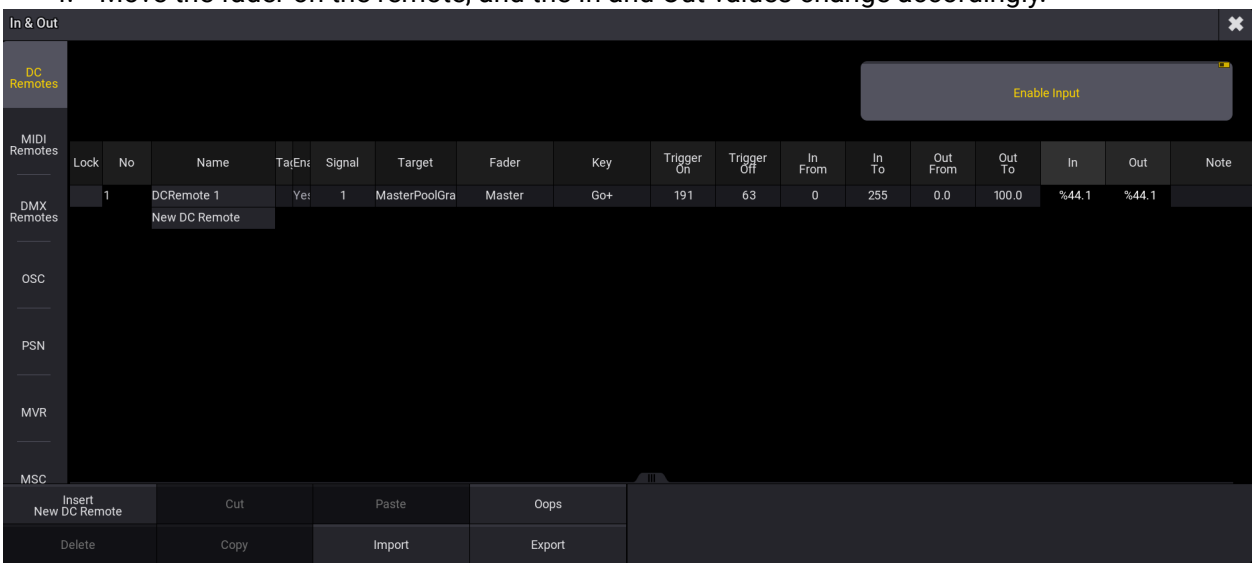
	Hint:
	DC Remotes and DMX Remotes thresholds are defined in percent, while MIDI Remotes thresholds are defined between 1 and 127 MIDI velocity.
	Hint:
	The different readout options take effect on the Trigger On/Off, In From/To, Out From/To values.

Example 2

	Restriction:
	grandMA3 onPC products, such as the grandMA3 command wing, can switch on and off but do not fade. For more information, see Connect DC Remote In

To add a fader remote:

1. Follow steps 1-6 from above.
2. Select a Target, e.g., **Master**.
3. Set Fader to **Master**.
4. Move the fader on the remote, and the In and Out values change accordingly.



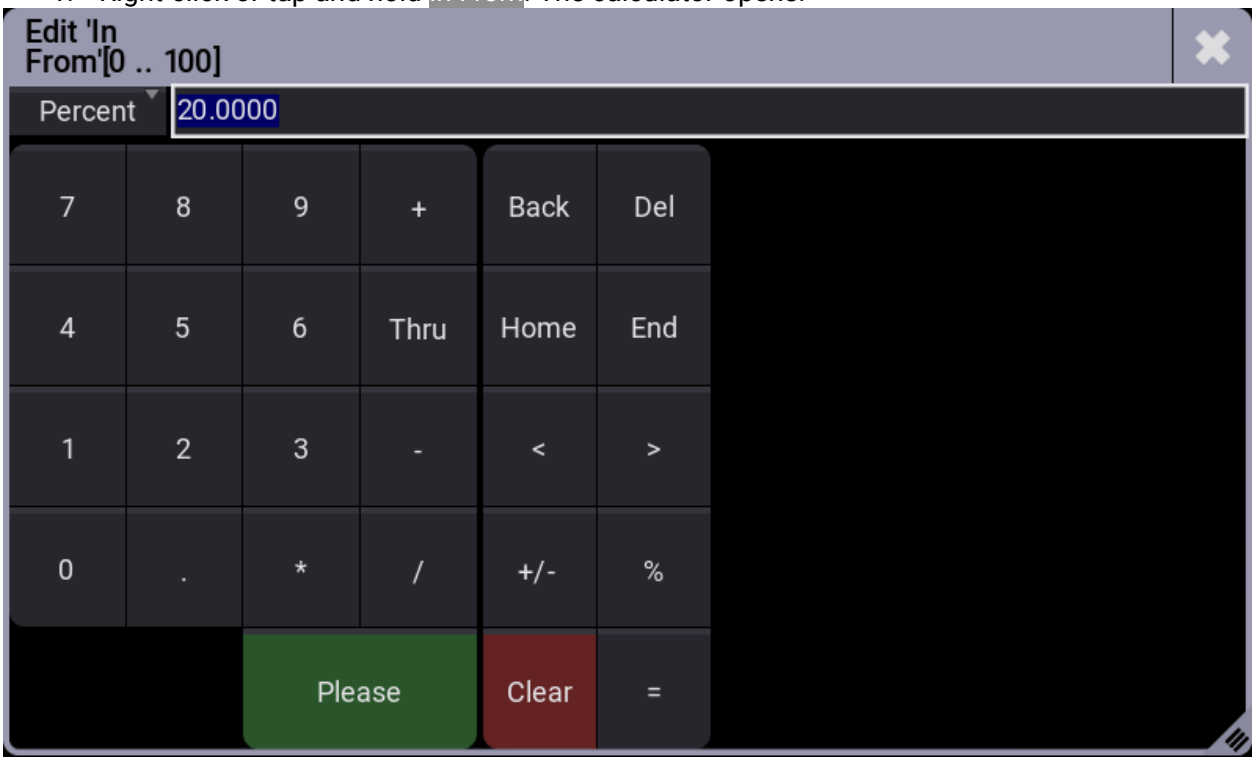
In & Out - DC Remotes

Example 3

In some cases, scaling of the input and output values is needed. The range of the incoming and outgoing values can be modified.

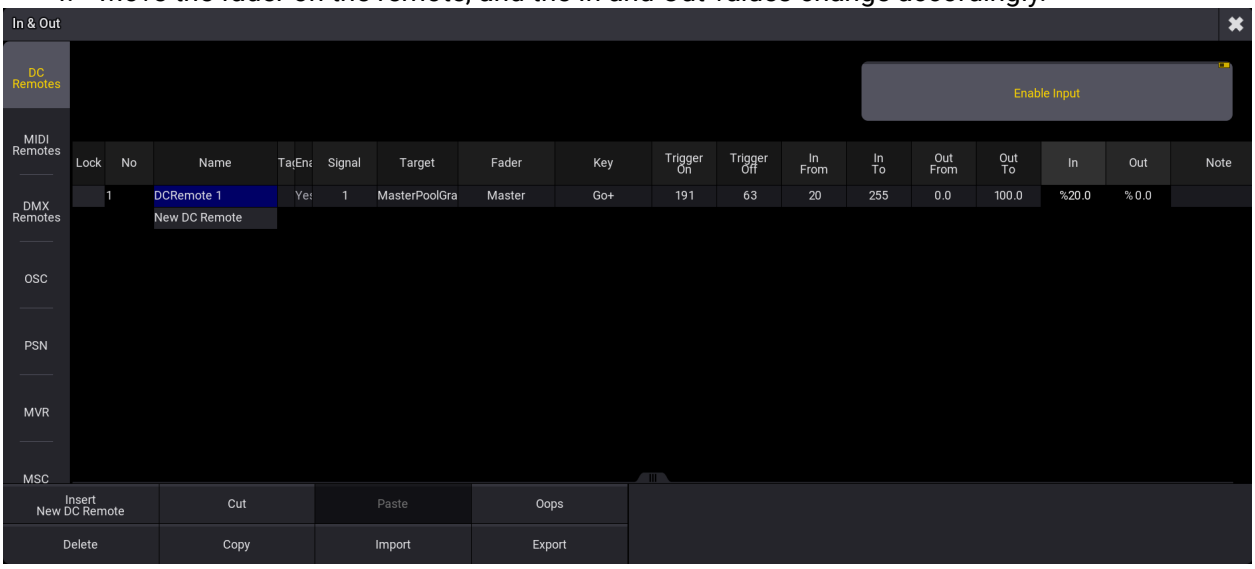
To set In From to 20%:

1. Right-click or tap and hold In From. The calculator opens:



Calculator In From

1. Tap and hold Dec8. A dropdown opens.
2. Tap Percent. The entity has changed.
3. Press 2 0 and press Please. The In From value is entered.
4. Move the fader on the remote, and the In and Out values change accordingly.



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	Hint:

	For detailed information about the values, see Remote keyword.

Subtopics

- DC Remotes
- MIDI Remotes
- DMX Remotes
- OSC (Open Sound Control)
- PSN (PosiStageNet)
- MVR-xchange
- MSC (MIDI Show Control)
- DEC-HEX- ASCII Table

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1.51.1. DC Remotes

The DC Remotes tab is used to configure the DC Remote Control input on the rear panel of the console, command wing, or I/O node.

To learn more about the hardware part of the input, see Connect DC Remote In.

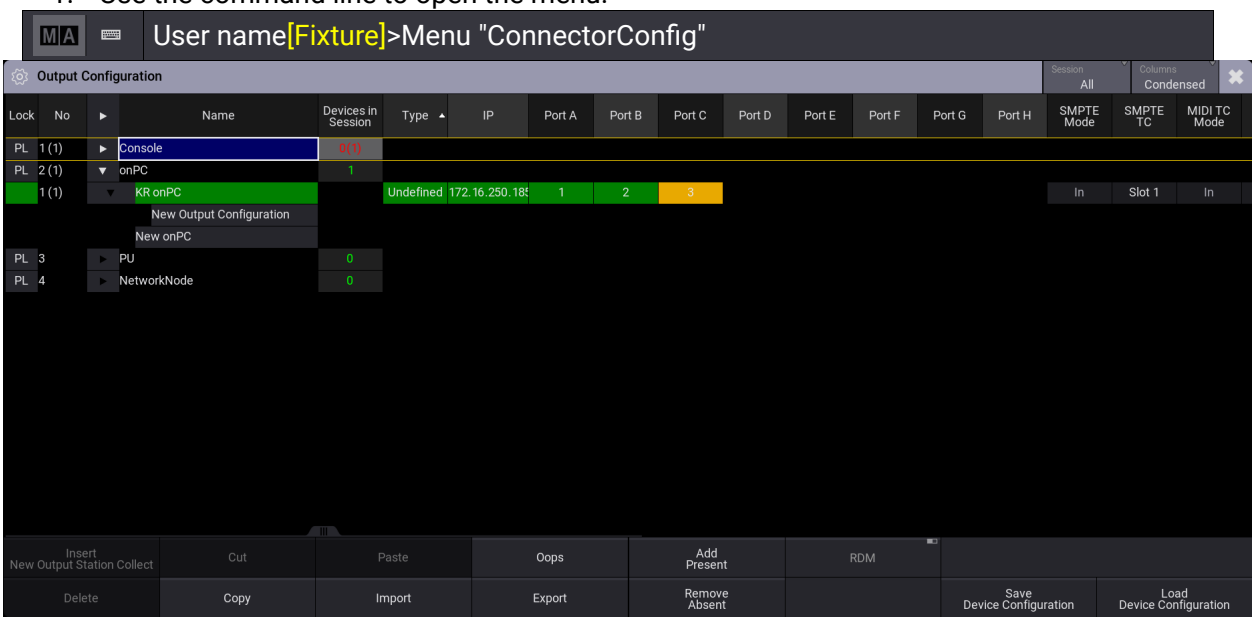
Example

To set the DC start signal:

1. Press Menu and tap Connector Configuration. The Connector Configuration menu opens:

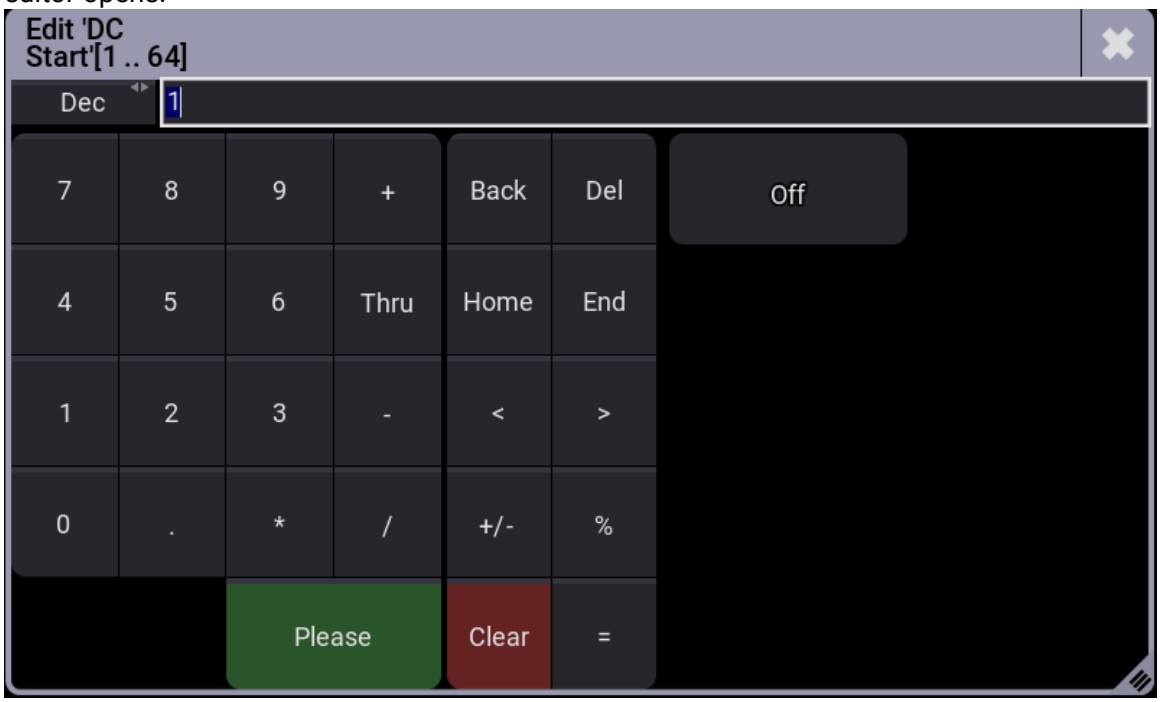
-Or-

1. Use the command line to open the menu:



Output Configuration menu

2. Right-click or tab and hold the corresponding configuration line below DC Start. The DC Start editor opens.



3. Set the DC Start value, then tap Please. The start signal is set.

	Hint:
	The Signal value in the In & Out menu corresponds with the DC Start value in Connector Configuration.
	Hint:
	• Because the DC Remotes connector supports 7 signals, the start value must be set. If set to 1, the first pin on the Connector has the DC Start value 1, and the 2nd pin has the value 2. • If, for example, two devices in a session are used for DC remote connections, one device can be set to DC Start 1 and the other to DC Start 8, for a total of 14 DC Remote options.

For more information about the general DC Remotes settings, see Remote In and Out.

1.51.2. MIDI Remotes

MIDI stands for **M**usical **I**nstrument **D**igital **I**nterface. MIDI is used as a worldwide standard protocol that allows communication between different digital devices, for example:

- a MIDI keyboard and a grandMA3 command wing.
- a MIDI pad controller and a grandMA3 console.
- a grandMA3 console and an audio mixing console.

The MIDI Remotes tab is used to define actions for incoming MIDI notes or MIDI Control Changes (CC).

	Restriction:
	MIDI does not transmit an audio signal.

To learn more about the hardware part of the input, read the Connect MIDI topic.

This topic is divided into several chapters:

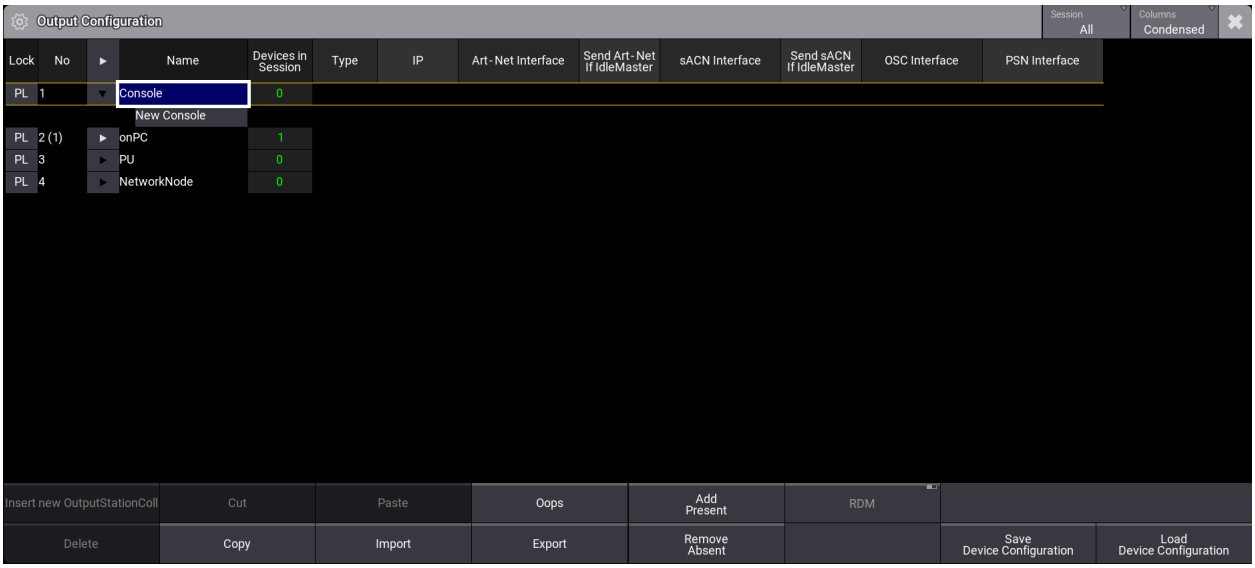
- Output Configuration Window
- In & Out Menu
- Examples
- Control an External MIDI Device
- Receive MIDI
- Send MIDI
- MIDI Connection via USB

Output Configuration Window

Adjusting the MIDI Offset will shift the MIDI Index.

The MIDI Offset can be adjusted in the Output Configuration window as follows:

1. To set the MIDI Offset, open the Output Configuration menu.
2. Open the product in the Output Configuration category tree using the arrows ( ).

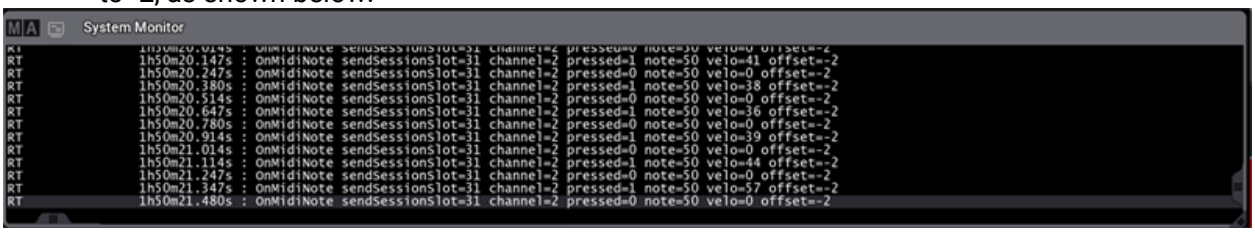


Output Configuration menu

3. To set the MIDI Offset to a new value, for example, -2, right-click or tap and hold MIDI Offset in the product row. A pop-up opens:

MIDI Offset pop-up

4. The MIDI Offset is adjusted. For example, MIDI Index 50 is changed to 48, after MIDI Offset is set to -2, as shown below:

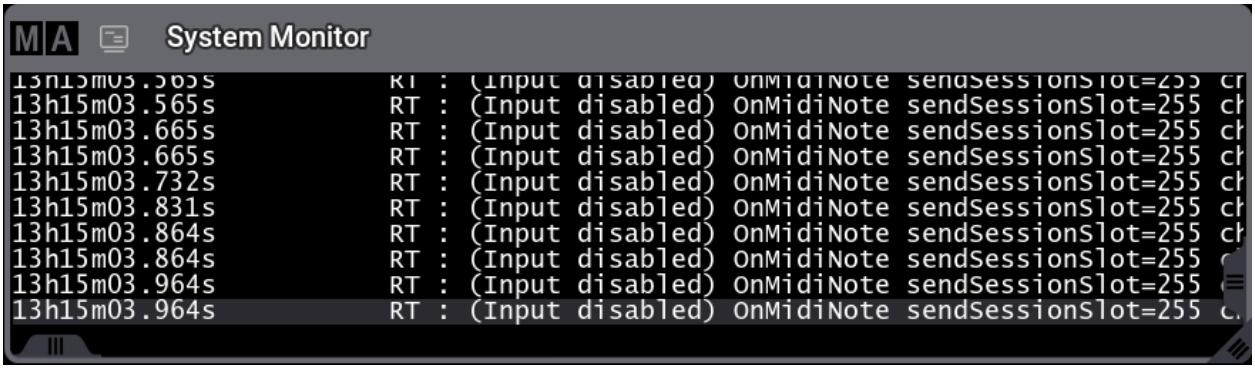


MIDI Offset changes the MIDI Index (note) shown in the System Monitor.

	Hint:
	If data input is disabled, a text message in the System Monitor next to the actual MIDI Note will inform the user.

For example:

- Data Mode input disabled: MIDI Data Mode in the Output Configuration is set to **Out**.
- Input disabled: Enable Input in the In & Out menu is disabled.



System Monitor with hint text about disabled input

In & Out Menu

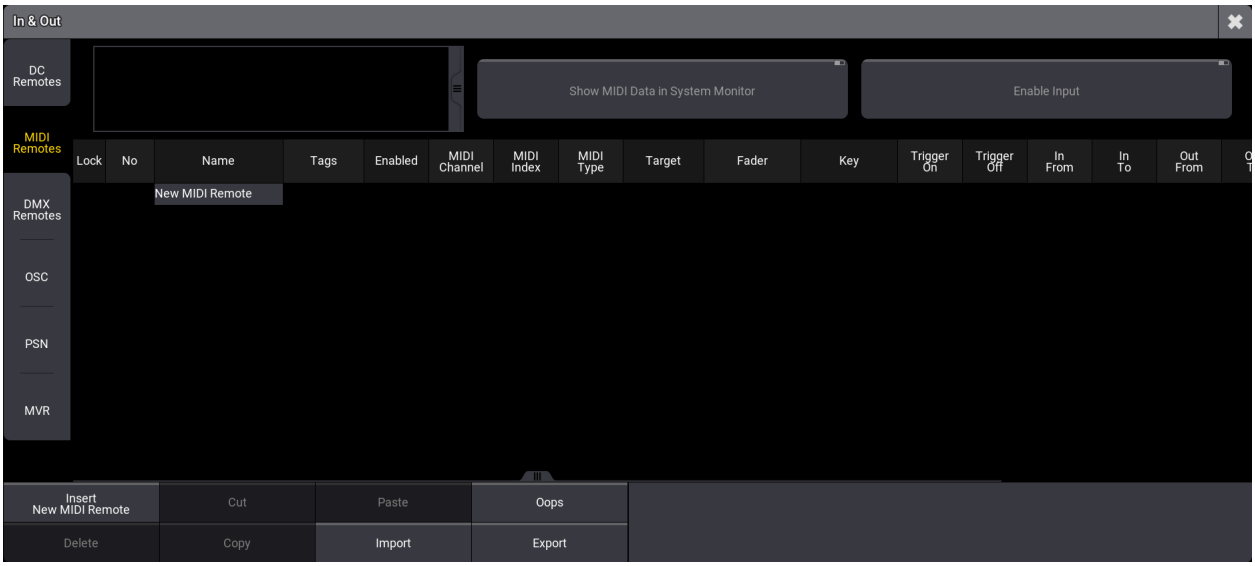
To learn more about the general Remotes settings, see Remote In and Out.

The specific parameters for MIDI Remotes are described below:

- MIDI Channel: The MIDI channel value features 16 channels that can be controlled individually. The MIDI receiver must use the same MIDI channel as the MIDI sender to understand each other.
- MIDI Index: The MIDI Index value is the MIDI note or the MIDI control change number (depending on the MIDI Type). The MIDI receiver must use the same MIDI Index value as the MIDI sender to understand each other.
- MIDI Type: Four MIDI Types are selectable:
    - **Note:** Only MIDI note is analyzed.
    - **NoteAttack:** In addition to the MIDI note, the attack of the note will be analyzed. The higher the attack value is, the more a fader moves.
    - **NoteAttackDecay:** Together with the MIDI note, the Attack and Decay of the MIDI Note will be used.
    - **Control:** MIDI Control Change will be used.

Examples

1. To adjust the MIDI Remotes settings, switch to the In & Out window.
2. To open the In & Out window, press Menu and then tap In & Out.
3. To open MIDI Remotes, tap MIDI Remotes.



MIDI Remotes menu

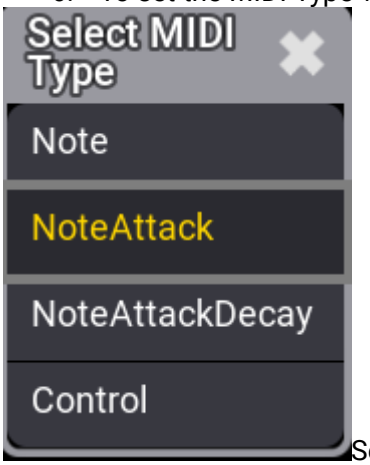
4. To set the MIDI Channel value to a new value, right-click or tap and hold MIDI Channel. The Edit MIDI Channel pop-up opens:

MIDI Channel Editor

5. To set the MIDI Index value to a new value, right-click or tap and hold MIDI Index. The Edit MIDI Index pop-up opens:

MIDI Index Editor

6. To set the MIDI Type value to a new value, right-click or tap and hold MIDI Type. A pop-up opens:



Select MIDI Type

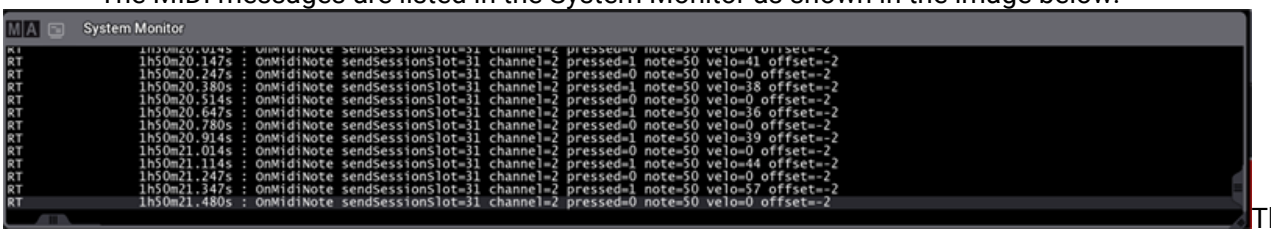
Control an External MIDI Device

It is possible to connect an external MIDI device to certain grandMA3 products to receive messages. Therefore, a standard MIDI cable can be used.

Requirements:

- 1x **grandMA3 console** or **grandMA3 onPC** station, either with a **command wing**, an **I/O node,** or a third-party USB device connected.
- 1x MIDI-capable device.
- 1x Standard MIDI cable.

1. Connect the MIDI cable to the MIDI data output connector (MIDI Out) from the external MIDI device to the MIDI data input connector (MIDI In) on the console. Make sure the external MIDI device is powered as well!
2. Open Menu - In & Out - MIDI Remotes.
3. To make the messages of the external MIDI device visible in grandMA3, enable Show MIDI Data in System Monitor.
4. To allow MIDI inputs on a grandMA3 console from an external MIDI device, tap Enable Input.
5. To see the incoming MIDI messages of the external MIDI device on the console, open the System Monitor window and press different hardkeys (for example, the keys) on the external MIDI device. The MIDI messages are listed in the System Monitor as shown in the image below:



The MIDI messages are shown in the System Monitor.

A MIDI message can contain several parameters:

- **channel:** Displays the MIDI channel of the external device.
- **pressed:** Shows if a MIDI key is pressed (1) or released (0).

- **note**: Shows the MIDI note which is oblique to a key on the external MIDI device.
- **velo**: Shows the velocity, which indicates the intensity of a pressed key, ranging from 0 to 127.
- **control**: Shows the control change address and its value.
- **offset:** Shows the changes of the MIDI Index.

Receive MIDI

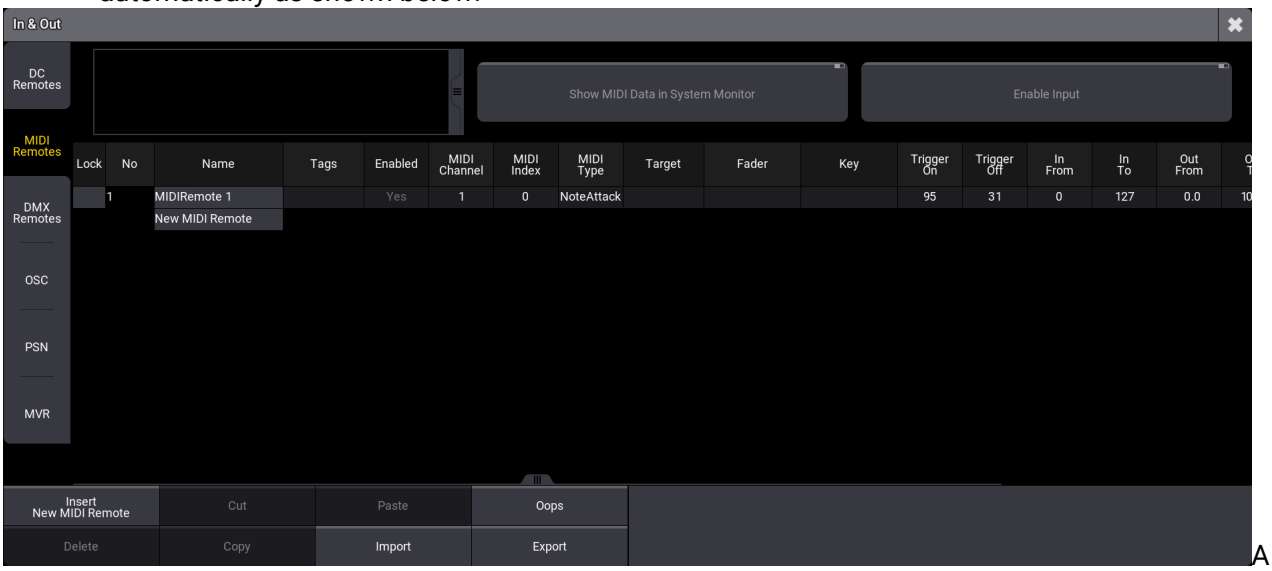
Requirement:

- 1x grandMA3 demo show file
- To receive MIDI messages, make sure the MIDI Data Mode is set to In in the Output Configuration menu:

After connecting an external MIDI device to the grandMA3 console, it is time to insert and customize a MIDI remote.

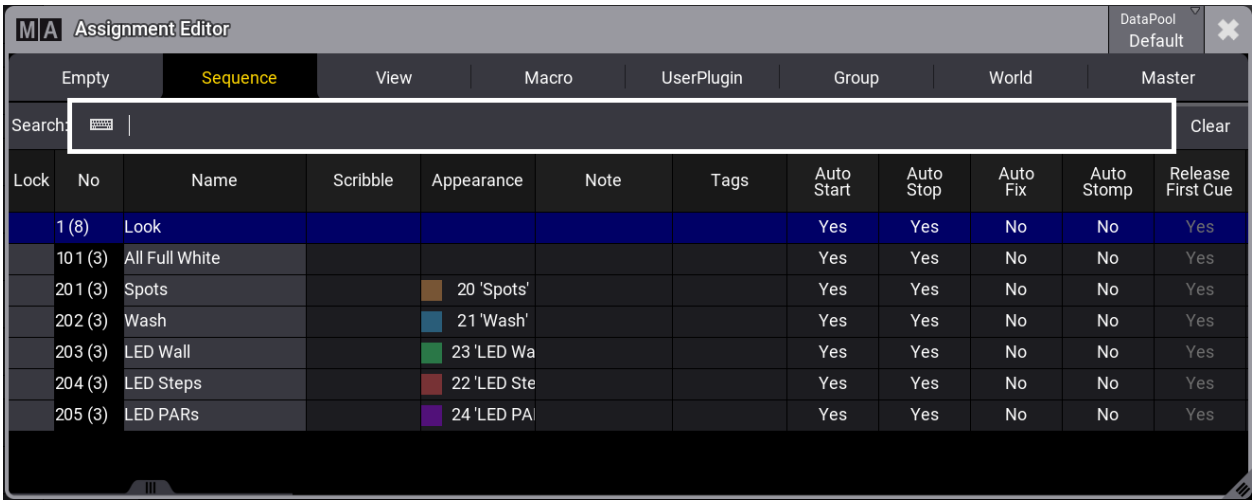
In this example, the sequence is controlled by pressing a key on an external MIDI keyboard:

1. To insert a new MIDI remote, tap Insert new MIDIRemote. The row MIDIRemote 1 is added automatically as shown below:



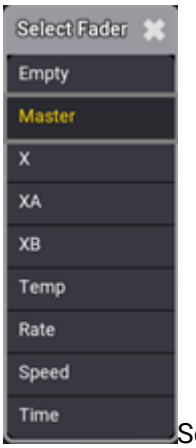
A new MIDIRemote is set in the MIDI Remotes tab.

2. To rename, tap MIDIRemote 1 in the Name column. Start to type "Key 1", tap Enter on the virtual keyboard, or press Please.
3. To allocate a specific hardkey on the MIDI keyboard, press a key on the keyboard and use the information **channel** and **note** from the System Monitor window to edit the MIDI Channel and MIDI Index columns. For this example, the MIDI Channel is set to 2, and the MIDI Index is set to 48.
4. Set the MIDI Type to NoteAttack, to make use of the velocity.
5. To open the Assignment Editor, tap and edit the empty cell in the Target column. Tap the Sequence tab and select Look as shown in the image:



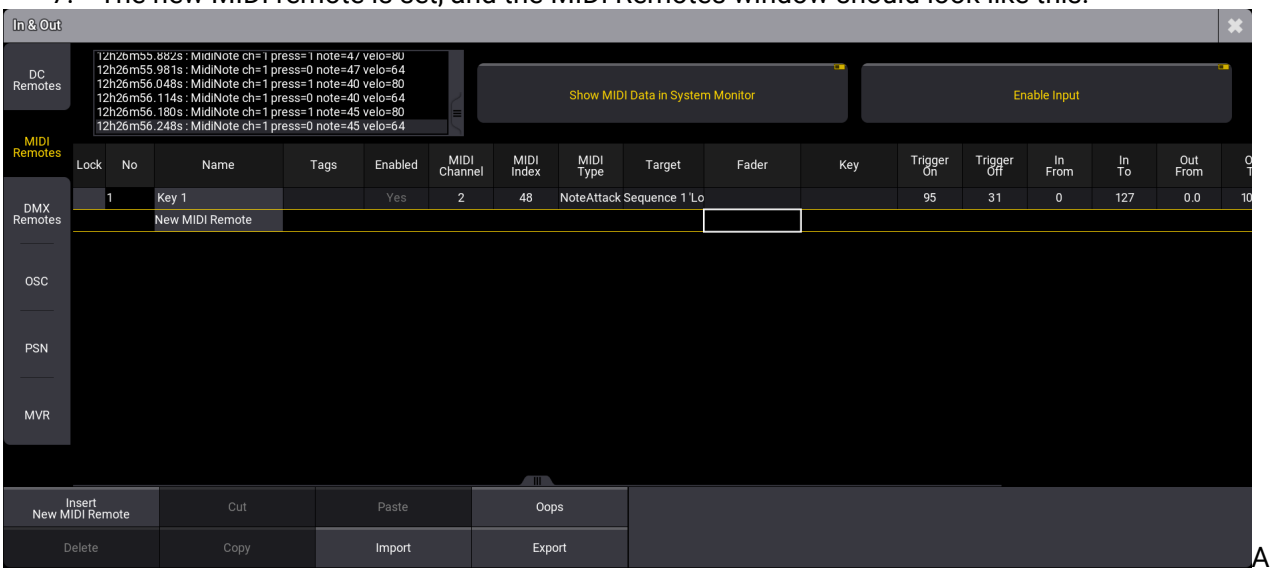
Choose a target in the Assignment Editor

6. To open the Select Fader pop-up, edit the empty Fader column. Set the Fader to Master as shown in the image below:



Select Fader pop-up.

7. The new MIDI remote is set, and the MIDI Remotes window should look like this:



A new MIDI remote is set.

	Hint:
	The MIDI output channel can be changed on the external MIDI device.
	Hint:

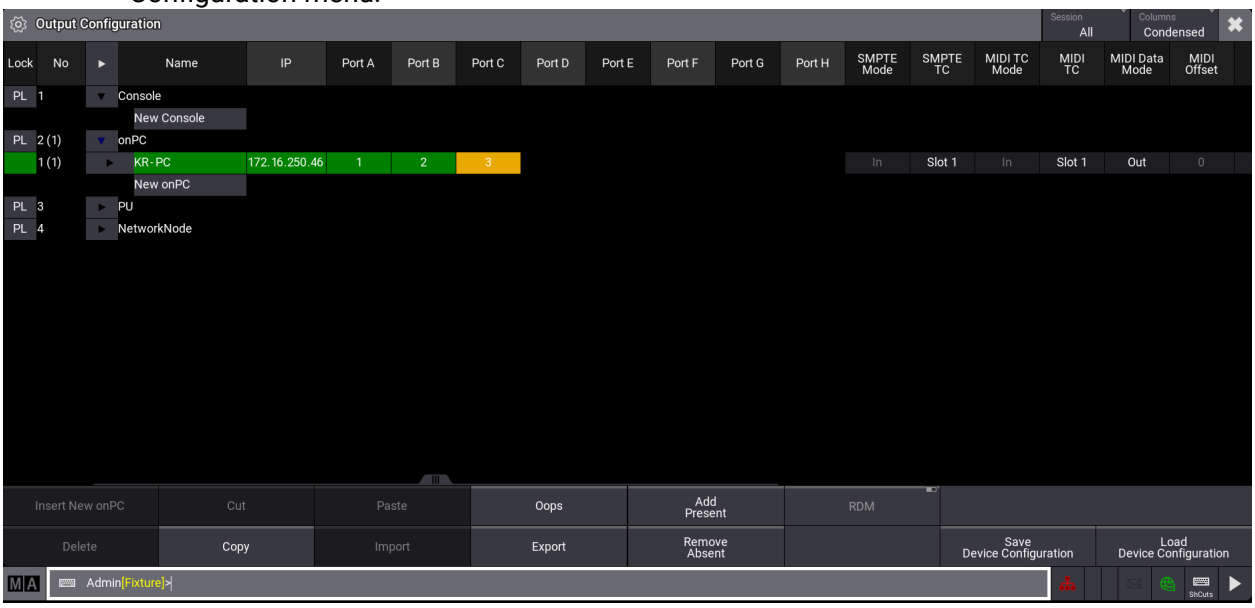
	To reproduce this example using syntax, see Remote Keyword.

Send MIDI

It is also possible to send MIDI messages from a grandMA3 console to an external MIDI device.

To send MIDI messages from a grandMA3 console:

- Connect the MIDI cable to the MIDI data input connector (MIDI In) from the external MIDI device to the MIDI data output connector (MIDI Out) on the console.
- MIDI messages can be sent using the SendMIDI keyword.
- To send MIDI messages, make sure the MIDI Data Mode is set to Out in the Output Configuration menu:



MIDI Data Mode is set to Out in the Output Configuration menu.

The MIDI channel (1 to 16) specified on the command line will be used to send a MIDI message. For the example below, MIDI channel 10, Index (note) 46, and velocity 99/0 is used:

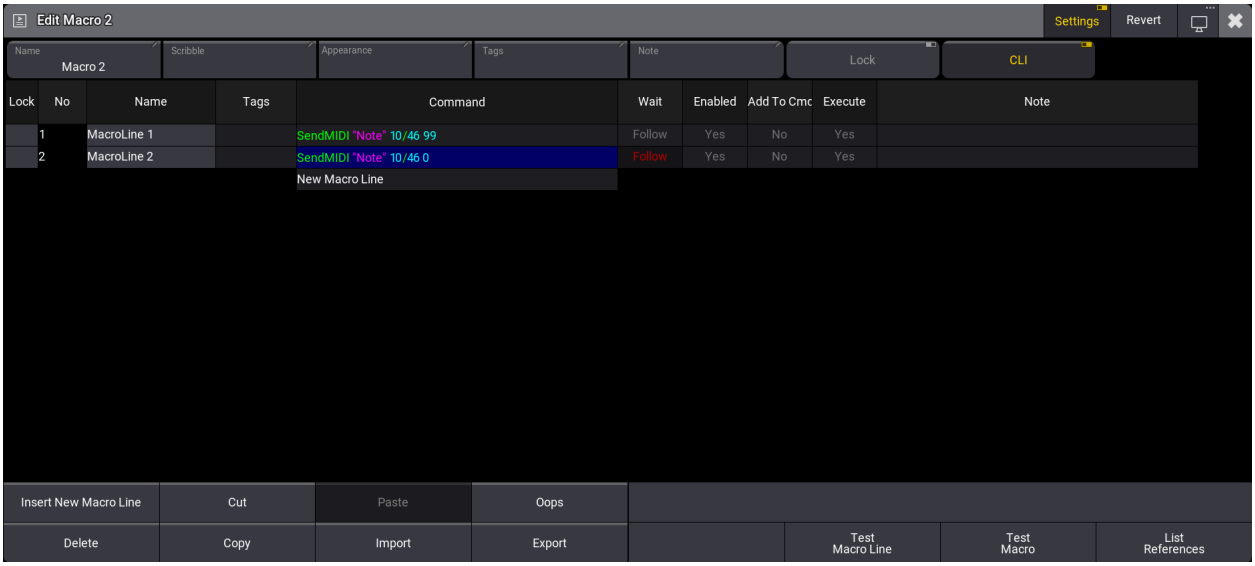
For example, MIDI channel 10 is used.

The MIDISend command applies the following rules:

- If a MIDI channel is specified in the command, that channel will be used. If no MIDI channel is entered, MIDI channel 1 will be used.
- If a velocity is entered in the command, it will be used. If no velocity is entered, a velocity full (127) will be used.

- If no status (On or Off) is entered in the command, On will be used.

Depending on the external MIDI device, it is necessary to send a MIDI message to the external MIDI device that mimics the release of a hardkey, by sending a **Note Off** (Value 0) message. This is shown in the image below:



Macro Editor

MIDI Connection via USB

An external device can also be connected to the grandMA3 onPC Software using a third-party USB MIDI device.

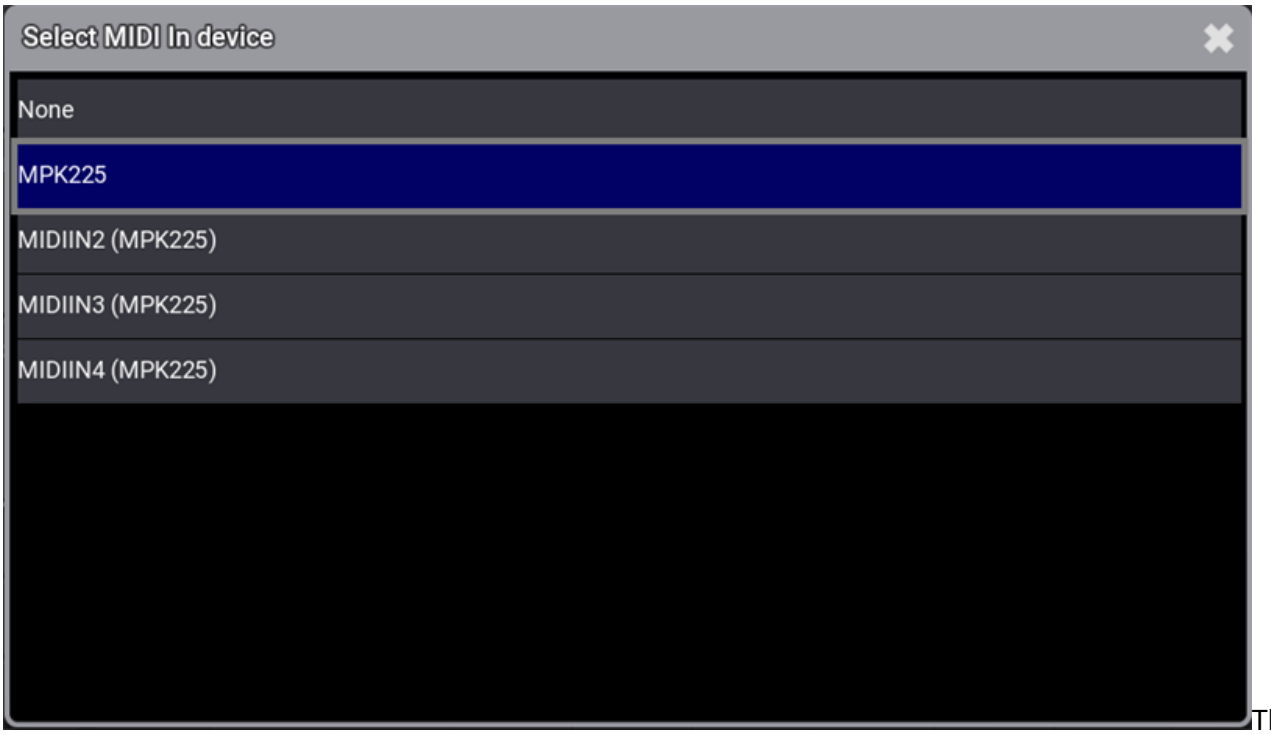
	Restriction:
	Connecting an external MIDI device via USB is only possible using the grandMA3 onPC Software.

Requirements:

- 1x grandMA3 onPC Software
- 1x MIDI-capable device
- 1x USB cable

To connect an external MIDI device via USB:

1. Connect both the external MIDI device and computer using a USB cable.
2. Press Menu, tap Settings, and then tap onPC Settings. The onPC Settings window opens.
3. To select the external MIDI device, tap MIDI In Device to receive MIDI or MIDI Out Device to output MIDI. The Select MIDI In device pop-up opens:
4. Select the external MIDI device. In the example, it is MPK225 as shown in the image below:



The Select MIDI IN device pop-up shows the connected keyboard.

5. The external MIDI device is connected to the grandMA3 onPC Software. To set up a MIDI remote, go back to Receive MIDI.

	Hint:
	For more information about the grandMA3 onPC settings, see onPC Local Settings.

1.51.3. DMX Remotes

The **DMX Remotes** tab uses DMX channels as remote triggers. The DMX source can also be the console itself.

- For more information about the hardware part of the input, see Connect DMX topic.
- For more information about the general Remote settings, see Remote In and Out.

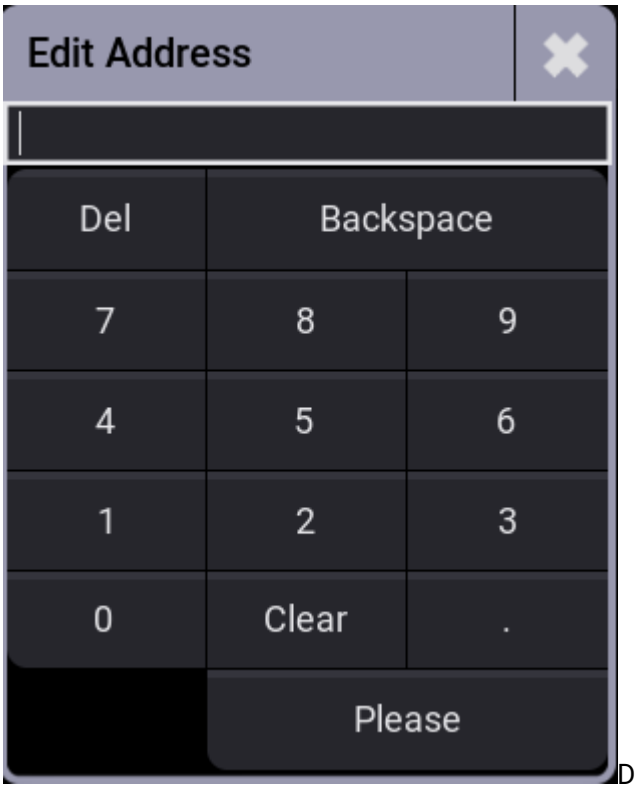
The following parameters are used in the DMX Remotes configuration:

- Address: Sets the DMX Address.
- Resolution: Sets the DMX Resolution.
- Trigger On Session Change: If set to **Yes**, the target is triggered every time the DMX calculation of the session changes.
  This includes, for example, the startup of a console or adding a processing unit to the session. This is valid as long as the DMX address is within the range of values between Trigger On and Trigger Off. This means if Trigger On is set to **0**, the target is triggered even if there is no external DMX signal. If Trigger On Session Change is disabled, a change in the DMX calculation will not trigger the target.

	Hint:
	Trigger On Session Change is set to **Yes** in the show files that were saved in version 2.3 or prior. This matches the behavior in these versions. In the new show files, Trigger On Sesssion Change is disabled by default.

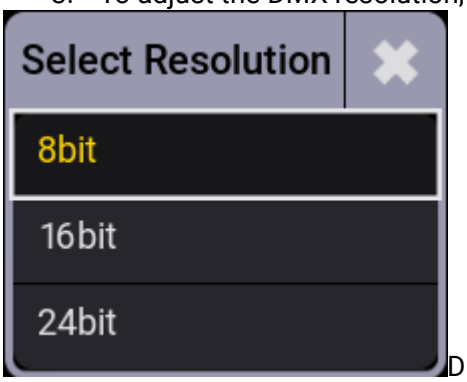
Example

1. To adjust the settings of the DMX Remotes, tap DMX Remotes. The DMX Remotes menu opens:
2. To set the DMX address the DMX Remote input should listen to, right-click or tap and hold Address.



DMX address pop-up

3. To adjust the DMX resolution, open the Resolution cell of the DMX Remote entry you want to edit.



DMX resolution pop-up

	Hint:
	The DMX Remote can be controlled by 16 bit or 24 bit DMX channels. This allows for more precise control.
	Hint:
	On the controlling DMX device, the 16 bit and 24 bit channels must be patched directly after the 8 bit channel.

1.51.4. OSC (Open Sound Control)

Open Sound Control (OSC) is a client-server protocol that defines a message addressing pattern used to address elements on the receiving server. Open Sound Control allows devices of different types to control other devices via a peer-to-peer messaging protocol. OSC messages are human-readable, so they are more than just numbers and strings (unlike, for example, MIDI Show Control or MSC).

The grandMA3 software supports the new data types introduced in OSC 1.1. For more general information about OSC, e.g., OSC Packets, see https://ccrma.stanford.edu/groups/osc/spec-1_0.html.

OSC Structure

OSC messages follow a specific pattern:

"(/prefix)/[OSC Address],[OSC Type],[Value]"

Prefix: This is optional, depending on your system setup. It can be used in a more complex OSC network to distinguish messages intended for one set of devices (e.g., lighting consoles) from those intended for another (e.g., sound consoles). If a prefix is specified, only OSC messages beginning with the specified prefix are processed, and the prefix is prepended to outgoing OSC messages.

	Hint:
	The prefix must not contain any slashes ("/").

OSC Address: This is the target you are controlling on the receiving device(s). For example, /Fader201 is the address to move the fader for executor 201 in grandMA3. Sometimes the address will be more complex; for example, /Page1/Fader201 moves the fader for executor 201 on page 1 in grandMA3.

	Restriction:
	Only OSC messages are supported when receiving or sending an OSC packet. OSC Bundle messages are currently not supported.

OSC Type: This is the type of value you're sending, for example:

i = integer

f = float

s = string

T = true

F = false

Value: This is the value you send to the target.

An example OSC command to set the fader for executor 201 to 100 might be:

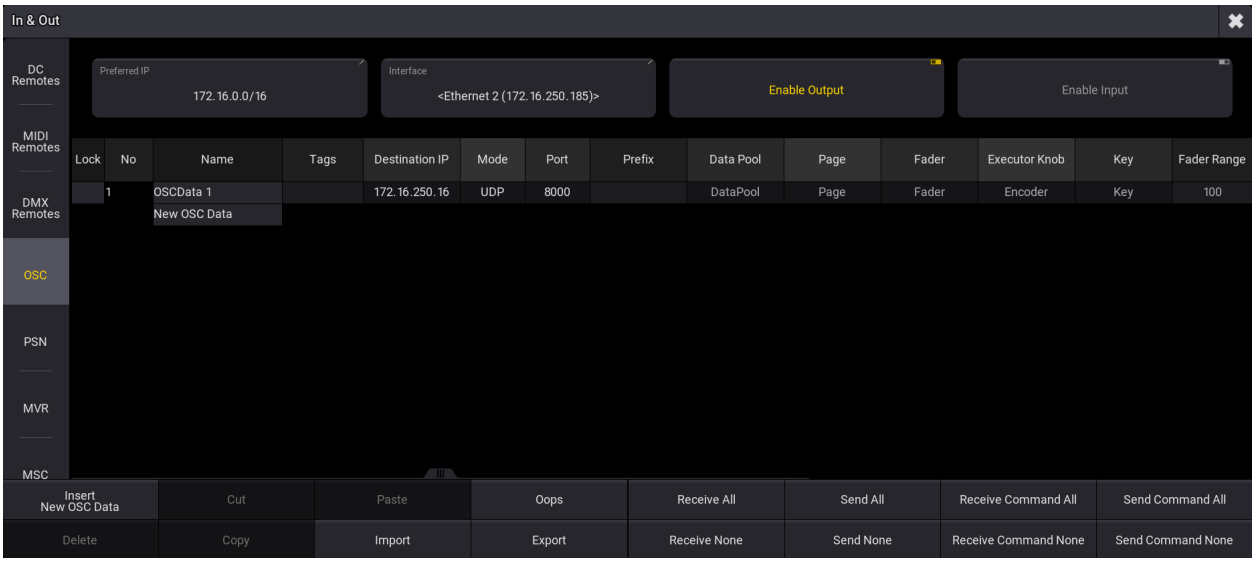
- "/Page1/Fader201,i,100"
- or with a prefix to specify only, e.g. grandMA3 devices: "/gma3/Page1/Fader201,i,100"

OSC Menu

To open the OSC Menu:

- Menu - In & Out - OSC.

The OSC Menu opens:



OSC Menu

At the top of the menu, the following four options can be set:

- Preferred IP: The preferred IP address or address range used by the OSC protocol.
- Interface: Tap this button to open the **Select Interface pop-up** to select the desired network interface. For more information, see Interfaces and IP.
- Enable Output: This toggle button must be enabled to transmit OSC. For more information, see Station Control.
- Enable Input: This toggle button must be enabled to receive OSC. For more information, see Station Control.

	Hint:
	When receiving OSC messages, Enable Input will highlight its title bar in yellow. When sending OSC messages, the title bar of Enable Output will be highlighted.

The following are the specific parameters that can be set in the OSC menu:

- Name: Sets the name for this configuration.
- Destination IP: Sets the IP address to which OSC data is sent. A specific IP address or a broadcast IP can be set.
- Tags: Opens the Tags editor.
- Mode: OSC packets can be sent via UDP or TCP.
- Port: Specifies the network port of the incoming and/or outgoing OSC packets.

- Prefix: A prefix can be set by the user if he needs to. A prefix can be used as a criterion to limit the range of possible receivers; for example, /lighting would only take packets with /lighting into account and discard OSC packets with the /sound-prefix.
- Page: Specifies which OSC Address of incoming OSC messages is routed to pages.
- Fader: Specifies which OSC Address of incoming OSC messages is routed to faders.
- ExecutorKnob: Specifies which OSC Address of incoming OSC messages is routed to the mini encoders.
- Key: Specifies which OSC Address of incoming OSC messages is routed to keys.
- FaderRange: Specifies the OSC value range used for the fader, e.g., FaderRange 255 maps OSC 0-255 to 100%.
- Receive: Specifies if OSC data (but no commands) shall be received.
- Send: Indicates whether this OSC configuration sends OSC data (but not commands).
- Receive Command: Specifies if commands for the command line will be received via OSC. This setting is independent of the general receive setting.
- Send Command: Specifies if commands of the command line will be sent via OSC. This setting is independent of the general send setting.
- EchoInput: Specifies if the input data shall be displayed in the system monitor.
- EchoOutput: Specifies if the output data shall be displayed in the system monitor.
- Note: Sets a note for this configuration.

With the buttons Receive All, Receive None, Send All, Send None, Receive Command All, Receive Command None,Send Command All, and Send Command None, all OSC configuration lines can be modified together for the properties Receive, Send, Receive Command, and Send Command.

Receive OSC

Requirement:

- A network connection is established, and the Interface is on both devices. For more information, see Enabling or Disabling the Network Connection.
- Make sure that the network protocol (UDP, TCP), and the port are set correctly. Please note that the port configuration is used for sending and receiving OSC data.

	Hint:
	If you want to use different ports for sending and receiving, you can create multiple configuration lines.

Example

Example to receive OSC packets on a grandMA3 light console:

1. Open the In & Out menu / OSC.
2. Tap Enable Input. The input is enabled.
3. Two-finger tap the first row below Receive in the grid. The parameter is set to **Yes**.

	Hint:
	When receiving OSC messages, Enable Input will highlight its title bar in yellow.
	Hint:
	Please note that in the example above, no prefix is defined.

For more examples, see Advanced Examples.

Command Line Control

The entirety of the grandMA3 command line can be accessed via OSC by using the "/cmd" OSC Address and the string 's' OSC Type.

	Hint:
	To receive OSC messages for the command line, set Receive Command to **Yes** in the corresponding OSC configuration line.

Examples that can be sent from another console to the receiving console:

- SendOSC 1 "/cmd,s,FaderMaster Page 1.201 At 50": Brings fader 201 on page 1 to 50% (same as the examples above but using gMA3 command line syntax instead).
- SendOSC 1 "/cmd,s,FaderMaster Page 1.201 At 50 Fade 5": Brings fader 201 on page 1 to 50% and additionally adds a fade time of five seconds
- SendOSC 1 "/cmd,s,Fixture 1 At 75": grandMA3 command line syntax is used to execute the command "Fixture 1 At 75" in the command line.
- SendOSC 1 "/cmd,s,Go+ Exec 402": Triggers executor 402.
- SendOSC 1 "/cmd,s,Patch Fixture 1 3.42": Patches fixture 1 to address 42 in Universe 3.

Object Playback Control

The Playback of the following pool objects is controlled through OSC:

- Sequences
- Masters
- Groups
- Presets
- Sounds
- Worlds
- Plugins
- Screen Configuration
- Timers

Pool objects are addressed by their enumerated address in the grandMA3 directory structure. For more information about the grandMA3 structure, see List keyword.

Target	Addresses	Type Tags	Arguments	Results	Example
Sequence X	/13.13.1.6.X	si	<Key function>,1	Press the Key of the given Key function.	/13.13.1.6.1,si,Flash,1
-	-	si	<Key function>,0	Release the Key of the given Key function	
-	-	sif	<Fader function>,3,0 … 100	Set the Fader of the given Fader function to the given value as a percentage.	

Target	Addresses	Type Tags	Arguments	Results	Example
-	-	sii	<Fader function>,0 … 3, -100 … 100	Incrementally move the Fader in the Fader function by the given percentage.	

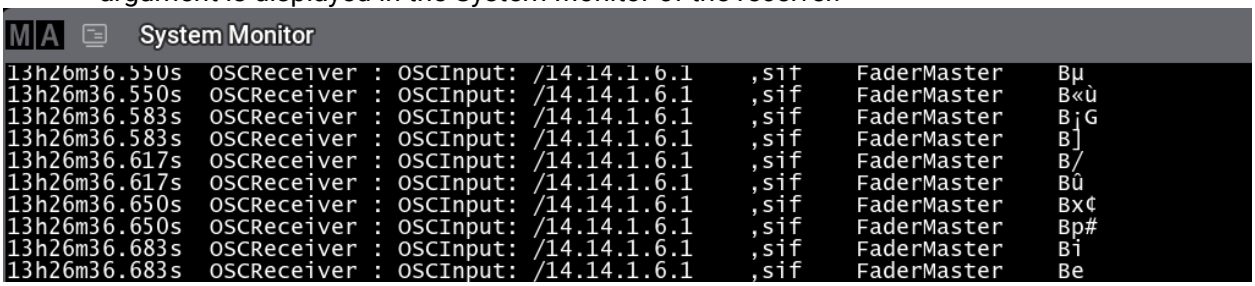
Important:
The address in the grandMA3 directory structure may change between software versions. Be sure to check the addresses when performing a software update.

All playback functions available when assigning the object type to an Executor can also be controlled through OSC. For more information, see Assign Object to an Executor.

Example

To display the argument of a playback control function in the System Monitor:

1. On the reciving device, press Menu - tap In & Out - tap OSC menu.
2. Tap Enable Input.
3. Set Receive to **Yes** in the corresponding OSC configuration Line.
4. Set Echo Input to **Yes**.
5. Tap to close the In & Out menu.
6. Open Add Window - More - System Monitor.
7. Execute a playback command, e.g., move Fader201 on the sending device. The playback argument is displayed in the System Monitor of the receiver.



System Monitor

To retrieve the enumerated address of an object and display it in the Command Line History:

1. Tap the command line.
2. Type Lua "Printf(ObjectList('Master 1')[1]:Addr())" and press Please (Replace the Master 1 in the example with another object). The enumerated address is shown in the command line history.

Command Line History

For more information, see the Printf(string) Lua function.

Send OSC

	Hint:
	For more information about sending OSC, see SendOSC keyword.

Example 1

To send OSC packets from a grandMA3 onPC station:

1. Open the In & Out Menu / OSC.
2. Tap Enable Output. The output is enabled.
3. Two-finger tap Destination IP in the first row of the grid. The editor opens.
4. Set the Destination IP of the receiving device, then press Please.
5. Two-finger tab the first row below Send Command. The parameter is set to **Yes.**
6. Send data to the receiving device, e.g by using the command: SendOSC 1 "/Page1/Fader201,i,50".
7. The title bar of Enable Output turns yellow, and OSC packets are sent from grandMA3 onPC to the grandMA3 light console.

Title Bar of the Enable Output button is yellow when sending data

	Hint:
	When sending OSC messages, the title bar of Enable Output will be highlighted.

Object Playback Feedback

	Hint:
	To send OSC messages for playback action, set Send to **Yes** in the corresponding OSC configuration line.

Playback actions generate OSC output on the following objects, which can be used in the System Monitor when Echo Output is enabled:

- Sequences
- Masters
- Groups
- Presets
- Sounds
- Worlds
- Plugin Components
- Screen Configuration
- Timers

For more information on Plugin Components, see Plugins.

Example 2

To send a command, e.g., a playback control function, to a grandMA3 console:

1. On the sending device, press Menu - tap In & Out - tap OSC menu.

2. Tap Enable Output.
3. Set Send to **Yes** in the corresponding OSC configuration line.
4. Set Echo Output to **Yes**.
5. Tap X to close the In & Out menu.
6. Open Add Window - More - System Monitor.
7. Execute a playback command, e.g., move Fader201. The command is sent to the receiver.

Example 3

To send OSC data from a grandMA3 onPC workstation and receive it on a console:

Requirement:

- The IP addresses are set up correctly, and the network is enabled on both devices.
- Some Fixtures are patched on the receiving console.

Sender:

1. Open the In & Out Menu / OSC.
2. Tap Enable Output. The output is enabled.
3. Set Send Command to Yes.
4. Tap the command line in grandMA3 onPC:
5. Type SendOSC 1 "/cmd,s,Fixture 1 At 75" and press Please.

Receiver:

1. Open the In & Out Menu / OSC.
2. Tap Enable Input. The input is enabled.
3. Set Receive Command to **Yes**.
4. If the command is received, Fixture 1 on the console is dimmed down to 75%.

Example 4

To send OSC data from a grandMA3 onPC workstation to a third-party device, e.g., a videoserver:

Requirement:

- The IP addresses are set up correctly on both devices

Sender:

1. Open the In & Out Menu / OSC.
2. Tap Enable Output. The output is enabled.
3. Set Send Command to **Yes**.
4. Tap the command line in grandMA3 onPC:
5. Type SendOSC 1 "/Videoserver/Master,i,100" and press Please.

For more examples, see Advanced Examples.

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Subtopics

- Advanced Examples
- Use Cases

1.51.4.1. Advanced Examples

The examples below are in addition to those in the OSC topic.

Executor Control

For more information, see Executor Control in OSC.

	Hint:
	If no EncoderLeft or EncoderRight function is assigned, the Encoder function is used. If an EncoderLeft or EncoderRight function is assigned, it overrides the Encoder function and the Encoder function is ignored.
	Hint:
	Each executor can have functions assigned to all handles (keys, faders, encoders), even if no such physical handle exists on that executor. OSC controls these functions regardless of whether a physical handle exists.
	Hint:
	Address names for DataPool, Page, Fader, Encoder, and Key can be edited in the OSC Configuration menu. Fader ranges can also be edited.

Targets	Addresses	Type Tags	Arguments	Results	Examples
Fader of Executor X on the selected Page in the selected DataPool	/FaderX	i f,	0 ... 100	Set the Fader position in percent.	/Fader201,i,100 /DataPool2/Page10/Fader302,f,75.5
Fader of Executor X on Page Y in the selected DataPool	/PageY/FaderX	T	-	True is interpreted as 1.	-
Fader of Executor X on	/DataPoolZ/FaderX	F	-	False is interpreted as 0.	

Targets	Addresses	Type Tags	Arguments	Results	Examples
the selected Page in DataPool Z					
Fader of Executor X on Page Y in DataPool Z	/DataPoolZ/PageY/FaderX	-	-	-	-
Encoder of Executor X on the selected Page in the selected DataPool	/EncoderX	if	-100 … 100	Positive values move the Fader up by the given percentage. Negative values move the Fader down by the given percentage.	/Encoder201,i,-50
Encoder of Executor X on Page Y in the selected DataPool	/PageY/EncoderX	if	-1 -1	Executes the assigned EncoderLeft function.	/Encoder201,i,-1
Encoder of Executor X on the selected Page in DataPool Z	/DataPoolZ/EncoderX	if	1 1	Execute the assigned EncoderRight function.	/Encoder201,i,1
Encoder of Executor X on	/DataPoolZ/PageY/EncoderX	-	-	-	-

Targets	Addresses	Type Tags	Arguments	Results	Examples
Page Y in DataPool Z					
Key of Executor X on the selected Page in the selected DataPool	/KeyX	if	1 1	Press the Key.	/Key101,i,1
Key of Executor X on Page Y in the selected DataPool	/PageY/KeyX	T	-	Press the Key.	/Key101,T,
Key of Executor X on the selected Page in DataPool Z	/DataPoolZ/KeyX	if	0 0	Release the Key.	/Key201,f,0
Key of Executor X on Page Y in DataPool Z	/DataPoolZ/PageY/KeyX	F	-	Release the Key.	/Key201,F,

Object Playback Feedback

For more information, see Object Playback Feedback in OSC.

Sources	Addresses	Type Tags	Arguments	Action	Examples
Sequence X	/13.13.1.6.X	sis	<Key function>,0 … 1,<SequenceName CueNumber CueName>	The Key of the given Key function was pressed (Argument 2 = 1) or released (Argument 2 = 0). The given Cue got triggered when the Key got pressed or released. Argument 3 is not sent if the Key function is "Off".	/13.13.1.6.1,sis,Flash,1,Strobe 1 Cue 1
Sequence X	/13.13.1.6.X	sif	<Fader function>,0 … 3,0.0 … 100.0	The Fader of the given Fader function was set to the given value in percent. Argument 2 represents the type of playback handle that was used: Onscreen Fader/Command (1), Physical Fader (3).	/13.13.1.6.1,sif,FaderMaster,3,63.5
Sequence X	/13.13.1.6.X	sii	<Fader function>,0 … 3,-100 … 100	The Fader of the given Fader function was moved by the given value in percent using a Rotary Knob. Argument 2 represents the type of playback handle that was used: Physical Rotary Knob (0), Onscreen Rotary Knob/Command (1).	/13.13.1.6.1,sii,FaderMaster,0,-1
Master X.Y	/13.12.X.Y	si	<Key function>,0 … 1	The Key of the given Key function got	/13.12.1.1,si,Black,1

Sources	Addresses	Type Tags	Arguments	Action	Examples
				pressed (Argument 2 = 1) or released (Argument 2 = 0).	
Master X.Y	/13.12.X.Y	sif	<Fader function>,0 … 3,0.0 … 100.0	The Fader of the given Fader function was set to the given value in percent. Argument 2 represents the type of playback handle that was used: Onscreen Fader/Command (1), Physical Fader (3).	/13.12.3.1,sif,FaderMaster,3,63.5
Master X.Y	/13.12.X.Y	sii	<Fader function>,0 … 3,-100 … 100	The Fader of the given Fader function was moved by the given value in percent using a Rotary Knob. Argument 2 represents the type of playback handle that was used: Physical Rotary Knob (0), Onscreen Rotary Knob/Command (1).	/13.13.12.3.1,sii,FaderMaster,0,-1

1.51.4.2. Use Cases

The use of OSC in different situations is described in the following topics.

Subtopics

- TouchOSC
- QLab
- Open Stage Control
- zactrack
- Protocol Viewer

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1.51.4.2.1. TouchOSC

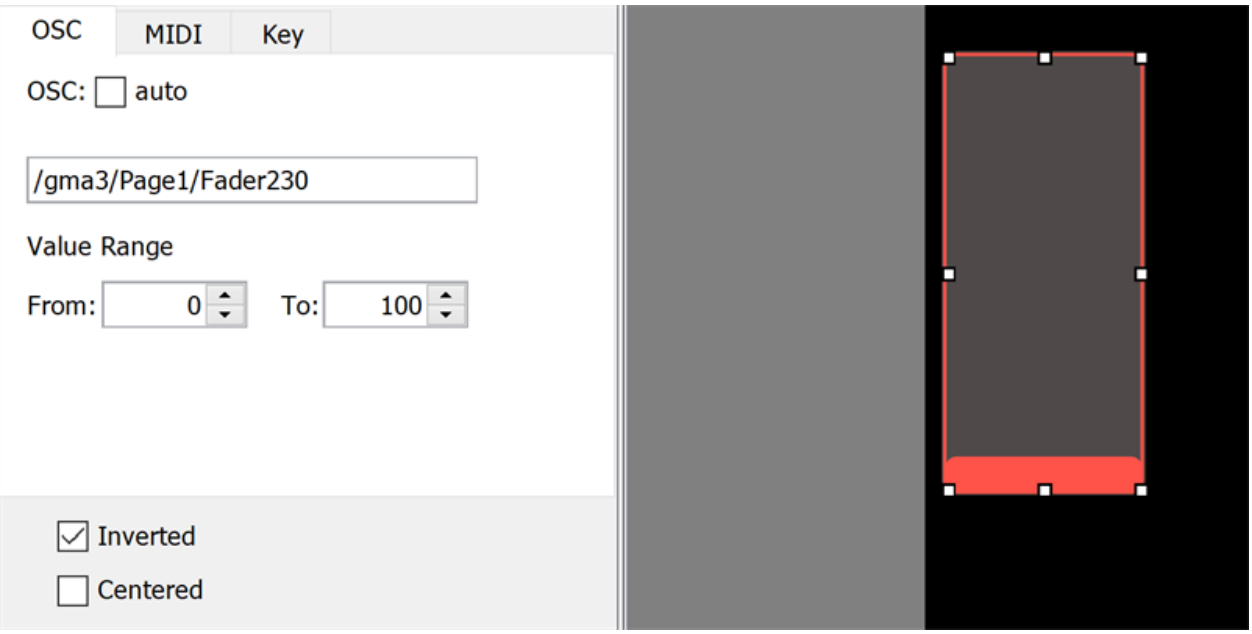
TouchOSC is a modular OSC and MIDI control surface for Windows, macOS, and Android by hexler.net.

It supports sending and receiving Open Sound Control and MIDI messages over Wi-Fi, CoreMIDI inter-app communication, and compatible hardware.

For detailed information about TouchOSC, refer to their manual Getting Started · OSC.

Fader

This example will control the fader of Executor 230 of Page 1:



Notes:

- Assumes the OSCData line on the console is configured with a "gma3" prefix. If the prefix is empty, this would just be /Page1/Fader230.
- Assumes the "Page" and "Fader" cells in the OSCData line on the console are set to "Page" and "Fader" respectively (this is the default).

Executor Button

This example will press the button for Executor 230 of Page 1:

Notes:

- Assumes the OSCData line on the console is configured with a "gma3" prefix. If the prefix is empty, this would just be /Page1/Key230.
- Assumes the "Page" and "Key" cells in the OSCData line on the console are set to "Page" and "Key" respectively (this is the default).
- The {Send on Press} and {Send on Release} settings (not pictured above) should both be enabled/checked.

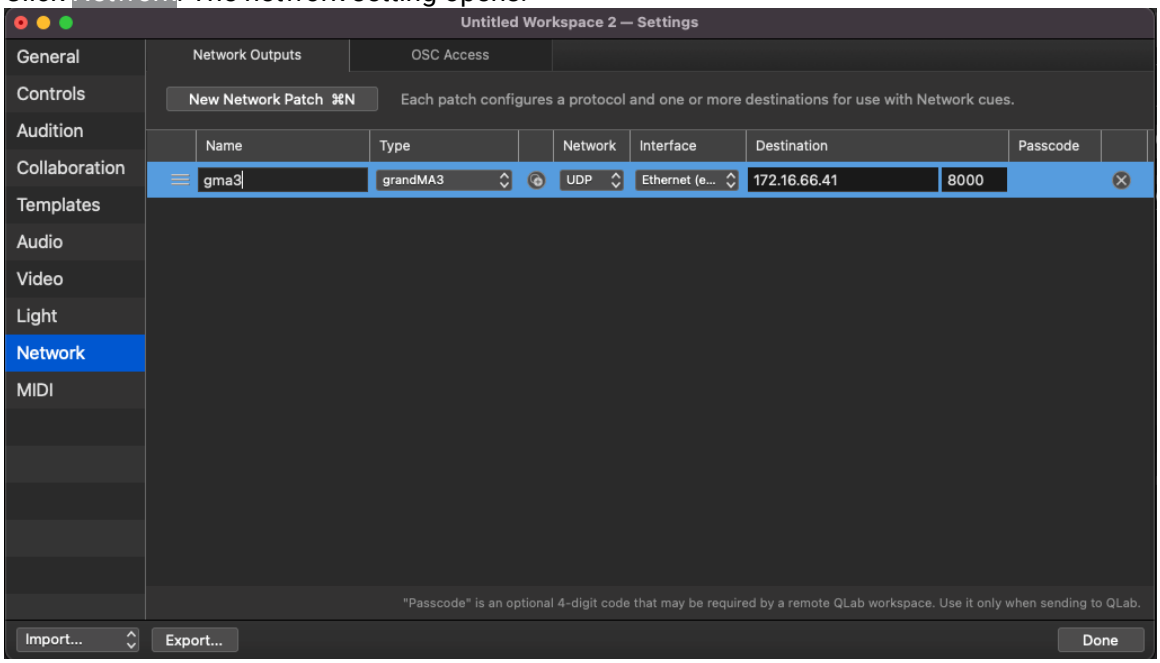
1.51.4.2.2. QLab

QLab is sound, video, and lighting control for macOS by qlab.app.

QLab is fairly simple to use with OSC. The QLab network settings are shown below.

To configure the network:

1. Click ⚙ in the bottom right corner of the window. The workspace settings pop-up opens.
2. Click Network. The network setting opens:



QLab - Network Settings

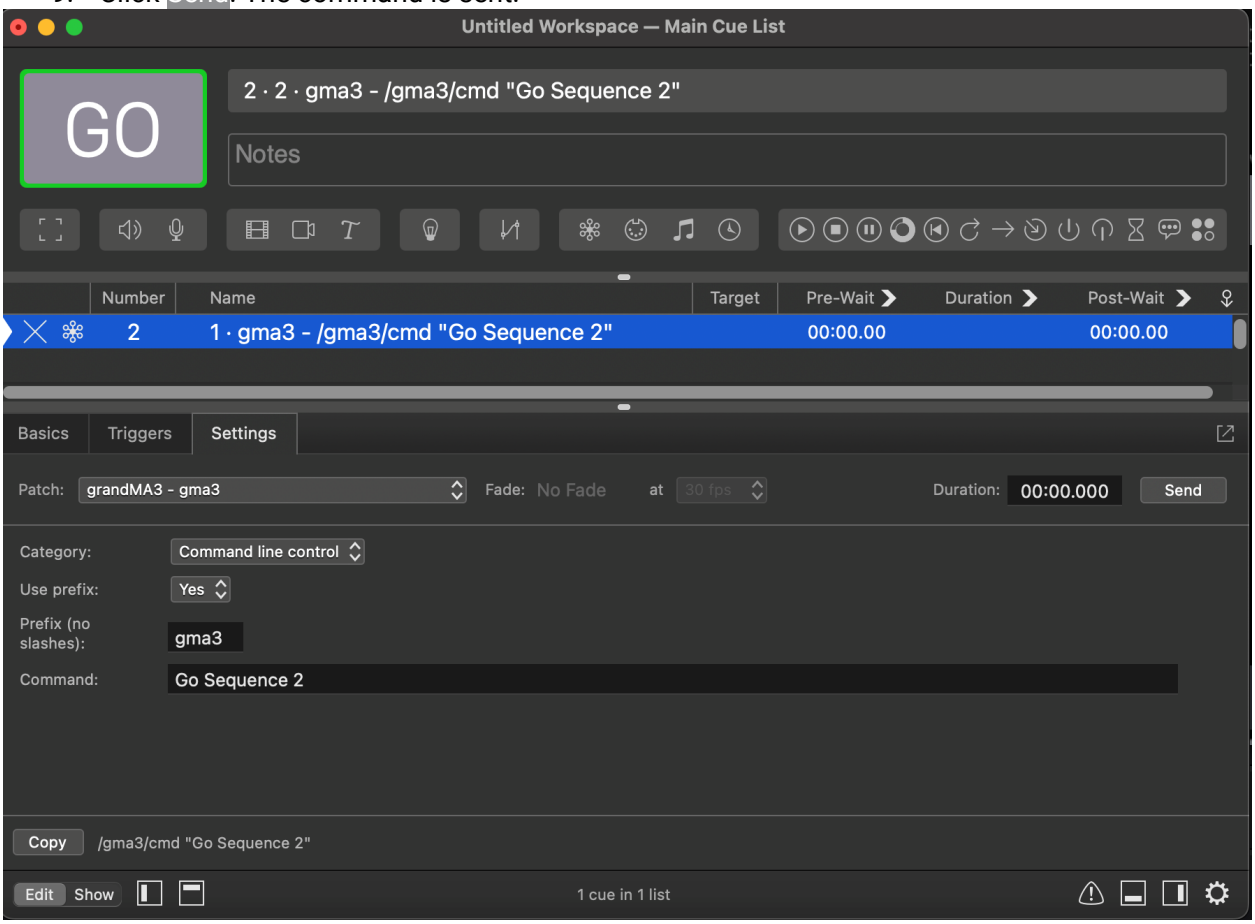
3. Set a Name, for example, **gma3**.
4. Select the Type, **grandMA3**.
5. Select the Network protocol.
6. Select the Interface. The network interface on your computer connected to the grandMA3 system.
7. Select the Destination.
   a. The IP address of the grandMA3 system.
   b. The Port should match the setting in the OSC menu of the grandMA3 system. The default is **8000**.
8. The Passcode should be empty.
9. Click Done. The network is configured.

	Hint:
	Make sure you use the same IP range for communication between grandMA3 and Qlab. For more information, see Interfaces and IP.

Example 1

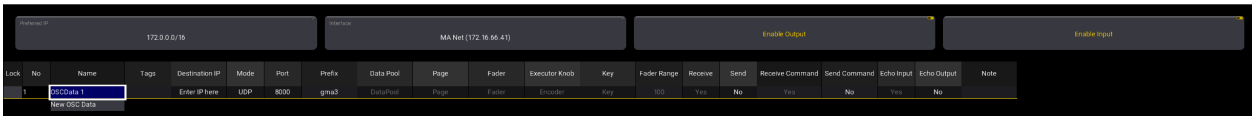
To configure a cue to trigger the grandMA3 system:

1. Click the Network icon. A new cue is generated.
2. Click the newly generated cue. The cue settings open.
3. Click the Settings tab. The settings mask opens.
4. Set the Patch to the configured network configuration; in our case, it is **gma3**.
5. Set the Category to **Command line control**.
6. Set Use Prefix to **Yes**.
7. Set a Prefix, such as **gma3**.
8. Set a Command, such as **Go Sequence 2**
9. Click Send. The command is sent.



QLab - Cue Settings

Make sure to configure the OSC Settings in the grandMA3 software accordingly. For more information, see OSC.



OSC Settings - Example

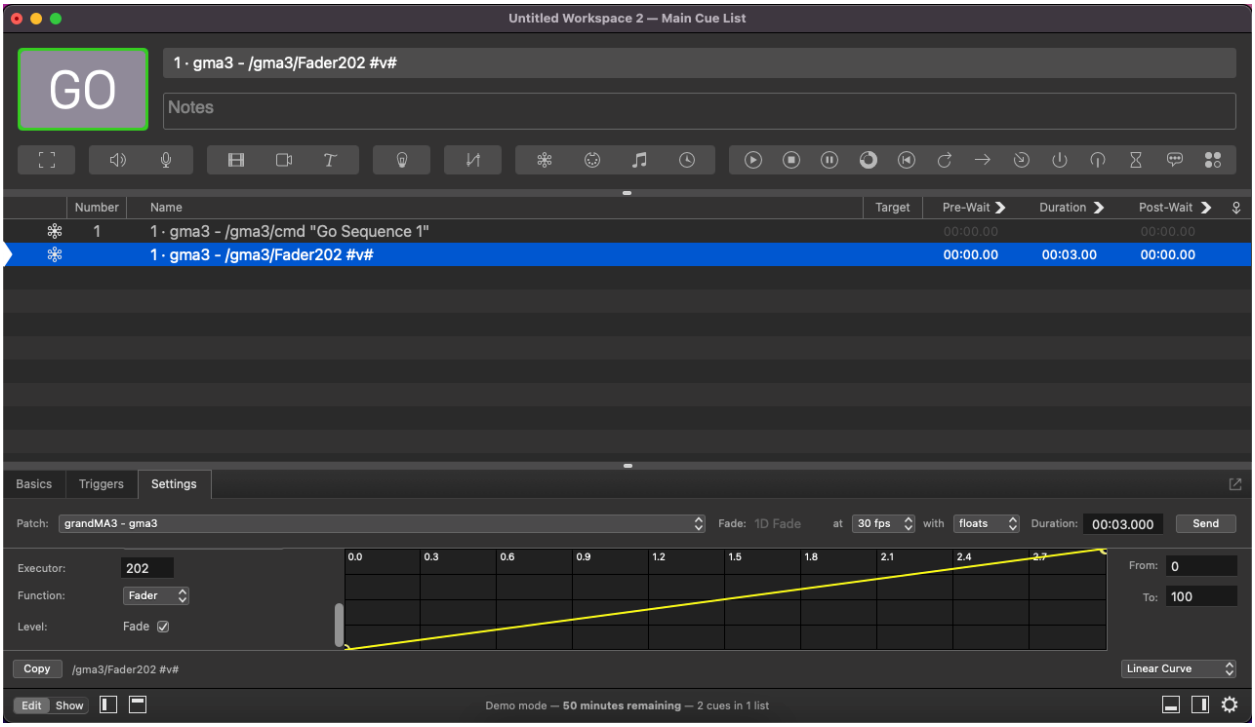
	Hint:
	If you use prefix, make sure to configure the Prefix in the OSC menu of the grandMA3 system.

	Hint:
	Make sure the Receive Command configuration line is set to **Yes** in the OSC menu of the grandMA3 system.

Example 2

To configure a fader movement:

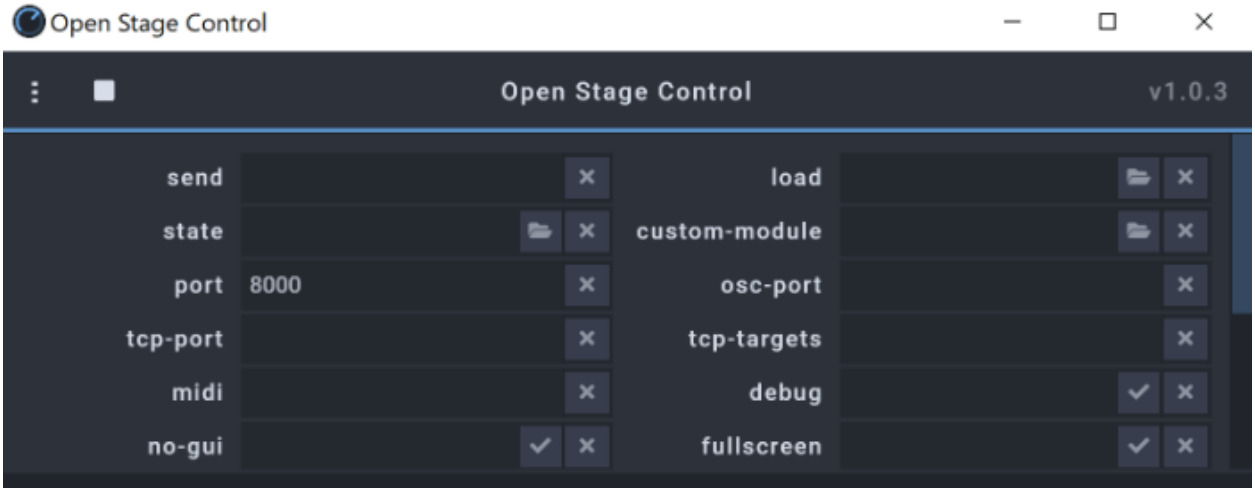
1. Click the Network icon. A second cue is generated.
2. Open the Settings -tab.
3. Set the Patch to the configured network configuration, in our case, it is **gma3**.
4. Set the Category to **Executor control**.
5. Set an Executor, for example, **202**.
6. Enable Fade. A yellow graph is shown.
7. Set a Duration, for example, **3 seconds**.
8. Click Send. The fader movement is sent.



QLab - Fader

1.51.4.2.3. Open Stage Control

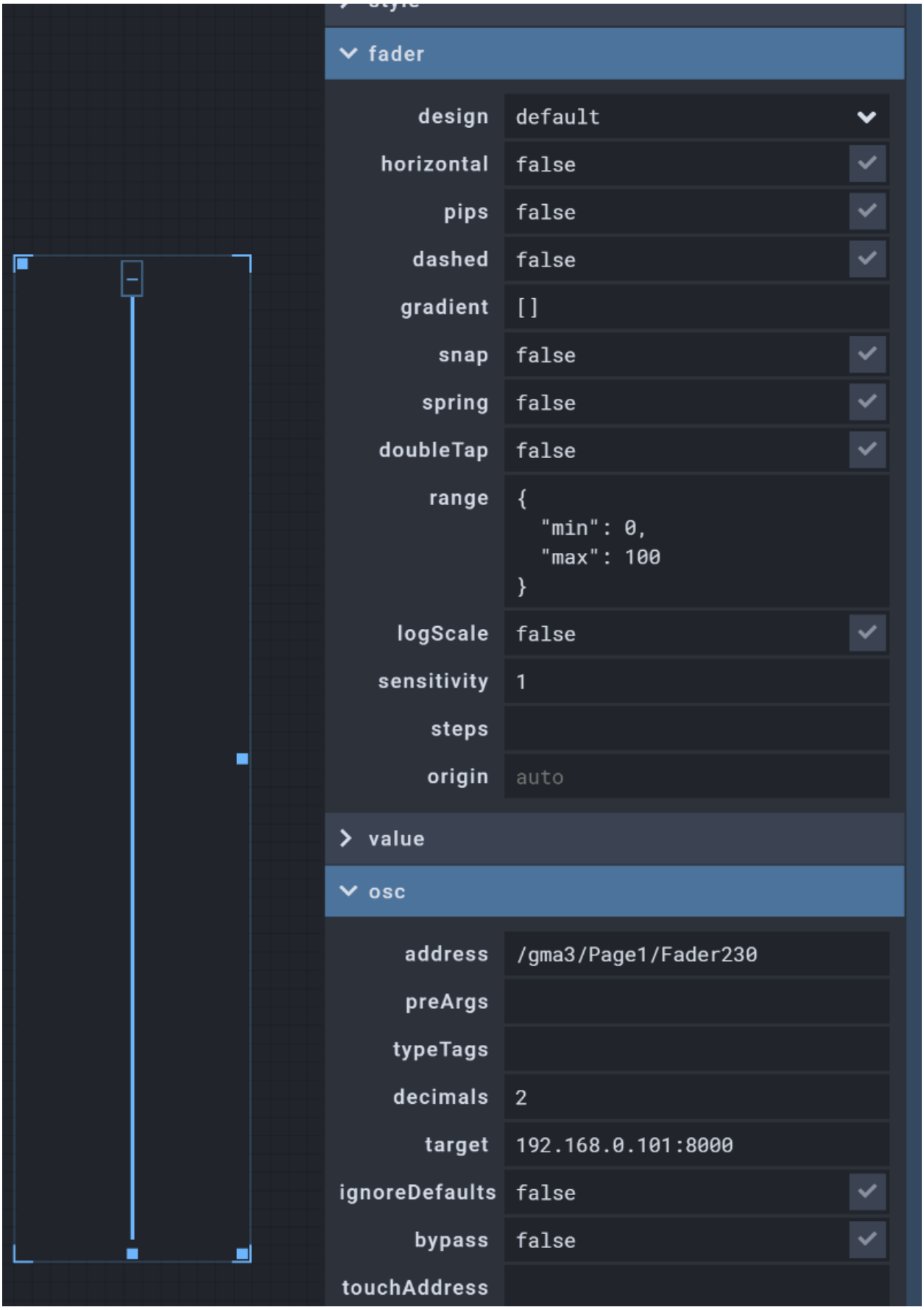
Open Stage Control is a free program for building a simple OSC interface. When you first open the program, the network configuration settings appear. Besides telling it which network interface to use on the computer, the only thing to fill in here is the port:



This needs to match the port set on the corresponding OSCData line in the console. Port 8000 is the default. Afterwards, the Open Stage Control session can be started.

Fader

This example will control the fader for Executor 230 on Page 1:

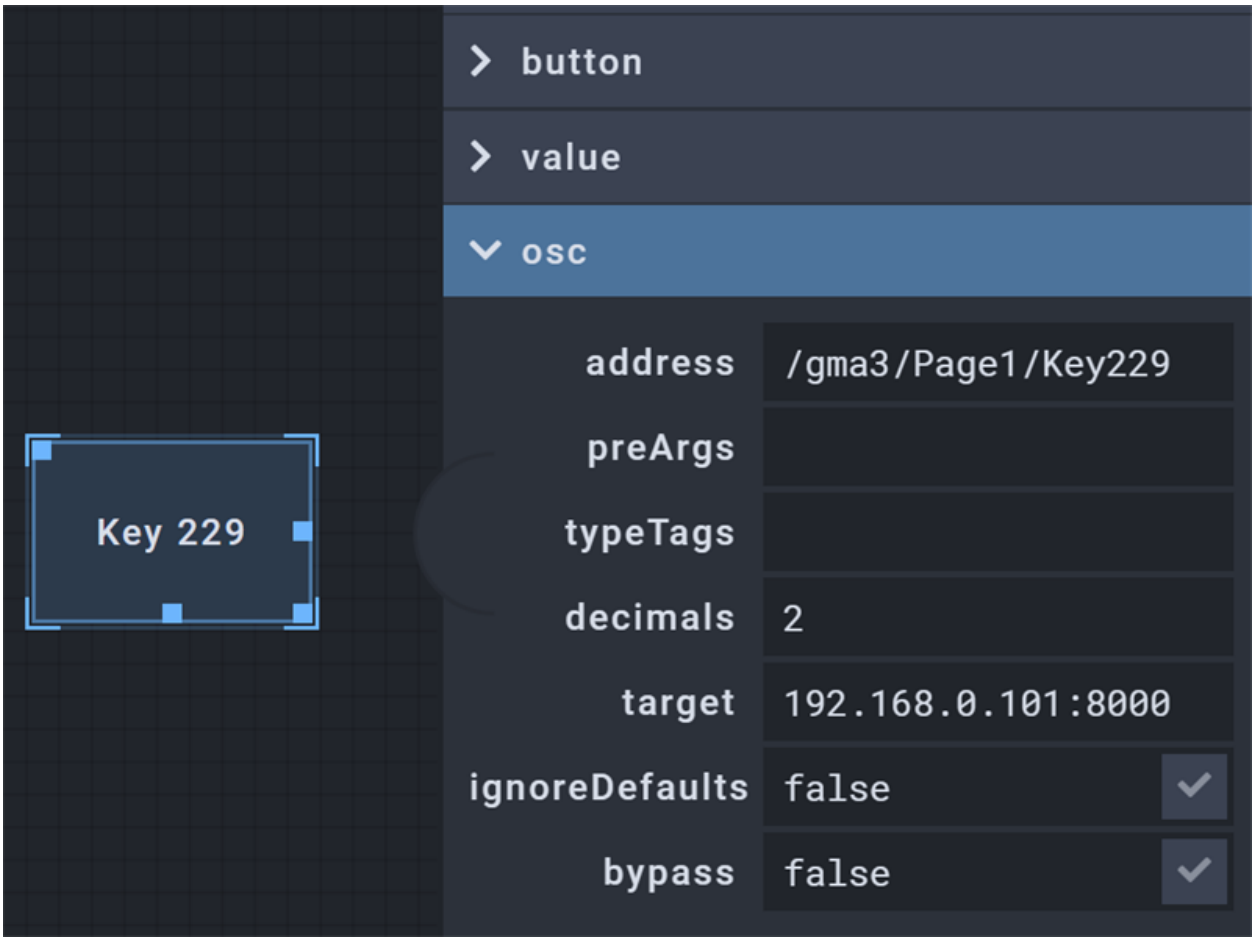

fader
design default
horizontal false
pips false
dashed false
gradient []
snap false
spring false
doubleTap false
range { "min": 0, "max": 100 }
logScale false
sensitivity 1
steps
origin auto
value
osc
address /gma3/Page1/Fader230
preArgs
typeTags
decimals 2
target 192.168.0.101:8000
ignoreDefaults false
bypass false
touchAddress

Notes:

- Assumes the OSCData line on the console is configured with a "gma3" prefix. If the prefix is empty, this would just be /Page1/Fader230.
- Assumes the "Page" and "Fader" cells on the OSCData line in the console are set to "Page" and "Fader" respectively (this is the default).
- All of the settings in the picture above are at their defaults except for:
    - fader settings: range: change the 'max' to 100 instead of 1
    - osc settings: address

Executor button

This example will press the button for Executor 229 on Page 1:



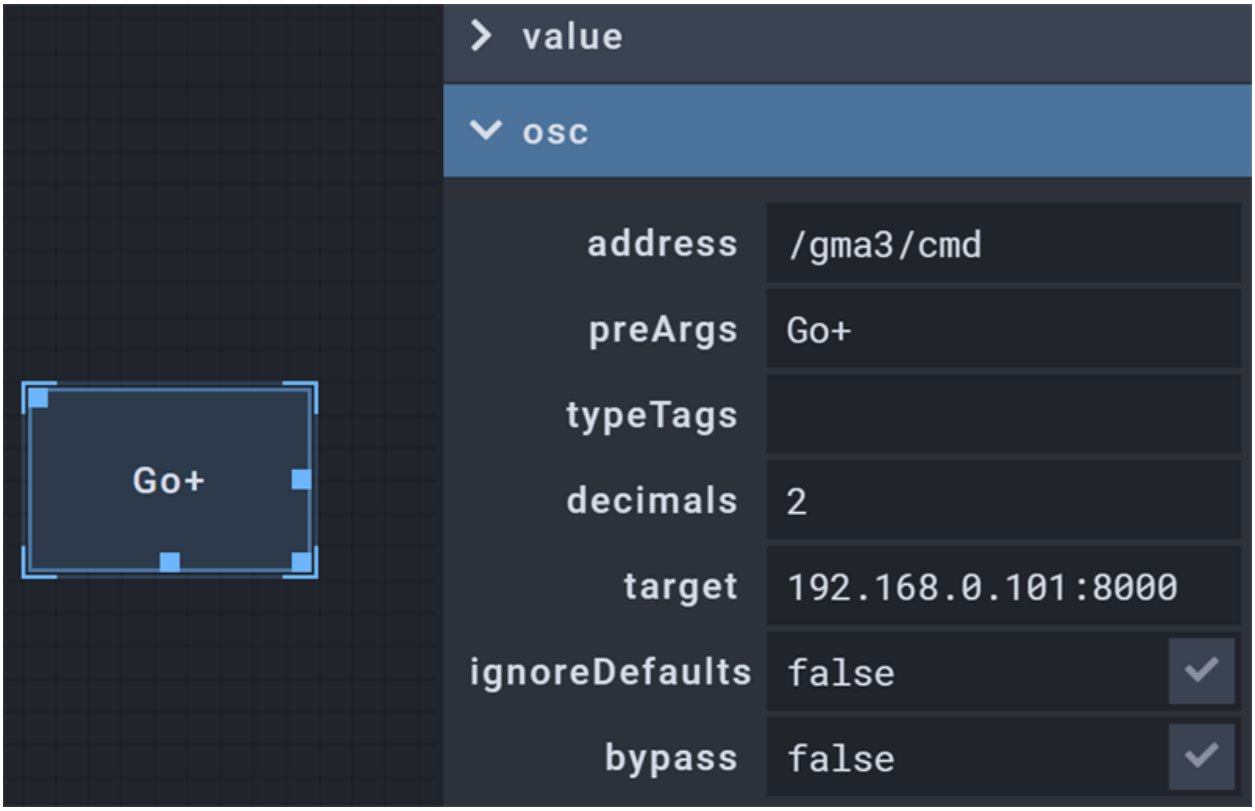
Notes:

- Assumes the OSCData line on the console is configured with a "gma3" prefix. If the prefix is empty, this would just be /Page1/Key229.
- Assumes the "Page" and "Key" cells in the OSCData line on the console are set to "Page" and "Key" respectively (this is the default).
- All of the settings in the picture above are at their defaults except for the address in the osc settings.

- Open Stage Control buttons default to 'toggle' mode; you may wish to change this to 'tap'.

Command Line Syntax

Here we have a button that will execute command line syntax on the console, in this case, triggering the Selected Sequence:



Notes:

- Assumes the OSCData line on the console is configured with a "gma3" prefix. If the prefix is empty, this would just be /cmd.
- Requires Receive Command to be enabled for that OSCData line on the console.
- All of the settings in the picture above are at their defaults except for:
    - button mode set to "momentary"
    - address
    - preArgs - this is where you enter the syntax string you wish to execute

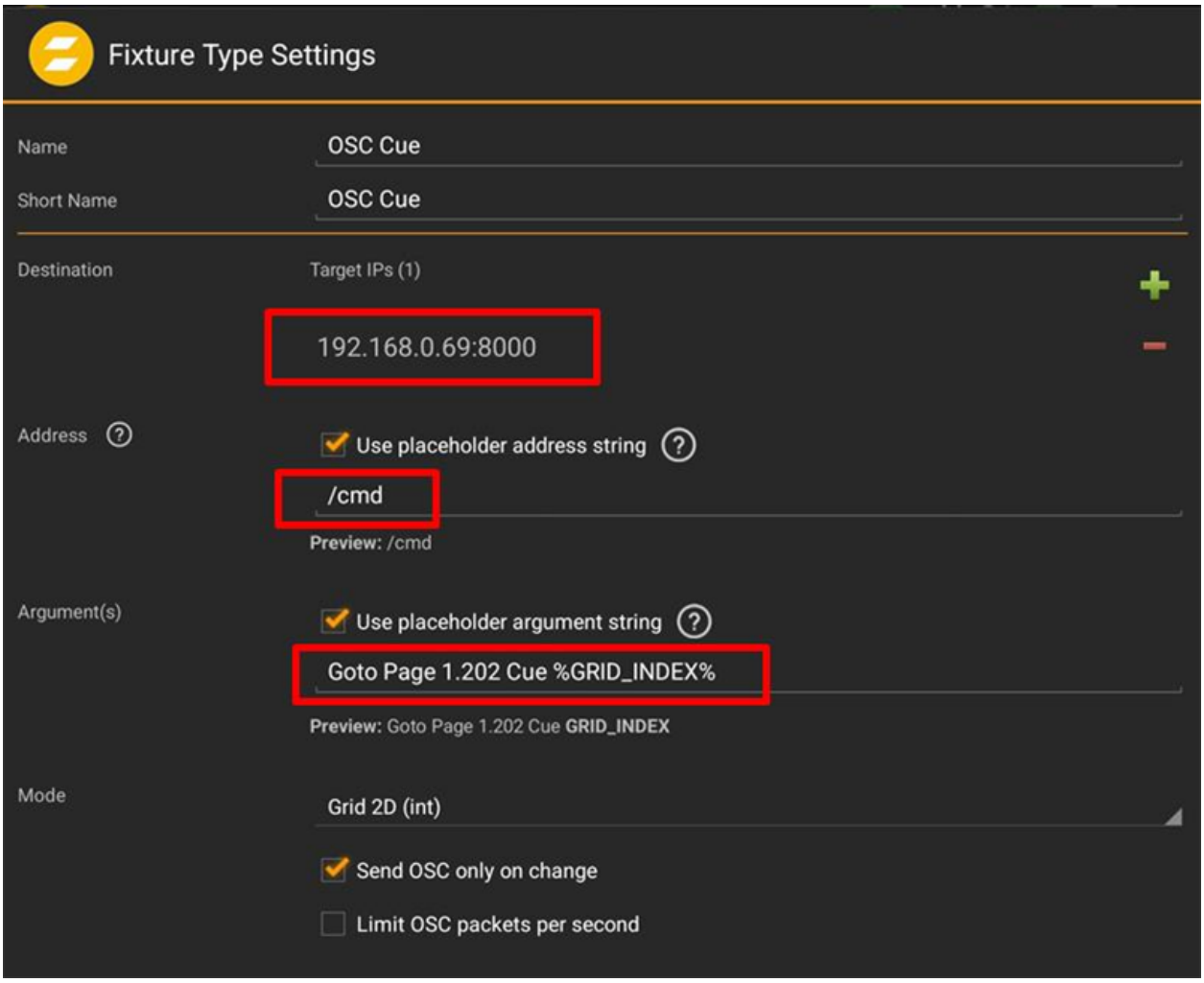
1.51.4.2.4. zactrack

zactrack is an automated full-tracking follow system designed for open-air events, theater stages, and studios. Any number of performers can be placed in a 2D or 3D space. zactrack precisely aligns output devices and special effects equipment and sends XYZ coordinates to grandMA3.

Example 1:

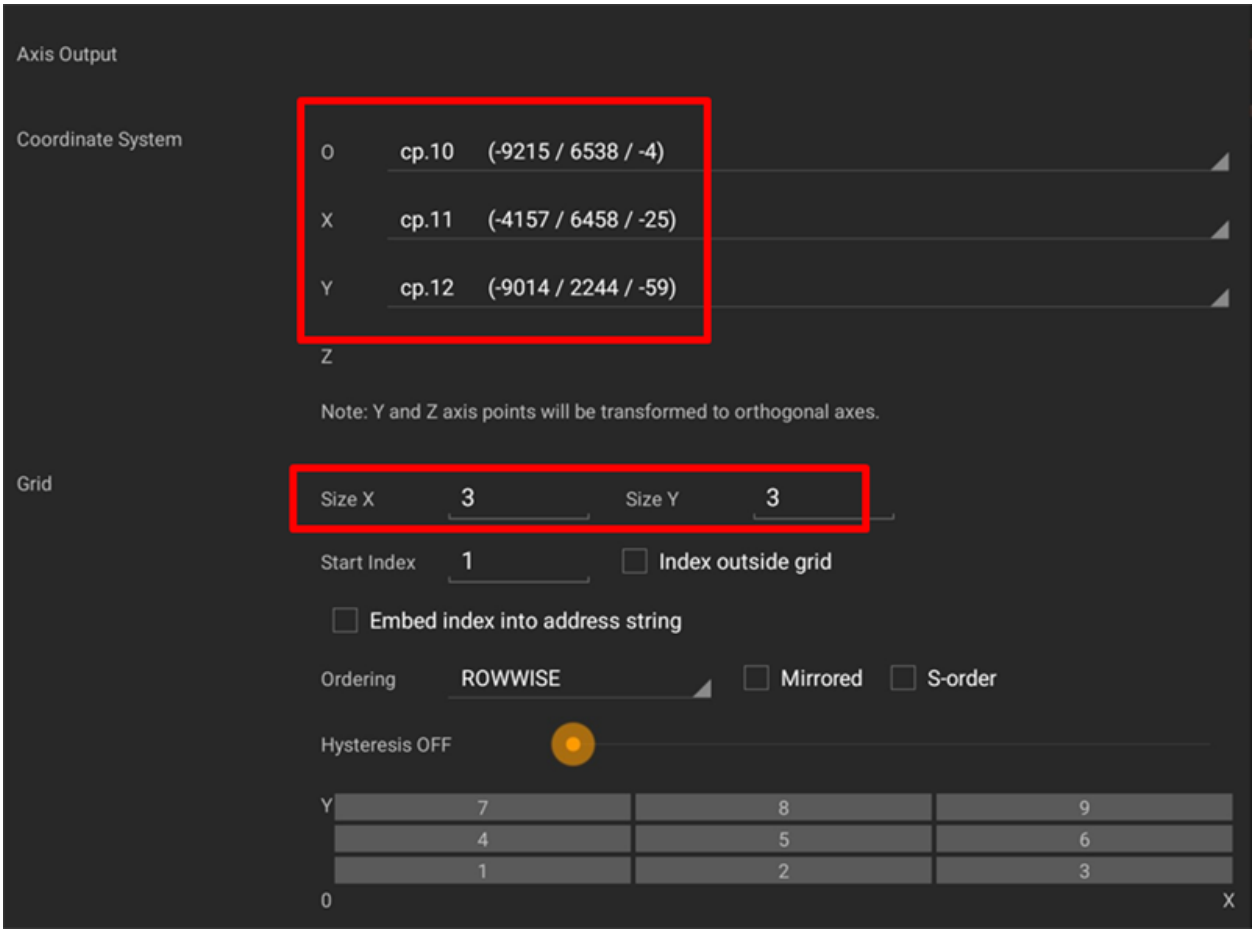
Trigger cues on a grandMA3 console with a performance area defined by a 3x3 2D grid. The position will trigger cues in that specific zone number when walking with a tracker.

1. Enter the console IP and Port.
2. Enter the exact string address and argument that the console expects. In the example below, in the console, it is executor 202 on page 1.



3. Define the Coordinate System using calibration points (via Pucks / Trackers / Disto).

4. Set the grid size and order.

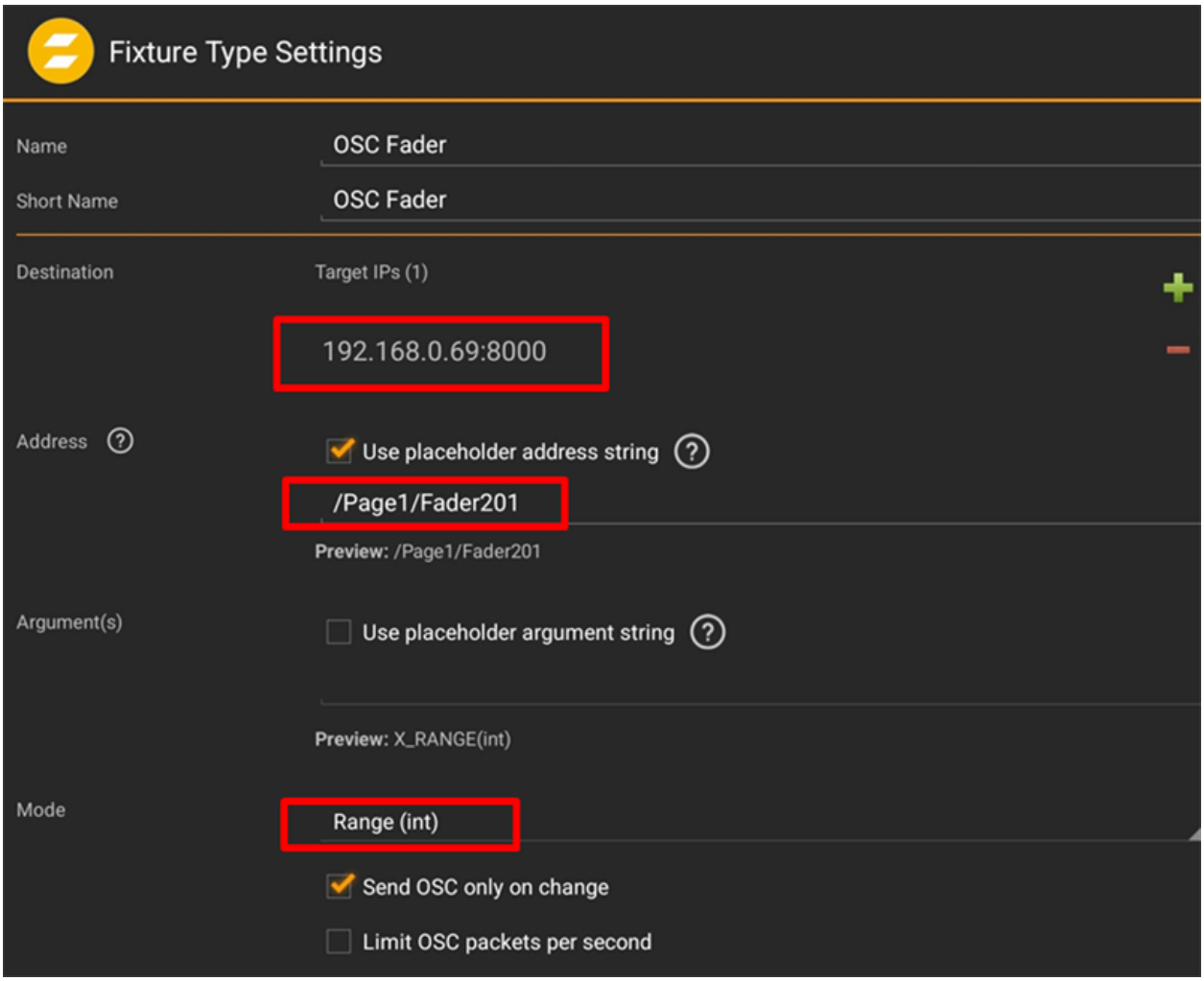


The 2D grid is created.

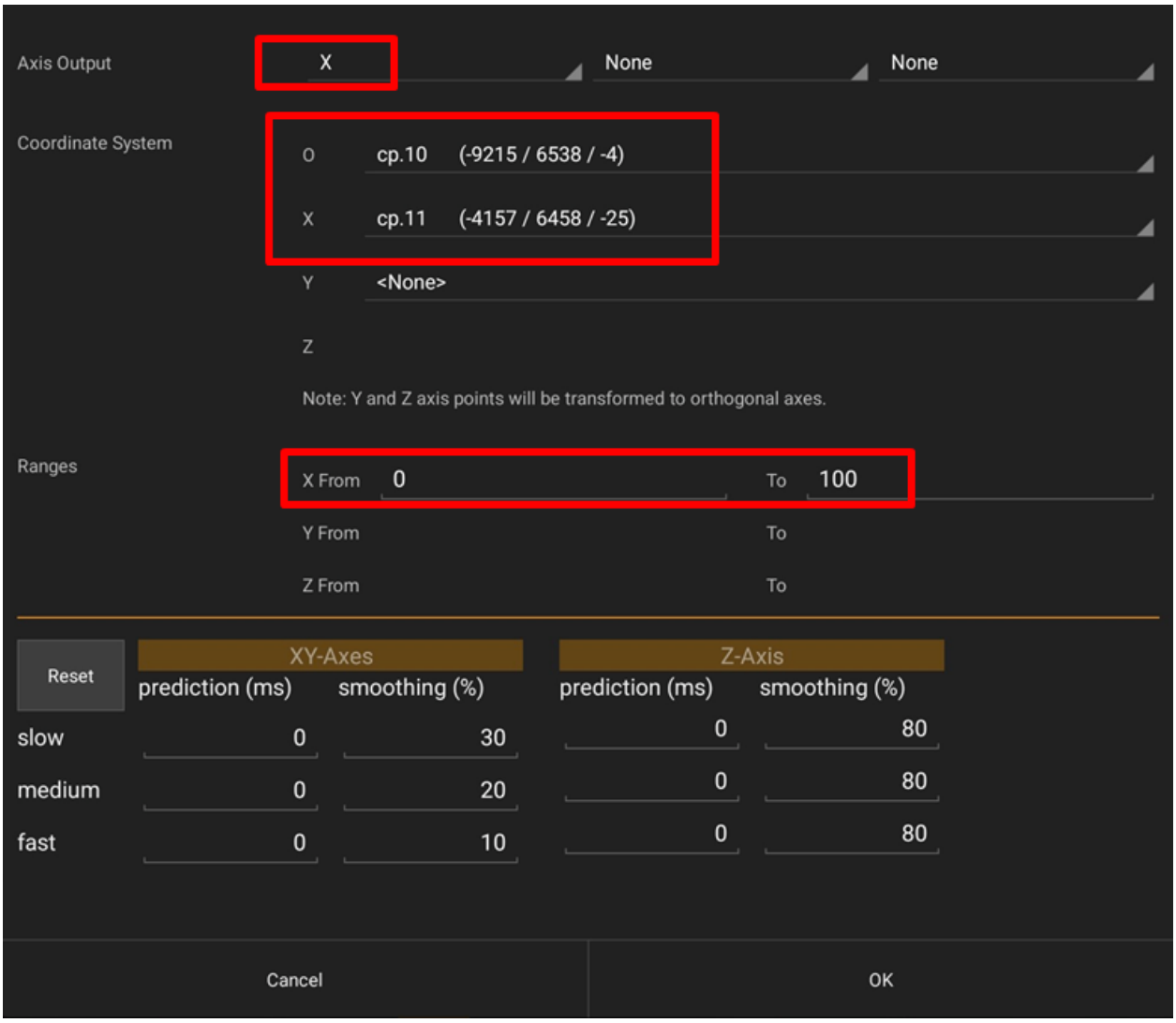
Example 2:

Trigger a fader on a grandMA3 console. When walking in defined axis with a Tracker the position will trigger for example, linear intensity, for that specific fader.

1. Enter the console IP and Port.
2. Enter the exact string address the console expects. In the example, it is the fader of executor 201 on page 1 of the grandMA3 software.
3. Set Range (int) as Mode.

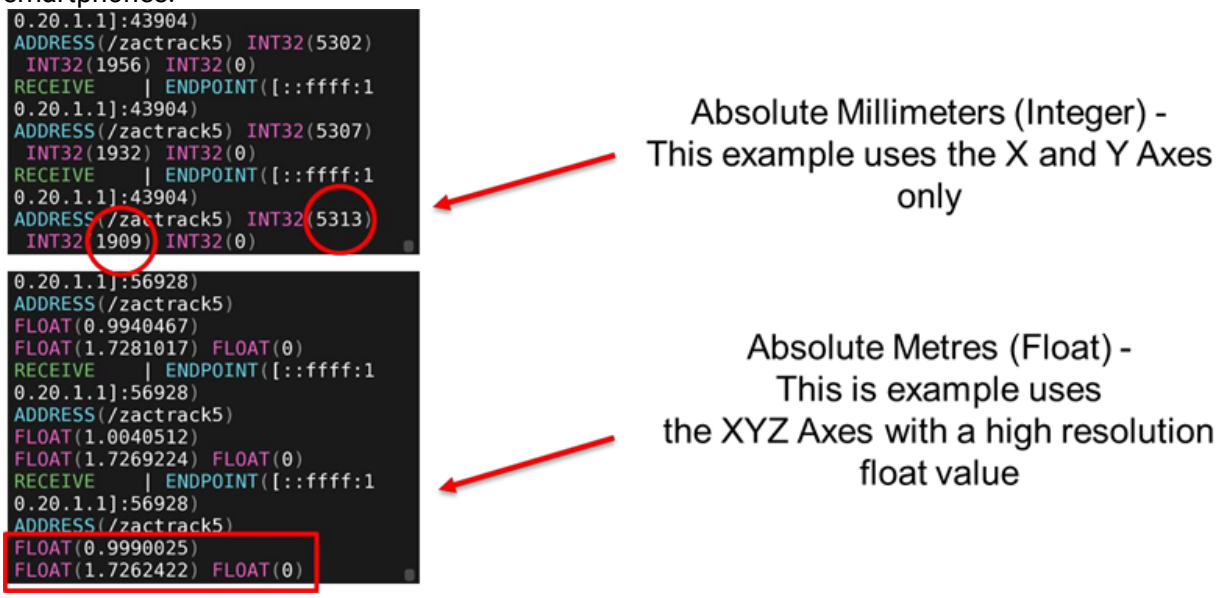


4. Define the Axis Output, X only.
5. Define the Coordinate System.
6. Set the X Range for the fader. These values must match the corresponding setting in the grandMA3 software. The default value is 0 to 100.


Axis Output
X
None
None
Coordinate System
O
cp.10
(-9215 / 6538 / -4)
X
cp.11
(-4157 / 6458 / -25)
Y
<None>
Z
Note: Y and Z axis points will be transformed to orthogonal axes.
Ranges
X From
0
To
100
Y From
To
Z From
To
Reset
XY-Axes
prediction (ms)
smoothing (%)
Z-Axis
prediction (ms)
smoothing (%)
slow
0
30
0
80
medium
0
20
0
80
fast
0
10
0
80
Cancel
OK

1.51.4.2.5. Protocol Viewer

The Protokol app by Hexler is a test/monitoring tool to check OSC. It works on any device, including smartphones.



1.51.5. PSN (PosiStageNet)

grandMA3 stations can receive PosiStageNet (PSN) data. PSN is an open protocol designed to communicate the positions of identified points in 3D space; it can be used to transmit tracking information between servers and hardware systems.

For a detailed description of PosiStageNet, see the external link to the PosiStageNet Protocol description v2.0 PDF.

To open the PSN menu, Menu - In & Out - PSN.

The following is a description of the specific parameters that can be set in the PSN menu:

- Sender IP: Adds the IP of the PSN Source.
- Requested: Set to **Yes** to request the PSN Source.
- Port: Sets the Port for the PSN Source.
- Mulitcast IP: In case of sending the PSN data to a multicast address, the user has to manually add the multicast IP of the PSN system
- MapX, MapY, MapZ: Maps each axis to a different axis. A drop-down opens to choose the target axis.
- InvX, InvY, InvZ: Inverts the incoming data per axis. Toggles the cell between **No** (=empty cell) and **Yes** (= data will be inverted).
- Merge Mode: The merge mode can be selected in a dropdown. For more information, see DMX Port Configuration.
- DMX Priority: Used to merge DMX inputs. For more information, see DMX Port Configuration.
- Tracker ID: Sets the ID of the Tracker.
- MArker ID: Sets the ID of the Marker Fixture.
- Position XYZ: Shows the position of the tracker.
- Speed XYZ: Shows the speed of the tracker.
- Rot XYZ: Shows the speed of the tracker.

	Hint:
	As soon as an axis is mapped or inverted, the individual trackers display their values according to the user's settings.
	Hint:
	If the sender transmits data via Unicast to the selected Interface in the PSN menu, the PSN system automatically detects it.
	Hint:
	The basic Port configuration is **56565** and the standard Multicast IP is **236.10.10.10**.

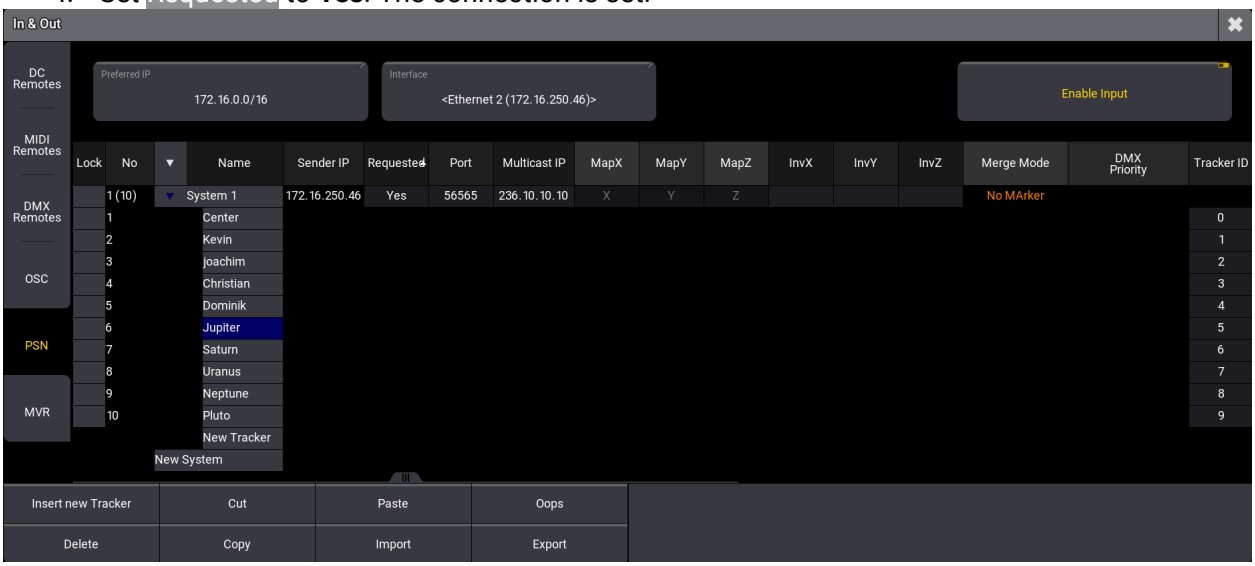
Example

Requirements:

- Your external hardware system, such as a tracking system, is set up correctly.
- The grandMA3 console and the external hardware system share the same network.
- The Simple Show demo showfile is loaded.

To connect a tracking system with a grandMA3 device:

1. Open the PSN menu.
2. Enable Enable Input.
3. Tap Insert new System. A new configuration line is created.
4. Set Requested to **Yes**. The connection is set.



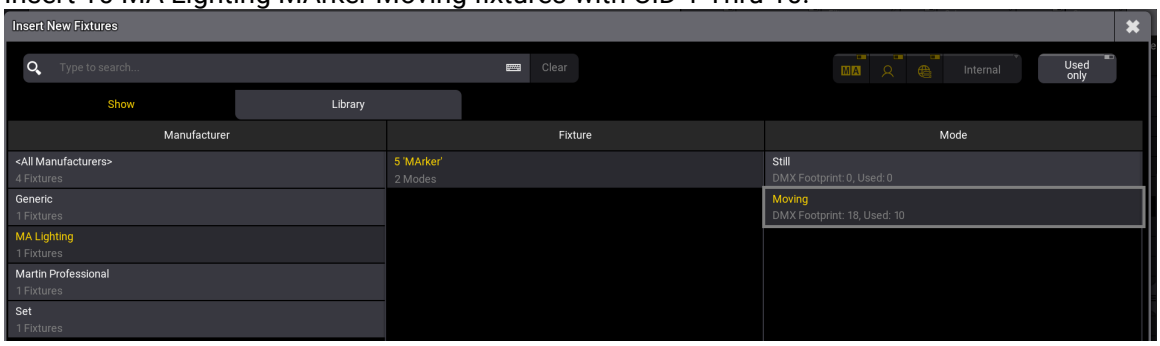
In & Out Menu - PSN

To enable XYZ on the fixtures for the follow spot:

1. Open Menu - Patch - Fixture Types.
2. Tap MAC Encore Performance CLD and then tap Edit. The Fixture Type Editor opens.
3. Set the corresponding XYZ configuration line to **Yes**.
4. Close the editor. XYZ is enabled.

To patch MArkers:

1. Open the Patch menu.
2. Tap Insert new Fixture. The fixture library opens.
3. Insert 10 MA Lighting MArker Moving fixtures with CID 1 Thru 10.



Patch Menu - MArker Fixtures

4. Save and Exit the Patch Menu. The MArkers are patched.

	Hint:
	For more information on MArkers, see MArker Fixture.

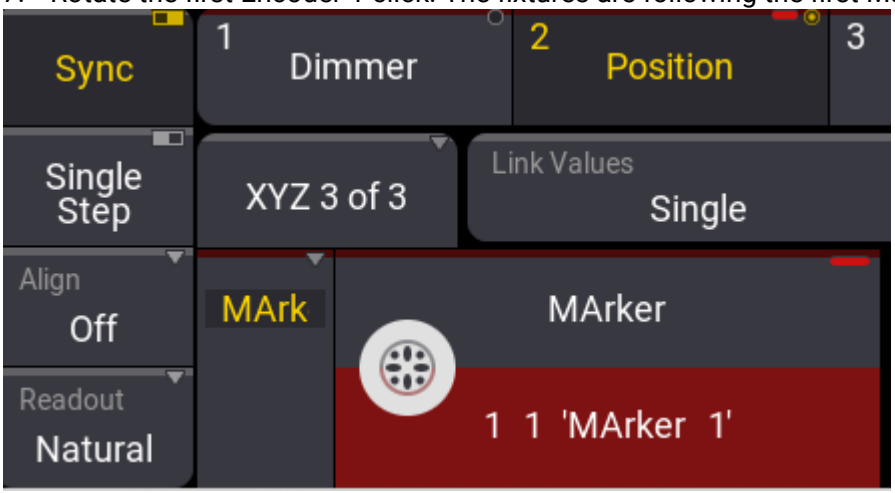
To allow the fixtures to follow specific markers:

1. Open the PSN menu.
2. Set the configuration lines for the MArker ID. For example:

Tracker ID	MArker ID	Position X	Position Y	Position Z	Speed X	Speed Y	Speed Z	Rot X	Rot Y	Rot Z	Note
0	1	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	
1	2	0.5230646	0.0000000	0.2506059	0.0028477	0.0000000	-0.005943	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
2	3	0.7935011	0.0000000	-0.732636	-0.003260	0.0000000	-0.003531	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
3	4	-1.188048	0.0000000	-0.915718	-0.002507	0.0000000	0.0032531	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
4	5	2.2753186	0.0000000	0.1460321	0.0002125	0.0000000	-0.003311	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
5	6	5.6758270	0.0000000	5.3210330	0.0012283	0.0000000	-0.001310	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
6	7	-0.631790	0.0000000	-14.276026	-0.001326	0.0000000	0.0000587	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
7	8	-3.308186	0.0000000	28.518764	0.0009289	0.0000000	0.0001077	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
8	9	-5.792982	0.0000000	-44.665904	-0.000741	0.0000000	0.0000962	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	
9	10	3.8345115	0.0000000	59.005538	0.0006512	0.0000000	-0.000042	0.0000000	575.135986	0.0000000	

PSN menu - MArker ID

3. Press Fixture 1 Thru 10 Please. The fixtures are selected.
4. Tap Position in the Encoder Bar.
5. Tap and hold the Encoder Page.
6. Select XYZ 3 of 3.
7. Rotate the first Encoder 1 click. The fixtures are following the first Marker 1 1'MArker 1'.



Encoder Bar - Encoder Page

1.51.6. MVR-xchange

The MVR menu provides a way to exchange and manage MVR files over a network connection instead of using a USB drive. For more information about MVR files in general, see My Virtual Rig (MVR).

The MVR-xchange is specified in the DIN SPEC 15801:2023-12. For more information, see the external link https://www.beuth.de/en/technical-rule/din-spec-15801/373968511.

The idea behind the MVR menu is to send MVR files from a station to a defined network and share them with other stations. For more information about the appropriate keyword, see SendMVR Keyword.

To open the MVR menu:

1. Press Menu. The menu opens.
2. Tap In & Out.
3. Tap MVR. The MVR menu opens.

The three buttons on top of the menu are described as follows:

- Group: The standard group name is **Default**. The group name can be edited. Stations with identical group names share the same exchange group.
- Interface: Defines the network interface.

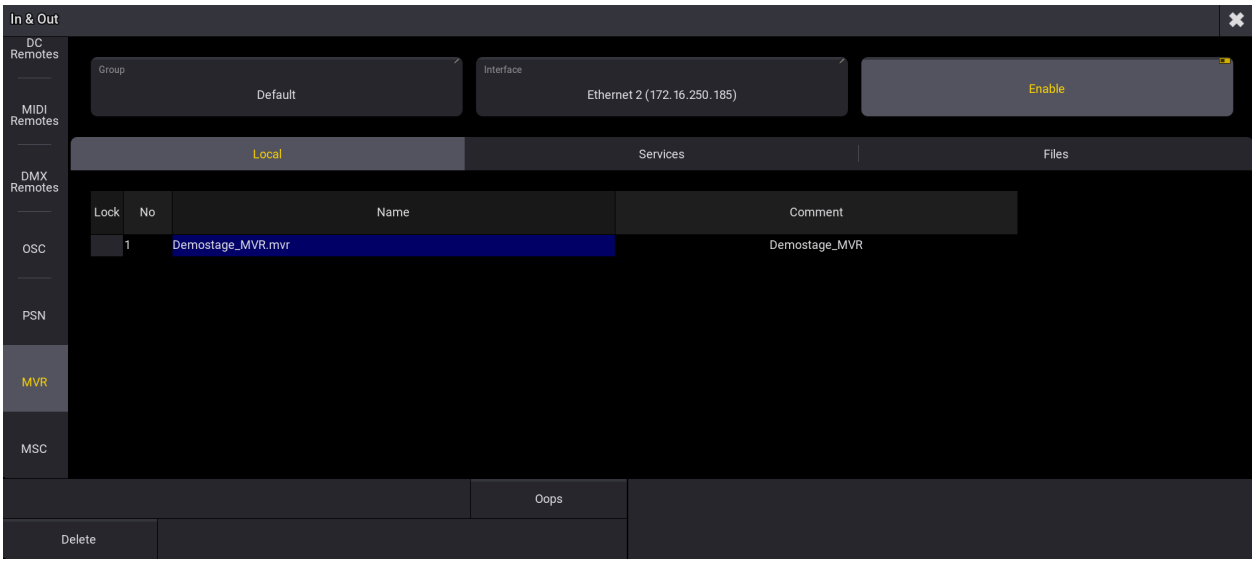
	Hint:
	To share data between devices, they need to be on the same network.
	Hint:
	To share data between devices, a network connection must be established. For more information, see Enabling or Disabling the Network Connection.

- Enable: To exchange MVR files, make sure it is activated. For more information about station and session communication, see Station Control.

The main area of the MVR is separated into three tabs: Local, Services, and Files. Selecting a tab updates the grid below it, and the selected tab's font color changes to yellow.

Local

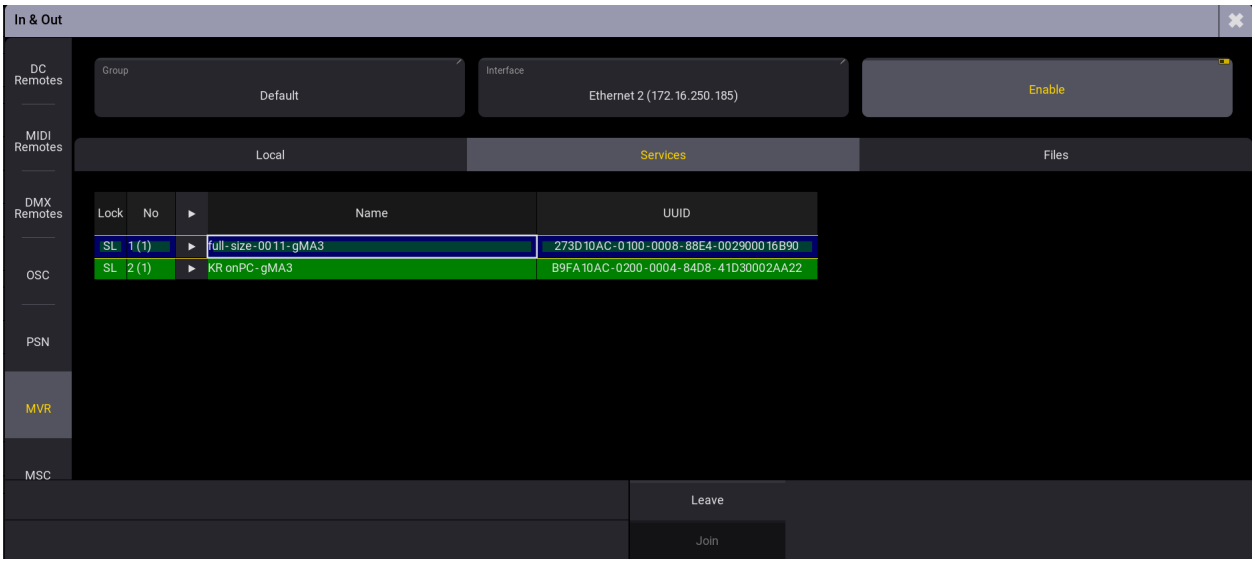
- Local: Shows all MVR files that have been locally committed into an exchange group. Files can be deleted or Oopsed in the menu, too.



MVR - Local

Services

- Services: Lists all stations in the exchange group. If a station joins the exchange group, it gets listed in Services.

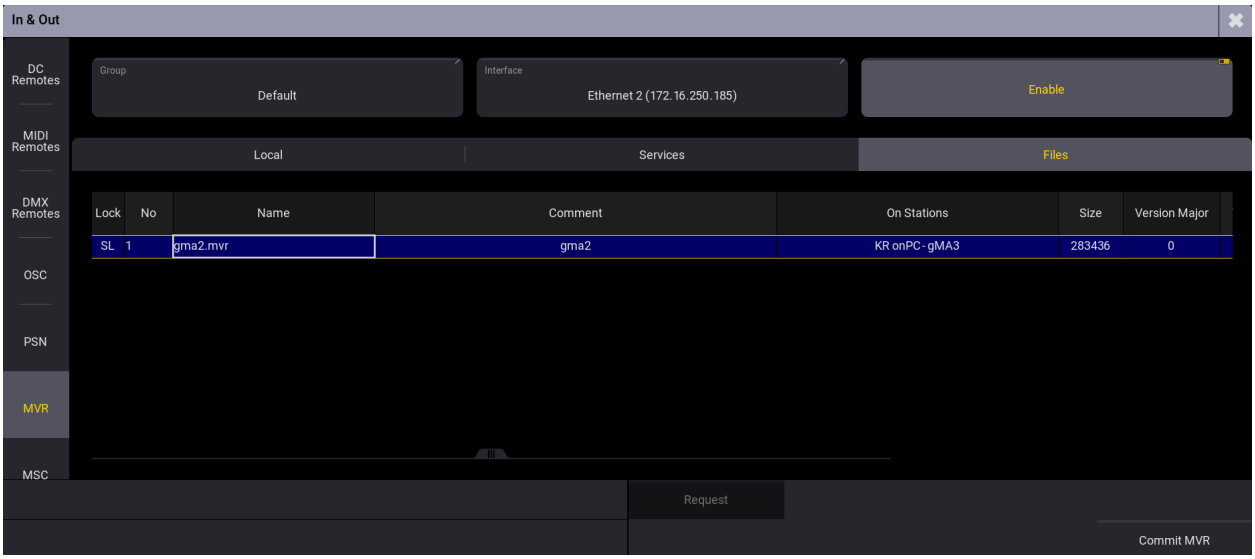


MVR - Services

- Green Background: Shows an existing connection. To reestablish a connection, select the station and tap Join.
- Light Green: Displays your connected station.
- Red Background: Shows an interrupted connection. To disconnect from a station, select the station and tap Leave.
- UUID: Universally Unique Identifier.

Files

- Files: Allows the request of MVR files that are sent by other stations or to commit MVR files. To request, select a file and tap Request and to commit a file, tap Commit MVR.



MVR - Files

Committing an MVR File

To commit an MVR file:

1. Tap Files.
2. Tap Commit MVR. A pop-up opens.

3. Select an MVR and tap Commit.

	Hint:
	A comment can be set in the Message area. This comment is visible for other stations.

Requesting an MVR File

To request a file from another station:

1. Tap Files.
2. Tap a file in the list. The file gets selected.
3. Tap Request. A status bar shows the request's status.
4. A pop-up opens with a confirmation.

5. Tap Ok. The file has been requested.

For more information on where the file is stored, see Folder Structure.

1.51.7. MSC (MIDI Show Control)

MIDI Show Control (MSC) is a method for remotely controlling the system. To read more about MSC in general and the MSC command structure, visit https://midi.org.

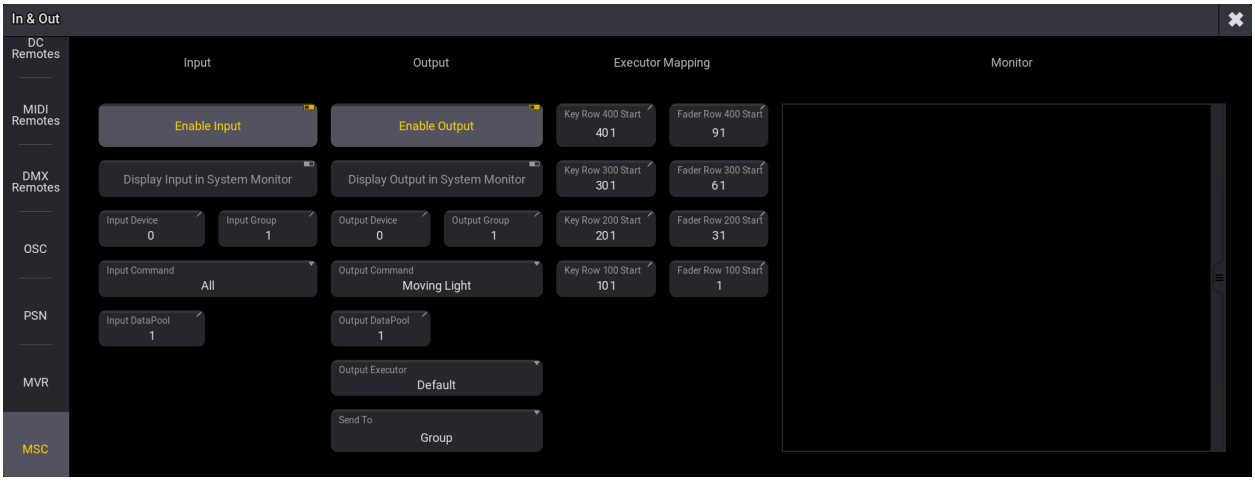
grandMA3 devices can be controlled by other devices via MSC, and vice versa. To determine whether MSC can be transmitted or received, adjust the **MIDI Data Mode** setting in the output configuration. The default is **In & Out**. MSC is transmitted via MIDI 5pin cable. For more general information on how to connect MIDI, read Connect MIDI.

	Important:
	MSC uses the **Remote** user profile for remote input and output. For more information about user profiles, see Create User.

MSC Menu

The MSC menu is located in Menu – In & Out – MSC.

The menu is divided into three areas (**Input**, **Output**, and **Executor Mapping**) with multiple input fields and a monitor field:



MSC menu with Input and Output enabled.

Input:

- **Enable Input:**
  The device can receive MSC from other devices.
- **Input Device:**
  Set the input device ID number.
- **Input Group:**
  Set the input group ID number.
- **Input Data Pool:**
  The input data pool is linked to the selected data pool of the remote user by default. This is

indicated by brackets **<>** around the number. To set an individual pool ID, tap and hold Input Data Pool and use the calculator. To link it again, tap Link Remote in the calculator.

- **Input Command:**
  Select the command format to receive MSC.
  - **Extensions:**
    Extensions command format (hex 00).
  - **General Light:**
    General lights command format (hex 01).
  - **Moving Light:**
    Moving Light command format (hex 02).
  - **All:**
    All type command format (hex 7F).
- **Display Input in System Monitor:**
  The system monitor displays accepted MSC messages that match with MSC input settings.

Output:

- **Enable Output:**
  If enabled, the device can send MSC to other devices.
- **Output Device:**
  Set the device ID number that MSC is transmitted to.
- **Output Group:**
  Set the group ID number that MSC is transmitted to.
- **Output Data Pool:**
  The output data pool is linked to the selected data pool of the remote user by default. This is indicated by brackets <> around the number. To set an individual pool ID, tap and hold Output Data Pool and use the calculator. To link it again, tap Link Remote in the calculator.
- **Output Command:**
  Select the command format to transmit MSC.
  - **Extensions:**
    Extensions command format (hex 00).
  - **General Light:**
    General lights command format (hex 01).
  - **Moving Light:**
    Moving Light command format (hex 02).
  - **All:**
    All type command format (hex 7F). All equipment should respond to this format.
- **Display Output in System Monitor:**
  The system monitor displays all transmitted MSC messages.
- **Output Executor:**
  - **Default:**
    MSC commands go to and from the selected executors on the master station only.
  - **Executor.Page:**
    MSC commands are sent to a specific executor. The page and executor number must be separated by a "period" character (hex = 2E)
  - **Executor Page:**
    MSC commands are sent to a specific executor. The page and executor number must be separated by a "NULL" character (hex = 00).
- **Send To:**
  - **Group:**
    The station transmits MSC to the specified group number (1 to 15).

- **Device:**
  The station transmits MSC to the specified device number (0 to 111).
- **All:**
  The station transmits MSC to all connected devices.

Executor Mapping:

- **Key Row 400 Start - Key Row 100 Start:**
  The start index can be separately defined for each executor row. For example, tap Key Row 100 Start to open the calculator and set a value between 0 and 1 000 to define the starting point of the corresponding executor row. If multiple rows have the same input index value, the highest executor row will be addressed. The priority of the other rows becomes secondary.
- **Fader Row 400 Start - Fader Row 100 Start:**
  The start index can be separately defined for each row of fader executors. For example, tap Fader Row 100 Start to open the calculator and set a value between 0 and 127 to define the starting point of the corresponding fader row. If multiple rows have the same input index value, the highest fader row will be addressed. The priority of the other rows becomes secondary.

Monitor:

- The monitor field displays MSC data feedback.
- The messages inside the monitor are displayed in different colors depending on their status. Incoming commands are displayed in yellow, transmitted commands are displayed in green.
- The system monitor window also displays MSC data. Use the buttons Display Input in System Monitor and Display Output in System Monitor to determine which data to display in the system monitor.

Commands

grandMA3 supports seven different command types:

- **Go (01)**:
  This is the same as the Go+ command in grandMA3. It is usually followed by a cue number.
- **Stop (02)**:
  This is the same as the Pause On command in grandMA3. This can be followed by a cue number.
- **Resume (03)**:
  This is the same as the Pause Off command in grandMA3. This will restart a cue that was paused. If a specific cue is paused, the number of the cue will have to be specified with this command.
- **Timed_Go (04)**:
  This can be used to perform a Goto with a specific fade time. Use both, the time and the cue number, exactly in that order.
- **Set (06)**:
  Set can be used to set the position of faders. Use fader number and page followed by position. Adding an optional time in MSC standard time format allows you to fade the fader to the given position at the given time.
- **Fire (07)**:
  This can be used to trigger macros. The macro number has to follow the command. Only macro 1 to 127 can be triggered. Macro 1 is mapped to FIRE 01.

	Known Limitation:
	The command type Fire (07) is only implemented for MSC input.

- **Go_Off (0B)**:
  This command can be used to "Off" (disable) a sequence. This has to be followed by a cue number.

	Hint:
	In preview mode, the device does not transmit or receive MSC.
	Important:
	Without a specific number followed by a command, the selected object of the remote user is executed if the object is linked to the data pool and assigned to an executor. If no page is set in the input, the MSC Monitor will display page 0 which is mapped to the selected page of the remote user.

1.51.8. DEC-HEX- ASCII Table

This table compares the decimal, hexadecimal, Art-Net, and ASCII numbers. It could be useful for systems that use different number systems.

The following keywords can be helpful to use as well:

- Hex8 Keyword
- Hex16 Keyword
- Hex24 Keyword
- Decimal8 Keyword
- Decimal16 Keyword
- Decimal24 Keyword

Decimal (beginning at 0)	Percent	Decimal (beginning at 1)	Art-Net (decimal)	Hex	ASCII
0	0.00%	1	0 : 0	00	NULL
1	0.39%	2	0 : 1	01	SOH
2	0.78%	3	0 : 2	02	STX
3	1.18%	4	0 : 3	03	ETX
4	1.57%	5	0 : 4	04	EOT
5	1.96%	6	0 : 5	05	ENQ
6	2.35%	7	0 : 6	06	ACK
7	2.75%	8	0 : 7	07	BEL
8	3.14%	9	0 : 8	08	BS
9	3.53%	10	0 : 9	09	TAB
10	3.92%	11	0 : 10	0A	LF
11	4.31%	12	0 : 11	0B	VT
12	4.71%	13	0 : 12	0C	FF
13	5.10%	14	0 : 13	0D	CR
14	5.49%	15	0 : 14	0E	SO
15	5.88%	16	0 : 15	0F	SI
16	6.27%	17	1 : 0	10	DLE
17	6.67%	18	1 : 1	11	DC1
18	7.06%	19	1 : 2	12	DC2
19	7.45%	20	1 : 3	13	DC3
20	7.84%	21	1 : 4	14	DC4
21	8.24%	22	1 : 5	15	NAK
22	8.63%	23	1 : 6	16	SYN
23	9.02%	24	1 : 7	17	ETB
24	9.41%	25	1 : 8	18	CAN
25	9.80%	26	1 : 9	19	EM
26	10.20%	27	1 : 10	1A	SUB
27	10.59%	28	1 : 11	1B	ESC
28	10.98%	29	1 : 12	1C	FS
29	11.37%	30	1 : 13	1D	GS

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30	11.76%	31	1 : 14	1E	RS
31	12.16%	32	1 : 15	1F	US
32	12.55%	33	2 : 0	20	(space)
33	12.94%	34	2 : 1	21	!
34	13.33%	35	2 : 2	22	"
35	13.73%	36	2 : 3	23	#
36	14.12%	37	2 : 4	24	$
37	14.51%	38	2 : 5	25	%
38	14.90%	39	2 : 6	26	&
39	15.29%	40	2 : 7	27	'
40	15.69%	41	2 : 8	28	(
41	16.08%	42	2 : 9	29	)
42	16.47%	43	2 : 10	2A	*
43	16.86%	44	2 : 11	2B	+
44	17.25%	45	2 : 12	2C	,
45	17.65%	46	2 : 13	2D	-
46	18.04%	47	2 : 14	2E	.
47	18.43%	48	2 : 15	2F	/
48	18.82%	49	3 : 0	30	0
49	19.22%	50	3 : 1	31	1
50	19.61%	51	3 : 2	32	2
51	20.00%	52	3 : 3	33	3
52	20.39%	53	3 : 4	34	4
53	20.78%	54	3 : 5	35	5
54	21.18%	55	3 : 6	36	6
55	21.57%	56	3 : 7	37	7
56	21.96%	57	3 : 8	38	8
57	22.35%	58	3 : 9	39	9
58	22.75%	59	3 : 10	3A	:
59	23.14%	60	3 : 11	3B	;
60	23.53%	61	3 : 12	3C	<
61	23.92%	62	3 : 13	3D	=
62	24.31%	63	3 : 14	3E	>
63	24.71%	64	3 : 15	3F	?
64	25.10%	65	4 : 0	40	@
65	25.49%	66	4 : 1	41	A
66	25.88%	67	4 : 2	42	B
67	26.27%	68	4 : 3	43	C
68	26.67%	69	4 : 4	44	D
69	27.06%	70	4 : 5	45	E
70	27.45%	71	4 : 6	46	F
71	27.84%	72	4 : 7	47	G
72	28.24%	73	4 : 8	48	H
73	28.63%	74	4 : 9	49	I
74	29.02%	75	4 : 10	4A	J
75	29.41%	76	4 : 11	4B	K
76	29.80%	77	4 : 12	4C	L
77	30.20%	78	4 : 13	4D	M
78	30.59%	79	4 : 14	4E	N
79	30.98%	80	4 : 15	4F	O
80	31.37%	81	5 : 0	50	P

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81	31.76%	82	5 : 1	51	Q
82	32.16%	83	5 : 2	52	R
83	32.55%	84	5 : 3	53	S
84	32.94%	85	5 : 4	54	T
85	33.33%	86	5 : 5	55	U
86	33.73%	87	5 : 6	56	V
87	34.12%	88	5 : 7	57	W
88	34.51%	89	5 : 8	58	X
89	34.90%	90	5 : 9	59	Y
90	35.29%	91	5 : 10	5A	Z
91	35.69%	92	5 : 11	5B	[
92	36.08%	93	5 : 12	5C	\
93	36.47%	94	5 : 13	5D	]
94	36.86%	95	5 : 14	5E	^
95	37.25%	96	5 : 15	5F	_
96	37.65%	97	6 : 0	60	`
97	38.04%	98	6 : 1	61	a
98	38.43%	99	6 : 2	62	b
99	38.82%	100	6 : 3	63	c
100	39.22%	101	6 : 4	64	d
101	39.61%	102	6 : 5	65	e
102	40.00%	103	6 : 6	66	f
103	40.39%	104	6 : 7	67	g
104	40.78%	105	6 : 8	68	h
105	41.18%	106	6 : 9	69	i
106	41.57%	107	6 : 10	6A	j
107	41.96%	108	6 : 11	6B	k
108	42.35%	109	6 : 12	6C	l
109	42.75%	110	6 : 13	6D	m
110	43.14%	111	6 : 14	6E	n
111	43.53%	112	6 : 15	6F	o
112	43.92%	113	7 : 0	70	p
113	44.31%	114	7 : 1	71	q
114	44.71%	115	7 : 2	72	r
115	45.10%	116	7 : 3	73	s
116	45.49%	117	7 : 4	74	t
117	45.88%	118	7 : 5	75	u
118	46.27%	119	7 : 6	76	v
119	46.67%	120	7 : 7	77	w
120	47.06%	121	7 : 8	78	x
121	47.45%	122	7 : 9	79	y
122	47.84%	123	7 : 10	7A	z
123	48.24%	124	7 : 11	7B	{
124	48.63%	125	7 : 12	7C	|
125	49.02%	126	7 : 13	7D	}
126	49.41%	127	7 : 14	7E	~
127	49.80%	128	7 : 15	7F	DEL
128	50.20%	129	8 : 0	80	Ç
129	50.59%	130	8 : 1	81	ü
130	50.98%	131	8 : 2	82	é
131	51.37%	132	8 : 3	83	â

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133	52.16%	134	8 : 5	85	à
134	52.55%	135	8 : 6	86	å
135	52.94%	136	8 : 7	87	ç
136	53.33%	137	8 : 8	88	ê
137	53.73%	138	8 : 9	89	ë
138	54.12%	139	8 : 10	8A	è
139	54.51%	140	8 : 11	8B	ï
140	54.90%	141	8 : 12	8C	î
141	55.29%	142	8 : 13	8D	ì
142	55.69%	143	8 : 14	8E	Ä
143	56.08%	144	8 : 15	8F	Å
144	56.47%	145	9 : 0	90	É
145	56.86%	146	9 : 1	91	æ
146	57.25%	147	9 : 2	92	Æ
147	57.65%	148	9 : 3	93	ô
148	58.04%	149	9 : 4	94	ö
149	58.43%	150	9 : 5	95	ò
150	58.82%	151	9 : 6	96	û
151	59.22%	152	9 : 7	97	ù
152	59.61%	153	9 : 8	98	ÿ
153	60.00%	154	9 : 9	99	Ö
154	60.39%	155	9 : 10	9A	Ü
155	60.78%	156	9 : 11	9B	ø
156	61.18%	157	9 : 12	9C	£
157	61.57%	158	9 : 13	9D	Ø
158	61.96%	159	9 : 14	9E	×
159	62.35%	160	9 : 15	9F	ƒ
160	62.75%	161	10 : 0	A0	á
161	63.14%	162	10 : 1	A1	í
162	63.53%	163	10 : 2	A2	ó
163	63.92%	164	10 : 3	A3	ú
164	64.31%	165	10 : 4	A4	ñ
165	64.71%	166	10 : 5	A5	Ñ
166	65.10%	167	10 : 6	A6	ª
167	65.49%	168	10 : 7	A7	º
168	65.88%	169	10 : 8	A8	¿
169	66.27%	170	10 : 9	A9	®
170	66.67%	171	10 : 10	AA	¬
171	67.06%	172	10 : 11	AB	½
172	67.45%	173	10 : 12	AC	¼
173	67.84%	174	10 : 13	AD	¡
174	68.24%	175	10 : 14	AE	«
175	68.63%	176	10 : 15	AF	»
176	69.02%	177	11 : 0	B0	░
177	69.41%	178	11 : 1	B1	▒
178	69.80%	179	11 : 2	B2	▓
179	70.20%	180	11 : 3	B3	│
180	70.59%	181	11 : 4	B4	┤
181	70.98%	182	11 : 5	B5	Á
182	71.37%	183	11 : 6	B6	Â

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184	72.16%	185	11 : 8	B8	©
185	72.55%	186	11 : 9	B9	╣
186	72.94%	187	11 : 10	BA	║
187	73.33%	188	11 : 11	BB	╗
188	73.73%	189	11 : 12	BC	╝
189	74.12%	190	11 : 13	BD	¢
190	74.51%	191	11 : 14	BE	¥
191	74.90%	192	11 : 15	BF	┐
192	75.29%	193	12 : 0	C0	└
193	75.69%	194	12 : 1	C1	┴
194	76.08%	195	12 : 2	C2	┬
195	76.47%	196	12 : 3	C3	├
196	76.86%	197	12 : 4	C4	─
197	77.25%	198	12 : 5	C5	┼
198	77.65%	199	12 : 6	C6	ã
199	78.04%	200	12 : 7	C7	Ã
200	78.43%	201	12 : 8	C8	╚
201	78.82%	202	12 : 9	C9	╔
202	79.22%	203	12 : 10	CA	╩
203	79.61%	204	12 : 11	CB	╦
204	80.00%	205	12 : 12	CC	╠
205	80.39%	206	12 : 13	CD	═
206	80.78%	207	12 : 14	CE	╬
207	81.18%	208	12 : 15	CF	¤
208	81.57%	209	13 : 0	D0	ð
209	81.96%	210	13 : 1	D1	Ð
210	82.35%	211	13 : 2	D2	Ê
211	82.75%	212	13 : 3	D3	Ë
212	83.14%	213	13 : 4	D4	È
213	83.53%	214	13 : 5	D5	ı
214	83.92%	215	13 : 6	D6	Í
215	84.31%	216	13 : 7	D7	Î
216	84.71%	217	13 : 8	D8	Ï
217	85.10%	218	13 : 9	D9	┘
218	85.49%	219	13 : 10	DA	┌
219	85.88%	220	13 : 11	DB	█
220	86.27%	221	13 : 12	DC	▄
221	86.67%	222	13 : 13	DD	¦
222	87.06%	223	13 : 14	DE	Ì
223	87.45%	224	13 : 15	DF	▀
224	87.84%	225	14 : 0	E0	Ó
225	88.24%	226	14 : 1	E1	ß
226	88.63%	227	14 : 2	E2	Ô
227	89.02%	228	14 : 3	E3	Ò
228	89.41%	229	14 : 4	E4	õ
229	89.80%	230	14 : 5	E5	Õ
230	90.20%	231	14 : 6	E6	µ
231	90.59%	232	14 : 7	E7	þ
232	90.98%	233	14 : 8	E8	Þ
233	91.37%	234	14 : 9	E9	Ú

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235	92.16%	236	14 : 11	EB	Ù
236	92.55%	237	14 : 12	EC	ý
237	92.94%	238	14 : 13	ED	Ý
238	93.33%	239	14 : 14	EE	¯
239	93.73%	240	14 : 15	EF	´
240	94.12%	241	15 : 0	F0	--
241	94.51%	242	15 : 1	F1	±
242	94.90%	243	15 : 2	F2	‗
243	95.29%	244	15 : 3	F3	¾
244	95.69%	245	15 : 4	F4	
245	96.08%	246	15 : 5	F5	§
246	96.47%	247	15 : 6	F6	÷
247	96.86%	248	15 : 7	F7	¸
248	97.25%	249	15 : 8	F8	°
249	97.65%	250	15 : 9	F9	¨
250	98.04%	251	15 : 10	FA	·
251	98.43%	252	15 : 11	FB	¹
252	98.82%	253	15 : 12	FC	³
253	99.22%	254	15 : 13	FD	²
254	99.61%	255	15 : 14	FE	■
255	100.00%	256	15 : 15	FF	

Hint:

The values in the hexadecimal **(Hex)** column are also valid in the Art-Net hexadecimal format. For example, `00` in the Hex column corresponds to `0 : 0` in Art-Net.

1.52. Sound

The grandMA3 system can receive and transmit sound. See how to connect audio devices in the Connect Audio In and Connect Sound Out topics.

The **Sound Viewer** can be used to show the received sound.

Sound Viewer is a window that can be created using the Add Window pop-up.

Received sounds can be used in phasers to dynamically change attribute values or in sequences where incoming sounds can be used to trigger cues. Learn more about received sound in the Sound Viewer topic (link below).

Sound files can be imported into the **Sounds** Pool. Imported sounds can be played back from the pool, and they can be added to timecode tracks. Learn more about importing sound in the Sounds Pool topic (link below).

Subtopics

- Sound Viewer
- Sounds Pool

1.52.1. Sound Viewer

The grandMA3 system can receive a sound signal. This signal can be used in Phasers, and different **Sound Channels** can be used to give value to attributes or trigger cues.

The **Sound Viewer** displays an incoming audio signal as a raw waveform. This window also breaks down the strength of that signal into several bands of a few different widths. The **Sound Viewer** also displays calculations performed by the console to find steady beats within the signal.

Requirement:
Active sound input is required in order for the console to display useful information in the **Sound Viewer**. For information about connecting an audio input to a console, see the Connect Audio In topic. The grandMA3 onPC software uses any sound input hardware designated by the operating system.

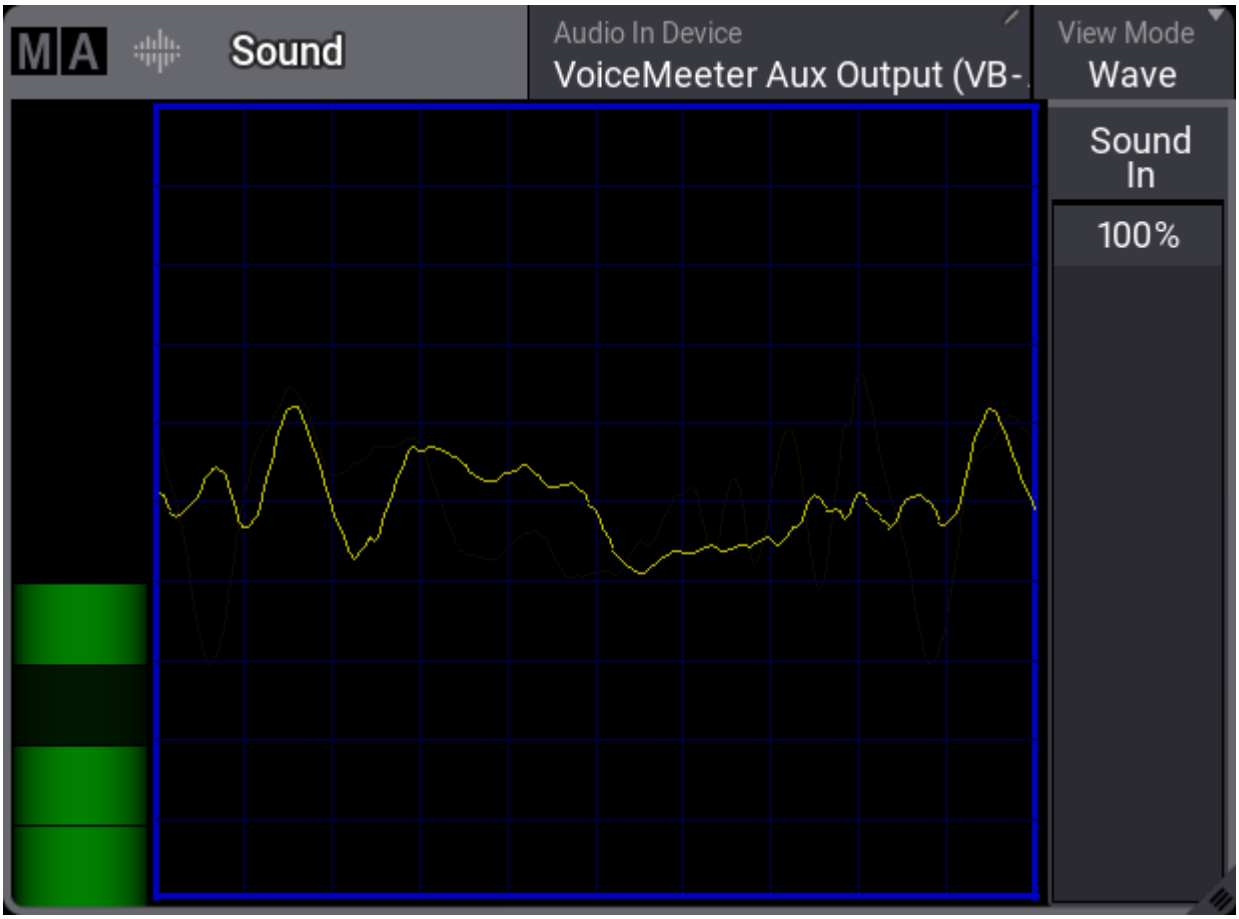
The **Add Window** pop-up includes the **Sound Viewer** under the Tools tab. See the Add Windows topic for more information about the Add Window pop-up.

The right corner of the **Sound Viewer** title bar includes a View Mode button. Tap this button to cycle through available display mode options, or tap and swipe to open a pop-up menu containing all of the available display mode options for the **Sound Viewer**.

On the grandMA3 onPC, there is another button in the title bar called Audio In Device. This is a list of available sound devices on the computer that can be used as sound input devices. The used input can be selected here or in the **onPC settings**.

These settings define different settings specifically for the onPC. Learn more in the onPC Settings topic.

Wave View Mode



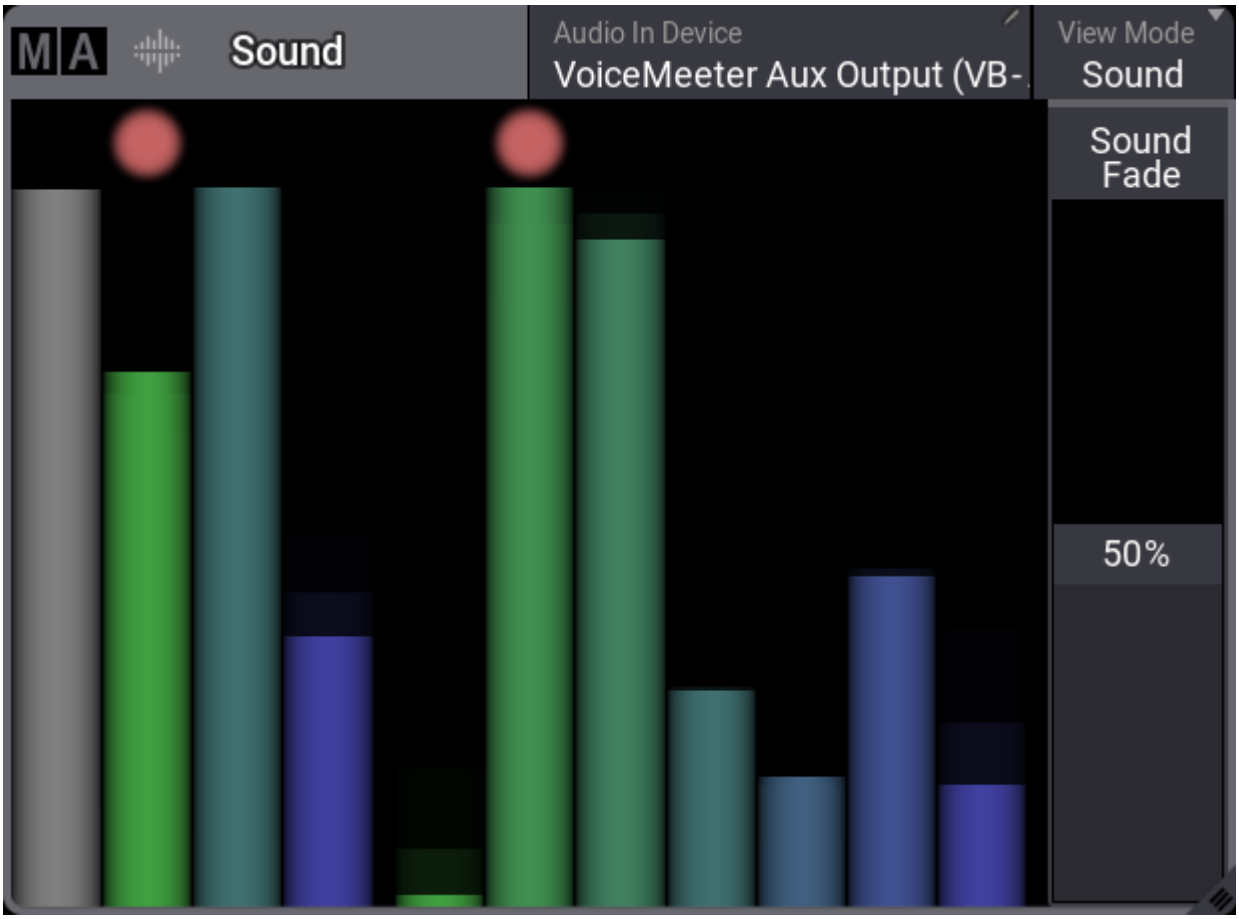
Sound window in Wave view mode

The left side of the window includes a simple VU meter, which is shown as a vertical bar.

The main area of the window shows the raw waveform of the incoming audio signal.

The right side of the window includes quick access to the **Sound In** master. Adjusting the **Sound In** master changes the volume of the input signal. This change is immediately visible in both the VU meter and the waveform. For more information about the **Sound In** master, see the Grand Masters topic.

Sound View Mode



Sound window in Sound view mode

The **Sound** view mode of the **Sound Viewer** displays the incoming audio signal as a series of bars representing the volume of different bands of frequencies. When a given bar reaches a peak, a dot appears above the bar. This dot represents a possible sound trigger based on that frequency band.

The eleven bars shown in the window break down the frequencies of the audio signal in three different ways, displaying all three breakdowns simultaneously. The first bar represents the volume of the whole signal. The next three bars divide the signal into **Bass**, **Mid**, and **High** frequencies. And the remaining seven bars divide the frequencies equally into narrower bands.

These eleven bars relate directly to the first eleven **Sound Channels** and inversely to the remaining **Sound Channels**. Available **Sound Channels** include:

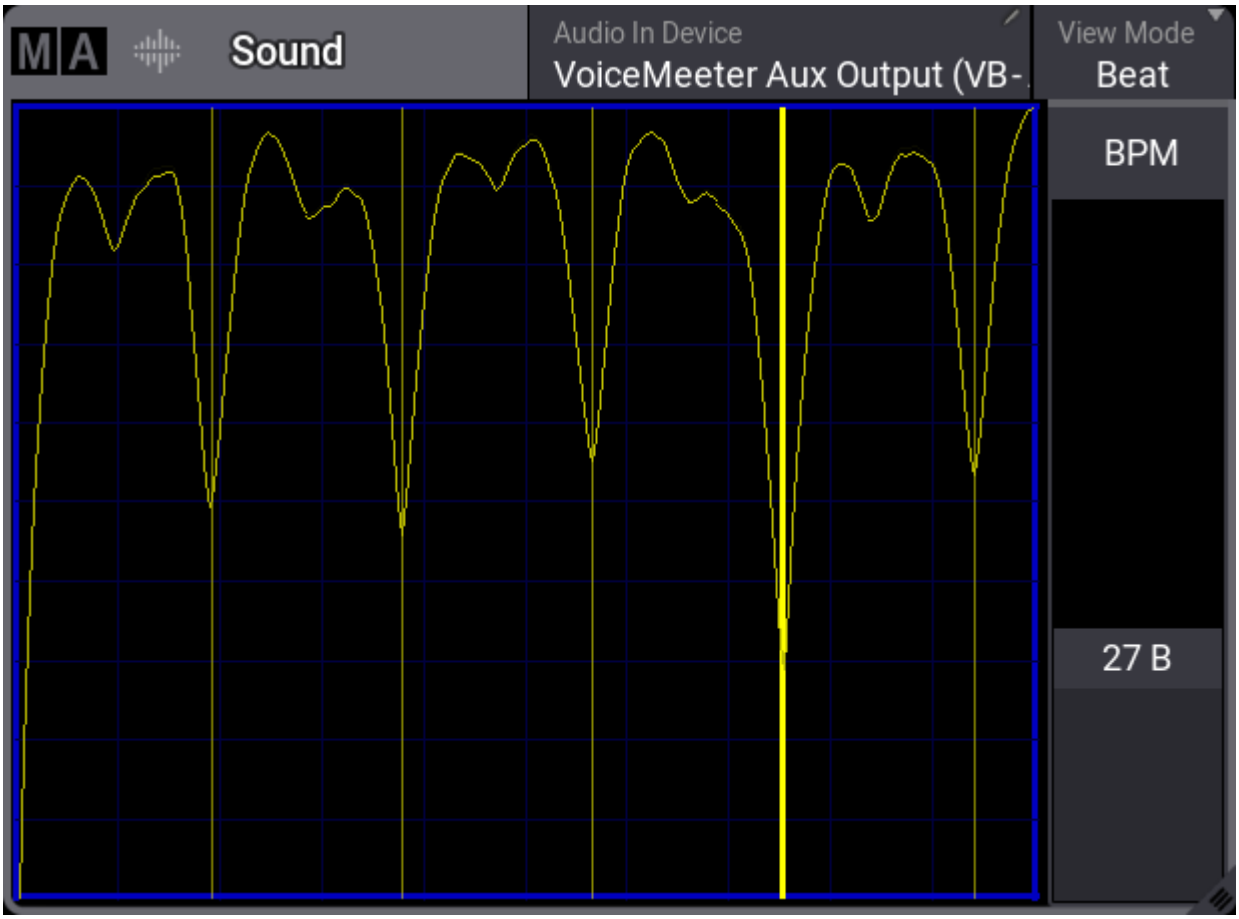
1. **All**
2. **Bass**
3. **Mid**
4. **High**
5. **Band1**
6. **Band2**
7. **Band3**
8. **Band4**
9. **Band5**
10. **Band6**

11. **Band7**
12. **InvAll**
13. **InvBass**
14. **InvMid**
15. **InvHigh**
16. **InvBand1**
17. **InvBand2**
18. **InvBand3**
19. **InvBand4**
20. **InvBand5**
21. **InvBand6**
22. **InvBand7**

Set the value of any parameter to follow one of the **Sound Channels** in the command line using the SoundChannel keyword or the Sound Codes tab of the Calculator.

The right side of the window includes quick access to the **Sound Fade** master. Adjusting the **Sound Fade** master changes the fall-off speed of all of the channels. While a lower number results in more accurate tracking of quickly changing dynamics, the response may appear undesirably erratic. A higher value results in a smoother response. For more information about the **Sound Fade** master, see the Grand Masters topic.

Beat View Mode



Sound window in Beat view mode

The **Beat** view mode of the **Sound Viewer** displays the incoming audio signal after some additional processing. This processing looks for repeating beats. The processed signal appears as a series of hills and valleys. Deeper valleys form where louder pulses in the incoming signal line up more consistently over time.

Dim, yellow, vertical lines appear in the valleys with the most consistent repeated pulses. These lines represent beat candidates, which the **BPM** speed master can follow.

A bold, yellow, vertical line appears when the **BPM** master locks onto a beat. The **BPM** master adjusts automatically to follow any changes detected in the incoming signal.

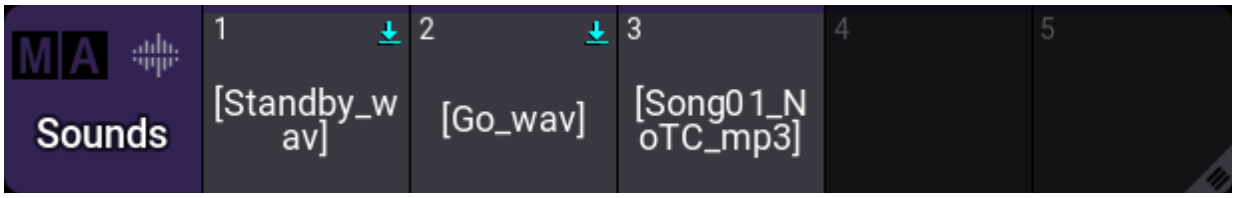
The right side of the window includes quick access to the **BPM** speed master fader. For more information about the **BPM** speed master, see the Speed Masters topic.

1.52.2. Sounds Pool

The **Sounds Pool** can contain sound files. The pool is part of the media pools.

	Important: The Sounds Pool has a limit of 100 MB for all objects. Files exceeding the limit will be highlighted with a red color in the import pop-up. The total size of all media pools is limited to 300 MB.

Sound pool objects can be played back in the pool or added as a track in a timecode object.



Sounds Pool with imported sound files

Import a Sound

The sound file needs to be in the correct folder to be able to be imported. The folder is /gma3_library/media/sounds. Learn more about this in the Folder Structure topic.

Sounds can be imported using the **Show Creators import function**.

The **Show Creator** has an import function that can be used to import objects into pools. Learn more in the Show Creator Import/Export topic.

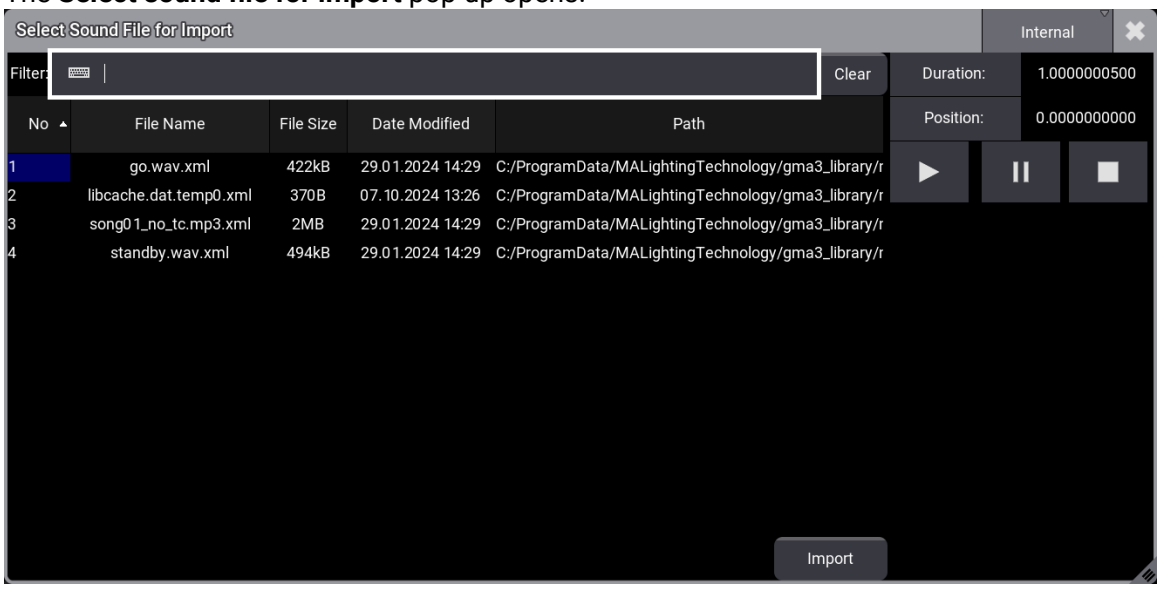
They can also be imported using the Sounds pool.

1. Edit a **Sounds** pool object.
   The **Edit Sound** pop-up opens.

Edit Sound pop-up

2. Tap Import.

   The **Select sound file for import** pop-up opens.



Select sound file for import

3. Select the desired sound file and tap Import.
4. Edit the values in the Edit Sound pop-up to the desired settings and close it by tapping the ✖.

Playing Sounds from the Pool

Sound files in the sounds pool can be played using a Go+ command on the pool object. Other relevant commands are:

- Off

- Toggle
- Pause
- On

Sounds triggered by a sequence, macro, or executor are played by the **Master** in a session. The only exception to this is playing it in the import pop-up.

The master is a session outputs the sound. Masters are the stations with one of the following stastus': GlobalMaster, IdleMaster, and Standalone.
Learn more about session masters in the Session topic.

Some requirements must be met before the sound can come out of the system.

- The master needs a physical audio output connected. Learn how in the Connect Sound Out topic.
- The **Sound Out** master fader must be turned up. This can be done in multiple locations, such as the Master Controls or by assigning it to an executor - learn how in the Assign Object to an Executor topic.
- There is a master for the pool object. This can be set using the FaderMaster keyword or by assigning the sound to an executor (see assign link above) with a master fader or knob. Here, the master level can be seen and turned up.

Using Sounds in Timecode Show

Sounds in the pool can be used as a target in a timecode track. Learn more about timecode tracks in the Track Groups topic.

Running the timecode show plays the sound from the timecode object.

Sounds Pool Object Settings

There are some settings for a sound object. The Settings are in the **Edit Sound pop-up** (see above). Besides the standard settings like Appearance, Auto-Start, Auto-Stop, etc., there are the following uncommon settings:

- **dB**:
  The sound file level can be adjusted using the dB setting. The valid range is from -6 db to +6 db.
- **Duration** (information only):
  This shows the length of time for the sound file.
- **FilePath**:
  This is a path (sub-folders) for the sound file inside the folder (gma3_library/media/sounds).
- **Installed**:
  If this is set to Yes, the sound file will be updated from the file archive they were imported from. This is useful when sound files are changed and copied into the folder using an external editor.

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1.53. RDM (Remote Device Management)

Remote Device Management is a protocol that allows bi-directional communication between a grandMA3 device and RDM-ready devices attached to it (= RDM-ready fixtures) over a standard DMX line. RDM protocol allows grandMA3 devices to send commands and receive messages from specific moving lights for device configuration and status monitoring. For example adjusting the DMX starting address. This is especially useful for devices installed in a remote area. The parameters of each fixture determine which commands can be send and which messages can be received between the fixture and the grandMA3 device.

ANSI E1.20 - 2010 by PLASA specifies the RDM standard as an extension of the DMX 512-A protocol (ANSI E1.11).

RDM is integrated in DMX without influencing the connections. The RDM data is transmitted via the standard XLR-poles – new DMX cables are not required. RDM-ready and conventional DMX devices can be operated in one DMX line. The RDM protocol sends its own data packages in the DMX512 data feed and does not influence conventional devices.

Enable RDM

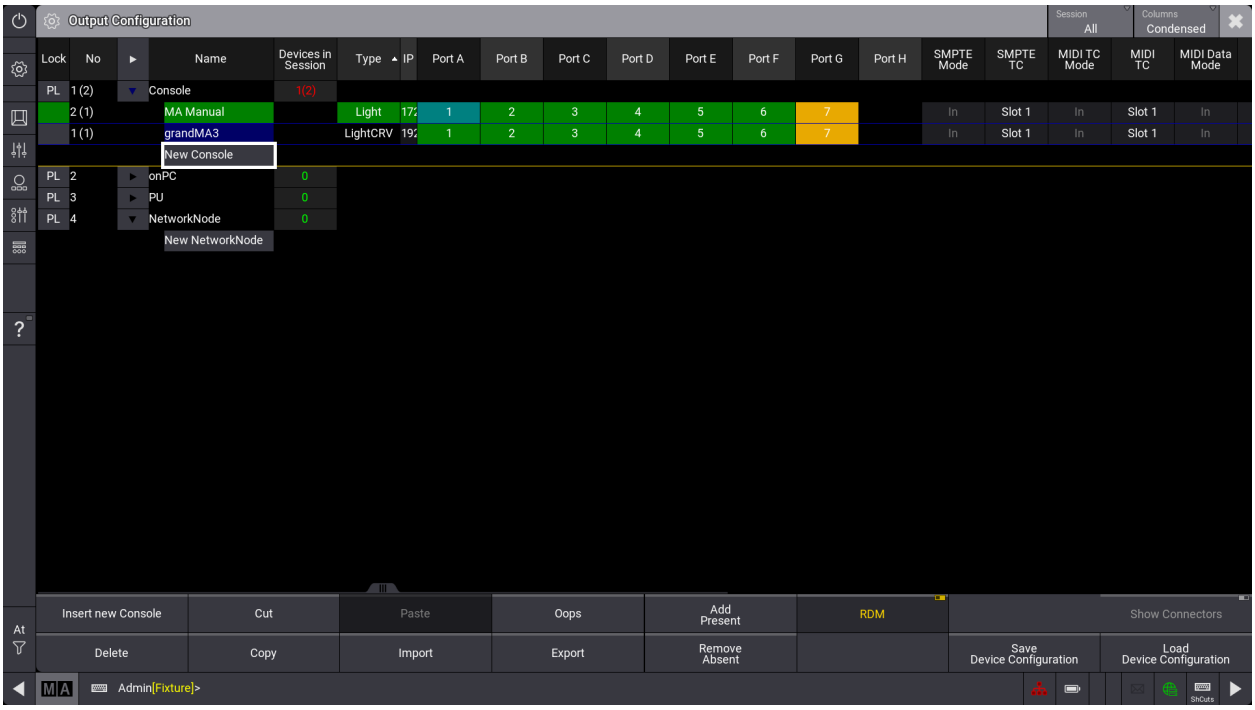
To use RDM, it has to be enabled in two different spots:

1. Globally within the show file:
   - Press Menu - Network: Enable the RDM button in the **Stations** tab.
   - Or Press Menu - Network: Enable the RDM button in the **Station Control** tab.
   - Or press Menu - Live Patch: Enable the RDM button in the **RDM** tab.
   - Or press Menu - Connector Configuration: Enable the RDM button on the bottom right.

All four RDM buttons are linked to each other and RDM is enabled globally.

2. Per XLR port that shall use RDM. Therefore, the mode of an XLR Port in the Connector Configuration needs to be set from Out to RDM. Tap and hold in the cell of the desired Port. An editor opens:

Tap Mode A and change it to RDM. Confirm the changes by tapping Apply. The background color of the port turns to turquoise:



Connector Configuration options with Port A in RDM mode and RDM activated globally in the bottom right.

In RDM mode, DMX data is only sent when there are changes of DMX values. In addition, every 500ms a refreshing packet will be sent so that DMX fixtures will not switch into DMX fail mode.

This RDM output mode allows more time on the DMX line for RDM configuration.

RDM Devices Window

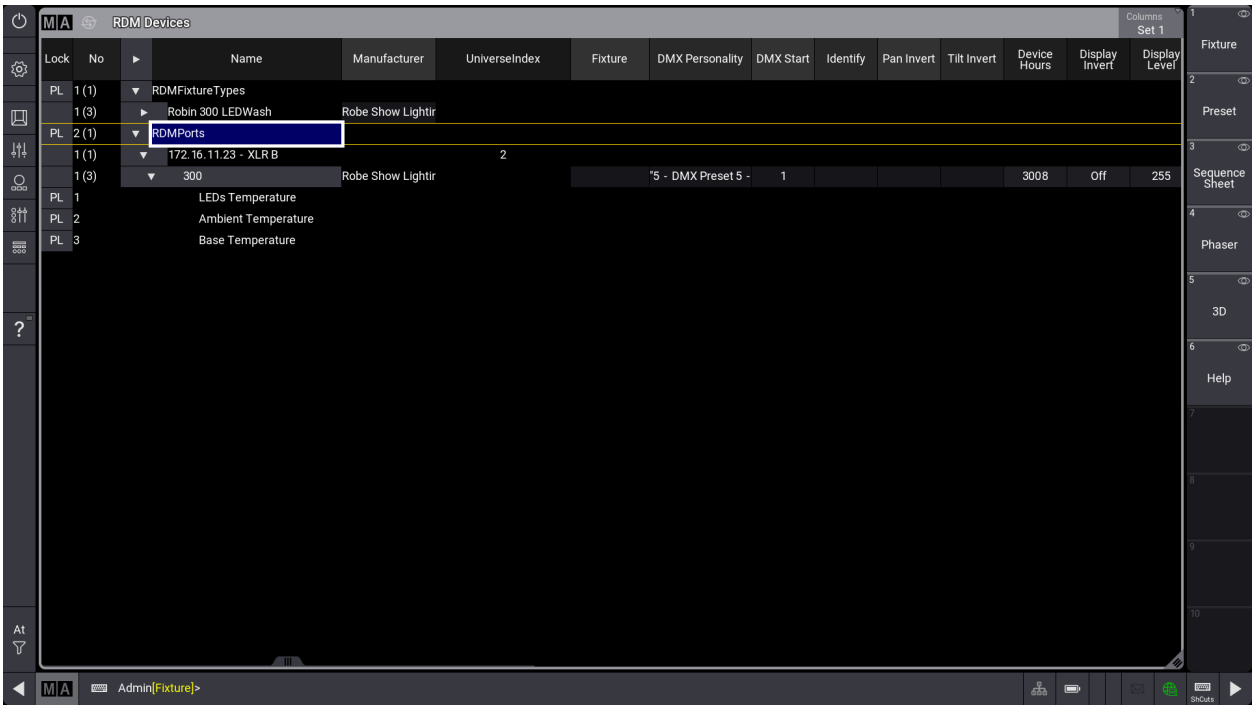
Open the RDM devices window via the Add Window dialog in the Tools tab.

The RDM Devices window lists all devices that are discovered through RDM. The same list is also displayed in Menu - Live Patch - RDM.

Paste to Command Line

When an RDM device is detected on an XLR port, a section called RDMPorts will be included in the list of RDM devices. Within each RDMPort, all fixtures that are detected via RDM on this physical XLR port are listed. An RDM port is labeled with the IP of the device and the XLR port of the device, e.g., 192.168.0.4 - XLR D. If the device is not detected anymore, the font color turns red.

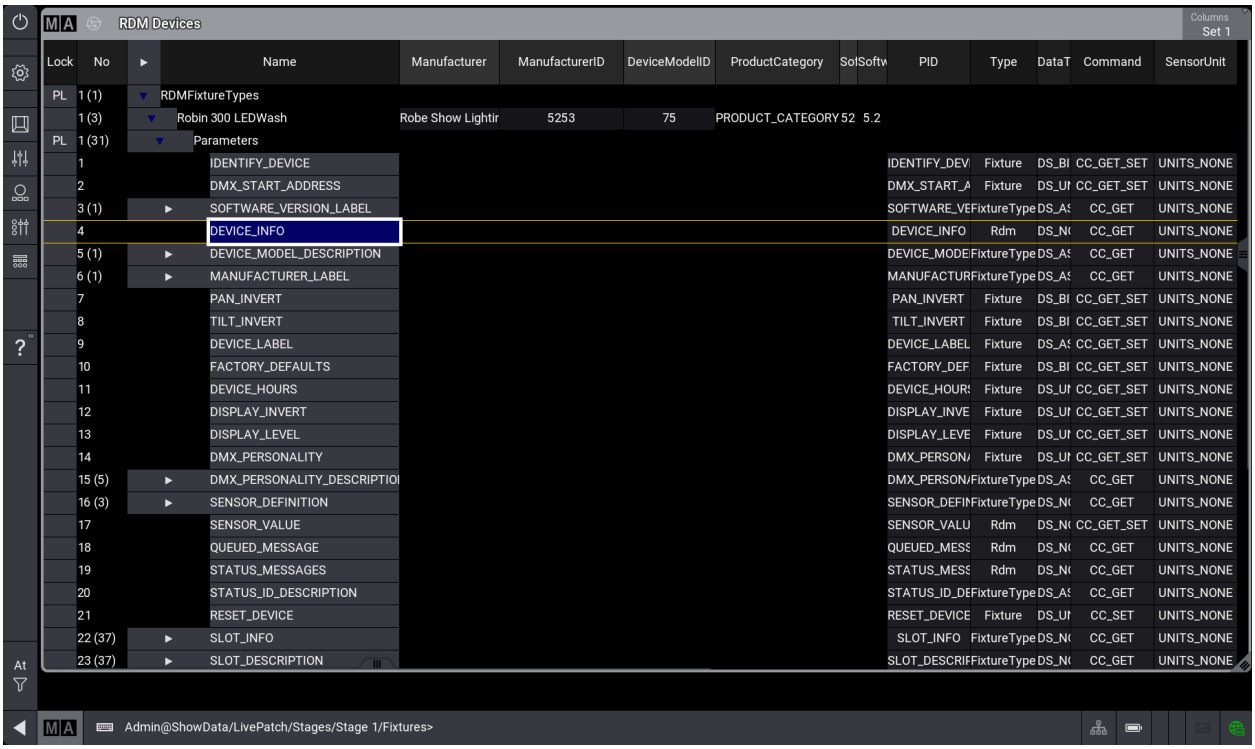
The RDM devices window with **RDMFixtureTypes** and **RDMPorts** detected could look like this:



RDM devices window with RDMPorts in expanded mode.

For every fixture type identified by RDM, a new child will be added to the **RDMFixtureTypes** in the RDM Devices window. Each RDMFixtureType contains general information of the RDM fixtures, that is similar to all fixtures of the same product, e.g., the parameter description, or the available DMX personalities.

Expanding with ▶ next to the RDM fixture shows all the different parameters of the fixture:



RDM devices window with one active RDM fixture in a expanded view.

RDM Parameters

The grandMA3 creates RDMFixtureTypes by itself depending on these three parameters: ManufacturerID, DeviceModelID, and SoftwareID.
As soon as the same physical type of lighting fixtures have different software IDs due to different firmware versions, different RDMFixtureTypes are created.

Only the cells of properties that an RDM fixture provides as set-able can be edited in the RDM devices window. Not all RDM parameters can be set by the user.

There are three different kinds of commands for each Parameter:

- Set: Parameters that are adjustable on the console.
- Get: Parameters that are only receivable.
- Set and Get: Parameters that can be sent and also received by a device.

Hint:
The RDM devices window also displays all Parameters individual commands under a specific column called Command.

The following RDM parameters are supported by grandMA3:

Parameter	Parameter ID	GET	SET	SET/ GET
PROXIED_DEVICES	0x0010	X		
PROXIED_DEVICE_COUNT	0x0011	X		
LANGUAGE_CAPABILITIES	0x00A0	X		
SOFTWARE_VERSION_LABEL	0x00C0	X		
BOOT_SOFTWARE_VERSION_ID	0x00C1	X		
BOOT_SOFTWARE_VERSION_LABEL	0x00C2	X		
SLOT_INFO	0x0120	X		
SLOT_DESCRIPTION	0x0121	X		
DEFAULT_SLOT_VALUE	0x0122	X		
SENSOR_DEFINITION	0x0200	X		
SENSOR_VALUE	0x0201			X
RECORD_SENSORS	0x0202		X	
DEVICE_HOURS	0x0400			X
LAMP_HOURS	0x0401	X		
LAMP_STATE	0x0403	X		
LAMP_STRIKES	0x0402	X		
LAMP_ON_MODE	0x0404			X
DEVICE_POWER_CYCLES	0x0405	X		
DEVICE_MODEL_DESCRIPTION	0x0080	X		
DEVICE_LABEL	0x0082			X
POWER_STATE	0x1010			X
IDENTIFY_DEVICE	0x1000			X
DMX_PERSONALITY	0x00E0			X
DMX_START_ADDRESS	0x00F0			X
PAN_INVERT	0x0600			X
TILT_INVERT	0x0601			X
PAN_TILT_SWAP	0x0602			X
DISPLAY_INVERT	0x0500			X

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Parameter	Parameter ID	GET	SET	SET/ GET
DISPLAY_LEVEL	0x0501			X
RESET_DEVICE	0x1001		X	
FACTORY_DEFAULTS	0x0090			X

Proxy Devices

A proxy device is a device that receives DMX from the console and sends it to several devices that are connected to the proxy device. For example, a Radio DMX Link containing of Transmitter and Receiver devices.

The column of Proxied Devices displays the number of RDM devices handled by the specific proxy module. This number also includes the proxy device itself.

Important:

Connect RDM devices directly to a corresponding radio DMX receiver device. Fixtures with built-in radio DMX modules that use a wireless connection to a radio DMX transmitter are not detected by the controlling device.

Sensors

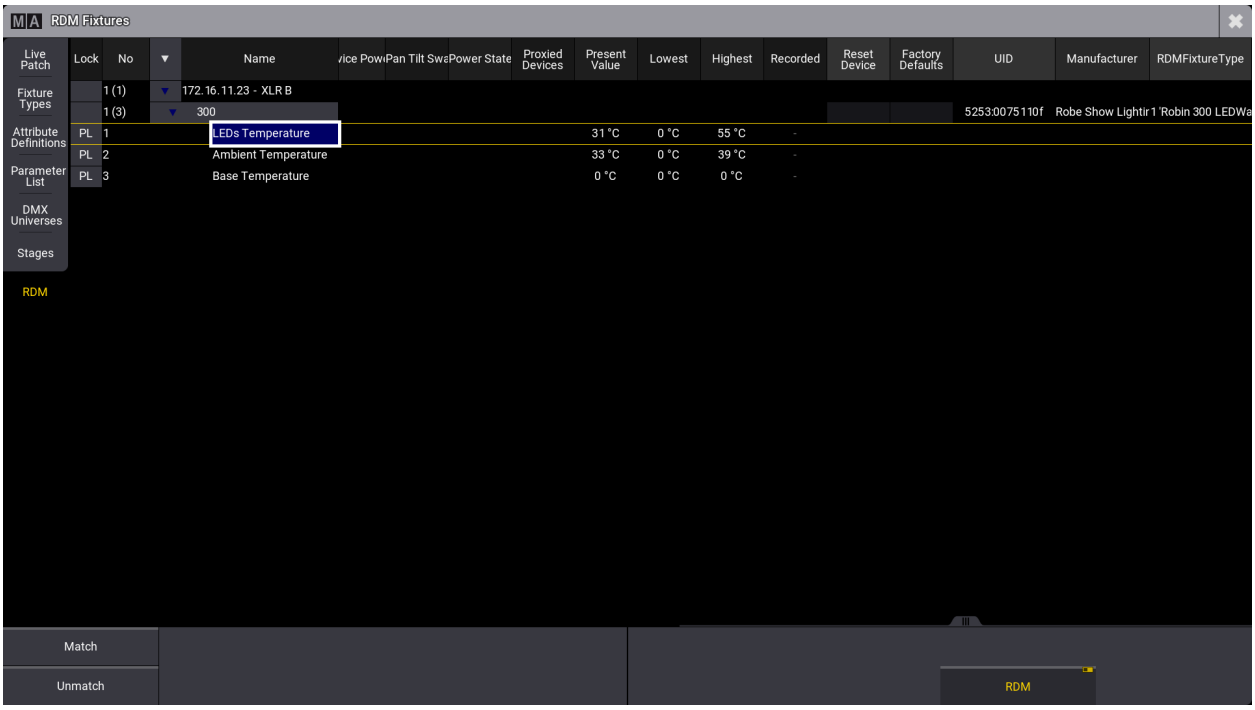
Sensors and their values are also displayed in the RDM devices window. Tap ▶ next to the desired RDM fixture. Each sensor is shown in a separate row. Four different columns are displayed on the far right side for each sensor.

To see the actual values of the sensor, go to Menu - Live Patch - RDM. Tap ▶ next to the fixture to see the four sensor columns:

- Present Value: The current value of the sensor.
- Lowest: The lowest value the sensor can reach.
- Highest: The sensor's highest value.
- Recorded: The stored value of the fixture, when RECORD_SENSORS, 0x0202 was executed.

Hint:

RECORD_SENSORS needs to be executed by a different RDM controller in order to display a value.



RDM tab in Live Patch displaying values for three different sensors.

RDM Communication Process

In grandMA3 the RDM communication follows this process:

1. Discovery for new RDM fixtures.
    a. Check if detected fixtures are still available.
    b. Check for new RDM fixtures.
2. Get parameter and sensor data.
3. 1s Pause
4. Start again at 1.

Parameters that are not changing during the runtime of a fixture, e.g., Device Info, are only pulled via RDM once when creating the corresponding RDMFixtureType. All other parameters and sensors are pulled every time in step 2.
As soon as an RDM fixture is not available for 3 discoveries in a row, it will be displayed in red in the list of RDM fixtures.

It is possible to match an RDM fixture with a fixture of the grandMA3 patch. To do so, edit the fixture cell of the desired RDM fixture in the RDM devices window. A pop-up opens and offers all fixtures of the current show file.
In addition, it is also possible to match fixtures within the RDM window in the live patch. In the live patch, it is possible to open the fixture list in the same way as described above, and by selecting any cell of a fixture then tapping Match at the bottom of the window.
To remove a match between an RDM fixture and a grandMA3 fixture, it is possible to tap Unmatch in the RDM window in the live patch or to tap Clear in the match pop-up.

	Hint:

	It is recommended that RDM be turned off for universes that are not used, or for universes including fixtures without RDM functionality. To do so, follow step 1 and 2 vice versa.

Example

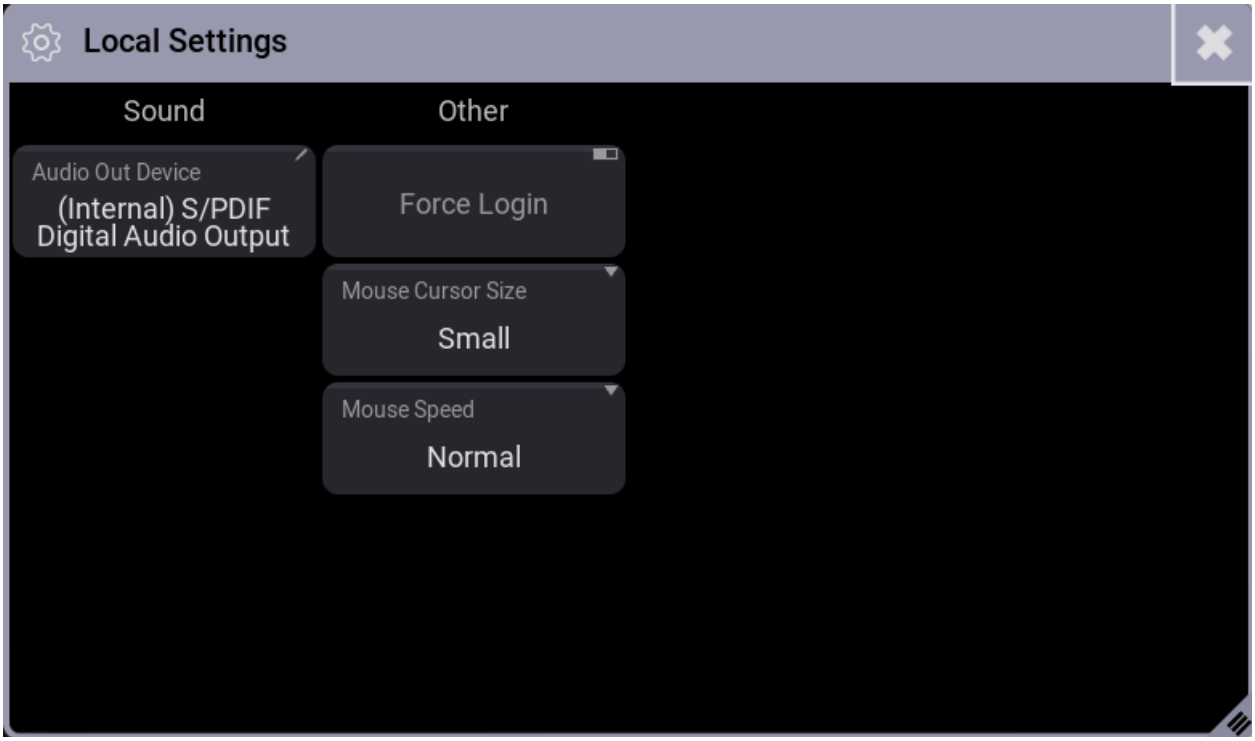
Identifying (IDENTIFY_DEVICE) a fixture with RDM:

1.54. Local Settings

	Hint:
	The local settings menu is not available for the grandMA3 onPC software. Instead, there are onPC Local Settings.

To open the local settings menu on a grandMA3 console:

- Press Menu - Settings - Local Settings. The local settings menu opens.



Local Settings

Sound

- **Audio Out Device:** Use the 1-finger swipe gesture to change the sound interface that outputs sound.

Other

- **Force Login**: If enabled, a login pop-up appears when the console starts. For more information on generating user passwords, see Create User.
- **Mouse Cursor Size**: Changes the size of the mouse cursor to Small, Medium, or Large.
- **Mouse Speed**: Changes the speed of the mouse cursor to Slow, Normal, or Fast.

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1.55. Update the Software

Every grandMA3 device is delivered with the latest version of the grandMA3 software.

All devices in a network with software versions higher than 1.0 can see and update each other.

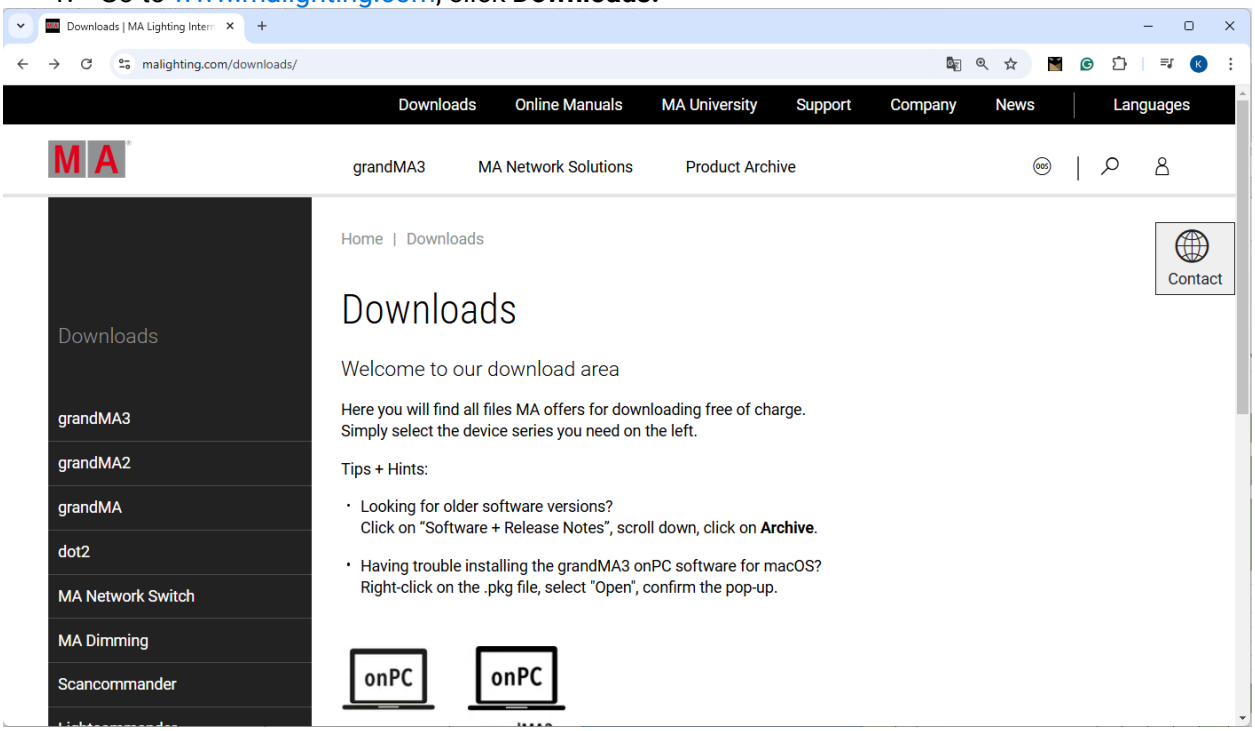
This is to provide information on how to update or downgrade the grandMA3 software, if needed. For more information, see Network Update.

To check which version your device is currently running, use the Version keyword on the command line (this does not work with PUs and Nodes).

Check for Updates and Download the Latest Version

To check if there is a new grandMA3 software update:

1. Go to www.malighting.com, click **Downloads.**



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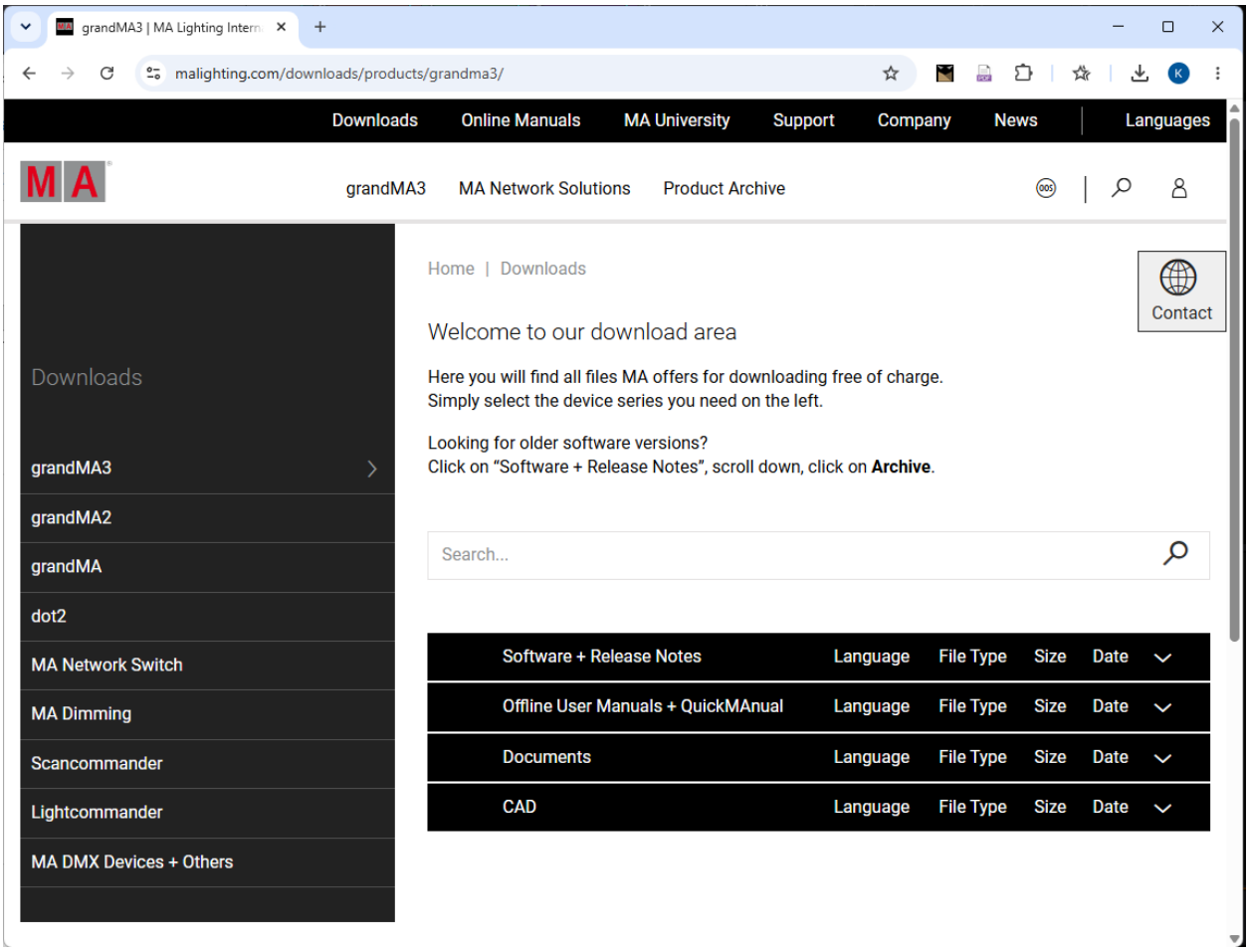
2. Click **grandMA3** in the bar on the left.



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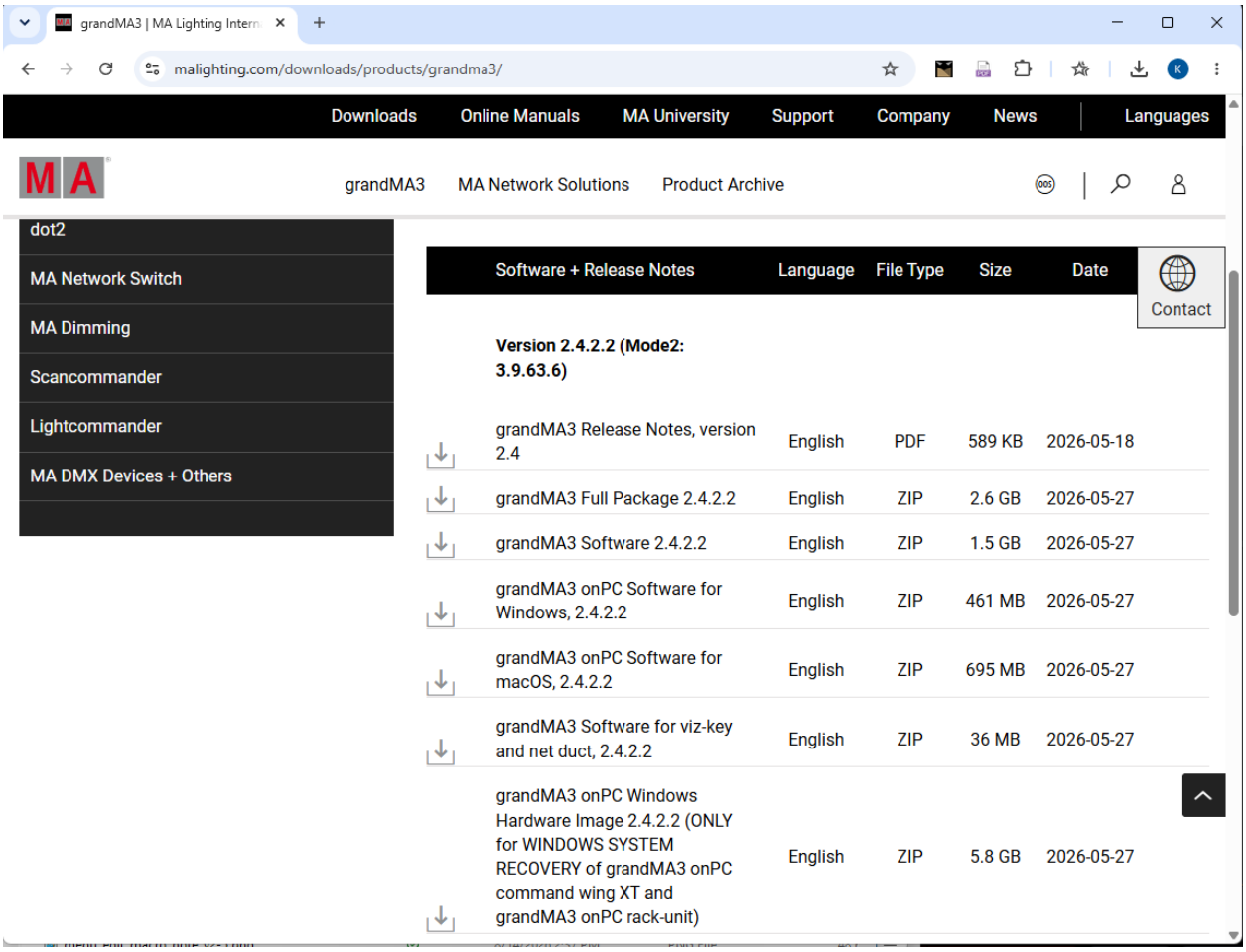
3. Click **Software + Release Notes** to find the latest software version.



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4. Click the current version to download the desired installation package. The download process starts.

Available Installation Packages

There are six installation packages available, as shown in the table below:

Software / Package	Device
grandMA3 Software x.x.x.x / grandMA3_stick_vx.x.x.x.zip	Console, RPU, processing unit, xPort Node, and I/O Node
grandMA3 onPC Software x.x.x.x for windows / grandMA3_onPC_win_vx.x.x.x.zip	Windows operating systems, e.g., PC or laptop, command wing XT, rack-unit, viz-key
grandMA3 onPC Software x.x.x.x for macOS / grandMA3_onPC_mac_vx.x.x.x.zip	macOS
grandMA3 Software x.x.x.x for grandMA3 viz-key and net duct / grandMA3_viz_key_net_duct_vx.x.x.x.zip	viz-key only, grandMA3 net duct
grandMA3 Full Package / grandMA3_vx.x.x.x_full_package.zip	Contains all the installation packages listed above (_stick, _onPC_win, _onPC_macOS, _viz_key_net_duct)
grandMA3 onPC Windows Hardware Image x.x.x.x / grandMA3_Windows_Hardware_Image_vx.x.x.x.zip	Windows system recovery of command wing XT and rack-unit, including grandMA3 onPC

Important:

	For network updates, the target software installation package must also be downloaded. For example, when updating a console via grandMA3 onPC.

Store the Installation Packages

All files for each device type are included in the corresponding zip-file.

To update the software via network from an onPC station:

1. Open the installation package zip-file.
2. Open the ma folder:
    - For Windows systems, copy the files from the ma folder into the directory C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\installation_packages.
    - On macOS, copy the files from the ma folder to the directory ~/MALightingTechnology/installation_packages.

	Important:
	Do not unzip the installation package, simply copy the zipped files from the MA folder to the installation_packages directory.

To create a USB flash drive containing all the installation files, see Update grandMA3 Consoles.

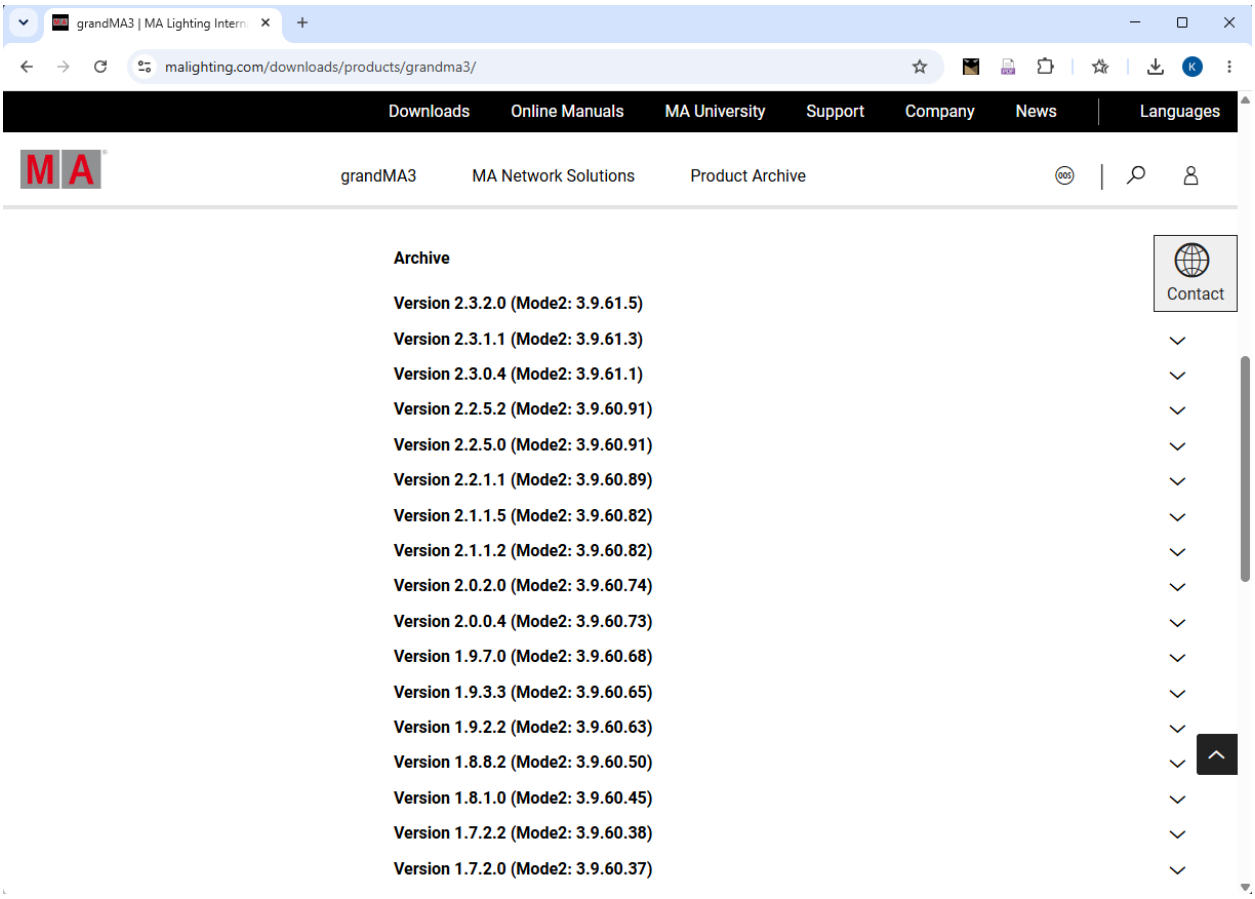
- For information on installing windows grandMA3 onPC, see Windows™® Installation.
- For information about macOS grandMA3onPC installation, see macOS® Installation.

Follow all the onscreen instructions that appear during the update.

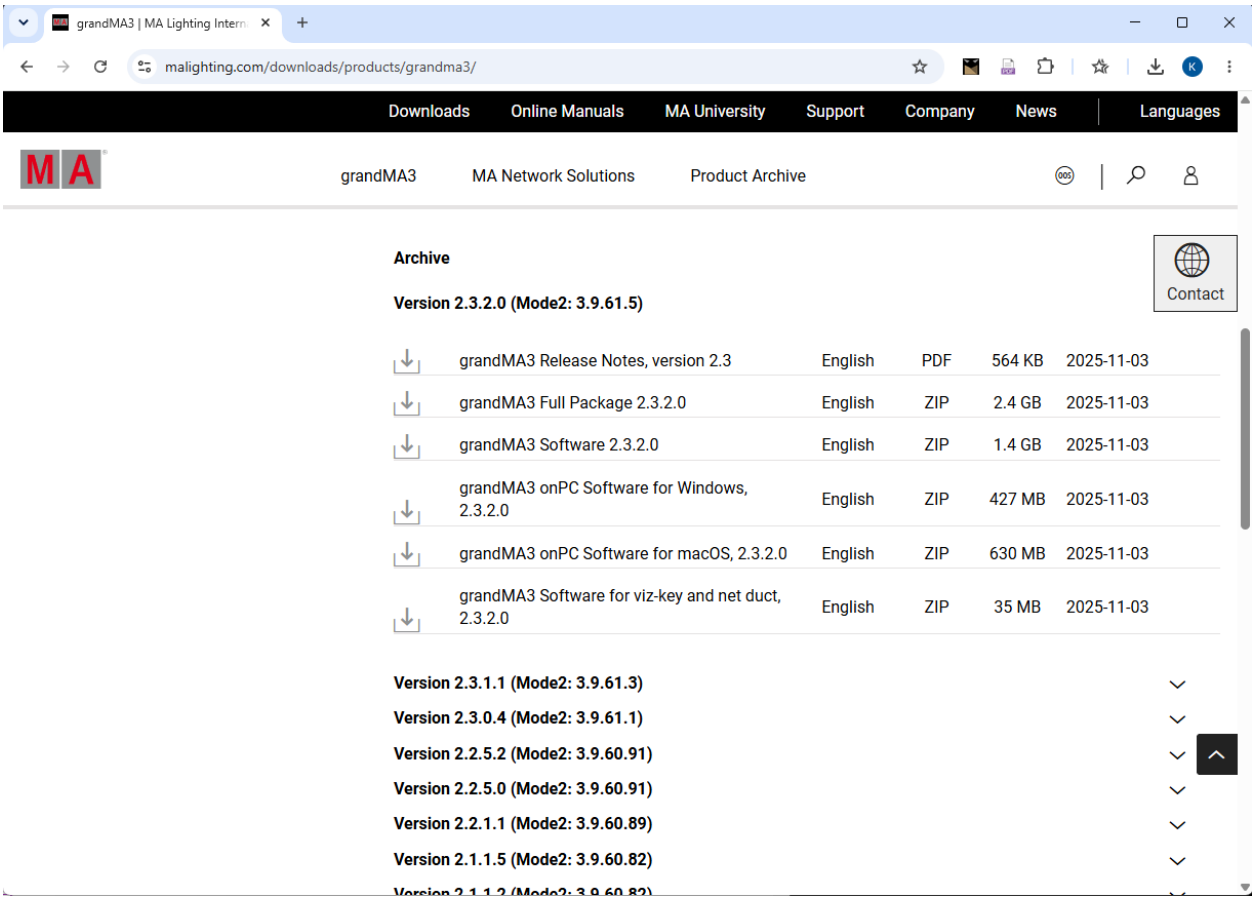
Download an Older Version

To downgrade a grandMA3 device to an older software version, e.g., in a permanent installation, follow these steps:

1. Follow steps 1 through 3 above.
2. Scroll down and click **Archive** to find older software versions.



grandMA3 Software archive To open the folder, click the desired version, e.g. Version 2.3.2.0.



grandMA3 Software archive versions The download process starts.

Subtopics

- Update grandMA3 Consoles
- Update grandMA3 Nodes
- Update grandMA3 onPC Windows Hardware
- Update grandMA3 viz-key
- grandMA3 net duct
- Network Update
- Delete Update Files
- Troubleshooting Update Process

1.55.1. Update grandMA3 Consoles

This topic describes the software update and its additional options, such as factory reset.

For a simple software update via the user interface, see Network Update.

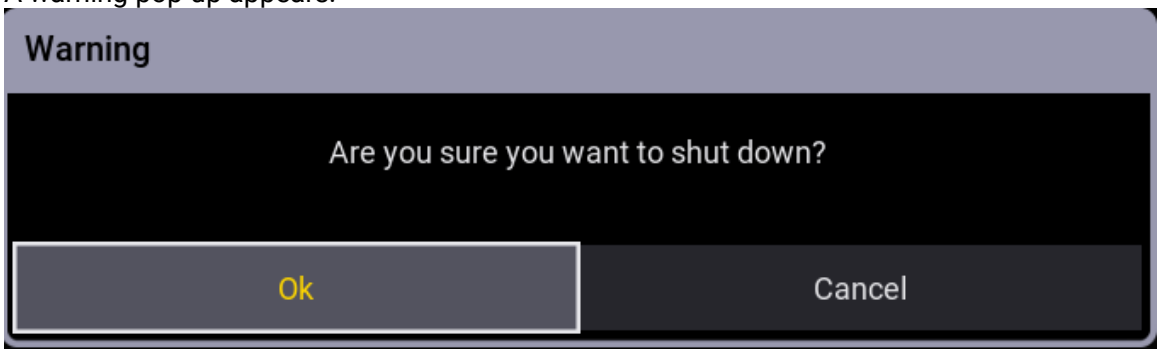
For a processing unit, the following update process is also valid.

	Important: - The folders EFI, ma, and the update.scr file have to be directly accessible on the flash drive and must not be located in an extra folder. - The USB flash drive's data system has to be FAT32.

Download the Software Package

1. To update a grandMA3 device, download the latest software version from www.malighting.com.
   The required installer is called grandMA3 Software x.x.x.x.
2. Extract the zip file "grandMA3_stick_v.x.x.x.x.zip" and copy the folders EFI, ma, and the update.scr file into the root directory of your USB flash drive.

Turn off the console

1. Press the power key on the front panel.
   A warning pop-up appears:
   

2. Tap OK.
   The grandMA3 console shuts down.
3. Turn off the power switch on the rear panel

Install the Software Package on the Console

1. Turn on the power switch on the rear panel.
2. Insert the USB flash drive in a USB port.
3. For devices without an integrated keyboard (e.g., grandMA3 compact console), connect an external keyboard with a USB port.
4. Press the power key on the front panel. The grandMA3 device starts.
5. Press the 8/F8 key on the internal or external keyboard several times.
   The **Boot Manager** opens.

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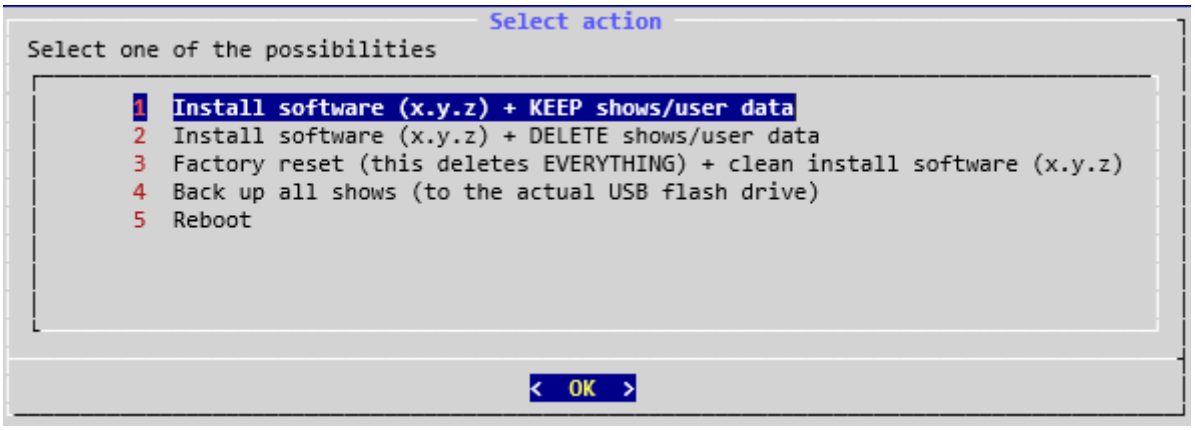
6. Scroll down to EFI USB Device using the arrow keys.
7. Press Enter on the (external) keyboard.
   The console starts to boot. The EULA screen opens.
8. Accept the EULA.

	Important:
	If the USB flash drive contains more than 1 version, select the version you would like to install first.

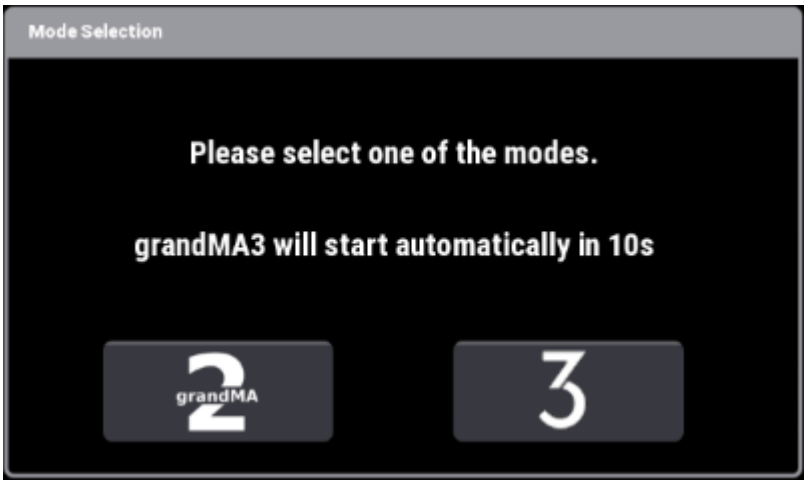
The Install Selector dialog appears:



- Select option 1 to keep the shows and user data.
- Select option 2 to delete the shows and user data.
- Select option 3 for a complete factory reset to clean the system before installing the software.
- Select option 4 to save the shows on the USB flash drive.
- Select option 5 to reboot the grandMA3 device.

1. Press Enter on the (external) keyboard.
   Wait for completion. The grandMA3 device reboots.
2. Remove the USB flash drive.

The Mode Selection dialog appears.



Select mode

3. Select one of the modes. For more information about grandMA3 mode2, see Mode2 in grandMA2 User Manual.
   If no selection is made, the device automatically starts in grandMA3 mode.
4. Screens 1, 2, and 3 are initializing.
   The letterbox screens enter self-test mode (red, green, blue, white, and black color changers).
   The command screens stay black.
   It can take several seconds for them to start initializing.
5. The installation is complete.

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1.55.2. Update grandMA3 Nodes

	Important:
	We recommend formatting with every update. Whenever formatting, the IP address will be reset back to the default (DHCP).
	Important:
	- The folders EFI, ma, and the update.scr file have to be directly accessible on the flash drive and must not be located in an extra folder. - The USB flash drive's data system has to be FAT32. - Use a USB flash drive with USB, USB 2.0, or USB 3.0 standard.

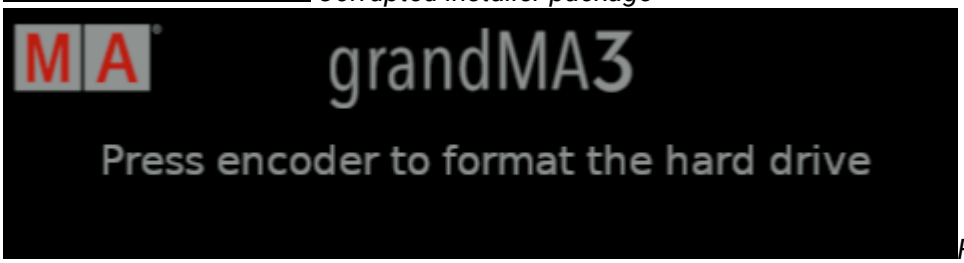
Requirement:

1. To update a grandMA3 device, download the latest software version from www.malighting.com. The required installer is called grandMA3 Software x.x.x.x.
2. Extract the zip file "grandMA3_stick_v.x.x.x.x.zip" and copy the folders EFI, ma, and the update.scr file into the root directory of your USB flash drive.
3. Insert the USB flash drive in the device's USB port.
4. Turn off the grandMA3 device.
5. Turn on the grandMA3 device.
6. Follow the onscreen instructions during the update process.

Update notification

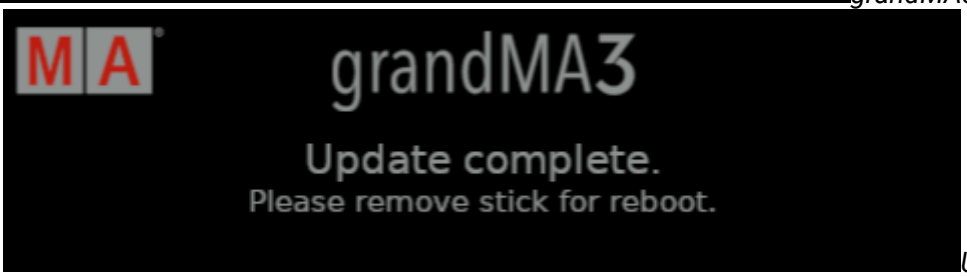
- Press the rotary knob.

Corrupted installer package



Format the hard drive

grandMA3 xPort Node is updating



Update completed

1.55.3. Update grandMA3 onPC Windows Hardware

Updating the grandMA3 onPC software on Windows hardware, such as the grandMA3 onPC command wing XT or grandMA3 onPC rack-unit, is similar to the update process for the Windows version of grandMA3 onPC.

For more information on updating a grandMA3 on PC for Windows, see Windows installation.

	Important:
	Select the grandMA3 onPC installer for Windows from the download section!

Reset to Factory Defaults

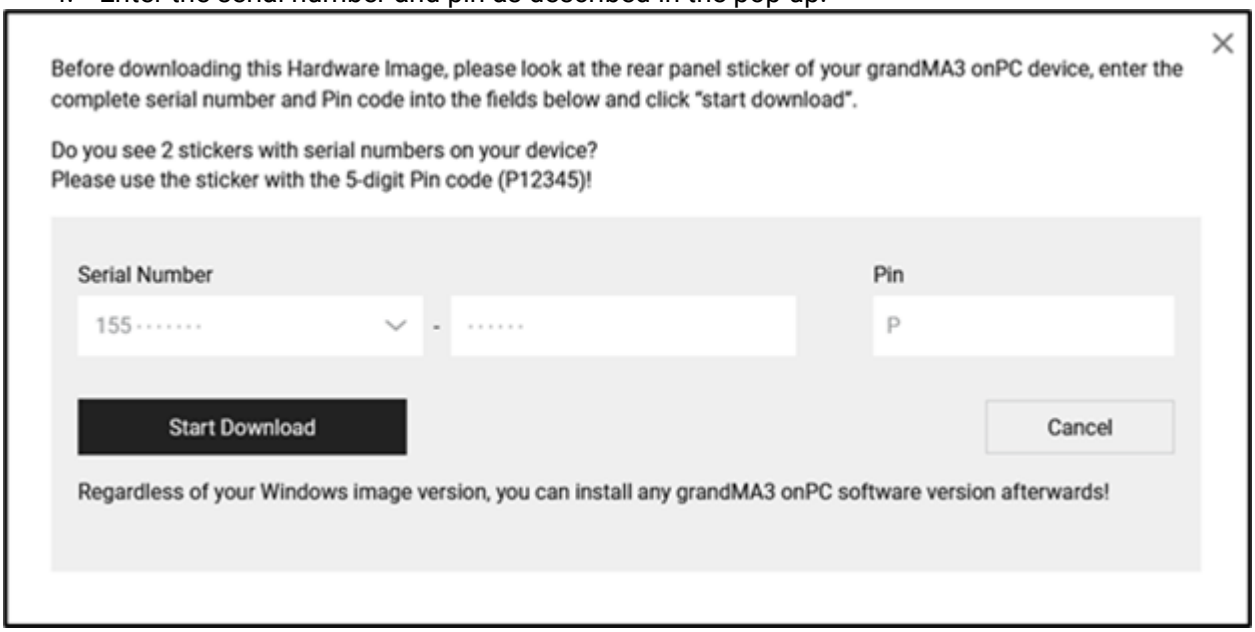
Use the following instructions to fully clean the drive or remove your files from it.

Install the complete Windows recovery installation package on the hard drive. This includes information on the operating system and the grandMA3 onPC software.

The Windows recovery installation package always installs the latest version of the grandMA3 onPC software and the Windows updates!

To download the Windows recovery installation package:

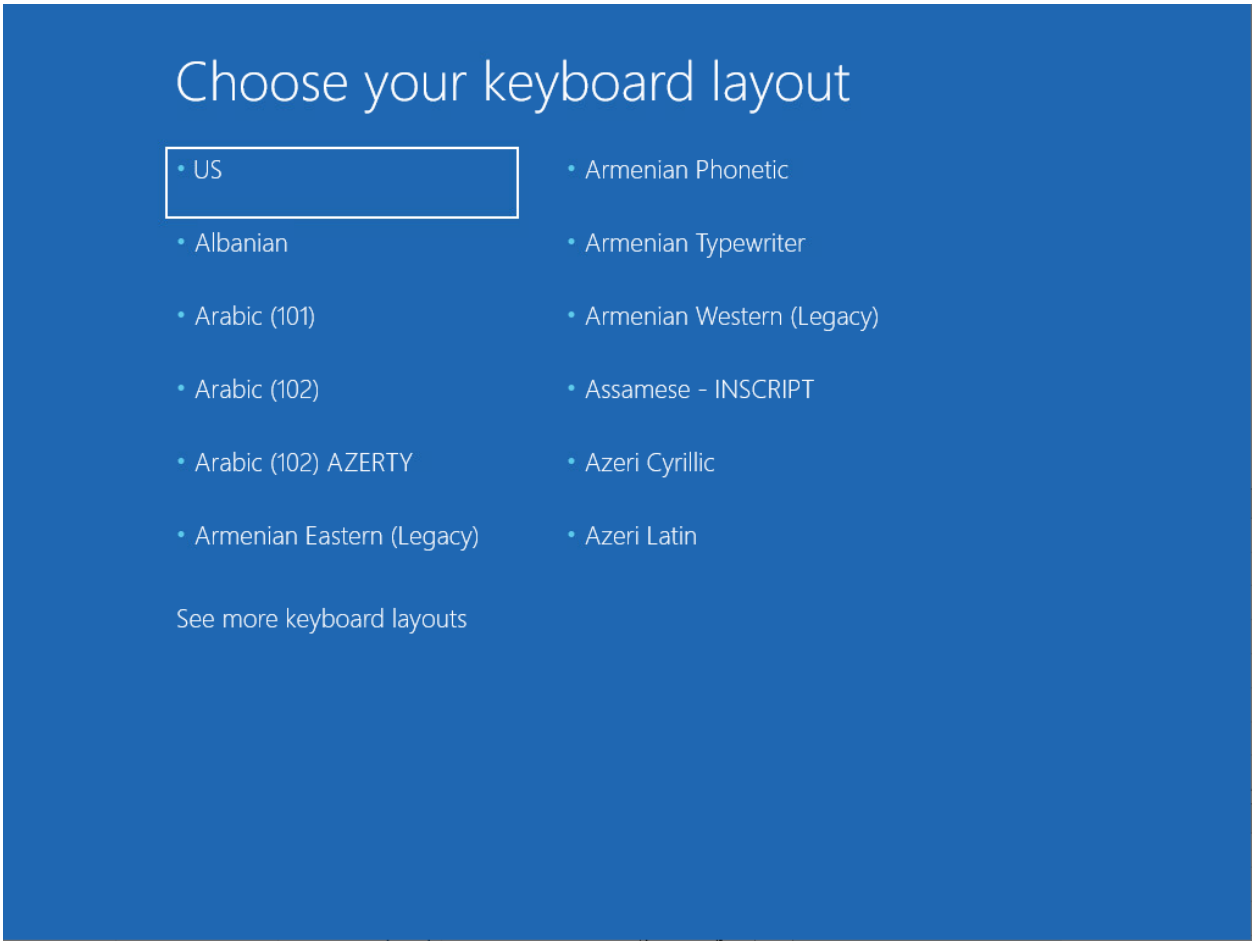
1. Go to the download area of grandMA3.
2. Click on grandMA3 onPC Windows Hardware Image x.x.x.x. The EULA and Third-Party Acknowledgements pop-up opens.
3. Click Accept and download. A pop-up opens.
4. Enter the serial number and pin as described in the pop-up:



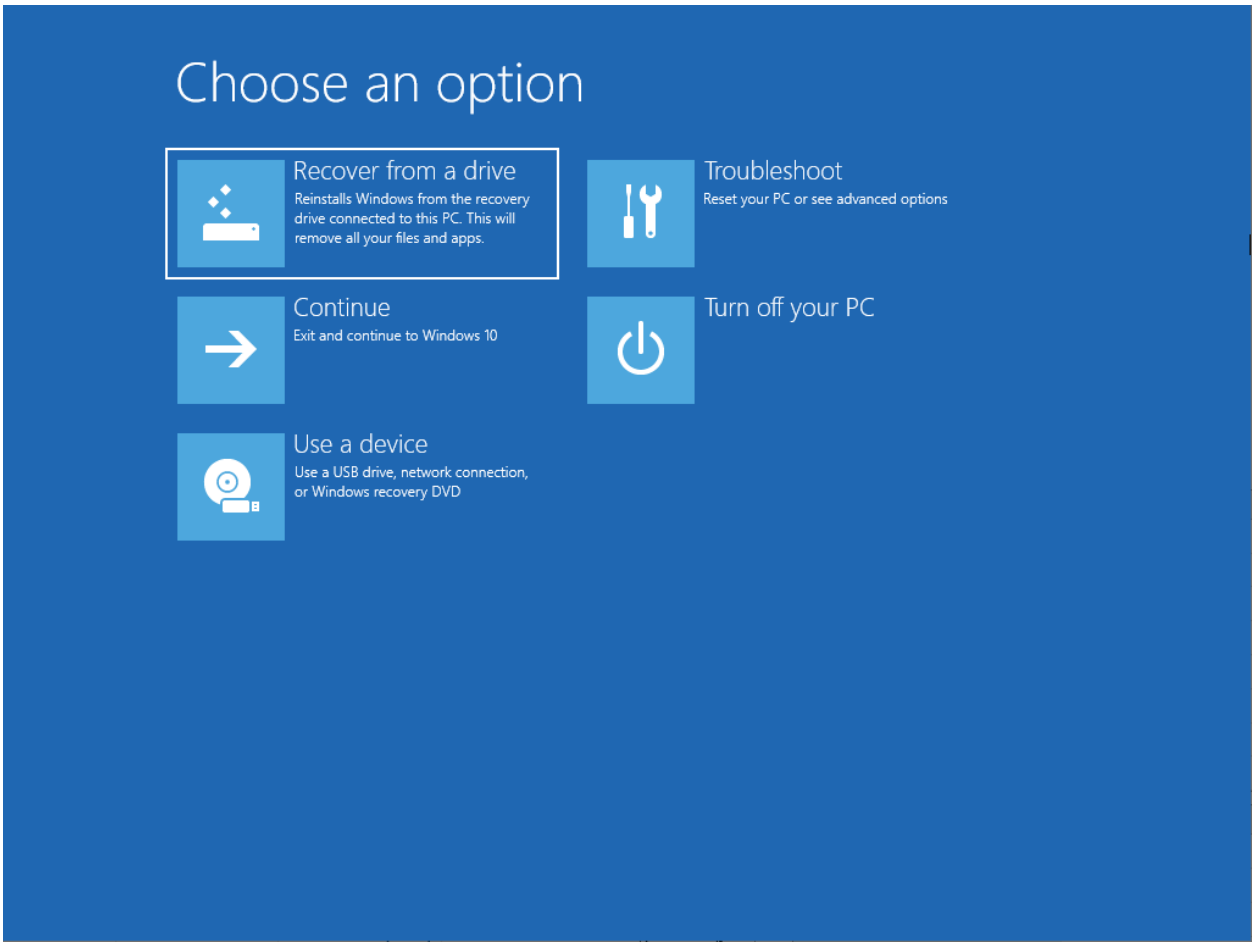
5. Click Start Download to download the file.

To install the Windows recovery installation package:

1. Extract all data from the zip file and copy it to a USB flash drive (FAT32-formatted, minimum 8 GB).
2. Insert the USB flash drive.
3. Power up the grandMA3 onPC command wing XT or grandMA3 onPC rack-unit.
4. If necessary, tap F8 to choose Boot device and select boot from USB.
5. Choose a keyboard layout, for example, US.

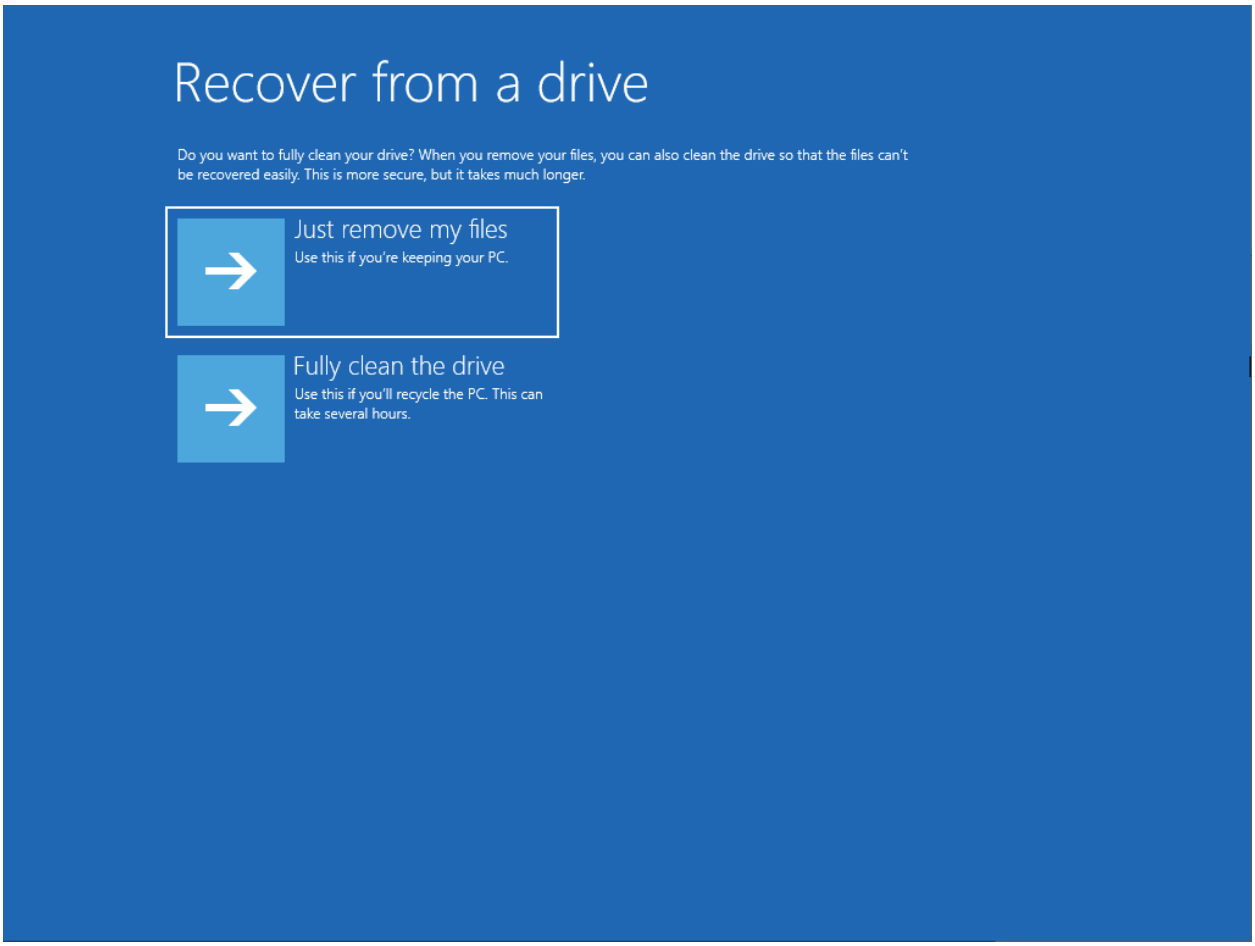


6. Click Recover from a drive.

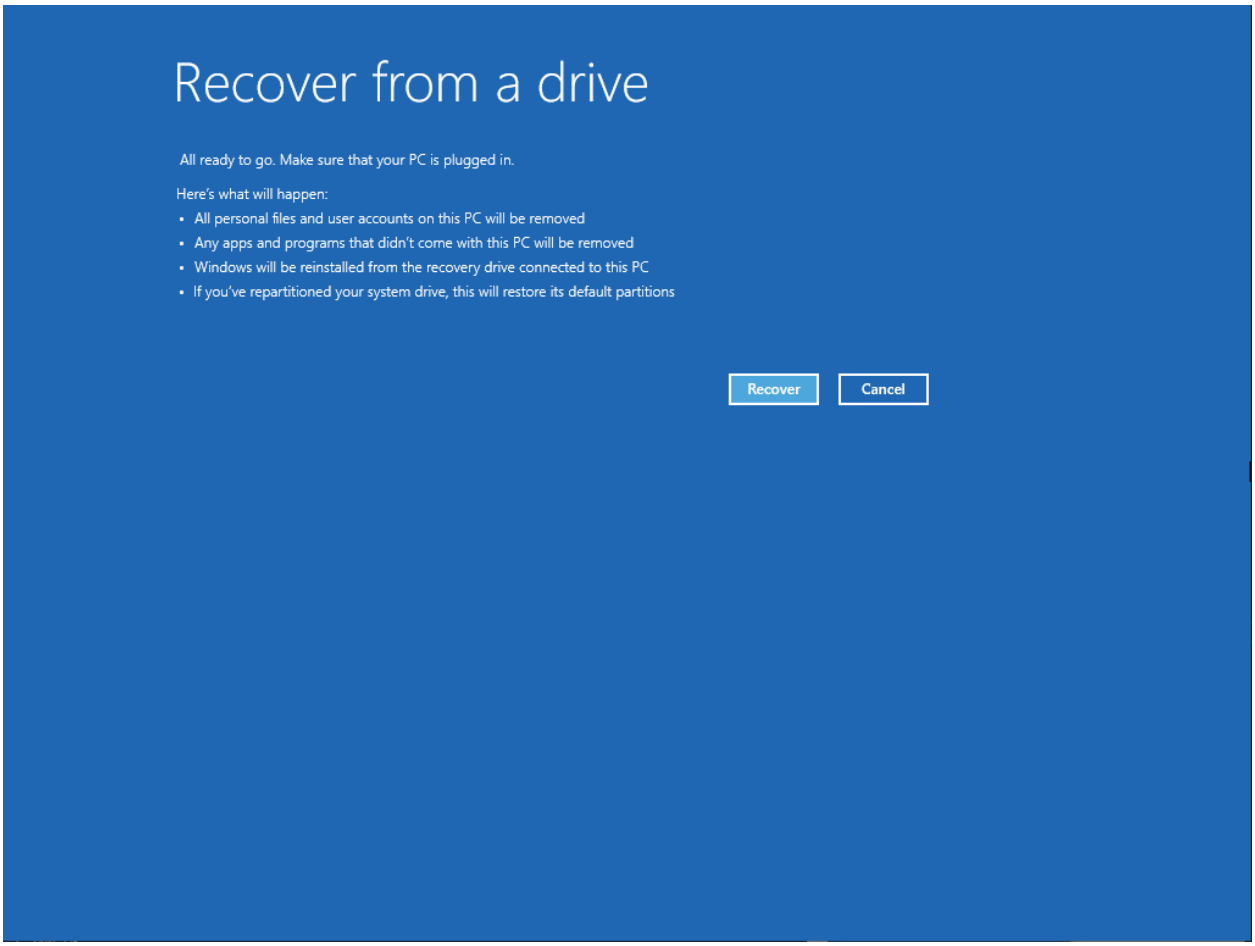


	Hint:
	If the "Recover from a drive" option does not appear, the USB flash drive may be faulty. Try another USB flash drive and make sure that the files are properly unzipped.

7. Click Just remove my files. If you want to perform a complete clean install without keeping any user files, select Fully clean the drive.

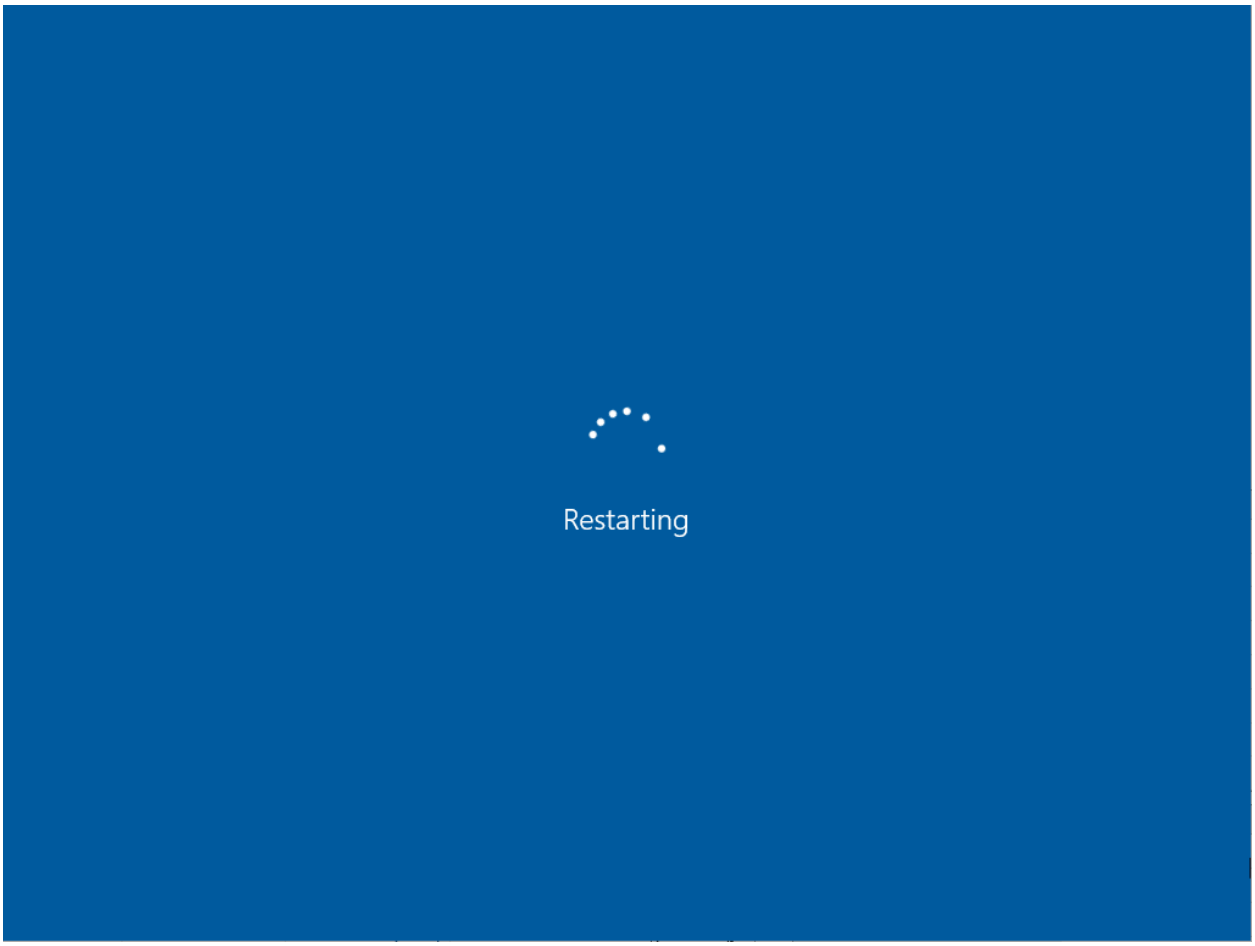


8. Click Recover. The License Agreement opens.

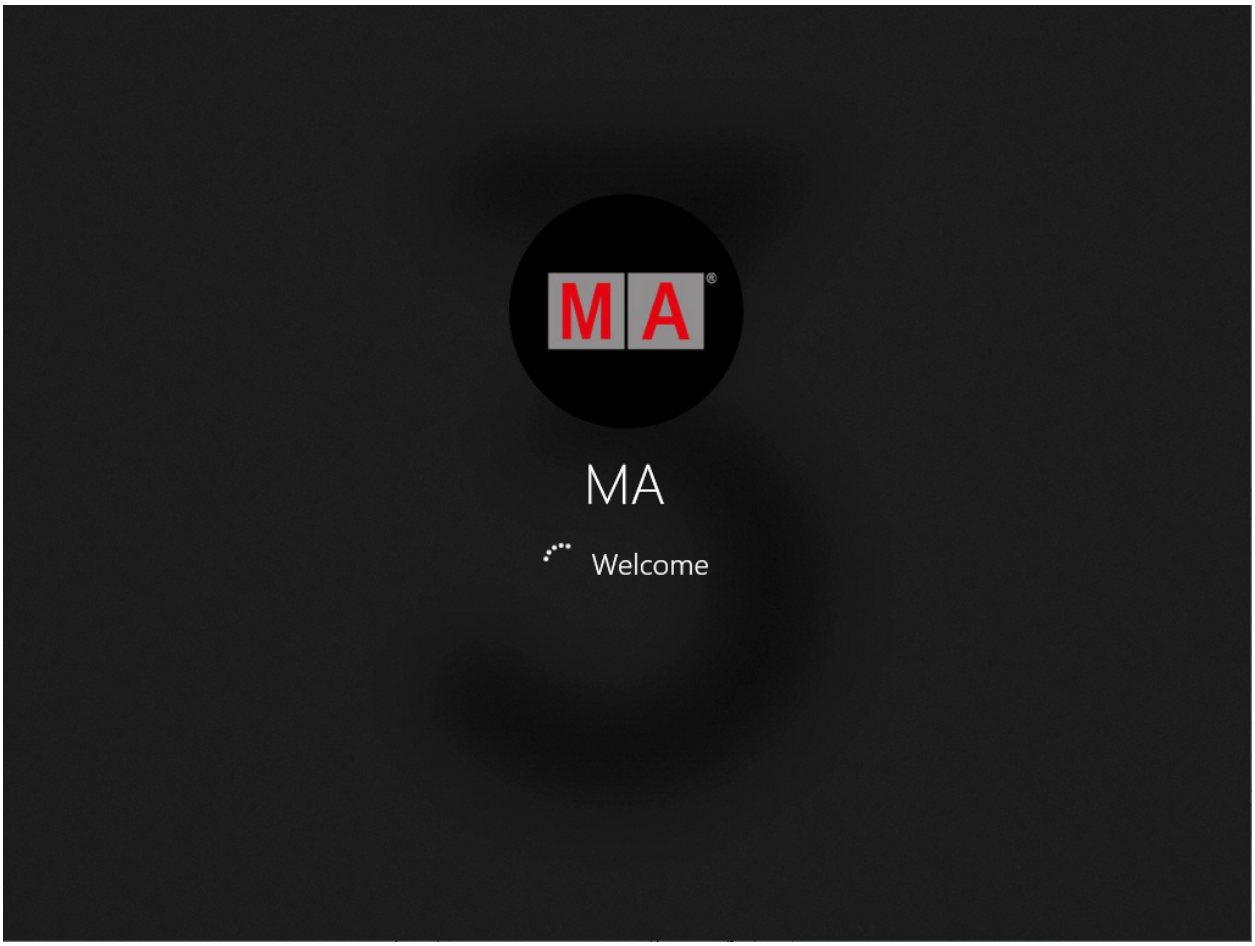


9. Click Accept. The system restarts several times.

The system restarts several times.

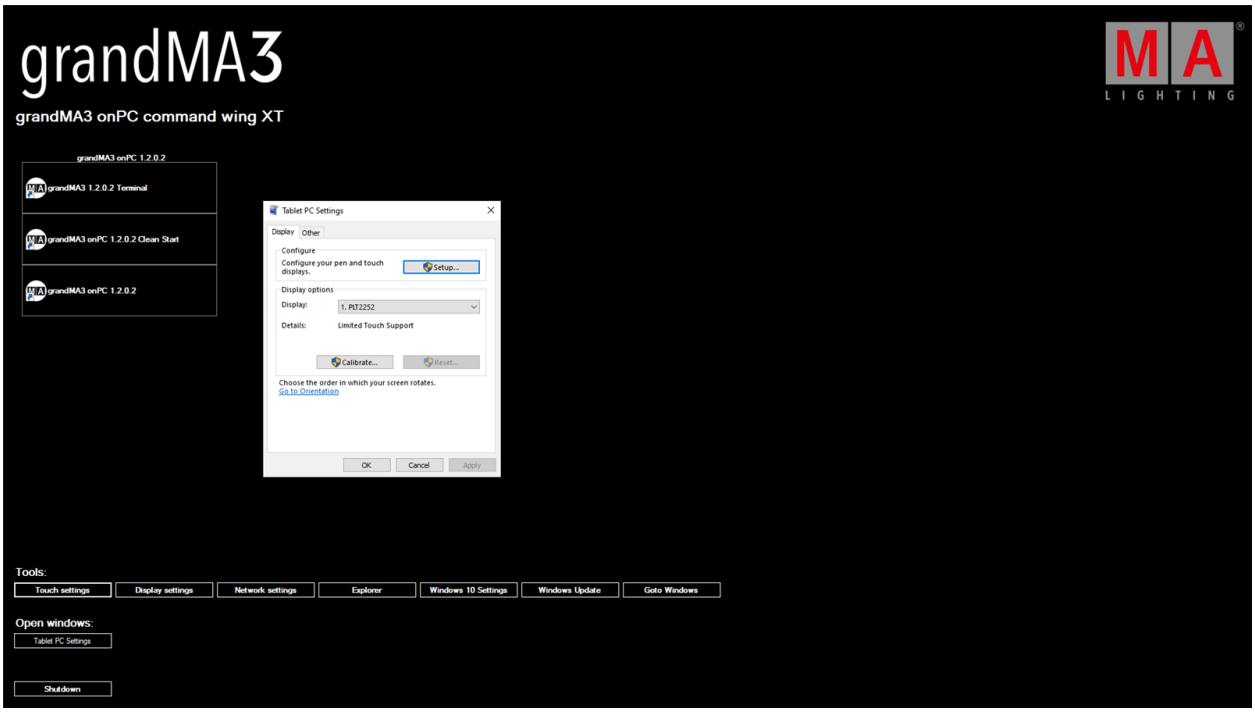


10. The MA Shell Launcher starts for the first time.

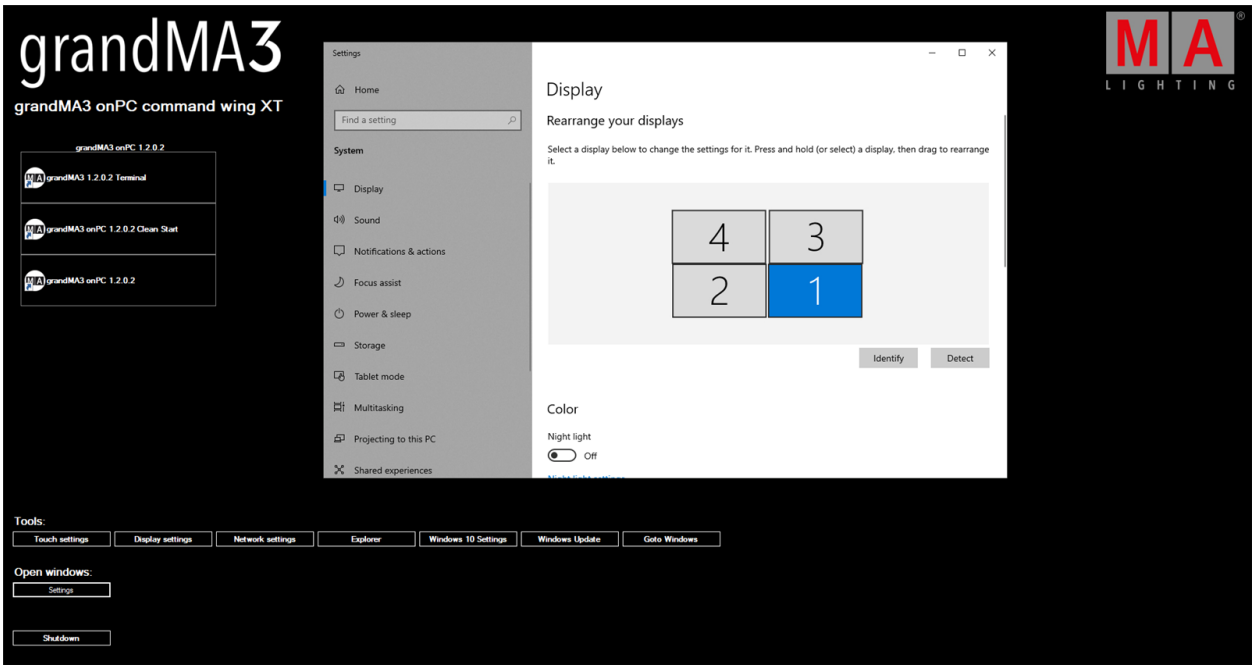


Configure the Settings

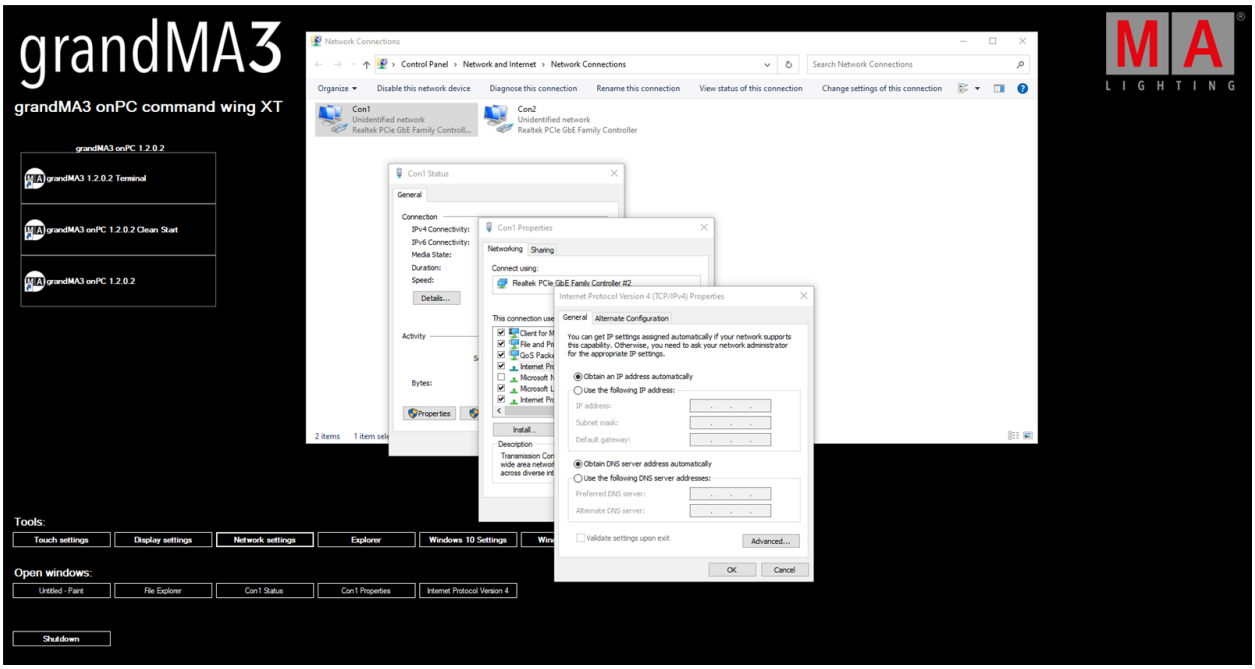
1. To configure the touch screens, click Touch Settings.



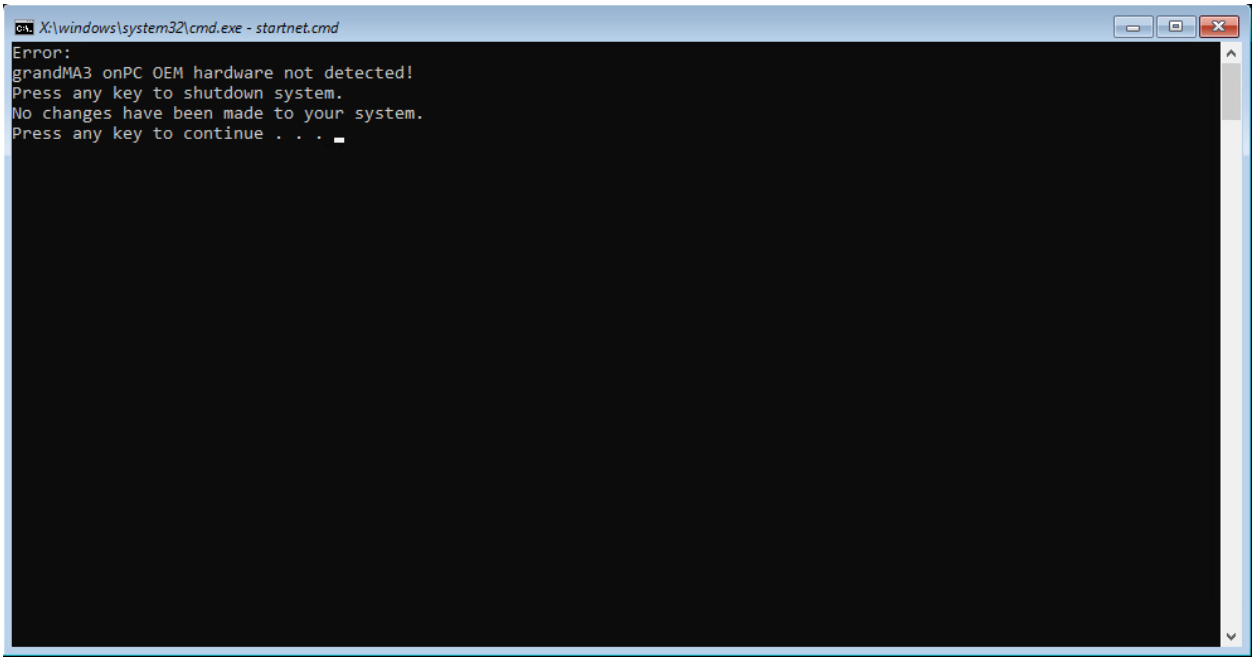
2. To set the desired screen configuration, click Display Settings.



3. To set the desired screen configuration, click Display Settings.



	Hint:
	If an incorrect motherboard is installed or if the Windows recovery installer package is installed on a different device, you receive the following error message.



1.55.4. Update grandMA3 viz-key

	Important:
	The grandMA3 onPC software includes the grandMA3 viz-key software. There is no additional installation required to use the grandMA3 viz-key. In case that the grandMA3 onPC software is not installed on the computer that is running the visualizer, the separate grandMA3 viz-key software needs to be installed.
	Hint:
	If the grandMA3 viz-key hardware is connected to a grandMA3 onPC station or visualizer, the running software version is sent to the grandMA3 viz-key hardware.

- Download the latest grandMA3 viz-key software version from www.malighting.com. For more information, see update the software.
  The required installer is called grandMA3 Software x.x.x.x for grandMA3 viz-key.

Update Standalone Third-Party Visualizer Using a USB Stick

Requirement: The USB flash drive's file system must be FAT32.

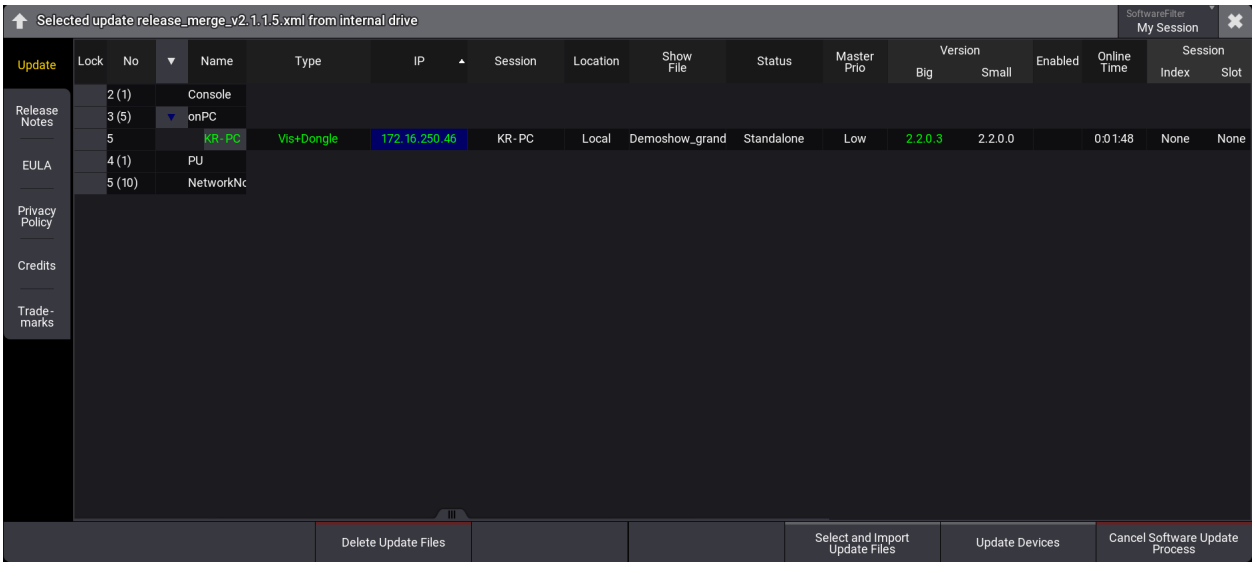
1. Extract the zip file grandMA3_viz_key_net_duct_vx.x.x.x.zip. and copy the ma folder into the root directory of the USB flash drive.
2. Insert the USB flash drive in the grandMA3 onPC or console USB port.

Follow the next steps from point 3.

Update Standalone Third-Party Visualizer Using the Local Hard Drive

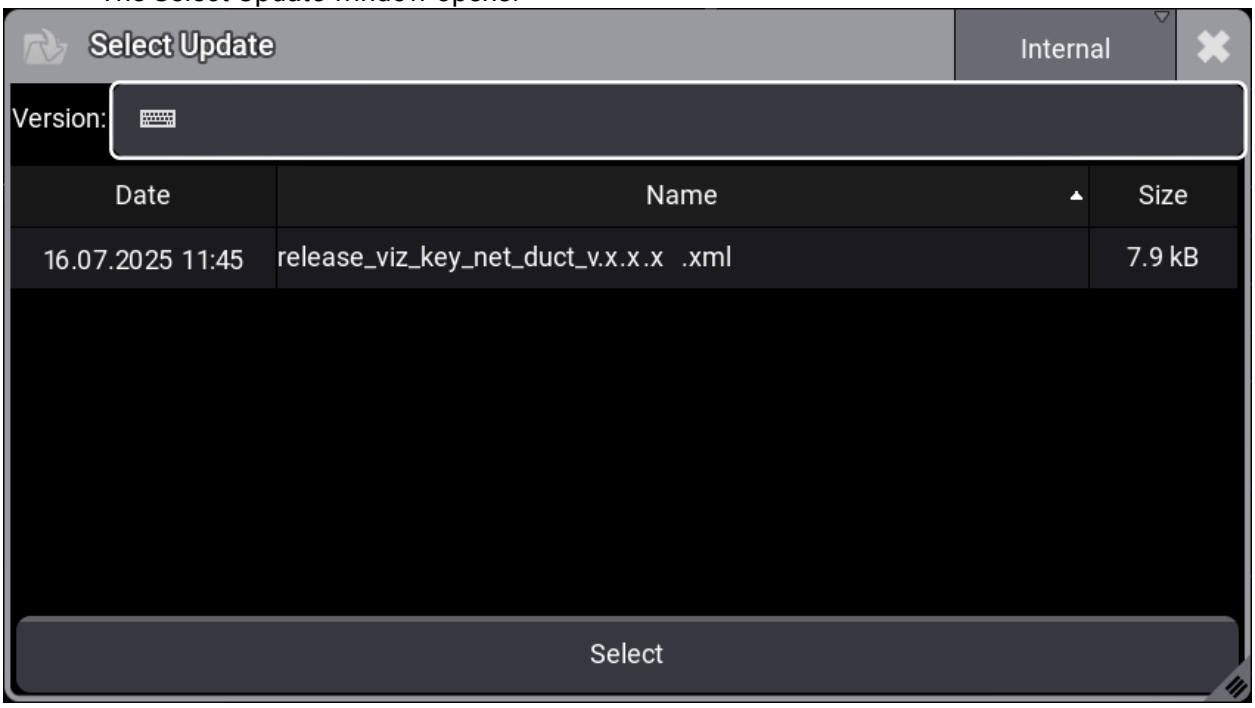
1. Extract the zip file grandMA3_viz_key_net_duct_vx.x.x.x.zip.
2. For Windows systems, copy the files from the ma folder into the directory C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\installation_packages.
   For macOS systems, copy the files from the ma folder into the directory ~/MALightingTechnology/installation_packages. For more information, see Folder Structure.
3. To access Software Update, tap .
4. Tap Settings.
5. Tap Software Update. The Software Update window opens:

	Important:
	The third-party visualizer must be running in the update mode. For more information, see the manual of the third-party software.



Software Update Window with selected update file

6. Tap Select and Import Update Files.
   The Select Update window opens.



Select Update pop-up

8. Select the location that contains the update files (internal or any plugged-in external device).
   Select the release_viz_key_net_duct_vx.x.x.x.xml file.
9. Tap Select.
10. The pop-up closes, and the End User License Agreement (EULA) opens.
    Confirm the End User License Agreement (EULA).
    The selected update file is displayed in the title bar of the software update window.
11. Select the third-party visualizer that supports viz-key. The selected devices turn into bright blue.
12. Tap Update Devices.
13. The software update starts copying files.

14. Once the file has been transferred, restart the third-party visualizer using the viz-key support software.

	Hint:
	For more information, see the website https://www.malighting.com/viz-key.

1.55.5. Network Update

Use Software Update to update one or more stations on a network.

	Important: Make sure that all devices are in the same network (check network adapter). For more information, see Networking and Interfaces and IP.

Preliminary Procedures

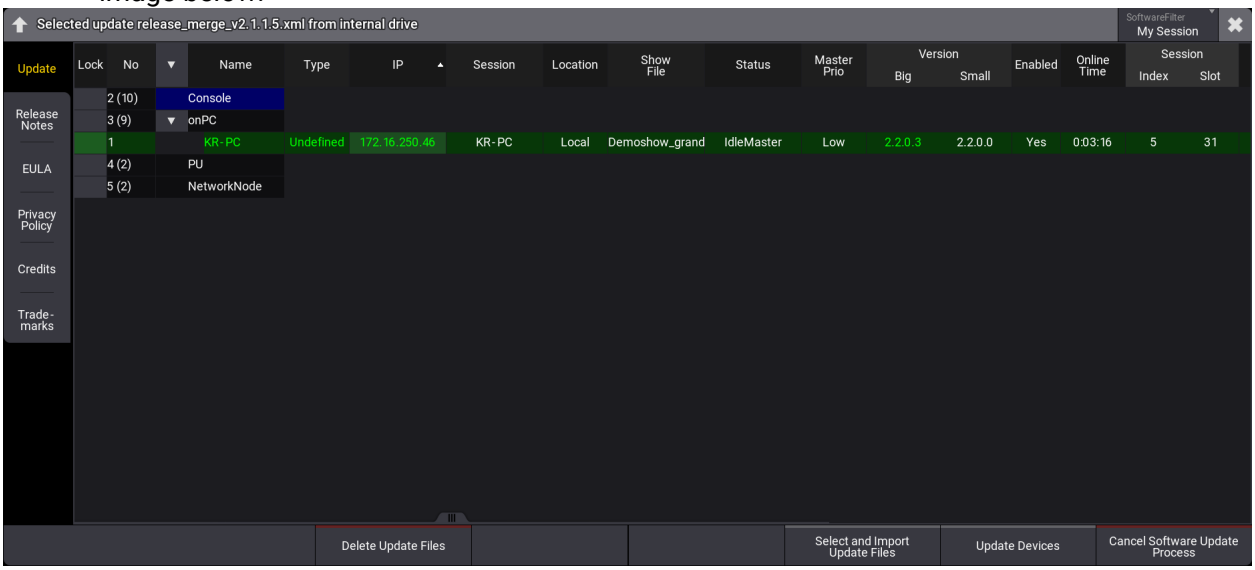
- Connect all grandMA3 devices to a network with an etherCON/RJ45 connector.
- Download the required installation packages from www.malighting.com, **Downloads.**
- Copy all installation packages for grandMA3 software into the root directory of your USB flash drive. For more information, see Update the Software. Insert the USB flash drive in the device's USB port.
- Or on Windows, copy the zipped files from the ma folder to C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\installation_packages.
- Or on macOS, copy the files from the ma folder to the directory ~/MALightingTechnology/installation_packages.

Procedure

To update the grandMA3 device, follow the onscreen instructions that appear during the update.

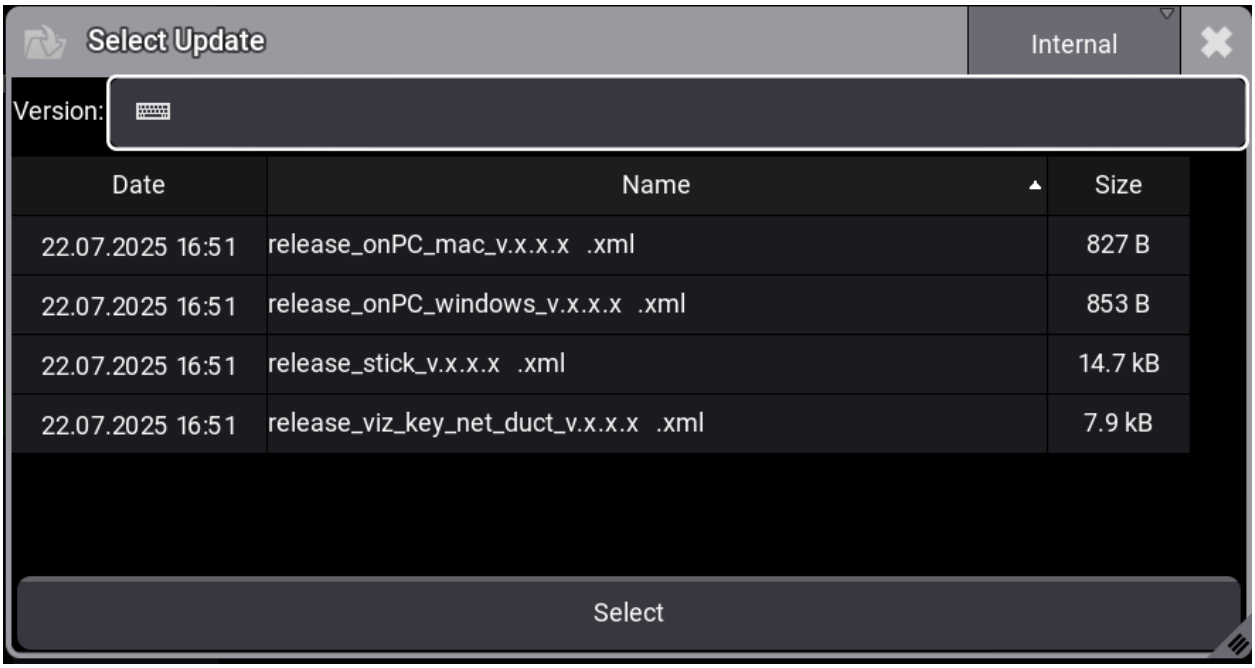
To access Software Update:

1. Press Menu or tap .
2. Tap Settings and then tap Software Update. The Software Update window opens, as shown in the image below:



Software Update window

3. To select a file, tap Select and Import Update File. The Select Update pop-up opens:



Select Update pop-up

4. Make sure the correct update file location is selected (Internal or external device). Select the desired update file.
5. Tap Select. The pop-up closes, and the End User License Agreement (EULA) opens.
6. Scroll down to read the complete EULA. The I agree button in the upper-right corner of the pop-up turns white. To close the EULA, tap I agree.
7. Select the desired device(s). The selected devices are marked in blue.
8. Tap Update Devices. The software update starts copying files.

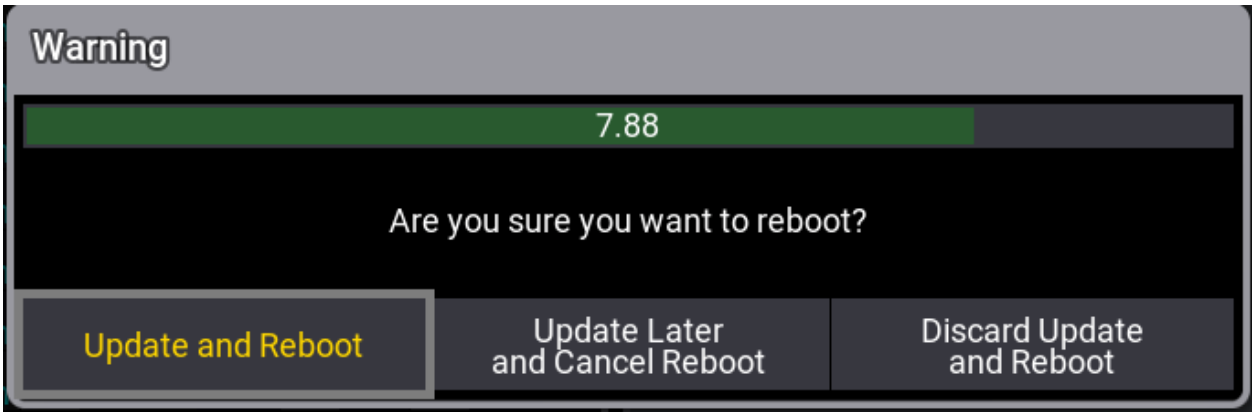
	Hint:
	The selected update file will be displayed in the title bar of the software update menu.

- Cancel Software Update Process: Tap to cancel the current update process. For more information, see CancelSoftwareUpdate keyword.

	Important:
	It is also possible to update the grandMA3 onPC, consoles, xPort Nodes, onPC command wing XT, processing unit, and onPC rack-unit directly. Select the correct XML file for each device. For more information on which XML file to use for which device, see Update the Software.

Update Confirmation

After copying the files to the grandMA3 device, a warning pop-up will appear:

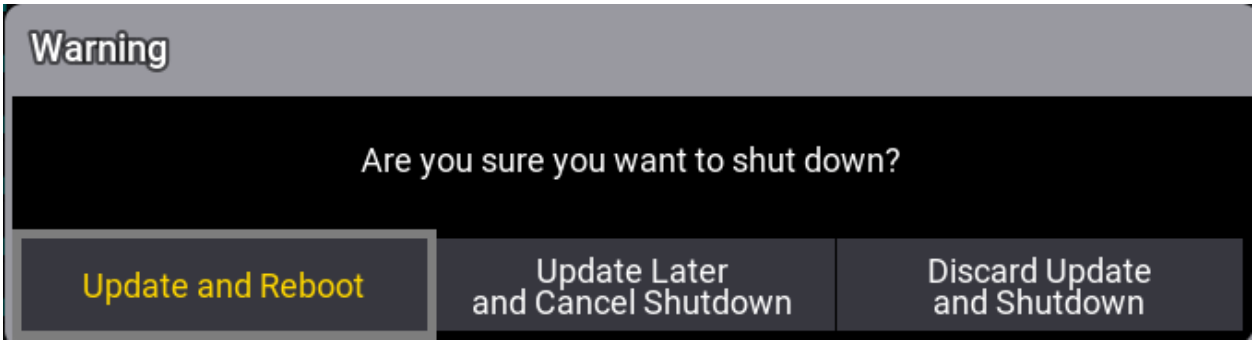


Pop-up in the update process

- **Update and Reboot:** Updates and reboots the device.
- **Update Later and Cancel Reboot:** Delays the update and leaves a red indicator in the control bar .
- **Discard Update and Reboot:** Aborts the update and reboots the device.

	Hint:
	The update will start automatically when the countdown in the pop-up window expires.

Tap in the Shutdown Menu to install delayed updates. This will open a second warning pop-up.



Shutdown pop-up

- **Update and Reboot:** Updates and reboots the device.
- **Update Later and Cancel Shutdown:** Delays the update and leaves a red indicator in the control bar .
- **Discard Update and Shutdown:** Aborts the update and shuts down the device.

	Hint:
	Tapping (Restart) in the Shutdown Menu opens an Update Confirmation pop-up as well.

For more information, see Shut Down the System.

1.55.6. grandMA3 net duct

The grandMA3 net duct serves as the basis for the MA-Net3 connection between grandMA3 devices and external tracking systems or media servers. To connect a tracking system or media server to your grandMA3 system via MA-Net3, the grandMA3 net duct must be installed in the third-party software, which must be the same version as your grandMA3 devices.

Requirements:

- Download the latest grandMA3 net duct software version from www.malighting.com. For more information, see update the software.
- Have an external tracking system or media server ready that supports the grandMA3 net duct.

Install and Update grandMA3 net duct

Install and Update per USB Stick

	Hint:
	For the first initialization and also to update, the external device must be running in the update mode. For more information, see the manual of the external device.
	Hint:
	To establish a connection, the external device has to be updated to match the current version of the grandMA3 device.

Requirement: The USB flash drive's file system must be FAT32.

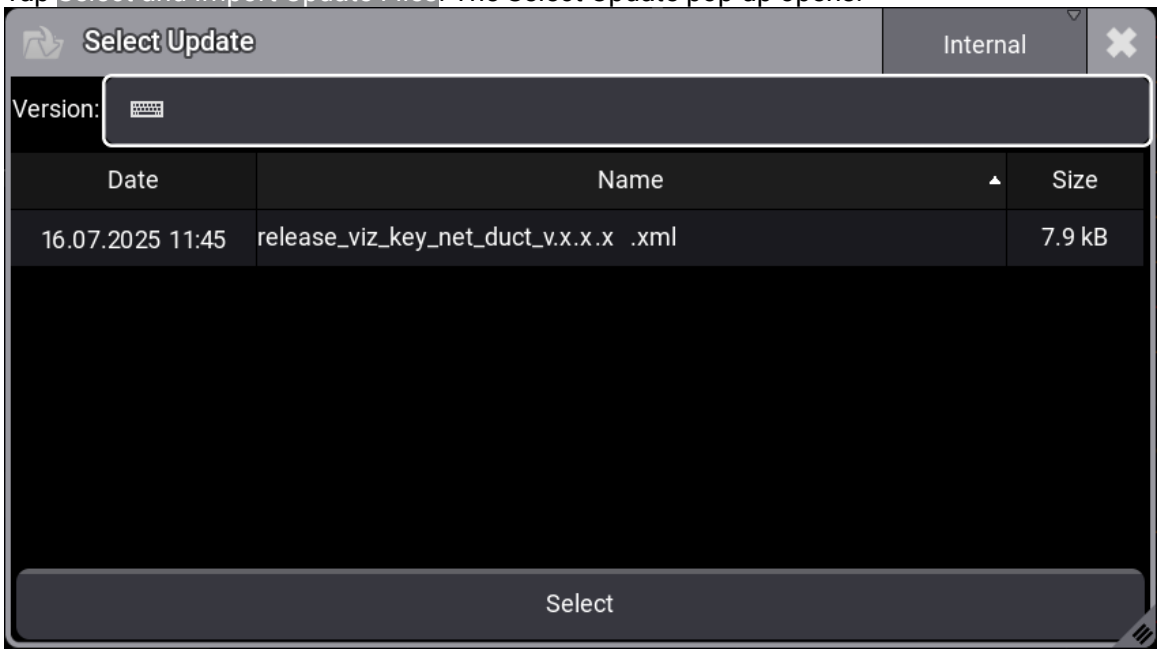
1. Extract the zip file grandMA3_viz_key_net_duct_vx.x.x.x.zip and copy the ma folder into the root directory of the USB flash drive.
2. Insert the USB flash drive in the grandMA3 onPC or console USB port.

Follow the next steps from point 4.

Install and Update via the Local Hard Drive

1. Extract the zip file grandMA3_viz_key_net_duct_vx.x.x.x.zip.
2. Open the folder ma.
3. On Windows, copy the files from the ma folder to C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\installation_packages. On macOS, copy the files from the ma folder to the directory ~/MALightingTechnology/installation_packages. For more information, see Folder Structure.
4. To access Software Update, tap .
5. Tap Settings.
6. Tap Software Update. The Software Update window opens.

7. Tap Select and Import Update Files. The Select Update pop-up opens.



Select Update pop-up

8. Select the location that contains the update files (internal or any plugged-in external device). Select the release_viz_key_net_duct_vx.x.x.x.xml file.
9. Tap Select. The pop-up closes, and the End User License Agreement (EULA) opens.
10. Confirm the End User License Agreement (EULA) by scrolling down and then tapping I agree.

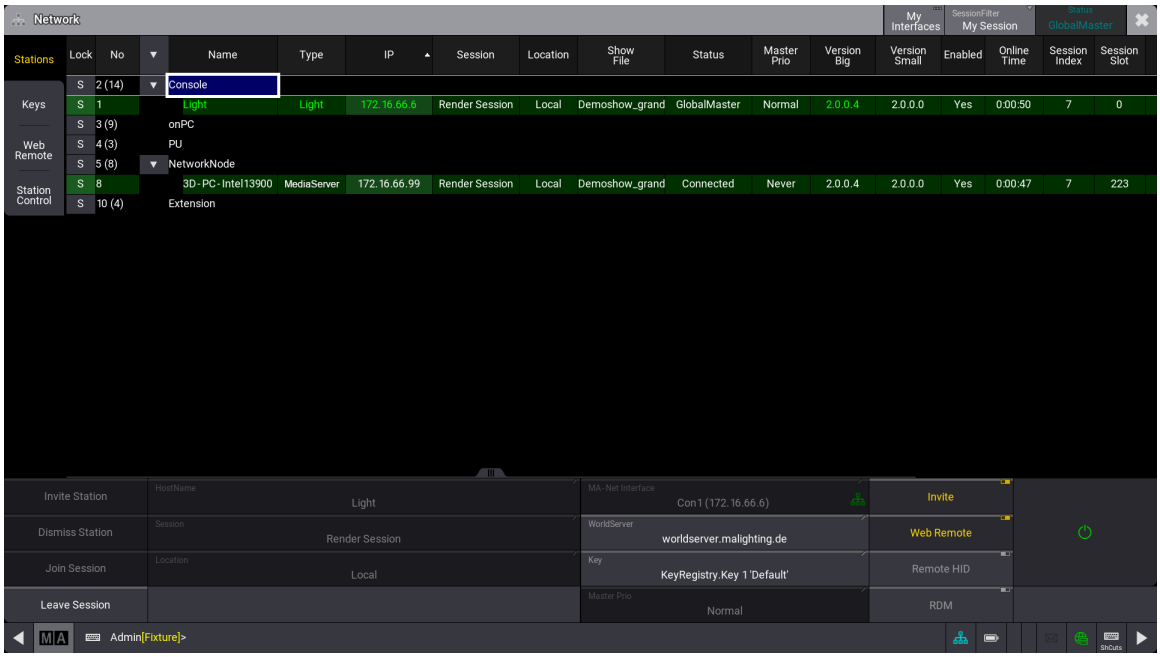
	Hint:
	The currently selected update file is displayed at the title bar of the software update window.

11. In the device list, tap the external device you want to install the grandMA3 net duct. The selected devices turn into bright blue.

	Important:
	Only devices with the **Type** "TrackingServer" or "MediaServer" can be updated. The devices are listed in the NetworkNode category.

12. Tap Update Devices. The software update starts copying files.

13. After the files are transferred, you might need to restart the external device and follow its manual.



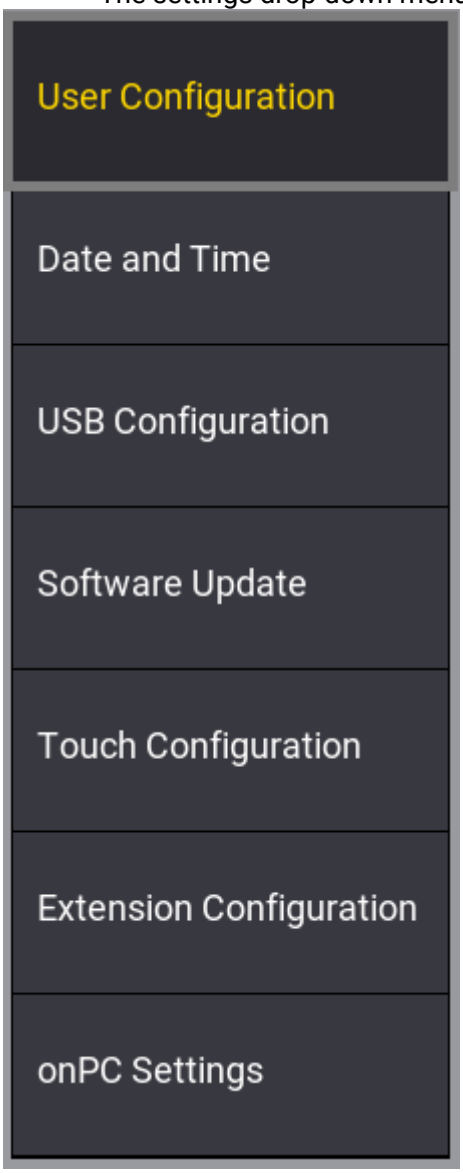
Network menu

1.55.7. Delete Update Files

To free up space on the hard drive, we recommend deleting unused update files.

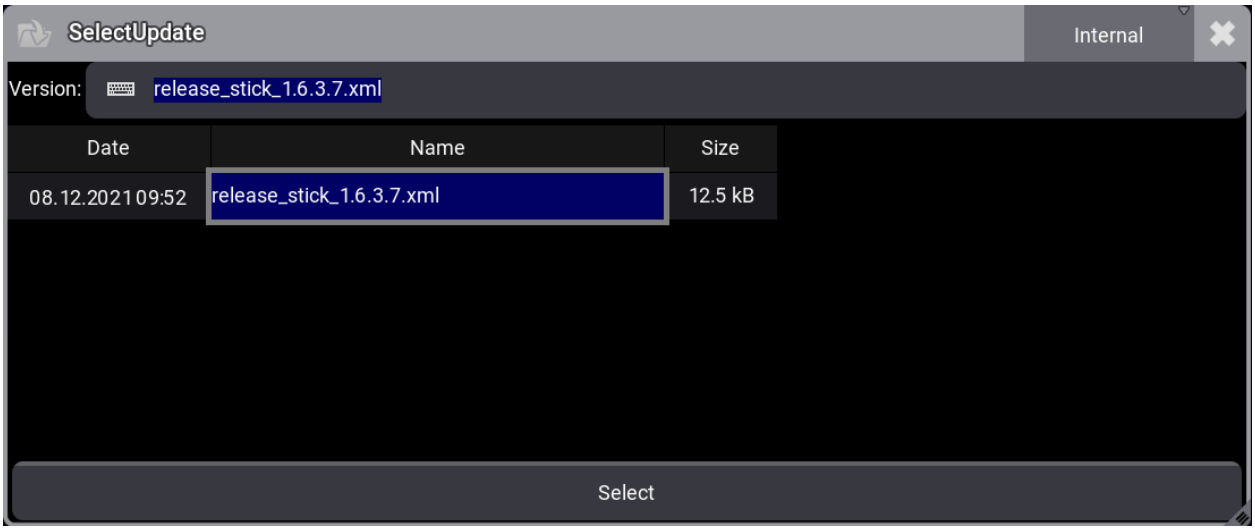
To delete update files from the hard drive:

1. To access the software update window, tap .
2. Tap Settings.
   The settings drop-down menu opens.



Settings drop-down

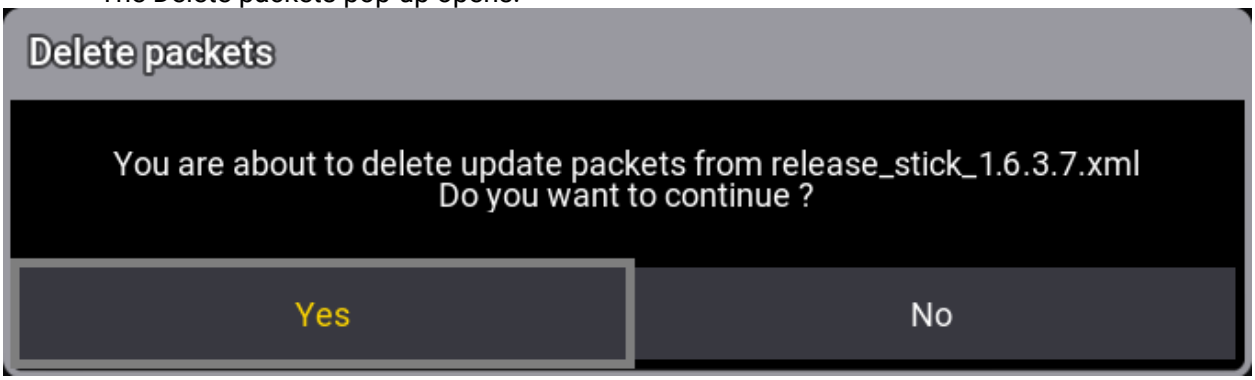
3. Tap Software Update.
   The Software Update window opens.
4. Tap Delete Update Files.
   The Select Update pop-up opens.



Select update pop-up

5. Select the update file to be deleted.
6. Tap Select.

   The Delete packets pop-up opens.



Delete packets pop-up

6. Tap Yes.

The selected update file is deleted from the hard drive.

1.55.8. Troubleshooting Update Process

During the update process, different problems may occur.

Corrupted Files on USB Flash Drive

Corrupted installer package

If the installer package is corrupted, try the following:

- Remove the USB flash drive from the grandMA3 device.
- Shut down the grandMA3 device.
- Format the USB flash drive (FAT32).
- Copy the folders EFI, ma, and the update.scr file into the root directory of your USB flash drive.
- Update the grandMA3 device with the USB flash drive.

If the error message shows up again, try the following:

- Use a different USB flash drive.
- Format the USB flash drive (FAT32).
- Start a new download of the latest software version from www.malighting.com.
- Extract the zip file before copying the folders EFI, ma, and the update.scr file into the root directory of your USB flash drive.

Corrupted Show File

If the grandMA3 device does not stop updating, the show file saved on the grandMA3 device may be corrupted.

If the show file is corrupted, try the following:

- Remove the USB flash drive from the grandMA3 device.
- Reboot the grandMA3 device.
- Save the corrupted show file to another USB flash drive.
- Delete the corrupted show file from the grandMA3 device.
- Update the grandMA3 device with the other USB flash drive.

Unrecognized USB Flash Drive

- Make sure to follow the sequence for connecting the USB flash drive. For more information, see Update grandMA3 Consoles.

Failures during the Update Process

If the grandMA3 device starts updating, but fails to update one of the hardware sections, try the following:

- Remove the USB flash drive from the grandMA3 device.
- Reboot the grandMA3 device.

If the measures above do not help, try the following:

- Save any show file to another USB flash drive.
- Delete any show file from the grandMA3 device.
- Update the grandMA3 device with the other USB flash drive.

To avoid failure when updating grandMA3 Nodes, make sure you use a USB flash drive that meets the USB, USB 2.0, or USB 3.0 standard.

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1.56. Fixture Types

Fixture types are used to visualize and control real-life fixtures on stage.

A fixture type is a footprint of an actual fixture, smoke machine, laser, media server, dimmer, or anything to be controlled and visualized with a grandMA3 console.

A fixture type is described with the following parameters:

- modes
- channels
- physical properties

You can find many fixture types and manufacturers in the grandMA3 library.

Fixture types are also available for download from MA Fixture Share and GDTF Share webpages.

Beyond that, it is possible to build a fixture from scratch with its parameters and attributes using the fixture builder! The grandMA3 software includes its fixture builder.
Using the GDTF Builder is also an option.

Links

For more information on Fixture Share, see https://www.malighting.com/training-support/fixture-shares/.

For more information on GDTF Share, see https://gdtf-share.com/.

For more information on GDTF Builder, see https://fixturebuilder.gdtf-share.com/.

Subtopics

- Fixture Types Editor
- Import Fixture Types
- Build Fixture Types
- Export Fixture Types

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1.56.1. Import Fixture Types

Fixture Types is used to import fixtures for later use.

It is possible to import fixture types from these libraries:

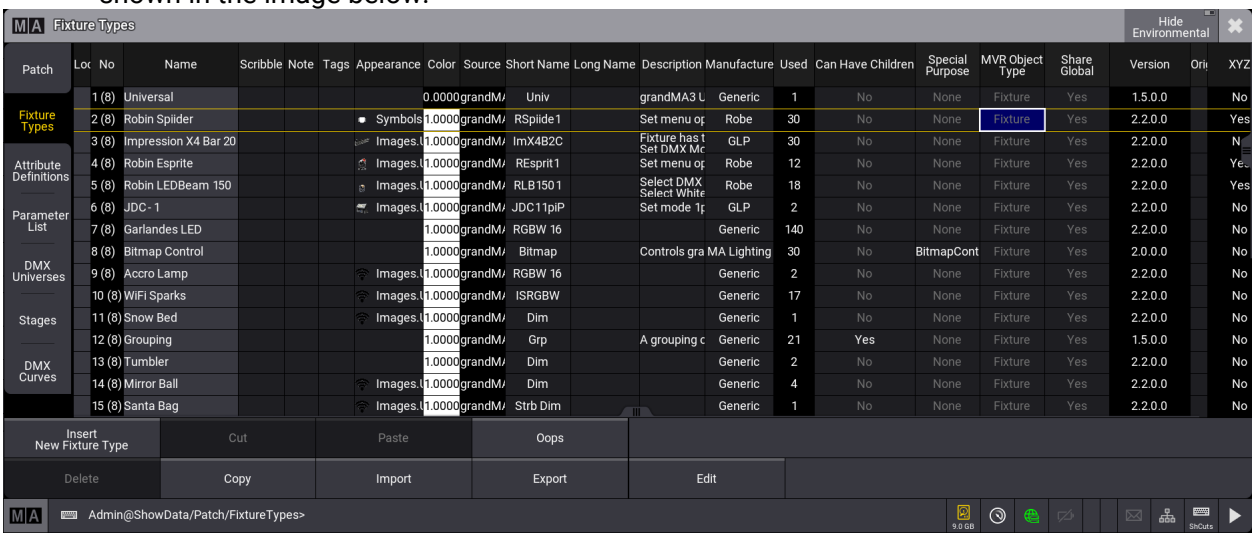
- **grandMA3** fixtures
- Converted **grandMA2** fixtures
- Fixtures using **GDTF** format

Fixture Types Menu

1. To access the Patch menu, press Menu and then tap Patch.

	Hint:
	When creating a new show, the Insert New Fixtures window opens. It's a good habit to import new Fixture Types from the Fixture Types menu. Tap ✖ on the top right corner of the Insert New Fixtures window to close it.
	Known Limitation:
	When Importing fixtures that were exported from a higher version of grandMA3, all data may not be imported correctly since the structure has changed.

2. Tap Fixture Types in the bar on the left of the patch dialog. The Fixture Types menu opens as shown in the image below:



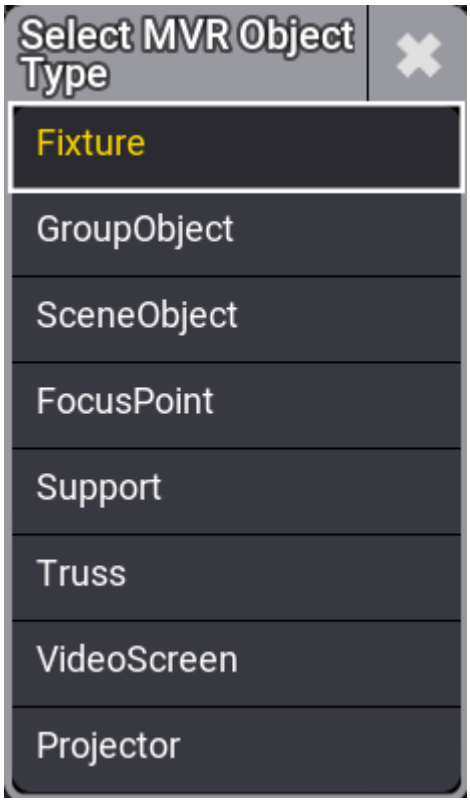
Fixture Types menu - Demoshow grandMA3

The menu is arranged in columns and rows. This is a short explanation of the different columns:

- **Lock, No, Name:**
  See Parameter List topic.
- **Scribble, Note, Appearance:**
  See Scribble, Notes, and Appearances topic.

- **Color:**
  Changes the color value. The selected color value is linked to the Fixture Types column in the Split View of the Patch window. It is also the image color of the used appearance.
- **Source:**
  Displays the origin of the fixture type. The source can be grandMA3 or grandMA2 for every fixture from the library (), or User for every fixture from the User () or Share (). User source includes fixture types from the GDTF share and imported grandMA3 fixture types.
- **ShortName:**
  Defines the name suggestion of fixtures the user wants to patch with this fixture type.
- **LongName:**
  Displays the full name of the fixture type/product.
- **Description:**
  Adds a description to a fixture. If a description is deposited in the library, It is automatically filled out.
- **Manufacturer:**
  Shows the name of the fixture type manufacturer.
- **Used:**
  Displays how many fixtures in the show use this fixture type.
- **CanHaveChildren:**
  This setting defines whether a fixture can have children. For most fixture types, it is **No**.
- **Special Purpose:**
  Tap and hold a cell in this column to open the Select Special Purpose pop-up:

- **MVR Object Type:**
  Tap and hold a cell in this column to open the Select MVR Object Type pop-up:

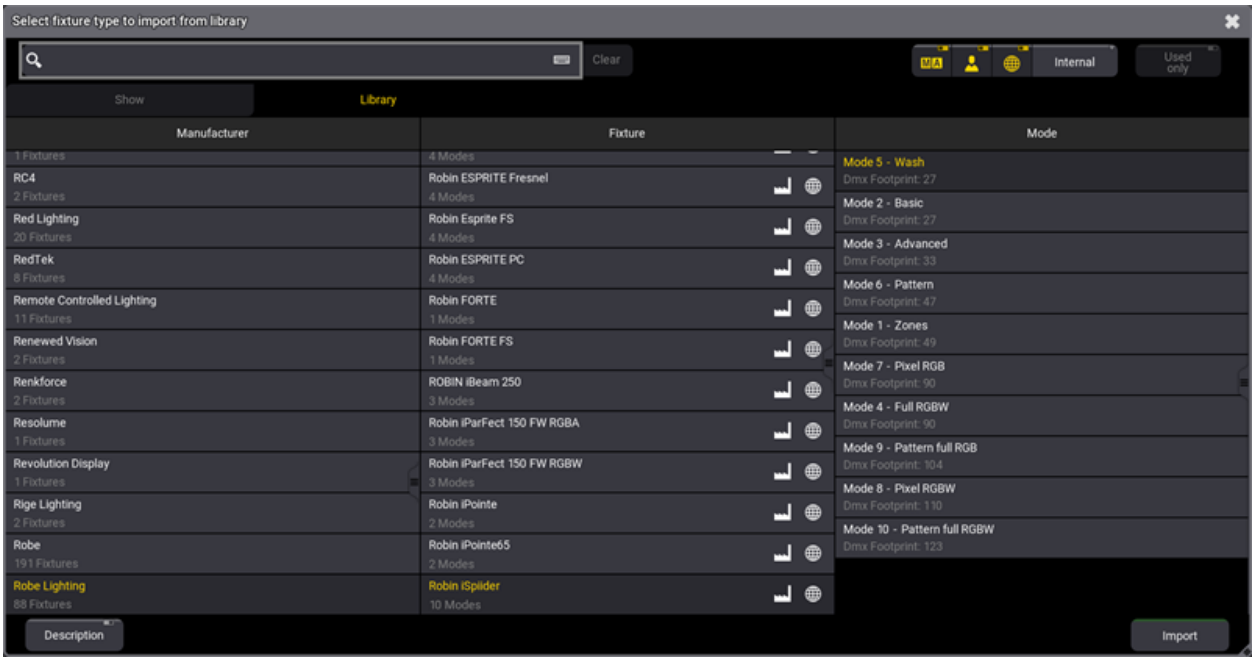


- **ShareGlobal:**
  When the same fixture type (attributes, their order, and their physical form and physical to values) is used several times within a show file, patched fixtures of that type can use the global presets that are stored only for one of those fixture types. ShareGlobal is set to Yes by default. ShareGlobal can not be changed in the Live Patch.
- **Version:**
  This displays the grandMA3 version number with which the fixture type can be used. The running grandMA3 version must be the same as or higher than the fixture type's version number.
- **XYZ:**
  XYZ can be enabled for a fixture type that supports this feature. **Yes** indicates that every fixture type mode has XYZ enabled. Partial indicates that at least one mode of the fixture type is enabled for XYZ. XYZ is set to **No** by default. To enable XYZ, see Activating XYZ for Fixture Types.

Select and Import Fixture Types

Requirements: Steps 1 and 2 from the chapter above.

1. To import fixture types from the library, tap Import. The pop-up Select fixture type to import opens.
2. Select a fixture type and then tap Import in the bottom-right corner of the Select fixture type window. The fixture is imported to the fixture type list and can now be patched.



Select Fixture Type to Import From Library pop-up.

For a detailed description of Insert new Fixture window, see Add fixtures to the show.

Subtopics

- Import GDTF
- Conflicts in Fixture Types

1.56.1.1. Import GDTF

Import a GDTF file (General Device Type Format) containing a fixture type description. GDTF provides a fixture's digital footprint. Visit https://gdtf-share.com for more information.

The GDTF file is a zip file containing:

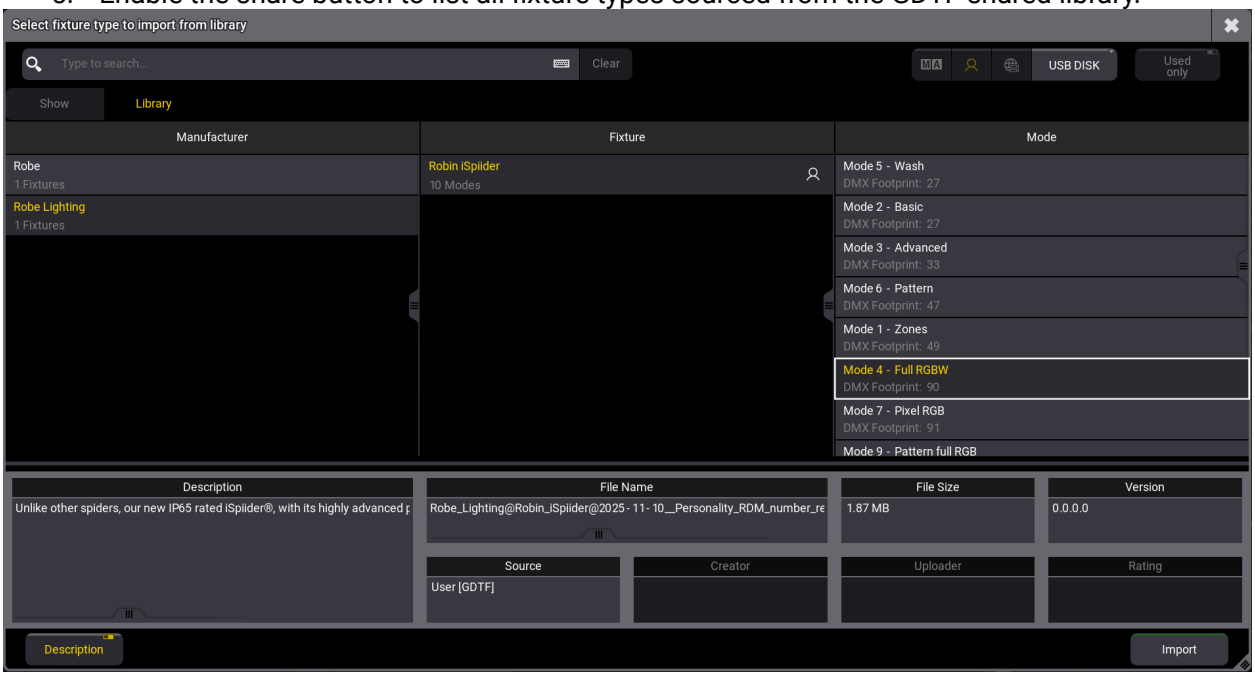
- Description
- Geometry data
- Gobo images

For a detailed description of GDTF, see the DIN specification 15800:2022 (https://www.beuth.de/de/technische-regel/din-spec-15800/349717520).

Import GDTF from the Console or Directly from the World Server

Access **grandMA3 fixture share** and **GDTF** libraries directly when there is an active connection to a World Server (for more information, see World server),

1. Open the patch menu by pressing Menu.
2. Tap Patch.
3. On the left side of the window, tap Fixture Types.
4. Tap Import at the bottom of the window. The Select Fixture Type to Import pop-up opens.
5. Enable the share button to list all fixture types sourced from the GDTF shared library.



Select Fixture to Import from Library pop-up

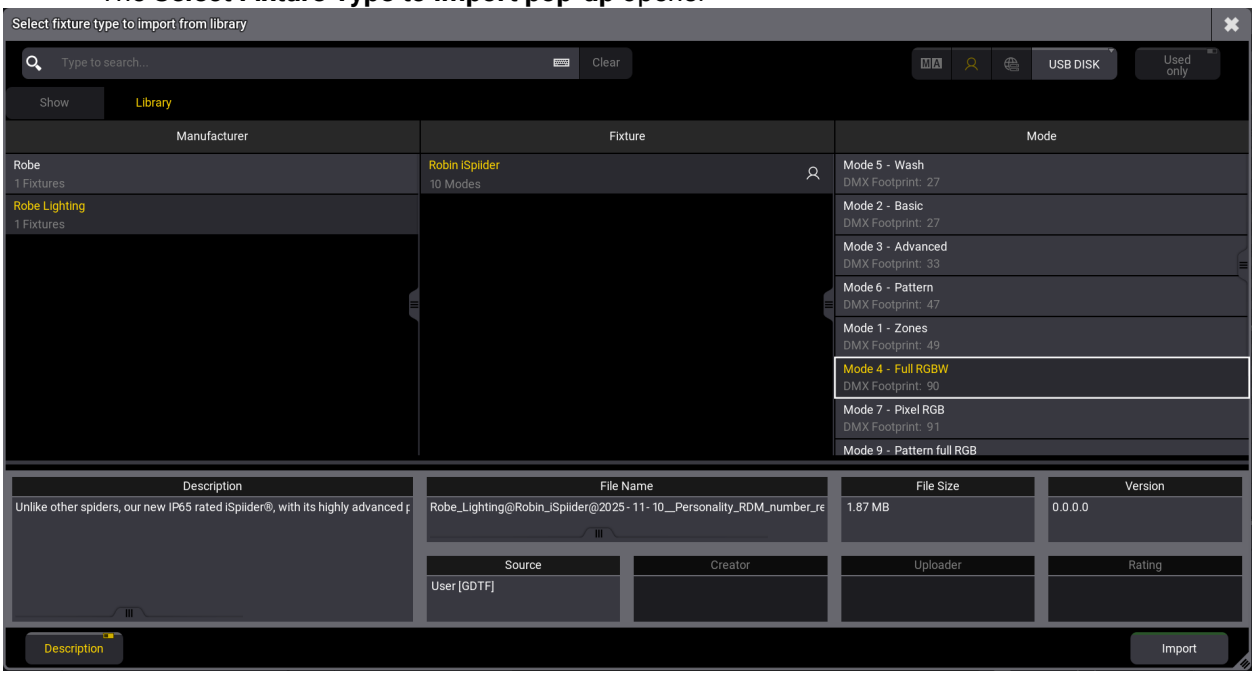
6. Select a fixture type and then tap Import. The fixture is imported to the fixture type list and can now be patched.

Enable Description for more information about the fixture type you want to import.

Import GDTF from a Flash Drive

Fixtures can be exported to a USB flash drive, and the fixtures can be imported to a show file even when there is no access to the World Server.

1. You can download the GDTF file on https://gdtf-share.com/ or export it to a USB flash drive (and skip to point 4).
2. The file is located in the download folder.
3. Copy the GDTF file to a USB flash drive. The default path for GDTF fixture types is **grandMA3/gma3_library/fixturetypes.**
4. Insert the USB flash drive into the console.
5. Open the patch dialog and tap Fixture Types.
6. Tap Import.
   The **Select Fixture Type to Import pop-up** opens:



Select Fixture to Import from Library pop-up with USB drive selected

7. In the upper right corner, select the USB flash drive that contains the GDTF files.
8. Select the desired fixture type.
9. Tap Import. The fixture is imported to the fixture type list and can now be patched.

	Hint:
	The files must have a .gdtf or .GDTF extension to work.

For more information on how to patch, see Add Fixtures to the Show.

GDTF import operations can be canceled by pressing and holding MA + ESC or Shift + ESC for five seconds.

1.56.1.2. Conflicts in Fixture Types

Importing or editing fixture types from the library could lead to conflicts, for example, if the fixture type has wrong information in it or if a DMX channel is overlapped by another.

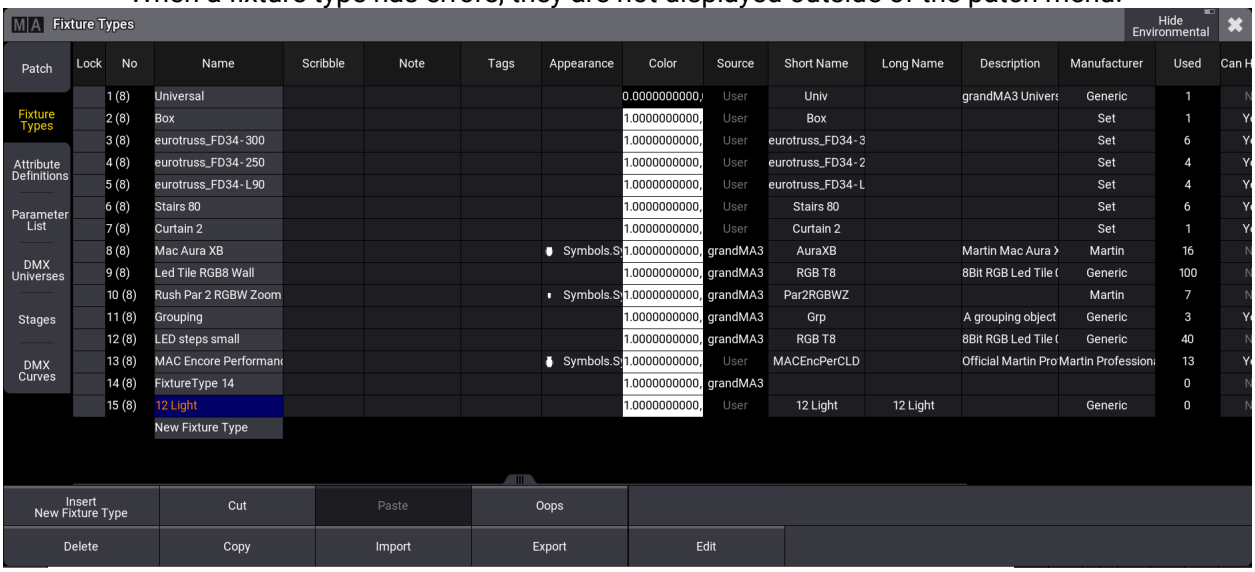
Conflicts are displayed by specific font colors in the Patch.

Fixture Type with Orange Font Color

- Orange font colors in the patch indicate a warning. Fixture types with an orange font color are accessible, but may not function properly.

Fixture Type with Red Font Color

- A red font color describes an error within the fixture type.
- When a fixture type has errors, they are not displayed outside of the patch menu.



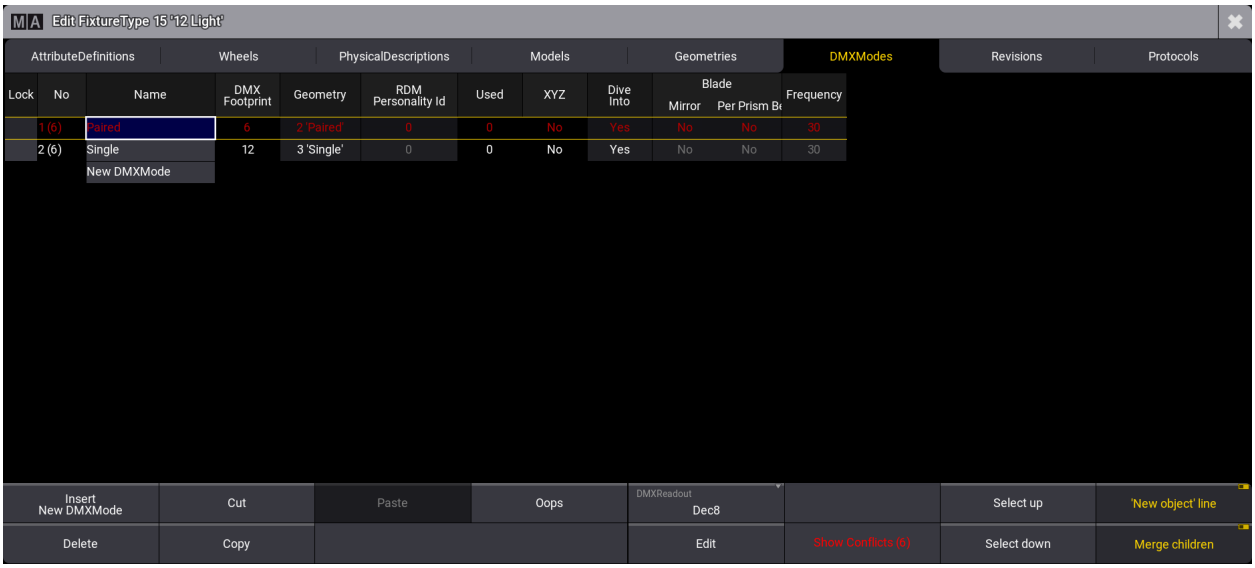
Fixture Types - Conflict is shown in orange

Show Conflicts

The button Show Conflicts provides more information about a particular conflict.

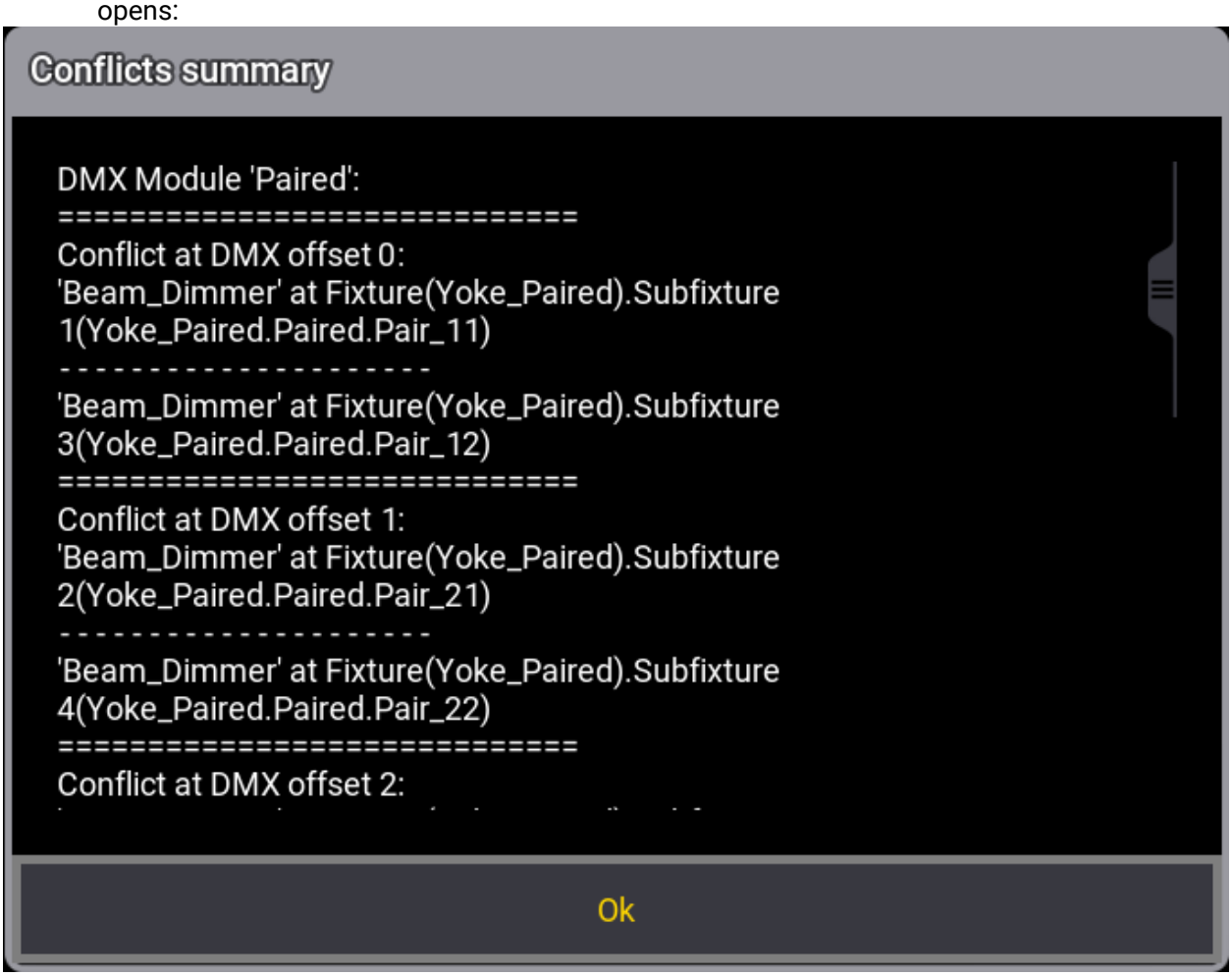
To get a more detailed summary of the conflict:

1. Select the colored fixture type with a red or orange font color in the patch.
2. Tap Edit. The fixture type editor opens.
3. A button called Show Conflicts (x) is colored in a red font. The number in the parentheses shows the number of conflicts. See image below:



Fixture Type Editor

4. To open the Conflicts summary pop-up, tap Show Conflicts. The Conflicts summary pop-up opens:



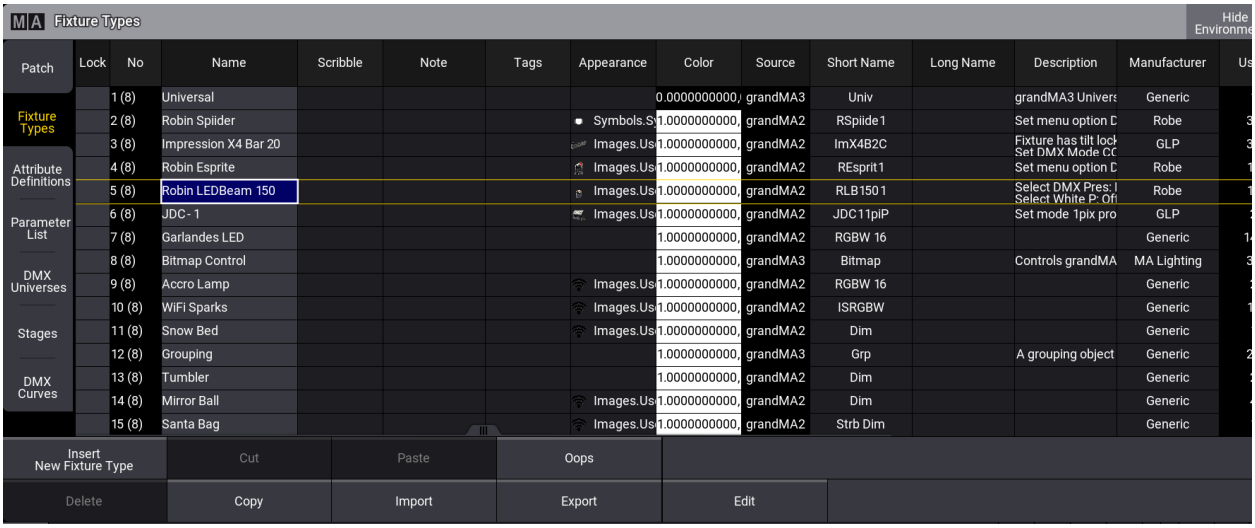
Conflicts pop-up.

1.56.2. Fixture Types Editor

With the fixture types editor, you can build new fixture types and modify existing ones.

To access the editor:

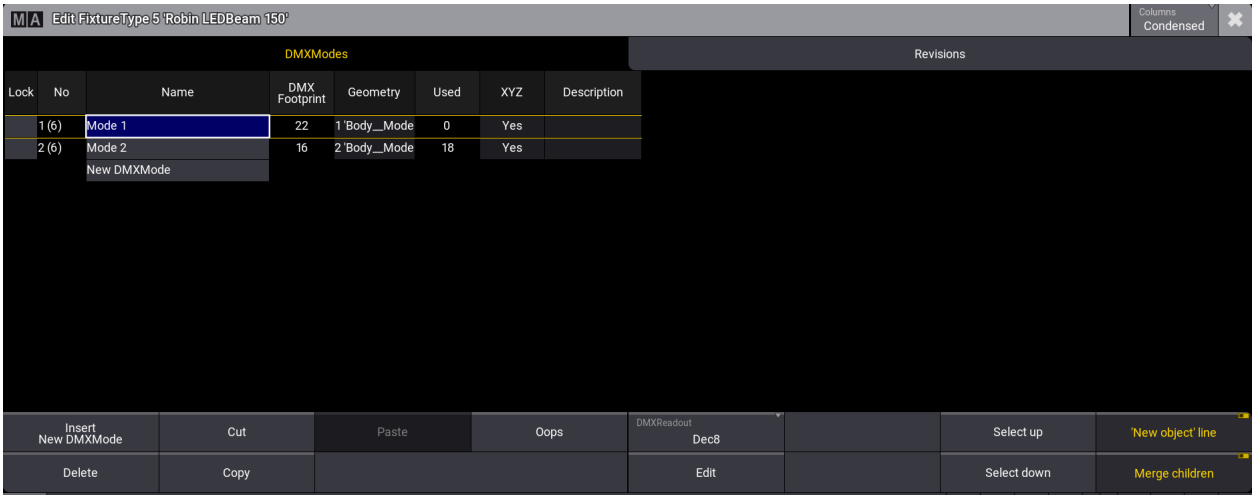
- Press Menu and tap Patch. The patch menu opens.
- Tap Fixture Types on the left side of the window:



Fixture type menu

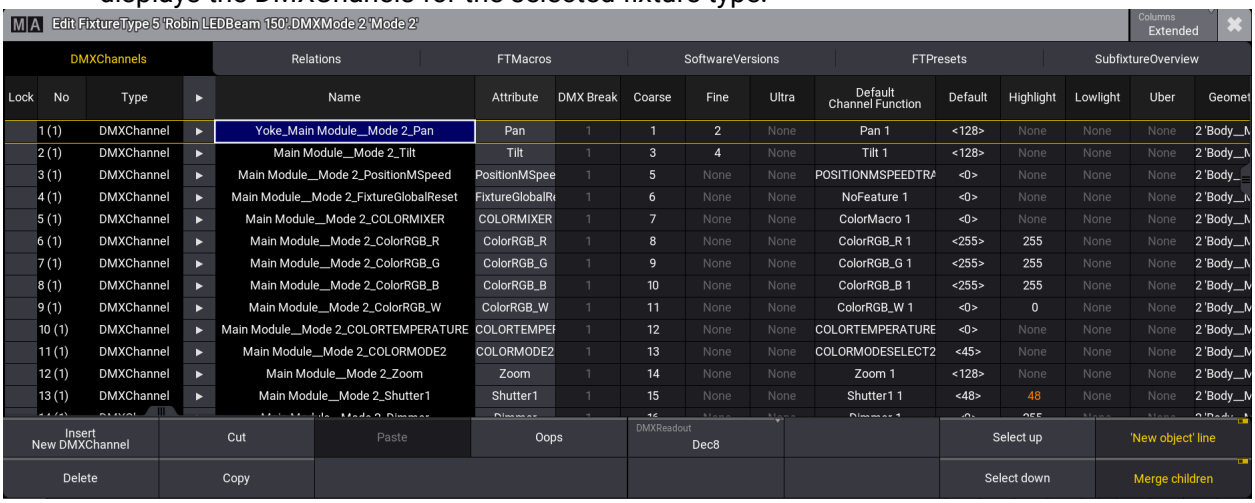
To edit an existing fixture type, follow the steps below:

1. Import some fixtures. See Import Fixture Types.
2. Select the fixture type you want to edit and tap Edit at the bottom of the window. The Fixture type editor opens:



Fixture type editor

3. Tap Columns in the title bar to filter the number of columns to be displayed. There are three modes:
   - **Condensed**: For a better overview, this mode displays only essential columns.
   - **Full**: Displays all columns and tabs used by the grandMA3.
   - **Extended**: Displays all columns and tabs of all settings of the fixture type.
4. Tap DMXModes at the top of the window.
5. Select the fixture type mode you want to edit and tap Edit at the bottom of the window. The editor displays the DMXChanels for the selected fixture type.



The DMX footprint for the selected fixture type is displayed in brackets in the DMXChannels tab.

When you are done with the modifications, close the window. Changes will be saved when you exit the patch menu.

The following topics guide you in building a new fixture type.

1.56.3. Build Fixture Types

grandMA3 allows building fixture types. Therefore, the grandMA3 software benefits from using a fixture-type editor. In this editor, you can set up a custom-made fixture type using different inputs. For example:

- Wheels
- Physical Descriptions
- Models
- Geometries
- DMX Modes

Fixture type editor showing DMX modes for the selected fixture type

The following topics demonstrate how to use the Fixture Type Editor and provide a simple example of what a standard fixture type can look like.

	Important:
	Creating fixture types can be necessary to project real-life fixtures that have not been built yet.
	Important:
	Instead of creating a new fixture type, it can be easier and faster to take an existing one and adjust only the differences!
	Hint:
	It is also possible to build fixtures using the GDTF Builder and import them to grandMA3. For more information, see Import GDTF.

Subtopics

- Insert Fixture Types
- Insert Geometries

- Insert Models
- Link Models to Geometries
- Insert DMX Modes and DMX Channels
- Environmental Fixture Types

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1.56.3.1. Insert Fixture Types

The following topics provide a step-by-step guide to building a basic moving-head fixture.

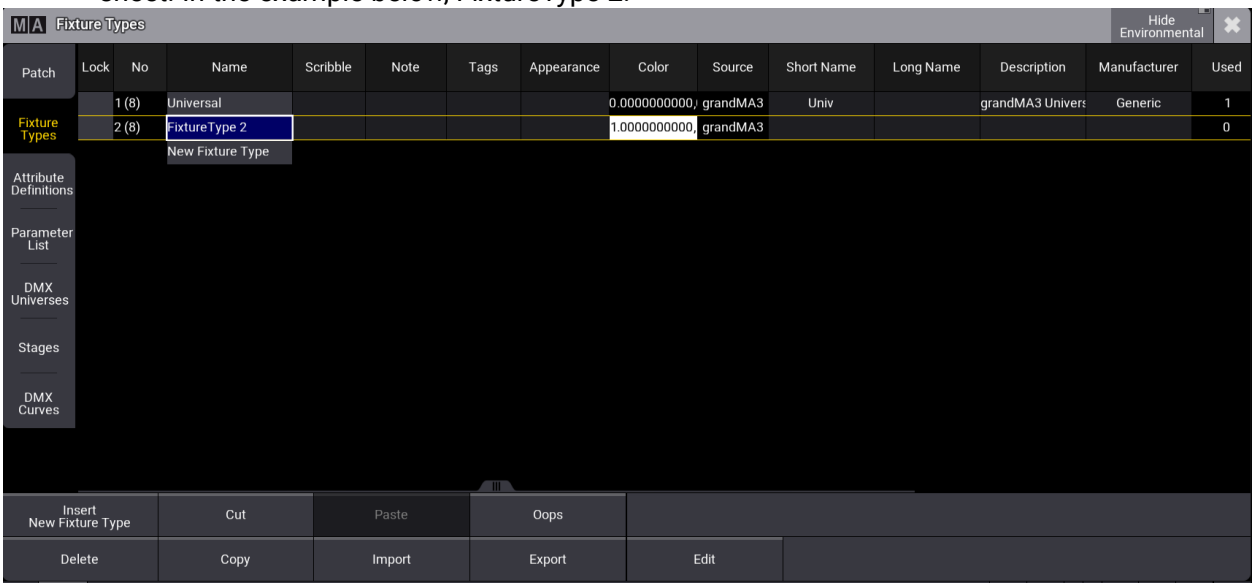
First, a fixture type must be inserted.

Important:

Always make sure to save the settings you made; otherwise, they will get lost.
How to save settings in Fixture Types:
1. Leave the Patch.
2. The **pop-up Leaving the patch** appears.
3. Tap Ok.
4. Save the show file.
For more information, see SaveShow Keyword.

To back up data during or after the build of fixture types, leave the Fixture Type Editor and tap Export in the Fixture Types menu. An .xml file is exported. It is possible to import this file into a show file.

1. Open the Fixture Types tab in the Patch menu. To exit the Fixture Types tab, see Import fixture types topic.
2. In the **Name** column, tap New Fixture Type.
3. Tap Insert New Fixture Type in the bottom left corner. A new fixture-type row is inserted into the sheet. In the example below, FixtureType 2.



Fixture Types tab with the newly inserted FixtureType 2.

4. To edit or enter the basic data of the fixture type, fill out the following cells by right-clicking or tapping and holding the cell:
   - Name
   - Scribble
   - Appearance

- ShortName
- Description
- Manufacturer

	Hint:
	To see a detailed description of every cell in the Fixture Types tab, see Import Fixture Types topic.

The next step is to create individual geometries for your fixture type: Insert Geometries.

1.56.3.2. Insert Geometries

The geometry of a fixture is the physical description of parts of the device.

This example of a basic moving head consists of four components:

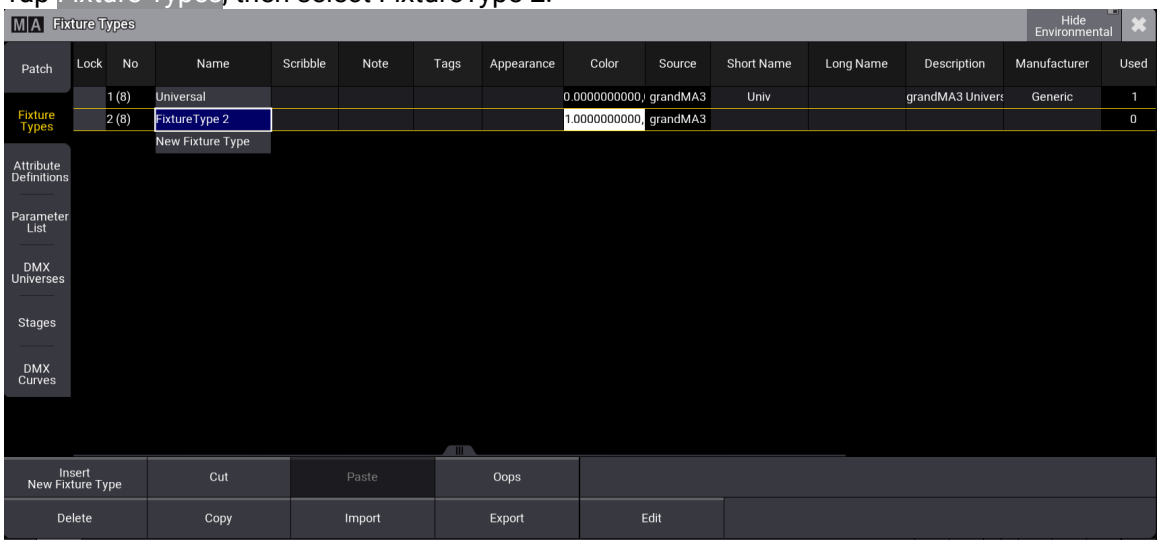
1. Base
2. Yoke
3. Head
4. Beam

All fixture parts must be set up to link them to a specific DMX function later.

Requirement:

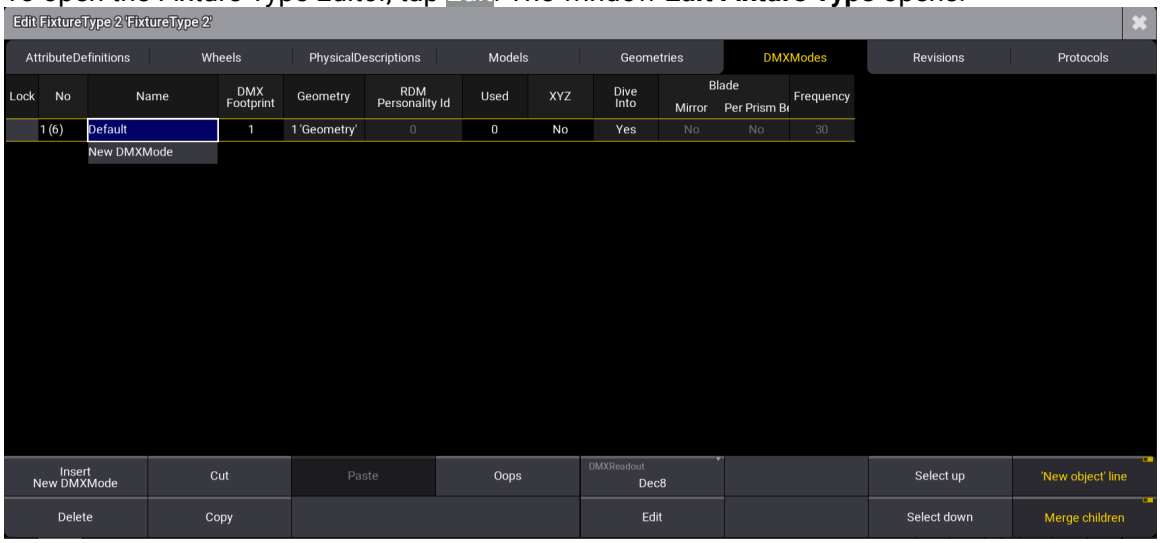
- Insert Fixture Types.

1. Tap Fixture Types, then select FixtureType 2.



Select the fixture type you want to edit

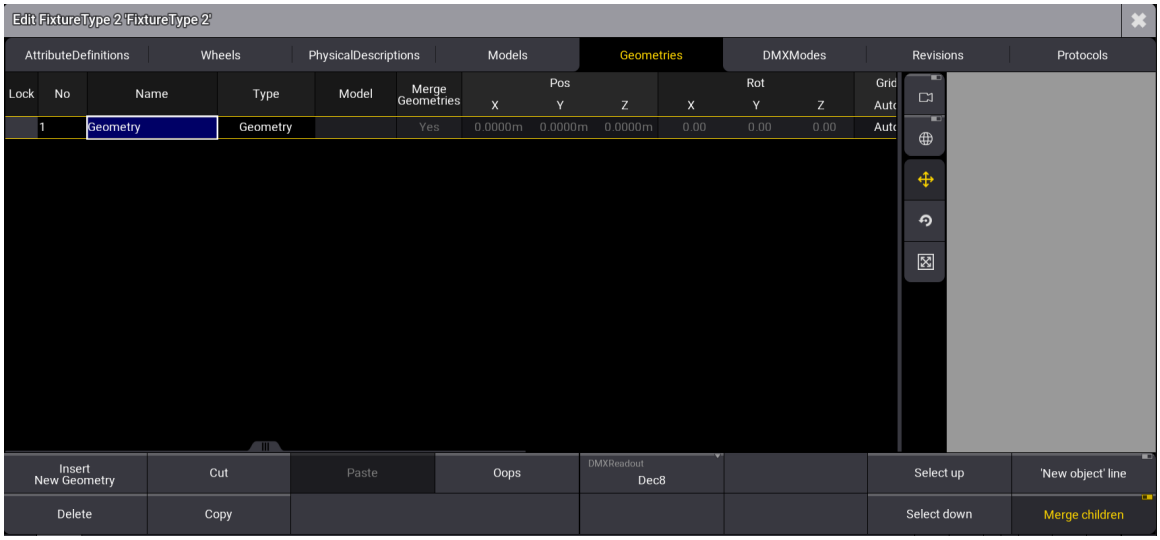
2. To open the Fixture Type Editor, tap Edit. The window **Edit Fixture Type** opens.



Fixture Type Editor

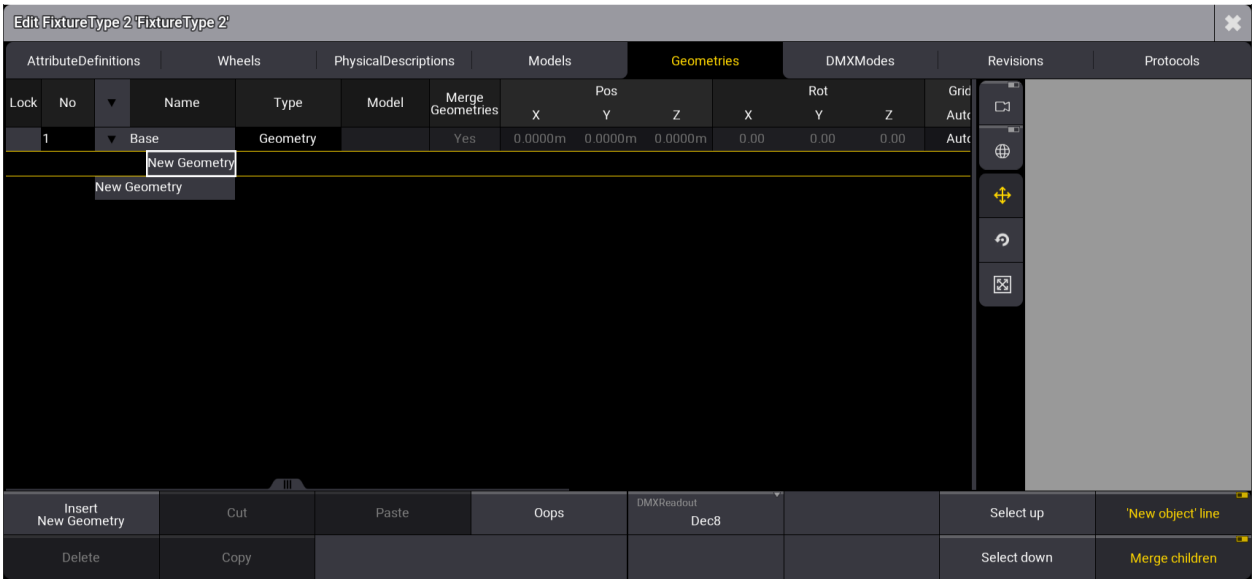
3. Tap Geometries.

The Geometries window opens.



FixtureType Editor Geometries window with the Geometry Viewer on the right side

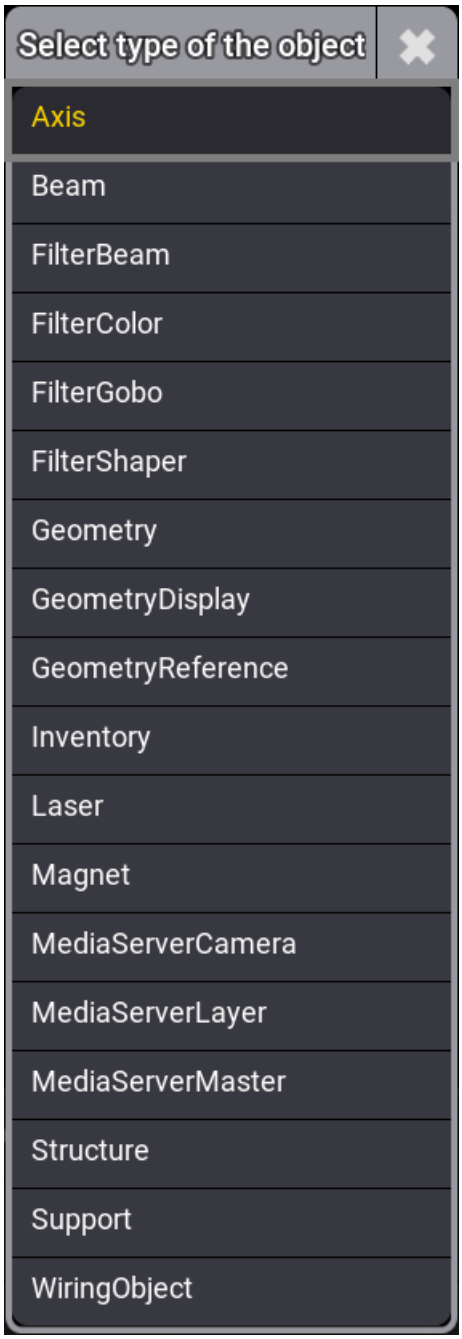
4. Under the Name column, tap and hold Geometry and rename it Base.
5. At the bottom right of the window, tap 'New object' line.
6. Expand the Base tab by tapping ▶, then select **New Geometry**.



Insert new geometry

7. Tap Insert New Geometry.

The pop-up Select type of the object opens.



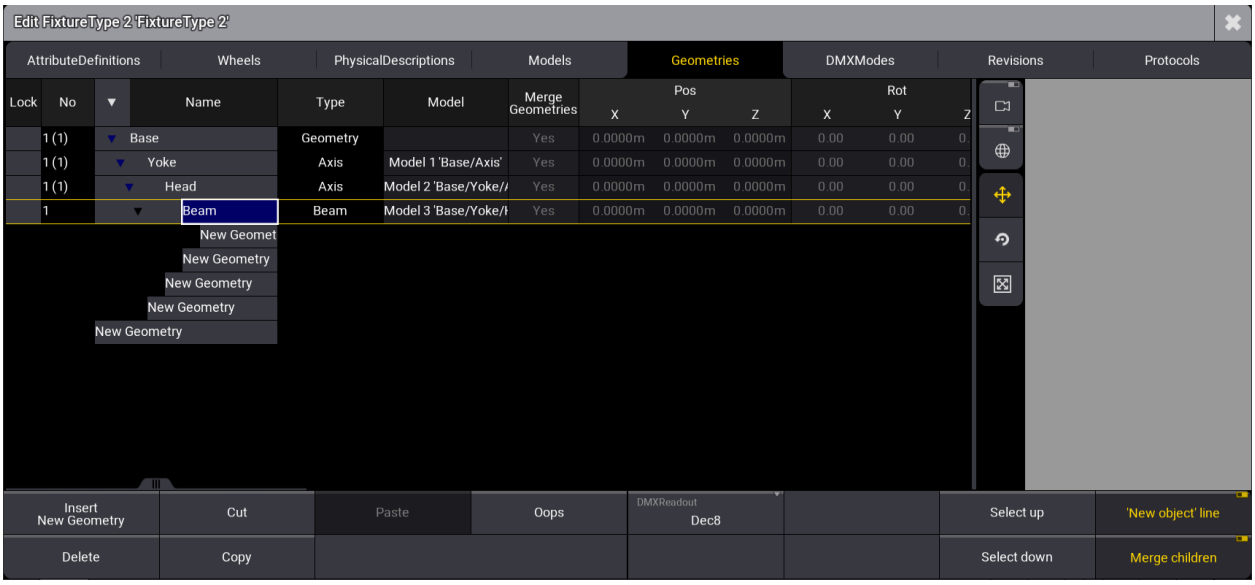
Select type

- Select **Axis**.
- Axis is now displayed in the column Type.

8. In the column Name, rename Axis to Yoke.
    - Press Edit and tap Axis, or press and hold Axis.
    - The virtual keyboard opens.
    - Enter Yoke.
9. Expand the cell, Yoke.
    - Yoke's child New Geometry opens.
    - Repeat steps 6 to 8 and rename Axis to Head.
10. Expand the cell Head.
    - Head's child New Geometry opens.

- Repeat steps 6 to 8, selecting Beam.

Geometries are inserted, as shown in the image below:



Inserted geometry and its children

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subfixtures Grid Position

The grid position of subfixtures can be modified manually under the **Grid** columns of the **Geometry** tab:

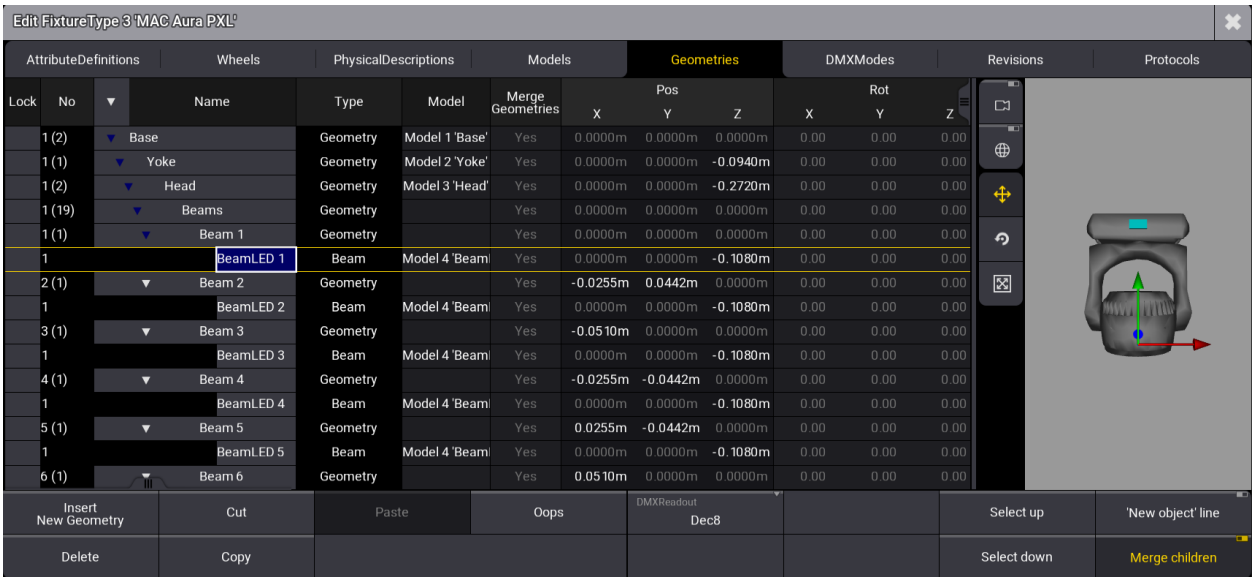
- **Grid Auto**: The positions are determined automatically by the position on the geometries (default value). When set to Manual, the user can define the grid positions independently using the following properties:

- **Grid Swap XY**: Interchanges the grid positions between the X and Y axes.
- **Grid Inv X**: Inverts the grid positions on the X-axis.
- **Grid Inv Y**: Inverts the grid positions on the Y-axis.
- **Grid Inv Z**: Inverts the grid positions on the Z-axis.
- **Grid X**: Defines the position of the geometry on the X-axis.
- **Grid Y**: Defines the position of the geometry on the Y-axis.
- **Grid Z**: Defines the position of the geometry on the Z-axis.

To better understand subfixture grid positioning, follow the steps below:

1. Import the Martin Professional Mac Aura PXL fixture type and select it. For more information, see Import Fixture Types.
2. Tap Edit at the bottom of the fixture type menu. The fixture type editor opens.
3. Tap Geometries at the top of the window.
4. Click the arrow on top of the window to expand all the lines.
5. Select BeamLED 1.

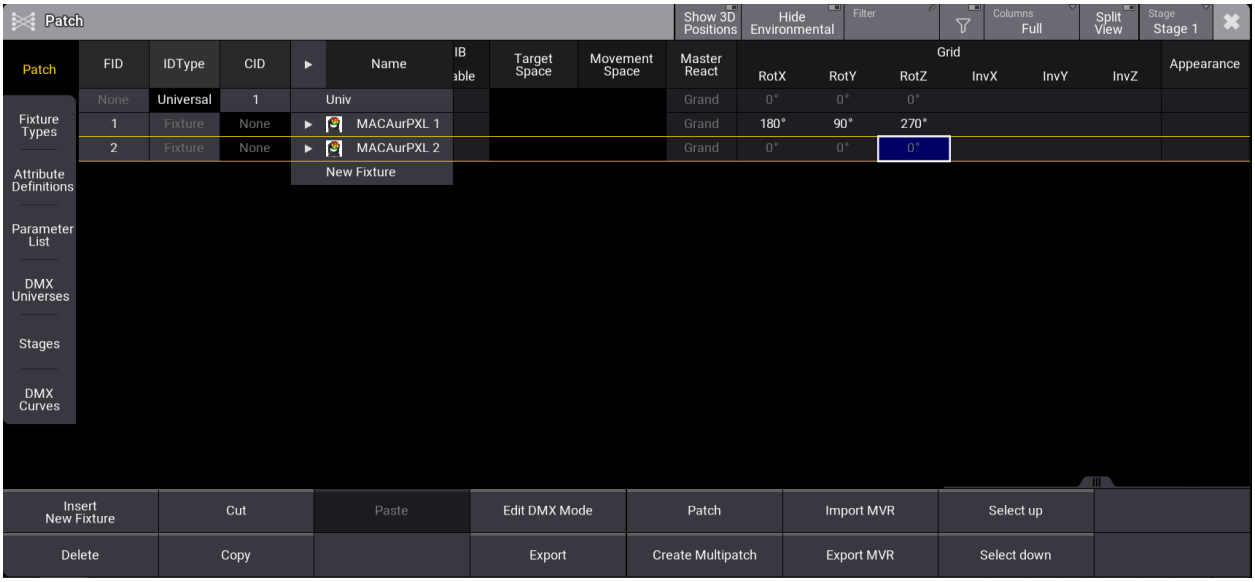
The edit fixture type menu looks like this:



In the 3D area on the right side, colored indicators are displayed on the selected geometry. If the selected geometry is visible in the 3D model, the object itself is displayed in yellow. The values entered for Grid X, Grid Y, and Grid Z define the geometry position for all axes.

Grid settings per fixture are possible if, for example, the same fixture type is used for fixtures that are hung and on the floor. This is set in the patch menu:

Open the patch menu, press Menu, and tap Patch:



1. Select a fixture.
2. Set RotX, RotY, RotZ, InvX, InvY, and InvZ in the grid column.

After inserting the fixture type's geometries, the next step is to create models as a physical foundation for the fixture's different parts: Insert Models.

1.56.3.3. Insert Models

Each geometry has a separate description of a model.

Every model needs a mesh. Meshes are 3D models that represent objects in a virtual environment.

A mesh is a .3ds file (the 3D image format used by Autodesk 3D Studio) or a .gltf/.glb file (the open standard 3D image format).

Meshes are stored in the Meshes pool after they have been imported to the show.

- For more information about importing meshes, see Meshes.

	Important:
	After they have been imported, meshes must be linked to a model of a fixture type.
	Hint:
	Meshes are automatically added to the mesh pool after importing an MVR file or when a fixture type is imported to the show. For more information, see MVR.

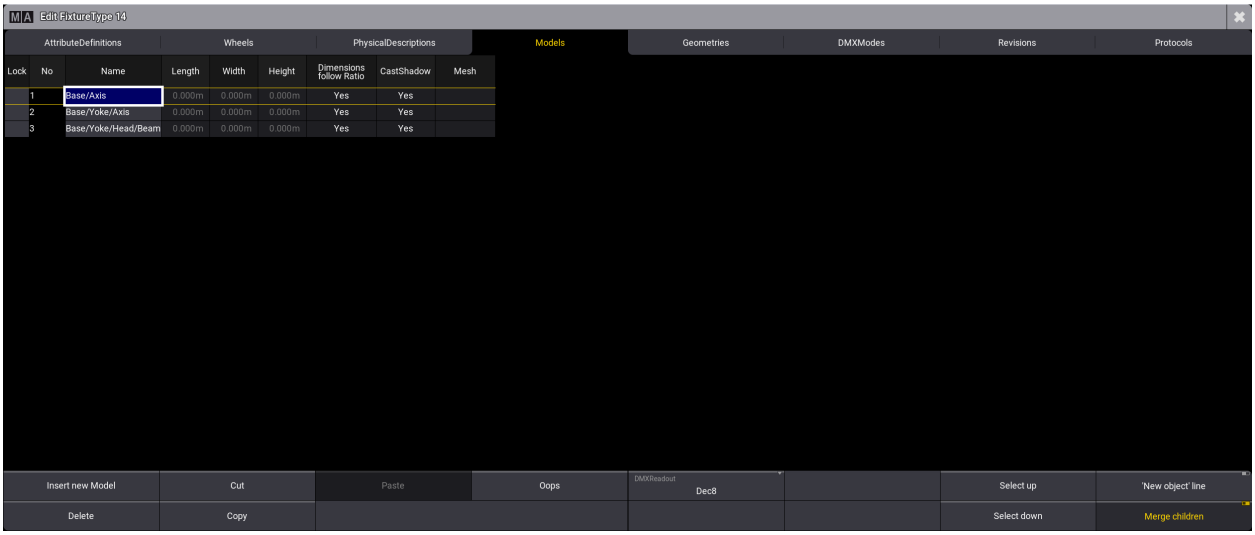
Requirement:

- Insert Geometries.

Models are built upon geometries.

1. Tap Models.

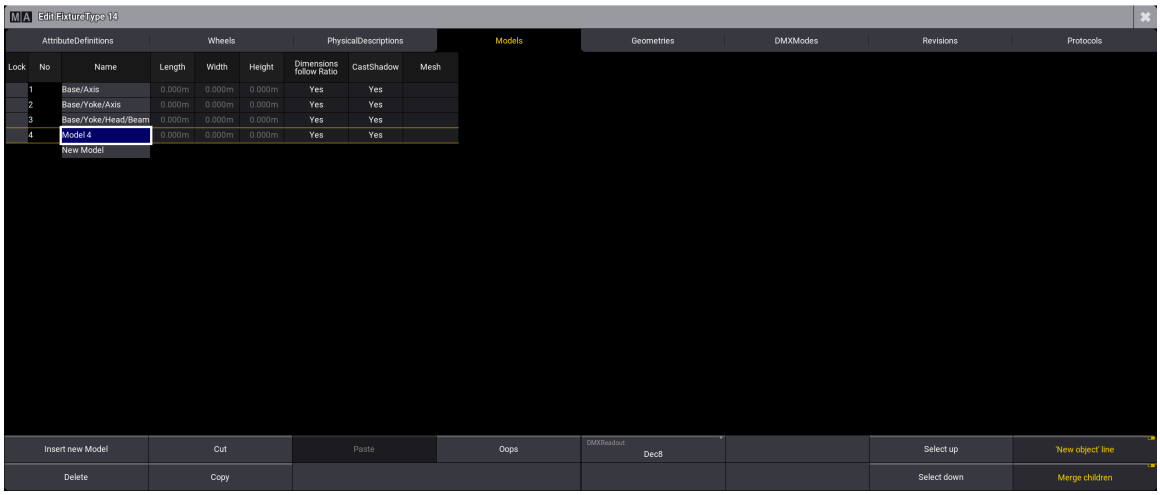
   The menu Models opens.



Open Models tab in the Fixture Types Editor

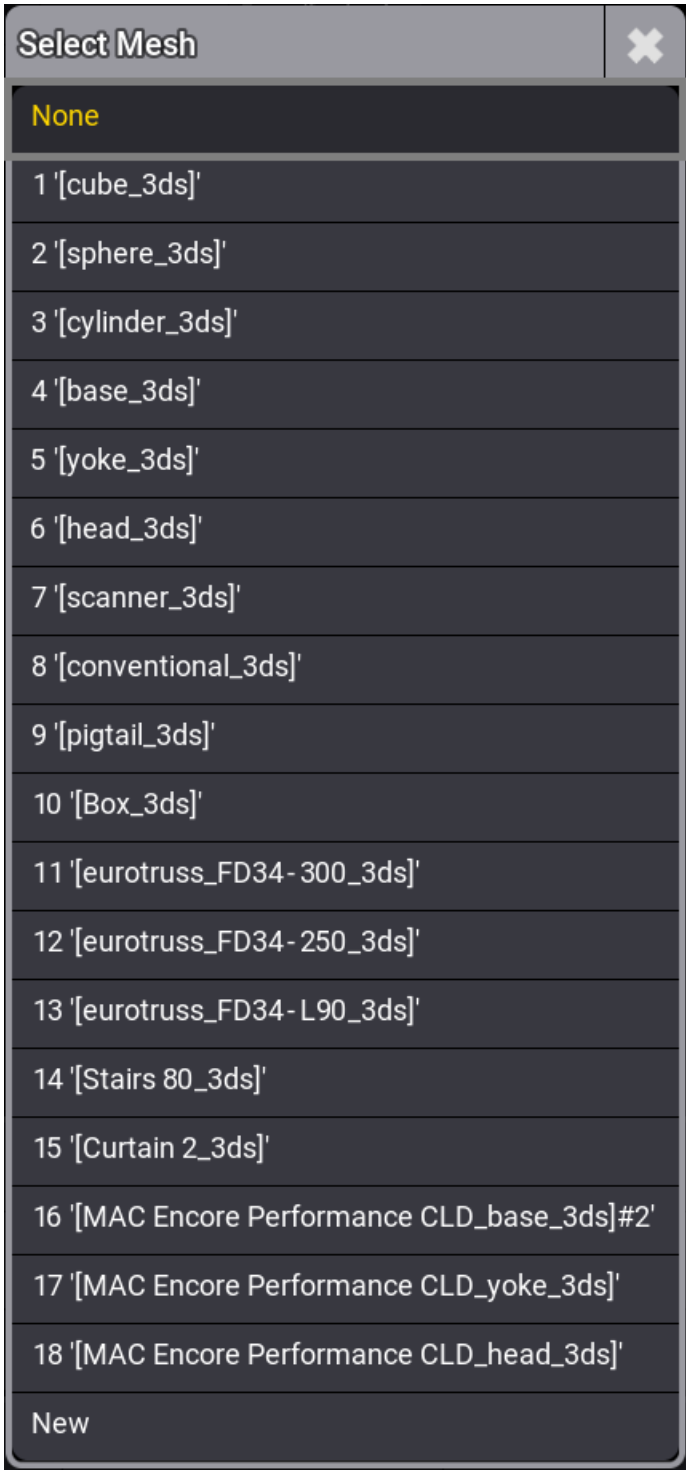
2. At the bottom right of the window, tap 'New object' line.

3. Select New Model and tap Insert new Model.
   - Model 4 is added.



   Insert Model 4 in the Models tab

4. Rename Model 4 into Base.
   - Press Edit and tap Model 4, or press and hold Model 4.
   - The virtual keyboard opens.
   - Enter Base.
5. Set Base's Mesh to [base_3ds].
   - Press Edit and tap the cell in the Mesh column or press and hold that cell.
   - The pop-up Select Mesh opens.



Select Mesh pop-up - Select [base_3ds].

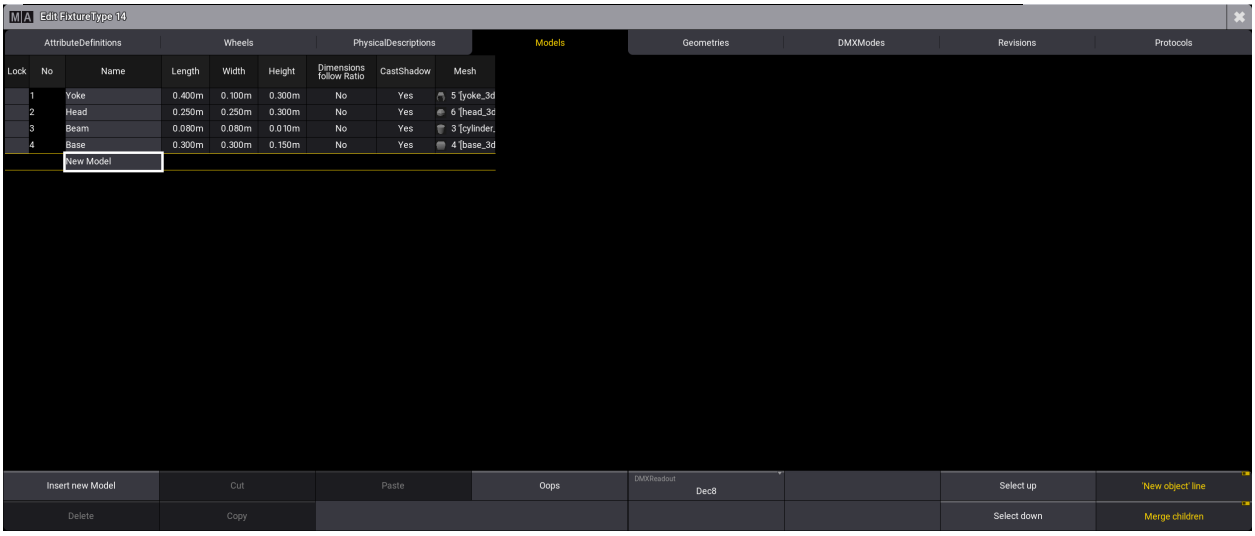
6. Rename Base/Axis into Yoke and set its Mesh to [yoke_3ds].
7. Rename Base/Yoke/Axis into Head and set its Mesh to [head_3ds].
8. Rename Base/Yoke/Head/Beam into Beam and set its Mesh to [cylinder_3ds].

   To represent the fixture correctly, Length, Width, and Height need to be set.
9. Enter the measurements of the fixture, as shown in the table below.

	Important:
	To prevent the models from automatically resizing themselves, set the **Dimensions follow Ratio** column to **No** before entering the

	measurements.

Name	Length	Width	Height
Yoke	0.4 m	0.1 m	0.3 m
Head	0.25 m	0.25 m	0.3 m
Beam	0.08 m	0.08 m	0.01 m
Base	0.3 m	0.3 m	0.150 m



Inserted models and measurements

The models are now automatically assigned to the geometries in the column Model, except for Base, which was inserted directly into the models.

The next step is to connect the models and geometries you made so they are displayed correctly: Link Models to Geometries.

1.56.3.4. Link Models to Geometries

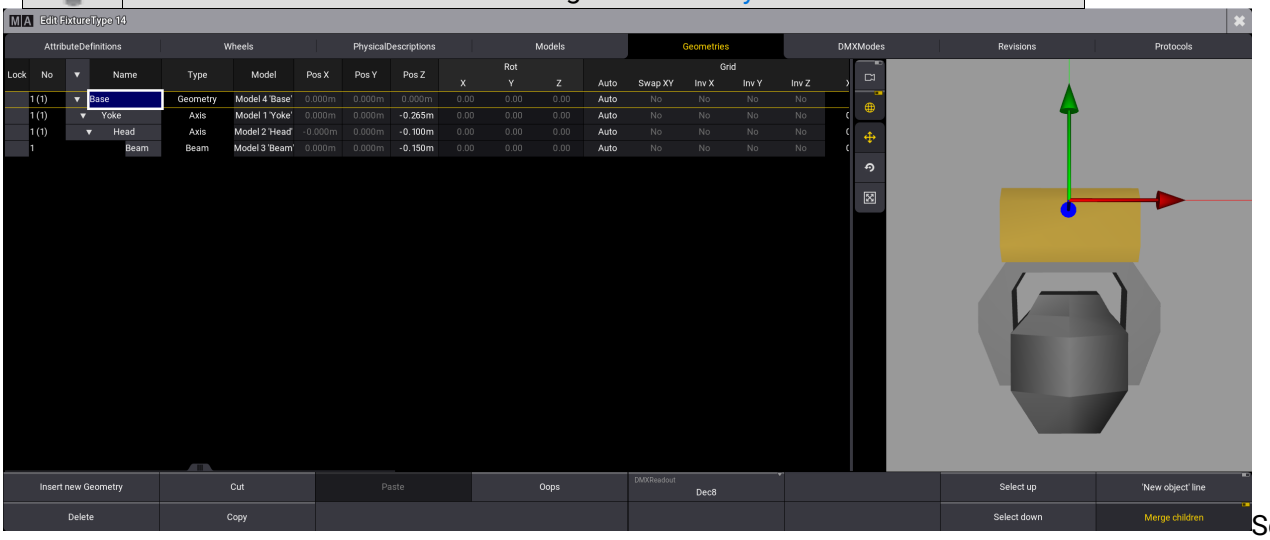
To correctly display the models in the 3D Viewer, the next thing to do is to link models to geometries.

Requirement:

- Insert Geometries and Insert Models.

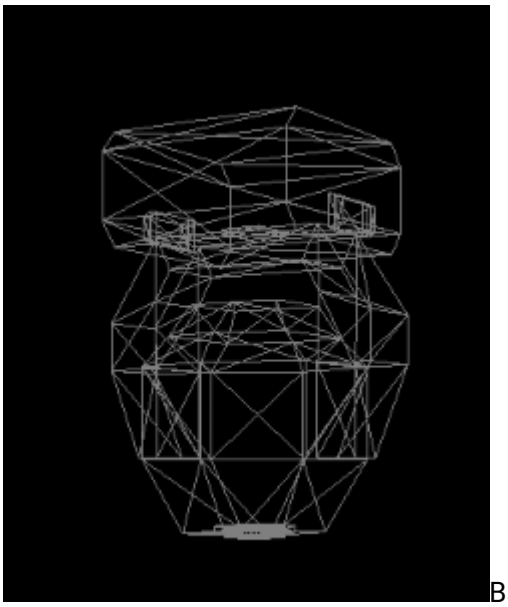
1. Tap the tab Geometries.
2. To link the model Base to geometries, tap, and hold the cell in the column Model.
   - Pop-up Select Model opens.
   - Select Base.
3. Set the offset of position in single geometries.
   - In Base, leave the default value of Pos Z.
   - In Yoke, set Pos Z to -0.265 m.
   - In Head, set Pos Z to -0.100 m.
   - In Beam, set Pos Z to -0.150 m.

	Hint:
	The offset of the position depends on the measurements of the models.
	Hint:
	These cells can also be edited using the Geometry Viewer.

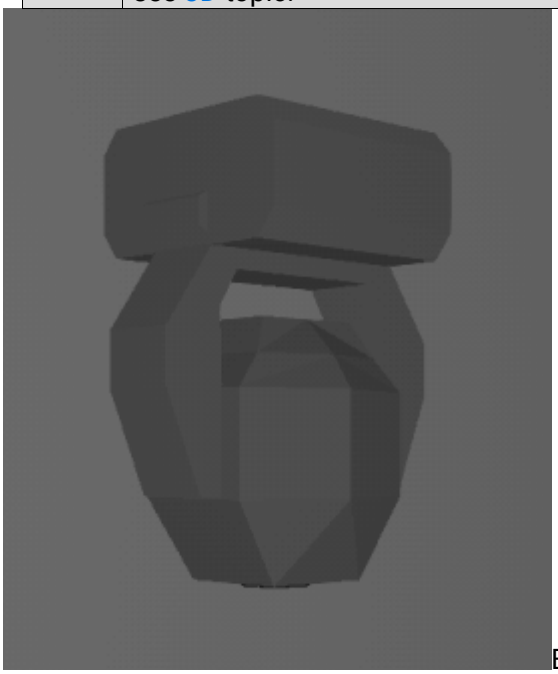


Set the offset of Pos Z

This is the result in the 3D window.


Basic moving head displayed in wireframe in the 3D window

	Hint:
	To display the basic moving head in wireframe in the 3D window, see 3D topic.


Basic moving head rendered in the 3D window

Geometry Viewer

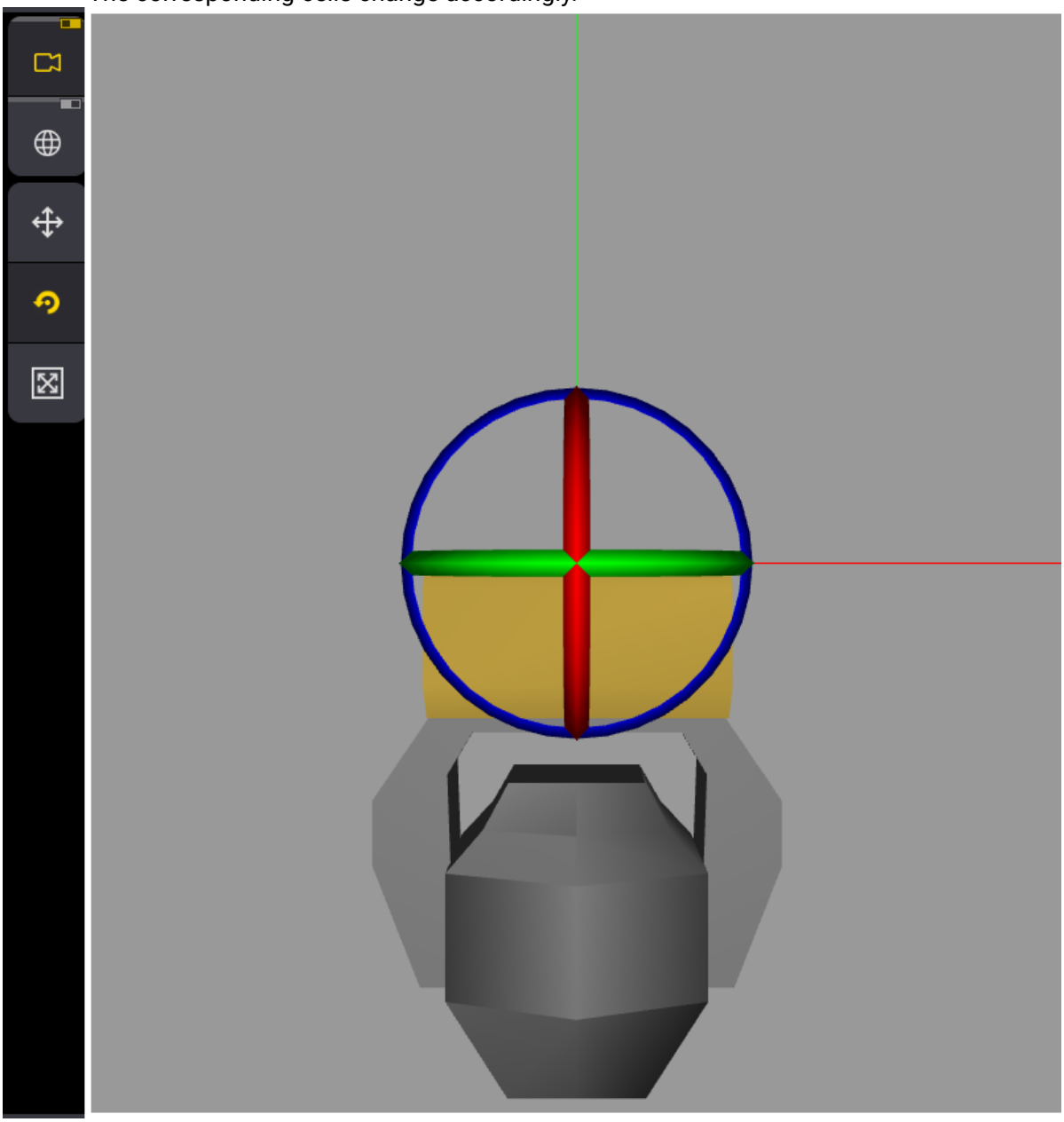
The geometry viewer on the right side of the window displays a real time 3D visualization of the selected geometry tree.

It allows you to view and to edit the geometries of the fixtures.

	Hint:
	To display the geometries in the geometry viewer, add meshes in the models tab first. See Insert Models.

To edit the geometries:

1. Tap on the part of the fixture you want to edit or select a geometry in the table.
   This part is now selected and is displayed with a yellow color in the 3D area.
2. Tap and hold one of the colored indicators to move, scale or rotate the geometries.
   The corresponding cells change accordingly.



Geometry Editor with the selected geometry Base in rotation mode and camera focus enabled

(Camera focus):
If this button is enabled, the selected geometry is displayed in the center of the 3D area.
If this button is disabled, the center of the whole fixture is pinned to the center of the 3D area.

(World model transformation):
If this button is enabled, the axis follows the world.
If this button is disabled, the axis follows the selected geometry.

(Translation mode):
Lets you move the selected geometry.
Tap and hold the arrow of the selected axis and move it. When the geometry is in the desired position, release your finger.

(Rotation mode):
Lets you rotate the selected geometry.
Tap and hold one of the colored rings and move it. When the geometry is in the desired position, release your finger.
While you rotate the geometry along its own axis, the degree value of the rotation is displayed in the top left corner of the 3D area. Additionally, a colored disc shows a visual representation of the angle by which the geometry is rotated.

(Scale mode):
Lets you scale the selected geometry.
Tap and hold one of the axis indicators and move it. When the geometry has the desired size, release your finger.
To scale all three axes at the same time, tap and move the block in the center of the axis indicators.

	Hint:
	Scaling the geometries changes the values for length, width, and hight in the Models tab.
	Hint:
	If you scale a geometry whose model is also linked to other geometries, those geometries are scaled as well.

The last step of building a basic moving head, is inserting DMX modes and channels and linking them to specific geometries: Insert DMX Modes.

This is important for fully and accurately managing your fixture type.

1.56.3.5. Insert DMX Modes and DMX Channels

The next step is to insert DMX modes and channels and link them to the geometries.

Specific functions and attributes can only be executed by specific physical parts of a fixture. The pan movement, for example, is executed by the yoke of the basic moving head.

Therefore, you have to link DMX channels with their specific functions and attributes to the corresponding geometrical parts of the fixture type.

Requirement:

- Insert Geometries

Description of DMX modes:

- A DMX mode consists of one or several DMX channels.
- The DMX channel defines the fixture's different attributes and functions.
- The DMX mode is the parent, and the DMX channel is its child.

	Important:
	The build of a fixture type is based on the hierarchic structure of parent-child. A parent comes first, and the child follows its parent. There may be several children.
	Hint:
	Many manufacturers provide DMX charts that define channels. In most cases, it is possible to download the DMX charts for a specific fixture type from the manufacturer's website. Use a DMX chart to enter the channels in the fixture type table.

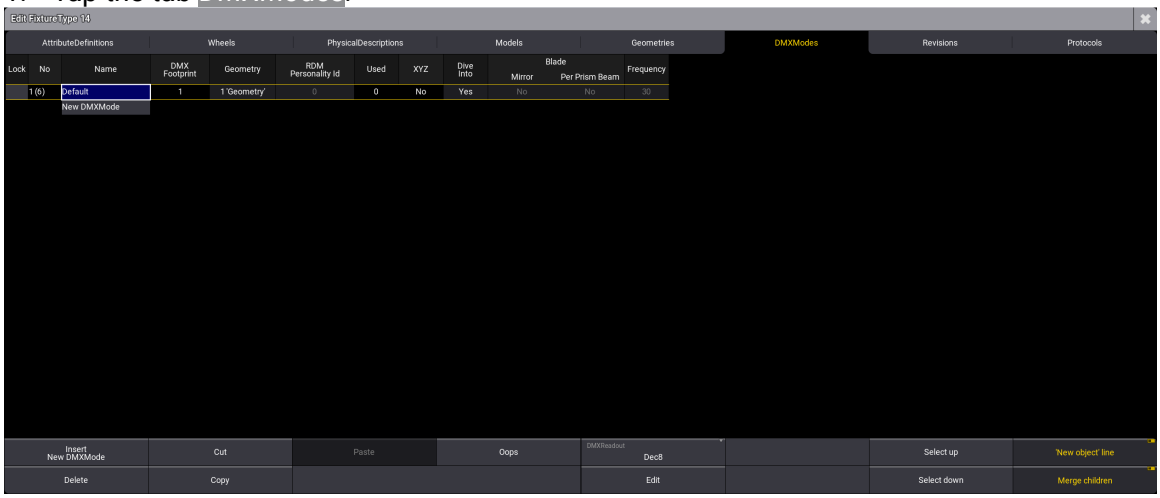
Preparation

This basic moving head is based on the following DMX chart, showing a relative patch address and the related function:

Relative Patch Address	Function
1	Pan (8 bit) Pan movement by 540°
2	Pan Fine (16 bit)
3	Tilt (8 bit) Tilt movement by 270°
4	Tilt Fine (16 bit)
5	Dimmer
6	Red

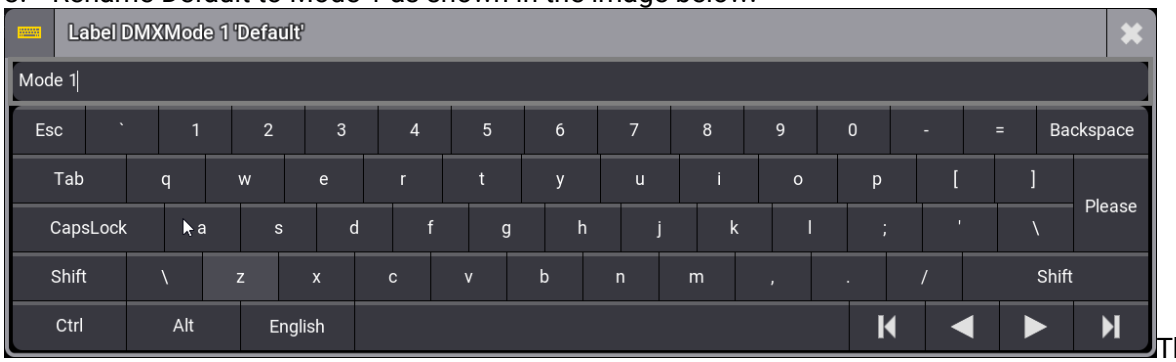
Relative Patch Address	Function
7	Green
8	Blue

1. Tap the tab DMXModes.



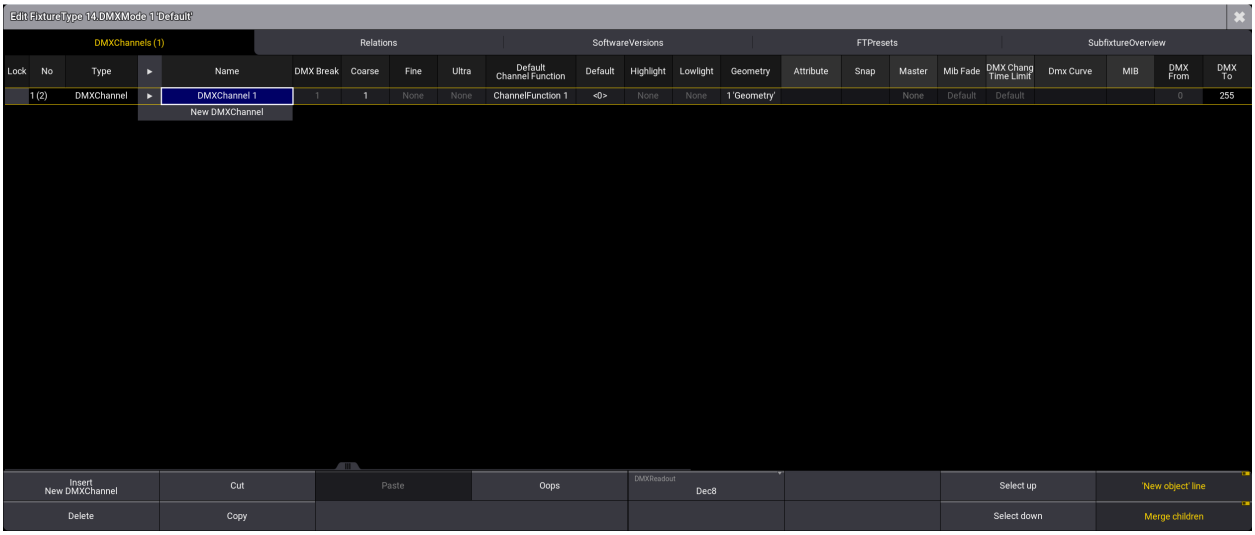
The editor for building a fixture

2. To change the name of the cell, tap and hold or right-click the cell labeled Default. A text editor opens.
3. Rename Default to Mode 1 as shown in the image below:



This is the text editor

4. To insert DMX channels, select Mode 1 and tap Edit again. The DMX Channel Editor with a tree structure opens:



DMXMode Editor with one DMX channel

The most important columns in this editor are:

- **Coarse**, **Fine**, **Ultra**, **Default**, **Highlight**:
  See Parameter List topic.
- **Attribute:**
  This displays the functionality of the DMX channel.
- **Master:**
  This defines if the value of the channel is affected by a group master or the grand master.
- **Physical From:**
  This displays the physical value of a fixture. Physical From can not be changed in the Live Patch.
- **Physical To:**
  This displays the physical value of a fixture. Physical To can not be changed in the Live Patch.
- **DMX From:**
  Sets the DMX value from the channel function's lower end of the DMX range. DMX From can not be changed in the Live Patch.
- **DMX To:**
  DMX To in the channel function is automatically calculated depending on the DMX From value of the following channel function or the end of the DMX channel.

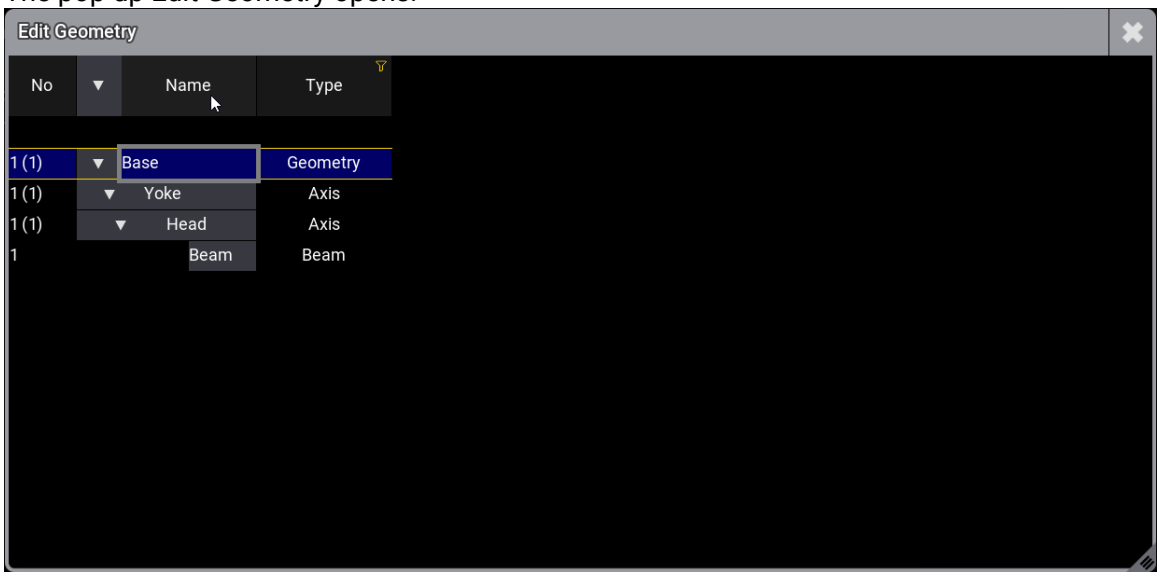
The example of a basic moving head requires 6 DMX channels for all of its different Attributes (Pan; Tilt; Dimmer; Red; Green; Blue)

Enter DMX Channel 1 – Pan

	Hint:
	For the following example, it makes sense to change the DMXReadout from Dec8 to Percent, as there are only 50 % and 100 % values in this example. Since it is more accurate, for other cases, it can make more sense to use Dec8 or Dec16.

To enter the first channel:

1. In the row DMXChannel 1, enter:
   - **Coarse**: 1
   - **Fine**: 2
   - **Default**: 50 %
   - **Highlight**: none
2. Edit the column Geometry.
   In the row DMXChannel 1, tap and hold or press Edit and tap the cell.
   The pop-up Edit Geometry opens.



   Edit Geometry pop-up Select geometry Yoke.
3. Make sure the Merge children button is disabled.
4. Expand DMXChannel 1 for further entries in LogicalChannel:
   - Tap ▶ in the row DMXChannel 1.
5. In the row LogicalChannel, select:
   - **Attribute**: Pan
6. The DMXChannel 1 is renamed to Yoke_Pan.
   - **Master**: none
7. Expand LogicalChannel, now called Pan, for further entries in ChannelFunction:
   - Tap ▶ in the row LogicalChannel.
8. In the row ChannelFunction, select:
   - **Attribute**: Pan
   - **Physical From**: -270
   - **Physical To**: 270

	Hint:
	When you select an attribute, the DMX channel is renamed after the attribute: **Geometry_Attribute**.

DMX channel 1 is entered.

Enter DMX Channel 2 – Tilt

To enter the second channel:

1. Tap Yoke_Pan.
2. To enable NewDMXChannel, tap 'New object' line button**.**
3. Tap New DMXChannel and tap Insert new DMXChannel.
   New DMXChannel is renamed to DMXChannel 2.
4. To enter the second channel, enter in the row DMXChannel 2:
   - **Coarse**: 3
   - **Fine**: 4
   - **Default**: 50 %
   - **Highlight**: none
5. Edit the column Geometry and select Head.
6. Open LogicalChannel. For more information, see step 4 in the description for the first DMX channel.
7. - **Attribute**: Tilt
8. DMXChannel 2 is renamed after the attribute.
   - **Master**: none
9. Open ChannelFunction. For more information, see step 7 in the description for the first DMX channel.
   - **Attribute**: Tilt
   - **Physical From**: -135
   - **Physical To**: 135

DMXChannel 2 is entered.

Enter DMX Channel 3 – Dimmer

To enter the third channel:

1. Tap New DMXChannel and tap Insert new DMXChannel.
   New DMXChannel is renamed to DMXChannel 3.
2. To enter the third channel, enter in the row DMX Channel 3:
   - **Coarse**: 5
   - **Default**: 0 %
   - **Highlight**: 100 %
3. Edit the column Geometry and select Beam.
4. Open LogicalChannel. For more information, see step 4 in the description for the first DMX channel.
5. - **Attribute**: Dimmer
6. DMXChannel 3 is renamed after the attribute.
7. To control the attribute's value using the Grand Master, tap in the column **Master.**
   - The **pop-up Select Master** opens

Select Master pop-up- Tap Grand.

8. Open ChannelFunction. For more information, see step 7 in the description for the first DMX channel.
   - **Attribute**: Dimmer
   - **Physical From**: 0
   - **Physical To**: 1

DMXChannel 3 is entered.

Enter DMX Channel 4 – Red

1. Tap New DMXChannel and tap Insert new DMXChannel.
   New DMXChannel is renamed to DMXChannel 4.
2. To enter the fourth channel, enter in the row DMXChannel 4:
   - **Coarse**: 6
   - **Default**: 100 %
   - **Highlight**: 100 %
3. Edit the column Geometry and select Beam.
4. Open LogicalChannel. For more information, see step 4 in the type LogicalChannel.
5. - **Attribute**: ColorRGB_R
6. DMXChannel 4 is renamed after the attribute.
7. **Master**: none
8. Open ChannelFunction. For more information see step 7 in the type ChannelFunction.
   - **Attribute**: ColorRGB_R
   - **Physical From**: 0
   - **Physical To**: 1

DMXChannel 4 is entered.

Enter DMX Channel 5 – Green

1. Tap New DMXChannel and tap Insert new DMXChannel.
   New DMXChannel is renamed to DMXChannel 5.

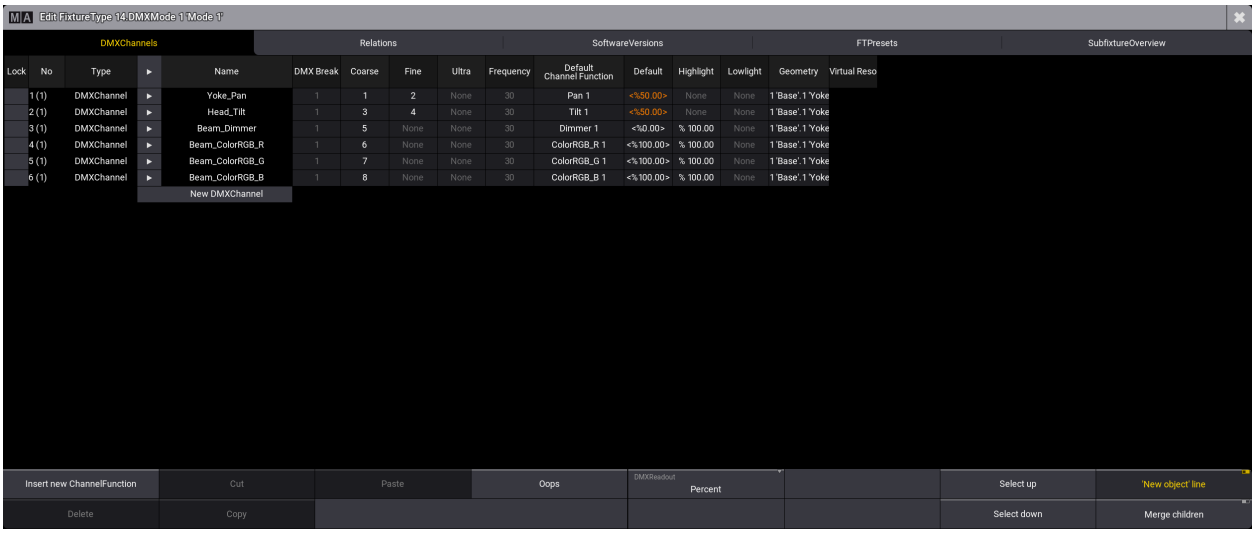
2. To enter the fifth channel, enter in the row DMXChannel 5:
   - **Coarse**: 7
   - **Default**: 100 %
   - **Highlight**: 100 %
3. Edit the column Geometry and select Beam.
4. Open LogicalChannel. For more information, see step 4 in the type LogicalChannel.
5. - **Attribute**: ColorRGB_G
6. DMXChannel 5 is renamed after the attribute.
7. **Master**: none
8. Open ChannelFunction. For more information, see step 7 in the ChannelFunction section.
   - **Attribute**: ColorRGB_G
   - **Physical From**: 0
   - **Physical To**: 1

DMXChannel 5 is entered.

Enter DMX Channel 6 – Blue

1. Start with steps 1 to 3, as described in DMXChannel 2.
2. To enter the sixth channel, enter in the row DMXChannel 6:
3. - **Coarse**: 8
   - **Default**: 100 %
   - **Highlight**: 100 %
4. Edit the column Geometry and select Beam.
5. Open LogicalChannel. For more information, see step 4 in the type LogicalChannel.
6. - **Attribute**: ColorRGB_B
7. DMXChannel 6 is renamed after the attribute.
8. **Master**: none
9. Open ChannelFunction. For more information, see step 7 in the type ChannelFunction.
   - **Attribute**: ColorRGB_B
   - **Physical From**: 0
   - **Physical To**: 1

DMX channel 6 is entered, and DMX Mode 1 is inserted. The DMX Mode Editor should look like this:



DMXMode Editor with six Channels: Pan; Tilt; Dimmer; Red; Green; Blue

Now, these six channels cover all attributes of the basic moving head.

The example of building a basic moving head with all its attributes (Pan; Tilt; Dimmer; ColorRGB) and geometries (Base; Yoke; Head; Beam) is now completed.

	Hint:
	The **SubfixtureOverview** tab on the right side previews all attributes for every subfixture. With this tool, the user can see if all attributes of a fixture type are covered.
	Hint:
	Check whether your fixture type is displayed and working correctly. To do this, open the Fixture Sheet and 3D Viewer and try out all the implemented functions.

1.56.3.6. Environmental Fixture Types

A way to make a stage more realistic is to use environmental fixture types. These fixture types are anything other than lighting fixtures, such as stages, trusses, seating, or scenery.

Environmental fixture types are part of the fixture library in the patch menu.

To list some basic environmental fixtures:

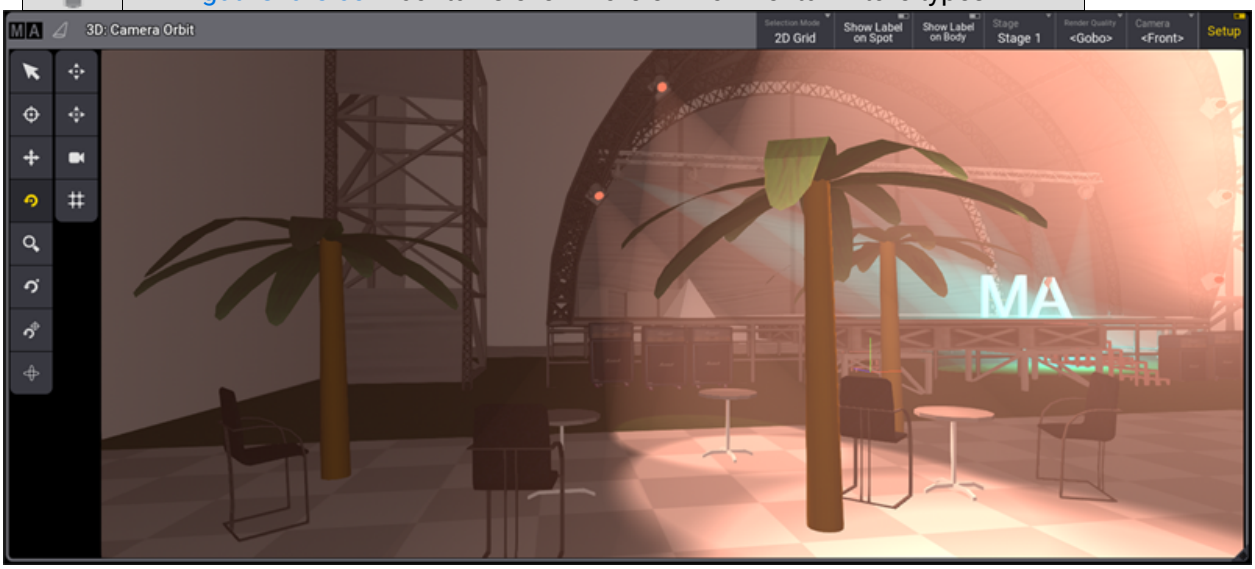
1. Press Menu. The menu opens.
2. Tap Patch. The patch menu opens.
3. Tap Insert New Fixture.
4. Search for **Set** in the library. (All the provided environmental fixture types are using the manufacturer 'Set'.) All fixtures types that have Set in their name or manufacturer name are listed.

For more information, see Add fixtures to the show.

Environmental fixtures do not have DMX addresses.

The Hide Environmental button hides all fixture types that do not have at least one DMX address assigned to a DMX channel. This button can be found in the Patch menu, the Live Patch menu, the Fixture Type section, and the Insert New Fixture dialog.

	Hint:
	www.gdtf-share.com contains even more environmental fixture types.



A stage with environmental fixtures is displayed in the 3D window.

1.56.4. Export Fixture Types

It is possible to export the fixture types to the following locations:

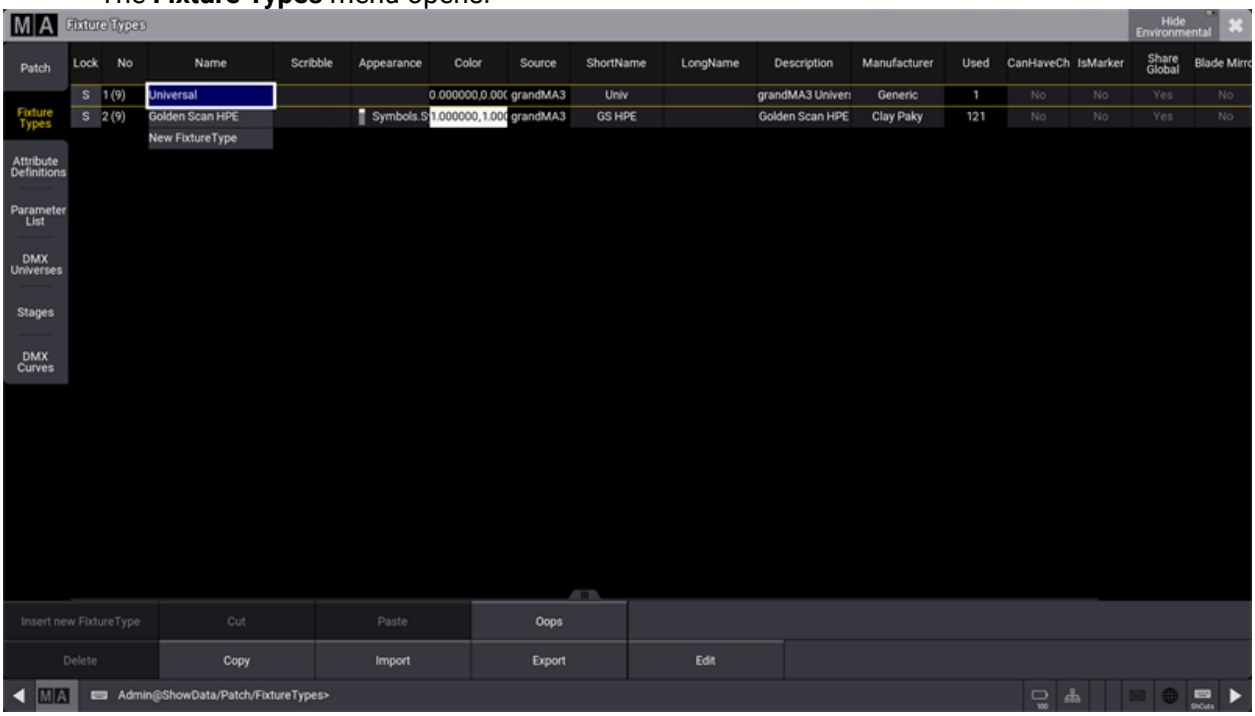
- Internal drive
- External USB drive

It is possible to export the fixture types as the following file formats:

- grandMA3 format
- GDTF

Requirement: Open the Patch.

1. Tap Fixture Types in the bar on the left of the patch dialog.
   The **Fixture Types** menu opens.



Open Fixture Types

2. Tap at the to be exported fixture type in the list.
3. Tap Export.
   The **Export Fixture Type** pop-up opens.

Export a fixture type

4. To select the destination drive, tap at Internal in the title bar.
   If an USB stick is inserted, the USB stick can be chosen.
5. To export the fixture type as grandMA3 format for only grandMA3 use case, tap at User.
   To export the fixture type as GDTF to use the fixture type within different programs that can read GDTF, tap at GDTF.
6. Enter a name.

	Hint:
	If no name is entered, the fixture type file will be exported as manufacturer@name.xml or manufacturer@name.gdtf.

7. Tap Export.

The selected fixture type is exported to the selected drive.

When the selected drive is internal, the fixture type is exported to the computer's local drive **(C:)\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology\gma3_library\fixturetypes**.

When the selected drive is external, the fixture type is exported to the external USB Drive **(E:)\grandMA3\library\fixturetypes.**

1.57. File Management

In addition to saving and loading complete show files, the grandMA3 software supports the exchange and portability of smaller portions of show data; for example, a collection of macros or even a single preset.

To maintain a predictable organizational structure, the software uses well-defined sets of folders within the hard drive of the console, the hard drive of a computer running grandMA3 onPC, and any USB drive connected to either a console or an onPC station.

The following topics cover data transfer between a client and the console, as well as the default folder structure created and utilized by the software. For more information about the handling of complete show files, see the Show File Handling topic.

	Important:
	The file name must not contain the following characters: \ " $ * ? ^ | / : < > `

Subtopics

- SFTP Connection to a Console
- Folder Structure

1.57.1. SFTP Connection to a Console

The consoles can be accessed using an SFTP client program.

One such program could be FileZilla Client from the FileZilla Project (external link to internet webpage).

The SFTP client needs to be installed on a computer in the same network as the console.

To access the folder structure of the console, the **IP address** of the device is needed. A username and password are also required. SFTP uses TCP port **22**.

To access the grandMA3 area of the console's hard drive, please use **madata** as both username and password.

	Hint:
	The grandMA2 area of the grandMA3 consoles can also be accessed using SFTP. Please use **data** as both username and password to access this part.
	Be very careful about making any changes in the folders or files. This is direct access to the device. Deleting or moving files may cause serious harm to the device.

Once the connection is made, it is possible to browse through the folders inside the device. The first level of folders has three folders. The "actual" folder gives access to the current software version. The "gma3_library" folder contains exported objects, including screenshots. The "installation_packages" contains zip files with the necessary installation files.

Learn more about the folder structure in the Folder Structure topic. Read more about screenshots in the Screenshots topic.

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1.57.2. Folder Structure

The grandMA3 software uses a default set of folders to help maintain a predictable structure when saving data to any internal or external drives.

	Hint:
	This topic, and other topics in the manual, lists a particular folder name as **gma3_x.y.z**. In this name, the “x.y.z” portion takes the place of the actual installed version number. If the installed version is v1.4.2.1, the name of this folder is **gma3_1.4.2**.

Main Folder

The main folder where all grandMA3 user data is stored by default appears using different labels depending upon the type of drive. This folder can be found under the following names and locations:

On USB Drives:

The main folder on any USB drive connected to either a console or a computer running grandMA3 onPC appears at the root of the drive with the name **grandMA3**.

The full folder structure is created once the drive is connected to the station and selected in the system. There are many ways to select the drive, including the Backup menu, any menu allowing import or export, or the **Select Drive [Drive Number]** command. For more information on the **Drive** keyword, see Drive keyword.

On Internal Drives of Computers Running grandMA3 onPC:

The full folder structure is created as part of the software installation process.

The main folder on the internal drive of any computer running grandMA3 onPC appears with the name **MALightingTechnology**.

On computers running macOS, the main folder is found at the following location:
[System HD]/Users/[User Name]/MALightingTechnology

On computers running Windows, the main folder is found at the following location:
C:\ProgramData\MALightingTechnology

On the Internal Drive of the Console:

When logged into the console via SFTP, the console presents the main grandMA3 folder as the root directory, using the name **/**. For more information about SFTP, see SFTP Connection.

Shows and Backups

Show files and backup show files are saved in dedicated folders, which appear in the following locations:

On USB Drives:

grandMA3/shared/shows
grandMA3/shared/backups

On Internal Drives of Computers Running grandMA3 onPC:

MALightingTechnology/gma3_x.y.z/shared/shows
MALightingTechnology/gma3_x.y.z/shared/backups

On the Internal Drive of the Console:

/actual/shared/shows
/actual/shared/backups

⚠	**Warning:** Moving, altering, or deleting any files other than show files or backup show files within the **gma3_x.y.z** folder of an onPC station or the **actual** folder of a console may make the software unstable or render the system unable to boot.

Library

When exporting smaller portions of data from the show file (including objects such as fixture profiles, user profiles, and macros), these files are saved into the **gma3_library** folder of the selected drive unless an alternate destination is specified during the export. Most object types have dedicated default sub-folders within the library.

The complete list of automatically generated library folders and sub-folders includes:

- agendas
- appearances
- certificates
- colorthemes
- datapools
    - executorconfigurations
    - executorpages
    - filters
    - groups
    - layouts
    - macros
    - matricks
    - plugins
    - presets
    - sequences
    - timecodes
    - worlds
- fixturetyperesources

    - gobos
    - meshes
- fixturetypes
- inout
    - artnet
    - dcremotes
    - dmxremotes
    - midiremotes
    - osc
    - outputconfigurations
    - sacn
- media
    - images
    - sounds
    - symbols
    - videos
- mvr
- netkeys
- patch
    - dmxcurves
    - stages
- scribbles
- userprofiles
    - cameras
    - renderqualities
    - screenconfigurations
    - viewbuttons
    - views
- users

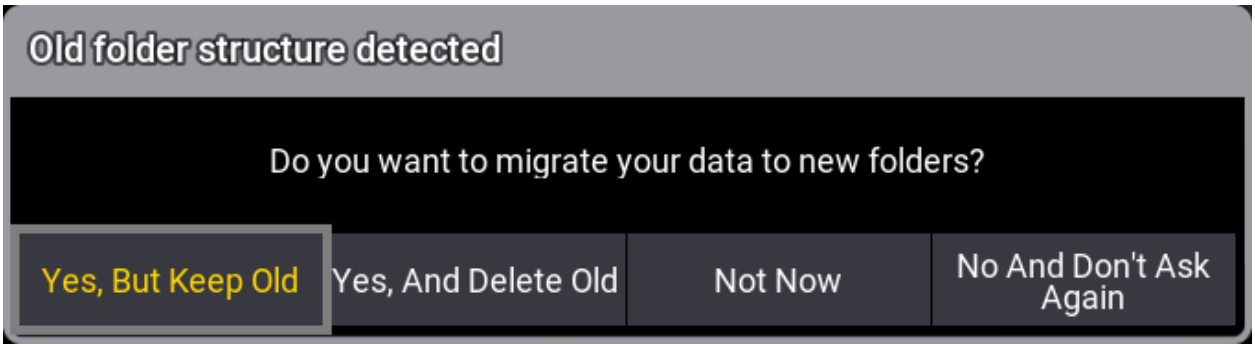
Exceptions to the Default Library Structure

Exporting any objects, that do not have a dedicated sub-folder within the gma3_library, saves the files directly to the **gma3_library** folder unless an alternate destination is specified during the export.

Exporting either the parent of multiple objects, which each have their dedicated folders, (for example, exporting DMXProtocols as one file rather than separate exports of Art-Net and sACN) or children of objects where those children do not have their dedicated folder (for example, exporting one or more cues rather than a whole sequence), automatically adds a descriptive sub-extension to the file name while saving the file to the most appropriate folder.

Automatic Folder Structure Migration

The default folder structure used by version 1.5 and later of the grandMA3 software is different than the structure used in previous versions. When the software recognizes a USB drive, which includes the older structure but not the newer structure, the software presents a pop-up with options for automatically migrating the existing data to the new structure.



Old folder structure pop-up

Options in the pop-up include:

- Yes, But Keep Old: Tap to copy files to the new structure while also maintaining copies in the old structure. This allows both older and newer software versions to continue using the drive.
- Yes, And Delete Old: Tap to move files to the new structure and delete the old structure.
- Not Now: Tap to make no changes to the current structure. The next time the USB drive is recognized by the software, the same pop-up will appear.
- No And Don’t Ask Again: Tap to make no changes to the current structure. The software will not present this pop-up when the USB drive is recognized in the future.

1.58. Show Creator

The Show Creator menu lets you **Import** and **Export** various object types, **Create Groups**, **Create Presets**, **Create Presets from Fixture Types**, and **Store Presets to Fixture Types**.

To transfer objects from another show to the currently loaded show file, use the Partial Show Read (PSR) menu, also part of the **Show Creator** menu.

To learn more about **Import** and **Export**, see Import Keyword and Export Keyword.

To learn more about creating various object types, for example, **Groups**, see AutoCreate Keyword.

To learn more about how to **Store Presets to Fixture Types**, see AutoStore Keyword.

Subtopics

- Import / Export
- Create Groups
- Create Presets
- Create Presets from Fixture Types
- Store Presets to Fixture Types
- Partial Show Read (PSR)

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1.58.1. Import / Export

The **Import / Export** menus present a graphical workflow for exporting objects from the current show file as a smaller file with minimal additional show data.

	Hint:
	When exporting objects that reference other objects in the show, the referenced objects are automatically included in the export. For example, when exporting a macro with a defined appearance, the exported file includes the referenced appearance.

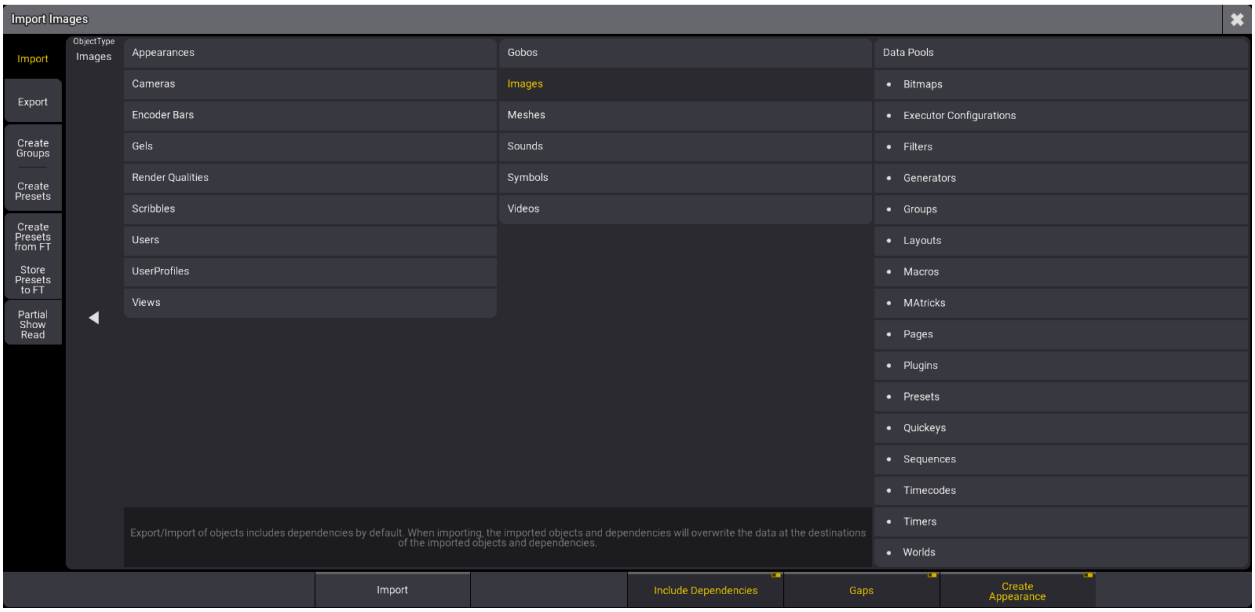
The **Import** menu also allows objects from these smaller files to be imported into the current show file. For example, this menu provides an easy way to copy a user profile or a selection of macros from one show file to another.

Tap the video below to see the example.

Open the **Import / Export** menus using the following steps:

1. Press the Menu key or tap near the top of the **Control Bar**.
2. Tap Show Creator. The Show Creator menu opens.

Tap the Import or Export tab in the upper-left corner to access the desired interface.



Import menu

Object Types

These menus allow for importing and exporting a wide variety of object types. Tap ObjectType on the left side of the main area to open or close the full list of available object types:

- Appearances
- Bitmaps
- Cameras
- Data Pools
- Encoder Bars
- Executor Configurations
- Filters
- Gels
- Generators
- Gobos
- Groups
- Images
- Layouts
- Macros
- MAtricks
- Meshes
- Pages
- Plugins
- Presets
- Quickeys
- Render Qualities
- Scribbles
- Sequences
- Sounds
- Symbols
- Timecodes
- Timers
- Users
- UserProfiles
- Views
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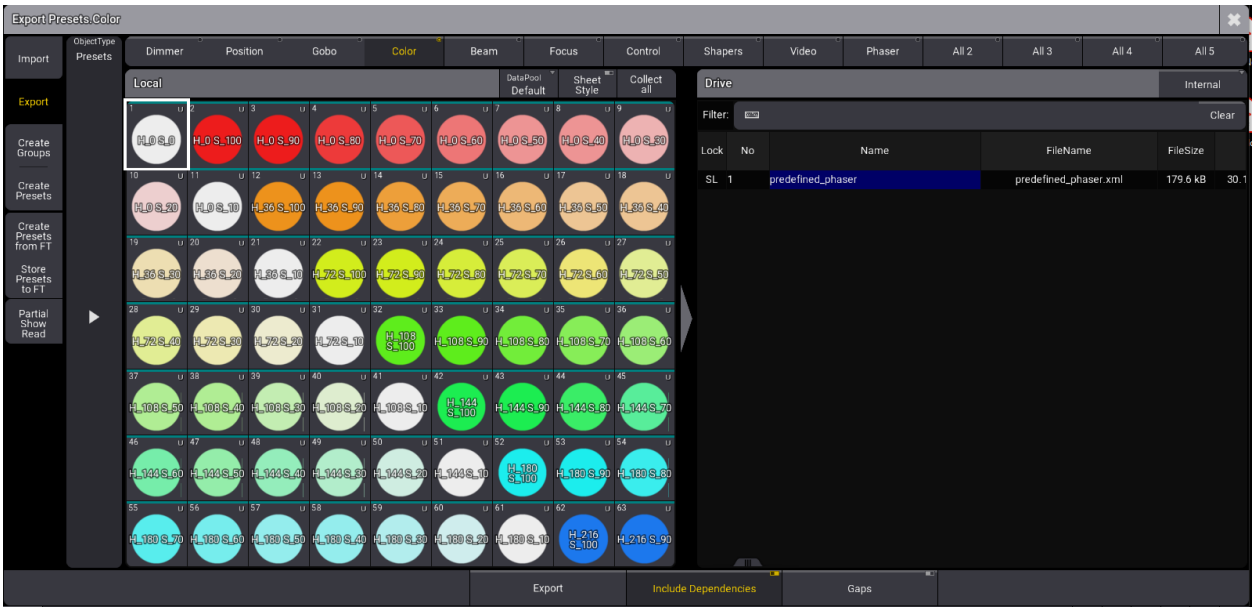

Export menu prepared to export color presets

The main area of both the **Import** and **Export** menus shows the data source on the left and the destination on the right. Therefore, the **Export** menu displays the specified object types from the current show file in the area on the left, titled **Local**, and the contents of the relevant folder of the selected drive on the right, titled **Drive**. In the **Import** menu, these two areas appear on opposite sides.

- An enabled Gaps button imports or exports the gaps of the XML file. For more information, see /Gaps Option Keyword.
- Enabeling Include Dependencies will import and export dependencies. For more information, see /NoDependencies keyword.

Drive Selection

To choose a different destination drive for the exported data, tap the Internal button at the right side of the title bar of the **Drive** section or swipe to open a list of available drives. In the **Import** menu, this drive setting defines which drive the console uses as the data source.

Local Section Title Bar Tools

The title bar of the **Local** section includes a few buttons with helpful tools.

- Tap DataPool to cycle through available data pools within the current show file or swipe to open a list of data pools. This option is only available when importing or exporting an **ObjectType,** which is incorporated into a **DataPool** within the show file.
  These **ObjectTypes** are listed below DataPools in the right column of the ObjectType section.
- Tap Sheet Style to display objects in the **Local** section as a sheet with relevant details for each object. Tap Sheet Style again to view objects as they appear in their pools. Some objects, like UserProfiles, never appear in pools. Therefore, they will always appear in the sheet format regardless of the state of the Sheet Style button.
- Tap Collect all to select all objects of the current type for export. Once tapped, this button changes to read Uncollect all. Tap this button to deselect all objects. These functions do not appear in the **Import** menu.

- Tap Clear Collection to reset the collection of objects. This option is only available in the **Import** menu.

Object Sub-Types

Some entries in the ObjectType selection include several collections of objects, which appear as different pools. These include:

- Presets: The **Import** and **Export** menus handle and display each preset pool individually.
- Gels: The **Import** and **Export** menus handle and display each gel book as an individual pool.

With the Presets or Gels ObjectType selected, a row of radio buttons appears across the top of the main area, showing all relevant object sub-types. Tap one of these buttons to display the desired pool below.

Multiple Object Selection

Tap any object in the displayed pool to select it for export. A brown border appears around each selected object. To select multiple objects in a pool, tap each desired object. Tap any selected object to deselect it.

When Sheet Style is enabled, select multiple adjacent objects by drawing a lasso of overall desired objects. To select just one object, tap only the desired object. To toggle selection for any objects in the sheet without changing the selection status of any other objects, hold Ctrl on the keyboard while tapping the desired objects.

Export Workflow

1. Tap the Export tab in the upper-left corner.
2. Set the desired ObjectType.
3. Set the desired destination drive.
4. Select all of the desired objects to export from the **Local** area.
5. Enter the desired file name in the Name field of the **Drive** area.
6. Tap Export at the bottom of the menu.

Import Workflow

1. Tap the Import tab in the upper-left corner.
2. Set the desired ObjectType.
3. Set the desired source drive.
4. Select all of the desired files to import from the **Drive** area.
5. Select the desired destination in the pool in the **Local** area.
6. Tap Import at the bottom of the menu.

	Hint:
	Certain object types (including **Gobos**, **Images**, **Symbols**, and **Videos**) can be included in **Appearances**. To automatically create new **Appearances** based on these objects as they are importing, toggle the Create Appearances option before tapping Import.

Import and Export Using Command Line Syntax

See the Export keyword and Import keyword topics for information about exporting and importing show data using command-line syntax without using these menus.

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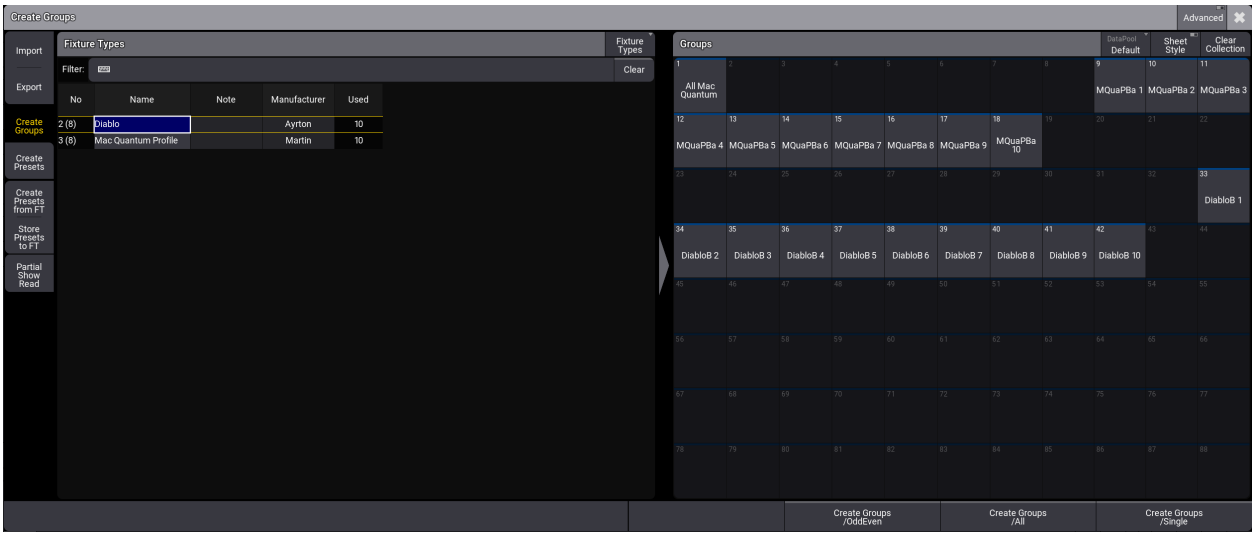
1.58.2. Create Groups

Creating groups based on your current patch is easy and quick.
To do so, press Menu and tap Show Creator. On the left side of the **Show Creator** window, tap Create Groups.

Tap the video below to see the example.

The **Create Groups** menu opens.



Create Groups menu

The left side of the window displays fixture types that are available based on your patch. Tapping Fixture Types in the title bar switches to **Classes** and **Layers**. To learn more, see Classes and Layers.

The group pool is displayed on the right side of the window. Tap DataPool in the title bar to select the desired **Data Pool** from the dropdown list; tap Sheet Style to change the display to sheet style.

To create groups:

1. In the left area, select the fixture type, class, or layer for which you want to create a group.
2. In the right area, tap an empty pool object.
3. Tap Create Groups /All to create a group with all fixtures for the selected objects or Create Groups /Single to create single fixture groups. Create Groups /OddEven creates two groups with the fixtures of the selected fixture type, class, or layer. It alternately stores the fixtures of the specified object in a first odd group and a second even group. To learn more, see the AutoCreate keyword.

When tapping Advanced on the Create Groups title bar, a center area appears. This area allows the creation of groups based on a reduced set of fixtures.

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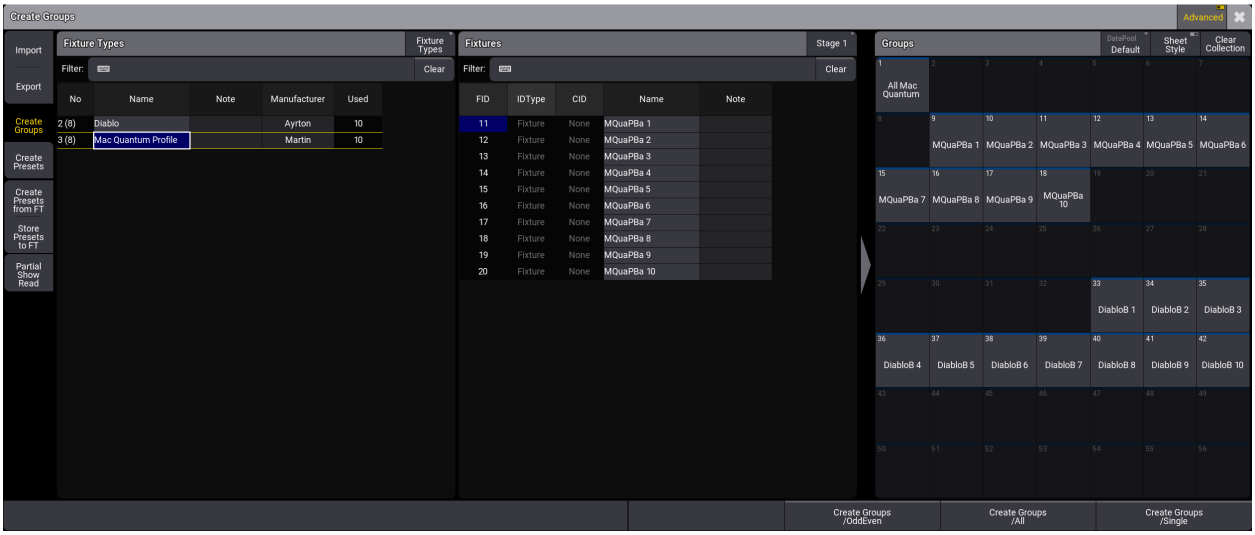


Create Groups menu with Advanced mode enable

Create groups with Advanced enabled:

1. Select the objects you want to create a group in the left area. The center area now displays the fixtures for the selected objects.
2. From the center area, select the fixtures for which you want to create a group, for example, all odd fixtures.
3. Tap an empty pool object in the right area.
4. Tap Create Groups /All.
5. A new group with odd fixtures is created.

1.58.3. Create Presets

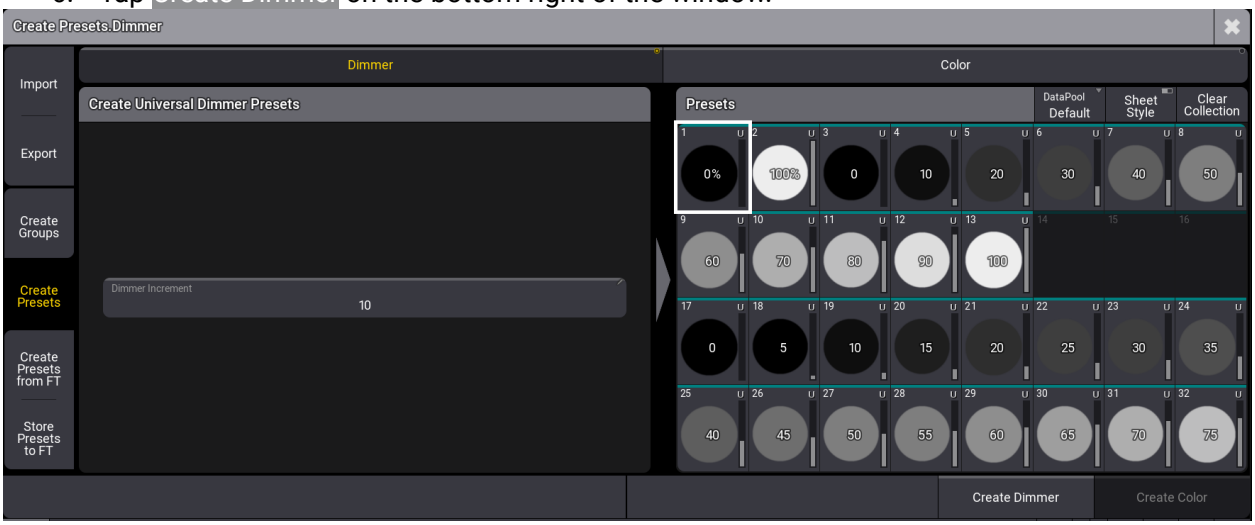
You can easily create universal dimmer or color presets.

To learn more about presets, please read the Create New Preset topic.

Create Universal Dimmer Presets.

This is the workflow to create universal dimmer presets:

1. Press Menu, then tap Show Creator.
2. On the left side of the window, tap Create Presets.
3. On the window's feature group bar, tap Dimmer.
4. Tap Dimmer Increment to define the increasing percentage from one preset to the next. Presets are created from 0% to 100%. The allowed increment input range is from 5% to 50%.
5. In the **Presets** area, tap an empty pool object. This will define the starting point for generating presets.
6. Tap Create Dimmer on the bottom right of the window.



Create dimmer presets menu

Create Universal Mixcolor Presets

Universal color presets will be created by combining hue and saturation.
When Book is enabled in the title bar, the left area of the window displays a list of manufacturer swatch books from which to create presets.

To learn more, please read the Using the Color Picker topic.

Color presets are created by the combination of **Hue** and **Saturation**.

This is the workflow to create universal mixcolor presets:

1. Press Menu, then tap Show Creator.
2. On the left side of the window, tap Create Presets.
3. On the window's feature group bar, tap Color.
4. In the left area of the window, tap Amount Hue and enter a value between 3 and 36.
5. Tap Amount Saturation and enter a value between 1 and 20.
6. Tapping Sort By will define if the presets will be ordered by Hue or Saturation values.
7. Tap an empty object pool in the right area.
8. Tap Create Color at the bottom right of the window.

Create color presets menu when Book is not enabled

Tapping Book on the title bar will switch this area to the manufacturer swatch books view.

The left area displays a list of manufacturers and corresponding gels available to create presets.

Tap View to display the gels with **Big Icons**, **List**, or **Small Icons**.

You can sort the gels by **Name** or **Key** by tapping **Sort By**.

This is the workflow to create universal mixcolor presets when Book is enabled:

1. Select a manufacturer.
2. Select the gels from which you want to create presets. If no gels are selected, the whole manufacturer's list will be created as presets.
3. Tap an empty pool object.
4. Tap Create Color at the bottom right of the window.

Create Color Presets menu when Book is enabled in the title bar of the left area

1.58.4. Create Presets from Fixture Types

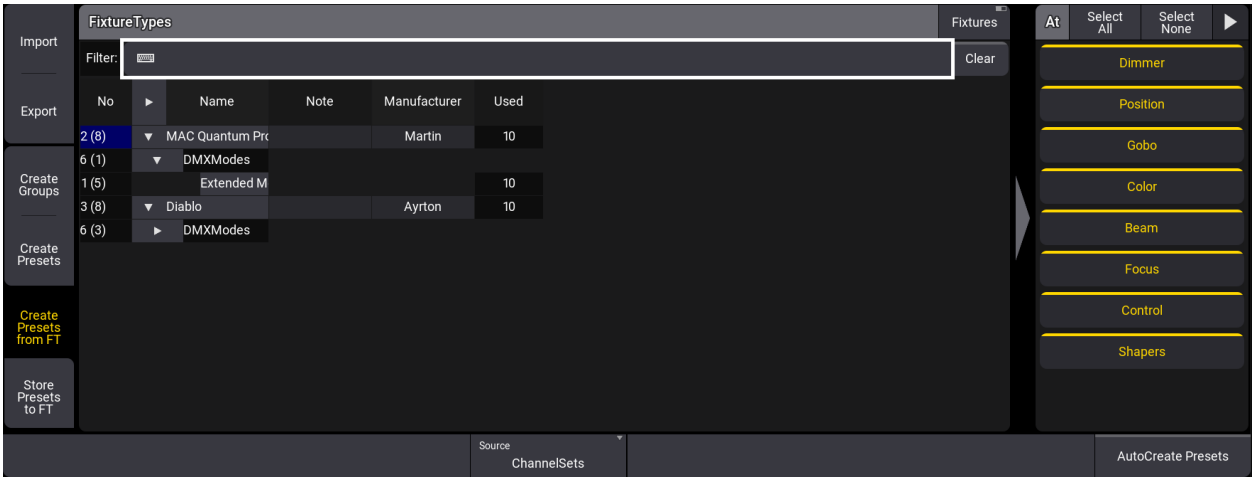
Create Presets from Fixture Type (FT)

Here is how to create presets using presets that were previously stored to fixture types:

To open the Show Creator menu, press Menu and tap Show Creator. The Show Creator menu opens.

- Requirement: Patched fixture types previously stored using the **Store Presets to FT** menu or AutoStore keyword. For more information, see Store Presets to FT.

On the left side of the Show Creator menu window, tap Create Presets from FT.



Create Presets from Fixture Types (FT) menu in normal mode

The left area displays only the **Fixture Types** and modes that contain **Fixture Type Presets**.
When Fixtures is enabled in the title bar of this area, the patched fixtures are displayed instead of the fixture types. Here also, only fixtures whose fixture types contain fixture type presets are listed.

The right area lets users define which presets will be created from fixture types.
The At Filter is temporarily activated by tapping ▶ on the title bar in the right area, and the feature group area is expanded to display the attributes filter.

Create Presets from FT menu with Fixtures enabled and expended At Filter area

This is the workflow to create presets from fixture types:

1. Select fixtures or fixture types.
2. Select the feature groups, features, or attributes.
3. Tap AutoCreate Presets at the bottom right of the window.

A pop-up will ask to Overwrite or Merge existing presets or Cancel the operation:

Tapping Advanced in the main title bar will display the **Fixture Types** in the left area, the available **Fixture Type Presets** for the selected **Fixture Types** in the center, and the **Presets** pool on the right.

Create Presets from FT menu when Advanced is enabled in the title bar

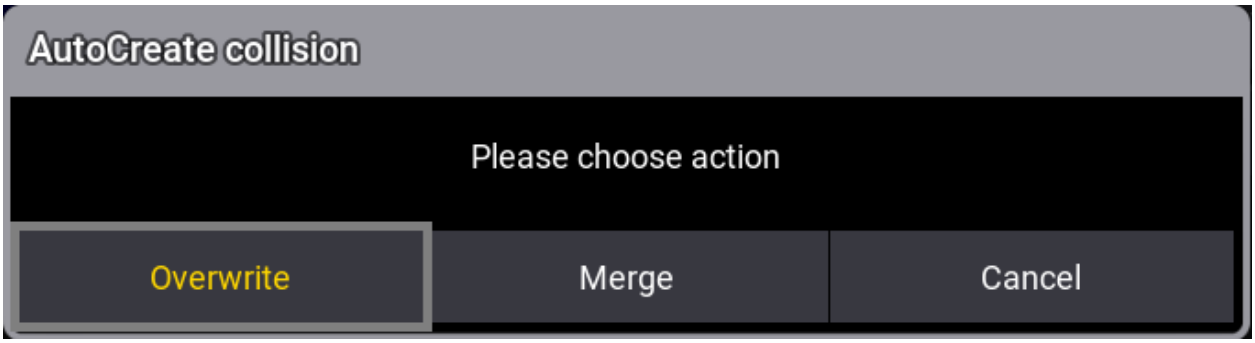
The feature groups tabs are displayed above the window. For more information, see Feature Group Control Bar.

This is the workflow to create presets when Advanced is active:

1. Select the fixtures or fixture types.
2. Select a feature group from the tab at the top of the window.
3. Select the desired **Fixture Type Presets** from the center area.
4. Tap an empty pool object in the **Presets** area.
5. Tap AutoCreate Presets at the bottom right of the window.

	Important:
	If no preset target is specified, the newly created presets may be stored at existing presets with the same name.

A pop-up will ask to Overwrite or Merge existing presets or Cancel the operation:



1.58.5. Store Presets to Fixture Types

It is an excellent habit to save already stored and named presets directly to the Fixture Types used in your show file; you can then create presets from these Fixture Types when you use them again on another show file.

	Important:
	Fixture Type Presets are not part of the GDTF specification. They can only be transferred to other show files using grandMA3 Fixture Types during export and import.
	Known Limitations:
	1. Only presets with a name can be used to create fixturetype presets. 2. Global and universal presets should be used for fixture type presets. 3. Presets that contain attributes of different feature groups discard these attributes during import. 4. Fixture type presets can only store one value per attribute.

Use the **AutoStore** keyword to store presets to fixture types. For more information, see the AutoStore keyword.

Presets can also be stored to fixture types using the **Show Creator** Menu.

Store Presets to Fixture Type (FT)

- Requirement: Fixture Types used in your show file and stored and custom-named presets.

To open the Show Creator menu, press Menu and tap Show Creator. The Show Creator menu opens.
Tap Store Presets to FT.

The left side area lets users define which presets of the selected feature group will be stored in the fixture types.
The **At Filter** is temporarily activated by tapping ▶ on the title bar, and the feature group list is expanded to display the attributes filter.

The right side area displays the list of Fixture Types used in your show file.
Tap Fixtures on the title bar to display the patched fixtures.

Store Presets to Fixture Types menu

This is the workflow to store presets to fixture types when Advanced is not enabled:

1. Select the feature groups or attributes.
2. Select the fixture types or fixtures if Fixtures is enabled in the title bar of the right area.
3. Tap AutoStore Presets at the bottom right of the window.

A pop-up will ask to Overwrite or Merge existing Fixture Type Presets or Cancel the operation.

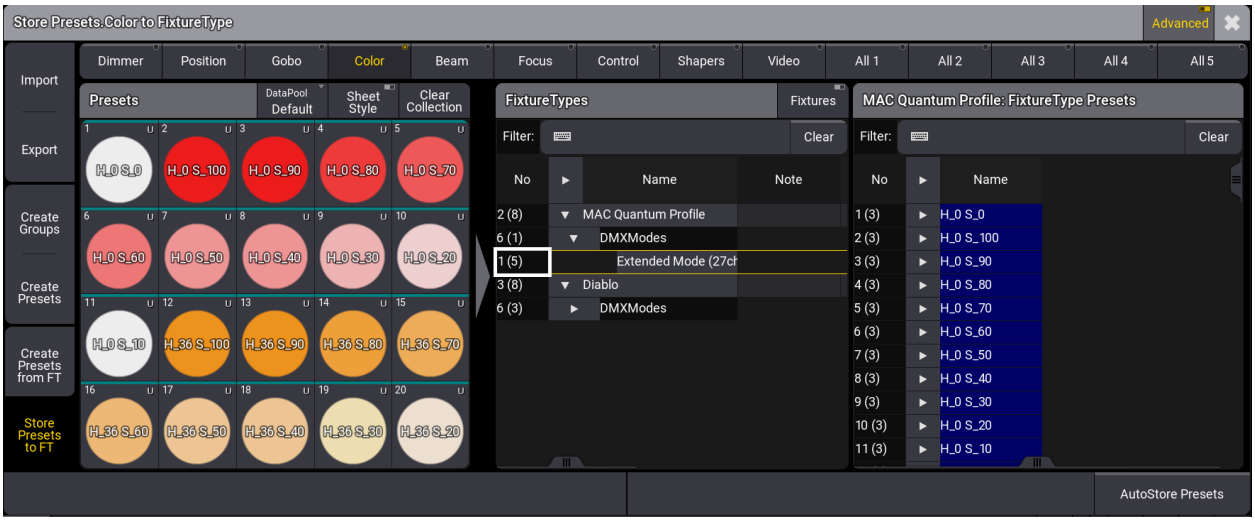
Store fixture type presets pop-up

If Overwrite is selected, only the presets of the selected feature group are overwritten.

Store Presets to Fixture Type (FT) when Advanced is enabled

Tapping Advanced in the main title bar will replace the feature group area with a **Presets** pool area.

The **Fixture Types** now occupy the center area, and the right area displays **Fixture Type Presets** for the selected fixture types.
The feature groups tabs are displayed above the window. For more information, see Feature Group Control Bar.

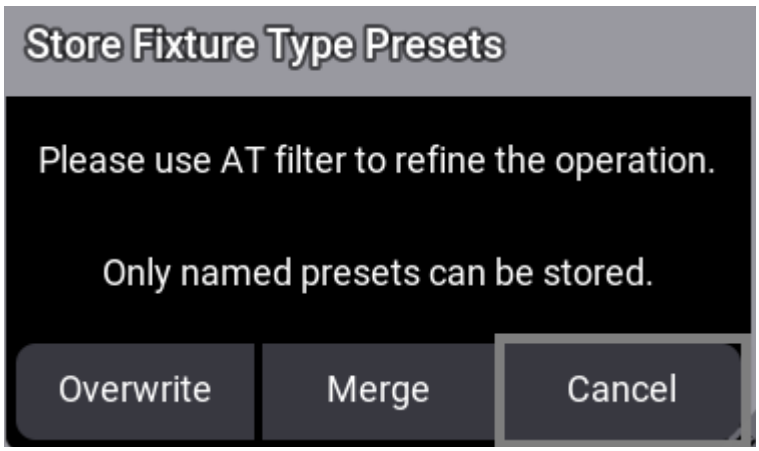


Store Presets to FT menu when Advanced is enabled

This is the workflow to store Fixture Type Presets when Advanced is active:

1. Select a feature group from the bar on top of the window.
2. Select the presets from the left area.
3. Select the fixture types or fixtures from the center area.
4. Tap AutoStore Presets at the bottom right of the window.

A pop-up will ask to Overwrite or Merge existing Fixture Type Presets or Cancel the operation.



Store fixture type presets pop-up

If Overwrite is selected, only the presets of the selected feature group are overwritten.

1.58.6. Partial Show Read (PSR)

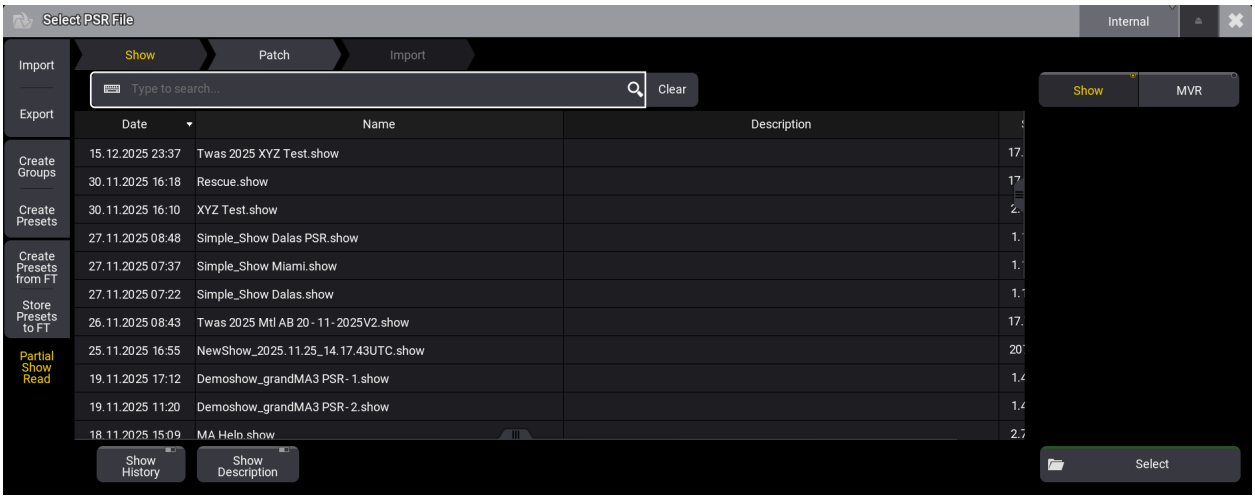
The Partial Show Read menu transfers objects, especially those containing fixture data, from another show to the currently loaded show file.

For more information, see PSR.

	Important:
	The show file to be PSR'ed must have been saved to the same software version as the running show file on the station where you performed the PSR.
	The partial show read can't be oopsed; it is strongly recommended that the loaded show file be renamed before proceeding with PSR.
	Restriction:
	Phaser recipes will lose the link to referenced shapes when performing PSR

To access the PSR menu:

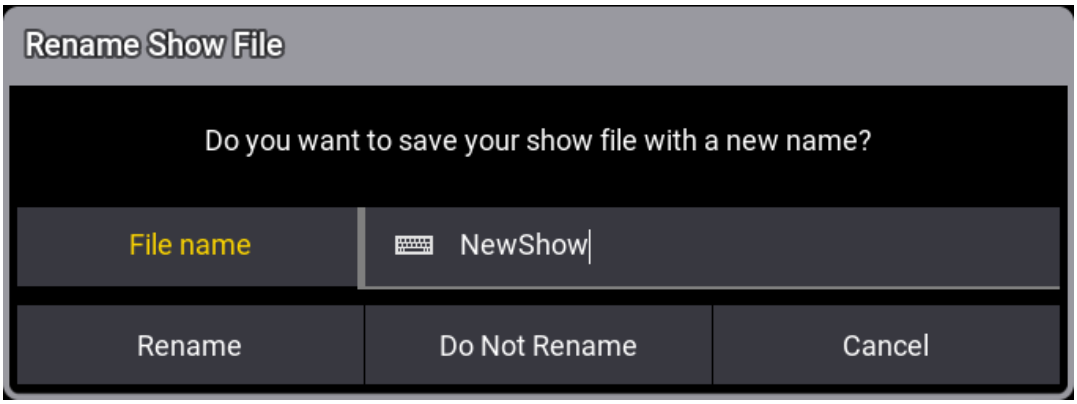
- Press Menu, tap Show Creator, tap Partial Show Read on the bottom left side of the menu. The PSR menu opens:



The arrow-shaped tabs at the top will guide you through the different steps.

1. Tap Show at the top-right side of the menu.
2. Select a drive (on the right side of the title bar)
3. Select a show file.
4. Tap Select at the bottom of the window or tap Patch in the arrow shape tab bar on top.

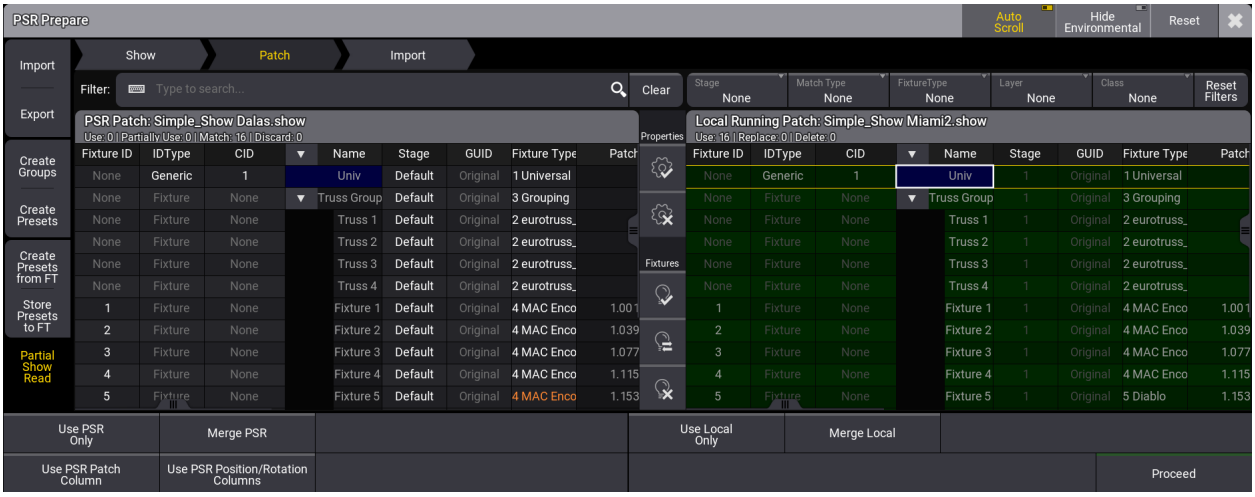
The Rename Show File pop-up opens:



Enter the new name and tap Rename. Tap Do Not Rename if you don't want to rename the show file. If you don't enter a new name, tapping Rename will result in the same outcome as tapping Do Not Rename.

PSR Prepare Menu

If the selected file is suitable, the PSR Prepare menu will open:



When entering the PSR Prepare menu, the software matches the fixtures in the following order:

1. Fixture ID
2. Channel ID
3. GUID
4. Name

The menu is divided into two areas:

- On the left, **PSR Patch** displays the patch for the show file to be imported, along with its name in the title bar.
- On the right, **Local Running Patch** displays the currently loaded show file and its name in the title bar.

Editing the corresponding cell of the **PSR Patch** allows you to change the properties for **Stage**, **FixtureID**, **IDType**, and **CID**.
Changed properties are displayed in a cyan font. Cells that cannot be edited have a darker background color.

When an IDType is renamed in the PSR Show, two names may appear in one cell of the IDType of the **PSR Patch**. They are displayed with this naming scheme: Name in **PSR Show** (Name in **Local Show**). The names of the IDTypes in the **PSR Show** can't be carried over to the **Local Show**.

When fixtures are not set to the same IDType/CID combination, or one has no Fixture ID, they will be set to the new IDType PSR and get a consecutive CID.

Rows with corresponding fixtures on both sides are called matched.

Patch, Position, and Rotation properties can be imported individually. Define which properties will be used by using the buttons between the two patches:

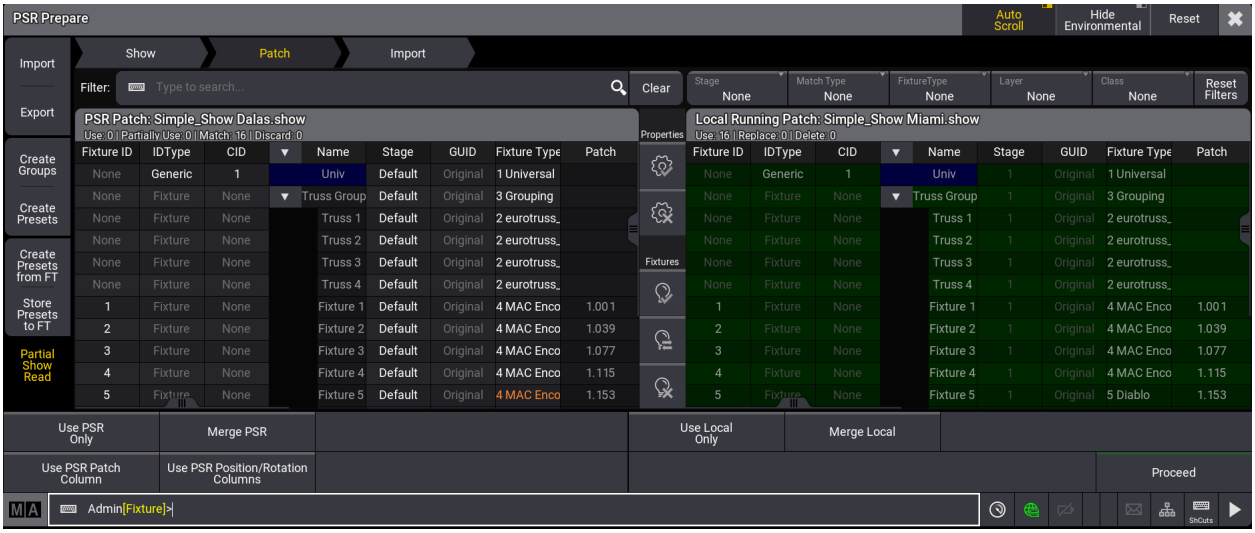
- Use the selected property in the resulting patch.
- Remove the selection from property.

Use the buttons between the two patches to define which fixtures will be used in the resulting patch:

- Use the selected fixtures in the resulting patch.
- Use the fixtures from the opposite patch in the resulting patch.
- Remove the selected fixtures in the resulting patch.

Marked fixtures have a green background. After the PSR Prepare process, they will exist in the currently loaded show file with their respective fixture types.
Different fixtures can be used from the right and left sides, but not fixtures on the same row.

Fixture types can be exchanged from the PSR Prepare menu. Select the fixtures to be exchanged in the Fixture Type column (PSR Patch on the left side). The Insert New Fixture Type pop-up opens. Select a fixture type and tap Select. The fixture types are now exchanged in the PSR Patch and are indicated in the Fixture Type column in cyan font:

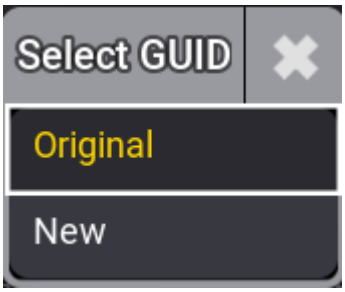


Changes to a single property for matching fixtures are highlighted in orange on the left.

To add data from the patch column to the resulting patch, tap Use PSR Patch Column.
To add data of the position and rotation columns to the resulting patch, tap Use PSR Position/Rotation Columns.

Environmental fixtures can be hidden by tapping Hide Environmental in the title bar.

To perform a partial show read where fixtures in the PSR Patch and fixtures on the Local Running Patch need to be kept, edit a cell in the GUID column of the fixtures in the PSR Prepare menu. The selection pop-up opens:



Tap[New.

Use the search field to filter the patches by fixture names.
Other filters are available:

- Stage: Displays the fixtures of the selected stage.
- Match Type: Displays the fixtures depending on their matching state:

1. **None**: No filters applied.
2. **Matched**: Displays only fixture pairs that are matched together.
3. **Unmatched**: Displays only fixtures that do not match together.
4. **Conflicted**: Displays the conflicting fixtures.

- Fixture Type: Displays only the fixtures of the selected fixture type.
- Layer: Displays only the fixtures of the selected layer.
- Class: Displays only the fixtures of the selected class.
- Reset Filters: Resets all filters.

For a fast selection of fixtures to be taken, tap one of the four buttons at the bottom of the window:

- Use PSR Only: The resulting patch contains only fixtures from the **PSR** show file.
- Use Local Only: The resulting patch contains only fixtures from the **Local** show file.
- Merge PSR: Add all unmatched or unselected fixtures from the **PSR** show list to the resulting patch.
- Merge Local: Add all unmatched or unselected fixtures from the Local show list to the resulting patch.

Tap Reset in the menu title bar to reset all changes and filters.

When done, tap Proceed in the bottom-right corner of the window, or Import at the top of the menu, the Patch Summary pop-up opens:

Tap OK to proceed with the PSR Import menu or Cancel.

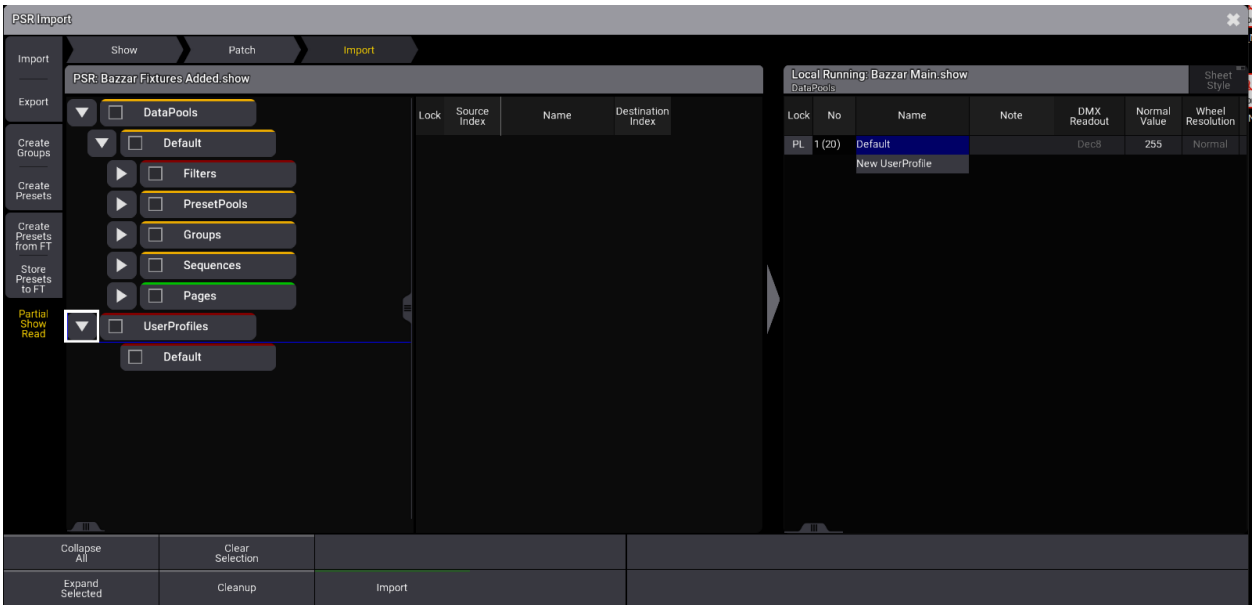
PSR Import Menu

The menu is divided into three areas:

1. The left area (PSR) shows the different pools of the show file to be PSR'ed, and the title bar displays the name of the show file. Navigate the object tree to the objects you want to import. Tap ▶ to unfold a level in the tree. Tap the checkboxes for the objects to be imported. Selected objects get a yellow checkmark and are displayed in the center area. Parent objects get a gray check mark to indicate that some child objects are selected. When selecting an object with a reference, the reference is also marked for import and receives a purple checkmark. A number behind the checkbox indicates the hierarchy level of an object.

The colors of the indicator bar indicate the following states:

- Green: This element contains newer data than the local show file.
- Orange: The children of this element are a mixture of older and newer data in the PSR show file.
- Red: This element contains only older data in the PSR show file.



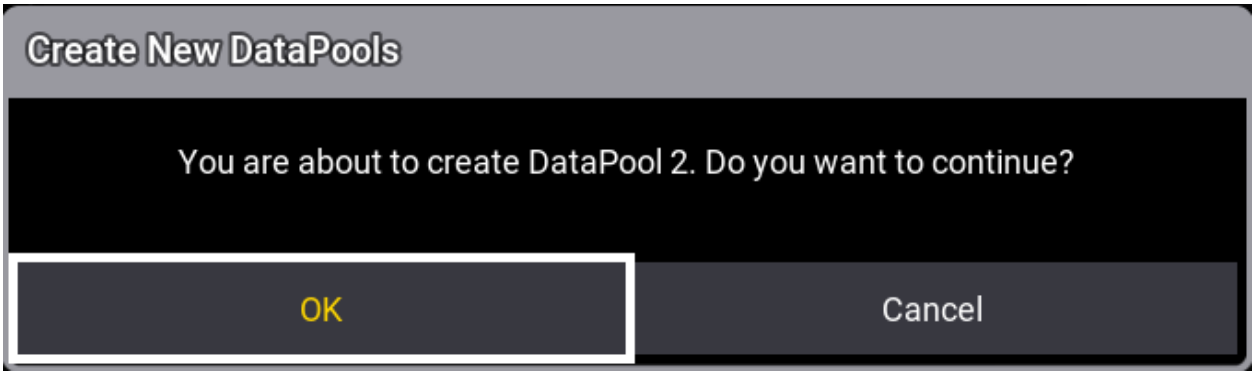
PSR Import menu

2. The center area displays the last selected object type in the left area and allows you to define the **Import Index** (the spot in the pool where it will be imported). Edit a cell in the **Import Index** column or tap a pool object in the right area (Local). When the Import Index is set to <Auto>, the same object exists in both show files, and the object will be merged with the matching object in the locally running show file.
3. The right area (Local Running) displays the corresponding pool in the local show file. The title bar also displays the show file's name. The orange collected frames indicate where the objects will be imported. When tapping into the pool in the Local Running area, only selected objects in the PSR area will be imported.

Import non-default DataPool

To import a data pool other than the default one, select a non-default data pool by tapping its checkboxes. Then tap on the referring parent DataPools object in the tree structure. The right area (Local Running) now displays DataPools.

Select a tree pool object in the right area. A pop-up window appears:



Confirm by tapping **OK**. A new DataPool, using the non-default DataPool of the PSR, has been created in the locally running show file.

Tap Import to transfer the selected object into the local show file. Objects that were imported are marked as imported in the object tree.

Tap Cleanup to remove imported items from the PSR.

System-locked objects, for example, world 1 or filter 1, can't be imported.

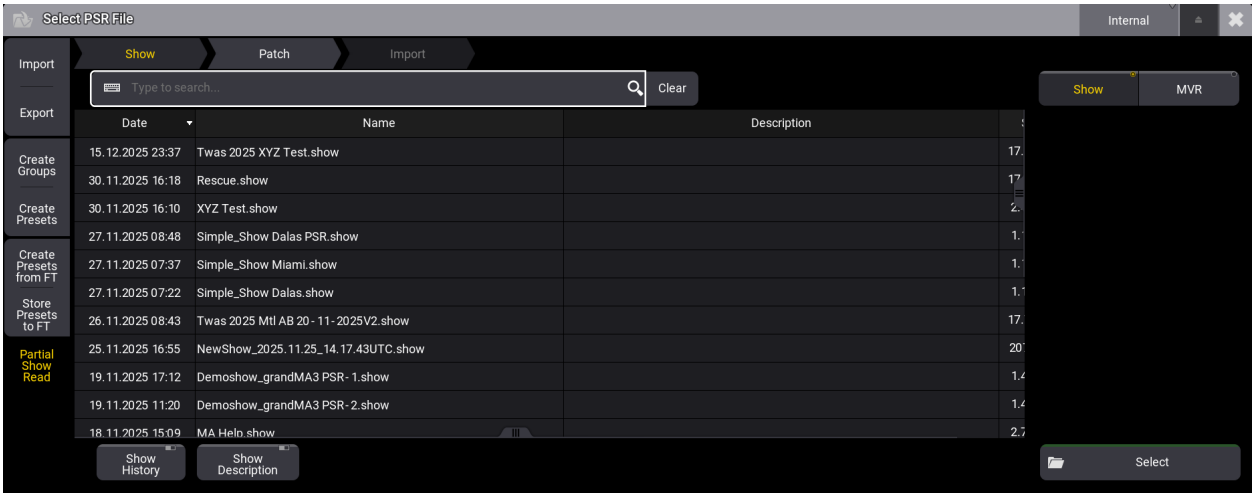
An error message is added to the command line when a data pool is missing.

	Known Limitation: • The programmer gets clear when entering Import. • When importing the fixtures, references from fixtures to custom appearances will not be preserved. • The console must be in a standalone or Idle master state to perform a Partial Show Read.
	Hint: Use the PSR keyword in the programmer to select fixtures of the ID type PSR. For more information, see PSR keyword.

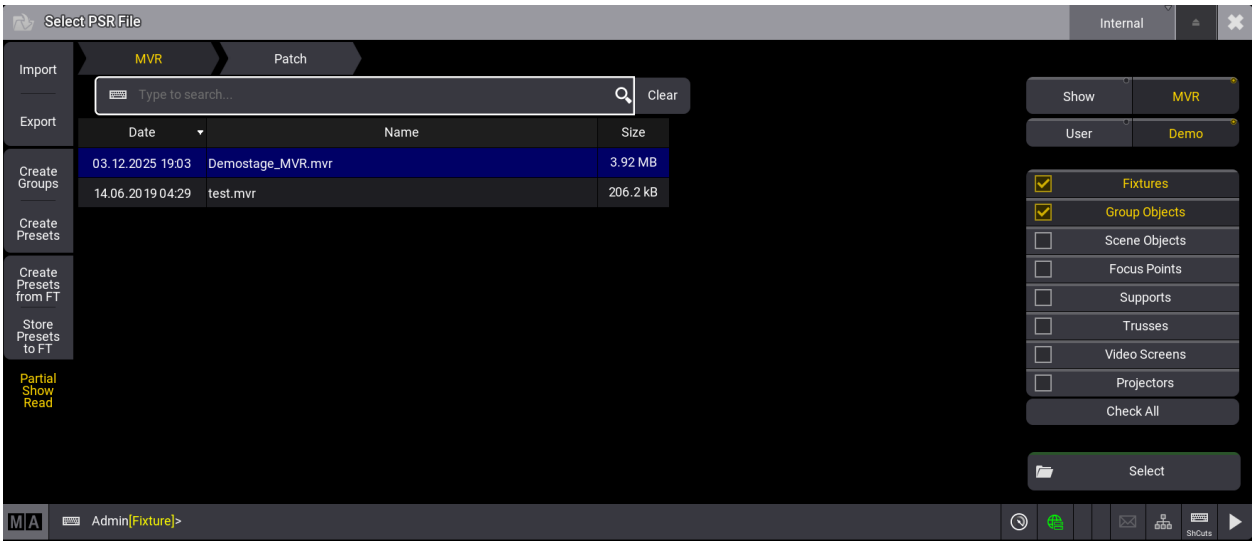
The Partial Show Read menu also supports MVR Integration.

	Important: MVR integration via Partial Show Read will clear the programmer.

Open the PSR menu, press Menu, tap Show Creator, tap Partial Show Read on the bottom left side of the menu. The PSR menu opens:

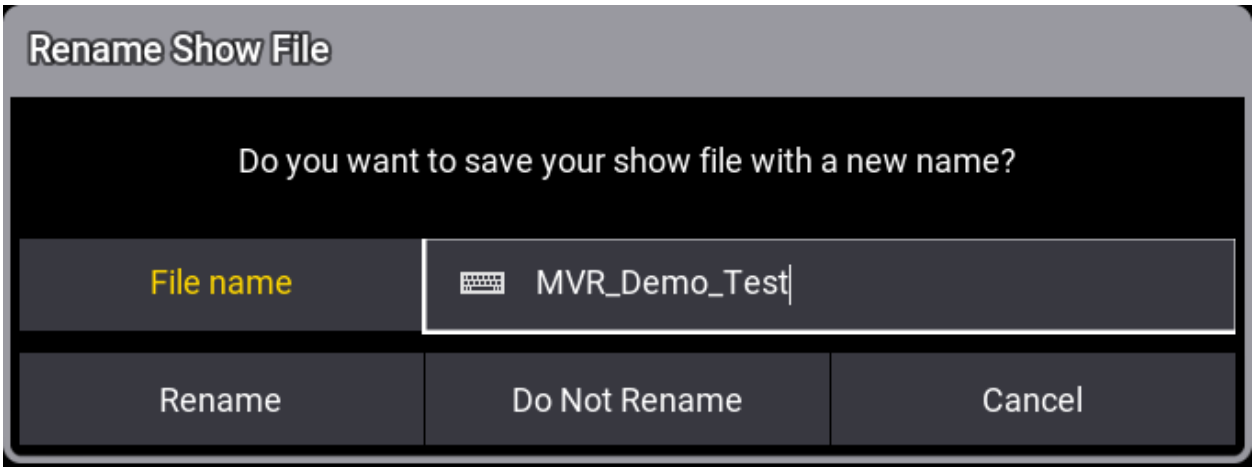


- Tap MVR at the top right side of the menu, and the PSR menu displays options for the MVR integration:



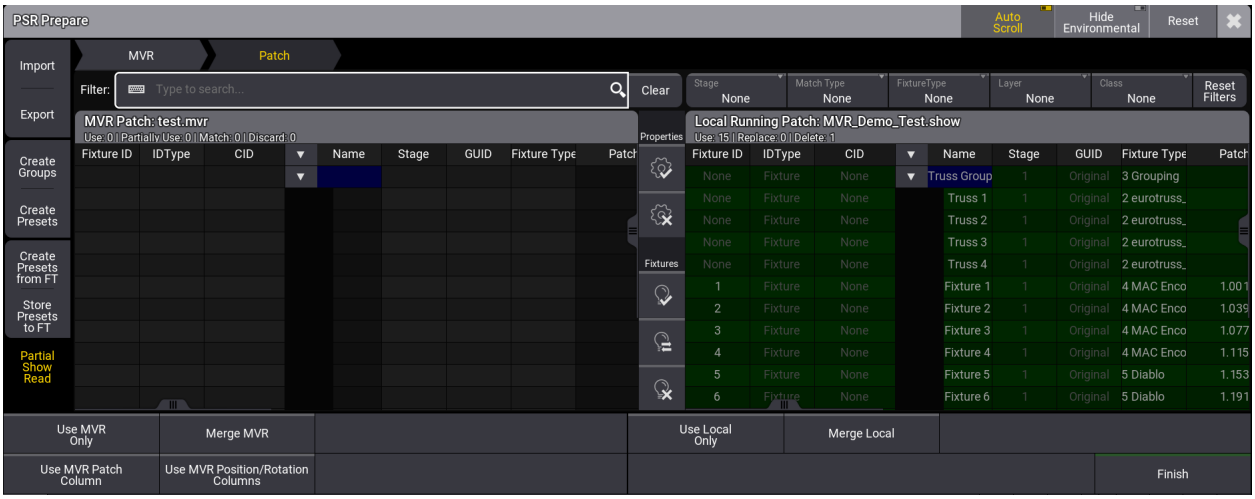
1. Select between User or Demo MVR files in the top right corner of the menu.
2. Select the MVR file on the left side of the menu.
3. Check the MVR object types to be integrated on the right side of the menu. **Fixtures** and **Group Objects** are checked by default.
4. Tap Select at the bottom right corner of the menu.

The Rename Show File pop-up opens:



Enter the new name and tap Rename. Tap Do Not Rename if you don't want to rename the show file. If you don't enter a new name, tapping Rename will result in the same outcome as tapping Do Not Rename:

The PSR Prepare menu opens:



The menu is divided into two areas:

- On the left, **MVR Patch** displays the patch for the MVR file to be imported, along with its name in the title bar.
- On the right, **Local Running Patch** displays the currently loaded show file and its name in the title bar.

Editing the corresponding cell of the **MVR Patch** allows you to change the properties for **Stage**, **FixtureID**, **IDType**, and **CID**.
Changed properties are displayed in a cyan font. Cells that cannot be edited have a darker background color.

When an IDType is renamed in the local show, two names may appear in one cell of the IDType of the **MVR Patch**. They are displayed with this naming scheme: Name in **MVR Show** (Name in **Local Show**). The names of the IDTypes in the **MVR Show** can't be carried over to the **Local Show**.

Rows with corresponding fixtures on both sides are called matched.

Patch, Position, and Rotation properties can be imported individually. Define which properties will be used by using the buttons between the two patches:

- Use the selected property in the resulting patch.
- Remove the selection from property.

Use the buttons between the two patches to define which fixtures will be used in the resulting patch:

- Use the selected fixtures in the resulting patch.
- Use the fixtures from the opposite patch in the resulting patch.
- Remove the selected fixtures in the resulting patch.

Marked fixtures have a green background. After the PSR Prepare process, they will exist in the currently loaded show file with their respective fixture types.
Different fixtures can be used from the right and left sides, but not fixtures on the same row.

Fixture types can be exchanged from the PSR Prepare menu. Select the fixtures to be exchanged in the Fixture Type column (MVR Patch on the left side). The Insert New Fixture Type pop-up opens. Select a

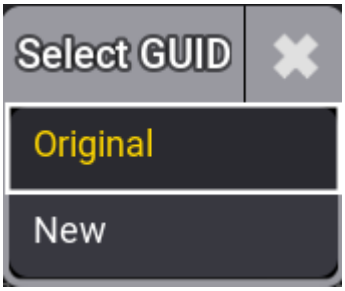
fixture type and tap Select. The fixture types are now exchanged in the MVR Patch and are indicated in the Fixture Type column in cyan font:

Changes to a single property for matching fixtures are highlighted in orange on the left.

To add data from the patch column to the resulting patch, tap Use MVR Patch Column.
To add data of the position and rotation columns to the resulting patch, tap Use MVR Position/Rotation Columns.

Environmental fixtures can be hidden by tapping Hide Environmental in the title bar.

To perform a partial show read where fixtures in the MVR Patch and fixtures on the Local Running Patch need to be kept, edit a cell in the GUID column of the fixtures in the PSR Prepare menu. The selection pop-up opens:



Tap[New.

Use the search field to filter the patches by fixture names.
Other filters are available:

- Stage: Displays the fixtures of the selected stage.
- Match Type: Displays the fixtures depending on their matching state:

1. **None**: No filters applied.
2. **Matched**: Displays only fixture pairs that are matched together.
3. **Unmatched**: Displays only fixtures that do not match together.
4. **Conflicted**: Displays the conflicting fixtures.

- Fixture Type: Displays only the fixtures of the selected fixture type.
- Layer: Displays only the fixtures of the selected layer.
- Class: Displays only the fixtures of the selected class.
- Reset Filters: Resets all filters.

For a fast selection of fixtures to be taken, tap one of the four buttons at the bottom of the window:

- Use MVR Only: The resulting patch contains only fixtures from the **MVR** show file.
- Use Local Only: The resulting patch contains only fixtures from the **Local** show file.
- Merge MVR: Add all unmatched or unselected fixtures from the **MVR** show list to the resulting patch.
- Merge Local: Add all unmatched or unselected fixtures from the Local show list to the resulting patch.

Tap Reset in the menu title bar to reset all changes and filters.

When done, tap Finish in the bottom-right corner of the window, the Patch Summary pop-up opens:

Tap OK to finish the MVR Import or Cancel.

1.59. Control other MA Devices

This section describes how to control other MA devices via the console.

Subtopics

- grandMA3 Nodes
- MA Network Switch
- RemoteHID

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1.59.1. grandMA3 Nodes

To adjust the settings in the grandMA3 Nodes, it may be convenient to control them from a connected console or a onPC station.

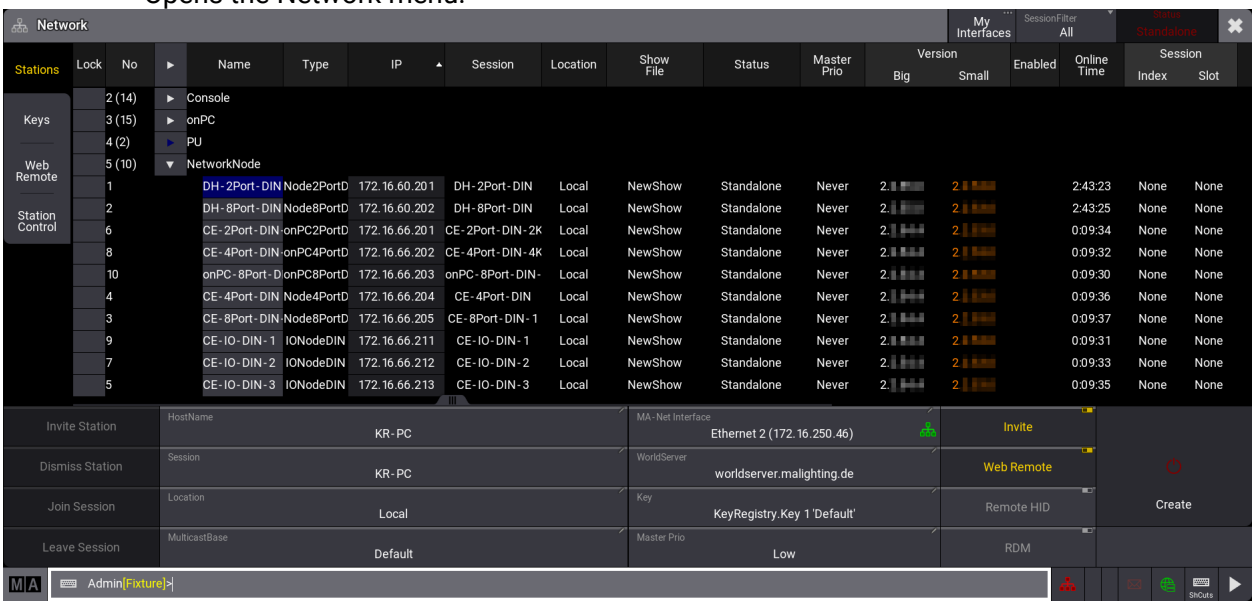
For more information, see Session in the Networking section.

Hint:
If you want to use Art-Net or sACN with grandMA3 nodes, make sure to switch the console to Mode 2.
For information, see Configure xPort Nodes in the Console.

Change Name and Set IP Address

To change the name and to set the IP address of a grandMA3 Node, open the Network Interface Menu:

- Press Menu.
  - Opens the menu select pop-up.
- Tap Network.
  - Opens the Network menu.

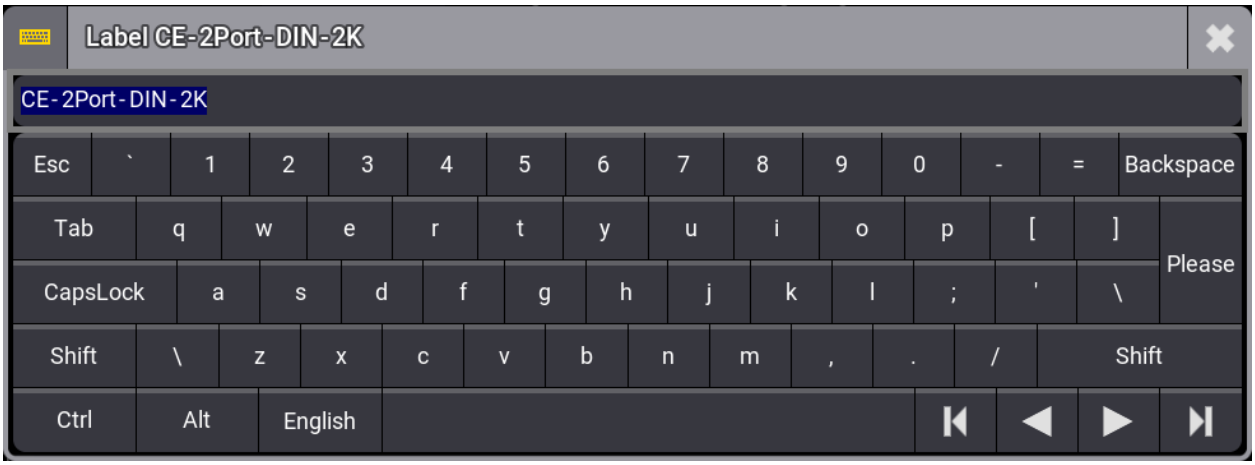


Network menu

Important:
You can only change a node's name or IP address if it is not in use in another session.

Change the Name

1. Edit the name of the respective node by right-clicking with a mouse or by using gestures.



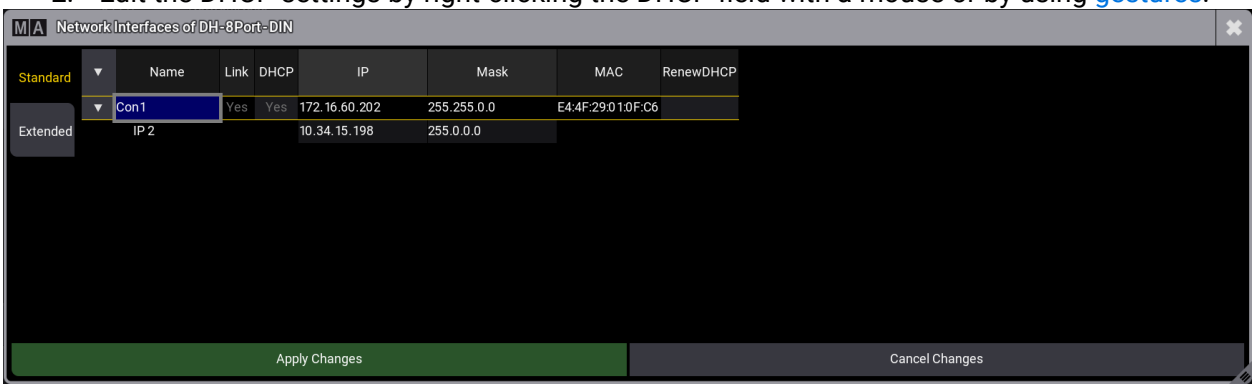
Label Node pop-up

2. Enter the desired name.
3. To confirm the changes, press Please.

The Node has a new name.

Change the IP Address

1. Change the IP address of the respective node by right-clicking the configuration line of the IP field with a mouse or by using gestures.
2. Edit the DHCP settings by right-clicking the DHCP field with a mouse or by using gestures.



Network Interfaces pop-up of a Node

3. Set DHCP to **Yes** or **No**.
4. Edit the IP address of the respective node by right-clicking with a mouse or by using gestures. The Edit IP pop-up opens.
5. Enter the new IP address.
6. Tap Apply Changes to confirm the changes.

The new IP address is set.

For more information about the network menu, see Network Update topic in the Update the Software section.

	Hint:
	It is also possible to update the Nodes via manual update.

Change the Output Configuration

To adjust the output configuration settings in the grandMA3 Nodes, control them from a connected console or a onPC station.

For more information, see DMX port configuration topic in the DMX In and Out section.

To connect a grandMA3 Node with the console, set the Node to grandMA3 mode.

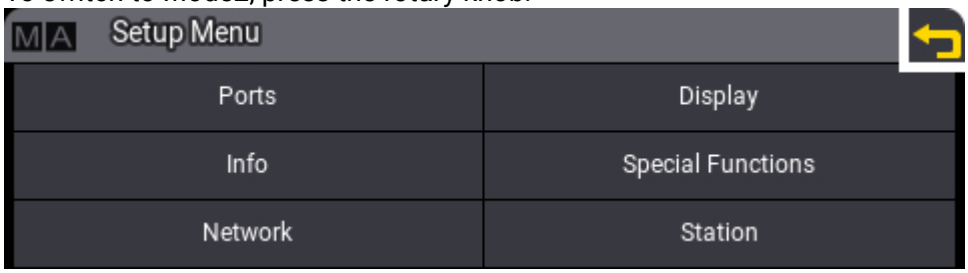
Change Modes

From grandMA3 to Mode2

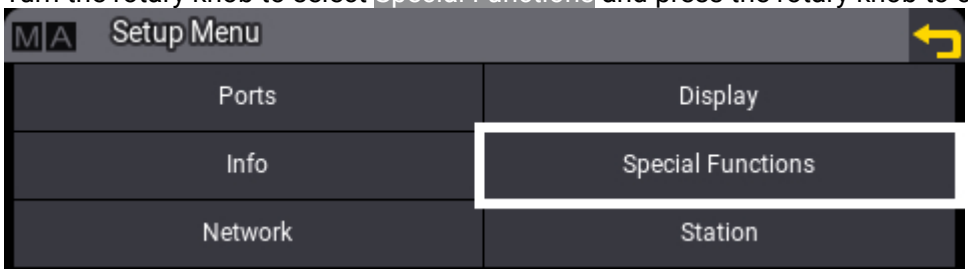
To change the Node from grandMA3 to Mode2, follow these instructions:

grandMA3 screen:

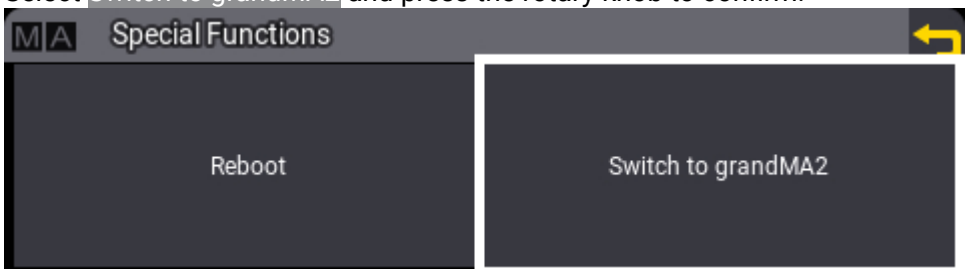
1. To switch to Mode2, press the rotary knob:



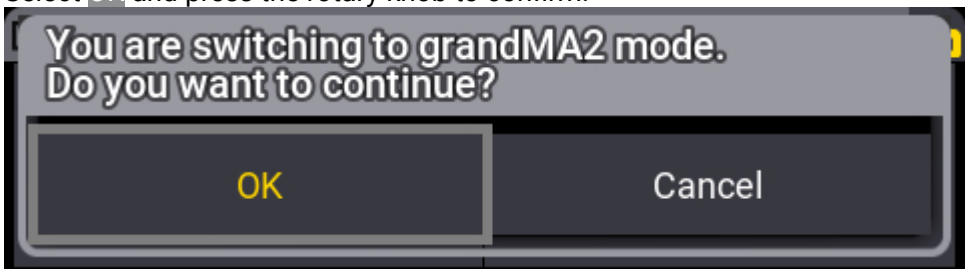
2. Turn the rotary knob to select Special Functions and press the rotary knob to confirm:



3. Select Switch to grandMA2 and press the rotary knob to confirm:



4. Select OK and press the rotary knob to confirm:



5. The Node reboots in Mode2.

For more information on switching an xPort Node from Mode2 to grandMA3, see change modes.

For more information about changing to grandMA3 Mode2, see Mode2 topic in the grandMA2 User Manual.

1.59.2. MA Network Switch

The MA Network Switch is the perfect device for a full lighting control solution. The combination of console, switch, and networking devices provides the easiest solution, even for complex lighting systems.

You can control the MA Network Switch by using the web interface or directly with a grandMA3 console in Mode2 or a grandMA2 onPC. For more information, see the MA Network Switch manual.

To learn how to control the MA Network Switch from a grandMA3 console in Mode2 or a grandMA2 onPC, see Control the MA Network Switch in the grandMA2 User Manual. There, you will find out how to add the MA Network Switch to the network configuration, configure ports, or edit groups and presets.

For more information, see Mode2 topic in the grandMA2 User Manual.

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1.59.3. RemoteHID

The Remote HID feature lets you use local HID devices (typically a mouse and keyboard) to control other grandMA3 stations on the network, as if they were connected to the remote device.

A use case for this feature is controlling onPC stations used for visualization directly from a console. Instead of placing several mice and keyboards on the table, only one set of mouse and/or keyboard is needed.

	Restriction:
	It is not a remote desktop feature. The remote device's display must be visible.

To control another station from the local console, follow these steps:

1. Enable RemoteHID in Menu - Network menu on the remote station.
2. Execute the RemoteHID command on the local station:

RemoteHID IP [remote_ip_address]

- Or -

RemoteHID [remote_station_type] ["remote_hostname"]

3. Once the connection is established, the local station's screen changes to olive green. During the connection, only the executors, including the 100mm faders and Go+[Large], Go-[Large], and Pause[Large] remain usable on the local station. All other elements are blocked.

The remote function can be ended using one of the following options:

- Press MA + MA + Off
- Use the keyboard shortcut Shift + Ctrl + Alt + E

Example

A pre-programming setup with a console and a powerful graphics computer running grandMA3 onPC, optimized for 3D visualization. They are connected in a session on a local LAN network.

The grandMA3 onPCs hostname is "3D," and RemoteHID is enabled.

From the console, you need to change a setting in the 3D window of the grandMA3 onPC.

In the command line, type:

```
User name[Fixture]>RemoteHID onPC "3D"
```

Now, the mouse and keyboard connected to the console can be used to operate the computer.

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Finish the connection by pressing MA + MA + Off

	Important:
	grandMA3 onPC on Windows controlled via RemoteHID, is not only limited to control the grandMA3 onPC application. Furthermore, the mouse and keyboard can also access remotely the entire system.
	Restriction:
	RemoteHID can only be used on grandMA3 consoles and grandMA3 onPC on Windows.
	Restriction:
	At the moment, it is not possible to use the touch displays of grandMA3 consoles to control the mouse remotely, so a USB mouse must be connected to the grandMA3 console to move the mouse on the remote device.

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1.60. Troubleshooting

In case your grandMA3 device does not work as expected, the topics below include helpful general troubleshooting steps as well as detailed solutions to some possible issues.

Subtopics

- Clean Start
- Update Does Not Work
- Station Does Not Connect
- Panic Macro

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1.60.1. Clean Start

A clean start clears the current show and all user settings as the grandMA3 software boots. This may be a helpful troubleshooting step in cases where the software boots normally but encounters an issue when the show file loads.

Clean Start a grandMA3 console, Replay Unit, or Processing Unit

	Important:
	This process relies on the Ctrl or control key commonly found at or near the bottom-left or bottom-right corner of an alpha-numeric keyboard. For devices without an integrated keyboard, an external USB keyboard is required.

To perform a clean start on a grandMA3 console, replay unit, or processing unit:

1. Make sure the integrated keyboard is functional or connect an external USB keyboard.
2. Boot or reboot the device, watching for the mode selection pop-up.
3. When the mode selection pop-up appears, press and hold the Ctrl key.
4. While holding the Ctrl key, tap the desired mode in the mode selection pop-up.
5. Once the mode selection pop-up disappears, release the Ctrl key.
6. The device completes the boot process with no show file loaded and all user settings reset to factory defaults.

Clean Start grandMA3 onPC

- To perform a clean start on a Windows system, go to the "MA Lighting" folder in the Start Menu on your Windows system (or go to C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\MA Lighting). Run the "grandMA3 onPC x.x.x.x Clean Start" application.
- To perform a clean start on a macOS system, press and hold the option key on the keyboard and then open the grandMA3 onPC application. An alert pop-up appears, confirming the clean start operation. Click Continue to proceed with the clean start. Otherwise, click Cancel.

The software starts with no show file loaded and all user settings reset to factory defaults.

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1.60.2. Update Does Not Work

There may be several reasons for a software update to fail:

Broken Installer Package

	Restriction:
	The installer package zip file may be broken after the download.

1. Delete the old installer package.
2. Download a new installer package.

Installation from the Zip File

	Restriction:
	Do not install the software from the zip file.

1. Unzip the file to your computer's hard drive.
2. Install the software from the uncompressed folder.

Broken USB Flash Drive

	Restriction:
	Older USB flash drives may be worn and cannot be read correctly.

- Format the USB flash drive.
- Replace the USB flash drive with a new one.

	Hint:
	New out-of-the-box USB flash drives may come without a partition table.

1. Check the USB flash drive by copying and pasting other files and folders from one computer to another.
2. Copy the installation packages if the USB flash drive works perfectly.
3. Perform a software update.

Broken USB Port

	Restriction:
	The USB port on the grandMA3 device or the computer may be broken.

- Use a different USB port.
- Update the USB port driver.
- Replace the broken USB port.

Broken USB Cable

	Restriction:
	The USB cable may be broken.

- Use a different USB cable.

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1.60.3. Station Does Not Connect

If a station or a wing does not connect, reset the station settings with a Clean Start.

If the command wing or fader wing fails to connect to the onPC software, try switching the product off and then on again.

Reasons that can prevent an onPC command wing or fader wing communication with a computer:

- A damaged USB port on the command wing or fader wing.
- A damaged USB port on the computer.
- A damaged USB cable.
- Recently installed operating system updates or power settings.
- An incomplete or corrupted onPC software installation.

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1.60.4. Panic Macro

	Important:
	Make sure to save the show file before executing the Panic macro.
	Restriction:
	Do not use the Panic macro during a live show.
	Important:
	Be aware that using the panic macro can have a severe impact on the show.

In different cases, for example, if a show file is not working as expected before a show, it can be useful to use the "Panic" macro.

The panic macro will restore the general settings to their defaults. These general settings are listed below:

1. Warning pop-up
2. Warning pop-up
3. Clear the Programmer (ClearAll)
4. Change the Command Line back to the root destination
5. Turn off Web Remote
6. Turn off Remote HID
7. Turn off RDM
8. Turn off Agenda
9. Turn off DC/ MIDI/ DMX Remotes
10. Turn off OSC Input
11. Turn off OSC Output
12. Turn off PSN Input
13. Go to World 1
14. Select Filter 1
15. Turn off Freeze
16. Turn off Preview
17. Turn off Plugins
18. Turn off Sequences
19. Turn off Timecodes
20. Turn off all Executors
21. Turn off Timecode Slots
22. Turn off the Master Mode of Groups
23. Set the Master Fader of all Groups to 100%
24. Turn Off DMX Tester
25. Set the Grand Master to 100%
26. Set the World Master to 100%
27. Set the Highlight Master to 100%

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28. Turn off Highlight
29. Set the Lowlight Master to 100%
30. Turn off Lowlight
31. Set Solo Master to 100%
32. Turn off Solo
33. Set Grand Rate to 1
34. Set Grand Speed to 60 BPM
35. Set Programmer Time to 0s
36. Turn off Programmer Time
37. Set Programmer X Fade to 0s
38. Turn off Programmer X Fade
39. Set Executor Time to 0s
40. Turn off Executor Time
41. Set Executor X Fade to 0s
42. Turn off Executor X Fade
43. Set all Speed Masters to 60 BPM
44. Set the Blind Master to 100%
45. Turn off Blind
46. Enable Sync for Phasers in the Programmer
47. Disable SingleStep for Phasers in the Programmer
48. Switch off Align
49. Set Value Readout to Natural
50. Set Wheel Mode to Additive
51. Request all Universes
52. Set Merge Mode of all Universes to HTP
53. Turn off Art-Net and sACN Output
54. Turn off Art-Net and sACN Input
55. Clear Programmer for all Users
56. Select Encoder Bar 1
57. Switch to the first Feature Group
58. Reload the User Interface
59. Turn off all Macros
60. Import Default Color Theme
61. Reset Multicast Base
62. Delete unused Attributes
63. Turn off MSC Input
64. Turn off MSC Output

	Hint:
	To see the list from above in the software, press Edit and then tap the Panic macro in the macro pool.

- For more information, see Macros.

Import and Execute Panic Macro

1. Search for Panic in the import list. For more information about importing macros, see Create Macros.
2. After import, tap Panic in the Macros pool window. The text editor opens.
3. To confirm the panic macro, press Please Please.
4. The panic macro is executed.

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1.61. Glossary

The following collection of abbreviations, acronyms, and fundamental lighting terms can be found in the grandMA3 user manual.

To open the glossary in the grandMA3 software:

1. Press Help, and enter **Glossary** into the command line.
2. Press Please. The Glossary opens.

A

ACN - Architecture for Control Networks
Is a suite protocol. It uses many elements that are not currently supported by grandMA3. But the ACN protocols also have a version for transporting DMX data. For more information on ACN, see sACN menu.

ANSI - American National Standards Institute

Art-Net
Art-Net 4 Ethernet communication standard was developed by Artistic Licence. For information about Art-Net in the grandMA3 software, see Art-Net menu.

Attributes
Attributes are the building blocks of fixture types. For more information, see Attribute definitions.

B

bit - binary digit

bpm - beats per minute

C

CIE - Commission internationale de l'éclairage

CLI - Command-line interaction

Command
A command is a phrase in the syntax that can be entered into the command line to perform a specific action.

Command Line
The syntax to control the console can be entered in the Command Line. For more information, see Command Line.

Conventional lights
Lighting device with a dimmer only.

CPU - Central Processing Unit

Cue
Cues can include fixture values, references to presets, and references to recipes. Cues are organized in a sequence. For more information, see Cues and Sequences.

D

dBu - decibel unloaded

DC - Direct Current

DHCP - Dynamic Host Control Protocol
Is a system where IP addresses are distributed from a DHCP server. For more information on setting IP addresses, see Interfaces and IP.

DMX - Digital Multiplex
A communication protocol to send a digital signal from a controller to a receiver. A single DMX cable can transmit one Universe.

DMX Channel
A single DMX Channel has a value between 0 and 255.

DMX Universe
A DMX Universe contains 512 DMX channels.

Dual Encoder
The five dual encoders on a console or command wing are used to adjust the various attributes of fixtures and other functions. For more information, see Dual Encoders.

E

Encoder Bar
Displays the attributes and functions associated with the encoders and includes shortcuts for quick access to a selection of user profile settings and programming tools. For more information, see Encoder Bar.

Executors
Executors (Exec) are physical keys, knobs, and faders on the grandMA3 hardware. They can also be represented as on-screen virtual executors. For more information, see Executors.

Extension
Allows for extending the number of physical executor handles for specific grandMA3 products. For more information, see Connect grandMA3 extension.

F

Fader Wing
An additional fader for the grandMA3 onPC system. For more information, see grandMA3 onPC fader wing.

Fixture
A complete lighting unit including at least a housing and a lamp.

Fixture Type
Fixture types are used to visualize and control real-life fixtures on stage. For more information, see Fixture Types.

fps - frames per second

G

GB - Gigabyte

GDTF - General Device Type Format
Is a file format used to describe devices. For information about GDTF, see GDTF Share.

GlobalMaster
This is the session master station in all networked systems. For more information, see Locally Networked Devices.

GPI - General Purpose Interface

Grand Master
Is used to limit the output of the intensity of all the fixtures patched in a show. For more information, see Grand Master.

Groups
Groups contain a selection of fixtures. This includes the selection's order and grid position. This can be used as a programming tool, providing a fast way to select fixtures. For more information about Groups, see Groups.

H

Hex - Hexadecimal

Highlt - Highlight
See Highlt key.

HTP - Highest Takes Precedence
The highest value will be output, mostly used with Dimmer. For more information about priorities, see LTP.

Hz - Hertz

I

IdleMaster
When a console is ready to connect to another station, it is in IdleMaster mode. For more Information, see Standalone Device.

IEC - International Electrotechnical Commission

IP - Internet Protocol

K

Keywords
Defined word in the software with a specific usage.

L

LED - Light Emitting Diode
An intelligent light with a LED source.

Level Wheel
The level wheel on the right side of a console or command wing is always assigned to dimmer attributes.

log - logarithm

Lua
Lua is a scripting language designed to support general procedural programming. For more information, see What is Lua.

LTC - Linear Time Code

LTP - Latest Takes Precedence
The most recent value will be output, mostly used for all attributes besides Dimmer. For more information about priorities, see DMX port configuration.

M

mA - milliampere

Macro
Macros are commands stored in a pool object. For more information, see Macros.

Master
Masters are physical representations of various timing and level overrides that exist in the software. For more information, see Masters.

MB - Megabyte

MIB - Move In Black
For more information, see Move In Black.

MIDI - Musical Instrument Digital Interface
A standard communication protocol. For more information about MIDI, see MIDI.

Moving Light
Lighting instrument with additional attributes other than a dimmer. It is possible to control the position of a Moving Light from a console.

MSC - MIDI Show Control
Sends functions via MIDI signal from an executor to another device, for example, a console or MIDI sequencer.

Multi-Instance Fixture
A lighting instrument with multiple individually controllable sections.

MVR - My Virtual Rig
MVR is a file format used to share patch data. For more information, see MVR.

O

OS - Operating System

OSC - Open Sound Control
OSC is a client and server system that defines a message address pattern used to address elements in the receiving server. For more information, see OSC.

P

Pan
Horizontal movement axis of a fixture.

Parameters
A parameter can use several DMX channels. For more information, see Parameters.

Patch
In the Patch, the DMX universes, addresses, and modes for the fixture types are defined.

Phasers
Dynamically changes the output for attributes using a set of information in two or more steps. For more information, see Phasers.

PoE - Power over Ethernet

Playback
Recalling stored information physically (for example, fader) or graphically (user interface) on a console. A preset, a sequence with cues, or a timecode show can be played back. For more information, see Playback Window.

Presets
Presets are containers for values. For example, when the same values are used in different cues several times. For more information, see Presets.

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Prev - Previous
See Prev key.

Programmer
The programmer is a temporary memory, where the active values are placed. The values can then be stored or released. For more information, see Programmer.

Prvw - Preview
See Prvw key.

PSN - PosiStageNet
grandMA3 stations can receive PSN data. For more information, see PSN.

PSR - Partial Show Read
PSR transfers objects of show files. For more information, see PSR.

PWM - Pulse Width Modulation

R

RAM - Random Access Memory

RCA - Radio Corporation of America

RDM - Remote Device Management
Permits intelligent bidirectional communication between devices from multiple manufacturers using a modified DMX512 data link. For more information, see RDM.

RPM - Rounds per Minute

S

S/PDIF - Sony/Philips Digital Interface

sACN - Streaming Architecture for Control Networks
For more information, see ACN.

SelFix - SelectFixture
See SelFix key.

Sequence
A sequence contains cues that can be played back in a defined order. For more information, see Cues and Sequences.

SMPTE - Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers

SSD - Solid-State Drive

SSE - Streaming SIMD Extensions

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STP - Shielded Twisted Pair

Syntax
The command line syntax is used to create valid commands. For more information, see Syntax.

T

TC - Timecode
Timecode is a time signal used to time-stamp recordings for playback or to trigger cues. For more information, see Timecode.

TCP - Transmission Control Protocol

Tilt
Vertical movement axis of a fixture.

Tracking
Tracking is the principle of storing only the changes in the cues. For more information, see Tracking.

U

UDP - User Datagram Protocol

UI - User Interface
See User Interface.

UUID - Universally Unique Identifier

V

Variable
Variables are used to store values and retrieve them later. For more information, see Variables.

V - Volt

VRAM - Video Random Access Memory

W

Web remote
See Web remote.

X

XFade - Crossfade
For more information, see Assign object to an executor.

XLR - External Line Return

XML - Extensible Markup Language

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