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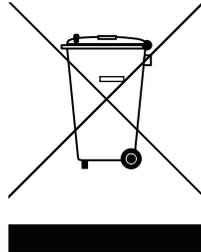
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Introduction

In today's fast-paced news, sports, branding, and entertainment environments, the best graphics engines are only as good as the workflow tools that take those graphics to air. XPression offers a complete line of hardware and software products for efficient collaboration and media moving.

About This Guide

This user guide describes the XPression MOS, NLE, and Template Builder workflows, their configuration, and functions.

If, at any time, you have a question pertaining to the installation, configuration, or operation of the XPression workflow tools, please contact us at the numbers listed in the section “**Contacting Technical Support**” on page 1–2. Our technical staff are always available for consultation, training, or service.

Documentation Conventions

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

Bold text	Bold text is used to identify a user interface element such as a dialog box, menu item, or button. For example: In the 3D Model Files section, use the Mode list to select the folder used to store 3D model files.
Courier text	Courier text is used to identify text that a user must enter. For example: Enter <code>localhost</code> when the DataLinq server is running on the same computer as XPression.
>	Menu arrows are used in procedures to identify a sequence of menu items that you must follow. For example, if a step reads “ Display > Widgets ,” you would click the Display menu and then click Widgets .

Getting Help

The *XPression Distributed Workflow User Guide* is supplied as a print-ready PDF file. Locate the guide in the C:\Archive folder to open a guide PDF in Adobe® Reader® for viewing or printing.

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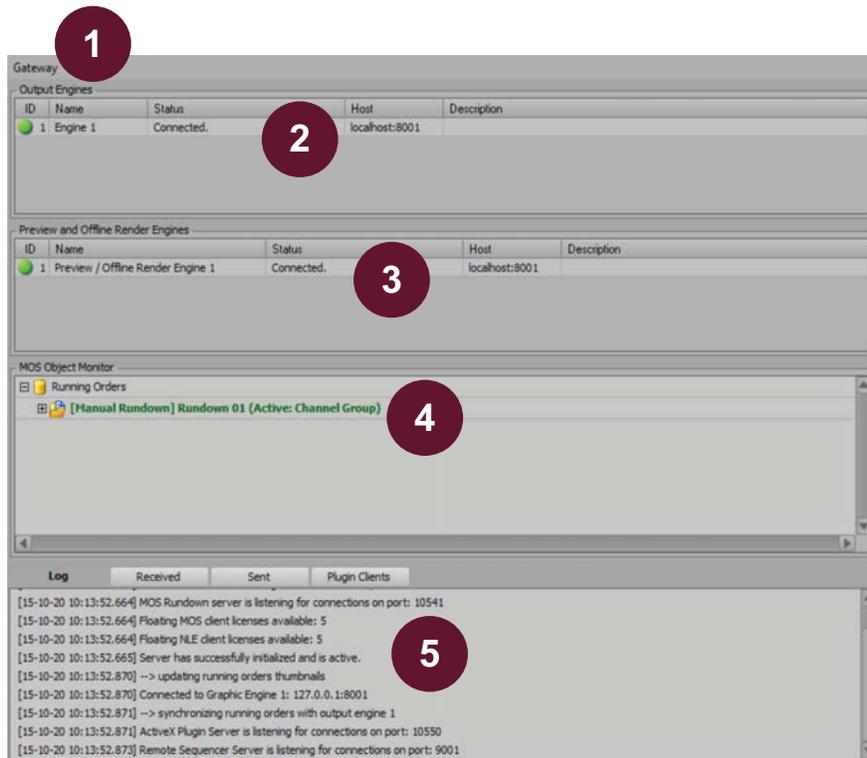
This section provides user interface overviews for the various components used in the XPression distributed workflow. For information on the XPression Project Server, refer to the *XPression Project Server User Guide*.

The following user interfaces are discussed in this section:

- The XPression Gateway User Interface
- The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Browse
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- The XPression Template Builder User Interface - Edit Mode
- The XPression Rundown Controller User Interface
- The XPression Remote Sequencer User Interface
- The XPression Remote Sequencer User Interface (Legacy)

The XPression Gateway User Interface

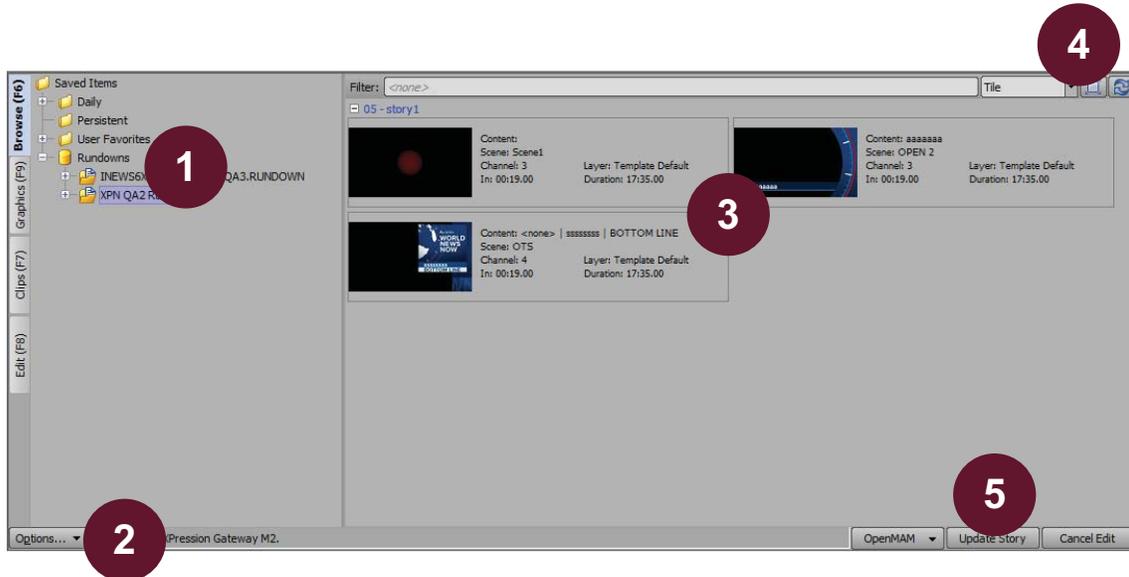
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Gateway user interface. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Menu Bar — use this menu bar to access the Gateway menu. 2) Output Engines List — lists the output engines that have been configured for each XPression system being used for playout. 3) Preview and Offline Render Engines List — lists the preview engines that have been configured for each XPression Bluebox OFL system being used for motion and still preview in the XPression MOS Plugin, NLE Plugin, Template Builder, and Remote Sequencer. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) MOS Object Monitor — displays the currently monitored and MOS active rundowns on the Gateway. Stories that contain graphics can be expanded to view the associated MOS objects. 5) Log Area — displays the activities of the Gateway. Select a tab to view the activity log for the Gateway, the information sent or received by the Gateway, or the connected plugin clients, user, last activity, and connection time. |
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The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Browse

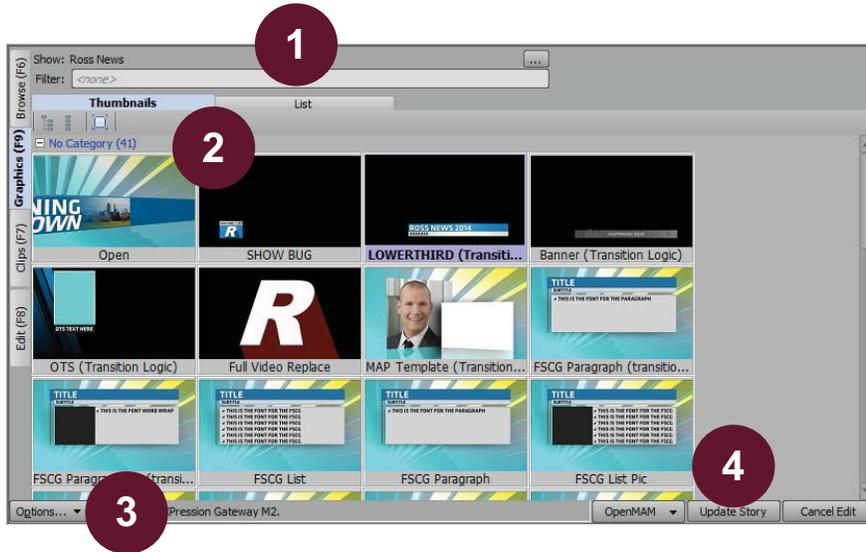
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression ActiveX Plugin user interface Browse tab. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Saved Items Folders** — view and select graphics, clips, or rundowns from the folders list.
- 2) **Options Menu** — use this menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway.
- 3) **Thumbnails / List** — view and select graphics or clips from the Browse tab display results. Use the filter at the top to locate specific graphics or clips.
- 4) **Display** — use the display functions to select the viewing method (Tile, Thumbnail, or List), resize the thumbnails, and refresh the display results.
- 5) **Button Controls** — use these buttons to connect to an openMAM server, update a story, or cancel an edit.

The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Graphics

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression ActiveX Plugin user interface Graphics tab. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.

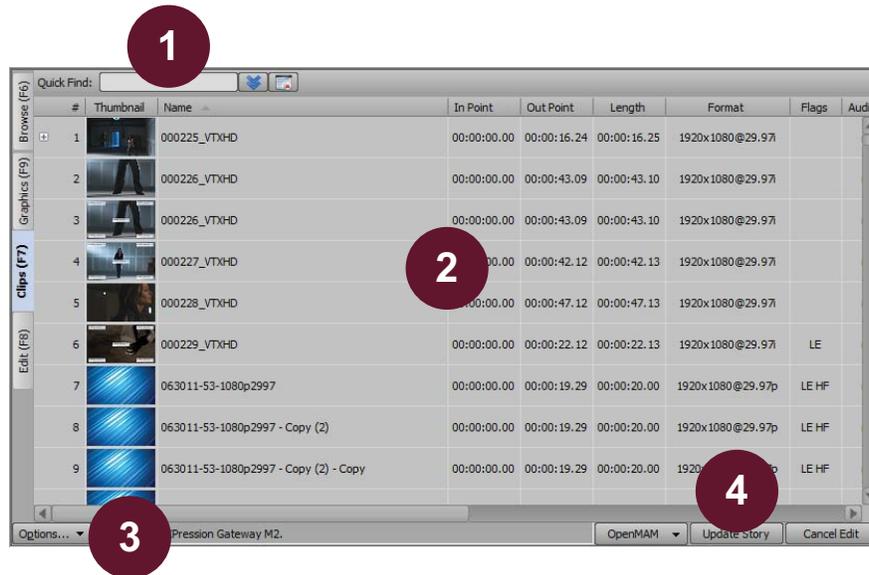


- 1) **Show / Filter** — displays the selected show. Use the filter to display specific saved graphic templates.
- 2) **Thumbnails / List** — view and select graphics in either thumbnail or list views.
- 3) **Options Menu** — use this menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway.
- 4) **Button Controls** — use these buttons to connect to an openMAM server, update a story, or cancel an edit.

The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Clips

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression ActiveX Plugin user interface Clips tab. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.

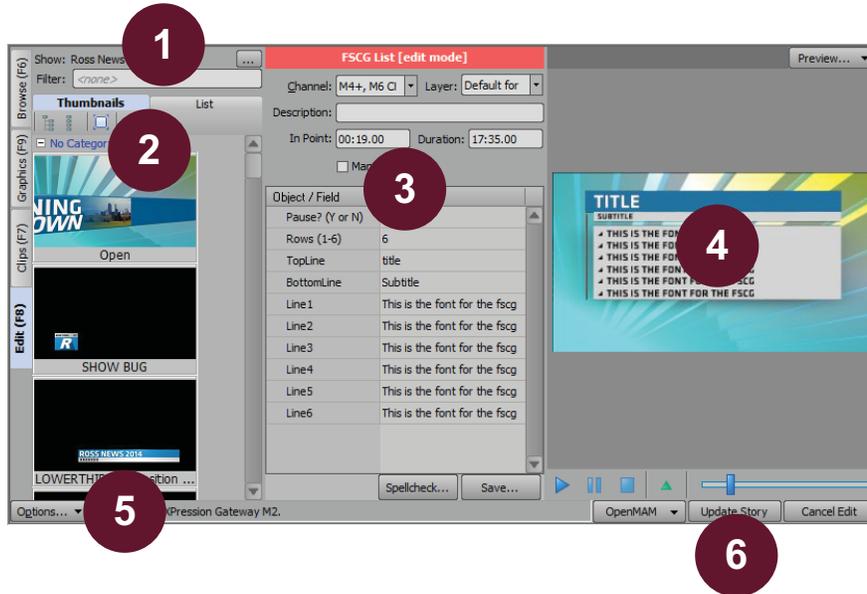
- ★ XPression Clips is optional for XPression and the XPression MOS workflow. If you do not have XPression Clips, you do not have XPression Clips and you are interested in adding it to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.



- 1) **Search Area** — use the Quick Find search field to display specific saved clips, or click the Show/Hide advanced search button to enter detailed search criteria. Use the Reset search filter button to clear all search fields.
- 2) **Clips** — view and select clips from the list.
- 3) **Options Menu** — use this menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway.
- 4) **Button Controls** — use these buttons to connect to an openMAM server, update a story, or cancel an edit.

The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Edit Graphics

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression ActiveX Plugin user interface in Edit tab for graphics. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.

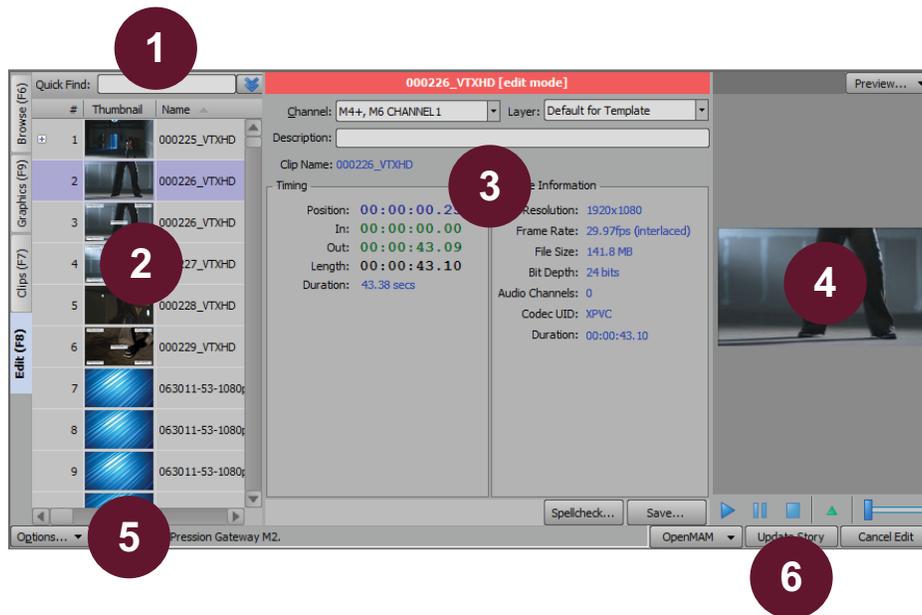


- 1) **Show / Filter** — displays the selected show. Use the filter to display specific saved graphic templates.
- 2) **Thumbnails / List** — view and select graphics in either thumbnail or list views.
- 3) **Editor** — use this area to edit the object/field contents and template layout information. Use the OpenMAM menu to select a MAM system. Click the Save button to save any changes.
- 4) **Preview Area** — view the graphic template and any changes made in the Editor. Use the playback controls to play animations.
- 5) **Options Menu** — use this menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway.
- 6) **Button Controls** — use these buttons to connect to an openMAM server, update a story, or cancel an edit.

The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Edit Clips

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression ActiveX Plugin user interface in Edit tab for clips. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.

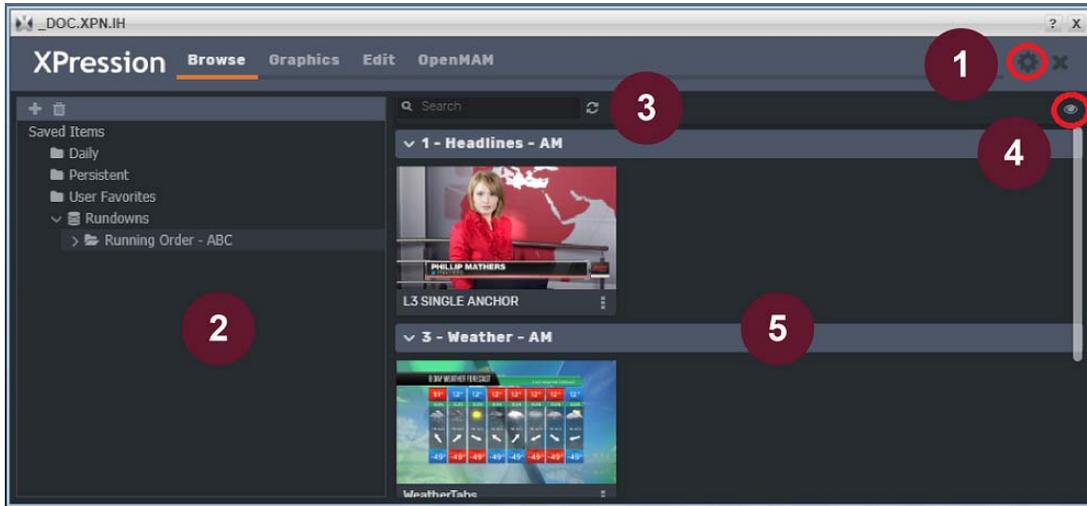
- ★ XPression Clips is optional for XPression and the XPression MOS workflow. If you do not have XPression Clips, if you do not have XPression Clips and you are interested in adding it to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.



- 1) **Search Area** — use the Quick Find search field to display specific saved clips, or click the Show/Hide advanced search button to enter detailed search criteria. Use the Reset search filter button to clear all search fields.
- 2) **Clips** — view and select clips from the list.
- 3) **Editor** — use this area to edit the object/field contents & template playout information. Use the OpenMAM menu to select a MAM system. Click the Save button to save any changes.
- 4) **Preview Area** — preview the clips. Use the playback controls to control preview playback.
- 5) **Options Menu** — use this menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway.
- 6) **Button Controls** — use these buttons to connect to an openMAM server, update a story, or cancel an edit.

The XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin User Interface Overview - Browse

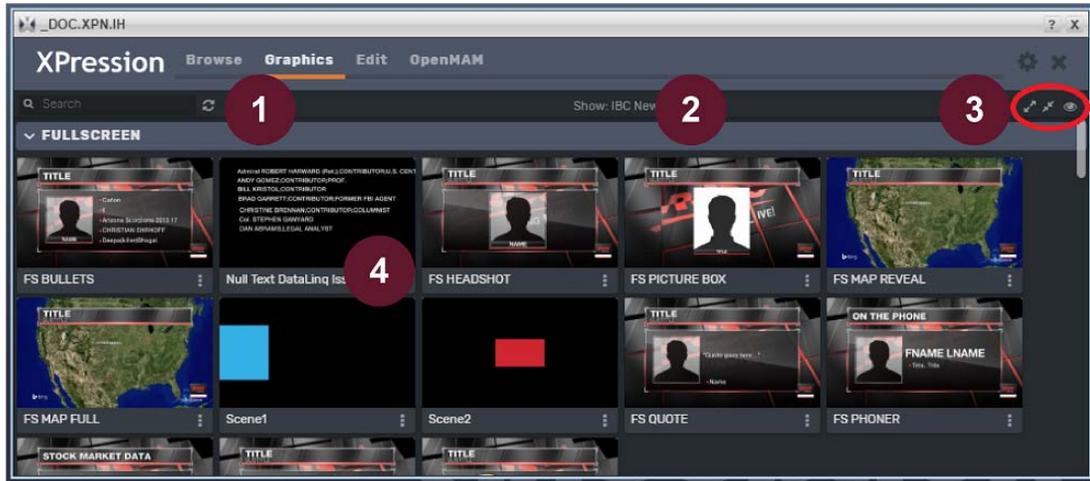
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression HTML5 Plugin user interface **Browse** tab. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Settings** — use this menu to open the **Configuration** panel.
- 2) **Saved Items Folders** — view and select graphics, clips, or rundowns from the folders list.
- 3) **Search** — use this field to locate specific graphics or clips and then click the **Refresh** icon to update the thumbnail results.
- 4) **Display** — use the display functions to select the viewing method (**Grid**, **Details**, or **Table**), and resize thumbnails,.
- 5) **Thumbnails** — view and select graphics or clips in the **Browse** tab display results.

The XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin User Interface Overview - Graphics

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression HTML5 Plugin user interface **Graphics** tab. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Search** — use this field to locate specific graphics or clips and then click the **Refresh** icon to update the thumbnail results.
- 2) **Show / Filter** — displays the selected show. Use the filter to display specific saved graphic templates.
- 3) **Expand / Collapse / Thumbnails / List** — expand or collapse the categories and then view and select graphics in either thumbnail or list views.
- 4) **Thumbnails** — view and select graphics or clips. Double-clicking a thumbnail opens the selected graphic in **Edit** mode.

The XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin User Interface Overview - Edit

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression HTML5 Plugin user interface **Edit** tab for graphics. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Editor** — use this area to edit the object/field contents and template layout information. Use the OpenMAM menu to select an openMAM system. Click the Save button to save any changes.
- 2) **Preview Area** — view the graphic template and any changes made in the **Editor**. Use the playback controls to play animations.
- 3) **Button Controls** — use these buttons to spellcheck your edits, update a story, cancel an edit, add the graphic to a story, close the plugin or cancel the operation.

The XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin User Interface Overview - OpenMAM

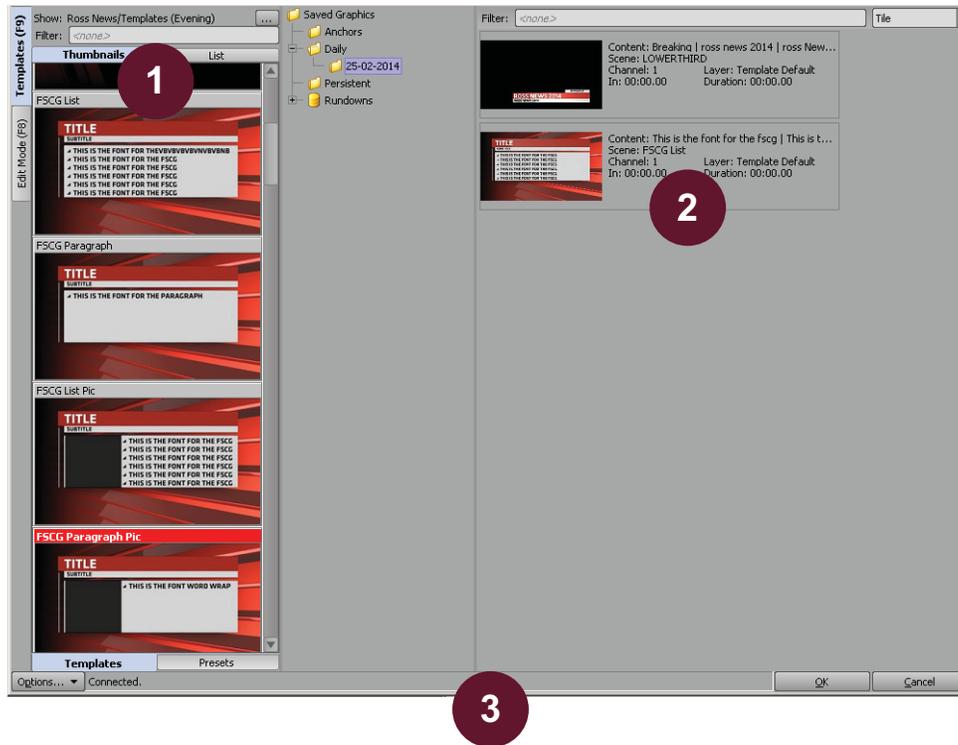
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression HTML5 Plugin user interface **OpenMAM** tab. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Button** — click to open an asset management system that has been configured in the XPression Gateway.

The XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin User Interface - Templates

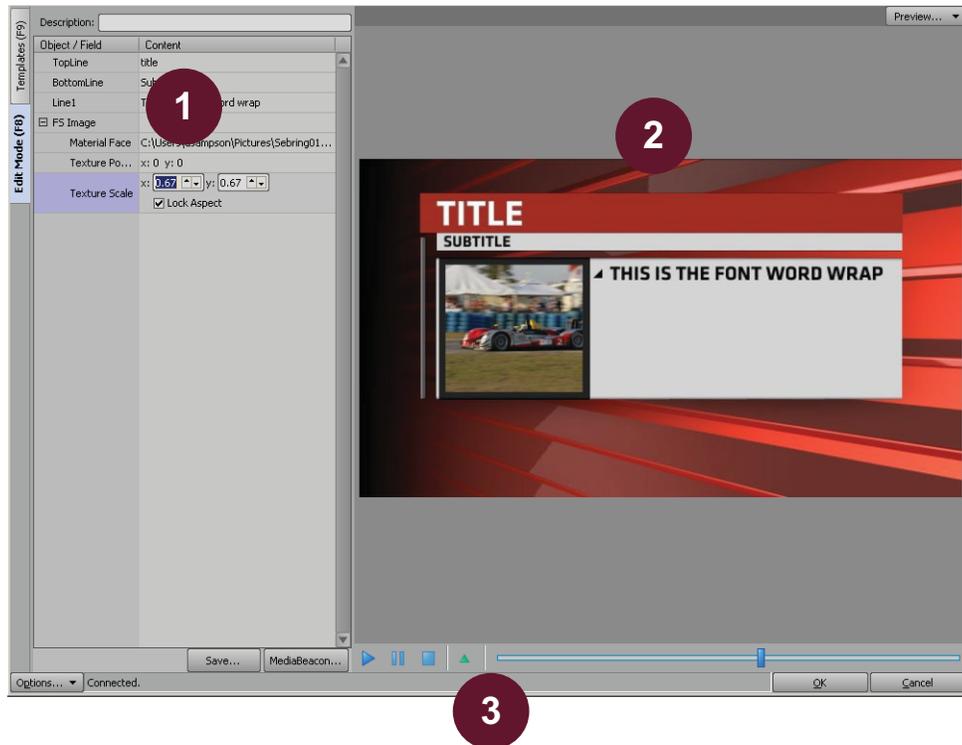
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression NLE Plugin user interface in Templates mode. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Thumbnails / List** — view and select templates in thumbnail or list views. Use the filter at the top to locate specific templates.
- 2) **Saved Graphics** — view and select saved graphics. Use the filter at the top to locate specific saved graphics.
- 3) **Options and Button Controls** — use the menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway. Use the button controls to apply or cancel changes.

The XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin User Interface - Edit Mode

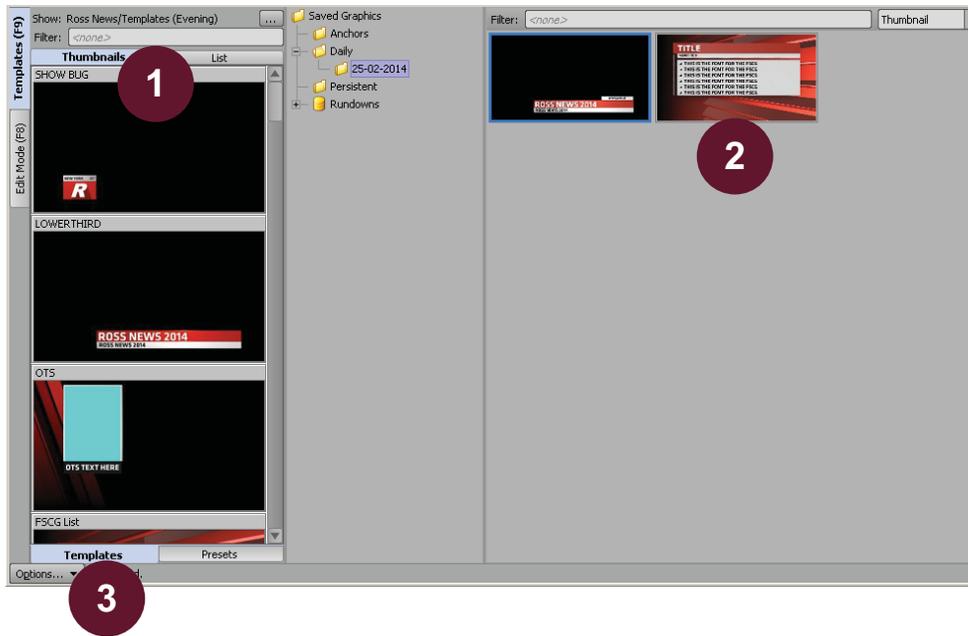
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression NLE Plugin user interface in Edit Mode. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Editor** — use this area to view and edit the objects and fields of the template and to save graphics.
- 2) **Preview Area** — view the template and any changes made in the Editor. Use the playback controls to play animations.
- 3) **Options and Button Controls** — use the menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway. Use the button controls to apply or cancel changes.

The XPression Template Builder User Interface - Templates

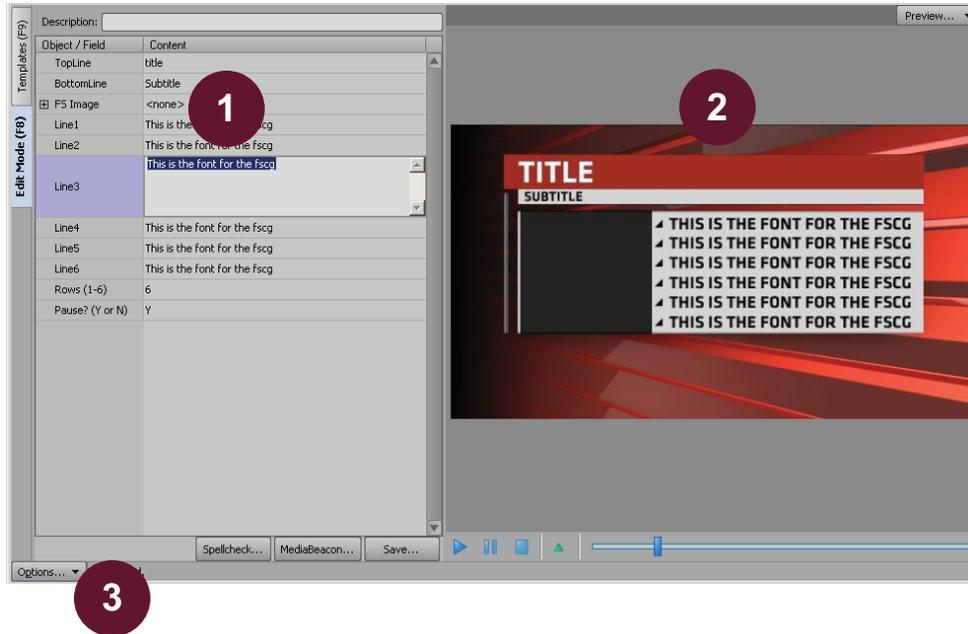
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Template Builder user interface in Templates mode. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Thumbnails / List** — view and select templates in thumbnail or list views. Use the filter at the top to locate specific templates.
- 2) **Saved Graphics** — view and select saved graphics. Use the filter at the top to locate specific saved graphics.
- 3) **Options and Button Controls** — use the menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway. Use the button controls to apply or cancel changes.

The XPression Template Builder User Interface - Edit Mode

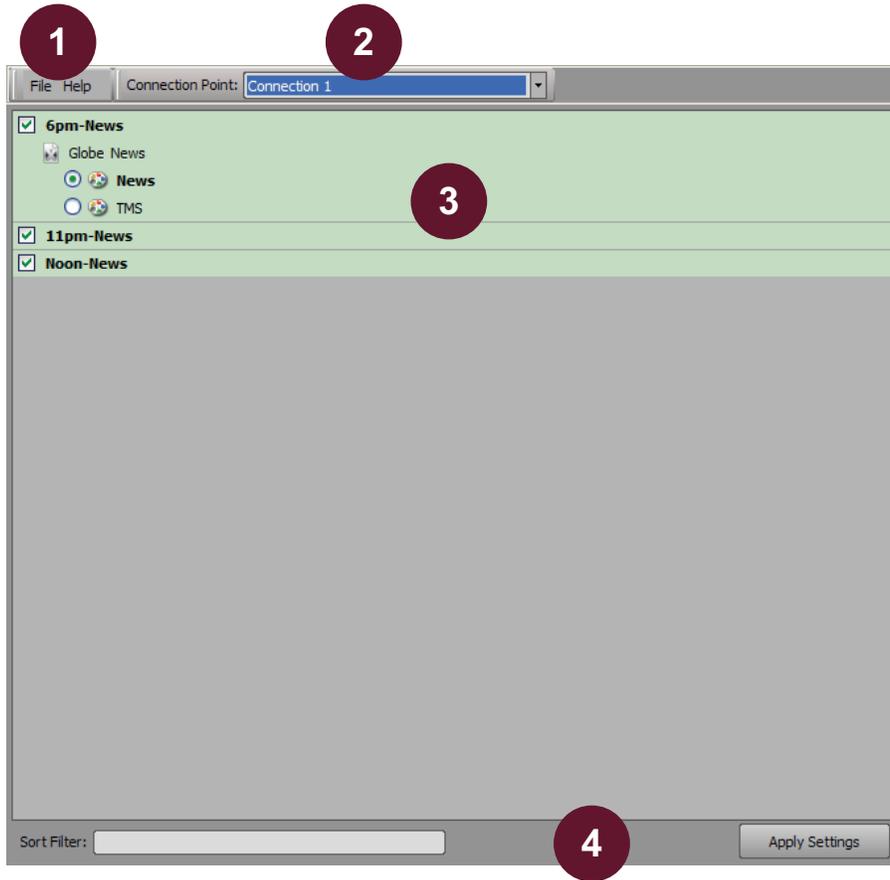
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Template Builder user interface in Edit Mode. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Editor** — use this area to view and edit the objects and fields of the template and to save graphics.
- 2) **Preview Area** — view the template and any changes made in the Editor. Use the playback controls to play animations.
- 3) **Options Menu** — use the menu to open the Configuration dialog box or to select the primary or secondary MOS Gateway.

The XPression Rundown Controller User Interface

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Rundown Controller user interface. Descriptions of individual elements are contained in the legend below the diagram.



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| 1) Menu Bar — use this menu bar to access the File and Help menus. | 3) Rundown List — use this to view and select rundowns and show styles. |
| 2) Toolbar — use this toolbar to access Connection Groups. | 4) Selection Area — use this area to filter through rundowns and apply the selected rundown settings. |

The XPression Remote Sequencer User Interface

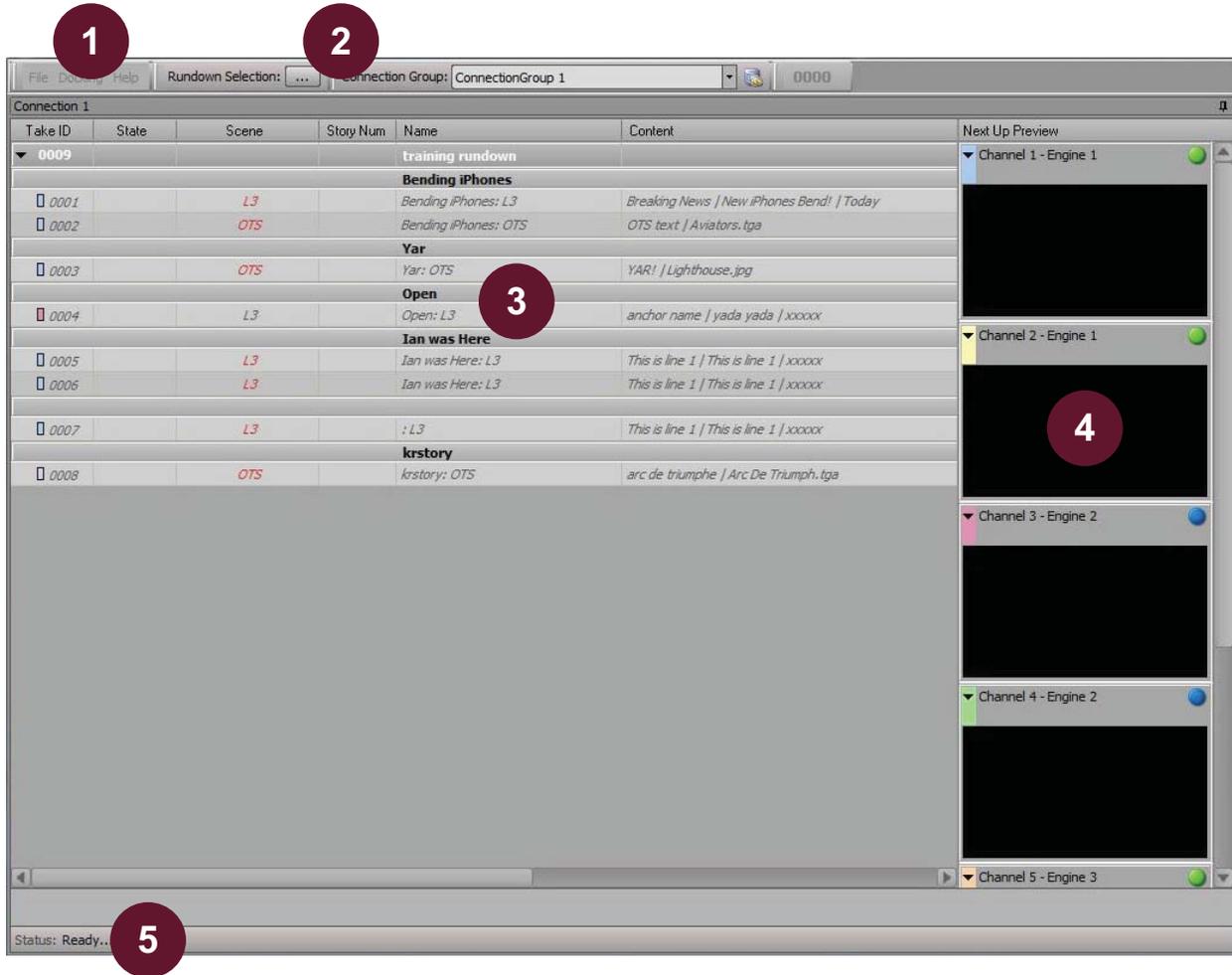
The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Remote Sequencer user interface. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Menu Bar — use this menu bar to access the File, Docking, and Display menus. 2) Toolbar — use this toolbar to quickly select rundowns, access and edit Connection Points and Channel Groups, select saved docking layouts, and view the status of connections to the Project Server, ClipStore, and DataLinq Server. 3) Channels — use the channels to view, select, and modify the items on a particular channel in the Linear Rundown. 4) Scene Manager — use this window to view and manage the scenes and scene groups contained in a project. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Up Next Preview — use this to preview the upcoming scene. 6) Linear Rundown — use this to view and control a list of scenes or scene groups. 7) Next Up Preview — displays the upcoming take items in the queue. 8) Take Item Inspector / Clip Browser — toggle between the Take Item Inspector and the Clip Browser. Use the Take Item Inspector to edit the properties of a selected group or take item. Use the Clip Browser to browse for clips to drop into the Linear Rundown for preview and payout. |
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The XPression Remote Sequencer User Interface (Legacy)

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the XPression Remote Sequencer (Legacy) user interface. Descriptions of individual elements are contained below the diagram.



- 1) **Menu Bar** — use this menu bar to access the File, Docking, and Help menus.
- 2) **Toolbar** — use this toolbar to quickly select rundowns, access and edit Connection Points and Channel Groups, and use the Fast Recall feature.
- 3) **Sequencer** — use this to view and control a list of scenes or scene groups.
- 4) **Preview Area** — displays the upcoming take items in the queue.
- 5) **Status Area** — displays the current status of the Remote Sequencer.

MOS Workflow Setup

Overview

The XPression Gateway serves as a communication hub between the customer supplied newsroom control system and the various XPression components required to complete the XPression MOS workflow. The XPression MOS Plugin, XPression Remote Sequencer, XPression Rundown Controller, XPression preview engine, and Clip Store Server all connect to the XPression Gateway. MOS messages created using the MOS plugin are added to stories in the customer supplied newsroom control system. These MOS messages are then parsed from active rundowns by the XPression Gateway and used to create take items in the necessary XPression playout device.

Before you start using the XPression MOS workflow, the various components and settings need to be configured for operability.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

- Required Components
- Optional Components
- Setting Up the XPression Gateway
- Setting Up and Using Multiple XPression Gateways
- Setting Up the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Setting Up the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin
- Installing an SSL Certificate for the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin

Required Components

The following is a list of the required components for the XPression MOS workflow:

- XPression Gateway
- XPression Studio, Prime, or BlueBox OFL (preview engine)
- XPression MOS Plugin or HTML5 MOS Plugin
- XPression Studio/Prime/BlueBox (playout engine)

Optional Components

The following items are optional for the XPression MOS workflow:

- XPression Project Server
- XPression Remote Sequencer
- XPression Rundown Controller
- XPression Desktop Preview Server
- Supported MAM system
- XPression Clips
- XPression Tessera (requires project-based region mapping and XPression Project Server)

For More Information on...

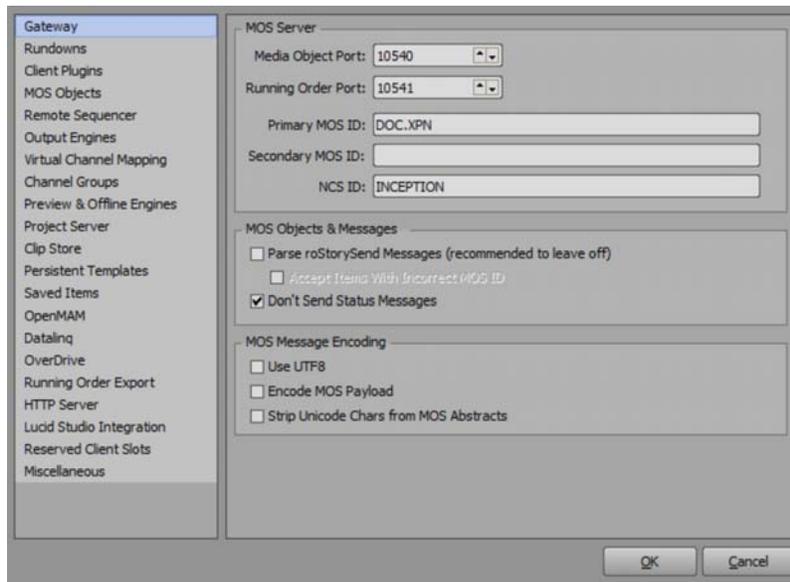
- The XPression Gateway user interface, refer to the section “**The XPression Gateway User Interface**” on page 2–2.
- The XPression MOS Plugin user interface, refer to the section “**The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Graphics**” on page 2–4 and “**The XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin User Interface - Clips**” on page 2–5.

Setting Up the XPression Gateway

The following steps explain the XPression Gateway configuration for the MOS workflow.

- ★ If you have any Citrix programs installed, such as GoToMeeting, ensure that the **DNE Lightweight Filter** is disabled in the **Local Area Connection Properties** window of any machine that is connected to the XPression Gateway, including the XPression Gateway itself.

1. Open the **XPression Gateway**.
2. Click **Gateway > Settings**.
The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box opens.
3. Click **Gateway** to configure the XPression Gateway settings.
The **Gateway** configuration area opens.



By default, the **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box opens in the **Gateway** configuration area.

Gateway

- a. In the **MOS Server** section, use the **Media Object Port** box to enter or select a port number on which the newsroom control system will accept connections from MOS devices. The default is 10540.
- ★ Only change the Media Object Port number if there is a port conflict.
- b. Use the **Running Order Port** box to enter or select a port number on which the MOS will accept connections from the newsroom control system. The default is 10541.
- ★ Only change the Running Order Port number if there is a port conflict.
- c. In the **Primary MOS ID** box, enter the MOS ID that you are using in your newsroom control system.
An optional secondary ID can be entered in the **Secondary MOS ID** box.
 - d. In the **NCS ID** box, enter your newsroom control system ID.

- e. In the **MOS Objects & Messages** section, configure the following options as necessary:
 - **Parse roStorySend Messages** — select this check box to parse all incoming MOS objects, including those for unrelated devices. It is recommended that this option is left unselected if not using multiple gateways.

★ Some newsroom systems require this on for basic functionality (for example, Dalet).

Select the **Accept Items With Incorrect MOS ID** check box to allow the XPression Gateway to accept items with incorrect MOS IDs. This requires parsing the roStorySend MOS messages to see the other MOS ID objects.

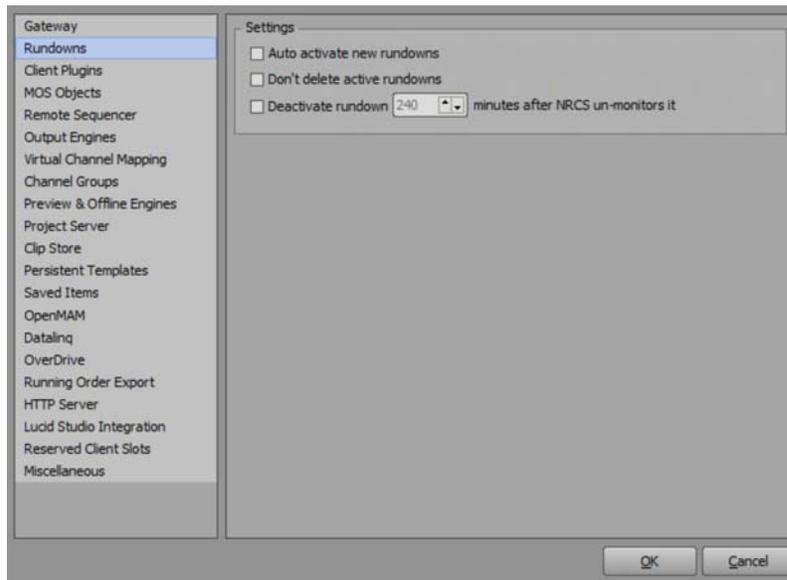
- **Don't Send Status Messages** — select this check box to disable reporting the MOS status of graphics and clips to the NRCS.

- f. In the **MOS Message Encoding** section, configure the following options as necessary:

- **Use UTF8** — select this check box to 8-bit character encoding.
- **Encode MOS Payload** — select this check box to encode the MOS payload of MOS items to avoid issues with Unicode and older versions of some newsroom systems.
- **Strip Unicode Chars from MOS Abstracts** — select this check box to strip Unicode characters in the MOS abstracts or slugs if the newsroom system does not support Unicode text.

- 4. Click **Rundowns** to configure the rundown settings.

The **Rundowns** configuration area opens.

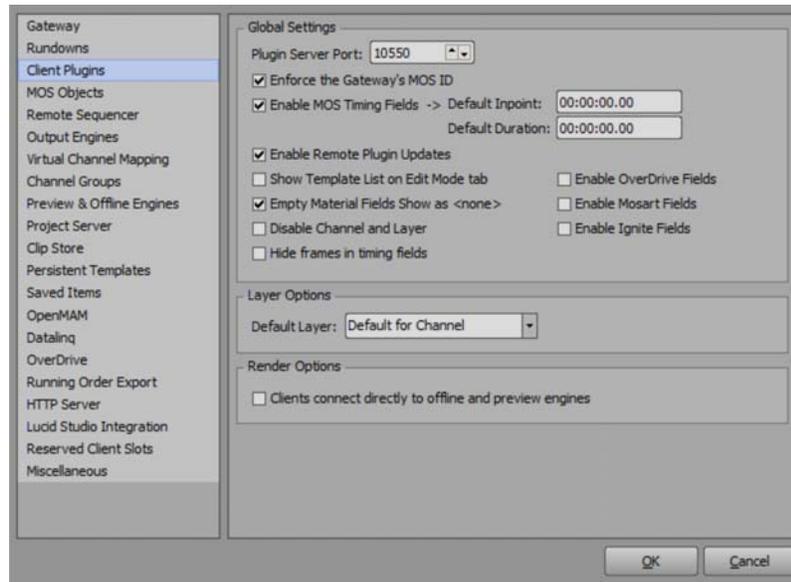


Rundowns

- a. In the **Settings** section, select the **Auto Activate New Rundowns** check box to automatically trigger new rundowns.
- b. Select the **Don't Delete Active Rundowns** check box to prevent rundowns from being removed when they are still activated for payout.
- c. Select the **Deactivate rundown** check box to hold a rundown active after the NRCS un-monitors it. Use the minutes box to enter or select an amount of time to wait before deactivating the rundown.

5. Click **Client Plugins** to configure the plugin settings.

The **Client Plugins** configuration area opens.



Client Plugins

- a. In the **Global Settings** section, use the **Plugin Server Port** box to enter or select a port number on which the XPression MOS Plugin communicates with the XPression Gateway. The default is 10550.
- ★ Only change the Plugin Server Port number if there is a port conflict.
- b. Configure the following options as necessary:
 - **Enforce the Gateway's MOS ID** — select this check box to set the MOS ID in any connected ActiveX or HTML5 plugin to the MOS ID entered in the XPression Gateway. It is recommended that this option is selected.
 - **Enable MOS Timing Fields** — select this check box to allow in and out information to be inserted into the MOS message for autonomous triggering of graphics.
 - › **Default Inpoint** — enter or select a default in point time for the MOS message.
 - › **Default Duration** — enter or select a default duration time for the MOS message.
 Check with your newsroom and production automation provider to see if this functionality is supported.
 - **Enable Remote Plugin Updates** — select this check box to prompt users of the XPression ActiveX Plugin to update the plugin if the version does not match the version of the XPression Gateway.
 - **Show Template List on Edit Mode tab** — select this check box to allow users of the XPression ActiveX Plugin to browse templates while the plugin is in edit mode.
 - **Empty Material Fields Show as <none>** — select this check box to remove the display of <none> from empty material fields.
 - **Disable Channel and Layer** — select this check box to disable the channel and layer settings for the MOS objects.
 - **Hide frames in timing fields** — select this check box to hide frames in the ActiveX and HTML5 Plugin timing fields.
 - **Enable OverDrive Fields** — select this check box to enable the use of fields for the OverDrive automation system.
 - **Enable Ignite Fields** — select this check box to enable the use of fields for the Ignite automated news system.
 - **Enable Mosart Fields** — select this check box to enable the use of fields for the Mosart automated news system.

- c. In the **Layer Options** section, use the **Default Layer** list to establish default layer assignments for MOS generated take items. The options are:

- **Default for Channel** — assign take items to the default layer for the framebuffer.
- **Default for Template** — assign take items to the layer assignment of the scene object.

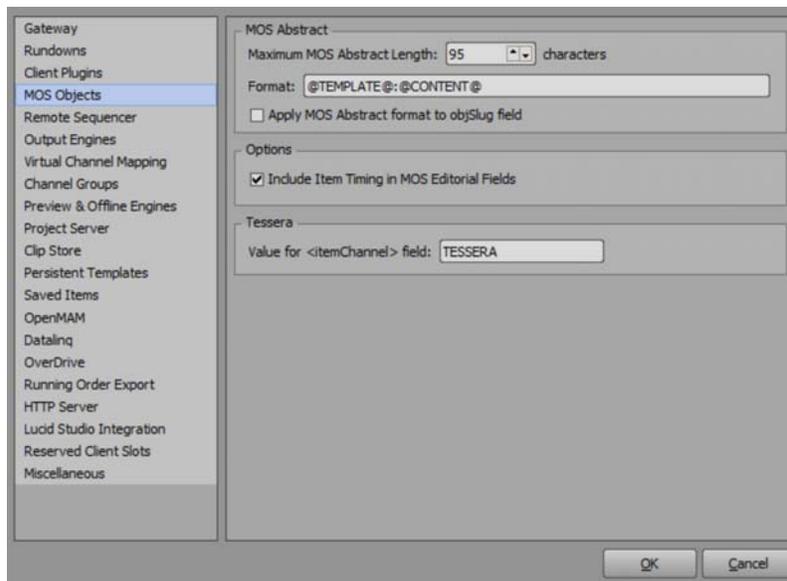
Use the following default layer options to have scenes play on the selected layer:

- **Layer -3 (background)**
- **Layer -2**
- **Layer -1**
- **Layer 0 (middle)**
- **Layer 1**
- **Layer 2**
- **Layer 3 (foreground)**

- d. In the **Render Options** section, select the **Clients connect directly to offline and preview engines** check box to direct ActiveX clients to render directly to the offline and preview engines.

6. Click **MOS Objects** to configure the MOS object settings.

The **MOS Objects** configuration area opens.



MOS Objects

- a. In the **MOS Abstract** section, use the **Maximum MOS Abstract Length** box to enter or select a maximum number of characters for the MOS abstracts.

A MOS abstract is a human-readable description of a MOS item. Most newsroom systems will display the MOS abstract to the user in the MOS story. The MOS abstract can be configured to contain a number of different descriptive fields that will automatically be populated based on the contents of the MOS item.

- b. In the **Format** box, use tags to build a descriptive text string that will be used to format the MOS abstract field. Any characters outside of a given tag will be carried over to the MOS abstract. For example: @TEMPLATE@: @CONTENT@ may become 'Lower Third:First Name'.

The format can also be entered by right-clicking inside the box and selecting **Insert** and the necessary tag from the shortcut menu.

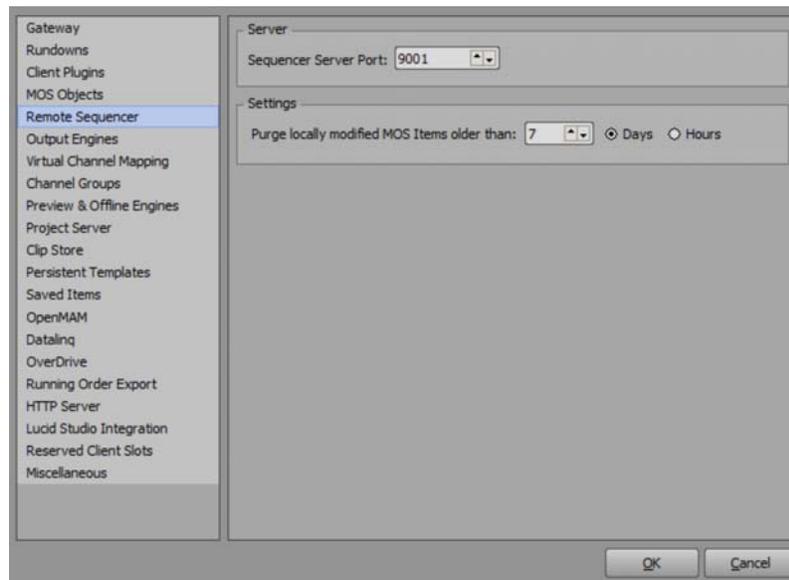
The available tags are:

- @TEMPLATE@
- @CLIP@
- @CONTENT@
- @DESCRIPTION@
- @TIMING@
- @INPOINT@
- @OUTPOINT@
- @DURATION@
- @CHANNEL@
- @VCNAME@
- @GWID@
- @TYPE@
- @TAKEID@
- @OUTMETHOD@

Some newsrooms (for example, Autocue) display the ObjSlug field to the user instead of the MOS abstract. Select the **Apply MOS Abstract format to objSlug field** check box to use the MOS abstract format definition to build up the objSlug field.

- In the **Options** section, select the **Include Item Timing in MOS Editorial Fields** check box to include the item timing in the editorial time fields of the MOS object.
 - In the **Tessera** section, use the **Value for <itemChannel> field** box to enter the item abstract value for the itemChannel tags of MOS objects when using Tessera with MOS workflow. The default value is `TESSERA`.
7. Click **Remote Sequencer** to configure the Remote Sequencer server port.

The **Remote Sequencer** configuration area opens.

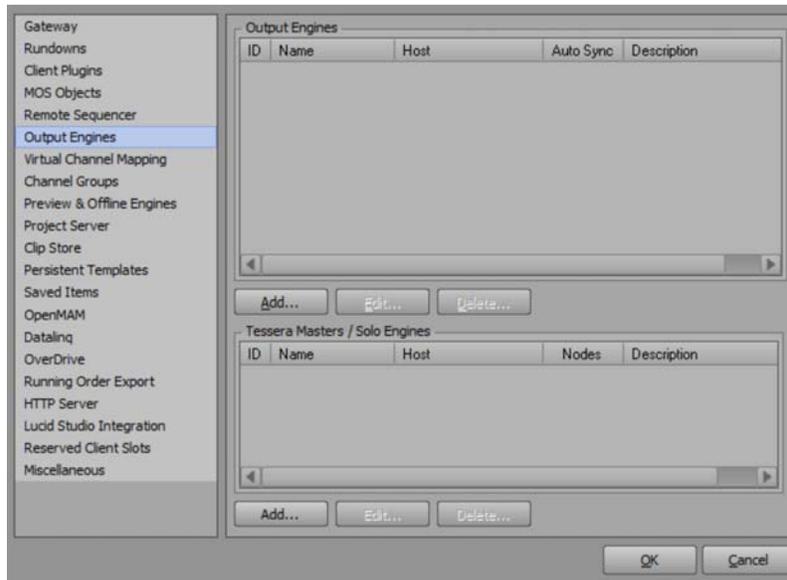


Remote Sequencer

- In the **Server** section, use the **Sequencer Server Port** box to enter or select the port number for the Remote Sequencer.
- In the **Settings** section, use the **Purge locally modified MOS Items older than** box to enter a time in days or hours to purge modified MOS items on a local folder. Select the **Days** or **Hours** radio button to set the respective degree of time until the purge.

8. Click **Output Engines** to configure the output engine settings.

The **Output Engines** configuration area opens.



Output Engines

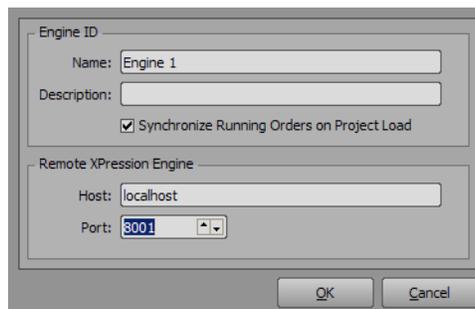
Use the Output Engines section to add and configure XPression output engines or XPression Tessera masters/single engines for use in a MOS workflow.

Output Engines

- ★ An output engine needs to be added for each XPression system being used for on air playout.

- a. In the **Output Engines** section, click **Add**.

The **XPression Output Engine** dialog box opens.



- b. In the **Engine ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter an ID for the output engine.
- c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the output engine.
- d. In the **Remote XPression Engine** section, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the XPression system for the output engine.
- e. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the XPression system.
- f. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Output Engine** dialog box closes and the output engine is added to the **Output Engines** list.

Tessera Masters / Solo Engines

- a. In the **Tessera Masters / Solo Engines** section, click **Add**.

The **XPression Tessera Master** dialog box opens.

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- b. In the **Tessera Details** section, use the **Name** box to enter the name of the Tessera master or solo engine.
- c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the Tessera master or solo engine.
- d. In the **Network Settings** section, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the Tessera master or solo engine.
- e. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the Tessera master or solo engine.
- f. If using a Tessera master (and not a solo engine), click **Add** in the **Tessera Output Nodes** section to add output engines for the Tessera master.

The **XPression Output Engine** dialog box opens.

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- g. In the **Engine ID** section:
- Use the **Name** box to enter the name of the Tessera output node.
 - Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the Tessera output node.
- h. In the **Remote XPression Engine** section:
- Use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the Tessera output node.
 - Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the Tessera output node.
- i. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Output Engine** dialog box closes and the output node is added to the **Tessera Output Nodes** list.

- j. Repeat steps f to i for any other output nodes.

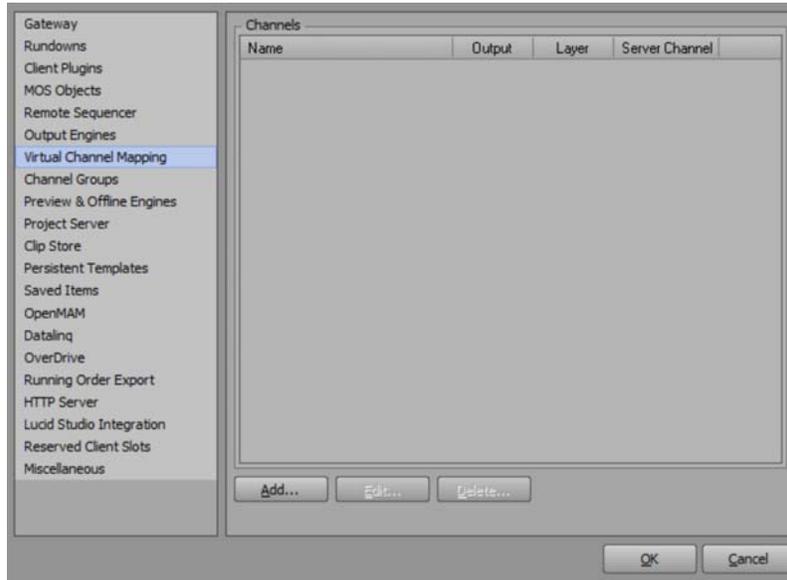
k. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Tessera Master** dialog box closes and the Tessera master or solo engine is added to the **Tessera Masters / Solo Engines** list.

l. Repeat steps **a** to **k** for any other Tessera masters or solo engines.

9. Click **Virtual Channel Mapping** to configure individual outputs on separate devices into a single pool of output channels for operation.

The **Virtual Channel Mapping** configuration area opens.

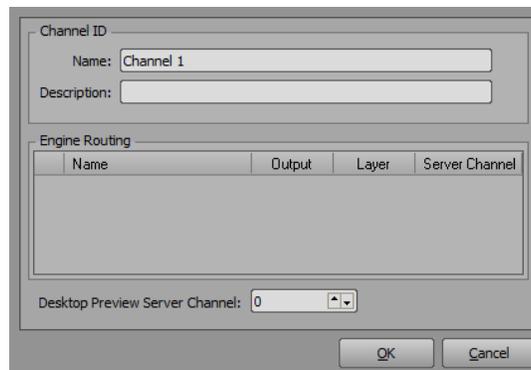


Virtual Channel Mapping

Virtual channels represent an individual layer on a specific output. This makes it possible to configure more virtual channels than there are physical outputs because a virtual channel can be configured for one of potentially many layers used on the output.

- a. In the **Channels** section, click **Add**.

The **Virtual Channel Routing** dialog box opens.



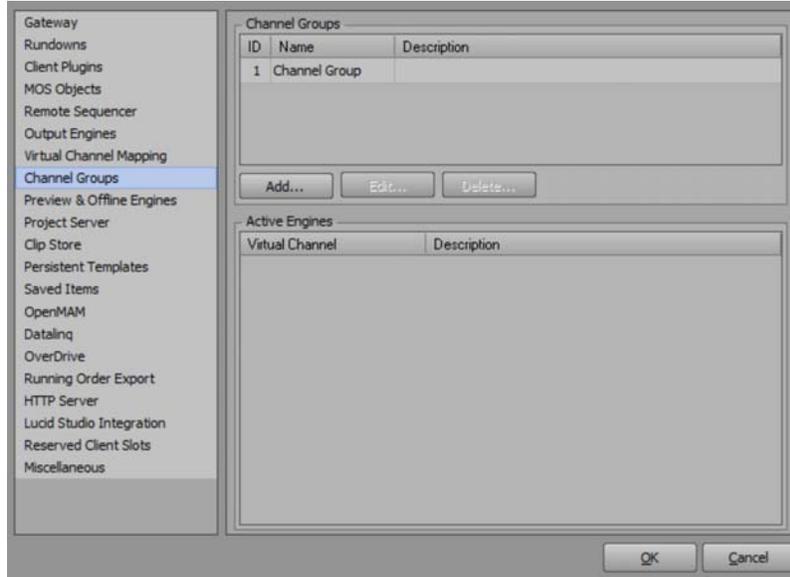
- b. In the **Channel ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter an ID for the channel.
- c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the channel.
- d. In the **Engine Routing** list, select the check box of the engine you want to use.
- e. Click inside the **Output** column of the selected engine and enter or select the output to use for the engine.
- f. Click inside the **Layer** column of the selected engine and enter or select the layer to use for the engine.
- g. If using XPression Clips with the MOS workflow, click inside the **Server Channel** column of the selected engine and enter or select the virtual server channel for previewing and playing out clips.

- h. Use the **Desktop Preview Server Channel** box to enter or select a preview output channel from the Desktop Preview Server.
- i. Click **OK**.

The **Virtual Channel Routing** dialog box closes and the channel and engine are added to the **Channels** list.

- 10. Click **Channel Groups** to configure channel groups.

The **Channel Groups** configuration area opens.

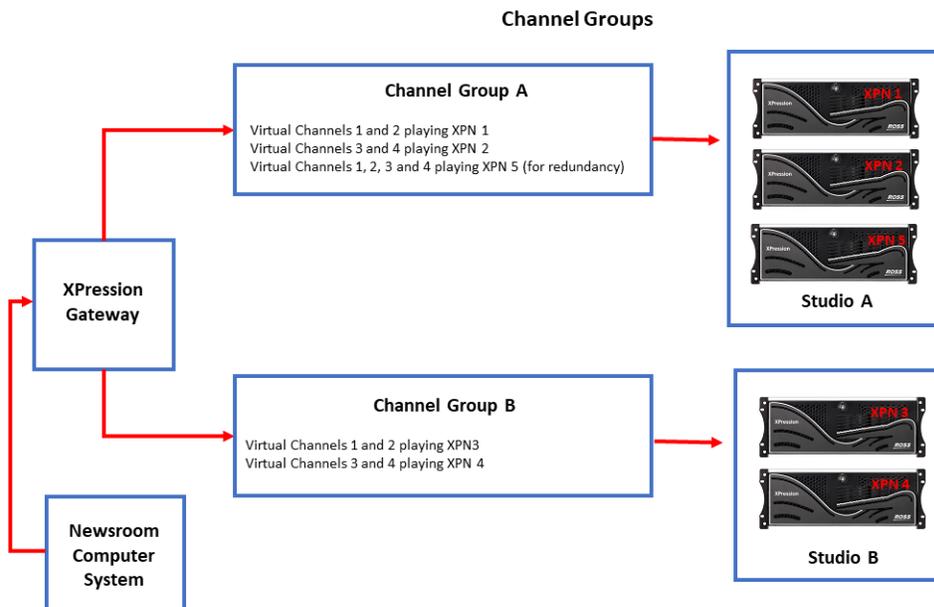


Channel Groups

- ★ Channel groups must be configured before the MOS workflow is functional.

Channel groups are a way of organizing virtual channels and activating them on multiple output engines in different locations.

The diagram below illustrates just one example of how you might use channel groups to facilitate your workflow.



- a. In the **Channel Groups** section, click **Add**.
The **Channel Group Settings** dialog box opens.

Channel Group

Name: Channel Group

Description:

Allowed IPs: Enter the IP Addresses of any Remote Sequencers that should be allowed to use this Channel Group. (If left empty, all Remote Sequencers are allowed)

Add Delete

Running Order Filter: Enter a list of running order slugs that this channel group should be allowed to load. Wildcards are allowed, example: *6PM* (If left empty, all rundowns will be allowed)

Add Delete

Active Engines

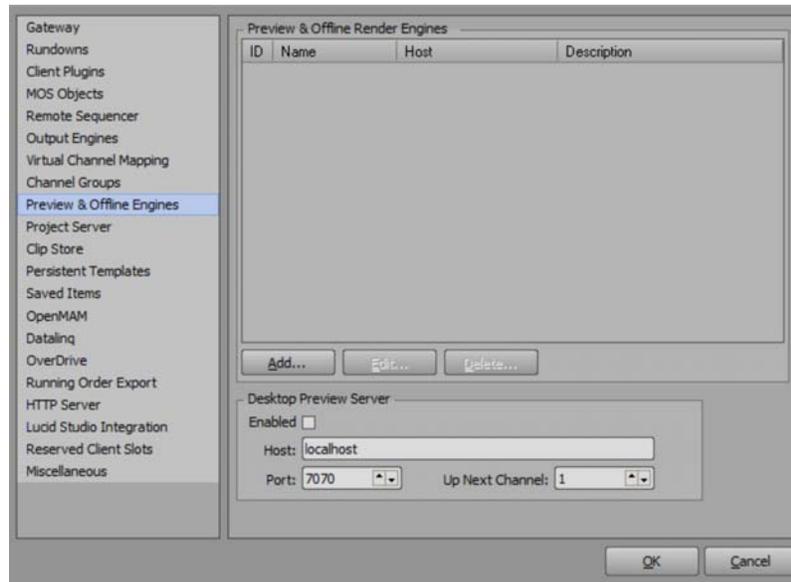
Virtual Channel	Description
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OK Cancel

- b. In the **Channel Group** section, use the **Name** box to enter a name for the channel group.
- c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the channel group.
- d. Use the **Allowed IPs** box to limit the Remote Sequencers that can use the new channel group.
Click **Add** and enter the IP addresses of permitted Remote Sequencers. Leaving the field blank allows all Remote Sequencers to use that channel group.
- e. Use the **Running Order Filter** box to limit the running orders that can be loaded to the channel group.
Click **Add** and enter the names of permitted running orders. Wildcards are allowed, such as *6PM*, to further filter the running orders. Leaving the field blank allows all running orders to use that channel group.
- f. In the **Active Engines** section, for each channel, select the check box for the engine(s) that will be active on that channel.
- g. Click **OK**.
The **Channel Group Settings** dialog box closes and the channel group is added to the **Channel Groups** list.

11. Click **Preview & Offline Engines** to configure the preview engines.

The **Preview & Offline Engines** configuration area opens.

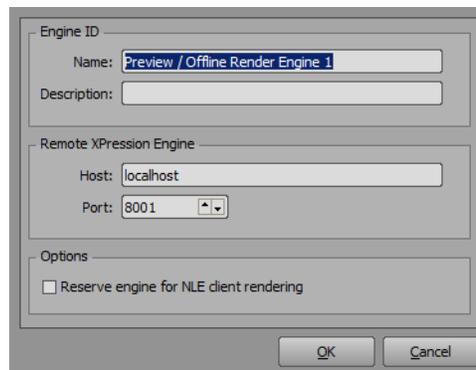


Preview & Offline Engines

★ A preview engine needs to be added for motion and still preview in the XPression MOS Plugin and XPression Remote Sequencer.

a. In the **Preview & Offline Render Engines** section, click **Add**.

The **XPression Preview Engine** dialog box opens.



b. In the **Engine ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter an ID for the engine.

c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the engine.

d. In the **Remote XPression Engine** section, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the XPression system for the preview engine.

e. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the XPression system.

f. In the **Options** section, select the **Reserve engine for NLE client rendering** check box to send preview requests from the NLE to any OFL engine(s) reserved for NLE use.

Any MOS plugin requests will be sent to the non-reserved OFL engines. If all OFL engines in the Gateway have this check box enabled, MOS plugin requests will go to any of the OFL engines. If none of the OFL engines have this check box enabled, previews from NLE clients will be assigned to any one of the OFL engines.

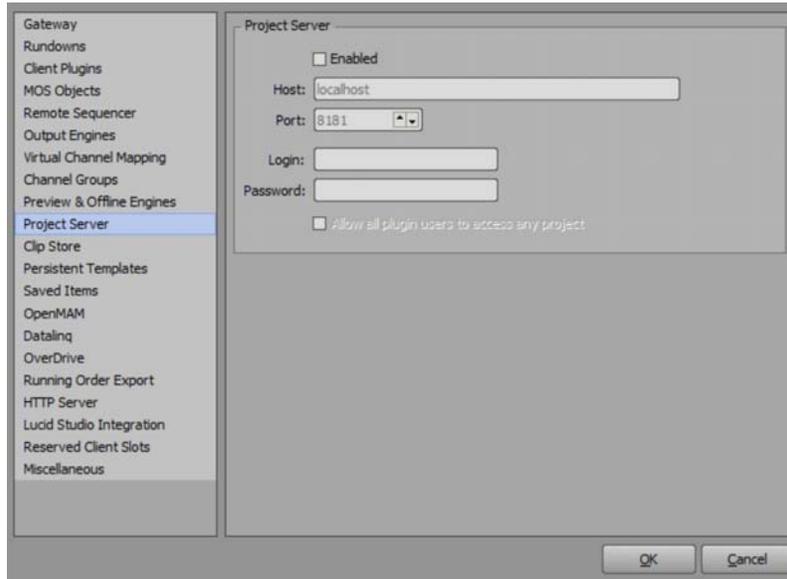
g. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Preview Engine** dialog box closes and the preview engine is added to the **Preview & Offline Render Engines** list.

If using an XPression Desktop Preview Server, select the **Enabled** check box in the **Desktop Preview Server** section and configure the **Host** and **Port** settings. Use the **Up Next Channel** box to select the preview channel for the preview that is going to air next.

12. Click **Project Server** to configure the XPression Project Server settings.

The **Project Server** configuration area opens.



★ The XPression Project Server is optional for XPression MOS workflow. If you do not have the Project Server, proceed to the next section. If you are interested in adding the XPression Project Server to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.

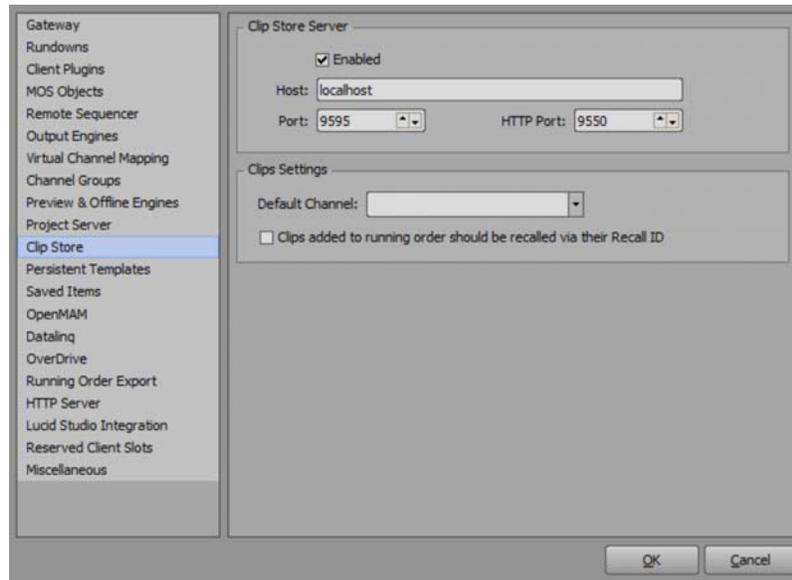
Project Server

The XPression Project Server offers centralized storage and creative collaboration within a facility or across an enterprise. Designers and operators can access any XPression project from any XPression workstation, share projects while working locally, then re-publish to the server.

★ The login and password must be configured in the Project Server before you can connect the XPression Gateway.

- a. In the **Project Server** section, select the **Enabled** check box to use the Project Server.
- b. Use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the Project Server.
- c. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the Project Server.
- d. In the **Login** box, enter your username for the Project Server.
- e. In the **Password** box, enter the password for your Project Server login.
- f. Select the **Allow all plugin users to access any project** check box to allow all plugin users to access any project from the Project Server.

13. Click **Clip Store** to configure the Clip Store Server and settings to use XPression Clips in the MOS workflow. The **Clip Store** configuration area opens.



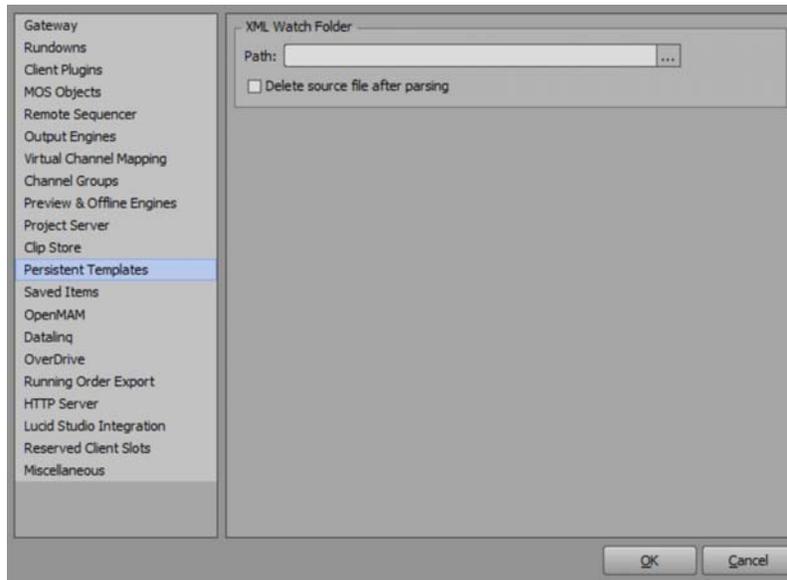
- ★ XPression Clips is optional for XPression and the XPression MOS workflow. If you do not have XPression Clips, proceed to the next section. If you are interested in adding the XPression Clips to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.

Clip Store

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

- a. In the **Clip Store Server** section, select the **Enabled** check box to use the Clip Store Server in the MOS workflow.
- b. Use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the Clip Store Server.
- c. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the Clip Store Server.
- d. In the **Clips Settings** section, use the **Default Channel** list to select the default engine and channel to which the clips will be assigned.
- e. Select the **Clips added to running order should be recalled via their Recall ID** check box to retrieve clips added to a rundown using their recall IDs. When this feature is selected, if newer versions of clips are encoded, the new version will be recalled.

14. Click **Persistent Templates** to select and configure a folder for persistent graphics for the XPression Gateway. The **Persistent Templates** configuration area opens.



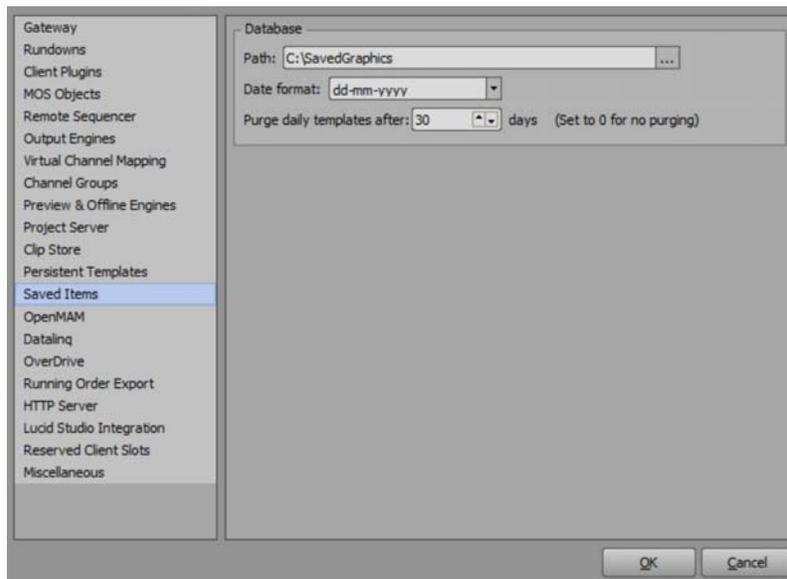
Persistent Templates

Use persistent templates to save persistent graphics in the XPression MOS Plugin to the XPression Gateway engine.

- a. Use the **Path** box to enter a file path or click the **Browse (...)** button to open a file browser to select a folder to which graphics will be saved from the XPression MOS Plugin and XPression Template builder.

Select the **Delete source file after parsing** to delete the source file once it has been saved to the watch folder.

15. Click **Saved Items** to select and configure a graphics folder for the XPression Gateway. The **Saved Items** configuration area opens.

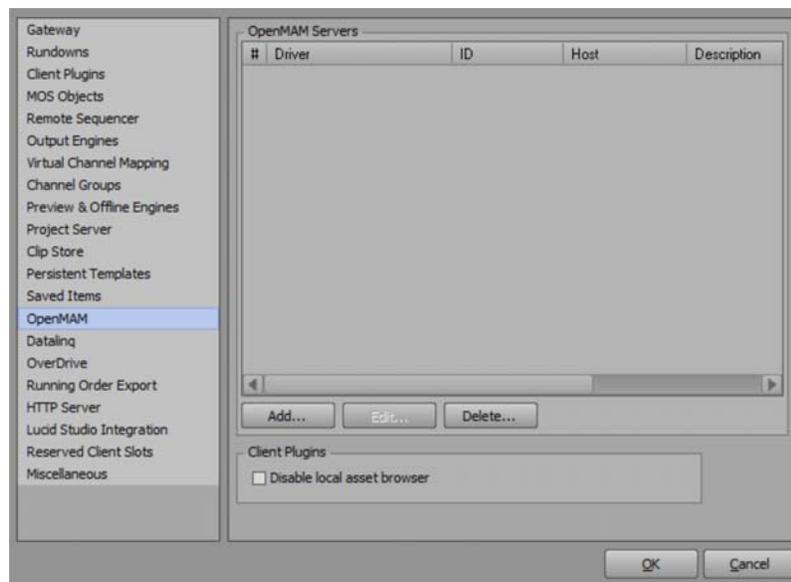


Saved Items

Saved Items are templates that are saved to the XPression Gateway and edited via the XPression MOS Plugin. These pre-populated templates can be saved in user configured folders that can be stored permanently, or in the daily graphics folder that can be automatically purged after a user defined duration.

- a. In the **Database** section, use the **Path** box to enter a file path or click the **Browse (...)** button to open a file browser to select a permanent or daily graphics folder.
 - b. Use the **Date format** list to select an order for the date that the graphic was saved. The options are:
 - **dd-mm-yyyy** — Day-Month-Year (for example, 15-07-2015)
 - **mm-dd-yyyy** — Month-Day-Year (for example, 07-15-2015)
 - **yyyy-mm-dd** — Year-Month-Day (for example, 2015-07-15)
 - c. Use the **Purge daily templates after X days** box to enter or select an amount of days before the daily graphics folder is automatically purged. Set to 0 for no purging.
16. Click **OpenMAM** to configure a supported asset management system.

The **OpenMAM** configuration area opens.

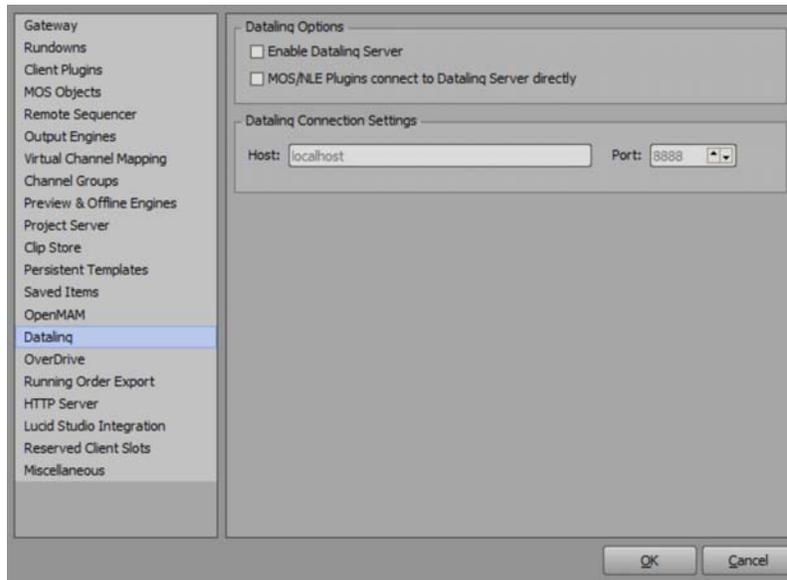


- ★ OpenMAM is optional for XPression MOS workflow. If you are not using Dali, MediaBeacon 3.0, MediaBeacon 5.0, Streamline, or XPression Maps asset management systems, proceed to the next section.

If you are configuring an OpenMAM driver, please refer to the section “**Adding and Configuring an OpenMAM Server**” on page 7–2 for information on configuring theDali, MediaBeacon 3.0, MediaBeacon 5.0, Streamline, and XPression Maps connections.

17. Click **Datalinq** to configure the XPression DataLinq Server settings.

The **Datalinq** configuration area opens.



DataLinq

a. In the **Datalinq Options** section, select the **Enable Datalinq Server** check box to enable the connection to the DataLinq Server in the **DataLinq Connection Settings** section below.

b. Select the **MOS/NLE Plugins connect to Datalinq Server directly** check box to directly connect the plugins to the DataLinq Server.

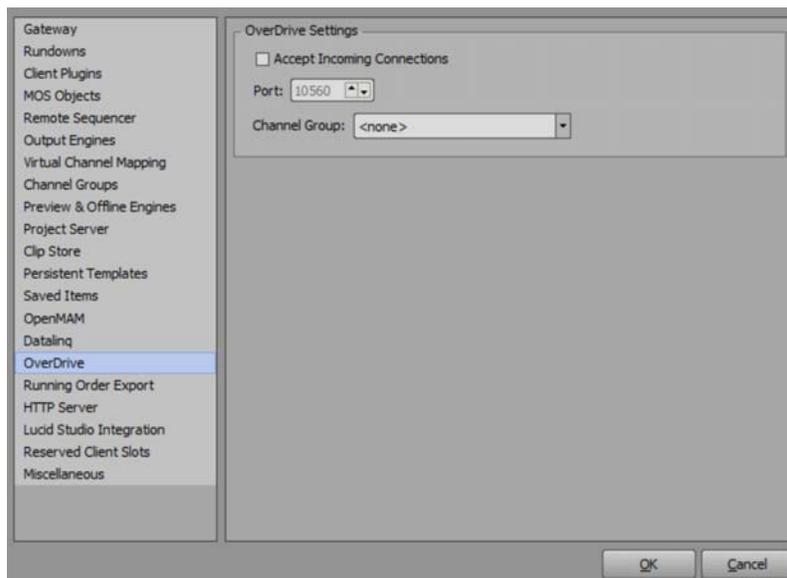
Enabling this check box results in DataLinq messaging bypassing the XPression Gateway. Disabling this check box results in the DataLinq messaging traveling through the XPression Gateway and the XPression Gateway managing the connections. This path through the XPression Gateway is required for the HTML5 plugin.

c. In the **Datalinq Server** section, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the XPression DataLinq Server.

d. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the XPression DataLinq Server.

18. Click **OverDrive** to configure the OverDrive connection settings.

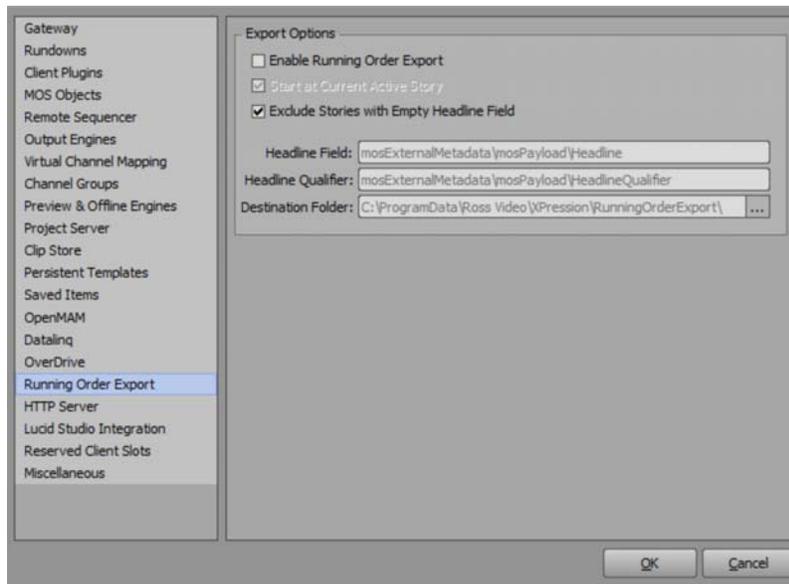
The **OverDrive** configuration area opens.



OverDrive

OverDrive is a production control system that enables control over all the devices used in a production environment.

- a. In the **OverDrive Settings** section, select the **Accept Incoming Connections** check box to enable the XPression Gateway to accept incoming connections from OverDrive for automatic rundown activation.
 - b. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the incoming OverDrive connections.
 - c. Use the **Channel Group** list to select a pre-configured channel group for the OverDrive connection.
- ★ Channel groups need to be configured in the Channel Groups configuration area of the XPression Gateway settings before they are available for selection for the OverDrive connection.
19. Click **Running Order Export** to configure the settings for exporting running orders to an XML file.
- The **Running Order Export** configuration area opens.

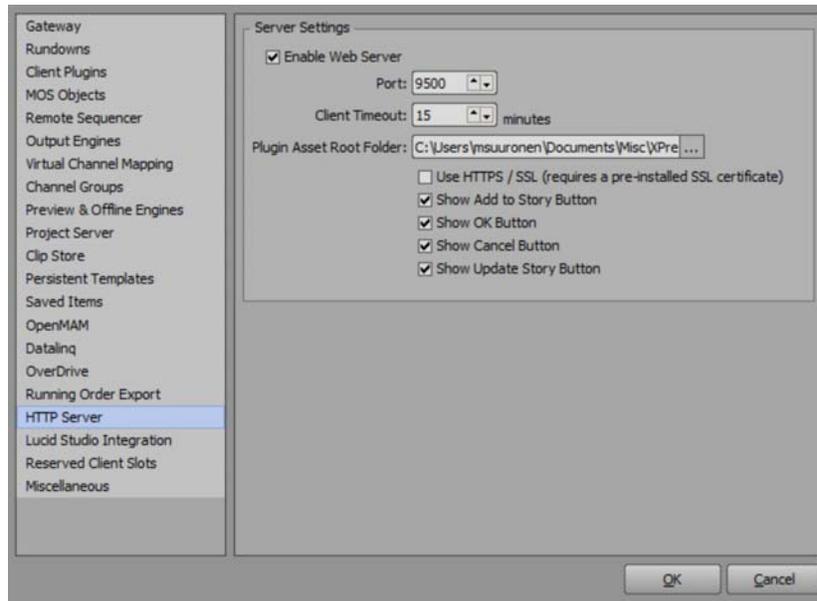


Running Order Export

- a. In the **Export Options** section, select the **Enable Running Order Export** check box to export running orders to an XML file.
The XML file can be used to set up a DataLinq to XPression to use the running order information in graphics.
- b. Select the **Start at Current Active Story** check box to place the current on-air story at the top of the XML file.
- c. Select the **Exclude Stories with Empty Headline Field** check box to ensure that graphics without headlines do not make it to air.
- d. Use the **Headline Field** box to enter the path to the customizable headline field in the MOS object to be written to the exported rundown.
- e. Use the **Headline Qualifier** box to enter the path to the customizable headline qualifier in the MOS object to be written to the exported rundown.
- f. Use the **Destination Folder** box to enter a folder path or click the **Browse (...)** button to open a file browser and navigate to the folder to use for the exported running order XML file.

20. Click **HTTP Server** to enable and configure a web server.

The **HTTP Server** configuration area opens.



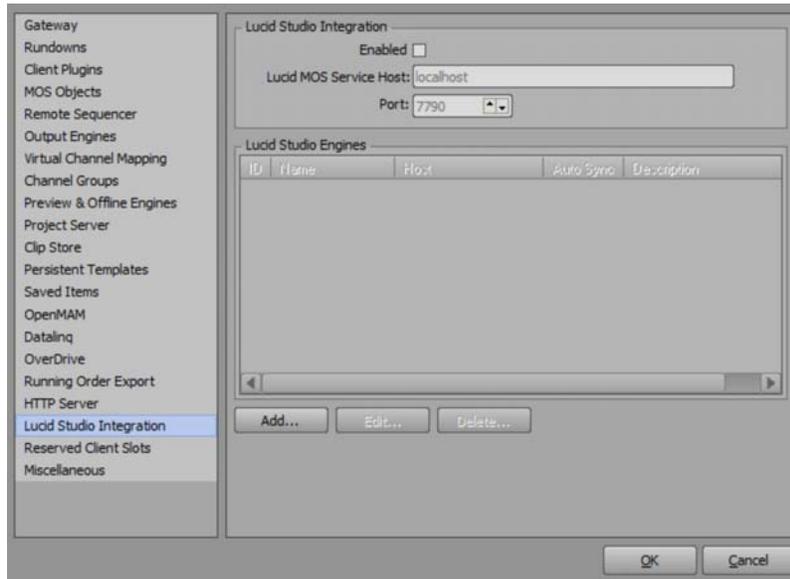
HTTP Server

- a. In the **Server Settings** section, select the **Enable Web Server** check box to use the HTML5 MOS Plugin.
- b. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number of the HTML5 MOS Plugin.
- c. Use the **Client Timeout** box to enter or select the number of minutes after which the plugin will timeout.
- d. Use the **Plugin Asset Root Folder** box to enter a folder path or click the **Browse (...)** button to open a file browser and navigate to a folder to store the assets used in the plugin. This folder will be seen in the plugin as the root location when the user clicks **Select** in a material field to browse for an image or video to insert.
- e. Select the **Use HTTPS / SSL** check box to establish an encrypted link between the web server and the browser.

A pre-installed SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) certificate is required. See “**Installing an SSL Certificate for the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin**” on page 3–34.
- f. Select the **Show Add to Story Button** check box to display the Add to Story button in the HTML5 MOS Plugin interface.
- g. Select the **Show OK Button** check box to display the OK button in the HTML5 MOS Plugin interface.
- h. Select the **Show Cancel Button** check box to display the Cancel button in the HTML5 MOS Plugin interface.
- i. Select the **Show Update Story Button** check box to display the Update Story button in the HTML5 MOS Plugin interface.

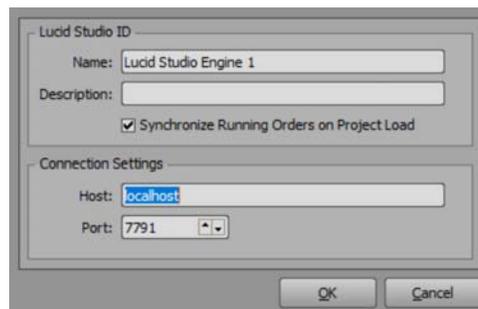
21. Click **Lucid Studio Integration** to configure the Lucid Studio Integration settings and enable the Lucid Studio Engine in a Channel Group.

The **Lucid Studio Integration** configuration area opens.



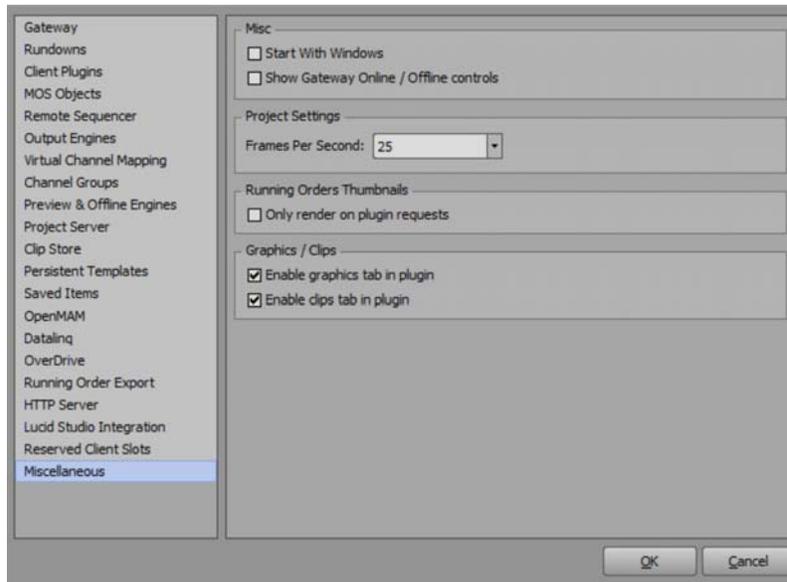
Lucid Studio Integration

- a. In the **Lucid Studio Integration** section, select the **Enabled** check box to enable Lucid Studio integration with MOS.
- b. Use the **Lucid MOS Service Host** box to enter the IP address of the machine running Lucid MOS Service. The **Port** is automatically detected.
- c. In the **Lucid Studio Engines** section, click **Add**.
The **Lucid Studio Engine** dialog box opens.



- d. In the **Lucid Studio ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter a name for the engine. The default name is Lucid Studio Engine 1.
- e. Use the **Description** box to enter a description, such as the location of the engine (optional).
- f. Ensure the **Synchronize Running Orders on Project Load** check box is selected.
- g. In the **Connection Settings** section, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the machine running Lucid Studio. The **Port** number 7791 is entered by default. If this port is in use, enter a different port number.

22. Click **Miscellaneous** to configure miscellaneous settings such as the project frame rate and running orders. The **Miscellaneous** configuration area opens.



Miscellaneous

- a. In the **Misc** section, select the **Start With Windows** box to launch the XPression Gateway upon Windows startup.
 - b. Select the **Show Gateway Online / Offline controls** check box to display the online and offline radio button options in the XPression Gateway interface in order to take the gateway offline so that it will not communicate with the engines when multiple gateways are connecting to shared engines.
 - c. In the **Project Settings** section, use the **Frames Per Second** box to enter or select a frame rate for projects.
 - d. In the **Running Orders Thumbnails** section, select the **Only render on plugin requests** box to only render the thumbnails from a running order when selected in the **Browse** tab in the XPression MOS Plugin, as opposed to having them render as soon as the running order is monitored.
 - e. In the **Graphics / Clips** section, select the **Enable Graphics tab in plugin** check box to display the Graphics tab in the MOS Plugin interface to use graphics in the MOS workflow.
 - f. Select the **Enable Clips tab in plugin** check box to display the Clips tab in the MOS Plugin interface to use clips in the MOS workflow.
23. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box closes and the settings are applied to the XPression Gateway.

For More Information on...

- XPression Project Server, refer to the *XPression Project Server User Guide*.
- using a secondary gateway, refer to “**Setting Up and Using Multiple XPression Gateways**” on page 3–22.
- Lucid Studio Integration with MOS, refer to the *Lucid Studio User Guide*.

Setting Up and Using Multiple XPression Gateways

In the event that the primary XPression Gateway fails, having multiple gateways allows for redundancy. The secondary XPression Gateway must be connected to manually, as the fail-over is not automatic. The following procedures explain the configuration and use of multiple XPression Gateways within a MOS workflow:

- Setting Up Multiple XPression Gateways
- Verify the Connections
- Switching Over to Another XPression Gateway

Setting Up Multiple XPression Gateways

★ The virtual channel mapping configuration should be identical in both XPression Gateways.

1. Configure the primary and secondary XPression Gateway MOS IDs in your newsroom control system.
2. Open an **XPression Gateway** to use as the *primary* gateway.

Primary XPression Gateway Configuration

- a. Click **Gateway > Settings**.

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

- b. Click **Gateway**.

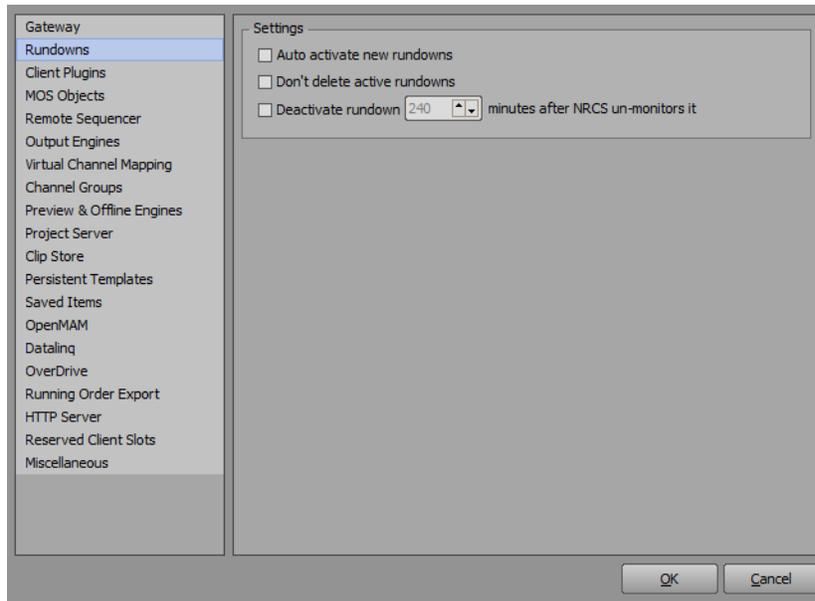
The **Gateway** configuration area opens.

The screenshot shows the 'Gateway Settings' dialog box. The left sidebar is expanded to 'Gateway'. The main panel has three sections: 'MOS Server' with ports and IDs, 'MOS Objects & Messages' with checkboxes, and 'MOS Message Encoding' with checkboxes. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom right.

- c. In the **MOS Server** section, use the **Primary MOS ID** box to enter the MOS ID for the primary gateway you are using in your newsroom control system. The primary MOS ID is the local MOS ID.
- d. Use the **Secondary MOS ID** box to enter the MOS ID for the secondary gateway you are using in your newsroom control system.
- e. Use the **NCS ID** box to enter your newsroom control system ID.
- f. In the **MOS Objects & Messages** section, select the **Parse roStorySend Messages** check box.

- g. Click **Rundowns**.

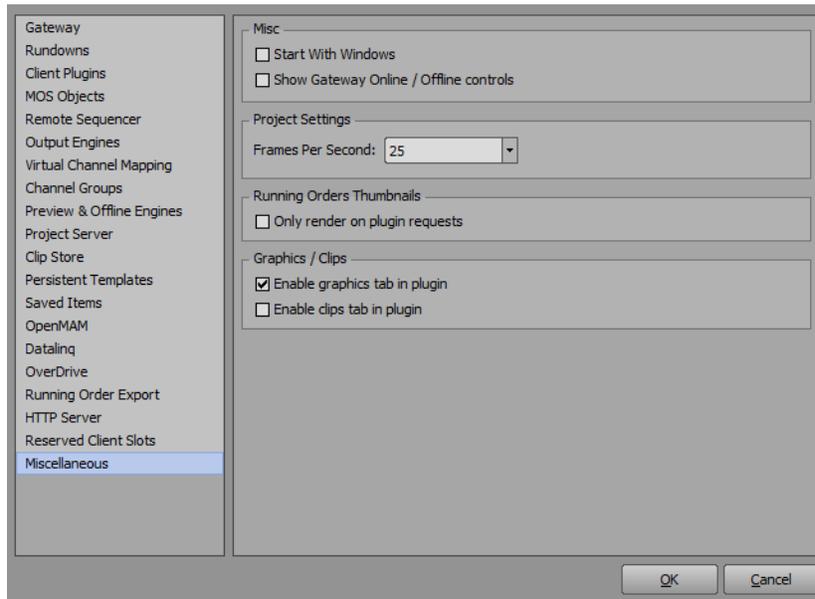
The **Rundowns** configuration area opens.



- h. In the **Settings** section, ensure that the **Auto activate new rundowns** check box is disabled.

- i. Click **Miscellaneous**.

The **Miscellaneous** configuration area opens.



- j. In the **Misc** section, select the **Show Gateway Online / Offline controls** check box to display the **Online/Offline** radio button options for the **Engine Connections** in the XPression Gateway interface.

- k. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box closes.

3. On another machine, open the **XPression Gateway** to use as the *secondary* gateway.

Secondary XPression Gateway Configuration

- a. Click **Gateway > Settings**.

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

- b. Click **Gateway**.

The **Gateway** configuration area opens.

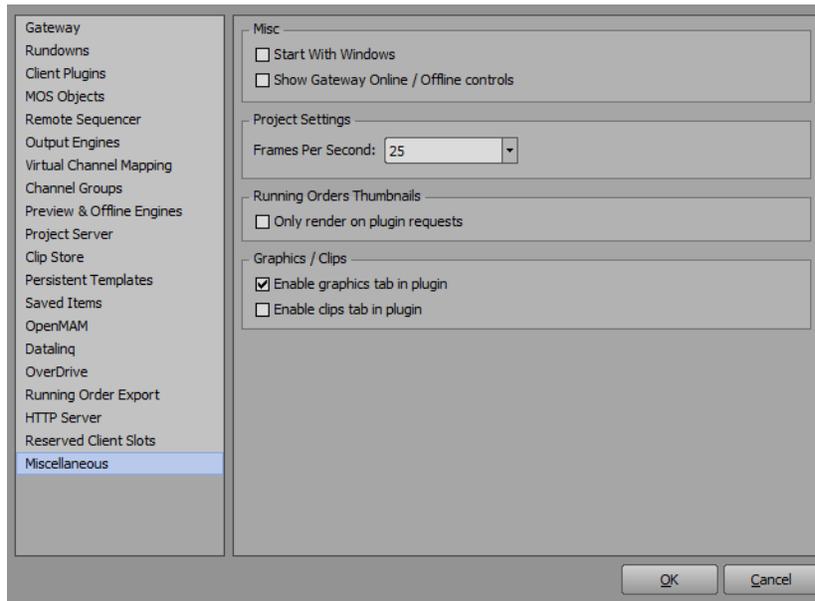
The screenshot shows the 'Gateway' configuration dialog box. The left sidebar lists various configuration areas, with 'Gateway' selected. The main area is divided into three sections: 'MOS Server', 'MOS Objects & Messages', and 'MOS Message Encoding'. The 'MOS Server' section includes dropdown menus for 'Media Object Port' (10540) and 'Running Order Port' (10541), and text boxes for 'Primary MOS ID' (XPression2), 'Secondary MOS ID' (empty), and 'NCS ID' (NCS). The 'MOS Objects & Messages' section contains three checkboxes: 'Parse roStorySend Messages (recommended to leave off)' (unchecked), 'Accept Items With Incorrect MOS ID' (unchecked), and 'Don't Send Status Messages' (checked). The 'MOS Message Encoding' section contains three checkboxes: 'Use UTF8' (unchecked), 'Encode MOS Payload' (unchecked), and 'Strip Unicode Chars from MOS Abstracts' (unchecked). 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are located at the bottom right of the dialog.

- c. In the **MOS Server** section, because the primary MOS ID is the local MOS ID, use the **Primary MOS ID** box to enter the MOS ID for the secondary gateway you are using in your newsroom control system. This should be the same ID entered for the secondary MOS ID in the steps for the primary XPression Gateway.
- d. Use the **Secondary MOS ID** box to enter the MOS ID for the primary gateway you are using in your newsroom control system. This should be the same ID entered for the primary MOS ID in the steps for the primary XPression Gateway.
- e. Use the **NCS ID** box to enter your newsroom control system ID.
- f. In the **MOS Objects & Messages** section, select the **Parse roStorySend Messages** check box.
- g. Click **Rundowns**.

The **Rundowns** configuration area opens.

The screenshot shows the 'Rundowns' configuration dialog box. The left sidebar lists various configuration areas, with 'Rundowns' selected. The main area is titled 'Settings' and contains three checkboxes: 'Auto activate new rundowns' (unchecked), 'Don't delete active rundowns' (unchecked), and 'Deactivate rundown' (checked) with a dropdown menu set to '240' minutes after NRCS un-monitors it. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are located at the bottom right of the dialog.

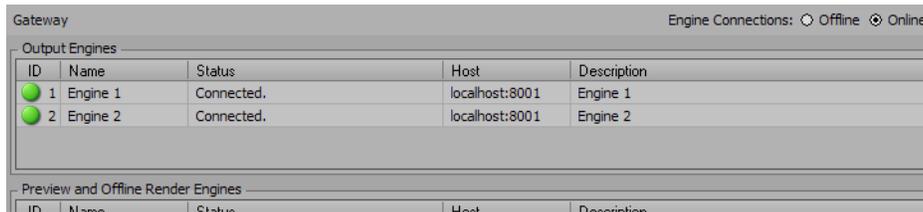
- h. In the **Settings** section, ensure that the **Auto activate new rundowns** check box is disabled.
- i. Click **Miscellaneous**.
The **Miscellaneous** configuration area opens.



- j. In the **Misc** section, select the **Show Gateway Online / Offline controls** check box to display the **Online/Offline** radio button options for the **Engine Connections** in the XPression Gateway interface.
- k. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box closes.

- 4. Ensure that the **Online** setting for the **Engine Connections** in the XPression Gateway is selected for only one gateway and disabled for the other.



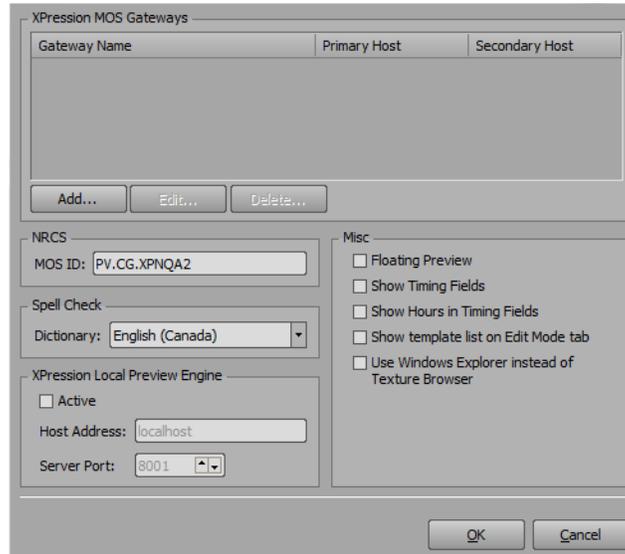
For example, select **Online** in the primary gateway and **Offline** in the secondary gateway.

XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin Configuration

- Configure the XPression ActiveX Plugin to connect to the primary and secondary XPression Gateways:

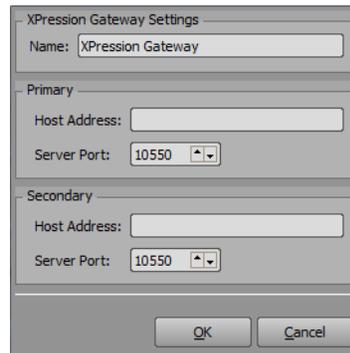
- In the **XPression ActiveX Plugin**, click **Options > Configuration**.

The **XPression ActiveX Plugin Configuration** dialog box opens.



- In the **XPression MOS Gateways** section, click **Add**.

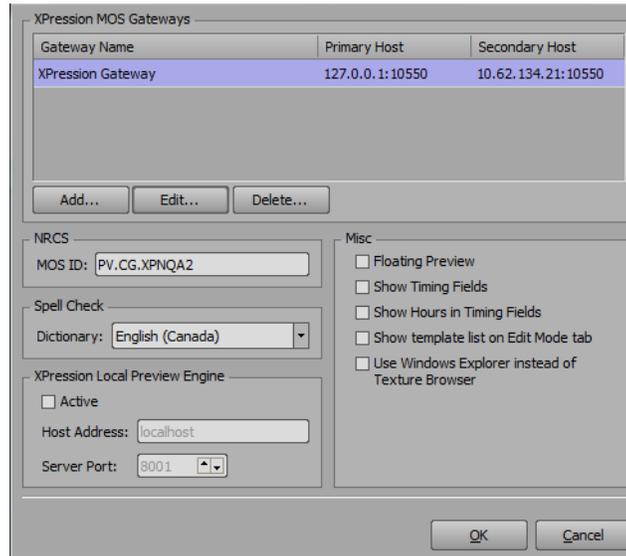
The **XPression Gateway Config** dialog box opens.



- In the **XPression Gateway Settings** section, use the **Name** box to enter a name for the XPression Gateways.
- In the **Primary** section, use the **Host Address** box to enter the IP address of the primary XPression Gateway.
- Use the **Server Port** box to enter or select the port number of the XPression Gateway.
- In the **Secondary** section, use the **Host Address** box to enter the IP address of the secondary XPression Gateway.
- Use the **Server Port** box to enter or select the server port number of the secondary XPression Gateway.

h. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Gateway Config** dialog box closes and the primary gateway with secondary host is added to the XPression MOS Gateways list.



Repeat steps b to h for any additional gateways.

Existing gateways in the list can be edited by selecting a gateway and clicking **Edit**, or removed by selecting a gateway and clicking **Delete**.

XPression Remote Sequencer

6. If using an XPression Remote Sequencer:

- configure a connection point for the primary XPression Gateway and a connection point for the secondary XPression Gateway.
- configure a connection group for the primary XPression Gateway connection and a connection group for the secondary XPression Gateway connection.

For More Information on...

- configuring the XPression Gateway, refer to “**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**” on page 3–2.
- configuring the XPression MOS Plugin, refer to “**Setting Up the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin**” on page 3–29.
- configuring the connection points and groups in the XPression Remote Sequencer, refer to “**XPression Remote Sequencer**” on page 9–1.

Verify the Connections

You can ensure the multiple XPression Gateway setup is functional by performing the following steps:

1. In the **XPression MOS Plugin**, click **Options > Use Gateway** and select:
 - **Secondary** (if currently using the primary gateway)
 - **Primary** (if currently using the secondary gateway)

2. Click **Options > Configuration**.

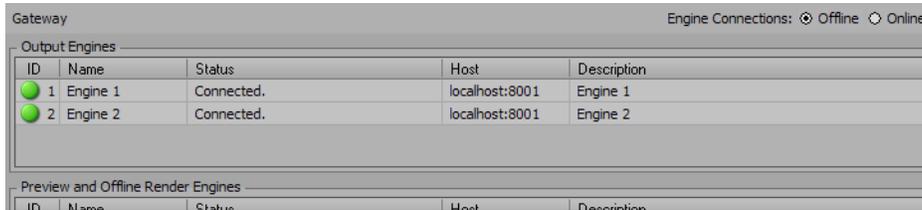
The **XPression MOS Plugin Configuration** dialog box opens.

3. In the **NRCS** section, ensure the MOS ID of the gateway you selected in step 1 of this procedure is displayed in the **MOS ID** box.

Switching Over to Another XPression Gateway

★ This procedure assumes that the primary gateway is used as the main gateway and that the secondary is used as the fail-over gateway.

1. If the primary XPression Gateway fails or is taken offline for maintenance, select **Offline** for the **Engine Connections** in the primary **XPression Gateway**.



2. In the secondary **XPression Gateway**, select **Online** for the **Engine Connections**.
3. Do the following depending on whether using the ActiveX plugin or HTML5 plugin:
 - In the **XPression ActiveX Plugin**, click **Options > Use Gateway > Secondary**.
 - For the HTML5 plugin, the MOS device is configured in the NRCS to connect to a single gateway. Open the HTML5 plugin that is configured for the active XPression Gateway within the NRCS.
4. If using the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, select the connection group assigned to the secondary XPression Gateway connection.

For More Information on...

- selecting a connection group, refer to "**Open a Connection Group**" on page 9–15.

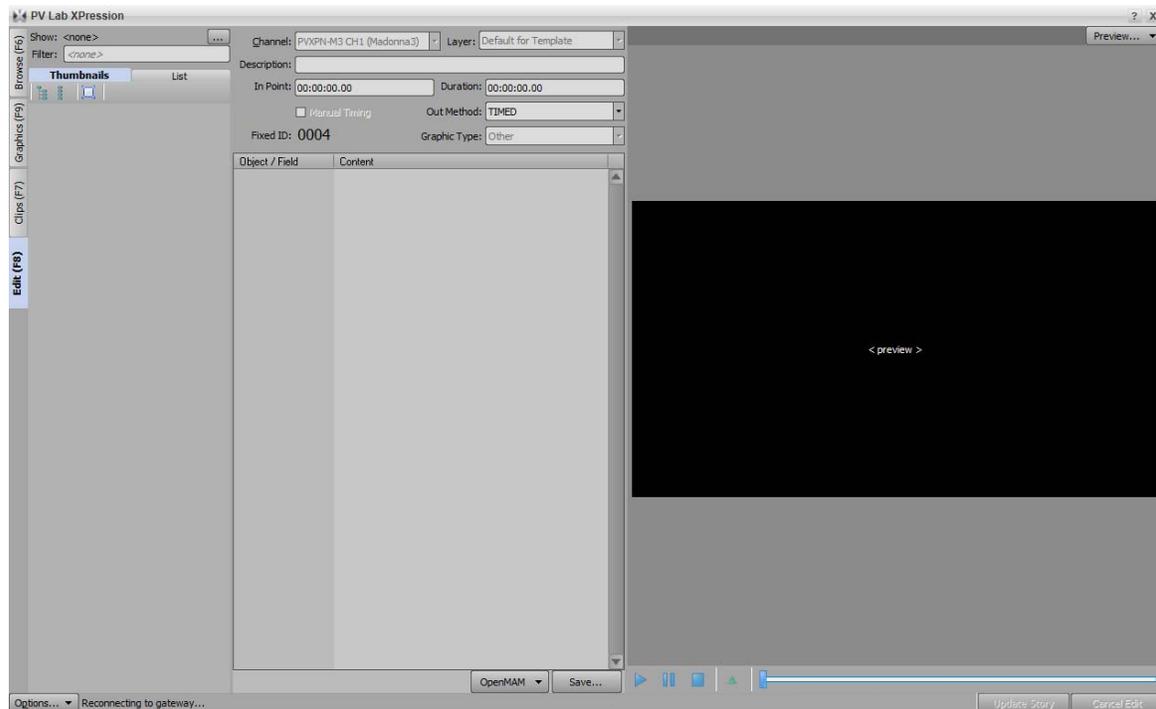
Setting Up the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin

The XPression ActiveX plugin is accessed from within the customer supplied newsroom client system. The plugin allows users to edit the contents of templates by manipulating published fields defined during the template creation process. These edited templates can then be added to rundowns as MOS messages in the newsroom system.

- ★ If you have any Citrix programs installed, such as GoToMeeting, ensure that the **DNE LightWeight Filter** is disabled in the **Local Area Connection Properties** of any machine that is connected to the XPression Gateway, including the XPression Gateway itself.

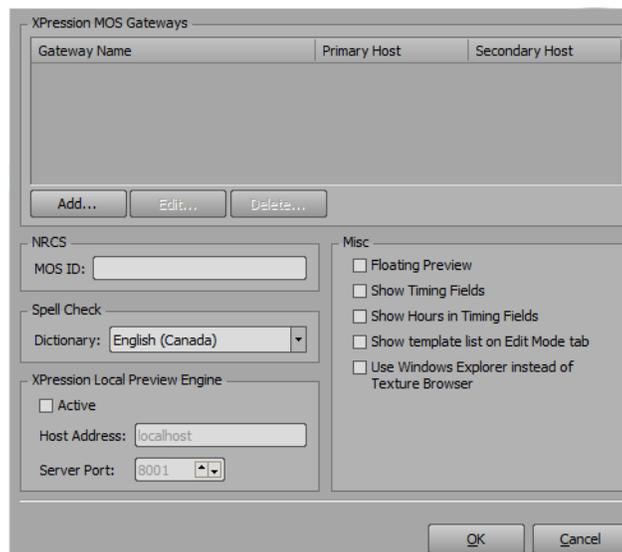
1. Open the **XPression ActiveX Plugin** in the newsroom client.

The **XPression ActiveX Plugin** opens.



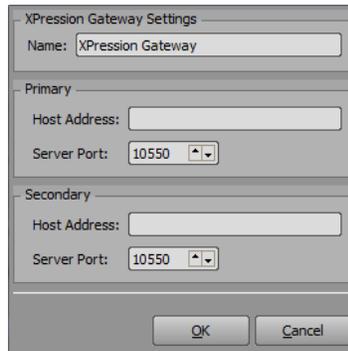
2. Click **Options > Configuration**.

The **XPression ActiveX Plugin Configuration** dialog box opens.



3. In the **XPression MOS Gateways** section, click **Add**.

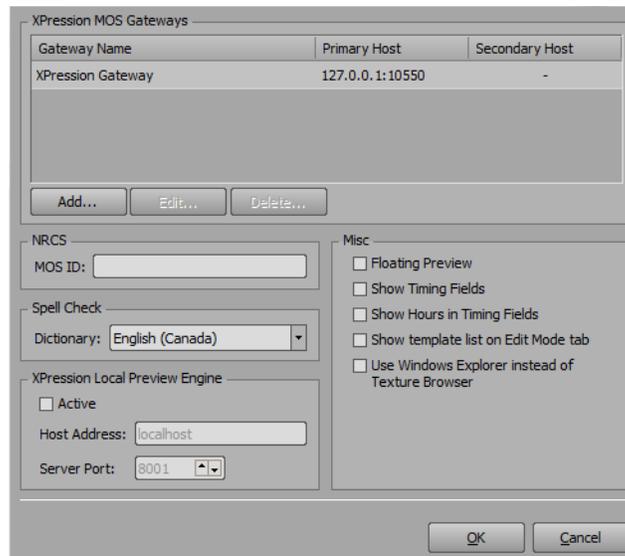
The **XPression Gateway Config** dialog box opens.



The dialog box is titled "XPression Gateway Settings". It has a "Name" field with the text "XPression Gateway". Below this are two sections: "Primary" and "Secondary". Each section has a "Host Address" text box and a "Server Port" dropdown menu. The "Server Port" dropdowns are currently set to "10550". At the bottom are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

4. In the **XPression Gateway Settings** section, use the **Name** box to enter a name for the XPression Gateway.
5. In the **Primary** section, use the **Host Address** box to enter the IP address of the XPression Gateway.
6. Use the **Server Port** box to enter or select the port number of the XPression Gateway.
- ★ You can optionally configure a connection to a second XPression MOS Gateway using the **Secondary** section.
7. Click **OK**.

The gateway is added to the XPression MOS Gateways list.



The dialog box is titled "XPression MOS Gateways". It features a table with three columns: "Gateway Name", "Primary Host", and "Secondary Host". The table contains one row with "XPression Gateway", "127.0.0.1:10550", and "-". Below the table are "Add...", "Edit...", and "Delete..." buttons. The bottom section is divided into "NRCS" and "Misc" areas. The "NRCS" area includes a "MOS ID" text box, a "Spell Check" section with a "Dictionary" dropdown set to "English (Canada)", and an "XPression Local Preview Engine" section with an "Active" checkbox, a "Host Address" text box set to "localhost", and a "Server Port" dropdown set to "8001". The "Misc" area contains several checkboxes: "Floating Preview", "Show Timing Fields", "Show Hours in Timing Fields", "Show template list on Edit Mode tab", and "Use Windows Explorer instead of Texture Browser". "OK" and "Cancel" buttons are at the bottom.

8. In the **NRCS** section, use the **MOS ID** box to enter the MOS ID that has been entered in the XPression MOS Gateway.
If you have selected **Enforce the Gateway's MOS ID** in the **Client Plugins** section of the settings for the XPression Gateway, the MOS ID will automatically appear in the **MOS ID** box.
9. In the **Spell Check** section, use the **Dictionary** list to select a language for the spell check. Words can be added to a local dictionary per user.
10. In the **XPression Local Preview Engine** section, select the **Active** check box if you are using a preview engine other than the one configured on the XPression Gateway.
 - a. Enter the IP address of the preview engine in the **Host Address** box.
 - b. Enter or select the port number of the preview engine in the **Server Port** box.

11. In the **Misc** section, configure the following:

- **Floating Preview** — select this check box to display the preview in a scalable window detached from the plugin.
- **Show Timing Fields** — select this check box to enable the in point and duration fields to be used by production automation for automatically inserting and removing graphics.
- **Show Hours in Timing Fields** — select this check box to enable hour counts in the in point and duration timing fields.
- **Show template list on Edit Mode tab** — select this check box to display the template list in the plugin while in edit mode.
- **Use Windows Explorer instead of Texture Browser** — select this check box to use Windows Internet Explorer to browse for images and videos instead of the built in texture browser.

12. Click **OK**.

The **XPression ActiveX Plugin Configuration** dialog box closes.

For More Information on...

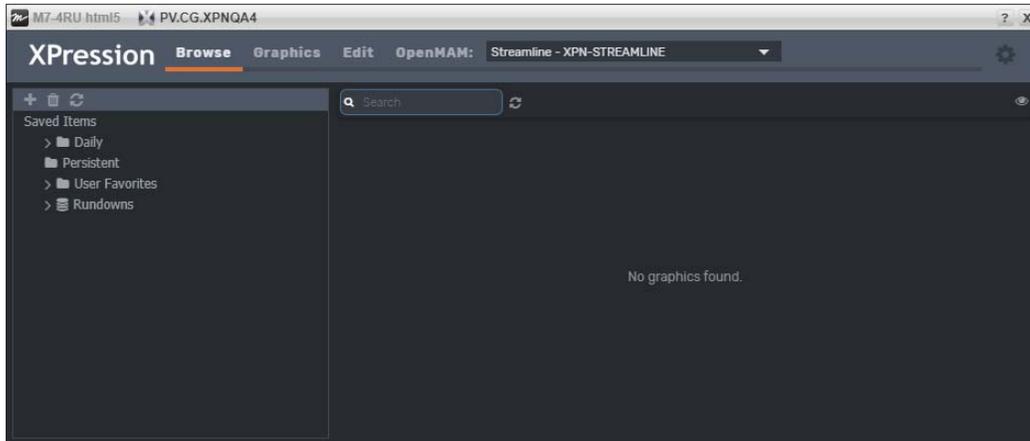
- setting up multiple gateways, refer to “**Setting Up and Using Multiple XPression Gateways**” on page 3–22.
- using the spell check, refer to “**Using Spell Check in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin**” on page 4–15.

Setting Up the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin

The XPression HTML5 Plugin is accessed from within the customer supplied newsroom client system. The plugin allows users to edit the contents of templates by manipulating published fields defined during the template creation process. These edited templates can then be added to rundowns as MOS messages in the newsroom system.

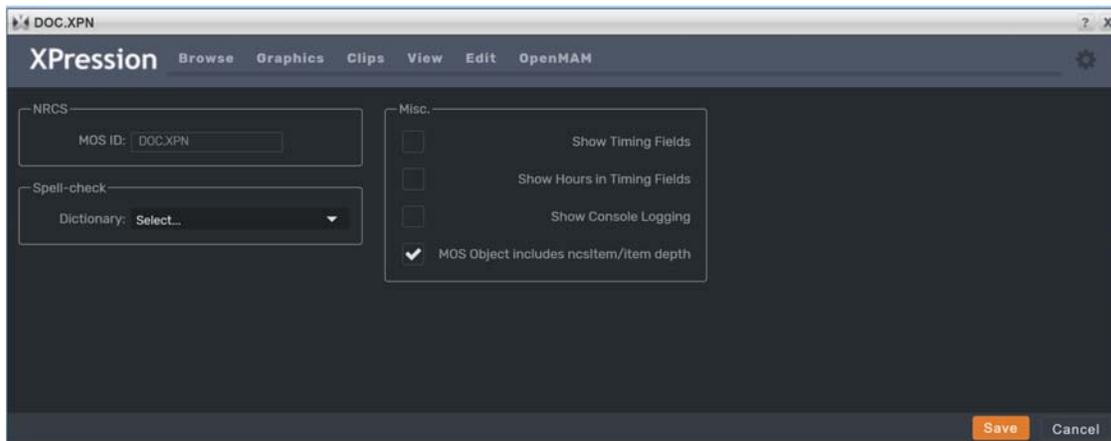
1. Open the **XPression HTML5 Plugin** in the newsroom client.

The **XPression HTML5 Plugin** opens.



2. Click the **Configuration** button (⚙️) in the top-right corner of the plugin interface.

The **XPression HTML5 Plugin Configuration** panel opens.



3. In the **NRCS** section, in the **MOS ID** field, enter the MOS ID that has been entered in the XPression Gateway. If **Enforce the Gateway's MOS ID** is selected in the **Client Plugins** section of the settings for the XPression Gateway, the MOS ID will automatically appear in the **MOS ID** field and editing is disabled.
4. In the **Spell Check** section, from the **Dictionary** list, select a language for the spell check. Words can be added to a custom dictionary that is saved on the XPression Gateway and shared by all users.

5. In the **Misc** section, configure the following:
 - **Show Timing Fields** — select this check box to add the **In Point**, **Duration** and **Manual Timing** fields to the graphics **Editor** to allow automation of the graphic.
 - **Show Hours in Timing Fields** — select this check box to enable hour counts in the **In Point** and **Duration** timing fields.
 - **Show Console Logging** — select this check box to enable the viewing of the console logs within the HTML5 interface for NRCS troubleshooting that does not facilitate a Chrome browser.
 - **MOS Object includes ncsItem/item depth** — if using iNEWS, select this check box to enable MOS objects to include the NRCS item/item depth. It is selected by default.
6. Click **Save**.

The **XPression HTML5 Plugin Configuration** panel closes.

Installing an SSL Certificate for the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin

In order for the XPression HTML5 plugin to operate over SSL/HTTPS connections, an SSL certificate must be purchased and installed on the XPression Gateway server. This section outlines the steps.

Prerequisites

A purchased SSL certificate from a trusted root authority (our certificates our purchased from DigiCert, so these instructions will use the steps for DigiCert as an example).

Buying an SSL Certificate

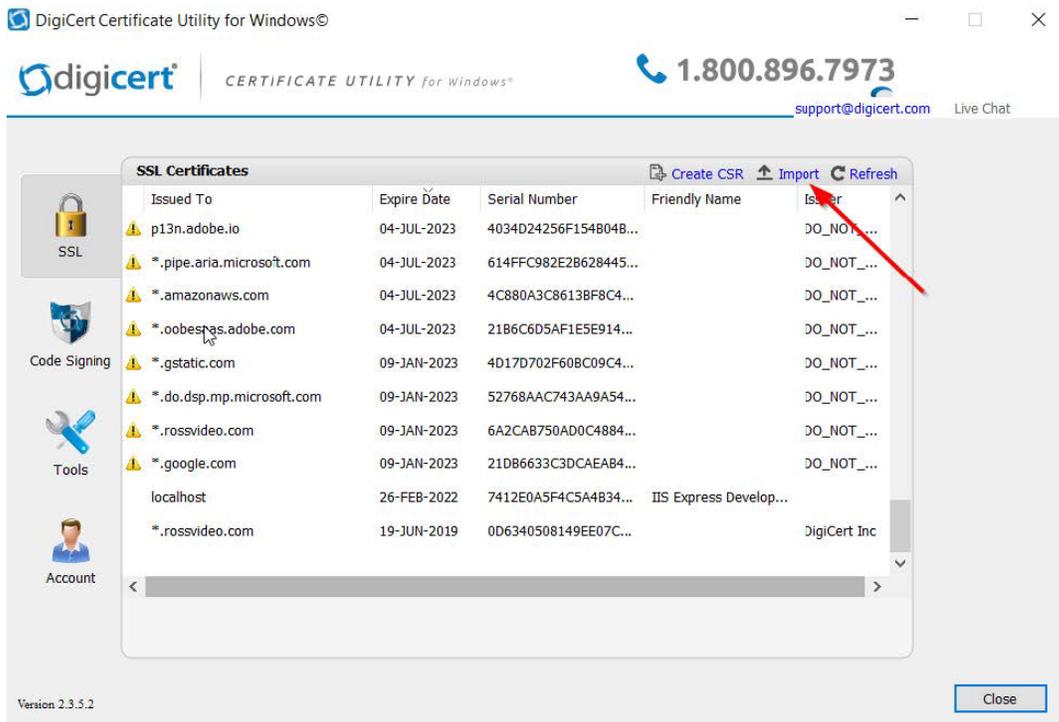
To purchase an SSL certificate, a CSR file must be generated and sent to the certificate authority. The CSR file describes the server machine that will hold the certificate as well as the Company and Organization details for the purchaser. This must be generated on the Gateway machine and must be registered against the server/domain that the HTML5 plugins will use to connect to the gateway.

The CSR can usually be generated using a tool provided by the Certificate Authority (or they should provide documentation on how to generate the CSR).

When purchasing from DigiCert, the platform can be specified as "Other". This will provide you with .CRT files containing the certificates.

Installing the Certificate

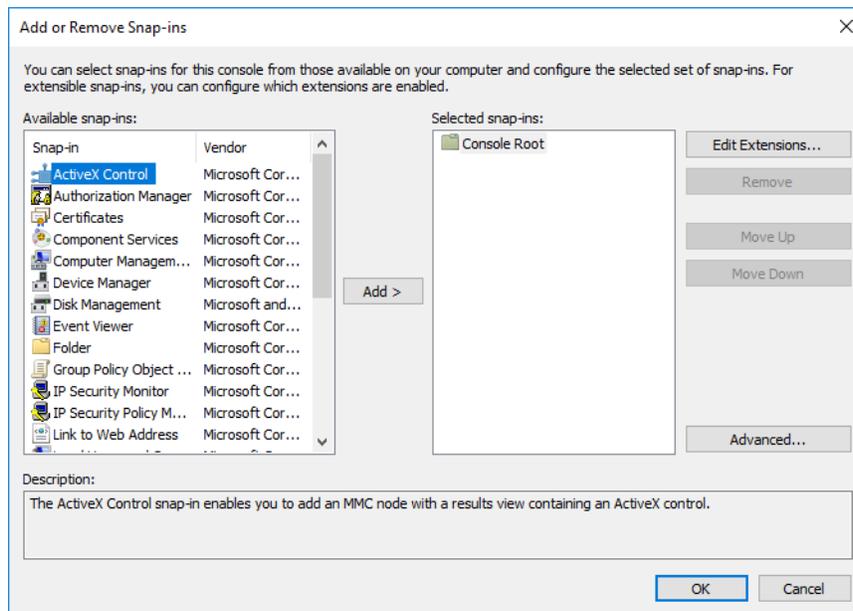
DigiCert provides a DigiCert Key Utility that can be used to install the three certificate files (Root, Intermediate, and the actual gateway certificate).



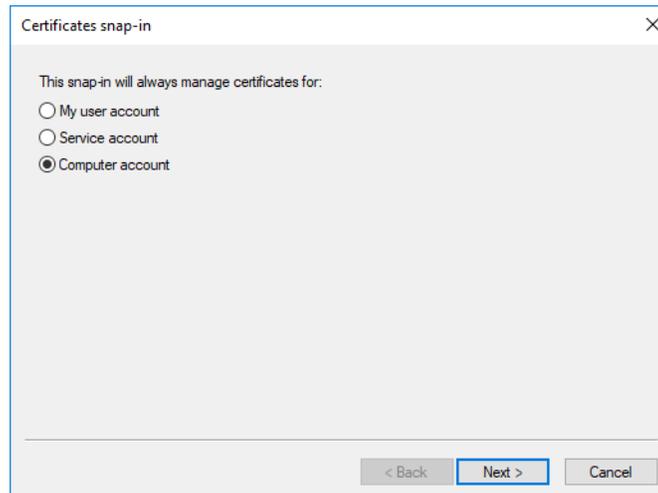
Once the certificates have been installed, they must be configured and bound to the port that the XPression Gateway will use.

To install the SSL certificate:

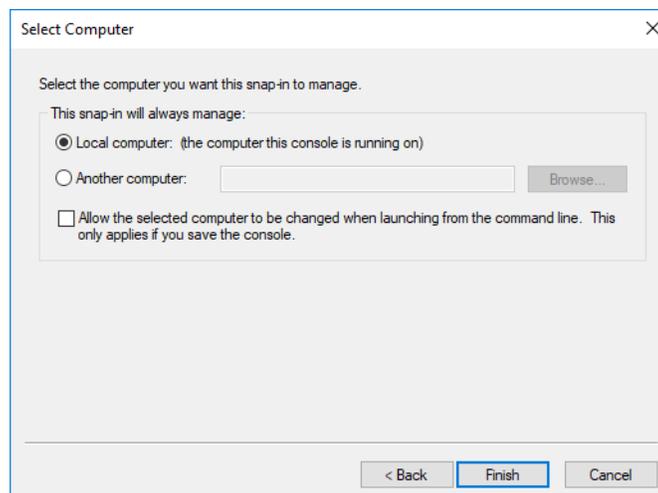
1. Open Windows MMC by pressing **Win+R**, typing **MMC** and pressing **Enter**.
2. In the **Console1** window, from the **File** menu, select **Add/Remove Snap-in...**



3. In the **Available snap-ins** list, double-click **Certificates**.

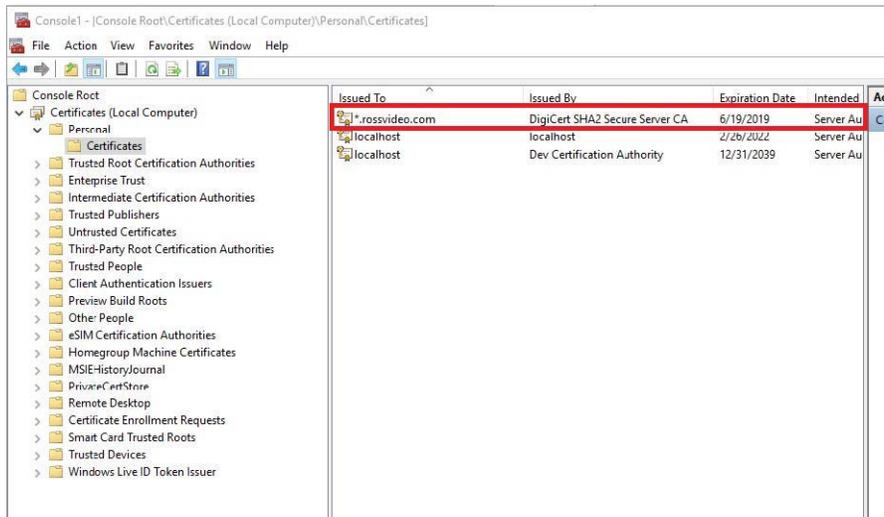


4. In the **Certificates snap-in** dialog, select **Computer Account** and click **Next**.

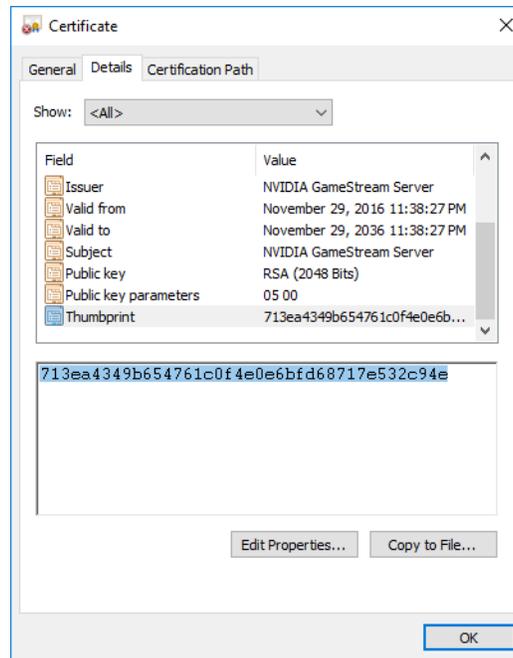


5. In the **Select Computer** dialog, select **Local Computer** and click **Finish**.

6. In the **Add or Remove Snap-ins** dialog, click **OK**.
7. Click **Personal > Certificates** and find the certificate. In this example, it is *.rossvideo.com.



8. Double click the certificate and go to **Details->Thumbprint**.



9. Copy and paste the thumbprint text to a clipboard or notepad.

10. Open the Windows command prompt console as administrator and run the following command:

```
netsh http add sslcert ipport=0.0.0.0:9443 certhash=%thumbprint%appid={3CF6A009-07A4-4A80-BB43-F3A6E147B00A}
```

where %thumbprint% should be the thumbprint you copied from MMC.

A message should be received indicating successful installation of the certificate.

To remove a certificate from a port:

- Open the Windows command prompt console as administrator and run the following command:

```
netsh http delete sslcert ipport=0.0.0.0:9443
```

Existing bindings must be deleted before a certificate can be reassigned to an existing port.

To see a list of bound SSL certificates to ports:

- Open the Windows command prompt console as administrator and run the following command:

```
netsh http show sslcert
```

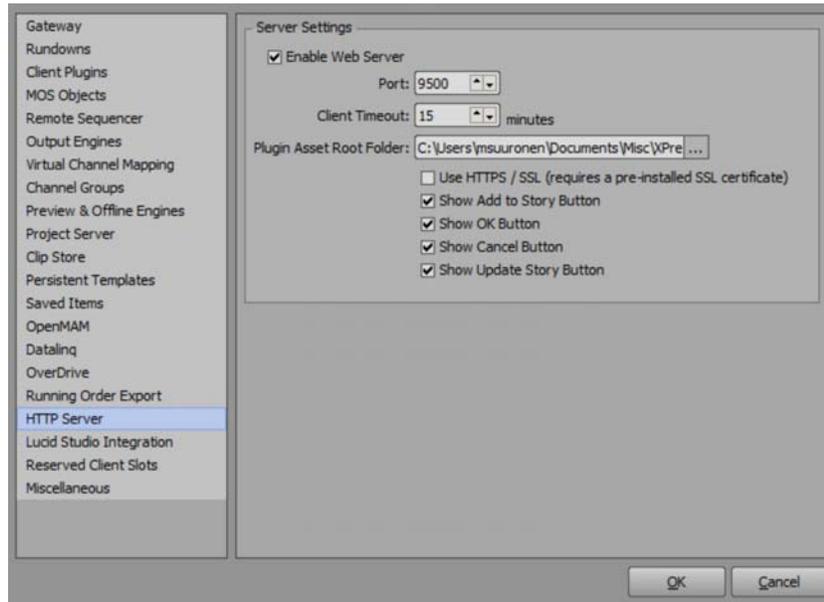
If the certificate is correctly bound, it should show up like this:

```
IP:port : 0.0.0.0:9443
Certificate Hash : ff13964b09b055be3e275b5d3b935568a72462b0
Application ID : {3cf6a009-07a4-4a80-bb43-f3a6e147b00a}
Certificate Store Name : (null)
Verify Client Certificate Revocation : Enabled
Verify Revocation Using Cached Client Certificate Only : Disabled
Usage Check : Enabled
Revocation Freshness Time : 0
URL Retrieval Timeout : 0
Ctl Identifier : (null)
Ctl Store Name : (null)
DS Mapper Usage : Disabled
Negotiate Client Certificate : Disabled
Reject Connections : Disabled
Disable HTTP2 : Not Set
```

Configuring the XPression Gateway

Enable the use of HTTPS/SSL in the HTTP Server configuration.

When HTTPS is enabled, the port will be forced to 9443.



Troubleshooting

If there are issues with the webserver starting on XPression Gateway; this command can be run from the Windows command prompt console to view what URLs have been registered with the Web Server:

```
netsh http show urlacl
```

There should be three URLs registered against 9500 (if not using HTTPS), and 9443 (if using HTTPS):

```
Reserved URL      : https://+:9443/plugin/
User: \Everyone
Listen: Yes
Delegate: Yes
SDDL: D:(A;;GA;;;WD)

Reserved URL      : https://+:9443/STATIC/
User: \Everyone
Listen: Yes
Delegate: Yes
SDDL: D:(A;;GA;;;WD)

Reserved URL      : https://+:9443/CLIENT/
User: \Everyone
Listen: Yes
Delegate: Yes
SDDL: D:(A;;GA;;;WD)

Reserved URL      : http://+:9500/plugin/
User: \Everyone
Listen: Yes
Delegate: Yes
SDDL: D:(A;;GA;;;WD)

Reserved URL      : http://+:9500/STATIC/
User: \Everyone
Listen: Yes
Delegate: Yes
SDDL: D:(A;;GA;;;WD)

Reserved URL      : http://+:9500/CLIENT/
User: \Everyone
Listen: Yes
Delegate: Yes
SDDL: D:(A;;GA;;;WD)
```

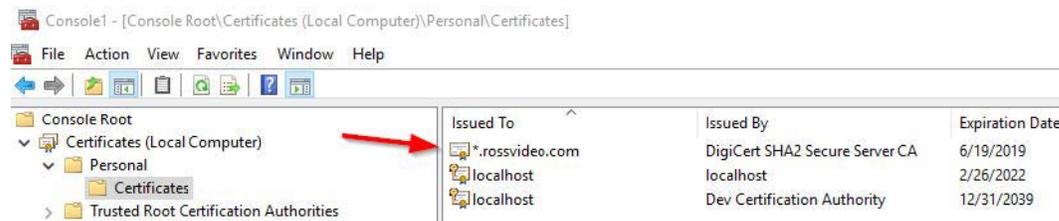
These URLs can be deleted if necessary, and the gateway should recreate them as needed, with the following command (repeated 3 times for each of client, static, and plugin):

```
netsh http delete urlacl url=https://+:9443/CLIENT
```

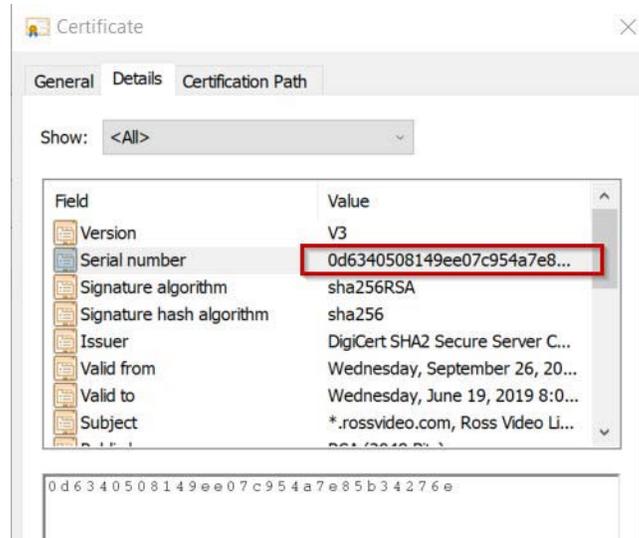
Certificate Not Attached to Private Key

If the certificate is manually imported into the personal certificate store (by right-clicking import in the MMC certificate plugin); the certificate may not be linked with the private key.

This is visible by the certificate missing the “key” icon in its thumbnail:



If this is the case, open up the certificate and find its serial number:



Then open the Windows command prompt console as administrator and run the following command:

```
certutil -repairstore my %serialnumber%
```

where %serialnumber% is replaced with the serialnumber of the certificate.

MOS Workflow Operation

This section describes how to use the templates and saved graphics in the XPression MOS Plugin.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

- Using Graphics in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Using Clips in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Assigning Take IDs to MOS Objects in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Using Spell Check in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Changing Existing XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin Items to a Template in a Different Project
- Using Streamline OpenMAM with the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Using Graphics and Clips in the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin

For More Information on...

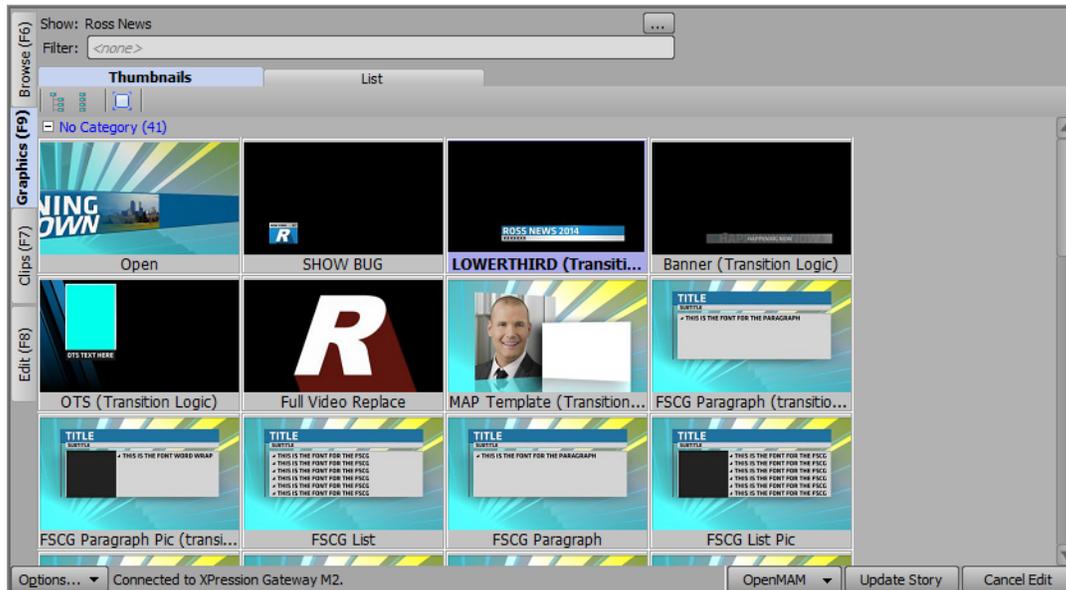
- The XPression MOS Plugin and XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin user interfaces, refer to the section “**User Interface Overviews**” on page 2–1.

Using Graphics in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin

The Graphics tab in the XPression ActiveX Plugin is used for adding graphics to the story in the NRCS or for adding a clip to a material in a graphic.

1. Open the **XPression ActiveX Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. In the XPression ActiveX Plugin, click **Graphics**.

The **Graphics** tab opens.



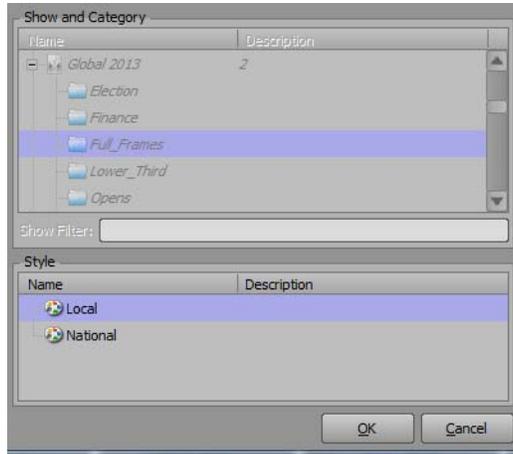
3. Select one of the following viewing methods for the graphics browser:
 - **Thumbnails** — click this tab to view the graphics in a thumbnail layout.
 - **List** — click this tab to view the graphics in a name list.
4. Select and edit your graphics:
 - To select graphics from the Project Server, refer to the section “**Browsing Graphics From Project Server**” on page 4–3.
 - To select graphics without Project Server, refer to the section “**Browsing Graphics Without Project Server**” on page 4–3.
 - To edit graphics, refer to the section “**Editing Graphics**” on page 4–4.
 - To browse the metadata of a graphic or template, refer to the section “**Browsing the Metadata of a Graphic or Template**” on page 4–5.

Browsing Graphics From Project Server

★ If a revision of a project is published in XPression, the XPression ActiveX Plugin will receive a notification of the revision.

a. Click **Browse (...)**.

The **Show, Category and Style Selection** dialog box opens.



b. Select a show and category from the **Show and Category** tree.

c. In the **Style** list, select a style.

d. Click **OK**.

The **Show, Category and Style Selection** dialog box closes and the graphics associated with the selected style are available for selection in the **Thumbnails / List**.

Use the **Filter** box to enter a graphic name or keyword to search for specific graphics. The filter also searches the metadata of graphics when available.

e. Double-click a graphic from the **Thumbnails** or **List**.

Browsing Graphics Without Project Server

Browse graphics in the **Thumbnails / List**. Use the **Filter** box to enter a graphic name or keyword to search for specific graphics. The filter also searches the metadata of graphics when available.

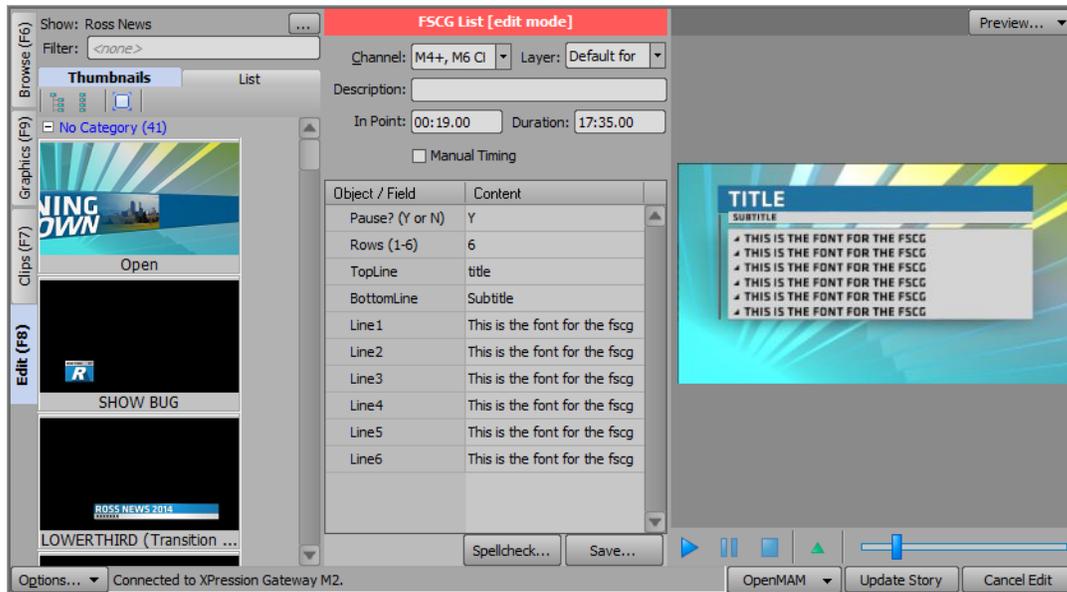
★ The available graphics are dictated by what has been loaded on the preview engine. This must be done manually.

Editing Graphics

- ★ Modifying the text template data fields of MOS items in XPression prevents the changes from being overwritten by new updates in the XPression ActiveX Plugin.

- In the **Graphics** tab, double-click a graphic from the **Thumbnails**, **List**, or **Saved Graphics**.

The template opens in the **Edit** tab.



The graphic is visible in the preview window and the published fields will be displayed in the **Object / Field** and **Content** lists. If **Enable User Input Controls** is selected in the **Data Source** tab of the **Object Inspector** in XPression, the **Content** cell will contain a list of available static text, global list, and DataLinq values.

Users can play animations from the graphic using the playback controls below the preview window.

- ★ Fixed Take ID numbers can be assigned to MOS objects. For more information, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to MOS Objects in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin**” on page 4–14.

- Edit clip information such as **Channel**, **Layer**, **Description**, **In Point**, and **Duration** as necessary.

Select the **Manual Timing** check box to use a manual time instead of the in point/duration timing fields of the graphic when under automation control.

If using XPression Tessera, use the **Channel** list to select a source rather than a channel (for example, Source 1, Source 2, etc.).

- Edit the **Object / Field** information in the **Content** column. The changes appear in the preview.

The information can also be selected by clicking on the object in the preview window.

Clear a field by right-clicking it and selecting **Clear Field** from the shortcut menu; or revert to the template values by selecting **Revert all fields to template values**.

- Click **Add To Story**.

You can also click and drag from the preview window to the newsroom client interface.

- ★ You can open a graphic from the story in the NRCS to edit or update by double-clicking it. The graphic will open in the **Edit** tab and a colored bar at the top of the edit tab indicates that the graphic was opened from the NRCS. Once edited/updated, click **Update Story** to update the story or apply the changes.

Browsing the Metadata of a Graphic or Template

Metadata is an option that can be designed into a scene.

- a. In the **Graphics** or **Edit** tab, right-click on a graphic or template from the **Thumbnails**, **List**, or **Saved Graphics**.

- b. Select **Browse Metadata**.

The **Browse Metadata** window opens.



5. Save and select your saved graphics:

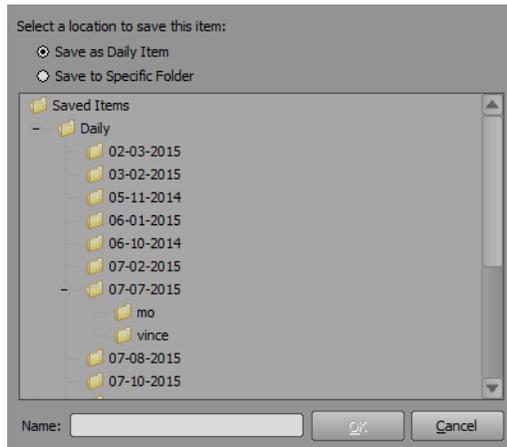
- To save your graphics, refer to the section “**Saving Graphics**” on page 4–5.
- To select your graphics, refer to the section “**Selecting Saved Graphics**” on page 4–6.

Saving Graphics

- a. Edit a template in the **Edit** tab (refer to “**Editing Graphics**” on page 4–4).

- b. Click **Save**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box opens.



- c. Select one of the following save options:

- **Save as Daily Item** — select this radio button to save the graphic to a daily items folder. This will create an items folder for the current date that is subject to the Saved Items settings in the XPression Gateway.
- **Save to Specific Folder** — select this radio button to save the graphic to a specific folder selected from the **Saved Items** folder structure.

- d. Enter a **Name** for the graphic and click **OK**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box closes and the graphic is saved.

Selecting Saved Graphics

In the **Browse** tab, select a graphic from the **Saved Items** folder structure. These graphics need to have been pre-populated with information and saved to a user specified folder.

Graphics can also be browsed from the **Rundowns** area. This enables users to select graphics used in MOS rundowns that are being monitored by the XPression Gateway. The graphics can be copied to other rundowns or modified from their current state using the **Edit** tab and then added to a rundown.

- ★ Users can create new folders in the Saved Items folder on the XPression Gateway. These folders will appear in the Saved Items folder structure in the XPression ActiveX Plugin. Folders can also be deleted from the Saved Items folder on the XPression Gateway by right-clicking and selecting **Delete Folder**.

Graphics can also be saved to the daily folders. These folders are auto-generated with the current date and can be set to purge after a specified period of time.

Exporting a Graphic to a PNG File

The preview image for a graphic can be saved as a PNG file.

- In the preview section, right-click on the preview image and select **Export Image** from the shortcut menu. A **Save As** file browser opens.
- Use the file browser to locate a folder in which to save the .png file.
 - Click **Save**.

For More Information on...

- Saved Items folders, refer to the section "**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**" on page 3–2.
- creating user input controls for static text, global list, and DataLinq objects, refer to the **XPression Help File** in XPression.
- XPression Project Server, refer to the **XPression Project Server User Guide**.

Using Clips in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin

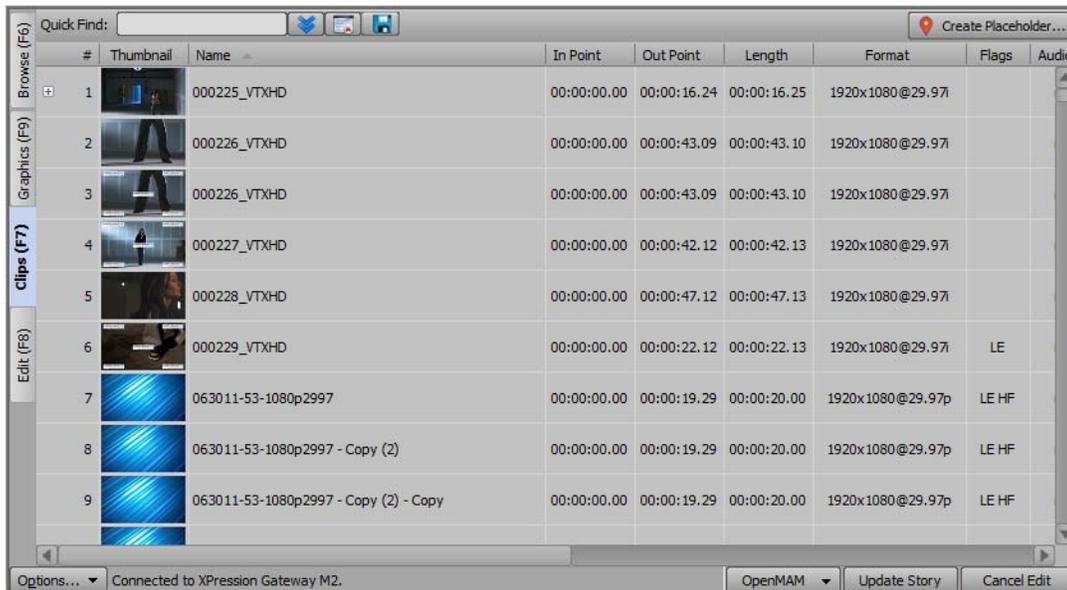
- ★ XPression Clips is optional for XPression and the XPression MOS workflow. If you do not have XPression Clips and are interested in adding it to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.
- ★ If using a Project Server and a revision of a project is published in XPression, the XPression ActiveX Plugin will receive a notification of the revision.

The Clips tab in the XPression ActiveX Plugin is used for adding clips to the story in the NRCS.

Selecting and Searching Clips

1. Open the **XPression ActiveX Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. In the XPression ActiveX Plugin, click **Clips**.

The **Clips** tab opens.



3. Click on a clip to select it or use the Advanced Search Options to locate a specific clip:

Advanced Search Options

Click the **Show/Hide advanced search options** (/) buttons to open and close the advanced search options.

- **Name** — use this box to enter the name of a clip to search.
- **Recall ID** — use this box to enter a recall ID to search.
- **Source** — use this box to enter a location to search for a clip.
- **ID Min** — use this box to enter or select a minimum clip ID number to search.
- **ID Max** — use this box to enter or select a maximum clip ID number to search.
- **Duration Min** — use this box to enter a minimum duration time to search for the clip.
- **Duration Max** — use this box to enter a maximum duration time to search for the clip.
- **Project** — use this list to select a project to search for the clip.
- **Added Min** — use the calendar to select a minimum date to search that the clip was added.
- **Added Max** — use the calendar to select a maximum date to search that the clip was added.
- **Expires Min** — use the calendar to select the minimum expiry date to search for the clip.
- **Expires Max** — use the calendar to select the maximum expiry date to search for the clip.
 - › **Never Expires** — select this check box to search for a clip with no expiry date set.
- **Audio Ch Min** — use this box to enter or select a minimum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.

- **Audio Ch Max** — use this box to enter or select a maximum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.
 - › **No Audio** — select this check box to search for a clip with no embedded audio.
 - **Reset Filter** — click this button to clear all the fields in the Advanced Search Options.
 - **Show all sub clips** — select this check box to display any sub clips of a clip in the Clip Browser list when performing an advanced search.
4. Click **Save default search criteria** () to save the search criteria as a default if necessary.

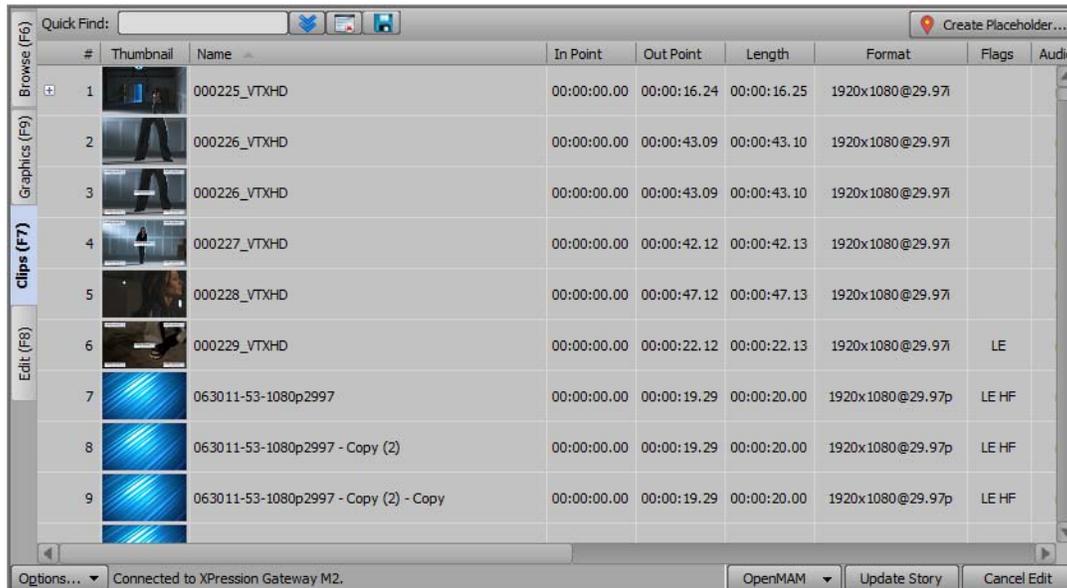
Create a Clip Placeholder

A placeholder based on recall ID can be created for a clip to be placed into a rundown. The recall ID is what will link the new MOS object with a current or future clip from the Clip Store.

- ★ Placeholder recall IDs can only be created if the **Clips added to running order should be recalled via their Recall ID** check box is enabled in the **Clip Store** settings in the XPression Gateway. Also, the **Create Placeholder** button will not appear unless all Clip Stores in the workflow have the recall ID option **Allow same Recall ID to be used in different projects** disabled in their Clip Store Managers.

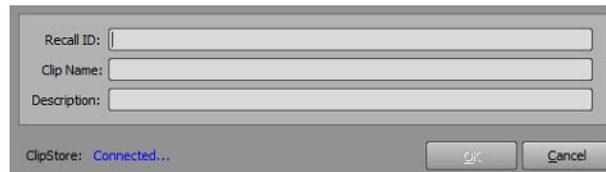
1. Open the **XPression ActiveX Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. In the XPression ActiveX Plugin, click **Clips**.

The **Clips** tab opens.



3. Click **Create Placeholder**.

The **Create a clip placeholder** dialog box opens.



Recall ID:

Clip Name:

Description:

ClipStore: [Connected...](#)

4. Use the **Recall ID** box to enter a placeholder recall ID for the MOS object.

5. Use the **Clip Name** box to enter a name for the clip placeholder.

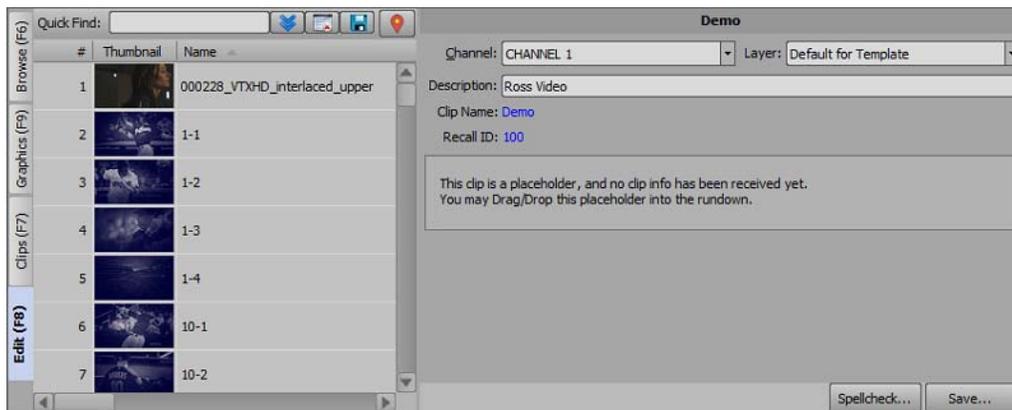
This does not have to match the clip name in the Clip Store. It will populate the field in the MOS object so that the object in the running order displays a meaningful name.

6. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief description for the clip placeholder.

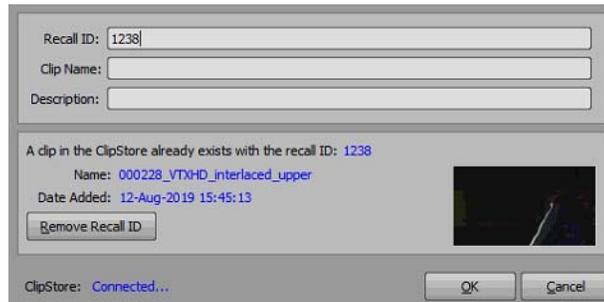
This does not apply to the clip in the Clip Store. It will populate the field in the MOS object so that the object in the running order displays a meaningful description.

7. Click **OK**.

A clip placeholder recall ID is created that can be dragged and dropped into the rundown. However, a clip with the newly created recall ID will need to be ingested for it to function properly.



If a clip exists in the rundown that already uses the recall ID entered, a notice is displayed in the **Create a clip placeholder** dialog box.



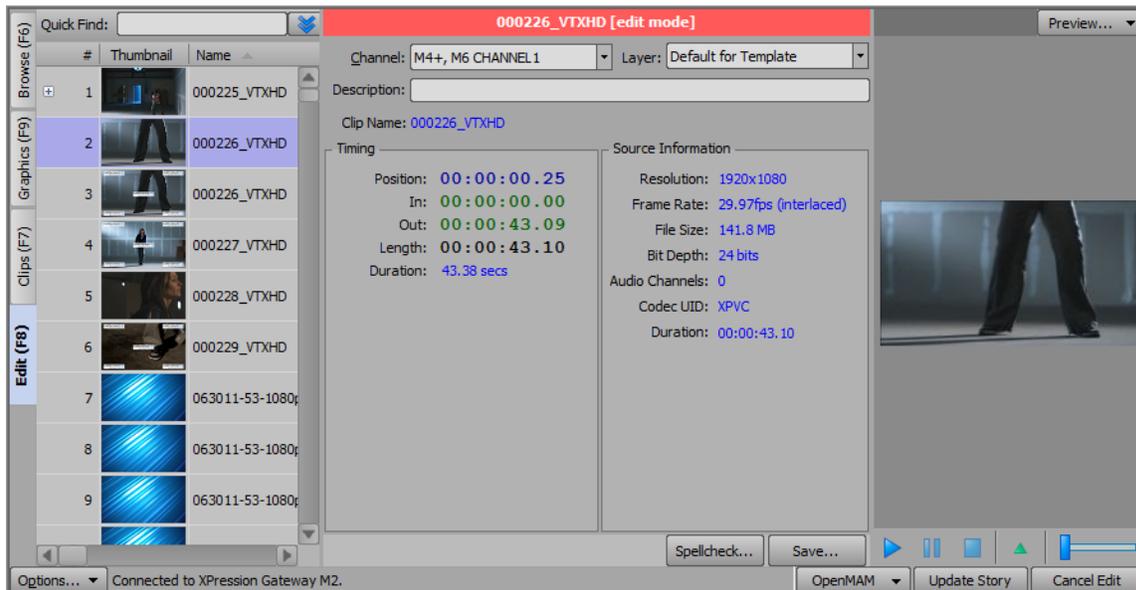
If necessary, the existing recall ID can be removed from the existing clip by clicking **Remove Recall ID**.

- ★ Clip placeholders can also be created in the **Edit** tab by clicking the **Create Placeholder** button (📍).

Editing Clips

1. Double-click a clip from the list of clips.

The clip opens in the **Edit** tab.



The graphic is visible in the preview window and the clip info will be displayed in the **Timing** and **Source Information** sections.

Users can play the clip using the playback controls below the preview window.

- ★ Fixed Take ID numbers can be assigned to MOS objects. For more information, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to MOS Objects in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin**” on page 4–14.

2. Edit clip information such as **Channel**, **Layer**, and **Description** as necessary.
3. Click **Update Story**.

You can also click and drag from the thumbnail list to the newsroom client interface.

Saving Clips, Selecting Saved Clips, and Exporting to PNG

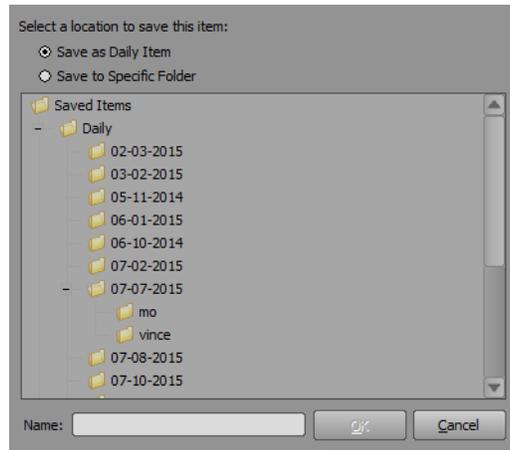
1. Save your clips, select your saved clips, and export a clip to PNG:
 - To save your clips, refer to the section “**Saving Clips**” on page 4–10.
 - To select your clips, refer to the section “**Selecting Saved Clips**” on page 4–11.
 - To export a clip to a PNG file, refer to the section “**Exporting a Clip to a PNG File**” on page 4–11.

Saving Clips

- a. Edit a clip in the **Edit** tab (refer to “**Editing Clips**” on page 4–10).

- b. Click **Save**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box opens.



- c. Select one of the following save options:

- **Save as Daily Item** — select this radio button to save the clip to a daily items folder. This will create an items folder for the current date that is subject to the Saved Items settings in the XPression Gateway.
- **Save to Specific Folder** — select this radio button to save the clip to a specific items folder selected from the **Saved Items** folder structure.

- d. Use the **Name** box to enter a name for the saved clip.

- e. Click **OK**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box closes and the clip is saved.

Selecting Saved Clips

In the **Browse** tab, select a clip from the **Saved Items** folder structure. These clips need to have been pre-populated with information and saved to a user specified folder.

Clips can also be browsed from the **Rundowns** area. This enables users to select clips used in MOS rundowns that are being monitored by the XPression Gateway.

The clips can be copied to other rundowns or modified from their current state using the **Edit** tab and then added to a rundown.

- ★ Users can create new folders in the Saved Items folder on the XPression Gateway. These folders will appear in the Saved Items folder structure in the XPression ActiveX Plugin.

Clips can also be saved to the daily folders. These folders are auto-generated with the current date and can be set to purge after a specified period of time.

Exporting a Clip to a PNG File

The preview image for a clip can be saved as a PNG file.

- a. In the preview section, right-click on the preview image and select **Export Image** from the shortcut menu.

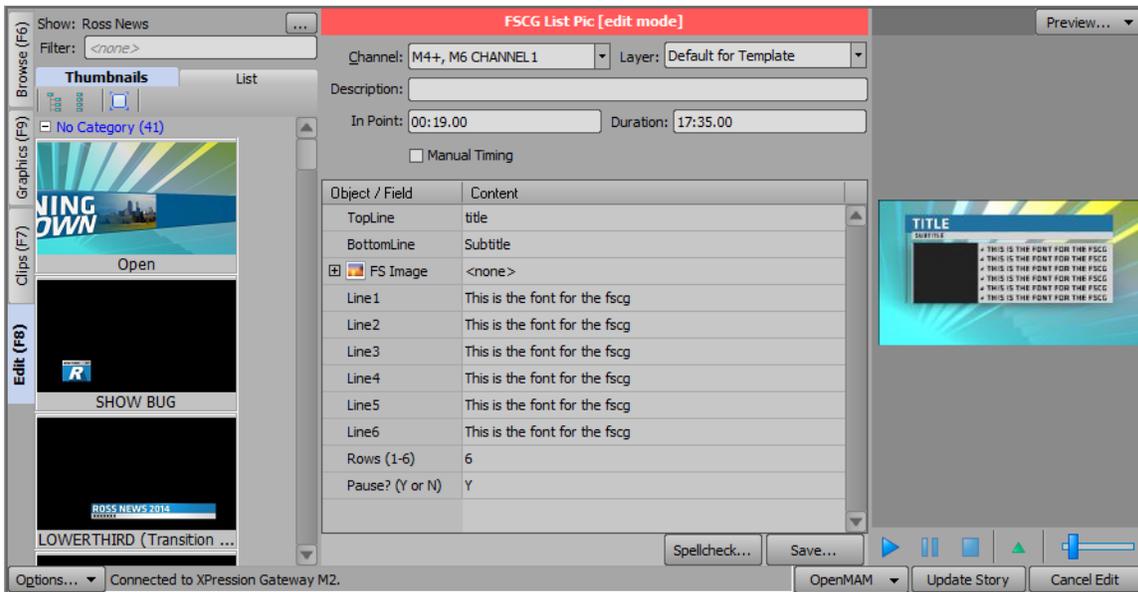
A **Save As** file browser opens.

- b. Use the file browser to locate a folder in which to save the .png file.

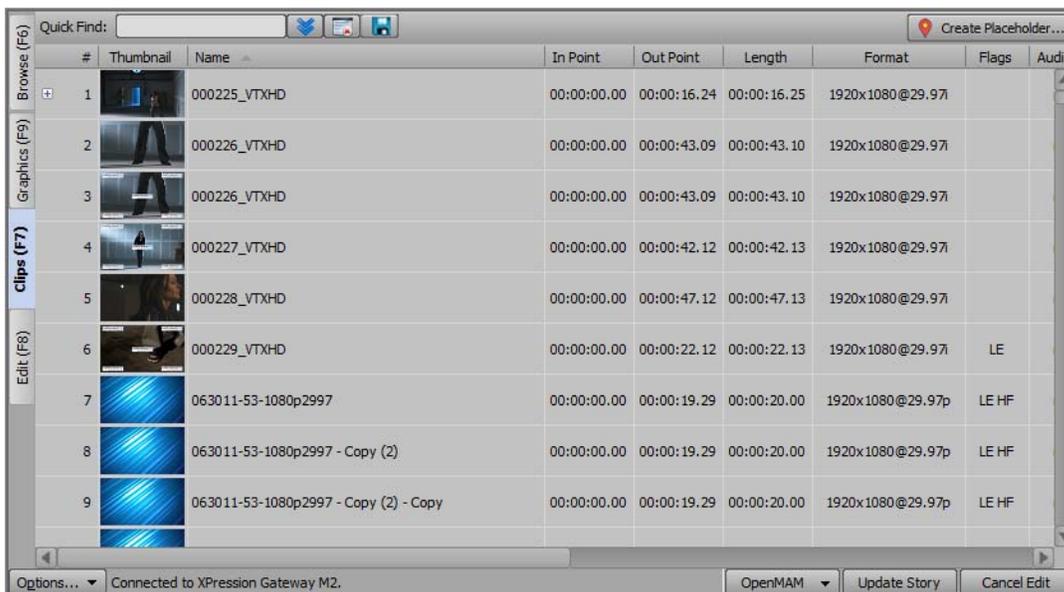
- a. Click **Save**.

Adding a Clip to a MOS Graphic

1. Open a graphic in the **Edit** tab that contains a video or image **Object / Field**.

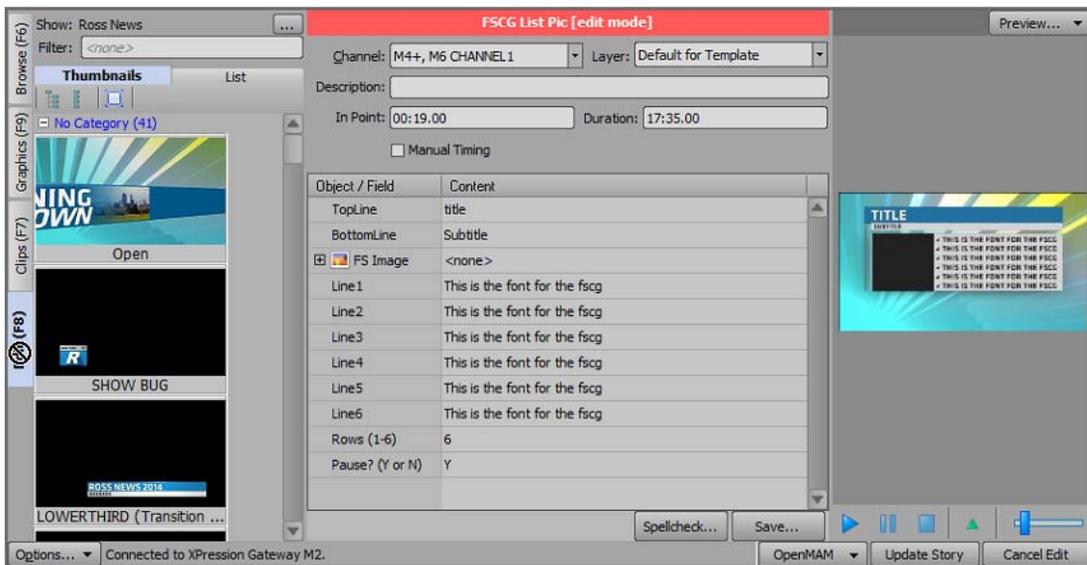


2. Click the **Clips** tab.
The **Clips** tab opens.



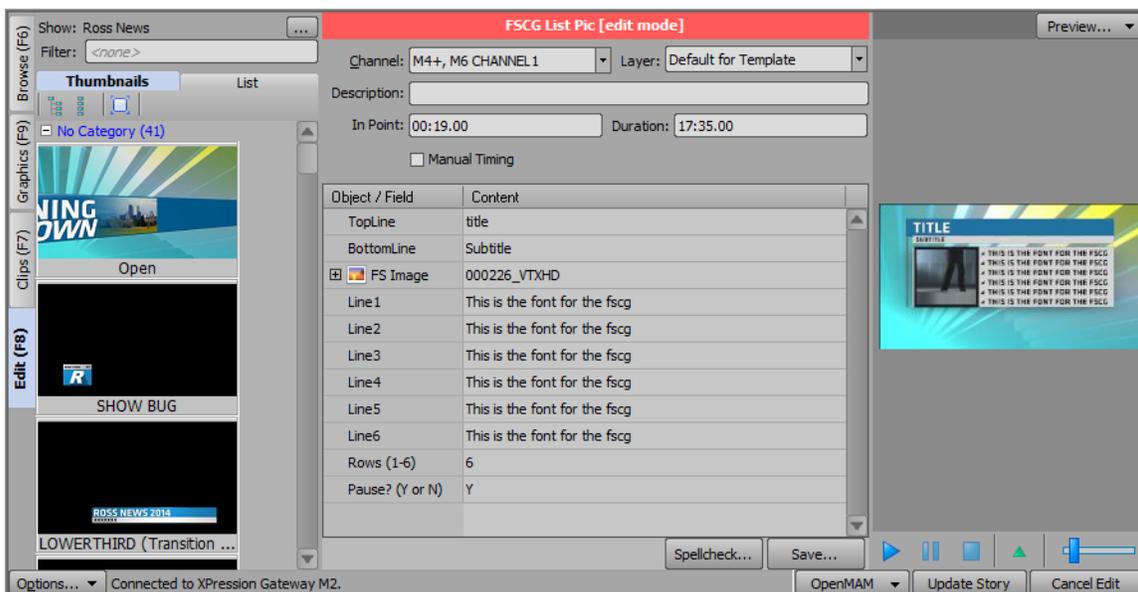
3. Click and drag a clip over the **Edit** tab.

The **Edit** tab opens.



4. Drop the clip onto the video or image **Field / Object**.

The clip is added to the video or image **Field / Object** selected in the graphic and the clip is displayed in the preview for the graphic.



For More Information on...

- Saved Items folders, refer to the section “**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**” on page 3–2.
- assigning Take IDs to MOS objects, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to MOS Objects in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin**” on page 4–14.
- XPression Clips, refer to the *XPression Clips User Guide*.

Assigning Take IDs to MOS Objects in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin

Take ID numbers can be assigned to graphics and clips in the XPression ActiveX Plugin.

★ Take IDs on the Remote Sequencer will not match the Take IDs assigned to the XPression Sequencer items.

1. In **Edit**, right-click inside the top section of the XPression ActiveX Plugin editor and select **Assigned Fixed ID**.
The **Set Take ID** dialog box opens.



2. Select one of the following:
 - **Automatically Generate Take ID** — select this radio button to automatically assign a Take ID based on the next available Take ID number. This is the default setting.
 - **Fixed Take ID** — select this radio button to manually assign a static Take ID.
Use the box to enter or select a Take ID number.

★ When a fixed Take ID is assigned, no checks or safeguards are performed to prevent duplicate IDs from being used in the rundown. When two rundowns are loaded in the XPression Sequencer with duplicates, one of the Take IDs will automatically be renumbered. It is recommended that when two rundowns use duplicate Take ID numbers that only one rundown be activated at a time.

It is also recommended that all static Take IDs be assigned numbers over 2000 to avoid conflicts between automatically generated Take ID numbers and the static Take ID numbers.

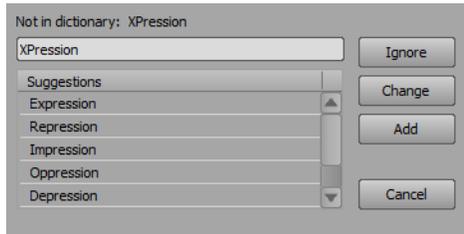
3. Click **OK**.

The **Set Take ID** dialog box closes.

★ When the Take ID is set, you recall and edit the graphic or clip from the rundown and the fixed ID is retained in the rundown only.

7. Click **Spellcheck**.

- If the word is spelled correctly, or it has already been added to the dictionary, an information window opens that indicates that the spell check is complete.
- If the word is spelled incorrectly, or has not been added to the dictionary, the **Spell Check** dialog box opens.



8. Do one of the following:

- Click **Ignore** to return to the XPression MOS Plugin without making any changes.
- Select a word from the **Suggestions** list and click **Change** to correct the spelling.
- Click **Add** to add the word to the dictionary.

An information window opens indicating the spell check is complete.

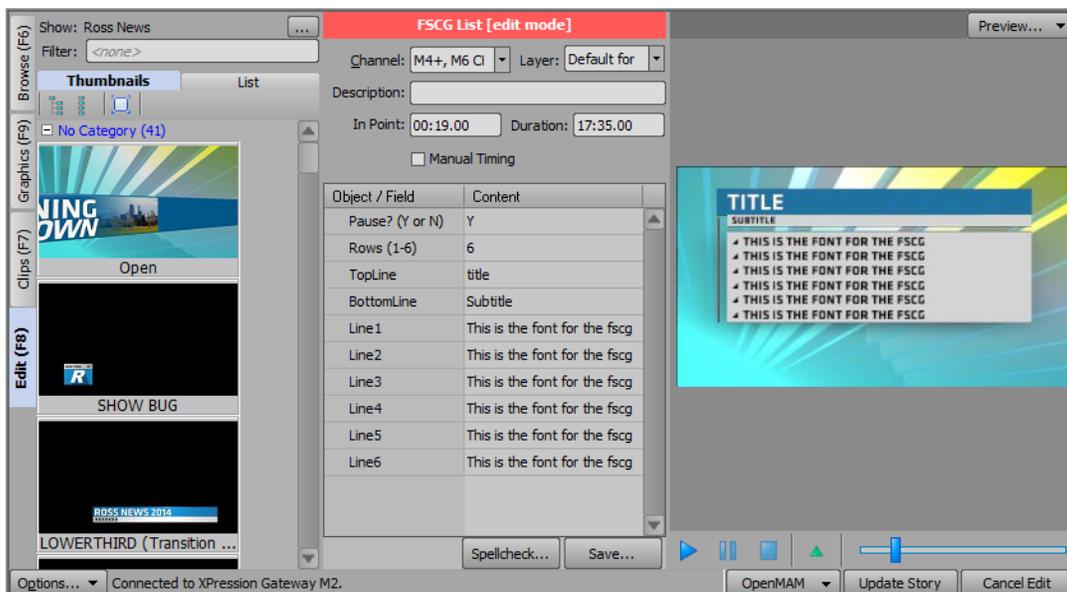
9. Click **OK** to exit the information window.

Depending on the actions taken in Step 8, the text content is either the same or corrected/changed.

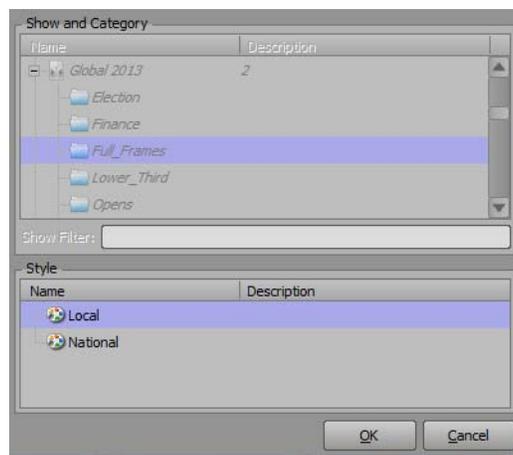
Changing Existing XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin Items to a Template in a Different Project

Existing MOS items can be changed to a template in a different project when the Object / Field names are the same in the templates in both projects. This enables quick and easy transfer of MOS items for templates between multiple projects.

1. Open a project in the **XPression ActiveX Plugin**.
2. Double click a graphic from the template in the **Graphics** tab.
3. The selected item opens in the **Edit** tab.



4. Click **Browse (...)**.
The **Show, Category and Style Selection** dialog box opens.



5. In the **Style** list, select a style. The new style can come from the show and category already selected, or from a different show and category in the **Show and Category** list.
6. Click **OK**.

The **Show, Category and Style Selection** dialog box closes and the graphics associated with the selected style are available for selection in the **Thumbnails / List**.

The **Object / Field** and **Content** lists are grayed out, indicating that the previous project's MOS items have been copied to the clipboard.

7. Press and hold **Shift**.
8. Double-click an item from the **Thumbnails** or **List**.

The item opens in the editor and any corresponding **Object / Field** items and their **Content** are populated from the previous project.

Using Streamline OpenMAM with the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin

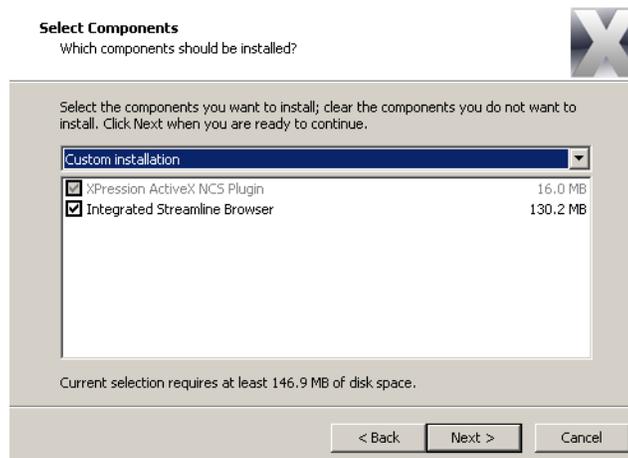
The XPression ActiveX Plugin can be used with Ross Video's Streamline browser-based media asset management system to seamlessly drag and drop Streamline media assets into the XPression ActiveX Plugin.

The following topics are covered in this section:

- Adding an Integrated Streamline Browser to the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Opening Streamline in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin
- Adding Streamline Assets to a Template

Adding an Integrated Streamline Browser to the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin

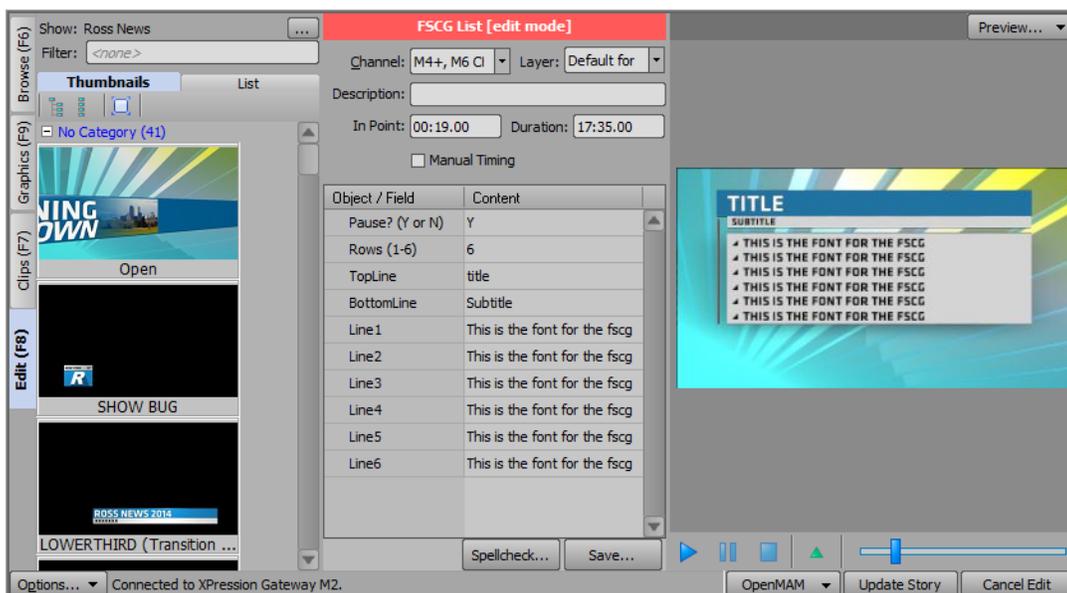
To add an integrated Streamline browser to the XPression ActiveX Plugin, select the **Integrated Streamline Browser** check box when installing the plugin (it is selected by default):



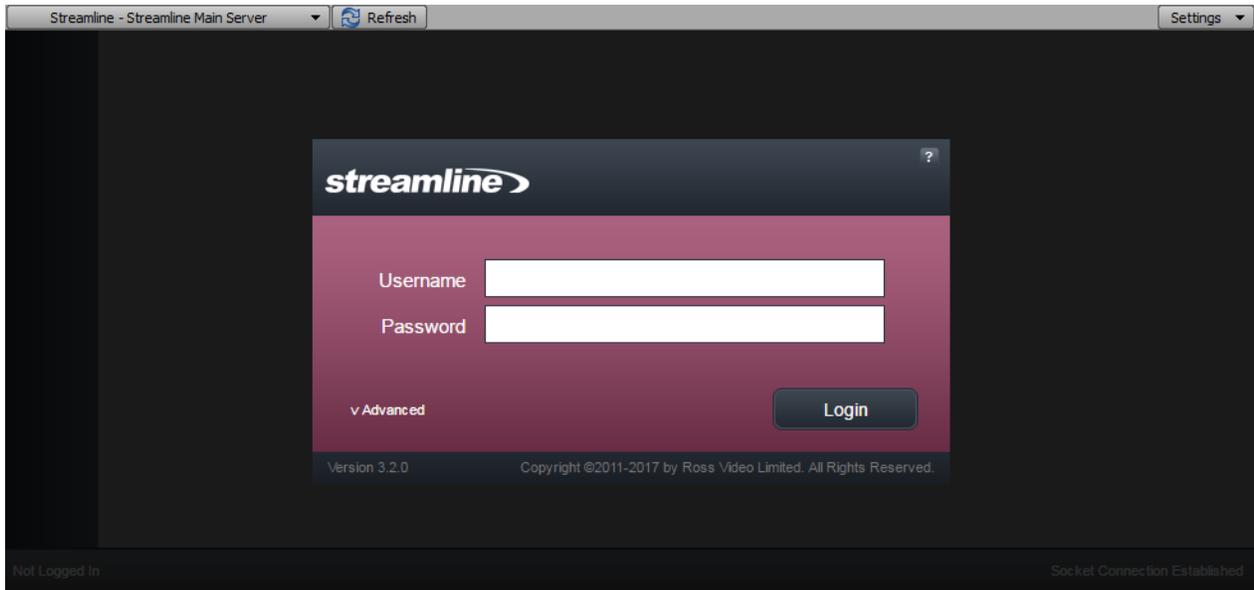
Streamline can then be accessed within the plugin using the **Assets** tab.

Opening Streamline in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin

1. Open the **XPression ActiveX Plugin**.

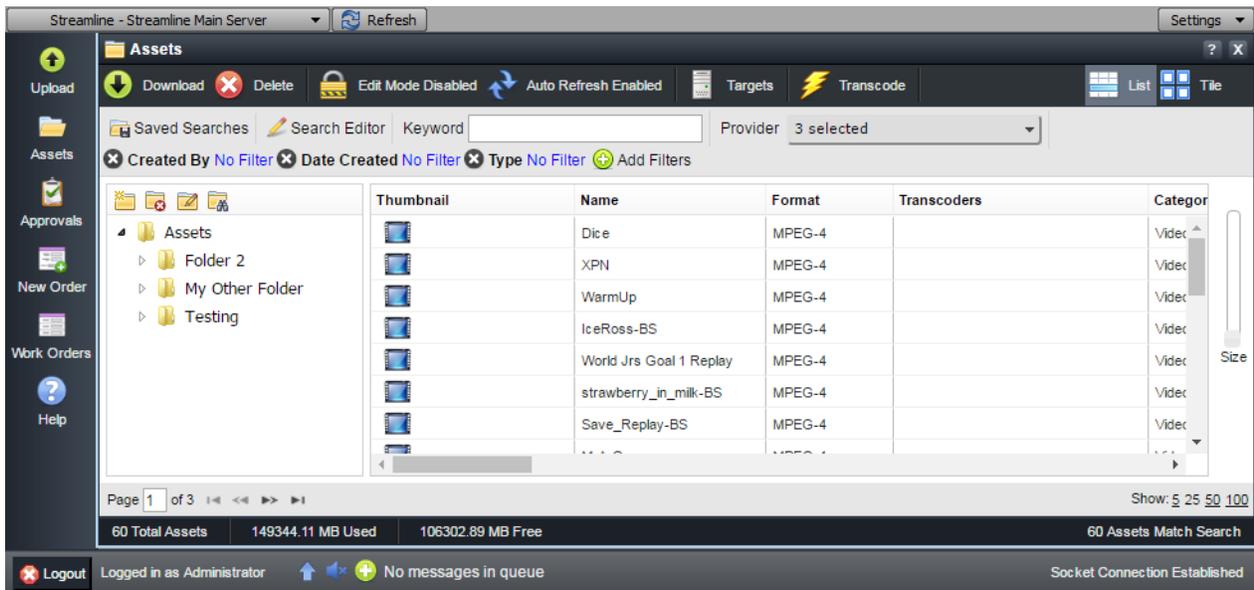


2. Click the **OpenMAM** drop-down list and select a Streamline server.
Streamline opens in the **XPression Asset Browser**.



3. Use the **Username** box to enter a login name.
4. Use the **Password** box to enter the password for the username.
5. Click **Login**.

The Streamline MAM browser opens.



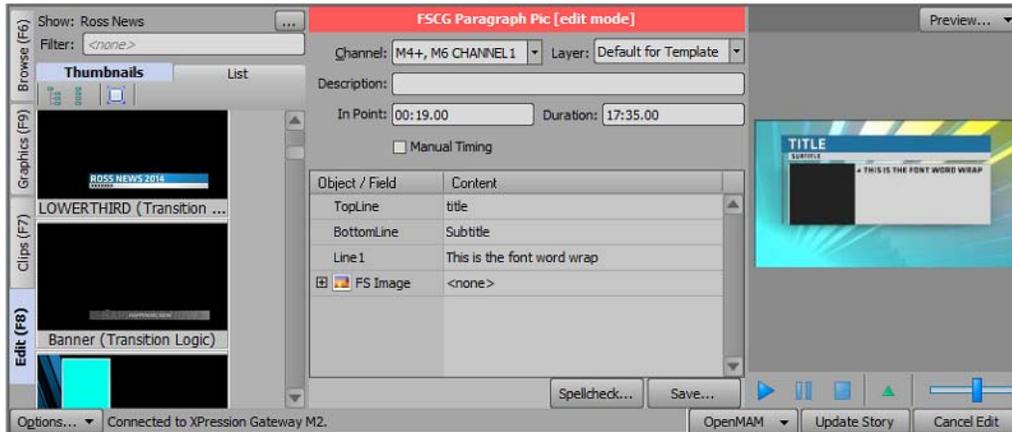
★ In the Streamline browser, click **Settings** to set the browser to stay on top and/or close on drop.

For More Information on...

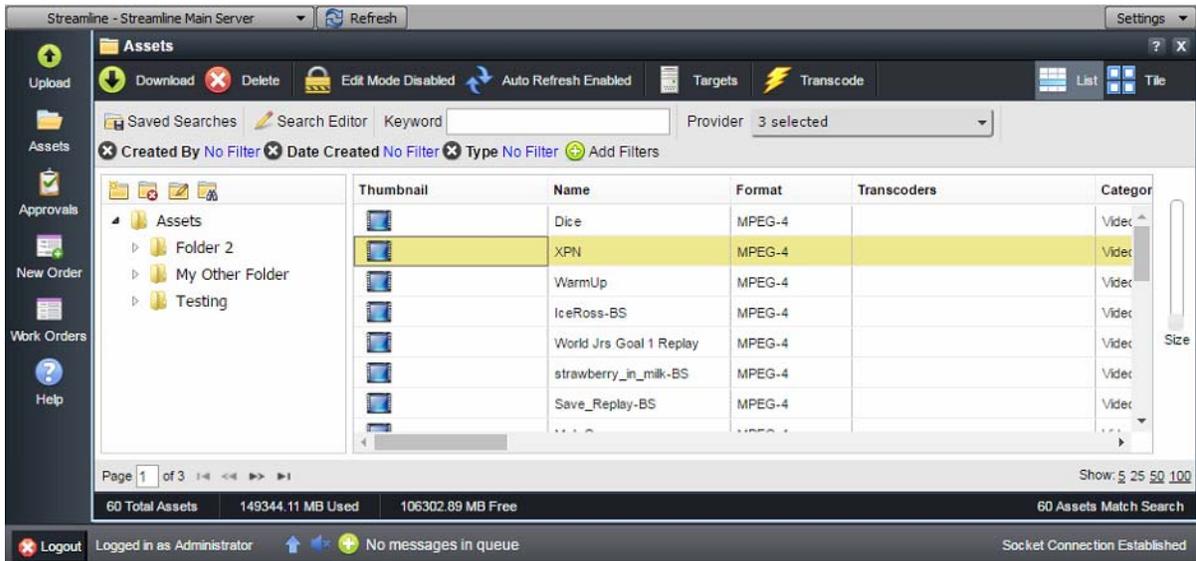
- the Streamline MAM system, refer to the Streamline Online Help file.

Adding Streamline Assets to a Template

1. In the XPression ActiveX Plugin, select a template to edit that contains a video shader.
The template opens in the **Edit** tab.



2. Open Streamline in the **XPression Asset Browser** and select a media asset.



3. Drag and drop the selected media asset onto the **Object / Field** of the selected template.
The media asset is added to the template.



For More Information on...

- the Streamline MAM system, refer to the Streamline Online Help file.

Using Graphics and Clips in the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin

The **Graphics** tab in the XPression HTML5 Plugin is used for adding graphics to the story in the Newsroom Computer System (NRCS). The **Clips** tab in the XPression HTML5 Plugin is used for adding clips to the story in the Newsroom Computer System (NRCS) or for adding a clip to a material in a graphic.

- ★ The **Add to Story**, **Update Story**, **OK**, and **Cancel** buttons in the XPression HTML5 Plugin can be conditionally rendered using the **HTTP Server** settings in the **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box.
- ★ XPression Clips is optional for XPression and the XPression MOS workflow. If you do not have XPression Clips and are interested in adding it to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.
- ★ If using a Project Server and a revision of a project is published in XPression, the XPression HTML5 Plugin will receive a notification of the revision.

The following topics are covered in this section:

- Browsing Graphics
- Opening Graphics
- Saving and Exporting Graphics
- Replacing and Converting Graphics
- Editing Graphics in the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin
- Selecting Images and Video for Graphics in the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin
- Searching, Viewing, and Editing Clips
- Saving and Selecting Saved Clips
- Adding a Clip to an XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin Graphic
- Using Spellcheck
- Adding Resources from Streamline OpenMAM
- Using the Preview Window

Browsing Graphics

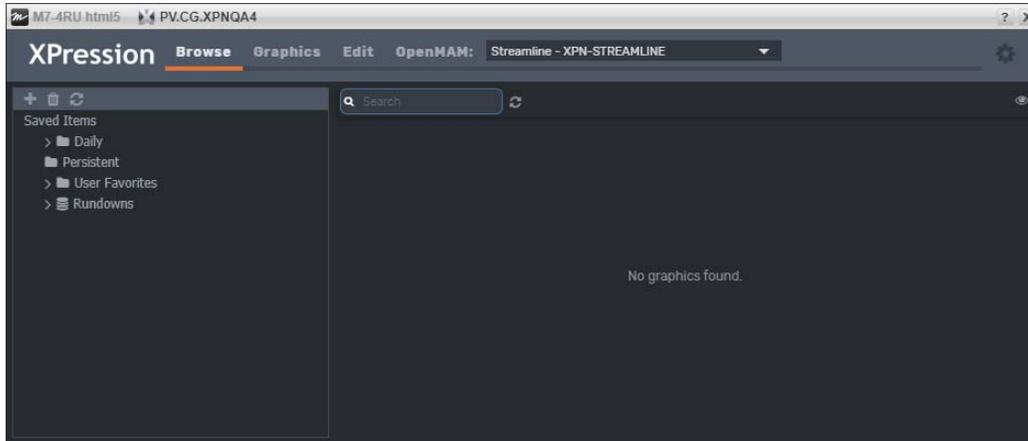
The **Browse** tab in the XPression HTML5 Plugin is used for selecting graphics that have been pre-populated with information and saved to a user-specified folder. You can also delete graphics, add or delete folders, browse the metadata of a graphic and copy a MOS object to a text editor, for troubleshooting purposes.

Graphics can also be browsed from the **Rundowns** area. This enables users to select graphics used in MOS rundowns that are being monitored by the XPression Gateway. The graphics can be copied to other rundowns or modified from their current state using the **Edit** tab and then added to a rundown.

To select a graphic:

1. In the XPression HTML5 Plugin, click **Browse**.

The **Browse** tab opens.

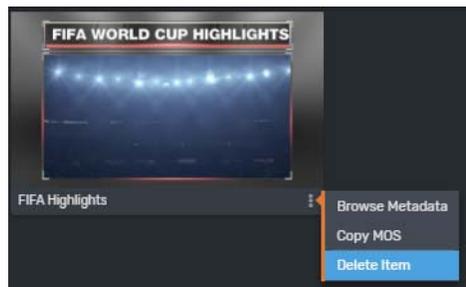


2. In the **Browse** tab, click on a folder in the **Saved Items** folder structure or in the **Rundowns**.
3. Double-click on a graphic to select it.

The graphic opens in the **Edit** tab.

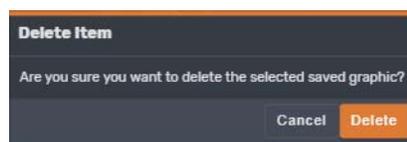
To delete a graphic:

1. In the XPression HTML5 Plugin, click **Browse**.
2. In the **Browse** tab, in the folder structure, browse to the graphic to be deleted.
3. Select the graphic and click on the options button (⋮) in the bottom-right corner of the graphic.



4. Select **Delete Item**.

The **Delete Item** confirmation dialog opens.



5. Click **Delete**.

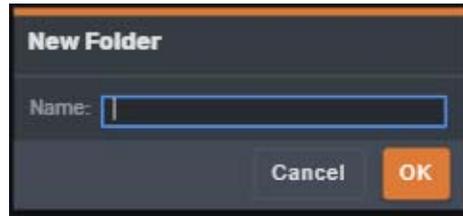
To add a folder:

1. In the XPression HTML5 Plugin, click **Browse**.
2. Select a folder in the folder structure.

Folders can be added to the **Daily** and **Persistent** folders and to the sub-folders of the **User Favorites** folder, but not to the top-level **User Favorites** or **Rundowns** folders.

3. Click **Add (+)** at the top of the folder structure.

The **New Folder** dialog opens.



4. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the folder.
5. Click **OK**.

The new folder appears as a sub-folder in the structure.

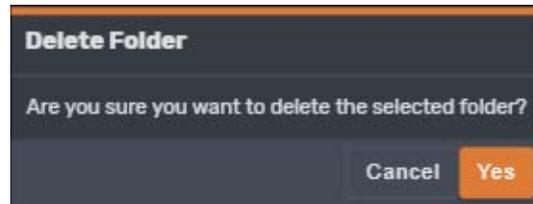
To delete a folder:

1. In the XPression HTML5 Plugin, click **Browse**.
2. Select a folder in the folder structure.

Folders can be deleted from the **Daily** and **Persistent** folders and from the sub-folders of the **User Favorites** folder, but not from the top-level **User Favorites** or **Rundowns** folders.

3. Click the trash can icon at the top of the folder structure.

The **Delete Folder** confirmation dialog opens.

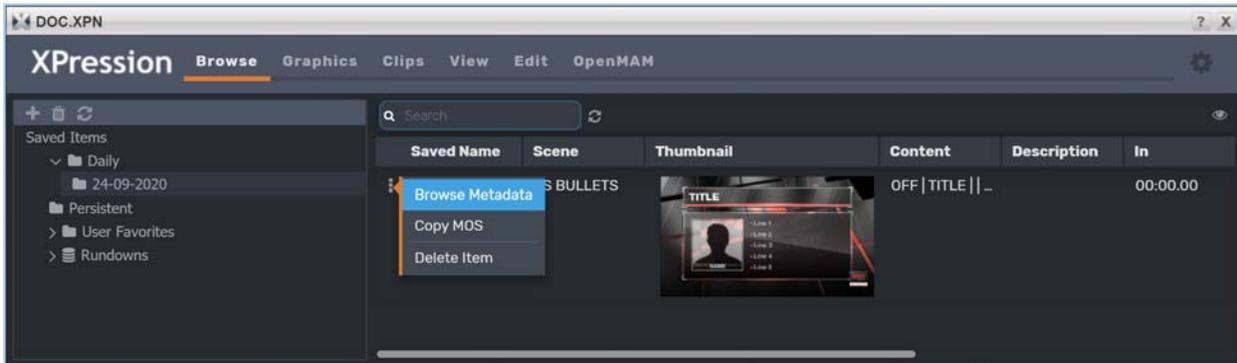


4. Click **Yes**.

The folder and its contents are deleted from the folder structure.

To browse the metadata of a graphic:

1. In the **Graphics** or **Browse** tab, select a graphic and click on the options button (⋮) in the bottom-right corner of the graphic.
2. Select **Browse Metadata**.

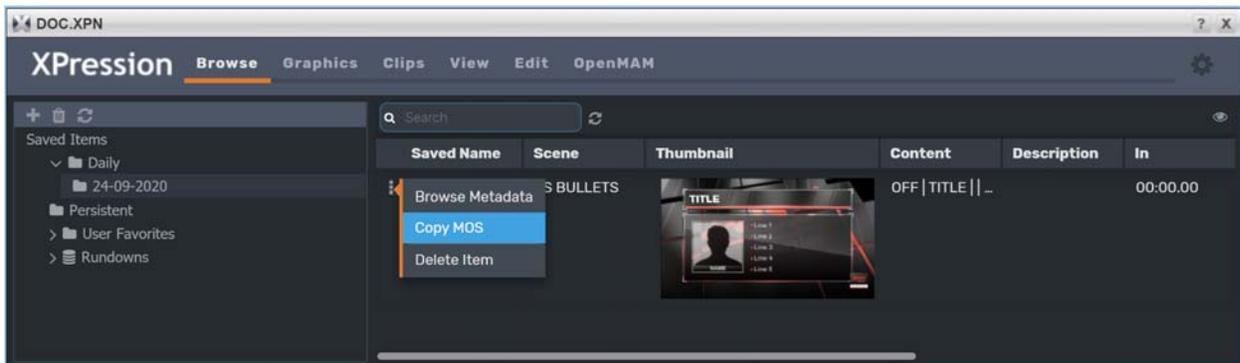


The **Metadata** window opens.

Name	Value
^ metadata	Headshot
element	Five bullet points

To Copy MOS:

1. In the **Graphics** or **Browse** tab, select a graphic and click on the options button (⋮) in the bottom-right corner of the graphic.
2. Select **Copy MOS**.



3. Open a text editor.
 4. Right-click and select **Paste**.
- The MOS data for the graphic is copied into the text editor.

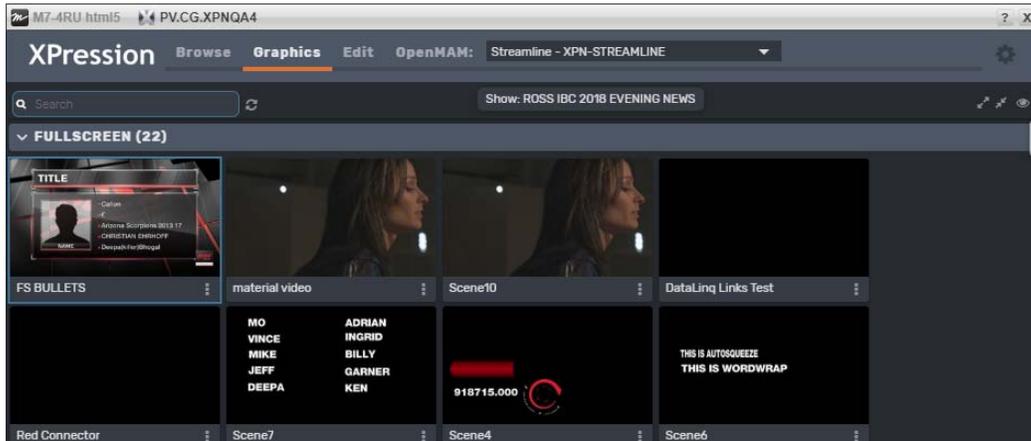
Opening Graphics

- ★ Graphics do not have to be opened from a show on a project server, but it is recommended. Graphics can also be opened from an openMAM system.

To open a graphic:

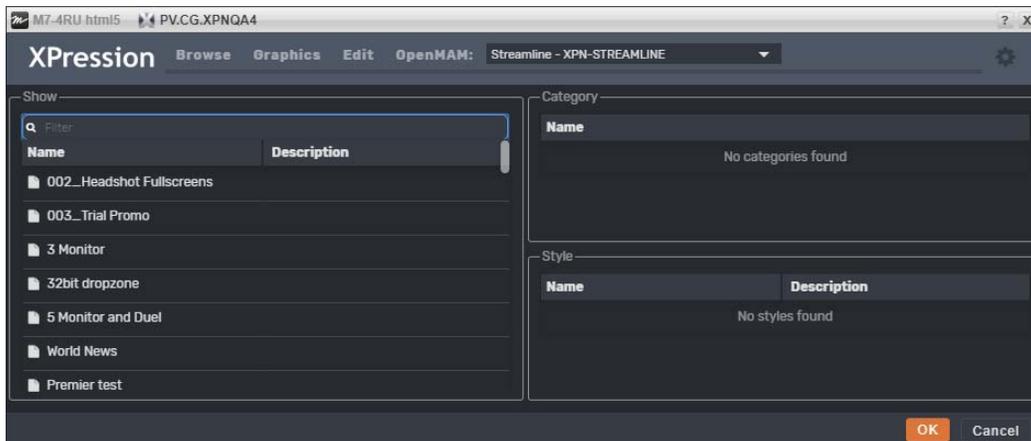
1. Open the **XPression HTML5 Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. In the **XPression HTML5 Plugin**, click **Graphics**.

The **Graphics** tab opens. By default, it will show graphics from the last show that was opened.

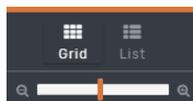


3. To select graphics from a different show, click **Show**. The **Show** button is not available if there is no project server.

The **Show**, **Category**, and **Style** window opens.



4. Click the **Browse** tab and select another show, category, and/or style and click **OK**.
Use the search **Filter** box to enter a show name to quickly retrieve a show instead of scrolling through the list of shows.
5. Click the **Collapse all** button (☰) in the top-right corner to view the category headings of the graphics and then click a heading to expand the category containing the graphic to add to the story.
Click the **Expand all** button (☱) to expand all the category headings of the graphics.
6. Click the **Change view type and scale** button (🔍) in the top-right corner to open the settings:

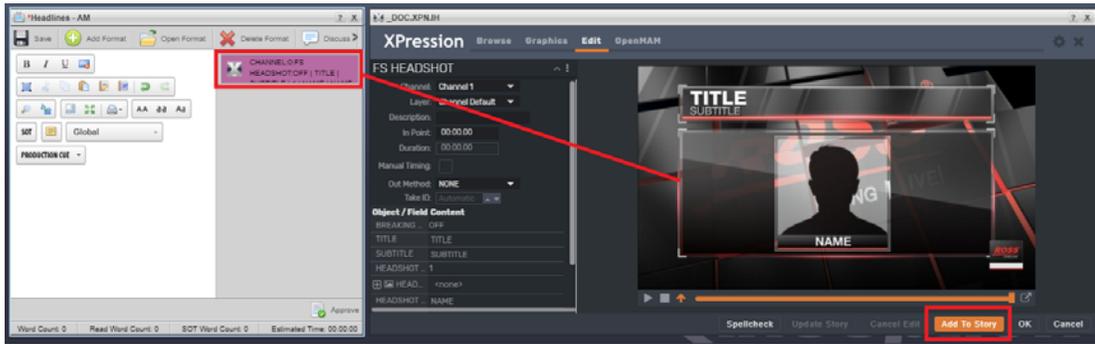


Select one of the following viewing methods for the graphics browser:

- **Grid** — click this tab to view the graphics in a grid layout.
- **List** — click this tab to view the graphics in a name list.
- **Size bar** — click on the bar and drag it either in the plus direction or the minus direction to adjust the thumbnail size in the **Graphics** tab.

7. Double-click a graphic to select it and click **Add To Story**.

The graphic is added to the story that is currently open in the **Story Editor Panel** of the NRCS. It appears as a MOS object placeholder in the NRCS and reflects the MOS abstract as configured in the Gateway. It displays the channel, layer, graphic name, etc.

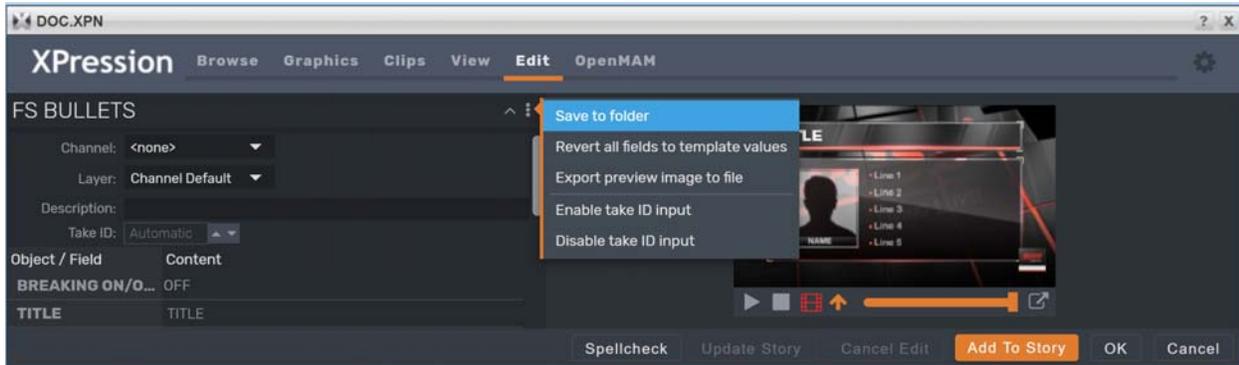


8. Click **Save** in the **Story Editor Panel** to save the graphic in the story.

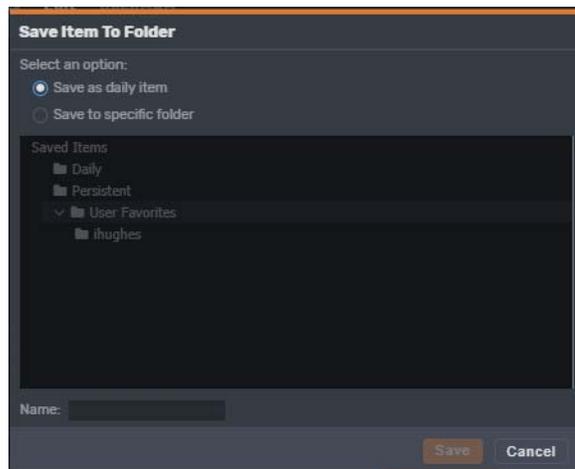
Saving and Exporting Graphics

To save a graphic to a folder:

1. Click the options button (⋮) in the top-right corner of the graphics editor and select **Save to folder** from the menu.



The **Save Item to Folder** dialog opens.



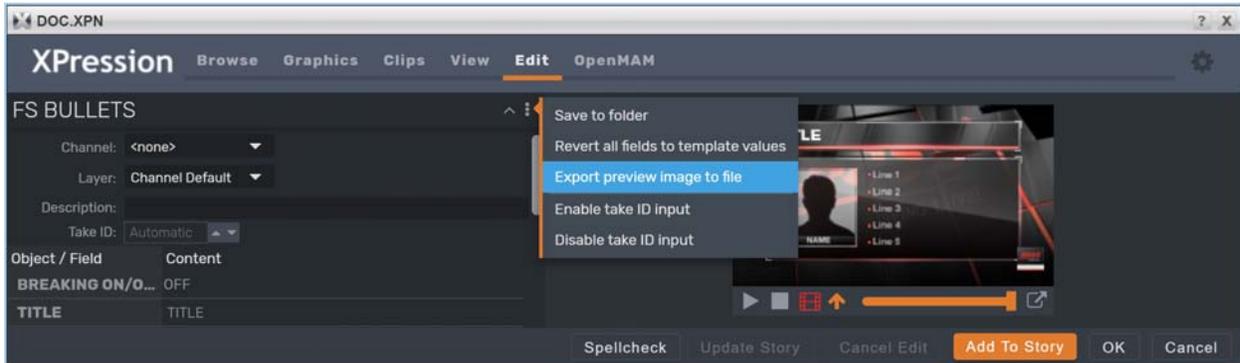
2. Select one of the following save options:
 - **Save as daily item** — select this radio button to save the graphic to a daily items folder. This will create a folder for the current date. The path, date format, and purge frequency are set in the **XPression Gateway > Saved Items** panel.
 - **Save to specific folder** — select this radio button to save the graphic to a specific folder selected from the **Saved Items** folder structure.
3. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the graphic.
4. Click **Save**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog closes and the graphic is saved.

The folder might have to be refreshed to see the added graphic.

To export a preview image of the graphic:

1. With the graphic open in the **Graphic Editor**, click the options button (⋮) in the top-right corner of the **Editor** and select **Export preview image to file** from the sub-menu.



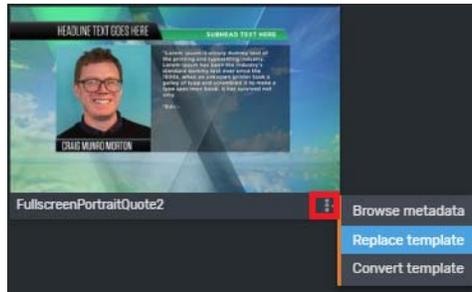
2. In the **Save As** window, navigate to a folder to store the image and click **Save**.

If the **Save As** window does not open, it is because this option has not been selected in the web browser settings. To enable the **Save As** window, edit the web browser settings to allow the file browser to open to select a specific folder. Otherwise, the image will be saved in **Downloads**.

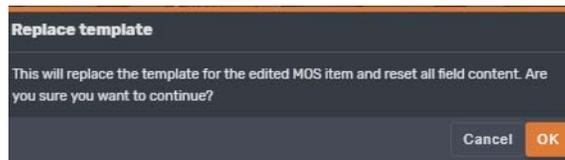
Replacing and Converting Graphics

To replace graphic templates:

1. Double-click a graphic in the **NRCS** to select it for editing.
2. From the **Graphics** tab, select the graphic template to use instead.
3. Click the options button (⋮) in the bottom-right corner of the graphic and select **Replace Template** from the sub-menu.



The **Replace Template** confirmation dialog opens.



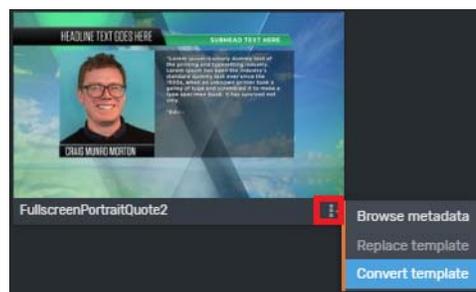
4. Click **OK**.

The original graphic is replaced with the new graphic and all field content is reset.

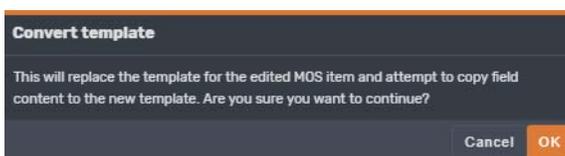
5. Click **Add to Story** to save the new graphic.

To convert graphic templates:

1. From the **Graphics** tab, double-click a graphic to open it.
2. Edit the graphic.
3. To change the template of the graphic, before adding it to the story, click the **Graphics** tab again and select the graphic to use instead.
4. Click the options button (⋮) in the bottom-right corner of the graphic and select **Convert Template** from the sub-menu.



The **Convert Template** confirmation dialog opens.



5. Click **OK**.

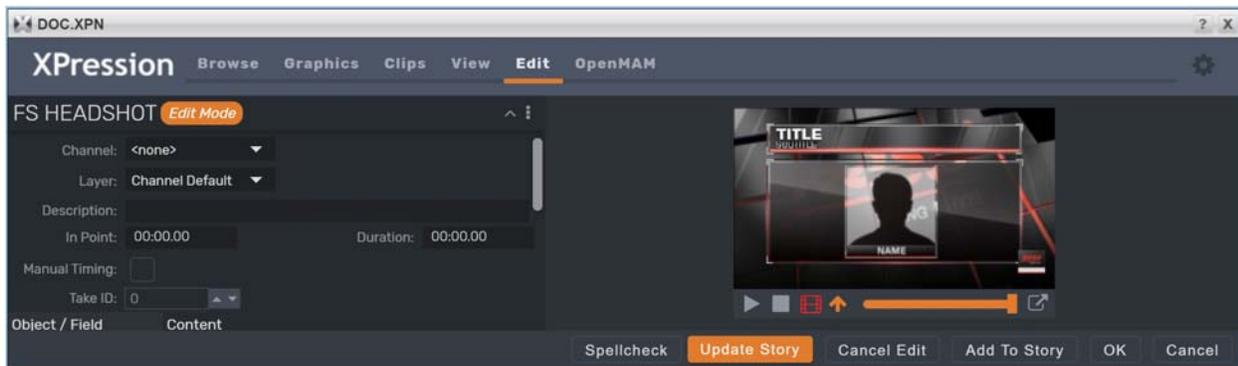
The template is replaced, but field content in the original template that corresponds with the new template is maintained.

Editing Graphics in the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin

The **Edit** tab in the XPression HTML5 Plugin is used for editing graphics and saving graphics. A preview image of the graphic can also be exported to a file.

To edit a graphic:

1. Double-click the MOS object placeholder representing the graphic in the **Story Editor Panel** of the NRCS. The **Graphic Editor** displays **Edit Mode** at the top to indicate that the graphic can now be edited.



The graphic is visible in the preview window and the published fields will be displayed in the **Object / Field Content** section.

When using static text, if **Enable User Input Controls** is selected in the **Data Source** tab of the **Object Inspector** in XPression, the **Content** cell will contain a list of available static text values.

★ The text fields will reflect the design of the scene. This could be a simple text field or drop down lists, radio buttons, combo boxes, or check boxes supplied by static lists, global lists, or DataLinq lists.

2. Edit graphic information such as **Channel**, **Layer**, **Description**, **In Point**, and **Duration** as necessary.

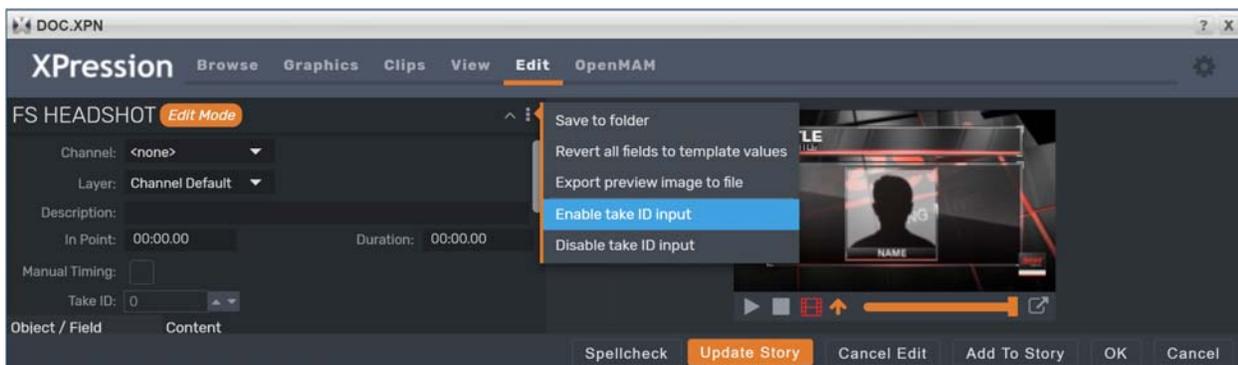
These settings are only available if they have been set up in the **Configuration** panel. See “**Setting Up the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin**” on page 3–32.

3. Select the **Manual Timing** check box to use a manual time instead of the **In Point /Duration** timing fields of the graphic when under automation control.

The **Manual Timing** check box is only available if it has been set up in the **Configuration** panel. See “**Setting Up the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin**” on page 3–32.

If using an XPression Tessera project, use the **Channel** list to select a source rather than a channel (for example, Source 1, Source 2, etc.).

4. To assign a **Take ID** to the graphic, click the options button (⋮) in the top-right corner of the **Graphic Editor** and select **Enable take ID input** from the sub-menu.



Take ID input can be disabled after enabling by selecting **Disable take ID input**.

By default, **Automatic** is selected in the **Take ID** field, which assigns a **Take ID** based on the next available **Take ID** number. For more information, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to MOS Objects in the XPression ActiveX MOS Plugin**” on page 4–14.

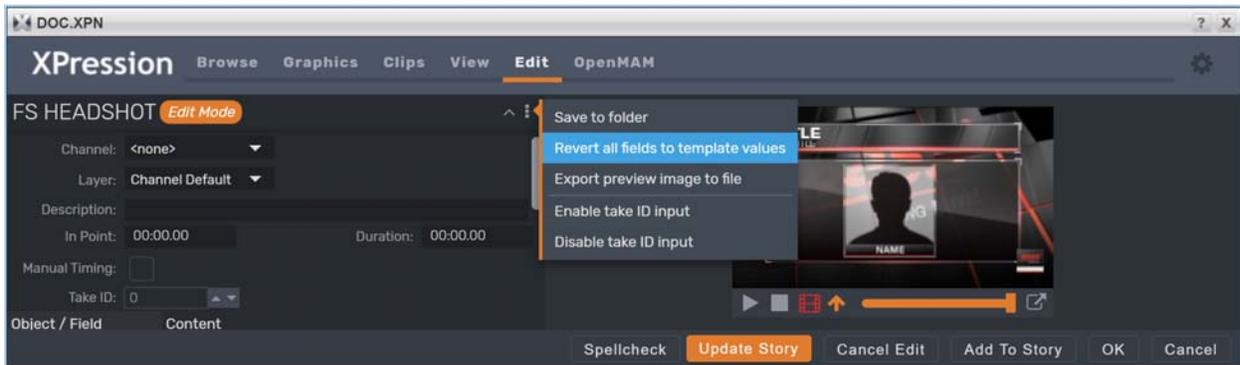
5. Click a field in the **Content** column to edit it.

Alternatively, the object can be selected by clicking it in the preview window.

The changes appear in the preview window. Animations from the graphic can be played by using the playback controls below the preview window.

The preview window can be opened in a floating window by clicking the icon in the bottom-right corner. It can then be resized and moved to another screen.

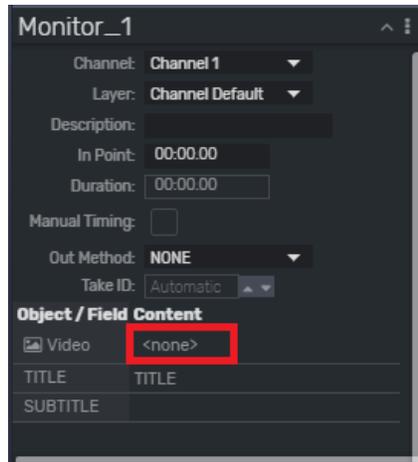
6. To revert to the default values for each field, click the options button (⋮) in the top-right corner of the **Graphics Editor** and select **Revert all fields to template values**.



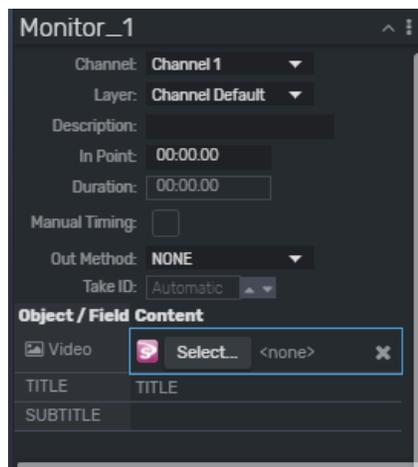
7. Click **Update Story**.

Selecting Images and Video for Graphics in the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin

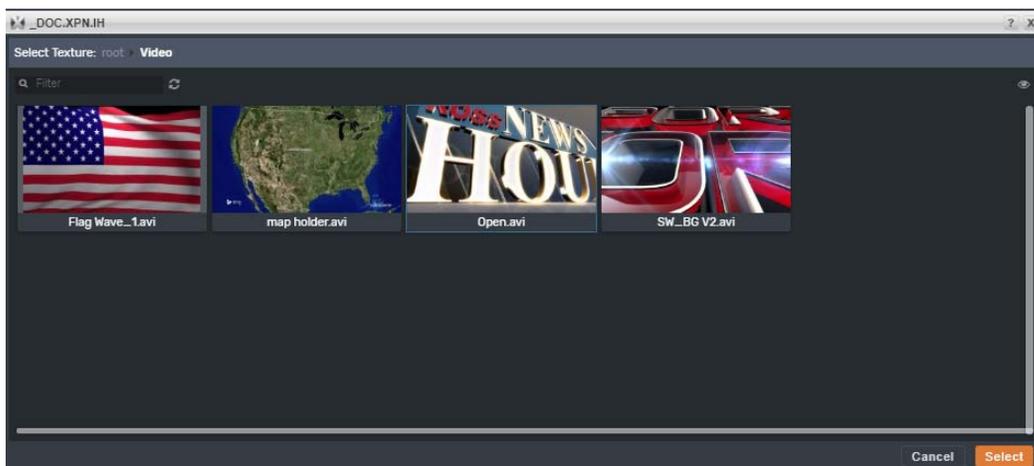
1. Open the **XPression HTML5 Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. In the **XPression HTML5 Plugin**, open a graphic template that contains a video shader.
3. Click **Add To Story**, then double-click the MOS object placeholder representing the graphic in the **Story Editor**.
4. In the **Graphic Editor**, in the **Object/Field Content** section, click in the **Content** field beside the video shader object.



5. Click **Select** and browse to the folder containing the graphic or video to use.



6. Click the thumbnail of the graphic or video and then click **Select**.

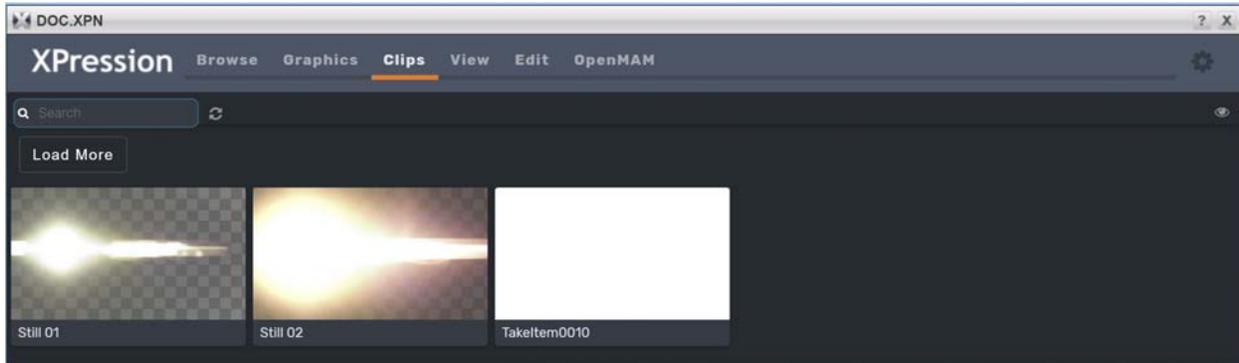


7. Make other changes to the template if necessary and click **Update Story**.
8. In the **Story Editor**, click **Save**.

Searching, Viewing, and Editing Clips

1. Open the **XPression HTML5 Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. In the XPression HTML5 Plugin, click **Clips**.

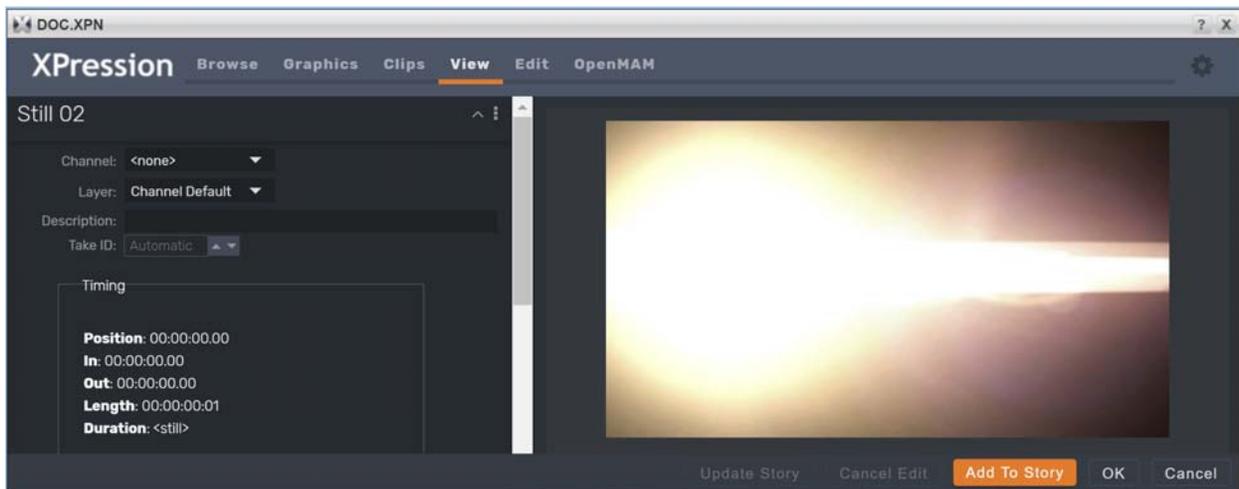
The **Clips** tab opens.



Use the Search box to locate a specific clip if necessary.

3. Double-click a clip to view it.

The clip opens in the **View** tab.



The clip is visible in the preview window and the clip info will be displayed in the **Timing** and **Source Information** sections.

4. Edit clip information such as **Channel**, **Layer**, and **Description** as necessary.
5. Change the **Take ID** if necessary:
 - a. Click the options button (ⓘ) and select **Enable take ID input**.
Disable the Take ID input by selecting **Disable take ID input**.
 - b. In the **Take ID** box, enter or select a take ID for the clip.
6. Click **Add To Story**.

Saving and Selecting Saved Clips

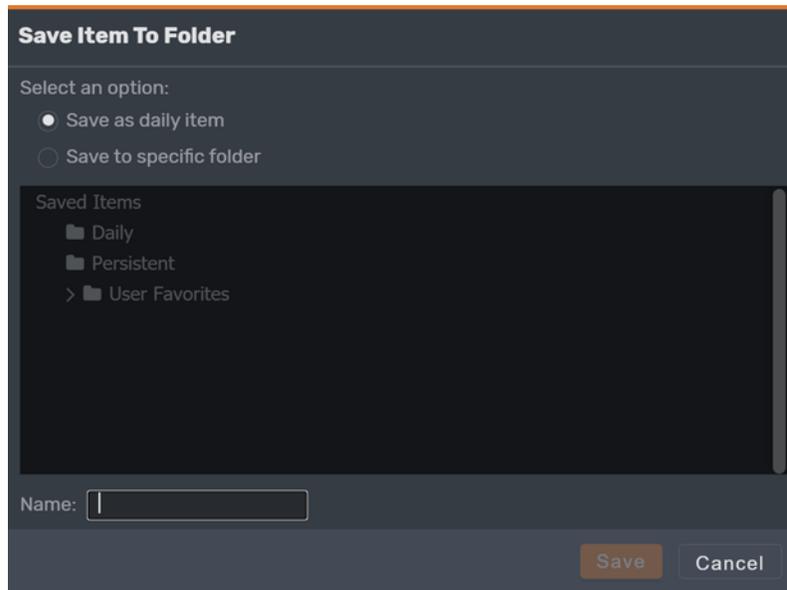
1. Save clips and select saved clips:

- To save your clips, refer to the section “**Saving Clips**” on page 4–39.
- To select your clips, refer to the section “**Selecting Saved Clips**” on page 4–39.

Saving Clips

- a. Edit a clip in the **View** tab (refer to “**Searching, Viewing, and Editing Clips**” on page 4–38).
- b. Click the options button () and select **Save to folder**.

The **Save Item To Folder** dialog box opens.



c. Select one of the following save options:

- **Save as daily item** — select this radio button to save the clip to a daily items folder. This will create an items folder for the current date that is subject to the Saved Items settings in the XPression Gateway.
- **Save to specific folder** — select this radio button to save the clip to a specific items folder selected from the **Saved Items** folder structure.

d. Use the **Name** box to enter a name for the saved clip.

e. Click **Save**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box closes and the clip is saved.

Selecting Saved Clips

In the **Browse** tab, select a clip from the **Saved Items** folder structure. These clips need to have been pre-populated with information and saved to a user specified folder.

Clips can also be browsed from the **Rundowns** area. This enables users to select clips used in MOS rundowns that are being monitored by the XPression Gateway.

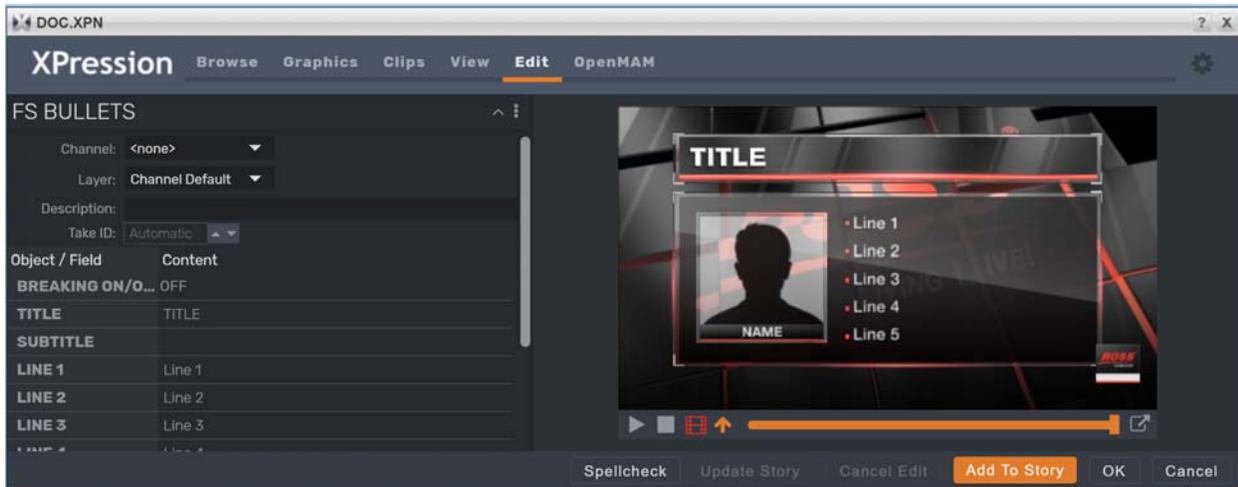
The clips can be copied to other rundowns or modified from their current state using the **Edit** tab and then added to a rundown.

- ★ Users can create new folders in the Saved Items folder on the XPression Gateway or the through the plugin. These folders will appear in the Saved Items folder structure in the XPression HTML5 Plugin.

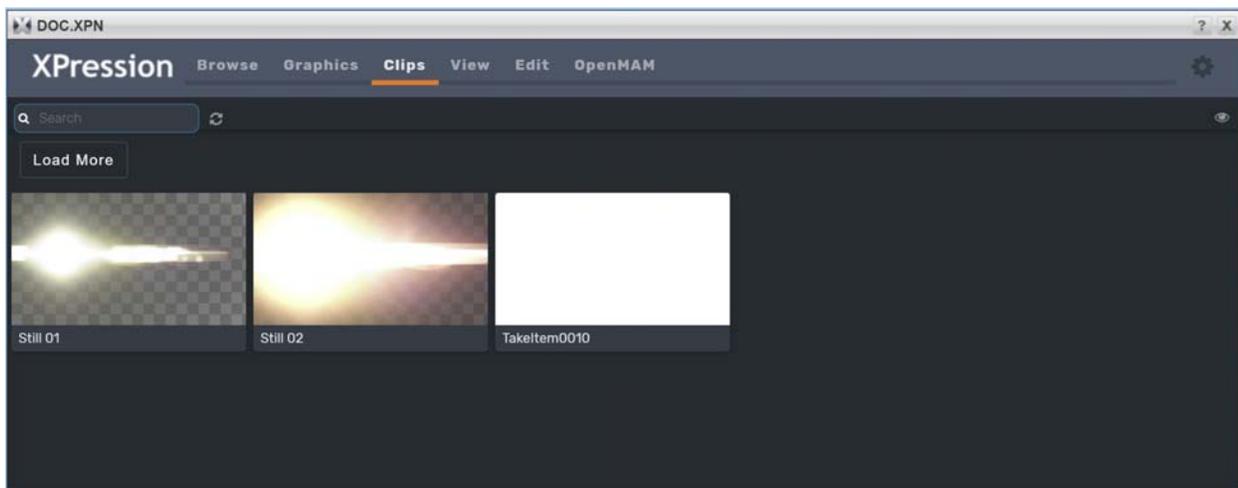
Clips can also be saved to the daily folders. These folders are auto-generated with the current date and can be set to purge after a specified period of time.

Adding a Clip to an XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin Graphic

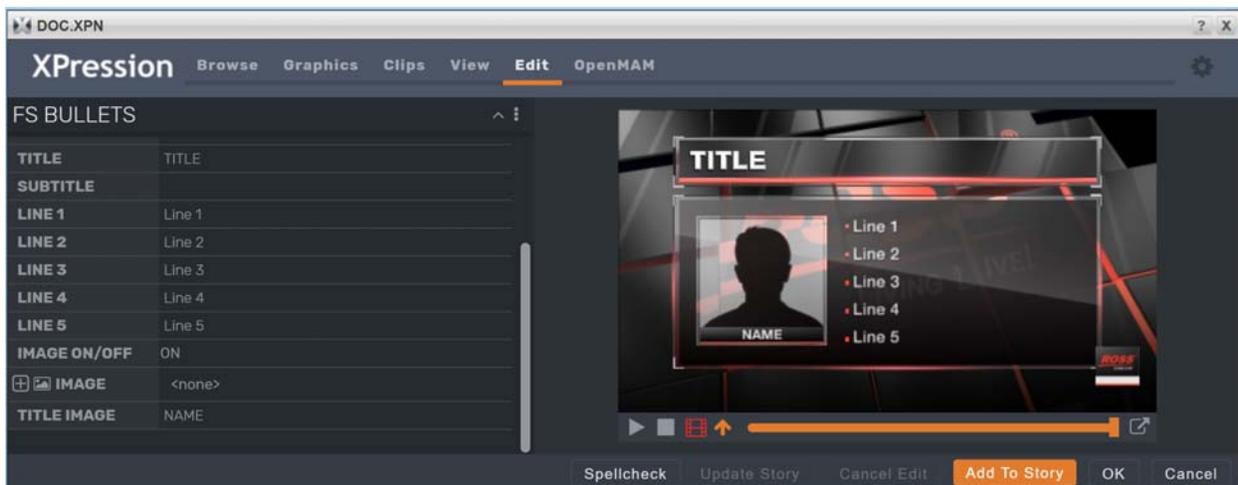
1. Open a graphic in the **Edit** tab that contains a video or image **Object / Field**.



2. Click the **Clips** tab.
The **Clips** tab opens.

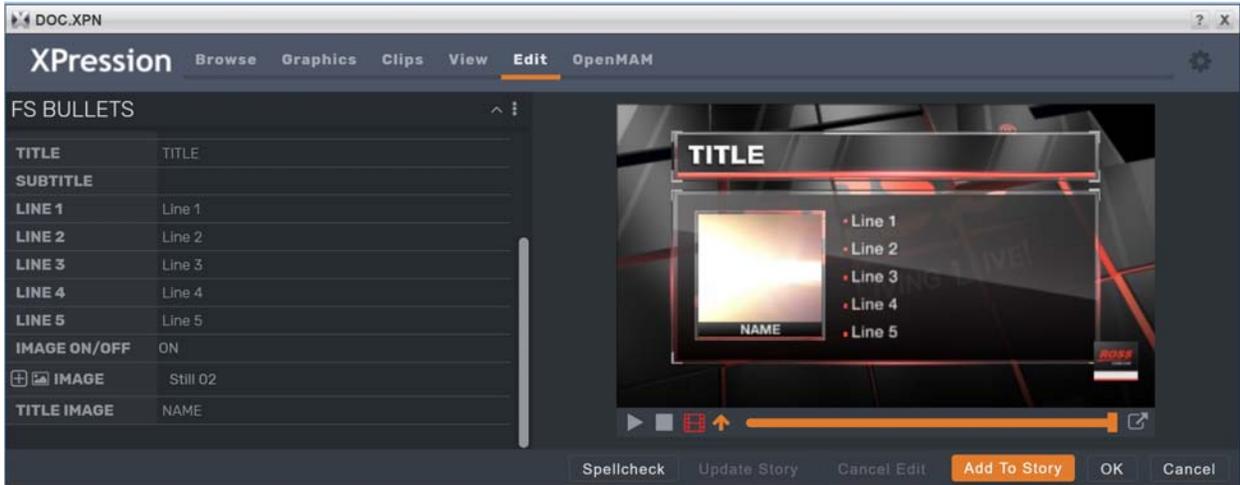


3. Click and drag a clip over the **Edit** tab.
The **Edit** tab opens.



4. Drop the clip onto the video or image **Field / Object**.

The clip is added to the video or image **Field / Object** selected in the graphic and the clip is displayed in the preview for the graphic.



For More Information on...

- Saved Items folders, refer to the section "**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**" on page 3–2.
- XPression Clips, refer to the *XPression Clips User Guide*.

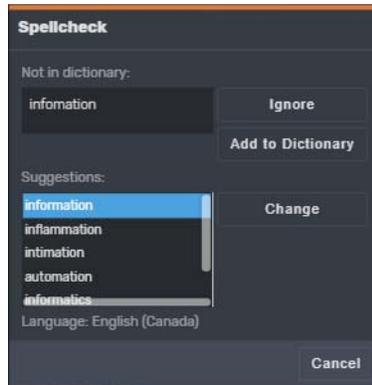
Using Spellcheck

The XPression HTML5 Plugin offers spell check with a local dictionary to which words can be added on a per user basis. The dictionary used is set up in the **Configuration** panel. See “**Setting Up the XPression HTML5 MOS Plugin**” on page 3–32.

To spell check a graphic:

1. Select a graphic either from the **Story Editor** or from the **Graphics** tab.
2. Click **Spellcheck**.

The **Spellcheck** dialog opens. The first word in the graphic that is incorrectly spelled or not in the dictionary appears in the **Not in dictionary** field.



3. Do one of the following:
 - Click **Ignore** to ignore that word without making any changes.
 - Click **Add to Dictionary** to add the word to the dictionary.
 - Select a word from the **Suggestions** list and click **Change** to correct the spelling.

An information window opens indicating that the spell check is complete once all the text fields have been spell checked.

4. Click **OK**.

Depending on the actions taken in Step 3, the text content is either the same or corrected/changed.

Adding Resources from Streamline OpenMAM

An integrated Streamline openMAM browser can be used in the XPression HTML5 Plugin for adding images and video to graphics in the XPression HTML5 Plugin. For information about configuring an asset management system, see “**Adding and Configuring an OpenMAM Server**” on page 7–2.

Images and video can be dragged and dropped directly from Streamline openMAM into the XPression HTML5 Plugin.

To drag and drop an image or video from Streamline into the XPression HTML5 Plugin:

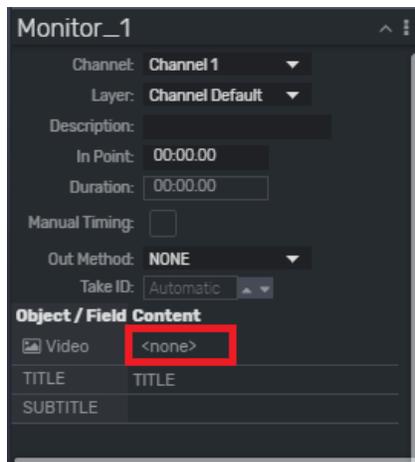
1. Open the **Xpression HTML5 Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. Click **Add To Story**, then double-click the MOS object placeholder representing the graphic in the **Story Editor**.
3. Do one of the following:
 - Access Streamline from the **OpenMAM Tab**.
 - Access Streamline from the Streamline button in the **Edit Tab**.

OpenMAM Tab

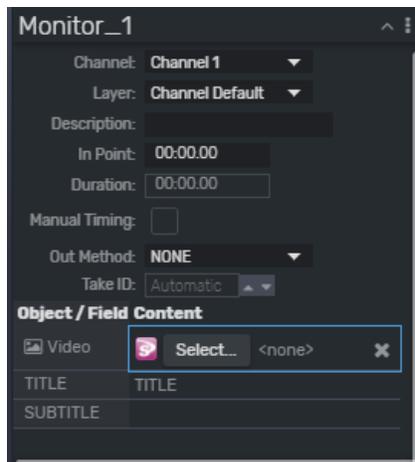
- a. In the **XPression HTML5 Plugin**, click the **OpenMAM** tab.
Streamline opens in a new window. If using iNEWS, open Streamline manually.

Edit Tab

- a. In the **Graphic Editor**, in the **Object/Field Content** section, click in the **Content** field beside the video shader object.



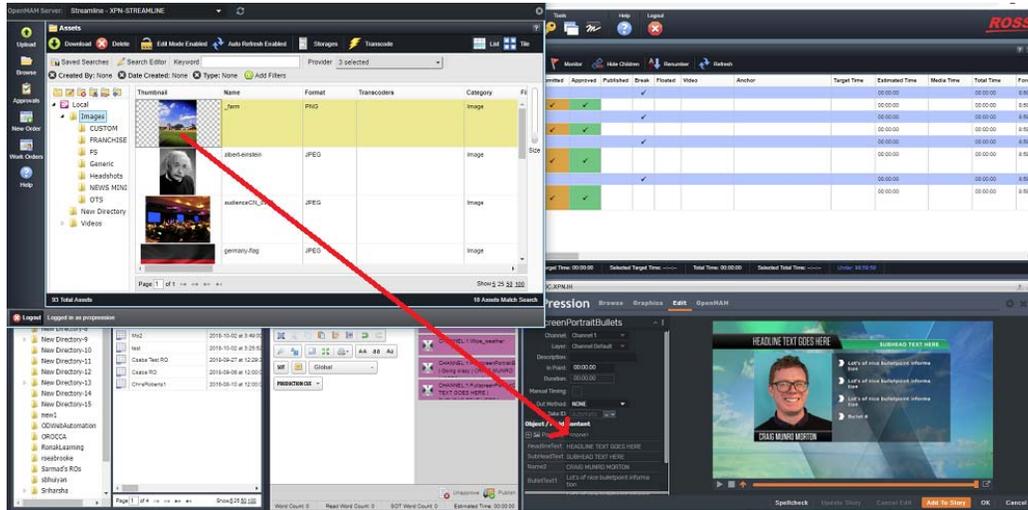
The Streamline icon (📺) with a **Select** button is displayed.



b. Click the Streamline icon (📡).

Streamline opens in a new window.

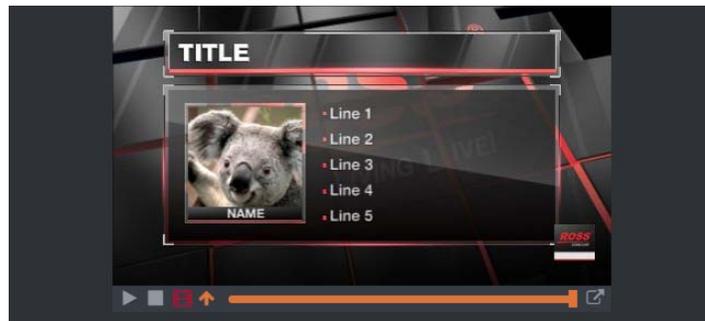
4. Log in to Streamline and browse to the image or video to use.
5. Select the image or video.
6. Drag and drop the image or video into the image field in the **Object / Field** section of the **Graphic Editor** in the XPression HTML5 Plugin.



7. Click **Update Story**.
8. In the **Story Editor**, click **Save**.

Using the Preview Window

Use the **Preview** window to preview the graphic that is open in the **Edit** tab.



▶ **Play** — click this button to play the preview of the graphic.

■ **Stop** — click this button to stop the preview of the graphic.

■ **Pre-load all frames** — click this button to pre-load all preview frames of the graphic to avoid displaying blank preview images when scrubbing over the preview timeline. The button appears **red** when frames are not pre-loaded and changes to **green** after being clicked and all frames have been successfully loaded.

■ **Jump to preview frame** — click this button to move the preview timeline of the graphic to the preview frame.

Scrub bar — click and hold the scrub bar and move left or right along the timeline to scroll through the preview of the graphic or click inside the timeline to move the preview and scrub bar to the selected point inside the timeline.

■ **Open in floating window** — click this button to open the Preview window in a separate floating window. To close the floating Preview window, click the **Close floating window** button (■).

NLE Workflow Setup

Overview

The XPression Gateway serves as a communication hub between the XPression NLE plugins, XPression Template Builder, or Edius plugins installed on NLE workstations running supported NLE software and the Bluebox Offline Engines rendering XPression templates. These renderings are transported over TCP/IP to be applied to the users editing timeline.

Before you start using the XPression NLE workflow, the various components and settings need to be configured for operability.

The XPression NLE Plugin is supported in Adobe Premier Pro 2019.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

- Required Components
- Optional Components
- Setting Up the XPression Gateway for the XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin
- Setting Up the XPression Gateway for the XPression Template Builder

Required Components

The following is a list of the required components for the XPression NLE workflow:

- XPression Gateway
- Studio, Prime, or BlueBox OFL (preview engine)
- XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, or Edius Plugin

★ The XPression Edius Plugin requires the Microsoft Visual Studio 2013 redistributable in order to install. This is automatically done during installation, however, an internet connection is required to connect to the Microsoft website during the install.

Optional Components

The following items are optional for the XPression NLE workflow:

- XPression Project Server
- Supported MAM system

For More Information on...

- The XPression Gateway user interface, refer to the section “**The XPression Gateway User Interface**” on page 2–2.
- The XPression NLE Plugin and XPression Edius Plugin user interface, refer to the section “**The XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin User Interface - Templates**” on page 2–12 and “**The XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin User Interface - Edit Mode**” on page 2–13.
- The XPression Template Builder user interface, refer to the section “**The XPression Template Builder User Interface - Templates**” on page 2–14 and “**The XPression Template Builder User Interface - Edit Mode**” on page 2–15.

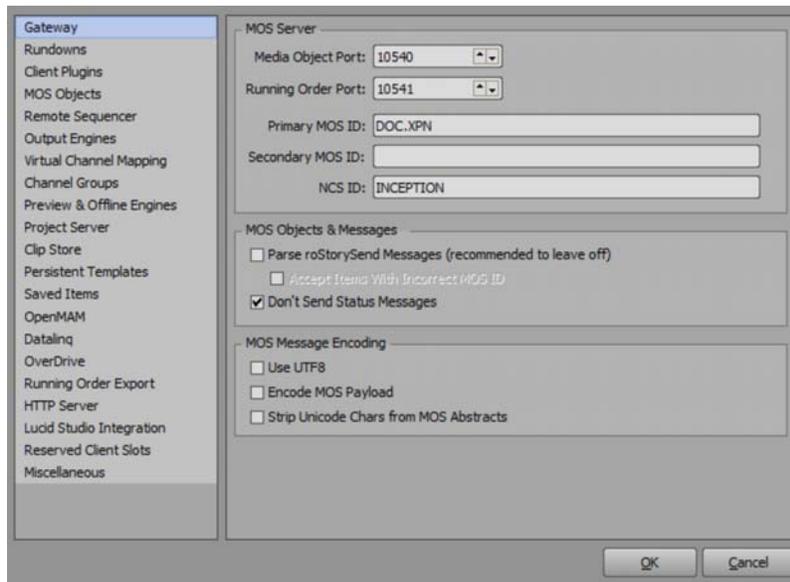
Setting Up the XPression Gateway for the XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin

The following steps explain the XPression Gateway configuration for the NLE workflow when using the NLE Plugin or Edius Plugin.

★ If you have any Citrix programs installed, such as GoToMeeting, ensure that the **DNE Lightweight Filter** is disabled in the **Local Area Connection Properties** window of any machine that is connected to the XPression Gateway, including the XPression Gateway itself.

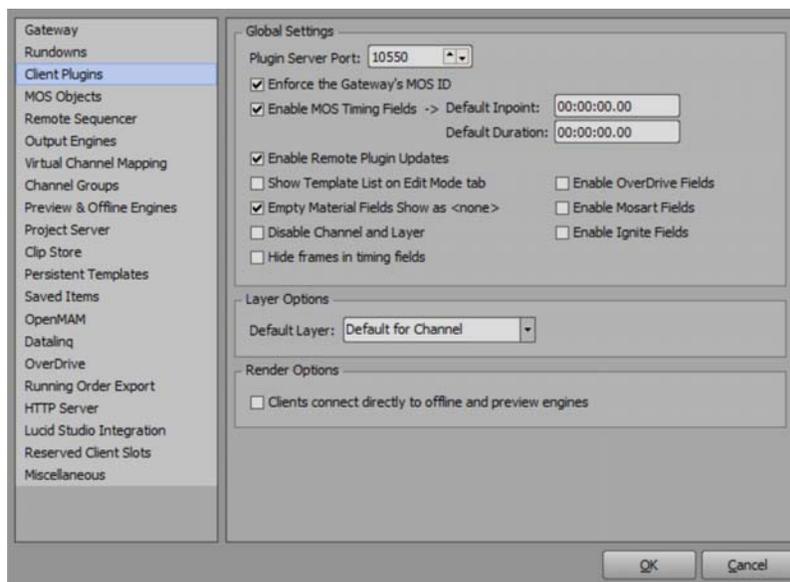
1. Open the **XPression Gateway**.
2. Click **Gateway > Settings**.

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



3. Click **Client Plugins** to configure the client plugin settings.

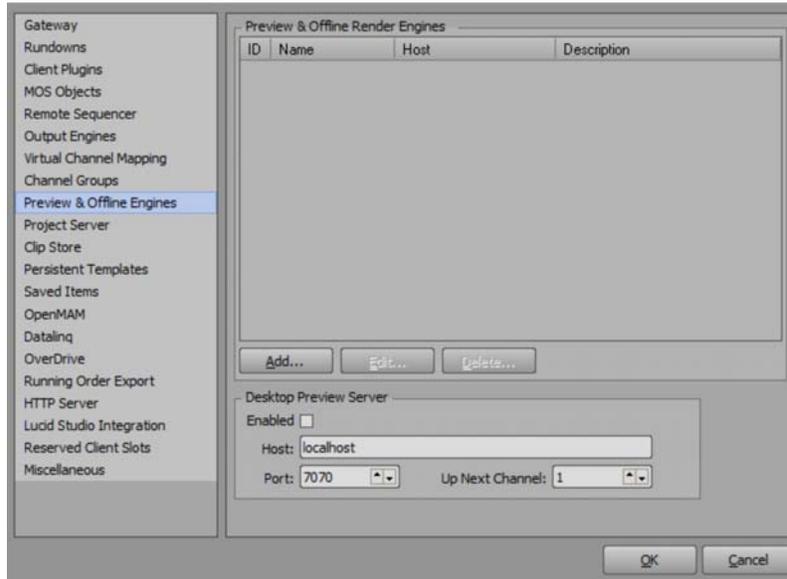
The **Client Plugins** configuration area opens.



Client Plugins

- a. In the **Global Settings** section, select the **Enable Remote Plugin Updates** check box to prompt users of the XPression NLE Plugin or Edius Plugin to update the plugin if the version does not match the version of the XPression Gateway.
 - b. Select the **Show Template List on Edit Mode tab** check box to allow users of the XPression NLE Plugin or Edius Plugin to browse templates while the plugin is in edit mode.
4. Click **Preview & Offline Engines** to configure the preview engines.

The **Preview & Offline Engines** configuration area opens.

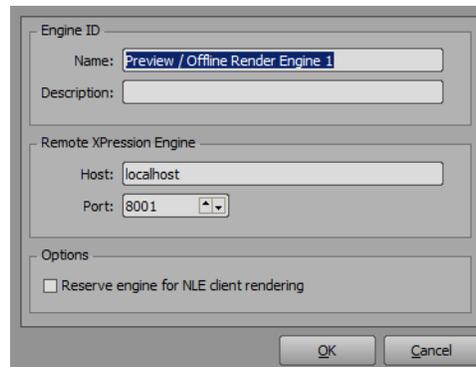


Preview & Offline Engines

- ★ A preview engine needs to be added for every XPression Bluebox OFL system being used for motion and still preview in the XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin.

- a. In the **Preview & Offline Render Engines** section, click **Add**.

The **XPression Preview Engine** dialog box opens.



- b. In the **Engine ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter an ID for the engine.
- c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the engine.
- d. In the **Remote XPression Engine** section, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the XPression system for the preview engine.
- e. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the XPression system.

- f. In the **Options** section, select the **Reserve engine for NLE client rendering** check box to send preview requests from the NLE to any OFL engine(s) reserved for NLE use.

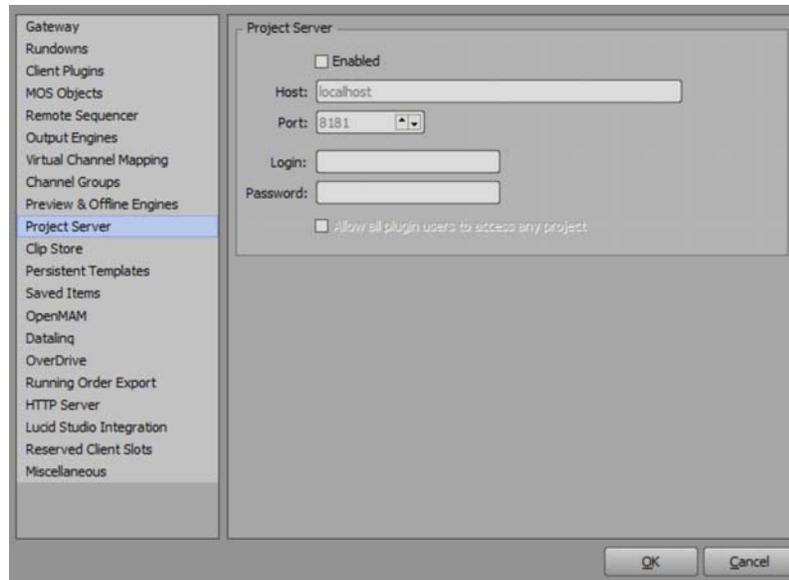
Any MOS plugin requests will be sent to the non-reserved OFL engine(s). If all OFL engines in the Gateway have this check box enabled, MOS plugin requests will go to any of the OFL engines. If none of the OFL engines have this check box enabled, previews from NLE clients will be assigned to any one of the OFL engines.

- g. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Preview Engine** dialog box closes and the preview engine is added to the **Preview & Offline Render Engines** list.

5. Click **Project Server** to configure the XPression Project Server settings.

The **Project Server** configuration area opens.



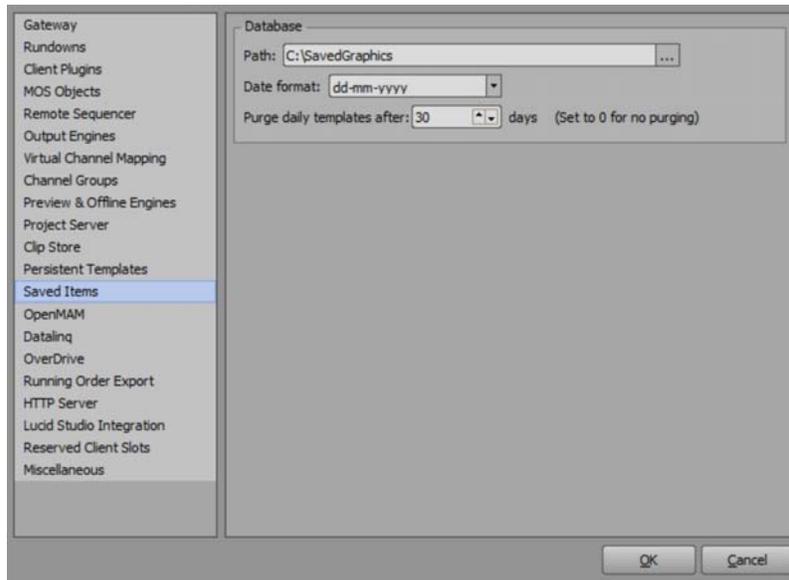
- ★ The XPression Project Server is optional for XPression NLE workflow. If you do not have the Project Server, proceed to step 6. If you are interested in adding the XPression Project Server to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.

Project Server

The XPression Project Server offers centralized storage and creative collaboration within a facility or across an enterprise. Designers and operators can access any XPression project from any XPression workstation, share projects while working locally, then re-publish to the server.

- ★ The login and password must be configured in the Project Server before you can connect the XPression Gateway.
 - a. In the **Project Server** section, select the **Enabled** check box to use the Project Server.
 - b. Use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the Project Server.
 - c. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the Project Server.
 - d. In the **Login** box, enter your username for the Project Server.
 - e. In the **Password** box, enter the password for your Project Server login.

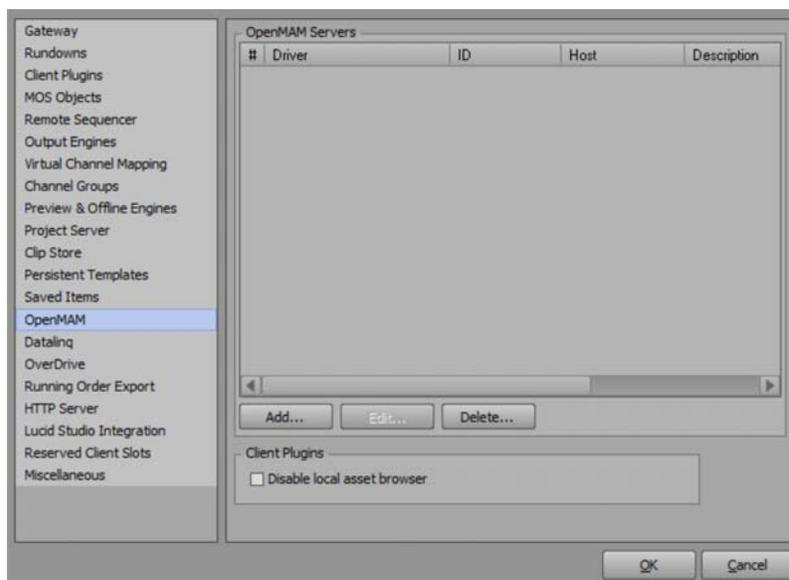
6. Click **Saved Items** to select and configure a graphics folder for the XPression Gateway. The **Saved Items** configuration area opens.



Saved Items

Saved Items are templates that are saved to the gateway and edited via the XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin. These pre-populated templates can be saved in user configured folders that can be stored permanently, or in the daily graphics folder that can be automatically purged after a user defined duration.

- a. In the **Database** section, use the **Path** box to enter a file path or click the **Browse (...)** button to open a file browser to select a permanent or daily graphics folder.
 - b. Use the **Date format** list to select an order for the date that the graphic was saved. The options are:
 - **dd-mm-yyyy** — Day-Month-Year (for example, 15-07-2015)
 - **mm-dd-yyyy** — Month-Day-Year (for example, 07-15-2015)
 - **yyyy-mm-dd** — Year-Month-Day (for example, 2015-07-15)
 - c. Use the **Purge daily templates after X days** box to enter or select an amount of days before the daily graphics folder is automatically purged. Set to 0 for no purging.
7. Click **OpenMAM** to configure a supported asset management system. The **OpenMAM** configuration area opens.

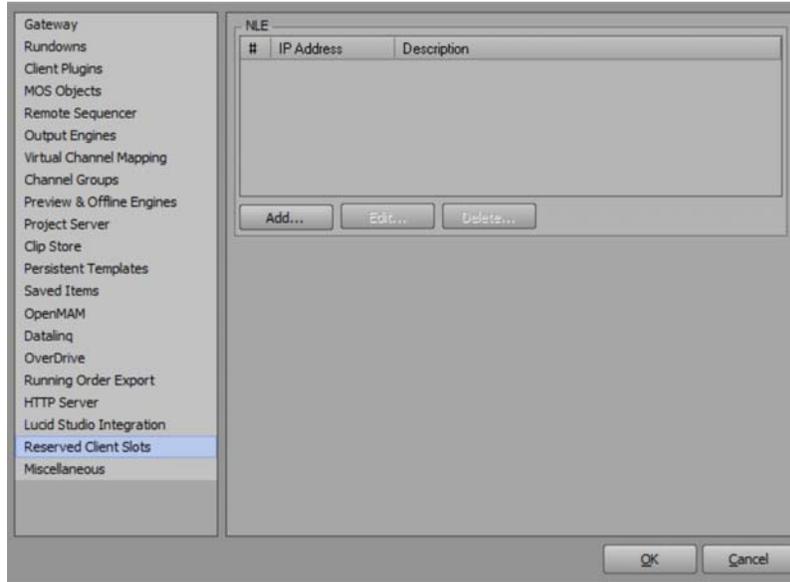


- ★ OpenMAM is optional for XPression NLE workflow. If you are not using MediaBeacon 3.0, MediaBeacon 5.0, Streamline, or XPression Maps asset management systems, proceed to step 9.

If you are configuring an OpenMAM driver, please refer to the section “**Adding and Configuring an OpenMAM Server**” on page 7–2 for information on configuring the MediaBeacon 3.0, MediaBeacon 5.0, Streamline, or XPression Maps connections.

8. Click **Reserved Client Slots** to reserve IP slots for NLE clients.

The **Reserved Client Slots** configuration area opens.



Reserved Client Slots

Reserved Client Slots are a list of NLE client IP addresses that can always connect. If the reserved client list is less than the maximum number of allowed clients, then the extra slots can be connected by anyone but only as many as are remaining, even if no reserved IPs are being used. Reserved IPs will always connect.

- a. In the **NLE** section, click **Add**.

The **Reserved Slot** dialog box opens.



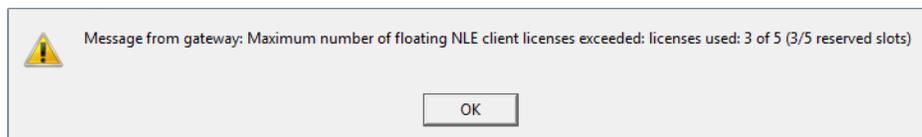
- b. In the **Slot** section, use the **IP Address** box to enter an IP address to reserve for the floating NLE client.
- c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the IP address reservation.
- d. Click **OK**.

The **Reserved Slot** dialog box closes and the IP address is added to the NLE reserved client list.

9. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box closes and the settings are applied to the XPression Gateway.

If access to a reserved IP address is attempted, or if the maximum amount of licenses are in use, the following warning message is sent by the XPression Gateway:



For More Information on...

- XPression Project Server, refer to the *XPression Project Server User Guide*.

Setting Up the XPression Gateway for the XPression Template Builder

The following steps explain the XPression Gateway configuration for the XPression Template Builder in an NLE workflow.

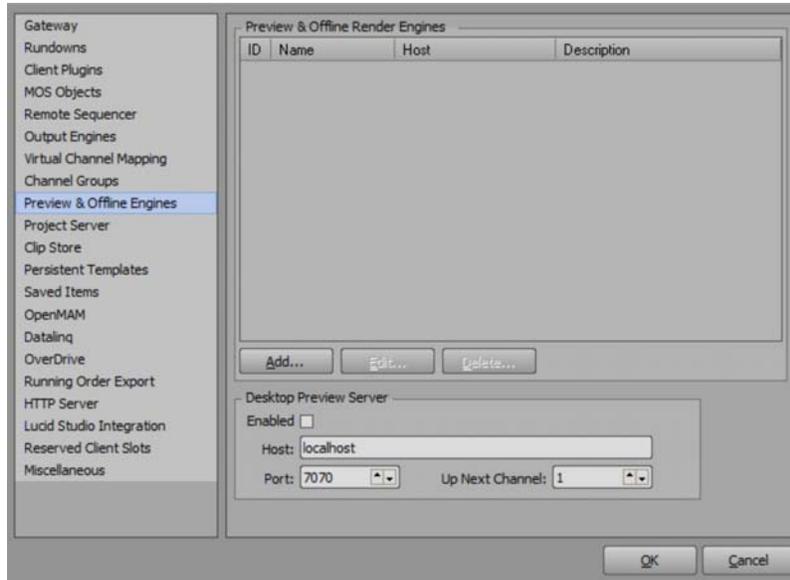
1. Open the **XPression Gateway**.

2. Click **Gateway > Settings**.

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

3. Click **Preview & Offline Engines** to configure the preview engines.

The **Preview & Offline Engines** configuration area opens.

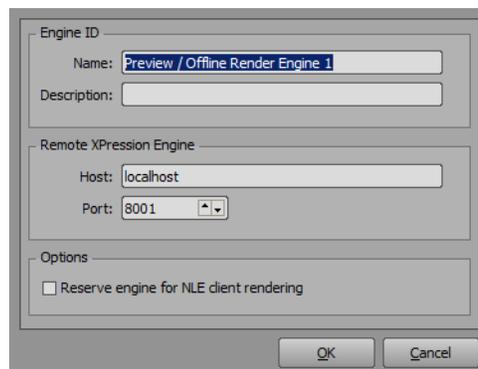


Preview & Offline Engines

★ A preview engine needs to be added for every XPression Bluebox OFL system being used for motion and still preview in the XPression Template Builder.

a. In the **Preview & Offline Render Engines** section, click **Add**.

The **XPression Preview Engine** dialog box opens.



b. In the **Engine ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter an ID for the engine.

c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the engine.

d. In the **Remote XPression Engine** section, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the XPression system for the preview engine.

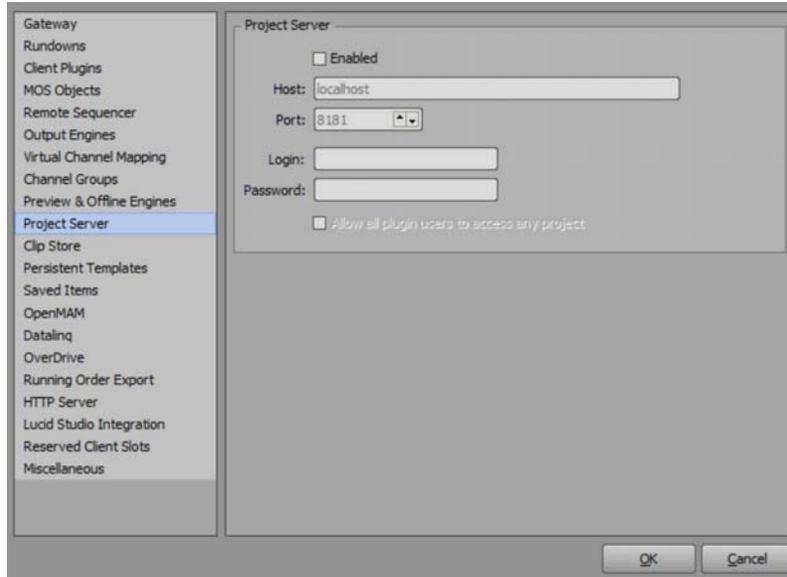
e. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the XPression system.

f. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Preview Engine** dialog box closes and the preview engine is added to the **Preview & Offline Render Engines** list.

4. Click **Project Server** to configure the XPression Project Server settings.

The **Project Server** configuration area opens.



★ The XPression Project Server is optional for XPression Template Builder workflow. If you do not have the Project Server, proceed to step 5. If you are interested in adding the XPression Project Server to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.

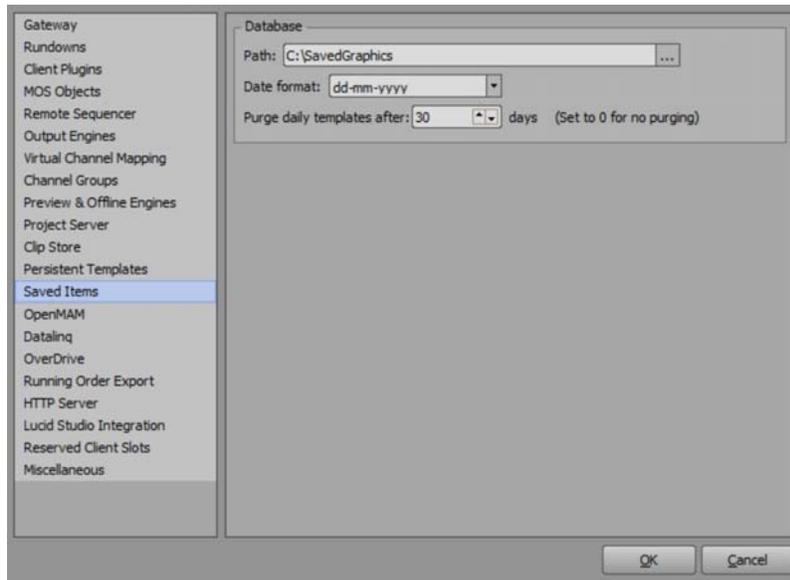
Project Server

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★ The login and password must be configured in the Project Server before you can connect the XPression Gateway.

- a. In the **Project Server** section, select the **Enabled** check box to use the Project Server.
- b. Use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the Project Server.
- c. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the Project Server.
- d. In the **Login** box, enter your username for the Project Server.
- e. In the **Password** box, enter the password for your Project Server login.

5. Click **Saved Graphics** to select and configure a graphics folder for the XPression Gateway.
The **Saved Graphics** configuration area opens.



Saved Graphics

Saved Graphics are templates that are saved to the gateway and edited via XPression Template Builder. These prepopulated templates can be saved in user configured folders that can be stored permanently, or in the daily graphics folder that can be automatically purged after a user defined duration.

- a. In the **Database** section, use the **Path** box to enter a file path or click the **Browse (...)** button to open a file browser to select a permanent or daily graphics folder.
 - b. Use the **Purge daily templates after X days** box to enter or select an amount of days before the daily graphics folder is automatically purged. Set to 0 for no purging.
6. Click **OpenMAM** to configure a supported asset management system.
- ★ OpenMAM is optional for XPression Template Builder. If you are not using MediaBeacon 3.0 or MediaBeacon 5.0 asset management systems, proceed to step 7.

If you are configuring an OpenMAM driver, please refer to the section “**Adding and Configuring an OpenMAM Server**” on page 7–2 for information on configuring the MediaBeacon 3.0 and MediaBeacon 5.0 connections.

7. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box closes and the settings are applied to the XPression Gateway.

For More Information on...

- XPression Project Server, refer to the *XPression Project Server User Guide*.

NLE Workflow Operation

This section describes how to use the templates and saved graphics in the XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

- Using Graphics in the XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, and Edius Plugin
- Using Clips in the XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, and Edius Plugin
- Assigning Take IDs to Objects
- Using Spell Check in the XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, and Edius Plugin

For More Information on...

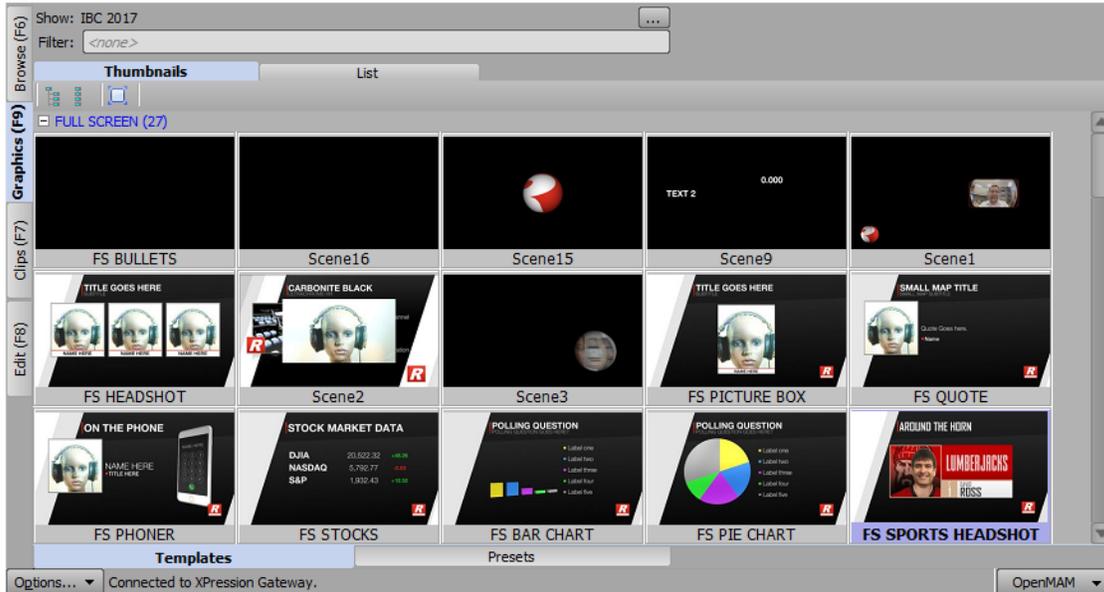
- The XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin user interface, refer to the section “**The XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin User Interface - Templates**” on page 2–12 and “**The XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin User Interface - Edit Mode**” on page 2–13.
- The XPression Template Builder user interface, refer to the section “**The XPression Template Builder User Interface - Templates**” on page 2–14 and “**The XPression Template Builder User Interface - Edit Mode**” on page 2–15.

Using Graphics in the XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, and Edius Plugin

The Graphics tab is used for adding graphics to the story in the NRCS.

1. Open the **XPression NLE Plugin**, **XPression Template Builder**, or **Edius Plugin** in the newsroom client.
2. Click **Graphics**.

The **Graphics** tab opens.



3. Select one of the following viewing methods for the graphics browser:
 - **Thumbnails** — click this tab to view the graphics in a thumbnail layout.
 - **List** — click this tab to view the graphics in a name list.
4. Select and edit your graphics:
 - To select graphics from the Project Server, refer to the section “**Browsing Graphics From Project Server**” on page 6–3.
 - To select graphics without Project Server, refer to the section “**Browsing Graphics Without Project Server**” on page 6–3.
 - To edit graphics, refer to the section “**Editing Graphics**” on page 6–4.
 - To browse the metadata of a graphic or template, refer to the section “**Browsing the Metadata of a Graphic or Template**” on page 6–5.

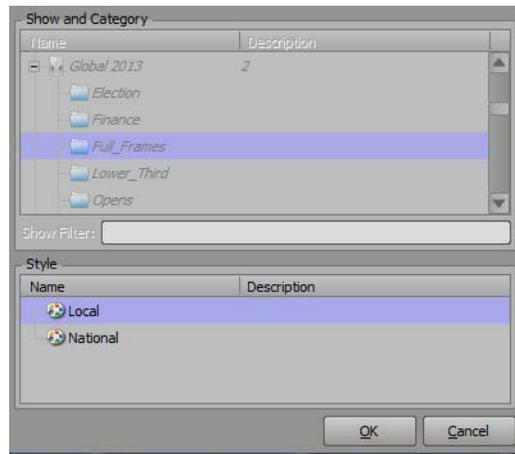
Browsing Graphics From Project Server

★ If a revision of a project is published in the NLE Plugin, Template Builder, and Edius Plugin will receive a notification of the revision.

a. In the **Graphics** tab, click **Templates**.

b. Click **Browse (...)**.

The **Show, Category and Style Selection** dialog box opens.



c. Select a show and category from the **Show and Category** tree.

d. In the **Style** list, select a style.

e. Click **OK**.

The **Show, Category and Style Selection** dialog box closes and the graphics associated with the selected style are available for selection in the **Thumbnails / List**.

Use the **Filter** box to enter a graphic name or keyword to search for specific graphics. The filter also searches the metadata of graphics when available.

f. Double-click a graphic from the **Thumbnails** or **List**.

Browsing Graphics Without Project Server

In the **Graphics** tab, browse graphics in the **Thumbnails / List**. Use the **Filter** box to enter a graphic name or keyword to search for specific graphics. The filter also searches the metadata of graphics when available.

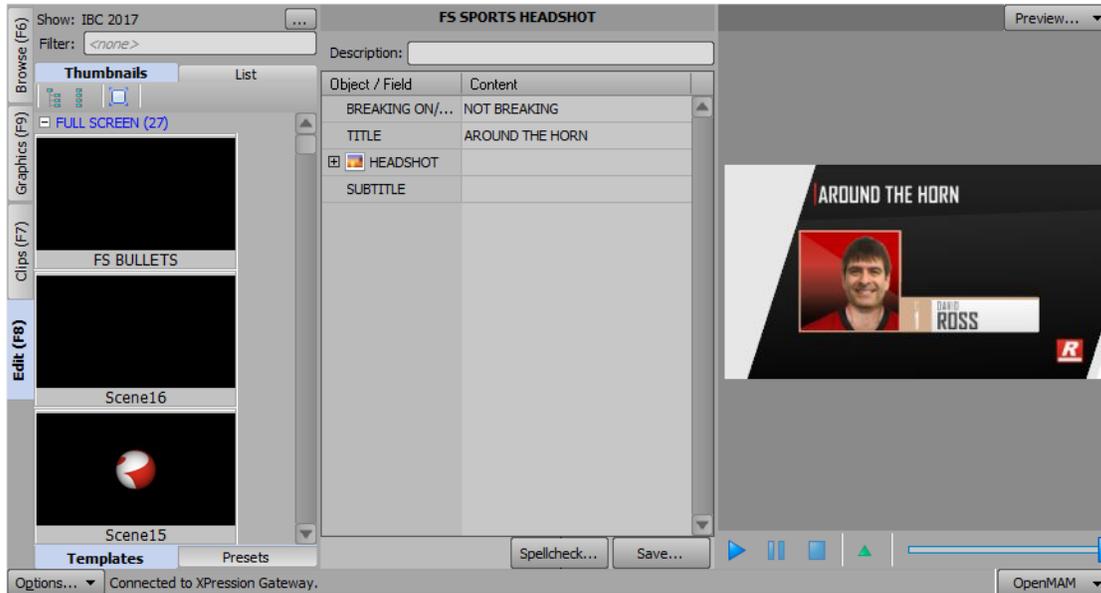
★ The available graphics are dictated by what has been loaded on the preview engine. This must be done manually.

Editing Graphics

- ★ Modifying the text template data fields of MOS items in XPression prevents the changes from being overwritten by new updates in the MOS Plugin.

- In the **Graphics** tab, double-click a graphic from the **Thumbnails**, **List**, or **Saved Graphics**.

The template opens in the **Edit** tab.



The graphic is visible in the preview window and the published fields will be displayed in the **Object / Field** and **Content** lists. When using static text, if **Enable User Input Controls** is selected in the **Data Source** tab of the **Object Inspector** in XPression, the **Content** cell will contain a list of available static text values.

Users can play animations from the graphic using the playback controls below the preview window.

Use the **Filter** box to enter a graphic name or keyword to search for specific graphics. The filter also searches the metadata of graphics when available.

- ★ Fixed Take ID numbers can be assigned. For more information, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to Objects**” on page 6–12.

- Edit the **Object / Field** information in the **Content** column. The changes appear in the preview.

The information can also be selected by clicking on the object in the preview window.

Clear a field by right-clicking it and selecting **Clear Field** from the shortcut menu; or revert to the template values by selecting **Revert all fields to template values**.

- Click **Save**.

You can also click and drag from the preview window to the newsroom client interface.

- ★ When using the NLE Plugin or Edius Plugin, you can open a graphic from the story in the NRCS to edit or update by double-clicking it. The graphic will open in the **Edit** tab. Once edited/updated, click **Save** to apply the changes.

Browsing the Metadata of a Graphic or Template

- a. In the **Graphics** or **Edit** tab, right-click on a graphic or template from the **Thumbnails**, **List**, or **Saved Graphics**.
- b. Select **Browse Metadata**.

The **Browse Metadata** window opens.

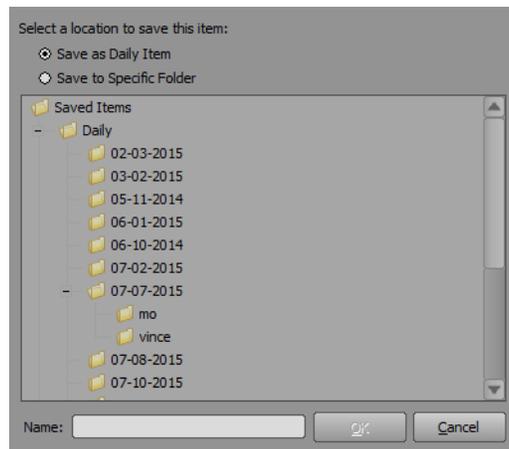


5. Save and select your saved graphics:
 - To save your graphics, refer to the section “**Saving Graphics**” on page 6–5.
 - To select your graphics, refer to the section “**Selecting Saved Graphics**” on page 6–6.

Saving Graphics

- a. Edit a template in the **Edit** tab (refer to “**Editing Graphics**” on page 6–4).
- b. Click **Save**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box opens.



- c. Select one of the following save options:
 - **Save as Daily Item** — select this radio button to save the graphic to a daily items folder. This will create an items folder for the current date that is subject to the Saved Items settings in the XPression Gateway.
 - **Save to Specific Folder** — select this radio button to save the graphic to a specific folder selected from the **Saved Items** folder structure.
- d. Click **OK**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box closes and the graphic is saved.

Selecting Saved Graphics

In the **Browse** tab, select a graphic from the **Saved Items** folder structure. These graphics need to have been pre-populated with information and saved to a user specified folder.

Graphics can also be browsed from the **Rundowns** area. This enables users to select clips used in rundowns that are being monitored by the XPression Gateway. The graphics can be copied to other rundowns or modified from their current state using the **Edit** tab and then added to a rundown.

- ★ Users can create new folders in the Saved Items folder on the XPression Gateway. These folders will appear in the Saved Items folder structure in the NLE Plugin, Template Builder, and Edius Plugin.

Graphics can also be saved to the daily folders. These folders are auto-generated with the current date and can be set to purge after a specified period of time.

Exporting a Graphic to a PNG File

The preview image for a graphic can be saved as a PNG file.

- In the preview section, right-click on the preview image and select **Export Image** from the shortcut menu. A **Save As** file browser opens.
- Use the file browser to locate a folder in which to save the .png file.
 - Click **Save**.

Utilizing Saved Graphics in Template Builder for Playout

Saved graphics and clips can be dragged and dropped into the **Sequencer** in XPression to generate take items for playback.

- ★ If using Project Server, this drag and drop will initiate deployment of the required project to the playout engine. If not using Project Server, take items created by drag and drop must be manually synchronized with the correct project.
- ★ Copying and pasting graphics only works from Template Builder to a newsroom system. It does not function like the Template Builder drag and drop feature.

For More Information on...

- Saved Items folders, refer to the section “**Setting Up the XPression Gateway for the XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin**” on page 5–2.
- assigning Take IDs, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to Objects**” on page 6–12.
- creating user input controls for static text objects, refer to the **XPression Help File** in XPression.
- XPression Project Server, refer to the **XPression Project Server User Guide**.

Using Clips in the XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, and Edius Plugin

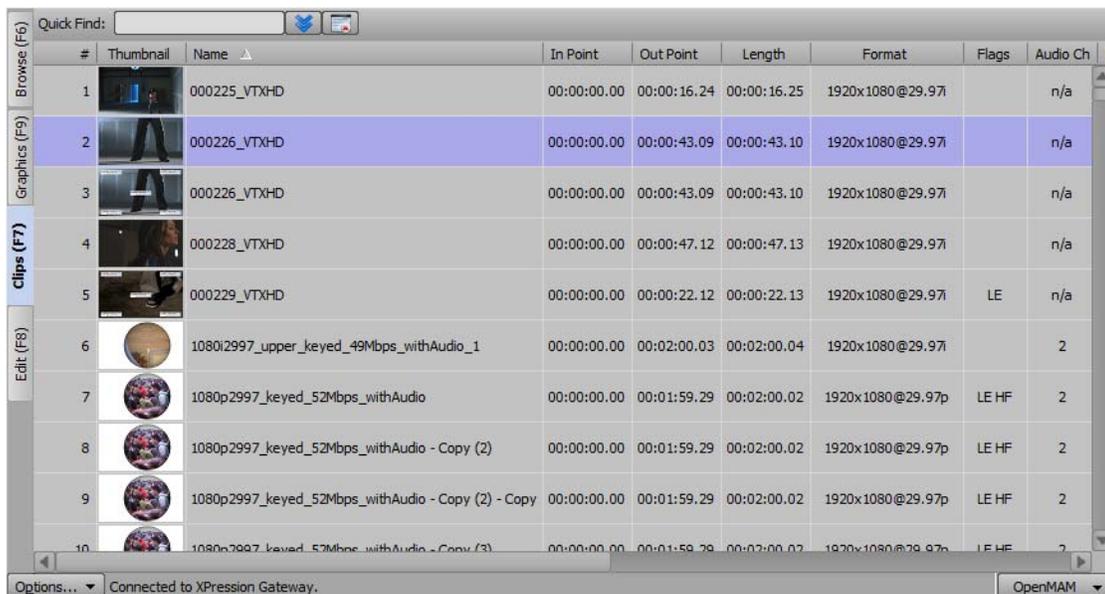
- ★ XPression Clips is optional for XPression and the XPression NLE workflow. If you do not have XPression Clips and are interested in adding it to your workflow, please contact your Ross Video sales representative.
- ★ If using a Project Server and a revision of a project is published in the NLE Plugin, Template Builder, and Edius Plugin will receive a notification of the revision.

The Clips tab is used for adding clips to a template. The Clips tab in the NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin can also be used for adding clips to the story in the NRCS.

Selecting and Searching Clips

1. Open the **XPression NLE Plugin**, **XPression Template Builder**, or **Edius Plugin**.
2. Click **Clips**.

The **Clips** tab opens.



3. Click on a clip to select it or use the Advanced Search Options to locate a specific clip:

Advanced Search Options

Click the **Show/Hide advanced search options** (/) buttons to open and close the advanced search options.

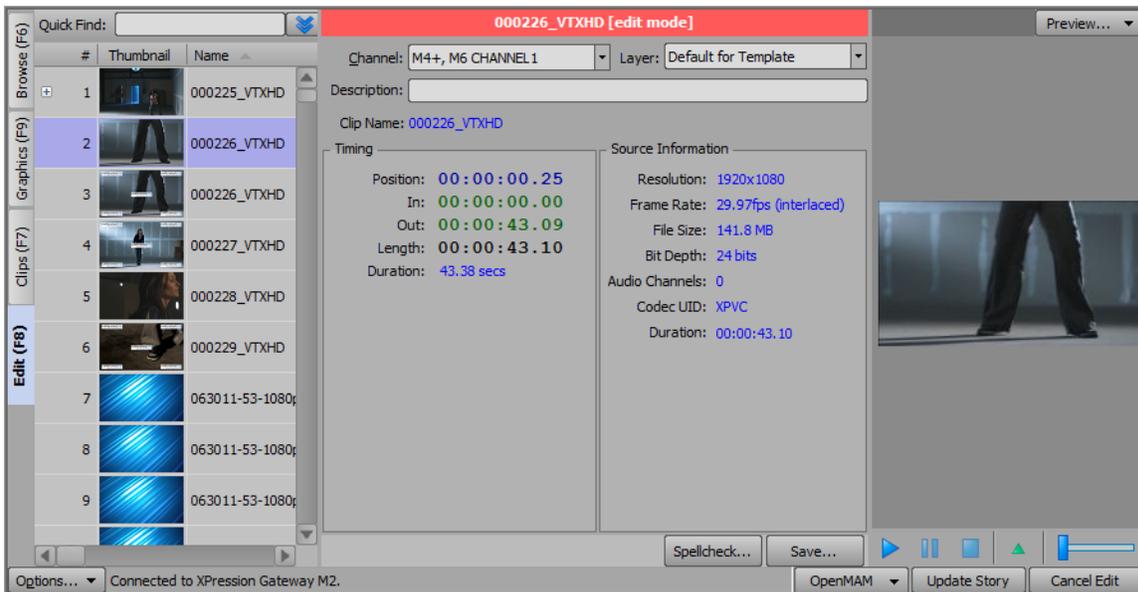
- **Name** — use this box to enter the name of a clip to search.
- **Recall ID** — use this box to enter a recall ID to search.
- **Source** — use this box to enter a location to search for a clip.
- **ID Min** — use this box to enter or select a minimum clip ID number to search.
- **ID Max** — use this box to enter or select a maximum clip ID number to search.
- **Duration Min** — use this box to enter a minimum duration time to search for the clip.
- **Duration Max** — use this box to enter a maximum duration time to search for the clip.
- **Project** — use this list to select a project to search for the clip.
- **Added Min** — use the calendar to select a minimum date to search that the clip was added.
- **Added Max** — use the calendar to select a maximum date to search that the clip was added.
- **Expires Min** — use the calendar to select the minimum expiry date to search for the clip.
- **Expires Max** — use the calendar to select the maximum expiry date to search for the clip.
 - › **Never Expires** — select this check box to search for a clip with no expiry date set.

- **Audio Ch Min** — use this box to enter or select a minimum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.
- **Audio Ch Max** — use this box to enter or select a maximum amount of embedded audio channels to search for the clip.
 - › **No Audio** — select this check box to search for a clip with no embedded audio.
- **Reset Filter** — click this button to clear all the fields in the Advanced Search Options.
- **Show all sub clips** — select this check box to display any sub clips of a clip in the Clip Browser list when performing an advanced search.

Editing Clips

1. Double-click a clip from the list of clips.

The clip opens in the **Edit** tab.



The graphic is visible in the preview window and the clip info will be displayed in the **Timing** and **Source Information** sections.

Users can play the clip using the playback controls below the preview window.

- ★ Fixed Take ID numbers can be assigned. For more information, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to Objects**” on page 6–12.

2. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptor as necessary.

3. Click **Save**.

You can also click and drag from the thumbnail list to the newsroom client interface if using the NLE Plugin or Edius Plugin.

Saving Clips, Selecting Saved Clips, and Exporting to PNG

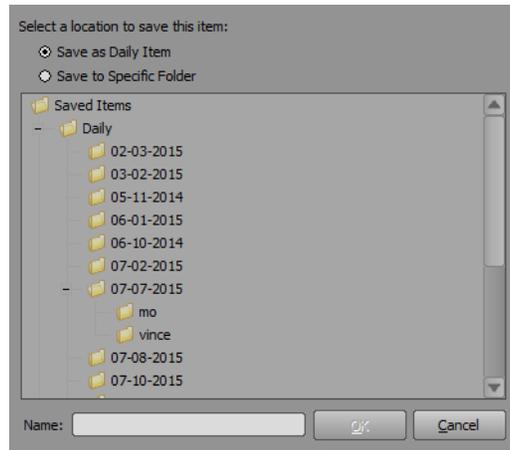
1. Save your clips, select your saved clips, and export a clip to PNG:
 - To save your clips, refer to the section “**Saving Clips**” on page 6–8.
 - To select your clips, refer to the section “**Selecting Saved Clips**” on page 6–9.
 - To export a clip to a PNG file, refer to the section “**Exporting a Clip to a PNG File**” on page 6–9.

Saving Clips

- a. Edit a clip in the **Edit** tab (refer to “**Editing Clips**” on page 6–8).

- b. Click **Save**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box opens.



- c. Select one of the following save options:

- **Save as Daily Item** — select this radio button to save the clip to a daily items folder. This will create an items folder for the current date that is subject to the Saved Items settings in the XPression Gateway.
- **Save to Specific Folder** — select this radio button to save the clip to a specific items folder selected from the **Saved Items** folder structure.

- d. Use the **Name** box to enter a name for the saved clip.

- e. Click **OK**.

The **Save Item to Folder** dialog box closes and the clip is saved.

Selecting Saved Clips

In the **Browse** tab, select a clip from the **Saved Items** folder structure. These clips need to have been pre-populated with information and saved to a user specified folder.

Clips can also be browsed from the **Rundowns** area. This enables users to select clips used in rundowns that are being monitored by the XPression Gateway.

The clips can be copied to other rundowns or modified from their current state using the **Edit** tab and then added to a rundown.

- ★ Users can create new folders in the Saved Items folder on the XPression Gateway. These folders will appear in the Saved Items folder structure in the NLE Plugin, Template Builder, and Edius Plugin.

Clips can also be saved to the daily folders. These folders are auto-generated with the current date and can be set to purge after a specified period of time.

Exporting a Clip to a PNG File

The preview image for a clip can be saved as a PNG file.

- a. In the preview section, right-click on the preview image and select **Export Image** from the shortcut menu.

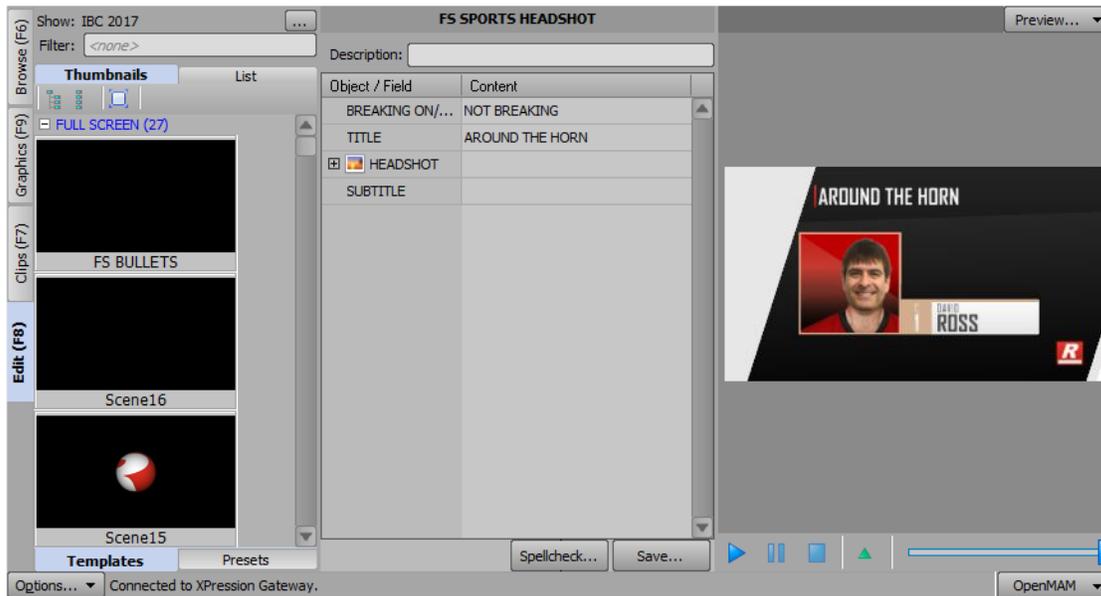
A **Save As** file browser opens.

- b. Use the file browser to locate a folder in which to save the .png file.

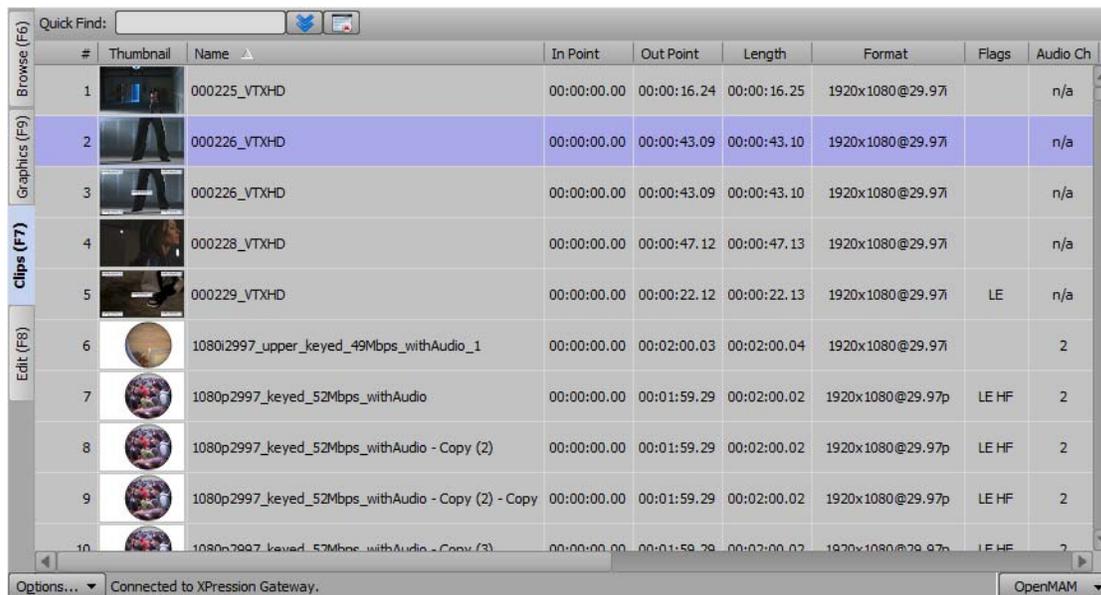
- a. Click **Save**.

Adding a Clip to a Graphic

1. Open a graphic in the **Edit** tab that contains a video or image **Object / Field**.

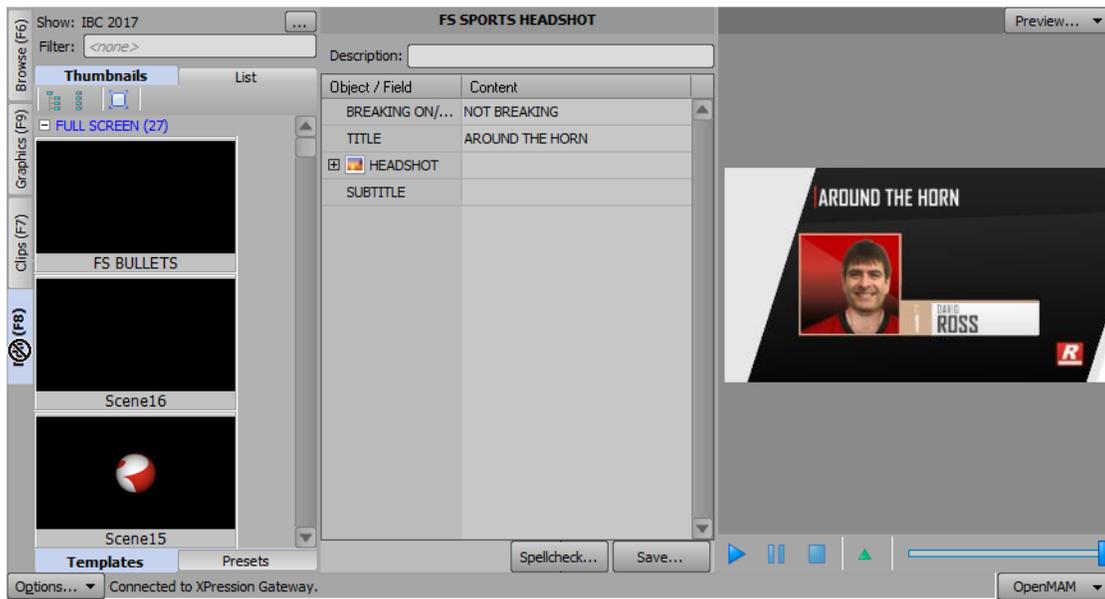


2. Click the **Clips** tab.
The **Clips** tab opens.



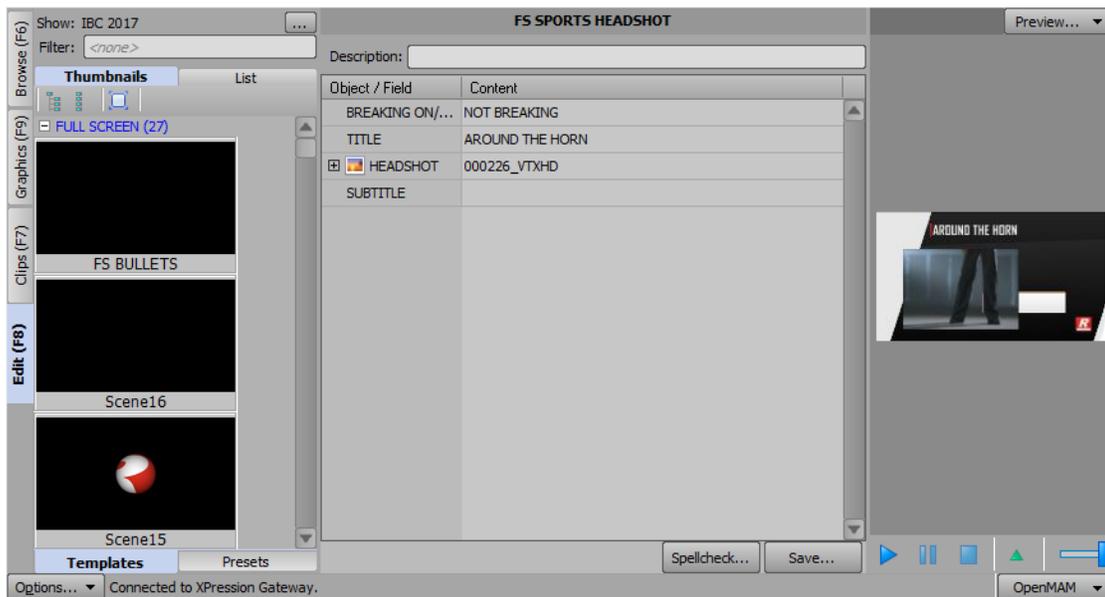
3. Click and drag a clip over the **Edit** tab.

The **Edit** tab opens.



4. Drop the clip onto the video or image **Field / Object**.

The clip is added to the video or image **Field / Object** selected in the graphic and the clip is displayed in the preview for the graphic.



For More Information on...

- Saved Items folders, refer to the section “**Setting Up the XPression Gateway for the XPression NLE Plugin and Edius Plugin**” on page 5–2.
- assigning Take IDs, refer to “**Assigning Take IDs to Objects**” on page 6–12.
- XPression Clips, refer to the *XPression Clips User Guide*.

Assigning Take IDs to Objects

Take ID numbers can be assigned to graphics and clips in the XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, and Edius Plugin.

★ Take IDs on the Remote Sequencer will not match the Take IDs assigned to the XPression Sequencer items.

1. In **Edit**, right-click inside the top section of the editor and select **Assigned Fixed ID**.

The **Set Take ID** dialog box opens.



2. Select one of the following:

- **Automatically Generate Take ID** — select this radio button to automatically assign a Take ID based on the next available Take ID number. This is the default setting.
- **Fixed Take ID** — select this radio button to manually assign a static Take ID.

Use the box to enter or select a Take ID number.

★ When a fixed Take ID is assigned, no checks or safeguards are performed to prevent duplicate IDs from being used in the rundown. When two rundowns are loaded in the XPression Sequencer with duplicates, one of the Take IDs will automatically be renumbered. It is recommended that when two rundowns use duplicate Take ID numbers that only one rundown be activated at a time.

It is also recommended that all static Take IDs be assigned numbers over 2000 to avoid conflicts between automatically generated Take ID numbers and the static Take ID numbers.

3. Click **OK**.

The **Set Take ID** dialog box closes.

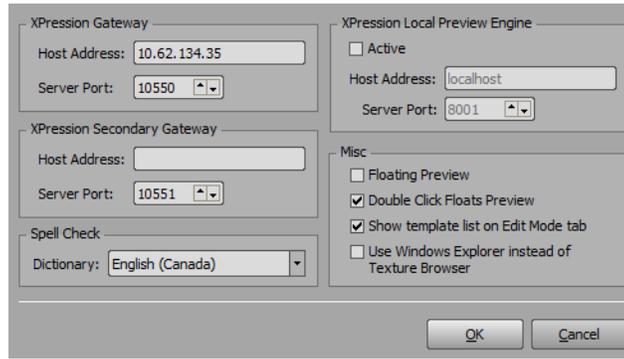
★ When the Take ID is set, you recall and edit the graphic or clip from the rundown and the fixed ID is retained in the rundown only.

Using Spell Check in the XPression NLE Plugin, XPression Template Builder, and Edius Plugin

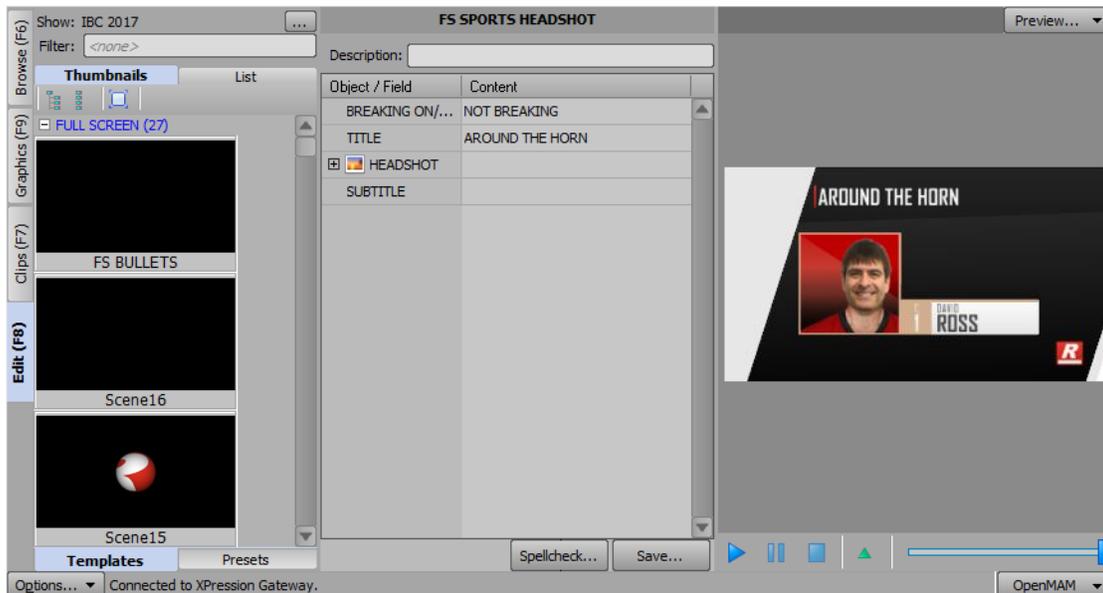
The NLE Plugin, Template Builder, and Edius Plugin offer spell check with a local dictionary to which words can be added on a per user basis.

1. Click **Options > Configuration**.

The respective **Configuration** dialog box opens for the NLE Plugin, Template Builder, or Edius Plugin.



2. In the **Spell Check** section, use the **Dictionary** list to select a language for the spell check.
3. Click **OK**.
The **Configuration** dialog box closes.
4. Open a graphic in the **Edit** tab of the XPression MOS Plugin.



5. Click inside the **Content** cell of a text **Object / Field**.
Any existing text content is highlighted.
6. Highlight a specific word or enter and highlight a new word to use for the spell check.

7. Click **Spellcheck**.

- If the word is spelled correctly, or it has already been added to the dictionary, an information window opens that indicates that the spell check is complete.
- If the word is spelled incorrectly, or has not been added to the dictionary, the **Spell Check** dialog box opens.



8. Do one of the following:

- Click **Ignore** to return to the Edit tab without making any changes.
- Select a word from the **Suggestions** list and click **Change** to correct the spelling.
- Click **Add** to add the word to the dictionary.

An information window opens indicating the spell check is complete.

9. Click **OK** to exit the information window.

Depending on the actions taken in Step 8, the text content is either the same or corrected/changed.

OpenMAM

★ OpenMAM is optional for XPression MOS and NLE workflows.

This section describes how to setup OpenMAM for the XPression MOS and NLE workflows.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

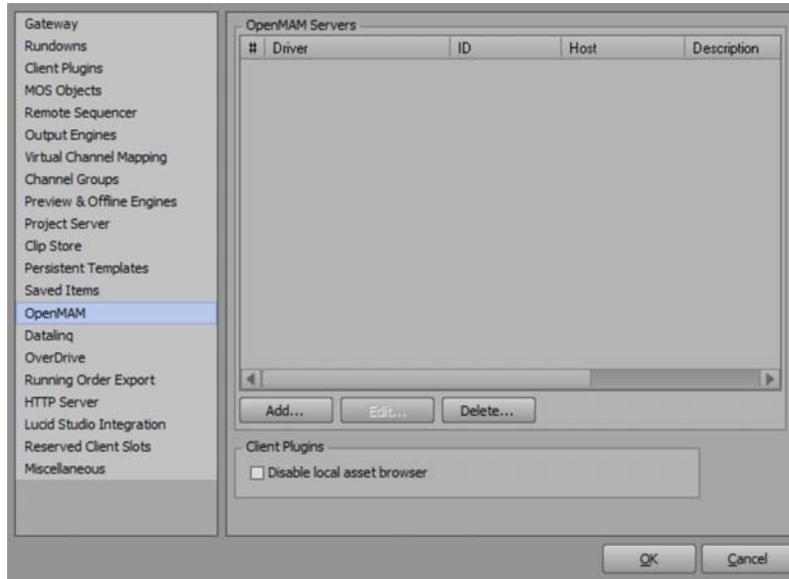
- Adding and Configuring an OpenMAM Server
- Using OpenMAM Filter Strings With Streamline

Adding and Configuring an OpenMAM Server

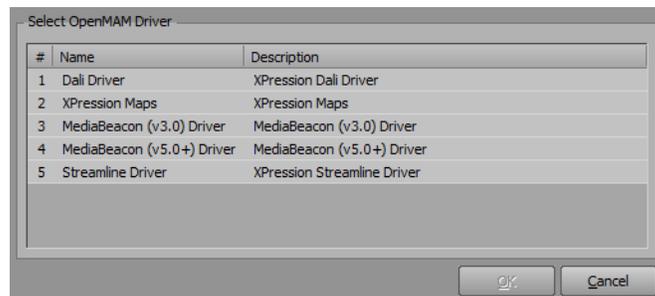
★ OpenMAM is optional for XPression MOS and NLE workflows.

This section explains the procedure for adding an OpenMAM server for the XPression MOS and NLE workflows and provides instructions for configuring each driver.

1. In the **XPression Gateway**, click **Gateway > Settings**.
The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box opens.
2. Click **OpenMAM** to configure a supported asset management system.
The **OpenMAM** section opens.



3. In the **OpenMAM Servers** section, click **Add**.
The **Add OpenMAM Server** dialog box opens.



4. In the **Select OpenMAM Driver** section, select an OpenMAM driver. The available options are:
 - **Dali Driver**
 - **XPression Maps**
 - **MediaBeacon (v3.0) Driver**
 - **MediaBeacon (v5.0+) Driver**
 - **Streamline Driver**
5. Click **OK**.
The driver configuration dialog box of the selected asset management system opens.

Dali Driver

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled 'Configuration' with a 'Local Cache' tab selected. It is divided into two sections: 'Server ID' and 'Connection Settings'. In the 'Server ID' section, the 'Server ID' field contains the text 'DALI'. In the 'Connection Settings' section, the 'Server URL' field contains 'http://'. There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

- a. In the **Server ID** section, use the **ID** box to assign the Dali Driver server ID. Make a note of this ID because it will be the same for any other XPression device connecting to the Dali Driver server.
- b. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the server.
- c. In the **Connection Settings** section, use the **Server URL** box to enter the URL of the Dali Driver server.
- d. Use the **Path to Dali Plugin** box to enter the file path for the Dali Driver Web Client executable.
- e. Click the **Local Cache** tab.

The **Local Cache** tab is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Local Cache' tab of the 'Configuration' dialog box. It features a section titled 'Local Asset Cache Settings' with a checked checkbox labeled 'Retrieve assets from a local Asset Cache Server'. Below this is a 'Path:' field with a 'Browse (...)' button. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom right.

- f. In the **Local Asset Cache Settings** section, select the **Retrieve assets from a local Asset Cache Server** check box to retrieve assets from a cache server.
- g. Use the **Path** box to enter the location of the local server or click **Browse (...)** to select a location.
- h. Click **OK**.

The **Dali Server Configuration** dialog box closes and the server is added to OpenMAM Servers list.

XPression Maps

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled 'Configuration' with a 'Local Cache' tab selected. It is divided into two sections: 'Server ID' and 'Connection Settings'. In the 'Server ID' section, the 'ID' field contains the text 'ID'. In the 'Connection Settings' section, the 'Server URL' field contains 'http://'. There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

- a. In the **Server ID** section, use the **ID** box to assign the XPression Maps server ID. Make a note of this ID because it will be the same for any other XPression device connecting to the XPression Maps server.
- b. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the server.
- c. In the **Connection Settings** section, use the **Server URL** box to enter the URL of the XPression Maps server.

- d. Use the **Plugin App** box to enter the file path for the XPression Maps Web Client executable.
 - e. Click **OK**.
- The **XPression Maps Server** dialog box closes and the server is added to OpenMAM Servers list.

MediaBeacon (v3.0) Driver

- a. In the **Server Info** section, use the **ID** box to assign the MediaBeacon server ID. Make a note of this ID because it will be the same for any other XPression device connecting to the MediaBeacon server.
 - b. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the server.
 - c. In the **Connection Settings** section of the **MediaBeacon Driver Configuration** dialog box, use the **Host** box to enter the IP address of the MediaBeacon server.
 - d. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the MediaBeacon server.
 - e. In the **Login** box, enter the username configured on the MediaBeacon server.
 - f. In the **Password** box, enter the password for the MediaBeacon username.
 - g. Click **OK**.
- The **MediaBeacon Driver Configuration** dialog box closes and the server is added to OpenMAM Servers list.

MediaBeacon (v5.0+) Driver

- ★ To connect the XPression Gateway to a MediaBeacon 5.0+ server, you must first register the MediaBeacon plugin on the MediaBeacon server.

- a. In the **Connection Settings** section of the **Configuration** tab, use the **Plugin ID** box to enter or select the plugin identification number.
- b. In the **Server Settings** section, use the **ID** box to assign the MediaBeacon server ID. Make a note of this ID because it will be the same for any other XPression device connecting to the MediaBeacon server.
- c. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the server.
- d. Use the **IP Address** box to enter the IP address of the MediaBeacon server.
- e. Use the **Port** box to enter or select the port number for the MediaBeacon server. This port number must be set to 80.

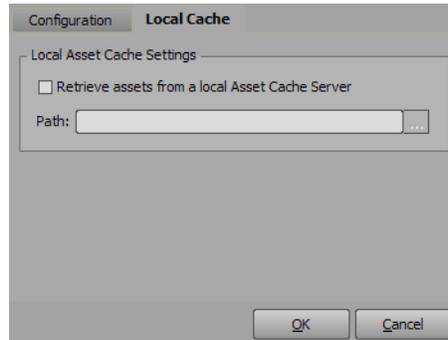
- f. If this is the first device you are connecting to the server, click **Register Plugin** to be redirected to the MediaBeacon login screen in Google Chrome. Enter the login information.

Once the login information has been entered, you should see a message indicating the plugin has been successfully registered.

- ★ The plugin only has to be registered once. When configuring other engines, use the same plugin ID.

- g. Click the **Local Cache** tab.

The **Local Cache** tab is displayed.



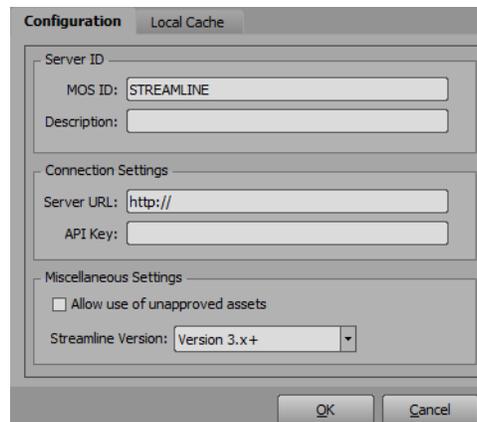
- h. In the **Local Asset Cache Settings** section, select the **Retrieve assets from a local Asset Cache Server** to retrieve assets from a cache server.

Use the **Path** box to enter the location of the local server or click **Browse (...)** to select a location.

- i. Click **OK**.

The **MediaBeacon Driver Configuration** dialog box closes and the server is added to OpenMAM Servers list.

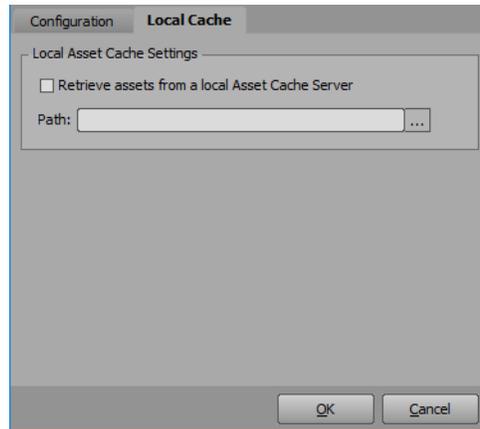
Streamline Driver



- a. In the **Server ID** section, use the **MOS ID** box to assign the MOS ID of the Streamline server.
- b. Use the **Description** box to enter a brief descriptive detail for the server.
- c. In the **Connection Settings** section, use the **Server URL** box to enter the URL of the Streamline server.
- d. Use the **API Key** box to enter the API key of the Streamline user.
- e. In the **Miscellaneous Settings** section, select the **Allow use of unapproved assets** check box if allowing the use of unapproved assets.
- f. Use the **Streamline Version** menu to select the version of Streamline software being used in the workflow.

- g. Click the **Local Cache** tab.

The **Local Cache** tab is displayed.



- h. In the **Local Asset Cache Settings** section, select the **Retrieve assets from a local Asset Cache Server** to retrieve assets from a cache server.

Use the **Path** box to enter the location of the local server or click **Browse (...)** to select a location.

- i. Click **OK**.

The **Streamline Server** dialog box closes and the server is added to OpenMAM Servers list.

6. In the **Client Plugins** section, select the **Disable local asset browser** check box to disable browsing of the local cache.

7. Click **OK**.

The **XPression Gateway - Settings** dialog box closes.

For More Information on...

- configuring the Parse roStorySend messages in the XPression Gateway settings, refer to "**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**" on page 3–2.

Using OpenMAM Filter Strings With Streamline

★ OpenMAM is optional for XPression MOS and NLE workflows.

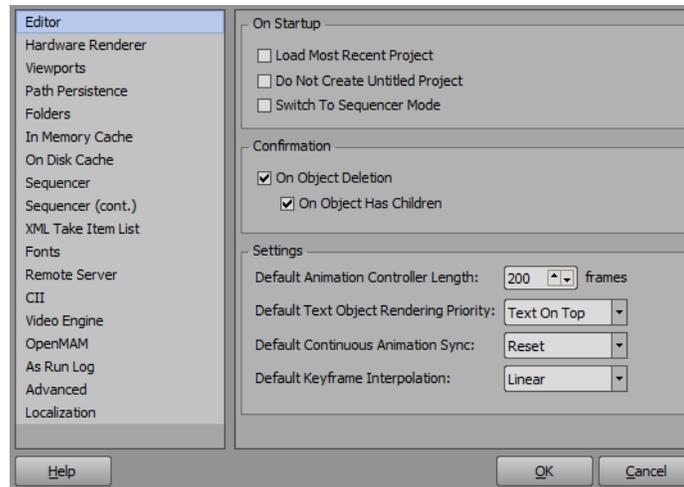
★ Streamline 4.1 or higher.

The following steps explain the how to use user input controls to dynamically adjust openMAM filters for the faces of background, quad, sphere, cube, cylinder, torus, and slab objects in XPression when using Streamline.

1. Enable the OpenMAM properties tab in the Object Inspector:

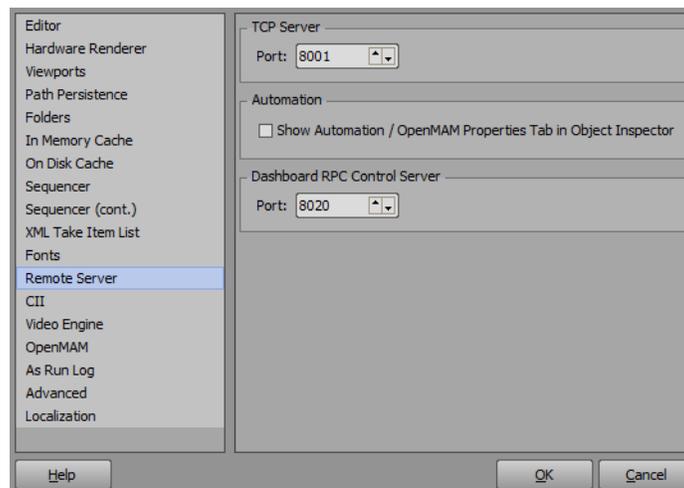
a. In the **XPression** click **Edit > Preferences**.

The **Preferences** dialog box opens.



b. Click **Remote Server**.

The **Remote Server** panel opens.

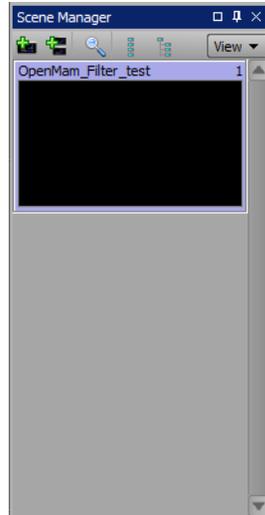


c. In the **Automation** section, select the **Show Automation / OpenMAM Properties Tab in Object Inspector** check box to display the OpenMAM tab in the Object Inspector of a selected background, quad, sphere, cube, cylinder, torus, or slab object.

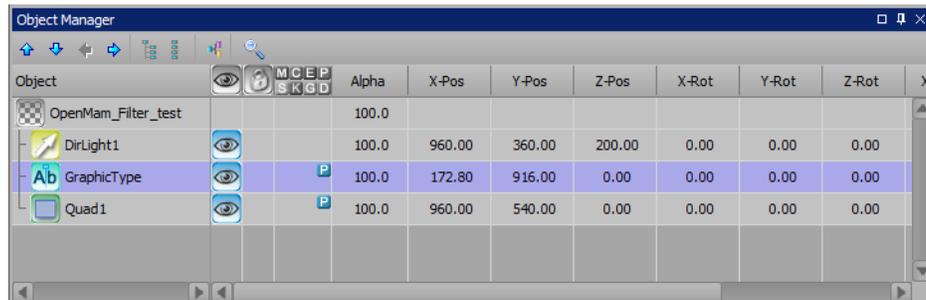
d. Click **OK**.

The **Preferences** dialog box closes.

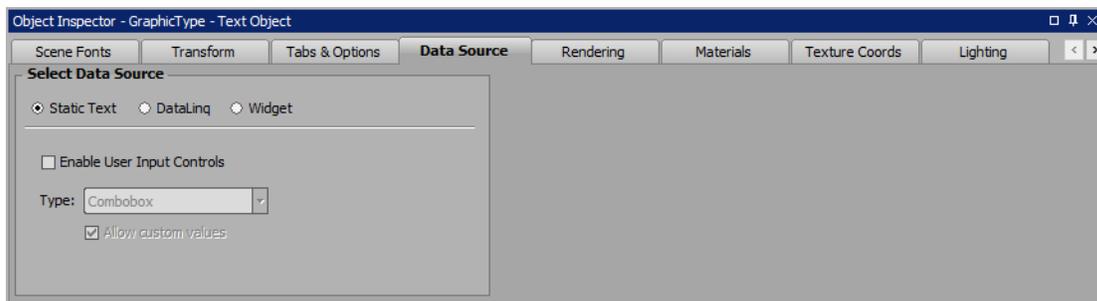
2. In the **Scene Manager**, select the scene that contains an object and text to use for the openMAM filter.



- a. In the **Object Manager**, select the text object and enter a meaningful name in relation to the filter to be created. For example; GraphicType.



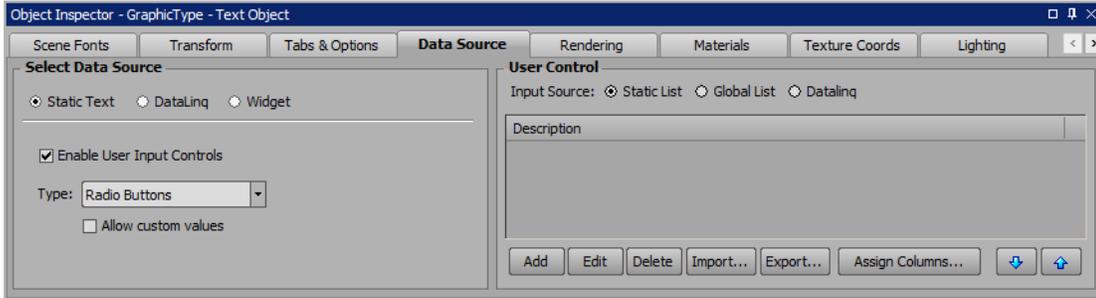
- b. In the **Object Inspector**, click the **Data Source** tab.
The **Data Source** tab is displayed.



- c. In the **Select Data Source** section of the **Data Source** tab, select the **Static Text** radio button.

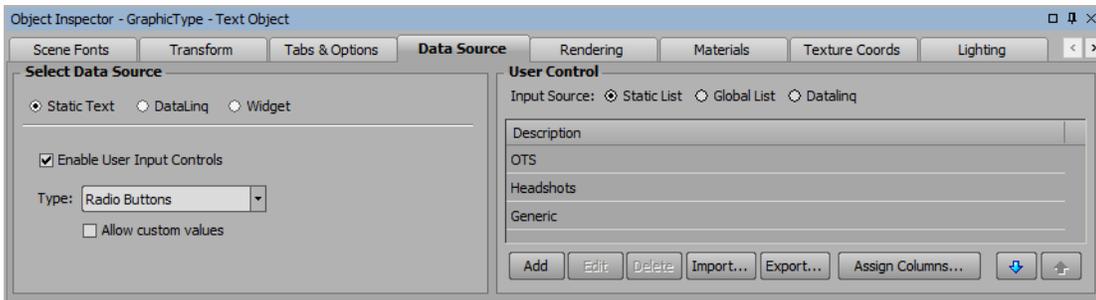
d. Select the **Enable User Input Controls** check box and:

- Use the **Type** list to select a user input control for the filter. For example; **Radio Buttons**.
- De-select the **Allow custom values** check box.



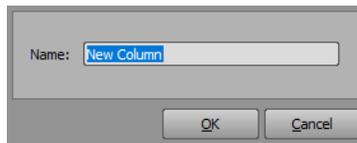
e. In the **User Control** section, select the **Static List** radio button.

f. Click **Add** to add a radio button to the list and enter a description. Repeat this step for the necessary radio buttons for the Streamline folders. For example; OTS, Headshot, Generic.



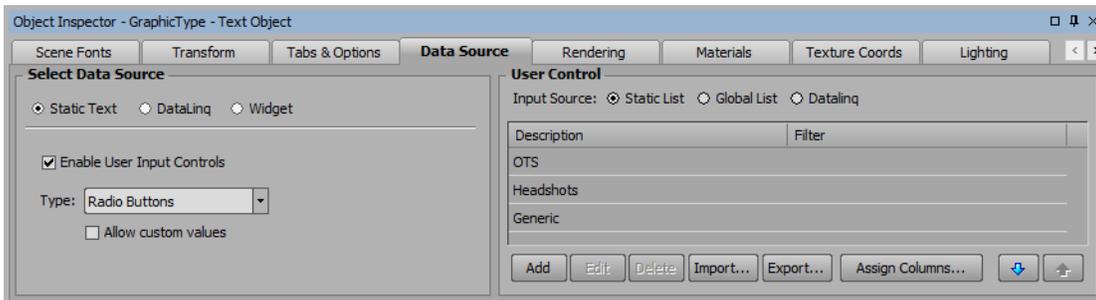
g. Right-click inside the list and select **Add Column** from the shortcut menu.

The **Add New Column** dialog box opens.

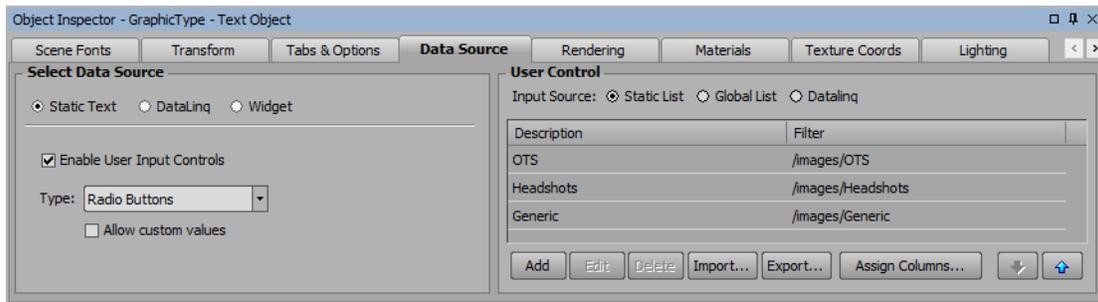


h. In the **Add New Column** dialog box, use the name box to enter the column name 'Filter' and click **OK**.

The new column is added to the list.

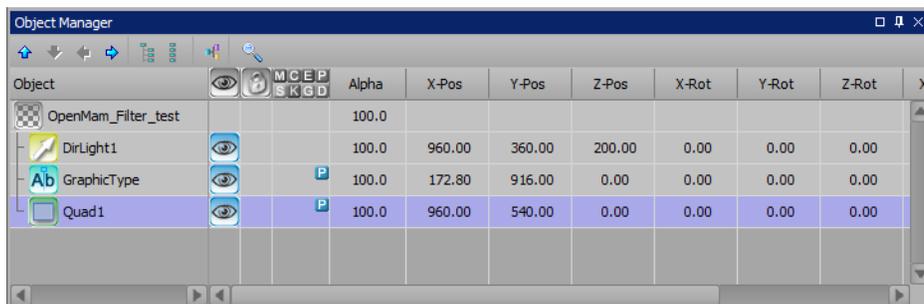


- i. Click inside the **Filter** row of a radio button description (for example 'OTS') and enter the file path to the respective Streamline folder (for example '/images/OTS') on the Streamline server. Repeat this step for all respective radio button filter rows.



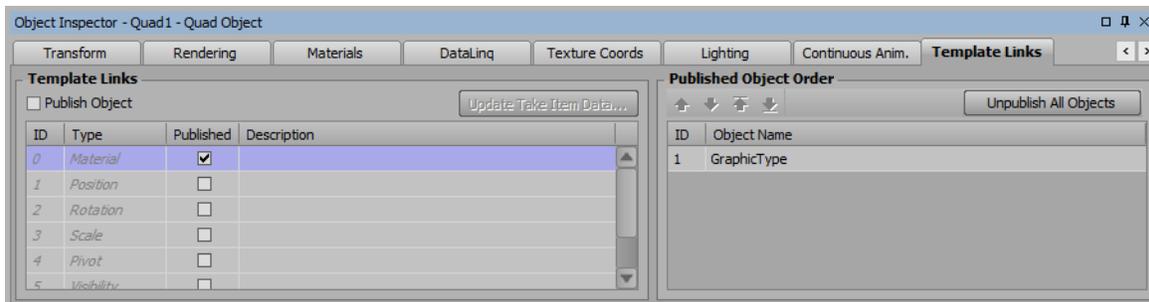
Entering a '*' variable for the generic filter will create a file path to the root folder in Streamline.

3. In the **Object Manager**, select the object to use for the openMAM filter. For example, a quad.

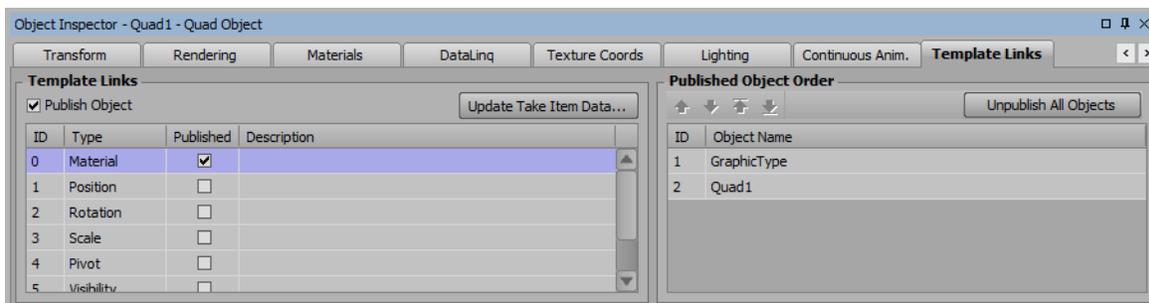


- a. In the **Object Inspector**, click the **Template Links** tab.

The **Template Links** tab opens.

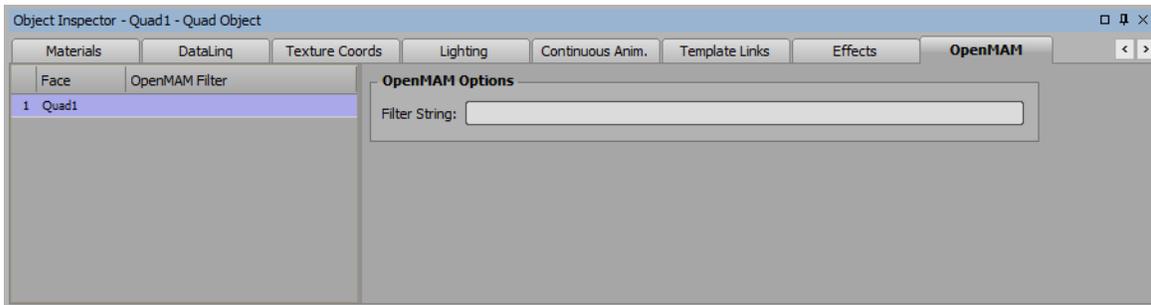


- b. In the **Template Links** section, select the **Publish Object** check box to publish the selected object.



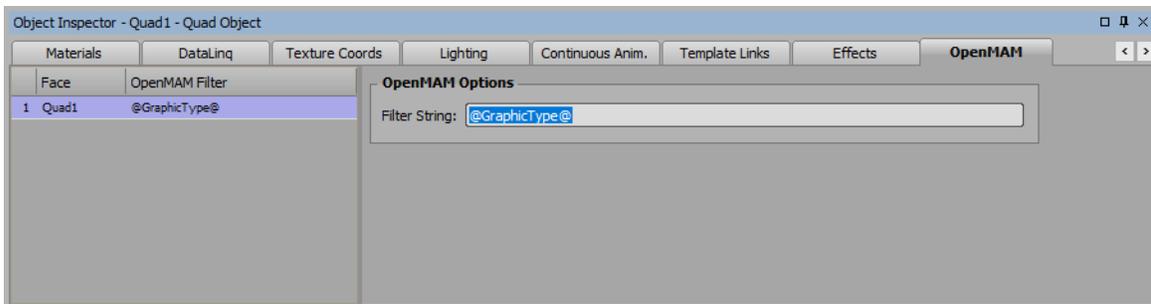
c. In the **Object Inspector**, click the **OpenMAM** tab.

The **OpenMAM** tab is displayed.



d. In the list of object faces in the **OpenMAM** tab, select the face of the object to which a filter string is to be applied.

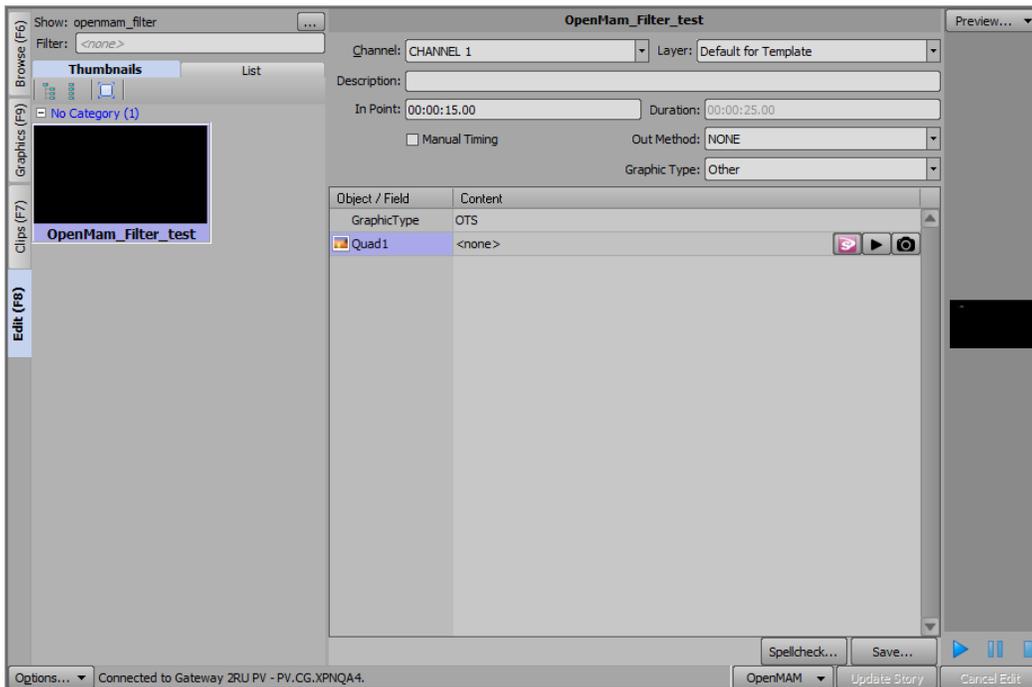
e. In the **OpenMAM Options** section, use the **Filter String** box to enter a filter string to link the object face in Streamline. For example, '@GraphicType@'.



4. Click **Save Project and Publish To Project Server** ().

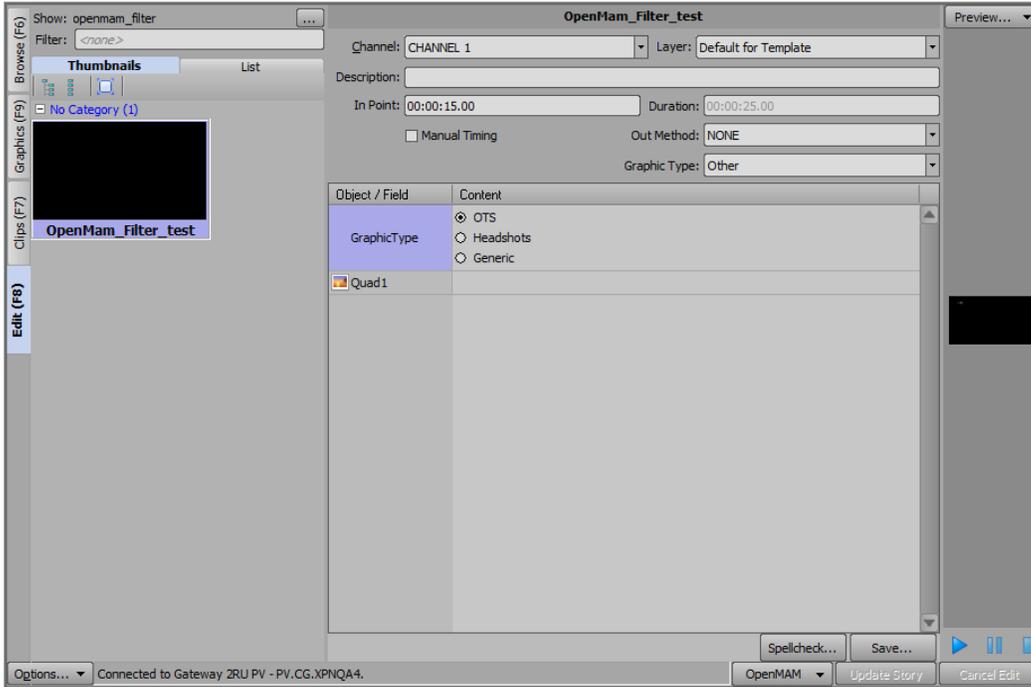
5. Open the project in the XPression Plugin.

6. Open the scene with the openMAM filters in the **Edit** tab of the plugin.

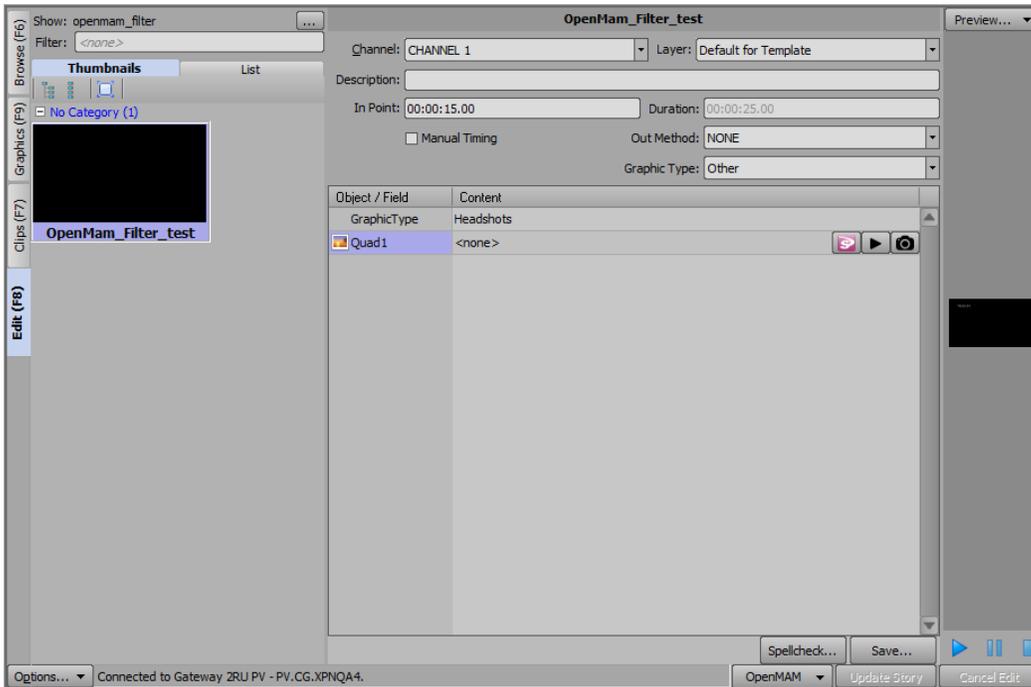


- a. In the **Object / Field** list, click on the **Content** row for the **GraphicType**.

The user input controls created in XPression for the scene are displayed. In this example, radio buttons for OTS, Headshots, and Generic.



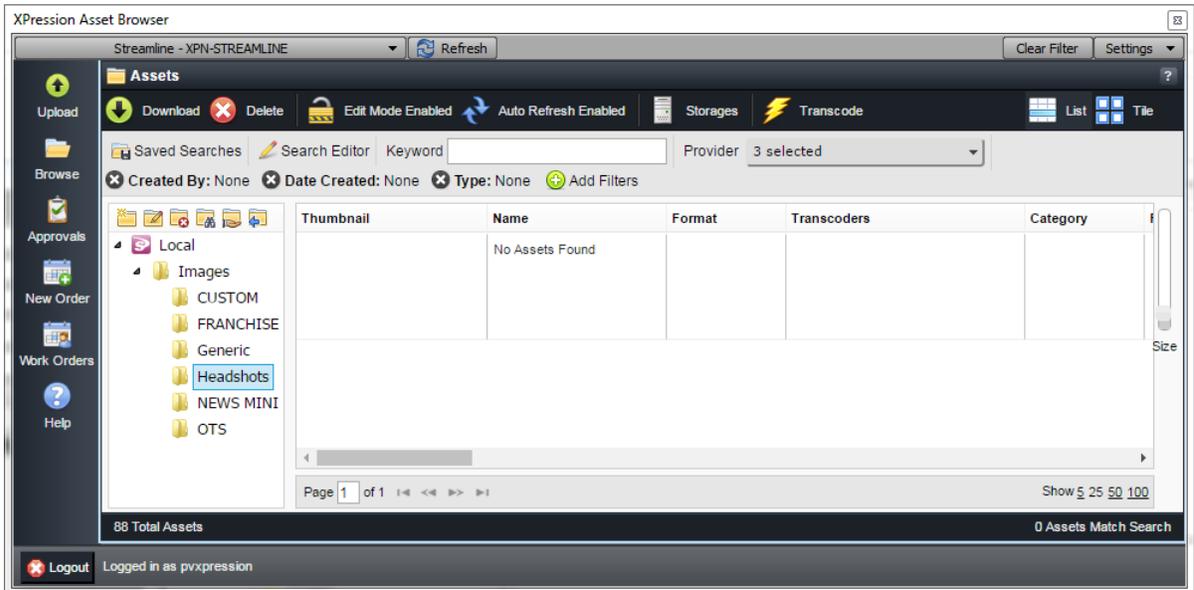
- b. Select one of the radio buttons. For example, Headshots.



- c. In the **Object / Field** list, click the **Streamline** button (🔗) for an object face.

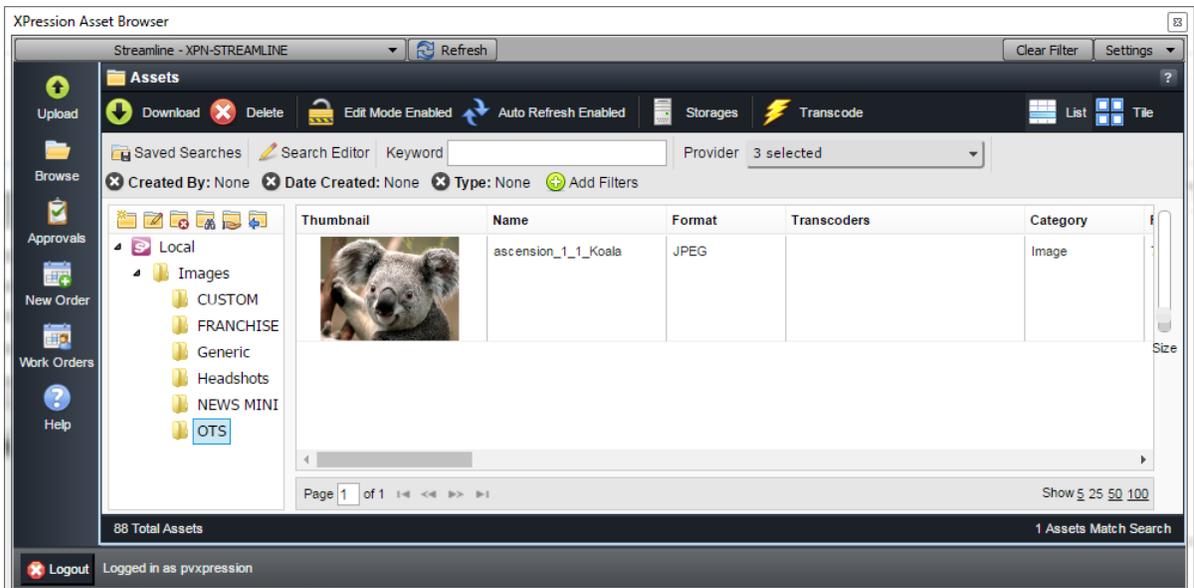
Login to Streamline, if prompted.

The Streamline **XPression Asset Browser** browser opens on the folder of the selected user input control. In this example, Headshots.



To access a different folder in the Streamline XPression Asset Browser, in the plugin, select a different user input control for the object face (for example, **OTS**) and click the **Streamline** button (🔗).

The Streamline **XPression Asset Browser** opens on the folder of the newly selected user input control.



XPression Rundown Controller

★ The XPression Rundown Controller is optional when using an XPression workflow.

The XPression Rundown Controller is used to activate rundowns from the XPression Gateway for playout in the XPression Sequencer.

Before you start using the XPression Rundown Controller, the remote connection points need to be configured. A connection point is a link between the XPression Rundown Controller and an XPression Gateway.

The following topic is discussed in this section:

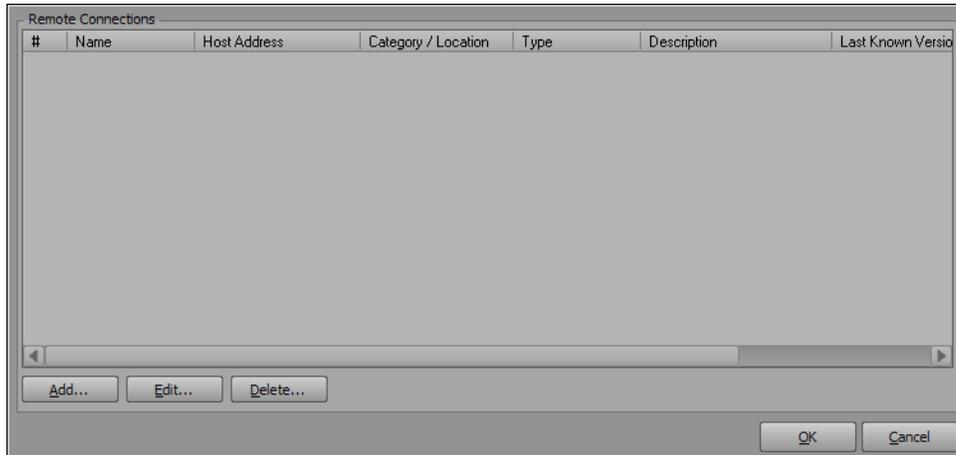
- Add a Remote Connection Point
- Edit a Remote Connection Point
- Delete a Remote Connection Point
- Select Rundowns

Add a Remote Connection Point

A connection point is a link between the XPression Rundown Controller and the XPression Gateway. Use the following procedure to add a connection point between the XPression Rundown Controller and an XPression Gateway.

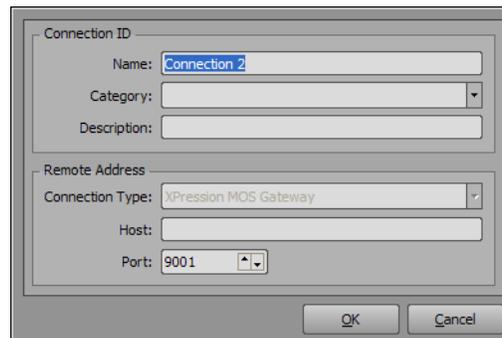
1. In the **XPression Rundown Controller**, use the **File** menu to select **Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. Click the **Add** button to add a remote connection point.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box opens.



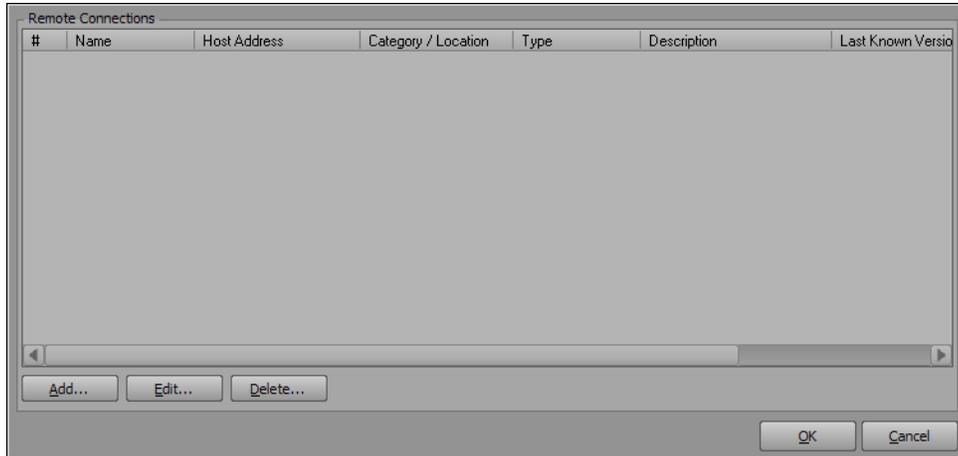
- a. In the **Connection ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter a name for the connection.
 - b. Use the **Category** list to select or enter a category to identify the connection point.
 - c. Use the **Description** box to enter a descriptor for the connection.
 - d. In the **Remote Address** section, use the **Connection Type** list to select a connection type for the remote address.
 - e. Use the **Host** box to enter the remote host IP address.
 - f. In the **Port** box, enter or select the host port number of the remote address.
3. Click **OK**.
The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box closes and the new connection point appears in the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.
 4. Click **OK**.
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Edit a Remote Connection Point

Use the following procedure to edit a connection point between the XPression Rundown Controller and an XPression Gateway.

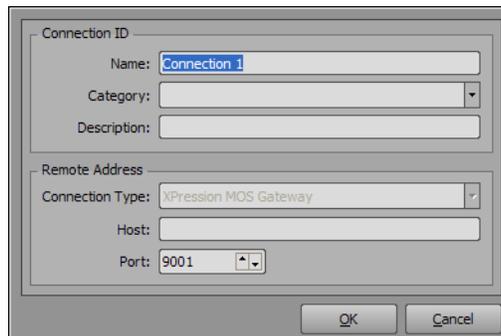
1. In the **XPression Rundown Controller**, use the **File** menu to select **Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Remote Connections Points** dialog box, select a remote connection point from the **Remote Connections** list.
3. Click the **Edit** button.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box opens.



- a. In the **Connection ID** section, use the **Name** box to edit the name of the connection.
 - b. Use the **Category** list to select or edit a category to identify the connection point.
 - c. Use the **Description** box to enter or edit the descriptor for the connection.
 - d. In the **Remote Address** section, use the **Connection Type** list to select a connection type for the remote address.
 - e. Use the **Host** box to select or edit the remote host IP address.
 - f. In the **Port** box, select or edit the host port number.
4. Click **OK**.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box closes and the edited connection point appears in the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.

5. Click **OK**.

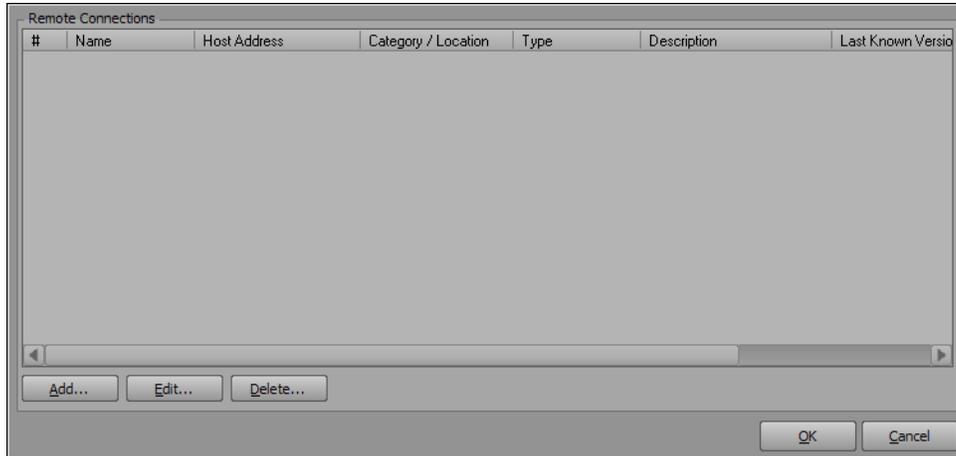
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Delete a Remote Connection Point

Use the following procedure to delete a connection point between the XPression Rundown Controller and an XPression Gateway.

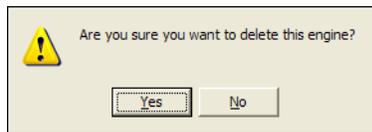
1. In the **XPression Rundown Controller**, use the **File** menu to select **Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box, select a remote connection point from the **Remote Connections** list.
3. Click the **Delete** button.

A **Warning** box opens.



4. Click **Yes**.

The **Warning** box closes and the connection point is deleted from the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.

5. Click **OK**.

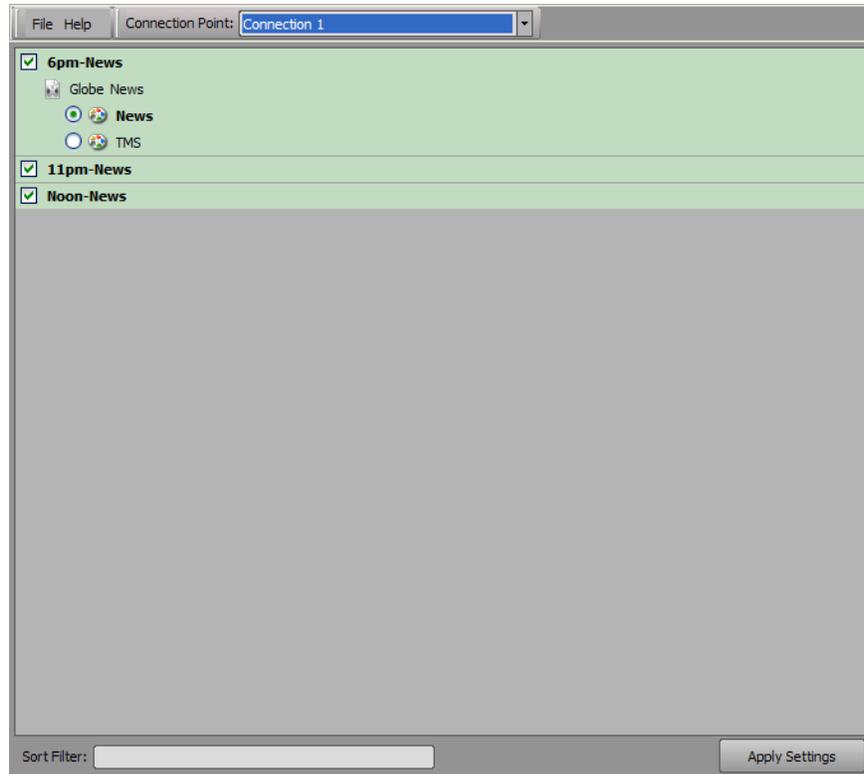
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Select Rundowns

Select rundowns to update the XPression Gateway for the playout engine.

1. In the **Rundown List**, select the check box of the rundown(s) to use in the playout engine.

★ The **Sort Filter** box can be used to enter a rundown or keyword to move the rundown to the top of the rundown list.



2. If applicable, select the radio button of the style(s) template to use.

3. Click **Apply Settings**.

The rundown selections are sent to the XPression Gateway and are available for playout in the playout engine.

XPression Remote Sequencer

The XPression Remote Sequencer is used to control remote XPression engines and playout graphics and clips from a MOS rundown.

This section describes how to configure the remote sequencer preferences, reset the layout, configure connection points and groups, select rundowns, and control sequence playout.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

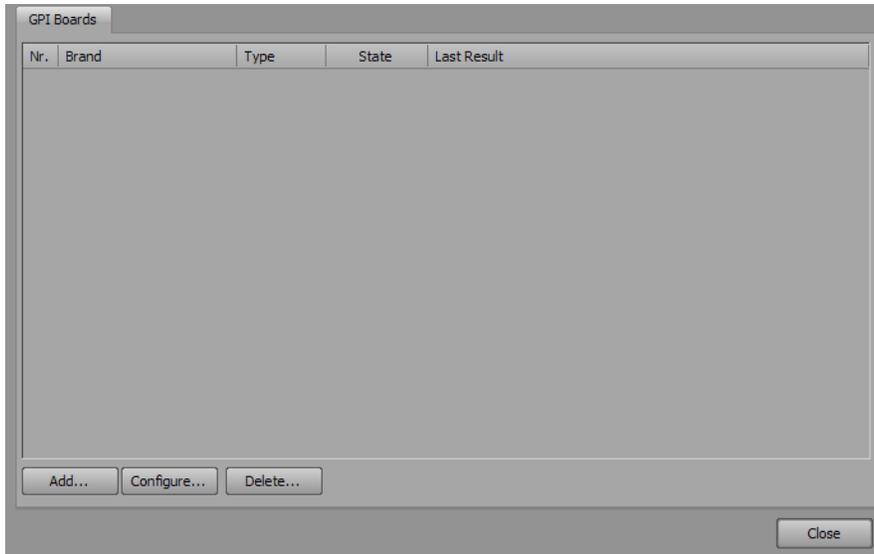
- Configuring Smart GPI / RossTalk
- Setting Preferences
- Saving and Resetting the Layout
- Adding a Remote Connection Point
- Editing a Remote Connection Point
- Deleting a Remote Connection Point
- Selecting a Channel Group
- Selecting Active Rundowns
- Keyboard / GPI Mapping
- Channels
- Scene Manager
- Up Next Preview
- Linear Rundown
- Take Item Inspector
- Clip Browser
- Control Sequence Playout

Configuring Smart GPI / RossTalk

Use the following procedure to configure the Smart GPI / RossTalk Settings for the XPression Remote Sequencer.

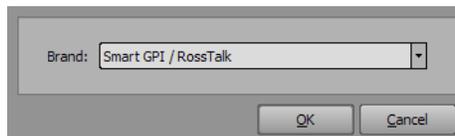
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **File** menu to select **Hardware Setup**.

The **Hardware Setup** dialog box opens.



2. In the **GPI Boards** tab, click **Add**.

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

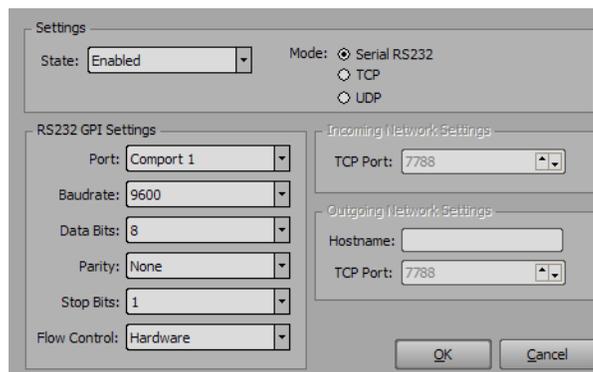


3. Use the **Brand** list to select a GPI board. The available option is:

- **Smart GPI / RossTalk**

4. Click **OK**.

The **Smart GPI / RossTalk Setup** dialog box opens.



5. In the **Settings** section, select **Enabled** from the **State** list. Select **Disabled** to turn off Smart GPI/RossTalk.
6. Select a **Mode** for Smart GPI/RossTalk:
 - **Serial RS232** — select to use RS232 to send Smart GPI/RossTalk signals to XPression Remote Sequencer.
 - **TCP** — select to use TCP/IP to send Smart GPI/RossTalk signals to XPression Remote Sequencer.
 - **UDP** — select to use UDP sockets to send Smart GPI/RossTalk signals to XPression Remote Sequencer.

7. Configure the selected GPI mode.

Serial RS232

- a. In the RS232 GPI Settings box, use the **Port** list to select the Communication port that receives GPI signals.
- b. Use the **Baudrate** list to select the communication speed for GPI signals.
- c. Use the **Data Bits** list to select the number of bits used to represent one character of data for GPI signals.
- d. Use the **Parity** list to select the method used to check for lost data in a GPI signal.
- e. Use the **Stop Bits** list to select the number of bits used to indicate the end of a byte in a GPI signal.
- f. Use the **Flow Control** list to select the data transmission rate controller for a GPI signal.

When using Smart GPI/RossTalk, the flow control can be set to **Hardware** or **None**, but it must be set the same in both XPression and the transmitting device.

TCP

- a. In the **Incoming Network Settings** box, use the **TCP Port** box to enter or select the communication port that receives GPI signals from an external source.
- b. In the **Outgoing Network Settings** section, use the **Hostname** box to enter the host name of a remote device that is to receive RossTalk messages from the local XPression engine.
- c. Use the **TCP Port** box to enter or select the communication port that receives the signals.

UDP

- a. In the **Incoming Network Settings** box, use the **UDP Port** box to enter or select the communication port that receives GPI signals from an external source.

8. Click **OK**.

The Smart GPI/RossTalk is displayed in the GPI Board list.

9. Click **Close**.

The **Hardware Setup** dialog box closes.

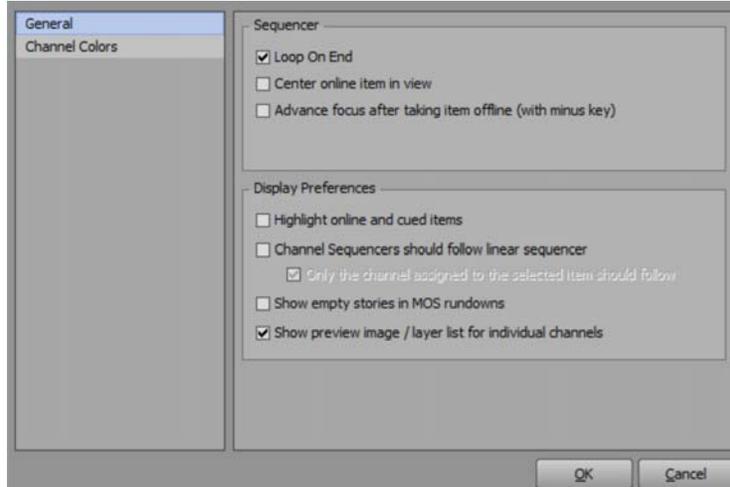
For More Information on...

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

Setting Preferences

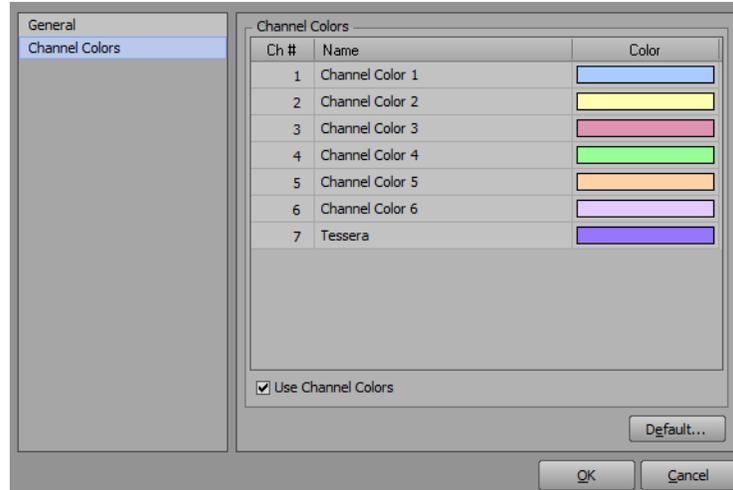
Use the following procedure to configure the settings for the XPression Remote Sequencer.

1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **File** menu to select **Preferences**.
The **Preferences** dialog box opens.
2. Click the **General** panel to set project preferences for the XPression Remote Sequencer.



- a. In the **Sequencer** section, select the **Loop On End** check box to loop the cursor to the start of a rundown when it has reached the end.
- b. Select the **Center online item in view** check box to center the online take item in the view of the rundown.
- c. Select the **Advance focus after taking item offline (with minus key)** to advance to the focus to the next take item after taking a take item offline using the minus (-) key.
- d. In the **Display Preferences** section, select the **Highlight online and cued items** check box to distinguish online and cued items in the Linear Rundown and Channel lists by highlighting them.
- e. Select the **Channel Sequencers should follow linear sequencer** check box to have the channel sequencers items follow the up next items in the linear sequencer (all channel items highlight/focus to the next/upcoming item in the list).
Select the **Only the channel assigned to the selected item should follow** check box to have only the item focused in the Linear Rundown follow in the channel list.
- f. Select the **Show empty stories in MOS rundowns** check box to display stories in the rundown that don't contain items.
- g. Select the **Show preview image / layer list for individual channels** check box to display the preview image and layers for a selected item in individual channels.

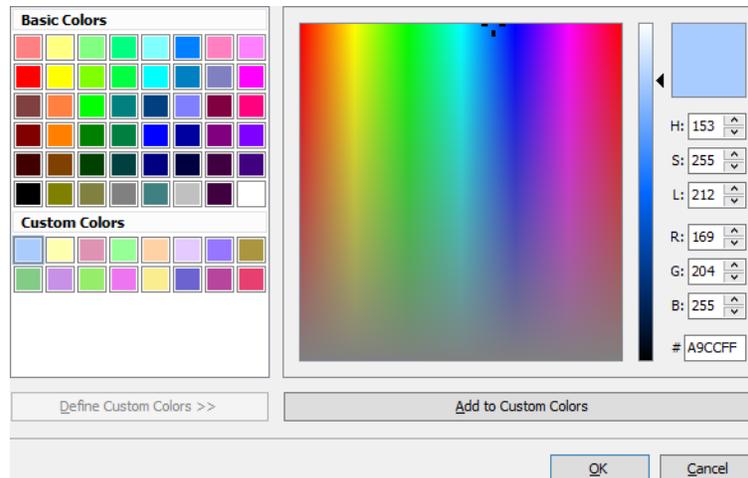
3. Click the **Channel Colors** panel to configure channel colors for the XPression Remote Sequencer.



- a. In the **Channel Colors** section, select the **Use Channel Colors** check box to colorize Next Up Preview thumbnails, Linear Rundown Take IDs, Virtual Channel columns, and Channel Take Item lists.
- b. Click inside the **Color** column of a **Ch #** to open the **Color Editor** to configure a custom color for the channel:



- Use the **Basic Colors** section to simply select a preexisting color from the list and Click **OK**.
 - Use the **Custom Colors** section to select a color from the list of custom created colors.
- Click **Define Custom Colors** to open a color spectrum to configure a specific color:



Configure the color mode for the custom color as HSL, RGB, or by simply using the scale and the color box:

- › **H** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the hue value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the hue value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the hue value.
 - After setting this value, the S and L color values can be set by clicking a color in the color box.
- › **S** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the saturation value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the saturation value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the saturation value.
 - After setting this value, the H and L color values can be set by clicking a color in the color box.
- › **L** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the lightness value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the lightness value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the lightness value.
 - After setting this value, the H and L color values can be set by clicking a color in the color box.
- › **R** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the red value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the red value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the red value.
 - After setting this value, the G and B color values can be set by clicking a color in the Color Box.
- › **G** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the green value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the green value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the green value.
 - After setting this value, the R and B color values can be set by clicking a color in the Color Box.
- › **B** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the blue value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the blue value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the blue value.
 - After setting this value, the R and G color values can be set by clicking a color in the Color Box.
- › **Scale** — place the slider along this scale to set the selected color value.

Color Box — click a color in this box to set the color values that are not selected.

Once a custom color has been created, click **Add to Custom Colors** to add the color to the **Custom Colors** list and click **OK**.

c. Click the **Default** button to use the default channel colors.

4. Click **OK**.

The **Preferences** dialog box closes.

For More Information on...

- enabling the **Parse roStorySend Messages** check box to use the **Show Story Number Column** feature, refer to “**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**” on page 3–2.

Saving and Resetting the Layout

To save the layout:

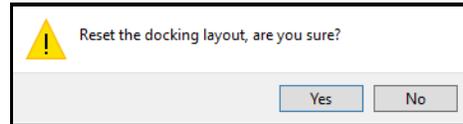
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, click the **Save docking layout** button () to save a layout.
The **Save Docking Layout** dialog box opens.



2. Use the **Name** box to enter a name for the layout.
3. Click **OK**.
The layout is saved.
The layout is now available to select in the layouts list as well as the default layout.

To reset the layout:

1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **Docking** menu to select **Reset Layout** (or press **Ctrl+Alt+R**).
A **Warning** box opens.



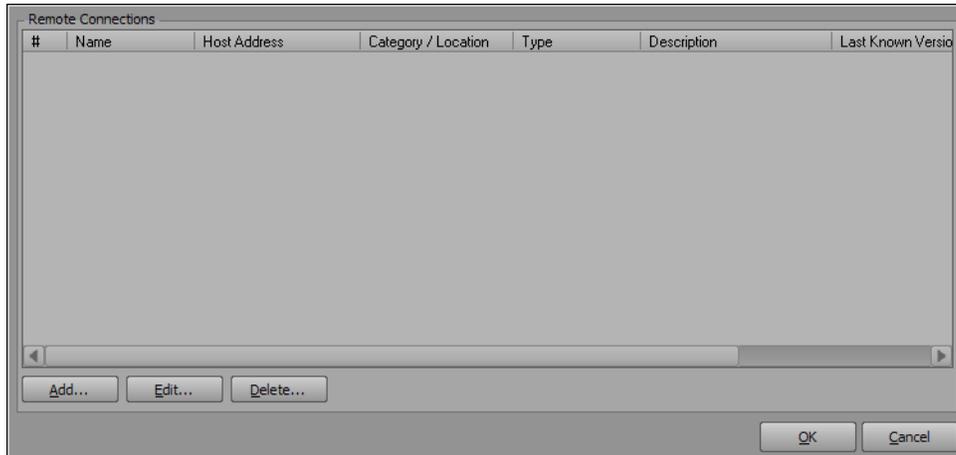
2. Click **Yes**.
The **Warning** box closes and the XPression Remote Sequencer layout is reset.

Adding a Remote Connection Point

A connection point is a link between the XPression Remote Sequencer and the XPression Gateway. Use the following procedure to add a connection point between the XPression Remote Sequencer and an XPression Gateway.

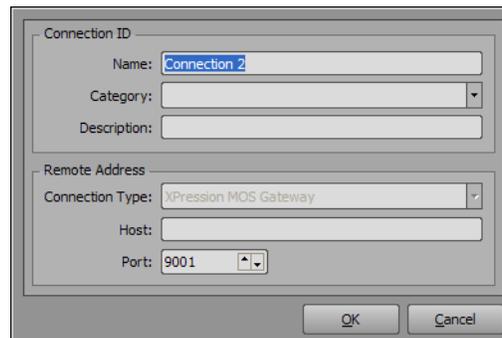
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **File** menu to select **Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. Click the **Add** button to add a remote connection point.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box opens.



- a. In the **Connection ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter a name for the connection.
 - b. Use the **Category** list to select or enter a category or location to identify the connection point. For example Site 1, Site 2, etc.
 - c. Use the **Description** box to enter a descriptor for the connection.
 - d. In the **Remote Address** section, use the **Connection Type** list is automatically populated with the XPression Gateway.
 - e. Use the **Host** box to enter the remote host IP address.
 - f. In the **Port** box, enter or select the port number set in the Remote Sequencer configuration area of the XPression Gateway settings.
3. Click **OK**.
The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box closes and the new connection point appears in the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.
 4. Click **OK**.

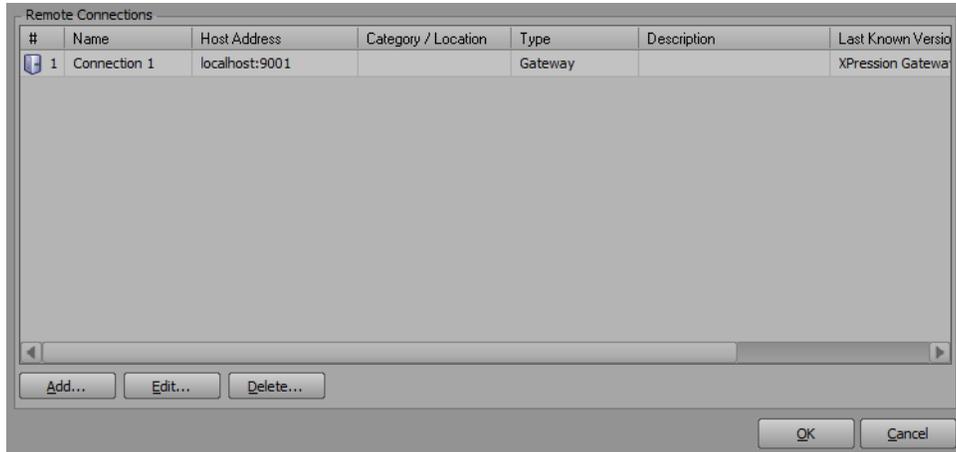
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Editing a Remote Connection Point

Use the following procedure to edit a connection point between the XPression Remote Sequencer and an XPression Gateway.

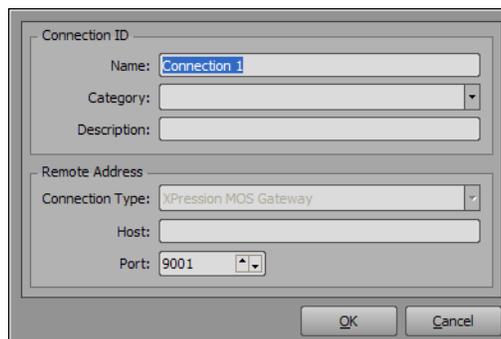
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, click **File > Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Remote Connections Points** dialog box, select a remote connection point from the **Remote Connections** list.
3. Click the **Edit** button.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box opens.



- a. In the **Connection ID** section, use the **Name** box to edit the name of the connection.
 - b. Use the **Category** list to edit the category or location that identifies the connection point. For example, Site 1, Site 2, etc.
 - c. Use the **Description** box to edit the descriptor for the connection.
 - d. In the **Remote Address** section, the **Connection Type** list is automatically populated and not editable.
 - e. Use the **Host** box to edit the IP address of the machine hosting the XPression Gateway.
 - f. In the **Port** box, select or edit the port number according to the number configured in the Remote Sequencer configuration area of the XPression Gateway settings.
4. Click **OK**.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box closes and the edited connection point appears in the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.

5. Click **OK**.

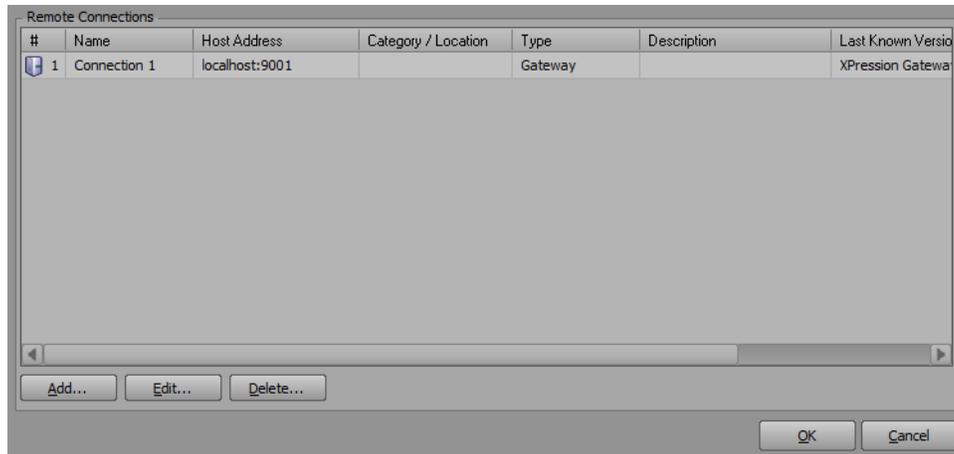
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Deleting a Remote Connection Point

Use the following procedure to delete a connection point between the XPression Remote Sequencer and an XPression Gateway.

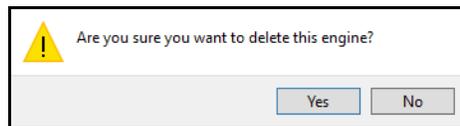
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **File** menu to select **Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box, select a remote connection point from the **Remote Connections** list.
3. Click the **Delete** button.

A **Warning** box opens.



4. Click **Yes**.

The **Warning** box closes and the connection point is deleted from the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.

5. Click **OK**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

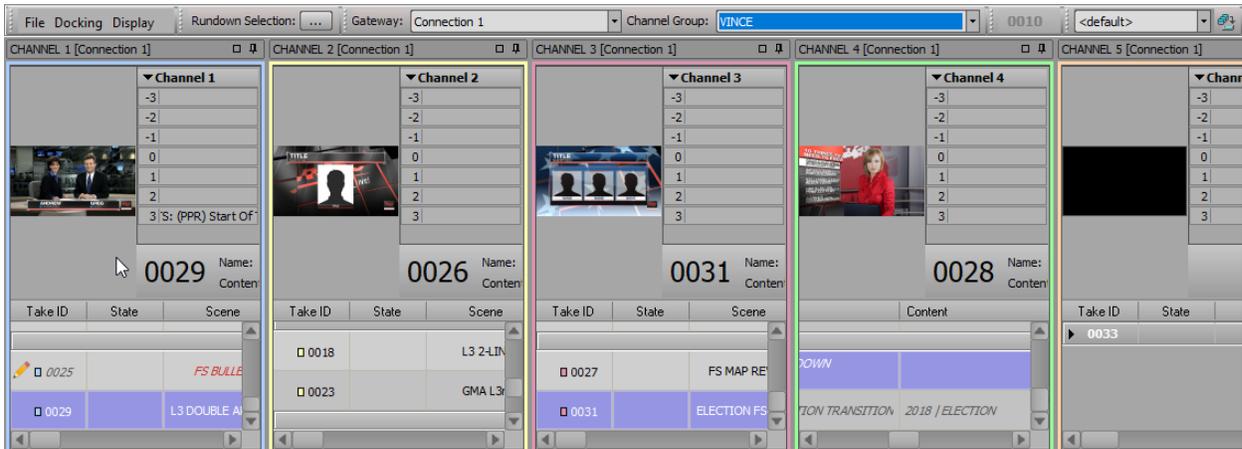
Selecting a Channel Group

Channel groups are created in the XPression Gateway settings, in the Channel Groups configuration area. A channel group can be selected once a connection point has been established to an XPression Gateway with channel groups configured.

This procedure describes how to select a channel group in the XPression Remote Sequencer.

1. In the XPression Remote Sequencer toolbar, use the **Gateway** list to select a connection point.
2. Use the **Channel Group** list to select a channel group.

The selected channel group opens in the Remote Sequencer as configured in the Gateway.



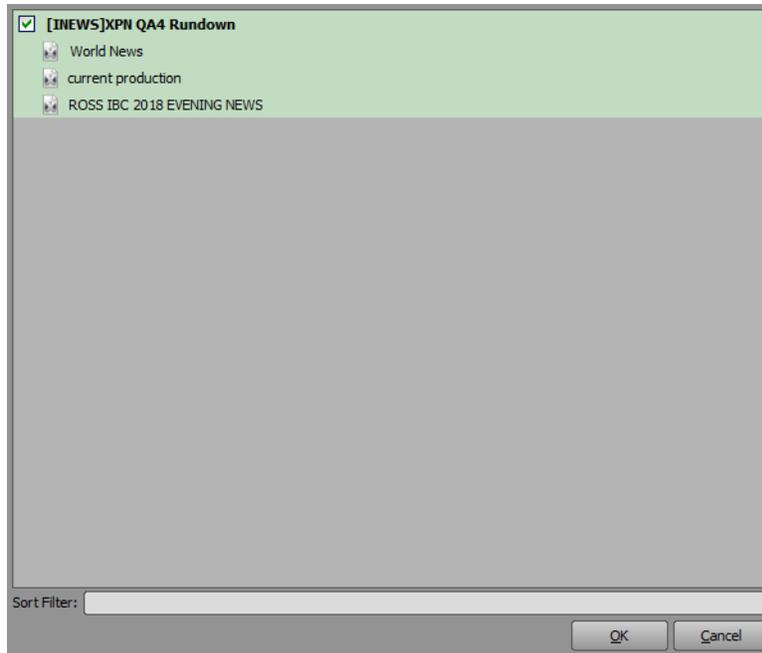
For More Information on...

- creating channel groups, see “**Channel Groups**” on page 3–10.

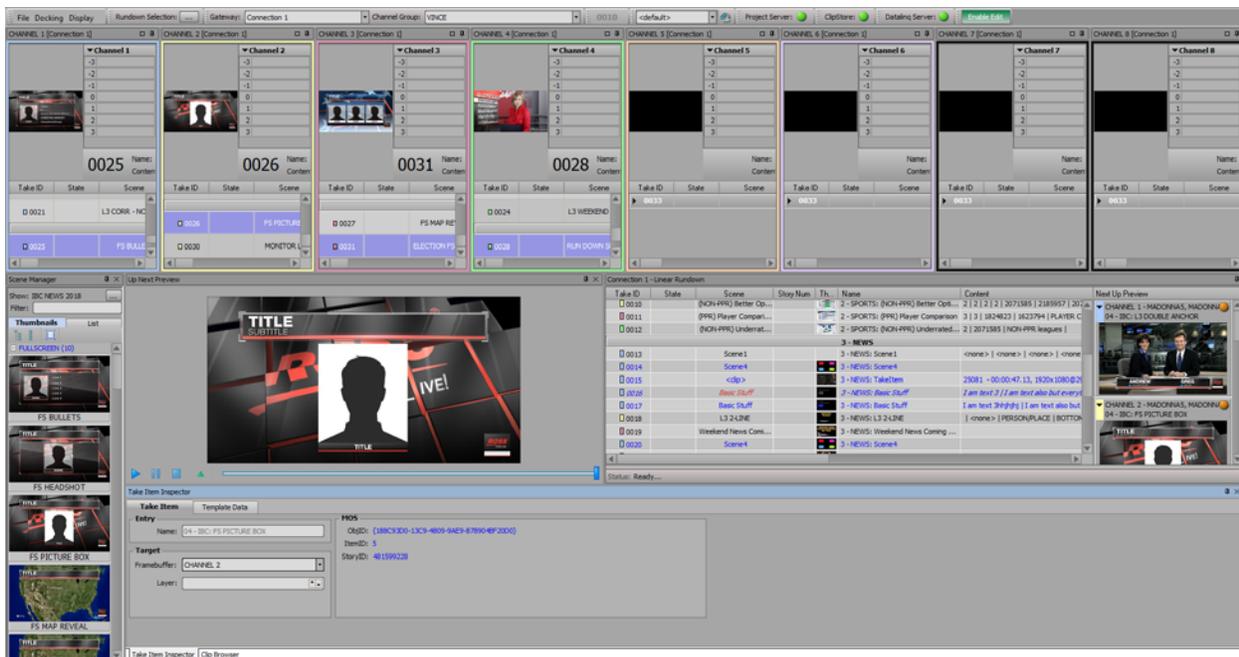
Selecting Active Rundowns

Active rundowns can be selected to open in the XPression Remote Sequencer for playback.

1. In the XPression Remote Sequencer toolbar, click the **Rundown Selection** browse button or press **Ctrl + R**. The **Select Active Rundowns** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Rundown List**, select the check box of the rundown(s) to open in the remote sequencer. The **Sort Filter** box can be used to enter a rundown or keyword to move the rundown to the top of the rundown list.
3. Click **OK**. The selected rundown(s) and associated style open in the remote sequencer.

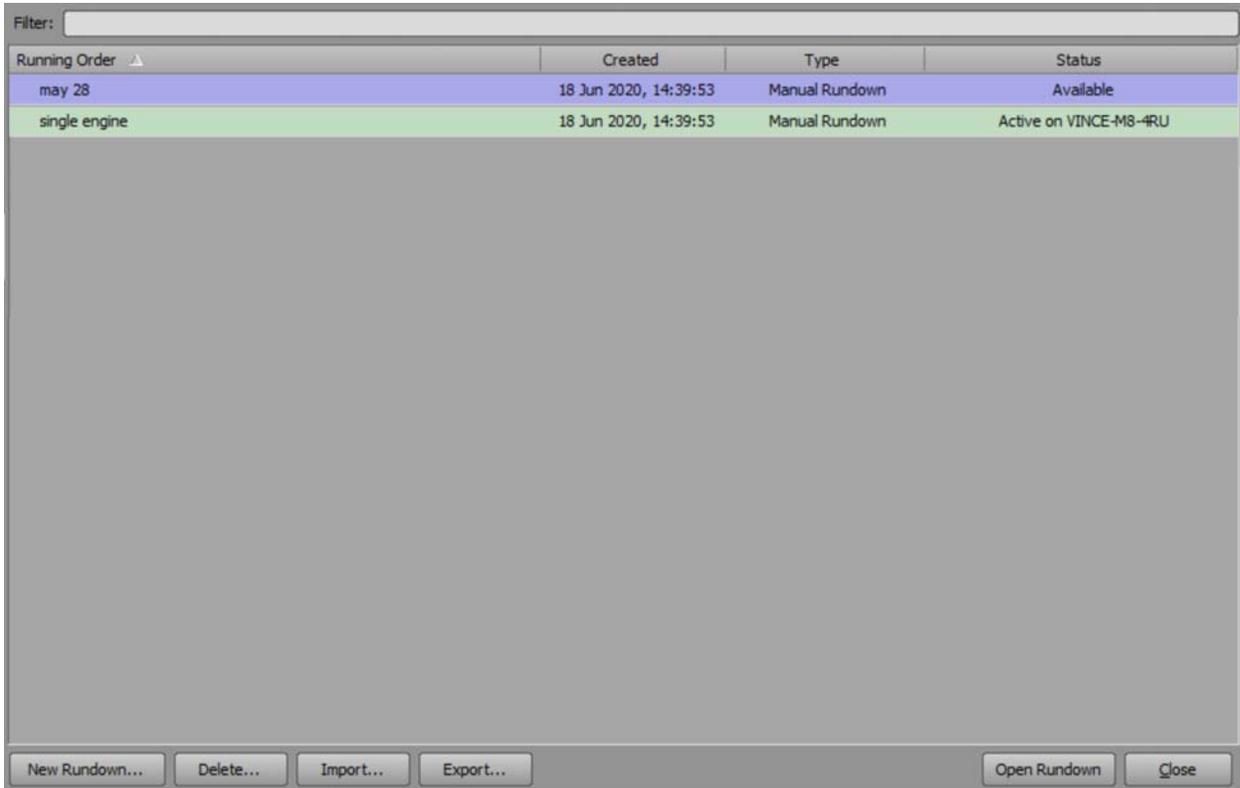


Create a Manual Rundown

Manual rundowns can be created in the XPression Remote Sequencer that are not linked to a MOS NRCS.

1. In the **Linear Rundown** window of the XPression Remote Sequencer, click **Rundowns > Open / Manage Rundowns**.

The **Manage Rundowns** dialog box opens.



2. Click **New Rundown**.

The **Create Rundown** dialog box opens.



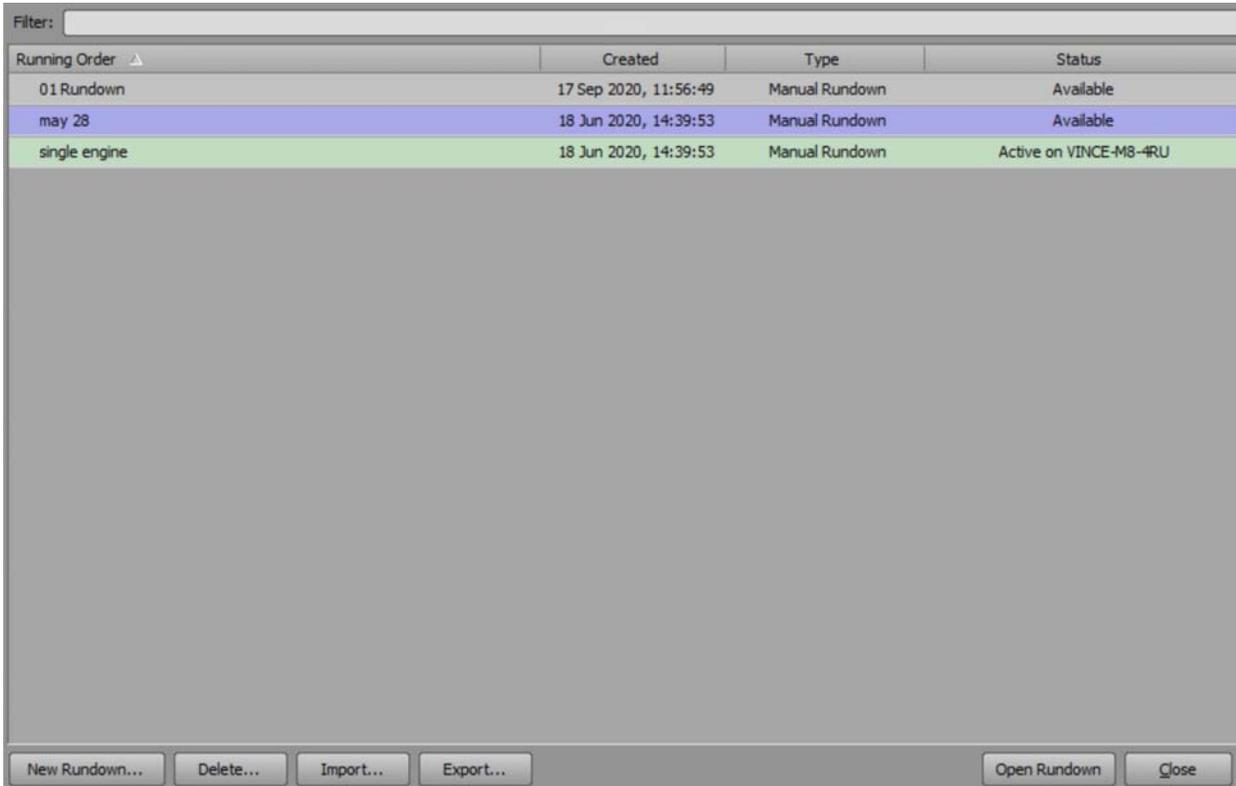
Other options include:

- **Delete** — click to delete a selected rundown.
- **Import** — click to import a rundown from any selected location.
- **Export** — click to export a selected rundown to a desired location.

3. In the **Rundown Name** box, enter a name for the rundown.

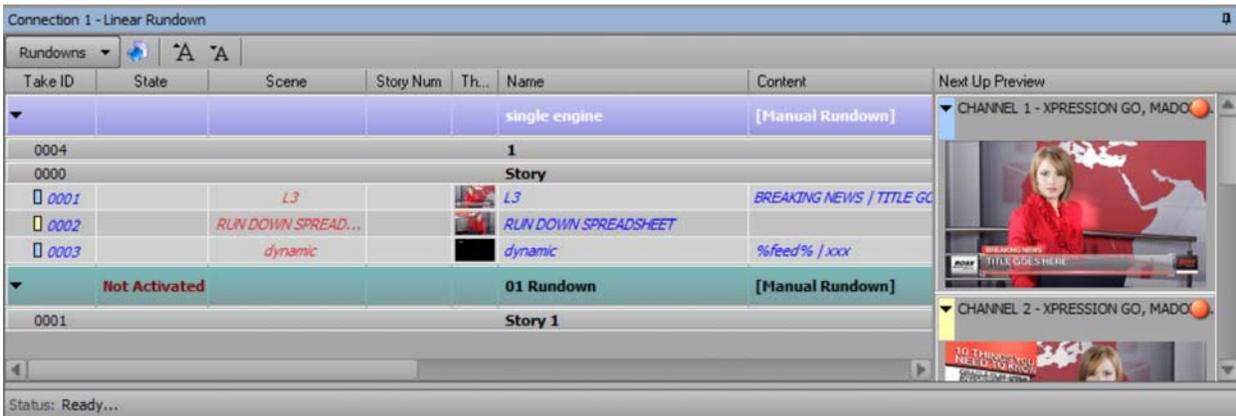
4. Click **OK**.

The **Create Rundown** dialog box closes and the rundown is added to the list.



5. Select the new rundown and click **Open Rundown**.

The rundown opens in the **Linear Rundown** window and in the **Channel** columns.



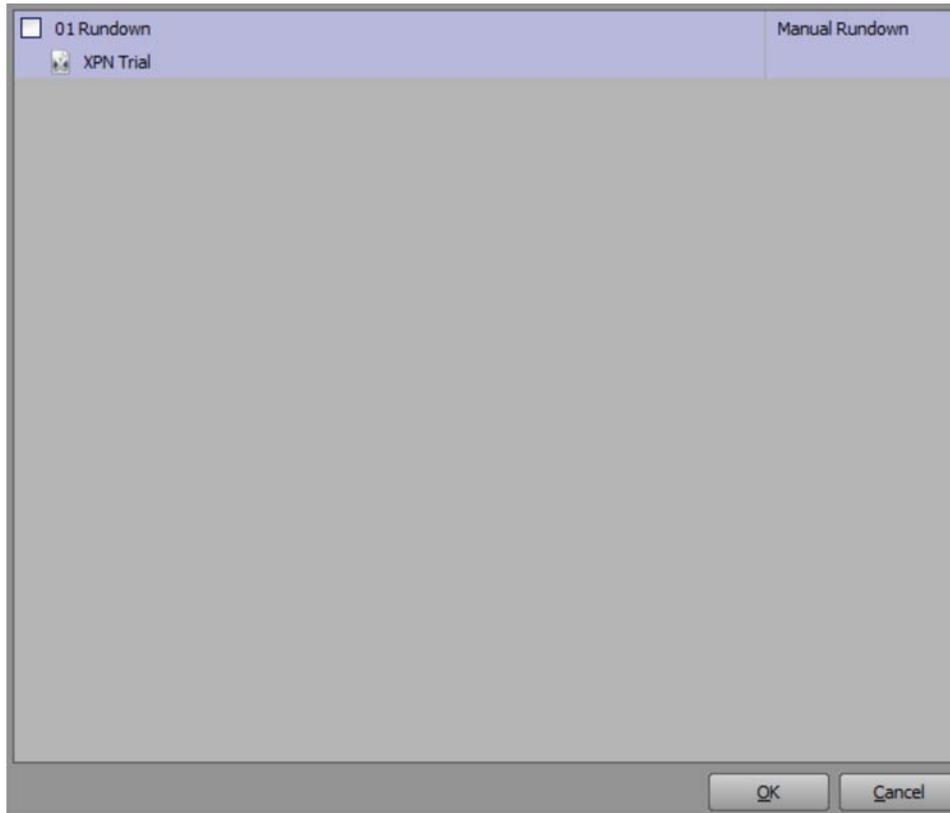
6. Select an item from the **Scene Manager** or **Clip Browser** and drag and drop the item into the linear rundown list or a channel. Repeat for as many items as necessary.

The items are added to the rundown or channel.



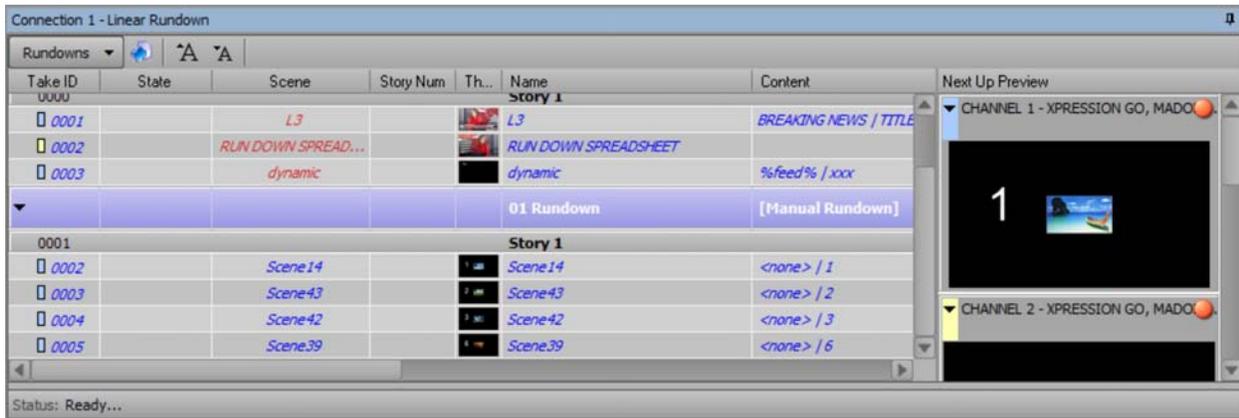
7. Right-click on the rundown and select **Activate Rundown**.

The **Select Active Rundowns** dialog box opens.



8. Select the check box for the rundown and click **OK**.

The rundown is activated.



Inactive rundowns can be closed by clicking **Rundowns > Close Inactive Rundowns**. Only active rundowns will remain visible in the list.

Keyboard / GPI Mapping

Keyboard and GPI mapping enables many of the Remote Sequencer functions to be assigned to keyboard shortcuts or GPI input triggers. Many of the existing default keyboard shortcuts can also be customized.

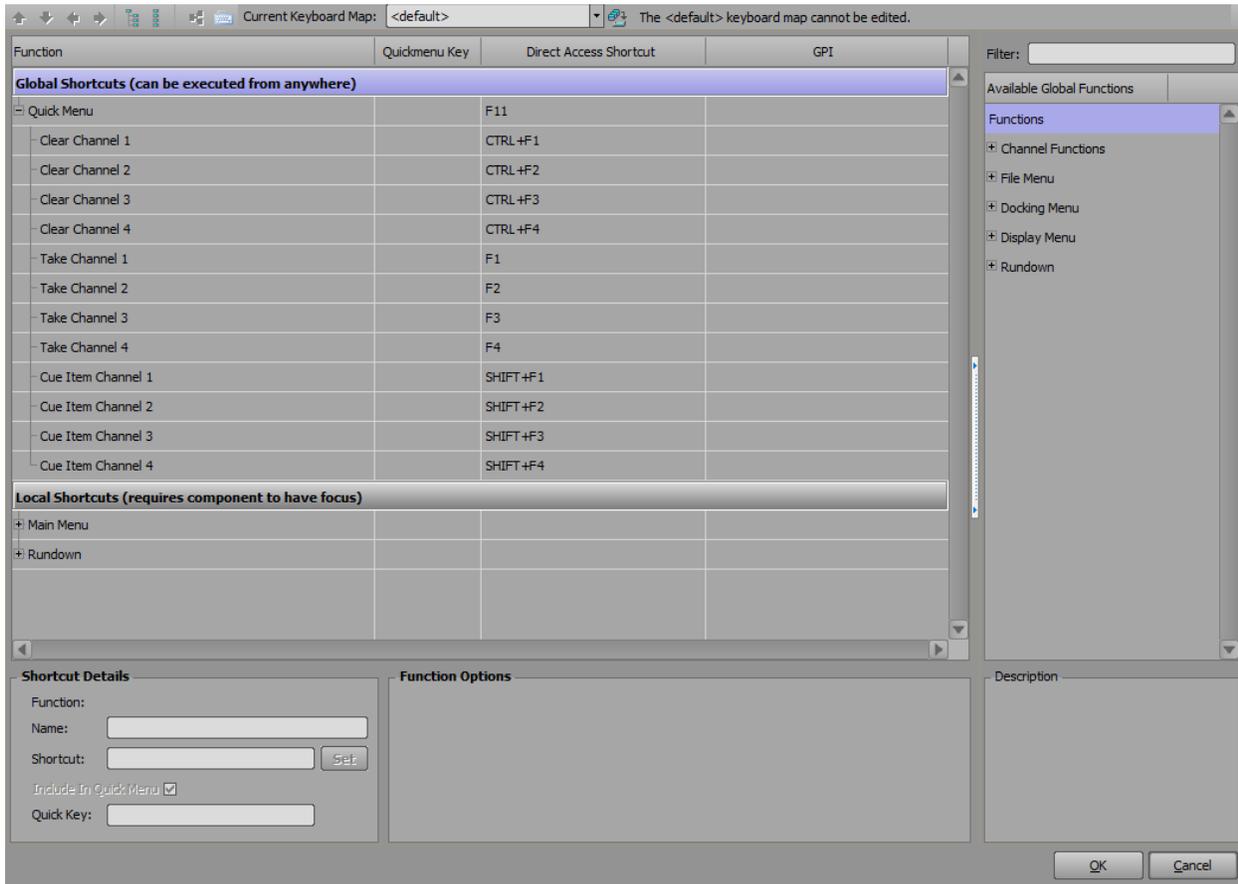
The following topics are discussed in this section:

- Create a Custom Keyboard Map
- Assign a Global Shortcut
- Assign a Local Shortcut
- Create a Custom Smart GPI / RossTalk Map

Create a Custom Keyboard Map

1. In **XPression Remote Sequencer**, click **File > Keyboard / GPI Mapping**.

The **Keyboard / GPI Mapping** dialog box opens.



2. Click the **Save Keyboard Mapping** (🔑) button to create a new custom keyboard mapping. The default keyboard map can not be edited.

The **Save Keyboard Mapping** dialog box opens.



3. In the **Save Keyboard Mapping** dialog box, enter a name for the new custom keyboard mapping.
4. Click **OK**.

The added custom keyboard mapping appears in the **Current Keyboard Map** list and is saved as a .kbd file.

For More Information on...

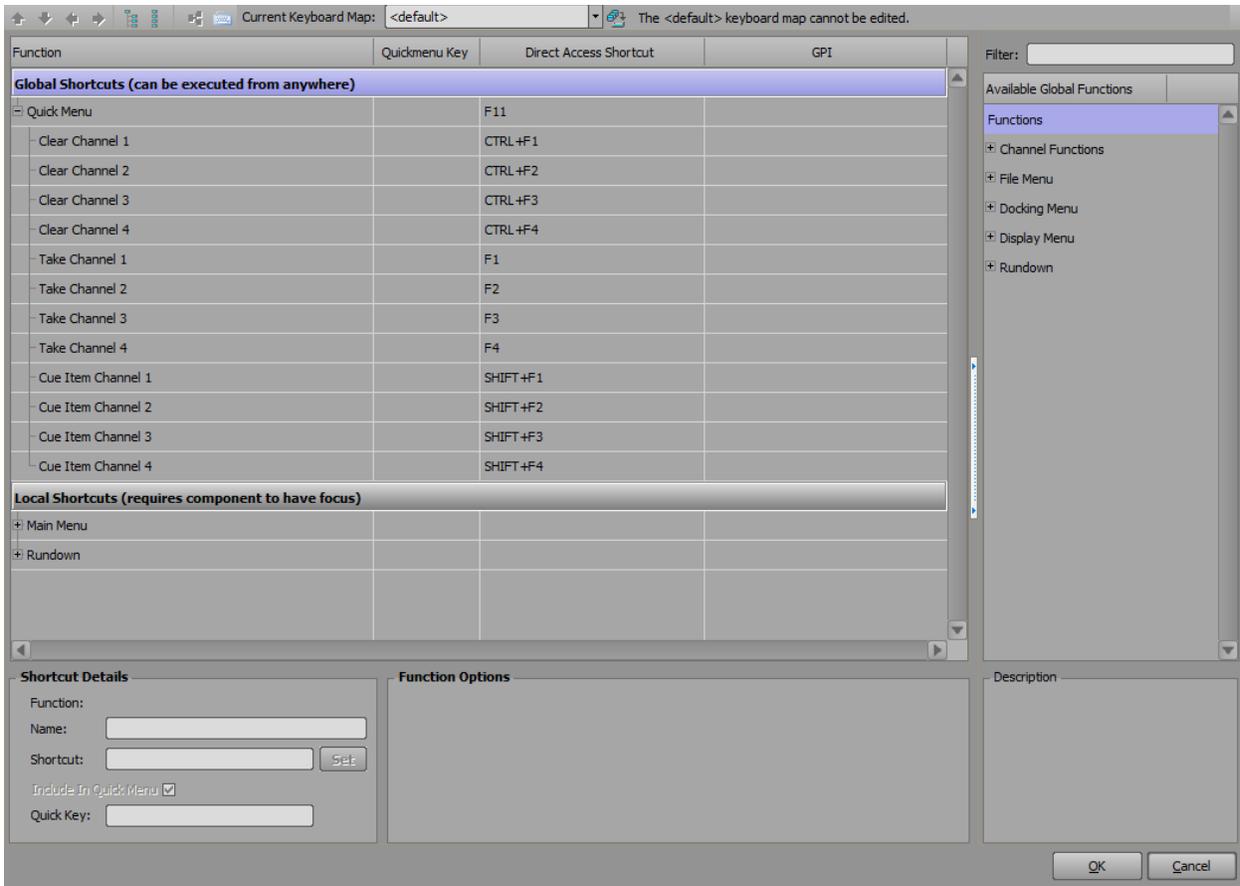
- assigning a Global Shortcut, refer to “**Assign a Global Shortcut**” on page 9–19.
- assigning a Local Shortcut, refer to “**Assign a Local Shortcut**” on page 9–22.

Assign a Global Shortcut

Global Shortcuts represent functions that can be assigned to keyboard hotkeys that are active at any time while XPression Remote Sequencer is running.

1. In **XPression Remote Sequencer**, click **File > Keyboard / GPI Mapping**.

The **Keyboard / GPI Mapping** dialog box opens.



2. Select a keyboard map from the **Current Keyboard Map** list or create a custom keyboard map.
3. In the **Available Global Functions** list, drag and drop the **Group** function or click the **Add Group** () button in the toolbar to create a group branch in the **Global Shortcuts** tree.
4. In the **Available Global Functions** list, select a function and drag and drop it into the desired spot in the **Global Shortcuts** tree to add the function.

Entering a function in the **Filter** box lets you search the **Available Global Functions** list for a specific function.

5. In the **Global Shortcuts** table, right-click on an item in the shortcuts tree and select **Assign Shortcut** to assign a custom keyboard control to the selected item.

Function	Quickmenu Key	Direct Access Shortcut	GPI
Global Shortcuts (can be executed from anywhere)			
Quick Menu		F11	
Clear Channel 1		CTRL+F1	
Clear Channel 2		CTRL+F2	
Clear Channel 3		CTRL+F3	
Clear Channel 4		CTRL+F4	
Take Channel 1		F1	
Take Channel 2		F2	
Take Channel 3		F3	
Take Channel 4		F4	
Cue Item Channel 1		SHIFT+F1	
Cue Item Channel 2		SHIFT+F2	
Cue Item Channel 3		SHIFT+F3	
Cue Item Channel 4		SHIFT+F4	
Local Shortcuts (requires component to have focus)			
Main Menu			
Rundown			

6. In the **Shortcut Details** section, perform the following:

- a. In the **Name** box, edit the name of the selected item if necessary.
- b. In the **Shortcut** box, enter a keyboard shortcut to assign to the selected item by entering the command on the keyboard.

The assigned keyboard shortcut appears in the **Shortcut** box and in the row for the selected item under the **Direct Access Shortcut** column in the **Global Shortcuts** table.

If the assigned keyboard shortcut is already in use by another item, a hazard icon (⚠) will appear next to the command in the **Direct Access Shortcut** column. Place the cursor over the hazard icon to view where the conflict occurs.

- c. Select the **Include In Quick Menu** check box to include the keyboard shortcut in a Quick Menu.
- Quick Menus are shortcut menus that appear when a Quick Key for a Global Shortcut is entered. The keyboard shortcuts available for the selected Global Shortcut are listed in the Quick Menu that appears. This feature only applies to Global Shortcut branches that contain children nodes.

In the **Quick Key** box, enter a letter or number as the Quick Menu command.

7. In the options section located to the right of the **Shortcut Details** section, configure the shortcut options (if options are available) of various functions:

Clear Single Channel Options

- **Framebuffer** — use the list to select a framebuffer for clearing the channel.

Cue Item Options

- Select **Current Sequence Item** to apply the shortcut to the current focused item in a sequencer, or select **Take ID** and enter or select a Take ID number in the box to apply the shortcut to the specific Take ID.
- **Channel** — use the list to assign a channel if using current sequence item.
- **Move Sequencer Focus to Item** — check this box to the set sequencer focus to the selected Take ID.

Focus Channel Options

- **Channel** — use the list to assign the linear sequence or a channel to set the focus.

Next Item Options

- **Channel** — use the list to assign the linear sequence or a channel to the next item.

Next Story Options

- **Channel** — use the list to assign a channel to the next story.

Previous Item Options

- **Channel** — use the list to assign the linear sequence or a channel to the previous item.

Previous Story Options

- **Channel** — use the list to assign a channel to the previous story.

Swap Channel Options

- **Channel** — use the list to assign a channel to swap.

Take Offline Options

- Select **Current Sequence Item** to apply the shortcut to the current item in a sequence, or select **Take ID** and enter or select a Take ID number in the box to apply the shortcut to the specific Take ID.
- **Channel** — use the list to assign a channel if using current sequence item.

Take Options

- Select **Current Sequence Item** to apply the shortcut to the current item in a sequence, or select **Take ID** and enter or select a Take ID number in the box to apply the shortcut to the specific Take ID.
- **Channel** — use the list to assign a channel if using current sequence item.
- **Move Sequencer Focus to Item** — select this box to set sequencer focus to the selected Take ID.
- **Advance Sequence After Take** — check this box to advance to the next Take Item in the sequence after the current or selected Take Item has finished playing.

8. Click **OK**.

For More Information on...

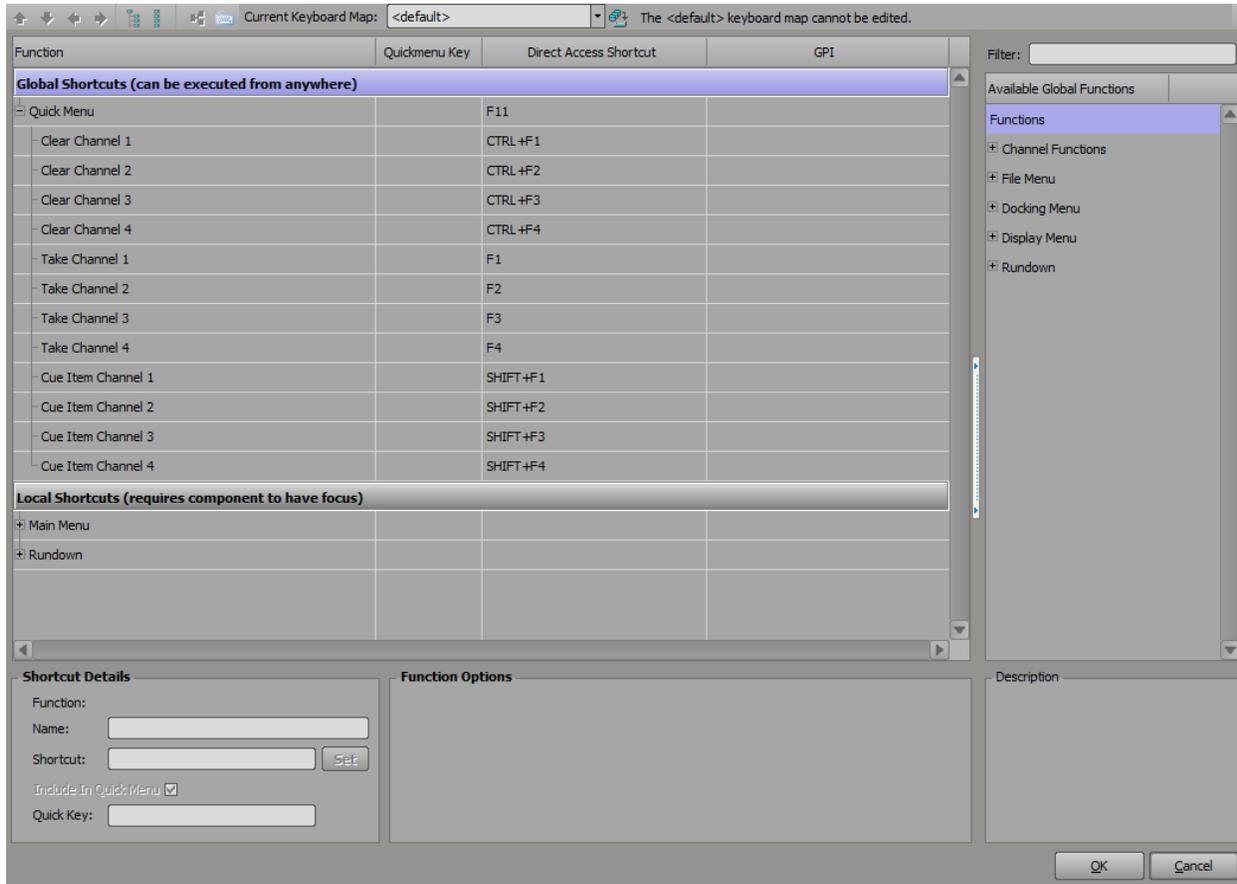
- creating a custom keyboard map, refer to “**Create a Custom Keyboard Map**” on page 9–18.

Assign a Local Shortcut

Local shortcuts represent keyboard hotkeys that apply to one particular component of XPression Remote Sequencer, such as the File menu, and are only active when the particular component of XPression Remote Sequencer has keyboard/mouse focus.

1. In **XPression Remote Sequencer**, click **File > Keyboard / GPI Mapping**.

The **Keyboard / GPI Mapping** dialog box opens.



2. Select a keyboard map from the **Current Keyboard Map** list or create a custom keyboard map.
3. In the **Local Shortcuts** table, right-click on an item in the shortcuts tree and select **Assign Shortcut** to assign a custom keyboard control to the selected item.
4. In the **Shortcut Details** section, perform the following:

- a. In the **Name** box, edit the name of the selected item if necessary.
- b. In the **Shortcut** box, enter a keyboard shortcut to assign to the selected item by entering the command on the keyboard.

The assigned keyboard shortcut appears in the **Shortcut** box and in the row for the selected item under the **Direct Access Shortcut** column in the **Local Shortcuts** table.

If the assigned keyboard shortcut is already in use by another item, a hazard icon (⚠) will appear next to the command in the **Direct Access Shortcut** column. Place the cursor over the hazard icon to view where the conflict occurs.

5. Click **OK**.

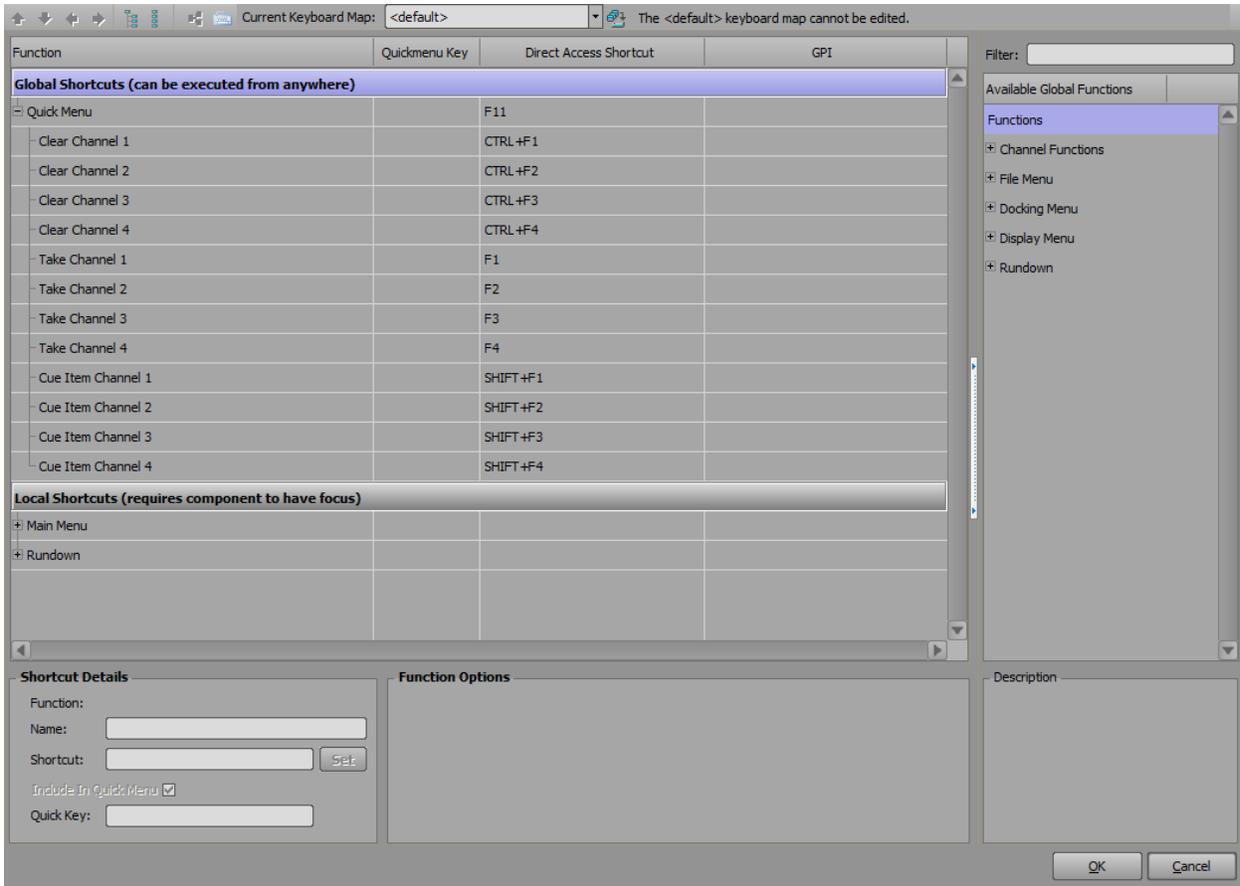
For More Information on...

- creating a custom keyboard map, refer to “**Create a Custom Keyboard Map**” on page 9–18.

Create a Custom Smart GPI / RossTalk Map

1. Use the **Hardware Setup** dialog box to configure a GPI board for XPression Remote Sequencer.
2. In **XPression Remote Sequencer**, click **File > Keyboard / GPI Mapping**.

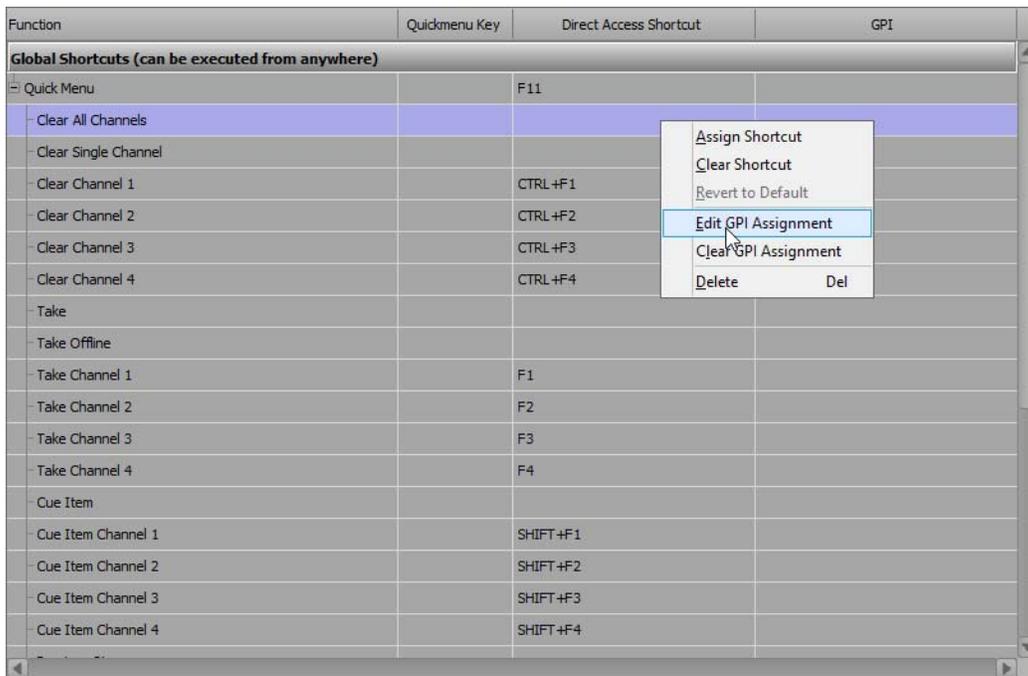
The **Keyboard / GPI Mapping** dialog box opens.



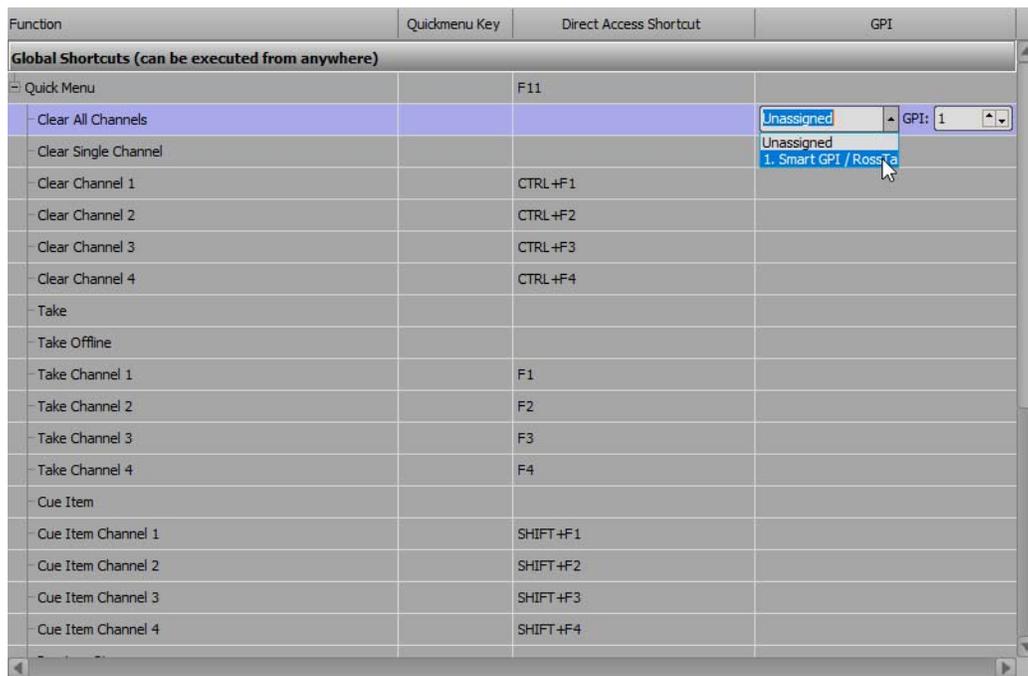
3. Create a custom keyboard mapping that includes global shortcuts.

4. In the **Global Shortcuts** tree, right-click on a global shortcut and select **Edit GPI Assignment**.

The same GPI trigger can be assigned to multiple global functions to execute them in order.



- a. Select a GPI board from the list.



- b. In the **GPI** box, enter or select a GPI input to assign to the selected global shortcut.

If the assigned GPI input is already in use by another item, a hazard icon (⚠) will appear next to the GPI details in the GPI column. Place the cursor over the hazard icon to view where the conflict occurs.

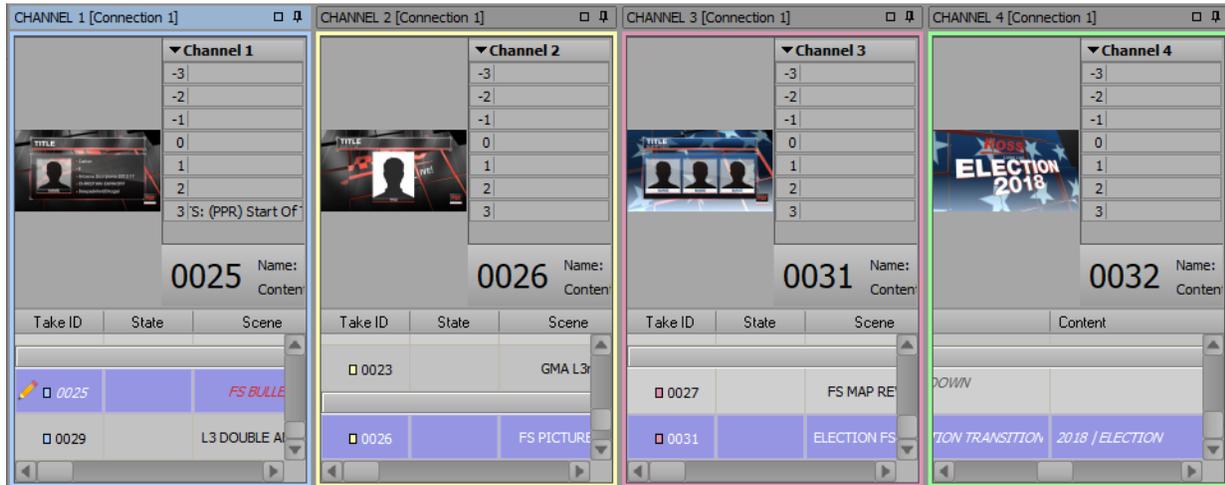
5. Click **OK**.

For More Information on...

- adding a Smart GPI/RossTalk board, refer to “**Configuring Smart GPI / RossTalk**” on page 9–2.
- creating a custom keyboard, refer to “**Create a Custom Keyboard Map**” on page 9–18.
- configuring and working with GPIs, refer to the ***GPI White Paper*** available from Ross Video.

Channels

The Remote Sequencer can have up to eight channels configured in the XPression Gateway. Channels are distinguished by number and color. Each channel lists all items that have been assigned to the respective channel.



Channel User Interface

Take items in the Channel windows are displayed in black and blue text:

- Black items are from the NRCS and can not be deleted in a Channel list.
- Blue items are added locally and can be deleted in a Channel list.

Local items can be dragged and dropped into rundowns, including MOS rundowns. However, MOS items can not be dragged and dropped into other places in rundowns because their order is determined by the MOS rundown.

★ When editing existing items, no further MOS updates for that item will be applied unless the local changes are reverted by right-clicking on the item and selecting **Revert changes to MOS item** from the shortcut menu.

Local modifications can be purged by configuring the purge settings in the Settings section of the Remote Sequencer panel in the Gateway Settings. For more information, refer to step 7 on page 3-6 of “**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**”.

The Channel window contains a preview thumbnail of the selected scene in the top-left corner as well as the following:

Channel — displays the channel number and lists the layers, take ID, scene name, and the text object content for the selected scene.

Take ID — use this column to select or enter an identification number for a take item.

State (read-only) — this column displays the current playout state of a take item.

Scene (read-only) — this column displays the scene or scene group name of a take item. When using clips, it will list whether the item is a clip or a still. When a clip is played, it displays a progress bar and a timer that counts down the time remaining in the clip (XPression Clips Option only).

Thumbnail (read-only) — this column displays a thumbnail of the scene.

Story Num (read-only) — this column displays the MOS story number column from the NRCS.

Name (read-only) — this column displays the name for a take item.

Content (read-only) — this column displays text object content provided to a take item. Content values for a take item are set in the Template Data tab of the Take Item Inspector window.

Virtual Channel — this column displays the channel number assigned to the take item. Click inside the column to open a list of the virtual channels and select a channel to assign the take item to that channel.

Layer — use this column to select or enter the output framebuffer layer to place a take item.

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

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

Duration (read-only) — this column displays the time duration of a take item.

Description (read-only) — this column displays the number of entries in a particular scene group.

Right-clicking on the column headers and selecting **Columns** allows the selection of specific columns for the list to be hidden or displayed. The columns can also be reordered by dragging individual columns to another location.

Selecting **Reset To Default** will reset the list to the default layout.

Shortcut Menu

Right-click on a take item to access the following shortcut menu:

Cue — select this command to cue the selected take item.

Take Offline — select this command to take the selected take item off-line.

Focus in Linear Sequence — select this command to set the focus in the linear rundown on the selected item in the channel window.

Revert changes to MOS Item — select this command to revert a MOS take item to its original settings if changes have been made.

Layer > Default For Channel — select this command to use the take item on the default layer for the channel.

Layer > Default For Template — select this command to use the take item on the default layer of the template for the item.

Copy — select this command to copy the selected take item.

Paste — select this command to paste a copied take item into another channel or the sequence list in the Linear Rundown window. Pasting a copied take item from one channel to another will place the take item on the channel in which it is pasted.

Delete Item — select this command to remove the selected take item from the channel. The associated scene or scene group is not deleted. Only manually edited take items can be deleted; NRCS take items can not be deleted.

Scene Manager

Use the Scene Manager window to view all of the scenes and scene groups contained in a rundown.

Show — displays the show that is open in the Scene Manager. Click **Browse (...)** to open the **Show, Category, and Style Selection** dialog box to select a new show, category, or style to open in the Scene Manager.

Filter — use this box to search for scenes using words to filter for specific scene names.

Thumbnails — click this tab to view the scenes as a list of thumbnails that display an image of the scenes.

List — click this tab to view the scenes as a list of scene names.

Use the toolbar to adjust the display of the Scene Manager:

 **Expand Categories** — click this button to expand all categories in the Scene Manager.

 **Collapse Categories** — click this button to collapse all categories in the Scene Manager.

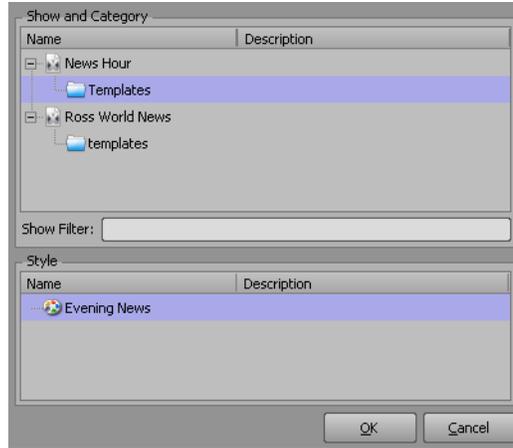
 **Resize Thumbnails / Resize Items** — click this button to resize the thumbnails or items (depending on the which display is selected). Use the scroll bar that opens to slide the bar right to increase the size or left to decrease the size.

Show, Category, and Style Selection

Use the Show, Category, and Style Selection dialog box to select a new show, category, or style to open in the Scene Manager.

1. In the Scene Manager, click **Browse (...)**.

The **Show, Category, and Style Selection** dialog box opens



2. Select a show and category from the **Show and Category** tree.
3. In the **Style** list, select a style.
4. Click **OK**.

The **Show, Category and Style Selection** dialog box closes and the graphics associated with the selected style are available for selection in the **Thumbnails / List**.

Adding Scenes to the Linear Rundown

Scenes can be added to the Linear Rundown from the Scene Manager.

1. Select a scene in the **Scene Manager**.
2. Drag and drop the scene onto the sequence in the Linear Rundown window.

The scene is added to the Linear Rundown where it was dropped within the sequence.

Up Next Preview

Use the Up Next Preview window to view the next scene in the sequence of the Linear Rundown.



 **Play Animation** — click this button to play a preview of the scene.

 **Pause Animation** — click this button to pause the preview of the scene when playing.

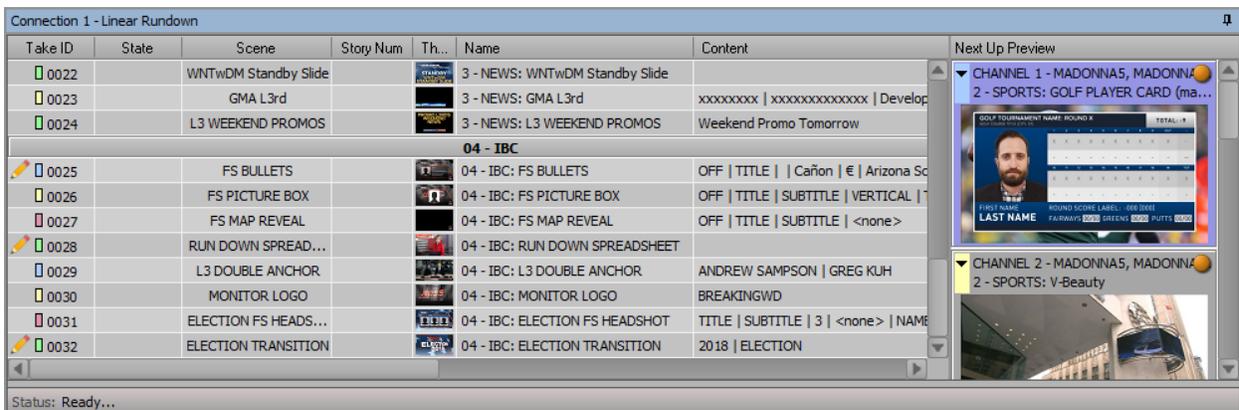
 **Stop Animation** — click this button to stop the preview of the scene when playing.

 **Move to Preview Frame** — click this button to move the scroll bar to the preview frame of the scene.

Scroll Bar — click and hold on the scroll bar and move it forward or backward along the timeline to view specific parts of the scene.

Linear Rundown

Use the Linear Rundown window to view and manage the scenes and scene groups to playout from a sequence, in the order from top to bottom. The sequence is populated by opening rundowns and by dragging scenes or scene groups from the Scene Manager or clips from the Clip Browser into the sequence list.



Take ID	State	Scene	Story Num	Th...	Name	Content	Next Up Preview
0022		WNTwDM Standby Slide			3 - NEWS: WNTwDM Standby Slide		
0023		GMA L3rd			3 - NEWS: GMA L3rd	xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Develop	
0024		L3 WEEKEND PROMOS			3 - NEWS: L3 WEEKEND PROMOS	Weekend Promo Tomorrow	
04 - IBC							
0025		FS BULLETS			04 - IBC: FS BULLETS	OFF TITLE Cañon € Arizona Sc	
0026		FS PICTURE BOX			04 - IBC: FS PICTURE BOX	OFF TITLE SUBTITLE VERTICAL	
0027		FS MAP REVEAL			04 - IBC: FS MAP REVEAL	OFF TITLE SUBTITLE <none>	
0028		RUN DOWN SPREAD...			04 - IBC: RUN DOWN SPREADSHEET		
0029		L3 DOUBLE ANCHOR			04 - IBC: L3 DOUBLE ANCHOR	ANDREW SAMPSON GREG KUJH	
0030		MONITOR LOGO			04 - IBC: MONITOR LOGO	BREAKINGWD	
0031		ELECTION FS HEADS...			04 - IBC: ELECTION FS HEADSHOT	TITLE SUBTITLE 3 <none> NAME	
0032		ELECTION TRANSITION			04 - IBC: ELECTION TRANSITION	2018 ELECTION	

Status: Ready...

Linear Rundown User Interface

Take items in the Linear Rundown window are displayed in black and blue text:

- Black items are from the NRCS and can not be deleted in the Remote Sequencer Linear Rundown.
- Blue items are added locally and can be deleted in the Remote Sequencer Linear Rundown.

Local items can be dragged and dropped into rundowns, including MOS rundowns. However, MOS items can not be dragged and dropped into other places in rundowns because their order is determined by the MOS rundown.

★ When editing existing items, no further MOS updates for that item will be applied unless the local changes are reverted by right-clicking on the item and selecting **Revert changes to MOS item** from the shortcut menu.

Local modifications can be purged by configuring the purge settings in the Settings section of the Remote Sequencer panel in the Gateway Settings. For more information, refer to step 7 on page 3-6 of “**Setting Up the XPression Gateway**”.

The Linear Rundown window contains the following interface items:

Take ID — use this column to select or enter an identification number for a take item.

State (read-only) — this column displays the current playout state of a take item.

Scene (read-only) — this column displays the scene or scene group name of a take item. When using clips, it will list whether the item is a clip or a still. When a clip is played, it displays a progress bar and a timer that counts down the time remaining in the clip (XPression Clips Option only).

Thumbnail (read-only) — this column displays a thumbnail of the scene.

Story Num (read-only) — this column displays the MOS story number column from the NRCS.

Name (read-only) — this column displays the name for a take item.

Content (read-only) — this column displays text object content provided to a take item. Content values for a take item are set in the Template Data tab of the Take Item Inspector window.

Virtual Channel — this column displays the channel number assigned to the take item. Click inside the column to open a list of the virtual channels and select a channel to assign the take item to that channel.

Layer — use this column to select or enter the output framebuffer layer to place a take item.

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

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

Duration (read-only) — this column displays the time duration of a take item.

Description (read-only) — this column displays the number of entries in a particular scene group.

Right-clicking on the column headers and selecting **Columns** allows the selection of specific columns for the list to be hidden or displayed. The columns can also be reordered by dragging individual columns to another location. Selecting **Reset To Default** will reset the list to the default layout.

★ When the **Enable Edit** button () in the toolbar at the top of the Remote Sequencer interface is enabled, it will enable framebuffer/layer changes in the linear rundown and template data modifications. The button is green when enabled and gray when disabled.

Next Up Preview (read-only) — displays a preview list of the upcoming scenes in the sequence list. Channel and take item info is displayed, as well as a preview thumbnail.

Shortcut Menu

Right-click on a take item to access the following shortcut menu:

Cue — select this command to cue the selected take item(s).

Take Offline — select this command to take the selected take item off-line.

Revert changes to MOS Item — select this command to revert a MOS take item to its original settings if changes have been made.

Layer > Default For Channel — select this command to use the take item on the default layer for the channel.

Layer > Default For Template — select this command to use the take item on the default layer of the template for the item.

Copy — select this command to copy the selected take item.

Paste — select this command to paste a copied take item into another area of the sequence or into a Channel window list. Pasting a copied take item into a different channel than to which it is set will place the take item on the channel in which it is pasted.

Delete Item — select this command to remove the selected take item from the sequence list. The associated scene or scene group is not deleted.

Take Item Inspector

Click the **Take Item Inspector** tab to open the Take Item Inspector. Use the Take Inspector Item window to view and set properties for the take item selected in the Linear Rundown window.

Take Item Tab User Interface

Use this tab to set the properties for a take item. Edits to take items are live/dynamic.

Take Item Inspector

Take Item | Template Data

Entry

Name: 1 - ROSS VIDEO NEWS: Record2

Target

Framebuffer: CHANNEL 3

Layer: 0

MOS

ObjID: {8DE9E6D1-3757-4015-B38F-91EABE53C4F3}

ItemID: {982D5B95-86E7-41FF-90E7-ABEFF67A1229}

StoryID: 62168980

Take Item Inspector | Clip Browser

Entry

Use this section to enter or change the name of the take item.

Name (read-only) — displays the name of the selected take item.

Target

Use this section to configure the playout settings for the take item.

Framebuffer — use the Framebuffer list to select the default channel used to playout the take item.

Layer — use this list to select the layer of the output framebuffer on which to playout the take item.

MOS

This section lists the MOS details of the take item.

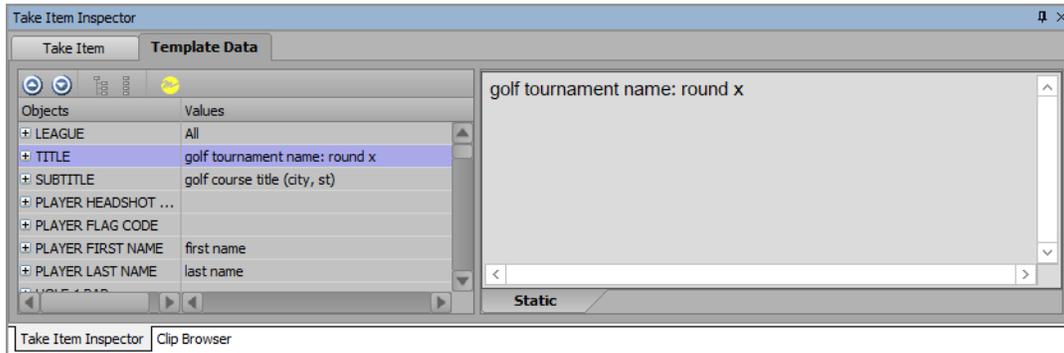
ObjID (read-only) — displays the Object ID.

ItemID (read-only) — displays the Item ID.

StoryID (read-only) — displays the Story ID.

Template Data Tab User Interface

Use this tab to edit published fields.



- ★ Selecting a published object in the Up Next Preview window will highlight/select that published object in the Template Data tab list.

Object List

This table lists the template objects and attributes, and their values.

-  **Select Previous Object** — click this button to select the previous object.
-  **Select Next Object** — click this button to select the next object.
-  **Expand All Object Nodes** — click this button to expand all objects.
-  **Collapse All Object Nodes** — click this button to collapse all objects.
-  **Refresh the template data fields from the MOS Gateway** — click this button to refresh the template data fields using the values from the XPression Gateway.

Objects — this column lists the template objects. Expand the template objects to view the attributes.

Values — this column lists the value of the template data associated with the attribute.

Static

Use this tab to configure text object attributes or to select static text items from previously configured user input controls.

Image Files

Select this tab to open the list of image file thumbnails. Double-click an image file thumbnail to apply the image as the value of the object attribute.

File Drop-Down List — use this list to select a location/folder of an image.

 **Browse** — click this button to move up a location/folder level.

OpenMAM — click this button to select and open an OpenMAM server to browse images on that server.

Icon Size — use this list to select a display size for the image thumbnails in the list of image files.

Video Files

Select this tab to open the list of video material thumbnails. Double-click a video file thumbnail to apply the video file as the value of the object attribute. If the object had originally been assigned a video file, the properties of that video will be applied to the newly assigned video.

File Drop-Down List — use this list to select a location/folder of an image.

 **Browse** — click this button to move up a location/folder level.

OpenMAM — click this button to select and open an OpenMAM server to browse videos on that server.

Object Properties

When an object is expanded in the Object List, specific properties applicable to the selected object are available for editing, such as position, scale, etc.

Position — configure the following settings to adjust the position of the object:

- **X** — use this box to enter or select the X coordinate for the object location.
- **Y** — use this box to enter or select the Y coordinate for the object location.
- **Z** — use this box to enter or select the Z coordinate for the object location.

Rotation — configure the following settings to adjust the rotation of the object:

- **X** — use this box to enter or select the degrees to rotate an object around the X axis.
- **Y** — use this box to enter or select the degrees to rotate an object around the Y axis.
- **Z** — use this box to enter or select the degrees to rotate an object around the Z axis.

Scale — configure the following settings to adjust the scale of the object:

- **X** — use this box to enter or select the scale factor to apply to an object along the X (horizontal) axis.
- **Y** — use this box to enter or select the scale factor to apply to an object along the Y (vertical) axis.
- **Z** — use this box to enter or select the scale factor to apply to an object along the Z (depth) axis.
- **XYZ** — select this option to equally adjust the Y and Z scale factors when changing the X scale factor. Changing the Y or Z scale factor does not adjust the X scale factor.
- **XY** — select this option to equally adjust the Y scale factor when changing the X scale factor. Changing the Y scale factor does not adjust the X scale factor.
- **XZ** — select this option to equally adjust the Z scale factor when changing the X scale factor. Changing the Z scale factor does not adjust the X scale factor.
- **None** — select this option to independently change scale factors.

Pivot — configure the following settings to adjust the pivot point of the object:

- **X** — use this box to enter or select the X coordinate for the object pivot point.
- **Y** — use this box to enter or select the X coordinate for the object pivot point.
- **Z** — use this box to enter or select the X coordinate for the object pivot point.

Visibility — select this check box to make the object visible in the scene. It is selected by default.

Texture Position — configure the following settings to adjust the position of the texture applied to the object:

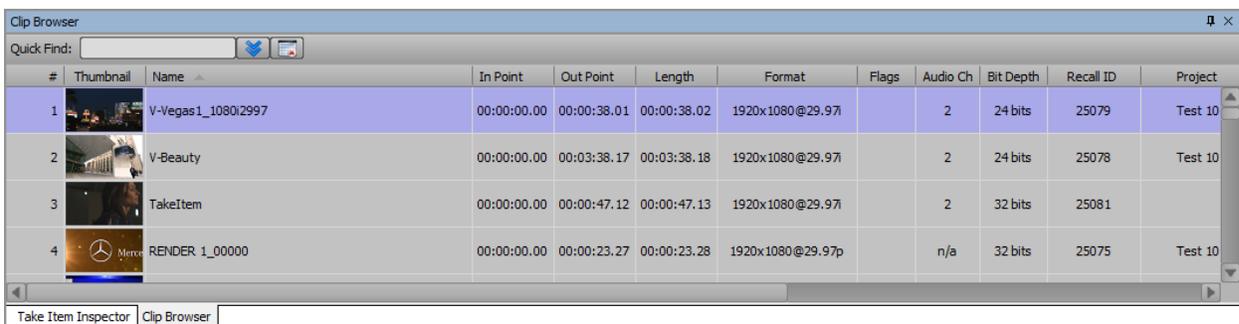
- **X** — use this box to enter or select the X coordinate for the texture location.
- **Y** — use this box to enter or select the Y coordinate for the texture location.

Texture Scale — configure the following settings to adjust the scale of the texture applied to the object:

- **X** — use this box to enter or select the scale factor to apply to the texture along the X (horizontal) axis.
- **Y** — use this box to enter or select the scale factor to apply to the texture along the Y (vertical) axis.

Clip Browser

Click the **Clip Browser** tab to open the Clip Browser if not already open. Use the Clip Browser to drag and drop clips into sequences in the Linear Rundown window or onto channels as take items.



Clip Browser User Interface

The Clip Browser contains a toolbar for searching clips and a list of clips available to use as take items.

Clip Browser Toolbar

Use the toolbar for searching clips.

Quick Find — use this box to enter keywords to search for clips listed in the Clip Browser.

 **Show/Hide advanced search options** — click this button to show or hide the **Advanced Search Options** in the Clip Browser.

 **Reset search filter** — click this button to clear the Quick Find box and any entries in the fields of the Advanced Search Options.

Advanced Search Options

Use the Advanced Search Options to enter specific criteria for locating a clip.

Name — use this box to enter the name of a clip to search.

Recall ID — use this box to enter a recall ID to search.

Source — use this box to enter a location to search for a clip.

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

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

Project — use this list to select a project to search for the clip.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reset Filter — click this button to clear all the fields in the Advanced Search Options.

Show all sub clips — select this check box to display any sub clips of a clip in the clip list when performing a search.

Clip List

Drag clips from the list and drop them into the sequence in the Linear Rundown window or a specific channel for payout.

(read-only) — list number in the Clip Browser list. A '+' indicates that the clip listing can be expanded to show any associated sub clips.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **LE** — indicates that looping has been enabled.
- **HF** — indicates that the clip will hold the last frame.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alpha — provides a thumbnail of the clip with the alpha channel visible.

First Frame TC — lists the timecode for the first frame of the clip.

Control Sequence Playout

Multiple take item groups can be played out using the XPression Remote Sequencer. Items can be played out using the Linear Rundown or the Channel windows.

Control sequence playout using the linear rundown:

1. Open a Connection Group.

★ The take items of the take item groups opened in the Remote Sequencer are numbered according to their order in the Remote Sequencer and not the Sequencer in XPression.

2. In the **Linear Rundown** window, select the take item group that contains the take items to playout.

3. Double-click a take item to playout the selected take item.

The selected take item plays out through the default output, and the **State** changes to **online** for take items or **Active** for take item groups. In the **Scene** column, clip take items will also display a playback progress bar with a counter showing the time remaining.

4. On the keyboard, press **Number Pad -** to stop the playout of an online take item or **Active** take item group.

Control sequence playout using channel windows:

1. Open a Connection Group.

★ The take items of the take item groups opened in the Remote Sequencer are numbered according to their order in the Remote Sequencer and not the Sequencer in XPression.

2. In a **Channel** window, select the take item group that contains the take items to playout.

3. Double-click a take item to playout the selected take item.

The selected take item plays out through the default output, and the **State** changes to **online** for take items or **Active** for take item groups. In the **Scene** column, clip take items will also display a playback progress bar with a counter showing the time remaining.

4. On the keyboard, press **Number Pad -** to take a take item or **Active** take item group offline.

Keyboard Control

The keyboard number pad can also be used to control the playout of a sequence in the Linear Rundown window. The following keyboard shortcuts are available in the Sequencer:

- **Cursor Up Arrow** — select the previous take item in the sequence.
- **Cursor Down Arrow** — select the next take item in the sequence.
- **Ctrl-Home** — select the first take item in the sequence.
- **Ctrl-End** — select the last take item in the sequence.
- **Number Pad +** — playout the selected take item and select the next take item in the sequence.
- **Number Pad -** — take a take item or **Active** take item group offline.
- **Number Pad Enter** — playout the selected take item. This shortcut requires the Fast Recall feature to be enabled.
- **Number Pad +/-** — increase (+) or decrease (-) the speed of a roll/crawl while it is online.
- **Number Pad .** — cue a take item in the sequence.

XPression Remote Sequencer (Legacy)

The XPression Remote Sequencer is used to control remote XPression engines and playout graphics and clips from a MOS rundown.

Before you start using the XPression Remote Sequencer, the remote sequencer needs to be setup. This section describes how to configure the remote sequencer preferences, reset the layout, configure connection points and groups, select rundowns, and control sequence playout.

The following topic is discussed in this section:

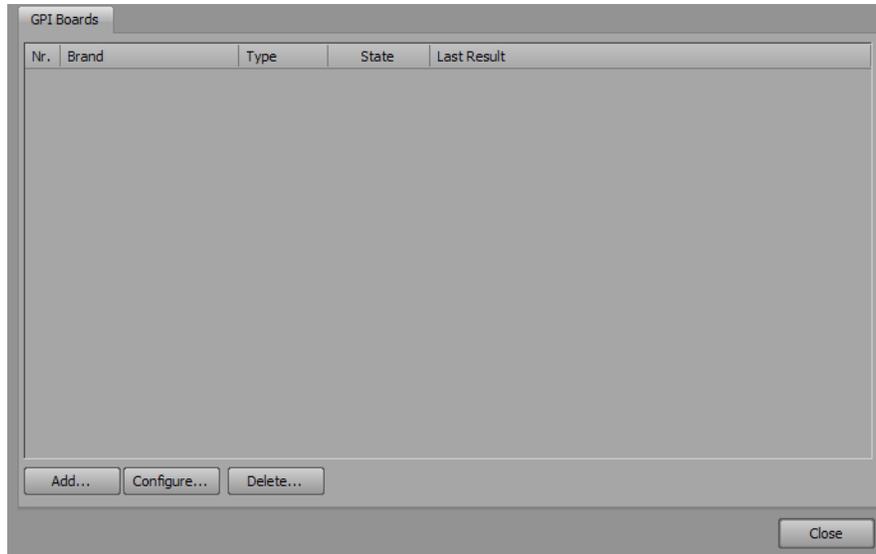
- Configuring Smart GPI / RossTalk
- Setting Preferences
- Resetting the Layout
- Adding a Remote Connection Point
- Editing a Remote Connection Point
- Deleting a Remote Connection Point
- Selecting a Channel Group
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Configuring Smart GPI / RossTalk

Use the following procedure to configure the Smart GPI / RossTalk Settings for the XPression Remote Sequencer.

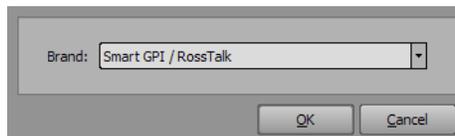
1. In the XPression Remote Sequencer, use the File menu to select **Hardware Setup**.

The **Hardware Setup** dialog box opens.



2. In the **GPI Boards** tab, click **Add**.

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

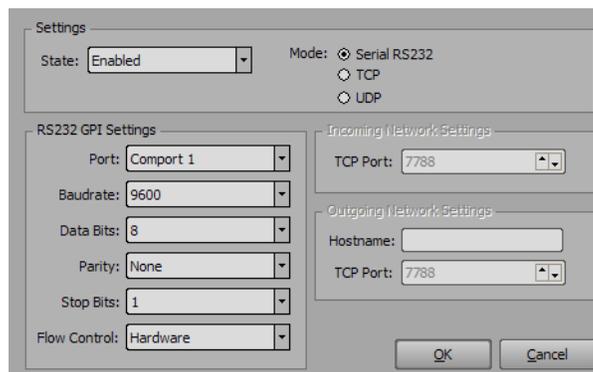


3. Use the **Brand** list to select a GPI board. The available option is:

- **Smart GPI / RossTalk**

4. Click **OK**.

The **Smart GPI / RossTalk Setup** dialog box opens.



5. In the **Settings** section, select **Enabled** from the **State** list. Select **Disabled** to turn off Smart GPI/RossTalk.
6. Select a **Mode** for Smart GPI/RossTalk:
 - **Serial RS232** — select to use RS232 to send Smart GPI/RossTalk signals to XPression Remote Sequencer.
 - **TCP** — select to use TCP/IP to send Smart GPI/RossTalk signals to XPression Remote Sequencer.
 - **UDP** — select to use UDP sockets to send Smart GPI/RossTalk signals to XPression Remote Sequencer.

7. Configure the selected GPI mode.

Serial RS232

- a. In the RS232 GPI Settings box, use the **Port** list to select the Communication port that receives GPI signals.
- b. Use the **Baudrate** list to select the communication speed for GPI signals.
- c. Use the **Data Bits** list to select the number of bits used to represent one character of data for GPI signals.
- d. Use the **Parity** list to select the method used to check for lost data in a GPI signal.
- e. Use the **Stop Bits** list to select the number of bits used to indicate the end of a byte in a GPI signal.
- f. Use the **Flow Control** list to select the data transmission rate controller for a GPI signal.

When using Smart GPI/RossTalk, the flow control can be set to **Hardware** or **None**, but it must be set the same in both XPression and the transmitting device.

TCP

- a. In the **Incoming Network Settings** box, use the **TCP Port** box to enter or select the communication port that receives GPI signals from an external source.
- b. In the **Outgoing Network Settings** section, use the **Hostname** box to enter the host name of a remote device that is to receive RossTalk messages from the local XPression engine.
- c. Use the **TCP Port** box to enter or select the communication port that receives the signals.

UDP

- a. In the **Incoming Network Settings** box, use the **UDP Port** box to enter or select the communication port that receives GPI signals from an external source.

8. Click **OK**.

The Smart GPI/RossTalk is displayed in the GPI Board list.

9. Click **Close**.

The **Hardware Setup** dialog box closes.

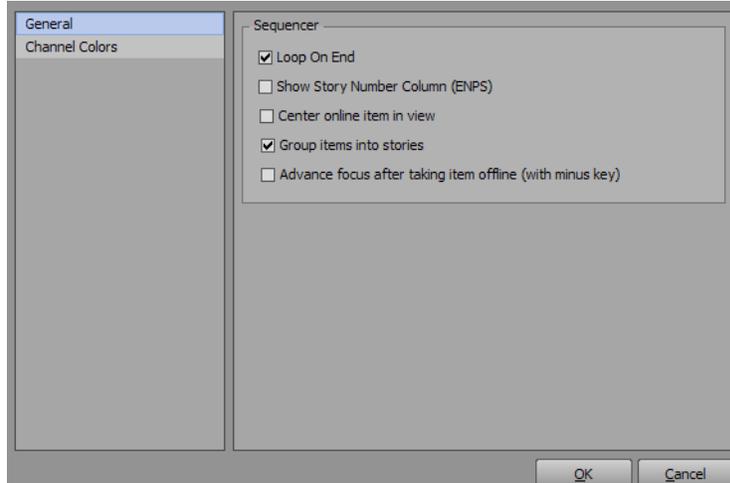
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- configuring and working with GPIs, refer to the ***GPI White Paper*** available from Ross Video.

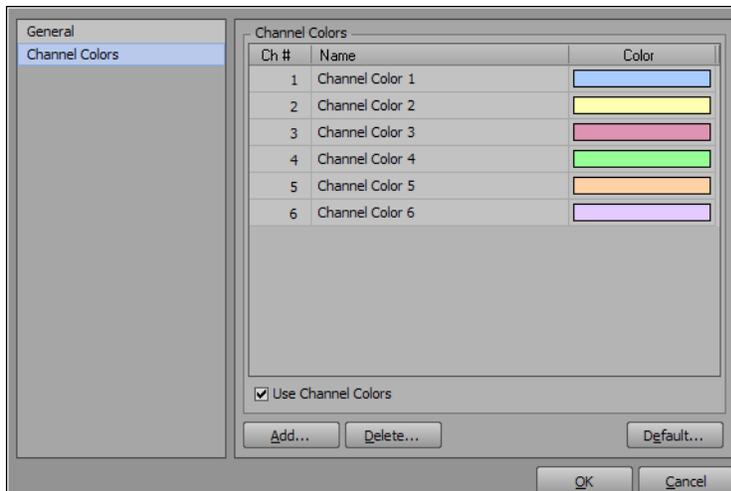
Setting Preferences

Use the following procedure to configure the settings for the XPression Remote Sequencer.

1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **File** menu to select **Preferences**.
The **Preferences** dialog box opens.
2. Click the **General** panel to set project preferences for the XPression Remote Sequencer.



- a. In the **Sequencer** section, select the **Loop On End** check box to loop the cursor to the start of a rundown when it has reached the end.
 - b. Select the **Show Story Number Column (ENPS)** check box to add a column with the story number of the rundown (ENPS only).
 - c. Select the **Center online item in view** check box to center the online take item in the view of the rundown.
 - d. Select the **Group items into stories** check box to group items in the rundown into their individual stories.
 - e. Select the **Advance focus after taking item offline (with minus key)** to advance the focus to the next take item after taking a take item offline using the minus (-) key.
3. Click the **Channel Colors** panel to select the channel colors for the XPression Remote Sequencer.

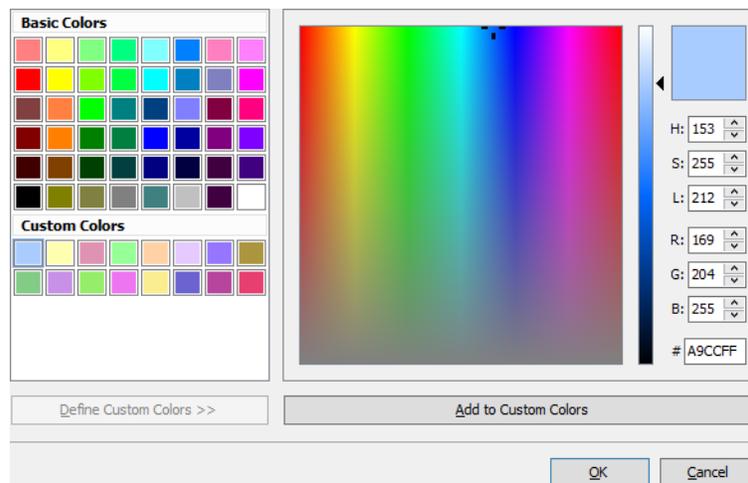


- a. In the **Channel Colors** section, select the **Use Channel Colors** check box to colorize Next Up Preview thumbnails, Linear Rundown Take IDs, Virtual Channel columns, and Channel Take Item lists.

- b. Click inside the **Color** column of a **Ch #** to open the **Color Editor** to configure a custom color for the channel:



- Use the **Basic Colors** section to simply select a preexisting color from the list and Click **OK**.
 - Use the **Custom Colors** section to select a color from the list of custom created colors.
- Click **Define Custom Colors** to open a color spectrum to configure a specific color:



Configure the color mode for the custom color as HSL, RGB, or by simply using the scale and the color box:

- › **H** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the hue value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the hue value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the hue value.
 - After setting this value, the S and L color values can be set by clicking a color in the color box.
- › **S** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the saturation value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the saturation value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the saturation value.
 - After setting this value, the H and L color values can be set by clicking a color in the color box.
- › **L** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the lightness value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the lightness value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the lightness value.
 - After setting this value, the H and L color values can be set by clicking a color in the color box.

- › **R** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the red value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the red value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the red value.
 - After setting this value, the G and B color values can be set by clicking a color in the Color Box.
- › **G** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the green value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the green value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the green value.
 - After setting this value, the R and B color values can be set by clicking a color in the Color Box.
- › **B** — select this option, then use one of the following methods to set the blue value for the new color:
 - In the box to the right of this option, enter or select the blue value.
 - Place the slider along the scale to set the blue value.
 - After setting this value, the R and G color values can be set by clicking a color in the Color Box.
- › **Scale** — place the slider along this scale to set the selected color value.
- › **Color Box** — click a color in this box to set the color values that are not selected.

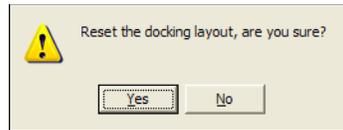
Once a custom color has been created, click **Add to Custom Colors** to add the color to the **Custom Colors** list and click **OK**.

- c. In the **Channel Colors** section, select a **Ch #** and click the **Delete** button to delete the name and associated color from the list.
 - d. Click the **Default** button to use the default channel colors.
4. Click **OK**.

The **Preferences** dialog box closes.

Resetting the Layout

1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **Docking** menu to select **Reset Layout**.
A **Warning** box opens.



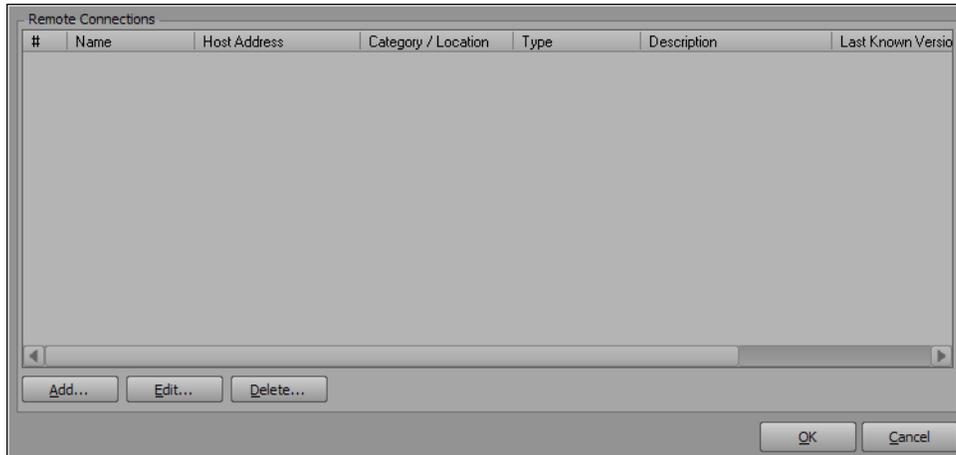
2. Click **Yes**.
The **Warning** box closes and the XPression Remote Sequencer layout is reset.

Adding a Remote Connection Point

A connection point is a link between the XPression Remote Sequencer and the XPression Gateway. Use the following procedure to add a connection point between the XPression Remote Sequencer and an XPression Gateway.

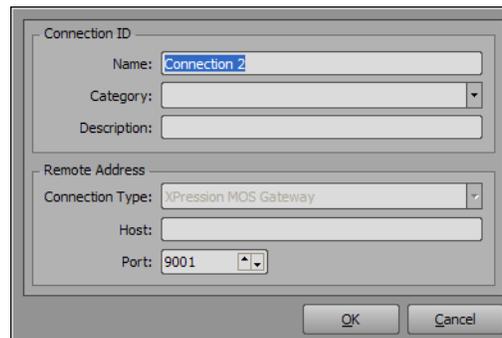
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **File** menu to select **Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. Click the **Add** button to add a remote connection point.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box opens.



- a. In the **Connection ID** section, use the **Name** box to enter a name for the connection.
 - b. Use the **Category** list to select or enter a category or location to identify the connection point. For example Site 1, Site 2, etc.
 - c. Use the **Description** box to enter a descriptor for the connection.
 - d. In the **Remote Address** section, use the **Connection Type** list is automatically populated with the XPression Gateway.
 - e. Use the **Host** box to enter the remote host IP address.
 - f. In the **Port** box, enter or select the port number set in the Remote Sequencer configuration area of the XPression Gateway settings.
3. Click **OK**.
The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box closes and the new connection point appears in the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.
 4. Click **OK**.

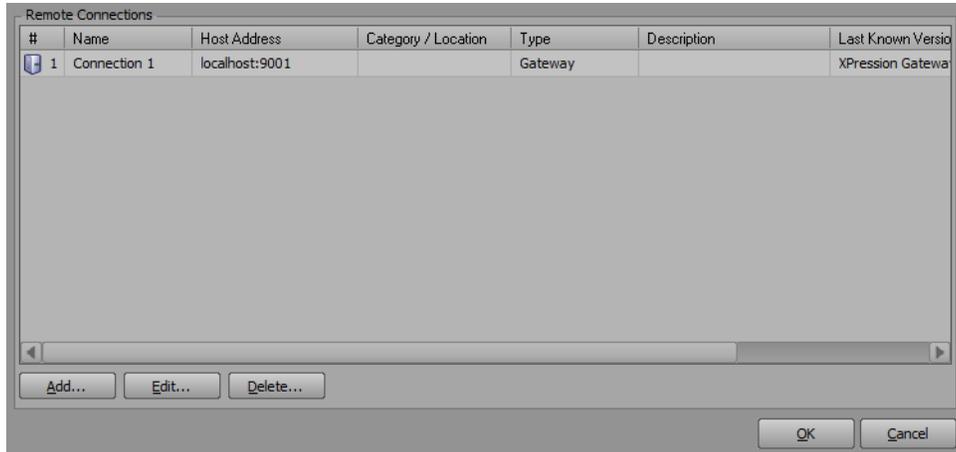
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Editing a Remote Connection Point

Use the following procedure to edit a connection point between the XPression Remote Sequencer and an XPression Gateway.

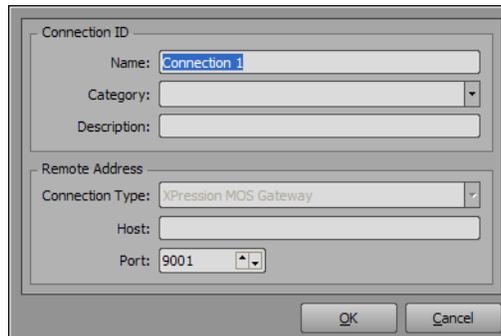
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, click **File > Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Remote Connections Points** dialog box, select a remote connection point from the **Remote Connections** list.
3. Click the **Edit** button.

The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box opens.



- a. In the **Connection ID** section, use the **Name** box to edit the name of the connection.
 - b. Use the **Category** list to edit the category or location that identifies the connection point. For example, Site 1, Site 2, etc.
 - c. Use the **Description** box to edit the descriptor for the connection.
 - d. In the **Remote Address** section, the **Connection Type** list is automatically populated and not editable.
 - e. Use the **Host** box to edit the IP address of the machine hosting the XPression Gateway.
 - f. In the **Port** box, select or edit the port number according to the number configured in the Remote Sequencer configuration area of the XPression Gateway settings.
4. Click **OK**.
- The **Remote Connection Point** dialog box closes and the edited connection point appears in the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.
5. Click **OK**.

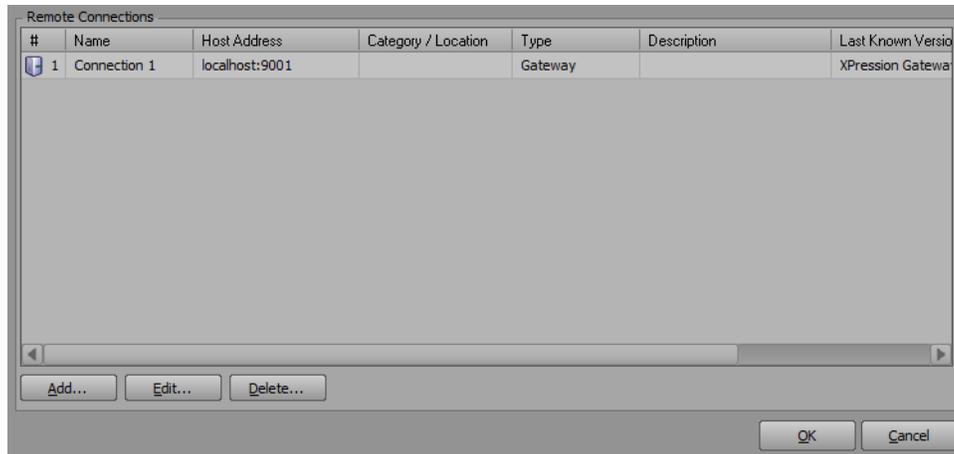
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Deleting a Remote Connection Point

Use the following procedure to delete a connection point between the XPression Remote Sequencer and an XPression Gateway.

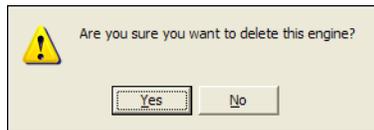
1. In the **XPression Remote Sequencer**, use the **File** menu to select **Connection Points**.

The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box, select a remote connection point from the **Remote Connections** list.
3. Click the **Delete** button.

A **Warning** box opens.



4. Click **Yes**.

The **Warning** box closes and the connection point is deleted from the **Remote Connections** list in the **Remote Connection Points** dialog box.

5. Click **OK**.

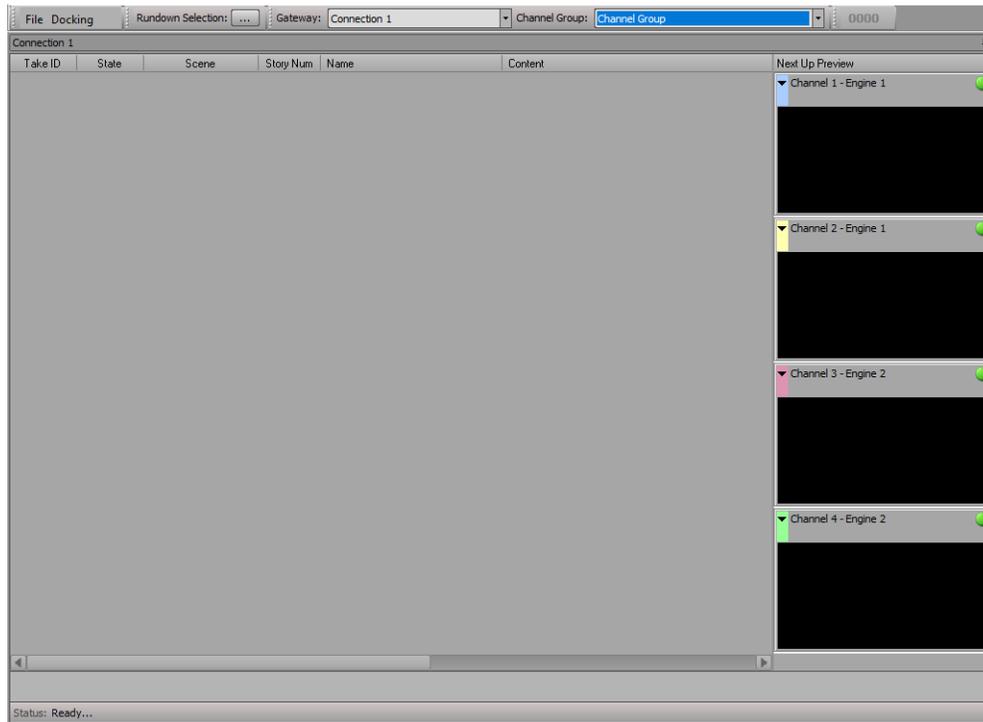
The **Remote Connection Points** dialog box closes.

Selecting a Channel Group

Channel groups are created in the XPression Gateway settings, in the Channel Groups configuration area. A channel group can be selected once a connection point has been established to an XPression Gateway with channel groups configured. This procedure describes how to select a channel group in the XPression Remote Sequencer.

1. In the XPression Remote Sequencer toolbar, use the **Gateway** list to select a connection point.
2. Use the **Channel Group** list to select a channel group.

The selected channel group is opened.



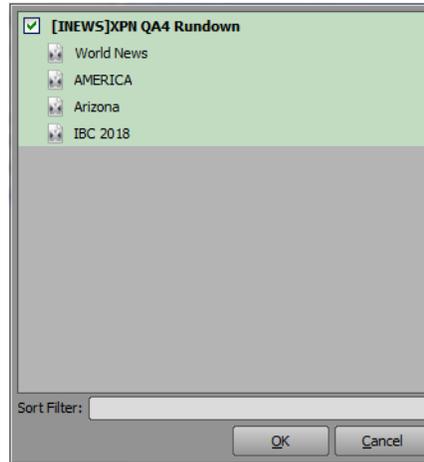
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- creating channel groups, see “Channel Groups” on page 3–10.

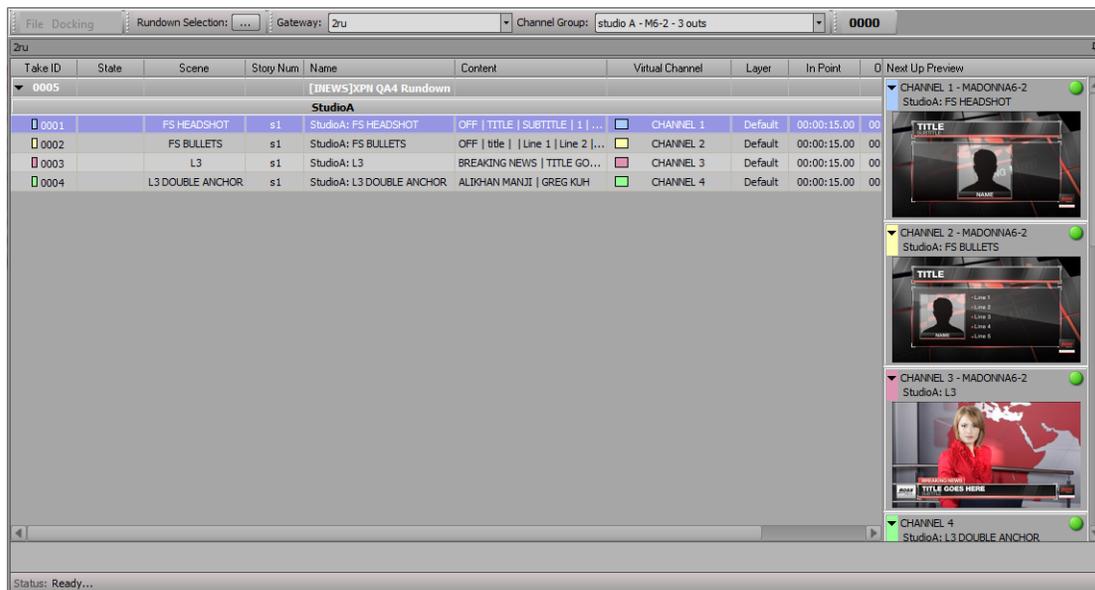
Selecting Active Rundowns

Active rundowns can be selected to open in the XPression Remote Sequencer for playback.

1. In the XPression Remote Sequencer toolbar, click the **Rundown Selection** browse button.
The **Select Active Rundowns** dialog box opens.



2. In the **Rundown List**, select the check box of the rundown(s) to open in the remote sequencer.
The **Sort Filter** box can be used to enter a rundown or keyword to move the rundown to the top of the rundown list.
3. Click **OK**.
The selected rundown(s) and associated style open in the remote sequencer.



Control Sequence Playout

Multiple take item groups can be played out using the XPression Remote Sequencer.

1. Open a Connection Group.

★ The take items of the take item groups opened in the Remote Sequencer are numbered according to their order in the Remote Sequencer and not the Sequencer in XPression.

2. Select the take item group that contains the take items to playout.

3. In the **Sequencer**, double-click a take item to playout the selected take item.

The selected take item plays out through the default output, and the **State** changes to **online** for take items or **Active** for take item groups. In the **Scene** column, clip take items will also display a playback progress bar with a counter showing the time remaining.

4. On the keyboard, press **Number Pad -** to stop the playout of an online take item or **Active** take item group.

Keyboard Control

The keyboard number pad can also be used to control the playout of a sequence. The following keyboard shortcuts are available in the Sequencer:

- **Cursor Up Arrow** — select the previous take item in the sequence.
- **Cursor Down Arrow** — select the next take item in the sequence.
- **Ctrl-Home** — select the first take item in the sequence.
- **Ctrl-End** — select the last take item in the sequence.
- **Number Pad +** — playout the selected take item and select the next take item in the sequence.
- **Number Pad -** — stop the playout of an online take item or **Active** take item group.
- **Number Pad +/-** — increase (+) or decrease (-) the speed of a roll/crawl while it is online.
- **Number Pad .** — cue a take item in the sequence.

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