



Cisco Video Surveillance Review Player User Guide

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This guide describes how to open and view video clips created by Cisco Video Surveillance Manager Release 7 using the Cisco Review Player desktop application.

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Overview

The Cisco Review Player is a stand-alone Windows utility that plays video archive clips without a browser. The Cisco Review Player can also convert MP4 files into a tamper-proof MPX format.

Supported File Formats

The Cisco Review Player supports playback of the following format types:

- CVA—Cisco video archives (CVA) can include multiple video panes that synchronize to the same time. CVA files can only be opened in applications that support the CVA format (such as the Cisco Review Player).



Note Only CVA files created in Cisco VSM 7.0 or higher can be played using the Cisco Review Player 7. CVA clips created using Cisco VSM 6.x are not supported.

- CVB—An encrypted tamper proof CVA file. CVB files require a password that is entered when the file is created. You must enter the password to open and view the video file. CVB video playback shuts down if the file is tampered with. To reset a forgotten password for a CVB clip, use the Operations Manager (you must belong to a User Group with *Reset Clip Password* permission).



Note CVB are supported in Cisco VSM Release 7.12 and higher. Previous releases supported the CVX format.

- MP4—A standard video file format that is playable on most computers and useful for sending to 3rd parties. MP4 clips support a single video pane. Audio playback is supported only with the Cisco VSM Review Player or VLC media player.
- MPX—A tamper proof MP4 file. MPX file include a password that is entered when the file is created. You must enter the password to open and view the video file. Audio playback is supported only with the Cisco VSM Review Player or VLC media player.



Note

The Cisco Review Player also supports the ability to save snapshots of video in BMP, JPEG, PNG, and TIFF formats.

Requirements

You can use the Cisco Cisco Review Player on any PC that meets the following requirements:

Table 1 **Requirements**

Requirements	Requirement Complete? (✓)
A PC or laptop running Windows 7 SP1, 8.1, or 10 (32-bit or 64-bit).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cisco Multi-Pane client software, an Active X client that enables video playback and other features. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be prompted to install this utility the first time you log in to the Cisco VSM Operations Manager. Follow the on-screen instructions if prompted. You must have administrative privileges on the PC workstation to install the software. You will also be prompted to install the required Microsoft .Net 4.5 component, if necessary. If your workstation does not have Internet access, download the .Net 4.5 installer. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Cisco Cisco Review Player installed on a PC workstation. See Installing the Player, page 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note Install a 32-bit version to play back CVA/CVB files with 4 or less panes. Install the 64-bit version to playback files with more than 4 panes.	

Installing the Player

The Cisco Review Player is installed automatically when you access the Cisco VSM Operations Manager web page and install the Cisco Multi-Pane client software.

Double-click the **Cisco Multipane Review Player** icon on your desktop, or navigate to the program file on your Windows computer.

Manual Installation

To manually install the player:

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- Step 1** Log in to the Cisco VSM Operation Manager.
 - Step 2** Click **System Settings > Operations**.
 - Step 3** Click **Review Player EX**.
 - Step 4** Select your Windows platform and follow the onscreen instructions to download the Review Player EX zip file. Select a 32-bit version to play back CVA/CVB files with 4 or less panes. Select a 64-bit version to playback files with more than 4 panes.
 - Step 5** Uncompress the .zip file.
 - Step 6** Double-click the **ReviewPlayer.exe** file. No installation is required.
 - Step 7** (Optional) Right-click an MP4 clip to associate the MP4 format with the Cisco Review Player.

If MP4 clips were previously associated with a different player, they will not automatically open in the Cisco Review Player.

See the [Cisco Video Surveillance Operations Manager User Guide](#) for more information.

Opening Video Clips

To open an existing video clip, launch the application and choose **File > Open**, or drag and drop a CVA/CVB file into the viewing pane.

- The 32-bit Review Player can open CVA/CVB files 4GB or less.
- The 64-bit Review Player can open CVA/CVB files greater than 4GB.

Procedure

Step 1 Double-click the **Cisco Multipane Review Player** shortcut on your desktop.



Tip You can also select **Start > Programs > Cisco Multipane Client > Cisco Multipane Review Player**.

Step 2 Choose **File > Open**.

Step 3 Select a file format from the drop-down menu.

Step 4 Browse to choose the clip, and choose **Open**.

Step 5 (*Tamper Proof* file formats only) Enter the file password.



Tip CVA and CVB files can display multiple video panes. To create clips with multiple panes, or to reset a forgotten CVB password, see the [Cisco Video Surveillance Operations Manager User Guide](#).

Creating Tamper-Proof MPX Files

To convert an MP4 file to a tamper proof MPX format, open the file and choose **Tools > Create Tamper-Proof File**. Enter a password between 6 and 64 characters and click OK. The password is required to access the file.



Note Tamper-proof CVB files are created when the clip is saved using the Cisco Video Surveillance Safety and Security Desktop application or browser-based Operations Manager.

Viewing Clips

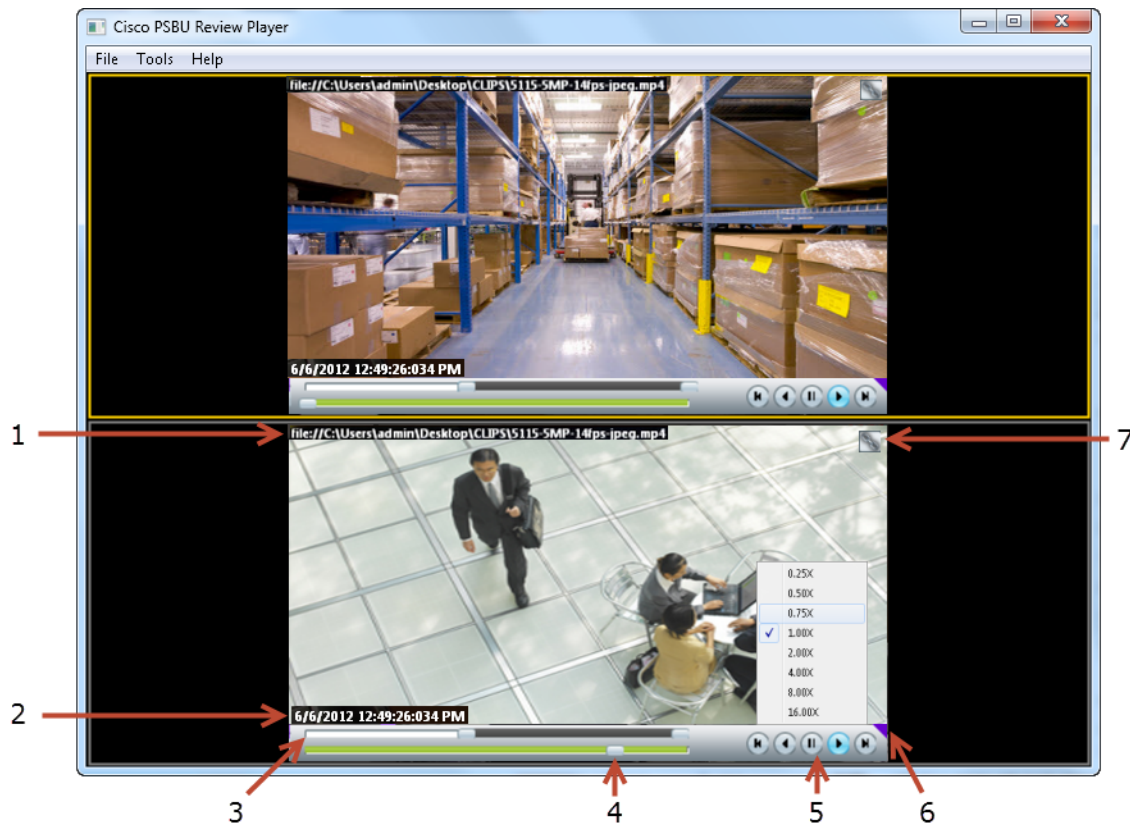
Figure 1 describes the viewing features and controls.



Tip

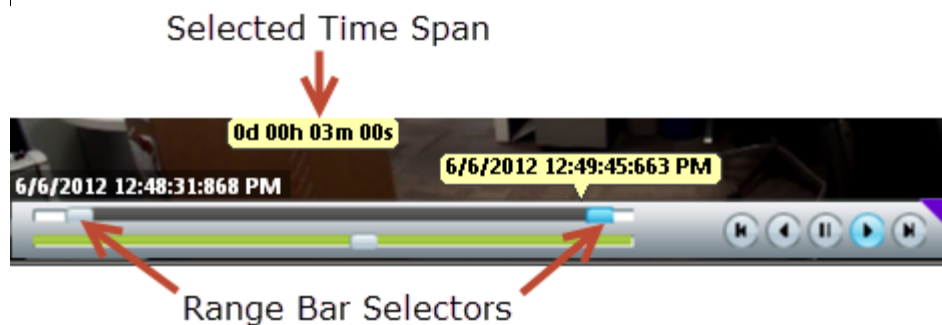
See the [Cisco Video Surveillance Operations Manager User Guide](#) for instructions to create and save single pane or multi-pane video clips.

Figure 1 Viewing Recorded Video



1	Clip file name, indicating the video source.
2	Timestamp for the currently displayed video image. For example: 6/6/2012 12:49:26:034 PM

- 3** Range Bar—The span of video to work with. The entire range bar represents the entire span of available recorded video. Range Bar selectors— Drag the Range Bar selectors to narrow the time span of video you want to review. For example, drag the selectors to create a 3 minute range. You can then drag that range left to right to the appropriate place in the recorded span.

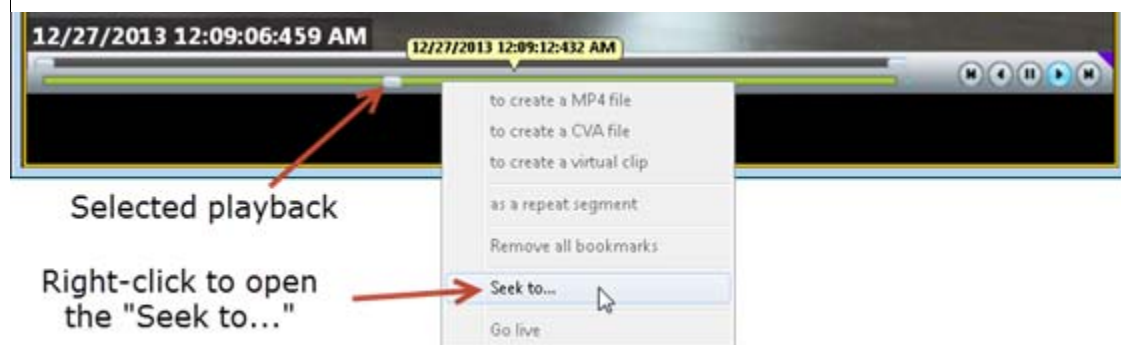


Tip Click and drag the Seek Bar selector in the lower (green) bar to choose the playback time. The green Seek Bar represents the span of video chosen by the Range Bars.

Tip Double-click a range bar selector to playback the video from the beginning of that range.

- 4** Seek Bar —Represents the video range, and is used to select a playback time. Drag the selector to play video from the selected time (as indicated by the timestamp).

For example, if the *Range Bar* selection is 3 minutes, then the seek bar represents 3 minutes of video.








Tip Right-click the Seek Bar and select **Seek to...** to select a specific date and time.



Note Gaps in the recorded video are shown in gray. Recording gaps occur if video was unavailable for that time (due to network connectivity issues, device malfunctions, or other events).

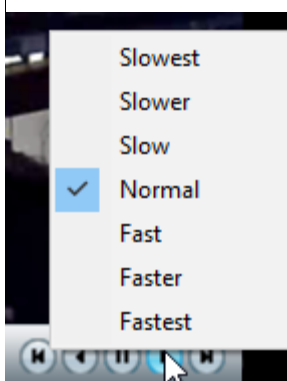
5 Video playback controls.



-  —Step Reverse button—(Archived video only) Pauses the playback and steps back one frame at a time.
-  —Play Reverse button—(Archived video only) Plays the video archive in reverse at normal speed.
-  —Pause button—Pause the video playback.
-  —Play Forward button—Play the video forward at normal speed.
-  —Step Forward button—(Archived video only) Pauses the playback and steps forward one frame at a time.

Variable Speed Playback

Right-click the Play Reverse  or Play Forward  button to play the video slower or faster.



Playback speeds include Fast(4x), Faster(8x), Fastest(16x) and Slow(4x), Slower(8x) and Slowest(16x) in both forward and reverse playback mode.

6 —Click the triangle to pin the control bar to the screen, or auto-hide it when the cursor is moved.

7 —The synchronization icon appears if multiple video panes are included in a clip. This indicates that the video in each pane displays the same time span.

Creating a Snapshot Image

Right click the video image and select one of the following options from the menu:

Menu Selection	Description
Take Snapshot	Save a snapshot of a single video pane (<i>excluding</i> control icons, timestamps and other information) in BMP, JPEG, PNG, or TIFF format.
Take Composite Snapshot	Save a snapshot of a <i>multiple</i> video panes (<i>including</i> control icons, timestamps and other information) in BMP, JPEG, PNG, or TIFF format.

Using the Pop-Up Menu

Select a video pane and right-click on the image to open a menu with the following options.

Table 2 Camera Actions Available by Right-Clicking the Video Image

Camera Menu Item	Description
Pan, Tilt, and Zoom	(Disabled) PTZ controls are not available when viewing recorded video.
Digital zoom	Digitally enlarges the image to zoom in on a specific area. Double click the enlarged image to use a window-in window view. Adjust the viewing area in the small window to define the portion of enlarged video to display.
Full screen mode	Enlarges the video image to fill your display screen. Tip To exit, press ESC , or right-click and choose Full Screen Mode again.
Take snapshot	See the “Creating a Snapshot Image” section on page 8.
Take composite snapshot	See the “Creating a Snapshot Image” section on page 8.
Record now	(Disabled) Recording is available for live video streams only.
Audio settings	(Clips with audio only). Opens a window used to adjust video playback volume and balance.
Smooth video settings	(Live video only) Creates a smooth video playback if the playback is choppy or delayed due to network or other performance issues. See the Cisco Video Surveillance Operations Manager User Guide for more information.
Global settings	Provides the settings that apply to all video panes, allowing you to zoom the video to fit the pane.

Getting Help

Use the **Help** menu to view the information included in this guide.

Related Documentation

See the [Cisco Video Surveillance 7 Documentation Roadmap](#) for descriptions and links to Cisco Video Surveillance documentation, server and storage platform documentation, and other related documentation.

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