



Monitoring Media Player Operation During an Event Using Device Management

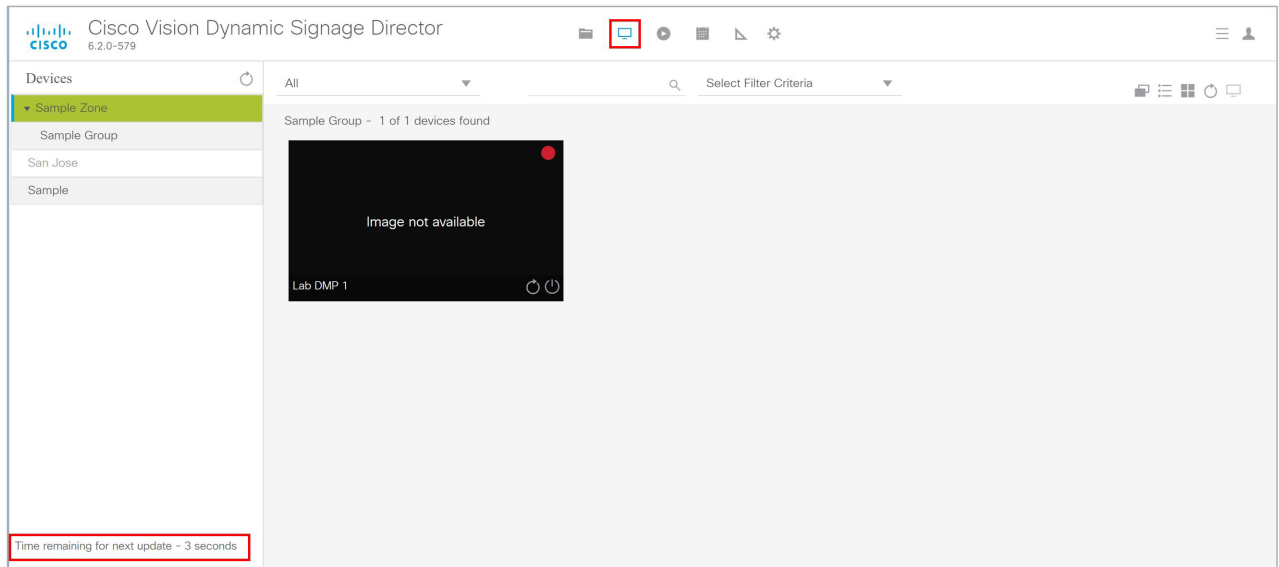
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This module describes how to monitor operation of media players using **Device Management** in Cisco Vision Director.

Information About Device Management

The **Device Management** application shows at-a-glance device status information for media players and their attached TV displays during an event (Figure 1 on page 219).

Figure 1 Accessing the Device Management Application



Device Management Highlights

- Is accessible from the Cisco Vision Director **Main Menu**.
- Supports multi-venue site selection.
- Polls media players every 120 seconds (default) and auto-refreshes the monitoring display.
- Supports different ways to view device status.
- Allows you to select media players that you want to monitor by:

Device Management Views

- All criteria
- Location Name
- Description
- IP address
- MAC address
- Allows you to filter the selected device list by:
 - DMP state
 - DMP model
 - TV status
 - DMP health
 - TV health
- Provides icon for Administrator to Refresh or Restart a digital media player.

Device Management Roles

Note: The Administrator is the only role that can restart media players within the **Device Management** app, or change the polling interval in the **Management Dashboard**.

Device Management can be used by the following Cisco Vision Director user roles:

- Administrator
- Help Desk
- Support
- Venue Administrator
- Venue Operator

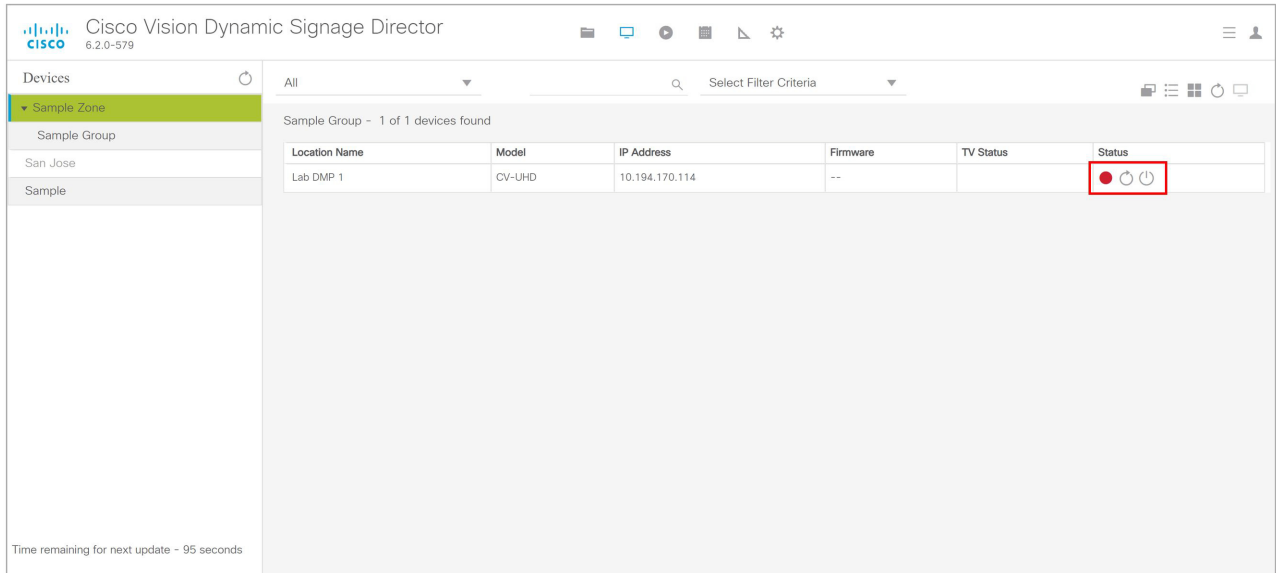
Device Management Views

Device Management supports three monitoring views of device status:

- Toggle Tree View—Provides the Devices Panel and the Thumbnail View of the devices or toggles to only thumbnails.
- Grid View—Provides detailed device status information in a tabular format.
- Thumbnail View—Provides device status as a thumbnail snapshot of content running on the TV along with a red or green icon showing the DMP state.

Grid View

[Figure 2 on page 221](#) shows an example of the device information that can be seen in grid view, in addition to the status icons and controls that are also available.

Figure 2 Grid View Monitoring Example

Enhancements to Device Management

- Hover over the icons in the top right for functions.
- Supports multiple device selection using **Ctrl** and **Shift** keys for functionality such as TV On/Off, DMP Reboot, and Refresh
- Click the Refresh icon to refresh your preview, without having to wait for the next auto-refresh cycle to show a preview. This works for multiple DMPs, too.
- Within a Zone or Group, you can select multiple DMPs and perform a function (such as turn devices On/Off).
- Search channel names in the detail box.

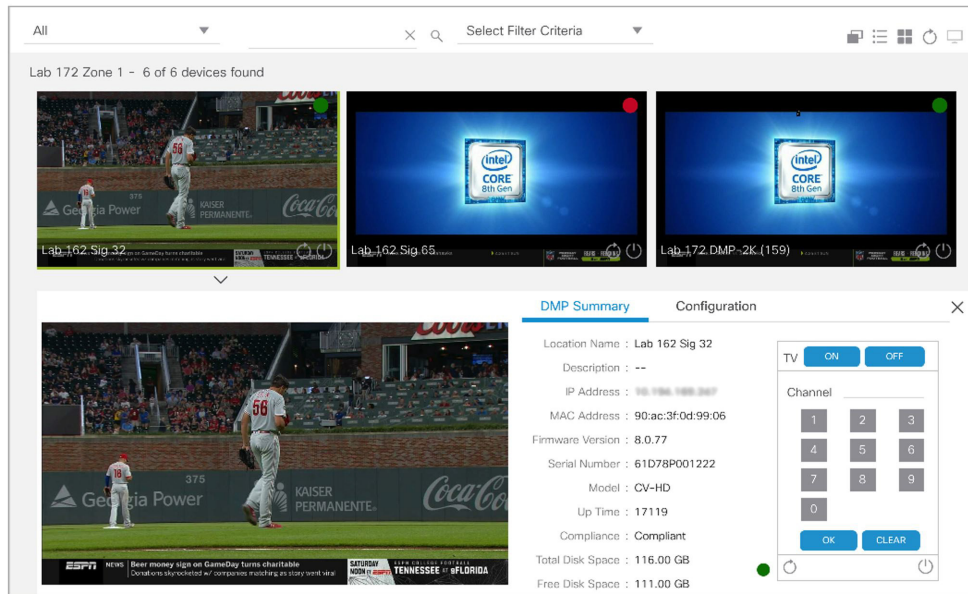
To choose many devices in a Group or Zone, use **Ctrl** and **Shift** keyboard shortcuts to allow you to select large amounts of devices to perform Refresh, Reboot, TV ON and TV OFF functions. This speeds device control functions.

To select multiple devices and perform an action:

1. Go to **Device Management**.
2. Choose a **Zone, Group**, or device from the left panel.
3. In either Gridview or Thumbnail view, select as many devices as you need. Use **Ctrl (Control)** or **Shift** to select individual devices, skip around, or choose a range.
4. Choose an action to perform: **Refresh, Reboot, TV ON, TV OFF**, or **search Channel Name** (Figure 3 on page 222).

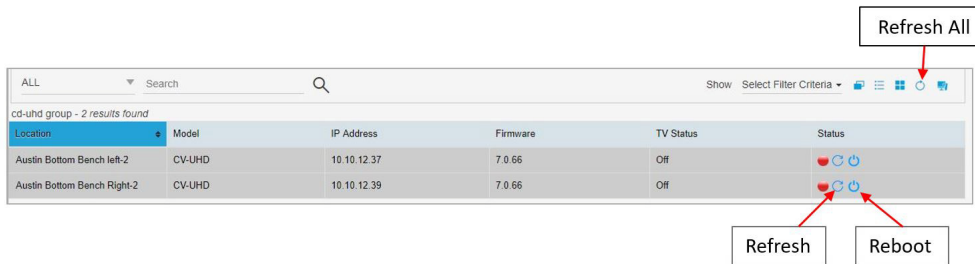
Device Management Filters

Figure 3 Thumbnail View of DMP Summary



Or, select multiple devices from Gridview and perform an action (Figure 4 on page 222).

Figure 4 Select Multiple Devices with Shift and Control Keys



Device Management Filters

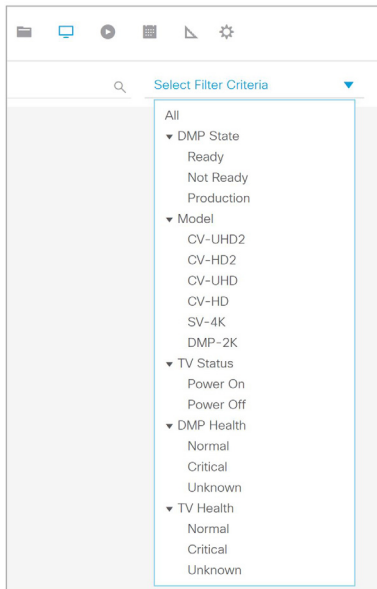
Device Management allows you to apply filter criteria to the devices selected for visual monitoring to see devices with specific characteristics or conditions:

- DMP State
- Model
- TV Status
- DMP Health
- TV Health

Note: The filters do not apply to all DMPs in the system. They only apply to the DMPs (groups/zones) that you have selected in the device tree list.

Figure 5 on page 223 shows the specific types of filter criteria available.

Figure 5 Device Management Display Filter Criteria



Best Practices for Device Management

When working with Device Management, consider the following best practices:

- Do not change the DMP polling interval to less than the 120000 ms (2 minutes) default.
- To reduce network traffic, only enable monitoring for the DMPs that you want to observe for the event.

How to Use Device Management

This section includes the following topics:

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Prerequisites for Device Management

Before you configure Device Management, be sure that the following conditions are met:

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- DMPs are created in Cisco Vision Director.
- DMPs are assigned to zones, groups, and luxury suites.

Restrictions for Device Management

Before you use Device Management, consider the following restrictions:

- Only users with role of Administrator can reboot DMPs from Device Management.

Understanding the Device Management Screen

Figure 6 on page 224 shows the Device Management screen (grid view) and the options available there.

Figure 6 Device Management Screen Navigation



Enabling Monitoring of Devices in Device Management

User Role: Administrator / Help Desk / Support / Venue Operator / Venue Administrator

By default, monitoring of devices in Device Management is disabled.

To enable monitoring of devices in Device Management:

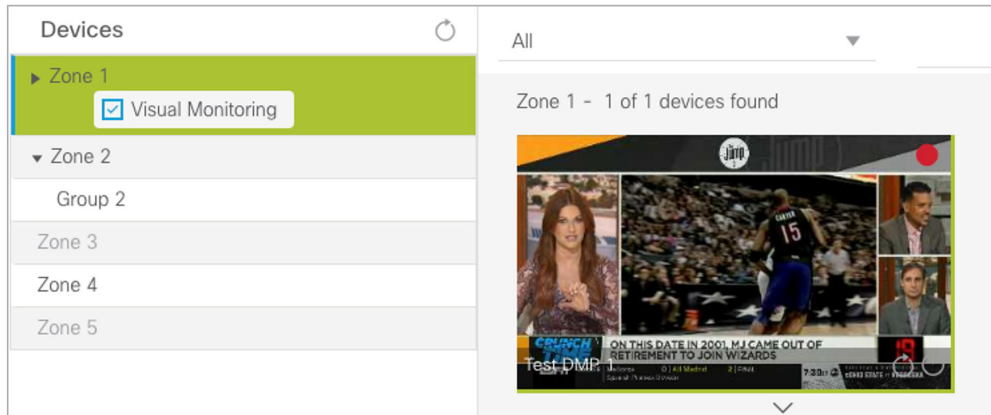
1. From the Device Management screen, show the device list tree.
2. In the Devices box, select the DMP group or zone that you want to enable.

TIP: Disabled DMPs display “Non Monitorable” on the screen when you select them (Figure 7 on page 225).

3. Click the drop-down arrow beside the DMP(s) that you want to enable for monitoring and select the Visual Monitoring checkbox (Figure 7 on page 225).

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Figure 7 Visual Monitoring Checkbox



Viewing DMP Details in Device Management

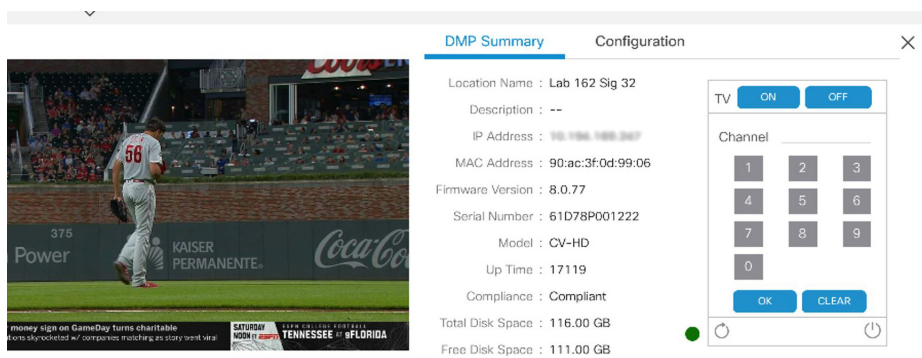
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You can view a lot of information about DMPs from Device Management including addressing information, firmware version, disk space and configuration.

To view DMP details in Device Management:

1. From Device Management, go to thumbnail view.
2. Search for or filter the current display to find the DMP that you want information about.
3. Click the thumbnail of the DMP. The DMP Summary page displays (Figure 8 on page 225).

Figure 8 DMP Summary Panel



From here, there are TV controls you can manage such as:

- Channel selection
- TV On
- Refreshing the DMP device
- Rebooting the DMP device

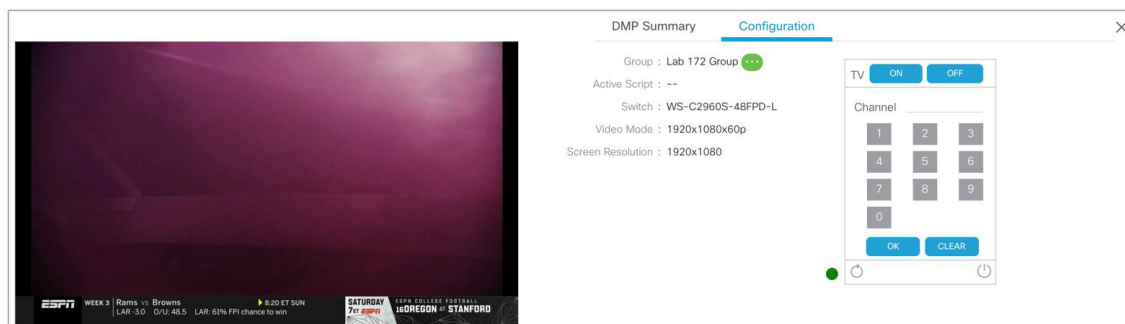
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4. To see configuration information such as switch and script information, click **Configuration**. The DMP Configuration page displays (Figure 9 on page 226).

From here, there are TV controls you can manage such as:

- Group
- Active Script
- Switch
- Video Mode
- Screen Resolution

Figure 9 DMP Configuration Panel



Rebooting DMPs in Device Management

User Role: Administrator / Venue Administrator

ONLY users with the Administrator role can reboot DMPs from within Device Management.

The reboot devices button can be used from either the grid view (Figure 4 on page 222) or thumbnail view (Figure 3 on page 222).

Changing the Device Management Polling Period

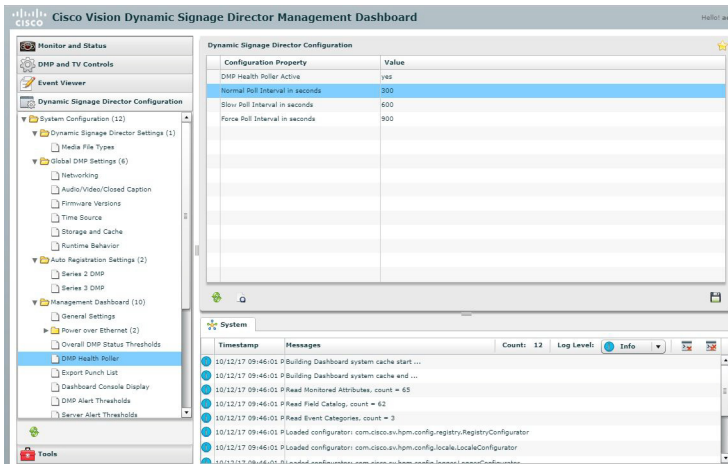
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By default, Device Management polls devices to update status every 120 seconds.

To change the Device Management polling period:

1. Go to **More > Management Dashboard > Dynamic Signage Director Configuration > System Configuration > Management Dashboard > DMP Health Poller**.
2. In the Configuration Property box, find the Normal Poll Interval in seconds.

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- 3. In the value box, type the time period in ms.
- 4. Click the disk icon to save your changes.

TIP: You do not need to reset the DMPs to apply the new value. Whenever a script starts, the media player retrieves the global settings.

