



# CHAPTER 22

## Playlists

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**Audience**

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**We prepared this material with specific expectations of you.**

- ✔ You will organize media assets for sequential playback on presentation systems that your DMPs control.
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## Best Practices to Optimize DMP Settings for Playlists

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## Improve Transition Speeds

If playback transitions are unacceptably slow between videos, you can disable the video failover feature on DMPs.

## Reduce or Resolve Black-Screen Delays After Video Playback

We recommend that you enable syslog on DMPs long enough to configure its settings, even if you have no plans to use it. **When you will not use syslog:**

1. Set the syslog server address to 127.0.0.1.
2. Save your changes.
3. Disable syslog.
4. Save your changes.
5. Restart the DMP.

## Restrictions

You cannot add an advanced task (or a system task) to a playlist. However, you can schedule them to occur between playlists.

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## Create and Organize Playlists

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Digital Signage > Playlists**.
- Step 2** Select the options and enter the values that meet your requirements.
- When you choose options anywhere on the Playlists page, it is updated automatically to show the options and features that are relevant to your selection.
- Step 3** Stop. You have completed this procedure.
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## Change the Sequence of Playback

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Click an asset that should be moved.
- Step 2** Click either **Move Playlist Item Up** or **Move Playlist Item Down**.
- Step 3** Stop. You have completed this procedure.
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## Software UI and Field Reference Tables

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### Elements to Define a Playlist

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**Table 22-1** Elements to Define a Playlist

Element	Description
Title	The title for this playlist.
<b>Assets</b>	
<i>A table in which each row describes one asset. Attributes are sorted into these columns.<sup>1</sup></i>	
Title	A unique and human-readable name for the asset.
File Type	The type that best describes the asset. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video</li> <li>• Shockwave Flash</li> <li>• Images</li> <li>• HTML</li> <li>• Firmware</li> </ul>

Table 22-1 Elements to Define a Playlist (continued)

Element	Description
{Estimated   Planned}	<p>Respectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An estimate of the actual running time from start to finish of the described asset, without regard for the amount of time the playlist has reserved to show it.</li> <li>The amount of time that is reserved in the playlist to show this asset.</li> </ul> <p>A planned duration of 0 (zero) seconds in the playlist causes a video to play from beginning to end. To skip a video instead of playing it, you must remove it from the playlist. Nonvideo assets must have a duration of 1 second or more for each that you include in a playlist.</p>
Size	The file size.
Delete	
Resolution	Choose the resolution of your DMP display from the <b>Select</b> list or enter its width and height, in pixels.
<b>Options</b>	
Randomize	Enables or disables a randomized sequence of playback for assets in this playlist. To turn randomization on, check the check box. To turn randomization off, uncheck the check box.
Description	A description of this playlist. The description is optional.
Playlist Owner	Your name or the name of the person who manages this playlist.

- To choose more assets from your media library that this playlist should include, click **Add Assets**.