



THE MXNET 1G ECOSYSTEM

USER MANUAL

AC-MXNET-1G-E

AC-MXNET-1G-EV2

AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-EV2

AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-E1

AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-EV21

AC-MXNET-1G-EWP

AC-MXNET-1G-EV2WP

AC-MXNET-1G-D

AC-MXNET-1G-DV2

AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-DV2

AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA

AC-MXNET-SW10

AC-MXNET-SW12

AC-MXNET-SW24

AC-MXNET-SW48

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to installing, configuring, and operating all MXnet devices and other vendor equipment, AVPro Edge recommends that each dealer, integrator, installer, and all other necessary personnel access and read all the required technical documentation, which can be located by visiting AVProEdge.com.

Read and understand all safety instructions, cautions, and warnings in this document and the labels on the equipment.

Safety Classifications in this Document

NOTE:	Provides special information for installing, configuring, and operating the devices.
TIP:	Provides suggestions and considerations for installing, configuring, and operating the devices.
IMPORTANT:	Provides special information that is critical for installing, configuring, and operating the equipment.
CAUTION:	Provides special information for avoiding situations that may cause damage to the devices.
WARNING:	Provides special information for avoiding situations that may cause physical danger to the installer, end user, etc.
	TIP: IMPORTANT: CAUTION:

Electrical Shock Prevention



/!\ ELECTRICAL SHOCK:

The source power poses an electrical shock hazard that can potentially cause serious injury to installers and end users.



!\ ELECTRICAL DISCONNECT:

The source power outlet and power supply input power sockets should be easily accessible to disconnect power in the event of an electrical hazard or malfunction.

Weight Injury Prevention



WEIGHT INJURY:

Installing some of the MXnet devices requires two installers to ensure safe handling during installation. Failure to use two installers may result in injury.



Safety Statements

Follow all of the safety instructions listed below and apply them accordingly. Additional safety information will be included where applicable.

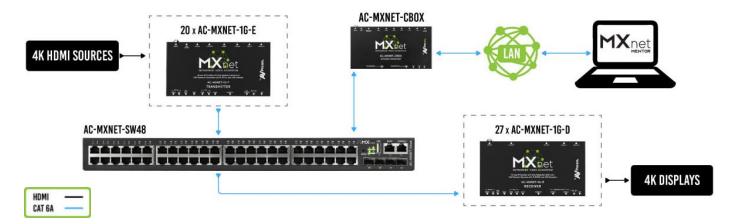
- 1. Read and keep these instructions.
- 2. Heed all warnings and follow all instructions.
- 3. Do not use these devices near water.
- 4. Clean only with a dry cloth.
- 5. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 6. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 7. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 8. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the devices.
- 9. Only use attachments and accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 10. Unplug these devices during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 11. To reduce the risk of electric shock or damage to these devices, never handle or touch the devices and power cord if your hands are wet or damp. Do not expose these devices to rain or moisture.
- 12. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the devices have been damaged in any way, such as power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled, objects have fallen into the devices, the devices have been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally as intended, or has been dropped.
- 13. The devices and their accessories should never be exposed to open flames or excessive heat.



1 INTRODUCTION

The MXnet 1G Ecosystem is an AV over IP platform of products that uses standard networking infrastructure to route video, audio, and control signals throughout large scale systems with an unlimited number of sources and displays, all switching independently and seamlessly. Designed and developed by AVPro Edge to be truly "plug and play", MXnet provides the complete end-to-end solution for stability, interoperability, and easy deployment of the entire system.

The diagram below shows the basic application with the AC-MXNET-SW48 network switch, AC-MXNET-1G-E encoders, AC-MXNET-1G-D decoders, and AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA.



1.1 Descriptions

1.1.1 Encoders and Decoders

The AC-MXNET-1G-E, AC-MXNET-1G-EV2, AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-E, AC-MXNET-1G-EWP, AC-MXNET-1G-DV2, AC-MXNET-1G-DV2, AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-DV2, AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-EV2, and AC-MXNET-1G-EV2WP are all 1GbE encoder/decoder endpoint devices that extend HDMI video, audio, USB 2.0, and control signals from a local source to a remote sink display or output device. The encoders and decoders connect directly to an MXnet network switch, or other compatible switch, via a Category cable or SFP fiber optic connection. The encoders also support standalone point-to-point applications (encoder to decoder with a direct Category cable connection). The encoders and decoders support both DHCP (factory default) and static IP address settings.

1.1.1.1 MXnet 1G Evolution II

The AC-MXNET-1G-EV2 and AC-MXNET-1G-DV2 incorporate a newly designed AVPro Edge application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) that introduces an improved software-based video encoding/decoding engine into the IC for enhanced video processing. Refinements to the IC include full support for 4K 60Hz 4:4:4 signals (RGB and YCbCr at 10- and 12-bit color) with minimal compression, plus extended audio capabilities to support high bitrate multichannel formats, including Dolby Atmos® and DTS:X® for soundtracks. All MXnet first-generation encoder features are retained for use with the AC-MXNET-1G-EV2.



⚠ IMPORTANT:

The AC-MXNET-1G-EV2 and AC-MXNET-1G-DV2 are EVO II (2nd Evolution) devices and may coexist alongside MXnet first-evolution encoders and decoders within previously installed systems or pending system deployments. However, they are required to be used exclusively in EVO II transmitter-to-EVO II decoder(s) pairings only. For example, you cannot route signals from a first-evolution encoder/decoder to a second-evolution encoder/decoder.

1.1.1.2 Audio Downmixing

The AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-E and AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-EV2 encoders provides the same functionality as the AC-MXNET-1G-E and AC-MXNET-1G-EV2 encoder with the addition of surround sound to stereo downmixing.

1.1.2 Control

The AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA is the control device to command the encoders and decoders, and is where the system logic is stored and the commands are processed. The API utilized by the MXnet Mentor web interface and third-party control systems are centralized to the CBOX to provide multipoint AV over IP distribution. The CBOX enables networked signal extension, distribution, and routing using the MXnet 1G encoders, decoders, and network switches.

1.1.3 Mentor

MXnet Mentor is AVPro Edge's proprietary HTML5-based setup and control web interface designed to eliminate many pain points associated with installing and configuring traditional networked AV systems. Mentor is an efficient setup solution that's easy to use and comes preinstalled on every CBOX.

1.1.4 Network Switches

The AC-MXNET-SW10, AC-MXNET-SW12, AC-MXNET-SW24, and AC-MXNET-SW48 are network switches that are pre-configured out-of-the-box for networked AV distribution and can be deployed on any industry standard IP network. The switches can be used on an existing enterprise IP network or on a physically separate parallel network (private network) to offload traffic, using the same network protocols, methods, and devices without having to combine video traffic with network data.



1.2 Before You Begin

MXnet does not require the encoders and decoders to be connected in any specific order on the network switch, meaning they can be placed on adjacent ports right next to each other and the system will function without issue. However, for best results (especially when managing highly complex systems with dozens of endpoints) a certain degree of design and planning is highly recommended and can save precious time when it comes to installing, testing, and implementing features on the system.

Read through this document in its entirety and ensure that the following required items are available:

	MXnet 1G Encoder (AC-MXNET-1G-E, AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-E, AC-MXNET-1G-EWP, AC-MXNET-1G-EV2, or AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-EV2, AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-EV2)
	MXnet 1G Decoder (AC-MXNET-1G-D or AC-MXNET-1G-DV2, AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-DV2)
	MXnet CBOX for control and Mentor web interface (AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA)
	MXnet 1G Network Switch (AC-MXNET-SW10, AC-MXNET-SW12, AC-MXNET-SW24, or AC-MXNET-48) or one that meets MXnet requirements (see Third-Party Network Switch Requirements)
П	Source devices displays and any other devices that will be used in the system

1.3 Some Helpful Suggestions

- Make a list of all the devices in the system, including the sources and displays, model numbers and SKU's, MAC addresses and assigned IP addresses, along with any accessories such as rack equipment, power sources, cable types and lengths.
- Create a diagram or flow chart to indicate the starting and end points of the network cable runs, as well as any schematics, diagrams, and other supporting documentation for easy future reference.
- Label the connections in the rack to their corresponding endpoints or ports on the network switch.
- For larger projects, consider grouping the encoder cables next to each other on the network switch and likewise for the decoders.

1.4 Network Cabling Tips

Everything about a successful MXnet installation revolves around the network cabling itself. Keep in mind that the quality, distance, and handling of the cable can all affect the signal speed and data stream. Generally speaking, the higher the video resolution and the longer the run, the better the cabling should be.

When terminating network cables, do not untwist the wires unnecessarily. Make sure to not untwist more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, preferably $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Wires are twisted for good reasons:

- 1. Cancels out EMI (Electromagnetic Interference)
- 2. Cancels out crosstalk from neighboring conductors

For most applications, Cat5e (or better) is recommended for MXnet.



1.5 Recommended Best Practices

- Terminate with standard RJ-45 connectors. Avoid using push-through or "EZ" type ends, as these have exposed copper wiring at the tips that can cause signal interference.
- Cable terminations should be consistent with T568A or T568B. Avoid mixing terminations such as going from T568A to T568B, and vice versa.
- Remove as little of the sheath as possible.
- Handle cables with care. If you need to pull, don't pull too hard as this may cause the wire pairs to untwist and can degrade cable performance.
- Use zip ties to neatly, but loosely, bundle the cable runs together to reduce tangling. Avoid tight zip ties, clamps, and staples.
- Stay organized, label each cable run on both ends to indicate the location of the inputs and outputs.
- Do not overbend cables. ¼ inch cable ratio = 2" bend radius.
- Keep network cables away from power sources.

1.6 Third-Party Control Systems

MXnet supports third-party control systems with drivers readily available to download, allowing for further customizable programming and commands to integrate with MXnet. **Be sure to** successfully install and connect your MXnet system to the network <u>first</u> before integrating it with a third-party control system.

Supported drivers for third-party control system can be located at Support.AVProEdge.com



2 THIRD-PARTY NETWORK SWITCH REQUIREMENTS

Third-party (non-AVPro or MXnet) network switches must support the following features and functionalities and enable or disable some settings in order to support the AVPro MXnet AV over IP system.

Verify that your third-party network switch has all of the following requirements for running MXnet:

- IGMP Version 2 for snooping, queries, Immediate-Leave, and unknown multicast data dropping
- MTU Size to support jumbo Ethernet frames
- **PoE Budget** to power the MXnet endpoint devices
- Disable EEE functionality for system optimization

2.1 IGMPv2 Snooping

IGMP snooping is a method that network switches use to identify multicast groups, which are groups of devices (decoders) that all receive the same network traffic, such as video, audio, and control streams. It enables the switches to forward IP packets to the correct devices (decoders) in their network.

2.2 IGMPv2 Querier

The IGMP querier is responsible for sending out IGMP group membership queries at a timed interval, retrieving IGMP membership reports from active members, and allowing updates to the IGMP group tables.

2.3 IGMPv2 Immediate-Leave

When Immediate-Leave is enabled, the device immediately removes a port when it detects the IGMPv2 Leave message on that port. Immediate-Leave is only supported on IGMPv2 hosts and should be enabled for every port on the VLAN.

2.4 Unknown Multicast Dropping (or Unregistered Multicast Flooding

Unknown multicast data refers to multicast data for which no forwarding entries exist in the IGMP snooping forwarding table. This feature enables the device to forward unknown multicast data to the router port only. If the device does not have a router port, unknown multicast data will then be dropped.

If this feature is not enabled, the unknown multicast data will flood the VLAN to which the data belongs and may severely interfere with normal network operations.

2.5 MTU Settings

The MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) size needs to be changed to over 9000 bytes to support jumbo Ethernet frames on the AVPro MXnet AV over IP Ecosystem.

The MTU is the maximum payload length for a particular transmission media and is typically 1500 bytes.



A jumbo frame is an Ethernet frame with a payload greater than the standard MTU of 1500 bytes. Jumbo frames are used on LANs that support at least 1Gbps and can be as large as 9000 bytes, or even bigger. Since jumbo frames are not defined in the IEEE 802.3 specifications for Ethernet, vendor support for jumbo frames and their maximum MTU sizes may vary.

Jumbo frames provide a large number of benefits over the traditional IEEE 802.3 Ethernet MTU's. These include:

- The amount of frames sent across the network is reduced
- The number of Ethernet headers is reduced as a result of fewer frames.
- The reduction in frames results in fewer required headers.
- The CPU cycles are reduced at the sender and receiver side due to fewer headers needing to be built and read.
- Network bandwidth is reduced due to the reduction in headers.

2.6 PoE Budget

PoE network switches will power the MXnet endpoint devices (encoders and decoders), as each endpoint device consumes 6 to 9 Watts of power. Be sure to correctly identify the PoE budget of the third-party network switch before purchasing.

Example: a 24-port switch with a PoE budget of 370 Watts can supply up to 15.4 Watts of power per port on all 24 ports, meaning you can connect 24 MXnet endpoint devices on the 24-port switch. Likewise, a 48-port switch with a PoE budget of 740 Watts can power up to 48 MXnet endpoint devices.

2.7 Disabling EEE

EEE (Energy Efficient Ethernet) is an IEEE 802.3az standard that is designed to reduce power consumption in Ethernet networks during idle periods.

If the third-party network switch supports EEE, be sure to disable the EEE function as it may cause issues with system optimization in some cases.



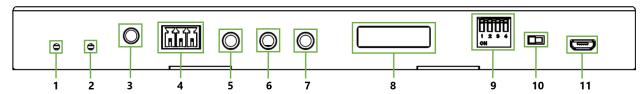
3 PRODUCT OVERVIEW

3.1 Box Contents and Specifications

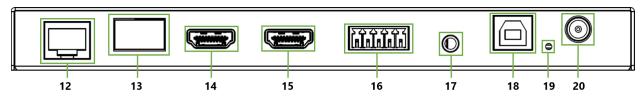
Refer to the *Specifications* page for these products located on the AVPro Edge Website for box contents and technical specifications.

3.2 AC-MXNET-1G-E / AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-E / AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-EV2 AC-MXNET-1G-EV2 / AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-EV2

Encoder Front Panel



Encoder Rear Panel



- 1 POWER STATUS
- · Blue LED status indicator light
- Slowly pulsates until startup is complete after a reboot, at which point the light will turn solid blue
- 2 LINK STATUS
- Green LED status indicator light
- Continuously flashes until an active source is connected to the HDMI IN port on the encoder, or the source itself becomes active and is routed to a decoder, at which point the light will turn solid green
- 3 EDID COPY
- Press to copy the EDID of the sink device connected to the HDMI LOOP OUT port on the back of the encoder
- 4 RS232
- 3-pin terminal block connector port
- Sends encapsulated/virtualized RS-232 (serial pass-through) over IP via the MXNet API
- Supports serial routing with direct connection to a control system processor
- 5 I-PASS
- 3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) IR receiver port
- Sends IR signals via a direct connection from a control system processor to the IR output of the desired endpoint(s)
- 6 IR-EYE
- 3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) IR receiver port
- Supports usage of an IR eye to capture IR signals from a control system processor or third-party remote to send IR signals to the IR output of the desired endpoint(s)



7	IR OUT	•	TS) IR transmitter port I/virtualized IR signals upstream	via the MXNET API
8	IP MONITOR	-	mini-OLED screen "data window' er's custom name or MAC addres	
9	EDID SETTINGS	•	nually setting an EDID on the end nod will overwrite the previous se	
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10	USB SELECT	_	switch g the encoder for point-to-point (default setting is MCU ISP)	connection with an
11	USB	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	emale connector port g the encoder for point-to-point	connection with an
12	GbE NETWORK	 Supports standard I Maximum power co 10/100/1000Mbps I MDI/MDI-X cable m 	connector, 1000BASE-T copper EPOE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W) onsumption of 6.5 W (AVDM 9.5 Vauto-negotiation node auto-negotiation 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and hig) W)
13	BI DIR. O.M. LC FIBER	Supports single moRecommended sing	Bidirectional SFP fiber optic connector port Supports single mode or multimode SFP modules for extremely long runs Recommended single mode fiber: LC to LC 1310nm, up to 40km (24.85 miles) Recommended multimode fiber: LC to LC 850nm, up to 550m (1804ft)	
14	HDMI LOOP OUT		A female connector port nality used in conjunction with fro	ont panel button
15	HDMI IN		A female connector port t for HDMI connection	

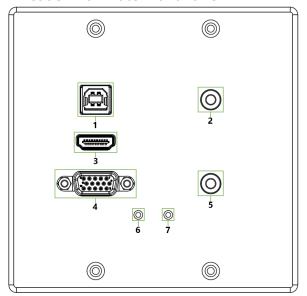


16	BALANCED AUDIO	5-pin terminal block connector port De-embedded audio, extracts balanced 2-channel analog PCM audio
17	AUDIO IN	3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) audio input port Auto-detects input once directly connected, will override HDMI input audio
18	USB HOST	USB 2.0 Type B female connector port USB extension for connecting to a computer or other USB 2.0 devices Supports KVM routing and hosting
19	RESET	Recessed button, use a paperclip or pen to press in and hold for 7 seconds to restore encoder to factory default settings
20	[Optional] POWER	DC 12V/1A locking ring power charger to locally power encoder Not required when connecting encoder to a network switch that provides PoE



3.3 AC-MXNET-1G-EWP

Encoder Wall Plate Front Panel

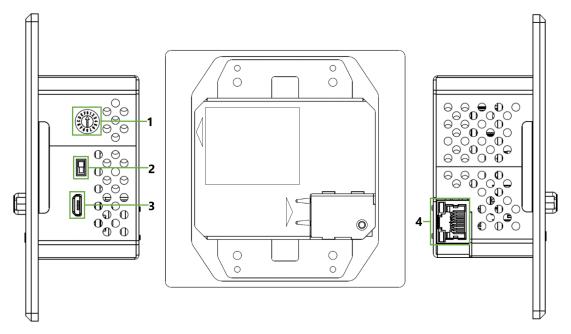




1	USB HOST	 USB 2.0 Type B female connector port USB extension for connecting to a computer or USB 2.0 devices Supports KVM routing and hosting
2	RS232 CONTROL	 3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) female connector port Sends encapsulated/virtualized RS-232 (serial pass-through) over IP via the MXnet API Supports serial routing with direct connection to a control system processor
3	HDMI IN	19-pin HDMI Type A female connector portSource device input for HDMI connection
4	VGA IN	15-pin VGA female connector portSource device input for VGA connection
4a	USB-C IN	USB-C female connector portSource device input for USB-C connection
5	AUDIO INPUT	 3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) audio input port Auto-detects input once directly connected, overrides HDMI input audio
6	INPUT STATUS	 AUTO-SENSE LED status indicator light Illuminates only when an active source is connected to VGA IN port
7	LINK	 Blue LED status indicator light Illuminates only when an active source is connected to HDMI IN port
8	INPUT SELECT	Press this button to toggle between USB-C and HDM inputs



Encoder Wall Plate Rear and Side Panels



1 EDID DIAL

Dial for manually setting an EDID on the encoder wall plate



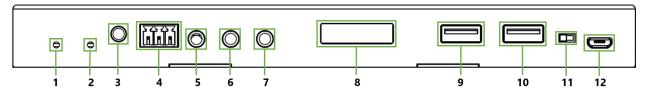
EDID SETTINGS	
EDID FOLLOW SOFTWARE (default)	0
1080P 2D 6CH	1
1080P 3D 6CH	2
1080P 3D 6CH	3
4K30Hz 3D 2CH	4
4K30Hz 3D 6CH	5
4K30Hz 3D 8CH	6
1080P 2D 2CH HDR	7
1080P 2D 6CH HDR	8
1080P 3D 2CH HDR	9
1080P 3D 6CH HDR	Α
4K30Hz 3D 2CH HDR	В
4K30Hz 3D 6CH HDR	C
4K30Hz 3D 8CH HDR	D
1920 x 1200 3D 2CH HDR	Е
USER EDID	F

- 2 USB FUNCTION
- FPGA/MCU toggle switch
- Service function for AVPro Edge technical assistance
- 3 USB PROPRIETARY
- Micro-USB Type B female connector port
- Service port for AVPro Edge technical assistance
- The AC-MXNET-1G-EV2WP includes USB-C
- 4 1GbE NETWORK
- 8-pin RJ-45 female connector, 1000BASE-T copper Ethernet port
- Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W)
- Maximum power consumption of 6.5 W
- 10/100/1000Mbps auto-negotiation
- MDI/MDI-X cable mode auto-negotiation
- Maximum distance 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and higher



3.4 AC-MXNET-1G-D / AC-MXNET-1G-DV2 / AC-MXNET-1G-DANTE-DV2

Decoder Front Panel



Decoder Rear Panel



1	POWER STATUS	 Blue LED status indicator light Slowly pulsates until startup is complete after a reboot, at which point the light will turn solid blue
2	LINK STATUS	 Green LED status indicator light Continuously flashes until an output device is connected to the HDMI OUT port on the decoder, at which point the light will turn solid green
3	EDID COPY	Press to copy the EDID of the sink device connected to the HDMI OUT port on the back of the decoder
4	RS232	 3-pin terminal block connector port Sends encapsulated/virtualized RS-232 (serial pass-through) over IP via the MXNet API Supports serial routing with direct connection to a control system processor
5	I-PASS	 3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) IR receiver port Sends IR signal pass-through via an IR emitter, IR bridge, or control system processor
6	IR-EYE	 3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) IR receiver port Supports a flashing IR emitter from an IR bridge or control system processor
7	IR OUT	 3.5mm mono jack (TS) IR receiver port Sends encapsulated/virtualized IR signals upstream via the API
8	IP MONITOR	 Built-in front panel mini-OLED screen "data window" Displays decoder's custom name or MAC address (if no custom name is assigned) and IP address
9	USB 1	 USB 2.0 Type A female connector port Supports routing USB 2.0 signals to a designated host encoder

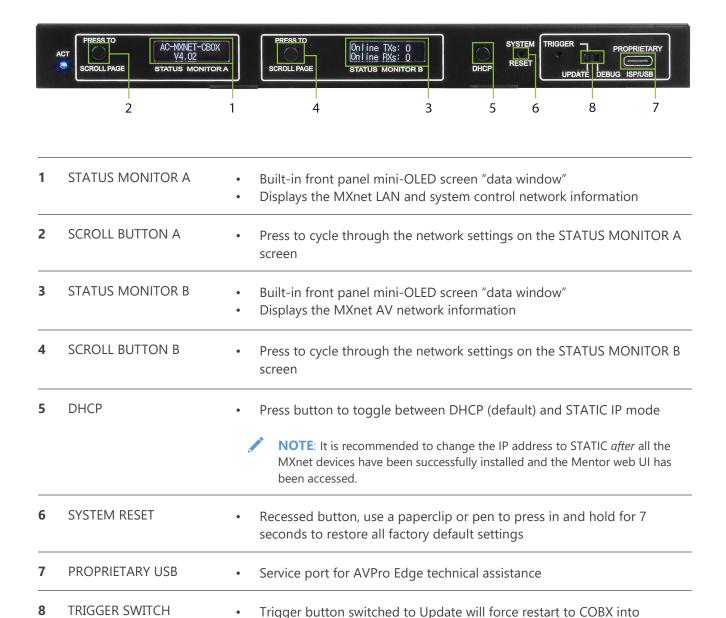


10	USB 2	 USB 2.0 Type A female connector port Supports routing USB 2.0 signals from the decoder to the designated host encoder
		NOTE: Chipset V1 Decoders do not support High-speed USB connections. Chipset V2 Decoders can support one isochronous connection to a High-speed USB device (such as a microphone or digital camera).
11	USB SELECT	 FPGA/MCU toggle switch Used for configuring the decoder for point-to-point connection with an MXnet 1G encoder (default setting is MCU ISP)
12	USB	 Micro-USB Type B female connector port Used for configuring the decoder for point-to-point connection with an MXNet 1G encoder
13	1GbE NETWORK	 8-pin RJ-45 female connector, 1000BASE-T copper Ethernet port Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W) Maximum power consumption of 6.5 W 10/100/1000Mbps auto-negotiation MDI/MDI-X cable mode auto-negotiation Maximum distance 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and higher
14	BI DIR. O.M. LC FIBER	 Bidirectional SFP fiber optic connector port Supports single mode or multimode SFP modules for extremely long runs Recommended single mode fiber: LC to LC 1310nm, up to 40km (24.85 miles) Recommended multimode fiber: LC to LC 850nm, up to 550m (1804 feet)
15	HDMI OUT	 19-pin HDMI Type A female connector port HDMI connection for endpoint device signal output Copy EDID functionality used in conjunction with front panel button press
16	AUDIO OUT	 3.5mm stereo jack (TRS) audio output port De-embedded audio, extracts stereo analog audio
17	RESET	 Recessed button, use a paperclip or pen to press in and hold for 7 seconds to restore decoder to factory default settings
18	[Optional] POWER	 DC 12V/1A locking ring power charger to locally power decoder Not required when connecting decoder to a network switch that provides PoE



3.5 AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA

CBOX Front Panel



update state allowing firmware to loaded.

the CBOX via USB-C for servicing purposes

Trigger button switched to Debug will allow user to connect to



CBOX Rear Panel



- 9 PORT 1 MENTOR LAN / CONTROL
- 8-pin RJ-45 female connector port
- Connects to a LAN, router, or third-party control system processor
- **10** PORTS 2-7
- (6x) 8-pin RJ-45 female connector ports
- Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W)
- Maximum power consumption of 4.5 W
- Maximum distance 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and higher
- LAN network extender for MENTOR PORT 1
- Connects to a variety of devices including control CPUs, DSPs, and the MXnet network switches, AC-MXNET-SW10, AC-MXNET-SW12, AC-MXNET-SW24, and AC-MXNET-SS48

NOTE: For advanced network data tracking, one of Ports 2-7 must be directly connected to the MGMT port on the network switch (applies only to the AC-MXNET-SW24 and AC-MXNET-SW48). Connect any of Ports 2-7 to the MGMT port on the MXnet network switch to track switch performance and data usage with the Mentor web UI.

- 11 MXNET (PoE) AV NETWORK
- 8-pin RJ-45 female connector port
- Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W)
- Connects to any 1GbE port on the MXnet network switch to provide PoE to the CBOX and Mentor control connection to the encoders and decoders

12 RS232

- 3-pin terminal block connector port
- System control port for MXnet using RS-232
- Default Baudrate is 115200

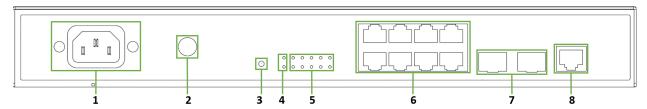
13 [Optional] POWER

- DC 12V/1A locking ring power charger to locally power the CBOX
- Not required when connecting the CBOX to a network switch that provides PoE
- **14** HA PORT (HIGH AVAILABILITY)
- RS-232 port that is used for redundancy purposes only
- Connect another COBX-HA to be added as "backup" CBOX for if the primary CBOX should fail the "backup"

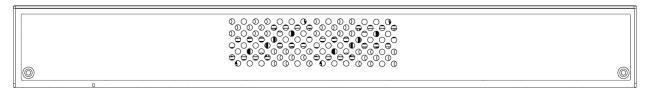


3.6 AC-MXNET-SW10

10-Port Network Switch Front Panel



10-Port Network Switch Rear Panel

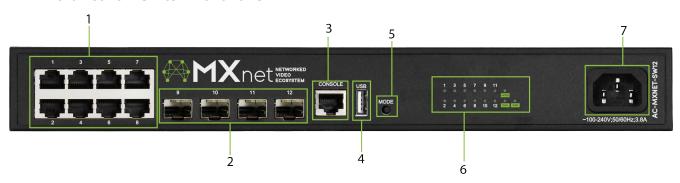


1	POWER SUPPLY	 100~240V AC, 50~60Hz 3A power input Total power consumption is less than 132 W PoE+ budget of 124 W
2	GROUND SCREW	Connect with a grounding cable to the conducting parts
3	RST	 Recessed button, use a paperclip or pen to press in and hold for 7 seconds to restore network switch to factory default settings
4	DIAG / PWR	 Green LED status indicator lights DIAG light steadily flashes green to indicate a continuous diagnostic of the system and the network switch is running on normal operations PWR light stays solid green to indicate the switch is powered on
5	ACTIVITY LIGHTS 1-10	 Green LED status indicator lights Steady flickering green light to indicate network activity is present
6	1GbE COPPER POE PORTS 1-8	 (8x) 8-pin RJ-45 female connector ports, 1000BASE-T copper Ethernet Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W) Maximum power consumption of 6.5 W 10/100/1000Mbps auto-negotiation MDI/MDI-X cable mode auto-negotiation Maximum distance 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and higher Connects to the encoders, decoders, and CBOX
7	1GbE / SFP COMBO PORTS 9-10	 Supports a 1 Gigabit Ethernet copper connection or SFP fiber module for longer runs to the BI DIR. O.M. LC Fiber port on the encoders and decoders
8	CONSOLE	8-pin RJ-45 female connector portUsed for accessing the MXnet CLI



3.7 AC-MXNET-SW12

12-Port Network Switch Front Panel

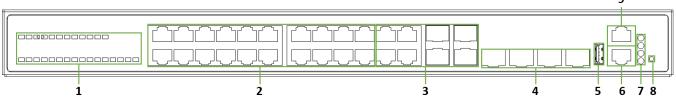


1	1GbE COPPER PoE PORTS 1-8	 (8x) 8-pin RJ-45 female connector ports, 1000BASE-T copper Ethernet Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W) Maximum power consumption of 6.5 W 10/100/1000Mbps auto-negotiation MDI/MDI-X cable mode auto-negotiation Maximum distance 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and higher Connects to the encoders, decoders, and CBOX
2	10 GIGABIT/SFP+ PORTS PORTS 9-12	Used for stacking multiple network switches together with 40G link aggregation
3	CONSOLE PORT	8-pin RJ-45 female connector port Used for accessing the MXNet CLI (Command Line Interface)
4	USB 2.0 PORT	•Used for managing the switch's network configuration settings
5	MODE BUTTON	•Press to toggle on/off the PoE status light.
6	ACTIVITY LIGHTS 1-12	•Press to toggle on/off the PoE status light.
7	100~240V AC, 50~60Hz 3A POWER SUPPLY	•Main AC power supply for the network switch



3.8 AC-MXNET-SW24

24-Port Network Switch Front Panel



24-Port Network Switch Rear Panel



- **1** ACTIVITY LIGHTS 1-28
- Green LED status indicator lights
- Steady flickering green lights to indicate network activity is present
- 2 1GbE COPPER PoE PORTS 1-20
- (8x) 8-pin RJ-45 female connector ports, 1000BASE-T copper Ethernet
- Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W)
- Maximum power consumption of 6.5 W
- 10/100/1000Mbps auto-negotiation
- MDI/MDI-X cable mode auto-negotiation
- Maximum distance 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and higher
- Connects to the encoders, decoders, and CBOX
- 3 1GbE / SFP COMBO PORTS 21-24
- Supports a 1 Gigabit Ethernet copper connection or SFP fiber module for longer runs to the BI DIR. O.M. LC Fiber port on the encoders and decoders



NOTE: These ports are mirrored and cannot be individually used simultaneously. If there is an RJ45 connected to the top left PoE port, then the top left SFP port in this section may not be used. Similarly, if the top right SFP port is in use, the top right PoE port in this section may not be used.

- 4 10 GIGABIT/SFP+ PORTS 25-28
- Used for stacking multiple network switches together with 40G link aggregation
- 5 USB 2.0 PORT
- Used for managing the switch's network configuration settings

- 6 MGMT PORT
- 8-pin RJ-45 female connector port
- Used for managing the switch's network configuration settings and tracking system data.
- Connects to any port (2-7) on the AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA for tracking switch performance using the Mentor web UI.



NOTE: This is a required physical connection in order to fully access the

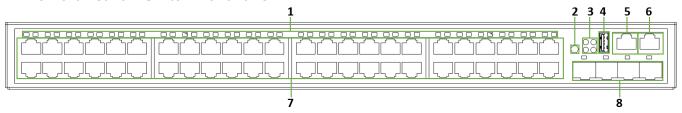


7	SYSTEM STATUS LIGHTS	 POE LED remains solid green to indicate PoE is present on the switch DIAG LED steadily flashes green to indicate a continuous diagnostic of the system is running on normal operations PWR LED remains solid green to indicate the switch is powered on MGMT LED steadily flashes green to indicate a stable link is present on the MGMT port
8	RST	 Use a paperclip or pen to press in and hold for 7 seconds to reset the network switch to factory default settings
9	CONSOLE PORT	 8-pin RJ-45 female connector port Used for accessing the MXnet CLI (Command Line Interface)
10	100~240V AC, 50~60Hz 3A POWER SUPPLY	Main AC power supply for the network switch
11	GROUND SCREW	Connect with a grounding cable to the conducting parts

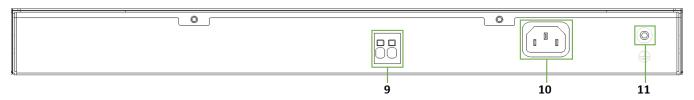


3.9 AC-MXNET-SW48

48-Port Network Switch Front Panel



48-Port Network Switch Rear Panel



- **1** ACTIVITY LIGHTS 1-48
- Green LED status indicator lights
- Steady flickering green lights to indicate network activity is present
- 2 MODE BUTTON
- Press to toggle on/off the PoE status light.
- 3 SYSTEM STATUS LIGHTS
- POE LED remains solid green to indicate PoE is present on the switch
- DIAG LED steadily flashes green to indicate a continuous diagnostic of the system is running on normal operations
- PWR LED remains solid green to indicate the switch is powered on
- MGMT LED steadily flashes green to indicate a stable link is present on the MGMT port
- 4 USB 2.0 PORT
- Used for managing the switch's network configuration settings
- 5 MGMT PORT
- 8-pin RJ-45 female connector port
- Used for managing the switch's network configuration settings and tracking system data.
- Connects to any port (2–7) on the AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA for tracking switch performance using the Mentor web UI.



NOTE: This is a required physical connection in order to fully access the switch's *Switch Management* page within the Mentor web UI.

- 6 CONSOLE PORT
- 8-pin RJ-45 female connector port
- Used for accessing the MXnet CLI (Command Line Interface)
- 7 1GbE COPPER POE PORTS 1-48
- (48x) 8-pin RJ-45 female connector ports, 1000BASE-T copper Ethernet
- Supports standard PoE power, IEEE 802.3AF (15.4 W)
- Maximum power consumption of 6.5 W
- 10/100/1000Mbps auto-negotiation
- MDI/MDI-X cable mode auto-negotiation
- Maximum distance 100m (330ft) over Cat5e and higher
- Connects to the encoders and decoders



8	10 GIGABIT/SFP+ PORTS 49-52	•	Used for stacking multiple network switches together with 40G link aggregation
9	-52V~-57V=18A POWER SUPPLY	•	Backup DC power supply for the network switch
10	100-240V~:50/60Hz 15A	•	Main AC power supply for the network switch
11	GROUND SCREW	•	Connect with a grounding cable to the conducting parts



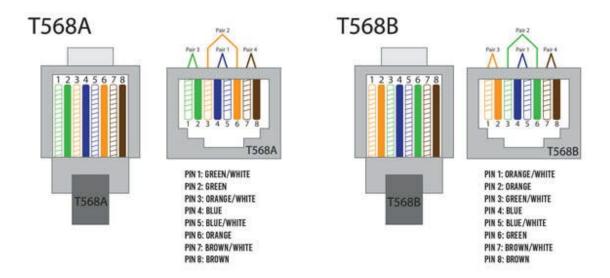
4 WIRING AND CONNECTIONS

4.11G Ethernet/LAN

The AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA PORT 1 MENTOR LAN/CONTROL port is a standard 8-pin RJ-45 female connector port that uses 1G data bandwidth to connect any network compliant device to transmit its data onto the Ethernet network.



The recommended termination is based on TIA/EIA T568A or T568B standards for the wiring of the twisted pair cables:



4.2 AV NETWORK

The AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA MXnet (PoE) AV NETWORK port uses a standard RJ-45 port complying with IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standards. This port is used for communication with the MXnet AV over IP Network, powering the endpoint devices and AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA via PoE, and connects to any 1 Gigabit Ethernet port on the MXnet 1G network switches.

The MXnet endpoint devices (encoders and decoders) use an Ethernet connection from their 1GbE NETWORK port with PoE from the 1 Gigabit Ethernet port of the MXnet network switches.

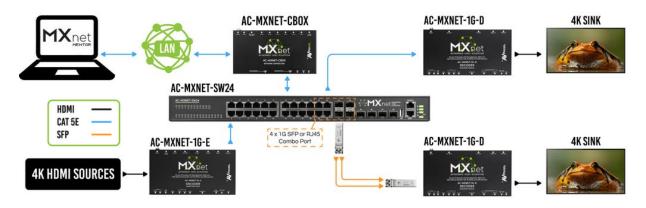


4.3 SFP and SFP+ Transceiver Modules

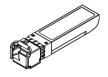
SFP (small form-factor pluggable) transceivers are compact, hot-pluggable devices that act as an interface between networking equipment (network switches, routers, network cards, etc.) and interconnecting cabling (copper or fiber).

While SFP and SFP + transceivers are both similar in size and appearance, the main difference is that SFP+ can be used in 10 Gigabit Ethernet applications, while SFP is for 100/1000BASE applications. SFP+ can also operate at 100/1000BASE. SFP complies with standards of IEEE 802.3 and SFF-8472, while SFP+ is based on SFF-8431.

MXnet can send many gigabytes of data per second with either copper or fiber connections. RJ-45 copper connections are cost-effective, but when security and stability are critical, the SFP module is recommended.



The module is inserted into the SFP slot on the MXnet devices and is used for network connection and AV transmission. SFP modules are not supplied with the devices.



NOTE:

The MXnet network switches are compatible with most SFP and SFP+ transceivers on the US market. Functionality can be guaranteed with manufacturers 10Gtek® and HiFiber© as these have been tested and verified by AVPro Edge. The SFP+ ports can also operate at 1GbE speed, meaning that the AC-MXNET-SW48 can operate as a 52 port 1GbE switch, allowing for connections of up to 52 MXnet endpoints (CBOX, encoders, and decoders).

⚠ IMPORTANT:

The AC-MXNET-SW10 network switch has two SFP ports, while the AC-MXNET-SW12 and the AC-MXNET-SW48 have four SFP+ ports. The AC-MXNET-SW24 has both four SFP ports and four SFP+ ports.



4.3.1 Compatible SFP and SFP+ Transceiver Modules Specifications for MXNet Network **Switches**

SFP

- SFP-SX-L transceiver 1000Base-SX SFP (850nm, MMF, 550m)
- SFP-LX-L transceiver 1000Base-LX SFP (1310nm, SMF, 10km or MMF, 550m)
- SFP-LX-20-L transceiver 1310nm light wave, 9/125um single mode fiber: 20km
- SFP-LX-40 transceiver 9/125um single mode fiber: 40km
- SFP-LH-70-L transceiver 9/125um single mode fiber: 70km
- SFP-LH-120-L transceiver 9/125um single mode fiber: 120km
- SFP-1000Base-T Gigabit Ethernet RJ-45 SFP copper module, 1.25Gb/s, operates on R-J45 cable (Cat5e/6/7) spans of up to 100m (328ft) in length

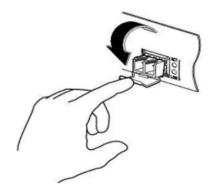
SFP+

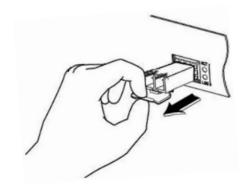
- SFPX-SR transceiver 10GBase-SR SFP+ (850nm, MMF, 550m)
- SFPX-LR transceiver 10GBase-LR SFP+ (1310nm, SMF, 10km)
- 10Gbase-T module: 10Gb/s SFP+ to RJ-45 Ethernet copper transceiver, support links up 30m (98ft) over Cat6a/7 cable. SFF-8431 MSA, SFF-8432 MSA, and IEEE 802.3az compliant
- 10Gbase-T module: 10Gb/s SFP+ to RJ-45 Ethernet copper transceiver, support links up to 80m (262ft) over Cat6a/7/8. cable SFF-8431 MSA, SFF-8432 MSA, and IEEE 802.3az compliant

4.3.2 Installing SFP and SFP+ Transceiver Modules

The procedure for installing SFP and SFP+ transceiver modules is shown below:

- 1 Put on an ESD wrist strap (or antistatic gloves).
- 2 Insert the SFP or SFP+ transceiver to the guide rail inside the fiber interface line card. Do not put in the SFP or SFP+ transceiver upside down.
- 3 Push the SFP or SFP+ transceiver along the guide rail gently until you feel the transceiver snap into place at the bottom of the line card.







The SFP and SFP+ transceiver modules are hot-swappable, meaning that they can be inserted or removed while power is still present in the system.



/\ WARNING:

Do not stare directly at the two fiber bores inside the SFP or SFP+ transceiver module while the network switch is operating as the laser may harm the eyes.



4.3.3 Short Reach (SR) SFP or Long Reach (LR) SFP

Single mode SFP transceivers can transmit anywhere from 2km up to 80km in distance. Standard single mode SFPs may transmit up to 10km, while extended single mode SFPs can be up to 80km.

Multimode SFPs are an ideal solution for shorter distances and are more cost-effective. Standard multimode SFPs can transmit up to 550m, while extended multimode SFPs can go up to 2km.

4.4 DAC Cables

A DAC (Direct Attach Copper) cable is a twinaxial copper cable that directly connects the ports between the active devices, such as network switches, routers, servers, and data storage devices within a network.

The AC-MXNET-SW12, AC-MXNET-SW24 and AC-MXNET-SW48 network switches are stackable, meaning that the can operate either as a standalone unit or stack with other network switches via the four 10G SFP+ ports with DAC cables. The AC-MXNET-SW10 does not have SFP+ ports and can only send or receive one source on one 1G SFP port.

4.5 HDMI Cables

The MXnet devices use standard 19-pin HDMI female connector ports for the inputs and outputs.



Some important things to consider when planning or installing MXnet devices:

- Ensure all HDMI cables and devices can support the signal being sent. For most use cases, a High-Speed HDMI cable with Ethernet rated for 18Gbps will be more than sufficient to satisfy signal transport if every device can handle the signal.
- Ensure your HDMI cable is the correct length. The current HDMI specification calls for cables to be between 2 to 10 meters (6.6 to 33 feet). Smaller wire cables may be unable to transmit higher bandwidth signals like 4K60 over distances of even 5 meters (16 feet).

4.6 USB Ports

The USB ports allow USB 2.0 extension. The encoder contains one USB 2.0 Type B port, and the decoder contains two USB 2.0 Type A ports.

Both the encoder and decoder also contain one micro-USB Type B port. This is a courtesy port and is primarily intended for AVPro Edge technical support servicing in the event of troubleshooting, or for configuring the encoder and decoder for standalone point-to-point applications.









Chipset V1 decoders do not support High-Speed USB 2.0 device connections, while the Chipset V2 decoders can support one isochronous connection to a Hi-Speed USB 2.0 device (such as a digital camera) using either USB port 1 or USB port 2 on the V2 decoder. *See 6.13.1 USB & KVM*.



4.7 RS-232 Wiring

Serial control connections are made using the provided 3-pin terminal block connector. The wire slips into the hole and locks with a screw located at the top of the connector.



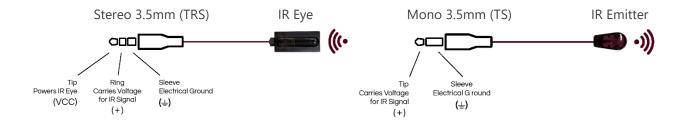
PIN 1	Transmit
PIN 2	Ground
PIN 3	Receive



RS-232 Control

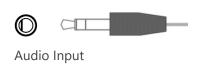
4.8 IR Wiring

IR connections are made using the provided 3.5mm IR Emitter and IR Eye (receiver).



4.9 Analog Audio Ports

The AC-MXNET-1G-E, AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-E and AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-EV2 encoders contain one 3.5mm stereo audio input port and one 5-pin terminal block balanced audio output port.





The AC-MXNET-1G-D decoder contains one 3.5mm stereo audio output port.



Audio Output

4.10 AC Power Connection

↑ SURGE PROTECTION:

Use a surge-protected circuit for all components and power supplies.

ELECTRICAL DISCONNECT:

The power source outlet and power supply input sockets should be easily accessible to disconnect power in the event of an electrical hazard or malfunction.

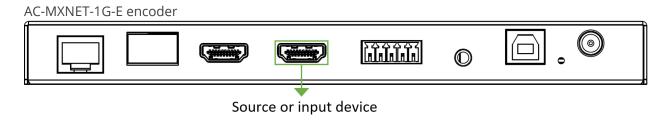


5 INSTALLATION

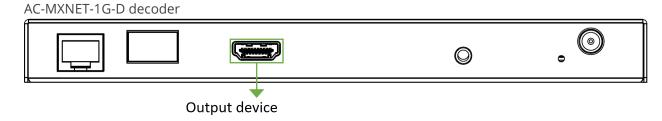
All of the MXnet network switches are preconfigured out-of-the-box for AV over IP applications, meaning the network settings of each individual encoder, decoder, CBOX, and network switch do not need to be configured separately. Simply make the physical connections between the devices and MXnet will automatically discover each encoder and decoder, receive each MAC address, auto-assign IP addresses and multicast channels, and replicate the physical system in a digital space that can be accessed by using the Mentor web interface.

5.1 Connecting the Devices

1. Connect an HDMI cable between the **HDMI IN** port on the encoder and an HDMI source device.



2. Connect an HDMI cable between the **HDMI OUT** port on the decoder and an HDMI output device.



3. Power on the source and output devices, then connect the power supply to the MXnet network switch.



4. Connect a Cat5e (or better) cable between the **MXnet (PoE) AV NETWORK** port on the CBOX to **any 1 Gigabit Ethernet** port on the MXnet network switch.

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Any 1 Gigabit Enthernet port on the MXnet network switch



5. Connect a Cat5e (or better) cable between the **PORT 1 MENTOR LAN/CONTROL** port on the CBOX to the LAN, router, or third-party control system.

AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA



Connect to LAN, Router, or third-party control system

6. Locate the IP address on the CBOX by pressing the **STATUS MONITOR A** button to cycle through all the different network settings, including the IP address. AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA



- 7. Open a new tab in any web browser and enter in the IP address of the CBOX. This will open the Mentor web interface welcome page.
- 8. The MXnet installation is now complete and ready to access the online MXnet Mentor web UI.

HA PORT

Once all of the MXnet devices are successfully connected and the Mentor web UI is accessed, MXnet will configure each encoder and decoder automatically.

The HA (High Availability) port is an RS-232 port that is used for redundancy purposes only.



- 1. Allows to connect another CBOX-HA to this HA port
- 2. The "Primary" CBOX-HA will periodically save its configuration file and load it to the "backup" CBOX-B-HA.
- 3. If the "Primary" CBOX-HA fails to communicate to the MXnet Network for any reason, the "Backup" CBOX-HA will automatically load the "Primary" CBOX-HA's configuration file and change its IP address to match the "Primary" CBOX-HA, mitigating loss of control on an MXnet network should the "Primary" CBOX-HA go offline.

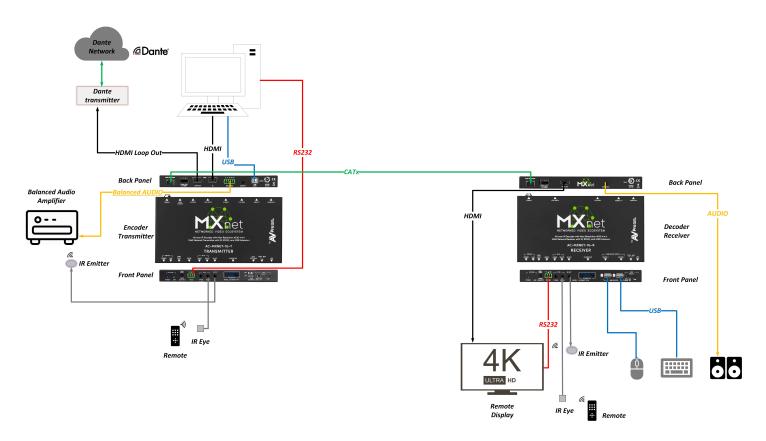


5.2 Point-to-Point Setup

The AC-MXNET-1G-E, AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-E and AC-MXNET-1G-AVDM-EV2 encoders support a direct point-to-point connection (unicast) with the AC-MXNET-1G-D decoder.

Video, audio, RS-232, IR, and USB signals can be distributed up to 100 meters through Category cable, and 40 kilometers through single mode fiber and SFP modules.

The diagram below shows the connections of the AC-MXNET-1G-E encoder and AC-MXNET-1G-D decoder in a point-to-point application.



5.2.1 Configuring Encoders and Decoders

MXnet encoders and decoders operate in unicast mode by factory default but will automatically be set to multicast mode by the AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA when connected to the network switch. Once set to multicast mode, the encoders and decoders must be set back to unicast mode again prior to point-to-point installation.

Both the encoder and decoder must also be assigned the channel number 0000 and set to unicast mode prior to point-to-point installation. This procedure is outlined in the steps below and must be completed on both the encoder and decoder.

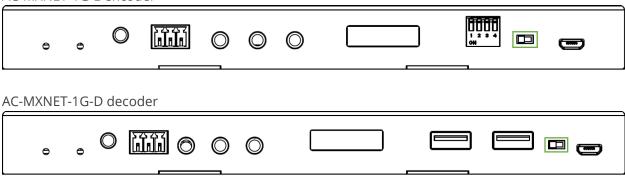
Requirements:

- Windows based PC or Laptop with internet connection
- Micro-USB to USB Type A cable
- Serial Configuration Software Tool AC-MXNET-1G-SCT (available for download, located at Support.AVProEdge.com)



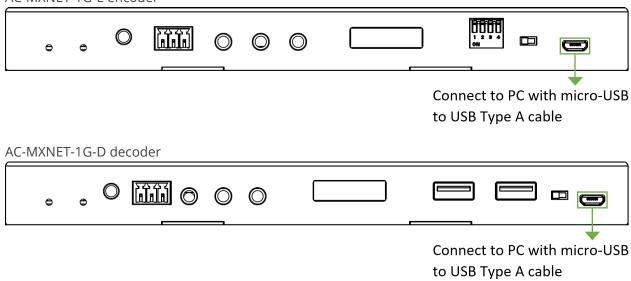
1. On both the encoder and decoder, flip the **USB SELECT** toggle switch to the **FPGA DEBUG** setting.



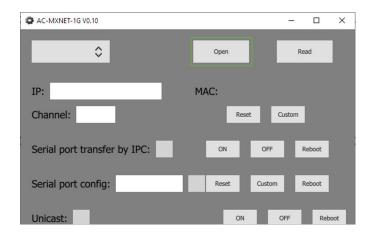


2. Connect the micro-USB to USB Type A cable between the encoder or decoder and PC.



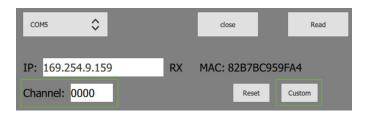


3. Open the Serial Configuration Software Tool AC-MXNET-1G-SCT and select the **Open** button to open the PC serial port.

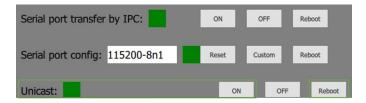




- 4. Select the **Read** button to generate the serial port configuration information.
- 5. Select the **Custom** button and enter *0000* into the **Channel** field.



6. Select the **On** button to change the encoder to unicast mode, then select the **Reboot** button.



7. Repeat these steps per every encoder/decoder as needed.



5.3 Stacking Switches

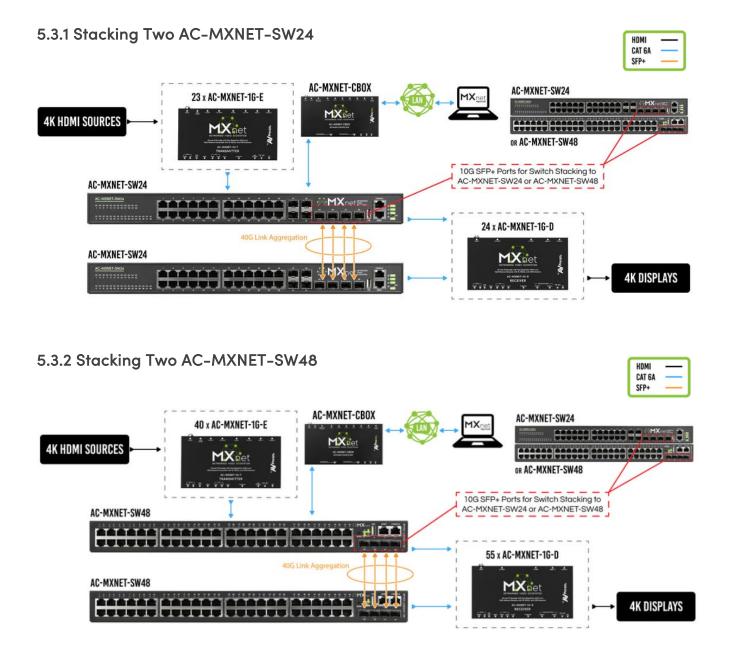
The AC-MXNET-SW24 and AC-MXNET-SW48 network switches can be stacked together by connecting up to four SFP+ ports between the two switches. Each SFP+ port provides 10G uplink between each switch. An SFP+ link is required per every 10 encoders; it is recommended to add an additional SFP+ link for system redundancy.

Stacking two MXnet network switches *of the same model* or stacking *one SW24 with one SW48* requires no additional configurations on the switches. Refer to the application diagram below and simply make the connections between the two switches.



IMPORTANT:

If stacking 3 or more MXnet network switches together, contact AVPro Technical Support for further assistance as this requires additional configurations on the network switches.





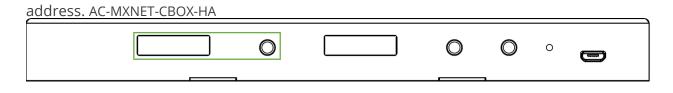
6 THE MENTOR WEB UI

Mentor is MXNet's proprietary HTML5-based setup and control web interface that contains a variety of easy to use, yet powerful tools and settings to help streamline the installation process. It comes preinstalled on every AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA and is purposefully designed for easy navigation and monitoring of the entire system.

Once all of the devices are connected and powered on, the Mentor homepage can be accessed using the following steps below.

6.1 Accessing Mentor

1. Locate the IP address on the CBOX by pressing the **STATUS MONITOR A** button to cycle through all the different network settings, including the IP





The CBOX comes in DHCP IP mode by factory default. It is recommended to change the IP mode to static by using the Mentor web UI and only *after* all the devices are already connected to the network.

2. Open a new tab in any web browser and enter in the IP address of the CBOX. This will open the Mentor web interface welcome page.



3. Enter in the default username and password below to log in.

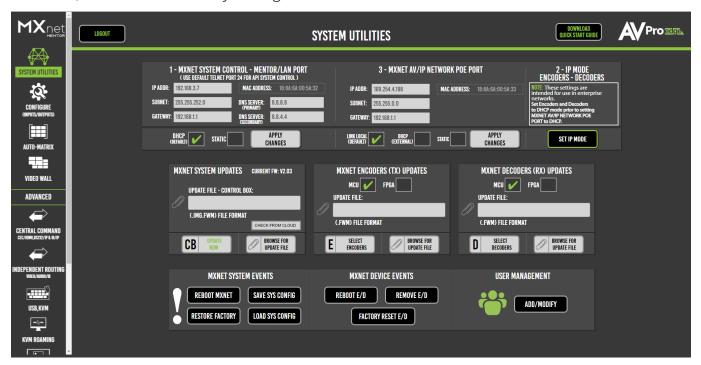
Username: **admin** (all lowercase) Password: **admin** (all lowercase)

Both fields are case sensitive and can be changed at any time once Mentor is accessed.



6.2 Navigating the Mentor Web UI

The Mentor home screen features the *System Utilities* as the default page. This page provides a variety of MXnet system information, including the network configurations, current firmware versions on the CBOX, and user accessibility settings.



• To navigate through all the different pages, use the scroll bar and select the **icons** located on the left-side column of the page.



- To log out of Mentor, select the **logout** button in the top-left corner of the page.
- For fast and simple installations, the *MXnet Quick Connect Guide* can be downloaded directly from Mentor by selecting the **download quick start guide** button at the top-right corner of the page.



6.3 System Utilities

6.3.1 LAN and AV Network Configurations



This section provides network connection settings; it is divided into two sections:

MXNET SYSTEM CONTROL - MENTOR/LAN PORT

This section is for setting an IP address for LAN and CPU connections. The default setting is DHCP IP mode but can be changed to STATIC once communication is established with the CBOX.

MXNET AV/IP NETWORK POE PORT

This section is used for changing the IP mode for the encoders and decoders, as well as the MXnet (PoE) AV NETWORK port on the CBOX. The three options are: LINK LOCAL (default), DHCP (external), and STATIC.



IMPORTANT: It is highly recommended to leave the IP mode set to LINK LOCAL and not change it to DHCP or STATIC unless the system is being installed in a large corporate enterprise or commercial network setting where an IT department will manage all network nodes, as this requires additional configurations that must be made to all network switches prior to making this change.

6.3.2 MXnet Firmware Updates

The current firmware version on the CBOX can be viewed and updated from here, along with the encoders and decoders. Firmware updates can be performed on multiple or individual encoders and decoders by selecting them once the firmware file has been added to the *Update File* field.



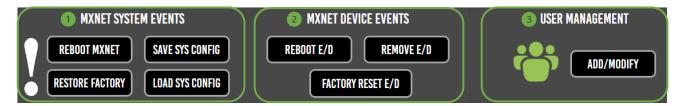
The latest firmware for the encoders, decoders, and CBOX can be located at Support.AVProEdge.com and can be installed once downloaded.

To update firmware, select the **paperclip** icon next to the *Update File* field of the device you wish to update, then select the firmware file for the MXnet device.



6.3.3 MXnet Events

This section provides commands for rebooting, removing, and factory resetting various MXnet devices. It also includes options for managing different user levels for limiting access and permission settings.



1 MXNET SYSTEM EVENTS (system-wide)

The following commands are provided in this section:

- Select the **reboot MXnet** button to restart all the devices in the system.
- Select the **restore factory** button to restore all the devices in the system back to factory default settings.
- Select the save sys config button to download a .cfg file of all the current system settings and configurations.
- Select the **load sys config** button to upload a previously saved .cfg file and apply it to all system settings and configurations.

2 MXNET DEVICE EVENTS (device specific)

The following commands are provided in this section:

- Select the **reboot E/D** button to restart one or multiple encoders and decoders.
- Select the remove E/D button to remove one or multiple encoders and decoders from Mentor.
- Select the **factory reset E/D** button to restore one or multiple encoders and decoders back to factory default settings.

3 USER MANAGMENT

- Select the **add/modify** button to change the admin user login credentials or to add a limited user account.
- Select the **enable limited user** toggle button to add a limited user account, including a separate username and password. The limited user account will only have access to the *Auto-Matrix* and *Video Wall* pages within Mentor.
- If the toggle button is set to **OFF** after entering a username and password for the limited user account, the limited user account's username and password will be saved within Mentor, and the limited user account cannot access Mentor until the admin account is accessed and the toggle button is set back to **ON** again.



6.4 Configure Inputs and Outputs

The *Encoder & Decoder Configurations* pages provide many useful tools and settings for configuring the encoders and decoders. The first three tabs will be highlighted in green to indicate which page is currently selected.



1 INPUTS/ENCODERS/SOURCES

Shows a list of all the encoders connected to MXnet along with various options for configuration.

2 OUTPUTS/DECODERS/DISPLAYS

Shows a list of all the decoders connected to MXnet along with various options for configuration.

3 ENCODER-MODULE (for AVDM Encoders only)

Shows a list of all the downmixing encoders connected to MXnet along with various options for configuration.

4 SAVE CONFIG

Select to download a .xlsx file (Microsoft Excel Worksheet) of all the current settings and configurations of the encoders and decoders.

5 REFRESH

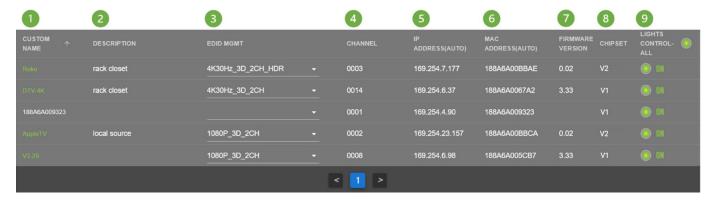
Select to refresh the web page.

6 DIAGNOSTICS

Select to view critical system information for the encoders and decoders.



6.4.1 Inputs/Encoders/Sources



1 CUSTOM NAME (default MAC address)

Text field, limit of 12 characters. Type in a custom name and hit Enter to apply it. Custom names can be sorted by clicking on the arrow button to toggle between ascending and descending alphanumerical order.

2 DESCRIPTION

Text field, limit of 12 characters. Type in a custom description and hit the Enter key to apply it.

3 EDID MGMT

Dropdown menu containing 14 EDID presets and one User EDID slot for a custom EDID or a copied EDID either from the encoder's HDMI Loop Out (16), or from a display's decoder (17). Click on the dropdown arrow to select an EDID for the source.

4 CHANNEL

Shows the multicast/broadcast channel number of the encoder. This is automatically generated by MXnet and contains the video, audio, IR, USB, and control signals of the encoder. Switching to a source allows the decoder to subscribe to the encoder's channel in order to receive the encoder's signals.

5 IP ADDRESS (auto)

Shows the link-local IP address of the encoder. The network switch will automatically assign this to the encoder once a connection has been made.

	EDID SETTINGS
1	1080P 2D 6CH
2	1080P 3D 2CH
3	1080P 3D 6CH
4	4K 30Hz 3D 2CH
5	4K 30Hz 3D 6CH
6	4K 30Hz 3D 8CH
7	1080P 2D 2CH HDR
8	1080P 2D 6CH HDR
9	1080P 3D 2CH HDR
10	1080P 3D 6CH HDR
11	4K 30Hz 3D 2CH HDR
12	4K 30Hz 3D 6CH HDR
13	4K 30Hz 3D 8CH HDR
14	1920 x 1200 3D 2CH HDR
15	USER EDID
16	Copy from Loop Out
17	Copy from Output

6 MAC ADDRESS (auto)

Shows the MAC address of the encoder. This is a factory setting that cannot be changed.

7 FIRMWARE VERSION

Shows the version of firmware currently installed on the encoder. This can be updated on the *System Utilities* page under the *MXnet Encoders (Tx) Updates* section.

11 CHIPSET

Shows the current chipset version of the encoder.

12 LIGHTS CONTROL

Toggle button, allows for control of the front panel LEDs on the encoder, and can be done on all or individually selected encoders. Click to toggle between FLASH, OFF, and ON.



6.4.2 Outputs/Decoders/Displays



1 CUSTOM NAME (default MAC address)

Text field, limit of 12 characters. Type in a custom name and hit the Enter key to apply it.

2 DESCRIPTION

Text field, limit of 12 characters. Type in a custom description and hit the Enter key to apply it.

3 OUTPUT RESOLUTION

Dropdown menu containing nine scaling resolutions and two video modes. Click on the dropdown arrow to select an output resolution for the display.

NOTE: PASS-THROUGH sends an untouched video signal through the decoder to the display

> BLACK OUT generates a solid black screen overlay to the display (audio is still present)

STREAM OFF disables the output stream entirely so no signal is present on the display

OU	TPUT RESOLUTION
1	PASS-THROUGH
2	720P 50Hz
3	720P 60Hz
4	1080P 24Hz
5	1080P 50Hz
6	1080P 60Hz
7	4K 30Hz
8	4K 50Hz
9	4K 60Hz
10	BLACK OUT
11	STREAM OFF

4 RETAIN HDR METADATA

If the Output Resolution scaling is not set to PASS-THROUGH, a toggle button will appear in this field instead of N/A. Selecting this will allow HDR metadata to be retained when switching between sources with Output Resolution scaling enabled.

5 DISPLAY ROTATION

Dropdown menu, allows a display to rotate its image by selecting 180°, 270°, or 0° for no rotation.

6 VIDEO SCALE

Dropdown menu, allows a display to change its aspect ratio.

7 IP ADDRESS (auto)

Shows the link-local IP address of the decoder. The network switch will automatically assign this to the decoder once a connection is made.

8 MAC ADDRESS (auto)

Shows the MAC address of the decoder. This is a factory setting that cannot be changed.



9 OSD (Onscreen Display)

Toggle button, allows a display to show a red text overlay listing the decoder's custom name, MAC and IP addresses, and the currently selected encoder's custom name.

10 FIRMWARE VERSION

Shows the version of firmware currently installed on the decoder. This can be updated on the *System Utilities* page under the *MXnet Decoders (Rx) Updates* section.

11 CHIPSET

Shows the current chipset version of the decoder.

12 LIGHTS CONTROL

Toggle button, allows for control of the front panel LEDs on the decoder, and can be done on all or individually selected decoders. Click to toggle between FLASH, OFF, and ON.



6.4.3 Encoder Module (AVDM Encoders only)



TYPE

Shows a list of all the AVDM encoders connected to MXnet.

2 CUSTOM NAME

Text field, limit of 12 characters. Type in a custom name and hit the Enter key to apply it.

3 DESCRIPTION

Text field, limit of 12 characters. Type in a custom description and hit the Enter key to apply it.

4 ENCODER MAC ADDRESS

Shows the MAC address of the encoder. This is a factory setting that cannot be changed.

5 ENCODER CUSTOM NAME

Shows the encoder's assigned custom name from the *Inputs/Encoders/Sources* page.

6 FIRMWARE VERSION

Shows the version of firmware currently installed on the encoder. This can be updated in the System Utilities page under the MXnet Encoders (Tx) Updates section.

7 MODE

Dropdown menu, allows the encoder to adjust the audio downmixing by selecting one of the following preset modes:

AVDM PRESET MODES				
1	STD FX (default)	Standard downmixing mode		
2	Low Center+	Center Mix increased to 60%		
3	Mid Center+	Center Mix increased to 80%		
4	High Center+	Center Mix increased to 100%		
5	Middle FX (recommended)	Custom AVPro Mix, including full range of sound with pronounced Center		
		channel and small amount of LFE		
6	Full FX (large 3-way systems)	Custom AVPro Mix, including full range of sound with extra Surround Mix		
		and more LFE		
7	Voice FX (voice intelligibility)	Custom AVPro Mix, including Left, Center, and Right channels 100%		
		mixed. Surround Mix is reduced for minor effects		



AVPro Edge and MXnet provides integrators with seven downmixing preset options, allowing them to tailor the downmixing of a source's audio, similar to how most AVR's and pre-processors can adjust the level of an individual channel in their surround mix.



6.4.4 System Diagnostics

The *System Diagnostics* page can be accessed by selecting the **magnifying glass** button located in the top-right corner of the *Configure* page. This opens a separate page that shows live information and provides critical system data for advanced network tracking and cabling performance. The encoders and decoders each feature their own separate *Diagnostics* page located on separate tabs at the top. To exit the *System Diagnostics* page, select the **close** button to return to the *Configure* page.



1 CUSTOM NAME

Shows the encoder/decoder's assigned custom name.

2 SWITCH PORT NUMBER

Shows which port on the network switch that the encoder/decoder is plugged into. Select the **refresh** button to update the field.

3 REAL TIME BANDWIDTH (Mbps)

Shows the amount of bandwidth. Select the **refresh** button to update the field.

4 POE

Toggle button, allows PoE to be enabled or disabled to the encoder/decoder. Select the **refresh** button to update the field.

5 DESCRIPTION

Shows the encoder/decoder's assigned custom description.

6 NETWORK CONNECTION

Shows the quality of the network category cable connection, indicated by color:

Green Good, network connection is at 1G

Yellow Marginal, MXnet will automatically throttle bandwidth to 100Mbps

Red Failed, MXnet is unable to detect a connection to the encoder/

7 CONNECTION SPEED

Shows the encoder/decoder's network connection speed.

8 BANDWIDTH SETTINGS (Encoders only)

Dropdown menu, selecting *200M* sets the encoder throughput to as low as 200Mb while selecting *Auto* increases its bandwidth to a maximum 850Mb throughput.

9 HDMI VIDEO & AUDIO

HDMI VIDEO Shows the resolution of the source's video

HDR YES indicates the source is sending HDR metadata

NO indicates the source is sending SDR content



COLOR DEPTH Indicates the source is sending either 8-bit or 10-bit color depth

CHROMA Indicates the source is sending either RGB or YUV color space

HDMI AUDIO Indicates the source is sending either PCM or non-PCM audio

10 HOT-PLUG DETECT/RESET

Toggle button, green indicates a hot-plug detect has been identified by MXnet. Click on **reset** button to force a refresh of the HDMI signal between the connected devices.

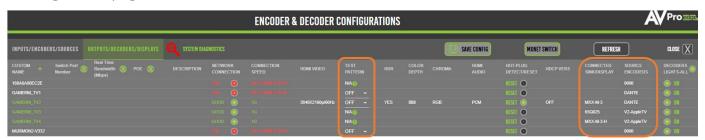
11 HDCP VERS

Shows the version of HDCP detected from the connected device.

12 ENCODER/DECODER LIGHTS

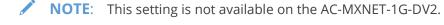
Toggle button, allows for control of the front panel LEDs on the encoder/decoder, can be done on all or individually selected encoders/decoders. Click to toggle between FLASHING, OFF, or ON.

The following three columns shown below are only available on the *Outputs/Decoders/Displays* diagnostics page.



TEST PATTERN

Dropdown menu containing options for a **1080p** or **4K30** color bar test pattern that will be generated by the selected decoder for testing and troubleshooting purposes.



CONNECTED SINK/DISPLAY

Shows the manufacturer or model number of the connected display.

SOURCE ENCODERS

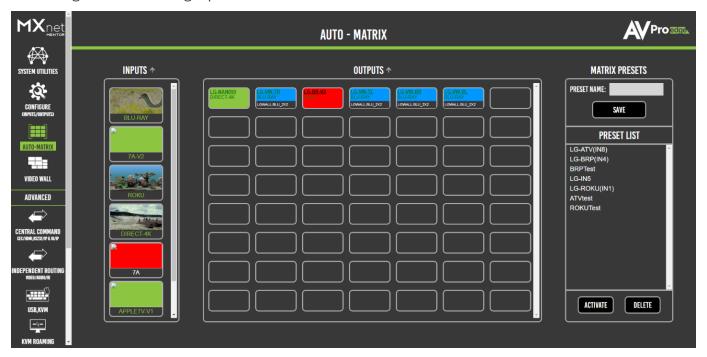
Shows the source signal routed to the decoder.



6.9 Auto-Matrix

The *Auto-Matrix* page layout consists of the *Inputs* column on the left, the *Outputs* grid in the middle, and the *Matrix Presets* section on the right. Each individual tile functions as a selectable button and will auto-populate the custom names from the *Configure* page as a label, highlighted by an orange border to indicate the selected input and output(s).

Inputs and outputs can be sorted by clicking on the **sort arrow** button **to** toggle between ascending and descending alphanumerical order.



6.9.1 Inputs

This column lists all of the encoders, each one is represented as a labeled thumbnail that provides a preview image of the connected source's video signal and will automatically refresh every ten seconds. Each thumbnail functions as a button that can be selected to route the connected source's signals to any one or more outputs.

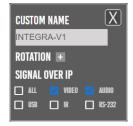
6.9.2 Outputs

All of the decoders are shown in this grid, each one is represented as a separate output button that is labeled with the decoder's custom name and the source that is currently routed to it. Multiple outputs can be selected at a time, indicated by an orange border, to route signals from any one of the connected source's input.



The decoder's custom name, image rotation, and aspect ratio can also be adjusted from this page by right-clicking on an output. This will open an additional menu where the signals can be selected for independent routing of video, audio, USB, IR, and RS-232 signals.

Select the + button + to open the menu settings for image rotation and aspect ratio.





6.9.3 Matrix Switching

- 1 From the *Inputs* column, select the desired source's thumbnail. This will highlight the thumbnail with an orange border to indicate the selection was made.
- 2 From the *Outputs* grid, select the desired output(s) to route the selected source to. This will highlight the output(s) with an orange border to indicate the selection was made.
- 3 Switching commands will now be sent to the source's encoder and the output's decoder(s), and the selected source's signals will now be present on the selected output(s).



The AC-MXNET-1G-EV2 and AC-MXNET-1G-DV2 devices may coexist alongside MXnet first-generation encoders and decoders within previously installed systems or pending system deployments. However, they are required to be used exclusively in EVO II transmitter-to-EVO II decoder(s) pairings only. For example, you cannot route signals from a first-generation encoder/decoder to a second-generation encoder/decoder.

6.9.4 Matrix Presets

This feature provides an alternative to manually selecting and routing inputs to outputs, allowing switching commands to be saved and recalled as a preset, along with the ability to name each saved preset.

Keep in mind that when saving and activating matrix presets, settings will be applied to *all* current switching configurations on *all* the encoders and decoders.

6.9.5 Creating a Preset

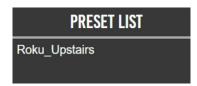
- 1 First, select the desired inputs and switch them to the desired output(s) by using the previous steps above.
- 2 Under the *Matrix Presets* section, enter in the name of the current switching configuration into the **preset name** field.





No spaces are allowed when entering text into this field. Individual words can be separated with a hyphen (-) or underscore ().

3 Select the **save** button to save all of the current switching configurations as a matrix preset under the *Preset List*, along with its assigned name.





6.9.6 Activating a Preset

Once a matrix preset has been saved under the *Preset List*, it can be activated to automatically route the selected source signals to the selected output.

1 Select the preset's name from the *Preset List*, it will then be highlighted in blue to indicate the selection was made.



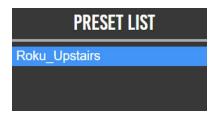
- 2 Select the **activate** button ACTIVATE.
- 3 A dialog box will prompt the selection again. Select the **yes** button to confirm.



4 Switching commands will now be sent to the selected encoders and decoders, and the source's signals will be automatically routed to the outputs that were saved to the preset.

6.9.7 Deleting a Preset

1 Select the preset's name from the *Preset List*, it will then be highlighted in blue to indicate the selection was made.



- 2 Select the delete button .
- 3 A dialog box will prompt the selection again. Select the **yes** button to confirm.

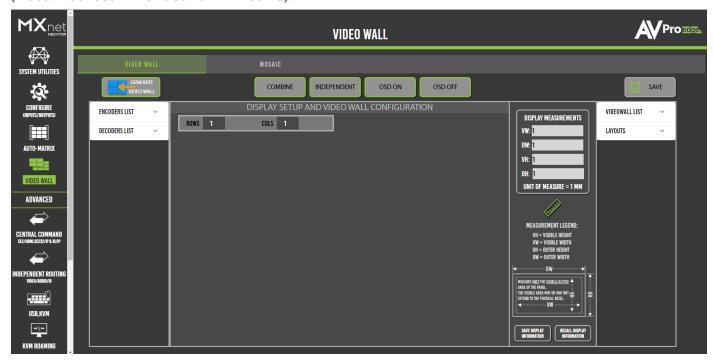


4 The preset will now be permanently removed from the *Preset List* and is no longer able to be activated.



6.10 Video Wall

This page contains various tools and settings for creating custom video walls, including bezel adjustments, automatic cropping, aspect ratios, and more. Video wall layout options consist of two arrays: standard and mosaic, indicated by the two tabs at the top of the page labeled *Video Wall* and *Mosaic*. Static and dynamic metadata is retained for supporting devices. (Note: Not recommended for MXnet 1G).



6.10.1 Standard Layout

The standard video wall layout consists of a grid array (2x2, 3x3, 4x4, etc.) with identical displays. The aspect ratio remains the same and the source's image is scaled across all the displays of the video wall. Advanced grid layouts (1x2, 2x8, etc.), where the aspect ratio of the video wall being very different from that of the individual displays, may also be configured.

6.10.2 Mosaic-Style Layout

Mosaic, or artistic, video walls do not follow the traditional standard grid-like pattern. Instead, they offer a unique and creative approach for customizing video walls, allowing the ability to mix and match displays of different sizes and orientations. Mosaic-style video walls usually play one single source across all video wall displays for an eye-catching effect.

6.10.3 Creating a Video Wall Array

The buttons at the top of the *Video Wall* page allow how the source's image will appear across the displays of the video wall.



COMBINE
INDEPENDENT
OSD ON and OSD OFF

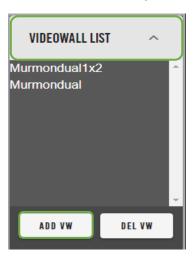
One image is shown on all displays as a continuous image.

One image is shown on all displays independently.

Displays will show their OSD (On-Screen Display) information.



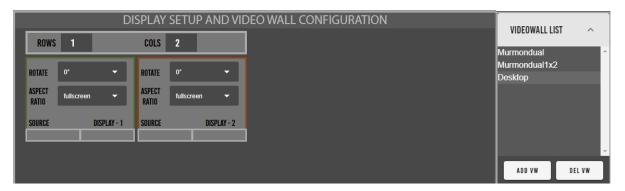
1 In the *Video Wall* tab, select the **videowall list** dropdown menu, and select **add vw**.



2 Enter in the **video wall name**, number of **rows** and **columns**, and the **layout name**. Then select the **save video wall array** button Save VIDEOWALLARRAY.



3 Mentor will then generate the "panels" of the video wall layout, with the previously saved array now appearing under the *VideoWall List*.

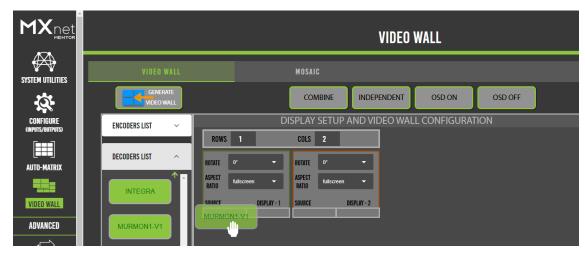


The panels are laid out similarly to how the actual video wall will be viewed in person. Each panel includes a separate dropdown menu for image rotation and aspect ratio, along with the custom names of the selected inputs and outputs, and the display number.

ROTATE	Dropdown menu, options are 0° , 180° , or 270° .
ASPECT RATIO	Dropdown menu, options are fullscreen (4:3) or keep aspect ratio (16:9).
SOURCE	Shows the current active source on the selected display.
DISPLAY - #	Shows the number of the display relative to its position within the video wall layout. Numbered in ascending numerical order, left-to-right and top-to-bottom.



4 Select the **decoders list** dropdown menu, this will show a list of all of the decoders as selectable buttons. Select a decoder by **clicking and dragging** the decoder, moving it over to the right, and dropping it onto a panel.



The selected display's custom name will now appear in the bottom right corner of the panel, indicating the selected display is now assigned to this panel. Repeat this step for other panels.

- 5 Select the **encoders list** dropdown menu. This will show a list of all of the encoders with their connected source's preview image as a selectable thumbnail.
- 6 Select the encoder by **clicking and dragging** the source's thumbnail, moving it over to the right, and dropping it onto a panel.



The selected source's custom name will now appear in the bottom left corner of the panel, indicating the selected source is now assigned to this display. Repeat this step for other panels.

- 7 Select both tiles by left clicking on them. An orange border will highlight the selected displays. Then select the **combine** button at the top of the page.
- Select the **save** button , this will save the selected inputs and outputs to the current video wall array. Then select the **generate video wall** button . The video wall will now show the selected source content.

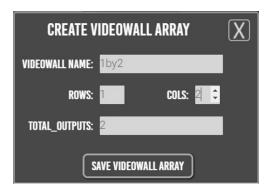


6.10.4 Creating a Mosaic Video Wall

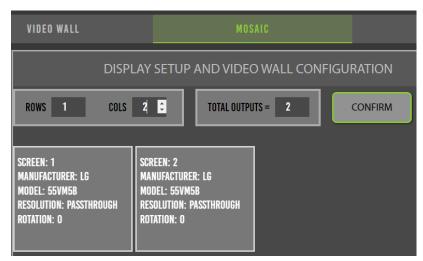
1 In the *Mosaic* tab, select the **videowall list** dropdown menu and select the **add vw** button



2 Enter in the **video wall name**, the number of **rows** and **columns**, and select the **save video wall array** button Save VIDEOWALLARRAY.



3 Mentor will then generate the "panels" of the video wall layout, with the previously saved array now appearing under the *VideoWall List*.



4 Select the **layouts** dropdown menu and select the **add layout** button [ADD LAYOUT].



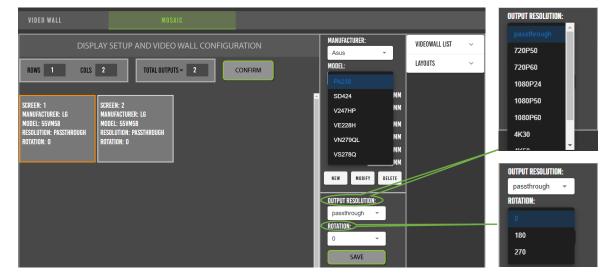


TIP: One physical video wall can have multiple video wall layouts. Every different input source will have a new layout.

5 Enter in the **layout name** and select the **save videowall layout** button **Save Videowall layout**



Select the first panel, an orange border will highlight the selected panel. Select the display's **manufacturer**, **model**, **output resolution**, **and rotation** from their respective dropdown menus, then select the **save** button Repeat this step for the other panel.



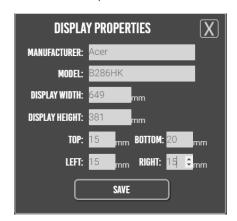


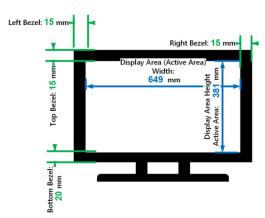


TIP:

Mentor provides an internal catalog of the most commonly used displays. Selecting the manufacturer and model from these dropdown lists will auto-populate the display's dimensions into the appropriate fields.

7 If the display is not listed under the dropdown menus, select the **new** button to open the *Display Properties* window. Enter in the display's **manufacturer**, **model**, and **dimensions**, then select the **save** button.





The newly added display and saved dimensions will now be added to both the *Manufacturer* and *Model* dropdown menu lists and can now be selected for the display(s).



8 Select the **layout design** button will open a separate window.



9 Mentor will generate a "canvas" for the mosaic video wall layout with the ISF® Geometry 1.78:1 test pattern for easy visual reference regarding which part of the content will be captured.

The panels can be individually adjusted by **clicking and dragging** the desired panels on the white background, and selecting the **sync left to right** button selecting the **save** and **active** buttons.



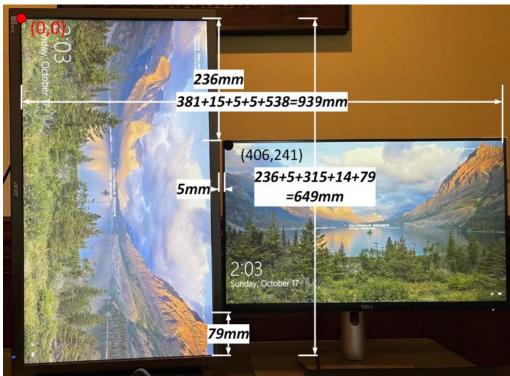
Measurement example:

236mm + 5mm (*Dell top bezel*) = 241mm

381 (Acer height) + 15 (Acer top bezel) + 5mm gap + 5mm (Dell left bezel) = 406mm

Red point / Coordinate origin: (0,0)
Black point / Coordinate: (406,241)







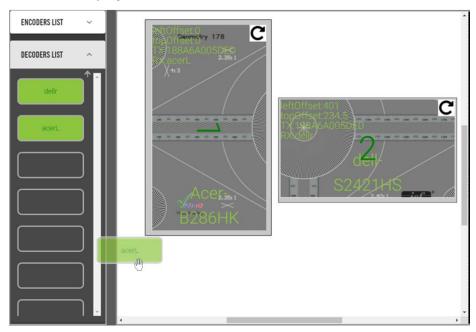
- 10 Select the **encoders list** dropdown menu in the left column, this will show a list of all of the encoders with their connected source's preview image as a selectable thumbnail.
- 11 Select the encoder by **clicking and dragging** the source's thumbnail, moving it over to the right, and dropping it onto a panel.

The selected source's custom name will now appear in the top-left corner of the panel, indicating that source is now assigned to this display. Repeat this step for other panels.



12 Select the **decoders list** dropdown menu, this will show a list of all of the decoders as selectable buttons. Select the decoder by **clicking and dragging** the decoder, moving it over to the right, and dropping it onto a panel.

The selected display's custom name will now appear in the top-left of the panel, indicating the selected display is now assigned to this panel. Repeat this step for the other panel with the other display's decoder.





13 Select the **save** button followed by the **active** button located at the top of this page. The final result of the mosaic video wall is shown below:

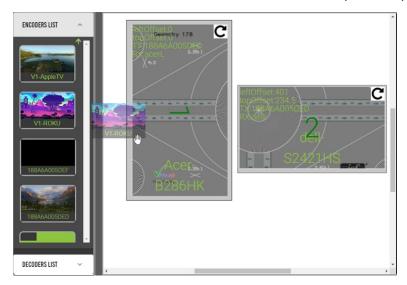


6.10.5 Creating Another Layout

1 Select the **copy to** button and type in the new layout name, then select the **copy videowall layout** button or copy videowall layout button or copy videowal



- 2 Select the **layout design** button to open the mosaic video wall design window.
- Drag and drop the new source to the displays from the encoder list, then select the **save** and **active** buttons located at the top of the page.





4 To switch mosaic video wall layouts, select the **layout name** from the *Layouts* list, then select the **active** button ...

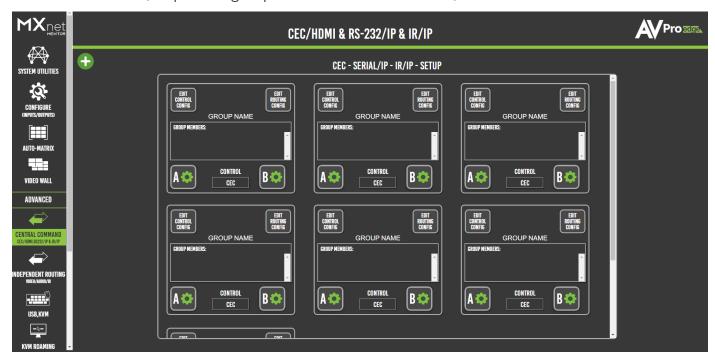


5 To delete a layout, select the **layout name** from the *Layouts* list, then select the **del layout** button . The layout will now be permanently removed from the *Layouts* list and is no longer able to be activated.



6.11 Central Command

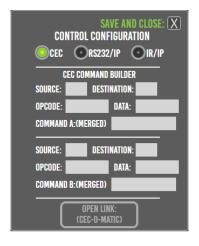
The *Central Command* page provides tools for creating and building various control commands, including RS-232 over IP, IR over IP, and CEC over IP/HDMI. These commands can be sent to a single encoder or decoder, a specified group of encoders and decoders, or all encoders and decoders.



Mentor provides six routing groups for specifying six different sets of targeted display groupings. More routing groups can be added by selecting the **+ (add)** button the top-left corner of the page.

Custom commands can be built by selecting the **edit control config** button and selecting either CEC, RS232/IP, or IR/IP. Each command option will populate the necessary fields for the selected signal type.

6.11.1 Creating a CEC Control Configuration



Source	1st Byte, the logical source address of the message
Destination	1st Byte, the logical destination address of the message
Opcode	2 nd Byte, the CEC request message ID
Data	4 th Byte, the local physical address of the HDMI port
Command	The HDMI-CEC message in its entirety
CEC-O-Matic	Opens a new web browser tab to cec-o-matic.com



6.11.2 Creating an RS-232 Control Configuration



Display	Manufacturer or brand of display
Baud Rate	Speed of bits being sent per second
Data Length	Number of bits in a data frame
Parity Bit	Error detection, includes none, odd, or even
Stop Bit	Allows the next start bit to be transmitted
Flow Control	Controls the amount of data being transmitted
Prefix	The leading character in each message
HEX	Enables HEX characters
Command A	Specified command
Command B	Specified command
Terminator	Carriage return or line feed, may be required by some display manufacturers

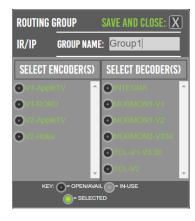
6.11.3 Creating an IR Control Configuration



Display	Manufacturer or brand of display
Command A	Specified command
Command B	Specified command

6.11.4 Routing Groups for Encoders and Decoders

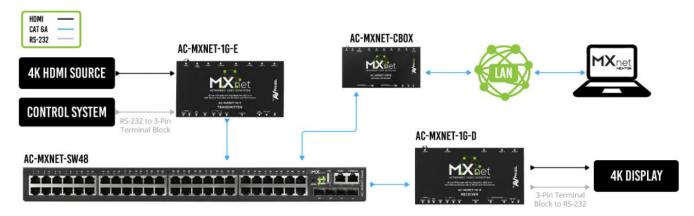
Select the **edit routing config** button , this will open a list of all the encoders and decoders. Select the sources and displays here to apply the selected control configurations, then select the **x** button to **save and close**.



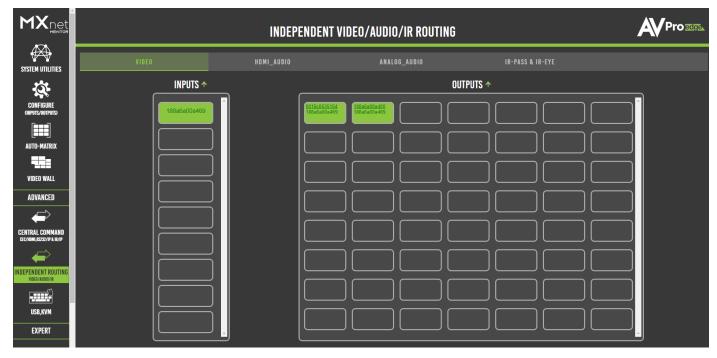


6.12 Independent Routing

This page provides a simple way to separately route video, audio, and control signals from different encoders to different decoders, as well as any equipment connected to either the RS232 or IR EYE and I-PASS ports on the encoders and decoders.



The routing pages closely resemble the *Auto-Matrix* page with additional tabs located at the top for separating video, audio, and IR functionality. Each input can be independently configured to route video, audio, and IR signals.



6.12.1 Creating a Routing Path (applies to all tabs)

- 1 From the *Inputs* column, select the desired source's input. This will highlight the input with an orange border to indicate the selection was made.
- **2** From the *Outputs* grid, select the desired output(s) to route the selected source to. This will highlight the output(s) with an orange border to indicate the selection was made.
- 3 Switching commands are now sent to the source's encoder and the output's decoder(s), and the selected source's signals will now be present on the selected output(s).



6.13 USB & KVM

The USB & KVM page provides a setup interface for routing any USB 2.0 device that uses the USB ports on the decoder which then provides the input for a keyboard and mouse. The KVM decoder input is then routed directly to the host encoder. For most applications, the host will be a PC type computer with one of its USB ports connected to the encoder's USB HOST port.





Chipset V1 decoders (AC-MXNET-1G-D) do not support High-Speed USB 2.0 device connections, while the Chipset V2 decoders (AC-MXNET-1G-DV2) can support one isochronous connection to a High-Speed USB 2.0 device (such as a digital camera) using either USB port 1 or USB port 2 on the V2 decoder.

To check which Chipset version is on a decoder, navigate to the *Configure (Inputs/Outputs)* page within Mentor and select the *Outputs/Decoders/Displays* tab. The *Chipset* column will display the versions of all the decoders.

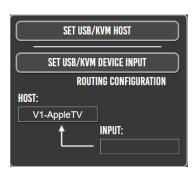




6.13.1 Creating a USB or KVM Routing Path

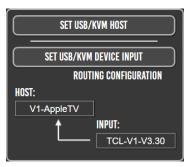
- 1 Plug in all the input devices into the USB ports on the decoder and connect the PC to the USB HOST port on the encoder.
- 2 Select the **set usb/kvm host** button set usb/kvm host within one of the routing setup boxes. This will open a list of USB host devices for the encoders.
 - **NOTE:** If a previous KVM routing path has already been setup using a different routing setup box, any previously selected encoders will then appear in the list as grey, or unavailable.
- 3 Select an encoder to set it as the USB host, then select the \mathbf{x} button to close the USB host list. The selected encoder will now appear in the host field.





- 4 Select the **set usb/kvm device input** button setup box. This will open a list of USB input devices for the decoders.
- 5 Select a decoder to set it as the USB input device, then select the **x** button to close the USB host list. The selected decoder will now appear in the input field.







6.14 KVM Roaming

This page provides tools and features to send bi-directional USB signals for controlling USB and KVM devices up to 150 meters. One KVM roaming group can have up to 17 PCs or laptops, meaning one keyboard and mouse can control up to 17 PCs located in separate secure areas away from the operator running the controls over the network with MXnet. Operators can simply move the mouse cursor across the monitors or screens and fully control that PC through the decoder over the network.

A KVM roaming group consists of a group of decoders that are each connected to their own display (such as a computer monitor or video wall) with one decoder set as the primary decoder and others set as the secondary decoders. In most applications, all PCs or servers will be located in a remote computer rack room and the display monitors and operators will be in the local control rooms or operation centers. In a control room, one operator will operate one KVM roaming group. If there are more operators, then each operator must have a KVM roaming group.

This built-in MXnet feature is ideal for security control rooms, banking networks, corporate communication centers, and educational administration settings.



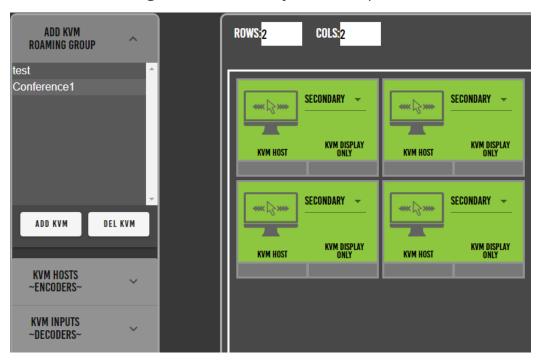
6.14.1 Creating a KVM Array

- 1 Select the **add kvm roaming group** dropdown menu, then select the **add kvm** button ______.
- 2 Enter in a name into the kvm name field, and the number of rows and columns, then select the **save kvm array** button save kvm array button.

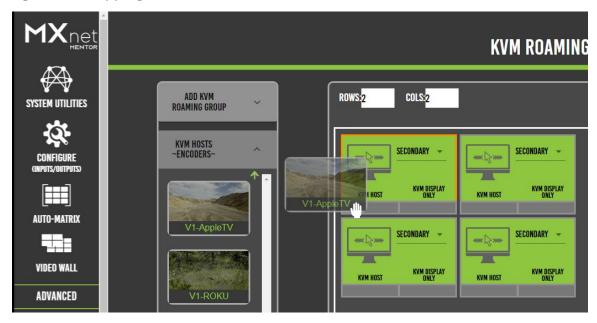




3 The newly created kvm group will now appear under the **add kvm roaming group** dropdown menu, select this to generate a virtual layout of the specified rows and columns as tiles.



- 4 Select the **kvm hosts encoders** dropdown menu, this will show a list of the encoders with their connected source's preview image as a selectable thumbnail.
- 5 Select the encoder by **clicking and dragging** the source's thumbnail, moving it over to the right, and dropping it onto a tile.

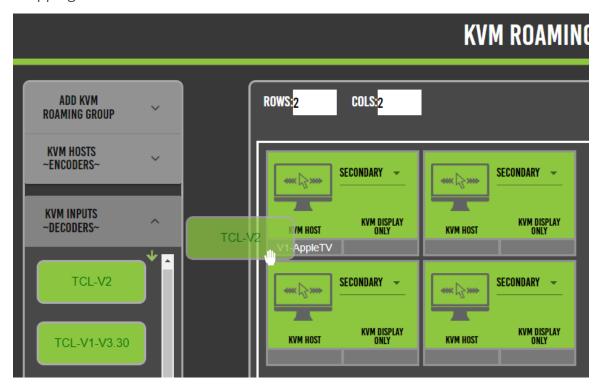


The encoder's custom name will now appear in the bottom-left of the selected tile, indicating the selected source is now assigned as the USB host.

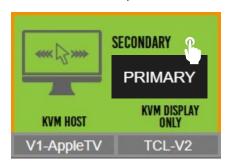
6 Select the **kvm inputs decoders** dropdown menu, this will show a list of the decoders as selectable buttons.



7 Select the decoder by **clicking and dragging** the decoder, moving it over to the right, and dropping it onto the same tile.



8 The dropdown menu included within each tile can be selected as **primary** or **secondary**. Choose primary for main USB hosting devices (such as a desktop PC), and secondary for remote KVM endpoints, (such as a mouse or keyboard connected to a different display).



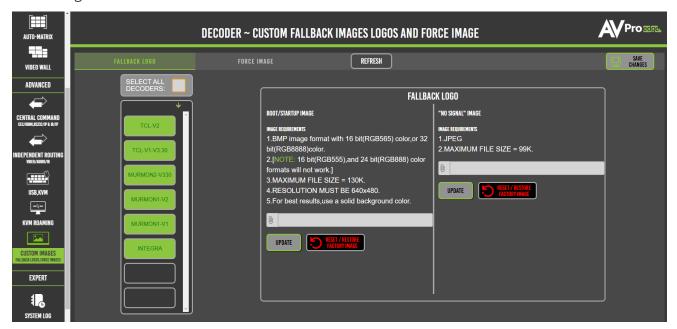
9 (Optional) the OSD on and off buttons can be selected to toggle the OSD overlay to the displays.





6.15 Custom Images

This page provides tools and features for setting up custom logos and images to the displays, ideal for digital signage solutions in a commercial installation. It is separated into two tabs, *Fallback Logo* and *Force Image*.



6.15.1 Fallback Logo

The *Fallback Logo* page provides options and settings for uploading a custom image to appear on selected displays upon initial startup after a reboot or when a device is disconnected from a decoder.

Image Requirements:

BOOT/STARTUP IMAGE

- BMP file format
- 16-bit (RGB656) color, or 32-bit (RGB8888) color
- 130KB maximum file size
- 640 x 480 pixel resolution

"NO SIGNAL" IMAGE

- IPEG file format
- 99KB maximum file size

If no custom images are uploaded, Mentor will display the following default image:





6.15.2 Uploading a Fallback Logo or "No Signal" Image

- 1 Select the **display** from the list of decoders on the left side, indicated by a highlighted orange border. To send the custom image to all the displays, check the **select all decoders** box
- 2 Select the **paperclip** icon to browse through local files and select the desired image file.



Select the **update** button to upload the selected file image to the selected display(s). Then select the **save changes** button.

6.15.3 Force Image

This tab provides tools and features that allow the displays to switch to a custom image or logo for more personalized media content.



Image Requirements:

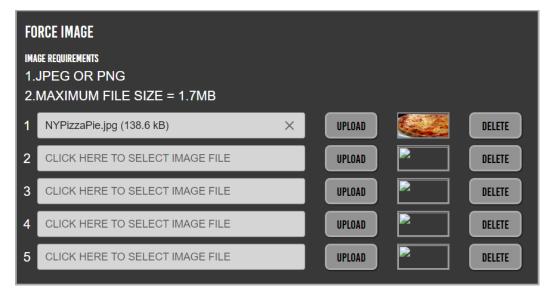
BOOT/STARTUP IMAGE

- IPEG or PNG file format
- 1.7MB maximum file size

6.15.4 Uploading a Force Image

- 1 Select the **display(s)** from the list of decoders on the left side, indicated by a highlighted orange border. To send the custom image to all the displays, check the **select all decoders** box
- 2 Select one of the fields, numbered 1-5, to browse through the local files and select the desired image file. Up to 5 images can be uploaded at a time.





- 3 Select the **upload** button ____, a thumbnail will generate a preview of the selected image.
- 4 Select the desired **resolution**, the **image number**, followed by the **show** button ______.

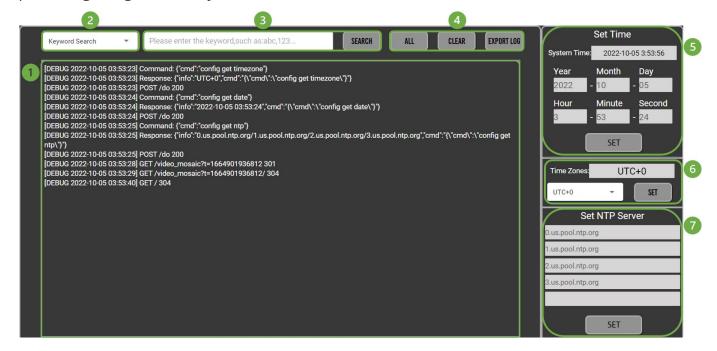


- 5 The uploaded image will now be shown on the selected display(s).
- **6** To remove a forced image, select the **hide** button **_____**.



6.16 System Log

MXnet Mentor features the *System Log* page that provides current MXnet system information, time zone options for the system time and date, and setting NTP (Network Time Protocol) servers for more precise signaling and time synchronization.



1 SYSTEM LOG SCREEN

This is the MXnet log that records system events generated by the AC-MXNET-CBOX-HA in a continuous stream while the page is open within Mentor. Events recorded in the *System Log* consist of timestamped information about commands, system functions, and what actions were taken. Users cannot alter the recorded information logged by the *System Log* page.

NOTE: The System Log only records information while Mentor is opened to the System Log page and does not record and store information internally.

TIP: Open the *System Log* page in a separate tab on your web browser to record information while testing or troubleshooting Mentor on a different web browser tab.

2 KEYWORD SEARCH

Dropdown menu containing search options for locating specific information in the current running system log. Keywords or phrases can be searched by selecting one of the dropdown menu options, typing in the keyword or phrase into the text field, and selecting the search button on the right.

Keyword Search locates all information containing the specific keyword or phrase within the *System Log*.

Keyword Filtering hides all information containing the specific keyword or phrase within the *System Log*.

3 SEARCH FIELD

Type in a keyword or phrase into the text field then select the **search** button to locate or hide all the information containing the keyword or phrase from the *System Log* screen.



4 VIEW SETTINGS

Selecting one of these buttons alters how the information is viewed on the *System Log* screen.

All shows all information of events currently recorded while the page is open within Mentor.

Clear hides all events recorded in the *System Log* from view.

Export Log downloads a .txt file of all *System Log* events recorded up until the page opened within Mentor.

5 SET TIME

The *System Time* is set by the default NTP server(s). If there are no NTP servers set within Mentor, the *System Time* can be manually entered in by typing into the date and time fields and selecting the **set** button to apply the changes.

6 TIME ZONES

Select the dropdown menu to set the UTC time zone to a positive or negative UTC offset, then select the **set** button to apply the changes.

7 SET NTP SERVER

By default, MXnet utilizes these four NTP servers from United States – us.pool.ntp.org:

0.us.pool.ntp.org

1.us.pool.ntp.org

2.us.pool.ntp.org

3.us.pool.ntp.org

The servers are listed by priority level, meaning that the *System Time* will always be set by the NTP server listed in the first field. Should the first NTP server fail, then the *System Time* will be set by the second listed NTP server, and so on.

Up to 5 NTP servers can be set by entering in the NTP server addresses into the fields and selecting the **set** button to apply the changes.



7 MAINTENANCE

To ensure reliable operation of these devices as well as protecting the safety of any person using or handling these devices while powered, observe the following instructions:

- Use the provided power supplies. If an alternative power supply is required, check the voltage and polarity to ensure it has sufficient power to supply the device it is connected to.
- Do not operate these devices outside the specified temperature and humidity range given in the above specifications.
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation to allow these devices to operate efficiently.
- Repair of the equipment should only be carried out by qualified professionals as these devices contain sensitive components that may be damaged by any mistreatment.
- Only use these devices in a dry environment. Do not allow any liquids or harmful chemicals to come into contact with these devices.
- Clean this unit with a soft, dry cloth. Never use alcohol, paint thinner, or benzene to clean these devices.

8 DAMAGE REQUIRING SERVICE

The devices should be serviced by qualified personnel if:

- The DC power supply cord or AC adapter has been damaged
- Objects or liquids have breached the interior of the devices
- The devices have been exposed to rain or moisture
- The devices do not operate normally or exhibit a marked change in performance
- The devices have been dropped or the housing is damaged

9 SUPPORT

Should you experience any problems using this product, you may contact AVPro Technical Support. When calling in, the following information should be provided:

- Product name and model number
- Product serial number
- Details of the issue and any conditions under which the issue is occurring

10 WARRANTY

10.1 The Basics

AVPro Edge warranties its products that are purchased from all authorized AVPro Edge resellers or direct purchases. Products are guaranteed to be free from manufacturing defects and are of sound physical and electronic condition.

AVPro Edge has developed a warranty that anyone can get behind. We really wanted to take all the "red tape" out of a warranty and just make it simple. Our 10 Year No BS Warranty hinges on 3 elements:

• If you are having trouble, call us. We will attempt to troubleshoot your issue over the phone.



- If it's broken, we will replace it in advance on our dime and we'll also cover the return shipping. Repair is an option too, but it's YOUR call.
- We know you know what you are doing. We will not make you go through unnecessary steps to troubleshoot an extender.

10.2 Coverage Details

AVPro Edge will replace or repair (at customer choice) defective products. If the product is out of stock or on backorder it can be replaced with a comparable product of equal value/feature set (if available) or repaired.

Your warranty begins at receipt of product (as confirmed by shipping firm tracking). If tracking information is unavailable for any reason, the warranty will commence 30 ARO (After Receipt of Order). The coverage continues for 10 years.

10.3 Red Tape

AVPro Edge is not responsible for untraceable purchases or those that were made outside of an authorized channel.

If we conclude that a product or serial number has been tampered with as identified by warranty seal of physical examination the warranty will be void. Additionally, excessive physical damage (beyond normal wear & tear) the warranty may be voided or prorated based on the extent of the damage as examined by an AVPro Edge representative.

Damage caused by "acts of God" are not covered. They include natural disasters, power surges, storms, earthquakes, tornados, sink holes, typhoons, tidal waves, hurricanes, or any other uncontrollable event related to nature.

Damage caused by incorrect installation will not be covered. Incorrect power supply, inadequate cooling, improper cabling, inadequate protection, static discharge are examples of this.

Products installed or sold by a third party to AVPro Edge will be serviced by the authorized AVPro Edge reseller. Accessories (IR cables, RS-232, power supplies, etc.) are not included in the warranty. We will make acceptable efforts to source and supply replacements for defective accessories at a discounted rate as needed.

10.4 Obtaining an RMA

Dealers, resellers, and installers can request an RMA from an AVPro Edge Technical Support representative or Sales Engineer. Or you may email support@avproedge.com or fill out the general contact form at swww.avproedge.com/contact.

End users may not request an RMA directly from AVPro Edge and will be referred back to the dealer, reseller, or installer.

10.5 Shipping

For USA (not including Alaska and Hawaii), shipping is covered on advanced replacements for FedEx Ground (some expressed exceptions may apply). Defective product return shipping is covered by



AVPro Edge using an emailed return label. Items must be returned with 30 days of receipt of the replacement product, after 40 days the customer will be billed. Other return shipping methods will not be covered.

For international (and Alaska and Hawaii) return shipping costs will be the responsibility of the returnee. Once the unit is scanned for return shipping AVPro Edge will ship the new replacement unit.

10.6 Limitation on Liability

The maximum liability of AVPro Global Holdings LLC under this limited warranty shall not exceed the actual purchase price paid for the product. AVPro Global Holdings LLC is not responsible for direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages resulting from any breach of warranty or condition, or under any other legal theory to the maximum extent permitted by law. Taxes, Duties, VAT, and other freight forwarding service charges are not covered or paid for by this warranty.

Obsolescence or incompatibility with newly invented technologies (after manufacture of product) is not covered by this warranty. Obsolescence is defined as:

"Peripherals are rendered obsolete when current technology does not support product repair or remanufacture. O products cannot be remanufactured because advanced technologies supersede original product manufacturer capabilities. Because of performance, price and functionality issues, product re-development is not an option."

Discontinued or out-of-production items will be credited at fair market value towards a current product of equal or comparable capabilities and cost. Fair market value is determined by AVPro Edge.

10.7 Exclusive Remedy

To the maximum extent permitted by law, this limited warranty and the remedies set forth above are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties, remedies, and conditions, whether oral or written, express or implied. To the maximum extent permitted by law, AVPro Global Holdings LLC specifically disclaims any and all implied warranties, including, without limitation, warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. If AVPro Global Holdings LLC cannot lawfully disclaim or exclude implied warranties under applicable law, then all implied warranties covering this product, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, shall apply to this product as provided under applicable law.

This warranty supersedes all other warranties, remedies, and conditions, whether oral or written, express or implied.

