



Frequently Asked Questions: MediaTrans

Please note that this correct up to 3rd March 2008

Q) For people working with Avid Interplay, can MediaTrans export/import MXF files as well as OMF?

A) MediaTrans without Medway only exports OMF. However these are only empty sequences and do not affect video clip file formats. MXF can be chosen during a batch import if needed. However, MediaTrans does not export MXF empty sequences. Mediatrans does not in anyway import OMF nor MXF files from AVID. ActiveSync works on an EDL basis. MXF video files for proxy video to be loaded to Mediatrans should be converted, or use the Medway option.

Q) Does Mediatrans support most video file formats?

A) MediaTrans currently only handles Windows Media Player file formats. MOV's or DV's will not work. AVI files with the appropriate codecs installed will work. However, it is always important that the proxy video (or hi-res) to be loaded onto MediaTrans should have enough key-frames, since some MPEG-1 or WMV files with very low bitrate to not work all that well.

Q) When you import a .pac file, the style information obviously appears in the StyleEx column. If you then come out of PAC mode and the StyleEx column disappears, is that style information still maintained? And can you then manipulate the styles in the file using the Style Editor, AutoStyle etc?

A) Yes the StyleEx column is used to keep as much PAC format data as possible during import. Even if you turn off PAC mode, yes the column seems to disappear but the data will be preserved. Yes you can reference the StyleEx column to Auto-Style after PAC mode is turned off and set styles, and this is meant to work that way. PAC style itself can also be manipulated by turning off PAC mode, open Style Editor, choose PAC, change settings, then save the style. However, we are now modifying the way how PAC mode works to support multi-language environment, and thus next version will have multiple PAC files for language settings.

Q) Is Mediatrans compatible with AVID DS?

A) AVID DS has its own subtitle format and MediaTrans does generate that format as well. However, it is a bit different as it does not use PNG + OMF generation. The processing uses an AVID proprietary subtitle file format, and does not guarantee WYSIWYG in any way.

Q) Single-word italics – Is there a method to output single words or group of words in italics? This is the standard style for denoting the names of books, films, etc. And entire line can be made Italicized by clicking that setting in its style, but can part of a line be italicized?

A)

- Make sure PAC mode is turned off. (PAC mode is enabled or disabled under the PAC tab on the top tool bars menu)
- Go to the subtitle line which needs to have the Style Override applied to it (this enables word or letter based style editing) and click on Style Editor.
- When the Style Editor is on, Right click on the Mediaplayer screen, and click on "Edit".
- Drag the word which needs to have the Style Override applied.
- Change whatever attribute that are needed, then Right-click again on the Mediaplayer screen and make sure to click on "Save".
- Preview by clicking on F5 and see that the word has been changed. Export as usual to render this into PNGs or TIFFs.

NOTE: Style Editor must be opened and Right-clicked to choose "Init" in order to disable the Style Override effect (initialize). Init does not require Save.