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OPERATION MANUAL

General Guide Notes

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Firmware Version

Some features described in this manual require the latest firmware to be installed on the hardware platform. Check with ATX Networks Technical Support for the latest release of firmware. The firmware installed on your Device may be found in the GUI. At the time of publication of this manual the most current released firmware versions are:

Version **VA2.2.1.291_VMS2.2.1.1098 Build 1098**
Mkip System Menu Version **0.5.5**

Organization of This Manual

This manual is generally organized based on the main function Transcoding with individual chapters dedicated to describing the configurable features and monitoring. Further chapters outline activities related to the GUI operation and configuration.

Cross Reference Usage

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NOTE: *This symbol indicates that there is helpful related information available in this note or elsewhere in the guide.*

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GENERAL CONFIGURATION

1. GUI Environment

The GUI is the Management Interface (Graphical User Interface) used to manage the VersActive®Pro transcoder which will be referred to as **Device**.

1.1 Chapter Contents

- “Switch and Firewall Port Opening”
- “Preview”
- “Launch the GUI and Log in”
- “Configuring the Device - Quick Summary”
- “The GUI”
- “Application Terminology”
- “Device Menu & Tool Bar”
- “Resource Menu & Tool Bar”
- “Copy & Paste”

1.2 Switch and Firewall Port Opening



NOTE: Any Management Switch used between Devices and the Management Computer will require the following ports to be opened both Inbound and Outbound.

Port Number	Transport	Protocol	Description
80	TCP	RTMP, RTMPT, HTTP	File Upload (Licence, VersActive Software) By default, Flash Player clients make RTMP connections over port 1935 using TCP. To communicate over the RTMP protocol, clients attempt to connect to ports in the following order: 1935, 80 (RTMP), 80 (RTMPT).
8080	TCP	HTTP	HTTP Communications
8111	TCP		Communication
8112	UDP		Communications
8113	UDP		Messaging
8118			Communications
1935	TCP	RTMP/E	Adobe® Flash® (Previewing, Monitoring) Flash Media Server listens for RTMP/E requests on port 1935/TCP. Clients attempt to connect over ports in the following order: 1935, 80 (RTMP), 80 (RTMPT).
1935	UDP	RTMFP	Adobe Flash (Previewing, Monitoring) Flash Media Server listens for RTMFP requests on port 1935/UDP
8443	TCP	HTTPS	HTTPS Communications

1.2.1 Notes on Opening Fire Wall Port 1935 for Monitoring

Some firewalls reject traffic that doesn't use the HTTP protocol. This behavior can prevent communication over RTMP even if port 1935 is open. Consult the documentation for the firewall to determine how to configure it to allow RTMP traffic. To use RTMP and RTMFP, any switch or firewall between the server and clients must allow inbound and outbound traffic on port 1935.

If it is not possible to open port 1935 inbound and outbound then monitoring will not work. In this case it is best to disable monitoring altogether within the GUI, see Figure 6-5.

The resource contains both the actual publish and the preview. When the preview can not connect the whole pipeline of the stream will stop and retry and not publish. The events log will report “Cannot connect to RTMP server”. The resource will show “Resource is retrying” at the events tab. Disabling ‘Preview’ will prevent events from being detected when the streams cannot connect during monitoring.

1.3 Preview

The Preview function which allows viewing live video of each Ethernet Resource is turned on by default, Figure 1-1, but may be disabled at each individual Resource by unticking the **Preview On** box and then clicking **Save**.

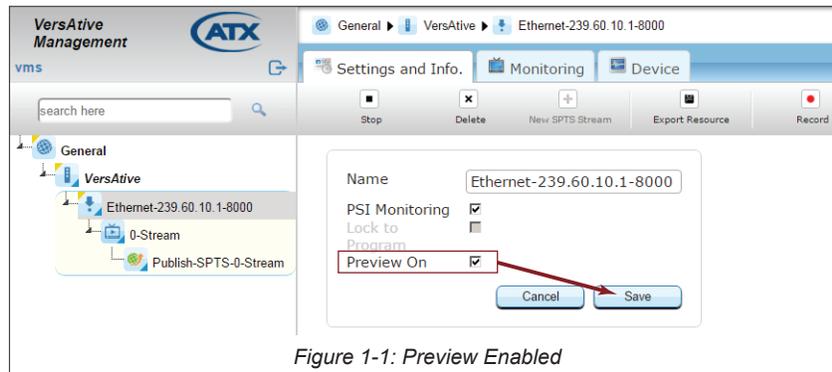


Figure 1-1: Preview Enabled

1.4 Launch the GUI and Log in

1. Open a new tab in the web browser of your choice, Figure 1-2.
2. Enter the IP address of the Management Port; factory default **192.168.0.23**
3. Login with credentials, (case sensitive):
 User Name: **vms**
 Password: **VMS**
4. The GUI will open as shown in Figure 1-3.



Figure 1-2: GUI Login

1.5 Configuring the Device - Quick Summary

These are the key steps required to set up the Device.

1.5.1 This Chapter:

- GUI Overview
- Open the GUI and log in.

1.5.2 General Configuration Chapter

- Managing Firmware
- Managing Users
- SNMP

1.5.3 Device Configuration Chapter

- Configure Ethernet Input & Output Streaming Ports

1.5.4 Transcode Chapter

- Create Resources

The resource will be an Ethernet IP stream address to which the Device subscribes (Devices may have multiple physical Ethernet ports on which Resources may be present).

- Create SPTS Streams
The Stream defines the resolution, bitrate, audio codec, and CBR/VBR for the stream. Multiple streams may be added to the Resource.
- Create Publish Points
The Publish defines the output protocol, the output IP address and interface. Multiple Publish Points may be added to the stream.
- Start Transcoding from the Resource icon.

1.6 The GUI

The GUI is based on a familiar **Tree** and **Tabbed Pane** design, Figure 1-3. The main parts are:

1. Tree View of Managed Elements.
2. Pane View of the Selected Element.
3. Tool Bar.
4. Context Sensitive Right Click Menu.
5. Tree View Search Tool.
6. Details View for Selected Element.
7. Alarms Notification Panel.
8. Events Notification Panel.

Managed Elements are displayed in their relationships to each other in the **Tree View**, see Figure 1-3, and details pertaining to the elements are displayed in the **Pane View** when the element is selected. Further details about the selected element and configuration dialogs are accessed within the Pane View with **Navigation Tabs**.

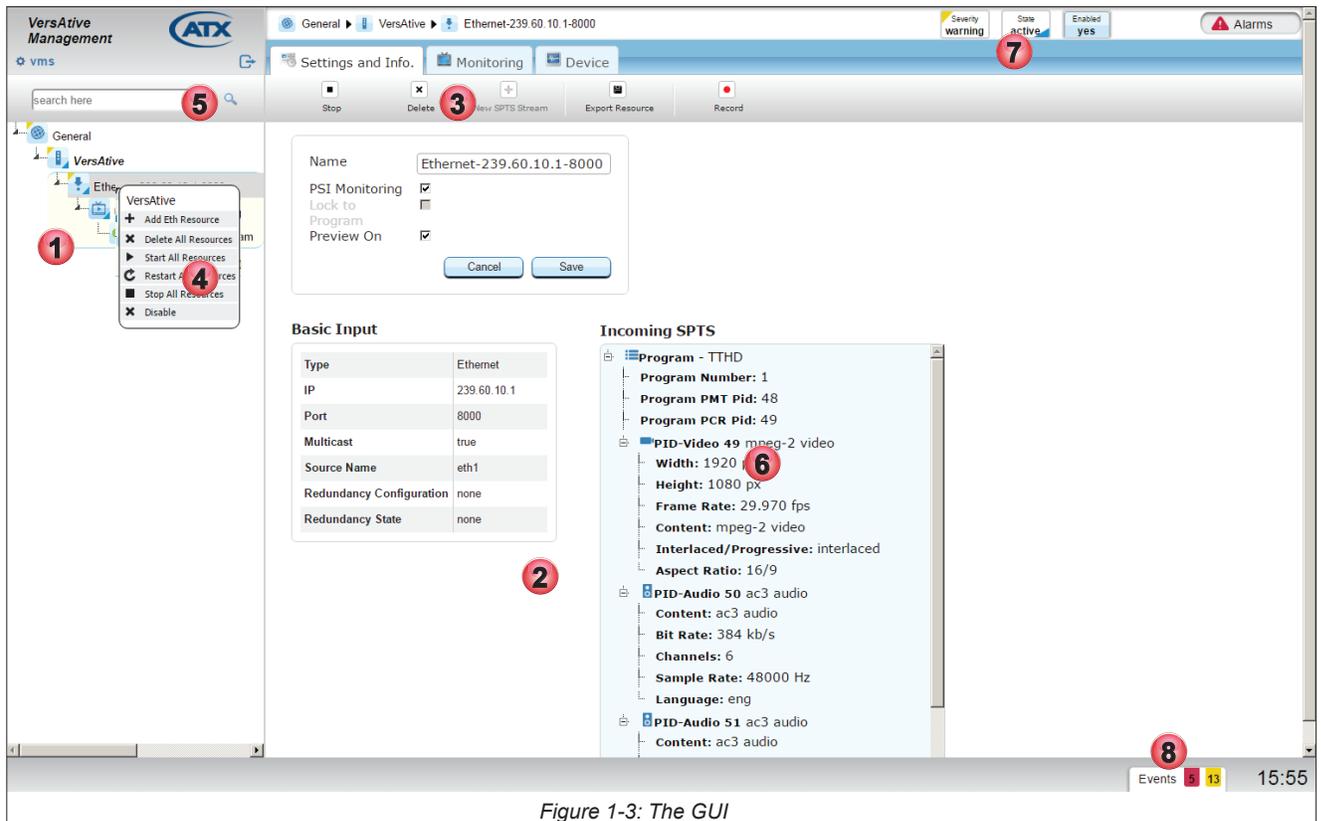


Figure 1-3: The GUI

1.7 Application Terminology

A review of the application terminology used in the GUI and transcoding application:

1. Resource
The external video and/or audio source content stream available to the Input Ethernet Ports.
2. SPTS Stream
The SPTS Stream defines the resolution, bitrate (constant or variable), and audio codec.
3. Publish
The Publish defines the output protocol, the output IP Address and Physical Interface.

1.8 Device Menu & Tool Bar

Device Configuration options are available on both the Right Click menu and the Tool Bar. To access these menus, right click on the Device Icon (VersActive is the Device name in this example but you may rename it) Figure 1-4.

1. Add Eth Resource
Add to this Device an **Ethernet Resource** for receiving content.
2. Add Capture Resource
Not used on this VersActive Device
3. Export Resources
Saves a backup copy of the resource parameters to a file or series of files. Allows selection of any or all of the created resources which include any SPTS streams and their publish points.
4. Import Resources
Import or restore resources from a file saved earlier.
5. Reboot VersActive
Reboots the server.
6. Delete all Resources
May be used to stop all resources simultaneously. (Resources may also be stopped individually from the resource itself).
7. Start all Resources
Starts all created Resources with a single command.
8. Re-start all Resources
Stops then re-starts all created Resources with a single command.
9. Stop All Resources
May be used to stop all resources simultaneously. (Resources may also be stopped individually from the resource itself).
10. Disable
Disables the Device Platform.

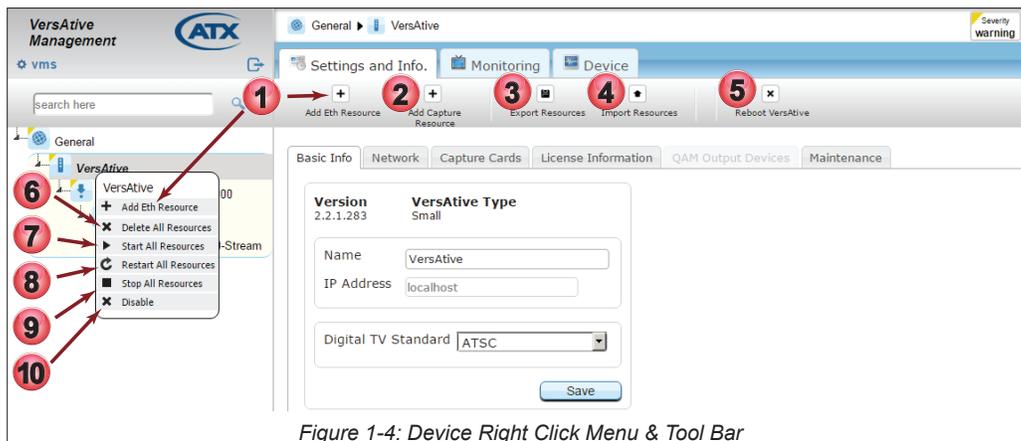


Figure 1-4: Device Right Click Menu & Tool Bar

1.9 Resource Menu & Tool Bar

Resource operations are available on both the Right Click menu and the Tool Bar, Figure 1-5. To access these menus, right

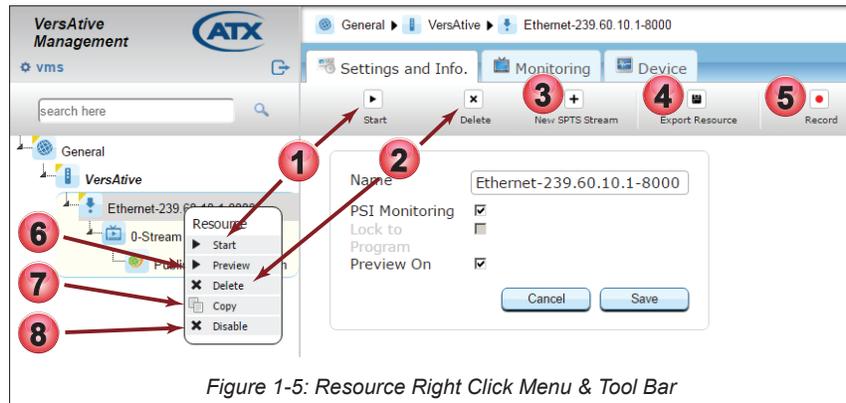


Figure 1-5: Resource Right Click Menu & Tool Bar

click on any resource.

1. Start
Starts the individual streams created on the selected resource.
2. Delete
Deletes the selected Resource.
3. New SPTS Stream
Used to create SPTS streams for IPTV applications.
4. Export Resource
Saves a backup copy of the individual resource parameters to a file. Automatically assigns a unique name to identify the resource it represents.
5. Record
Saves a copy of 30 seconds of the TS stream and allows saving the stream file for offline analysis or play. Includes audio and video.
6. Preview
A powerful feature used to open a low resolution thumbnail picture for viewing the incoming stream. Each resource may be enabled for preview individually during setup. For more information on this feature see [“6.3 Preview or Monitor Resources”](#) on page 6-3.
7. Copy(Paste)
A feature used along with the Paste feature under the Device to quickly replicate Resources. Will copy all streams created on the selected resource. Renames the copy of everything with unique names which may require editing for better clarity.
8. Disable
Disables the resource. Once disabled, the menu item changes to Enable. This feature is useful when you will be creating a copied resource with the same configuration. The user can disable and enable resources to avoid conflicted output configurations since VMS will not allow two resources with conflicts.

1.10 Copy & Paste

This section shows a few examples of copying and pasting to replicate Resources, Streams and Publish Points in the Tree View. Once a Resource and its related Streams and Publishes are defined, the Streams and Publishes or the entire Resource may be replicated any number of times in any location in the Tree View. All pasted objects represent exact images of the copied source and will require some editing to avoid duplication within the Device. The process is the same for all Copy & Paste operations whether Streams or Publish Points are being copied.

1.10.1 Copy & Paste Streams

1. Select the Donor Resource with an SPTS Stream and Publish Points that it is desired to replicate, Figure 1-6.
2. Create a Recipient Resource that will have Streams copied to it.

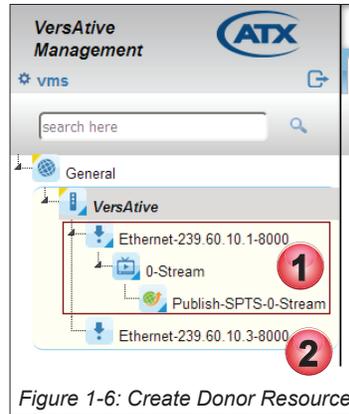


Figure 1-6: Create Donor Resource

3. Right click the **Stream** on the **Donor** Resource and select Copy from the menu, Figure 1-7.

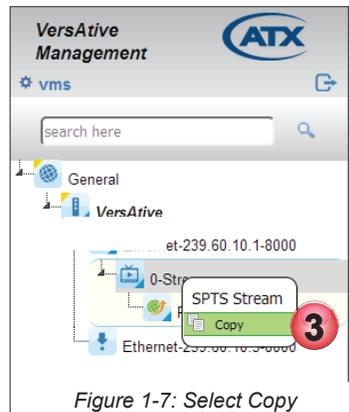


Figure 1-7: Select Copy

- Right click the **Recipient** Resource and select Paste from the menu, Figure 1-8.

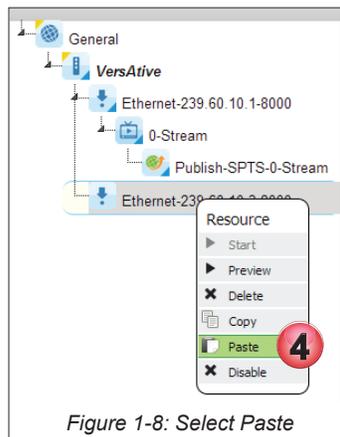


Figure 1-8: Select Paste

- An exact copy of the stream is replicated on the new Resource, Figure 1-9.

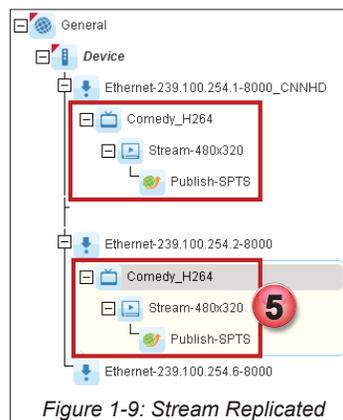


Figure 1-9: Stream Replicated



WARNING The replicated Streams will have identical properties to the copied Streams so conflicting properties must be edited manually before the Stream may be started. A warning is given, see Figure 1-10.

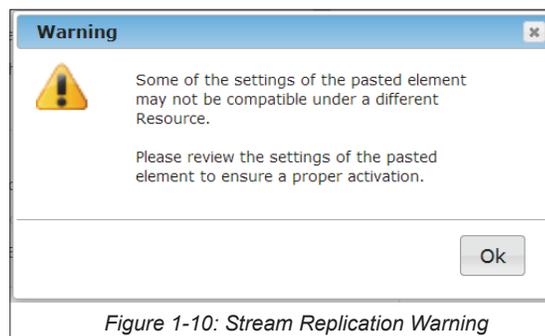


Figure 1-10: Stream Replication Warning

6. Click to select the new **Stream** in the Tree View, Figure 1-11.
7. You may **Rename** the Stream to something meaningful or leave as the default name.
8. Edit **Video, Audio & Video Pre-processing Parameters** as required.
9. Click **Save** to save changes to the Stream.

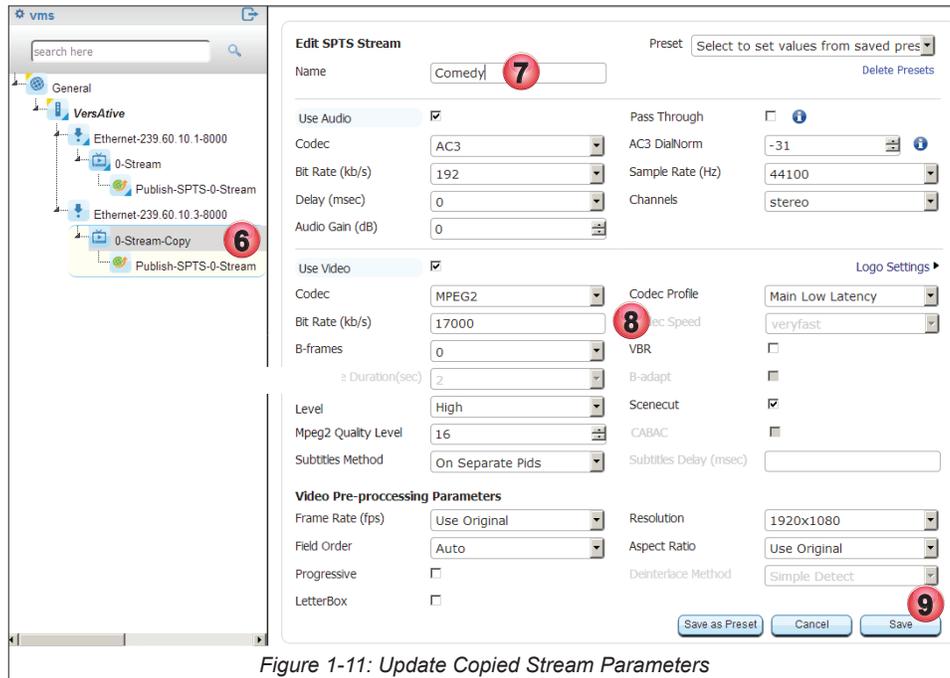


Figure 1-11: Update Copied Stream Parameters

10. Click the **Publish** in the Tree View to open the parameters window, Figure 1-12.
11. You may **Rename** the Publish to a meaningful name or leave the default name.
12. Tick the box next to any of the PIDs for audio, Teletext and private data which should be active; these are unselected by default during the Paste operation.
13. Next, **Tick** the box of the **Connection** to be edited. There could be more than one connection to be edited.
14. Click **Edit** to enable changing the IP address and input interface port.
15. Next, **Edit** the IP address to the correct value for this publish and select the appropriate interface.
16. Click **Apply** to apply the changes to the Connection.
17. Click **Save** to save all of the changes to the publishes.

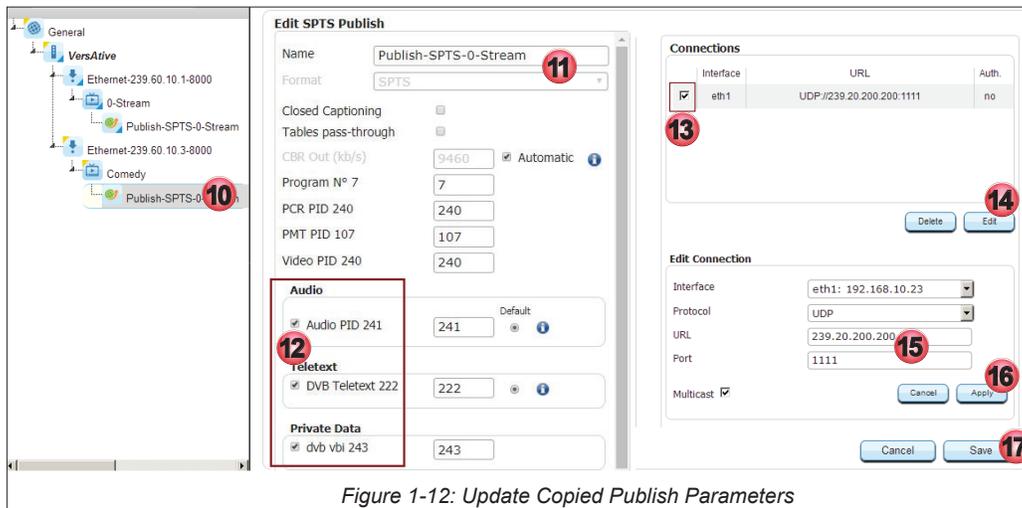


Figure 1-12: Update Copied Publish Parameters

GENERAL (GLOBAL) CONFIGURATION

2. General (Global) Configuration

General configuration represents the Platform Global settings. This is the top level of the Tree View.

2.1 Chapter Contents

- “General Tool Bar”
- “General Right Click Menu”
- “Products Upgrade”
- “System Time”
- “User Management”
- “Licence”
- “SNMP”

2.2 General Tool Bar

Configuring Global Platform settings:

1. Click the **General** icon at the top level of Tree View to select it, Figure 2-1.
2. Tool Bar options allow shutting down or restarting VersActive as well as uploading new firmware.
 - Upload Version - Uploads new firmware version, to upgrade the VersActive system. See “2.4 Products Upgrade” on page 2-2 for procedure.
 - Shutdown General - This gracefully shutdowns the unit. When the unit is shutdown, the front panel Power button must be pressed locally to power the unit back up again.
 - Restart VersActive - Restarts the entire user interface; warm re-boot of the machine.
3. Tabs are presented in the Pane View for more specific system configuration.



Figure 2-1: General Configuration Tabs

2.3 General Right Click Menu

You may **right click** the General icon then select **About** to view more details about the platform, Figure 2-2, such as the firmware version, hardware serial number, environment version and server uptime.

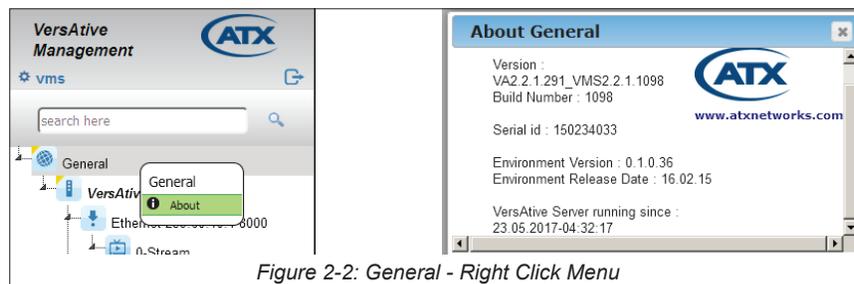


Figure 2-2: General - Right Click Menu

2.4 Products Upgrade

Products upgrade (Firmware Upgrade), when available, is obtained from ATX Networks Technical Support group. Obtain the file and save it to your Management Computer before beginning the upgrade.

2.4.1 View Current Firmware Version

Start by logging into the system to be upgraded then view the current version of firmware, Figure 2-3.

1. Click on the **VersActive Device**.
2. Click the **Settings and Info** upper tab if it is not selected.
3. In the **Basic Info** lower tab, the version is displayed below the tab.

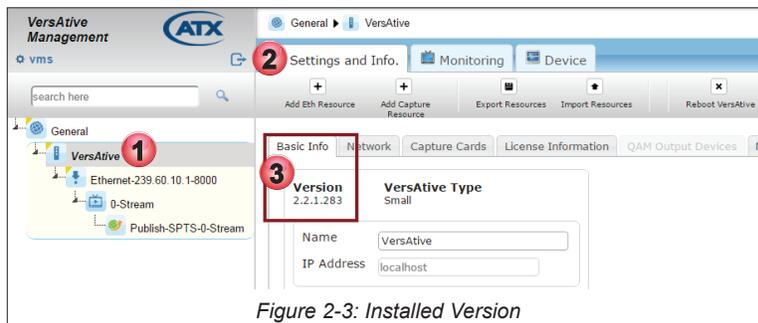


Figure 2-3: Installed Version

2.4.2 Upgrade Firmware

Firmware is obtained from ATX Networks Technical Support group. Save the file first to your local PC or accessible drive.

Procedure

This procedure explains how to upload then install new firmware versions to the VersActive Pro. After uploading, the firmware will reside on the integral Device hard drive for subsequent installation now or at a later time. Uploading saves the firmware to the Device hard drive it does not install the firmware.

1. Click on the **General** icon in Tree View, Figure 2-4. The page shows saved firmware versions, allows reinstalling previous versions or deletion of versions no longer needed.
2. Click **Upload Version** on the Tool Bar to upload another new version.

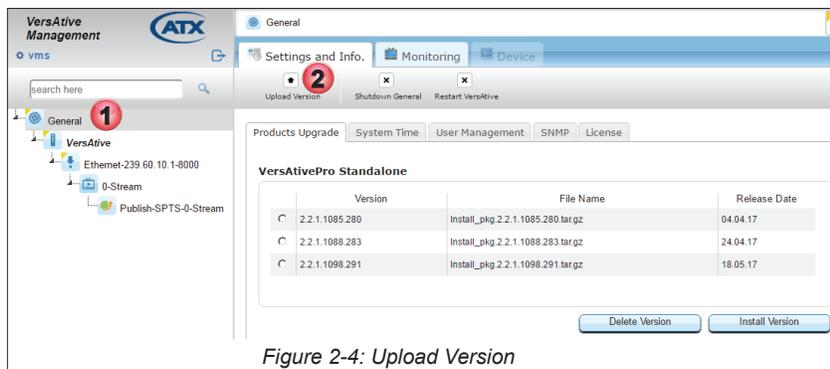


Figure 2-4: Upload Version

3. In the Dialog box that opens, click **Choose File** then browse to locate the file stored on your computer, Figure 2-5.
4. Click **Upload** to begin the process.

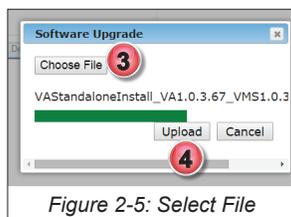


Figure 2-5: Select File

When the upload is complete, the new version will be listed below any previous versions, Figure 2-6.



Figure 2-6: New Uploaded Version

5. Click the selector **Button** to select the firmware you just uploaded, Figure 2-7.
6. Click **Install Version**.

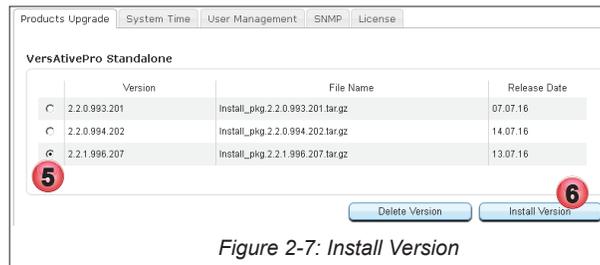


Figure 2-7: Install Version

The firmware upgrade process will begin and a progress screen is presented, Figure 2-8.

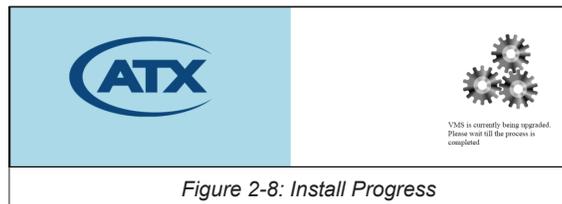


Figure 2-8: Install Progress

- Soon, the SEULA(Software End User Licence Agreement) is presented, Figure 2-9.
7. Click the **I Agree** box.
 8. Click **Accept**.

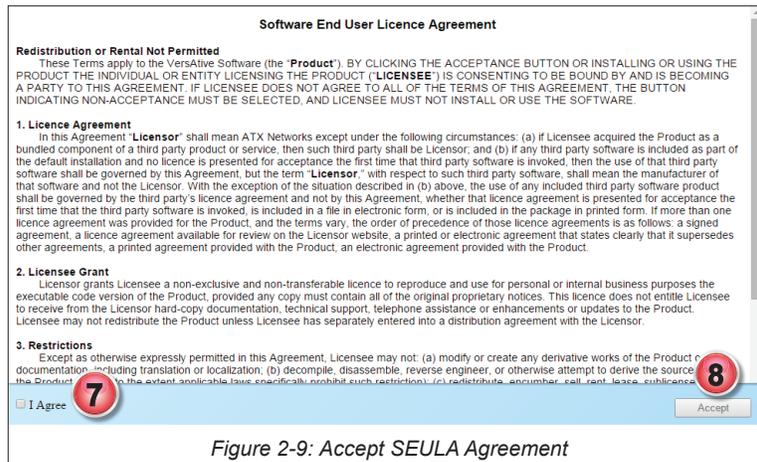


Figure 2-9: Accept SEULA Agreement

Login to the GUI and check the Device Basic Info page to see that the firmware is installed, see “2.4.1 View Current Firmware Version” on page 2-2 and Figure 2-3.

2.5 System Time

System time is set by default to be set manually but it may also be set to be automatically updated by a defined NTP server if the VersAtive Device has access to either a local server or internet NTP servers.

2.5.1 Change Time Zone & NTP Server

The Time and Date are set manually by factory default and assumes that Internet access is not available. Use of an NTP server assumes that the VersAtivePro has access to DNS servers and Internet.

1. Click **General** Icon at top of Tree View, Figure 2-10.
2. Click the **System Time** tab.
3. Select the Button '**Set Time from NTP server**'.
4. Enter the **IP Address** or **URL** of the desired NTP server.
5. Select the appropriate **Time Zone** from the dropdown menu.
6. Click the **Apply** button.

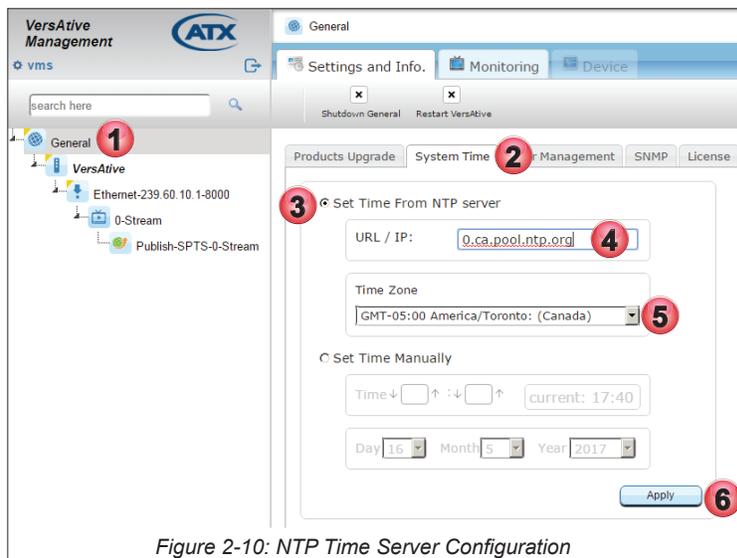


Figure 2-10: NTP Time Server Configuration

2.6 User Management

A single user with Administrator authority is defined by default but users may be added or managed as required.

2.6.1 VMS Authentication

This is the only authentication type and relies on a username and password for security.

Add User

1. Click the **General** Icon at top of Tree View to select it, Figure 2-11.
2. Click the **User Management** tab.
3. Click **New**.

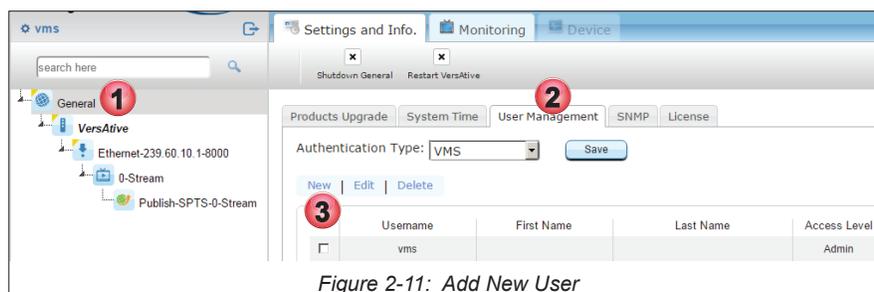


Figure 2-11: Add New User

4. Enter **Username** for new user, Figure 2-12 (a user's actual first and last name may also be entered, optional).
5. Select the **Access Level** for new user.
6. Enter and confirm **Password** for new user (password will be masked by default).
7. Mousing over the password entry reveals an 'abc hotspot'. Click **abc** to show password momentarily.
8. Click **Save**.

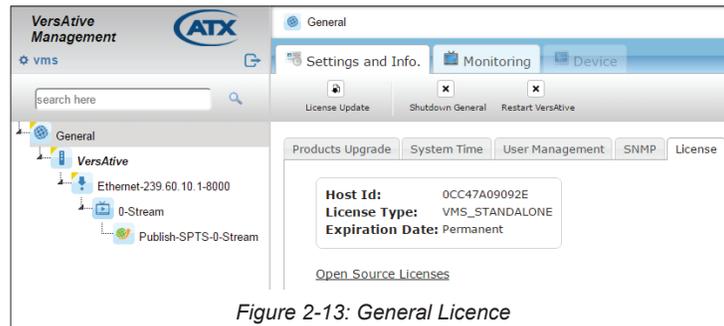
Figure 2-12: New User Config

2.7 Licence

The VersAtivePro relies on installed licenced software and you may view licences if required.

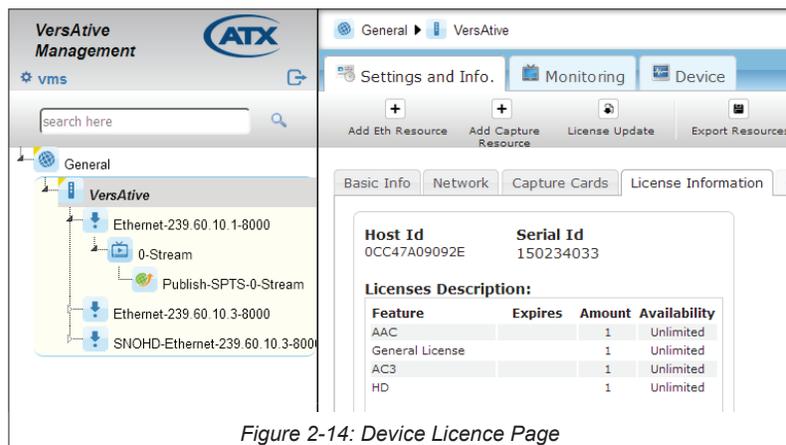
2.7.1 General Licence

Click the **General** icon in **Tree View** to view this page which is for information only and displays the VMS licence installed on the platform. Open source licences may be viewed by clicking the link.



2.7.2 Device Licence

In the Tree View, click the **Device** icon to view the transcoding Device Licences installed on the platform. The licence is permanent. Also the Device Host ID (the MAC Address of management port eth0) and serial number are displayed.



2.8 SNMP

The Device may be configured to sent SNMP traps to a remote SNMP manager. At this time the Device supports SNMPv2c. The Port default is **162** which is the well known port for SNMP and trap community is **Public**, both of which may be changed.

2.8.1 Add SNMP Remote Manager

Multiple SNMP managers may be added to receive traps.

1. Click the **General** Icon at top of Tree View to select it, Figure 2-15.
 2. Click the **SNMP** tab.
 3. Enter the **IP Address** of the remote SNMP manager.
 4. Click **Add IP** button to add this IP address to the list.
 5. Click **Save** to apply the changes.
- Repeat to add more SNMP Managers.

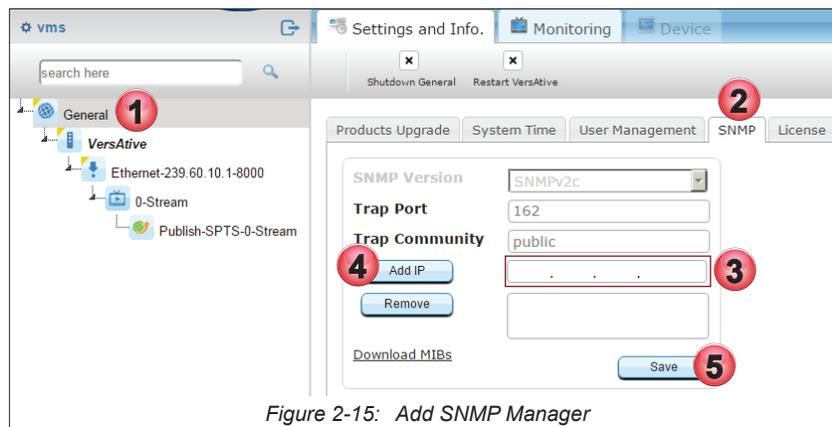


Figure 2-15: Add SNMP Manager

2.8.2 Download and Compile the MIB

The MIB will need to be compiled to the SNMP Manager and it is stored locally on the Device hard drive. It may be obtained from the link on the SNMP tab.

Procedure

This procedure explains how to access the Device MIBs and extract them to the SNMP Manager.

1. Click the **General** Icon at top of Tree View to select it, Figure 2-16.
2. Click the **SNMP** tab.
3. Click the link **Download MIBs**.
4. Open the downloaded zip file with any zip file client.
5. Extract the two .txt files and compile the files into the SNMP Manager.

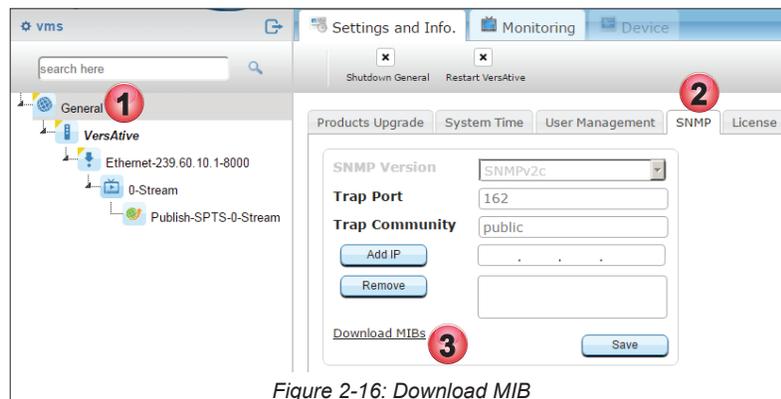


Figure 2-16: Download MIB

2.8.3 System Traps

The traps listed in Table 2.8a are sent by the system to the remote SNMP Managers.

Table 2.8a: System Traps

Trap Name	Description
VMS General Traps	
vmsVersionSupportTrap	"Error: This trap appears when VMS version doesn't support the version of the VersActive "
vmsLicenseUpdateTrap	This trap can be an error or info. - Error trap appears when the license update fails. - Info trap appears when the license is updated successfully.
vmsLicenseExpirationTrap	"This trap can be an error or a warning. - Error trap appears when the license is expired. - Warning trap starts to appear 7 days before the VMS license expires. "
VMS DB Traps	
treeAddTrap	
treeDeleteTrap	
treeEditTrap	This trap can be an error, info or edit. This trap appears when the user edits the VMS tree
treeEnableTrap	"This trap appears when the user enables/disables the tree in the VMS. "
mysqlUnusedTablesDeletedTrap	"This trap appears when one of the unused tables was deleted from MySQL. "
VMS User Management Traps	
userAddTrap	"This trap appears when a new user is added to VMS successfully. "
userDeleteTrap	"This trap appears when a user is deleted from VMS successfully. "
userUpdateTrap	"This trap appears when the user is updated in the VMS. Update can be in the user name, password or permissions. "
userLoginTrap	"This trap appears in two situations: When the user logs in to the VMS successfully or unsuccessfully. "
userLogoutTrap	"This trap appears when the user successfully logs out. "
VersActive Communication Traps	
versativeConnectTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive connects successfully to the VMS. "
versativeTimeoutTrap	"This trap appears when there is no response from the VersActive. "
versativeTakenToOtherVmsTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive is taken to another VMS. The VersActive becomes disabled on the current VMS. "
versativeTakenFromOtherVmsTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive is taken from another VMS. The VersActive becomes disabled on the other VMS. "
VersActive General Traps	
versativeGeneralExternTrap	"This trap appears when a non-handled by VMS event received from VersActive. "
versativeGeneralErrorTrap	"ERROR - This trap appears when the VMS receives a 'General Error' event from the VersActive. "
versativeSwUpgradeTrap	"This trap appears when the Versative software is upgraded. This trap can be an error or info. The error indicates that the software upgrade failed. "
versativeSetConfigurationTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive configuration is set successfully or unsuccessfully. This trap is only info. There are two messages: 'Configuration set Successfully' or 'Failed to Set Configuration' "

Trap Name	Description
versativeVersionTrap	"This trap appears when the VMS performs sync with VersActive, and VersActive Version is Changed. This trap can be error or info. - Info: VersActive Version OK. - Error: VersActive Runs NOT Supported Version. "
versativeDuplicateHostidTrap	This trap appears when two VersActive machines has the same Host ID.
versativeCreateInputIPCannelTrap	
VersActive Streaming Traps	
versativeFrameRateDropTrap	"Frame Rate dropped to more then 10% from configuration. "
versativeResourceStartTrap	"This trap appears when the Resource Starts playing. This trap can be either an Error or Info. - Error: says that the Resource failed to start and the reason for the failure. - Info: says that the resource is started. "
versativeResourceStopTrap	"This trap appears when the resource stops playing. This trap can be either an Error or Info. - Error: says that the resource failed to stop and the reason for it. - Info: says that the resource is stopped. "
versativeDeleteSessionErrorTrap	"This trap appears when the Versative fails to delete a session XML file. This trap can be only an Error. "
versativeTsAnalyzeErrorTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive fails to analyze a transport stream. This trap can only be an error. "
versativePipelineEventTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive has a problem with the pipeline and cannot start playing. This trap can only be an error. "
versativeMonitorSignalStateTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive doesn't detect a video signal. This trap can only be an error. The message says that the VersActive can not detect a video signal. "
versativeMonitorConnectionErrorTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive has no connection to publish point or VersActive cannot publish the stream. This trap can be only an Error. "
versativeMonitorResourceStatusTrap	"This trap appears when there is no input for the resource and the VersActive retries to connect. This trap can be a warning or info. - Warning: indicates the name of the resource and that the VersActive is retrying. - Info: indicates the name of the resource and that the streaming is OK. "
versativeResourceRedundancyStopTrap	"This trap appears when no redundancy for the resource is found. This trap can only be an error. The message indicates that the resource is stopped and that no backup for the resource is found. "
versativeResourceRedundancySwitchTrap	"This trap appears when the resource redundancy switched to backup. This trap can only be a warning. The message says that the Resource switched to the backup resource. "
versaFtiveNoSignalTrap	"This trap appears there is no signal at the input side - Only for encoding. "
versativeInternalDataFlowErrorTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive has a problem with internal data flow. This trap can only be an Error. "
versativeFailToOpenAudioDeviceTrap	"This trap appears when audio device cannot be open - Only for encoding. "
versativeDataTimeoutTrap	"This trap appears when the Resource receive Input Data timeout. "
versativeStreamEndedTrap	"This trap appears when Stream is close due to an internal server error. "
versativeFailedToConnectToDrmSvrTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive fails to connect to the DRM server. "
versativeProgressReportTrap	"This trap is holding progress of offline transcoding. "
versativeVideoBitrateTrap	"This trap appears when the video bit rate changes in the monitor of the resource. "
versativeFramerateTrap	"This trap appears when the video frame rate changes in the monitor of the resource. "
versativeFrameDropTrap	"This trap appears when the video frame rate drops in the monitor of the resource. "

Trap Name	Description
versativeAudioBitrateTrap	"This trap appears when the audio bit rate changes in the monitor of the resource. "
versativeConnectToPublishServerTrap	No Description available.
versativeSrcInputTimedOutTrap	"This trap appears when the source has a data timeout "
versativeMissingPtsDataTrap	"This trap appears when there is no PTS in PES header. "
versativeRolloverTrap	"This trap appears when PTS of elementary streams overlaps. "
versativePtsDiscontinuityTrap	"This trap appears when the program time stamp is changed. this can happen when the transport stream changes. "
versativeCantRecordAudioFastEnoughTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive can't record audio fast enough. "
versativeFailToStartRtmpServerTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive fails to connect to the RTMP server. "
versativeOvfFifoSizeTrap	"This event appears when the SPTS MUX gets overflowed. "
versativeAc3AudioChangedTrap	"This trap appears when the AC3 audio changes. "
versativeDelayCalculationTrap	"This trap appears when the multiplexer loses sync. "
versativeAliveAfterEosTrap	"This trap appears when file transcoding is almost complete - Offline. "
versativeNoInputDataTrap	"This trap appears when no input data for the resource is detected. "
versativeExternalStopSignalReceivedTrap	"This trap appears when User initiates 'stop resource'. "
versativeEvtPsiMonitoringTrap	"This trap appears when there is a PSI change at the input. "
versativeEvtCcErrorTrap	"This trap appears when the resource has a continuity count error. "
versativeCapcardInputChangedTrap	"This trap appears when the capture card format changes. "
versativeMcEncValidationErrorTrap	This trap appears when there is an MPEG2 configuration error. This trap can only be an Error.
versativeClosingConnectionsTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive closes all the streams. "
versativeFailedToPutFileTrap	This trap appears when an HLS or RTMP stream fails to publish.
versativeSignalDetectedTrap	"This trap appears when a signal for resource is detected. "
versativeReconnectTrap	"This trap appears when the VersActive reconnects successfully to RTMP server. "
versativePipeEvtNoUdpInput	"This trap appears when there is no UPD input for the pipeline. "
VersActive Hardware Traps	
versativeMonitorCpuHeatTrap	"This trap appears when the CPU heat nears it's maximum operation temperature. This trap can be an error or info. - Info message indicates that the CPU heat is at 70C degrees. - Error message indicates that the CPU heat is at 75C degrees. "
versativeMonitorCpuLoadTrap	"This trap appear when the CPU usage nears it's maximum capacity. This trap can be an error or info. - Info message indicates that the CPU usage is at 75 percent. - Error message indicates that the CPU usage is at 85 percent. "

Trap Name	Description
versativeMonitorMemoryUsageTrap	"This trap appears when the memory usage nears it's maximum capacity. This trap can be an error or info. - Info message indicates that the memory usage is at 85 percent. - Error message indicates that the memory usage is at 92 percent. "
versativeMonitorEthLimitTrap	"This trap appears when the Ethernet card nears it's maximum capacity. This trap can be an error or info. - Info message indicates that the Ethernet card is at 80 percent of it's capacity. - Error message indicates that the Ethernet card is at 90 percent of it's capacity. "
versativeMonitorDemodStatusTrap	This trap shows the status of the demod card (enabled/disabled or locked/not locked). This trap can be an error or info. - Error message indicates that the demod card is not locked. - Info message indicates that the demod card is locked, enabled or disabled.
versativeMonitorDiskUsageTrap	This Trap indicates that the Internal Hard Disk Space is Low.
versativeMonitorAnalogCardHeatTrap	This Trap indicates that the Analog Card Temp. is High.
VersActive MPTS MUX and MQAM Traps	
versativeMuxStartTrap	"This trap appears when the mux is started. This trap can be an error or info. - Error message indicates that the mux didn't start. - Info message indicates that the mux started successfully. "
versativeMuxStopTrap	"This trap appears when the mux is stopped. This trap can be an error or info. Error message indicates that the mux didn't stop. Info message indicates that the mux stopped successfully. "
versativeMuxMonitorTrap	"This trap appears when the mux monitor sends a trap. This trap can be an error or info. - Error message indicates that multiplexer monitor received time-out. - Info message indicates that the mux monitoring is OK. "
versativeMuxStillNoTsTrap	"Not Used. "
versativeMuxEventLostTsTrap	"This trap appears when the input transport stream for the mux is lost. "
versativeMuxEventBitrateMismatchTrap	"This trap appears when the output bit rate is less than the sum of input bit rates. This trap can only be an Error. "
versativeMqamSyncErrorTrap	"This trap appears when MQAM receives an error. This trap can only be Error. "
versativeMuxReStartTrap	This trap appears when the mux is restarted. This trap can be an error or info. - Error message indicates that the mux didn't restart. - Info message indicates that the mux restarted successfully.

DEVICE CONFIGURATION

3. Device Configuration

Device Configuration involves setting up the input and output interfaces of the hardware platform. To view this page, click the Device icon in the Tree View. In this manual the Device is named **VersActive** but you may change this name to suit.

3.1 Chapter Contents

- “Settings and Info”
- “Network”
- “Licence Information”
- “Maintenance”

3.2 Settings and Info

Most of the Device configuration is done from the Settings and Info page.

3.2.1 Basic Info Page

The **Basic Info** tab shows information about the hardware model and platform, in this case VersActivePro Small, as well as the installed version of firmware, Figure 3-1. The main information and configurable features are:

1. The version of installed firmware.
2. The hardware model of the platform.
3. The editable **Name** of the Device. If the name is changed, click **Save** to apply that change.
4. Drop down menu to change TV Standards, currently set at ATSC in this example but may be changed to DVB. If the TV Standard is changed, click **Save** to apply that change.

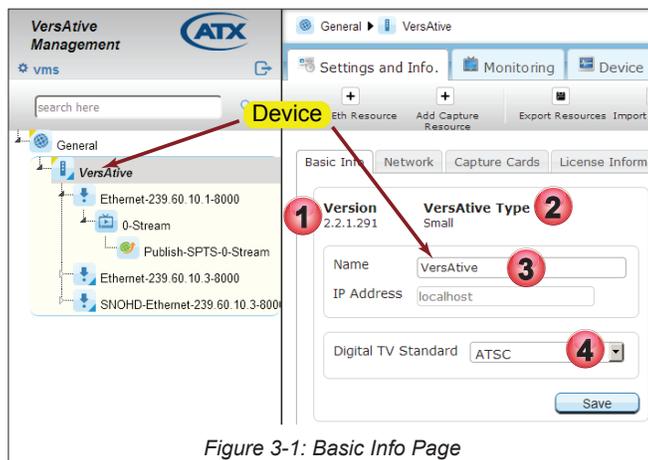


Figure 3-1: Basic Info Page

3.3 Network

The Management Port IP address and Streaming Port addresses are defined on the Device Network tab. There may be more or less Ethernet ports depending on the model and there may even be Virtual ports if a VLAN has previously been defined.



NOTE Changes to the Management Port address will result in a platform reboot. You will need to login on the new IP address.

3.3.1 Procedure to Change IP Address

This procedure explains how to change Ethernet port IP addresses.

1. Click on the **Device** icon to select it in Tree View, Figure 3-2.
2. Click the **Settings and Info** tab if it isn't already selected.
3. Click the **Network** tab.
4. Optionally, click the **Erase Icon** for the eth port to be changed to delete all current settings. Alternately, you can just edit the current settings.
5. After editing settings as required for any eth interface, click the Gateway adjacent radio button to make the selected gateway the default. Other gateways may also be defined for each interface.
6. Optionally, select the IGMP version from the dropdown menu, (version 2 and 3 are available) and change the DNS server IP address to a desired server.
7. Click **Save** to apply all of the changes.

The screenshot shows the VersActive Management interface for configuring network settings. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Tree View (Left):** Shows the device hierarchy. The 'VersActive' device is selected, and the 'Ethernet-239.60.10.1-8000' interface is highlighted.
- Navigation (Top):** Includes tabs for 'Settings and Info', 'Monitoring', and 'Device'. The 'Settings and Info' tab is selected.
- Network Tab (Main):** Contains configuration for two Ethernet interfaces: 'eth0' and 'eth1'.
 - eth0 Configuration:**
 - IP Address: 10.1.3.233
 - MAC: 0C:C4:7A:09:09:2E
 - Subnet Mask: 255.255.252.0
 - Gateway: 10.1.0.1 (default)
 - Duplex: Full
 - Speed: 1000
 - State: up
 - eth1 Configuration:**
 - IP Address: 192.168.10.23
 - MAC: 0C:C4:7A:09:09:2F
 - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
 - Gateway: (default)
 - Duplex: Full
 - Speed: 1000
 - State: up
- Additional Settings (Top Right):**
 - DNS Server: 8.8.8.8
 - IGMP Version: v2
- Buttons (Bottom Right):** 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons are visible.

Figure 3-2: Configure Network Settings

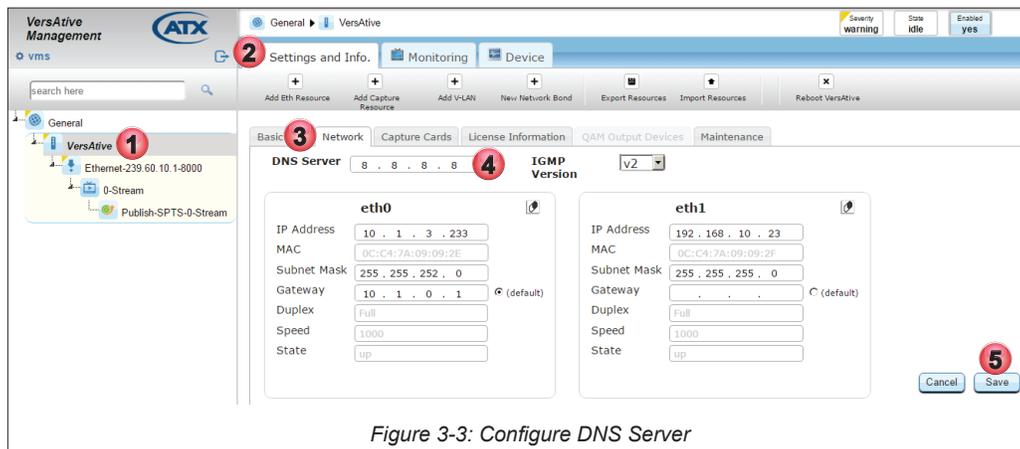
3.3.2 Configure a DNS Server

A DNS server will be required if a URL is entered anywhere on the platform instead on an IP address.

Procedure

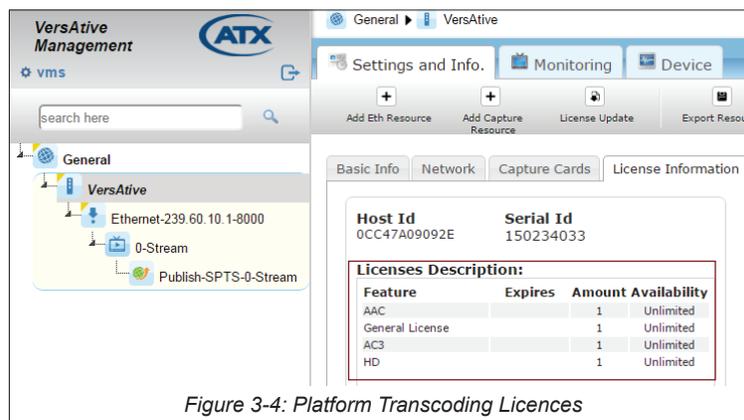
This procedure explains how to change the DNS Server IP address.

1. Click on the **Device** icon to select it, Figure 3-3.
2. Select **Settings and Info** tab if it isn't already selected.
3. Select the **Network** tab.
4. Enter the **IP Address** of the DNS server.
5. Click **Save**.



3.4 Licence Information

Select the **Device** in **Tree View** then the **Licence Information** tab to view installed VersActive Device Transcoding licences. Licences do not expire and are unlimited in transcoding capabilities.



3.5 Maintenance

The system log file may be downloaded for troubleshooting purposes by ATX Networks Technical Support only. This file is not human readable; it is not in a text format. If problems have been encountered and you have contacted ATX Networks Technical support, you may be asked to clean the log files before collecting a set of current logs. This deletes existing log files as the Device is always logging all activities which can result in too long or cumbersome a log file to be useful.

Clean Log Procedure

1. In the Tree View click the **Device** icon to select it, Figure 3-5.
2. Click the **Maintenance** tab.
3. Click the **Clean Log Files** button.

There is a prompt to delete all the log files; choose **Yes**. You may get an error message (bug) but the log files were deleted.



Figure 3-5: Clean Log Files

Download Log Procedure

1. In the Tree View click the **Device** icon to select it, Figure 3-6.
2. Click the **Maintenance** tab.
3. Click the **Download Log Files** button.

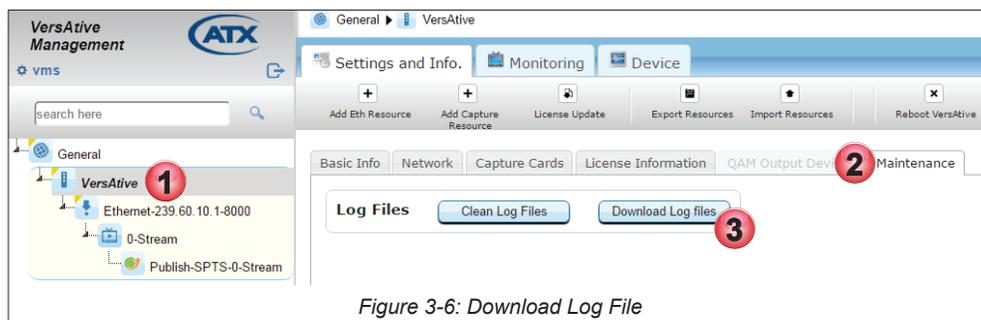


Figure 3-6: Download Log File

4. There is a prompt to save or open the file; choose **Save File**, Figure 3-7.
5. Click **OK** (your browser may present this slightly differently).

The file is saved in your **Browser Downloads** folder. Send this file to your support rep.

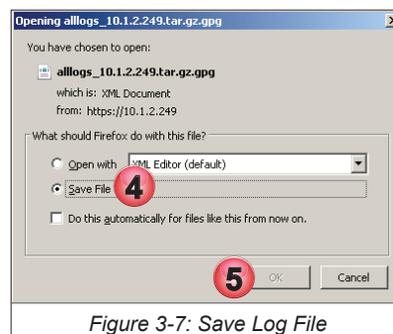


Figure 3-7: Save Log File

TRANSCODING APPLICATION

4. Transcoding Application

This chapter describes how to set up an IP stream from an Ethernet port for Transcoding and publishing an SPTS stream.

4.1 Chapter Contents

- “Ethernet Resources”
- “SPTS Stream Configuration”
- “Create an SPTS Stream”
- “Publish Configuration”
- “Publish an SPTS Stream”
- “Start the Stream”

4.2 Ethernet Resources

An Ethernet Resource is an input to the platform which exists on one of the Ethernet interfaces as an IP stream. These resources are used as source content for subsequent transcoding.

4.2.1 View Resource Attributes

Existing Ethernet resource attributes may be viewed by clicking the resource in the Tree View.

1. Click on the **Resource** icon in Tree View to select it, Figure 4-1.
2. View Basic Input parameters such as IP Address and Port, and the eth port it appears on.
3. View SPTS stream PIDs and the stream parameters.

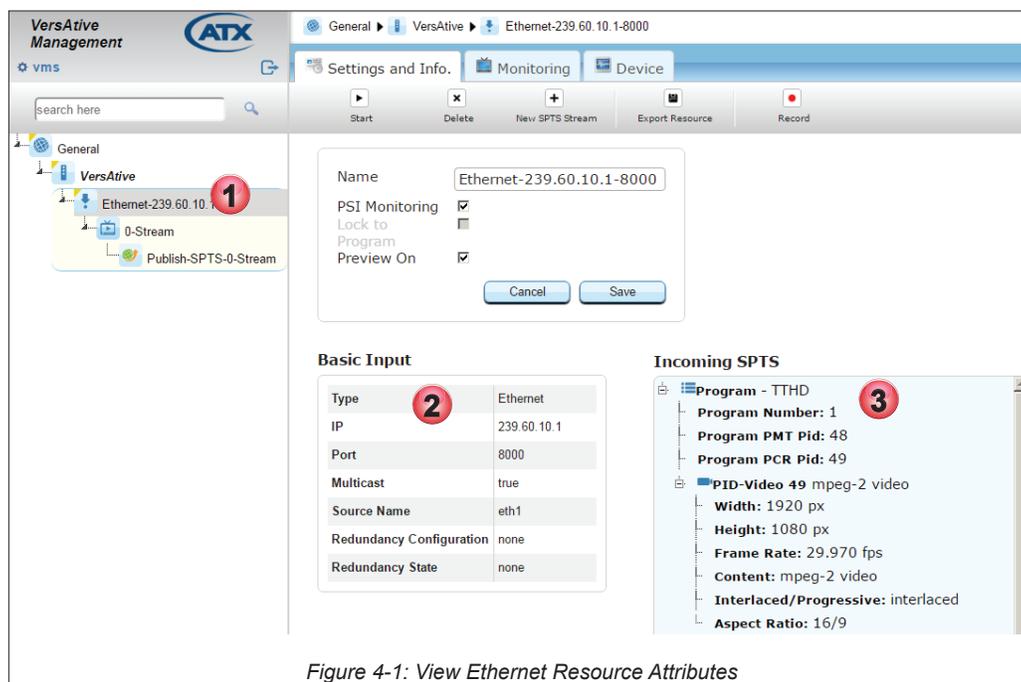


Figure 4-1: View Ethernet Resource Attributes

4.2.2 Create an Ethernet Resource

1. Click on the **Device** icon to select it, Figure 4-2.
2. Click **Add Eth Resource** on the tool bar (or Right Click menu).

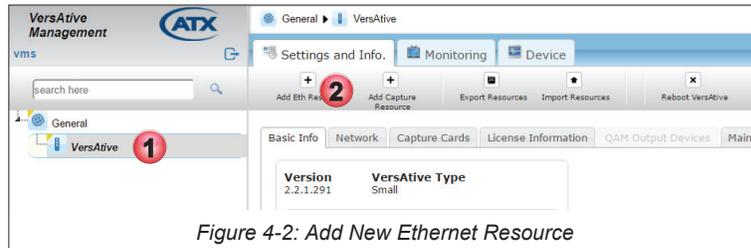


Figure 4-2: Add New Ethernet Resource

3. Choose the Ethernet port that the stream appears on from the **Interface** choices, eth0, thru eth5. (Depending on the model ordered, may be more or less ports), Figure 4-3. There may also be virtual sources (VLAN) if any were created.
4. Enter the **IP address**, **Port** and choose the **Protocol** of the IP stream to be ingested.
5. Tick the **Multicast** box if this is a multicast stream with an address in the multicast range.
6. If the Stream is a Source Specific Multicast (SSM), enter the **SSM IP Address**.
7. If the stream is actually not present but you know it will be later, enter the **Program Name**, **Program Number**, select **Start On Signal** then click **Save Offline** to save the settings (The stream will start when the signal is detected).
8. Click **Analyze** (only for streams that exist currently on a physical or virtual input; not required for **Save Offline**).

Figure 4-3: Fill Resource Form



NOTE: The **Save Offline** feature makes it possible to set up streams that are not yet present on the input ports but you know they will be eventually. This allows the user to make resources for an upcoming system that hasn't been established yet. Without the offline resource feature you can't add any Ethernet resource if the VersActivePro can't find any program or service on a given IP.



NOTE: The **Start on Signal** check box is used when the resources are not currently available. If and when the external IPTV network is built, the preprogrammed resources will start as soon the signal is found.

- The programs that are read from the PMT table on that stream will be displayed in the Program Selection window, Figure 4-4.
9. Click to select a single **Program**. PID level selection is not supported. Unwanted audio PIDs may be disabled later at the Publishing stage.
 10. Use the Arrow controls to move programs both ways (or **Drag and Drop** a single program onto the Resource until a green check mark appears).
 11. The program PIDs are added to the Resource. PIDs may be removed by clicking **RESET**.
 12. When finished with the selection, click **Add** to add this program and create the Resource.

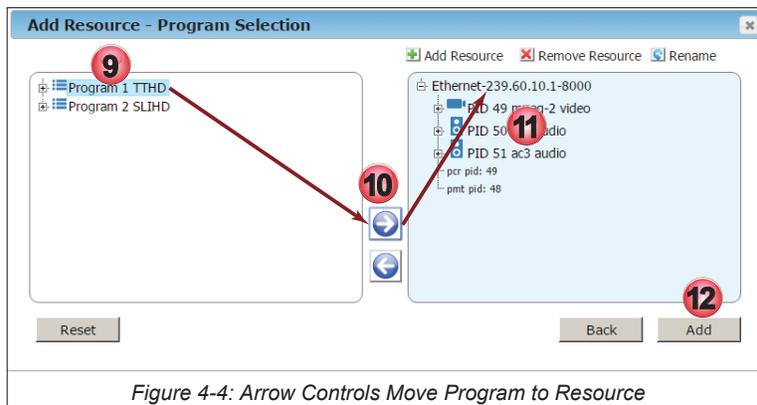


Figure 4-4: Arrow Controls Move Program to Resource

13. The Program is added to the Resource, Figure 4-5, and shown in the Tree View under the Device with the included SPTS Incoming stream PIDs detailed in the adjacent Pane View. This is automatically saved.
14. The 'Preview ON' tick box is selected by default. Untick the box to disable Preview for this resource only and click **Save** if a change was made.



NOTE: The Preview function requires a small amount of Device CPU cycles. If the Device is running close to 100% CPU utilization as witnessed by the Device Monitoring page, see “6.2 Monitoring the Device” on page 6-1, disabling preview can help with that condition. Each Resource Preview function must be disabled individually so click each active resource in the Tree View to access this control.

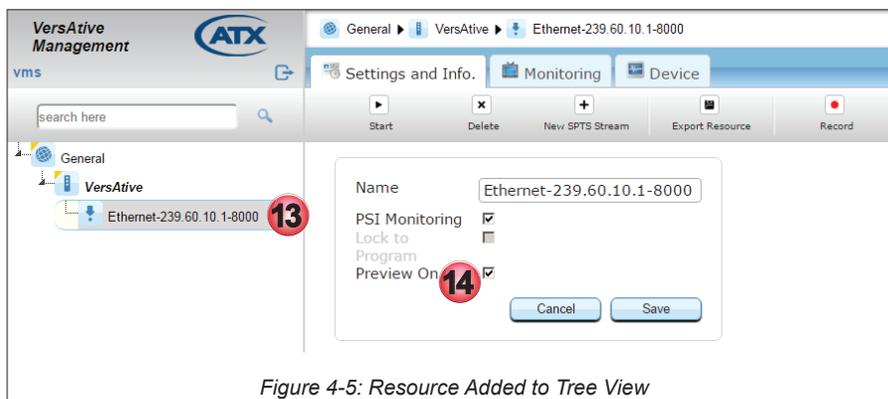


Figure 4-5: Resource Added to Tree View

4.3 SPTS Stream Configuration

Any number of SPTS Streams may be added to any existing Ethernet Resource. The Ethernet Resource must be created first, see “4.4 Create an SPTS Stream” on page 4-6.

For guidance and reference, see the SPTS settings page, Figure 4-6, and SPTS Stream Configuration, Table 4.3a.

Figure 4-6: SPTS Stream Settings

Table 4.3a: SPTS Stream Configuration (See Figure 4-6)

Setting	Value	Description
Name	String	The alpha numeric identifier that you can assign. This should be a meaningful name which clearly identifies the stream or it's purpose.
Preset	Dropdown menu	It is possible to define and save commonly used settings. There are preset profiles provided with pre-defined settings which may be used as a starting point and custom presets saved later.
Delete Presets	Link/Button	Click link to delete all user saved presets. Does not delete factory defined presets.
Audio Encoding Parameters		
Use Audio	Tick Box	Tick to enable the Audio stream in the output. Default is ticked.
Pass Through	Tick Box	Tick to enable a pass through of the incoming audio without any changes. Selecting this greys out all audio settings. Default unticked.
Codec	Dropdown menu	Choices, MPEG1/L2, MP3, AAC, AC3, EAC3, HEAAC.
AC3 Dialnorm	Scroll Control	Enabled on AC3 and EAC3 signals only. Controls playback gain within the Dolby® AC3 compression system, setting the overall program playback level for loudness normalization. The audio level between different TV programs, channels, and in particular commercials is inconsistent. Dialog Normalization was implemented to automatically provide consistent audio levels and the metadata to accomplish this is included in any Dolby Digital bitstream. Dialog Normalization does not affect the original audio signals that are fed into the encoder such as the level or the dynamics of the program. The receiver/decoder reads the dialnorm value in the metadata and adjusts the level of audio programs so that the dialog is at a consistent and uniform level. Valid settings: 0 to -31
Bit Rate	Dropdown menu	Audio bitrate. Choices available depend on Codec choice.
Sample Rate	Dropdown menu	Audio sample rate, choices available depend on codec selected; default 48000Hz .
Delay	Dropdown menu	Specifies the delay of the audio channel compared to Video between -1000 and +1000 msec in 10 msec steps; default is 0 .
Channels	Dropdown menu	Number of audio channels. Choices: 5.1 channels, stereo and mono.

Setting	Value	Description
Audio Gain	Scroll control	Controls audio gain on all audio codecs. Settings between +12 and -12; Default 0.
Video Encoding Parameters		
Use Video	Tick box	Tick to enable the Video stream in the output.
Codec	Dropdown menu	MPEG2 & H.264 available. Some of the following settings depend on this choice.
Codec Profile	Dropdown menu	Choices of Baseline, Main, High, also Low Latency settings.
Bit Rate	Integer	Enter encoding rate in kbps.
Codec Speed	Dropdown menu	Enabled on H.264 profiles only. Adjust for best performance based on scene action. Recommended to use default setting for most streams.
Bframes	Dropdown menu	Enabled on H.264 profiles. Specifies the maximum number of concurrent B Frames that H.264 can use; default is 2 .
VBR	Tick box	Tick to enable variable Bit Rate output then defined bitrate is target bitrate; default is Constant Bit Rate (Un-ticked).
Keyframe Duration	Dropdown menu	Enabled on H.264 profiles only The time period in seconds between IDR keyframes; default is 2 seconds .
B-adapt	Tick Box	Enabled on H.264 profiles only Turn on the adaptive B-frame placement decision algorithm. This setting controls how H.264 decides between placing a P or B-frame. Choice is true (Ticked) or false (not ticked), default is Box Ticked .
MPEG2 Level	Dropdown menu	Only in effect for MPEG2 codec. Choice is Main & High.
Scenecut	Tick Box	Selected (enabled) by default (and cannot be disabled in MPEG2 Codec), adaptive I-frame decisions are enabled. Disabling Scenecut prevents H.264 from generating a key frame when there is a scene cut in the video; important to keep key frames consistent for multi-bitrate videos. See Figure 5-4 & Figure 5-3 and description below.
MPEG2 Quality Level	Scroll Control	Only in effect for MPEG2 codec. Controls quality of MPEG2 encoding within the set bitrate. Settings between relative values 0 and 31 with 16 as default. Increase or decrease relative quality.
CABAC	Tick box	Enabled on H.264 profiles. Enables CABAC (Context Adaptive Binary Arithmetic Coder) stream compression and reverts to CAVLC (Context Adaptive Variable Length Coder) system if un-ticked, which significantly reduces efficiency and the decoding requirements. Default CABAC (Ticked).
Subtitles Method	Dropdown menu	Determines how subtitles (closed captions) are handled; default is On Separate PIDs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Separate PIDs: Subtitles are placed on PIDs separate from video and audio streams. • Overlay in video: Subtitles are added into the video stream. • Ignore Subtitles: Subtitles are not passed through.
Video Pre-processing Parameters		
Frame Rate(fps)	Dropdown menu	Encoded frames per second; default is 'Use Original'. Choices between 1 and 60.
Resolution	Dropdown menu	Select from many choices for the appropriate resolution.
Field Order	Dropdown menu	Ordering of fields either Top or Bottom field first. Default is Auto .
Aspect ratio	Dropdown menu	Choice between 1:1, 4:3 and 6:9 or Use Original; default is Use Original .
Progressive	Tick Box	Allows de-interlacing of video frames to convert from Interlace to Progressive if box is ticked; default is not ticked (no de-interlace).
Deinterlace Method	Dropdown menu	Only effective if De-Interlace is selected. De-interlace choices between Simple detect, Simple detect with Double Frame rate and Linear; default is Linear .
Letterbox	Tick Box	Tick to enable Letterbox mode on SD output resolutions only to fit HD content without vertical stretching. Activating this switch causes the HD content to fit horizontally while presenting black bars top and bottom. Without this switch, HD content would fit horizontally and stretch vertically to fit the output resolution. Not for use on HD output resolutions.
Cropping	Integer	If box ticked, enter number of Pixels to be cropped from each side of the picture.

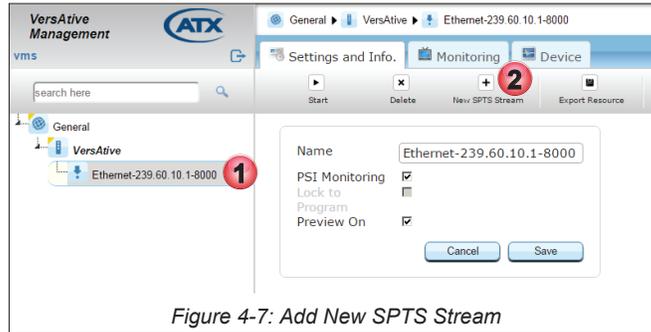
4.4 Create an SPTS Stream

Multiple SPTS Streams with different parameters may be created for the Ethernet Resource by repeating these steps.

Procedure

This procedure explains how to add SPTS Streams to an existing Ethernet Resource.

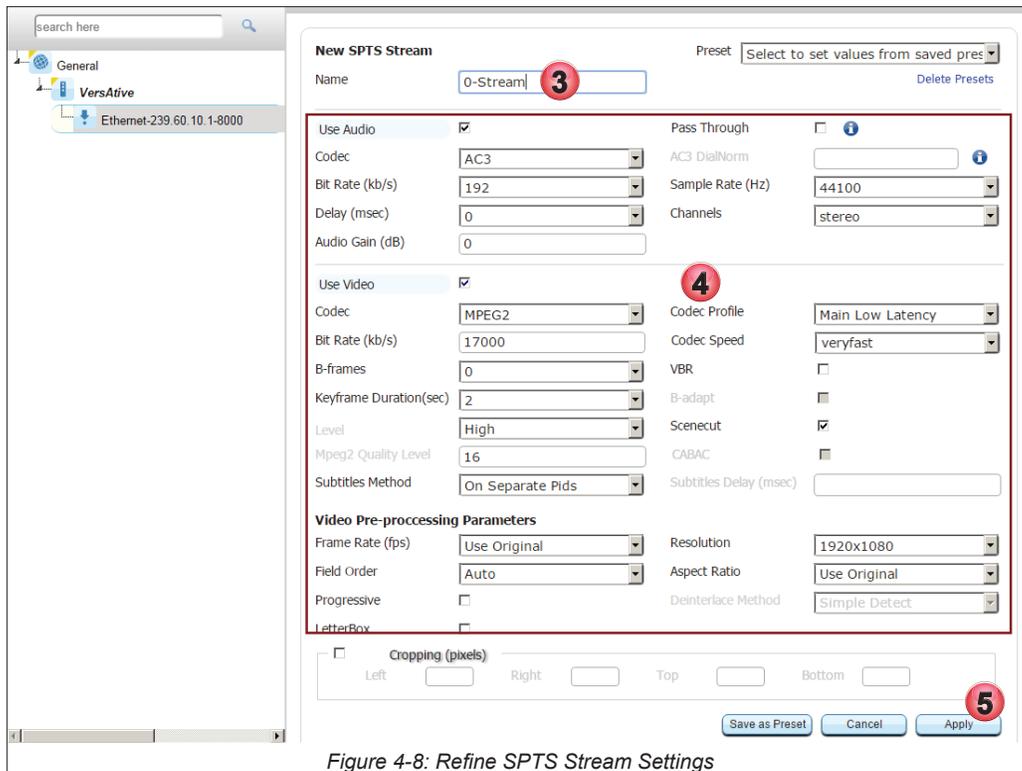
1. Click to select the **Ethernet Resource** icon in the Tree View, Figure 4-7.
2. Select **New SPTS Stream** on the Tool Bar.



3. On the settings page, Figure 4-8, give the stream a meaningful Name such as the service name or accept the default.
4. Edit **Video, Audio & Video Pre-processing Parameters** as required.



NOTE: For details and guidance on configuring these settings, see “4.3 SPTS Stream Configuration” on page 4-4.



5. Click **Apply** to save and add the SPTS stream to the Tree View, see Figure 4-10 (1).

4.5 Publish Configuration

This page is used to establish parameters for publishing an SPTS stream, Figure 4-9 and Table 4.5a. Any number of Publishes may be created for any existing SPTS Stream, however, the SPTS stream must be created first, see “4.6 Publish an SPTS Stream” on page 4-8.

Figure 4-9: SPTS Publish Settings

Table 4.5a: Publish Settings (See Figure 4-9)

Setting	Value	Description
Name	String	The alpha numeric identifier that you can assign. This should be a meaningful name which clearly identifies the Publish or it's purpose.
Format	DropDown Menu	Select format from drop down menu choices of SPTS, Flash and HLS.
Closed Captioning	Tick Box	Tick to include the closed caption (Subtitles) if existing.
Tables Passthrough	Tick Box	During encode/transcode of video the EIT tables are rebuilt. The PIDs, program number etc. are possibly changed during the re-packaging process. When the 'Tables Passthrough' is checked the EIT data from the input is passed to the output without change. This feature is present for the case where there is some unusual data in these tables that is required to pass to the transcoder/encoder's output.
CBR Out	Integer	Un-tick 'Automatic' to enable entering a CBR bitrate for the Video stream.
Automatic	Tick Box	Tick to turn on Variable Bit Rate output. Un-tick to set to CBR then enter an integer in CBR Out. Default is ticked, VBR .
Program No. xxxx	Integer	Enter the MPEG program number to change default value.
PCR PID xx	Integer	Default is PCR PID follows Video PID.
PMT PID xx	Integer	Program Map table PID.
Video PID xx	Integer	Video stream PID
Audio Track	Tick Box / Integer	Audio PIDs are listed as audio tracks along with their PID number and language. Tick the box to include and publish this PID. If transcoding, all input PIDs are presented. If encoding, mapped audio PIDs are presented with their defined language descriptor. Unticked PIDs are not published. Mouse over the Info icon to see the language of the audio stream.
ATSC i		
ATSC Enable	Tick Box	Tick to enable ATSC table features.
Service Name	String	The name or Callsign you assign to this service.
Modulation Mode	Dropdown Menu	256 and 64 QAM supported.
Virtual Major Channel	Integer	The ATSC Major Channel number.
Virtual Minor Channel	Integer	The ATSC Minor channel number.
Add New Connection		
Interface	Dropdown menu	Select the output physical Ethernet port the stream will appear on; choices are eth1, eth2, eth3 or eth4 (Ports available may differ between models and could include VLANs if previously configured).

Setting	Value	Description
Protocol	Dropdown menu	Choice between UDP & RTP; default is UDP .
URL	IP Address	Enter the IP address or URL for the publish. Entry of URL requires a DNS entry defined on the management port IP settings.
Port	Integer	Enter the port number associated with the URL.
Multicast	Tick Box	Tick this box if the IP address is within the multicast address range.

4.6 Publish an SPTS Stream

A Publish defines the Output IP Address of the SPTS Stream. Any Stream may have any number of Publishes added by repeating these steps for each.

Procedure

This procedure explains how to add and SPTS Stream Publish to an existing SPTS Stream.

1. Select the **SPTS Stream** by clicking it, Figure 4-10.
2. Select **New Publish** on the Tool Bar.

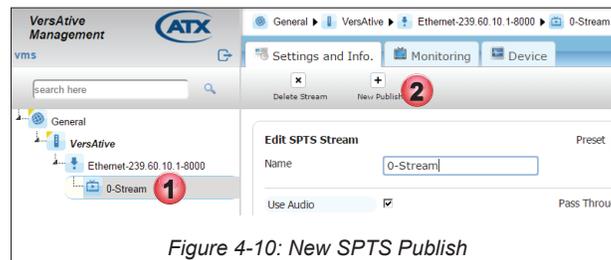


Figure 4-10: New SPTS Publish

3. Give the Publish point a meaningful **Name** such as IP Address or type of publish or accept the default, Figure 4-11.
4. Add a **New Connection** by adding IP address and port number then choose the physical Output Ethernet **Interface** and protocol (Ports available may differ between models and could include VLANs if previously configured).



NOTE: For details and guidance on configuring these settings, see “4.5 Publish Configuration” on page 4-7

5. Tick the **Multicast** box if this is a multicast IP address (default is unticked - unicast).
6. Click **Add** to create and add the connection to the Connections list, see Figure 4-12. More output connections may be added, just add more New Connections.

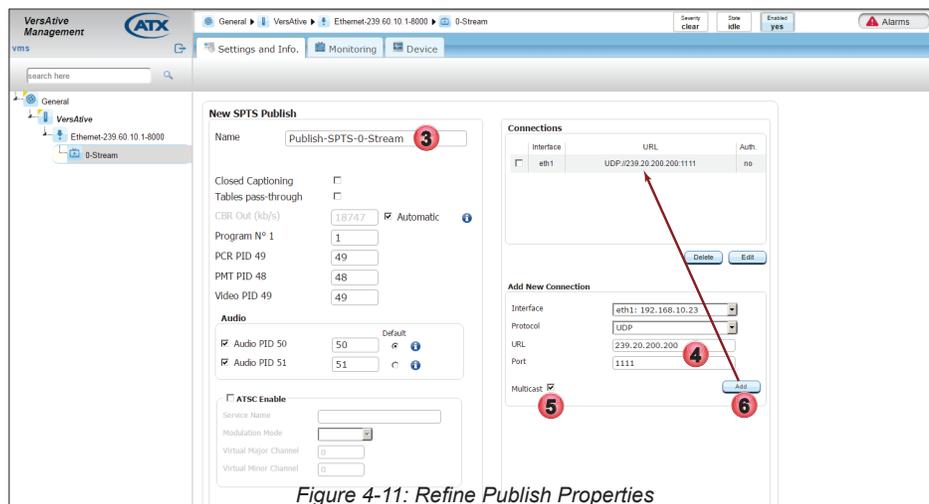


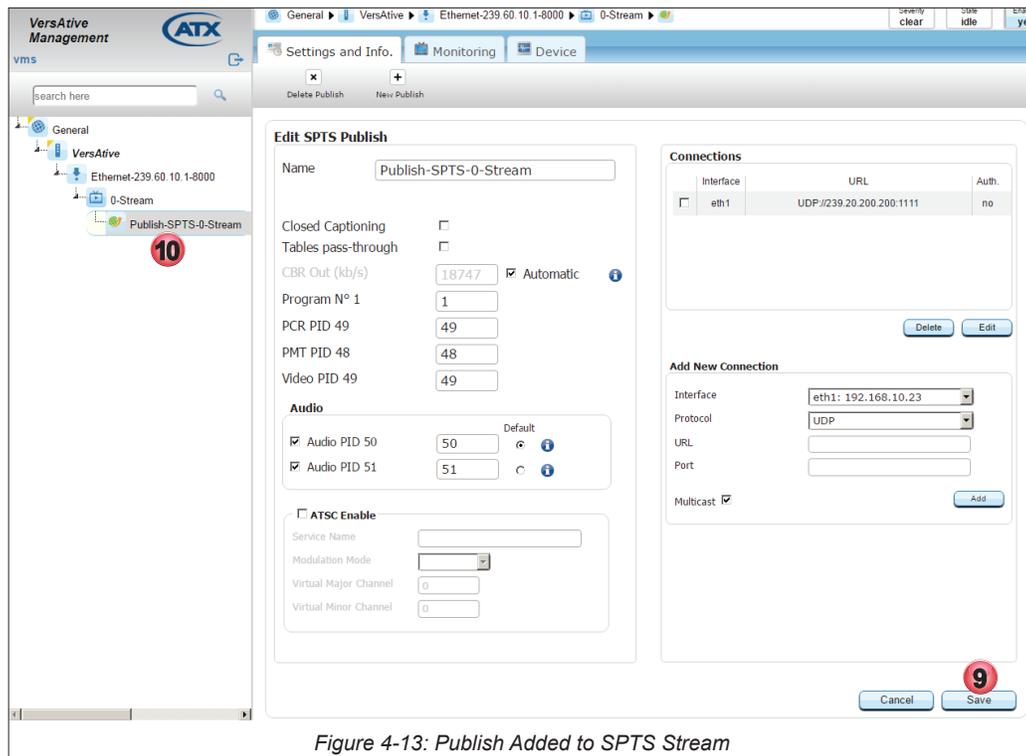
Figure 4-11: Refine Publish Properties

7. Connection is created, Figure 4-12.
8. Connection may be edited (or deleted) by selecting the adjacent tick box then click **Edit (or Delete)**.



Figure 4-12: Connection Created

9. After the Connection is created click **Apply**, or after editing, click **Save** to apply the changes (the button changes from **Apply** to **Save** once the publish is created), Figure 4-13.
10. The **Publish** is added to the SPTS Stream and displayed in Tree View.



4.7 Start the Stream

The streaming process is started from the Resource icon (Right Click Menu) or the Resource icon Tool Bar. Resources may be started individually from the Resource icons or all at once from the Device icon (Right Click Menu).

1. In the Tree View, click to select the **Resource** to be started, Figure 4-14.
2. Click the **Start** button on the Tool Bar (or the Right Click Menu).

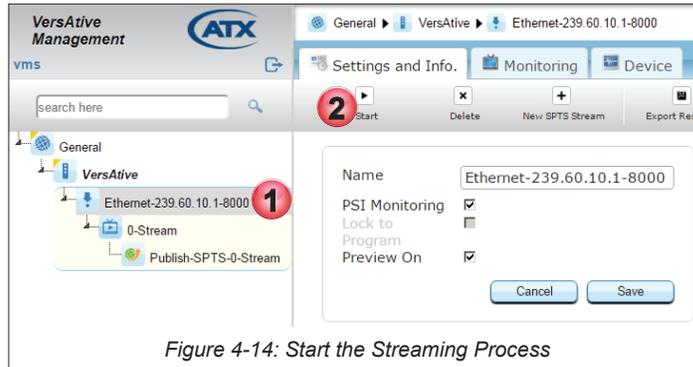


Figure 4-14: Start the Streaming Process

3. The Streaming starts and is indicated in the Tree View by small triangles in the lower right corner of all streaming Element Icons, Figure 4-15.

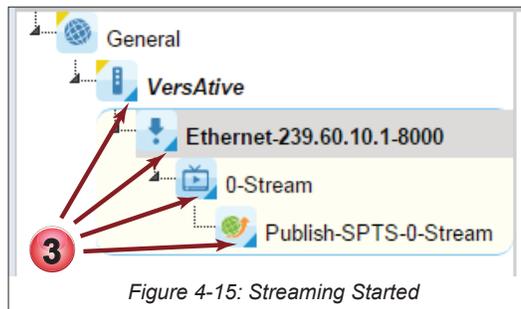


Figure 4-15: Streaming Started

4.7.1 Streaming Icon Indicators

When streaming starts, the icon for each element changes to show a small triangle to indicate that.

Before the streaming is started the icons appear without triangle indicator, Figure 4-16. Once streaming has begun, the triangle appears in each icon, Figure 4-17.

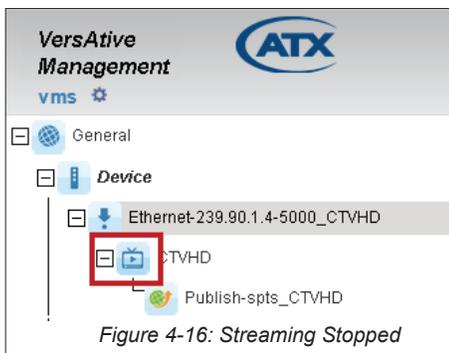


Figure 4-16: Streaming Stopped

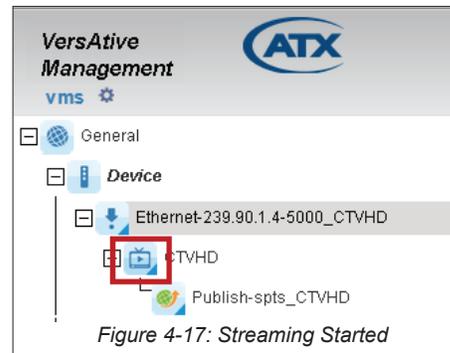


Figure 4-17: Streaming Started

ALARMS & EVENTS

5. Alarms & Events

Alarms are current issues that exist with the Device and are not persistent; these are cleared over time as issues are resolved. Alarms are of a minor nature and do not affect or report on the streaming operation of the Device platform. Events are reported on issues of a higher degree and are persistent; being saved until they are manually deleted.

5.1 Chapter Contents

- “Alarms”
- “Events”
- “Events History”

5.2 Alarms

The Alarms Notification Panel is presented in the top right corner of the GUI, see Figure 5-1 and Figure 5-2.

1. Alarms Button - Opens the alarms window for review and deletion of reported alarms.
2. Severity - Indication of the severity of the current alarm condition.
3. State - Reports on the state of the Device platform, either Active (Streaming and note the small blue triangle in the icon, Figure 5-2) or Idle.
4. Enabled - Reports on the Device, Enabled or Disabled (it is possible to disable the device from the right click menu in Tree View).



Figure 5-1: Alarms Notification Panel - Device Idle



Figure 5-2: Alarms Notification Panel - Device Streaming

5.2.1 Reviewing Alarms

Open the Alarms window by clicking the Alarms Button, top right corner of the GUI, Figure 5-1 (1). The Alarms window opens and displays the current alarms, Figure 5-3.

1. Select the desired action from the actions list. “Clear All Alarms” action will directly delete all alarms with a warning.
2. Item’s selection boxes become ticked or manually select each item for action.
3. Review a long list of alarms with the “Previous/Next” action controls.
4. Search an alarm condition with criteria. The list is dynamically refreshed with the items matching the entered string.

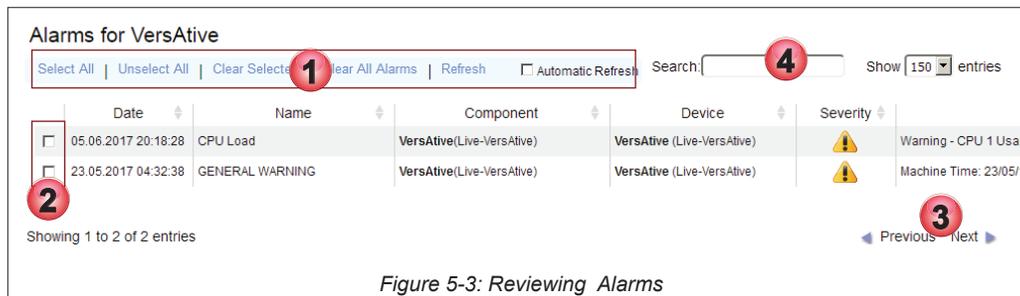
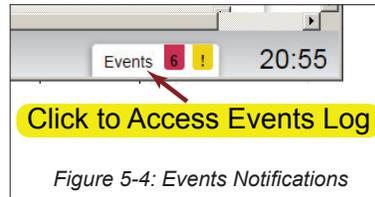


Figure 5-3: Reviewing Alarms

5.3 Events

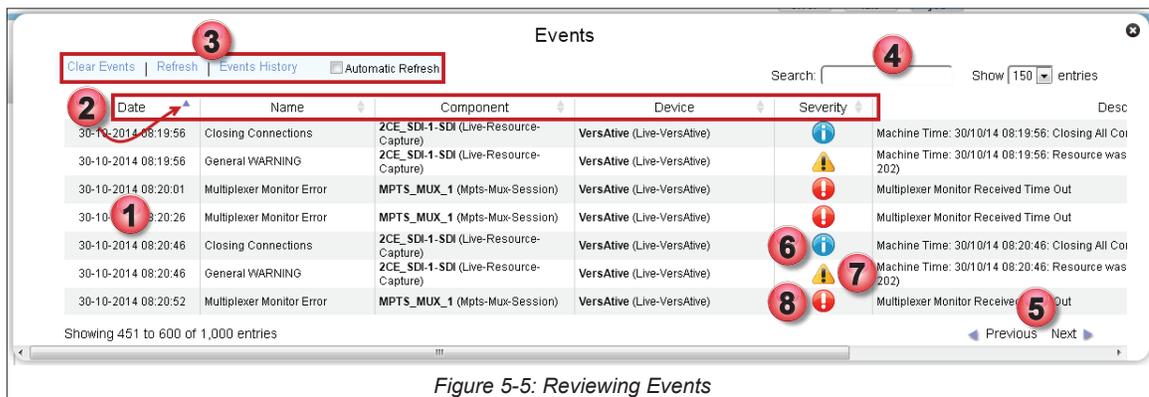
The Events Notification Panel in the GUI is at the lower right corner, Figure 5-4, and clicking it opens a new Events window, see Figure 5-5.



5.3.1 Reviewing Events

Open the Events log window shown in Figure 5-5, by clicking the **Events Panel Button**, Figure 5-4.

1. Events are displayed by default in chronological order, most recent first. Use scroll bars or mouse wheel to view list extents.
2. The sort ordering can be changed by clicking the column header. All headers toggle and sort the list between 'top down' & 'bottom down' when clicked.
3. Click the control actions to clear events or open "Events History" window.
4. Search an alarm condition with criteria. The list is dynamically refreshed with the items matching the entered string.
5. Review a long list of alarms with the "Previous/Next" action controls.
6. Severity - Information Only. Does not affect streaming
7. Severity - Warning. Potentially affects streaming.
8. Severity - Error. Event affecting streaming.



5.4 Events History

Open the “Events History” by clicking the **Events History** link, Figure 5-6. The new browser tab, Figure 5-7, shows alarm history which may be manipulated or searched.



Figure 5-6: Select Events History

5.4.1 Reviewing Events History

Events History is presented in a new browser tab, see Figure 5-7.

1. Choose a date range by clicking the “From/To” dialogs to open a date selector in which the desired date range may be specified.
2. Select desired ‘Severity’, ‘Device’ or ‘Component’ levels to be displayed.
3. Clicking **Apply** button initiates the action. All filter settings require Apply button to initiate action.
4. Events are displayed by default in chronological order, most recent first. Use scroll bars or mouse wheel to view list extents.
5. The sort ordering can be changed by clicking the column header. All headers toggle and sort the list between ‘top down’ & ‘bottom down’ when clicked.
6. Search an alarm condition in the current displayed list with a string. The list is dynamically refreshed with the items matching the entered string.
7. Review a long list of alarms with the “Previous/Next” action controls.
8. Download a copy of the current visible records in a spreadsheet compatible file.

Figure 5-7: Reviewing Events History

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MONITORING

6. Monitoring

There are two basic types of monitoring available by clicking the **Monitoring** tab or **Device** tab, Figure 6-1.

Device Monitoring - Select **Device** tab to Display histograms of the performance and load factors of the system hardware.

Resource Monitoring - Select **Monitoring** tab to provide a live video display of any Ethernet Resource.

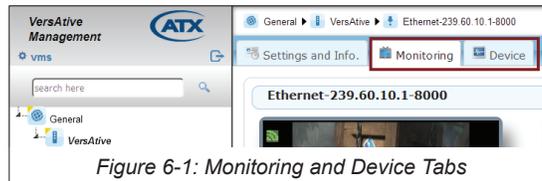


Figure 6-1: Monitoring and Device Tabs

6.1 Chapter Contents

- “Monitoring the Device”
- “Preview or Monitor Resources”
- “Displaying Stream Information”

6.2 Monitoring the Device

The Device may be monitored at a Hardware level, which is the underlying machine motherboard.

1. In Tree View, click the **Device** icon, Figure 6-2.
2. Click to select the **Device** tab.
3. CPU Load - The histogram of average CPU load over the last 30 seconds displayed in Green.
4. RAM - The histogram of average RAM usage over the last 40 seconds.
5. CPU Heat - The histogram of average CPU temperature over the last 40 seconds.
6. Network Traffic Input- Network Interface input traffic load is displayed in Blue.
7. Network Traffic Output- Network Interface output traffic load is displayed in Red.



Note: The Monitoring starts recording when the Device tab is selected.

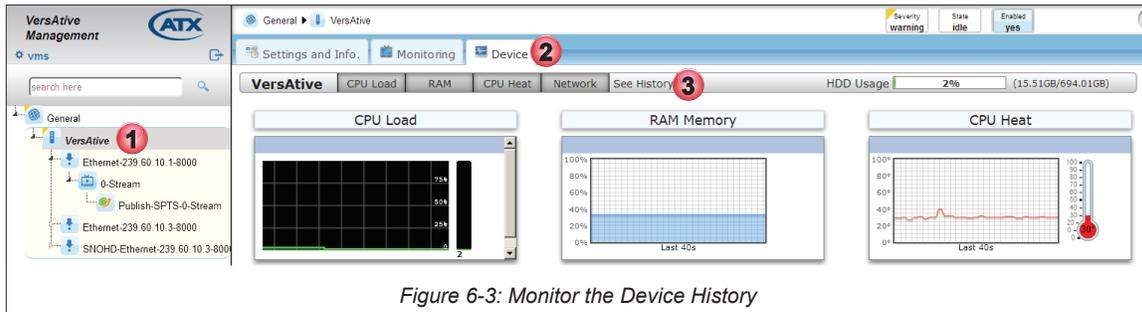


Figure 6-2: Monitoring the Device

6.2.1 Longer Term Device Monitoring

The default view for the monitor period is the last 40 seconds, but a longer term histogram is saved in each Device. This is accessed from the Device tab by clicking the **See History** link shown in Figure 6-3.

1. In Tree View, click the **Device** icon.
2. Click to select the **Device** tab.
3. Click the **See History** tab.



A number of options may be selected to determine the length of history. The exact dates may be selected from the calendar by clicking in the **From** and **To** windows, Figure 6-4. Preset time periods of from the **last hour** up to **last 2 weeks** may also be selected.



6.3 Preview or Monitor Resources

The Preview monitoring function for each Resource is enabled by default, Figure 6-5, but may be disabled at each individual Resource by unticking the **Preview On** box with the **Settings and Info** tab selected, and then clicking **Save**.

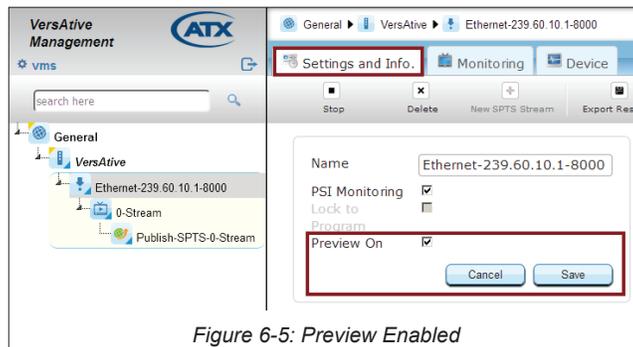


Figure 6-5: Preview Enabled

Previewing resources uses some of the platform CPU cycles although usually an insignificant amount. It is however possible that the Device functions are running low on CPU cycles witnessed by high CPU load, see “[Monitoring the Device](#)” on page 6-1, and it may be judged that Preview functionality can be sacrificed in order to maximize transcoding power. In this case a user may disable Preview to lower CPU load.

6.3.1 Video Preview

Any single Resource may be Previewed to determine the content or quality of the ingested video before the content transcoding is started. Video is displayed at 5 frames/sec. Preview of audio is not supported.

Adobe Flash is required for the preview function and some browsers or optional settings within browsers may require that you specifically allow Flash Player to run due to security concerns. In Figure 6-6 we show an example of what you may see when Preview is selected but your browser may be slightly different. The preview window may be grayed or blacked out requiring you to click to activate Flash.

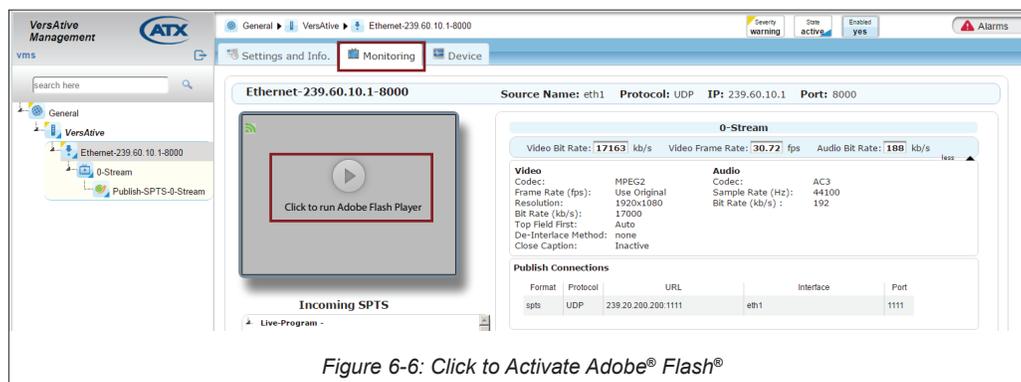


Figure 6-6: Click to Activate Adobe® Flash®

6.3.2 Preview a Resource

Preview of a resource may only be done before streaming of the Resource is started.

Procedure

This procedure explains how to preview a Resource.

1. Click to select the **Monitoring** tab, Figure 6-7.
2. From the Tree View, **Right Click** the Resource to be Previewed.
3. Select **Preview** in the menu.
4. Properties of the Resource are displayed in the Pane View window.

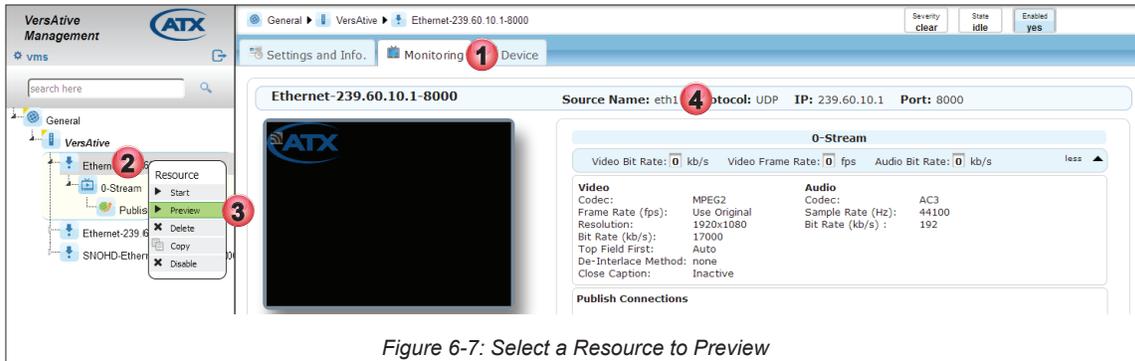


Figure 6-7: Select a Resource to Preview

5. The video is soon presented in a window, Figure 6-8.
6. Stream parameters such as bit rates are displayed in the Pane View.
7. The Resource in Tree View shows a purple triangle indicating **Preview** monitoring is active, Figure 6-8. This must be manually stopped before adding SPTS Streams or starting transcoding.

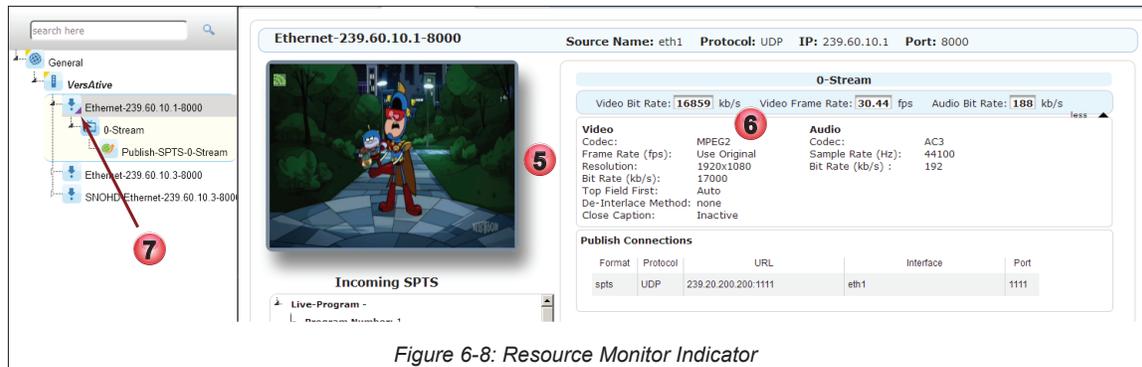


Figure 6-8: Resource Monitor Indicator

8. To stop the Preview, **Right Click** the Monitored Resource to open the menu, Figure 6-9.
 9. Click to select **Stop** in the menu.
- The Resource stops streaming to the monitor window.

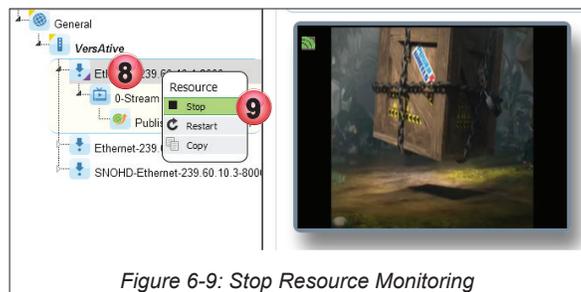


Figure 6-9: Stop Resource Monitoring

6.3.3 Multiple Resource Monitoring

All available Resources may be monitored on a single page. Video is displayed at 5 frames/sec. For audio monitoring, see “6.3.2 Preview a Resource”.

1. Click to select the **Monitoring** tab, Figure 6-10.
2. From the Tree View, click the **Device**.
3. All Resources which have active output streams are displayed in the Pane View.
 - There is no accompanying audio.
 - To stop the monitoring, click away from the Device Or Monitor tab.



Figure 6-10: Monitor Device Resources

6.4 Displaying Stream Information

During monitoring, there is full stream information available that is displayed by default but this may be turned off.

6.4.1 View Less Stream Information

While the Monitoring tab is selected, expanded stream information shown in the Pane View window is the default setting.

Turning off Expanded Information

1. Click the **Monitoring** tab if isn't already selected.
2. From the Tree View, click to select the **Resource** to be monitored, Figure 6-11.
3. Click **Less**.
4. Expanded Stream Information is not displayed (example shows before clicking Less).

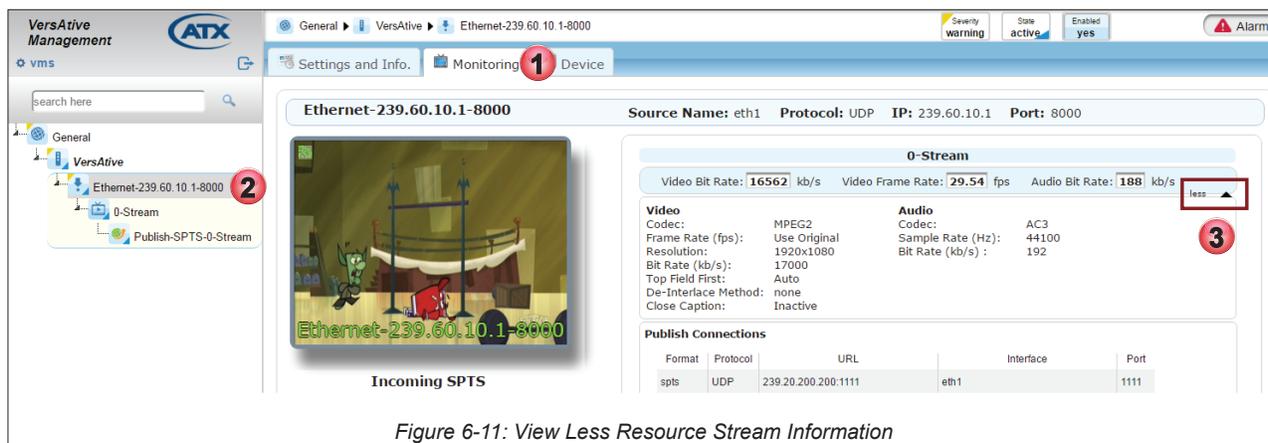


Figure 6-11: View Less Resource Stream Information

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MKIP SYSTEM SHELL

7. Mkip System Shell

The Device Ethernet IP Addresses may be completely configured from within the GUI but some features may also be configured with the built in shell interface which is called **MKIP**. The MKIP interface is only accessed by connecting a mouse, keyboard and monitor physically to the server; remote access is not supported. This chapter explains the configuration that is available within the shell.

7.1 Chapter Contents

- “Connect Using Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse”
- “MKIP Shell Menu”
- “Menu - Display”
- “Menu - Set Network.”
- “Menu - Ping”
- “Menu - TCP Dump”
- “Menu - Eth0 Set Default”
- “Menu - Date/Time”
- “Menu - Restart”
- “Menu - Shutdown”
- “Menu - Authentication Mode”

7.2 Connect Using Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse

1. With the Device turned off, connect a VGA monitor to the rear panel VGA port.
2. Connect a USB keyboard and mouse to any of the Device USB ports.
3. Turn on the Device.

The monitor screen will display messages from the Device boot-up application. Once the boot process has finished and no further messages are scrolling up the screen, use the key combination **Ctrl+Alt+F2** to access the IP settings screen.

- The monitor screen, see Figure 7-1, will display **login as:**

4. Use the following:

Username: **mkip**
 Password: **123456**



Figure 7-1: mkip Shell Login Screen

After a short delay, you will be presented with the MKIP System Settings menu, Figure 7-2.

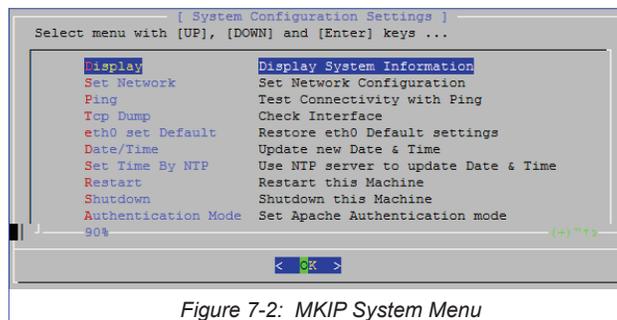


Figure 7-2: MKIP System Menu

5. Navigate the shell menu in three ways:
 - Type the letter appearing in red font
 - Use the keyboard up/down arrows
 - Use a mouse left click
 - To select, either click **OK** or use keyboard **Return/Enter**

7.3 MKIP Shell Menu

There are a number of operations that may be performed at the mkip system shell menu as described in Table 7.3a.

Table 7.3a: MKIP System Shell Menu Choices

Setting	Keyboard shortcut	Description
Display	D	Displays system information such as all the IP addresses (including virtual addresses), subnet masks, gateways and physical MAC addresses.
Set Network	S	Change the IP address settings of eth1, eth2, eth3 and eth4 (not eth0). Also enables the addition of virtual interfaces, which may used for VLAN tagging.
Ping	P	PING is a network interface utility to test connectivity to other network Devices.
TCP dump	T	Allows the user to check source multicasts on each of the eth ports.
eth0 set Default	e	Restores all eth0 settings to their Factory Setting with the management IP address (eth0) set to 192.168.0.23.
Date and Time	D	Enter date and time manually. This disables NTP updates.
Set Time by NTP	S	Enter NTP server address to automatically set date and time and over-ride any manual settings. Time zone locale is set here also.
Restart	R	Causes the server to reboot.
Shutdown	S	Causes the server to immediately shutdown and not restart.
Authentication Mode	A	Sets the Apache Authentication mode between Local Authentication (Default) and use of a RADIUS Server.

7.4 Menu - Display

1. Click **Display** to choose to display system IP addresses, Figure 7-3.

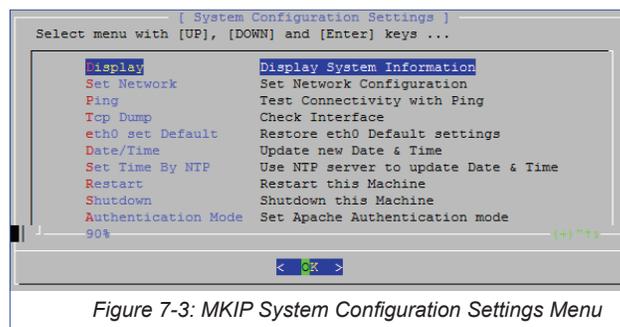


Figure 7-3: MKIP System Configuration Settings Menu

- Click or select **OK** to open the information window, Figure 7-4.

```

ATX VersActive mkip Ver 0.5.5 - System Information
Mon Mar 17 01:15:47 IST 2014
-----
I/F          Address          Mask          Gateway        MAC
-----
eth0(MP)    10.1.1.9         255.255.252.0 10.1.0.1       00:24:9b:06:cb:b1
eth1        192.168.10.1    255.255.255.0 0.0.0.0        00:25:90:c6:5e:dc
eth2        192.168.20.1    255.255.255.0 0.0.0.0        00:25:90:c6:5e:dd
eth3        192.168.30.1    255.255.255.0 0.0.0.0        00:25:90:c6:5e:de
eth4        192.168.40.1    255.255.255.0 0.0.0.0        00:25:90:c6:5e:df
eth5        0.0.0.0         0.0.0.0       0.0.0.0        00:25:90:a7:61:62
eth6        0.0.0.0         0.0.0.0       0.0.0.0        00:25:90:a7:61:63
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63%
< OK >

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Figure 7-4: Display System Information

- Click OK again to return to the **System Configuration Settings** Menu.

7.5 Menu - Set Network.

Set all physical Ethernet network IP addresses here (except for eth0 which is only set to default IP address from MKIP. Other settings for eth0 must be set from the GUI).



NOTE: For eth0 settings, only the GUI may be used to set eth0 IP parameters. MKIP may only be used to set eth0 to default IP address of 192.168.0.23.

Setting the Management IP address

- Select **Set Network**, Figure 7-5.

```

[ System Configuration Settings ]
Select menu with [UP], [DOWN] and [Enter] keys ...

Display          Display System Information
Set Network      Set Network Configuration
Ping            Test Connectivity with Ping
Tcp Dump        Check Interface
eth0 set Default Restore eth0 Default settings
Date/Time      Update new Date & Time
Set Time By NTP Use NTP server to update Date & Time
Restart        Restart this Machine
Shutdown       Shutdown this Machine
Authentication Mode Set Apache Authentication mode

90%
< OK >

```

Figure 7-5: Set Network

- Click **OK** to open the Network Configuration Settings page, Figure 7-6.
- The eth0 network is selected; click **OK** to set the eth0 IP Address (the Management port) or arrow down to select another port. Setting the network is a series of pages so click **OK** each time to proceed to the next page in the series.

```

[ Network Configuration Settings ]
Select menu with [UP], [DOWN] and [Enter] keys ...

eth0 10.1.1.9
eth1 192.168.10.1
eth2 192.168.20.1
eth3 192.168.30.1
eth4 192.168.40.1
eth5 0.0.0.0
eth6 0.0.0.0
Exit Return to Main Menu

90%
< OK >

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Figure 7-6: Choose Network

4. Enter the desired IP address, Figure 7-7.

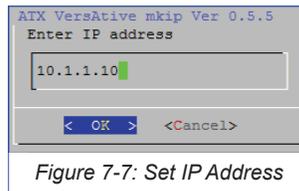


Figure 7-7: Set IP Address

5. Set Subnet mask, Figure 7-8.

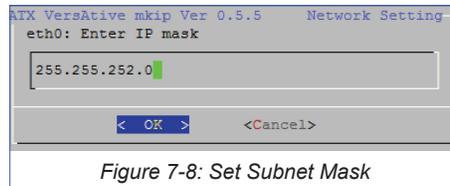


Figure 7-8: Set Subnet Mask

6. Setting the Gateway IP address is optional, Figure 7-9. This is usually the router providing internet access but if there is no router, do not enter any IP address.

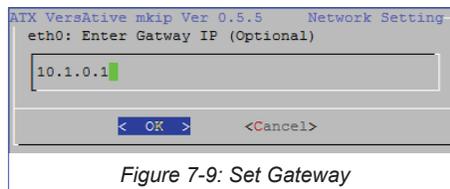


Figure 7-9: Set Gateway

7. If the default gateway IP address was set and this interface default gateway is not already the current machine default gateway, you are prompted next to set that, Figure 7-10. Select yes to set it as the default or no.

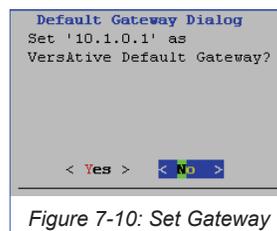


Figure 7-10: Set Gateway

8. When finished and you accept the changes, Figure 7-11, the server will reboot.
9. Reconnect on the new IP address, if changed.

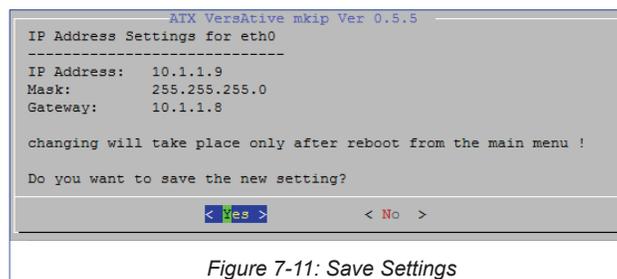


Figure 7-11: Save Settings

7.6 Menu - Ping

The Ping command may be used to test connectivity between the Device and a remote machine.

1. Select **Ping** and click **OK**, Figure 7-12.

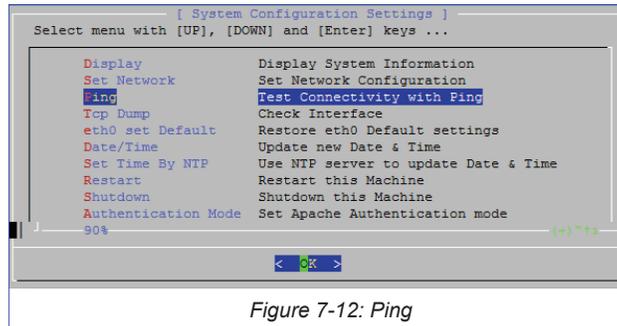


Figure 7-12: Ping

2. Enter a target address on the network, Figure 7-13.

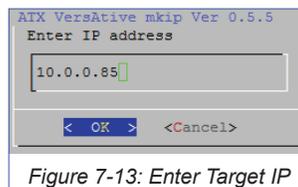


Figure 7-13: Enter Target IP

3. Depending on the ability to reach the destination target address, one of the following results will be obtained.
 - If target is not reachable, Figure 7-14.

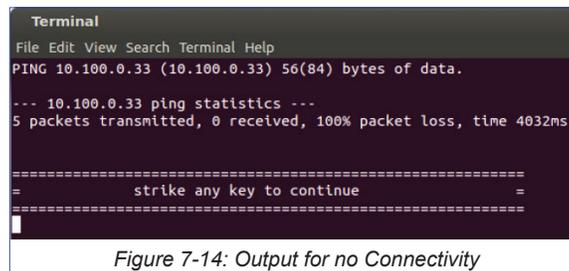


Figure 7-14: Output for no Connectivity

- If target is reachable, Figure 7-15.

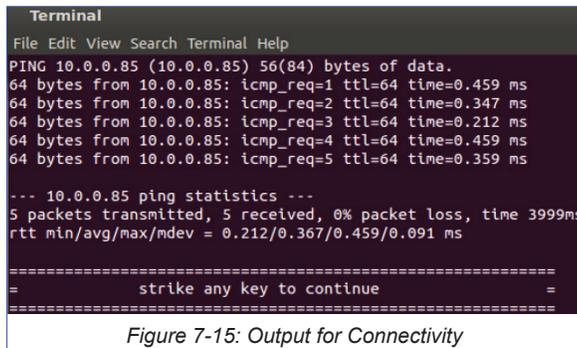


Figure 7-15: Output for Connectivity

4. Strike any key to return to the menu.

7.7 Menu - TCP Dump

Use this option to obtain a TCP protocol dump for troubleshooting interface issues and connectivity.

1. Select **TCP Dump** from the menu, Figure 7-16

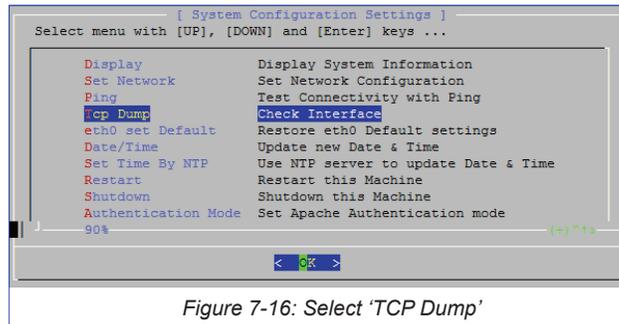


Figure 7-16: Select 'TCP Dump'

2. Specify a target interface by typing the interface name, Figure 7-17. Click **OK**.

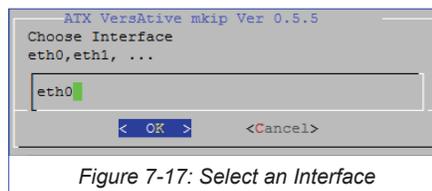


Figure 7-17: Select an Interface

3. A time limit for this dump must be specified in seconds, Figure 7-18. Click **OK**.

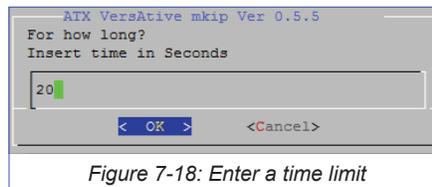


Figure 7-18: Enter a time limit

4. Receive the output of the TCP dump on your terminal session screen, Figure 7-19.

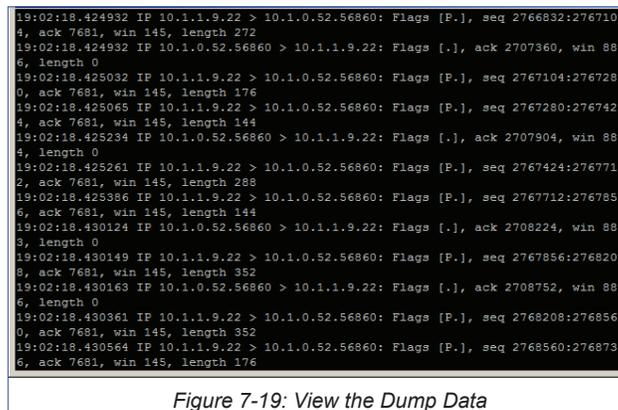
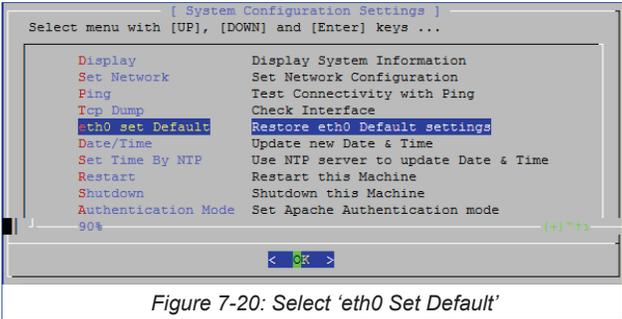


Figure 7-19: View the Dump Data

7.8 Menu - Eth0 Set Default

The current settings of the MGMNT management Interface eth0 may be set to factory default 192.168.0.23 with this option.

- 1. Select **eth0 Set Default** from the menu, Figure 7-20.



- 2. Confirm action, click **Yes**, Figure 7-21.

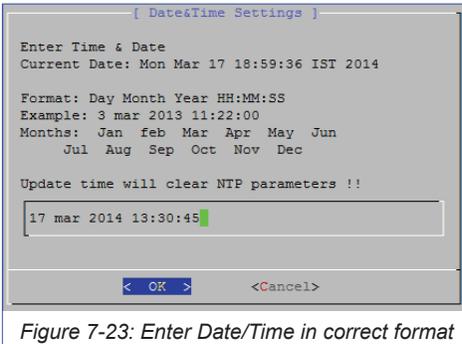
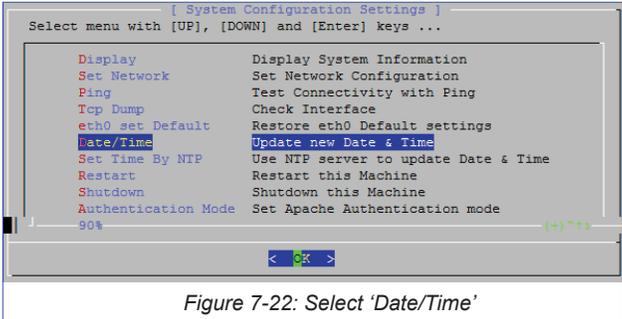


- 3. The change takes place after a reboot. Log in again using 192.168.0.23.

7.9 Menu - Date/Time

The Device time may be set manually from this option. If a date and time is entered, the NTP server IP address, if entered, will be removed.

- 1. Select **Date/Time** from the menu, Figure 7-22.



2. Enter the time and date in the format: **Day Month Year HH:MM:SS** (Example **3 mar 2013 11:22:00**), Figure 7-23. Click **OK**.
3. Time will be set to the specified time and any NTP server IP addresses will be cleared.

Menu - Set Time by NTP

The Device time may be set to be updated by an NTP server. This is the only way to define the NTP server. It cannot be set from the GUI.

1. Select **Set Time By NTP** from the menu, Figure 7-24.

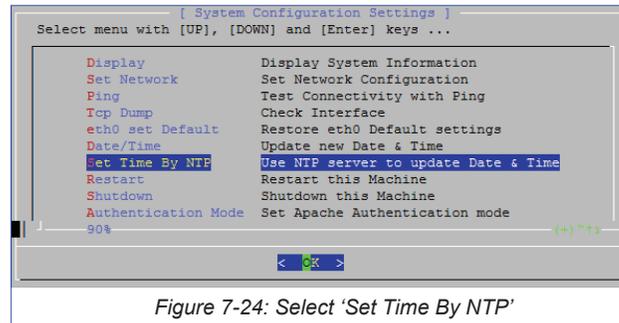


Figure 7-24: Select 'Set Time By NTP'

2. Enter the IP address of the NTP server. Do not use the url, Figure 7-25. Click **OK**.

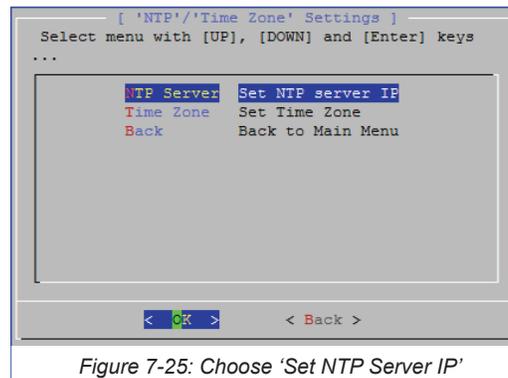


Figure 7-25: Choose 'Set NTP Server IP'

3. In the open dialog shown in Figure 7-26, note the time zone that is currently set. If this time zone is incorrect then after setting the NTP IP address, you must also set the Time Zone from the menu next.

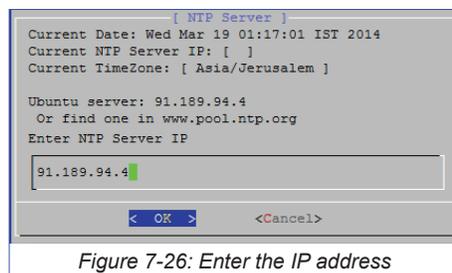


Figure 7-26: Enter the IP address

4. If the time zone was incorrect, select **Set Time By NTP** again from the menu, Figure 7-24. This time choose **Time Zone**, Figure 7-25.

5. Choose the geographic region for the time zone of the Device, Figure 7-27, then click **OK**.

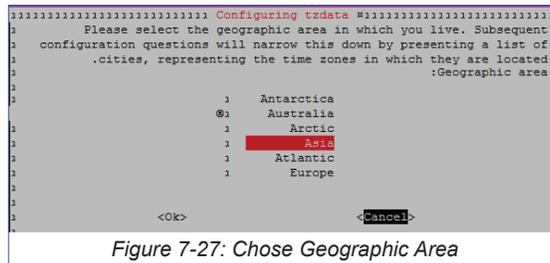


Figure 7-27: Chose Geographic Area

6. Choose the local region of the Device, Figure 7-28. Click **OK**.

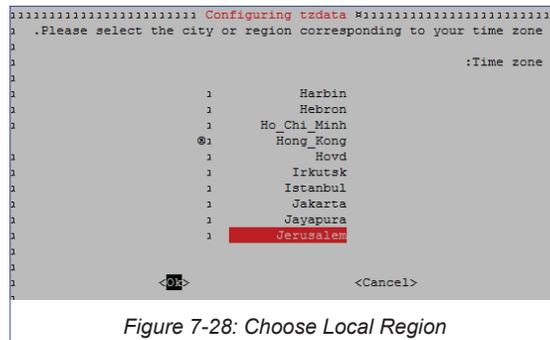


Figure 7-28: Choose Local Region

7. Time will be automatically updated from the defined server.

7.10 Menu - Restart

Shutdown and restart the server from this option.

7.11 Menu - Shutdown

Shutdown the server from this option. The server will not restart.

7.12 Menu - Authentication Mode

Local Authentication

Only GUI authentication with username and password is supported.

In this mode the User name and the Password are required. (Both the Apache2 username/password and mkip password).

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