



Introducing Control Buddy

Control Buddy is a new and innovative control system specifically designed for the AV industry, built by professionals with deep industry experience. Whether you're a seasoned programmer or just starting out, Control Buddy is the ideal tool for you. But its true power lies in its ability to be used by anyone, regardless of technical background. From the receptionist to the house staff, Control Buddy makes daily operations simple and intuitive.

With a fully customizable interface, Control Buddy allows even the most complex programming to be controlled with just the push of a button. We understand the unique demands of the AV industry, and that's why our software and hardware solutions are not only affordable and easy to use but also purpose-built to meet those needs.

With Control Buddy, **"You are in Control."**

Control Buddy Panther: Tailored for Dataton WATCHOUT®

Control Buddy Panther is a powerful software console designed to streamline the workflow for managing media servers and hardware in live events and Professional AV installations.

The controller is designed for both programming and operating the installation, whether it is a basic presentation or a complex live show.

With an intuitive interface, the Panther allows you to create control panels that integrate cue lists, timelines and action sequences.

You can operate multiple cues and events from a single control panel using buttons, faders, and a jog-wheel, replacing complex keystrokes and mouse operations.

The Panther is fully compatible with WATCHOUT 6 and 7.

Power at Your Fingertips

The Control Buddy engine is at the heart of our innovative control solutions, featuring a series of digital consoles and a powerful programmer designed to meet the demands of today's A/V professionals.

Leading the charge is the Panther Digital Console, the flagship product in the Control Buddy lineup. Leading the charge is the Panther Digital Console.

With the Panther Digital Console, you have full control at your fingertips, ensuring fast, precise operations tailored for live events. Whether you're managing complex shows or coordinating seamless transitions.

Designed for versatility, the Panther can be used with an external touchscreen for a tactile, hands-on experience or with our intuitive "Always On Top" mode, keeping the console's UI accessible and easy to manage within your workflow.

This flexibility allows you to adapt to any environment, ensuring you stay in control, no matter the scenario.

Elevate your control experience with the Panther Digital Console—where speed, precision, and ease of use come together to create the ultimate tool for live event management.





The Control Buddy Panther Digital Console is engineered to seamlessly integrate with an external touchscreen, significantly enhancing your workflow efficiency. Designed for professionals who demand precision and speed, the Panther Console offers direct control over your media server, enabling real-time adjustments during live shows.

By utilizing an external touchscreen, operators can interact with the console in a more intuitive and hands-on manner, ensuring quick access to critical functions and a streamlined show management experience.

The Panther Console is your ultimate tool for delivering flawless performances with ease.



Wireless Control from Anywhere in the Venue



One of the standout features of the Control Buddy Panther Digital Console is its unparalleled mobility and accessibility.

With the Panther, are you no longer confined to the control room. Our innovative software allows you to manage the system via tablet over WiFi or through any browser connected to the network.

This flexibility means you can move freely throughout the venue, adjusting settings and responding to needs in real-time, from any location.

Panther's design prioritizes both ease of use and security. The system can be programmed with fail-safe measures, giving you complete control over who can access and modify settings. This ensures peace of mind, knowing that unauthorized users can't delete or alter a show without your explicit permission.

Looking ahead, future releases will introduce multi-user connectivity, expanding the possibilities for collaborative interaction. With Control Buddy Panther, you're not just managing a system—you're taking control, wherever you are.

We take your security seriously!

Whether you're overseeing a large event or managing a complex installation, the ability to control Panther from multiple locations within the venue ensures that you're always in command. The ease of access doesn't come at the expense of security.

Control Buddy takes your security seriously, particularly in public spaces where unauthorized access to a control system can pose significant risks.

That's why we've integrated an encrypted passcode feature for tablet and browser access, ensuring that only authorized personnel can control the system. With Control Buddy Panther, you get the perfect balance of convenience, mobility, and security.

You are in Control

Seamless Control Integration with the Panther Console



One of the standout features of the Control Buddy digital consoles is the innovative “Always on Top” mode.

This powerful functionality allows the Panther Console to be embedded directly within the user interface of the application it controls.

As illustrated in the WATCHOUT operator view above, the Panther Console window is seamlessly accessed, demonstrating the ease of simultaneous operation of both applications.

With “Always on Top,” you can resize the Panther Console to any size that suits your workflow, ensuring it’s always right where you need it, even on a single screen.

This feature is particularly useful for maximizing efficiency, allowing you to manage tasks without having to switch between windows or disrupt your workflow.

Whether you’re navigating complex scenes or managing multiple layers, the Panther Console remains accessible, providing the control you need, exactly where you need it.



Power Meets Simplicity



At the heart of the Control Buddy system lies a robust engine comprised of a series of digital consoles and the Programmer. The Programmer is the powerhouse of our software, where all the magic happens. Designed with an intuitive user interface, the Programmer offers a seamless experience whether you're a seasoned expert or just beginning your journey in programming. It's highly powerful yet easy to navigate, making programming accessible to all levels of expertise.

A standout feature of the Programmer is its powerful import and save functions, allowing you to reuse existing programming with ease. This not only saves time but also enhances efficiency by enabling you to import standard elements and save your work as templates. With these capabilities, repetitive tasks are streamlined, making your work more scalable and repeatable.

With Control Buddy, you have the tools to create sophisticated solutions with ease and efficiency, putting control firmly in your hands.



Import Feature:

The Import function in Control Buddy is a game-changer, offering unparalleled power and flexibility to streamline your workflow and make it truly repeatable and scalable. Whether you're working on a complex production or a straightforward setup, this feature lets you import entire shows, specific parts, individual pages, or even a single button with ease.

Imagine you've crafted some exceptional sequences for a show last week—why start from scratch today? With the Import function, you can simply bring those elements into your current project, make a few adjustments to fit the new context, and you're ready to go in a matter of minutes. This means you no longer have to waste time reprogramming what you've already perfected.

But it doesn't stop there. Control Buddy empowers you to create standard elements for your shows—think of them as building blocks that you can use over and over again. By programming these standard elements once, you can import them into any future show, ensuring consistency and saving countless hours. Plus, with the ability to save your work as templates, you can create a library of pre-configured setups that you can deploy instantly, further enhancing your efficiency.

No more time wasted reprogramming what you've already done! Control Buddy helps you work smarter, not harder, by eliminating the need to redo tasks, so you can focus on what really matters: **delivering a great experience.**

Action Sequences:

Action Sequences in Control Buddy are the true powerhouse of our software, designed to give you unmatched control and flexibility. Whether you need to execute a single action or a complex series of actions, Action Sequences make it possible. With this feature, the possibilities are endless: execute keyboard shortcuts, control timelines, jump to named cues, manipulate inputs and variables, navigate pages, or even set delays between actions for precise timing.

But the flexibility doesn't stop there. You can easily arrange the order of actions by simply dragging and dropping them into place. Need to replicate an action sequence? No problem—duplicate it, make the necessary modifications, and you've just saved yourself valuable time by not starting from scratch.

Additionally, you can save your action sequences to your computer, allowing you to import them into any show file, significantly speeding up your workflow. This ensures that your actions are not only powerful but also repeatable and scalable.

With Action Sequences, you are in complete control—making even the most complex tasks simple, efficient, and tailored to your needs.



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*Some features are scheduled for future release and are subject to change.

Key Features

- Advanced import and merging capabilities
- Templates and presets for quick setup
- Custom user graphic support. JPEG / PNG / SVG / GIF
- Import of user preferences
- Action sequence programming
- Main and backup operations of Media Servers
- Time to next cue indicator
- Go to named cue functionality
- Jog wheel with timeline information
- Automated information pickup from Media Servers
- Multiuser capabilities
- Scheduling features
- Automated fader control
- Visual time-to-cue indicator
- Cluster mode control
- Tablet over WIFI control
- Browser-based control
- Multi-version show backup
- Hardware dongle license
- 12h / 24h Clock options



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